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Mayor Bob Gatt will help light the tree at about 6:15 p.m., followed by a fireworks display. Other highlights include a visit from Santa Claus, marshmallow roasting, ice sculptures, petting farm, kids crafts, craft show, train rides, variety show and songs by the Novi Choraires and the Novi High School choir.

Go to cityofnovi.org for more information.

Grand River road project sent back to drawing board

James Mitchell
Correspondent

City officials put the brakes on a plan to partner with developers and finance a \$1.5 million street project after new bids for the work came in considerably higher than expected.

"Some of the numbers were much higher than anticipated," Mayor Bob Gatt said. The council's approval last month of a Special Assessment District agreement with West Park Investors, LLC, had been based on projections of a \$1,585,508 construction project to add an access road to parcels south of Grand River Avenue, near Prov-

idence Parkway.

Of the seven bids received for the project, the lowest figure was \$2,326,928, nearly \$750,000 more than what had been expected when the project was presented. Members of the Novi City Council unanimously approved a motion earlier this month to reconsider last month's vote and to postpone further discussion pending more information on costs and construction plans.

City Engineer Rob Hayes told council members that several aspects of the project had not been included when the



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Novi officials put the brakes on partnering with a company to develop infrastructure on 31.5 acres along Grand River Avenue after bids came back \$750,000 higher than estimated.

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Author time

Dana Corbit Nussio, Novi author of inspirational and contemporary romance, is hosting the eighth Girls' Night Out Book Signing 7-10 p.m. Wednesday at Biggy Coffee and Bagger Dave's, both in Novi Town Center. Nine authors are featured, headlined by *New York Times* best-selling author Ruth Ryan Langan of Farmington Hills.

MINECRAFTERS



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Kim Hycki watches as her sons Benjamin, 6, and Christopher, 8, work on creating a pattern for a plate during a craft session at the Novi Public Library. Kids could draw color patterns or their names onto an oval disc that would be transferred to a dishwasher-safe plate and ready for them in a couple of weeks. Christopher and Benjamin both had drawn on their plates the word "Minecraft," an online game they're fond of. Find the latest programs taking place at the library online at novilibrary.org.

Novi IB, AP students chart path to success

JAMES MITCHELL
Correspondent

Success is often hard to define, let alone chart. Sometimes you have to be a little unconventional, according to some of Novi's highest-achieving students.

"(It's) about pushing boundaries and thinking about what you're thinking about," said Shelly Shah, a 12th-grade Novi High School student enrolled in the district's International Baccalaureate program. "It's about things that aren't normally

taught in regular classes and opening your mind to a new perspective."

A glimpse of that fresh perspective was seen during a presentation given to the board of education Nov. 5, on the district's IB and Advanced Placement programs. Shah was one of four seniors who joined Assistant Superintendent of Academics Maggie Laine for a review of the program's performance.

Student participation in IB

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Fox Run grandfathers make, donate 200 wooden toy cars

Meghan Streit
Correspondent

Grandparents love delighting their grandchildren with new toys at Christmas time. Unfortunately, many underprivileged kids don't have family to spoil them. That's why two generous grandfathers who live at Fox Run retirement community in Novi are using their woodworking skills to make sure hundreds of less fortunate children have a good holiday, too.

Casey Rost and Don Boufford teamed up to make about 200 wooden toy cars to donate

to Toys for Tots. The cars benefit kids in the Detroit area. Fox Run received a request from Toys for Tots for toy donations last year, when Boufford and Rost made about 50 cars. They decided to expand the project this year and made four times as many cars.

"Every youngster loves to have something with wheels," Boufford said.

Over the last several months, the two have each logged about 25 hours crafting the toy cars in Fox Run's hobby shop, which is stocked with a variety of wood-

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Frozen turkey



STACIE BROWN

Tyler Brown, 8, and Ashley Brown, 7, started celebrating Thanksgiving a little early, Michigan-style. They took advantage of Saturday's snow to create a snow turkey to welcome the festival that gives thanks.

Novi honored for fostering entrepreneurial climate

The city of Novi has been recognized as a five-star community by iLabs at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research. Researchers conduct the annual eCities study to identify and recognize cities for their work in fostering entrepreneurial growth and economic development.

"We are pleased that iLabs recognized the city with this honor, as we are always looking at innovative ways to support economic development," Victor Cardenas, assistant city manager, said in a release. "This helps us identify best practices we can use to attract and retain diverse businesses and develop further entrepreneurial growth."

Novi has participated in the eCities program since 2007 and this is the sixth consecutive year the city has been honored.

Five-star communities spent more than \$3.4 million on economic development, increased assets by \$31 million and



Charles Boulard, community development director for the city of Novi (left), stands with Tim Davis, director of iLabs at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research, after getting word the city was recognized for fostering business in the community.

had more than \$29 billion in combined real and personal property values.

The eCities research surveyed 66 communities from 29 counties in Michigan that are home to more than 19 percent of Michigan residents and 10 percent of its college graduates. These communities count for nearly one-fifth of the

state's entrepreneurs, with more than \$1.8 billion in self-employed income as residents. More than 60 percent of these communities have a local business database, nearly one-third provide business improvement grants and nearly 40 percent have full-time economic development employees.

"The eCities project

highlights how local governments from across the state of Michigan are cultivating and supporting economic development. These communities show how local governments can work in distinct and strategic ways to energize public spaces, while investing in businesses and job development," said Tim Davis, iLabs director.

The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, uses data supplied by the participants, as well as other public records to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepreneurial activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of Michigan's regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation. To date, 199 communities across Michigan have participated in the study.

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has nearly doubled since its 2010 introduction. The two-year diploma program includes six courses taught at higher levels to prepare students for university studies and beyond, with lessons and final exams designed to challenge students. The current 438 students – up from the initial 238 who'd enrolled for the 2010-2011 academic year – are mostly juniors and seniors enrolled in advanced history, science and language courses.

Enrollment in the IB Diploma program is separate from the district's Advanced Placement offerings for college-bound students. Laine said that 741 students

from all four grade levels are currently taking AP courses, the highest participation level in seven years.

School officials were impressed with both enrollment and performance, as Laine presented summaries of how Novi students compared with their peers.

"We're well in comparison and, in many cases, exceeding world averages," Laine said. Novi's IB students outpaced global averages in seven course areas; and 89.2 percent of AP scholars who'd achieved scores of three or higher (on a 1-5 scale) outpaced the 65.7 percent in Michigan and 60.6 percent of worldwide students who earned the same distinction.

"The numbers are stunning and not to be taken for granted," Assis-

tant Superintendent of Academic Services R.J. Webber said. Success in both IB and AP programs has resulted in continued improvements. Webber and Laine said that teachers who have embraced the training can pass along those lessons, framed in part by student experiences and input.

"By analyzing how students achieved passing scores, we can share this with counseling staff," Laine said, "and help students with their decision-making process."

Swathi Sampath, a 12-grade IB student who plans to pursue medicine, said that the courses forced her to do more than just study facts in order to pass a test.

"It's not about just the curriculum, it's an entire package," Sampath said.

"What we gain is beyond a college credit, it's a way of thinking."

Senior Aastha Dhana said that she remains undecided on which area of science will be her university major, but is confident that the lessons learned from IB instructors will steer her toward the right path.

"The teachers are some of the most inspirational I've ever met," Dhana said. "I got something from every teacher that I won't forget for the rest of my life."

Those standards, Trustee Dennis O'Connor said, should be the model throughout the district.

"Teachers should be facilitators, not lecturers," O'Connor said. "Not just the (IB) teachers, but the entire faculty. I hope we can get to that point."

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L'amour Bridal brings wedding love to town

James Mitchell
Correspondent

Last month's opening of a bridal store represented a lifelong dream for Hana Abboud, a decidedly personal vision that won't be found elsewhere.

"I did it in a way that's different from other boutiques," Abboud said of L'amour Bridal, which came to life in mid-October on Novi Road. The featured bridal and bridesmaid dresses, she said, come straight from "up-and-coming" New York designers and are unavailable elsewhere in Michigan. "That kind of makes me stand out, as well as what else we can do."

L'amour Bridal focuses on bridal wear to include customizing dresses that, she said, is rarely offered. The boutique's showcased designers – including Sareh Nouri, Rosa Clara and Kelly Faetanini – offer classic looks that are adaptable to being "fashion-forward statement" dresses.

Long passionate about the bridal business, L'amour Bridal marks the 26-year-old Central Michigan University graduate's debut as small-business owner. Taking the plunge after spending more than three years with PNC Bank – "I went into corporate America after graduation," she said – was the chance to fulfill a longtime dream.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Hana Abboud, owner of Novi's L'Amour Bridal, displays a Kelly Faetanini dress at her Novi Road salon. The bridal gown runs about \$3,800.

It's been a daunting challenge, though. Her credits as a business banker and assistant branch manager schooled her in the economics of what she envisioned, but being the sole owner and proprietor of a store was still intimidating.

"You have days where you wonder, 'Is this going to work?'" she said, though little time is available for such concerns. Along with getting the doors open, setting appointments

and shopping trips to New York, Abboud has been making the rounds of Michigan bridal shows to help spread the word.

Abboud said that her retail neighbors have been "super welcoming," as has the city's Chamber of Commerce that she joined. She hopes to welcome local officials soon to a grand opening.

"It's been good," Abboud said. She looks forward to whatever the new year may bring.

"Weddings aren't in high season right now," she said. "After January, we'll find out."

L'amour Bridal is at 25875 Novi Road, Suite 160 – just south of Grand River Avenue – and is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Sunday appointments are available. For more information, call 248-308-2733 or go to www.lamourbridal-mi.com.



LINDSAY ASH

Don Bouffard (left) and Casey Rost worked together in Fox Run's hobby shop to make about 200 wooden toy cars that they are donating to Toys for Tots.

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working supplies and equipment. Rost and Bouffard divided and conquered to build all of the cars. Bouffard sawed the patterns, while Rost handled the detail work. "We have a beautiful shop here, so the sanding and finishing of the cars wasn't too much of a job for me," Rost said. "And they went to a good cause."

Bouffard has been a woodworker since he was in grade school. He continued to work on wood-working projects while he and his wife raised nine children. The family moved a lot because of his job; he says he would build porches on the back of each of their houses.

"I worked for Ford for 36 years and I would come home and do a little woodwork. It was almost like therapy for me," he said.

In addition to serving as the treasurer of the hobby shop, Bouffard has served on a number of resident-run committees,

including general services, conservation, philanthropy and finance. He also served on the Resident Advisory Council for six years, two as head of the important resident group.

"Then, of course, I keep my eyes and ears open and get my nose where it shouldn't be," he said, laughing. "I like to try to keep things running efficiently around here."

Bouffard moved to Fox Run about 10 years ago with his late wife. His spare bedroom is perfect for overnight visits from his large family, which now includes 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, many of whom live on the West Coast.

Like Bouffard, Rost has been a woodworker since he was a young boy. He is now 97 years old and remains vibrant, active and involved at Fox Run.

Rost moved to Fox Run about eight years ago from Detroit. He also has a large family, including three children, six grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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original estimates had been calculated. Items that had been included in the bid were not included in the engineer's estimate, he said, such as construction of a retaining wall, guardrails, drainage structures,

landscaping and wetland work.

The omissions raised several concerns among elected officials, with questions about the process for formulating large-scale construction work.

"Going forward, we need to do more due diligence for a project that involves the city," Councilman Andrew

Mutch said. "We need to give our staff more time or build it into the process to do a more thorough review."

Mutch noted that the omissions – aspects of the project separate from the road itself – are critical components that impact the 31.5-acre site.

"We missed doing the due diligence on the value of the property,"

Mutch said. "That's the collateral of the loan we're making, which we're responsible for covering if the project goes into default."

Under the terms of the Special Assessment District, the city would finance the construction project via a loan from the water and sewer fund that would be paid back by development partner

Whitehall Real Estate Interests.

The developer hopes to construct an access road to support office or commercial development, while maintaining the site's majority wetlands. The proposal – first brought to council in September – included a financing plan that would compensate the city with 5 percent annual interest.

When approving the district last month, elected officials said it represented both a revenue stream and a boost to the Grand River corridor master plan.

City Manager Peter Auger said that planners and developers were evaluating the proposal and costs and would soon return for reconsideration by council.



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Area mom promotes student data privacy bill

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Are you concerned about who can access public school data bases, which serve as holding tanks for completed student assignments, personal information and more?

Farmington Hills resident Tammy Luty certainly is. And she recently made those concerns known in Lansing.

Luty, Michigan PTA's federal legislative chair, former president of the Farmington PTA Council and mother of three in the Farmington Public Schools district, was a featured speaker Oct. 22 at the state's House Educational Committee meeting, as part of Michigan PTA Advocacy Day 2015. A main focus of the meeting was student privacy and proposed legislation to protect it.

In her speech, Luty talked about her 13 years as a parent in the FPS district and how technology use at school has greatly increased. With students' assignments for math



Nick Luty, Harrison High School PTSA president, was among the group from Farmington-Farmington Hills who attended Advocacy Day. He's pictured here with Rep. Christine Greig.

and writing using online applications, for example, she questioned who owns the data and the student reports and how long it will be stored.

"Never am I asked as a parent if it is OK. It is just now part of the curriculum and

required. So I have to hope that someone will protect this data about my child," she said. "The security is based on if the software company will not use this data to negatively impact my student or sell the data to another company.

"The laws that are currently in place date back to when I was in school and we know that technology has changed a lot since then. ... I have to be asked if my name, address and phone number can be shared in a school directory," she added. "Yet I have no control on who owns the data my student enters or the school district stores in all the databases it maintains or hires companies to maintain on students in our school system."

Laws protecting student data privacy, she said, haven't "kept pace with the technology use" in schools.

That's what HB 4894 is designed to correct. Sponsored by Rep. Jim Tedder - who introduced the bill at the hearing - the legislation would require protection of school data and personal information contained on websites or online with companies that provide contracted services for public school districts.

"I urge you to pass the legislation on student data privacy and protect the students in

Michigan," Luty told the committee.

Luty said she decided to take up the student data privacy cause for Advocacy Day 2015 after attending a National PTA conference on it last year in Washington, D.C.

"Having an active bill on this in Lansing also made it a great opportunity to be involved and represent the students and parents from across our state as Advocacy is the heart of PTA mission," she said.

It's been more than five years since the Michigan PTA held Advocacy Day in Lansing and Luty said she would have liked to see more participation from students and parents. Still, she said, "the ones that did attend had a great day of seeing the legislative process in action. Hopefully, we can see progress on student data privacy in Lansing."

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Deerfield students make a difference

Deerfield Elementary students gathered stuff for Bedtime Bag kits for needy children at Pontiac's Ennis Center. The donated bags included a stuffed animal, blanket, book, toothbrush and toothpaste, candy bag and a nice note from Deerfield kids.



Alaina Hanson excitedly stuffs a stuffed animal into a backpack as she and other Deerfield Elementary School students prepare Bedtime Bags for needy children at Pontiac's Ennis Center.



Deerfield Elementary student Shane Slocum adds a "Thinking of You" note to a Bedtime Bag that the students assembled.

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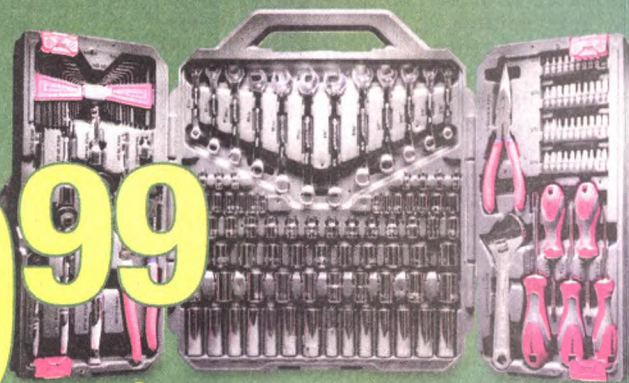
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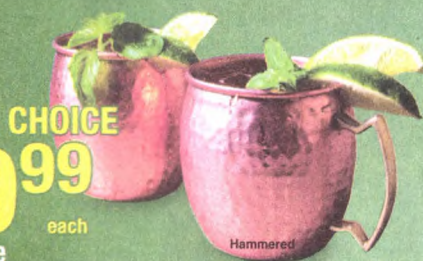
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Cleaning protocols ramped up in schools following suspected meningitis case

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

With one suspected case of viral meningitis at Winchester Elementary School, Northville district officials have ramped up cleaning protocols.

"We communicate so we can be vigilant," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said, referring to a letter sent to Winchester parents a week ago.

The county and state health departments do not require the school district to inform the community, but Gallagher added, "We err on the side of informing families."

With one suspected case, however, there is

no indication that the illness has spread or will spread to other children, Gallagher said.

Viral meningitis is considered less serious than bacterial meningitis.

"When we see an uptick in illness, we institute cleaning protocols," Gallagher said, adding that includes cleaning door knobs and other such items that children touch.

Because of the federal HIPAA privacy laws, district officials cannot say whether the suspected case is from a child or



Gallagher

a staff member. But Gallagher urges parents to monitor their children. "If they are sick, they should stay home," she added.

The suspected case is not unusual. "We usually get a few cases every year," Gallagher said.

In the letter to parents, school officials listed information to inform them of what viral meningitis is:

» Viral meningitis can occur throughout the year, but is most common in the summer and fall. People of any age can get viral meningitis, but it is more frequent in children.

» About 90 percent of viral meningitis cases are due to common stomach viruses called en-

teroviruses. Enteroviruses are passed from person to person through stool or saliva, but most people who come in contact with enteroviruses do not develop an infection. This is because their immune system fights the virus successfully.

» Getting infected with one of the germs that can cause viral meningitis does not automatically mean a person will get meningitis. In most cases, the germ will simply cause a cold, upset stomach, or diarrhea.

» There is no specific prevention for viral meningitis. However, good personal hygiene, such as frequent hand washing, can reduce the

chances of catching viral meningitis and other illnesses.

» Antibiotics are not effective against viruses.

According to the Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services, prevention includes:

» Keep hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or by using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

» Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough.

» Wash hard surfaces and toys with soap and water or disinfectant.

» Avoid sharing with others items contaminat-

ed with saliva such as cups, eating utensils, pacifiers, gum and candy.

» Refrain from kissing others.

» Immunize children against varicella (chicken pox), measles and mumps.

» Get a flu shot each year. Prevent mosquitoes from biting you and your children.

» Eliminate any rodent infestation that might be in your home.

For more information, contact the Oakland County Department of Health and Human Services at 248-858-1406 or toll free at 800-848-5533

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State approves tougher science standards for students

Lori Higgins
Michigan.com

The state Board of Education approved new science standards Nov. 10 that will alter the way students are taught the subject, while the Michigan Department of Education put changes to social studies standards on hold.

The change in the science standards means there will be greater emphasis on thinking and acting like a scientist and less emphasis on memorizing basic facts. The idea is for students to have a deeper knowledge of the subject.

State education officials believe the change will improve Michigan students' dismal performance in the subject. Results of the state's new exam — the Michigan Student Test of Educa-

tional Performance — found that only 12 percent of fourth-graders and 22 percent of fifth-graders passed the science portion of the exam.

Those numbers "reflect the fact that what we're doing today may not be working as well as we want," said Casandra Ulbrich, D-Rochester Hills, the board's vice president.

The new standards — a slight adaptation of the nationally created Next Generation Science Standards — were approved by a vote of 7-1, with the only dissenting vote coming from Richard Zeile, R-Dearborn.

The board heard mixed views about the science standards from a stream of parents and educators.

Critics said the standards are unproven and cited a report that gave

them an average grade. "Why are we moving in a lateral, slightly lower direction instead of up?" asked Michelle Frederick of White Lake.

