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### MPVA Awareness Day

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America will observe its annual Awareness Day on April 24 and this year the MPVA is partnering with the city of Novi.

The event will be at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile). Vendors will be welcomed to display their products and services that assist those living with a disability. Event sponsors will include: accessible vehicles, unique wheelchairs, veterans benefits counseling, inclusive home remodeling, accessible sports equipment and much more. The event is free to the public and light refreshments and beverages will be served.

The city of Novi will be unveiling a new, all-inclusive, adaptive playground on the Civic Center campus at noon. The fully accessible playground will provide opportunities for everyone to play with inclusive designed ramps, bridges and transfer stations to allow access to multiple levels.

## City living within its means

Novi's revenues up, expenditures down

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

"Any good organization," Pete Auger said, "should live financially within its means."

And the city of Novi does. The city manager and his staff presented their budget proposal for next fiscal year at

a special meeting of the Novi City Council last week.

"The budget for 2015-16 is balanced," Auger said before council.

According to the proposed budget, General Fund revenues, including transfers, are \$31,240,612, which is up 2 percent. General Fund expenditures are \$31,240,612,



Auger

which is down 0.8 percent from the 2014-15 budget.

Auger said a big reason behind the proposed balanced budget are staff members from the various departments. In his budget message, he thanked the entire city finance team, who he said worked to simplify the process, especially Finance Director Carl Johnson, Senior Budget Analyst Jessica Dorey and Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas.

"The budget team met and

worked with all the department directors and their team members as we looked at this budget line by line with this new city manager, who questioned and attempted to learn why and how we do what we do," Auger said.

There are many important areas that anyone can review on the city's website, but a couple of areas of note include taxable value and infrastructure.

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LONNIE HUHMAN

Purple Door Store owner Deni Dillon gives friend and Avon representative Amie Kupovits a helping hand at the recent vendor show inside Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia. Kupovits is one of a handful of people who are part of the annual vendor shows Purple Door puts on at the mall.

## Novi super a finalist for Grosse Pointe position

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Dr. Steve Matthews, superintendent of Novi schools, is one of three finalists interviewing for the same position in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, where he served on the Board of Education from 1996 through 2005.

"I have a long history in Grosse Pointe," Matthews said. "All three of my boys graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. We still own a house in the Grosse Pointe School District. We still have many friends and acquaintances in the Grosse Pointe School District. Novi is a wonderful place and a great school district. This is an opportunity that I need to examine to see if indeed it would be a good fit."

He and the other two candidates, Gary Niehaus and Matthew Wandrie, were interviewed Monday by the GPPSS school board at Grosse Pointe South.

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## Sheila Holly honored for facing 'biggest challenge of all'

Executive secretary named school district's Support Person of the Year recipient

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Executive Secretary Sheila Holly is a key member of the Novi Community School District's support staff, which has "a big task of making the people you work with look good," George Kortlandt said. "We figured you had the biggest challenge of all."

That statement from the school board president drew a round of laughter from the two dozen friends, family and co-workers who came to honor - and surprise - Holly as the Support Person of the Year recipient April 15 in the Educational Services Building.

The "biggest challenge" is Novi's assistant superintendent of academics, R.J. Webber (a.k.a. Holly's boss for the past

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## Many stories behind the Purple Door Store

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Amie Kupovits' smile was hard to pass up for people browsing stores through Laurel Park Place mall last weekend.

She had her Avon vendor's table set up in the mall as part of one of the five shows the Purple Door Store puts on at the Livonia mall each year. A group of the artisans from the Wixom-based cooperative business place their products at different tables during these shows organized by Purple Door owner Deni Dillon.

For Kupovits, who has cerebral palsy, these shows are a big deal.

"I like helping people," she said, sitting in the mall with a display of Avon items in front of her.

### LEARN MORE

The Purple Door Store is located at 635 N. Wixom Road; phone 248-877-3364. Go online at <http://www.purpledoorstore.com/home.html> or <https://www.facebook.com/ThePurpleDoorStore>.

Kupovits, 55, of Walled Lake, is in a difficult situation. Her parents and sister have all died and her condition presents daily challenges. She has use of only one hand and gets around in a wheelchair.

She almost didn't make it to the show this past weekend because her special-equipped van was broken down.

Although she is still looking for some more assistance to get the van fixed or a new one, help did come from Dillon, Jim

Commer at the city of Walled Lake Fire Department and Joe's Garage. Kupovits made it to the show and got to help some people.

She's good at helping people find the right Avon product they want and need. So much so, she's been recognized as an entrepreneur of the year and is part of Avon's President's Club, which honors high-achieving representatives.

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Judy Gafa, a trustee on the school board, posted Tuesday morning on her Facebook page that the board was to meet Tuesday evening and decide who to move forward onto the next phase of interviews April 28-29.

"We as a board have been following the agreed upon process," Gafa stated. "We have reviewed each step of the process along the way. The entire board has had a voice in each step."

Consultant School Exec Connect conducted the search and screened 31 candidates, with the firm's David Peterson and partner Larry Lobert interviewing 11 of those. Five were chosen for final consideration, but two opted not to continue in the process.

On April 13, Peterson presented the slate of three candidates to the GPPSS board, which approved it by a 4-3 vote.

According to the *Grosse Pointe News*, the three board members who voted no expressed concern over "one candidate," but didn't indicate which candidate.

The two candidates advancing will be interviewed by various community groups next week. According to the GPPSS website ([www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org)), the board plans to appoint its new superintendent and begin contract negotiations the week of May 11 and that individual would begin work July 1.

Matthews, who has a doctorate in education from Wayne State University, has been Novi's superintendent since 2011, when he was chosen to replace Pete Dion. Previously, Matthews was superintendent of Grand Level Public Schools district for three years and director of curriculum and assessment for the Troy School District from 1998 to 2008.

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Friends, family and co-workers surprised Sheila Holly (center) with the Novi school district's Support Person of the Year award April 15. Superintendent Steve Matthews (right) presented the award.

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# HOLLY

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five years).

"She has full access to my emails. She has a paper-thin wall between us. She knows every single move we make," Webber said, noting that keeping the award a secret from Holly was no easy task.

"What you've done for the kids in this district is absolutely phenomenal," Webber added. "What people don't

see every day is what I am privileged to see every day, which is you absolutely throwing down for our kids."

Holly countered the kudos with her own: "Well, working with the best people in the whole world makes it easy."

She has worked in the Novi district in support positions for more than 17 years and currently supports all Office of Academics personnel and related activities.

Co-worker Kathy Donovan said Holly goes above and beyond,

always offering to step in and assist when there is a need – and does so with kindness and a smile.

"If you were to look in the dictionary for a word to describe what makes an exceptional school support person," Donovan said, "you would find the name of Sheila Holly."

## Betty Campion Award nominee

Holly is now Novi's nominee for the Betty Campion Distinguished Support Service Award, which was established

in 1990 to recognize the many contributions support persons make to the learning community in Oakland County.

Campion served on the Oakland Schools Board of Education from 1978-92 and prior to that was a 10-year member of Walled Lake's board and served 21 years as a PTA member.

Nominees must be active not only in their schools, but also in their communities.

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# BUDGET

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## Taxable value

"We are seeing a faster than anticipated growth in the city of Novi's state equalized value and taxable value and we believe this trend will continue," Auger said in the budget message.

He said residential properties continue to lead in Novi's growth, adding, "quality homes, a safe community, open space, trails, good schools and location all play a crucial role in Novi's development." Novi is seeing the

SEV grow by 13.4 percent and TV at 5.2 percent. Commercial and industrial properties have only seen a slight rise at 2.9-percent SEV growth, which Auger said is only about 1.9-percent actual TV growth.

"The overall TV average shows all properties' taxable value increase of 4.39 percent," Auger said.

## Infrastructure

Auger said in the message the city of Novi plans to spend \$10,426,254 on road maintenance and construction in 2015-16. Operational cost (cleaning, minor repair, maintenance, snow removal,

etc.) normally is about 26 percent of Novi road funding. The city will continue to invest and maintain the water and sewer systems.

Investment into the city's Neighborhood Road Rehabilitation, Repaving and Reconstruction Program will see an increase by more than \$400,000 per year over what was spent in past years.

And that's a trend, Auger said, that "will continue for the next several years."

## Innovative approach

The city is taking an innovative approach in how it handles financial challenges and will con-

tinue to do this as it goes forward.

"Innovative might not be the first thing that comes to mind when reading a budget letter," Auger said to council. "Not to worry – innovative does not refer to how we spend, account for or invest the funds we receive. Innovating plays in to the 'what' and 'how' we deliver the services and projects that are funded by this budget."

The proposed budget will get final review and possible approval in the next month. See it in its entirety at <http://www.cityofnovi.org/City-Services/Finance.aspx>.

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# Five neighborhoods benefiting from new entryway enhancement program

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Five neighborhoods have been selected to receive funding help through the city of Novi's Neighborhood Entryway Enhancement Matching Grant Program.

Chase Farms, Country Place Condos, North Haven Woods, Olde Orchard Condominiums and Orchard Ridge were picked out of 11 applications for the first round of grant matching under this program. Each will receive \$5,000 to enhance their entryway.

"All of the applications proposed significant improvements to their entrances," Deputy Community Development Director Barb McBeth told city council. "Work that was proposed ranged from new signs to new landscaping; many incorporated more than one element. Some applications were a part of a multiphase upgrade planned by the neighborhood."

McBeth said the idea for a neighborhood entryway improvement grant program was derived in 2013 after the city council and the city administration visited Fishers, Ind., and learned of that community's program, which offered subdivisions a matching grant oriented toward the beautification



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The entryway leading into Olde Orchard Condominiums will receive funding assistance from the city of Novi.

of neighborhood entrances.

From there, McBeth said city staff came up with a similar grant program, the Neighborhood Entryway Enhancement Matching Grant Program, which offers subdivisions a 50/50 matching grant of up to \$5,000

for the beautification of neighborhood entrances through permanent physical improvements, including adding/modifying entrance signs, construction of flower beds, tree plantings and installation of other related entryway improvements. The program has cer-

tain stipulations, including: all improvements must be located on the perimeter of the neighborhood and visible from the right of way; projects cannot include non-permanent, recurring or maintenance improvements items; and organizations are limited to no

more than one award every two years.

The Novi Beautification Commission reviewed the applications and recommended the five neighborhoods to the council.

According to McBeth, the awarded projects must be completed by

Nov. 15, at which time the city will reimburse the organizations for their portion (again, a 50/50 match up to \$5,000). The city has budgeted \$25,000 for this program.

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## PURPLE

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"She's always been with me; she's like my sister," Dillon said. "These shows are a big part of her social life. She just loves meeting new people and also seeing those who consistent-

ly come to our shows."

### Unique stories

The group of Purple Door vendors all have their own story, that's why this co-op is so interesting. From Dyan Poremba - The Bag Lady, who is originally from New Jersey - to teenager Kaylyn Smith to Kupovits, they all connect

with their customers on a deeper level than most sales people.

That is a big reason why Dillon extends up so much to put on these shows, putting forth much of the rental fee, if not all, for the floor space at the mall. She does this because she has her own story as an artisan and small business

owner.

"They put forth so much effort and time into their creations and products that I want to help them gain the exposure they deserve," she said of the different artisans, "plus they bring a lot of good energy."

Much of the artisans' creations are hand-crafted or they have some

extra love put into them. Jewelry, clothing, pillows, cards, Tupperware and Pampered Chef items are just a handful of what Purple Door offers. For many of them, this is just a hobby, but it's important to them. It's something that brings joy and some needed extra cash.

Dillon said it's worth a

stop at the store to hear the different stories and see the love being put into their creations and products. There will be another chance to see the group when members are at the mall again next month.

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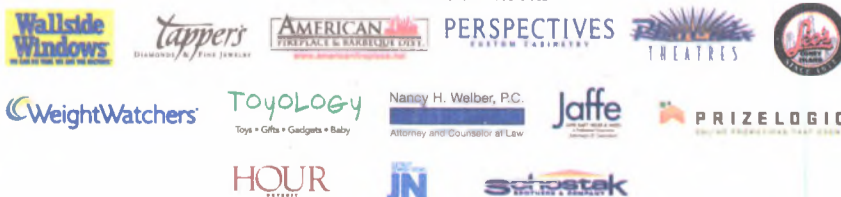
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## Novi district could lose even more state funding

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
 Staff Writer

Steven Barr gave an update on the school aid bill and, as it stands currently, Novi could lose even more state funding in the next school year.

The assistant superintendent of business and operations for the Novi Community Schools district gave an overview of the school aid funding plans that are now being debated by the governor, the state House and the state Senate. Each has their own proposal: Under one of the plans, Novi would stand to lose overall per pupil funding; in the other it would see minimal or no increase.

No matter what plan goes forward, it will still mean Novi is well below the school aid funding amount it was receiving eight years ago.

Barr said it's been reported that Gov. Rick Snyder's proposal would add \$75 in student foundation allowance, but what's not reported is the reduction or elimination in other funding sources schools have been relying on the last four years.

Funding Novi received last year for best practices and per-pupil performance would be reduced, according to the governor's plan. Overall, the governor's proposed school aid plan would decrease Novi's per-pupil funding by \$25 per with a net total of \$162,500.

The House of Repre-

sentatives plan would result in a net increase of \$8,500 for Novi. This plan proposes an increase in per-pupil funding of \$25 (total of \$162,500), but also eliminates adult education funding of almost \$90,000 and a technology grant of more than \$64,000 for Novi. This wouldn't eliminate the adult education program, but changes might have to be made. The Senate's plan would see a net increase of zero.

Funding concerns have become an ongoing concern. In 2007-08, Novi's student aid per pupil was more than \$9,000. In 2015-16, it might be slightly more than \$8,600, according to the governor's proposal.

All three proposals would see further reductions in Novi's per-pupil funding since 2007-08. It has decreased by more than 4.5 percent over the last eight years.

In comparison in neighboring South Lyon, the school district has seen its overall per-pupil funding go from \$7,308 in 2007-08 to possibly more than \$7,500 for 2015-16. Traverse City Schools will see a cumulative increase since 2007-08 through 2015-16 of between 4 percent and 5.5 percent, depending what budget is adopted by the Legislature.

Barr said a lot of the money taken from the school aid fund from 2011-12 through proposed 2015-16 has gone

to higher education. A total of \$2,219,700,000, or \$1,480 per pupil, has been diverted from K-12 to universities and community colleges. This funding shift has occurred even though the universities and community colleges continue to increase tuition charged to students.

However, he said this will not deter Novi. He said it's been an ongoing process that has built NCSD into a great school district and that will continue through the staff, administration, parents and students.

"We won't give up; we won't ever give up," Barr said after referencing a famous quote by deceased college basketball coach Jim Valvano. "Lansing can take away our money, steal from the School Aid Fund and force more mandates on us. But Lansing cannot touch our Novi mind, they cannot touch our Novi heart and they cannot touch our Novi soul. And those three things are going to carry on forever in Novi because we have over 6,000 kids in Novi and 1.5 million kids statewide counting on us."

The complete budget presentation is available at <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/busandfin/budget/>

The school aid budget plan is expected to be approved by early summer.

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## New projects first phase of the renovations

I'm not really much of a handy man. I can swing a hammer and dig a hole, but if it gets much more complicated than that, I am really of little use. But that doesn't stop me from trying.

Back in the winter, my middle son suggested that he needed some help installing flooring in the house that he is living in. He needed to fix the floor because the old floor had seen better days.

So my oldest son volunteered us for the job. My primary responsibility was to provide funding, but I was also expected to provide some of the labor as well.

My oldest son suggested that we use planks from wooden pallets to make a wooden floor. It seemed like an interesting idea, so we agreed to give it a try.

Then over spring break, there I was, down on my hands and knees, trying to fit together a wooden floor made from the wood taken from wooden pallets.

Over spring break, we began some projects here in our school district as well. Because of the anticipated growth in our district, we need to add classrooms. At Deerfield, Parkview and Novi Meadows, we are adding space. Construction has started and will be completed on these projects before school starts in September.

We are also preparing to build an early childhood education center to consolidate early childhood classrooms that now span three buildings. Construction on this project will begin in the summer and continue until summer 2016.

Later this spring, the district will begin athletic facility renovations. We will reconstruct the tennis courts next to the high school and we will resurface the track at the Stadium Field. These



Steve Matthews  
 SUPER TALK

projects will be completed before school begins in the fall.

All of these projects are possible because of the support of our community. In May 2014, district voters approved a Capital Projects Bond. Since the bond was approved, the district has been busy hiring architects and construction managers. We have an owner's rep that is looking out for our best interests as we bid projects and receive proposals back.

Steve Barr, our assistant superintendent for

business and operations, is overseeing these projects and ensuring that the money that the voters approved is spent wisely. The projects that have begun and will begin this spring are the first phase of the renovations that will be done around the district that eventually will touch every building.

This is an exciting time in our district. The next few years will see many changes and upgrades to our facilities.

I will resist the urge to pick up a hammer and help. It's for the best.

Steve Matthews is superintendent of Novi Community Schools. He can be reached at 248-449-1204 or [smatthews@novischools.net](mailto:smatthews@novischools.net).

## Robofest victory



Team Lego Legion 2 from Novi captured the first-place trophy April 18 at Robofest qualifier at the Western Campus of Wayne County Community College District. Competing in the qualifying round were eight teams from from St. Clair, Monroe, Canton, Novi, Detroit and Windsor, Ontario. The Team Lego Legion 2 members continues their quest to win the state championship May 2 at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Winners advance to the Robofest 2015 World Championship at LTU on May 16. Michael Dotson (in the back), president of WCCCD's Western Campus, presented the first-place trophy to Team Lego Legion 2 of Novi: (from left) LTU Professor C.J. Chung, founder and director of Robofest; Vasantha Nakirikanti, assistant coach; team members Rithik Babu, Rohun Savanur, Nikhil Suraparaju and Parth Nakirikanti; WCCCD Western Campus Vice President Cecile Taylor; and Pradeepa Babu, a parent volunteer. Head Coach Srinivas Bommididi is not in the picture.

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## W.L. district marks Earth Day with poster contest

Each year, students from the Walled Lake Consolidated School District are encouraged to participate in a poster contest in celebration of Earth Day (April 22 this year). Entries were divided into elementary, middle and high school categories. In total, 227 posters were submitted as part of this year's contest. The winners of the 2015 WLCSD Earth Day poster contest are:

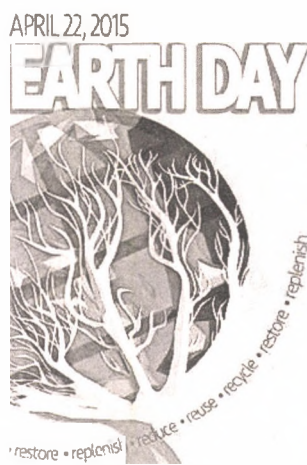
**Paige Danner**, third grade at Loon Lake Elementary School

**Soshi Abe**, seventh grade at Geisler Middle School

**Leandra Gill**, 12h grade at Walled Lake Northern High School

All eligible entries were displayed in the main hall of the Walled Lake Schools Operations building. Starting the afternoon of March 19 and running through the morning of March 23, voting was opened to everyone in the district. The top two finalists from each division were sent on to district administrators who made the final selections.

The three contest winners and their art-



Leandra Gill



Soshi Abe



Paige Danner

work will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting May 7. The posters are currently on display in buildings in celebration of Earth Day 2015.

"It's really exciting to see our students growing," said Melinda Miller, Walled Lake schools energy manager. "They are not only developing artistically, but also in their awareness of the need for conservation of our resources, ensuring us a healthier more sustainable future."

## State press association honors Novi teacher, student

The Michigan Inter-scholastic Press Association honored Novi High School teacher Lydia C. Cadena with its 2015 Golden Pen Award.

Cadena was honored at MIPA's Spring Awards and On-Site Contests in Lansing, along with nearly 2,500 contest winners in the organization's statewide scholastic journalism contest.

The Golden Pen is the highest award MIPA bestows on a student media adviser and has been bestowed continuously since 1952. Teachers must be nominated by their students, who assemble an extensive portfolio showcasing the teacher's involvement in scholastic journalism activities and the impact he or she has had on current and past students.

The recipient is chosen by a committee of previous Golden Pen honorees.

"Lydia Cadena clearly is among the best journalism advisers in Michigan," said Jeremy Steele, executive director of MIPA and a faculty member in the Michigan State University School of Journalism. "Student media advisers not only help their students become critical thinkers, excellent writers and outstanding visual communicators, they guide students to develop their own voice so that they can be active, engaged members of the community."

Cadena has advised Novi High School's yearbook, *Reflections*, since 1997 and the school's student newspaper, *The Wildcat Roar*, since 2001. *The Wildcat Roar* has received a Spartan Award, MIPA's highest rating for a student media outlet, in nine of the past 10 years.

The newspaper was inducted into MIPA's Hall of Fame this year in recognition of this long-standing tradition of excellence.

In addition, Cadena has been an instructor at the MIPA Summer Journalism Workshop at Michigan State University and is a frequent

presenter at MIPA conferences. She was named Novi Community Schools teacher of the year in 2011.

"The best teachers truly love what they do and teaching comes almost effortlessly to Ms. Cadena," Novi students Jennifer Hepp and Brit-tani Kiel, editors-in-chief of *The Wildcat Roar*, wrote in their nomination of Cadena. "Because of this, she has tremendously influenced the lives of countless students, regardless of whether or not they continued with journalism beyond high school. Ms. Cadena's professionalism, leadership and character are an extraordinary asset to Novi High School and she deserves more than anything to be recognized for her exemplary teaching."

### Yarberry honored

The Michigan Inter-scholastic Press Associa-

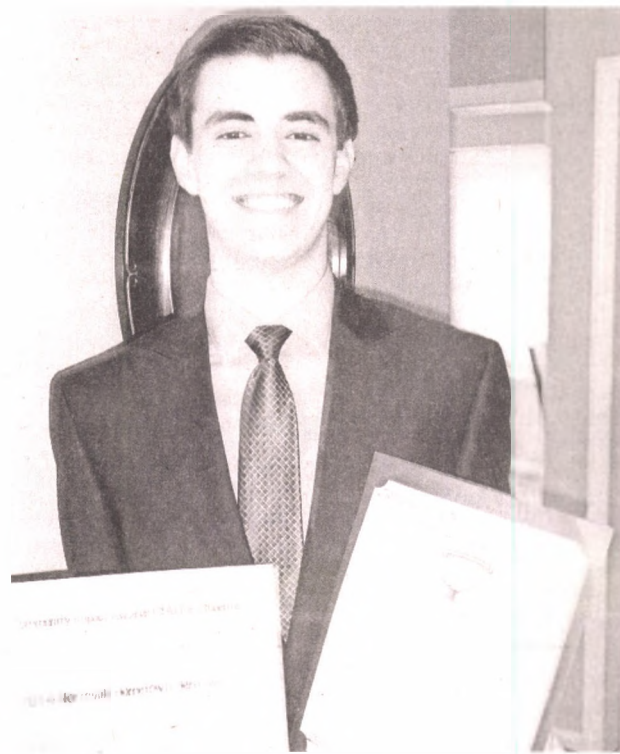
tion also honored 16 outstanding high school seniors - including Novi High School photojournalist Megan Yarberry - as members of its 2015 Student Journalist Staff.

The students represent the state's top journalists among scholastic media outlets. Graduating seniors chosen for the Student Journalist Staff submit a portfolio of their work that is judged by a committee of student media advisers.

Yarberry was also among six members of the Student Journalist Staff chosen as all-MIPA Award recipients, the organization's highest honor for student journalists.

These journalists represent the top students in their field for news design, news writing and reporting, photojournalism, video, year-book and multi-platform journalism.

