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### Novi High art exhibit

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is partnering with Novi Community Schools to bring the sixth annual Novi High School Select Art Show to the Novi Civic Center through May 29. This exhibit highlights the creativity of local teens showcasing their talent through a variety of media, including painting, ceramics, photography, metal work and digital media.

"This is a unique opportunity for high school students to display their artwork in a professional public gallery. We are honored to have such talented young adults and very proud to have this opportunity to display their work. Many of the featured students plan to go on to art school and pursue a career in visual art," said Erin Harbar, art teacher at Novi High School.

The public is encouraged to join the artists for an opening reception 6-7 p.m. Thursday, May 7.

The Atrium Gallery is located inside civic center, 45175 10 Mile, and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## New construction on the rise

### Building Department seeing big increase

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

More building department permits, both commercial and residential, have already been issued in Novi this year than all of last year.

According to the Novi's Building Division, the number of permits issued so far this year for commercial activity is 54, with 26 in March alone. In 2014, it was 45 total. Permits for single-family homes this year are at 48, which is two more

than the total last year. Tom Walsh, Novi's building official, said the numbers are up, but he's not exactly sure why.

He did point to an analysis by the National Association of Home Builders that stated solid employment gains, attractive mortgage rates, a growing economy and pent-up demand are helping keep the housing market moving forward throughout 2015 and into next year. That's according to economists who participated in the NAHB's 2015 Spring Construction Forecast Webinar.

Spring is typically a busy

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Home building permits are on the rise in Novi, as evidenced by the developments like this, Valencia Estates, at Beck and 10 Mile roads.



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Novi Post Office letter carriers Sherri McIntosh, Antonia Campbell and their colleagues will gather donated food from along their routes this Saturday to benefit two local food banks.

## Help deliver assistance Saturday

Place non-perishables for Letter Carriers Food Drive

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Here's some food for thought that can help feed a neighbor in need: Saturday, before you walk to your mailbox to pick up that day's letters, leave non-perishable items at your mailbox.

Your letter carrier will pick up the donations while deliver-

ing the mail and forward the items to two local food banks.

"All food collected by Novi letter carriers stays in Novi," Sherri McIntosh said. "The donations go to the food banks of Faith Community Church and St. James Catholic Church."

McIntosh is in her fifth year as coordinator of the Letter Carrier Food Drive for Novi and

said it's the 23rd year for the event nationwide.

"For the last 10 consecutive years, carriers have collected over 72 million pounds nationwide in a single day," she said.

And that food is even more important right now, according to Pam Coles from St. James.

"This time of year, donations tend to be light because of general circumstances. Schools out, people are on vacation," Coles said.

She stated canned meats, such as tuna or chicken, canned fruits and raviolis, really help a lot.

As Jim Ernest from Faith Community pointed out, it's not just food that helps.

"Usually this time of year, we are low on paper products," he said, "but this year we are low on everything!"

Both Coles and Ernest ex-

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## CC's 5K raising funds for abandoned Peruvian boys

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Soles are the bottom of shoes - and also the currency in Peru. And, of course, there are souls.

Both come into play Saturday. That's when Detroit Catholic Central High School holds its 5K run/walk charity event, Soles for Girasoles, at Nakin Mills in Westland.

"Girasoles is the name for the boys home that we are supporting," said Renee Zwick, a CC



Spanish teacher who has organized and gone on this trip for many years.

"Girasoles means sunflowers," she said. "The idea is that

as the sunflower turns its face to face the sun, the boys of the Girasoles homes are learning to turn to God for everything that they need."

The beneficiaries of Saturday's event are 30 boys in Peru that she got to know two years ago during a project with the organization called Scripture Union.

It was not CC's first work with that group, but it would be one of the most meaningful because of the connections stu-

dents made with that boys home.

"In speaking to the boys, we got to know details about their lives - like some of the boys do not know what their birthday is nor how old they are," Zwick said. "Some of the boys shared their scars with us, telling about the abuse that they suffered at the hands of a trusted family member."

One Peruvian boy, when asked what he would if he won a

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# Proposal 1: State voters crush road tax

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Only one-quarter of Novi's 38,683 registered voters cast a ballot in Tuesday's election, but the majority of them joined the rest of the state (350,742 yes; 1,404,779 no) in handily defeating Proposal 1.

In the city of Novi, the votes were 2,472 in favor of the proposal and 7,164 against it.

Of the 9,645 city residents who voted, 6,646 did so at the polls, while the remaining 2,999 voted by absentee ballot.

Voters in Novi Town-

ship also defeated Proposal 1, 43-13.

If passed, the proposal would've made several changes to the state constitution: bumped sales tax from 6 to 7 percent; exempted fuel purchases from use and sales taxes; prohibited public universities from getting School Aid Fund revenue; and earmarked a portion of use tax revenue for the School Aid Fund.

These four changes were tie-barred with a variety of legislative bills that would've boosted sales and use tax to 7 percent; made new rules for MDOT road construc-

tion projects; made a new wholesale fuel tax credit with revenue earmarked for roads; increased spending on a public school program; and increased the Earned Income Tax Credit.

## Mayors' reactions

"Proposal 1 was put together in the wee hours of the morning by a Legislature that was working on their last day of session," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "And try as they might to be fair and balanced, the law that was proposed by the Michigan Legislature to 'fix our roads' was actu-

ally a law that raised taxes and sent a good portion of that increased revenue to places other than road repair."

And, Gatt said, the voters didn't buy it.

"I respect the opinion voiced by the people of Michigan and urge the lawmakers in Lansing to get to work to come up with another way to fix our roads, which are badly in need of repair," he said.

Chris Johnson, city of Northville mayor, said he was disappointed in the Proposal 1 vote result.

"I am hopeful that the Legislature does not do

its usual raid on revenue sharing and school funding," he said. "Revenue sharing supports basic services such as police and fire services and the School Aid Fund is critical to our children's education."

## NPS millage

Another key issue on the ballot was the renewal of the Northville Public Schools district's sinking fund millage, which passed overall by a 2-1 margin.

NPS has used the millage since its inception to do a number of renovations and updates of its

buildings and facilities, including things like new parking lots, roofs and heating/cooling systems.

"This is a great night for the district," NPS Board of Education President Cyndy Jankowski said. "I'm really grateful for all of the work done to get the word out on this important renewal and we're grateful that the district supports our efforts to continue in making the badly needed repairs in order to provide the best learning environment possible."

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## Derby day



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Jane Demerle enjoys getting to know her horse May 2 as a gathering at the Novi Senior Center prepares to celebrate the Kentucky Derby. Attendees got to play along in a horse "race" where they took their mounts around a course laid out on the floor, depending on the roll of a dice. Other fun included a dinner, Derby trivia and then enjoying the race live on a big-screen TV.

## FOOD

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pressed their concern that as school ends for the summer, so does school-provided breakfasts and lunches for children. The food banks help meet these needs.

In addition to the many young families in this community who need help, many of your elderly neighbors often

find themselves drawing from these banks, too.

"Both food banks have expressed their gratitude for the Letter Carrier Food Drive," McIntosh said. "They really count on it for the boost that is needed for the lean summer months. Of course, I always want as much food as possible on that day! As letter carriers, it is a privilege to give back to the community

in which we work. We all would like to express our gratitude to the Novi residents who year after year make this day such a success."

So this Saturday, helping others is as simple as putting out non-perishable items at your mailbox.

"I'm looking forward to another great year," McIntosh said.

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## Novi celebrating National Bike Month

May is designated National Bike Month by the League of American Bicyclists. In celebration, the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, American Cycle and Fitness, Performance Bicycle and the Motor City Mountain Biking Association have partnered to offer a variety of opportunities to lead a healthy, active lifestyle through biking.

**Bike Rodeo:** Novi High School North Parking Lot - 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 11

This free program is geared toward kids ages 5-12. The Bike Rodeo includes an appearance from members of the Novi Police Department and stations including Bike Inspections, Start and Stops and Rock Dodge. Each participant will leave with a special prize from the event. Pre-registration is not required; bring a bike and helmet.

**Novi Nights Mountain Bike Group Ride:** Lakeshore Park - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12

Novi Nights is a beginner-friendly, no drop ride through Lakeshore Park's mountain bike trails. The group meets each Tues-

day evening (weather permitting) near the trail head kiosk. All skill levels welcome! Riders often enjoy post-ride refreshments at the nearby Lakeview Bar and Grill, overlooking beautiful Walled Lake.

**Ride Your Bike to Work Day:** Performance Bike Novi - 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 13

Meet at Performance Bike for a group photo and head to work in style (on your bike). Take-away provided to those who pre-register to ride by contacting Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at 248-347-0474 by May 8.

**Keep Rolling Group Ride:** Performance Bike Novi - 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16

This is a beginners group that rides at a leisurely pace with a No Rider Left Behind commitment. Morning rides are available each Saturday and travel approximately 10 miles. Go to meetup.com and search for "Performance Bicycle Great Ride Series: Novi" for updates on these group rides.

**Memorial Day Bike Parade:** Huntington Bank at 10 Mile/Novi - 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 25

Families can be a part of the Memorial Day Parade by decorating bicycles and meeting at Huntington Bank (10 Mile, east of Novi Road). To join the fun, pre-register by calling 248-347-0414.

According to the League of American Bicyclists, Michigan is the 14th most bike friendly state. For the past eight years, the city of Novi has been recognized by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness with a gold level Promoting Active Communities Award due, in part, to a commitment of enhancing non-motorized transportation. The city's Non-Motorized Master Plan serves as guideline for allocating resources for increasing sidewalk and pathway inventory. To date, Novi boasts more than 260 miles of non-motorized facilities.

In the case of inclement weather, the Bike Rodeo will be held Thursday, May 14. Call 248-347-0473 or go to cityofnovi.org for updates regarding all bike events. To learn about more healthy, activities and the non-motorized Transportation Plan, go to cityofnovi.org.

## BUILDING

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time of year for the Novi's building and planning departments and the start of this one is no different.

March was a perfect example of the potential development coming to the city. Review of construction activity for March indicated that 19 new single-family detached homes. In com-

mercial and industrial construction, there were 26 new commercial projects permitted for the month.

One big project approved in March and coming in the next year will be Huntley Manor. Novi City Council approved the request of GR Meadowbrook LLC for a Special Development Option Concept Plan for Huntley Manor (or Brooktown). The subject property is 26.62 acres and located on the south side of Grand River Ave-

nue, west of Meadowbrook Road. The applicant is proposing a 210-unit multiple-family gated community.

Also, the Novi Planning Commission approved the request of Dorchen/Martin Associates, Inc., for its Neptune Center, which is a plan to build a 20,000-square-foot office and industrial facility on 3.9 acres located at 44300 Grand River Avenue.

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## SOLES

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million dollars, told Zwick he would go looking for and find his mother.

Another lad, around 3, was dropped off at the boys home by police while the CC group was there.

"His mother was caught trying to sell him to a man," Zwick said. "He was sweet and clung to one of our chaperones as if she were his mother. This chaperone noticed that he had sores in his mouth that looked as if he had been burned by a cigarette."

When Zwick left Peru the last time she was there, she vowed that she

would do whatever she could to help these boys get their daily needs met - more than that, that they would have the security that every child deserves.

Last time the CC contingency went, members were able to purchase shoes, books, some guitars and drums for the boys.

"This year," Zwick said, "we will assess the needs and use proceeds from the race to purchase whatever our team sees is most necessary for them."

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## SOLES FOR GIRASOLES

Detroit Catholic Central High School will hold a 5K run/walk charity event, Soles for Girasoles, Saturday at Nankin Mills in Westland. This is a fundraiser for the school's Peru mission trip benefiting Girasoles Home for Abused and Abandoned Boys in Peru.

The cost for the 5K run/walk is \$25 in advance; \$30 walk-in. The race begins at 9 a.m., with registration and pickup at 8 a.m. There will also be a one-mile race for kids 12 and under. The cost is \$10 in advance; \$15 walk-in. That race begins at 8:30 a.m.

Register at [www.A2racemanagement.com/](http://www.A2racemanagement.com/) registration. For more information, go to [www.scriptureunionperu.org](http://www.scriptureunionperu.org).

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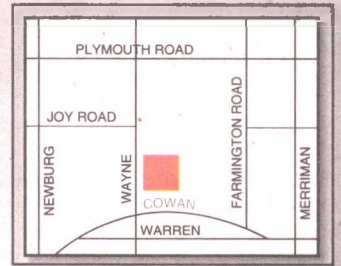


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## Novi High DECA earns its first top trophy

Novi High School's DECA team had 28 of its 108 members qualify to compete April 25-29 in the National Competition in Orlando, Fla. Novi students joined more than 19,000 other students from around the country and Canada at this national competition, known as the International Career Development Conference.