But they were countered by people like Emily Pohlonski, president of the Network of Michigan Educators, who spoke about how the standards will affect her daughter, who will enter third grade next school year. Under the current standards, her daughter would simply have to identify the force that holds objects to the Earth. But under the new standards, her daughter would have to plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence of the effects of balance and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object.

"Let's pay attention to the verbs. Do we want our kids identifying ... or

do we want our kids planning and investigating?"

Meanwhile, MDE said it was delaying updates to the standards for social studies to address concerns raised by Michigan residents.

"We're not going to rush it. We're going to get it right," state Superintendent Brian Whiston said during the meeting.

Both sets of standards outline expectations for what students will learn. It will be up to local schools to determine how to teach them.

The MDE has already addressed some big criticisms. For instance, the standards referred to the U.S. as a "constitutional democracy" rather than as a "constitutional republic." The MDE said the standards have already been revised to make that correction.

The state also made

some changes to address concerns it appeared to be dropping the study of World War II, the Holocaust and the establishment of the state of Israel.

The proposed social studies and science standards were both sent out for public feedback from late August to early October.

About 74 percent of the 450 people who responded to a survey said they believed students would be better prepared under the proposed update to the social studies standards. But 26 percent didn't agree. While that's a relatively low number statistically, MDE said it was too high.

"That's something that needs to be looked at and considered," said Linda Forward, director of the office of education improvement and innova-

tion at MDE.

The update — to standards last approved by the board in 2007 — was designed to reduce the number of social studies standards from 652 to 552, make them more concise and make them more rigorous, emphasizing students' ability to apply what they're learning to real-world situations and focusing more on completing projects.

The changes will align Michigan's standards with those developed by the National Council for the Social Studies.

The department will address all concerns, then put together an external committee to review the changes. A new public comment period will take place after the beginning of the year and the standards likely will go before the state board in February.

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Animal rights protesters picket Roperti's

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Courtney Jacobs acknowledges Roperti's Turkey Farm is a Livonia icon, having done business in the city since 1967.

But that didn't stop Jacobs, director of DetroitCowSave, from organizing a protest Saturday outside the gates of the long-established turkey farm in an effort to raise awareness of animal cruelty.

Jacobs and about a dozen protesters spent an hour standing on Five Mile, holding signs objecting to the operation less than a week before Thanksgiving.

"We just want to raise awareness there are other ways to celebrate Thanksgiving," said Jacobs, who holds a bachelor's degree in health services from Oakland University. "Sentient beings don't have to be killed just for tradition."



About a dozen protesters picketed outside Roperti's Turkey Farm in Livonia for about an hour Saturday.

It was the second straight year Detroit-CowSave picketed Roperti's. A similar-sized group spent an hour in the same spot a year ago.

Roperti's owner Christine Roperti was unfazed by the protest, shrugging it off as a group on an ultimately unsuccessful effort to change people's thinking.

"They're not going to change the world," Roperti said. "If they want

to be out there for an hour ... whatever. It doesn't matter to me."

Roperti questioned the tactics of the group, wondering if the group had protested Huron Turkey Farm (on Merriam Road in Romulus) — Jacobs acknowledged the group had not — or other similar businesses in the area.

"I think they're actually harassing me," Roperti said.

Laurice Bray founded DetroitCowSave, a grassroots organization dedicated to raising awareness about the suffering of factory farmed animals. She said the protest was not only about getting people to give up turkey for Thanksgiving, but it's also about the treatment of the turkeys.

"We're out here because we feel these turkeys are not unlike any other animal ... turkeys



Jim and Laurice Bray of Farmington Hills were among the picketers. Laurice is founder of DetroitCowSave.

are very intelligent," said Bray, who grew up in Livonia and now lives in Farmington Hills. "We know we're not going to change a lot of minds."

Roperti's is a Livonia institution. (But) people are going to (eventually) embrace a kinder, gentler lifestyle that doesn't include killing animals."

While Roperti dislikes the group's methods — she claims they've lied to

state inspectors about Roperti's, for instance — she is unfazed by their presence and expects to sell some 4,500 turkeys this holiday.

"I like it when (protesters) come," Roperti said. "(Customers) come running through the door when they're here."

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New shopping center being proposed off Haggerty in Livonia

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Staff Writer

Do you do a lot of shopping along the Haggerty corridor? Holiday buyers could have a new shopping center to check out in Livonia before Christmas 2016.

Plans are being hammered out for presentation before the city that could bring a new shopping center at 19700 and 19750 Haggerty, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile. The center, site of several industrial buildings that were constructed in the mid-1980s, is seeing some demolition and rehabilitation work and is expected to house two restaurants, a large big-box retailer and a row of smaller shops in a

strip mall. Some future development could come on the east side of the property as well, which currently houses a structure not included in the original plans.

"The rehabilitation of these properties will allow for the redevelopment of approximately 55,000 square feet of modern retail, restaurant and flex facilities in buildings that have been largely vacant for over (14) years," reads part of the tax exemption certificate application submitted by the developer, SREP Haggerty Road LLC, based in Bloomfield Hills.

The city council held a special meeting in late October and approved the application for a

commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate for the company.

"What we're looking at basically is freezing the taxable value of the real property, which is the buildings and the land improvements, for the maximum which is allowed under the statute ... for 10 years," said Mark Taormina, the city's planning director. "With the thought being that the reduced tax burden to the developer will help redevelop the property and to address some of the environmental issues that are there."

He said there are some environmental concerns at the site the developer is working to address before further

work could continue, including some issues with underground methane the company is working to correct.

"There's some kind of mitigation necessary for them to redevelop the property," he said. "I don't know all the details on that, but that was the chief among the arguments as to why it should be granted the abatement."

If the project is eventually approved, the company expects to invest about \$16.3 million in building rehabilitation and \$23.4 million overall on the shopping center development. It could create as many as 112 temporary construction jobs and 129 new retail and restaurant jobs.

Rezoning request made several years ago

Taormina said it's expected that the plans for the center, being referred to as Haggerty Marketplace, will begin their process of approval at the planning commission sometime in December. The potential tenants' identities have not been made public yet, though the tenants would need to be shown at a later date for final approval of the facilities.

The land was up for rezoning back in 2011, when the council gave first reading on the approval. It would require a second reading once the site plan reaches the city council,

which could happen early next year.

"First reading was literally granted four years ago," Taormina said. "When the site plan is ready for approval by the council, they'll have second reading on the rezoning."

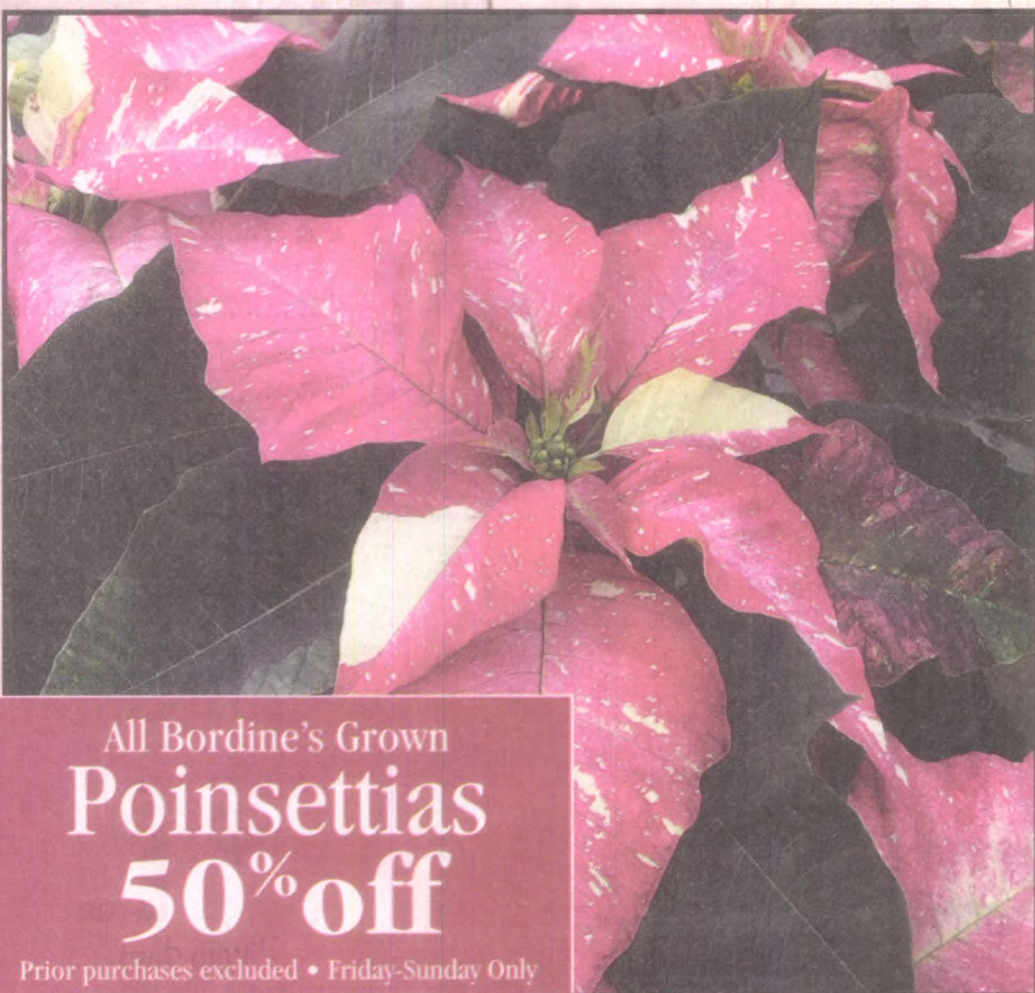
"They've been planning it for a very long time."

Haggerty Road has also seen a major boom on both the Livonia and Northville Township side of the road in recent years, including the recent development of Northville Park Place across from Schoolcraft College.

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Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday
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Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847
Web: 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
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: destinyw3@gmail.com
Web: www.dw3c.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

Location: 45301 11 Mile, Novi
Contact: 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
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. Mondays - *Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345
Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday
Children's Faith Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville

Early Thanksgiving meal



Gloria Baske (left) dishes out stuffing, while others help prepare the Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons. More than 100 seniors gathered with their friends and neighbors for a turkey lunch, singing, conversation and door prizes.



Leo Okonkowski brings a turkey lunch to Donna Steffens at the early Thanksgiving gathering at the Novi Senior Center.

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
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School
Monday: 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth grade; Club 45 for fourth- and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult.
Thursday: 6 a.m. - Men of

Purpose Prayer and Bible Study - Revelation.

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
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875, office@fpcsouthlyon.org
Worship: Blue Christmas Service, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21
Worship: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24
office@fpcsouthlyon.org

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington
Gluten-free Halloween Party: 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 - The Tri-County Celiac Support Group is hosting the event. Trunk or Treat setup begins at 6:30 and candy distribution from 7-8. Please make sure that the candy you bring is gluten- and peanut-free. GF doughnuts and cider will be served in the church hall along with children's games until 9. A dance party will be held from 8:15-9. The event is free for members; \$10 for non-member families. RSVP and questions can be directed to marci.faro@gmail.com or borgnes@aol.com.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144
Web: www.fumcnorthville.org

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: 810-599-7392
Web: www.FrankTurner.org
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Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565, www.goodshepherdnovi.org
Pastor: Rev Thomas E. Schroeder
Service: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

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
Web: 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
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Location: 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2289
Pastor: Pastor Scott Miller
Upcoming: Christmas for the Family: The Christmas story, crafts, games and lunch for the family. 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 5.

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
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
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
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.; church school and nursery care provided during worship
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Ten Not So Simple Rules: Sundays through Nov. 22 - Senior minister the Rev. Art Ritter will offer a sermon series exploring how the commandments came to be, what purpose they serve, and consider whether some commandments no longer speak to our modern world. The series will explore one commandment each Sunday (save Consecration Sunday, Nov. 8).

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Minister: Mark McGilvrey
Web: www.5milechurch.org
Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church

Location: 15585 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-420-3131
Web: www.metrodachurch.org
Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Saturday
Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Saturday
Bible Study/Prayer: 7 p.m. Wednesday

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030
Web: 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;

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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 Avrohhom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbini@novijewishcenter.com
Web: www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-2652
Web: 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
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
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Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-926-6584
Web: 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
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.
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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

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ASQUINI, EZIO S.
Age 91. November 21, 2015. Beloved husband of Elva D. Asquini for 68 years. Loving father of Karen (Bill) Poulos, Sandy (Bob) Borsos. Dear nonno of Greg, Rob, Mark, Eric, Michael and great nonno of Sarah, Ryan, Keira and our little angel in heaven Penelope. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Mr. Asquini retired from the Ford Motor Company after working 30 years as a process engineer. He was a WWII Army veteran who served in the Pacific, and was a gold card member of The Venetian Club of Mutual Aid. Ed was known for his phenomenal energy and love of family. Funeral services were held. Memorial donations to Cure PSP - www.psp.org. Online condolences to www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.



CHIRRI, ALLIE
Age 73, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. Born September 10, 1942 in Beirut, Lebanon to Imam Mohamad lawad Chirri and Fawziah Hammoud. He was the owner of Chirri Building and Remodeling (Northville), and a longtime resident of Northville. He is survived by his wife Carol Miller. His children Majed Chirri, Nada (Glenn Stice) Chirri and Jamal (Kara) Chirri. His grandchildren Shawn Stice, Kailyn Stice, Hanna Stice, Anthony Chirri and Nicholas Chirri. His mother Fawziah Hammoud and step-mother Ezzat Chirri. Also survived by his siblings Abdul-Ilah Chirri, Adnan Chirri, Fatima Abbas, Randa Jaafer, Mageda Nouriddine, and Majeed Chirri. Funeral services were held.
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Don't let cold and flu ruin the winter season

As the holidays approach, many are gearing up for Thanksgiving dinners, holiday shopping and celebrating with family and friends. But with the unpredictable cold and flu season, it's equally important to add staying healthy to your list.

To help answer your most pressing queries, Dr. Travis Stork, emergency room physician and host of the Emmy Award-winning talk show *The Doctors*, has partnered with Church & Dwight Co. Inc., the maker of Arm & Hammer Simply Saline nasal mists, on a new online tool called "Congestion Questions," inviting people to ask questions and get the answers they need, such as these:

Do nasal mists cause the rebound effect?

Nasal mists are drug-free and derived from natural ingredients — they contain only salt,

sodium bicarbonate and water. They are non-addictive and do not cause any rebound congestion.

I have been experiencing nasal congestion for days. It's so bad that now I'm unable to blow my nose. How can I find quick relief?

Saline irrigation is an excellent way to relieve this sort of nasal congestion. Using either a nasal spray like Arm & Hammer Simply Saline Nasal Relief or a neti-pot ought to help flush out your nasal passages and help loosen your congestion.

I use saline mists and other medications when I need to for my children, but how else can I ease the symptoms of stuffy noses and sore throats?

Helping little ones feel better when they are sick is always a priority for parents. How best to

help is often dependent on the cause. Some traditional treatments that can help soothe and clear stuffy noses include chicken soup or warm drinks with a little lemon or honey, although you should not give honey to a child less than one year of age. You should also make sure the house is kept at a comfortable temperature and perhaps consider a humidifier if you are in a dry climate. Finally, always make sure your children are staying hydrated and eating well.

Why do I get congested mostly at night?

Many people find that their congestion gets worse at night. This may be because when you lie in bed, gravity is no longer playing its part in clearing your nasal passages naturally, so you should try propping your head up with an extra pillow or two to find some relief. You may



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To submit your own questions and learn more about easing your cold and flu symptoms, go to www.CongestionQuestions.com.

also want to reduce the allergen levels in your bedroom by keeping pets off your bed and buying hypoallergenic pillows. A saline spray like Arm & Hammer Simply Saline Extra Strength

Nighttime Relief with natural eucalyptus can help quickly clear congestion so you can breathe easier and comfortably fall asleep, with no day-after effect. To submit your own

questions and learn more about easing your cold and flu symptoms, go to www.CongestionQuestions.com.

— Family Features

State Police: Prepare your home, car for winter's wrath

With winter weather rapidly approaching, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is encouraging Michiganders to make winter emergency preparedness a priority.

"Some Michigan citizens have already experienced their first snow of the season, reminding us that winter is coming," said Capt. Chris A. Kelske, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD.

Severe winter weather poses health and safety concerns with extremely cold temperatures, freezing pipes, potential propane shortages and power outages. Michiganders should consider the following actions to be prepared for the upcoming winter months.

To prepare your home for winter:

- » Weatherproof your home by installing weather-stripping and caulking and insulating walls, doors and windows.

- » Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so pipes are

less likely to freeze.

- » Lock in a propane rate now and have a backup heating plan, such as a generator, wood stove or fireplace.

- » Have gas or oil furnaces inspected by a qualified professional and change the air filter.

- » Have your fireplace and chimney cleaned and inspected. Contact your local fire department for a referral or look for a local inspector online.

- » Install battery-operated carbon monoxide (CO) detectors near every sleeping area. CO poisoning is most prevalent when furnaces are turned on to fight cold winter temperatures, but commonly occurs after winter storms and accompanying power outages, when people tend to rely on portable generators for electricity.

- » Clean gutters to prevent ice dams. Roof ice dams can cause water to build up, leading to interior damage.

- » Clear storm drains along the curb to enable water to drain. If plugged, water has the potential to go into low-lying areas and flood basements.

- » Have an emergency

preparedness kit stored safely in your house that includes: water, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, extra batteries, a battery or hand-crank powered radio, emergency lighting or flashlights, extra blankets and warm clothing.

To prepare your vehicle for winter:

- » Have your radiator system serviced before winter and make sure to replace windshield wipers and wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture that will not freeze.

- » Have your brakes, brake fluid, oil, car battery, heater and exhaust checked to make sure everything is running efficiently.

- » Keep an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle stocked with batteries, battery powered or hand-crank radio, flashlight, windshield scraper, jumper cables, mobile phone charger, shovel, blankets, first aid kit, nonperishable food and bottled water in the event you get stranded or stuck.

For more tips, go to www.michigan.gov/miready or follow the MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at @MichEMHS.

Marijuana legalization focus of Dec. 2 Town Hall meeting

Legalization of marijuana in Michigan will be the focus of a Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the second floor conference room at the Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, in Northville. Proponents of the measure will include Jeffrey Hank, executive director of MI Legalize, and

Nicholas Zettell, board member for MI Legalize.

The Town Hall will be sponsored by the Northville Democratic Club.

The state of Michigan authorized two groups, MI Legalize and the Cannabis Coalition, to collect petition signatures to have marijuana legalization on the ballot

in November 2016. Who are these two groups and how are they different?

The club will also have opponents to legalization speaking and presenting their views. After the presentations, there will be a panel discussion to answer questions. The groups will bring their petitions for signatures.

County clerk launches records search notification system

Oakland County has launched its new Property Record Notification system to enhance its Super Index, simplifying property record searches and allowing activity notifications for residents, professionals and law enforcement.

Brown launched the Super Index, powered by Google and Xerox, in 2014, allowing millions of documents filed with Oakland County to become easily searchable

by any piece of information contained within them.

Sign up for the program at ocmidedeeds.com/Alerts, and users can be notified of any activity happening with their property.

Oakland County is the second county in the United States to launch a Super Index, and the first to incorporate a property record notification feature.

Brown initially cre-

ated the Super Index for Oakland County to help crack down on real estate fraud.

In some cases, perpetrators would find a home with delinquent taxes, pay a portion of the back taxes, place a lien on the property and file a fraudulent deed on the property.

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One family's special 'thank you' list to all

By Ewa Omahen
Guest Columnist

Another Thanksgiving is upon us, with the hustle and bustle of a busy holiday season. For those of us parenting children with special needs, this can be an especially challenging time of the year. It can be hard to enjoy the festivities and relax when your child requires special accommodations due to a host of challenges, such as severe food allergies or sensory overload.