## Community In Action



At the March Northville school board meeting, Brian Lucido, a sophomore at Northville High School, earned his Community In Action - Hometown Hero Award. He was among a group of Northville High School students recognized for demonstrating a deep commitment to community service and making a positive difference. CIA was designed in 2011 by a handful of Northville Girl Scouts in response to the Common (College) Application, which allows students to list their 10 most significant accomplishments in high school. It is a free service run by volunteers and has grown each year. There are four themed awards a student can pursue, each requiring a minimum of 30 hours of verifiable service for a qualifying organization. CIA for Students is free of charge to all high school students who reside within the Northville Public Schools district.

## Northville's Thank-A-Staff program kicks off

Northville school families can honor a special teacher, principal, counselor, coach or other individual and at the same time support the many incredible academic, athletic and artist programs offered across Northville Public Schools through the 2015 Thank-A-Staff program. Now in its fourth year, Thank-A-Staff is a partnership between two of Northville's most devoted fundraising groups, the Northville Educational Foundation and Mothers' Club of Northville.

The 2015 Thank-A-Staff program kicked off April 15. Fliers, order forms and more information are available on both organizations' websites (NorthvilleEd-Foundation.org and MothersClubofNorthville.org) and also will be distributed via the school district's LISTS-ERV email service. Donations also can be

made online using PayPal. During the last week of school, all Thank-A-Staff recipients receive a personalized certificate, suitable for framing, with the name of the family or student who donated in their honor.

"Thank-A-Staff offers a unique way for Northville school families to express their appreciation to those outstanding staff members who have touched their students' lives in meaningful ways during the school year and at the same time provide additional funding to support teaching and learning across Northville Public Schools," Northville Educational Foundation President Eric Barritt said.

The Northville Educational Foundation and Mothers' Club of Northville are independent 501(c)3 charitable organizations that dedicate their funding to support Northville Public

Schools.

The Northville Educational Foundation has raised and granted more than \$2 million to Northville Public Schools since it was founded in 2000. Recent funding initiatives include the International Baccalaureate for middle and high school students; The Leader in Me for elementary students; student financial aid; innovative teacher grants; science, technology, engineering and math initiatives; and coaches programs and athletic assistance grants.

In its 80th year, Mothers' Club of Northville is dedicated to providing Northville students with programs proven to enrich their education. Through annual teacher grants awarded each spring, Mothers' Club has given more than \$600,000 to Northville Public Schools over the years.

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Margaret Baetz and her granddaughter Claire Matthews, who is in the Northville High production of "Annie."



## Decoder badge reveals treasured secrets of 'Annie'

By Katy Baetz-Matthews  
Correspondent

"3. 24. 5. 9. 7. Got it, kids? That's the last part of Annie's secret message. Use your decoder badge to uncover what she shared today."

From 1930 until 1942, children eagerly spent 15 minutes every weekday afternoon by their family radios with *Little Orphan Annie*. With upbeat story lines and peppy characters, children eagerly followed the on-air adventures of Annie, her dog Sandy, Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks and Punjab.

Part of Annie's broadcast included a secret message to members of the Radio Orphan Annie Secret Society. The way to decode the message was with the current year's embossed decoder badge, available only to ROA Secret Society members. Additional benefits of membership included the annual handbook and updated wig-wag signs (hand gestures exchanged between members). New passwords were also provided annually. Members would quietly provide current passwords to each other before sharing confidential club news.

The cost of membership was Ovaltine labels. In a unique twist, this action-packed show with its chipper, red-headed heroine was developed by the brain trust behind Ovaltine, a chocolate

flavoring for milk. Executives gambled that parents would keep buying the inexpensive treat if their children kept asking for it. They knew that radio would deliver their consistent message, but existing youth-focused radio shows had low ratings. Execs searched newspaper comic strips for the answer. They settled on, and hit the jackpot with, a radio version of Harold Gray's *Little Orphan Annie*.

Margaret Baetz (formerly Cole) was one of those youngsters. Baetz grew up in picturesque Swartz Creek, a Flint suburb.

"In 1939, my mother got my membership for me," Baetz said. "I was so happy when everything arrived. I was an official member of Annie's Secret Society for the whole year. After hurrying home from school, I'd grab my decoder badge and race to the living room radio. I absolutely couldn't miss the story or secret message. It was all very important."

While many of the messages did promote the importance of drinking Ovaltine, Baetz insisted that some of the secret messages offered sneak peeks at upcoming story lines. When the broadcast ended, she decoded her message in strict privacy and then hid her treasured badge safely away until next time.

Even when Baetz's decoder badge became

obsolete with the start of the new year, she kept it in a special spot. High school, nursing school, a career as an R.N., marriage, five children and seven grandchildren later, it's still in a safe spot. When she learned her granddaughter Claire Matthews was cast in *Annie* at Northville High School, she eagerly showed the decoder badge, still in perfect condition, to her youngest grandchild.

"From now on, my grandmother and I have our own very special connection to Annie," Matthews said.

*Annie*, the high-stepping Broadway classic, will be presented by the NHS Drama Club (in conjunction with Northville's Tipping Point Theatre) in the high school auditorium. This Tony-winning musical tells the story of "that little chatterbox, the one with curly auburn locks" and her young orphan friends as they navigate the Great Depression of the 1930s with songs, smiles and optimism.

The curtain goes up at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday as well as a 1 p.m. Saturday matinee. Tickets (\$15) will be available one hour prior to each show and can also be purchased in advance by calling 248-924-2324.

"I'll bring my decoder badge to opening night," Baetz said, laughing. "You never know when there might be a secret message to decipher."



The leads of "Guys and Dolls" (from left): Seth Grube, Abby Claybaugh, Julia Fertel and Tim Paul.

## Walled Lake Central students presenting 'Guys and Dolls'

Walled Lake Central High School Performing Arts Department presents *Guys and Dolls* April 24-26 and May 1-3 at the school (1600 Oakley Park Road), with performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online through the secure Walled Lake Consolidated Schools ticket website ([www.wlctickets.com](http://www.wlctickets.com)) or by calling 248-956-4980. Premium seating is available for \$17 for adults, \$14 for students and senior citizens. Reserved seating is available for \$15 for adults, \$13 for students and senior citizens.

This year's show

includes more than 56 actors on stage, 20 musicians in the pit orchestra, 10 students working back stage and a large number of dedicated parent volunteers working around the clock to bring this production to life.

Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, *Guys and Dolls* is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler Nathan Detroit tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend, nightclub performer Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for 14 years. Nathan

turns to fellow gambler Sky Masterson for the dough, but Nathan pulls one over on him by betting he can't take the straight-laced missionary Sarah Brown to Havana, Cuba for dinner.

"This show is not to be missed! It will have you laughing and smiling from beginning to end," said Amanda Koba, Walled Lake Central choir director and teacher. "The students have worked so hard to really develop their characters and bring to life the NYC scene of 1950. Will Nathan and Adelaide ever marry? Will Sky convince Sarah that there can be fun in life? Come see to find out!"

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

The Township's Beautification Commission is sponsoring an ON-SITE DOCUMENT SHREDDING event:

Date: SATURDAY, May 16, 2015  
Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Place: Township Hall (44405 Six Mile Road) ENTER FROM SHELDON ROAD ONLY  
Cost: \$3.00 per car (minimum) for up to six (6) PAPER GROCERY BAGS ONLY - NO PLASTIC

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### City of Northville Proposed Amendments to Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions City of Northville Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on May 4, 2015, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions in the Code of Ordinances.

The proposed ordinance amendment would amend Chapter 54 to delete Section 54-183 Fireworks and add Division 3 Fireworks to Article IV Offenses Against Public Safety. The proposed amendments would include definitions, restrictions and prohibitions on use of consumer fireworks, address display and articles pyrotechnic fireworks, and provide for penalties for violations.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for May 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

MICHAEL CARLSON, POLICE CHIEF

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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### SYNOPSIS APRIL 16, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2015  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road  
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee  
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee  
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee  
Fred Shadko, Trustee

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:** Approved
  - A. Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items:
    1. Minutes - Board of Trustees - March 19, 2015
    2. Minutes - Historic District Commission - March 26, 2015
    3. Finance - First Quarter Financial and Investment Reports
    4. Northville Youth Assistance Program Report
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
  - A. Plante Moran Audit Presentation
  - B. The Senior Alliance (TSA) update by Lydia Gold
  - C. Appoint Shana Maitland to the Historic District Commission - Approved
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:**
  - A. State Representative Heise updated the Board on the new legislative term.
  - B. Carol Fausone addressed the Board on behalf of Congressman Trott.
5. **New Business:**
  - A. Public Services - Building 72 - Consulting Engineering Svcs - Approved
  - B. Planning - Final Site Plan - Forest Edge - Approved
  - C. Finance - Budget Amendment #2015-1 - Approved
  - D. Public Services - Parking Lot Improvements - Township Hall - Approved
  - E. Public Services - Thayer's Corner Roof Replacement - Approved
  - F. Temporary Sign Request - Aisin World Corp. of America - Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**
  - A. In the amount of \$4,230,337.20. - Approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
  - A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- I. Board Events: None
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.  
A draft of the complete minutes will be available April 27, 2015.  
**Respectfully submitted:**  
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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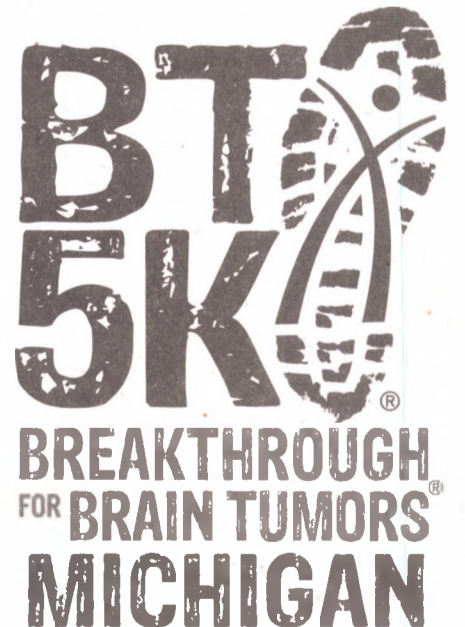
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from artwork sales will be donated to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan.

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.

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

**Estate planning seminars**

Walsh College presents Daniel S. Hoops, associate professor, Accounting and Taxation, and a frequent lecturer and expert on estate planning issues, in two free seminars on estate planning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Friday, April 24, at the Novi Campus (41500 Gardenbrook).

The sessions will be held in conjunction with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Money Smart Week, a public awareness campaign aimed at helping consumers better manage their finances.

The events are open to the public, but registration is required at [www.walshcollege.edu/moneysmart](http://www.walshcollege.edu/moneysmart).

Hoops has been engaged in the practice of law and business consulting since 1995. His professional expertise includes tax law, estate planning and business consulting.

**Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event**

The city of Livonia will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Drop-off event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Ford Field.

This event is an opportunity for Livonia, Northville and Northville Township residents to rid their garage, basement, shed, etc., of items such as paints, stains, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, anti-freeze, gasoline, etc. In addition, electronic waste will be accepted including computers, monitors, printers, scanners, cellphones, fax machines, televisions, etc.

Enter Ford Field using northbound Stark Road, north of Schoolcraft Road. Additional information is available at <http://is.gd/kkVyp0>.

**Transportation forum**

Meet with state Sen. Patrick Colbeck and road construction industry leaders to get an inside view on the current state of Michigan's roads, options for funding road repairs including the May 5 ballot proposal and ways to improve the longevity of our roads 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the Northville Township Hall Auditorium (44405 Six Mile Road)

Time will be provided for questions and answers. The forum is free and open to the public.

**Online safety seminar**

The Office of the Michigan Attorney General and the Nawrocki Center for Elder Law, Special Needs & Disability Planning, PLLC will jointly present a free seminar for senior citizens, titled "Online Safe-

**Crafting with Claudia**



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Claudia Abrash (right) assists student Colleen Ari during her April 9 Crafting with Claudia class at the Northville Community Center. Abrash has led a series of crafts sessions at the center and this day's effort was built around designing and building a personally made special event card.

ty: Protect Yourself from Internet Predators," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, in the Northville Community Center (303 W. Main Street) and again at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 30, in the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile Road).

Experts from the attorney general and elder lawyers will be at the seminar to offer tips and ideas for seniors to protect themselves and prevent online identity theft and scams, what to do if you should fall victim, online safety tips

and basic computer security measures.

Seating is limited so reservations are suggested by calling 810-229-0220 or going to [www.nawrockilaw.com](http://www.nawrockilaw.com).

**Northville library Friends' sale**

Come to the Northville Library (212 W. Cady Street) to stock up on books, used DVDs and CDs, children's books and puzzles at the Friends of the Library's used book and media sale. All hardbacks are \$1; all paperbacks are 50

cents; DVDs, CDs, games and puzzles are \$1; \$7 for a grocery bag chock full of your personal book choices.

Join the Friends 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 30, for the Preview Sale and get a free bag of books with your new membership. Other times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1-2 and 1-3 p.m. May 3.

The Book Cellar is open during the Used Book Sale for even more browsing and buying. Member Shopping Days are also in effect during the Used Book Sale. This means a 25-percent discount for Friends members in the Gift Store. (Clearance items and those from the Historical Society are excluded.)

All purchases during this major Friends fundraiser benefit the library. Since its inception, the Friends have donated more than \$575,000 to the library. For more information, go to [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org).

**What's on your bucket list?**

Looking for ways to ensure 2015 is a great year? Creating a bucket list is a good way to start. A bucket list, whether big, small or random, notes things you most want to do, goals you want to achieve and dreams you hope to fulfill while making the most of life experiences. Achieving bucket list items initiates conversations, revitalizes direction and provides a feeling of self-satisfaction.

"The beauty of creating of bucket list is actually the process of putting items in writing," said Karen Kapchonick, Novi's Older Adult Services manager.

"Putting things in writing seems to hold us more accountable for achieving them."

Novi citizens ages 55 and older are encouraged to share their bucket list items via [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org), at the Older Adult Services Office (45175 10 Mile) and at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Novi's bucket list will be on display through April 30.

Those who add to the list will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates. Success stories will be shared in a future edition of the *Enhance* newsletter, online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) and at both the Older Adult Services Office and Meadowbrook Activity Center.

For more information, contact Kapchonick at 248-347-0414 or [kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org](mailto:kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org).

**Jane Austen Tea**

Novelist Annick Hivert-Carthew will present the life and works of Jane Austen 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Cady Inn at Northville's Mill Race Village. The Jane Austen Tea is a fundraiser for the Northville Historical Society and will be catered by Victoria's Tea Salon.

Born and educated in France, Hivert-Carthew currently lives in Michigan. She first became known for her work on Antoine de Lamothe Cadillac, founder of Detroit. She wrote *Cadillac and the Dawn of Detroit* in 1994, then went on to write five more books.

Tickets (\$35) are limited and non-refundable, but can be applied to a future Tea. Call 248-348-1845 for more information or go to [www.millrace.northville.org](http://www.millrace.northville.org).

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**Wealth Management** – Liquidity, longevity and legacy.

**Quality of life during retirement** – Findings from the MIT AgeLab.

These events are free of charge and are offered as a two-part series. We suggest choosing one event on May 6 and one event on May 13 to cover the full range of important topics we will be addressing.

**Part I**  
**Wednesday, May 6**  
1:30 – 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Part II**  
**Wednesday, May 13**  
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# Novi producer's film premiering at Colorado festival

Eighteen-year-old Michigan native director Luke Jaden is set to premiere his first film foray into the horror genre early next month with *The Listing*, starring Erin Cummings (*The Iceman, Cold Comes the Night*) and Rob Zabrecky (*Lost River*). Written by up-and-coming Detroit author and screenwriter Josh Malerman (*Birdbox*), *The Listing* tells the tale of what happens in a haunted house before the unsuspecting family arrives.

Jaden's youthful, ener-

getic approach to filmmaking is clearly palpable even in his description of the film. According to Jaden, "it's got a more psychological vibe to it that's atmospheric and moody. It feels like you're the magician and the audience at a magic show set in an urban, gothic and decrepit theater."

The *Listing* will be playing Sunday, May 3, at the Stanley Film Festival in Estes Park, Colo.

Novi resident Michael Angelo Zervos (*Papou*) is the producer of Ja-

den's last two films.

"There are very few better film festivals I can think of to premiere our film," Zervos said. "The intimacy, success and solid lineup of past Stanley festivals gives us encouragement that the audiences will appreciate our twist on the horror genre."

Despite the recent success, Jaden isn't resting on his laurels. With one film just starting to make it into film festival lineups, he's currently completing post-production on another short

film and starting pre-production on another. In his mind, his hard won lessons from *The Listing* have made an impact on his development as a busy filmmaker.

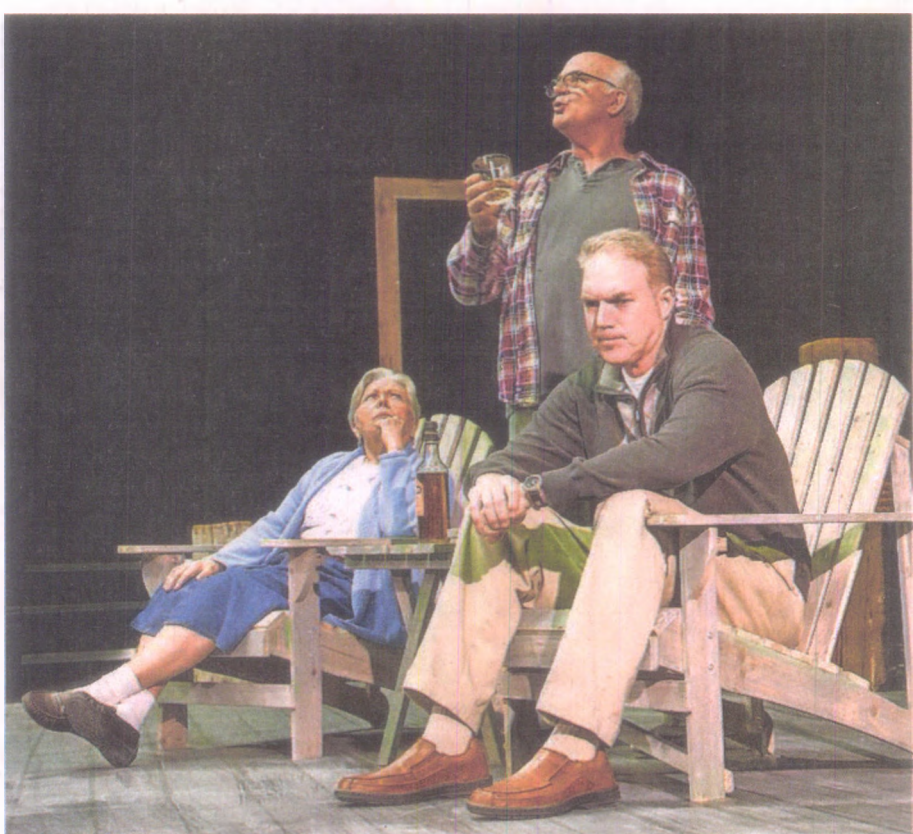
"I've learned that if you don't have a team that really believes in you or a cast that just really connects with their performances, you're better off not even making the film," he said.

For more information, go to <http://Motherand-midwife.com> or <http://www.kinotroika.com>.



WALLACE MICHAEL CROUCH  
Pictured (from left) are "The Listing" cinematographer Joel D. Warren, producer Michael Angelo Zervos and director Luke Jaden.

## 'The Outgoing Tide'



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The Tipping Point Theater presents the Michigan premiere of Bruce Graham's "The Outgoing Tide" through May 3. Gunner has retired from his trucking business and now lives in a summer home on the Chesapeake Bay with his wife of 50 years. He has come up with an unorthodox plan to secure his family's future. His plan is met with resistance from his wife Peg and son Jack, who have plans of their own. As winter approaches, the three must quickly find common ground and come to an understanding — before the tide goes out. The cast includes Actors' Equity Association members (from left) Trudy Mason, Hugh Maguire and Alex Leydenfrost. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available by calling the box office at 248-347-0003.

## Ethnic Festival aims for diversity

By Diane Gale Andreassi  
Staff Writer

A first-time festival in New Hudson this August is designed to celebrate ethnic pride, traditions, food, culture and entertainment.

So far eight groups — East Indian, Finnish, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Mexican, Scottish, Polish and French — have expressed interest in participating and some have committed to host booths showcasing their cultures, organizer Roger Ratkowski said.

"Our objective is to educate the community of our diversified cultures and for future generations," he said.

### Come one and all

Ratkowski is looking for more groups to take part Aug. 14-16 at the festival, which will be held at Kojian Properties on Lyon Center Drive West (just west of Milford Road) in New Hudson. He would especially like to see participation

among Japanese and Mediterranean countries, as well as regions below the equator.

The cost is \$450 for a 10-foot by 20-foot booth, which will include access to water, electricity and garbage removal. Each group will be invited to sell food and souvenirs that represent their culture.

"This is for people to understand we are a diverse country," Ratkowski said. "It helps to keep family communities together. We need to keep cultures growing. I want people to remember the mom and pop stuff."

Many cultural groups are losing their members as older participants die and along with that, many old world traditions are fading away in the United States, Ratkowski continued, adding that the melting pot is erasing some of the flavor from countries where ancestors of many Americans originated.

### Family time

Picnic areas will be provided and would be ideal, he said, for families hosting reunions. The only cost to participants will be \$5 for every carload of people. Ratkowski

said he was also trying to garner interest from a community group, like the VFW or Kiwanis, to run a beer and wine tent that would feature libations from countries around the world.

The program is sponsored by Lyon Events Organization, a nonprofit partnering with Lyon Township. Plans started to hold the ethnic festival last year, but failed because the event wasn't affiliated with a nonprofit group.

Ratkowski comes to the job of event chairman and festival creator with experience. He also directed a similar ethnic festival at Livonia's Wilson Barn, where he served as president of the Save the Barn historical group. He also gleaned ideas from the organizers of the Detroit Ethnic Festival.

"We would like to diversify from year to year and as we grow (the festival) will grow," Ratkowski said.

Contact Ratkowski at 734-546-7279 for more information or to include your group in the event.

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## Rusty Bucket shuts down for remodel

The Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern in Northville (15400 Sheldon Road) closed Monday for a remodel and will re-open at 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, for dinner. Among the highlights will be new concept design enhancements and updated furniture and technology improvements.

"We know our raving fans will be thrilled with the improvements we have made and we appreciate their patience during the renovation," said Steve Slack, general manager. "The renewed energy and enhanced ambiance will help ensure our restaurant remains the local gathering spot for guests in the Northville community."

Slack said that the restaurant is perfect for professionals on their lunch break or as an after-work destination with their friends and families. This is the first major remodel of the restaurant since it opened in 2008.

A facelift for the restaurant's décor will include new wood tables and chairs, leather booths and upgraded lighting in the dining room. Guests will be greeted with an upgraded host stand. A BuzzTable mobile texting system will be available to notify guests when their table is ready. Additionally, a new bar top will now seat more than 58 guests, including the bar area, which will also have new seating.



The Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern in Northville is located at 15400 Sheldon Road.

Rusty Bucket sprawls across 4,500 square feet, including total seating for 214 guests. The patio, which is also receiving

new furniture, seats 30 guests.

In addition to Rusty Bucket's remodel, the restaurant group is add-

ing two more locations in Michigan this year: a location will open in Northville Park Place in June and another will

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Michigan retail sales bounce back

Michigan retailers' sales rose sharply in March, rebounding from their steep drop in February, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The monthly sales index climbed more than 25 points to 66.8 in March. It had fallen more than 18 points from January to February as Michigan suffered through one of its coldest Februaries on record.