DECA is an organization of marketing and business students who compete in a variety of business- and marketing-related topics.

Seniors Kaartik Jain and Nakoul Makim came in first place out of more than 200 teams in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team

competition.

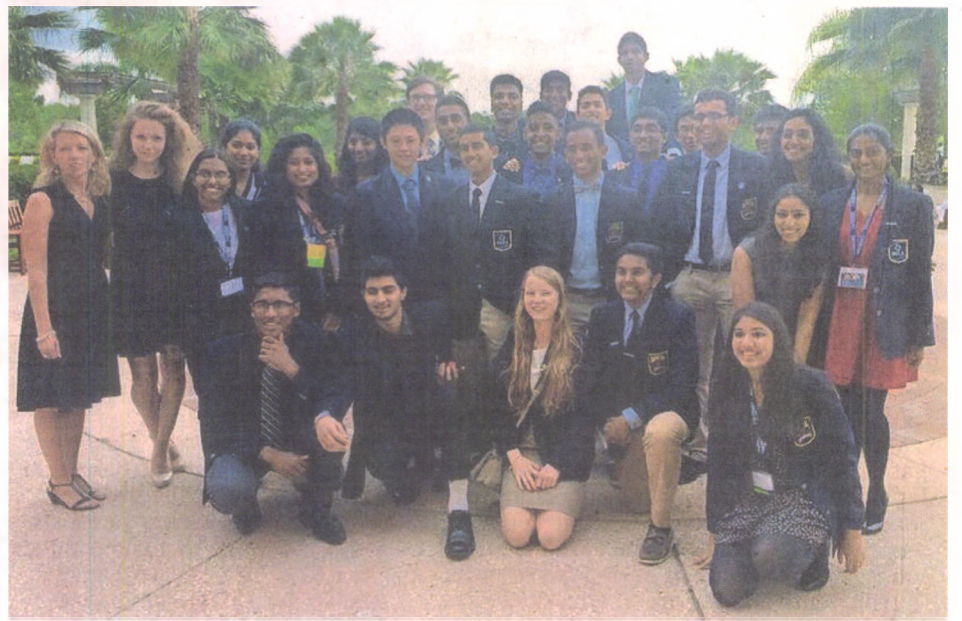
This first-place win is the first in Novi's DECA chapter since business teacher Jodi Forster started advising the group 14 years ago and one of only four first-place trophies won by a Michigan student at this international competition.

Junior Brendan Campbell also earned a medal for being in the top 10 in the nation in his written marketing test. In addition, seniors Alanna Clark and Prad Uppula placed in the top 20 in its Marketing Communications Team event. Sophomore Abhi Samantapudi was elected as the Michigan DECA state president for the 2015-16 year

and participated in leadership development activities at the conference.

DECA has more than 212,000 members worldwide this year and approximately 19,000 competed at this international event. In total, students from the Michigan delegation earned four first-place trophies, one second-place and three third-place trophies. Each competition has from 200 to 300 students competing.

"It is a pleasure to work with such outstanding and dedicated business students. I am so proud of all of them," said Forster, who teaches IB Business Management I and II at Novi.



Novi High School's national qualifiers with their adviser Jodi Forster.

AISHU CHANDRAKANTHAN

## Take the time this week to thank all Novi district staff members

There are two kinds of teachers in the world," reads a passage in Matthew Dicks' novel *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend*. "There are teachers who play school and teachers who teach school."

Buda, the imaginary friend of Max, is reflecting on the power of teachers in the lives of students.

In his way of reasoning, some teachers have a profound impact because they are real and honest and truthful. They care for kids - and every kid knows it.

Other teachers like the look of school and the idea of school, but they don't really like students.

Buda, the imaginary friend, understands and appreciates the power of teachers who care for kids, who communicate to the students in their classrooms that they are safe and loved and re-



Steve Matthews  
SUPER TALK

spected. These teachers challenge and push and encourage students. It is in those classrooms, the classrooms of teachers who teach school, that students learn and grow and mature.

The first week of May is designated as Teacher Appreciation Week. Here in Novi, we expand the week and call it Staff Appreciation Week. It is a week set aside to thank teachers and staff for what they do for all of us.

Buda is correct. Some people like students and want to do everything that they can to help students. Others, sadly, don't seem to have the same attitude.

Those people who genuinely care for stu-

dents can have a dramatic, lasting impact on students. These teachers and staff fill students with passion, curiosity, compassion, enthusiasm and wonder. These teachers and staff communicate clearly to students that they matter and what they have to say is important.

I hope that you have had "teachers who teach school" in your lifetime. I hope that you had staff - secretaries, bus drivers, food service workers - that treated you with respect and dignity.

I have. There was Miss Harriger, my second-grade teacher; Miss Hixenbaugh, my fourth-grade teacher; Mrs. Chapman, my fifth-grade teacher; and Mr. Robbins, my sixth-grade teacher, at Inez Elementary School in Albuquerque, N.M. There was Miss Getz, my eight-grade language

arts teacher; Miss Ely, my 10th-grade English teacher; and Coach Braig, my high school Latin teacher.

Then there was Ms. Cervantes, the secretary at Inez Elementary, and Ms. Bradshaw, who drove the bus in high school. There was Mr. LaDente, a custodian who helped me more than once.

I still remember all of these people, because through their words and actions they let me know that I was important. There were times growing up that I needed to hear from someone other than my parents that I mattered. All of these people - all school employees - communicated clearly to me that I was worth it.

All I can say now is thank you.

The Novi Community School District is full of

people who care deeply about the students who walk through our doors every day. These people give of themselves in ways both small and large to ensure that every student knows that they matter.

If you have a chance, take the time to say thank you.

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## Night to remember



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Novi High School students check in to receive their table assignments at the 2015 prom at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. For lots more photos, go to [www.novinews.com](http://www.novinews.com).

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# Novi High students win scholarships to Japan

Teen ambassadors for the United States – that's the role that Novi students Christian Jung, Gary Luo, Marissa Huth, Ryan Katulski and Rachel Liu will be fulfilling this summer.

Each of the five students was awarded a scholarship to spend a summer as a Youth For Understanding exchange student in Japan for six weeks, each with a Japanese host family in a city that is still to be determined. The value of the scholarships given to these five Novi High School students is about \$50,000.

Jung's scholarship was provided by the Japan-United States Senate Scholarship. Luo's was awarded by the Japan Business Society of Detroit. Huth and Liu are both Japan America Friendship Scholars, while Katulski is the winner of the Okinawa Peace Scholarship.

Youth For Understanding, which administers these scholarships, lauded Novi High School Japanese teacher Noriko Rosen for making her students aware of and



YFU scholarship winners from Novi High School for a Summer Exchange Experience in Japan (from left): Marissa Huth, Rachel Liu, Japanese Teacher Noriko Rosen, Christian Jung, Gary Luo and Ryan Katulski.

prepared for scholarship opportunities overseas. While YFU awards up to 100 scholarships to Japan each year, it is a true honor to have five winners from one high school.

The students had to undergo a rigorous screening process before receiving their scholarships through Youth For Understanding. They wrote a series of essays, filled out questionnaires, collected recommendations and participated in

interviews to be considered for the program.

"Students wrote six essays on various topics – being an exchange student, dealing with challenges, about family and friends and so on," Rosen said. "I am proud of their achievements and eager to hear their impressions after their family living experience."

Now, after completing the last of the paperwork, the students will

Japan each will spend the summer. The scholarship includes an orientation to be held at the University of California-Berkley.

Youth For Understanding is one of the world's oldest and largest exchange programs. It is a volunteer-driven program with the mission of building bridges between countries and developing global skills in young people. More information on outbound opportunities for American students to 40 countries can

be found at [www.yfu-usa.org](http://www.yfu-usa.org).

Nine YFU exchange students from abroad have called Novi home this year, living with local families and proud to be Wildcats! Youth For Understanding is also looking for local host families in southeast Michigan to host inbound exchange students from 64 countries. Contact Lisa Hudgens, community outreach coordinator for YFU, at 248-347-8848 or [LHudgens@yfu.org](mailto:LHudgens@yfu.org).

Families provide a place to live, meals and common sense parenting: encouragement, guidance, limits and love. The students have their own spending money and health insurance and agree to live according to the rules of the family and the organization. They can share a room with a host sibling. Families choose their new son and daughter after reading a detailed description of their personality and interest.

## Recorder jam



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Woods fourth-graders perform songs on their recorders April 29 for an afternoon gathering of fellow-pupils and their parents. The recorders played a variety of songs that they'd practiced for months under the leadership of music teacher Julia Saeli.



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**SCHOOL BRIEFS**

**Novi Band Bottle Drive Saturday**

The Novi Marching Band will be going door to door throughout the community and collecting returnable bottles and cans Saturday. If you have empties and wish to contribute, please leave them in a plastic bag on the curb and band members will pick them up.

**Jazz dinner**

Walled Lake Central High School invites all to its Jazz Dinner at 7:30 p.m. **May 9** in the school café.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$19 at the door, and include pasta (meat and vegetarian available), bread sticks, salad and dessert. Kids ages 4 and under eat for free.

Buy tickets online (add \$1 service fee) at <http://wlcstickets.com> or the WLCHS box office; a limited number will be available at the door.

To reduce costs and make the most of this fundraiser, donations are volunteers are needed. Contact Rebecca at [farm2597@comcast.net](mailto:farm2597@comcast.net) or sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4BA8A92CA75-donations](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4BA8A92CA75-donations).

**NEF golf outing**

The Northville Educational Foundation will host its first Play Fore Education Golf Classic Monday, **May 11**, at the 27-hole championship course of Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

Presented by Community Financial Credit Union, the tournament will feature a four-person scramble format. Regis-

tration and a buffet lunch will begin at 11 a.m. and the shotgun start will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The tournament will feature putting and course contests, giveaways, a silent auction, buffet lunch, sit-down dinner, complimentary beverages on and off the course and 18 holes of golf with a cart.

The cost is \$200 per golfer, or \$760 per foursome. The dinner program will include a short award ceremony to announce the contest winners. In addition, the winning foursome will get their names engraved on the Golf Classic Cup and one-year bragging rights.

Proceeds from the tournament will be designated for the Northville Educational Foundation's general fund to support enrichment programs in the arts, athletics and academics in the Northville Public Schools.

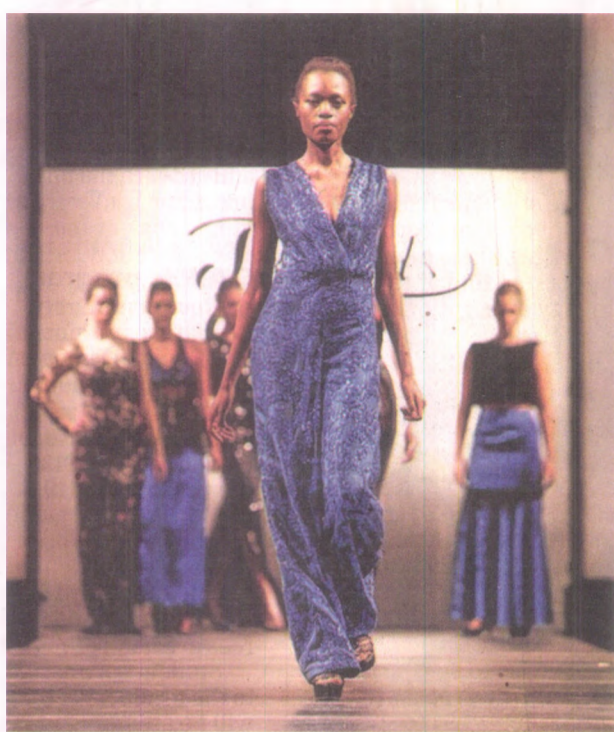
To learn more or to register, go to [www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org/golf.html](http://www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org/golf.html) or call 248-344-3503. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and can be found on the website as well.