It is easy to get overwhelmed and caught up in the frenzy of it all at the expense of taking a few minutes to sit back, live in the moment and be thankful for "what is."

The following list is a reminder of all the good deeds, happenings and special people we have been blessed with as a family this year.

1. We are thankful for the gift of our special son and the daily lessons of unconditional love, patience and hope he teaches us. Life with autism is hard, but the unique perspective it provides



Patrick Omahen plays at Maybury State Park.

can be truly uplifting, inspiring and hopeful.

2. Our family and friends continue to be a source of enormous support and strength. We are thankful for their help, words of encouragement and being there for us, no matter the circum-

stances.

3. We are thankful for the dedicated and highly-skilled educators providing quality services at the Hillside Middle School ASD program. It takes a strong team to educate a child like our son. From the minute

Patrick boards the bus, his school day begins with genuine smiles and warm welcome from the amazing bus personnel. It continues on his arrival at Hillside, where the caring, knowledgeable and highly committed staff teaches him academics, communication, social and life skills. Patrick loves school and cannot wait to get on the bus in the morning. His excitement and genuine smile are a testimony to the feelings of comfort, enjoyment and care he experiences daily in his neighborhood school.

4. We are thankful for the special young volunteers - peer pals at school, who spend their free time with Patrick and other differently abled students - teaching them wonderful skills and learning lifelong lessons of tolerance, acceptance and compassion. It is reassuring to be a part of such inclusive school community, where all learners are valued and appreciated for their unique gifts and contributions.

5. We are thankful for

the gift of community we live in. It is comforting to know that our kind neighbors always look out for our son, express interest in his well-being and teach their children to be empathetic and understanding.

6. We are thankful for the many professionals providing medical and therapeutic services to our child. Their knowledge, dedication and hard work enable Patrick to be stronger and healthier and help him learn important life skills that are key to his independence and better future outcomes.

7. We are thankful for the support of other special-needs parents and a sense of belonging they provide. It is reassuring to share with other families a common understanding of the challenges and amazing opportunities parenting our uniquely abled children provides.

8. Lastly, we are grateful to have so many advocates and their continued efforts to make this world a better place for people like our son.

The list is long and includes our family, educators, therapists and many organizations promoting better opportunities for individuals with special needs. A special thanks goes to the Autism Alliance of Michigan, for its relentless efforts to enhance the quality of life for those impacted by autism and their families.

Its many initiatives, including autism insurance, safety training for first responders, promoting community inclusion and better educational and employment opportunities, are truly commendable.

May we all continue to provide the sense of community, sharing the gifts of acceptance and appreciation with everyone living in our world at Thanksgiving and throughout the year.

Ewa Omahen is a Novi resident and a mom of a child with autism who attends Northville Public Schools. She may be reached at Ewa.omahen10@gmail.com.

'Tis the season to give, which is better than to receive

Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day and other religious and secular holidays seem to be surrounding us at this time of year. One common denominator to these events seems to be the activity of giving. We might ask, in what way is this helpful to us?

Halloween was experienced as the time and opportunity when one could be whatever or whomever you want and go into the world at large and receive free sweets. The long tradition of giving candy to our trick-or-treaters continues to be an enjoyable activity for the givers of the snacks to our joyful trick-or-treaters.

Thanksgiving is celebrated by giving. We give thanks. This can further our preparation for Christmas, New Year's Day and other timely holidays. The focus continues to be that of the activity of giving to others. Giving celebrations into the new year combines the giving of joy and the giving of thanks for the past year's blessings.

Giving to others and the giving of thanks for what we have seems to be an important ingredient of resilience. Resilience is highly important, along with hope and empathy, which are conducive to mental health and the treatment of anxiety and depression associated with emotional distress.

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adversity, losses, etc. Giving thanks joins up with its' neighbors of optimism, tolerance and



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benevolence toward ourselves and others. One of the major tools to build resilience comes from the ability and practice of giving to others and the giving of thanks for what one has.

There is the story of the person complaining because he had no shoes. His lamentations stopped when he met a man who had no feet. It seems that the only thing worse than having a tragedy is having a bad attitude about it. At this time of year, this idea is further exemplified in our timeless story of Scrooge. Not until, and with, the help and the resilient attitude of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cratchett and their special-needs son Tiny Tim, was Scrooge able to give to others and to give thanks for his good fortunes. As the story goes,

this transformed him favorably, forever.

As we find ourselves amidst this holiday season in our community and throughout the world, it is hoped that we can wish the best for others and give thanks for our fortunes, however small or large they may be.

The acceptance of gifts has its own unique importance in that the giver is sharing a part of themselves which is best responded to with a bona fide thank you, rather than a "Oh, you shouldn't have." In doing so, we are contributing to the building of resilience for ourselves and, at the same time, sharing it with others.

Happy holidays from the staff of Our Mental Health.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. More than 200 columns on various aspects of mental health have been published. He can be reached for a consultation at 248-474-2763, ext. 222.

Meadowbrook Congregational to host 'Amahl and the Night Visitors'

A professional opera company will help ring in the holidays when Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi presents Arbor Opera Theater's production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

This short (45-minute long) story of the young boy, Amahl, and his surprise meeting with the Three Wise Men, is a holiday classic for both children and adults. Tickets at \$9 may be purchased online or by calling the church office at 248-348-7757.

Arbor Opera Theater's production, with Meadowbrook soloist Stephanie Rose Kanak in the role of the Mother, will be presented in Meadowbrook's sanctuary with its excellent acoustics. The church is at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, north of Eight Mile and one mile west of Haggerty.

Kanak, a member of Meadowbrook's Chancel Choir, has performed as

Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof* with Fuse Theater Co., as Emma Goldman in *Ragtime* with Ann Arbor in Concert and as Fiametta in *The Gondoliers* and *Lady Jane in Patience* with the University of Michigan Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

She also has performed the role of the Duchess in *The Duchess of Chicago* (East Cost premiere) with Concert Operetta Theater of Philadelphia, Phoebe in *Yeoman of the Guard* with

The Savoy Co. of Philadelphia and Rosalinde in *Die Fledermaus* with several companies.

Seating is general admission; doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

Arbor Opera Theater of Ann Arbor was founded in 1999 to help bridge the gap between academia and the professional world of opera.

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December 16, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Oasis Golf Practice Center, 39500 5 Mile (Property ID#77-052-99-0008-708); Article 14.2.A.(2) Commercial Recreation District (netting height)

Resident, 44490 Country Lane (Property ID#77-038-99-0004-000); Article 3.2C., General Use Provisions, Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses (accessory structure in front yard)

Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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Plymouth Nursery's annual 'Ladies Night Out' event helps usher in yuletide season

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Bonnie Danic of Plymouth Township is a regular at Plymouth Nursery. "I've bought my roses here, my trees," said Danic, who works at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

The evening of Friday, Nov. 20, was special for Danic and other women shoppers at "Ladies Night Out" at Plymouth Nursery. Danic liked the live music and home holiday decorating ideas.

"The trees and the outside of the house with the lights" are what she decorates at yuletide. "We have Frosty outside."

Of the women's shopping event, Danic added, "I just like all the ladies' products. The food is good. It's nice."

That was music to the ears of Jeff Jones of South Lyon, owner of Plymouth Nursery. His parents started the business in 1963. "Last year, the night of this we had sleet and rain," an appreciative Jones said of this year's clear, dry weather.

Women shoppers visited vendor tables at the store on Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road and enjoyed the festive decorations indoors at Plymouth Nursery, as male staff members served hors d'oeuvres.

"I've got the greatest staff in the world," Jones said. "It's all them, it's not me. I interfere very, very little. I'm blessed with some really great people. They make everything look nice. You get good people and you let them run with their ideas."

He cited Patti Small, garden store manager, and Missy Tuccini, merchandise manager. Of the

men staffers, Allen Park resident Tuccini said, "All dressed up like Skip is here," of a passing waiter for the evening. "We never get to see each other dressed up."

Added sales staffer Kris Laramie of Northville Township: "This is the third year I've been involved. It brings people in the door."

Tuccini noted more than 18 themed decorated trees inside Plymouth Nursery, as well as some 50 life-like trees with lights indoors. She's been on the job there since 2012 and noted Santa Claus will visit each weekend beginning after Thanksgiving.

"It's busy," Laramie, who grew up in Livonia, said of "Ladies Night Out." "I'm trying to go around and help the customers." Added Tuccini: "We get to have fun, too."

Westland resident Sheila Vallimont was there with her daughter, Stephanie DuChene of Dearborn. "So far, really nice," Vallimont said of the evening as she strolled through the decorated trees and more. She was seeking yule ideas.

"Oh, I love to decorate," she added.

Women customers key

Tuccini, making a bow for Plymouth Township's Danic, agreed women customers are essential. "Because they are the core garden center customer and Christmas shopper," Tuccini said. "They're the majority of our customers," owner Jones said, at some 65-70 percent. His women staffers understand that market, Jones added.

Male customers will buy fertilizer and big trees, Jones said. "And



Vendors at "Ladies Night Out" included Michelle Jasewicz of Pampered Chef (foreground) and Delores Ten Broeck of Scentsy. Both women live in Canton and met as Boy Scout moms.



Sheila Vallimont of Westland and daughter Stephanie DuChene of Dearborn enjoy "Ladies Night Out" at Plymouth Nursery.

the women do everything else."

Of his location, Jones said, "It's a nice market to be in." He gets more than 25 percent of business from Ann Arbor, even though M-14 means less drive-by traffic.

"It has developed and continues to be a very good market for us," Jones said of Ann Arbor, as well as Plymouth-Canton.

He heard women say, "I'm going to bring my girlfriends." That's exactly what you want to hear. We just want to get people in here and create a buzz. I've been seeing a lot of product go out both from us and the vendors."

Vendors included Delores Ten Broeck of Canton, with Scentsy candles and related items, and Michelle Jasewicz of Canton, with Pampered Chef. The

women met as Boy Scout

moms. "Our husbands are out to dinner right now," a busy Jasewicz said during a break.

Of the event, Ten Broeck, a retired fourth-grade teacher at Plymouth-Canton's Bentley Elementary, said, "I think that it brings a lot of people into the store. The vendors are there for them to Christmas shop."

Jasewicz has participated four years. "It opens up the doors to the community, lets them see what Plymouth Nursery has and the vendors," Jasewicz said. She had many cash and carry products that night, such as a pepper grinder and other small catalog items less than \$15.

Jasewicz made "box brownies" in a pan with individual spots: "You're

catering to every individual in your family," she said, noting brownies can be made that way with and without nuts. "There's like 40 different recipes you can do in a brownie pan."

She's been with Pampered Chef six years and looks forward to the Plymouth Nursery event. "It's been great every year," said Jasewicz, who like other vendors provided a gift basket to raffle off that evening.

'Like deja vu'

Friends Maureen Walters and MaryBeth Strassel of Ypsilanti were doing some shopping and looking, accompanied by Walters' sister. "It's like deja vu for me to be here," said Strassel, who owned a store with a big Christmas emphasis with her husband in Ypsilanti's Depot Town.

"My husband and I are addicted to Christmas decorating," Strassel said. "Even before we had the store, we were into holiday decor." She, too, liked the live music that night.

Added Walters of the evening: "Just getting together. And you get a lot of cool ideas."

Jones was pleased he could be at "Ladies Night Out," having missed it many years due to being in a portion of Plymouth-Canton's *Nutcracker* performance.

"I've always had to go to practice," said Jones, who's participated 12 years and is eager to get back to the stage.

"I love doing it. It's the most fun I've had in years and years," Jones said of *The Nutcracker*.

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'The Nutcracker' on stage

Time/Date: 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29
Details: Northville Ballet Theatre presents its annual production of *The Nutcracker*, along with contemporary Christmas dances. Performances to be held at Northville High School. Program to benefit Northville Civic Concern. For reserved seating and tickets, call Timberlane Dance at 248-924-8357. Adult tickets are \$15 and \$10 for seniors and children. The company is under the direction of artistic director Kathy Cooke. Go to www.timberlanedance.com.

Arthritis and joint replacement

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1
Details: Providence and Providence Park Hospital, Novi, 47601 Grand River, Outpatient Center, Conference Room A, will host this free presentation. Join for an opportunity to hear about bone and joint issues. For more information, call St. John Providence CareLink at 888-751-5465 to register.

Meet the authors

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2.
Details: Eighth annual "Girls' Night Out Book Signing" at Biggy Coffee of Novi and Bagger Dave's of Novi, just steps away from each other in Novi Town Center. Hosted by Novi author Dana Corbit Nussio, event features *New York Times* best-selling author Ruth Ryan Langan of Farmington Hills to headline the event, which will feature authors representing a wide variety of romance sub-genres as well as cozy mysteries and suspense. Langan writes contemporary romantic suspense; Nussio, inspirational and contemporary romance. Check out products from event vendors, Norwex and Silpada Jewelry; take advantage of beverage specials from Biggy and Bagger Dave's; and enter giveaways for holiday gift baskets.

Cookie walk

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 5.
Details: Northville First United Methodist Church is hosting Cookie Walk 2015 as a fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project, a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia. Youths, in grades 7-12, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each summer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need. Purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies at the church 777 Eight Mile Road, Northville. Homemade nut-free and gluten-free cookies, as well additional holiday treats.

Special luncheons

Time: Noon to 2 p.m.
Details: Holiday special event luncheons coming to Meadowbrook Activity Center are a great way

to enjoy a delicious meal and entertainment with friends. Tickets (\$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident) must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office (45175 10 Mile Road) or the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Thursday, Dec. 10: Are you a believer? Does Santa exist? Travel on a magical adventure to the North Pole and rekindle the wonder of Christmas at the All Aboard the Polar Express Holiday Luncheon. Join your friends for a gleeful afternoon with sounds of the season presented by Eric Engblade. Wellbridge of Novi Rehab Center will sponsor this event.

For more information about the holiday luncheons, contact Judy Klein, recreation programmer, Older Adult Services, at 248-347-0414.

Langsford men in concert

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. (Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, 2600 Harvard at Coolidge, Berkley) and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 (Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 VanDyke at Hall Road, Utica)

Details: Langsford Men's Chorus will present its "Celebrate Christmas" concert with a variety of Christmas favorites, ranging from the classical to the traditional to contemporary. The chorus features men from throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. Directed by Steven SeGraves, the 55-member chorus is considered one of Michigan's premier male choruses. Named in honor of its namesake, the late Dr. Harry M. Langsford, founder and director of the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club for more than 45 years. Tickets \$15 at door, \$12 in advance, available online at www.langsfordmenschorus.org.

Novi Choralaires holiday concerts

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook

Details: The Novi Choralaires is a chorus of men and women from the city of Novi and surrounding communities, founded in 1975 and operating under the umbrella of Novi Parks Performing Arts. Directed by their artistic music director Liz Wolber. This Holiday season the Novi Choralaires present "A Very British Christmas." The program includes songs and carols from Great Britain highlighting music from the 15th century through modern day. Favorites include arrangements by John Rutter. Tickets \$12 adults or \$10 for seniors and children younger than 12. Group rates available.

Concert band performance

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13.

Details: The Novi Concert Band, the community band for the City of Novi, will perform its holiday show Music for the Holidays. The group will perform music for all ages and tastes. The performance is free, but donations welcome. The concert will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road.

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OUR VIEW

Holiday gift giving: Think local, shop outside the box

You've got a special someone at the top of your gift list this Christmas, Kwanzaa or Hanukkah. Their gift has to be just right.

The decision of when to start shopping's entirely yours. Some super-organized people have their holiday shopping done long before Thanksgiving. Many wish to savor the special family-oriented delights of Thanksgiving – and decline to head out to malls or big box stores this Thursday, remaining behind with family, turkey and other leftovers, and the Detroit Lions before the rush toward the holidays starts.

How you choose to shop is also up to you. No doubt, online shopping has its conveniences. Brick and mortar stores have their advantages, too, so don't write them off too hastily.

Downtown Milford and South Lyon, for example, hosts several holiday shopping events for adults and children alike, giving shoppers a chance to check out holiday selections and kids of all ages the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. It's not just Main Street or Lafayette where local merchants have plenty to offer. Check out M-59, Grand River Avenue, Milford Road or Pontiac Trail for some locally-sourced gifts.

Shopping locally brings dollars back into our communities, allowing local businesses to hire your friends and neighbors. Tax coffers get a boost too.

Customer service is key at many of these businesses, with owners and managers going that extra mile to make sure you're a satisfied customer – and that you

remain a satisfied customer. If a problem emerges with a purchase, it's far easier to return it down the street or in the next town than to navigate the vicissitudes of the crowded post office to return an online purchase.

Local merchants are keeping up with technology, too. Ask them and they'll tell you that as their storefront businesses survive and thrive they're also entering the digital age and offering wares and services online – often nationwide and overseas.

Not everyone finds shopping fun, of course, but it can be enjoyable to match the right gift with the right recipient. These merchants can help you do that.

Why not think outside the box on shops, too, while you're at it? In Milford, an Uptown Pop-up Shop has opened in a former gas station downtown with home and garden merchandise. Re-purposed home gear and jewelry, Milford-themed products by local artists and more fill the store.

"These are unique items you won't find anywhere else," owner Jane Swayze said.

This Milford specialty shop parallels the trend of downtown Detroit where many millennials shop at pop-ups for specialized wares. Why should they have all the fun? It's great to see such retail ingenuity come to Milford.

Novi's retail scene is dominated by 12 Oaks Mall and several other outdoor malls along Novi Road. There's a variety of national and local stores for all

tastes and needs.

Local chambers of commerce and Downtown Development Authorities can help you craft your shopping list. Check out their member directories, and decide which shops to visit armed with the knowledge you'll find friendly, informed staffers eager to help you.

And take your patience along with you. There will be crowds, and sometimes long lines. We can all get a little testy under those circumstances, but keeping our cool and remembering our manners will make the season more joyful for all.

And finally don't forget that in this season of giving not all can give. Local Goodfellows volunteers work hard, especially now but all year, to guarantee needy children have a joyful Christmas.

The Salvation Army kicks off its fundraising Red Kettle drive each year, with money raised going not only for holiday food and toys but essentials like prescription medicine and paying utility bills. Please be as generous as you can, and remember these and other nonprofits as you write out your holiday shopping list.

Also, thank and patronize businesses that encourage charitable endeavors, such as allowing Salvation Army bell ringers to grace their doorsteps. These efforts to help the needy of our communities are vital not just at Christmas but all year. We applaud business representatives who go the extra mile to support charity.

LETTERS

Voting bill a joke

Our Michigan Legislature adds yet another issue to thwart democracy.

They met secretly behind closed doors; quickly they brought the end of straight ticket voting to the floor. Previously, we voters had voted to keep straight ticket voting. To ensure the issue could not be objected to, they included \$1 million for "education." That strenuous job done, they voted themselves a

three-week vacation.

It will be most difficult in Detroit, where the tabulators are old and inadequate. During a presidential election, our Ann Arbor daughter waited 35 minutes, while her friend who teaches and lives in Detroit waited nine hours.

Democracy is supposed to be predicated on justice and fairness. The voters only recourse is to remember next November to end the secrecy, to give balance, to remind them that they are there

for the common good.

The principles of democracy are social and political equality for all.

Delphine Palkowski
South Lyon

Climate questions

Questions I'd like the president to answer during his next climate change lecture.

How does computer modeled hypotheses qualify as settled science? How does renewable energy renew on calm overcast days? How many tons of toxic waste result from production of each 3-megawatt wind turbine? OSHA's CO2 workplace safety level is 5,000 ppm, atmospheric levels are only 380 ppm, well below levels needed for higher crop yields and a greener planet, yet you claim it's a dangerous gas. How come? Why did you stop Sir

Christopher Monckton from testifying alongside Al Gore at a Capitol Hill climate change hearing April 26, 2009, ensuring the world's leading opposition expert's comments never appeared on the Congressional record? How come you don't hold the wind and solar industry accountable for destroying wildlife like you do every other industry? How many bald eagles and migratory birds are sliced up or vaporized each year by windmills and solar farms?