"Better weather teamed up with continued 'low' gasoline prices and lower unemployment to help boost retail sales," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO. "Retailers are looking forward to a strong spring."

The March monthly

survey of MRA members showed 55 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 25 percent recorded declines and 20 percent reported no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 66.8, up from 41.7 in February and the highest level since last July. A year ago March the performance index stood at 44.8.

The 100-point index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 68 percent of retailers expect sales during April-June to increase over the same period last year, while 9 percent project a

decrease and 23 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 76.9, down from 78.5 in February and up from 76.2 in January. A year ago March the outlook index stood at 63.3.

### SCORE business mentoring

The Service Corp of Retired Executives one-hour appointments are available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, 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.

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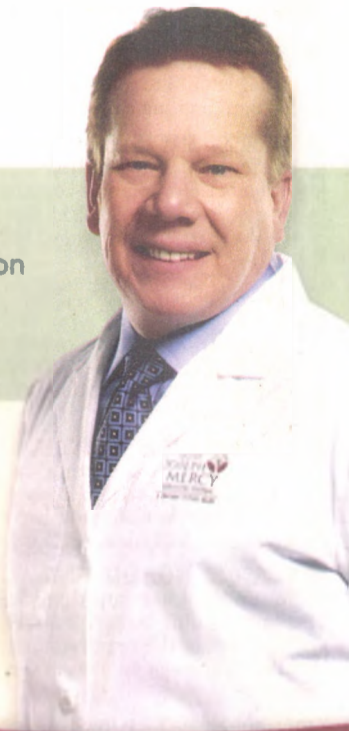
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# More land at Ford Wixom plant site is on the market

By J.C. Reindl  
Michigan.com

Property where the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant once stood is poised for redevelopment as the owners have re-listed more than 140 acres of the site in what has been one of metro Detroit's fastest-growing regions.

The Boston-based firm Barrow Development that bought 240 acres of the industrial site at I-96 and Wixom Road — including the massive and idled auto plant — for about \$7 million in early 2013 has since sold several parcels and is looking to sell the remainder of what it owns.

It is now marketing 140 undeveloped acres for resale at \$75,000 an acre, or \$10.5 million, according to Barrow Development's website. Plus, it has listed an additional 40-some acres of property covered in con-



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This Menards at the old Ford Wixom Assembly Plant site is to open in the fall. It will feature a lumber yard, garden center and a line of groceries.

crete slabs for no cost.

Wixom officials said there has been some interest in the land, although no signed deals yet.

"We get inquiries on a daily basis for a variety of different venues, from water parks to industrial-type commercial buildings," Wixom Mayor

Kevin Hinkley said. "We had a plastics company come and look at the property back in the fall. They made a decision to go elsewhere, which was kind of disappointing."

Already on the site is the newly built headquarters and retail store of General RV, as well as a nearly completed Me-

nards store that is to open in the fall.

A 23-acre parcel was bought in the fall by Wixom-based Schonsheck, which said it is working with an unnamed developer to construct multiple buildings there for light industrial use.

"We'll build as soon as someone comes along and wants to build," Schonsheck President Craig Zokas said.

Gone is the 4.7-million-square-foot Ford plant, which last produced Lincoln Town Cars before closing in 2007.

After buying the property from Ford's real estate arm, Ford Land, Barrow Development demolished the gigantic structure two years ago, sold the scrap metal and rebranded the area "Assembly Park."

Last year, the firm's president, Brian Wilson, tried to convince Ford Land to buy back the site. He also accused Ford

Land of renegeing on contractual obligations to clean up pollution on the site, claiming Ford was behind schedule and couldn't make a mid-2016 deadline. Ford Land disputed the allegations, saying it was actually ahead of schedule.

Today, Ford Land has essentially completed its job of trucking out 200,000 tons of contaminated soil to landfills, officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality told the *Free Press* last week.

Yet there are still some unsettled environmental issues.

Tracy Kecskemeti, a DEQ district supervisor, said Wilson's company is responsible for improperly disposing of some demolition materials that should have been trucked out of the site, but were instead buried in pits there.

"We asked him to clean it up," Kecskemeti

said. "Mr. Wilson maintains that he's not in violation of the law; that he didn't dispose of anything improperly."

Neither Wilson nor his attorney returned multiple messages for comment.

From the city's standpoint, the next step for the developer is to further groom the land for resale by removing all of the concrete and repurposing it into an access road, Hinkley said.

A Menards spokesman said the new store will feature a full-service lumber yard, garden center and a line of groceries.

The Ford plant opened in 1957 and employed nearly 5,500 workers at its 1970s peak, but only 1,100 when it closed in 2007.

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## NEWSMAKERS

### ABWA honors two

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association recently honored two of its members for their contributions to Michigan business and the ABWA organization.

Novi Oaks recognized Lina Gerchak as the chapter's Woman of the Year, an annual local chapter honor in recognition of a member's contributions to ABWA. She has been a member of ABWA since August 2012 and is currently serving as the chapter's treasurer, her first position as a part of the Executive Board.

Gerchak served as the chair for the Hand of Friendship Tea event in May 2013 and as the campaign manager for the



Gerchak

### Campaign to Elect Sandy Schrah for the District V Vice President in 2014.

Gerchak is employed at Oakland Community College as accounting specialist and in 2012 she started her real estate business affiliating with the Keller Williams Realty office in Novi.

She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary school teaching from Vilnius University of Educational Sciences in Lithuania, a master's degree in accountancy from Walsh College and a post-master certificate in taxation from Walsh College.

Holly Hengstebeck, a seven-year member of ABWA, has been nominated for the Top Ten, a national ABWA honor. She has held many offices and currently chairs the chap-



Hengstebeck

ter's Program Committee and the Publicity Committee. She works as a field finance manager at Ryder Integrated Logistics in Novi and holds a B.S. in finance and an MBA from Wayne State University.

ABWA members are nominated for the Top Ten based on their career achievements, education, ABWA involvement and contributions to their local communities. In July, a panel of impartial judges from business in the Kansas City area, where ABWA National is located, will choose 10 recipients from the nominees from ABWA chapters all across the United States. The Top Ten winners will be featured in ABWA's *Women in Business* magazine and recognized at the ABWA National Women's Conference held Oct. 15-17 in Albuquerque, N.M.

### Mehta joins TIE

The Indus Entrepreneurs of Detroit, a global,

nonprofit community for entrepreneurs, named Novi resident Raman Mehta as a new charter member for the organization.

Mehta is chief information officer at EWIE Co, Inc. EWIE is a global leader in commodity management services. Previously, Mehta was a director at Oracle, USA, Inc.

He has earned numerous leadership awards including: CIO Magazine's 2013 CIO100 Award, Computerworld's 2012 Premier 100 IT Leaders Award, Crain's Detroit CIO Award and Global Corporate Leader Award 2014.

Mehta earned his MBA in international finance at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and his bachelor's of engineering with honors at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science.

### ITC promotes Mason Soneral

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. announced that Christine Mason Soneral has been promoted to senior vice president and general counsel. She previously served as vice president and general counsel.

She is responsible for ITC's Legal Department, which includes the legal, corporate secretary, real estate, contract administration and corporate compliance functions. She joined ITC in 2007. She previously served as a partner in a private law practice in Lansing, with a primary focus on energy issues in representing clients before state and federal trial courts, appellate courts and regulatory agencies.

"Christine has distinguished herself in this industry while playing a critical role in our

growth strategy as a leading energy company," said Joseph L. Welch, chairman, president and CEO.

"We look forward to her continued contributions as we help define the future of this evolving industry to the maximum benefit of electricity customers."

Mason Soneral earned her juris doctor degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington and her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, where she remains actively involved as a guest lecturer, member of the Department of Political Science's External Advisory Board and was a past officer of the Alumni Association Board.

She was also recently recognized as one of Metro Detroit's distinguished Women Who Lead.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider the following variance requests:

- 19076 Northville Road – Chapter 145, Sign Ordinance, Ground Sign (Right of Way and Height)
- 42661 Waterford Road – Chapter 170, Article 22, Nonconforming Structures (Setbacks); Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (Distance between Structures)
- 18745 Ridge Road – Chapter 170, Article 3, General Use and Operating Procedures (Setbacks)
- 42180 Brampton Court – Chapter 170, Article 22, Nonconforming Structures (Side Yard Setback)

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Public Accuracy Test for the May 5, 2015 Special Election is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 28, 2015** at 1:00 p.m. in the lobby of Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the Election count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.  
Clerk

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### City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

**PZ15-0001 JIMMY ASMAR OB BEHALF OF HOMEWOOD SUITES**  
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sections 3.1.23D to allow construction of a five story extended stay hotel: 1) a variance of 10.0 feet in the required side (north) parking setback (20.0 feet required, 10.0 feet proposed); 2) a variance of 14.0 feet in the required rear (east) parking setback (20.0 feet required, 6.0 feet proposed); 3) a variance from Section 5.4.1, a variance from the required loading/unloading zone; and 4) a variance from Section 4.19.2 F to allow dumpster located within the parking setback.

**PZ15-0006 JAMES M. BARNWELL**  
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 5.5 a variance from the required 6 ft. high obscuring wall requirement when abutting or adjacent to a B-3 District and Section 5.4.1 for a variance from the required loading zone, (720 sq. ft. required, 0.0 sq. ft. proposed) to allow the construction of a 2,171 square foot drive-through Taco Bell restaurant.

**PZ15-0008 KAL MANSOUR WITH SIGN EMPORIUM ON BEHALF OF AQUA TOTS**  
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) to allow a second (single wall sign allowed in a RC, Regional Center District) wall sign (awning/canopy sign with logo).

**PZ15-0009 RICHARD CURTIS**  
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 3.1.5(d) to allow construction of new one-story addition on an existing nonconforming parcel: 1) a variance of 10.5 feet in the required front yard setback (30 feet required, 19.5 feet proposed); and 2) a variance of 31.9 feet in the required rear yard setback (35 feet required, 3.1 feet proposed).

**PZ15-0010 PETER STANAJ. PARCEL 50-22-31-100-001**  
The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 3.1.1(d) to allow construction of new single family residence on an existing vacant parcel: 1) a variance of 26.0 feet in the required front yard setback (45 feet required, 19.0 feet proposed); and 2) a variance of 26.0 feet in the required rear yard setback (50.0 feet required, 24.0 feet proposed).

**PZ15-0011 RICK VALADE. PARCEL 50-22-21-126-026**  
The applicant is requesting variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 4.16 and 4.19 to allow construction of new patio enclosure addition on an existing parcel; a variance of 6.0 feet in the required separation distance from the pool to the main building (10 feet required, 4.0 feet proposed).

**PZ15-0012 GORDIE AND AUDREY WILSON. PARCEL 50-22-02-177-013**  
The applicant is requesting variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 3.1.5(d) to allow construction of new ramp addition on an existing parcel; a variance of 11.0 feet in the required aggregate side yard setback (25 feet required, 14.0 feet proposed) and a variance of 6.0 feet in the minimum side yard setback (10.0 feet required, 4.0 feet proposed).

**PZ15-0013 PATRICK STIEBER WITH ALLIED SIGNS ON BEHALF OF GANDER MOUNTAIN**  
The applicant is requesting a variance from CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(2)(b) to allow a third (single wall sign allowed by right in a RC, Regional Center District) wall sign.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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**Bid Packages B** – (Novi Woods Elementary, Novi Meadows ITC, Novi Meadows 5th Grade, and Educational Services Building). Bids will be received until 1:00 PM, local time, May 13, 2015.

All bid packages are to be delivered to the NCS Educational Services Building (ESB) attention **Mr. Steve Barr**. At the time the bid packages are due all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board room. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Bid documents can be pre-ordered and purchased at the offices of ARC/Dunn Blue, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48107 beginning April 27, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Contact ARC/Dunn Blue for non-refundable purchase price for each bid package.

Bid documents will be available to view from the PlanWell Enterprise System on-line by accessing the website at [www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson](http://www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson), clicking on "Order from Planwell" then clicking on "Public Planroom".

There will be a pre-bid meeting on Wednesday May 6, 2015 at 1:00 PM, in the NCS ESB Board Room located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.

All bidders should be available on Monday May 18, 2015 starting at 8:00 AM for post bid interviews. Interviews will be on an invitation basis only.

Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five (5) years
- Has successfully completed a minimum of three (3) educational, institutional or municipal site earthwork / site improvement / paving replacement projects each with construction values in excess of \$250,000.00
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by SME for the "**NCS - Site Improvements Project**" and be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified or cashier's check payable to Novi Community School District for the sum of not less than five (5%) of the bid amount for each Bid Package. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the NCS School Board, Administrator or Staff. Bidders shall also provide a Sworn Statement of Economic Relationship with the Country of Iran. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, sworn and notarized statement of familial disclosure, and Iran Economic Statement **MAY BE REJECTED**. NCS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the NCS's interest

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to [cstone@hometownlife.com](mailto:cstone@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

**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, 41355 Six Mile, Northville

**Contact:** 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

**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.

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday

**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 service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 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

**First Free Will Baptist Church**

**Location:** 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi

**Contact:** 248-348-2380

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

**Location:** 200 E. Main, Northville

**Contact:** 248-349-0911

**Web:** [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Location:** 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon

**Contact:** 248-437-2875

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

**First United Methodist Church of Northville**

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville

**Contact:** 248-349-1144

**Web:** [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)

**Sunday Worship (September-May):** 9:15 and 11 a.m.

**Sunday School (September-May):** 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

**Frank Turner Ministries**

**Location:** Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road  
**Contact:** 810-599-7392

**Web:** [www.FrankTurner.org](http://www.FrankTurner.org)

**Sunday Gathering:** 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience a new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile, Novi

**Contact:** 248-349-0565

**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

**Grace Immanuel Bible Church**

**Location:** 21900 Grandville, Grandville

**Contact:** 248-349-2380

**Web:** [www.gibcnovi.org](http://www.gibcnovi.org)

**Sunday School:** 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**Worship Services:** 11 a.m.

**Bible Study/Prayer:** Wednesday 7 p.m.

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**Location:** 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

**Pastor:** Charles Sexton

**Contact:** 248-344-4465

**Holy Cross Episcopal**

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Contact:** 248-427-1175; [holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com)

**Web:** [www.holyCROSSnovi.org](http://www.holyCROSSnovi.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.

**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. worship service

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** 10 a.m. second Saturday

**Hope Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Lakes Baptist Church**

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

**Legacy Church**

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)

**Location:** 23455 Novi Road, Novi

**Contact:** pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

**Web:** [www.legacychurch.us](http://www.legacychurch.us)

**Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages:** 9:45 a.m.

**Worship Services:** 11 a.m.

**Bible Study/Prayer:** Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Livonia Church of Christ**

**Location:** 15431 Merriman, Livonia

**Contact:** 734-427-8743

**Web:** [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)

**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.

**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Meadowbrook Congregational Church**

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

**Contact:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org

**Web:** [www.mbccc.org](http://www.mbccc.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

**Church School and Nursery Care:** provided during worship

**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.

**Memorial Church of Christ**

**Location:** 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia

**Minister:** Mark McGilvrey

**Web:** [www.5milechurch.org](http://www.5milechurch.org)

**Contact:** 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

**NorthRidge Church**

**Location:** 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

**Contact:** 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

**Northville Christian Assembly**

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile

**Contact:** 248-348-9030

**Web:** [www.ncalife.org](http://www.ncalife.org)

**Sundays:** 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).

**Wednesday Family Night:** 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and

Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

**Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life**

**Details:** Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.

**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbi@novijewishcenter.com

**Web:** [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

**Novi United Methodist**

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Contact:** 248-349-2652

**Web:** [www.umcnovi.com](http://www.umcnovi.com)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>

**Sunday Worship:** 9:45 a.m.

**Healing Service and Holy Communion:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday

**Peace Vigil:** noon first Sundays in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

**OakPointe Church**

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi

**Contact:** 248-912-0043

**Web:** [www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups](http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups)

**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)

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

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

**Oakland Baptist Church**

**Location:** 23893 Beck Road, Novi

**Contact:** 248-982-4041

**Web:** [www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org](http://www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org)

**Orchard Grove Community Church**

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake

**Contact:** 248-926-6584

**Web:** [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org)

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church**

**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

**Contact:** 734-453-0326, ext. 221

**Our Lady of Victory**

**Location:** 132 Orchard Drive, Northville

**Contact:** 248-349-2621

**Web:** [www.olvnorthville.org](http://www.olvnorthville.org)

**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.

**Sunday Worship:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

**Contact:** 248-374-2268

**Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School:** 10 a.m.

# Northville resident Jenereaux to become next Detroit Free Press publisher

Gannett has named Joyce Jenereaux president and publisher of the *Detroit Free Press*, effective May 16. She will also retain her responsibilities as president of Michigan.com, which represents all of Gannett's community publishing properties in Michigan, and serves as business agent for *The Detroit News*.

Jenereaux, a resident of Northville, has been *Free Press* president since 2013 and president of Michigan.com since 2011. Prior to that, she served as executive vice president of Michigan.com.



Jenereaux

Joyce has made — both to the *Free Press* and to the metro Detroit community it serves,” said Robert Dickey, Gannett's U.S. Community Publishing president. “Her leadership has helped build the voice of the *Free Press* and position it for a strong future.” Jenereaux will take on the publisher title

“The addition of the publisher's title acknowledges the many vital contributions

currently held by Editor and Publisher Paul Anger, who last month announced his retirement, effective May 15. Jenereaux said a search is under way for a *Free Press* executive editor.

“There is a grand tradition at the *Free Press*. For more than 180 years, it has been a trusted watchdog and a powerful voice for progress and justice in our community. And today, it reaches the state's largest audience for news and information,” Jenereaux said. “I'm looking forward to working with the *Free Press* staff to build upon that legacy

and to continue to aggressively move us into new platforms and products that will serve our readers, expand our audiences and help our advertisers grow their businesses.”

A Detroit native, Jenereaux started her media career in 1990 as a financial analyst at what is now called Michigan.com. Earlier, she earned her CPA designation at the public accounting firm of Deloitte.

She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and serves as chairman

of the board of Forgotten Harvest, the nation's largest food rescue organization, and is involved with multiple other charitable organizations in the area.

Jenereaux also serves on the boards of the Detroit Economic Club, the Inforum Center for Leadership, Detroit Public Television and CATCH. In 2013, she was presented with the Neal Shine Award for Media Commitment to Philanthropy by the Detroit chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Michigan.com represents the state's largest

media audience through the broad portfolio of digital and print products from the *Detroit Free Press*, *The Detroit News*, *Lansing State Journal*, *Battle Creek Enquirer*, *Port Huron Times-Herald*, *Livingston Daily Press & Argus* and the *Observer & Eccentric*, which includes the *Novi News*.

Gannett Co. Inc. (NYSE: GCI) is an international media and marketing solutions company with a network of broadcast, digital, mobile and publishing properties.

For more information, go to [www.gannett.com](http://www.gannett.com).

## Your Invitation to

# Worship

### Highland

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248.887.1311 • [www.myhunc.com](http://www.myhunc.com)  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.  
Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.  
Griefshare, Mondays, 8:30 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 12 Noon  
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector  
[www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org)

**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 6:00-8 pm, Sundays 8:15 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.umnovi.com](http://www.umnovi.com)  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695  
Pastor Steve Swayze  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 p.m.  
Awards, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Gez, 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  
LO-000237598 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 Barn & 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)  
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 West  
Website: [www.fbcsouthlyon.com](http://www.fbcsouthlyon.com)  
Email: [fbcsouthlyon@sbccglobal.net](mailto:fbcsouthlyon@sbccglobal.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

**First United Methodist Church**  
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## OUR VIEW

# Vote yes May 5 on Proposal 1

Michigan roads and bridges need fixing – now. Proposal 1, although not perfect, offers a path for that to happen. On Tuesday, May 5, voters can raise taxes to ensure that roads and bridges will be repaired or say no and deal with the deteriorating, often unsafe, road conditions for several years to come.

For too many years, state leaders have settled for short-term fixes for roads instead of long-term solutions. Michigan roads are worse than other Great Lakes states. It's not surprising that Michigan roads and bridges are crumbling.

» Michigan spends 70 percent less per mile or \$2 billion less than the Great Lakes average.

» One in three roads are in poor condition and one in nine bridges is considered “structurally deficient” by the Federal Highway Administration.



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Voters' approval of Proposal 1 on May 5 will help generate funding to fix potholes on Michigan's roadways.

No one likes a tax increase, but current road and bridge conditions are dangerous. Proposal 1 guarantees that state taxes collected at the pump will go to transportation.

Proposal 1, if approved, will raise the state sales and use taxes from 6 to 7 percent (a 17-percent increase) and institute a new tax on gasoline and diesel. It will also remove fuel

from sales tax collection.

The new fuel tax will pay for roads and replace the revenue – and more – that will be lost by removing fuel from the sales tax base.

Proposal 1 also extends pavement warranties to projects more than \$1 million and most local road projects. If the roads are not built right, the road builders – not taxpayers – will pay for the repairs.

Some opponents of Proposal 1 claim to have a Plan B. Really? Plans C, D and E are also out there, according to some opponents. The problem is none has seen the light of day and none has the legislative or public support needed to solve the road problem. And the state can't wait another two or three years to fix roads and bridges.

Potholes that are more like sinkholes, crumbling bridges and buckling pavement are dangerous. Proposal 1 is the

best available solution to a problem that has been ignored for years.

The time is past to argue. Without more money – an increase in taxes – our state roads and bridges will continue to crumble.

Voters should be aware that they are being asked to approve a proposal that raises money beyond what's needed for roads. Money will go to restore education revenue levels and another portion of funds will improve revenue sharing to local communities. It isn't ideal to lump all of these complicated issues into a single vote but, in doing so, legislators gave voters an opportunity to shore up three areas of need at the same time.

Safe roads and a sound transportation infrastructure are important to moving Michigan forward.

Vote yes May 5 on Proposal 1.

## LETTERS

### Vote no on Prop 1

Spending the winter in Florida, I have not been following Michigan politics, but I see we are having a special election to deal with road funding. It is a disgrace that, despite the fact that Republicans control our whole damn state, they still could not do what their own governor asks and find the funding to fix our horrible roads. They are wasting how many millions for a special election that will be decided by just a few voters so they can avoid blame for a tax increase.

So we will continue to trail the nation as we pay higher taxes and still have the worst roads. I don't know why Michigan voters keep voting in Republicans that raise their taxes.

I will be back in town to vote against higher taxes.

Chuck Tindall  
Novi

### Approve road repair proposal

This letter will be only one of many published in newspapers across the state concerning the May 5 ballot proposal to fund road repair in Michigan. Many of these letters will run along the line of, “Our legislators booted the ball on fixing roads, so let's send 'em a message and vote against their bill.”

There can be no question that our legislators booted the ball, repeatedly, on fixing roads, but the job needs to be done. By voting no on the proposal, the only message that Lansing will hear is: “We were right to do nothing. The people have spoken and they don't want the roads fixed. Good job, guys.”

The decaying of Michigan's highway infrastructure does more than threaten the tires, wheels and suspensions of our beloved automobiles; it threatens the continuance of the state's economic recovery. When making decisions on where to locate new manufacturing facilities, transportation considerations weigh very heavily in the process. A continuing downhill spiral of our roads will drive new opportunities out of the state.

There are those, such as state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, who claim that the roads can be fixed without new taxes. He filled almost a half page in this paper last week, explaining how he had “assembled no less than four viable options” (his words) for fixing our roads with no cost to the taxpayer. Mr. Colbeck has spent no less than four years (my words) in Lansing doing nothing at all to address this problem, in spite of being, as he proudly proclaims, the vice chairman of the Senate Transportation Subcommittee on Appropriations. It does seem like he was ideally positioned to make a difference and yet he did nothing. But he does expect us to put our faith in what he will do in the future.