**W.L. Northern students recognized**

Recently, several Spanish students from Walled Lake Northern High School attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2015 National Spanish Examinations. Congratulations to the following students:

Spanish level 3 – (honorable mention) Courtney Coleman, Sydney Edwards, Natalie Fill, Am-

**Threads winner**



Central Michigan University students showcased fashion collections they designed and created April 25 as part of the 17th annual Threads Fashion Show. Novi native Nicole Mueting, a senior at CMU, was among the students who participated and her collection (shown) won Best Eveningwear. Threads provides a platform for aspiring fashion designers and for other students desiring experience in the numerous aspects of fashion production. There were 19 show designers and 13 preshow designers, as well as more than 20 student involved in events, marketing, model management and other facets of the production of the fashion show.

ber Mortzfield, Curtis Joshua Parham, Xyzine Puyat, Ellisa Riddell and Haley Wilkinson; Spanish level 4 – (honorable mention) Abby Austin, Natalie Jones and Jordan Kilgren, (bronze medal) Sara Lonsberry; Spanish level 5/AP – (honorable mention) Emma Jones, Brittanay Madhaven and Nicole Muhlheisen.

“Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious,”

said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, national director of the exams, “because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 157,000 students participating in 2015.”

Students from Walled Lake Northern have a long history of high achievement on these exams and were taught by Spanish teachers Andrea Dashe, Maral Karadolian, Catherine Savone and Piper Smith. These students take the exam as

**Life lesson**



Jump rope professional Rene Bibaud entertains an April 17 assembly at Northville's Moraine Elementary with some tricky jumping. Bibaud, who got a lot of kids involved in the assembly, tried to teach them that they're going to make mistakes in their lives (like when they're learning to jump rope), but it shouldn't stop them from trying.

part of their active membership requirements in the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, or the National Spanish Honor Society. Northern's chapter, Los caballeros andantes (Knights Errant), was founded in 2006.

The National Spanish Examinations are administered in schools in the U.S. each year in grades 6-12 and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

**Preschool programs**  
Northville Public Schools is currently as-

sessing the need within the community for a no-cost or reduced-cost preschool program.

Recruitment has begun for a preschool program to be funded through the Great Start Readiness Program.

The district is recruiting 4-year-old children for a state-funded preschool class it hopes to offer in the fall. Income eligibility and admission criteria applies.

See the website link at [www.earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org](http://www.earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org) for more information.

**Registration for Novi summer school classes opens**

Students may register for Novi high school summer school classes online at [www.novi.communityed.org](http://www.novi.communityed.org).

High School students and parents may view the courses online, download the forms for verification and fax or email them to the Community Education Office after they process their online selection and payment. The verification/registration form must be signed by the student's school counselor. All verification/registration forms need to be sent to the Community Education office for the registration process to be complete.

Summer School refresher courses pre-K to eighth grade will continue to register at the Novi Community Education Office.

Summer classes begin Monday, June 22, and end Thursday, July 23.

A list of classes, times and fees are online at [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us) under Community Education – Summer School.

**Children's exhibit**

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Extended Day Programs presents A Children's Exhibit – The Joy of Discovery through **May 7** in Northville Square (133 W. Main Street).

This annual exhibit represents a small sampling of the learning that takes place throughout

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**EVERYONE HAS AN IDEA OR MAYBE A FEW...**

**ENTREPRENEUR**

**Mike Wagner**

Mike is a 25 year-old self-taught metal worker by hobby. His current project at the Village Workshop is designing and building a casing sorter that will be used for separating different sizes of brass bullet casings. Mike decided to build it for his employer, Great Lakes Ammunition that specializes in their own line of factory new, remanufactured and custom pistol and rifle ammunition. He found a few designs online that he thought he could improve on.

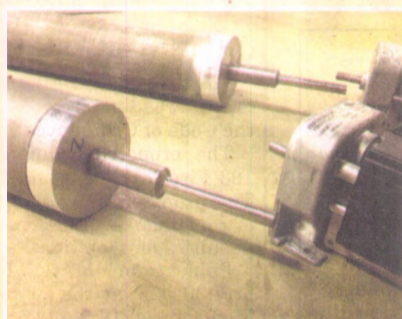
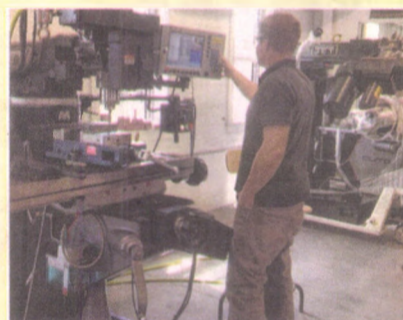
He says that although these types of machines are available to purchase, he has the skills and loves the challenge of figuring out how things work, so he decided to build it. Not to mention the several thousands of dollars in savings!

Mike's passion for working with machines and metal started at the age of 15, when he started mowing lawns in his neighborhood. Out of necessity he learned how to repair his own lawn equipment. In just a few years, Mike's motivation and entrepreneurial spirit paid off as his lawn-cutting job turned into a full service landscaping company.

Mike decided to put his love for metal working to work a few years ago and sold his landscaping business so that he could pursue his interests in the ammunition reloading business.

When Mike is not working on his casing sorter you can find him in the metal shop at The Village Workshop working on fun projects, like the desktop organizer he whipped up on Sunday afternoon. He likes having access to the high quality lathes and mills at TW in addition to the hours, since he puts in an average of 50 hours a week at his job he is able to work on his projects 7 days a week until midnight!

Mike also likes the convenience of the class schedule at TW. He finds the offering of classes useful for his job and his hobbies. In just a few weeks time he was able to learn new skills on the CNC Shopbot and Laser Engraver/Cutter! He says he's excited to integrate his new skills with his metal working for his work and personal projects.



**MECHANICAL ENGINEER**



**Timm Carson**

Timm loves to make things. It all started when he was a young boy working with his father making things in the garage together. They spent summers working on projects, even remodeling the bathroom in the family's home.

Timm smiles when he talks about his 1984 Camaro that he bought in high school. He changed the transmission, the motor and the paint!

Timm attended Michigan Technological University where he earned his degree in engineering. During his college years he was a member of

the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), a professional organization for students interested in the automotive field. His favorite memory was designing, building and racing a Formula-style race car!

While visiting the Village Workshop for the first time he was impressed with the idea of having access to such a wide range of equipment. He saw the potential for increased productivity and capability for his engineering firm that specializes in noise and vibration.

Several days a week you can find Timm at the Village Workshop working on his laptop designing and creating conceptual drawings for his clients. After completing his design he moves into the machine shop or the metal shop to use the CNC Mill, metal lathe and welding bays to fabricate prototypes.

Soon after becoming a member Timm met Mike Brimm, a fellow member who is working on a custom vintage motorcycle at the Village Workshop. Before you knew it, the two were working together with CAD to create parts for Mike's project.

It's not uncommon to see Timm with other members at the Village Workshop collaborating and sharing ideas.

When asked what his dream project is, Timm was happy to say that he believes that he is living his dream making things every day and is grateful that he makes a living doing what he loves.

Timm says that the Village Workshop is the perfect environment to motivate and inspire people to create, invent and collaborate, whether for business or pleasure.

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# Students represent Novi at Technology Showcase

Three classes represented Novi at the MACUL (Michigan Association Computer Users in Learning) Student Tech-

nology Showcase, which took place at Cobo Center. There were more than 4,000 conference attendees who were able

to see students from school districts across Michigan show their understanding of technology integration.

Mrs. JoAnne North's Deerfield Elementary fourth-grade students: Tath Chiratapatsakul, Evie Ogemia, Michael Kitkowski and Diya Shriyan. Project that was showcased: Asian Fusion. How does art unify communities? This project-based learning unit focuses on how the similarities in art unifies four distinct Asian communities.



Mrs. Lori Burkhardt's Novi Middle School seventh-grade ELA students: Louis Wolff, Jaide Boals, Jade Bennett and Emily Dai. Project that was showcased: Myth Busters. Students created a podcast that compared mythological gods with pop-culture fallen heroes.



Mrs. Luma Jargis' Novi Woods third-grade students: Riley McDonald, Joshua Ia, Luke Guiboux and Caleb Walker. Project that was showcased: Genius Hour. This that allows students to explore their passions and encourages creativity.



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the programs. Come celebrate children, honor their unique qualities and capture the power of project work.

### Novi's Summer C.A.R.E. program

Novi Community Education's Summer C.A.R.E. will run weekdays from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 22, to Friday, Aug. 21. Registration fees are \$130 for the first child, \$110 for the second child and free for the third child. Daily fees are \$40 per child. Lunch is included except for field trip days. All fees are non-refundable.

Students are assigned to the grade level they will be attending in the fall. The staff is well experienced and activities are age appropriate for the development of the students. Activities include field trips, crafts, science experiments, sports, games and more.

This program is for children age 3 who have attended one year of preschool and up to children going into the eighth grade, and it will be located at Novi Woods Elementary School, 25195 Taft Road.

Registration is also ongoing online from through May 15. Packets, calendar of events and lunch menus are located on the website at [www.novischools.net](http://www.novischools.net) under Community Ed - Child Care.

For more information, call 248-449-1713.

### Walled Lake K-12 Art Show

The 18th annual Walled Lake Schools

K-12 Student Art Exhibition will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, May 18-21, at Commerce Township Hall (8600 PGA Drive, Commerce). There will also be an artist recognition celebration for all artists and the community 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

This event is open to the public with the entire Walled Lake Schools community invited to attend. During the artist recognition celebration May 20, those in attendance will have the opportunity to enjoy an evening of art, refreshments and to cast a vote for the art work that most deserves honorable recognition and professional framing for a yearly display at the Walled Lake Education Services Center.

"As the coordinator, the Walled Lake Schools K-12 Art Exhibition has been the highlight of my spring," said Ashley LaVoy, show coordinator and district art teacher. "I enjoy the process of selecting, matting and hanging of the show to bring praise to our artistic talent here in Walled Lake. It is an opportunity for me to see what my colleagues are doing and connect with all levels of my profession. It has been such a joy to watch the show evolve over the years."

### Northville roundup, parent orientation

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

Parent Orientation is an opportunity for you to hear about program-

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

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

The following are the dates for Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Round-Up at each elementary school: Amerman - April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1; Moraine - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15; Silver Springs - May 6, 6 p.m. May 15; Thornton Creek - April 29, 6 p.m. May 7; Ridge Wood - May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15; and Winchester - May 11, 6 p.m. May 12.

## Livonia Public Schools Opens Renowned Academically Talented Program To Out-Of-District Students

Twenty seats are open to students entering 1st or 2nd grade, and twelve seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade for the 2015-16 school year.

Limited Registration window: May 5-May 22, 2015.

Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT) program to Limited Schools of Choice for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

This program is geared toward academically talented students looking for a specialized learning experience.

Registration will be open from May 5 - 22, 2015 at Webster Elementary School, 32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152 from 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

All candidates MUST meet the ACAT selection testing criteria.

For complete information on the application process, visit [www.livoniapublicschools.org](http://www.livoniapublicschools.org) or contact Webster School at 734-744-2795.

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

At its regular meeting on May 18, 2015, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions in the Code of Ordinances.

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

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for May 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

MICHAEL CARLSON, POLICE CHIEF  
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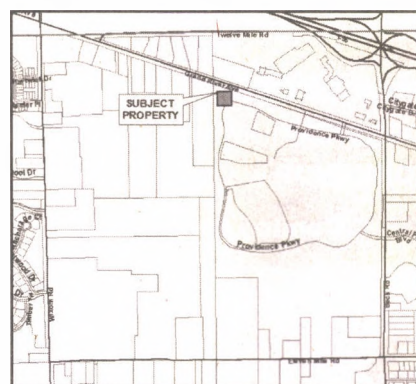
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## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **PROVIDENCE PARK ONE ACRE OFFICE BUILDING, SITE PLAN NUMBER 14-87, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLANDS PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 17, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE, WEST OF BECK ROAD, IN THE OSC, OFFICE SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.** The subject property is approximately 1.31 acres and the applicant is proposing to build a one story 6,660 square foot speculative general medical office building and associated parking facilities on the northwest corner of the Providence Park Hospital planned office complex site.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and



any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the cities regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

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

Date: SATURDAY, May 16, 2015

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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

At its regular meeting on May 18, 2015, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions in the Code of Ordinances.

The proposed ordinance amendment would amend Chapter 54, Section 54-345 Attendance at Racetrack by Minors, to provide that it shall be unlawful for any child under the age of 18 to be permitted within the fenced area or any other area owned or leased by the owners and lessees of the racetrack (barn area and paddock excepted) unless such child is accompanied at all times by a parent or legal guardian unless he is employed in connection with the pari-mutuel racing activity. The current ordinance prohibits any child under the age of 12 to be permitted in the fenced area or any other area owned or leased by the owners or lessees of the racetrack. The current age restriction conflicts with state law.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for May 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

MICHAEL CARLSON, POLICE CHIEF

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## City of Northville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2015-16 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2015-16 Annual City Budget.