How come those who trumpet climate Armageddon the loudest like Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change are also heavily invested in companies that profit from it. Why are you waging a war on coal before fully vetting Ohio State University's process of gen-

erating clean power from coal without burning it? Why does your Clean Power Plan prohibit building more dependable and affordable emission free nuclear and low emission natural gas power plants? Will electricity rates skyrocket like they did in Europe when wind and solar subsidies end?

Jack Belisle
South Lyon

More guns will just increase mayhem

Another mass shooting, this time at a college campus. It sure seems to be happening with more frequency. Of course, Republicans and the NRA say the only appropriate response is sell more guns. You know, "the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

Accepting their prem-

ise, let me suggest an alternative outcome: Bad guy armed with a legally obtained gun enters a venue. Could be a darkened theater, school, church, day care center, etc. There is more than one good guy present. When bad guy begins his mayhem, good guys, unaware of each other (they don't wear orange vests), respond. No one knows what's going on except bad guy. Bullets fly.

In the end, it doesn't really matter if your loved one is struck by a bullet from the gun of a bad guy, good guy, accident or suicide attempt. They were shot by a gun.

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Jim Collins
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Novi's Paulina Iacobelli (bottom) dives to the floor for the dig in front of teammates (from left) Emmy Robinson and Claire Pinkerton during Saturday's Class A state final.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Wildcats' final four 3-set win set stage

Wildcats romped past Grand Rapids Christian

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The rematch is on for the MHSAA Class A volleyball final.

Novi held up its end of the bargain Nov. 19 with a convincing 25-18, 25-18, 25-18 semifinal triumph over Grand Rapids Christian at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The Wildcats, who improved to 54-2, will get another shot at Romeo (48-7-1), the defending state champions, who survived a tough five-setter in the other semifinal against underdog Livonia Churchill.

Romeo, which captured last year's state championship match against Novi in five sets, has had a bumpy road to the finals than the Wildcats, who have yet to lose a set in six post-season encounters.

"It doesn't matter how we win, we just want to play our game and execute our system," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "If that's in three (sets) ... awesome, but if it's in five we'll take that, too."

Novi's well-balanced offensive attack had only one player reach double figures as junior Ally Cummings finished with 12 kills. Miss Volleyball runner-up Victoria Iacobelli, a senior, added eight.

"I think that's the key to our success just spreading around our offense pin-point," Cottrill said. "I think (Grand Rapids) made an adjustment on (Cummings) and then we made an adjustment and we stayed

WILDCATS BEAT ROMEO TO EARN FIRST CLASS A CROWN

Perry Farrell
Michigan.com

The best player in the state lost to the best team in the Class A volleyball final Saturday at Kellogg Arena in snowy Battle Creek.

Novi had been ranked No. 1 for most of the season. Romeo, the defending state champion, featured the best player in Miss Volleyball Gia Milana.

The Bulldogs prevailed last year in a five-set thriller and Novi wanted revenge. It got it, winning in impressive fashion, 25-16, 20-25, 25-21 and 25-17, capping off a 55-2 season and its first volleyball state title in school history.

"They're a great team and we watched a lot of film and kind of had an idea of what they were going to bring at us," Novi coach Jennifer Cottrill said. "Gia's a phenomenal player and pretty much impossible to stop. We had to have a plan to defend everybody else."

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Novi players Victoria Iacobelli (left) and Ally Cummings embrace after winning the volleyball Class A state title in Battle Creek.

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DAVID MAYLEN

Novi's Ally Cummings (left) and Kathryn Ellison team against Grand Rapids Christian's Samantha McLean (right).



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Northville's Jack Sargent looks to fire a pass during Friday's Metro Invitational opener at Novi Ice Arena.

BOYS HOCKEY

Farmington clips Northville in Metro Invite, 2-1

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

The Farmington Falcons kicked off the 2015-16 hockey season in high gear Friday, edging Northville in the Metro High School Invitational at Novi Ice Arena, 2-1.

Both squads strung together a very active first period, with Northville outshooting its counterpart, 7-6. But it was the Falcons who gained the early lead.

As the Mustangs (0-1) looked to carry the puck out of their defensive zone and near center

ice, Farmington defenseman Brian Jonik broke up a passing lane and chipped the puck up to a streaking Joe Carbone.

Utilizing a two-on-one breakaway, Carbone fired a bullet beyond the reach of Northville goaltender Brett Miller to secure a 1-0 advantage at the 8:46 mark.

"Brian Jonik is a senior defenseman and a very, very smart kid," Farmington coach Bill Newton said. "He plays the game so simply. A lot of people don't realize how effective he really is. Joe Carbone had a great season for us last year,

and he keeps getting better."

Five minutes later, the Mustangs were able to even matters thanks to a pin-point, trick shot by forward Brendan Hicks from a precarious position.

After skating in from the off wing, Hicks stopped on a dime behind the net and went stick-side from a narrow angle to beat Farmington's Hunter Firestone. Helping to set up the pass for Hicks was linemate Anthony Solack.

"That was a nice play where he came in on his wing," Northville coach Jon Gates said.

"He's a right-handed shot and came in on the left side, which is certainly an advantage for the shooter and a better angle.

"That's just one of those shots that you try to get to the net, and it found a hole and went in."

Although the Mustangs had a 15-1 advantage in shots on net in the second, followed by an 11-2 margin in the final period of play, it was the Falcons (1-0) who were able to light the lamp once more.

With heavy traffic in front

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi guarantees another trip back to Battle Creek

Wildcats reach final four with decisive win over G.P. North

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Five matches down, two to go. The top-ranked Novi volleyball team followed a familiar script Nov. 17 – win in three quick sets and make it less than an hour.

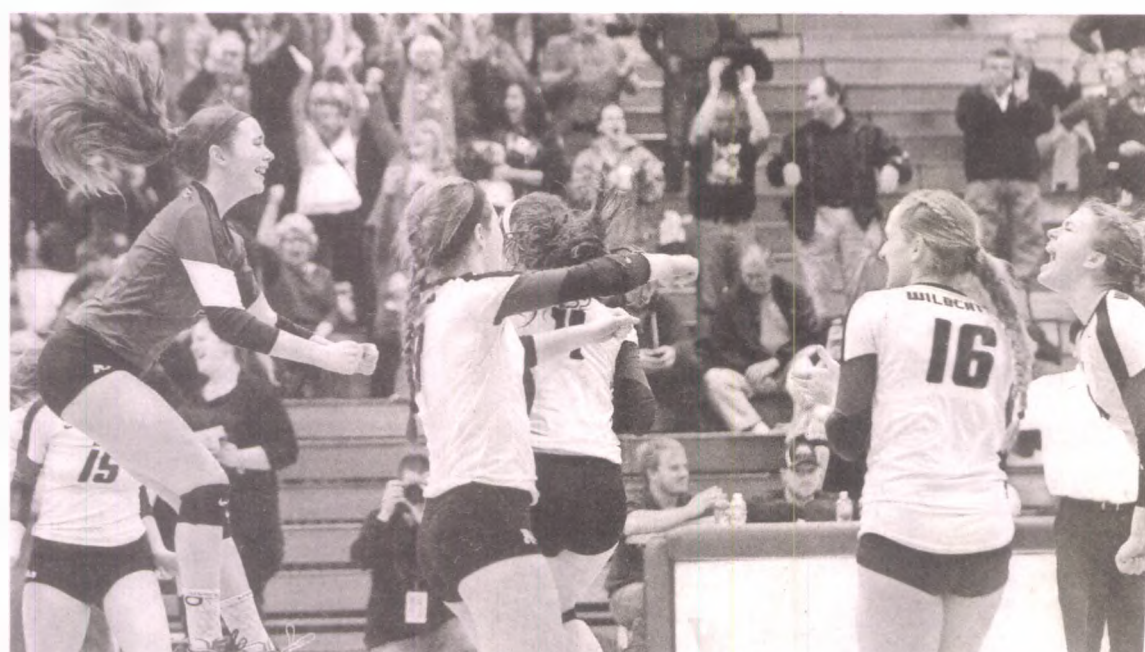
Grosse Pointe North was the latest victim in the MHSAA Class A quarterfinal at West Bloomfield as Novi rolled to a convincing 25-11, 25-15, 25-19 triumph while earning its second straight trip to the state semifinals at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The Wildcats, who improved to 48-2, have yet to lose a set in five state tournament matches and were dominating once again.

"We didn't know much about Grosse Pointe North, so we really just wanted to kind of take care of our side – serve tough, pass well, so they're out of system and we're in system – and defend," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "So I thought we did that well from the start each of the three sets."

The first two sets were blow-outs, to say the least, but the Norsemen tried to make a go of it in the third, pulling within one, 15-14, and forcing Cottrill to use a rare timeout.

"Ultimately, they're doing a pretty good job of controlling



Novi libero Claire Pinkerton (far left) starts the celebration after sweeping Grosse Pointe North in straight sets in a Class A quarterfinal match at West Bloomfield.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

their emotions and focusing on what we're trying to do on the court," she said of her team. "I think Ally (Cummings), getting hurt threw us a little bit. But I thought we rebounded well and came around."

With Novi leading 14-9 in the third set, Cummings, a 6-foot junior outside hitter, went down with an apparent ankle injury that forced her to the bench momentarily.

"Someone was under the net and I landed on their ankle," said Cummings, who finished with seven kills. "I wasn't in pain, but it was just kind of a shock. I just said, 'Oh, crap,' but

I kind of shook it off. I was definitely scared."

Novi trainer Chase Kreger checked out the injured Cummings on the bench and gave her the thumbs-up.

"He was just testing the ankle out to make it was fine and I could go back in," Cummings said.

During her absence, Novi went to the bench for a sub and lost a point when it was called for a rotation violation, which sparked a 6-1 mini-run for North.

"Concerned, obviously," Cottrill said of Cummings' injury. "She's as big a part of

our team as any player. I think her teammates were very concerned. But she's a tough kid and she's got an ankle brace on, which is good and what probably saved a pretty serious injury there."

North remained close and trailed by only two, 20-18, before Novi closed out the match with a 7-2 run, the final point coming on an errant serve into the net.

"Novi was on tonight," North coach Chelsea Brozo said. "We couldn't pick up their serves. Your road has to end at some point. Tonight was our ending, but for some reason, we

couldn't pick up our offense. They're a good team. I wish them luck wherever they're going to go ... semis, finals."

Victoria Iacobelli, who was voted Miss Volleyball runner-up to Romeo's Gia Milana, paced Novi's hitting attack with 11 kills and 10 digs. Twin sister Paulina added seven kills and four ace serves.

"They come to play," Cottrill said of the Wildcats' dynamic sibling duo. "They're gamers, they're competitors. They want to win. They don't care what it looks like or what it takes. They just want to get it done. I think the focus a lot of times is on Victoria, but Paulina is kind of the unsung hero in a lot of our matches, because she finds ways to score, she plays all the way around and does a lot of stuff for us. I thought she played very consistent tonight."

Novi sophomore middle blocker Kathryn Ellison also loomed large with five blocks, while sophomore setter Erin O'Leary contributed 22 assist-to-kills, three ace serves and five digs. Another sophomore, libero Claire Pinkerton, chipped in nine digs.

Abby Kanakry, a 5-11 sophomore middle hitter, and Katie Snow, a 5-9 junior outside hitter, each had five kills to pace North, which had only two aces and eight service errors.

"They had five attackers that are big and can hit the ball, so we were happy we were able to disrupt that a little bit," Cottrill said.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL



JILL FANNON

The Class B state champion Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard volleyball team celebrates after winning in Battle Creek.

Class B champ Irish feature local talent

A.A. Gabriel Richard finishes 42-0 season

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, featuring several area players, capped its season Saturday by capturing the MHSAA Class B volleyball state championship with a 25-21, 25-14, 25-19 win over North Branch in the finals held at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

The Fighting Irish, who finished 42-0, became the first team to go undefeated since 1999, when Class B champion Marysville went 58-0. It was the school's first state title in volleyball.

Jurnee Tipton (Ypsilanti) and Emily Tanski (Plymouth) finished with 26 and 23 kills, respectively, to spark Gabriel Richard in the state final.

Tanski also collected 14

digs, while Tipton and Rachael Dunlavy (Brighton) each contributed 11.

Setter Emma Nowak (Plymouth) finished with 50 assist-to-kills.

Other members of the Fighting Irish include Sydney Burton and Jesse Fannon, South Lyon; Morgan Douglas, Northville; Lauren Rhodes and Lexi Rhodes, Saline; Sarah Brooks, Ann Arbor; and India Woods and Olivia Hervey, Ypsilanti.

Gabriel Richard, coached by Mayssa Bazzi and Sarah Williams (South Lyon), reached the championship match with a 25-17, 25-9, 25-14 state semifinal triumph Friday over Goodrich.

The Fighting Irish also captured the Central Division, Catholic League, district and regional titles en route to a No. 4 national ranking in MaxPreps' Excellent 25 and a No. 10 ranking in Prepvolleyball.com.

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successful."

Grand Rapids Christian (50-5) actually had more total kills, 38-35, but the Eagles hit only .093 compared with Novi's .221.

"We've got a game plan and our girls are doing a good job of going out and executing it, staying calm," Cottrill said. "We've had a lot of pressure on us all year and we've learned how to deal with that and I think it's really benefiting us right now."

Senior Paulina Iacobelli led Novi's defense with 16 digs, while junior libero Claire Pinkerton and sophomore setter Erin O'Leary added 14 and 10, respectively.

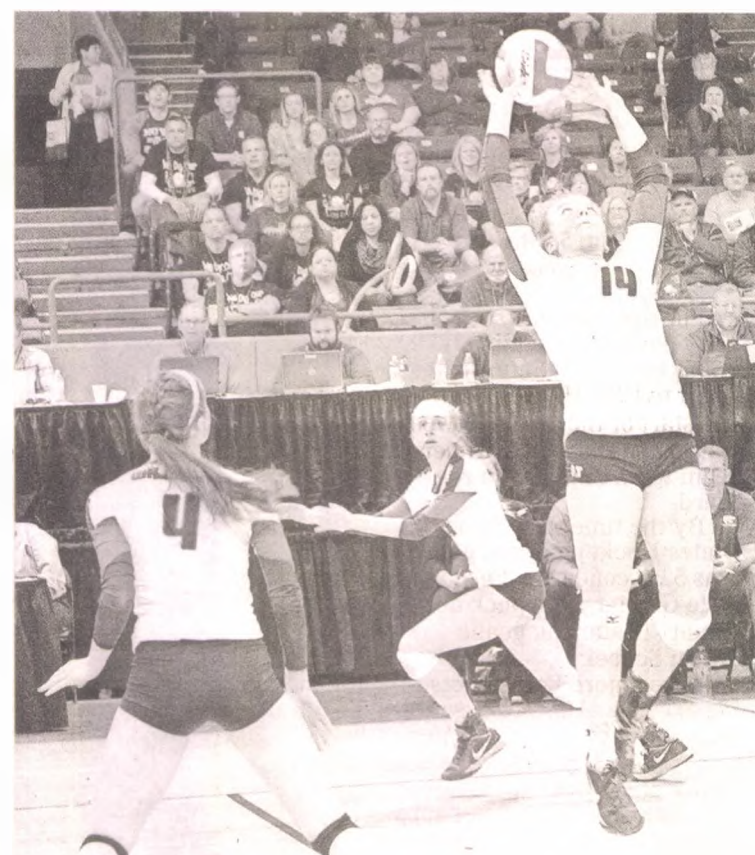
O'Leary, who is committed to Michigan, paced Novi with 26 assist-to-kills.

"She is the calm," Cottrill said. "For just a sophomore, it's pretty tremendous to watch her. It's nice to see her making adjustments and talking to her attackers. So if she sets a ball and they don't get a good swing, she wants to know what she can do better. She's just an awesome teammate."

After going down without much of a battle in the first two sets, Grand Rapids Christian took an early three-point lead in the third set.

"Obviously, at some point, you're going to have a little struggle," Cottrill said. "I think we've just done a good job of managing the runs that have been scored on us. Even like in that third set, they came at us 8-5. We took a timeout and boom ... it's 10-10. We just haven't let anybody get momentum."

The Eagles got 12 kills from Southern Illinois signee and Miss Volleyball nominee Dylmn Otte, who was slowed by a chip fracture in her foot suffered in a quarterfinal victory over Mattawan.



DAVID MAYLEN

Novi's Erin O'Leary (right) makes the back-set to Ally Cummings with Emmy Robinson (left) awaiting the attempt.

"She came out tonight, but was definitely not 100 percent, so we ended up having to move her to the right side to alleviate a little bit of the jumping and stuff," Grand Rapids Christian coach Tiffanie Gates said.

Ellen Long added 10 kills, while setter Maddy Gates had 32 assist-to-kills and 15 digs. Samantha McLean and Hanna Warners led the Eagles' defense with 18 and 14 digs.

"We wanted to defend their outsides," Cottrill said. "It was really unfortunate what happened to (Otte). She's an outstanding player and you could tell she wasn't herself tonight. Anytime you're slowing down a Miss Volleyball candidate, and (Samantha McLean) is an outstanding player as well, that kind of rattles you because

you're used to getting kills, scoring points for them."

But Grand Rapids Christian simply could not keep pace with the Wildcats, who seem to be on a mission.

"I think Novi was amazing," Gates said. "They were such a tough competitor. It's an advantage having been here last year and knowing the environment. It's definitely I think an advantage for them, but I thought our girls played pretty well. They played great defense and they played aggressively, and didn't give up the whole time."

"They were a tough team to play, for sure. I wish them well. It was fun playing against them, for sure."

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"I was confident if we played our game, we could defeat them, but they're teenage girls. You are never quite sure what you are going to get."

The Wildcats got 20 kills and 12 digs from senior Paulina Iacobelli, along with 13 kills and 14 digs from Victoria, her twin sister, who was runner-up to Milana in the Miss Volleyball voting.

"Our game plan has always been pass and defend," Victoria Iacobelli said. "If we're passing well and take them out of their system, there's no one that can really stop us. We knew what we had to do going in. By serving touch and passing and making sure we defend."

"Obviously, there was a little



BRIAN GORDON

The newly crowned volleyball Class A state champions are from Novi.

more motivation coming in from last year. I knew as soon as we knew Romeo was our opponent there was a lot of motivation."

Novi continually took advantage of Romeo's back line, which struggled with the lasers coming from the Iacobellis or

junior Ally Cummings (17 kills).

The Wildcats, who hit .317 as a team, also got 47 assist-to-kills, seven kills and nine digs from sophomore setter Erin O'Leary, while Claire Pinkerton paced the defense with 21 digs.

Only Milana's brilliance

kept the Bulldogs (48-8-1) from getting swept by winning the second set. The Maryland-bound 6-foot-2 senior finished with 29 kills after racking up 43 in a five-set semifinal win Nov. 19 over Livonia Churchill.

"Defense and passing killed us," said Milana, who was blocked at the net on the championship point. "They were hungry coming in, but we just needed to say no to them. We didn't say no. We played with them instead of at them. We let them take the wheel and do whatever they wanted."

Novi came out firing, scoring seven of the match's first eight points. The Wildcats never let up, building a 15-7 lead with strong play at the net and neutralizing Milana.

Unforced errors led to Romeo's undoing as the short serves had the Bulldogs' defense off-balance. Novi doubled the score, 20-10 and was

cruising. When Payton Klein served long, the defending champs found themselves down 1-0.

Romeo opened up an 11-6 lead to start the second set, but Novi took advantage of Bulldogs errors near the net to draw to an 11-11 tie.

But Milana dominated the rest of the set at the net, hurling her body through the air to nail cross-court winners at the Wildcats' defense, including the final kill to tie the match at one set apiece. It was the first time in seven postseason matches that Novi had lost a set.