For the sake of our state, we need to approve the ballot proposal to fix our roads. The ballot proposal may be less than perfect, but it is the only choice given to us by the gang in Lansing and saying “no” now will mean that nothing happens for two more years and we cannot afford to wait.

The time for sending messages to our state lawmakers will come next November, during the general election, and messages should be sent: We

have suffered far too long with this do-nothing Legislature.

John D. Webster  
Northville

### Road tax? Not really

It was a welcome relief to read Brad Wolkan's article in the March 26 *Observer*. Taxpayers should become informed about Proposal 1 before they exercise their right to vote on it May 5.

As Mr. Wolkan says, it is not a road tax, as being advertised. It is an increase in the sales tax where the revenue goes into the general fund. The present governor and Legislature have said a portion of it will be used to fix the roads with major parts of it going to fund other issues.

No one disputes the fact that our roads are a dangerous mess and need to be fixed.

It is a disappointment that our legislators can only come up with this proposal to solve a problem they have been discussing for years. Apparently, the only way to move a proposal forward and satisfy every legislator is to put a solution to their issues in the proposal. Considering all the horse trading to get to this point, what assurance do we have the portion recommended for roads will stay in that category? Since all the funds go into the general fund, there is no assurance a future administration or legislature may develop a different set of priorities for these funds.

The other changes in the proposal are bothersome. Vehicle registration fees will go up for vehicles older than one year – the depreciation schedule currently used will be dropped. Vehicle registration fees will no longer be deductible on

federal taxes, as Mr. Wolkan mentions. Also, the new method of taxing fuel will result in high fuel taxes – estimated to be 8 to 9 cents per gallon.

Most agree that additional revenue is needed to address the road issues, but why should we automatically have to agree to additional funding for schools and cities, low-income subsidies and transportation support? The proposal is being sold as all or nothing – do this or nothing will get done. Many legislators are now not supporting the proposal and discussing alternative “Fix Roads Only” proposals. A different way to fix the roads can be done!

Understandably, some won't agree with Mr. Wolkan and myself in our rejection of Proposal 1, but voters need to be informed what this proposal really is before they vote. Hopefully, most will not support Proposal 1.

Mike Sullivan  
Livonia

### Vote yes for Northville's future

On May 5, Northville Public Schools will ask local voters to approve a renewal of the sinking fund levy. In my mind, this is a win-win proposal for the schools and residents. As a resident, you will see no tax increase and the local schools will continue to see much needed updates to their buildings and infrastructure.

The 0.9978-mill levy renewal equates to approximately \$250 of tax on a \$500,000 home – and, unlike the regular school tax, all of the money is allocated to Northville Public Schools. We have all seen and are able to enjoy the improvements from the initial sinking fund levy:

parking lot and drainage upgrades at Amerman, a safer and more aesthetic entrance to our football stadium, energy-efficient heating and cooling enhancements and advances in technology throughout the district.

Our property values remain high in Northville and Novi due in large part to our strong public school system and it is important for us to support these local schools by maintaining our buildings, equipment and property.

I urge you to vote yes on the sinking fund proposal May 5, not just for our future leaders, but for our community as a whole.

Amy Storm  
Northville

### A misnomer

While reading about those religious laws that passed in Arkansas and Indiana and pending in Michigan, I noticed that the political backers are referred to as conservative Republicans. I find that term to be a bit of a misnomer. A conservative is mainly defined as a moderate. These people can no more be called a conservative than ISIS can be called a charitable organization.

So I suggest that in the future, the word conservative be replaced with any of the following: extremist, intolerant, loathing or just plain homophobic.

After all, just as some of the Michigan Republican National Committee members have expressed their hatred when preaching to a like-minded choir, they should wear the new title like a badge of honor.

James Huddleston  
Canton

## GUEST COLUMN

# Northville schools need your yes vote May 5

On behalf of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, I am asking school district voters to vote yes Tuesday, May 5, to renew the 0.9978-mill Building and Site Sinking Fund levy; the current levy expires Dec. 31.

A mill represents \$1 for every \$1,000 of the taxable value of your property and over the next five years will raise approximately \$2.5 million per year for repairs and maintenance of the district's buildings – all but three of which are 40 years old or older. Because this is a renewal of the district's current Sinking Fund millage, it will not result in a tax increase for Northville Public Schools' taxpayers.

In preparation for the Sinking Fund renewal request, the Board of Education recently



Cyndy Jankowski  
GUEST COLUMNIST

hired TMP Architecture, Inc., to perform a facility assessment, based on criteria set forth by the board to evaluate and prioritize the most pressing projects where these funds would do the most good. The board's criteria include:

- » Enhance safety and security.
- » Improve classroom learning.
- » Improve energy-efficiency and reduce costs.
- » Keep buildings operational.

A detailed list of anticipated projects presented under the categories above and designed

for each building can be found at [www.northvilleschools.org](http://www.northvilleschools.org).

Passage of this renewal levy is critical to the district and the community for several reasons.

First, it keeps taxpayer dollars in Northville. This levy is assessed on taxpayer property within the district and is not shared with any other district from the county or state.

Second, the \$12.5 million raised over the next five years will allow projects to be completed without expending General Fund monies, which would hamper the district's ability to accomplish its core mission of instruction and student learning. Targeted projects will provide enhanced learning opportunities, enabling students to learn and grow in a safe, secure and healthy environment.

And lastly, protecting the community's investment in our buildings will ultimately attract new residents to Northville, as well as retain our current community members. Newcomers not only desire strong academic opportunities, but buildings that are inviting and welcoming for their children.

Over the past 10 years,

dwindling foundation allowance allocations from the state have necessitated funding alternatives such as this Sinking Fund renewal. Since 2005, the district's foundation allowance has decreased from \$8,224 per pupil to \$8,099.

Without even a consideration for inflation on the part of the state, the district continues to do more with less. And without a clear-cut picture of any future increases from the governor, House or Senate perspective, this Sinking Fund renewal is our best opportunity to keep the current level of academic, athletic and art programs now enjoyed by more than 7,000 district students.

The Board of Education is grateful for your continued support of our student learners and is committed to providing transparent oversight of your tax dollars as we plan and implement these much-needed Sinking Fund projects based on the criteria outlined above.

Board of Education members are happy to discuss the renewal levy with you via the phone numbers listed on the Northville Public Schools website, noted previously.

For more information about the Sinking Fund renewal, including a detailed list of

anticipated projects and answers to frequently asked questions, go to the district website at [www.northvilleschools.org](http://www.northvilleschools.org). Community members may also review the projects completed with the initial Sinking Fund levy, consistent with what was communicated prior to the election in May 2011.

You also can share your questions and comments with district officials via email at [nps@northvilleschools.org](mailto:nps@northvilleschools.org). Those seeking to lend their support to the renewal effort are encouraged to contact the Citizens Committee for Northville Schools through its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/VoteYesForNPS](http://www.facebook.com/VoteYesForNPS) or at [www.voteyesnps.org](http://www.voteyesnps.org).

I and my fellow Board of Education members (Scott Craig, vice president; Jim Mazurek, secretary; Matt Wilk, treasurer; and trustees Roland Hwang, Ann Kaloss and Adam Phelps) will be voting yes May 5 for the millage renewal proposal, Building and Sinking Fund tax levy for Northville Public Schools. May we count on your yes vote, too?

Cyndy Jankowski is president of the Northville Board of Education. She can be reached at 248-348-1539.

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# Arbor Day: Planting trees, rebuilding communities, restoring hope

As the nation celebrates Arbor Day (April 24), let's reflect on the value of trees and highlight the important ability of trees to restore hope, bring healing and lift spirits following natural disasters. Trees are vital to successful, long-term recovery efforts – from a critical conservation recovery perspective and also when considering the emotional healing and recovery of people and the fabric of a community.

Trees bring hope and healing, raising the spirits of residents who suffered the loss of their cherished trees. Many shared a similar sentiment as that of the good people of Mississippi.



**Dan Lambe**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

When asked why he came for the trees, one resident responded, "So I can bring life back."

Trees serve many purposes. They are very much a part of the fabric of life and of the community. Trees provide both physical and emotional landmarks – marking childhood adventures, romantic walks and lazy Saturday afternoon picnics, among others. Trees evoke memories and help to establish a sense of place, meaning and belonging. Putting trees

into people's hands following loss serves to lift spirits, restore hope and help to begin the healing process. This Arbor Day, it is important that we recognize that trees are vital infrastructure just like our roads and our bridges.

Disasters, such as wildfires, tornadoes, windstorms and floods, wreak havoc upon both our physical and emotional landscapes. The comfort and security – the sense of place provided by our trees – is dramatically altered and sometimes even erased. New trees bring hope and are part of the holistic recovery of a community following a natural disaster.

After Superstorm

Sandy, residents of New Jersey experienced first-hand the hope and healing brought forth by new trees. One said, "More and more communities are engaged. We are on the road to recovering our precious tree canopy, one tree at a time."

The need for an orchestrated disaster response that includes providing new trees to communities in need is today more important than ever due to increased threats of severe storms and wildfires. When natural disasters strike, our partners on the ground, including state foresters across the nation, are poised to respond and ready to provide new trees through the generous support of our caring members and partners. The 2015 Community Tree Recovery campaigns are visible across

the country in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington. Trees are part of the recovery process. Together, we can continue to bring life back through trees.

In Texas, a local official helped plant new trees to replace trees lost in the devastating 2011 wildfires. He said, "As we plant these trees, we're helping people to know that life goes on and things can be restored."

Arbor Day reminds us all to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

Let's continue to plant trees whose benefits will be enjoyed not only by us, but also by our nation's children and grandchildren.

This Arbor Day, let's appreciate the trees for their important role in

helping to establish a sense of place, meaning and belonging; for serving as both physical and emotional landmarks that define important milestones along life's journey; and for being so seamlessly, intricately woven deeply into the rich fabric of our life and our community.

Please join me and thousands of others as we continue to work directly with our state forestry leaders on the ground to put trees into people's hands following the loss caused by natural disasters, so that we may lift spirits, restore hope and help to begin the healing process.

Dan Lambe is the president of the Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1972, the centennial of the first Arbor Day observance. For more information, go to [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

## Assistance can be simply a phone call away for those in need

Although the calendar says spring has arrived, cold weather continues to plague Michigan residents. We know many people may be worried about having enough money to pay their energy bills and want you to know help is available.

First, we encourage people to call 2-1-1, so callers can explain their situation and learn where to find help. Michigan 2-1-1 is a free, confidential service that connects you with local community-based organizations across the state offering thousands of different programs and services for people seeking help. It is the single best phone call you can make to find assistance, whether it is for energy bills, medical assistance, veterans/military affairs, free tax preparation, transportation and other needs.



**Whitney Skeans**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Help from 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year and online at [www.mi211.org](http://www.mi211.org).

Because we care for the Michigan communities and customers we serve, Consumers Energy provides long-term financial support to agencies and organizations associated with Michigan's 2-1-1 system, helping to ensure there's a strong lifeline to everyone in need.

We also encourage Consumers Energy customers who think they will have problems paying their energy bills to call 800-477-5050 so they can make payment arrangements.

Customers are urged to call before they fall



**Tom Page**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

behind on payments. Getting help early is the best way to stay safe and in control of your energy costs.

More information about other programs and services can be found on the Consumers Energy website, [www.consumersenergy.com/assistance](http://www.consumersenergy.com/assistance).

Again, we want to encourage those who need assistance with energy bills or other needs to reach out and contact 2-1-1, Consumers Energy or your local utility. Help is available and we're here to help.

Tom Page is the executive director of Michigan 2-1-1. Whitney Skeans is Consumers Energy's customer assistance manager.

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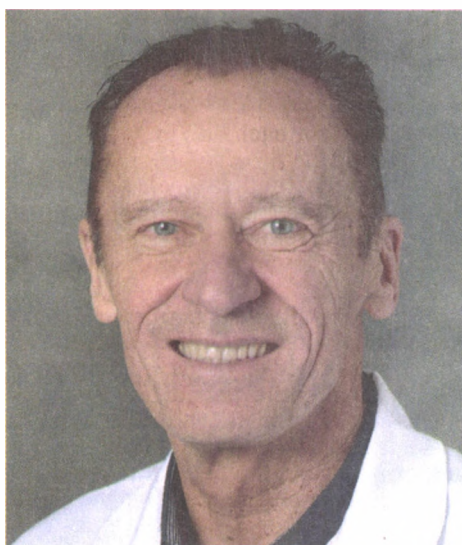
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# Group looks to combat phragmites problem

By Laura Colvin  
Staff Writer

In addition to choking out native plants, phragmites can also reduce property values, increase the risk of fire and damage infrastructure.

That was the message from a member of the Oakland Phragmites and Invasive Species Task Force, who spoke at a recent meeting of the Highland Township Board of Trustees.

According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, phragmites (pronounced frag-MY-teez) is a perennial, invasive type of grass that crowds native plants and animals out of wetlands and coastal areas with its tall, dense mass of reedy stalks. Phragmites is quite difficult to eradicate if treatment is not rendered properly; while the stalks can grow to 15 feet, 70-80 percent of the plant exists below ground in a mass of roots and rhizomes that grow 6-10 feet into the ground.

Although a native variety of phragmites does grow in Michigan, environmentalists warn the rapid spread of the invasive, non-native type threatens ecological health of inland lakes and wetlands, as well as the Great Lakes shoreline. Phragmites also blocks shoreline views and reduces access for swimming, fishing and hunting.

**Local perspective**  
OPIS representative Emily Cord Duthinh



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A car drives past an area consumed by the invasive phragmites across the street from Colasanti's on Milford Road.

spoke about the invasive plant and the group's ongoing efforts in other parts of the county to control the spread of phragmites.

She pointed to an example in Highland Township, highly visible across from Colasanti's Market where, on the opposite side of Milford Road, phragmites has crowded out much of the native plant life.

"Phragmites in a place like that harms the wildlife and changes the hydrology," Duthinh said. "You'll notice the flooding that's very frequent across the road; it dams up natural drainage and causes flooding and can also dry out wetlands as it builds up many feet of muck."

The OPIS Task Force, she said, was founded about three years ago in Independence Township by a group of citizens aimed at preserving the quality of Oakland County's lakes, streams and wetlands by protecting those waterways from invasive species.

The group aims to accomplish its mission in large part by empowering concerned citizens and government in Oakland County and beyond through education, advocacy and action.

"Phragmites and other invasive plants reduce property values and increase the risk of fires and other liabilities," Duthinh said, noting a fire at Great Lakes Crossing in 2012 that burned 160 acres, causing shutdown of the mall and I-75 as well as evacuation of nearby homes and businesses. "Phragmites burns very fast and very hot."

**Timing important**

Those who set out to treat phragmites should do the research first, but Duthinh said January through June is the best time to pre-cut or burn large infestations to get rid of dead biomass above ground.

"You cannot control phragmites by pulling it up or mowing it," Duthinh said. "Burning and cutting alone will not get

rid of it (either)." But good results can be obtained through a multi-faceted approach that includes cutting and burning in winter when the ground is frozen, making it easier to treat phragmites with a herbicide during the recommended period in August or September. An MDEQ permit is required for treating plants growing in water.

**Keep it simple**

Duthinh encourages local officials to consider an approach akin to that adopted in Orion Township, which recently became the first municipality in Oakland County to develop an ordinance aimed at controlling phragmites.

Orion, Duthinh explained, keeps the process simple for residents by obtaining a township-wide DEQ permit, hiring contractors to treat public properties and providing residents with information.

"If you tell a homeowner they need to identify invasive plants, find licensed qualified contractor, apply for a MDEQ permit ... it just sounds intimidating. It really is not that difficult, but it sounds intimidating," she said.

"If you tell them, 'It's all done for you, all you have to do is pay your portion, with a group discount,' that's easy. People are on board with that, especially since they're working with their neighbors."

Information about OPIS is available at oaklandphragmitestaskforce.com



WAYNE COUNTY  
The Wayne County Sheriff Department's Marine Patrol covers Belleville Lake.

# Boating safety tips a timely spring message

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

As temperatures warm and boaters head to local waters, Sgt. Mike Wasil, who heads the Marine Patrol for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, offers some safety tips.

The law has changed when it comes to alcohol use and operating a boat, Wasil said: "It's kind of changed to mirror the alcohol driving laws."

For boaters, 0.08 percent is now the level used in law enforcement arrests. "There's not really an impaired anymore," Wasil said. "At 0.08, you are legally intoxicated."

"It's always best if you have a designated driver. The law doesn't say they can't drink on a boat, he noted, so long as the 0.08

threshold isn't crossed. The wave impact and beating sun affects boaters who are drinking. "It does add to the effects," he said. Wayne County sees its share of intoxicated boaters each season.

The other key area in boating safety is personal flotation devices, which older boaters may recall as life jackets. The law says for boats less than 16 feet, you must have a PFD for everybody on board, either wearable or throwable (such as a seat cushion or life ring).

"On that one, we would recommend a wearable for everybody. Kids under 6 have to wear them when they're on the open part of the boat," Wasil said.

For boats 16 feet and up, you must have a wearable PFD for all on board, as well as one throwable for all. "The PFDs have to be sized for the people on the boat," Wasil said, noting adult sizes will slide off children in an emergency and be dangerous.

Some boaters add a whistle to their PFDs, so those who fall overboard can alert the boat operator. "It's a good idea," Wasil said. "It's not required by law."

There are even small strobes that can be put on a PFD for safety.

"That's usually your big factors for accidents and drownings," Wasil said of alcohol use and lack of PFDs on boats.

Last year, Wayne County saw two drownings on Belleville Lake, as well as one on the Rouge River near the Henry Ford mansion. In the Grosse Pointes, a fisherman drowned in 2014 after apparently falling overboard. Another drowning death occurred from a jet-ski accident later in the season by Gibraltar.

PFD use is mandated on jet skis, Wasil said: "They're made to go in pretty shallow water. It's just knowing where to go."

Some jet-ski users have trouble when they jump boat wakes, "which can lead to accidents," he said.

The PFDs should always be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and Wasil cautions parents against using the children's arm "floaties," especially on boats.

He and his unit patrol the full Detroit River, part of Lake St. Clair and a couple of miles south into Lake Erie to the border with Canada. Belleville Lake is its only inland lake.

"We do go up and down the Huron River," which has fishermen and other recreational users, he said. The Rouge is less used by such people.

The unit has about five staffers, plus six reserves, for its work. The sheriff's department works with U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as well as partnering with Brownstown Township police.

"It makes it easier to cover stuff by being able to partner with the other agencies," Wasil said.

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BOYS GOLF

## Wildcats get 2nd place in Kensington pre-tourney

Northville earns fourth on tough weather day

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Conditions were less than ideal during Monday's KLAA Kensington Conference boys golf pre-season tournament held at the par-72 Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

And it was Plymouth which was able to manage the whipping winds and occasional rain to earn 11 conference points with a four-player total of 322, nipping host Novi (324) by just two strokes.

Canton placed third with 336, while Northville captured fourth with 341, followed by South Lyon (347), Livonia Stevenson (353), Salem (357), Livonia Churchill (361), South Lyon East (369), Livonia Franklin (394), Westland John Glenn (493) and Wayne Memorial (523).

Churchill's Sam Spayd took medalist honors with 71.

Leading Plymouth was junior Kyle Kozler, who registered 77, good for third overall. Other scorers for the Wildcats included Andrew Lloyd, fifth (79); Justin Kapke, seventh (81); and Connor Zydeck (85).

Novi got a runner-up finish from Bryan Fegert, who fired 76, followed by Ryan Welch, fourth (78); Mikey Ulle, tied ninth (82); and Erik Czekaj (88).

Billy Ulle (tied for 30th) and Connor Howell (tied for 43rd) rounded out Novi's contingent with 91 and 96, respectively.

"The boys played extremely well in very inclement weather," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "The team is in good position for the conference standings because they earned 10 points with their performance."

Northville's top scorers were Akhil Alluri, tied for seventh (81); Abhi Alluri, tied for 14th (85); Jacob Pierce, tied for 17th (86); and Daniel McKee, tied for 26th (89).

Jon Stott (31st) added 92 and Kyle Abraham (tied for 34th) shot 95.

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Novi's Bryan Fegert, who was runner-up with 76, attempts a putt during Monday's Kensington Conference pre-tourney at Walnut Creek C.C.

GIRLS SOCCER

## Mustangs foil upset bid with second-half score



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Northville's Kelly McHugh (right) gets to the ball slightly ahead of Stevenson's Kennedy Thurlow in a KLAA Central Division clash.

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It was almost elementary, but Northville did a better job of connecting the dots during the second half in its 2-1 KLAA Central Division soccer victory April 16 over Livonia Stevenson.

The defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion broke a 1-1 deadlock with just 10:28 left in the match when senior Kelly McHugh, taking a feed

### McHugh's late goal secures 2-1 victory over Stevenson

from sophomore Sydney Schembri, was able to deposit a shot past Stevenson junior goalkeeper Hannah Reamer for the game-winner.

"The second goal is the kind of stuff we talked about at halftime ... learning to get out of the long ball stuff and play

a little bit more with 10-, 12-yard passes," said Northville coach Eric Brucker, whose team improved to 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the KLAA Central. "They strung good passes together and she finished. I don't really know why their goalie came out so far, so fast, but we took advantage of it. That's a 'W,' a division win."

Upset-minded Stevenson (2-3-1, 0-2-1)

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GIRLS TENNIS

## Mustangs girls capture important quad

Top-ranked Northville takes six of eight flights at Grosse Pointe South

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Talk about holding serve. That was the story Saturday as Northville maintained its No. 1 girls tennis ranking in Division 1 by capturing the Grosse Pointe South Quad while upending the No. 2 and defending state champion Blue Devils, 22-18.

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep rounded out the field in third and fourth place, respectively.

"This is an exciting start to the sea-

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LINDA JONES

The No. 1-ranked Northville girls tennis team captured Saturday's Grosse Pointe South Quad with a team-high 22 points.

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## GIRLS LACROSSE ROUNDUP



DWIGHT HANSELL

Northville goalie Gabby Goree (middle) makes a save late in the match surrounded by fellow defenders Paige Chapman (5) Shayla Crouteau (37) Anastasia Heath-Sheppard (9) in Friday's 13-6 win over Harrison.

# Northville extends winning streak to 10

The win streak continued Monday night for the Northville girls lacrosse squad.

The Mustangs made it 10 straight and 4-0 in the KLAA's Kensington Conference with a 10-9 victory over host South Lyon Unified in a match at South Lyon East.

Grace Guibord and Liz Hansell each scored three goals, while Sarah Chase, Audrey Tatge, Ally Blough and Emma Dietrich chipped in with one apiece as Mustangs held off a late South Lyon rally in the final quarter after leading 9-5.

"The team played with a lot of heart," said Northville first-year coach Amanda Asher, whose team was tied 5-all at halftime. "Our best offense was our defense. They communicated well and that was definitely the game."

"We were super-pumped up after the half and we got four goals," Asher said. "They got it to within one goal late, but we hung tough and played defense. We won the draw and our defense intercepted. I couldn't be happier right now."

Goalie Gabby Goree made 10 saves. The loss dropped South Lyon to 5-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

**NOVI 15, SALEM 10:** Gina Salemi and Morgan Statzyny each scored a pair of goals Monday as the Wildcats (7-1, 2-1) pulled away in the second half for a KLAA Kensington Conference win at home against the Rocks.

Katie McMaster, Alanna Clark and Willow Guenther each added two goals, while Rachel Bayer had one as Novi outscored Salem 10-7 in the second half after leading 5-3 at halftime.