### The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.

**PROPOSED 2015 MILLAGE RATES** The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2015 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

The 2015 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.5864 mills, compared to 13.5864 mills in 2014, resulting in no change. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 14.0804 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula.

The 2015 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.7542 mills, compared to 1.7620 mills in 2014, resulting in a 0.44% decrease.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.3406 mills in 2015. Compared to the 15.3484 mills levied in 2014, the decrease is 0.0078 mills, or 0.05%

**ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS** The 2015 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

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## Kroger buying seven area Hiller's Markets stores

By Philip Allmen  
Staff Writer

The Kroger Co. of Michigan, headquartered in Novi, has reached an agreement to acquire seven Hiller's Markets stores in West Bloomfield, Ann Arbor, Northville, Plymouth, South Lyon and two in Commerce Township.

"After 75 years of providing the finest quality groceries and services to southeast Michigan, I am pleased that Hiller's legacy of excellence will be continued by the Kroger Co.," said Jim Hiller, president and CEO of Hiller's Markets. "I encourage Hiller's customers to continue shopping at Kroger following the transition and to continue supporting their favorite associates."



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Downtown Northville's Hiller's store will soon become a Kroger.

The downtown Northville location will take some time to remodel, according to Ken McClure, communications manager at Kroger, but after it will continue to operate as a Kroger store, as will the current

Kroger store at Five Mile and Haggerty.

Reactions about the change are mixed, as evidenced by customers at the Northville Hiller's on Center Street.

"I like Kroger, but it was always too far away

to go to," Northville resident Holly Nichols said. "I think it's good."

But fellow Northville resident and longtime Hiller's customer Merl Grueber is not happy with the announcement.

"I feel bad and don't really understand why it happened," Grueber said. "Hiller's has a great variety and I don't think Kroger can compare."

Chris Johnson, city of Northville mayor, said he sincerely hopes that Kroger maintains the excellent staff and standards that Hiller's provided to the community. Kroger is encouraging Hiller's associates to apply for positions within the organization. Store conversion details, including hiring events, will be announced closer to transaction completion.

"Hiller's has been a part of the community for a long time — long enough that some folks can't remember the name before Hiller's took over," Johnson said. "Hiller's always had very high standards and I always commented on how much I enjoyed the experience. Hiller's was a place where you would always bump into your neighbors. A five-minute trip could be a half-hour before you were done saying hi to everyone."

Following completion of the sale, Kroger will assume the lease for the store at 3010 Union Lake Road, but will not operate the store as there is a recently built Kroger store and fuel center across the street.

"We are excited to welcome Hiller's customers into our stores and

introduce them to our great people," said Jayne Homco, president of Kroger's Michigan division. "Hiller's has a decades-long reputation of great customer service and outstanding selection of local and ethnic foods and we look forward to continuing those traditions as we expand in this market."

The Hiller's stores will become part of The Kroger Co. of Michigan, which incorporated in Michigan in 1909 and is headquartered in Novi. It includes 18,000 associates, 123 Kroger stores, 64 fuel centers, 103 pharmacies and the Michigan Dairy.

The sale is expected to close in July, subject to customary closing conditions. Terms of the agreement will not be disclosed.

## NEWSMAKERS

### Shook earns counselor honor

Commerce Township resident Lon Shook, a 14-year veteran of the Oakland County Community & Home Improvement Division, was recently named Housing Counselor of the Year by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority during a luncheon at the Building Michigan Communities Conference in Lansing.

"Lon goes above and beyond to ensure his clients' needs are addressed in the best possible way," Oakland

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "I've seen the quality of his work first-hand as we helped a 65-year-old disabled veteran and his family. Congratulations to Lon for this recognition and the entire Community & Home Improvement team for the important work it does."

While honored to receive the recognition, Shook said he gets his greatest satisfaction helping make a difference in the lives of so many people in need.

"I get rewarded every day when I find a way to prevent a desperate family from losing their home when they fall behind in their mortgage payments or don't know how they can afford to replace a failing septic

system," Shook said.

Shook, 48, has been with the county since 2001.

"Lon is a great housing counselor with a long track record of successfully navigating people through thorny housing issues and improving their lives," division manager Karry Rieth said. "I am grateful to have him as part of my team."

Shook is the second to be named Housing Counselor of the Year. Supervisor and housing counselor Kathy Williams received the award in 2014.

### Molina honors Scantamburlo

Molina Healthcare of Michigan recently celebrated the good deeds of six community heroes at

its ninth annual Community Champions Awards. One of this year's winners was Sarah Scantamburlo of Novi.

Scantamburlo's severe struggle with kidney failure (that resulted in two separate transplants) inspired her to use her experience as a catalyst to bridge the gap of inequity to others in need. A full-time physician's assistant, Scantamburlo puts in several hours a week as a mentor to patients at New Center Community Services. She mentors Detroit-area teens and young

adults who have an interest in the medical field and helping others. She also lobbies as an advocate of mental health and works beyond the conventional scope of her job to increase mental health awareness.

"Molina proudly salutes the hard work and dedication of these extraordinary individuals," said Stephen Harris, president of Molina Healthcare of Michigan. "It was a pleasure honoring this year's Community Champions award winners for the commitment they put into serving those in need in our communities."

The Community Champions program celebrates the vision of Dr. C. David Molina, the founder of Molina

Healthcare, as well as community partners who work together to care for society's most vulnerable individuals. Each community champion was nominated by a community-based organization and also received a \$1,000 grant to give to a deserving nonprofit organization of his/her choice. Scantamburlo will donate her \$1,000 grant to New Center Community Services.

The awards dinner was held at The Rattlesnake Club in Detroit and included an invocation by the Rev. Philip Carr, pastor of Second Ebenezer Church, and entertainment by Detroit School of Arts' Achievers Ladies Ensemble. State Sen. Vincent Gregory was also in attendance.



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## Market opens



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Ruth and Andy Kawada (left) enjoy perusing some options at the opening day May 2 of the Novi Farmers Market near the Novi Civic Center. About a dozen vendors with veggies to plant, fresh flowers, beauty products and fresh baked treats welcomed visitors from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### DirectBuy relocates to Wixom

DirectBuy, the membership-buying club that allows consumers to purchase lifestyle products from manufacturers without hidden retail markup, opened its newly relocated club in Wixom at 28265 Beck Road, Suite C18. The club was previously at 5454 Eagle Center Drive in Brighton.

DirectBuy is a destination where members can shop from more than one million products from the top brands in furniture, appliances, electronics and other home fixtures. The new location offers a more display-centric showroom, which better represents the wide spectrum of products offered and how they look in the home.

DirectBuy is owned by Jeff and Mona Mauck, who joined DirectBuy as members in 1981. They

purchased the club in 2004. The couple has spent the last decade providing welcoming shopping experiences for members while also focusing their efforts on various community outreach projects. It was this year that the couple decided to move their business to a new location that more conveniently served the local market.

DirectBuy works with nine counties in the state of Michigan, including Clinton, Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Oakland, Shiawassee and Washtenaw. The relocation allowed the club to double its customer population.

To learn more about DirectBuy, go to [www.novi.directbuy.com](http://www.novi.directbuy.com).

### Bright House customers can call Nepal for free

In order to ease concerns as customers reach

out to friends and family members in Nepal, Bright House Networks announced its commitment to make all home phone customer calls to Nepal free of charge through the end of May. Retroactive to calls beginning Saturday, April 25, and continuing through May 31, Bright House Networks home phone customers will not be charged for any calls to land lines or cell phone numbers in Nepal.

Customers who are making calls to Nepal during the program time frame will be issued a credit on their home phone account for any direct dial calls made to Nepal, with no hassle and no need to do anything else. Credits for all calls made during the program time period will appear on customer accounts in June. Calls to operators or directory assistance are not direct dial calls, so these will be charged at the usual rate.

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# Providence building new dialysis center on Novi campus

DaVita Kidney Care broke ground May 1 on a new dialysis center in partnership with Providence-Providence Park Hospital on its Novi campus.

The dialysis center will consist of two buildings on the hospital campus, one to accommodate in-center dialysis patients and another for home dialysis therapies, consisting of both peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis. Both buildings will be built concurrently and are anticipating an open date in summer 2016. The in-center dialysis center will have 20 stations and the home therapies will offer six rooms for home training.

"Partnering with Providence-Providence Park on this dialysis center offers us a chance to provide more convenience for our patients," said Sue Carter-Okab, a regional operations di-

rector at DaVita Kidney Care. "With other outpatient and emergency services readily available on campus, our patients have access to additional on-site resources."

The campus was built with the intent to create a destination for health in the community, according to Peter Karadjoff, president of Providence-Providence Park Hospital.

"DaVita Kidney Care's presence here will help continue that goal and enhance the healing process for all those visiting," he said.

In addition to providing space on the hospital campus, the partnership with DaVita Kidney Care will allow practicing nephrologists at the hospital to serve as the center's medical director. DaVita Kidney Care will provide the staff and care at the dialysis cen-

ter. Kidney failure, also known as end stage renal disease, is a fatal condition unless a kidney transplant is available or a patient undergoes dialysis, in which a machine filters toxins and fluids from the blood outside the body. In-center dialysis patients are treated four hours a day, three times a week.

An estimated 20 million U.S. adults have chronic kidney disease, which can progress to ESRD. Most are unaware of their condition, as the disease is often symptomless until the kidneys fail. Groups at the highest risk for ESRD include those with diabetes or hypertension as well as older adults, African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans.

To find out more about DaVita Kidney Care, call 800-400-8331 or go to [www.DaVita.com](http://www.DaVita.com).



Pictured at the May 1 groundbreaking (from left) are Victoria Abbott, social worker, DaVita; Carol Rowe, administrative assistant, DaVita; Joe Hurshe, COO, Providence-Providence Park Hospital; Gary Jonna, president, Whitehall Real Estate Interests; David Butera, group facility administrator, DaVita; Peter Karadjoff, president, Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Novi; Dave Stout, Novi mayor pro tem; Derrick Byl, regional operations director, DaVita; Sue Carter-Okab, regional operations director, DaVita; Dr. Fawaz Al-Ejal, medical director, DaVita; and Michael Lynch, project manager, DaVita.

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With a bunch of limes and lemons wired up, Northville High School student Jonathan Zaremba instructs students on how electricity can be derived from citrus at the Fruit Batteries station.



Northville School District students stop by a station at Hillside to learn about electricity generated by wind power.

# STEAMed up!

Northville schools celebrate science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

"This is pretty cool," Moraine Elementary fourth-grader Michael Herger said of the Northville Public Schools STEAM Fair.

Held April 22 in honor of Earth Day, the inaugural STEAM (science, technology, engineering arts and math) fair for students and their families was a big success.

"I like everything about science," said Patrick Kelley, fellow classmate of Herger. Both visited the fair and lent a helping hand at a fair table demonstrating wave energy with turbines made out of plastic cups.

The theme for the fair was "Education and Energy: Powering Our Future," which was a focus on alternative energy.

According to NPS Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Deanna Barash, the fair was made possible through a generous donation from the Northville Education Foundation and partnerships with community companies.

"This is an exciting, hands-on learning opportunity for our students and families," said Barash, who thought of putting on the fair last summer.

The fair included a Detroit Grand Prix car, a drone from Michigan State University and many other cool exhibits from sponsors, with local company SoulBrain, as well as Lawrence Technological University, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and DTE, all having a table at the fair.

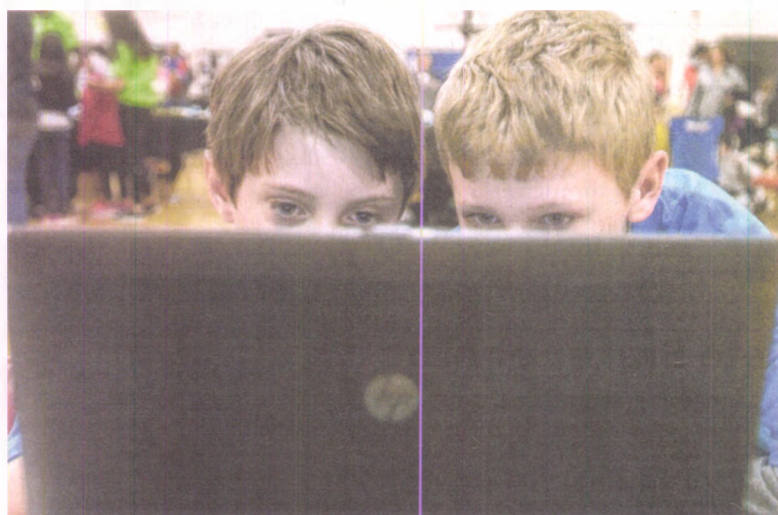
There were also more than 30 activities designed and led by Northville High students. Participants got to do things like learn how to computer code, make a milk shake pedaling on a bike and create a fuel cell. There was also an eye-catching art display with a variety of drawings and paintings from Northville students.