The third set featured the Wildcats charging ahead 9-6 and 16-10 by attacking the Bulldogs' back line.

Novi News-Northville Record sports editor Brad Emons contributed to this report.

GIRLS SWIMMING STATE FINALS

Northville finishes in eighth place at D1 state meet

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Northville girls swim team walked out of the Holland Aquatic Center with their heads held high Saturday.

The Mustangs earned a top 10 finish in the MHSAA Division 1 state meet, scoring 129 points to earn an eighth-place finish.

Ann Arbor Skyline, paced by senior Katie Portz, captured its first team title in school history with 290 points, followed by last year's champion Saline (238) and third-place finisher Farmington Hills Mercy (219).

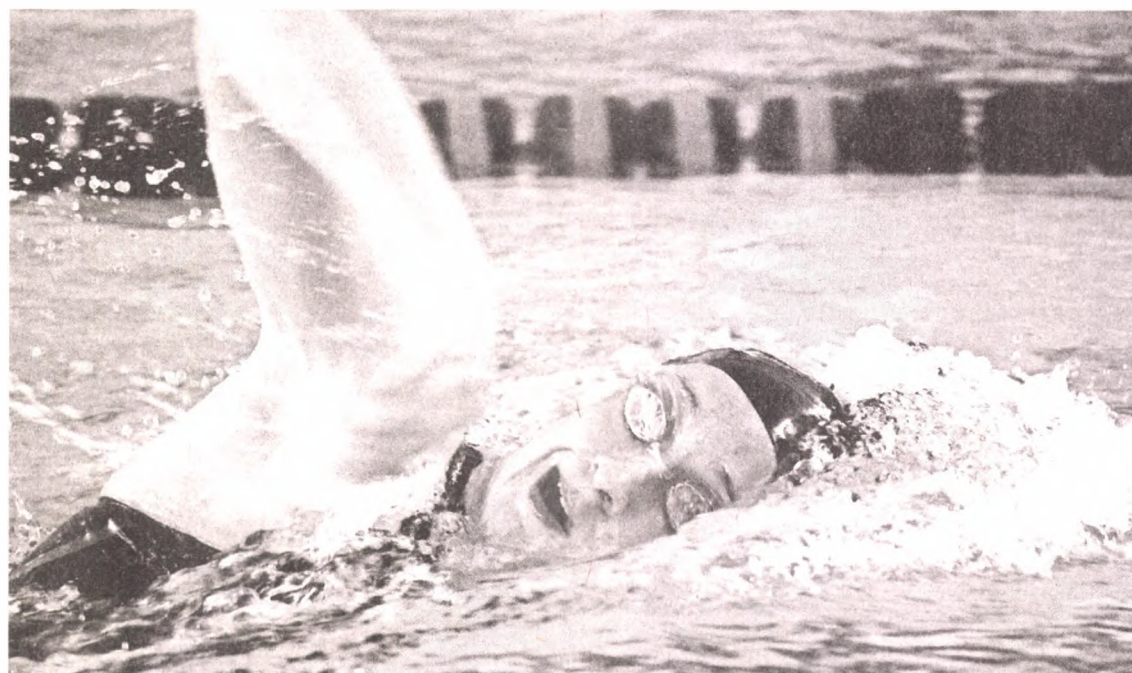
"Overall, we had a pretty good meet," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "We came into the meet with some high expectations and didn't quite live up to all of them, but we still had one of our best days ever as a team."

The Mustangs were 27 points better than in 2014.

"We scored more points at the meet than we ever have since I've been coaching here," McNeff said. "We broke two more school records, in the 200 and 400 freestyle relay. We moved up a spot in the overall standings from last year and we had five all-state swims. Considering how fast the meet was this year, accomplishing all those things is something to be very proud of."

Northville's top individual performer was junior Laura Westphal, who finished second in both the 200 and 500 freestyles with times of 1:50.62 and 4:55.06, respectively.

Portz captured the 200 freestyle in 1:46.84, while Skyline's Georgia Mosher took the 500



BILL HAYES

Northville junior Laura Westphal was runner-up in the Division 1 200- and 500-yard freestyle events last Saturday at the Holland Aquatic Center.

freestyle in 4:54.65.

"She came out on Friday and did exactly what she needed to do in all her events," McNeff said of Westphal. "She had some great splits in the relays and really set herself up for a great day in finals. In the 200, she had a great swim. We knew there was no way she would win that race with Katie Portz in it, so we were really hoping for second."

Westphal was the defending Division 1 state champ in the 500 freestyle after posting a time of 4:54.56.

"Not winning the 500 was a little disappointing, but she still had a great swim," McNeff said. "We have to give the Sky-

line girl (Portz) a lot of credit. She was able to do what no one else has to do and that is out-swim her in the middle of the race. She pulled ahead and Laura just couldn't catch her at the end. I think it was a little motivation for Laura going in to next year and, hopefully, we can regain her title there."

Meanwhile, junior Kelsey Macaddino earned all-state (top eight) honors with sixth in the 100 butterfly (56.80) after going 56.88 in Friday's prelims.

"I was very proud of how Kelsey swam," McNeff said. "She swam four lifetime bests and had an outstanding day. Being all-state had been a goal of hers since last year, so to get

that was huge. I think the 100 butterfly was probably the fastest event at the meet, so for her to be right in there was great. She also came up huge for us in all three relays. She has been a huge part of our success this year and I am extremely proud of everything she has accomplished."

Junior Erin Szara was 11th in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.44).

"I had to remind her a couple times that last year she was just excited to be on the conference team and now she is scoring at the state meet," McNeff said. "She has improved so much and now she has some state meet experience to go

with it. I expect great things from her next year."

Northville's 200 freestyle relay team of Macaddino, juniors Nicki Pumper and Gillian Zayan and Westphal placed fourth in 1:36.76. Skyline, with Portz anchoring, won the event in 1:35.67.

The Mustangs' same 400 freestyle relay foursome of Macaddino, Pumper, Zayan and Westphal was fifth in 3:32.19. Skyline, with Portz once again as the anchor, took first with a Division 1 record time of 1:03.84.

Northville's 200 medley relay team of senior Darby Mroz, Szara, Macaddino and freshman Katelyn McCullough also scored with a ninth-place finish (1:48.75).

Mercy captured the event in a Division 1 record time of 1:44.44.

"Our relays did a great job competing with the top teams in the state, especially in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays," McNeff said. "The 200 free relay hadn't lost all year and I knew there was an outside chance that we could win it. We still swam our best time ever, just came up a little short of winning. Same thing with the 400; we had some great splits and swam our best time ever."

"Initially, we had an up-and-down day. We had some girls get their lifetime bests and some that did not."

Meanwhile, Novi's 200 freestyle relay team of senior Dana Kilponen, junior Emily Mayoras, senior Alexandra Cortez and senior Ava Bianchi took 16th in 1:40.0 after going 1:40.46 in the prelims.

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U.S. NTDP HOCKEY

Backup plan almost works in loss to Fargo

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Staff Writer

For the fans who successfully navigated snowy, icy roads to make it Saturday night to USA Hockey Arena, the start of the game between Fargo and the NTDP Under-17 team wasn't much of a reward.

By the time the United States Hockey League game was 52 seconds old, Fargo's Cole Gallant put a puck behind U-17 starting goalie Adam Scheel.

Three more Fargo shots eluded Scheel before the midway point of the opening period, putting Team USA in a 4-0 hole.

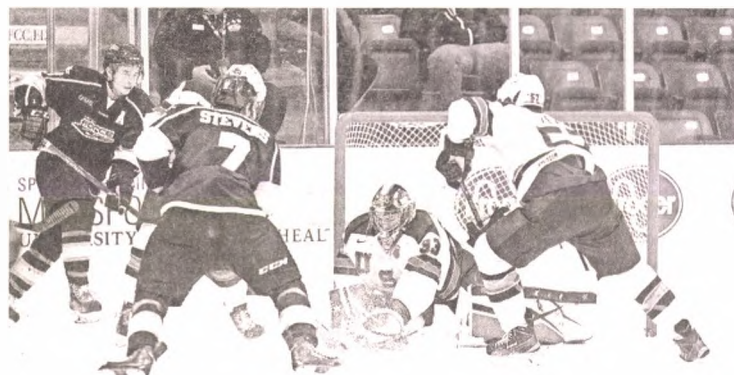
Realizing it wasn't Scheel's night, U-17 head coach Don Granato pulled him in favor of 5-foot-7 Northville native Dylan St. Cyr with 11:13 left in the first period.

St. Cyr was spectacular the rest of the game, stopping all 29 shots he faced. But Fargo had enough of a lead to skate to a comfortable 4-2 victory, with the home team's second goal coming with just 1.6 seconds left (by Joey Cassetti).

"That was certainly not the way you want to start a game," Granato said. "(The Force) obviously came ready to play, they elevated their game. We looked a little groggy to start and couldn't get in any rhythm through the course of the game at all. "Dylan came in and played very well for us and held things down. But we never did get going in this one."

Fargo (7-8-1-0) also defeated the U-17 team, 5-4, Friday night.

"Credit to them, obviously, and a learning experience for us," Granato said. "This is a big jump in level of play for



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Dylan St. Cyr, a Northville native and goalie for the NTDP U17s, thwarts this chance by Fargo's Brody Stevens (left). St. Cyr entered Saturday's game midway through the first period and stopped all 29 shots he saw.

our players. The lessons that we learned tonight were obvious. One, not being ready to play and underestimating the competitive level of this league (USHL).

"If you're not ready to play, you can be down three or four in a hurry and we were."

In the zone

After St. Cyr shut down Fargo for the rest of the first period (he stopped 12 shots over the final 11-plus minutes) he continued displaying a combination of acrobatics and strong positioning in the middle period.

With eight minutes to go in the period, he sprawled to deny Denis Smirnov at the left post with a Gumby-like move.

Buoyed by the stop, Team USA (5-6-1-1 in the USHL, including games played by the Under-18 squad) came down the ice and finally scored against Fargo goaltender Robbie Beydoun.

Defenseman Quinn Hughes skated down the right wing into the Force zone and

threaded a cross-ink pass to forward Brady Tkachuk for a one-timer taken near the left face-off dot.

Then with about three seconds to go in the period, St. Cyr smothered a hard shot that Shane McMahan launched between the circles.

Eight minutes into the third period, St. Cyr stayed with Hugo Reinhardt on an up-the-gut breakaway and calmly flicked the shot to the corner.

"(St. Cyr's) a very intelligent goalie. He's got great hockey sense, he reads things very well," Granato said. "You see that on breakaways, he reads shooters well."

"So he's pretty much in the zone right now and it's great to see. He puts the work ethic in, he's a very committed, dedicated player."

Not the same

According to St. Cyr — who credited hard work this summer at the Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp for getting prepared physically and mentally to play in the NTDP —

there is a different kind of pressure coming in cold off the bench as he did Saturday.

"You obviously want to go in there, make the first couple stops and try to do what you can to keep the team in there," the Northville High School junior said. "When you're on the bench, obviously you want to keep your mind sharp. You're not moving around as much as you would, muscles are going to be a little cold going in."

"That's probably the number one battle going in mid-game. That's tough, but you want to do as much as you can to keep your mind sharp. Watch pucks while you're on the bench, so if you do get the call you're ready to play."

Getting the first couple of stops under his belt are crucial in any game he plays, he continued.

"Always the first save is the most important for me to get my groove, just trying to get my confidence built up," said St. Cyr, a future University of Michigan goalie. "The first and second saves are the big ones."

As for the NTDP itself, the first couple of months with the program have gone "much better" than he expected.

"Honestly, coming to the rink every day and having the best kids around the country here to push you," St. Cyr said. "You're competing harder than you ever thought you would, you have people coming here every day that want to do this for (their lives)."

"So they're here battling and it just makes you a better person, a better player. A lot of life lessons on and off the ice, so it's a great program."

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BOYS HOCKEY

CC's stellar third-period surge beats Brighton, 3-0

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The Brandon Kaleniecki era is off to a 2-0 hockey start at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Shamrocks scored three goals in the final period Saturday to beat Brighton, 3-0, at USA Hockey Arenas to give the first-year coach his second straight victory.

Brian Kearns scored what proved to be the game-winner with only 7:33 left, off assists from Alex Kreutzer and Anthony Esser.

Kreutzer then made it 2-0 just 24 seconds later off an assist from Kyle Mulka and JoJo Mancinelli capped the scoring with an empty-netter with only one second to go.

CC goaltender Alec Calvaruso made 10 saves to post his second straight shutout.

FARMINGTON 3, NOVI 1: The Falcons (2-0) made it two straight in the Metro Invitational with a victory Saturday over the Wildcats (1-1) at Novi Ice Arena as Tanner Neill scored the game-winner on a power play with 9:51 remaining.

Nick Calis assisted on Neill's goal that came during a five-minute major penalty against Novi.

Joe Carbonne then added an empty-netter with 52 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Jason Petras tallied a power-play goal for Farmington in the first period before Novi tied it in the second period on Alex Scarozza's goal from Zach Perpich and Ryan Fonda.

Hunter Firestone made 19 saves in goal for Farmington, while Josh Richardson had 22 for the Wildcats.

NORTHVILLE 4, LAKE ORION 2: Goaltender Brett Miller made 35 saves Saturday as the Mustangs (1-1) turned back the Dragons (1-1) in the Metro Invitational at Novi Ice Arena.

Northville jumped out to a 1-0 first-period lead on Dylan Coombes' power-play goal from Anthony Solack and Zac Osaer at 4:34.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 3-0 after two periods on goals by Kyle Dann (from Sam Bradley and Riley Brass) and Alex Iafraite (from Nick Williams and Ian Welsch).

Brass made it 4-0 at 2:09 of the final period, from Bradley and Dann.

Lake Orion's Joe Briskey notched a power-play goal from Connor Graham and Drew Casey with 6:35 remaining to spoil Miller's shutout bid.

Jack Barker made 36 saves for the Dragons.

NOVI 9, CLARKSTON 2: Alex Cai finished with a hat trick and two assists Friday, leading the Wildcats (1-0) to a Metro Invitational victory over the Wolves (0-1) at Novi Ice Arena.

Novi, which jumped out to a 3-1 lead after one period and 7-2 after two, also got contributions from Cam Czapski (one goal, three assists); Brandon Kour (one goal, two assists); Andy Mizerowski and Zach Perpich (one goal and one assist each); Brennan Martin (two assists); and Alex Scarozza (one goal).

Other assists went to Ryan Fonda, Anthony Luongo, Nathan Graff and David DeNova as the Wildcats outshot Clarkston, 34-10.

Novi goaltender Josh Richardson made eight saves.

DETROIT CC 8, P.H. NORTHERN 0: Michael Considine notched a hat trick and Brendan West contributed four assists Nov. 19 as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-0, 1-0) rolled to Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division victory over host Port Huron Northern (0-1, 0-1) at McMorrان Place Pavilion.

It was Considine's goal with 1:39 remaining that ended the game on an eight-goal mercy.

Other top point producers for the Shamrocks, who led 3-0 after one period and 7-0 after two, were JoJo Mancinelli (two goals); Glynn Robitaille (one goal, two assists); Sheldon Wasik (one goal, one assist); Kyle Mulka (two assists); and J.P. Lafferty (one goal).

Other assists went to Jared Lee, Alex Kruezer, Brendan Cleary, Nick Macari and Brian Kearns.

Alec Calvaruso had to make just four saves for the Shamrocks, while Andrew Adolph made 26 for Northern.

NORTHVILLE

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of the net, freshman forward Eli Arnold backhanded the puck behind the faceoff circles to notch the game-winning goal a mere 54 seconds in the third. Garnering assists on the play were forwards Colin Finn and Tanner Neill.

Gates talked about the difficulty his team had in creating second- and third-chance opportunities near the net despite the widening margin in shot production.

"As opposed to last year, when we had Jack Meachem and Alex Morgan who were 60-point and 30- to 40-goal



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville's Kyle Dann (left) looks to move the puck against Farmington's Cam Noseworthy.

scorers, we don't have that type of player this year, and we're going to have to get dirty goals," Gates said.

"We just didn't get to the net enough tonight. You'll hear

(Mike) Hancock preach it, and you'll hear (Jeff) Blashill preach it. You have to get pucks to the net, traffic to the net and bodies to the net. We just need to get better at get-

ting ugly, dirty goals."

Firestone finished with 32 saves. Miller notched seven at the other end of the ice.

Newton was pleased as to how his goalie responded to such a potent amount of firepower coming from the Northville side.

"Hunter was fabulous," he said. "I know he'd really like to have that one back. To his credit, he got refocused and square to the puck."

"He worked his catch glove extremely well and showed it. It's amazing, when you show the glove, how many guys will just shoot into it."

"He made really timely saves for us when we needed him, and we're really excited to see him perform well this early."

ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Novi's Plaetinck is leader of the pack

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Joost Plaetinck's individual accomplishments as a senior for the Novi boys cross country team this fall are impressive, to say the least.

Committed to Michigan, Plaetinck led the Wildcats to both Division 1 regional and KLAAs Kensington Conference team titles.

Named the All-Area Runner of the Year, Plaetinck's season culminated with a sixth-place finish in the state finals in a personal best time of 15:28.3, while earning all-state honors for the second year in a row as the Wildcats placed third overall.

Among Plaetinck's other accomplishments were a regional title (15:33), runner-up finish in the Kensington Conference (15:41) and Ramblin' Rock (15:59) meets; fourth at Oakland County (16:09); and 16th in the MSU Spartan Invitational's Elite Division (16:18).

"Joost is one of the best runners ever to represent Novi High School," coach Robert Smith said. "When he puts on his uniform, he transforms from an easy-going guy into a fierce competitor. He has the whole package - talent, determination and dedication. As a two-year captain of the team, Joost has proven leadership qualities as well.

"His time of 15:23 at the state meet has proven that he is one of the best high school runners in the state this year."

First team

Jackson Grzymkowski, Lakeland: The senior placed 12th at the Division 1 state finals (15:39.6) after capturing the regional (15:49.7) and Oakland County (15:56) meets.

Grzymkowski was also runner-up at the KLAAs Lakes Conference (15:39.0) and Jackson Invitational (15:42.6).

"I have never had an athlete with higher aspirations than Jackson," Lakeland coach Joe Verellen said. "He set his goals at camp his sophomore year and has been working toward them ever since. Each season, he would get better and better as a runner and as a leader. Lakeland cross country would not be what it is without his time in the program."

Drew Wenger, Lakeland: The junior wound up 13th at the Division 1 state finals (15:41.9) after taking third at the regional (16:00.0) and sixth in the Lakes Conference (16:02.7).