Mariah Smythe and Sydney Davis split time in goal for Novi. **NORTHVILLE 13, HARRISON 6:** Senior Grace Guibord scored six goals and added one assist as Mustangs (9-0) continued their winning ways with a non-conference win over Farmington Hills Harrison at Tom Holzer Field.

"I'm proud of them, they hit the ground running and it worked out well for us," Northville coach Amanda Asher said.

Other offensive contributions for the Mustangs came from Emma Dietrich (three goals); Audrey Tatge (one goal, three assists); Liz Hansell (two goals, one assist); and Charlotte Beaudoin (one goal).

Goalie Gabby Goree made 10 saves. The chippy game ended on a sour note as one player from each team was ejected for fighting, according to Asher.

**NOVI 17, SKYLINE 6:** Whitney Guenther scored six goals April 16, while Alanna Clark and Gina Salemi added four each as the Wildcats (6-1) bounced back from their first setback of the season with a lopsided non-conference win at Ann Arbor Skyline. Morgan Statzyny and Katie McMaster each chipped in two goals, while Mina Cunnulaj and Jenna Mikkelsen added one apiece.

Mariah Smythe and Sydney Davis split time in goal for Novi. **NORTHVILLE 16, WALLED LAKE 7:** Grace Guibord collected three goals and three assists as the Mustangs (8-0, 3-0) rolled to a KLAA Kensington Conference victory over host Walled Lake United at Western High School.

The Mustangs also got a hat trick from Liz Hansell and two goals apiece from Ally Brough and Emma Dietrich. Other goal scorers included Maren Simonte, Audrey Tatge, Shannon Leary, Sarah Chase and Charlotte Beaudoin.

The Mustangs also got seven saves from goalie Gabby Goree, outscored Walled Lake United 8-3 in the second half after leading 8-4 at intermission.

"We woke up in the second half and played to win, so overall it was a good performance," said Northville coach Amanda Asher, whose team has outscored its opponents 15-56 this season after finishing with a 1-13 record a year ago.

**SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 11, NOVI 10 (2 OTS):** Host South Lyon Unified (5-1, 3-0) tallied the lone goal during the second overtime April 15 to hand the Wildcats (5-1, 1-1) their first setback in a KLAA Kensington Conference encounter.

Morgan Statzyny scored five goals, while Alanna Clark added two for the Wildcats. Other Novi goal scorers included Willow Guenther, Gina Salemi and Katie McMaster.

Goalie Mariah Smythe made seven saves for Novi, which went a player down during the final 24 minutes after accumulating four cards. (South Lyon picked up two cards.)

"The game was heavily carded, even though it was not at all rough," Novi coach Amy Kilgore said. "I was incredibly proud of the effort and integrity of my team. It was an emotionally charged game and they were a class act."

J.T. Lyon, Ian Patterson, Ryan Moore, Griffin Sparling and Nathan Tu also added goals for Novi, which led 6-1 at intermission.

Novi goalies Dan Savelle (first half) and

## BOYS LACROSSE ROUNDUP

# Northville stymies South Lyon Unified

Novi keeps pace in conference race

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Northville boys lacrosse squad is back on a roll again.

The Mustangs made it five straight wins Monday with a 14-4 KLAA Kensington Conference victory at South Lyon Unified.

Senior Alec Melucci continued his torrid scoring paced with six goals and three assists as Northville improved to 7-3 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

Connor Sweeney added three goals and an assist, while Brennan Sweeney, Harry Dyson, A.J. Batshon, Brendan Hicks and Daniel Baldwin also tallied a goal apiece.

Josh Bentley also finished with three assists, while Brennan Sweeney added two as Northville pulled away from a 5-3 halftime lead.

Goalie Alex Justice finished with 10 saves.

Dave DiRado had three goals, while Kameron Rakowski had a goal and assist for South Lyon (5-3, 1-2).

"I was shocked at how well we played," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "It was closer than we wanted. But we were able to get separated and we really played well the second half. Won won face-offs and ground balls. Defensively, Connor Wright was all over the field and picked up six ground balls. It was a good win for us."

**NOVI 10, SALEM 5:** Anthony Zugaro scored three goals and Michael Werth added a pair Monday as the Wildcats (7-2, 4-0) stayed atop the KLAA's Kensington Conference with a victory over the host Rocks (4-5, 0-4) at Centennial Educational Park.

J.T. Lyon, Ian Patterson, Ryan Moore, Griffin Sparling and Nathan Tu also added goals for Novi, which led 6-1 at intermission.

Novi goalies Dan Savelle (first half) and



STEPHANIE JANCZAK

Northville's Alec Melucci (left) and Connor Sweeney (right) are able to cause a turnover against a Clarkston attacker in Saturday's 10-9 overtime win.

Peter Minor (second half) combined for 11 saves.

"It was a good team effort tonight," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said. "Everyone played and had an impact on the game. The defense again played strong, shutting down their top players Noal Weller and Joey Krause to a goal apiece."

**NORTHVILLE 10, CLARKSTON 9 (OT):** Paul Lindow tallied the game-winning goal in overtime Saturday as the host Mustangs (6-3) edged the Wolves (2-4) in a non-league match played at Tom Holzer Field.

Senior Alec Melucci finished with a team-high six goals, while Lindow and Harry Dyson added two apiece for the Mustangs, who captured their fourth straight.

Brennan Sweeney, who assisted on the game-winner, contributed a goal and two assists. Josh Bentley, Connor Sweeney and Melucci also drew assists.

Cole Phillips and Austin Egler tallied three goals apiece for the Wolves.

**DETROIT CC 14, ST. ANDREW'S 9:** Rocco Mularoni notched four goals, while Zach Crawford contributed a hat trick Saturday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-3) downed host St. Andrew College (5-4) in a non-league match in Aurora, Ontario.

The Shamrocks used three different goalies — Hunter Braun, Mickey Williams and Jonathon Phillips — in the victory. **NOVI 10, HOWELL 9:** The Wildcats (6-2) got the game-winning goal from Luke Gulau with only 33 seconds left Friday off an assist from teammate Ryan Moore to beat the visiting Highlanders (4-4).

"We ran a normal set play and we ran it to perfection," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said.

Senior Michael Werth paced the Wildcats with four goals, while Griffin Sparling and Gulau added two each. Tyler Graver and Moore added one each as Novi overcame a 9-6 fourth-quarter deficit.

"Our defense as a whole played really well," said Hoffman, who also singled out the efforts of Tommy McMaster, Jimmy Hole and Nick Meadors. "If we can continue to keep teams under 10 goals like we've been doing, we're going to have a great chance to win just about every time."

**ST. MICHAEL'S 11, DETROIT CC 8:** Zach Crawford scored three goals Friday, but it wasn't enough as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (6-3) had its six-match winning streak snapped by host St. Michael's (12-1) in a matched played in Toronto.

Nick Capatina also added two goals for the Shamrocks, who were tied 6-6 at intermission.

Senior Mickey Williams went all the way in goal for CC.

**NORTHVILLE 13, W.L. WESTERN 7:** It wasn't a thing of beauty as far as Greg Durham was concerned, but the Northville coach came away satisfied with the outcome April 15 as the Mustangs (5-3, 3-0) beat Walled Lake Western (4-2, 0-1) at Holzer Field, their third straight victory.

The Mustangs got two goals and two assists from Josh Bentley, while other offensive standouts included Brennan Sweeney (two goals, one assist); Alec Melucci (two goals), Connor Sweeney (two goals), A.J. Batshon (two goals), Harry Dyson and Anthony Salamone (one goal each).

"We did not play our best and came out a little flat," said Durham, whose team led 5-2 at halftime. "We were not too good on ground balls, but we prevailed and it's win."

David Morrissey, who went 9-for-9 on face-offs, teamed up with Nate Holloway and Spencer Gondas to dominate the draws they combined for 21-3 advantage.

Goalie Alex Justice made eight saves in the victory.

C.J. McGorisk tallied three goals and two assists, while Murphy Nye added a hat trick and one assist for the Warriors.

**NOVI 8, SOUTH LYON 6:** Anthony Zugaro and Ryan Moore each scored twice leading the Wildcats (5-2, 3-0) to a KLAA Kensington Conference win April 15 at home over South Lyon Unified (5-2, 2-1).

Other goal scorers for Novi, who tallied all eight of their goals in the second half, included J.T. Lyon, Michael Werth, Griffin Sparling and Patrick Wojtyla.

"We were down 3-0 at halftime, but we were still in it because of our defense," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said. "Our goalie Dan Savelle played well and our defense as a whole played well, guys like Tommy McMaster, Jimmy Hole and Nick Meadors, along with our long sticks Quinn Hanley and Niko Camalotti. When we play good lacrosse, we're tough to beat."

David DiRado tallied three goals for South Lyon.

**DETROIT CC 7, U-D JESUIT 4:** Cole

Gingell tallied a pair of goals April 15 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (6-2, 3-0) captured its sixth straight victory with a Catholic League Division 1 victory at University of Detroit-Jesuit (4-5, 2-2).

Other CC goal scorers included Justin Baker, Collin Burgin and Joe Sullivan. Hunter Braun went the distance in goal, while Alex Jarzembovski went 13-of-15 on face-offs.

"There were 19 combined penalties, so it was difficult for either team to get some flow," CC coach Dave Wilson said.

## GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

# Riley's hat trick lifts Wildcats to 8-0 victory

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Junior Megan Riley notched a hat trick April 16 to tame South Lyon, 8-0, in a KLAA Central Division girls soccer match.

The Wildcats, who improved to 4-0-1 overall and 3-0 in the division, jumped out to a 5-0 halftime advantage on goals by junior Chloe Allen (from junior Jessie Halmaghi); Halmaghi (from senior Amanda Minissale); Riley twice; and senior Christina MacMillian.

In the second half, Halmaghi notched her second of the night, followed by Riley's third and one from senior Devon Powers.

Sophomore Rileigh Nielson, getting her first varsity start, made one save to pick up the shutout.

The loss dropped the Lions to 0-5-1 overall and 0-3 in the KLAA Central.

**NOVI 2, STEVENSON 1:** Junior Chloe Allen tallied a pair of goals, including the game-winner with just eight minutes remaining to give host Wildcats (3-0-1, 2-0) a KLAA Central Division victory April 14 against Livonia Stevenson (2-2-2, 0-1-1) at Meadows Stadium.

"Overall, I thought we played hard and it was a great team win tonight," Novi interim coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "It definitely was not our best performance, but we knew coming into the game it is always

tough when you play that first game after spring break and there has been so much time off."

Novi opened the scoring in the first five minutes of the game when junior Megan Riley redirected the ball behind the Spartans' defense to Allen, who collected the ball, dribbled in and slipped it past the oncoming Stevenson goalkeeper.

But just 20 minutes later, Stevenson tied the game off a corner kick from junior Alia Basierbe to Jessie Wagner.

The score remained 1-1 until the 72-minute mark, when Novi senior midfielder Devon Powers played a beautiful one-time pass between two Stevenson defenders to a cutting Allen, who perfectly placed shot into the right side of the net.

"Technically we were a little off today, which led to quite a few unforced turnovers," Pfeiffer said. "Stevenson is a very good team that plays very well together, so going forward we need to do a better job of protecting the ball and keeping more possession. It was nice to get the win tonight even, when we did not play our best, but we definitely have quite a few things to work on as we move forward in our season."

Junior goalkeeper Aasha Dharia picked up her fourth win of the season, making three saves for the Wildcats, who outshot the Spartans 11-8, including 5-4 with shots on goal.

"I thought senior midfielder Devon Powers did a nice job for us tonight, as well as freshman defender Mikayla Lynch, who made her first start tonight and did a nice job against the quick and talented Stevenson forwards," Pfeiffer said.

**NORTHVILLE 1, S.P.L. EAST 0:** It took a while, but the Mustangs (5-1, 2-0) got into the swing of things during its April 14 KLAA Central Division encounter with South Lyon East (2-1, 0-1-1). "We were a little rusty after 10 days off," said Northville coach Eric Brucker, whose team last played a match April 1. "The first half was some pretty ugly soccer. East generated some quality chances late in the half and was really in control of the game."

In the second half, the Mustangs increased the pressure on the Cougars' back line and it finally paid off with 28 minutes left as senior Kelly McHugh tracked down a pass deep in the left-hand corner, beat a defender and played a cross in front of the East goal for freshman Kendall Dillon, who was waiting on the back post and placed a one-touch shot into the back of the net for the game-winner.

Senior goalkeeper Emily Mareah, who recorded four saves, notched her fifth shutout of the year.

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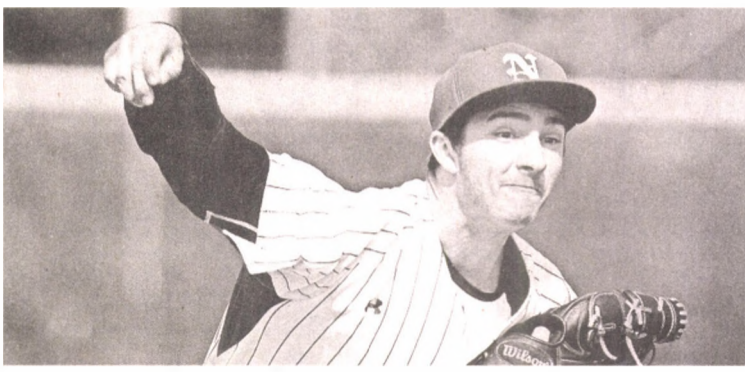
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KLAA BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# Novi bats go silent against Canton, 5-2

By Brad Emons  
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Novi starter Adam Tobias throws toward the plate in a loss to Canton in a Kensington Conference crossover game.

Offensive production was lacking Friday for the Novi baseball team, which fell to visiting Canton in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover game, 5-2.

The Chiefs, who improved to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the KLAA's South Division, got a strong pitching performance from Noah Spencer, who went the first six innings to pick up the victory. Spencer allowed two earned runs on five hits and three walks while striking out two. Mitchell Zelenak pitched a scoreless seventh to pick up the save.

Mike Flaishans knocked in two runs, while Spencer added two hits and scored another run as Canton put it the game way with two in the top of the fifth inning after leading 3-2.

"It was not a good day for us hitting-wise," said Novi coach Rick Green, whose team slipped to 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the KLAA Central Division. "We're not getting quality at-bats. We're around 40 percent and that's not going to cut it. We also hit into two double plays after getting the lead-off guy on."

Losing pitcher Adam Tobias allowed five runs (three

earned) on seven hits and three walks over 4 1/3 innings. Reliever Jack Reilly closed the door over the final 2 1/3, allowing just two walks while fanning two. The Wildcats committed three errors.

Scott Beaton and Alec Bageris each had an RBI for the Wildcats, while Michael Mitchell went 1-for-3 and scored a run.

**NOVI 9, PLYMOUTH 9 (SUSPENDED):** In a KLAA Kensington crossover Monday, play was suspended with two outs and no runners on in the bottom of the seventh inning because of darkness and will be completed at a later date.

Novi (5-4, 2-1 KLAA Central) led 4-3 after six innings and scored five times in the top of the seventh to take a 9-3 lead only to have Plymouth (7-4, 3-1 KLAA South) answer with six runs in the bottom of the seventh after a costly Novi throwing error led to the final two runs.

Top hitters for Novi included Jack Reilly (3-for-4,

two RBIs); Jason Pastoor (2-for-4, three RBIs); and Michael Mitchell (solo homer in the first inning).

Plymouth was led by Pete Carravallah (3-for-4, run); Cameron Stella (2-for-4, two runs, two RBIs); and Andrew Jossey (2-for-4, two RBIs, run).

Kyle Wolter started for Plymouth, going the first six innings, allowing four earned runs on five hits and four walks. Regan Fleisher came on in the seventh and allowed five runs on four hits and a walk.

Novi starter Jack Colliau went the first 5 1/3 innings allowing two earned runs on six hits and a pair of walks. Reliever Alec Bageris was charged with five earned runs on four hits and two walks.

Novi committed a total of six errors, while Plymouth had two.

**NORTHVILLE 20, WAYNE 0 (3 innings):** The Mustangs (7-0, 4-0 KLAA Central) took advantage of 11 walks Friday en route to a Kensington Conference crossover victory against visiting Wayne Memorial (2-5, 0-4).

Kevin Morrissey, Willie Yanag, Nick Zalewski and Steve Grosz each had two RBIs as Northville scored eight times in the first inning, followed by 12 in the second to invoke the 15-run mercy rule after three innings.

Zach Prystash, the winning pitcher, allowed one hit over two innings, while Chris Dunn pitched a scoreless third.

**NORTHVILLE 12-6, SALEM 0-0:** The Mustangs

(6-0, 3-0) proved to be the king of the hill April 15, posting back-to-back shutouts to down the host Rocks (5-4, 2-2) in a KLAA Central Division doubleheader.

Northville senior left-hander Evan Flohr, who was locked in a pitching duel with Salem's Tyler Brooks through seven innings, had seven strikeouts while allowing just two hits and two walks.

The Mustangs then exploded for 12 runs in the top of the eighth after a Salem error opened the floodgates.

Jack Ernst delivered a two-run single during the surge, while Dugan Darnell, Chris Dunn, Kevin Morrissey, Tyler Lowe and Flohr also came through with RBI singles.

David Dillon then pitched a scoreless eighth to close out the 12-0 victory.

"After struggling most of the game offensively, we really put together some quality at-bats in the eighth to break it open," Northville coach John Kostreza said.

In Game 2, Ian Borthwick tossed a four-hitter. Borthwick struck out three and walked only one over seven innings.

Top hitters for the Mustangs included Darnell (2-for-4, two RBIs); Steve Grosz (2-for-3, two RBIs); Zach Prystash (two RBIs) and Kevin O'Connell (2-for-3).

**S.L. EAST 3-1, NOVI 1-8:** Scott Beaton went 3-for-3 with two RBIs April 15 as the host Wildcats (5-4, 2-1) gained a split of their KLAA Central Division doubleheader by winning the nightcap against South Lyon East (1-2, 1-2).

Also chipping in for Novi was Jack Colliau (2-for-3, two RBIs), Michael Mitchell (2-for-3, run) and winning pitcher Alec Bageris (RBI).

Bageris, a sophomore right-hander, went the first six innings, allowing one earned run on three hits and two walks. He struck out six before Jack Reilly came out to close the game in the seventh with a pair of strikeouts.

East captured the opener as winning pitcher Evan Eisler helped his own cause going 3-for-3 with an RBI. Eisler worked the first six innings, allowing two hits and a pair of walks.

Brendan Wexler, who went 2-for-2 with a walk, scored on a wild pitch to cut the deficit to 3-1, but the Wildcats were unable to score any more runs despite leading the bases with no outs.

East reliever Zachary Powers gave up a hit, but struck out two to close out the win and earn the save.

Colliau, the losing pitcher, went the first six innings. He allowed one earned run on five hits and four walks and four strikeouts. Beaton gave up two earned runs in relief on two hits and a walk.

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# Shamrocks earn sweep against Divine Child

Novi Detroit Catholic Central earned its first doubleheader baseball sweep of the season Saturday at Dearborn Divine Child to improve its overall record 5-8 overall and 4-6 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Jack Hintze paced CC's 10-0 win in Game 1 as he allowed just three hits and a walk, while striking out five in the mercy rule victory.

Hintze also led the offense with three hits and an RBI, while Justin Green added two hits and two RBI. Anthony Esser also knocked in three runs.

In Game 2, Jaret Robson's delivered a key two-run single as the Shamrocks prevailed in 12 innings, 5-2.

Luke Hargis pitched the first seven innings, allowing just two runs on five hits and three walks while fanning three.



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Catholic Central's Mike Toth makes contact at the plate in a victory over Livonia Stevenson.

Grant Hartwig came on to pitch the final five innings and earn the victory, allowing no runs on one hit and striking out four. He also collected four hits, while Jarod Luomala had

three stolen bases.

Josh Hejka went the first 10 innings for Divine Child and pitched a gem. He allowed no earned runs on just seven hits and three walks, while fanning nine.

Danny Blade and Scott Combs each had two hits for the Falcons (4-5 Central Division).

**PARKWAY 5, FRANKLIN ROAD 4:** Senior Kyle Harris belted a grand slam in the fifth inning April 16, but visiting Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (4-0, 2-0) battled back for a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division baseball win over Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-2, 0-2).

Harris gave Franklin Road a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the fifth with his bases-loaded homer. Matt Lorey and Evan Lorey also collected hits for the Warriors.

Losing pitcher Shaun Moore went six innings, allowing three runs, but only one was earned.

**ST. MARY'S 5-3, DETROIT CC 0-0:** Host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3-8, 2-6) came up empty in both ends of a Catholic League Central Division doubleheader April 15 against Orchard Lake St. Mary's (10-5, 5-3).

Scott Grant shut down the Shamrocks on just two hits over seven innings in the opener. Grant walked three and struck out six to outduel CC's Sean Garcia, who also went the distance, giving up three earned runs on four hits while fanning six.

In the nightcap, Grant Hartwig was the hard-luck losing pitcher for CC. He went all seven innings allowing no earned runs on three hits. He struck out

five and did not allow a walk. He held the Eagles to one hit over the final six innings.

Greg Loukinen, the winning pitcher, went the first five innings striking out seven, while allowing just one hit and two walks.

**PARKWAY 3, FRANKLIN ROAD 1:** It came down to a classic pitching duel April 14 as defending Division 4 regional champion Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (2-0, 1-0) edged visiting Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-1, 0-1) in a MIAC Blue Division game.

Andrew Manier, a transfer from Southfield Christian, allowed only one hit over seven innings to earn the victory.

Senior Parker Bowman collected the only hit for Franklin Road.

Losing pitcher Gavin Harris also went the distance for Franklin Road as he allowed just three hits without a walk to go along with six strikeouts. He shut out the Eagles until the bottom of the sixth, when they struck for three unearned runs.

Harris scored the Warriors' lone run in the top half of the same inning, when he drew a walk, advanced to second on a stolen base and scored all the way from second on a fielder's choice to make it 1-0.

**DETROIT CC 8, STEVENSON 7:** Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3-6) roared out to a 6-0 lead April 14 against visiting Livonia Stevenson (2-3) before holding on.

Jordan Jenkins was the hero for the Shamrocks as he laced a game-winning, walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh inning to bring home Dante Toppi. Sam Hollenbeck earned the victory for CC after retiring the only batter he faced in the top of the seventh. Sean Garcia also threw two scoreless innings in relief.

Luke Hargis collected two hits as the Shamrocks scored six times in the third inning before Stevenson chipped away and tied it in the top of the seventh with a four-run rally.

PREP SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

# Novi suffers two big defeats following sweep

Freshman Whitney Holden went 2-for-4 with a game-ending double and a two-run homer to propel Plymouth to an 11-1 KLAA Kensington Conference softball win Monday over visiting Novi.

Brittney Miller also went 3-for-3 with a double and three RBIs as Plymouth improved to 8-1 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA's South Division.

Jenny Bressler was the winning pitcher, going all six innings. She allowed just five hits.

Sophomore pitcher Ally Cummings, who suffered the loss, gave up eight hits over six innings. She also collected two hits as Novi slipped to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in the KLAA's Central Division.

Meanwhile, Plymouth improved to 5-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAA South.

In Saturday's Farmington Hills Mercy Invitational, Novi

defeated Riverview, 11-5, as Madison Budde and Jamie Gutitus each collected three RBIs.

In the other game, host Mercy downed Novi, 8-2, as Ally Cummings and Casey Bawler each had an RBI, but a bases-loaded triple in the fifth inning snapped a 2-2 deadlock and led to a six-run uprising by the Marlins.

**CANTON 9, NOVI 0:** The Chiefs (4-0, 4-0) proved to be opportunistic Friday, getting some timely hitting while taking advantage of some miscues, to earn a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover triumph over the host Wildcats (5-1, 3-1).