NHS graduate and current Michigan State student Greg Putman was there to talk about using a drone for agricultural research of farm fields and how to improve their output, sustainability and, in turn, eliminate waste. Putman was excited to be back in Northville to talk science and meet the students. He wished this fair was around when he was in middle school.

"This is great, because this helps to put a real world take on many things they might not get to see, except maybe in a text book," Putman said.



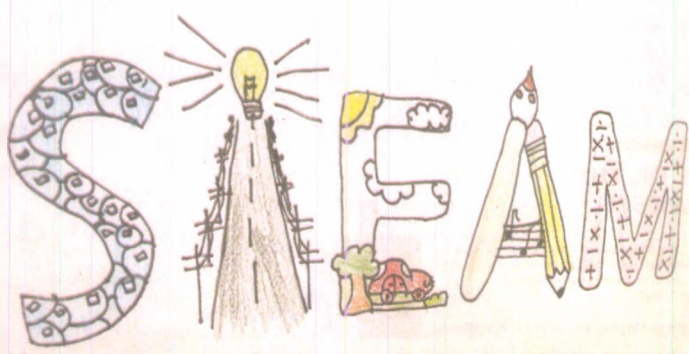
Northville High School student Hanna Holshouser (left) points to a light that is being illuminated by electricity being generated by Winchester students Gabby Raiti (center) and Taryn Rice during the April 22 STEAM event at Hillside Middle School. Elementary school students got a chance that day to see what a curriculum would be like emphasizing science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.



Northville students Timothy Keddie (left) and Andrew Cummings team on a computer coding challenge.



Thornton Creek student Audrey Hagar learns about simple motors.



Northville School District students created posters to illustrate the STEAM acronym.



Hillside Middle School's two gymnasiums were packed April 22 with hundreds of visitors learning about the STEAM curriculum.

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## 16th annual Student Art Show



**"PRIMARY"**  
BY RENEE DEMPSEY  
May is student art month in Northville. The Northville Art House's 16th annual juried Student Fine Art Exhibit will feature the work of middle and high school students. This exhibit is a collaboration with Northville's art educators to promote art appreciation among the community's youth. The exhibit features

an array of two- and three-dimensional work from Northville's most talented students. The show will continue through May 16 during regular gallery hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. For further information, call 248-344-0497. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the City of Northville.

## Golf at Meadowbrook Country Club to help benefit Angela Hospice

With another very long Michigan winter now behind us, it's time to focus on finally being able to get outside with the hope of enjoying some sunshine. What better way to celebrate spring's arrival than by participating in Angela Hospice's 27th annual golf outing?

"For many golfers, this is the official kick-off to golf season as well as the first outing of the year," said Helen Balmforth, Angela Hospice events coordinator. "Rain or shine, we will be there to support Angela Hospice, but hopefully sunshine will be in the forecast." The event will begin

at 11 a.m. Monday, May 11, at Northville's prestigious Meadowbrook Country Club and be an all-day outing. The day will include a lunch buffet, access to the driving range and 18 holes of golf played on 125 acres of impeccable fairways and greens on the private course. Foursomes can be all-men, all-women or mixed. Angela Hospice will also help organize teams for single golfers or twosomes.

The dinner reception following golf includes a silent auction and raffles and dinner-only tickets are available for those who want to participate without golfing.

Another way for non-golfers to support the event is through the Winner Takes All Raffle, which includes \$3,000 worth of prizes that will go to one lucky winner. Prizes include tickets to a Red Wings game and a post-game tour of the Red Wings locker room, an autographed "KRON-WALLED" poster, a gift card to Iridesence res-



Golfers at Angela Hospice's 2014 outing included Fran Fields and Gwen Fedrigo of Livonia, Jimmie Oliverio of Northville and Eleanor Johnson of Commerce Township.

taurant at Motor City Casino, rounds of golf at various courses, tickets to Cedar Point and more. The drawing will be held 6-8:30 p.m. the evening of the event. Tickets are \$25 each and only 500 tickets will be sold. You need to be present to win.

"Our golf outing supports the much needed programs at Angela Hospice," said Margot Parr, Angela Hospice

president and CEO, "such as our bereavement programs, which are available to everyone in the community, and the My Nest is Best pediatric programs."

Golfer packages are \$200 per person, while dinner-only tickets are \$50. To register, purchase raffle tickets or for sponsorship information, call 734-953-6045 or go to AskForAngela.com.



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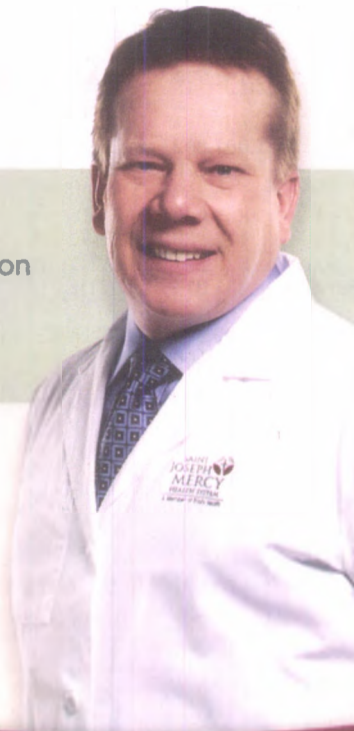
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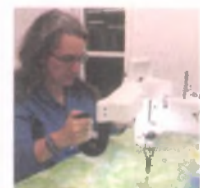
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# Mother's Day gift from the Novi Police gun range

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Interest in guns and self-defense is going up with women, so much so that the Novi Police are offering a special Mother's Day rate for its Civilian Pistol Safety Class.

"There has been an increase not only here in Novi, but across the state," Novi Police Sgt. Michael Warren said of concealed pistol licenses among women.

The number of women in Michigan who received or renewed concealed pistol licenses rose from 10,862 in 2010



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The Novi Police Department is offering a CPL class special for Mother's Day at its Firearms Training Center. From left: Officer Mark Boody, Nicole Lang and Gerylann Garris.

to 25,418 in 2014, a gain of 134 percent.

And while women still made up less than one-

quarter of the state's new CPL holders last year, the number of new CPL licenses issued annually to women climbed by 74 percent in Oakland County, according to Michigan State Police records.

Warren said Novi Police will be hosting a female-designed course to encourage more female attendees. Those who register for the course will pay a discounted fee of \$100. He said men are still welcome to attend, but will pay the standard registration fee of \$150 (through cash or a money order).

The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the course fee may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equip-

ment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil and a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, go to [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or contact Warren via email at [mwarren@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mwarren@cityofnovi.org) or at 248-921-9843.

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## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Snorting powder at hospital

After spotting some suspected illicit drug use, Providence Park Hospital staff contacted Novi Police about a patient staying there for treatment of an infection in his back.

The incident occurred March 23. After catching the patient going through the sharps container, which is typically filled with used needles, an eye was kept on the patient. He was later seen snorting a white powdery substance.

His room was searched by staff and it was reported by police that some suspected heroin and pills were found hidden in the room. The man said the pills were prescribed to him and he didn't really know about the heroin. Because of the man's medical condition, he

remained at the hospital, but police have forwarded the case on to the prosecutor for review.

### Cocaine possession

A speeding driver was arrested for drug possession and drunken driving after Novi Police stopped him for speeding.

Novi Police clocked the Detroit man March 24 going at least 90 mph on eastbound I-96, near Novi Road. He was stopped on the off-ramp and police reported smelling alcohol on the man's breath upon making contact. Police also reported when the man exited the vehicle it appeared as if he urinated on himself.

His preliminary breathalyzer registered 0.18 percent blood-alcohol content. He was detained and a search of him turned up some cocaine inside a folded

up dollar bill, which was in his jacket pocket.

### Driving on drugs suspicion

A man is suspected of operating a vehicle while high after Novi Police were called about a reckless driver.

Police were given a license plate number the morning of March 24, but could not find the car in the reported area of 14 Mile Road and M-5. However, police ran the plate and found that it was registered to an owner who lives on Chalet Drive. Police went to the man's home and, upon making contact with him, reported his speech was slurred, he had trouble standing and his pupils were like "pin points."

He told police he had been driving earlier. Police said he was stumbling around throughout their entire interaction

with him. He was detained on suspicion of operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs. Blood was later drawn and the case remained open pending results.

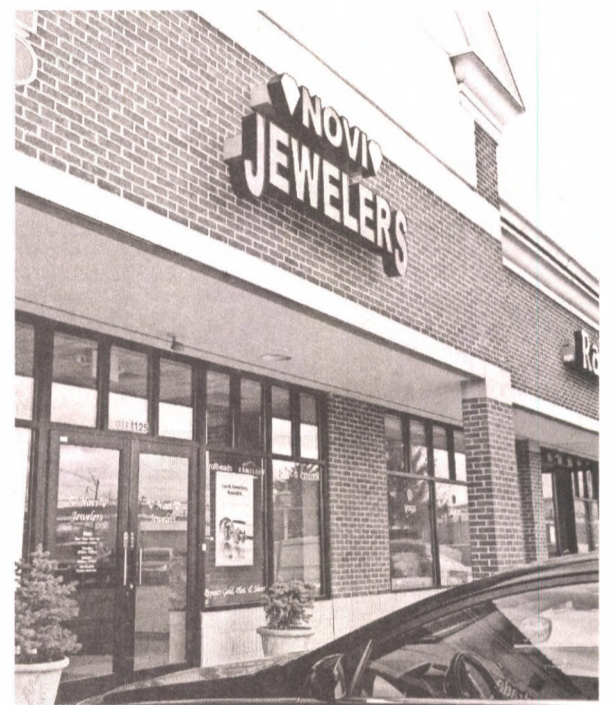
### Retail theft

A man tried to conceal under the clothes he was already wearing some clothing he was trying to steal from Lord & Taylor.

The clothing store's security had spotted the man selecting merchandise like T-shirts, pants and jacket and then take them into a fitting room. Staff found the tags and sensors taken off the items and left in the room. Later he was found to have put the items on and then tried to leave.

He admitted to the crime and said he had done this before.

— By Lonnie Huhman



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Novi Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred April 27 in the parking lot outside Novi Jewelers.

## Novi Police investigating jewelry theft

A jewelry salesman was the victim of an armed robbery in Novi. Police are now on the lookout for three suspects.

According to the Novi Police, at approximately 7:14 p.m. Monday, April 27, the police department received a call of an armed robbery which took place in the parking lot of City Centre Plaza, located at 25875 Novi Road.

"An out-of-state jewelry sales associate was carrying an undisclosed amount of jewelry when he was approached by three males, one armed with a knife, who forcibly took the bag containing

the merchandise. The suspects then fled in an awaiting vehicle, which proceeded westbound on Grand River Avenue to an undetermined location. A license plate was not obtained," Novi Police stated in a media release sent out Wednesday.

The suspects are described as being three males with dark hooded clothing over their head of "average size and weight."

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

## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

### Drunken driving arrest

A Northville man was arrested for drunken driving after Northville City Police stopped him for having the light out on his car's license plate.

The man was spotted driving near Eight Mile and Novi roads just past 1 a.m. April 18, when police spotted the light out. Police reported he was also changing lanes without a signal. He told police he was coming from playing hockey in Novi.

It was noted in the police report the driver had the smell of alcohol on his breath while talking with officers. He said he had one beer, but his preliminary breathalyzer said otherwise, registering 0.11 percent

blood-alcohol content.

### Meijer thief caught

A man was arrested at the Meijer store in Northville Township after trying to get away with razors, cologne, shoes and some jewelry.

The arrest happened April 23 at the Haggerty Road location after police were called by store security, who told police they spotted the man putting the merchandise in a bag and then only paying for cigarettes and chewing tobacco. He tried to leave, but police had been called earlier after some suspicion of the man's intentions by store staff.

Police met him at the exit door, where it was reported the man broke down and cried while apologizing for the at-

tempted theft.

### Trespassing at Old Psychiatric Hospital

Five teenagers were caught trespassing just after 1 a.m. May 2 on the property along Seven Mile Road.

Northville Township Police reported spotting flash lights near the main building that night. Using infrared, they were able to pinpoint the group, which attempted to flee when police made contact. They were ages 17-18 and were all from St. Clair Shores.