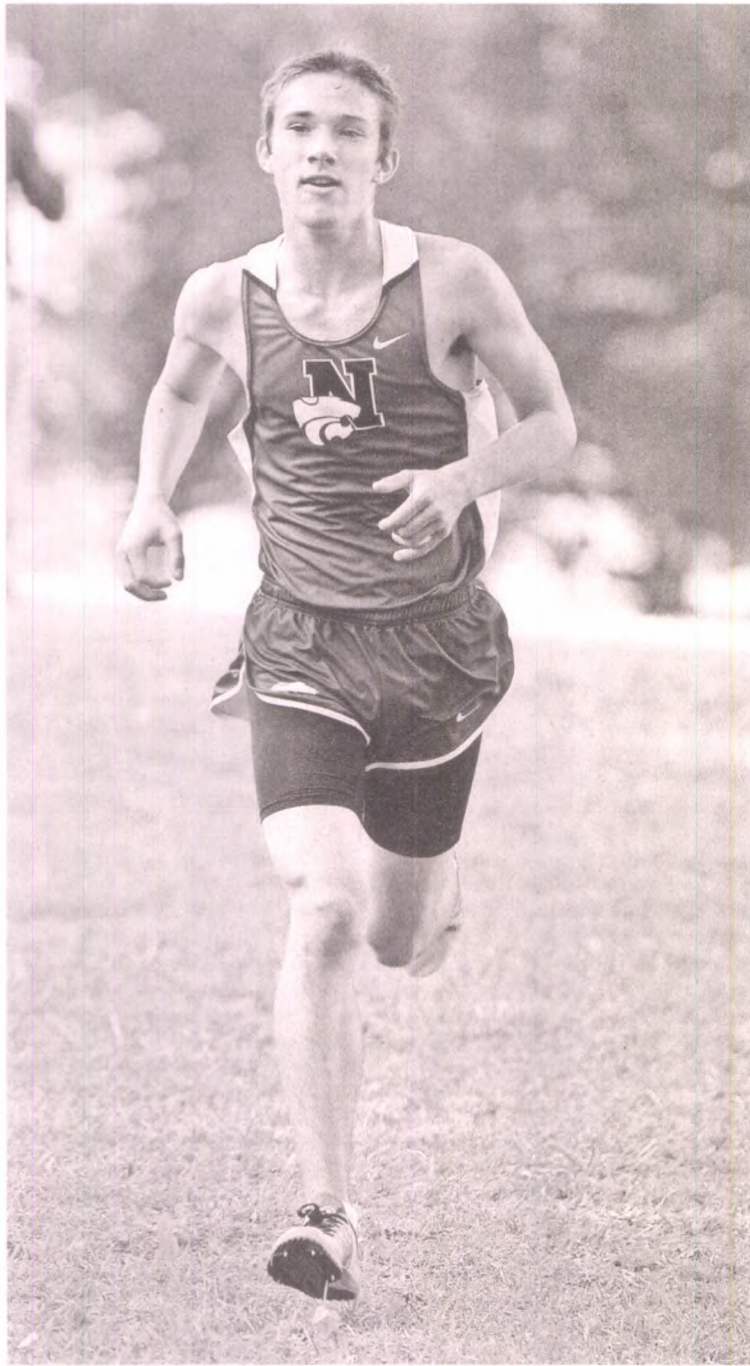
Wenger was also 11th at Oakland County (16:31) and 15th at the Jackson Invitational (16:22.9).

"Drew is a pure racer," Verellen said. "The bigger the race, the more excited he gets. I'm really proud of how Drew has overcome the adversity of injury. He did so with a maturity beyond his years as he remained consistent, positive and focused. It really paid off at the end of the season."

Ben Cracraft, Northville: The junior, a three-time state qualifier, placed 14th at Division 1 state finals (personal best 15:42.1) after taking fifth at the regional (15:50) and Kensington Conference meets (15:48).

Cracraft, an academic all-state athlete, also took 10th at the Portage Invitational (15:48) and owns the school's second best all-time Cass Benton home course clocking (16:03.1).

"Right out of the gate this season, it was clear that Ben had emerged as one of the top cross country runners in the



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi senior Joost Plaetinck was named All-Area Runner of the Year after placing sixth at the Division 1 state finals.

state," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "He was rock-steady all season and his ability to come up big on the biggest stages is what separates him from other runners. Ben's toughness and will to win helped our program achieve new standards of excellence this season."

Conor Naughton, Northville: The senior, a four-time state qualifier, placed 15th in Division 1 (15:42.5), fourth at the regional (15:50) and 11th in the Kensington Conference (16:25).

The Central Michigan University recruit ranks fourth all time on the Cass Benton course with a time of 16:06.

"Conor ends his career as one of the most decorated runners in school history," Cronin said. "However, his greatest achievement came this year when he helped his team to a runner-up finish at the state finals. As a co-captain, Conor's leadership was always on display this season. From summer conditioning all the way to the state finals, this team was united in purpose and goal."

Gabriel Mudel, Novi: The sophomore earned all-state honors by taking 27th at the Division 1 state finals with a season-best time of 15:53.6.

Mudel took seventh at the regional (16:02); sixth in the Kensington Conference (16:08); eighth at the Ramblin' Rock (16:23); and ninth in Oakland County (16:29). He also was 22nd in the Elite Division at the Spartan Invitational (16:24).

"Gabe flew under the radar this year, but his performances were top-notch," Smith said. "Last year, Gabe was injured for most of the season, so no

one saw him coming. Gabe is the fastest sophomore returning in the Kensington Conference, as well as the second fastest returning runner overall in the conference. We will be building the team around him next year. I know he will be up to the challenge. He is full of natural talent."

Kenny Goolsby, Northville: The senior co-captain, a two-time state qualifier, finished fourth in the Kensington Conference meet after taking 19th at the regional (16:34) and 54th at the state finals.

His best time was overall was 16:07.9 and his 16:13.6 ranks fifth all time on the Cass Benton course.

"Kenny was the heart and soul of our team this season," Cronin said. "Had it not been for a late-season injury, I believe Kenny would have made finished in the top 30 at MIS. Known for his furious kick, Kenny used it to track down opposing runner like they were standing still. Finishing fourth at the KLAAs Conference meet was Kenny's breakout race of the season."

Thomas Smither, Northville: The senior placed 43rd at the Division 1 meet (personal best 16:07.5) after taking 15th at the regional (16:25) and 13th in the Kensington Conference (16:31).

"Going into the season, Thomas had a career best time of 17:22," Cronin said. "At the Bath Invitational, his first race of the season, he ran a 16:48 and never looked back. Thomas was our fourth runner for much of the season and his success paralleled the team's. Thomas' easy-going, low-key attitude was instrumental in keeping the team focused and

RUNNER OF THE YEAR
Joost Plaetinck, Sr., Novi

FIRST TEAM

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Drew Wenger, Soph., Lakeland
Ben Cracraft, Jr., Northville
Conor Naughton, Sr., Northville
Gabriel Mudel, Soph., Novi
Kenny Goolsby, Sr. Northville
Thomas Smither, Sr., Northville

SECOND TEAM

Christian Freiburger, Sr., Northville
Dakota Giles, Jr., Milford
Ty Buckley, Jr., Detroit CC
Scott MacPherson, Jr., Novi
John Landy, Jr., Novi
Jack Aman, Jr., Milford
Scott Smith, Sr., Detroit CC

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Sean Coleman, Sr.; Nicholas Couyoumjian, Fr.; Jeff Baxter, Sr.; **Novi:** Aric Landy, Jr.; Adam Ditri, Sr.; Chris Silva, Jr.; Glenn Sawyer, Jr.; **Lakeland:** George Drallos, Soph.; Kyle Garbovits, Sr.; Jacob Broman, Sr.; **Milford:** Nolan Bailey, Soph.; Jared Shupe, Jr.; Nick Martin, Soph.; Luke Caddell, Soph.; **Detroit CC:** Avery Felty, Sr.; Ben Racine, Jr.; Mark Borek, Jr.; Matthew Fosdick, Sr.; Alex McLaren, Sr.; **South Lyon East:** Xander Cronin, Soph.; **South Lyon:** Brent Peruski, Sr.; Josh Chezik, Jr.; Jerod Allen, Sr.; **Franklin Road Christian:** Will Govan, Sr.

looking ahead when we failed to capture the conference or regional titles."

Second team

Christian Freiburger, Northville: After being an alternate on last year's state meet squad, Freiburger enjoyed a productive senior season by placing 42nd at the state finals with a personal best 16:06.9 (third overall for the Mustangs). He also garnered 17th at the regional (16:28) and 14th in the Kensington Conference (16:31).

Dakota Giles, Milford: The junior was 48th overall in the Division 1 state meet (16:09.2) after taking 10th at the regional (16:32) and 12th in the Lakes Conference meet (16:29). Giles was also 20th at Oakland County (16:41).

Ty Buckley, Detroit CC: The senior capped his season in 59th at the state finals (16:13.6) after taking eighth at the regional (16:13.0) and fourth in the Catholic League meet (16:22.0). Buckley also finished fifth in the Sturgis Invitational (16:21.84) and 31st in Oakland County (16:53).

Scott MacPherson, Novi: The junior finished 62nd in Division 1 (16:16.1) after taking 16th at the regional (16:26), 10th in the Kensington Conference (16:24) and 21st at Oakland County (16:43). MacPherson was ninth at the Ramblin' Rock (16:29) and 36th in the Spartan Invite.

John Landy, Novi: The junior placed 64th overall in Division 1 (16:16.3) after taking 13th at the regional (16:17) and seventh in the Kensington Conference meet (16:14). He also was 17th at Oakland County (16:38), seventh at the Ramblin' Rock (16:22) and 38th in the Spartan Invitational (16:47).

Jack Aman, Milford: The junior earned a 72nd-place in Division 1 (16:20.7) following 13th at the regional (16:37) and 14th in the Lakes Conference (16:33). Aman also took 26th overall at Oakland County (16:48).

Scott Smith, Detroit CC: The senior placed 79th at the Division 1 state finals (16:23.2) following 12th at the regional (16:21.0) and 28th at Oakland County (16:50). Smith was also fourth at the Sturgis Invitational (16:17.74) and Detroit CC Invitational (16:57.85).

BOYS HOCKEY WRAP

SL Unified earns 6-0 Metro win vs. Flyers

Lakeland battles to 2-2 overtime draw in Soo

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

South Lyon Unified excelled on special teams and goaltender Jared Waugh made 18 saves Saturday in a 6-0 Metro Invitational boys hockey victory over Farmington-Harrison at Novi Ice Arena.

South Lyon, which improved to 2-1, scored two power-play goals and a shorthanded goal while killing off 11 Farmington Hills power plays.

Joe Watson led the way with a hat trick, while Joe Hughes and Garrett Waugh each added a goal and assist.

Jake Heffernan also added a goal, while Nick Allerton, Charlie Nelson, Austin Pakkula and Anthony Bagnasco chipped in assists.

LAKELAND 2, SAULT STE. MARIE 2 (OT): Host Sault Ste. Marie (1-0-1) and White Lake Lakeland (1-0-1) battled to a draw in overtime Saturday in the Soo Elks Showcase at Pullar Stadium.

Blake Kocis had a goal and assist, while Mikey DeCarlo added the other goal for the Eagles. Lakeland goaltender Austin Gogol made 51 saves.

Bobby Price and C.J. Schmittigal each scored a goal for the Blue Devils, while Abby Roque chipped in two assists.

W.L. CENTRAL 5, MILFORD 2: Nick Wood, Ryan Kalis and Trevor Reaufalt each had a goal and assist Friday as Walled Lake Central (1-0) downed the Mavericks (1-1) in a game played at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Ian Smith and Jackson Esterline also added goals for the Vikings, who scored all five goals in the final period.

Sean Rutledge also chipped in two assists. Goalie Evan Saltz made 24 saves.

LAKE ORION 4, SOUTH LYON 3: Drew Casey scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner with 14:52 left in the final period, to give the Dragons (1-0) the Metro Invitational victory Friday over South Lyon (1-1) at Novi Ice Arena.

Kurt Nylen and Joe Briskey also added a goal each for the Dragons, while Tony Paugh had a pair of goals for South Lyon.

Parker Roe also had a goal, while Shane Agnello chipped in two assists.

Other South Lyon assists went to Joe Hughes, Evan Tasker and Sean Millane.

Lake Orion goalie Johnny Marshall made 23 saves, while Jared Paugh had 29 for South Lyon.

LAKELAND 3, BIG RAPIDS 2: Nelson Turnage scored the game-winning goal in overtime Friday as White Lake Lakeland (1-0) topped the Cardinals (0-1) in the Soo Elks Showcase at Pullar Stadium in Sault Ste. Marie.

Matt Enoch and Blake Kocis also added a goal apiece for Lakeland, which was tied 1-1 after two periods.

SOUTH LYON 7, W.L. NORTHERN 5: Senior Nathan Smith got off to a roaring start with a hat trick as South Lyon Unified (1-0) opened its season Nov. 17 with a win over visiting Walled Lake Northern (0-1) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Senior Parker Roe also chipped in a pair of goals, while juniors Nick Allerton and Anthony Bagnasco each added one as South Lyon led 4-1 after two periods before holding on for the victory.

Senior Matt Wittbrodt and junior Mitch Hinkson each collected two assists. Seniors Joe Watson, Austin Pakkula and Evan Tasker contributed one each, along with juniors Garret Weyh and Sean Millane.

South Lyon junior goaltender Jared Paugh stopped 35 of 40 shots by the Knights, who got two goals and two assists from Jacob Frelich.

Other Northern goal scorers were Ben Grudzien, Myles Jackman and Seth D'Angelo. Knights goalie Sam Atchison made 25 saves.

HOWELL 2, MILFORD 2: Hat tricks by Max DiCicco and Alex Gowen carried the host Highlanders (1-0) to a season-opening victory Nov. 17 over the Mavericks (0-1) at Grand Oaks Arena.

Sheldon Sturos and Justin Zeiter also tallied a goal apiece for Howell, which led 2-0 after one period and 4-0 after two.

Goalie Nate George made 22 saves for the Highlanders.

Seniors Dillon Tierney and Robert Philip scored one goal each for the Mavericks, while goaltender Vinnie Szerlag made 37 saves.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Franklin Road at Greenhills, 6 p.m.
W.L. Western at Novi, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Milford at B.H. Lahser, 7 p.m.
Lakeland at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Truman at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
S.L. East at Arbor Prep, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

Dearborn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Novi at Hazel Park, 7 p.m.
Franklin Rd. at St. Catherine, 7 p.m.
Milford at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Holly at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Plymouth at Novi (Ice Arena), 6 p.m.
South Lyon vs. Brighton at Kensington Valley I.H., TBA.

Detroit CC vs. Trenton at USA Hockey Arena, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Lakeland vs. Hartland at Hartland Sports Ctr., 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

Novi vs. Stevenson at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Detroit CC at O.L. St. Mary, 7:30 p.m.
Milford vs. W.L. Northern at Kensington Valley I.H., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5

Detroit CC vs. O.L. St. Mary at USA Hockey Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Milford vs. Churchill at Hartland Sports Center, 6:30 p.m.
South Lyon vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Thursday, Dec. 3

Northville vs. Grosse Pte. North at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Saturday, Dec. 5

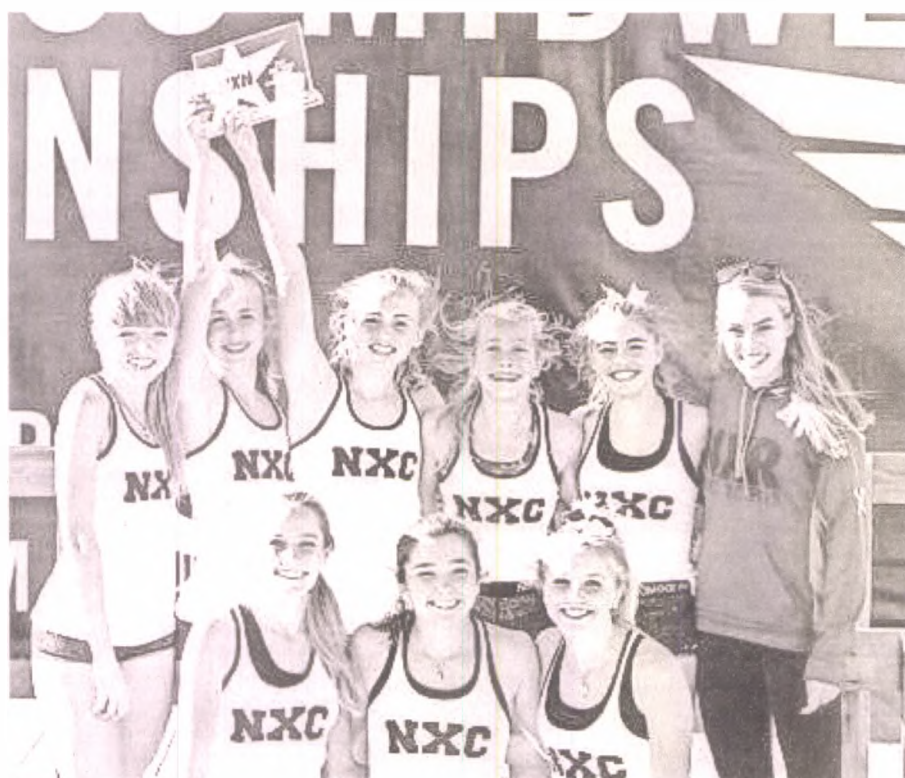
Novi, Milford at Fenton Tiger Relays, 9 a.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Midwest runner-up

HAILEY HARRIS

The Northville Cross Country (NXC) Running Club, coached by Craig Harris, placed runner-up in the five-state Nike Cross Nationals Midwest Meet held Nov. 14 in Terre Haute, Ind. NXC was edged by Ohio Division 1 champion Centerville, 145-152, for the team title. Naperville (Ill.) North and Carmel (Ind.) took third and fourth with 153 and 159, respectively. Lexa Barrott was Northville's top finisher, in 20th place with a five-kilometer time of 18:12. The next four NXC members were tightly bunched, including Olivia Harp, 53rd (18:43.2); Hailey Harris, 55th (18:43.7); Ana Barrott, 56th (18:43.8); and Emma Herrmann, 70th (18:50). As a result, NXC Running Club earned an automatic bid to the NXC Nationals on Dec. 6 in Portland, Ore., but Michigan High School Athletic Association's rules prohibit the team from attending until an appeal is heard at the MHSAA's Dec. 3 Representative Council Meeting.





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Lawn Guru taps into on-demand economy

Company uses app to help customers with lawn needs

John Gallagher
Michigan.com

The on-demand economy that gave rise to transportation companies like Uber has found its way into metro Detroit's lawn-care industry.

Lawn Guru, a start-up based in Wixom, won the \$25,000 prize for best product or service in the Accelerate Michigan competition for entrepreneurs.

Launched in May, Lawn Guru uses a smart phone app to match homeowners with available lawn-service crews nearby. Instead of signing a contract with a single firm for a weekly service, homeowners tap into the application only



The Lawn Guru team (from left) includes co-founder Brandon Bertrang, Shaina Bertrang, Justin Booth, Jacob Torrence and co-founder Skye Durrant.

when their lawns need a trim, with Lawn Guru handling all the details, including billing, through its app.

By using a service only when needed or desired, homeowners save money over signing a contract with a more rigid schedule, say weekly.

"The truth is, most lawns don't need to be cut on a weekly basis," said Skye Durrant, a South Lyon High School graduate and co-founder of Lawn Guru. "Our average customer requests every 10 days, so that's almost a 30-percent savings using the on-demand method over the weekly-

service schedule."

The Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition is an international contest designed to highlight Michigan as a robust locale for business startups. The contest is put on by a consortium of Detroit-area business accelerators and sponsors, including Ann Arbor SPARK, Automation Alley, Macomb-OU Incubator, TechTown and the New Economy Initiative, among others.

With just seven employees, Lawn Guru remains young, but it plans to use its \$25,000 prize to expand both its geographic reach and the ranks of its service providers — the contractors who actually do the work.

Lawn Guru currently works with about a dozen lawn-service firms for grass cutting in suburban Detroit and it has about 40 providers lined up to do snow plowing this

winter for its customers.

In the on-demand economy, technology firms like Lawn Guru team with independent providers to give consumers convenient delivery of goods or services. The most notable example is Uber, a taxi-like service that has soared in popularity. Online ordering of groceries is another growing area in the on-demand economy.

Like Uber and Lawn Guru, on-demand firms allow customers to order products and services through smart phone apps. The firms disrupts traditional "old economy" models like the highly regulated taxi industry found in many cities, leading to calls for more regulation of on-demand firms. But there is no doubting the popularity of these offerings.

Durrant and his co-founder Brandon Bertrang took to the busi-

ness early.

"We actually started cutting lawns together in high school," Durrant said. "After we both graduated (from college), we saw an opportunity in this industry because it hadn't really changed in a long time."

Providing an easy and seamless experience for customers remains key. All billing is handled through the app.