The Chiefs led 1-0 after four innings before scoring three times in the fifth and five more in the sixth to hand Novi (5-1, 3-1 KLAA Central) its first setback of the season.

Hannah Zajdel and Elizabeth Yager each had two RBIs, while Halee Warren and Izzy Dawson added two hits apiece for the Chiefs.

Madison Budde collected two hits for Novi. Canton starter Mackenna Payne threw a complete-game four-hitter to earn the victory, while Novi starter Ally Cummings suffered the loss.

**NOVI 8-11, SOUTH LYON EAST 7-5:** The Wildcats (5-0, 3-0) picked up two victories April 15 by collecting a total of 25 hits to down visiting South Lyon East (0-3 KLAA Central) in a doubleheader.

Nicole Ireland went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, including a walk-off single with the bases loaded in

the bottom of the seventh to win the opener.

Other top hitters for the Wildcats included Megan Hrit (3-for-4, RBI); Hope Kapelanski (2-for-4, two RBIs); Maddy Brandenstein (2-for-4, RBI); and Ally Cummings (2-for-4, RBI).

Winning pitcher Madison Budde scattered 10 hits over seven innings to up her record to 2-0.

In the nightcap, Cummings went all seven innings, allowing six hits, to earn the victory. She also went 2-for-4 at the plate, while freshman Allison Purcell was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Hint also chipped in with two hits and an RBI.

**SALEM 5-15, NORTHVILLE 3-14:** In a KLAA Central Division doubleheader April 15, the host Rocks (3-0, 3-0) completed the sweep against the Mustangs (3-2, 1-2) by winning a wild second game that lasted 2 1/2 hours.

Northville, which fell in the opener, 5-3, trailed 12-5 heading into the top of the seventh in the nightcap before exploding for nine runs to take a 14-12 advantage.

But Salem rallied back for three in the bottom half of the inning. Back-to-back singles by Kara Hutchinson and Emily Stewart sparked the comeback. Abbie Riedel's RBI single then tied it. Two walks and a wild pitch later, the Rocks tallied the game-winning run.

Jamie Squires led Salem's 14-hit attack with three hits, including a pair of homers.

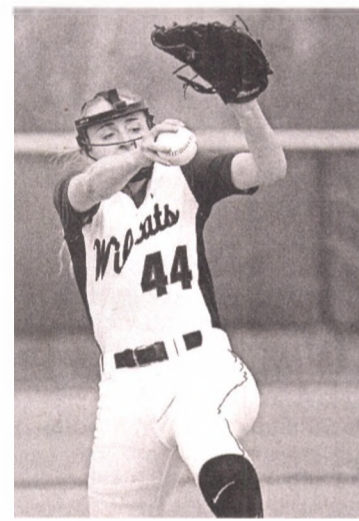
Ashley Schiffer went 3-for-4, highlighted by a fourth-inning homer, while losing pitcher Sarah Hige added two hits for Northville.

In Game 1, Megan Swart went 3-for-4, while Hige added two hits, but it wasn't enough as Northville starter Allison Zwiarka took the loss.

Mackenzie Kamm and Sara Moos also scored a run each for Northville.

Makyleigh Silverman went 3-for-4 to pace Salem.

**FRANKLIN ROAD 12, GREENHILLS 5:** Junior Hannah Rayburn went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and



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Novi sophomore pitcher Ally Cummings goes into her windup against Dexter.

senior Katie Larabell went 2-for-4 with two RBIs April 14 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (1-0, 1-0) defeated host Ann Arbor Greenhills in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division game.

Freshman Kayla Nannoshi went all seven innings, allowing just one earned run on four hits, as the Warriors defeated Greenhills for the first time in school history.

# TENNIS

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son," said Northville coach Linda Jones, whose team finished tied for third in last year's state finals. "Nine of the 12 players on the (South) roster were back for their final season. To post such an important victory will hopefully set the tone for the rest of the season." Northville captured two of four singles flights and swept all four doubles titles.

In singles, both Joanne Gao (No. 3) and Neha Chavas (No. 4) finished 3-0 on the day with Gao taking South's Madee Flournoy in three sets, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, while Chavas defeated South's Audrey Doherty also in three, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Grosse Pointe's Raven Neely captured No. 1 singles over Northville's Emma Worley, 6-3, 6-1, while Maddie Paolucci gave the Blue Devils their second crown at No. 2 singles,

## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS

#### NOVI 5, SOUTH LYON 4

##### April 15 at South Lyon

**No. 1 singles:** Erin Day (Novi) defeated Hannah Dean, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jessica Lyпка (Novi) def. Sarah Pluhetski, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Youna Lee (Novi) def. Sabrina Thrall, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 4:** Dhivya Sridar (Novi) def. Onnaeal Lach, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 1 doubles:** Colleen Barba-Amada Wandrie (SL) def. Morgan Krupic-Katie Valade, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6 (6-2); **No. 2:** Sam Martin-Katie Telder (Novi) def. Evyn Schafter-Meagan DeLuca, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Sarah Uratchko-Delaney McReil (SL) def. Meghan Kwederis-Zoiana Zhou, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 4:** Jade Wells-Bria Spalding (SL) def. Brittany O'Connell-Neha Raju, 6-0, 6-4; **No. 5:** Rachel Millis-Sarah Miller (SL) def. Riya Chhabra-Michiru Kanamori, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. **Dual match records:** Novi, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLAA Central.

### NORTHVILLE 9

#### SOUTH LYON EAST 0

##### April 14 at South Lyon East

**No. 1 singles:** Emmy Worley (N) defeated Megan Renahan, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Shanoli Kumar (N) def. Megan Shaffer, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Joanne Gao (N) def. Monika Sedik, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Neha Chava (N) def. Camille Cave, 6-0, 6-0. **No. 1 doubles:** Anika Mukherji-Reeshma Kumar (N) def. Breanna Keeney-Lea Fields, 6-0, 6-1;

**No. 2:** Claudia Ma-Paige Baal (N) def. Michelle Lucia Rinkel-Bridget Dolan, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Amelia Albanelli-Jordan Hermiz (N) def. Emily Plave-Grace Richwalsky, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Molly Bis-Sema Wang (N) def. Alyssa Petz-Chelsey Jenkins, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Brittany Maccadino-Lauren Fane (N) def. Bridget Dexter-Shelby Peterson, 6-0, 6-0. **Dual match records:** Northville, 3-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; S.L. East, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLAA Central.

### NOVI 8

#### LIVONIA STEVENSON 1

##### April 14 at Novi M.S.

**No. 1 singles:** Erin Day (N) defeated Sam Cyrus, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Allison Lollo (N) def. Jill Weiland, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; **No. 3:** Jessica Lyпка (N) def. Danielle Marzec, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Sasha Tretyakova (N) def. Molly Cormier, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1. **No. 1 doubles:** Dhivya Sridar-Youna (N) def. Sarah Morse-Army Donchenetz, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Shaika Khan-Sam Martin (N) def. Maddie Chimento-Natalie Hay, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Teja Mogasala-Carolyne Zhang (N) def. Clairessa Smith-Caitlyn McCamant, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 4:** Alyssa Ayyash-Allison Malkowski (LS) def. Katie Telder-Katie Hie, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 5:** Morgan Krupic-Katie Valade (N) def. Noel Hilert-Julia Seychel, 6-3, 6-2. **Dual match records:** Novi, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLAA Central.

and Kumar both finished 2-1 on the day.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP BASEBALL

#### Thursday, April 23

Detroit CC at Saline (2), 4 p.m.  
S'field Christian at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.

#### Friday, April 24

Franklin Rd. at Summit, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
Brighton at Northville (2), 11 a.m.  
DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 11 a.m.

#### Monday, April 27

Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Novi, 4 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 28

Luth. N'west at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 29

S.L. East at Northville (2), 4 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.  
Detroit CC at Brother Rice (2), 4 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 30

Detroit CC at Lakeland, 4 p.m.  
Franklin Rd. at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.

#### Friday, May 1

Franklin Road at Cranbrook, 4:30 p.m.  
Lake Orion at Northville (2), 11 a.m.  
Detroit CC at O.L. St. Mary (2), 11 a.m.

#### GIRLS SOFTBALL

##### Thursday, April 23

Birm. Seaholm at Novi, 4:30 p.m.  
Franklin Rd. at Macomb Christ., 4:30 p.m.

##### Friday, April 24

Strong Tower at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 25**  
Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA.

##### Monday, April 27

Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Franklin at Novi, 4:30 p.m.  
Bishop Foley at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.

##### Tuesday, April 28

Franklin Rd. at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

##### Wednesday, April 29

S.L. East at Northville (2), 4 p.m.  
Novi at Stevenson (2), 4 p.m.

##### Thursday, May 7

Northville at Mich. Stars, TBA.  
Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA.

##### Friday, May 8

Northville at Mich. Stars, TBA.  
Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA.

##### Saturday, May 9

Northville at Mich. Stars, TBA.  
Novi at Anchor Bay Inv., TBA.

##### Monday, April 27

Northville at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
Salem at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.

##### Tuesday, April 28

Northville at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.

##### Wednesday, April 29

Canton at Northville (Holzer), 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Novi, 7 p.m.

##### Thursday, May 7

West Bloomfield at Novi, 7 p.m.

##### Friday, May 8

West Bloomfield at Novi, 7 p.m.

##### Saturday, April 25

Grosse Pte. South at Novi, 4 p.m.

##### Monday, April 27

Novi at Rochester, 4 p.m.

##### Tuesday, April 28

Northville at KLAA Central, 4 p.m.  
Novi at KLAA Central, 4 p.m.

##### Wednesday, April 29

W. Bloomfield at Novi (M.S.), 4 p.m.

##### Thursday, April 30

KLAA West at Northville, 4 p.m.  
KLAA West at Novi, 4 p.m.

##### Friday, May 1

Northville at Holly Inv., 8 a.m.

##### BOYS GOLF

###### Thursday, April 23

Northville vs. Salem at Northville Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

# Mustangs' Abbott eclipses school record in 400 meters

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

There's been no sophomore jinx when it comes to Northville's Chloe Abbott performance on the track so far this season.

Abbott appears to be in mid-season form after breaking the 400-meter dash school record Saturday at the Rockford Invitational with a first-place time of 57.43, eclipsing the mark of 58.30 held since 1984 by Cindy Panowicz.

Abbott how holds or is part of five school records (including relays) at Northville.

"Chloe has been a game-changer for us from the day she stepped on the track her freshman year," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "Chloe understands the history there and how great of a competitor Cindy was. To break a school record that stood for 31 years is very impressive."

Abbott also took second in the 200 (25.46) and teamed with Gracie Goble, Lindsay Walters and Mary Catherine McLaughlin for first in the 1,600 relay (4:00.66).

Host Rockford captured the team title with 170.33 points, followed by runner-up Zeeland East with 127.33 and Northville in third with 121. Traverse City Central (99.5), Zeeland West (71.83) and Port Huron Northern (49) rounded out the six-team field.

"It was a great experience and opportunity for our team,"

Dalton said. "The MHSAA finals are in Rockford on May 30 and we really wanted to get our kids a dry run of traveling to the west side of the state, staying overnight, getting up early and heading to the track to compete. We were able to accomplish that goal this weekend. A bonus was the beautiful facilities that Rockford has."

The Mustangs also got a sterling performance from junior Lexa Barrott, who swept the 1,600 and 3,200 runs in 5:09.51 and 11:04.49, respectively. She also teamed with sister Ana, Mary Catherine McLaughlin and Emma Herrmann for first in the 3,200 relay (9:44.87).

Other top finishers for Northville included: Goble, second, long jump (16 feet); Ana Barrott, second, 1,600 (5:19.13); Emma Smith, third, 800 (2:29.07); Goble, fourth, 400 (1:01.86); Herrmann, fifth, 3,200 (11:38.18); Emily Anderson, fifth, long jump (14-7); and Rachel Zimmer, 3,200 (personal best 11:46.89).

The Mustangs' foursome of Anderson, Lauren Lambert, Aimee Montambeau and Megan Krings also added third in the 400 relay (54.32).

"We had some standout performances across the board," Dalton said.

### Mustangs boys fourth

Zeeland East scored a team-high 153 points to win the Rockford Invitational boys

title, followed by the host Rams (143.5), Zeeland West (132), Northville (114.5) and Port Huron Northern (71).

Among the first-place finishers for Northville were Adam Ghabra, 100 dash (11.1); Jacob Kamm, 800 (51.65); and Jason Ferrante, 1,600 (4:22.62).

Second-place finishers included Ghabra, 200 (22.82); Conor Naughton, 3,200 (9:47.26); and A.J. Abbott, long jump (19-6).

The 800 relay team of Abbott, Alec Przybocki, Matt Jankowski and Ghabra took second (1:35.41). Northville's 1,600 team of Przybocki, Frieberger, Kamm and Ferrante also placed second (3:29.87).

Other Northville finishers included: Sean McCullough, third, 3,200 (10:11.4); Josh Hamilton, third, long jump (18-3); sixth, high jump (5-8); Sean Flanagan, fourth, 400 (53.52); Kenny Goolsby, fifth, 800 (2:10.21); Jankowski, sixth, 200 (24.24); Christian Frieberger, sixth, 400 (53.74); Max DeDona, shot put (43-5).

"We didn't bring a full complement of runners," Northville boys coach Brandon Langston said. "But the kids who competed shined very bright. Our goal for the track meet was to see some different competition from the west side of the state as well as give the kids a dry run at what the itinerary for the state track meet will be."



BRANDON LANGSTON

Northville sophomore Chloe Abbott set a school record in the 400-meter dash (57.43) in Saturday's Rockford Invitational.

## PREP TRACK AND FIELD

# Novi girls first at Trojan Relays

The Novi girls track and field squad took six first-place finishes Friday to capture Trojan Relays hosted by Whitmore Lake.

The Wildcats scored a team-best 117.95 points, followed by South Lyon (92.95), Waterford Kettering (80.95), Michigan Center (59.97) and the host Trojans (49.96).

Individual winners for Novi included Emma Hammelel in the discus (103 feet, 4 inches) and Hannah Hood-Blaxill in the high jump (5-0).

Novi added relay victories in the 400-meter (Kristen Bailey, Chelsea Collier, Ciarra Davis, Kayla Savage), 52.9; 3,200 (Cecile Baeza, Lauren Wheat, Lauren Miesowicz, Sydney Hinojosa), 11:56.1; distance medley (Heather Blair, Jacalyn Schubring, Jessica Lypka, Kacy Shaheen); and shuttle hurdle (Ellie Bullock, Brittany Moeller, Katie Wheeler, Hinojosa), 1:12.3.

The Wildcats' also took a second in the 6,400 relay as Baeza, Shaheen, Phoebe Smith and J.J. Wright were clocked in 26:43.2, while the 3,200 relay team of Baeza, Wheat, Miesowicz and Hinojosa posted a 4:52.9.

Other field event placers included: Marissa Dunn, second, shot put (31-2) and discus (96-9); Kate Prisby, second, high jump (4-8) and long jump (14-7); Hammelel, third, shot put (27-10.5); Eryka Ely, third, high jump (4-8); Alex Felice, fourth, shot put (25-7.5); and Bullock, long jump (13-11.5).

### Novi girls victorious

Seniors Hannah Lonergan and Logan Flynn each figured in three-place finishes April 14 as Novi improved to 2-0 overall with a 75.5-61.5 KLA Central Division victory at Livonia Stevenson.

Lonergan captured the 800- and 1,600-meter runs in 2:27.3 and 5:14.13, respectively, while Flynn swept the 200 and 400 dashes in 28.2 and 1:04.59,



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Novi's Hunter Joy was a winner in the 300 hurdles (44.4) in a dual meet at Livonia Stevenson.

respectively. The two also teamed with Hood-Blaxill and Karena Roest for a victory in the 1,600 relay (4:25.78).

The Wildcats also got a victory in the 400 relay as Deanna Martynenko, Moeller, Kirsten Betts and Victoria Vianueva were clocked in 57.39.

Other firsts for Novi included: Hammelel, discus (96 feet, 11 inches); Hood-Blaxill, high jump (4-11); Martynenko, 100 hurdles (17.28); Roest, 300 hurdles (49.31); and Bailey, 100 (13.54).

### Novi boys prevail

It's early in the season, but Nathan Hall is already in mid-season form after figuring in four first-place finishes April 14 in Novi's 74-63 KLA Central Division triumph at Livonia Stevenson.

Hall posted a first-place clocking of 4:25.89 in the 1,600 run, while Joost Plaetinck ran a strong second in 4:30.11. Hall was also a member of the Wildcats' first-place 1,600 and 3,200 relay times that finished

in 3:40.1 and 8:30.0, respectively.

Other first-place finishers for Novi included Aaron Pringle, long jump (19-3); Scott Sawyer, pole vault (10-6); John Stefan, 110 hurdles (17.6); Hunter Joy, 300 hurdles (44.4); Anthony D'Annibale, 100 dash (11.73); Josh Holcomb, 400 (53.65); and Aric Landy, 3,200 (10:08.22). The Wildcats (2-0, 2-0) also added a first in the 800 relay (1:35.99).

On Friday, South Lyon took first with 114.95 points, while Novi was fourth (81.99) at the Trojan Relays.

The Wildcats' lone first came from the 6,400 relay team of Gabriel Mudel, Landy, Casey Croad and Declan Winsip (20:21.4). Second places went to the sprint medley team of Aahmaud Jenkins, Efe Edevoia, Gabriel Vergara-Rodriguez and Brendan Bloom (2:48.7) and the 800 relay quartet of Matthew Bednarski, Mirad Hadzialijagic, Joseph Hwang and DeAngelo Robinson (1:35.9).

## PREP TRACK RESULTS

**BOYS DUAL RESULTS**  
**DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 84 UNIV. OF DETROIT JESUIT 44**  
April 20 at Novi Detroit CC  
**CC 1st-place finishers:** Mike Misiak, shot put, 47 feet, 0.25 inches; discus, 124-11; Lance Yassay, high jump, 6-0; Donovan D'Amore, 300 hurdles, 42.9; Connor Canavan, 400, 54.4; Avery Felty, 1,600, 4:36.3; 3,200, 10:06.9; 3,200 relay (Brandon Canavan, Bailey Hobson, Scott Smith, Mark Borek), 8:40.3; **2nds:** Ike Marchie, long jump, 20-6; Chris Bradbury, shot put, 45.3.5; Shane Joyce, discus, 119-3; Smith, 1,600, 4:41.7; Tre Vaughn Jenerette, 400, 55.3; B. Canavan, 800, 2:08.3; Alex McLauren, 3,200, 10:11.9.  
**Dual meet records:** Catholic Central, 2-0 overall, 2-0 Catholic League (Central Division); U-D Jesuit, 0-2 overall, 0-2 Catholic League.

**NOVI 74, LIVONIA STEVENSON 63**  
April 14 at Stevenson  
**Shot put:** 1. Nick Hirschcock (LS), 45-3.5.  
**Discus:** 1. Hirschcock (LS), 136-4; 3. Dorian Haney (Novi), 111-2.  
**High jump:** 1. Noah Campbell (LS), 5-10; Scott Sawyer (Novi), 5-10.  
**Long jump:** 1. Aaron Pringle (Novi), 19-3.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Sawyer (Novi), 10-6.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. John Stefan (Novi), 17.6; 3. (Novi), 18.74.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Hunter Joy (Novi), 44.4; 2. Brendan Bloom (Novi), 45.61; 3. Stefan (Novi), 45.86.  
**100 dash:** 1. Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 11.73.  
**200:** 1. Mike Muffler (LS), 23.93; 3. Naoto Hikawa (Novi), 24.31.  
**400:** 1. Josh Holcomb (Novi), 53.65.  
**800:** 1. Andrew Bambach (LS), 2:09.43; 3. Nathaniel Wood (Novi), 2:10.05.  
**1,600:** 1. Nathan Hall (Novi), 4:25.89; 2. Joost Plaetinck (Novi), 4:30.11; 3. Adam Ditri (Novi), 4:45.94.  
**3,200:** 1. Aric Landy (Novi), 10:08.22; 2. Sahisnu Malapatni (Novi), 10:20.82; 3. Cameron Misko (Novi), 10:25.92.  
**400 relay:** 1. Stevenson, 45.06; 2. Novi, 45.57;  
**800 relay:** 1. Novi, 1:35.99; 2. Stevenson, 1:38.55;  
**1,600 relay:** 1. Novi (Hall, Collin Thomas, Holcomb, Devin Johnson), 3:40.1; 2. Stevenson, 3:54.17; **3,200 relay:** 1. Novi (Hall, Steve MacPherson, Thomas, Scott Beaton), 8:30.0; 2. Stevenson, 8:54.34.  
**Dual meet records:** Novi, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLA Central.

Ferrante, McCullough, Naughton, Jeff Baxter), 8:35.33.  
**Dual meet records:** Salem, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Northville, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLA Central.

**GIRLS DUAL RESULTS**  
**NOVI 75.5, LIVONIA STEVENSON 61.5**  
April 14 at Stevenson  
**Shot put:** 1. Sofia Tzilos (Salem), 30 feet, 0.5 inches; 2. Marissa Dunn (Novi), 28-0; 3. Emma Hammelel (Novi), 27-3.5.  
**Discus:** 1. Hammelel (Novi), 96-11.  
**High jump:** 1. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 4-11; 3. Kate Prisby (Novi), 4-4.  
**Long jump:** 1. Nicole Sokolowski (LS), 15-3.5; 2. Prisby (Novi), 15-0.5.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Sommer Pappas (LS), 9-0.  
**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Deanna Martynenko (Novi), 17.28; 2. Sydney Hinojosa (Novi), 18.54; 3. Alexandra Pringle (Novi), 18.66.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Karena Roest (Novi), 49.31; 2. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 52.79.  
**400 dash:** 1. Kristen Bailey (Novi), 13.54; 3. Chelsea Collier (Novi), 13.86.  
**200:** 1. Logan Flynn (Novi), 28.2.  
**400:** 1. Flynn (Novi), 1:04.59; 3. Lauren Miesowicz (Novi), 1:08.66.  
**800:** 1. Hannah Lonergan (Novi), 2:27.3; 3. Yash Patel (Novi), 2:45.41.  
**1,600:** 1. Lonergan (Novi), 5:14.13.  
**3,200:** 1. Bayne Froney (LS), 12:57.92; 2. Hadley Peterson (Novi), 13:14.66.  
**400 relay:** 1. Novi (Martynenko, Brittany Moeller, Kirsten Betts, Victoria Vianueva), 57.39; 2. Novi (Luhli Merchant, Mikaela Semeleer, Olivia Howard, Reika Fujiwara), 58.61; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Amanda Schultz, Emily Ehrheart, Sammi Dickson, Diane Senkowski), 1:53.34; 2. Novi (Flynn, Miesowicz, Pringle, Kayla Savage), 1:53.73; **1,600 relay:** 1. Novi (Lonergan, Flynn, Hood-Blaxill, Roest), 4:25.78; 2. Stevenson, 4:47.28; **3,200 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Julia Cercone, Ashley Jurczynski, Lindsey Gallagher, Isabella Robles), 10:53.56; 2. Novi (Lonergan, Patel, Peterson, Shaily Fozdar), 11:00.81.  
**Dual meet records:** Novi, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-2 overall, 0-2 KLA Central.