Police reported three in the group were underage drinking, which police detected after smelling their breath when they were detained. They were cited

for this as well.

### Driving on a suspended license

A Novi woman was stopped by Northville City Police for driving with a suspended license, which she said she didn't know about.

The traffic stop happened the morning of April 21 near Randolph Street, along Eight Mile. Police reported running the car's plate. The check came back the owner's license was suspended because of not paying a reinstatement fee.

The 34-year-old woman had a prior driving on a suspended license.

— By Lonnie Huhman

## Road repairs



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Pothole repair continues April 16 on Eight Mile Road, east of Meadowbrook. That stretch of road, nearly to Haggerty will be reduced to one lane in each direction while large sections of rutted road are removed and then replaced with concrete.

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**City of Northville**  
**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BUDGET**

**FY 2016 CITY BUDGET** The budget for the various Funds of the City of Northville are proposed for the year ended June 30, 2016 as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Revenues	STREET, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT FUND	Revenues	Expenditures
Property Taxes	\$4,651,774	Property Taxes	\$578,600	\$579,100
Licenses, Fees and Permits	354,690	Other	500	
Grants	4,275	Street, Drainage & Sidewalk Improvement Fund Total	<u>\$579,100</u>	<u>\$579,100</u>
Racetrack Breakage \ Police & Fire Service	19,360			
State Shared Revenue	554,134			
Sales and Services	612,079	<b>MAJOR STREET FUND</b>		
Fines and Forfeitures	45,800	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$250,824	\$460,143
Other Revenues	383,609	Local Contributions	209,319	
Interfund Transfers	166,050	Major Street Fund Total	<u>\$460,143</u>	<u>\$460,143</u>
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<u>\$6,791,771</u>			
	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>LOCAL STREET FUND</b>		
Administration	1,097,892	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$106,782	\$464,425
Buildings and Grounds	339,120	Local Contributions	357,643	
Police Department	2,726,358	Local Street Fund Total	<u>\$464,425</u>	<u>\$464,425</u>
Fire Department	833,620			
Technology	111,830	<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>		
Department of Public Works	523,897	PARKING FUND	\$59,796	\$59,796
Planning, Zoning & Inspection Services	335,215	ARTS COMMISSION FUND	\$148,110	\$148,110
Shared Services	218,328	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$830,685	\$830,685
Contributions to Other Funds	162,500	DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$175,415	\$175,415
Other expenditures	200,000	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$93,825	\$93,825
Insurance, Central Supplies and Unallocated Reserve	243,011	FIRE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$1,270,514	\$1,270,514
	<u>\$6,791,771</u>	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$146,680	\$146,680
		HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$865,205	\$865,205
		HOUSING COMMISSION DEBT		
		RETIREMENT FUND	\$94,124	\$94,124
		HOUSING COMMISSION CAPITAL		
		OUTLAY FUND	\$214,040	\$214,040

**PUBLIC HEARING** A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2015-16 Annual City Budget. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.**

**TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS** As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN** The six year capital improvement plan has been prepared and is a part of the annual 2015-16 City budget document.

**COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE** A complete copy of the 2015-16 Annual City Budget document will be available for public inspection beginning May 7, 2015 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

Dianne Massa  
City Clerk  
Publish: May 7, 2015

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## Art Birmingham potter



Autumn Alkason of Novi is a well-respected and accomplished potter whose work is known for its organic, close to the earth, modern feel. She has been chosen to be in the prestigious Art Birmingham art fair May 9-10 in Shain Park and will have a wide range of her fine hand-made functional pottery available. This marks the 34th anniversary of this community event. For more information, go to [www.ArtBirmingham.org](http://www.ArtBirmingham.org).

## RELIGION CALENDAR

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

p.m. Wednesday – "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

### Faith Community Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 4440 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345  
**Web:** [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 9 a.m. Sunday - "Christianity - The First Three Centuries"  
**Women's Group:** 12:30 p.m. third Thursday  
**Rummage Sale:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 14 and 9 a.m. to noon May 15  
**VBS:** Aug. 10-14

### First Baptist Church of Northville

**Location:** 217 N. Wing, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday

### First Church of the Nazarene

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

### First Free Will Baptist Church

**Location:** 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-348-2380

### First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**Location:** 200 E. Main, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911  
**Web:** [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

### First Presbyterian Church

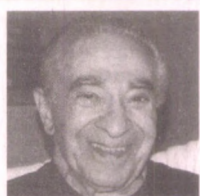
**Location:** 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon  
**Contact:** 248-437-2875

### First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

### First United Methodist Church of Northville

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-1144  
**Web:** [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)  
**Sunday Worship (September-May):** 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
**Sunday School (September-May):** 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade



#### BECK, RICHARD "DICK" ANTHONY

Of Milford, passed away in the care of his family on May 2, 2015 at the age of 80. In addition to Karen, his beloved wife of nearly 58 years, Dick is survived by his children, Richard Beck, Kathleen (Douglas) Napier, Dennis (Duwanna) Beck, Douglas (Tonja) Beck, David Beck and Kristen (Robert) Knight; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Dick was preceded in death by his sister, Rita (Paul) Soullier. Funeral Liturgy will be held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 11 a.m. with gathering to begin half-an-hour prior. Msgr. John Budde to officiate. Burial and Honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. Memorials encouraged to: the Wounded Warrior Project. For further information, please phone 248.684.6645 or visit [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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#### BEGER, MAUREEN

May 30, 1932 - April 18, 2015. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

#### BRODERICK, DONALD

March 15, 1934 - April 18, 2015 [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

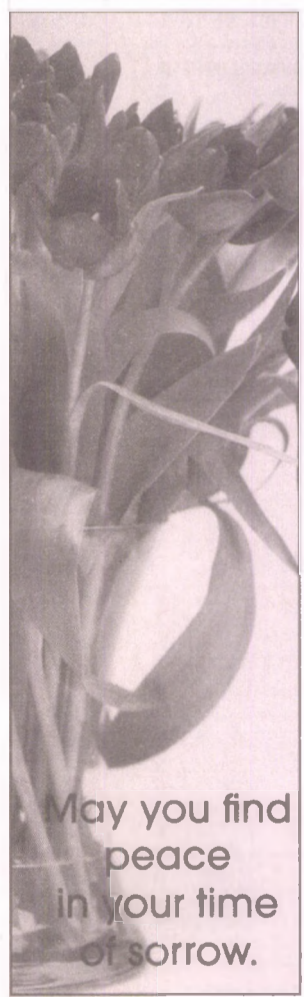


#### CALDAREA, SAM

of New Hudson, and formerly of Dearborn, passed away in the loving care of his family on April 27, 2015 at the age of 96. In addition to Rose, his beloved wife of 66 years, Sam is survived by his daughters Barbara (Kelly) O'Donnell and Joyce (Doug) Ballnik; grandchildren, Christopher (Robyn) Ballnik, Jennifer (Jason) King, Amanda (Vinay) Nataraj, and Keith (Aimee) O'Donnell; great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Emmett and Rory. Sam was preceded in death by his siblings Anna, Nicholas, John and Elizabeth. Funeral Service was held May 1, 2015. Burial & Honors took place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

#### CICCHELLI, LUIGI

June 21, 1926 - April 21, 2015. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)



#### CROCKETT, DAVID L., JR.

Age 56, of Chillicothe, Ohio, died at 8:53 p.m. April 28, 2015, at Zusman Hospice, OSU Medical Center, Columbus, following an extended and courageous battle with t-cell lymphoma. He was born May 28, 1958, in Key West, Florida, to David L., Sr. and Claire M. (Geisler) Crockett, who survive and reside in Milford, Michigan. On October 26, 1991, he married Cynthia E. Berger, who also survives. In addition to his wife and parents, David is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Linda (Mark) deLancelotti, of San Clemente, California; his brother Terry Crockett, of Downy, CA; his father-in-law and mother-in-law Alan and Esther Berger, Hudson, FL; sister-in-law Kellie (Simon) Dodd, Springhill, FL; nieces and nephews: Egan and Rose Dodd; Christina, Jordan and Christopher Cenzer; Jennifer and Jessica Crockett; and great-nieces Brooklyn and Madison Crockett. David was predeceased by his brother Doug Crockett. David was a graduate of Milford High School (MI), Class of 1976. He then served honorably in the US Navy, where he completed nuclear submarine school. Currently, he worked as a plant shift superintendent with Pro2Serve, a subcontractor with the enrichment plant in Piketon. He was a member of St. Mary Church, enjoyed golfing, was an avid car enthusiast and Indy Car fan, enjoyed reading and loved spending time at the beach. The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 9, from 3-5 p.m. at Haller Funeral Home, where military honors will be performed at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. His online guestbook is available at [www.HallerFuneralHome.com](http://www.HallerFuneralHome.com)

#### DALEY, BLAIR

Age 64, of South Lyon passed away on Thursday April 16, 2015. He was born November 17, 1950 in Detroit Michigan, to the late Patricia (Bollier) and Jack Daley. Blair leaves behind his daughter, Renee (B.C.) Wilson, a son Jon Daley, and a beloved grandson Dylan Wilson. Blair also leaves the love of his life and partner Fay Booth, her four children; Lisa, Tracy, Darrin, Mitzi and a special grandson Daniel Combs. Blair was also fondly remember by the Moll children. Blair was a 37 year employee for Stark Hickey Ford, and 10 years at Pat Mulligan Lincoln Mercury. Services were held at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon with The Reverend Bart Muller of Shepherds Way Lutheran Church.

#### DIXSON, ROBERT REED

Age 87, passed away April 21, 2015 at his home. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 66 years Beverly, his son David, four grandchildren: Tamra (Rusty) Millard, Michael, David, Ryan, three great grandchildren: Christina, Craig, Nicholas and two great great grandchildren: Liam and Aaron. He is also survived by his sister Sharon Baker, nephew Dan (Susan) Baker and two great nephews Ryan and Reed. He is preceded in death by his son Randy and granddaughter Sarah. Robert served in the US Naval Coast Guard as a member of the underwater demolition team or "frogmen" which later became the prestigious Navy Seals. Also as a demolition expert in the US Army during the Korean War. He was a decorated Detroit Policeman, Life Member of the Free and Accepted Masons Lodge United Lodge #152, and Romeo Commandery No. 6 Knights Templar, a Life Member and Past Patron of The Order of the Eastern Star, Victoria Chapter # 290 and a 50 year member and Past W.O.S. of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m. with family receiving guest at 10:00 a.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 28900 Pontiac Tr. South Lyon. Bob will be greatly missed by all. He was everybody's "go to guy" and added excitement and joy to many lives. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Crossroads Church, [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org) or the American Heart Association. Please visit [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com) to leave Bob's family a noteworthy memory or story.



#### GARTEN, SUZANNE LEE

Age 68, of Englewood, Florida (formerly of Milford, Michigan) died Monday, April 20, 2015. She was born May 19, 1946 in Lincoln Nebraska. Suzanne moved to Florida in 2002 from Milford. In her professional life, she was a nurse and a child care provider. Over many years as a foster mother, Suzanne cared for nearly 50 infants in their journey from birth to adoption. She was wife to Lance; and sister to Tom Wills of Georgia, and Denise Tyler of Commerce Township. She is also survived by her sons, Sean Kane of Fenton, Mich., and Eric Kane of Philadelphia, PA and daughter Angelyn Garten-Dugger of Jacksonville, Fla., and four grandchildren in Michigan. Suzanne's memorial is in the Memory Garden at the Englewood United Methodist Church in Englewood, Florida.

#### HELMREICH, DAVID MARTIN, SR.

Age 70, returned to his heavenly home on April 26, 2015 after a valiant battle with a long illness. His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. David was born on March 5, 1945 in Buffalo, New York, to his parents, Martin and Anna Helmreich. He graduated from Hillsdale College with a degree in Chemistry in 1968. He married Emily Phillis on June 22, 1968. The Helmreichs moved to Milford, Michigan, in 1976 where they were blessed with a large and loving family. David helped raise his four children with patience, discipline, and humility. David was an educator at heart and was a kind, soft-spoken, and gentle soul. He is dearly missed by his loved ones, who celebrate the fact that he is at peace with his creator. David is survived by his wife, Emily, his son and daughter-in-law David Jr. and Rachel Helmreich, his son and daughter-in-law Brett and Sara Helmreich, his son and daughter-in-law Drew and Katherine Helmreich, his daughter Molly Helmreich, and his grandchildren, Claire, Zachary, Maxwell, and Elizabeth Helmreich. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Thomas and John, and his parents, Martin and Anna. At David's request, no services will be held. The family gratefully declines flowers but donations can be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association ([mda.org](http://mda.org)) in memory of David Helmreich.