"We handle all customer service," Durrant said. "All of our service providers are background checked. We spend a lot of time making sure we're only bringing on the best providers."

Lawn Guru hopes to expand far behind the southeast Michigan area going into 2016. In doing so, it may help fulfill the promise that on-demand tech start-ups hold for the Detroit region.

Retail expert: Pack snacks, sanitizer for Black Friday shopping



Shoppers leave Kohl's in Canton during Black Friday last year.

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a weekend diversion that combines the fun of a social outing with hands-on entertainment and a fitness workout, set your alarm clock to "early" and shop Black Friday sales.

The National Retail Federation estimates that 135.8 million shoppers are likely to spend the Thanksgiving weekend in stores. The action starts Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, and continues nonstop through Black Friday, with stores reopening for Small Business Saturday and Sunday sales.

If you've ever wanted to pull an all-nighter in a national retail chain store, now's the time. But pushing an overflowing cart, toting bags, and driving from store to store can take its toll, even on the most experienced shopper.

How do you ensure the Black Friday experience will be more fun than frenzy?

Ed Nakfoor, retail consultant, offers these tips for shopping the Black Friday sales:

» Always get a receipt. And if the store gives you the option of paper or email receipt, get both. Are you really going to print a copy at home? Or worse, the email goes to your spam folder.

» Always get a gift receipt. That's a gift in itself for the recipient.

» Map out your shopping day. Shop with a geography in mind. Don't visit stores as they open or during certain door buster hours. Better to shop adjacent stores, farthest from home, and then work your way back to where you began the day. You might miss that day's big sale, but do know there will be countless big sales between now and Christmas as stores are loaded with merchandise and will be very eager to clear it out.

» Download store apps days in advance to learn the finer points of the technology; some are

intuitive, others cumbersome.

» Bring small snacks, maybe a bottle of water. Waiting in line — and it will be long — at Starbucks or the food court makes even the most relaxed person a grump.

» All those people ... cold and flu season ... hand sanitizer is a must.

» If you can, leave the kids at home. See above re: grump.

» Don't circle and circle the lot for a "good" spot. There isn't one. Accept it, know you have to walk, bundle up and press on. The key is to keep nerves from fraying.

» Be kind to the employees. It's busy. Many are new hires. They are trying to please you and still follow the store's rules.

» And finally, make a list, include sizes, and be certain to get something for yourself — you're doing all of the work.

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Domino's delivers pizza, brand with new custom-made car

Beth Jachman
Staff Writer

This car is really hot — but not in the way you might think.

It has an oven installed in the back seat big enough to hold 80 pizzas and that's what it's designed to do — hold pizzas and bread sticks.

The new DXP, a Domino's Pizza delivery car, was unveiled recently at Matick Chevrolet in Redford.

"We're the delivery experts," said Remy Sarhan, marketing director for STA Management of Southfield and owner of 62 Domino's Pizza stores. STA Management ordered five of the cars, which cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 to produce.

"We're really just taking it to the next level," she said of the car, which is one of 100 to be designed for Ann Arbor-based Domino's by Roush Enterprises, based in Livonia.

The DXP, which is sort of shorthand for delivery expert, started as a Chevrolet Spark, Ryan Esler, sales and marketing director of Matick Chevrolet, said.

Quite a stir

Roush and former General Motors executive Kenneth Baker then designed the car to hold everything a delivery car might need — an oven for the pizzas and bread sticks and places for drinks and salads, Esler said. The only seat in the car is the driver's



The Domino's vehicle, on display at Matick Chevrolet in Redford, is built from a Chevy Spark by Roush Industries in Livonia.

seat. Design and production took about three years.

It's quite a difference from having pizza delivered in the usual "junky" car, he said.

It also caused quite a stir at Matick as everyone rushed out to see it, Esler said. "It's so unique," he said.

Matick employees prepped the cars before the event, have been trained to services the cars and also hosted the first kickoff party Wednesday.

"We are proud to partner with them," Esler said. "It's great for everyone."

More kickoff parties are scheduled across the country including in Boston, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, New Orleans, San Diego and Seattle, from now until the end of the year, according to Ed Stevens of Stevens Strategic Communications.

The cars are com-

pletely re-branded for Domino's and will probably equal about \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year in branding just by being on the road, Stevens said.

Will be seen

It also has touches of humor with messages such as: "Drivers do not carry more than \$20, nor do they make pizzas on the spot."

"We're using these as a test to see how they do," Dani Nicholl, consumer public relations specialist for Domino's, said of the first 100 DXP cars.

A map of where all the DXPs are located can be found online at dominodxp.com, she said.

Local Domino's locations expected to use the cars are in Southfield, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield as the cars will be rotated from place to place, Sarhan said.

SUBMITTED
The Bingham Office Center in Bingham Farms was among properties garnering awards.



Commercial real estate awards highlight local properties, pros

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Friday afternoon, Nov. 6, at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. "Each of this year's TOBY & Leadership Awards recipients has shown remarkable achievement in their respective categories" said Brian Salliotte, RPA, president of BOMA/Metro Detroit. "Excellence in our industry depends on the excellence of the professionals at its heart. It is a win/win for management and owners who appreciate the value of a job well done."

The TOBY Awards, now in its 31st year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management. Judging is based on community impact, tenant/employee relations programs, energy management systems, emergency

evacuation procedures, building personnel training programs and overall quality indicators. A team of expert industry professionals conducted comprehensive building inspections. Sixteen distinguished properties vied for first place in eight categories for **The Outstanding Building of the Year**. The 2016 Local Winners are:

» Under 100,000 Square Feet – **Wright Kay Building**, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services, Detroit

» 100,000-249,999 Square Feet – **Riverside Center**, managed by Farbman Group, Southfield

» 250,000-499,999 Square Feet – **Maccabees Center**, managed by Schostak Brothers & Co., Inc., Southfield

» 500,000-1 Million Square Feet – **New Center One**, managed by Farbman Group, Detroit

» Over 1 Million Square Feet – **One Campus Martius**, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services, Detroit

» Suburban Office Low-Rise – **Bingham Office Center**, managed by Farbman Group, Bingham Farms

» Medical Office Building – **Oak Tech Professional Center**, managed by Summit

Property Management, Auburn Hills

» **Renovated Building – Federal Reserve**, managed by Bedrock Real Estate Services, Detroit

Metro Detroit TOBY winners will be invited to participate in the North Central Regional TOBY competition, including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, to qualify for the BOMA International TOBY Awards, one of the highest honors in the commercial real estate industry. Winners of the international competition will be announced at the BOMA International 2016 Every Building Conference and Expo in Washington, D.C., in June 2016.

Leadership Award recipients were recognized for their contributions to the organization, the community and the greater industry. Recipients are:

Michael Patterson, RPA, FMA of CBRE/Ford Land, Property Manager of the Year; **Thomas Dubay** of Farbman Group, Building Engineer of the Year; **Brilar, LLC**, Service Provider of the Year; **Bedrock Real Estate Services**, Corporate Member of the Year; **Sandy Borg** of ISC Ser-

VICES, Service Member of the Year.

Sarah Barjum of Dunbar Mechanical, Emerging Leader; **Lynne Leipold** of GDI Integrated Facility Services, Outstanding Service Award; and **Cindy Wiegand** of KIRCO Management Services, the President's Award.

Founded in 1908, BOMA/Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy. BOMA/Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit www.bomadetroit.org.

Aspen: Region has some more reasonable real estate

Q: I have debated on whether to buy a condo in Aspen or Park City, Utah, and I am wondering if you have any suggestions or comments.

A: Aspen is obviously more expensive as are most of the surrounding ski towns in Colorado such as Breckenridge, Vale, and Snowmass. My recent experience with Park City is that it is

more reasonable in terms of the cost of real estate although, a number of high end hotel condominiums are being constructed by major national chains. Generally speaking, the cost of living in Park City is less than in the Colorado cities above mentioned, although, you still have your share of movie stars spending their time in Park City. Again, if you buy at the right time and off season, you can pay between anywhere from \$150 to \$250 a square foot for a residence or condominium. There are a number of high end brokers in Park City to assist you as well as capable legal counsel. But as in the purchase of any condominium, be sure you understand the condominium documents and retain a condominium knowledgeable attorney.



Robert Meisner

Q: We are foreclosing on a mortgage on a house we have sold and obtained a Sheriff's sale, but we are concerned about the homeowner neglecting or intentionally damaging the home during the redemption period. What can we do?

A: Legislation was enacted in 2014 to allow a purchaser at a Sheriff sale which in this case would presumably be you to perform periodic interior and exterior inspections of the property to ensure that it is being kept up and not stripped of its valuables. The purchaser may proceed with eviction if an inspection is unreasonably refused or damage to the property is imminent or has already occurred. You should check with an attorney to find out what your rights are before entering the premises as it was modified later in 2014 to clarify the previous legislation.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 6-10, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Address	Sales Price
BEVERLY HILLS	
17824 Beechwood Ave	\$215,000
17375 Birwood Ave	\$285,000
31288 Downing Pl	\$424,000
32470 Sheridan Dr	\$333,000
30740 Stellamar St	\$225,000
19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 206	\$203,000
19501 Walham Rd	\$349,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1171 Arden Ln	\$310,000
271 Berwyn St	\$589,000
2042 Dorchester Rd	\$847,000
1533 Marchfield Rd	\$250,000
1045 N Old Woodward Ave	\$240,000
662 Purdy St # 105	\$175,000
1193 S Eton St	\$250,000
535 Stanley Blvd	\$530,000
380 Wimbler Dr	\$459,000
2361 Windemere Rd	\$321,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2465 Hickory Glen Dr	\$380,000
1598 Ledbury Dr	\$243,000
496 Newburne Pointe	\$215,000
4258 Sedgemoor Ln	\$560,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
7135 Bingham Rd	\$370,000
2744 Brady Dr	\$320,000
1757 Brady Dr	\$755,000
2364 Bramblebush Run	\$392,000
1490 Charrington Rd	\$355,000
2816 Courville Dr	\$315,000
170 Eileen Dr	\$211,000

891 Hidden Pine Rd	\$621,000
2680 McClintock Rd	\$265,000
5075 N Adams Rd	\$330,000
926 Rockaway Ct	\$550,000
6133 Rocky Spring Rd	\$450,000
4120 Sandy Ln	\$318,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
2788 Augusta Dr	\$270,000
6110 Boroway Dr	\$140,000
4583 Haverhill Ct	\$70,000
3522 Loch Bend Dr	\$400,000
3350 Mandrake St	\$320,000
5691 Paradise St	\$465,000
3888 Sleeth Rd	\$375,000
4705 Stone Meadow Ct	\$53,000
6043 Venice Dr	\$295,000
FARMINGTON	
31528 Marblehead Rd	\$177,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29374 Birchcrest Way	\$411,000
30112 Briarton St	\$249,000
35999 Fair Oaks Ct	\$273,000
28231 Gettysburg St	\$250,000
21504 Hamilton Ave	\$50,000
22222 Hardsale Dr	\$360,000
22496 Heathersett Cres	\$315,000
33723 Hunters Pointe Rd	\$300,000
23349 Longacre Ct	\$260,000
29720 Minglewood Ln	\$275,000
35609 Old Homestead Dr	\$235,000
36642 Quakertown Ln	\$195,000
21650 Roosevelt Ave	\$41,000
23301 Scott Dr	\$215,000
30709 Shawwassee Rd # 65	\$39,000
32775 Shrewsbury St	\$190,000
22026 Springbrook Ave	\$181,000
35726 Springvale St	\$225,000
28806 Still Valley Dr	\$285,000
37205 Timberview Ln	\$95,000
37206 Timberview Ln	\$103,000
FRANKLIN	

26175 Carol Ave	\$527,000
HIGHLAND	
3490 E Clarice Ave	\$356,000
650 Intervale Ct	\$30,000
2512 Lynch	\$155,000
2810 Maple Rdg	\$186,000
3300 N Duck Lake Rd	\$207,000
2200 N Milford Rd	\$91,000
1116 W Livingston Rd	\$155,000
2500 Westwind Dr	\$399,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
19091 Lacrosse Ave	\$173,000
19021 Sunnybrook Ave	\$188,000
MILFORD	
316 Crystal St	\$172,000
1127 E Commerce St	\$110,000
516 Knight St	\$220,000
417 Napa Valley Dr	\$334,000
1620 S Hickory Ridge Rd	\$146,000
1270 Stettane	\$195,000
NORTHVILLE	
39037 Cheshire Dr	\$300,000
21236 E Glen Haven Cir	\$90,000
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330 Hill St	\$460,000
20920 W Glen Haven Cir	\$121,000
20909 Westfarm St	\$205,000
NOVI	
24467 Acorn Trl	\$640,000
30703 Ardmore Ct	\$152,000
30778 Ardmore Ct	\$118,000
22725 Cheshire Ct	\$443,000
25824 Cheyenne Dr	\$557,000
42868 Clay Ct	\$344,000
41306 Cornell Dr	\$168,000
40000 Crosswinds	\$147,000
22225 Daleville Dr	\$465,000
24060 Devonshire Dr	\$430,000
1349 F Lake Dr	\$440,000
41553 Fawn Trl	\$425,000
45439 Halston Ct	\$435,000

24062 Hickory Grove Ln	\$347,000
24735 Jamestowne Rd	\$325,000
26110 Mandalay Cir	\$60,000
26272 Mandalay Cir	\$150,000
41833 Mitchell Rd	\$241,000
24797 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$559,000
30943 Savannah Ct	\$238,000
24362 Simmons Dr	\$275,000
1507 West Lake Dr	\$630,000
SOUTH LYON	
54707 Brentwood Dr	\$425,000
60160 E 8 Mile Rd	\$165,000
1141 Fountain View Cir	\$134,000
26501 Martindale Rd	\$159,000
23504 Millwood	\$530,000
943 Norchester St	\$173,000
20935 Oak Tree Dr	\$314,000
23940 Prescott Ct	\$452,000
24836 Purlin Ct	\$460,000
22220 Quail Run Cir Unit 2	\$149,000
24871 Valleywood Dr	\$275,000
SOUTHFIELD	
19811 Cherry Hill St	\$192,000
21599 Glenmorra St	\$185,000
29370 Leemore Dr	\$136,000
24639 Maryland St	\$120,000
16951 Pennsylvania St	\$165,000
28287 Red Leaf Ln	\$72,000
20035 Roden Ct	\$130,000
22737 S Bellwood Dr	\$195,000
30248 Southfield Rd # A181	\$55,000
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8815 Charbone Ave	\$217,000
5534 Cuthbert Rd	\$200,000
378 Farnsworth Rd	\$153,000
8855 Lakeview Dr	\$168,000
9545 Outlook Pl	\$128,000
9955 Palmoro St	\$163,000
10585 Pontiac Lake Rd	\$140,000
868 Sunnybeach Blvd	\$255,000
8975 Van Gordon St	\$200,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 27-31, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Address	Sales Price
CANTON	
43562 Abbey Cir	\$259,000
852 Aylesbury Ct	\$463,000
41569 Ashshire Dr	\$180,000
42416 Beechwood Dr	\$187,000
4220 Brighton Ln	\$190,000
48991 Brooklyn Ct	\$300,000
45213 Brunswick Dr	\$200,000
809 Burlington Rd	\$245,000
6593 Carleton Rd	\$269,000
6952 Carriage Hills Dr	\$155,000
4161 Cornerstone Dr	\$140,000
455 Country Club Ln	\$385,000
39652 Dorchester Cir	\$287,000
5967 Fairborn Dr	\$395,000
46229 Gainsborough Dr	\$270,000
41568 Glade Rd	\$200,000
7472 Green Meadow Ln	\$190,000
50231 Harding St	\$327,000
45609 Holmes Dr	\$266,000
43545 Karli Ln	\$270,000
47057 Mornington Rd	\$336,000
3431 Parklawn Dr	\$199,000
47536 River Woods Dr	\$345,000
46585 Southwick Dr	\$380,000
355 Torrington Dr W	\$403,000
GARDEN CITY	
28771 Barton St	\$91,000
29644 Barton St	\$95,000
30834 Barton St	\$85,000
33544 Buck St	\$115,000
310 Brandt St	\$44,000
29613 Chester St	\$95,000
30017 Dawson St	\$122,000
1157 Deering St	\$96,000
6502 Golfview St	\$113,000
6157 Harrison St	\$82,000
6260 Henry Ruff Rd	\$110,000
29981 Leona St	\$93,000
29404 Meadow Ln	\$85,000
LIVONIA	

35928 Ann Arbor Trl	\$54,000
19636 Antago St	\$75,000
18869 Blue Skies St	\$190,000
20129 Brentwood St	\$129,000
36263 Clarita St	\$193,000
38958 Donald St	\$170,000
31112 Dorais St	\$164,000
15968 Doris St	\$145,000
37474 Eagle Dr	\$319,000
37206 Fairfax Dr	\$360,000
19453 Fitzgerald St	\$380,000
31528 Fonville St	\$155,000
33991 Gablie Dr	\$213,000
9931 Garvett St	\$142,000
16317 Golfview St	\$265,000
31351 Grandon St	\$142,000
11201 Haller St	\$105,000
33078 Hampshire Rd	\$310,000
9336 Hartel St	\$140,000
35394 Hathaway St	\$140,000
9918 Hix Rd	\$175,000
10128 Hix Rd	\$180,000
14100 Hix St	\$176,000
15057 Hix St	\$173,000
36059 Howell Ave	\$230,000
30235 Hoy St	\$265,000
15430 Hubbard St	\$195,000
11406 Ingram St	\$215,000
19879 Irving Dr	\$325,000
36010 Joy Rd	\$124,000
31290 Kendall St	\$198,000
14529 Loveland St	\$165,000
14337 Lyons St	\$125,000
29133 Meadowlark St	\$157,000
37610 Newburgh Park Cir	\$272,000
37742 Northland St	\$225,000
15149 Padrewski St	\$145,000
19280 Parkville St	\$97,000
16520 Pollyanna St	\$209,000
33486 Rayburn St	\$201,000
38594 Reo Ct	\$213,000
30920 Richland St	\$122,000
16060 Riverside St	\$250,000
19466 Saint Francis St	\$95,000
33019 Summers St	\$235,000
13956 Sunset St	\$165,000
18013 University Park Dr	\$145,000
31707 Wyoming St	\$148,000
NORTHVILLE	