**SALEM 71, NORTHVILLE 66**  
April 14 at Canton (CEP)  
**Shot put:** 1. Jannik Schmitt (Salem), 45 feet, 11 inches; 2. Max DeDona (Nville), 42-8.  
**Discus:** 1. Schmitt (Salem), 129-4; 3. Jeremiah Dunne (Nville), 108-1.  
**High jump:** 1. Allante Wheeler (Salem), 6-0; 2. John Hamilton (Nville), 5-10.  
**Long jump:** 1. Jacob Miller (Salem), 19-6; 2. A.J. Abbott (Nville), 19-3.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Hunter Burin (Salem), 10-0; 2. Clay Alexander (Nville), 10-0.  
**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Paul Vander (Salem), 17.29.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Vander (Salem), 43.87; 2. Justin Days (Nville), 45.02.  
**100 dash:** 1. Adam Ghabra (Nville), 11.47.  
**200:** 1. VerShawn Patrick (Salem), 23.32.  
**400:** 1. Jacob Kamm (Nville), 51.45; 2. Sean Flanagan (Nville), 53.62; 3. Christian Frieberger (Nville), 54.21.  
**800:** 1. Jason Ferrante (Nville), 2:05.16; 2. Kamm (Nville), 2:07.36.  
**1,600:** 1. J. Ferrante (Nville), 4:41.76; 2. Ben Cracraft (Nville), 4:43.14.  
**3,200:** 1. Conor Naughton (Nville), 10:12.52; 2. Sean McCullough (Nville), 10:16.36; 3. Cracraft (Nville), 10:17.2.  
**400 relay:** 1. Salem (Ty Traylor, Freddie McGee, Jacob Miller, Patrick), 48.74; 2. Northville, 49.88;  
**800 relay:** 1. Salem (Traylor, Ryan Young, Jason Warras, Andrew Davis), 1:34.38; 2. Salem (B), 1:39.01; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville (Flanagan, Kamm, Alec Przybocki, Frieberger), 3:45.24; 2. Salem, 3:46.17; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (J.

**NORTHVILLE 73, SALEM 64**  
April 14 at Canton (P-CEP)  
**Shot put:** 1. Rebecca Falzon (Salem), 32 feet, 0.25 inches; 3. Barbara Davis (Nville), 27-2.5.  
**Discus:** 1. Falzon (Salem), 108-0; 3. Jenna Manske (Nville), 67-8.  
**High jump:** 1. Lauren Lambert (Nville), 4-6; 2. Jessica Hogan (Nville), 4-6.  
**Long jump:** 1. Gracie Goble (Nville), 16-11.  
**Pole vault:** 1. Clara Kim (Nville), 7-0.  
**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Haven Essien (Salem), 17.56; 3. Abby Gardiner (Nville), 20.35.  
**300 hurdles:** 1. Essien (Salem), 52.37; 3. Gardiner (Nville), 54.29.  
**100 dash:** 1. Chloe Abbott (Nville), 12.6; 3. Goble (Nville), 13.09.  
**200:** 1. Abbott (Nville), 27.7; 3. Goble (Nville), 29.13.  
**400:** 1. Shekinah Johnson (Salem), 1:00.5; 2. Lindsay Walters (Nville), 1:00.31; 3. Mary Catherine McLaughlin (Nville), 1:04.04.  
**800:** 1. Kaya Knake (Salem), 2:24.24; 2. Ana Barrott (Nville), 2:31.74; 3. Emma Smith (Nville), 2:32.88.  
**1,600:** 1. Lexa Barrott (Nville), 5:11.48; 2. Cayla Eckenroth (Nville), 5:18.72.  
**3,200:** 1. L. Barrott (Nville), 10:52.07; 2. Eckenroth (Nville), 11:17.81.  
**400 relay:** 1. Salem (Megan Krings, Aimee Montambeau, Emily Anderson, Lambert), 52.45; 2. Northville, 54.0; **800 relay:** 1. Northville (Goble, Abbott, Walters, Erin McCallum), 1:46.07; 2. Salem, 1:51.09; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville (Abbott, McLaughlin, Walters, Yasmine Affes), 4:08.84; 2. Salem, 4:21.52; **3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (Emma Herrmann, L. Barrott, Smith, A. Barrott), 10:11.63; 2. Salem, 10:28.29.  
**Dual meet records:** Northville, 2-0 overall, 2-0 KLA Central Division; Salem, 1-1 overall, 1-1 KLA Central.

## SOCCER

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got off to a quick start, scoring just 3:27 into the match when senior forward Sari Rachowicz popped a rebound past Northville senior keeper Emily Maresh after Megan Verant took a corner kick. Stevenson took three shot attempts during the sequence and it was the first goal the Mustangs had allowed since their season-opening 2-1 loss to Walled Lake Northern.

Schembri got credit for the assist.

"The first four minutes, we came out flat and they took advantage and it cost us the first goal against us since the first goal of the season, so we'll get that cleaned up," Brucker said.

And by halftime the Mustangs had evened the score, 1-1, as freshman Kendall Dillon took a shot from the left flank from 25 yards out, which deflected off a Spartans defender and was re-directed past Reamer with 8:01 left.

McHugh, meanwhile, had a golden opportunity to put the Mustangs ahead with 18:16 left in the match, but Reamer came

up with a big save. Northville, however, continued to apply the pressure and got the go-ahead goal from McHugh.

"The second half, it's kind of what we've been doing all season," Brucker said. "We regroup at halftime and get a little bit better ball-handling and that improves our overall team play. In the second half, we didn't try to play long ball so much and played much better as a team."

"Once again, we had solid defense play from (Erica) Gumkowski, (Tara) Pawloski, (Nikki) Skinner and (Morgan)

Gozdor. (Emily) Maresh helps allow them our back line to be more aggressive."

Despite the one-goal setback, Stevenson coach Chris Grodzicki was encouraged by his team's play.

"I thought we played all right," he said. "The game went in waves. We were great in the first 10 minutes and the score reflected that. (Northville) started to take it to us right before halftime. We hit a real lull there and we just couldn't deal with their attack out wide."

"I thought it was good, it was good enough. It's a young

team trying to figure things and they're getting there. They're competitive and hopefully the scores will start landing in our favor."

Despite a pair of 2-1 losses during the week to division leaders Novi and Northville, the Spartans could become spoilers in the KLA Central during the second round of division play.

"They're a good bunch and I think (Grodzicki) has a great core," Brucker said, "and they're going to be somebody to reckon with in our division."

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# CC's Walsh re-writes the state record books

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Staff Writers

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Jack Walsh went out in style during the 2015 MHSAA Division 1 boys swim state championships.

The senior established a pair of new state records while also leading the Shamrocks to an eighth-place team finish with 134.5 points at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Walsh, who plans to continue his swimming career at Stanford University, repeated his 100-yard backstroke crown with a Division 1 record time of 48.48. And in the 200 individual medley, Walsh broke an MHSAA all-class record with a clocking of 1:47.26.

He also helped the Shamrocks to a third-place finish in the 200 medley relay (1:31.68) and fifth place in the 400 freestyle relay (3:10.29).

For his efforts this season, Walsh was named All-Area Boys Swimmer of the Year.

"Jack holds himself to the highest standards, academically, athletically and personally," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "He has an infectious personal pride that has permeated throughout the team more so than the legacy and success that he achieved in the pool."

"Although the scoreboard reflects numerous all-American recognitions, multiple state championships and a pair of state records, his daily commitment and resolve are the accomplishments I find most admirable."

Dunworth believes the best is yet to come for Walsh, who displayed a tireless work ethic and great resolve.

"Jack's success this year did not come without challenges," Dunworth said. "His ability to navigate obstacles and remain focused on the goal was a lesson for teammates and coaches alike. Jack will be swimming for the Stanford Cardinal next season, an honor befitting the man."

## First team

### Shinya Kondo

### Lakeland

Kondo attends the International Academy, but dives for Lakeland. He finished the year with an all-state performance and a third-place finish at the Division 2 state finals. He also collected a KLAA Lakes Conference title.

"Shinya Kondo is an athlete who truly embraces the whole package," coach Chris Follick said. "He is a dutiful and humble student first, regularly studying and working on assignments for the International Academy between swim and dive competitions, and a diligent athlete second. He also puts in the time to be a great athlete by paying his dues at the gym, improving his core strength and flexibility. If he continues this regimen and listens to dive coach Marc Miller, I don't see why he should not be a state champion contender again next year."

### Matt Loniewski

### Detroit CC

The junior earned all-state honors with a fifth in the 100 breaststroke (58.22) at the Division 1 state finals, while also qualifying in the in the 100 freestyle (48.89). He was also a member of CC's all-state 400 freestyle relay team and runner-up in the Catholic League in the breaststroke.

"Matt had a breakout year," Dunworth said. "His versatility as a swimmer was taken advantage by us coaches early on, placing him where we were weakest. This season, Matt finally got to focus on his strengths and it showed with an individual state top eight finish and all-American relay performances."

### Ryan Katulski

### Novi

The senior placed eighth in the 50 freestyle at the Division 1 state finals, which included a prelim time of 21.28. He also added a 10th in the 100 freestyle (46.74 prelims) and was KLAA Kensington Conference champion in the same event, along with runner-up in the 50 freestyle.

"Ryan had a breakout season due to the training he did during the off season," coach Brent Pohlonski said. "When I spoke to him last fall, he told me his times from the summer and we knew he was ready to have a great season. Ryan was the driving force behind the four school records that our



John Heider | Staff Photographer  
All-Area Boys Swimmer of the Year Jack Walsh of Novi Detroit Catholic Central broke a pair of state records this season.

## ALL-AREA BOYS SWIMMING

### SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

Jack Walsh, Detroit CC

### FIRST TEAM

Shinya O Kondo, Lakeland

Matt Loniewski, Detroit CC

Ryan Katulski, Novi

Kirk Maibach, Northville

Chris Geng, Northville

Daniel Long, Detroit CC

Matthew Schafer, Northville

Ethan Schmidt, South Lyon

Unifed

Ben Simonich, Milford

Grayson Arnold, Detroit CC

Jonathan Lee, Detroit CC

Nick VanDyke, South Lyon

Unifed

Matt Meadows, South Lyon

Unifed

Joey Berman, Novi

James Xue, Northville

### HONORABLE MENTION

Northville - Mark Kaminski (sr.), Nirek Sharma (sr.), Larry Zhao

(soph.), Fred Schulz (sr.)

Novi - James Popyk (sr.), Phillip Billiu (soph.), Arthur Shi (sr.), Alexander Yuan (fr.)

Catholic Central - Christopher Vela (sr.), Charlie Walsh (fr.), Andrew Connor (jr.)

Milford - Justin May (fr.)

South Lyon - Connor Pogue (jr.), Logan Boals (fr.), Brandon Bell (fr.), Zach Denny (jr.), Brett Bender (fr.)

Lakeland - Dylan Henderson (sr.)

team set this season."

### Kirk Maibach

### Northville

The ninth-grader excelled in his first season, taking eighth in the 100 freestyle (46.42 prelim time) and tying for 13th in the 50 freestyle (21.41 prelim time) at Division 1 state finals. He also was a member of Northville's 10th-place 400 freestyle and 11th-place 200 medley team relay teams. Maibach added a third in the 50 freestyle in the Kensington Conference finals and was on Northville's first-place conference 400 freestyle relay team.

"He's probably the fastest freshman we've had at Northville and we've had some decent success through the years, so to be able to say that is a pretty big compliment for that kid," coach Rich Bennetts said. "He works real hard, does what his coaches ask him to do, so the sky is the limit for him. He just missed the 50 and 100 freestyle school records as a freshman and our varsity records are pretty good. And to be that close to it ... he's going to be a good one."

### Chris Geng

### Northville

The junior placed eighth in the Division 1 state finals in the 100 breaststroke (59.59 prelim time) in a swim-off and was a member of the Mustangs' 11th-place 200 medley relay. Geng was also the Kensington Conference champ in the 100 breaststroke.

"In the medley relay, you always need a breast stroker and we bring our entire (200 medley) from last year and Chris will be a big part of it," Bennetts said. "He won that swim-off at state meet, which was kind of an interesting little deal there. He was able to persevere through that and win that, which was a big performance. He struggles sometimes during the season, but when the lights come, on he's pretty darn good."

### Daniel Long

### Detroit CC

The senior, bound for Northern Michigan University, placed ninth in the Division 1 breaststroke (59.64 pre-

naw Valley State, placed in two events at the Division 1 state finals tying for 13th in the 50 freestyle (21.50 prelim time) and 13th in the 100 freestyle (47.38 prelim time). Arnold was also a member of CC's all-state 200 medley (third) and 400 freestyle (fifth) relay teams, along with being Catholic League champ in the 100 freestyle.

"Grayson is a swimmer with a football attitude," Dunworth said. "His strength is his aggression and has served him well throughout his career. His repeated all-American relay performances are the result of his great pride in anchoring most of CC relays swims. Next fall at SVSU, he brings with him all the dedication and commitment needed to succeed at the next level."

### Jonathan Lee

### Detroit CC

The freshman placed 13th in the 100 breaststroke at the Division 1 state finals (1:00.0) and was a state qualifier in the 200 IM (1:59.89). Lee was also a member of CC's fifth-place 400 freestyle relay quartet. He also took fourth in the breaststroke at the Catholic League meet.

"Jonathan came to CC with great accreditation as an accomplished, well-trained and dedicated swimmer," Dunworth said. "His background surfaced early on as Jonathan was able to succeed in the longer races and double back with minimal recovery time. Although scoring points at state meet is always an accomplishment for a freshman, it was Jonathan's success and relay swims that truly impressed me. Once given the chance, it was clear that Jonathan was not going to let his teammates down."

### Nick VanDyke

### South Lyon Unifed

The senior scored in three events at his final trip to the Division 1 state finals. VanDyke was 13th in the 100 backstroke, 13th with the 200 medley relay and 15th with the 400 free relay. He holds the school record in the 100 backstroke and was all-conference in the 100 backstroke, 100 free and 400 free relay.

"Nick was our key swimmer all season long," coach John Burch said. "I could count on him to be able to swim nearly every event and perform at an elite level. He also led our training all season long. I was very happy for him when he set the varsity record at the state meet. This was his goal all season long."

### Matt Meadows

### South Lyon Unifed

The junior diver finished 11th at the Division 1 state finals. Meadows was also third at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet and was a steady force all season.

"Matt has shown yet again what a truly talented diver he is," Ferguson said. "I am expecting an even bigger season out him next year as he leads our very young diving squad."

### Joey Berman

### Novi

The sophomore placed 16th in the Division 1 100 backstroke (53.77) and was a member of the 200 medley relay team that reached the finals (1:37.99). Berman was also Kensington Conference champ in the backstroke and fourth in the 500 freestyle.

"I'm so proud of Joey for how he responded to a disappointing season his freshman year," Pohlonski said. "Instead of getting down on himself, Joey went back to his club team and put in a great year of training. Joey has always been one of our workout leaders in practice. It was great to see him get the rewards he deserved in our championship meets at the end of the season."

### James Xue

### Northville

The junior placed 16th in the 200 IM (1:58.15 prelim time) at the Division 1 state finals and was a state qualifier in the 100 butterfly (54.11). He also helped the Mustangs to a 10th in the 400 freestyle relay and an 11th in the 200 medley relay. Xue was also Kensington champ in the 200 IM and runner-up in the butterfly, as well as a member of the first-place 400 freestyle relay team.

"He's a talented kid and I'm looking forward to bringing him back next year when he'll be a senior for us," Bennetts said, "so hopefully he'll be able to score in a couple of events for us next year."

## Second team

### Siddhardha Kareddy

### Novi

The sophomore was a state qualifier in the 100 butterfly (18th, 52.72) and 200 IM (22nd, 2:00.27), along with the Wildcats' 13th-place 400 freestyle relay team. (3:14.38). Kareddy was also second in the IM and third in the butterfly in the conference meet.

### Jack Winslow

### Lakeland

The freshman had quite a busy Division 2 state finals. He was 18th in the 100 free, 30th in the 200 IM and was part of the 200 free relay to place 19th and the 400 free relay in 25th.

### Ethan Bezzina

### Detroit CC

The junior was a Division 1 state qualifier in the 500 freestyle (19th, 4:49.96) and 200 freestyle (26th, 1:47.36). He was also third in the 200 freestyle in the Catholic League.

### Narayan Manivannan

### Novi

The junior placed 20th in the Division 1 breaststroke (1:00.82) and was a member of the Wildcats' eighth-place 200 medley relay team. Manivannan was on the Wildcats' conference champion 200 medley relay and took fourth individually in the breaststroke.

### Nikolai Arton

### Northville

The sophomore was a Division 1 state qualifier in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.33) and took third in the Kensington Conference meet.

### James Ciolli

### Novi

The junior diver was a Division 1 state qualifier (23rd, 161.80 points) after taking ninth at the regional. He also placed fourth in the Kensington Conference meet (341.95).

### Nathan Pellerito

### Novi

The junior placed 24th at the Division 1 finals (159.30) after taking 10th at the regional. He also placed fifth in the Kensington Conference meet (312.85).

### Yash Bajaj

### Northville

The senior was a Division 1 state qualifier in the 100 breaststroke (23rd, 1:01.37) who also placed eighth in the 200 IM (2:04.28) at the Kensington Conference meet.

### Max Kempisty

### South Lyon Unifed

The freshman competed in three events at the Division 1 state finals. He was 24th in the 200 free, as well as competing on the 200 free relay to place 15th and the 400 free relay in 23rd.

### Chris Barron

### Detroit CC

The sophomore was a state qualifier in the 100 backstroke (55.30) and also took fifth in the same event at the Catholic League meet.

### Maxwell Williams

### Novi

The freshman earned a state cut in the 100 backstroke where he placed 26th overall in the Division 1 state finals (55.36). He also added a fifth in the conference meet.

### Robert Vance

### Detroit CC

The junior diver placed 26th in the Division 1 state finals (153.50) after taking runner-up honors in the Catholic League meet (337.20).

### Trevor DeGroot

### Northville

The freshman was a state qualifier in the 500 freestyle (27th, 4:54.99) and placed third in the Kensington Conference (4:54.50).

### Thomas Antishin

### Lakeland

The sophomore swam in four events at the Division 2 state finals. He was 23rd in the 500 free and 24th in the 200 free. He was also part of the 200 free relay to place 25th.

### Oliver Joy

### South Lyon Unifed

The junior swam in three events at the Division 1 state finals. He was 27th in the 200 free and also part of the 15th-place 400 free relay and the 200 free relay in 23rd.

### Jack Aman

### Milford

The sophomore diver reached the Division 2 state finals for the second straight year and just missed reaching the top 20 to make the semi-finals in 21st place. He was sixth at the KLAA Conference meet.

## Schoolcraft College always retooling to help train for today's manufacturing jobs

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

When it comes to manufacturing jobs, the image of a dirty factory and a repetitive task comes to mind for many people.

But that's not the case anymore and officials at Schoolcraft College are looking to help train those who will become the next generation of advanced manufacturers and skilled trade workers across the state.

"I think many people have a view of manufacturing that was repetitive and tedious and long term - I'm going to make the right-end fender for a Taurus for 45 years," said Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College. "You don't really have that anymore and I think that's a good thing for the industry, because it keeps a good sense of vitality in the job and therefore in the people."

The push for skilled trades is one many Michigan residents have heard in recent years, especially from Gov. Rick Snyder, who mentions the topic during many of his public addresses, including this year's State of the State and his proposed budget plan in February. It's one Schoolcraft officials embrace and are willing to work on to make the college a leader in the field.

The governor announced \$50 million in grant money to 18 community colleges last month to purchase equipment through the Community College Skilled Trades Equipment Program, although School-

craft was not one of the schools selected.

Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia has offered several programs designed for skilled trades, including advanced manufacturing and, most recently, plastics technology, a program that launched just a few years ago.

With an increased demand in those skilled trades, manufacturing instructor Gene Keyes said those who enroll in his courses can expect to find work well before graduation - sometimes after just one semester.

"Usually after two or three classes, depending on who they are, I can get them a job," Keyes said. "It all depends on their ability to think on their feet."

Keyes became a part-time instructor at the college during the last decade. College officials began realizing skilled trade positions would increase in the future. Keyes was made a full-time instructor, dedicated to teaching and creating relationships with local companies and schools.

"That's when he really began to develop the relationship between Schoolcraft and the major companies," Jeffress said. "He not only had the academic experience, but he had owned a manufacturing company and so he knew the business. He could talk to potential clientele; he knew what to look for."

### Training the future

Keeping ahead of the game over other colleges competing for students,



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Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College.

such as Wayne County Community College District, Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College, is a priority for Jeffress.

That includes keeping tabs on the industry, talking to employers and getting the right equipment.

"It's making sure you stay in touch with the employers, so that you're not providing instruction that doesn't fit with what

they need and what they want," he said. "And also to have opportunities for students to have hands-on experiences before they leave here."

It's become such an important field that the Livonia Industrial Council was formed four years ago through the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Its mission is to focus on workforce development initiatives in and around Livonia.

Members meet quarterly to discuss ideas on how to inspire young people to explore skilled careers and provide training, apprenticeships and co-op programs for local manufacturers.

That's important, Livonia chamber president Dan West said, because having those new workers is crucial to companies' survival moving forward.

"A number of experts have told me that tax credits will not attract as many manufacturers to an area as a healthy availability of skilled workers," West said. "To me, this is the leading economic development issue for Livonia and all of southeastern Michigan: To provide the skilled workforce that boosts manufacturing, boosts our region's economic health and keeps more young professionals in Michigan."

That training has done well for some employees hired by Farmington Hills-based Star Cutter Tools. With locations across Michigan, including several in the northern Lower Peninsula, the company is seeking more talent at its facilities.

Lindsey Bielby, human resources manager for the company, said Schoolcraft has provided several employees who are succeeding with the company.

"I think the community college has done a very good job of listening to our needs from a manufacturing standpoint," said Bielby, who lives in Tawas City. "I think they've done a very good

job of meeting our needs and identifying our needs."

### Adapting

Those rapidly evolving needs are driving changes in the school's curriculum. Jeffress said additive manufacturing, otherwise known as 3-D printing, has been a field students have flocked to.

"We thought that would be fascinating to younger folks. A new way of going from design to product," he said. "Once you design it, you actually have the product there. They were ideal for us in attracting new students."

Moving forward, another field Jeffress wants to expand and educate students on is metallurgy, a branch of science examining metals and their properties. Having that knowledge, Jeffress said, will help students understand the materials they are working with.

The return on investment, including in student success, is one Jeffress acknowledges is a point of pride for the college, which plans to adapt as needed.

"But the investment is good from a couple of standpoints, it's not just the dollars. It's the student enrollment and it's in the satisfaction. The employers are satisfied with us, the students are satisfied with us; they start making money," he said. "After all, that's why we're here."

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## Is your website mobile friendly?

Google announced it will begin using "mobile-friendliness" as a ranking for websites. This will have a significant impact on search results. We can help.



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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. For pre-registration and location specifics, go to [www.advantageoakland.com/businessworkshops](http://www.advantageoakland.com/businessworkshops) or call 248-858-0783.

### Start-Up Thursdays Free Business Counseling

Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Entrepreneurs who want to start a business but do not know where to begin can receive confidential, one-on-one advice from an experienced business counselor with no appointment necessary. Counselors will provide direct answers to start-up questions, suggest next steps and provide guidance on business planning tools. Sessions will be limited to 15 minutes and available on a first come, first served basis. One Stop Shop Business Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. No fee.

### Capital Raise

Tuesday, April 28, 9:30-11 a.m.: If you are a start-up or early-stage growth-based business looking for funding, we invite you to attend a 90-minute presentation by our capital strategist, Mike Brennan. He will detail the various capital sources in Michigan and talk about how to properly position your company to qualify for various funding sources, including; private/angel, SBA, short-term private lending, private equity, venture capital and angel network. Register for Capital Raise. No fee.