#### HENN, CATHERINE "KITTY" ESTELLE

Age 88 of Brooksville, Florida, formerly of Milford, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 3, 2015. In 1948 she married John Henn and together they had eight children, Mark (Kathleen) Henn, Jack (Kathy) Henn, Bob (Brenda) Henn, Tim (Sue) Henn, Tom (Pam) Henn, Barb (Reg) Linnert and Carol (Jeff) Konczal. She also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Mrs. Henn was preceded in death by her son, Bill. The Henn family have owned and operated the Milford Cinema since they built in 1971. A beautiful woman inside and out with a heart of gold, she will be greatly missed. There are no formal services taking place at the funeral home. Private services will be held at a later date. If you wish to share a memory or photo of her, please go to [eltonblackandson.com](http://eltonblackandson.com).

#### JOHNSON, ADA DOROTHY

93, formerly of Milford, Michigan, Harbor Springs, Michigan and Avon Park, Florida, passed away on April 25, 2015 at Trudy's Home, a senior residence home in Battle Creek, Michigan. Ada is survived by her daughters, Penny Thornton (Pete) DeGarmo of Battle Creek, Michigan, Sherry (Steve) Miller of Hershey, Pennsylvania, her daughter-in-law Janet "Jan" Thornton of Palm Coast, Florida; Erwin's son, Allan Johnson of Howell, Michigan; seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Funeral Service was held from Lynch & Sons, Milford on May 3, 2015. Burial Highland Cemetery. The family requests donations may be made in Ada's memory to the United Methodist Church of Harbor Springs, 343 East Main Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or to the First United Methodist Church of Avon Park, 200 South Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons at 248.684.6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

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JOHNSON, ELAINE K.  
August 3, 1929, April 27, 2015.  
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#### JOHNSON, ELAINE KIRCHNER

Born August 3, 1929, died April 27, 2015. Attended St. Catherine School, Detroit, Michigan, grades one through twelve. Graduated 1947. Bachelor's degree, University of Detroit. Master's Degree University of Michigan. Retired from Plymouth Canton Schools, 1992. Teacher for 30 years. Lived in Northville from 1971 to 2015. Enjoyed 40 summers in The Villa De Charlevoix on Lake Charlevoix (moved there in 1972). Member of the Northville Historical Society and the Women's Resource Center in Petosky. Three children, Thomas, Christopher (Donna), Tim Joseph (Debra), Marty Paul (Suzanne); seven grandchildren; late husband Thomas Edwin.



#### LAHO, MICHAEL PAUL

June 28, 1974 - Saturday, April 25, 2015. Age 40, passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at his home after a year long battle with cancer. Michael was born on June 28, 1974 to Michael & Corinne (Johnson) Laho in South Lyon, Michigan. He grew up in Michigan and moved to Minnesota after graduating from South Lyon High School in 1992. He married Angela Pokomowski on March 11, 2000. They are blessed with five children. Michael loved his children and was a devoted dad. He took great pride in attending all of the kids activities, even while dealing with all the side effects from chemo. He is preceded in death by his grandparents. Survived by his wife, Angela Laho; children, Erika, Juliana, Bridget, Alex, and Laryssa; father, Michael (Janisse) Laho; mother, Corinne Laho; sisters, Michelle (Dale) Rynanan, Andrea (Rand) Peterson, Elizabeth (Larry) Niemela, Heather (Wil) Stone & Vicki (Matt) Diemert; father & mother-in-law, Larry and Margaret Pokomowski, the Pokomowski family and numerous nieces & nephews. Funeral services for Michael were on Wednesday, April 29th at 1 p.m. at The First Apostolic Lutheran Church, Medina, MN. Also on Tuesday, April 28th from 4-8 p.m. To View and Sign Guest Book: [www.petersonchapel.com](http://www.petersonchapel.com)

#### McLUSKIE, VIRGINIA PETERS

October 27, 1929 - April 25, 2015. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

#### POIRIER, PETER

May 28, 1932 - April 18, 2015 [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

#### QUINN, CHARLES MURL

December 19, 1931-May 3, 2015  
L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

#### RAJ, GULSHAN

of Novi, December 25, 1925 - May 1, 2015. Services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.

#### SERRA, MARIO

March 13, 1934 - April 28, 2015 [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)



#### TEMMEN, DONNA J.

Donna J. Temmen, age 84, passed away April 26, 2015 from Lung Cancer. She was born on October 23, 1930 in Detroit, daughter of the late James and Catherine Edwards. She was an avid Bridge player and loved hosting family gatherings. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Donna is survived by her loving children: Karen (Nico) Akemann, Kurt (Brenda) Temmen, and Jim (Tina) Temmen; six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and another expected in October and her sister, Carol Crenshaw. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; her daughter, Joann; and her sister, Patricia. A private memorial service will be held. PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



#### WIEGAND, RALPH

November 10, 1928 - April 25, 2015. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)



# Former U-M president talks to alumni during scholarship dinner

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Former University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman shared her parting words for her replacement, Mark Schlissel, with a group of alumni April 29 in Livonia.

"I said, 'This is the most wonderful place in the world,'" said Coleman, who led the university from 2002-14. "It's not this little specialized place. It's the big place."

Coleman was the featured speaker at the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Greater Northville's annual scholarship event, which took place at Laurel Manor. The club, which covers a wide swath of western Wayne and Oakland counties, celebrated its 25th anniversary during the evening, which featured raffles and a silent auction. Coleman talked about several of the

items she feels were important during her tenure at U-M, including working with students on campus, as well as what she sees from incoming freshmen from her retired perspective.

"It's a really exciting time to be a college student. We look to the students to provide solutions and new ideas," she said. "The incoming class is brimming with talent."

She spoke of some of the economic development opportunities in which U-M decided to participate, including the increased partnerships with Michigan State University and Wayne State University to improve research and the purchase of the former Pfizer facilities when the company decided to move out of Ann Arbor in 2008.

That decision has resulted in work at that site moving along quicker than expected, she said.

"We're about five years ahead of

schedule," she said. "It turned out to be a once-in-a-generation opportunity for us."

She said she's been appreciative of the work done by alumni across the country and hopes future alumni will continue supporting students, something she told some of the students at the hall who were graduating.

Ron Braun, president of the alumni chapter and a Farmington Hills resident, said the chapter has roughly 5,000 members, but there are 23,000 eligible alumni living in the chapter's geographic area.

He said he was happy to secure Coleman as a speaker to the 50 or so alumni who attended the dinner.

"She accomplished incredible things during her time," he said.

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Former University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman speaks with alumni Gerry Svoboda and Susan Webb (right) during her April 29 visit to Livonia's Laurel Manor for the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Greater Northville's annual scholarship event. Both Svoboda and Webb are Novi residents.

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### Highland

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248.887.1311 • www.myhunc.com  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.  
Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.  
Griefshare, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

### Whitmore Lake

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

### Novi

**BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
40800 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi  
on the corner of M-5 & W 13  
Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a  
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something for the entire family

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

### New Hudson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Milford

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

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

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

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
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### South Lyon

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

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

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

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

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Bryant Anderson  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
www.milfordpc.org  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.  
Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12  
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Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
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We are here through Christ Jesus  
to provide Freedom to those who  
are hurting, diseased, addicted  
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**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)  
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am  
Sunday School @ 11 am  
Wednesday mid-week programs  
Rev. David Brown, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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

### Northville

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

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

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

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

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN**  
Experience Life Each Week  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am  
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www.ncalife.org  
41355 Six Mile Road  
248-348-9030

**WARD CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48168  
248-374-7400  
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8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.  
4 different music styles from classic to modern  
www.wardchurch.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Author visiting B&N

Bestselling young adult author Sarah Mlynowski will be at the Northville Barnes & Noble bookstore (northwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads) at 6 p.m. Thursday, **May 7**, signing copies of her newest book *Beauty Queen* (No. 7 in the *What- ever After Series*), on shelves April 28.

This time, the magic mirror sucks Abby and Jonah into the story of *Beauty and the Beast*. When Jonah angers the Beast by picking flowers from his garden, he becomes the Beast's prisoner. Abby has to save her brother by finding Beauty, whom the Beast will surely fall in love with, right? Nope. The Beast doesn't like Beauty, so it's up to Abby and her brother to match-make this reluctant pair and fix this fractured fairy tale before things get pretty ugly.

For more information, call the store at 248-348-0696.

Talent for the Title

Spring forward and reach for the stars in the seventh annual music and dance performance competition *Talent for the Title*, hosted by Broughton Music & Art Center and Starring "The Gallery."

Applications are now available for vocalists, singer/songwriters, instrumentalists, solo, duo/trio, band, dance solo, duo, trio and group in both youth and adult categories. All interested competitors will need to submit an application (online registration is now available at [talentforthetitle.com](http://talentforthetitle.com)) and audition tape by May 15.

Judges will select finalists to compete in a series of public performances throughout the historic city of Northville and Kalamazoo. The final showcase will take place Saturday, June 6 in Town Square on Main Street in downtown Northville.

Laurie Jarski of Broughton Music & Art Center, and Mary Starring of Starring The Gallery, will serve as the co-chairs of this event.

Household hazardous waste collection

Residents in RRRASOC's member communities can rid their homes of unwanted and unused household hazardous waste during the free HHW collection event scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **May 9**, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Lot 8, located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

This HHW collection is only open to residents of one of RRRASOC's seven member communities (Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom). Residency identification is required.

HHW products should be handled with care when preparing them for transport to the drop-off event. Keep products in original containers. Don't mix products together. Containers should be tightly sealed, packed in

a box in an upright position and placed in the trunk or on the floor of your vehicle.

Items accepted at the HHW collection events include: oil-based paint, solvents, automotive fluids, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, as well as unused and expired prescription medications and over-the-counter medications. Residents may also bring unused, unwanted and broken electronics. Paper shredding service is also provided onsite at the HHW event. Residents may bring up to three boxes or 100 pounds of paper for shredding. A complete list of acceptable household hazardous waste items is available on the RRRASOC website at [www.rrrasoc.org](http://www.rrrasoc.org) or by calling 248-208-2270.

Jane Austen Tea

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

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

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

Novi Chorales

The Novi Chorales spring show, *Let There Be Music*, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, **May 9**, in the Novi Middle School Auditorium. Join them for some of the most memorable songs from the 1970s.

The Chorales are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 September through December season will be held at 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 8 and 15** in the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile Road at Wixom Road).

For more information about the Chorales and their concerts, visit [www.novichorales.org](http://www.novichorales.org) or [www.facebook.com/novichorales](http://www.facebook.com/novichorales).

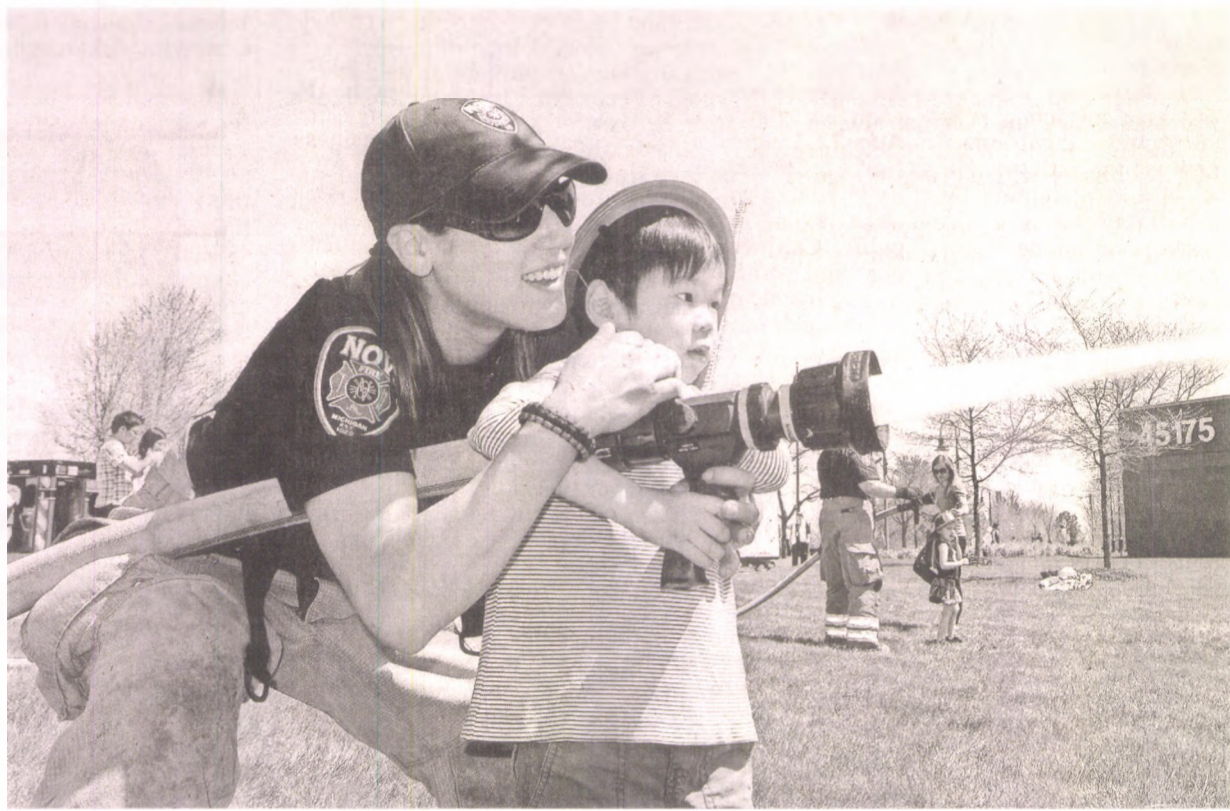
'The Frog Prince' at Marquis

The Marquis Theater in downtown Northville presents *The Frog Prince* through **May 10**.