46975 7 Mile Rd	\$467,000
17651 Briar Ridge Ln	\$1,120,000
44432 Broadmoor Blvd	\$485,000
16767 Carriage Way	\$160,000
42488 Carlina Dr	\$219,000
49018 Crestone Dr	\$472,000
16954 Freestone Dr	\$500,000
103 Hampton Ct	\$380,000
15917 Johnson Creek Dr	\$507,000
16846 Lochmore Cir W	\$405,000
17692 Parkshore Dr	\$785,000
46600 Red Oak Dr	\$525,000
356 S Rogers St	\$421,000
216 Saint Lawrence Blvd	\$335,000
41651 Sunnydale Ln	\$314,000
19253 Surrey Ln	\$120,000
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 - 49 Totally up the creek
 - 55 Semi section
 - 58 Witty writer Bombeck
 - 59 Hornswoggle
 - 60 Actress Swenson
 - 61 Hill's partner
 - 62 Nose partition
 - 65 Piece for two
 - 67 Paid no heed
 - 70 "We've been raking in the profit"
 - 75 Advance markdown
 - 77 Requirement
 - 78 Church decrees
 - 81 Painter of melting watches
 - 82 Camera varieties, for short
 - 86 Vientiane's country
 - 88 "My Country" author Abba
 - 89 Hole-poking tool
 - 90 Phrase just before an act is introduced
 - 95 Pouchlike body part
 - 96 Incantation opener
 - 97 River of Bern
 - 98 Veer off course
 - 99 What Thomas became, in kid-lit
 - 108 See 102-Down
 - 109 Love-letter "hugs"
 - 110 Former toy company
 - 114 Alley — (court play)
 - 115 Juicer
 - 117 Overdoing the effort
 - 123 Writer of the Tony-winning musical featured in this puzzle
 - 126 Flavored with a certain spice
 - 127 Introduced acts, e.g.
 - 128 Lenya of "Cabaret"
 - 129 IRS part tool
 - 130 Tallies again
 - 131 Arctic people
 - 132 Central part of a church
 - 133 Star site
 - 5 Bristol's river
 - 6 Pianist Peter
 - 7 Party to a financial transaction
 - 8 Giggled
 - 9 Yank with a #13 jersey
 - 10 Hip-hop bud
 - 11 "Listen up!"
 - 12 — lied!
 - 13 Help do bad
 - 14 Plentiful
 - 15 Bad start?
 - 16 Cheese in an Italian deli
 - 17 Intensity
 - 18 Make certain
 - 20 Some Spanish paintings
 - 25 Spiked staff
 - 27 Harsh cleanser
 - 33 "I dunno" gesture
 - 34 Financier Onassis
 - 36 ET ship
 - 37 Avis rental
 - 38 Unemotional
 - 39 Vietnamese New Year
 - 40 Actor Katz
 - 41 Dusk-dawn linkup
 - 42 Move quickly
 - 43 Rail supports
 - 44 Pertaining to
 - 45 Singer Glen
 - 50 Fad dance of the 1960s
 - 51 Bro
 - 52 Sonata, e.g.
 - 53 Honoraria
 - 54 Actor Scott
 - 55 Payload area
 - 56 Bitter brew
 - 57 Part of B&B
 - 61 One of Santa's reindeer
 - 63 Old Glory's nation
 - 64 Wire measure
 - 66 "Sn" element
 - 68 Sierra maker
 - 69 Actress Peeples
 - 71 Lark's home
 - 72 — -confidential
 - 73 Boyfriend
 - 74 Hound's clue
 - 75 High-tech "appt. book"
 - 76 Uncooked
 - 79 Zippo
 - 80 Winter drifter
 - 83 — apso
 - 84 Pat of the Christian
 - 85 Ride a wave
 - 87 Antler sporter
 - 90 — -Mart (retail chain)
 - 91 Unemotional
 - 92 Greek letter
 - 93 "Bail —"
 - 94 Suffix with southeast
 - 95 Wily
 - 99 Worker on a house top
 - 100 Huge, in French
 - 101 Camel kin
 - 102 With
 - 108-Across, of acceptable quality
 - 103 Department in northern France
 - 104 Near-eternity
 - 105 Noodle
 - 106 Erstwhile anesthetic
 - 111 Spun tales
 - 112 Floorboard
 - 113 Curiously sound
 - 115 Lineup 121-Down
 - 116 REO part
 - 118 Post-Q string
 - 119 Himalayan legend
 - 120 Funny Fey
 - 121 Showing via the idiot box
 - 122 Arch with a double curve
 - 124 Composer Forem
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Cadillac Plans Escalade Marketing Campaign To Percolate Demand for Hot-Selling SUV



By Dale Buss

Despite Cadillac's recent slide in sales and equity, one iconic property has continued to shine for the brand: its hulking, chrome-bedecked, celebrity-toting Escalade SUV.

Yet as Cadillac continues to resurrect its brand and readies for the introduction of the crucial new CT6 sedan and XT5 mid-size SUV early next year, the

and Cadillac dealers on each sale. In fact, Escalade's position in the marketplace has softened just a bit lately as General Motors' Texas plant that makes the vehicle finally caught up with strong demand for all the SUVs made there. Sales of Escalade increased by 48 percent last year over 2013, and are up another 20 percent this year through October. Meanwhile, average transaction prices for Escalade have topped \$80,000, up from \$69,000 in the last year of sales of the previous version.

"We continue to see great demand—inventory levels are still low and discounts minimal."



The incredibly hot-selling Cadillac Escalade

company doesn't want to take for granted the fact that the pricey, third-generation Escalade has been selling spectacularly since it launched about 18 months ago.

So the brand is preparing a new marketing campaign in the next few weeks that is meant to add fuel

to the fire. Cadillac CMO Uwe Ellinghaus told me. "But the early buyer wave is naturally over after 18 months."

But what a wave it has been. The hulking 5,500-pound Escalade has been dominating sales in America's large-luxury-SUV segment like never before, earning massive profits for GM

A period of restrained gasoline prices that pretty much unfolded exactly when the new version was launched has helped immeasurably, obviously. Escalade's success and quiet gas prices also are helping lure more competitors to the segment with new offerings and with refreshed ones. Lincoln, for instance, is spiffing up its giant Navigator, and Audi may introduce a Q8 that is larger than its existing Q7.

Yet Escalade remains robust enough that Cadillac is leaving the vehicle's name out of its new alphanumeric naming scheme that will help consumers make sense of the rest of the brands growing product line.

When GM introduced Cadillac Escalade for the 1999 model year, it was the most important step in establishing the brand's angular new design language and became a sensation with athletes and other celebrities who appreciated the SUV's roominess, power and flash.

Ellinghaus talked with me about the upcoming campaign for Escalade and how it fits with the rest of the brand-building efforts at Cadillac:

What will be the primary focus of the new Escalade campaign?

Uwe Ellinghaus: The campaign will focus on the distinctiveness of the Escalade, portraying it as an iconic vehicle for individualists

who don't want to follow the SUV mainstream and who appreciate the unique exterior design as much as the luxurious interior. The latter is still not universally known, whereas the iconic character of the Escalade is undisputed.

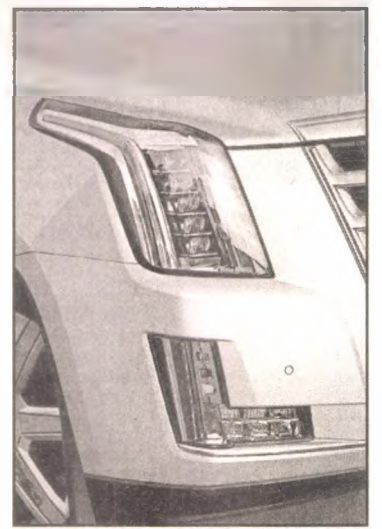
Is the campaign's timing related to the slackened demand?

Ellinghaus: Yes. The paradise-like situation, where previous Escalade owners stormed to Cadillac dealerships to get the new one, came to a predictable end. We now need conquests, and this requires marketing efforts. This is a proactive marketing strategy. We don't have a problem—we want to avoid getting into one.

What role does competition in the large-SUV segment play, such as talk of a new Audi Q8 coming?

Ellinghaus: So far, these moves remain nothing but announcements. Even if they turn into vehicles, we are optimistic. The Escalade is truck-derived and not a typical SUV. This is much appreciated by its customers and fans who don't want a typical SUV.

Correspondingly, cross-shopping with luxury SUVs is minimal and we are very optimistic that further SUV entries will not change that. It is not about proportions. It's about the image the car conveys that explains Escalade's meteoric success. It is cool, whereas most



A detail of Escalade's iconic angular design

competitive SUVs are not.

Will the Escalade campaign use the "Dare Greatly" positioning you've established for Cadillac over the past year?

Ellinghaus: Yes, of course. The entire artwork will be tagged with "Dare Greatly." It is our brand claim, after all. The Escalade campaign will be just another chapter of "Dare Greatly."

Yet Escalade is almost its own, robust sub-brand. What are the overall challenges of managing it even as you're re-establishing the overall Cadillac brand?

Ellinghaus: Escalade is not a brand on its own but is clearly differentiated from our SUV and car lineup. And we want to keep it that way. Hence the decision not to extend the new nomenclature (XT) to the Escalade. The existing nameplate has so much cachet, it would be a mistake to remove it.

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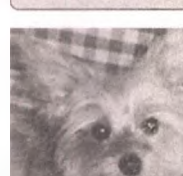
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MSRP \$39,110

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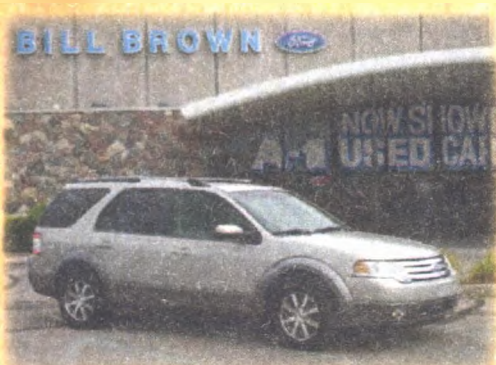
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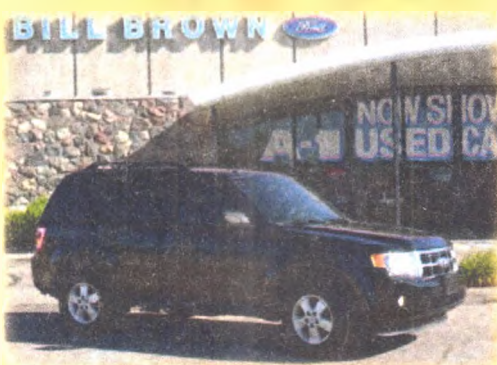
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1FMDK02WX9GA06109 - STK P2780 - 94,923 Miles
Smokestone Clearcoat, Camel Cloth Seating, 3.5L Duratec V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$10,988***

2011 Ford Escape XLT 4x2



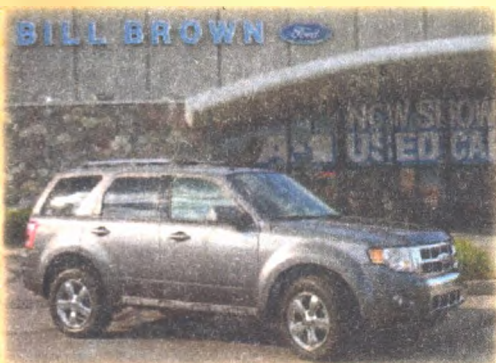
1FMCU0D79BKB00514 - STK P2812 - 81,919 Miles
Blue Flame Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 2.5L I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$13,491***

2014 Ford Fusion SE



3FA6P0H96ER359200 - STK P2824 - 34,472 Miles
Sunset Metallic, k Dune Leather Seating, 2.0L EcoBoost* Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$16,455***

2012 Ford Escape Limited 4WD



1FMCU9EGACKA74280 - STK 55572PA - 65,784 Miles
Sterling Gray Metallic, Camel Leather Seating, 3.0L Duratec V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$17,488***

2013 Ford Mustang Coupe



3FA6P0H76DR207849 - STK 611991A - 53,455 Miles
Ruby Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.5L I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$17,493***

2013 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD



1FAHP60A52Y108747 - STK P2826 - 53,455 Miles
Torch Red Clearcoat, Black Leather with Red Seat Inserts, 3.9L V8 Engine, 5-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$25,455***

CARS

- 2008 Ford Focus SES Sedan**
1FAHP35N2B233431 - STK 55336EA - 102,502 Miles
Vermilion Red Clearcoat, Charcoal Cloth Seating, 2.0L DOHC I4 Engine, Automatic Transmission..... **\$6,998***
- 2009 Ford Fusion SE**
3FAHP07289R111675 - STK D13354A - 78,594 Miles
Dark Blue Ink Clearcoat, Dark Charcoal Cloth Bucket Seating, 2.3L I4 Engine, 5-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$8,999***
- 2011 Ford Fusion SE**
3FAHP0HA3BR318568 - STK D13645 - 78,139 Miles
Bordeaux Reserve Red Metallic, Medium Light Stone Cloth Seating, 2.5L I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$11,991***
- 2014 Ford Fiesta S Sedan**
3FADP4A7EM156834 - STK D13605 - 22,248 Miles
Tuxedo Black Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 1.6L Ti-VCT I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$11,994***
- 2012 Ford Focus SEL Sedan**
1FAHP3H2XCL311532 - STK 63056PXA - 42,875 Miles
Tuxedo Black Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 2.0L GDI I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$12,992***
- 2009 Ford Taurus Limited AWD**
1FAHP28W89G126684 - STK P2865 - 50,962 Miles
Brilliant Silver Metallic, Black Leather Seating, 3.5L Duratec V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$13,999***
- 2013 Ford Taurus SE FWD**
1FAHP2D88DG105690 - STK P2825 - 72,383 Miles
Tuxedo Black Metallic, Dune Cloth Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$14,993***
- 2013 Ford C-Max Hybrid SE**
1FADPSAU8DLS16371 - STK P2945 - 37,072 Miles
Ruby Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.0L Atkinson I4 HEV Engine, CVT Automatic Transmission..... **\$14,993***
- 2014 Ford Fusion SE**
3FA6P0H7XER148659 - STK P2803 - 19,683 Miles
Deep Impact Blue Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.5L I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$16,955***
- 2014 Ford Fusion SE**
3FA6P0HDXER109611 - STK P2911 - 23,546 Miles
Ingot Silver Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 1.5L EcoBoost* I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$17,994***
- 2013 Ford Taurus SEL FWD**
1FAHP2E84DG166677 - STK P2937 - 31,324 Miles
Ruby Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$18,993***
- 2013 Ford Taurus SEL FWD**
1FAHP2E87DG120549 - STK P2893 - 20,410 Miles
Deep Impact Blue Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$19,993***
- 2014 Ford Fusion Titanium FWD**
3FA6P0K92ER232923 - STK P2929 - 20,552 Miles
Tuxedo Black Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 2.0L EcoBoost* Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$21,994***

SPORT UTILITY / CROSS OVER'S / TRUCKS

- 2011 Ford Ranger XL Regular Cab 4x2**
1FTKR1AD78PA95530 - STK P2835 - 92,326 Miles
Oxford White Clearcoat, Medium Dark Flint Vinyl Seating, 2.3L EFI I4 Engine, 5-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$9,991***
- 2006 Ford F-150 Regular Cab 4x2**
1FTRF02W06KA64771 - STK D13380 - 123,510 Miles
Bright Red Clearcoat, Flint Cloth 40/20/40 Bench Seating, 4.6L EFI V8 Engine, 4-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$9,996***
- 2010 Ford Escape XLT FWD**
1FMCU0D72AKD47789 - STK D13612 - 90,527 Miles
Sangria Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 2.5L I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$10,990***
- 2008 Ford Explorer XLT 4x2**
1FMEU63E98UA24270 - STK 57245LA - 69,360 Miles
Black Clearcoat, Cloth Sport Bucket Seating, 4.0L SOHC V6 Engine, 5-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$11,998***
- 2012 Ford Escape XLT 4x2**
1FMCU0D78CKA94402 - STK P2808 - 70,788 Miles
Gold Leaf Metallic, Camel Cloth Seating, 2.5L I4 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$13,988***
- 2009 Ford Flex SE**
2FMDK51C49BA73798 - STK P2832 - 78,694 Miles
Brilliant Silver Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, Automatic Transmission..... **\$13,999***
- 2011 Ford Escape XLT 4WD**
1FMCU9DG8K805094 - STK P2810 - 65,924 Miles
Sangria Red Metallic, Camel Cloth Seating, 3.0L Duratec V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$15,988***
- 2012 Ford Escape Limited 4WD**
1FMCU9EGACKA74280 - STK 55572PA - 65,784 Miles
Sterling Gray Metallic, Camel Leather Seating, 3.0L Duratec V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$17,988***
- 2013 Ford Explorer Base FWD**
1FMSK7B8DGB26055 - STK D13510A - 51,505 Miles
Ingot Silver Metallic, Medium Light Stone Cloth Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$18,993***
- 2012 Ford Escape XLT 4WD**
1FMCU9DG5CKA60471 - STK P2783 - 49,054 Miles
Steel Blue Metallic, Medium Light Stone Leather Seating, 3.0L Duratec V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$19,992***
- 2013 Ford Escape SEL FWD**
1FMCU0H9XDUJA39550 - STK 57053FXB - 31,656 Miles
Ruby Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 2.0L EcoBoost* Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$20,993***
- 2015 Ford Escape SE FWD**
1FMCU0G8BFUA16349 - STK 62153IA - 18,658 Miles
Tuxedo Black Metallic, Charcoal Black Cloth Seating, 1.6L EcoBoost* Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$21,995***
- 2014 Ford Edge SEL AWD**
2FMDK4JC4EBA39543 - STK P2868 - 35,797 Miles
Mineral Gray Metallic, Medium Light Stone Cloth Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, Automatic Transmission..... **\$22,994***

SPORT UTILITY / CROSS OVER'S / TRUCKS

- 2014 Ford Econoline 250 XLT Cargo Van**
1FTNE2EW1EDA52883 - STK P2898 - 6,557 Miles
Oxford White Clearcoat, Medium Flint Cloth Seating, 4.6L EFI V8 Engine, 4-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$23,994***
- 2014 Ford Econoline 350 XLT Wagon**
1FBNE3BL5EDB06626 - STK P2848 - 36,707 Miles
Oxford White Clearcoat, Medium Flint Cloth Seating, 5.4L EFI V8 Engine, 4-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$23,994***
- 2010 Ford Expedition Limited 4x4**
1FMJU2A56AEB52153 - STK D13673 - 74,249 Miles
White Platinum Metallic, Stone Leather Bucket Seating, 5.4L 3V SOHC V8 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$24,990***
- 2014 Ford Explorer Base FWD**
1FMSK7B82EGB34837 - STK P2854 - 30,191 Miles
Ingot Silver Metallic, Light Stone Cloth Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$24,994***
- 2013 Ford F-150 XLT Super Cab 4x2**
1FTFX1CF4DFC78804 - STK D13674 - 21,988 Miles
Race Red Clearcoat, Gray Cloth 40/20/40 Bench Seating, 5.0L FFV V8 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$25,993***
- 2014 Ford Explorer XLT FWD**
1FMSK7D85EGC56654 - STK D13347 - 25,032 Miles
Ruby Red Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$27,955***
- 2013 Ford Edge Sport FWD**
2FMDK3AK9DBA35777 - STK D13489 - 43,138 Miles
White Platinum Metallic Tri-Coat, Black Leather Seating, 3.7L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$27,988***
- 2014 Ford Flex SEL FWD**
2FMGK5C87EBD00191 - STK D13554 - 26,807 Miles
Mineral Gray Metallic, Charcoal Black Leather Seating, 3.5L Ti-VCT V6 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$28,994***
- 2012 Ford F-150 Lariat Super Cab 4x4**
1FTFX1EF4CFC01104 - STK 53963FA - 61,449 Miles
Red Candy Metallic, Black Leather Bucket Seating, 5.0L FFV V8 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$29,992***
- 2014 Ford F-150 STX Super Cab 4x4**
1FTFX1EF1EEA55599 - STK P2947 - 34,382 Miles
Tuxedo Black Metallic, Black Cloth 40/Console/40 Seating, 5.0L FFV V8 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$30,994***
- 2012 Ford F-250 XLT Super Cab 4x4**
1FT7X2B9CEA77857 - STK 55130FA - 51,991 Miles
Vermilion Red Clearcoat, Steel Cloth Seating, 6.7L V8 Diesel Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$32,988***
- 2014 Ford Expedition XLT EL 4x4**
1FMJK1J56EEF48220 - STK P2947 - 34,382 Miles
Tuxedo Black Metallic, Camel Leather Bucket Seating, 5.4L SOHC V8 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$32,994***
- 2012 Ford F-150 FX4 Super Crew 4x4**
1FTFW1EF0CKE04081 - STK 57015FA - 44,193 Miles
Red Candy Metallic, Black Cloth Seating, 5.0L FFV V8 Engine, 6-Speed Automatic Transmission..... **\$33,992***

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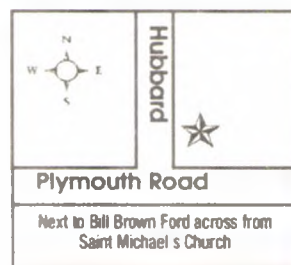
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