**Create Your Marketing Plan**  
April 30, 9 a.m. to noon. When marketing a small business, your budget and human resources may be limited but your ideas and goals are still as big as they come. This three-hour class is tailor-made for small businesses. We'll

### UPCOMING WORKSHOP CALENDAR

#### June

- 9: Capital Raise
- 10: CEED Small Business Loan Orientation
- 10: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion
- 11: Starting a Business
- 11: Introduction to QuickBooks
- 18: Government Contracting 101
- 23: Legal Basics for Small Business

#### July

- 8: CEED Small Business Loan Orientation
- 9: Starting a Business
- 14: Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

help you whip your marketing program into shape so you can reach your goals regardless of your budget or team size. We'll introduce you to a realistic plan with actionable items customized to reach your target audience. You will come away with a marketing budget, calendar and tools designed to help grow your business. Fee is \$40 per person. The Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion workshop is a pre-requisite for this class.

### Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

May 5, 9-11:30 a.m. Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business Research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

### Five Steps to LinkedIn Mastery

May 6, 9-11:30 a.m. While Facebook looks

like any number of reality TV shows, LinkedIn is the business documentary you need to watch. You've done the "Google myself" thing, right? Most people are surprised (and excited) to find their LinkedIn profile is the first result. Since Google uses LinkedIn, shouldn't you? When you use LinkedIn correctly, it's much easier to be found by prospective clients and/or employers, locate and learn about the decision makers you need to meet, stay current in your industry, stay top of mind with your network, check out future employees and partners and use all of the bells and whistles you didn't know existed. Fee is \$40 per person.

### QuickBooks for Business Owners

May 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join ATD Solutions as we explore the possibilities within QuickBooks. QuickBooks for Business Owners is recommended for owners and financial decision makers who want to explore the options available within QuickBooks. ATD Solutions will review Best Practices to limit your exposure to embezzlement or fraud within your company, the best version to use, and which industry specific reports to use to make great business decisions. Fee is \$60 per person.

### CEED® Small Business Loan Orientation

May 13, 9-11 a.m. Many small business owners face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is in Oakland County and you need alternative financing, consider the Center for Empowerment and Economic Development Small Business Loan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a CEED small business loan. This workshop is free but pre-registration is required.

## Bake Real Estate in prime Plymouth office spot

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Bake Real Estate is now at the corner of Penniman and Harvey, 908 Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

"Carrie Bake is opening her own brokerage. Carrier's been growing her business," said Patrick Wong, Carrie Bake's husband and Realtor colleague at Bake Real Estate. "It's taken off."

Realtor Bob Bake began working in the area in 1967, with his daughter, Carrie Bake, and her husband, Patrick Wong, carrying on the tradition. Carrie Bake is broker/owner of Bake Real Estate, which concentrates on Plymouth and Northville and areas nearby.

"This opened Dec. 1st last year," said Wong, who lives in Northville. Bob Bake lives in Plymouth. They have five Realtors on staff, including the three family members.

"Great," Wong said of the location. "We've just had a lot of positive feedback about the sign," which was made in Petoskey, Mich.

Bake Real Estate is online at bakerealestate.com, and



Bake Real Estate is at the corner of Penniman and Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

Carrie Bake is at 734-788-2398. The Bake Real Estate phone is 734-453-8080.

"We're just seeing a good seasonal uptick," Wong said of

spring real estate sales. He sees no sign of the market slowing down.

Bake Real Estate is on Facebook, and Carrie Bake

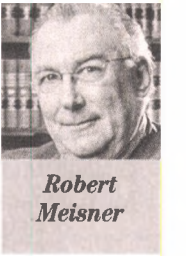
and her husband have a local blog on both real estate and community living.

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## Appeals court upholds tree height standard

**Q: Our Declaration in our subdivision says that all trees in a residential community may not exceed six feet. Is that a reasonable restriction?**

**A:** Yes. In a similar case out of Wisconsin, where some of the community's lots have sweeping views of the surrounding terrain and community amenities, including its golf course, marina, and lakes. The first owner purchased his lot in 1987. At that time, the view from his lot was largely unobstructed. The adjacent lot owner, located downhill from the first owner, always either trimmed his trees or gave the uphill owner permission to do so to protect the views. In 1999, a new owner purchased the downhill lot. He stopped trimming the existing trees, and also planted new trees, all of which grew to over six feet and blocked the view of the uphill landowner.



Robert Meisner

The community's governing declaration stated no trees in excess of a height of six feet could be planted, and that no tree could be allowed to exceed six feet without written permission of the association's architectural control and maintenance committee. The declaration also stated that no trees or shrubbery could be removed unless approved in writing by the committee.

The downhill lot owner refused to either trim his trees or remove them. The association took no follow-up action, so the uphill lot owner sued the downhill lot owner. The trial court ruled that only human-planted trees must be trimmed back to six feet, because it found the declaration's restriction showed clear intent to preserve the naturally-occurring trees.

The uphill lot owner appealed. The Court of Appeals found the height restriction to be absolute and applicable to all of the trees because the language in the declaration contained no exception for natural growth. The Court of Appeals sent the case back to the trial court to consider appropriate treatment for the naturally occurring trees, however, because of the restriction that they not be removed unless approved in writing by the architectural control and maintenance committee.

**Q: If the delay of a homeowner's association in providing corporate records to a member is found to be reasonable and in good faith, can that finding prevent an award of costs and attorney fees?**

**A:** Yes, according to a Wyoming court, and the same result might apply in Michigan. In this case, homeowners sued the association, claiming it had denied repeated requests for inspection and copying of corporate records. The association argued, prior to hearing, that it had already provided the records. The homeowners continued to press for an order from the court, stating they had not received all of the records and further arguing for an award of attorney's fees and costs.

After the hearing, the court ordered production of records but denied the request for attorney's fees and costs, because it found the association had made reasonable efforts to meet the demands of the homeowners, and it further found the association had a reasonable basis for doubting the homeowner's rights to inspect documents which dealt with the privacy interests of individual members. The appellate court agreed with the result reached by the trial court, but Michigan's new changes to the Nonprofit Corporation should be reviewed and explained to you by competent counsel. But seek advice from your attorney regarding recent changes to the Michigan Nonprofit Act.

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## RichRealty in 'better location' in city of Plymouth

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

RichRealty is now at 281 N. Main St. in Charlestowne Square and can be reached at 734-459-5100 or [www.RichE-team.com](http://www.RichE-team.com). A Customer Appreciation Day was held Monday, April 6.

Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of RichRealty, was eager to show his new location. "I just moved across the street for better location," explained Canton resident Eisiminger.

They held their fourth annual Customer Appreciation Day April 6. "It's done on Tigers' opening day," Eisiminger said. "It's getting a little bigger every year."

He has 22 agents ("Every agent does their own territo-

ry.) who concentrate on a five- to 10-mile radius of properties. "The brand name," he said of being an independent firm. "It's honesty, it's being truthful." He began in real estate in 1991, and has been in Plymouth six years.

"This was all self-done," Eisiminger said in looking around the RichRealty office. "I started Jan. 15." The landlord handled some duties like HVAC and the ceiling, but Eisiminger really rolled up his sleeves.

He's a carpenter by trade who upon graduation from Westland John Glenn High's program went into the Detroit Carpentry Apprenticeship School.

RichRealty is on Facebook.

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Richard Eisiminger, broker/owner of RichRealty, is proud of his new office and his staff. The office on Main on Plymouth features a modern Main Street scene as well as an historical scene.

## 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 Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

### Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday

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

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 15-19, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
40528 Blythefield Ln	\$165,000
6473 Carlton Rd	\$267,000
650 Cherry Grove Rd	\$197,000
6781 Devonshire Dr	\$195,000
43986 Fredericksburg St	\$180,000
7585 Kingsbridge Rd	\$190,000
1266 Knightsbridge Rd	\$203,000
44947 Middlebury Ct	\$330,000
6254 Porteridge Ln	\$195,000
46584 Southwick Dr	\$330,000
2963 Stanton St	\$300,000
7680 Thornwood St	\$79,000
1998 Town Center Rd	\$89,000
2085 Town Center Rd	\$87,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	

6028 Belton St	\$77,000
6564 Cardwell St	\$95,000
32105 Dover St	\$65,000
32371 Lespedeza Ave	\$162,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
19388 Antago St	\$94,000
11304 Arcola St	\$119,000
28666 Broadmoor St	\$127,000
28765 Buckingham St	\$138,000
34004 Burton Ln	\$188,000
35901 Dover St	\$123,000
19675 Hardy St	\$155,000
9312 Hartel St	\$127,000
16591 Henry Ruff St	\$20,000
20160 Laurel Dr	\$275,000
17310 Loveland St	\$176,000
38640 Mason St	\$166,000
17300 Merriman Rd	\$210,000
18632 Myron St	\$180,000
29846 Oakview St	\$156,000
34946 Parkdale St	\$125,000
35990 Perth St	\$179,000
16692 Pollyanna Ct	\$175,000

18592 Renwick St	\$325,000
14552 Riverside St	\$243,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
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18206 Blue Heron Dr W	\$465,000
631 Fairbrook St	\$375,000
46961 Merion Cir	\$630,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
11945 Amherst Ct	\$681,000
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49808 Donovan Blvd	\$167,000
50465 Elmwood Ct	\$367,000
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297 N Harvey St	\$218,000
1463 Sheridan St	\$545,000
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37659 Colonial Dr	\$68,000
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241 N Hanlon St	\$121,000
5937 N Parent St	\$65,000
34436 Nancy St	\$96,000
2271 Wilshire St	\$127,000

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32100 Arlington Dr	\$211,000
31320 Churchill Dr	\$403,000
32466 Sheridan Dr	\$245,000
170 Turnberry Ct	\$695,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
3654 Pheasant Run	\$250,000
2178 Coach Way Ct	\$400,000
1468 Timberview Trl	\$340,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
1917 Bayou Dr	\$600,000

287 Millington Ct	\$270,000
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1861 Portlock Ave	\$142,000
8908 Shadypoint St	\$312,000
759 Sherbrooke St	\$1,100,000
582 Strawberry Cir	\$60,000
2891 Windwood Ct	\$425,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
28836 Creek Bend Dr	\$263,000
23506 E Newell Cir	\$128,000
28315 Grand River Ave	\$324,000
28333 Kirkside Ln	\$160,000
26867 La Muera St	\$200,000
23125 Springbrook Dr	\$145,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
25750 Franklin Park Ct	\$728,000

<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
2648 Morel Dr	\$273,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
432 Bennett St	\$315,000
2761 Katie Ln	\$310,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
21347 E Glen Haven Cir	\$155,000
949 McDonald Dr	\$700,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
24878 Acorn Trl	\$629,000
40672 Lenox Park Dr	\$285,000
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25853 Mulberry Ln	\$367,000
139 Penhill St	\$188,000
23857 Ripple Crk	\$178,000
41314 Scarborough Ln	\$467,000
22565 Sheridan Rd	\$225,000
40487 Village Wood Rd	\$235,000

<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
59079 Carriage Ln	\$342,000
22930 Fremont Dr N	\$588,000
24624 Rosemont Dr	\$285,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
28062 Fontana Dr	\$85,000
19131 Nadol Dr	\$121,000
15940 New Hampshire St	\$49,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
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## Five tricky questions your boss will ask (and how to answer them)

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN RESPOND TO TOUGH QUESTIONS PROFESSIONALLY SO YOU DON'T DAMAGE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR BOSS.

Landing a job doesn't mean your days of navigating difficult questions are over. You should be prepared to handle sticky queries if and when your boss lobs them your way.

You may face one or more of these awkward questions at some point in your career. Here are ways you can respond to them professionally so you don't damage the relationship with your boss.

**1. "Are you looking for a new job?"** If you're putting yourself back on the job market, tell the truth. Chances are that your boss has a good reason for asking, so a denial will

only make you look bad. But don't overshare. This question isn't an invitation to air all your complaints about the position or the company. When responding, keep the focus on you and your career. And keep the answer short and to the point:

"I'm interested in exploring positions in a different industry."

"I'm thinking about relocating to another city."

"A former colleague contacted me about an exciting opportunity, and I feel I should look into it."

"I'm looking for a position with more flexibility."

"I don't feel I'm making much progress here."

committal response such as, "I really haven't heard," and then either change the topic or leave the conversation. Maintain an attitude of polite disinterest. Once your boss realizes you're not a gossip, he will drop the subject.

**3. "How would you rate my performance as a manager?"** This question is particularly tricky because you might not know your boss's motivation. Has upper management requested that she seek feedback from employees, or is she genuinely interested in constructive criticism? Maybe she's just fishing for compliments. If the latter, an honest critique could hurt the relationship with your boss.

To stay on safe ground, lead with positive feedback. If she presses for ways on how she could improve, there's no need to make a laundry list. Choose one aspect of her managerial style that could use some work, and make it actionable. For example, you could tell her, "The next time there's a new project, I'd like a little more guidance so I don't go in the wrong direction."

**4. "How would you rate your performance during Q3?"** Balance is the key when it comes to this sticky question. Start by outlining what you did well, and reference tangible results such as exceeding goals or meeting tight deadlines. Then discuss a few ways you might do better next time. To show you're serious about self-improvement, ask

your boss for his assessment — and any tips for Q4.

**5. "Can you take on this project (that no one else will do)?"** You may feel that you have to say yes to every request in order to maintain a good relationship with your boss. While it's occasionally necessary to "take one for the team," you need to be honest about how Project X will affect your present workload and whether it's within the scope of your job description.

If you're genuinely reluctant to lead this project, tell your manager that you simply don't have the bandwidth to do it justice and get all of your regular assignments done on time. But also think about what may happen if you agree: If leading Project X will win you points with the boss and prove your leadership skills, it might be worth the extra work to say yes — this time.

Sticky questions can catch you off guard. And depending on how you answer them, you could risk jeopardizing an otherwise healthy relationship with your boss. Tact, honesty and careful wording are strategies that will serve you well in smoothing over potentially awkward situations.

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If your boss presses for details, be polite and reiterate the reason you just gave. Then, emphasize that you're committed to doing your job to the best of your ability.

**2. "Have you heard the latest about Jamie?"** Co-workers who spread rumors are difficult enough to deal with, but having a boss who engages in office gossip is a potential nightmare. The trick is declining to participate without sounding like a scold or Goody Two-shoes. Your best option is to give a non-

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## Sunday, April 26



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OPEN 12-2pm | 7841 Linden Drive, Almont  
Better than new - clean, custom, country, charming, contemporary. \$294,900  
Rhonda Gleffe (586) 789-9848



OPEN 1-4pm | 797 Huntclub, Auburn Hills  
3 Bedroom 3 bath open floor plan home in Huntclub Subdivision. \$200,000  
Victoria Compton (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-3pm | 2682 Williamsburg Cir, #51, Auburn Hills | Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 story townhouse. \$122,900  
Stefania Sanders (248) 365-7885



OPEN 2-4pm | 21610 E Valley Wds, Beverly Hills  
Very special split wing colonial. 2,700 sqft, 4 beds, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors. \$485,000  
Anne Hammond (248) 686-3656



OPEN 2-5pm | 914 Shirley, Birmingham  
Charming 1930's Connecticut colonial on a beautiful landscaped .5 acre lot. \$899,000  
Robert Dundon (248) 686-3656



OPEN 2-4pm | 2275 Fairway, Birmingham  
Fresh, unique and compelling describes this lovely modern style home. \$598,000  
Mary Frances McCalieb (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4pm | 1234 Lake Crescent Dr, Bloomfield Twp | The St. Charles Kitchen with hardwood floors. \$425,000  
Jeanne Bechler (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4pm | 455 Timber Hill, Brandon Twp  
This stunning ranch home is nestled in 2.5 acres of rolling, wooded beauty. \$241,900  
Nanette Denis (248) 558-2072



OPEN 2-4pm | 8323 Central, Centerline  
Beautiful bungalow on a quiet street in heart of Centerline. Recently updated. \$89,100  
Kasia Pirog (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-4pm | 46329 Community Center, Chesterfield Twp | Incredible, spacious colonial on a very quiet street. \$264,000  
Kevin Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 1-4pm | 7279 N Village Dr, Clarkston  
You don't have to do a thing but move in enjoy this impeccable home. \$364,900  
Hosted by: Peg Dilworth-Hunt (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-4pm | 5870 Chickadee Ln, Clarkston  
Large, very clean home in the highly sought after Chestnut Hill Farms sub. \$245,000  
John Yorke (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-3pm | 19563 Cass, Clinton Twp  
Great location, freshly updated. Newer kitchen w/tall cabinets & island. \$169,900  
Carol Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 2-4pm | 21705 Lujan, Farmington Hills  
Meticulously maintained 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath luxurious estate \$589,000  
Marsha King (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-4pm | 29550 S. Meadowridge, Farmington Hills | End unit condo. Stunning 3/3 with master suite, 2 fireplaces. \$249,900  
Carol Adams (248) 686-3656



OPEN 11-1pm | 5192 Northwood, Grand Blanc  
Over 2,300 sqft of living space, quiet cul-de-sac, crown molding, open layout. \$199,881  
Courtney Dunford (248) 686-3656



OPEN 2-4pm | 44 Regal, Grosse Pointe Shrs  
Great curb appeal in this custom built brick colonial. Open staircase. \$465,000  
Laila Abud (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-4pm | 35 Crestwood, Grosse Pointe Shores | Custom built home with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with master. \$295,000  
Dori Daskas (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-4pm | 718 Canterbury, Grosse Pointe Woods | Custom and beautifully built Cox & Baker 3200 sqft home! \$449,000  
Kay Rinke (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-4pm | 20728 Green Ct, Grosse Pointe Woods | Well cared for home built with contemporary flair. \$389,000  
Dori Daskas (313) 649-4167



OPEN 2-4pm | 1192 Edmundton, Grosse Pointe Woods | Spectacular Dutch colonial on 1/3 acre cul-de-sac lot. \$379,000  
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OPEN 2-4pm | 1208 Hollywood, Grosse Pointe Woods | Tastefully decorated, spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. \$349,000  
Kathleen Turonek (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-3pm | 38426 Mallast, Harrison Twp  
Great location, quiet street near canal. Lrg rooms, extra large lot 100x120. \$215,000  
Carol Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 1-4pm | 32451 S. River Rd, Harrison Twp | A true boater & water lovers paradise! Gorgeous custom home. \$549,000  
Kevin Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 1-4pm | 39282 Nautical Lane, Harrison Twp | Pristine 4 bedroom split level home with nearly 5000sqft. \$369,900  
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OPEN 2-4pm | 2400 Matthew Court, Hartland Twp | Beautifully decorated, 4 bedroom home on a cul-de-sac. \$274,900  
Kori Adams (248) 365-7885



OPEN 2-4pm | 823 Canyon Creek Drive, Holly  
Built in 2003, 1825 sqft, 4 bed, 2.5 bath, colonial, minutes from town. \$204,900  
Courtney Dunford (248) 686-3656



OPEN 12-4pm | 5656 Golf Pointe Dr., Independence Twp | Beautiful, secluded yard extends into wooded area. \$398,000  
Ann Spencer (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-4pm | 44301 Cypress Point Dr, Northville | Impeccable Curtis built Cape Cod in Northville Hills Golf Community! \$600,000  
John Goodman (248) 826-2349



OPEN 1-4pm | 4079 Orion Rd, Oakland Twp  
Over 5,000 sqft of living space, on 4 acres, with a 45X20 Gunite pool. \$499,900  
Dianne Gouin (248) 923-4072



OPEN 2-5pm | 4528 Ascol Ct, Oakland Twp  
Sought after Woods of Country Creek Sub. Priced to sell!! \$498,000  
Trica Wilson (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4pm | 1071 Nakomis Trail, Orion Twp  
Fabulous lakefront private retreat less than 30 minutes from Birmingham. \$1,150,000  
Steve Cole (248) 686-3656



OPEN 2-4:30pm | 4829 Catalina Dr, Orion Twp  
Better than new...move in and enjoy! Pristine home is light and bright. \$419,900  
Mary Jo Flett (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4pm | 916 Ridgeview Circle, Orion Twp  
Brick paver walkway, new roof, hardwood floors, 2-story foyer, fireplace. \$309,900  
Leslie Doran (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4pm | 46450 Shamrock Ln, Plymouth  
Charisma of old and amenities of new! Serene location w/acre+ lot! \$474,000  
Chris Patrick (734) 404-7143



OPEN 12-3pm | 511 N Holbrook, Plymouth  
Charismatic two family home easy to convert into single family home! \$449,000  
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OPEN 12-5pm | 5045 Belmonte Dr, Rochester  
Fabulous newer condo w/1st floor master & upgraded features throughout. \$465,000  
Rosalee Hill (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-4pm | 6644 Cornerstone Lane, Rochester Hills | Gated w/10 exclusive homes! 1.5 stones of elegance. \$850,000  
Hosted by: Joseph Stivers (248) 826-2349



OPEN 1-4pm | 1475 Graesdale Dr, Rochester Hills | On 2+ acres this truly unique home is private and peaceful! \$374,900  
Leslie Doran (248) 923-4072



OPEN 11:30-3:00 | 1923 Chalmers Dr, W, Rochester Hills | Beautiful unique, updated all brick home in Grosse Pines. \$366,000  
Kathy Frantz (248) 923-4072



OPEN 1-4pm | 3113 Emmons, Rochester Hills  
Great house in a great location! Rochester schools! Hardwood floors \$159,900  
Jacquelyn Hasenfratz (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-3pm | 310 N Wilson Ave, Royal Oak  
One of the best values in Royal Oak so don't miss your opportunity! \$249,000  
Donna Bousson (248) 686-3656



OPEN 11-1pm | 1022 Catalpa, Royal Oak  
Beautiful brick bungalow w/water-oversized yard. Move in ready. \$204,500  
Jessica Tremonti (248) 686-3656



OPEN 12-2pm | 1715 River Rd, #83, Saint Clair Twp | St. Clair River View! One level living - one story up. End unit \$135,000  
Barbara Mueller (586) 789-9848



OPEN 2-4pm | 22679 Bayview, St Clair Shrs  
Five houses from the lake. Beautiful tree-lined street. Come look inside! \$350,000  
Marsha King (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-3pm | 35436 Wellston, Sterling Hts  
Stunning! Updated home on quiet street. Newer windows, flooring & roof. \$249,900  
Carol Paton (586) 789-9848



OPEN 1-4pm | 1880 Connolly Dr, Troy  
One of Troy's most incredible properties! Total renovation over \$170 K. \$899,000  
Steve Cole (248) 686-3656



OPEN 1-3pm | 1879 Enterprise, Troy  
Newer, East facing 2,000+ sqft West Troy Colonial w/many improvements. \$299,000  
Jack Bertoia (248) 686-3656



OPEN 12-3pm | 11570 Rickman Dr, Van Buren Twp | Absolutely stunning 4 bed, 2.5 bath home in Lake Crest Estates \$219,900  
Jim Ford (734) 404-7143



OPEN 2-5pm | 4231 Stanley Ct, Waterford  
Great value in this very inviting, well-cared-for home. Lovely kitchen \$169,900  
Carol O'Neill (248) 558-2072



OPEN 1-4pm | 6663 Langtoft Ave, West Bloomfield | Lots of room to entertain, access to Upper Straits Lake. \$795,000  
Lynn Roderick (248) 365-7885



**SALE PENDING** | West Bloomfield  
ROYAL POINTE...one of West Bloomfield's crown jewels! Magnificent home. \$499,000  
Karen Thomas (248) 365-7885



OPEN 12-3pm | 6990 Inkster Road, West Bloomfield | Expansive ranch style home with private hill-top setting. \$269,900  
Jeff Smith (248) 686-3656



OPEN 12-3pm | 3915 Will-O-Way, West Bloomfield | Remarkable and pristine brick and cedar mid-century ranch. \$234,900  
Perry Gattiff (313) 649-4167



OPEN 1-3pm | 6511 Blue Spruce Ct, West Bloomfield | Condo living w/ privacy of your own home in Locklin Pines! \$185,000  
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