After dropping her gold ball into a pond, a princess reluctantly befriends a frog and comes to discover that no one should ever judge a book by its cover. Watch as the Princess learns an important lesson, once the frog magically transforms into a prince. A delightful show with lots of singing and dancing.

Tickets for all performances are \$9; no children under the age of 3. Group rates and reserved seating for groups

Spring into Novi



Auxiliary firefighter Kim Giovannini lets Aaron Kim, 3, try his hand at a fire hose during the Spring into Novi event May 2 at the Novi Civic Center. The city's fire, public safety and other departments had displays and volunteers on hand to inform visitors how services can be utilized.

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of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout Days available. Special weekday school shows are also available.

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or go to [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).

Northville Garden Club meeting

The Northville Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, **May 11**, at the Cady Inn. This month is the annual Members Plant Auction, in which members bring in all kinds of plants from their gardens and garden-related items for auction. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Inge Knott at 248-348-1835.

Coffee with the Superintendent

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

Healthy skin lecture

Understand how to protect your skin from damage, recognize the signs of skin cancer and learn about the latest products and treatments to keep your skin looking its best at a free health care lecture 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, **May 12**, at Novi's Providence Park Hospital (47601 Grand River Avenue at Beck; Outpatient Building; Conference Room A). It will be presented by dermatologist Aaron Cetner.

For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Medicaid coverage seminar

The Nawrocki Center for Elder Law, Special Needs & Disability Planning, PLLC will present a free seminar for seniors, *How to Get Medicaid Coverage for Your Assisted Living or Nursing Home Needs Without Selling your Home or Leaving Your Family Without a Dime*, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, **May 12**, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, **May 13**, at the Northville Community Center (303

W. Main Street).

Elder law attorneys Nancy Nawrocki and Lisa Beatty will lead the seminars designed to help seniors protect their assets from long-term care needs.

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

Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court

The Citizens Alliance for the Oakland County Probate and Circuit Courts will conduct a free seminar, *Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court*, in conjunction with the city of Novi Older Adult Services at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Road) 1-3 p.m. Thursday, **May 14**.

This program is designed to enlighten and educate senior citizens and their families so that they may make informed decisions regarding their estate planning and understand the probate process.

The seminar will provide attendees with information on wills, trusts, powers of attorney, how to begin probate proceedings, when to consider use of guardianships and conservatorships and how "avoiding probate" could cause more harm than good.

Panelists will include Jill Koney Daly, probate register for the Oakland County Probate Court, and attorney Lisa J. Walters, from Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar, P.C., in Farmington Hills. Materials will be available and adequate time will be available for questions.

To register for this free seminar, contact the City of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Motor City Comic Con rolls into the Showplace

Fighting for truth, justice and the American way, Motor City Comic Con enlists a new cast and crew of comic and media guests for its 26th annual comic con event.

The pop-culture event gathers fans of all ages to meet and greet more than 300 creators, writers, illustrators and actors from their favorite comics, television shows and movies.

The event takes place 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, **May 15**, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, **May 16**, and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, **May 17**, at the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi). Event tickets and VIP passes can be purchased by visiting <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/new-tix/>.

Art House anniversary event

As a thank you to the Northville for supporting the arts, the Northville Art House (212 W. Cady Street) will celebrate its 10th year with a day of fun from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, **May 16**.

The event will include live entertainment, free art activities, plein air painters, face painting, caricatures, children's poetry reading, free ice cream samples and birthday cake and several food trucks.

Art from the Attic, a fine art tag sale, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front lawn of the Art House. Donated fine art will be for sale at bargain prices with proceeds going to the Art House.

For more information on this event (sponsored by Browndog Creamery, Amyzing, and Friends of the Northville Art House), go to [www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org) or call 248-344-0497.

Democrats' Spring Gala

Following last year's event filled with top 2014 candidates and legislators from Michigan, including Sen. Carl Levin and gubernatorial candidate Mark Schauer, the Democrats' sixth annual Spring Gala 2015 is set for 7 p.m. **May 16** at the Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville (40941 W. Eight Mile Road).

Popular public radio commentator Jack Lessenberry will be the key-

note speaker, discussing the important topics of our times. He has worked as a foreign correspondent and executive national editor of *The Detroit News* and he has written for many national and regional publications, including *Vanity Fair*, *Esquire*, *New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Boston Globe* and this newspaper.

The Democratic Spring Gala is hosted by four local Democratic Clubs: Northville, Plymouth, Canton and West Oakland County. The galas have become premier events for southeast Michigan Democrats and allow them to rub elbows with the political leaders of our State including many Democratic local and national office holders and activists.

The previous five Galas were highly successful and provided funding for promotion of Democratic candidates. The Spring Gala '15 is as important as ever with the 2016 election cycle starting later this year.

Other highlights of the evening include an extensive banquet buffet orchestrated by Meadowbrook's Executive Chef Michael Olday, a cash bar and music and dancing to the soulful music of the Nikki Pearse Band.

Tickets are still available by contacting the Democrats of West Oakland County at [zyczynski2002@aol.com](mailto:zyczynski2002@aol.com) or 734 718-3341.

Author visiting Fox Run

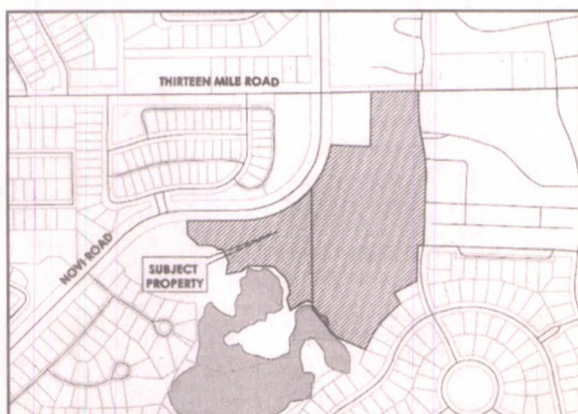
Michigan native Allison Leotta, author of four novels will be visiting Fox Run retirement community in Novi at 2 p.m. Sunday, **May 17**, to talk, read and sign copies of her book *A Good Killing*.

Leotta draws on her hard-earned experience to capture the inner workings of criminal investigations. She served as federal prosecutor in Washington, D.C., where she handled sex crimes, domestic violence and crimes

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the **THIRTEEN MILE ROAD AND NOVI ROAD AREA STUDY**. The subject property is located near the southeast corner of Thirteen Mile Road and Novi Road.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission  
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against children. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and Harvard Law School and has provided legal commentary for outlets such as CNN, PBS, Reuters TV and MSNBC on Ariel Castro, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Jerry Sandusky, Oscar Pistorius and Jodi Arias.

**Northville flower sale**

Homeowners can find a wide array of locally-grown flowers and more that will brighten their yards at Northville's 28th annual Flower Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, **May 22**, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 23. The colorful annual event, presented by Dick Scott Automotive Group, will have downtown Northville blooming as the streets are paved with beautiful ornamental accent plants, perennials, herbs, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants, and trees from more than 20 local growers and greenhouses.

The annual event - sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority, Openheimer, University of Michigan Health System Livonia & Northville, Renewal by Anderson, and Varsity Lincoln - also features quality garden art and accessories one may need to put the finishing touches on their garden or give to someone as a gift.

"The Northville Flower Sale is the kick off to the summer season of great events and fun, family times in downtown Northville," said Traci Sincock, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "Northville residents and businesses look forward to supporting our local growers at this popular event."

For more information, call 248-349-7640 or go to [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

**Cars & Coffee**

For the second year, Lingenfelter Performance Engineering will host a Saturday morning Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee series. From 8-10 a.m. each Saturday, **May 30 to Aug. 22**, Lingenfelter's North Engine Build Facility in Wixom will open its doors and parking to the public. Car lovers from near and far are welcome to stop by and enjoy the company of others and to see the latest and greatest in performance cars from Lingenfelter Performance Engineering.

"We are looking forward to this year's Cars & Coffee mornings," said Ken Lingenfelter, owner Lingenfelter Performance Engineering. "Last year's series was attended by hundreds of car lovers each week. It was a pleasure to meet so many enthusiasts and discuss ideas and innovations in design and performance. Beginning each Saturday with this group of passionate individuals is a great way to start the weekend."

Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee will be held rain or shine. Guests attending the kick-off event on May 30 are asked to bring a nonperishable food item that will be donated to Gleaners Food Bank.

There is no fee to participate in the weekly events and refreshments will be available. Attendees will have the opportunity to show off their personalized cars and meet other car buffs from the community and neighboring states. Updates on weekend special activities and featured cars from the Lingenfelter Collection will be posted on their Facebook page and [www.lingenfelter.com](http://www.lingenfelter.com).

**Northville Chamber golf outing**

The Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Classic Outing is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, **June 24**. "The outing is rotated

between Chamber member golf courses, with the Fox Hills Golden Fox course selected for 2015," said Traci Sincock, chamber associate director. "The outing is very popular with chamber members for networking, fun and making new business connections."

The event format is a four-person scramble with a variety of contest holes, including hole-in-one challenges. Businesses and residents can participate in a variety of opportunities - golf or sponsor holes and contests. Registration information is available online at [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

**Wildcats of '95 reunion**

The Novi High School Class of 1995 will have its 20-year reunion Saturday, **Aug. 22**, at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. Contact [melissacohn8@gmail.com](mailto:melissacohn8@gmail.com) for more information or go to [facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/](http://facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/).

**Art classes for older adults**

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org), at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. The schedule includes:

For more information, call 248-347-0414.

**Horsin' around**



Cody Kafer manages a number of horses coming into the corral April 17 at Northville's Maybury Riding Stables. The stables, located on Beck Road south of Eight Mile, opened in early April and will be in operation Thursday through Sunday until schools get out. After that, they'll be open every day of the week.

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## OUR VIEW

# Many volunteers help beautify communities

Kind of funny that people woke up on Earth Day, April 22, to snow flurries on a day designed to recognize Mother Nature.

But even if the snowflakes were short-lived, it's a reminder that we're coming out of months of winter, certainly a cold one with snow blanketing the region for much of the season. When it started warming up and the snow melted, months of debris were revealed, giving everyone an ugly reminder how tied the region is to commuting.

Local, county and state governments no longer have the finances to hire a regular crew to keep the roadways clean, so it's up to volunteers to lend a hand and a few hours of time. Through the county and state adopt-a-road programs, stretches of roads, highways and freeways are tidied up a few times a year, making the drive a little more pleasant to look at for everyone else.

Have you ever volunteered in the adopt-a-road program? It can be interesting what you find, whether on a rural stretch of road or on Interstate 275. Discarded fast food containers and plastic bottles are the norm. But wallets, car parts, drug paraphernalia, empty bottles of liquor or plastic sheets are never out of the question.

Without these volunteers adopting stretches of road, the trash would just continue to pile up, making the roads even more of an eyesore. We appreciate all the local groups who take an afternoon a few times a year to make the world a little better for everyone else.

There are plenty of roads out there just waiting for a loving family, business or group to embrace them and make them look their best. You can see what roads are available online at [www.rcocweb.org/Permits/Adopt\\_A\\_Road.aspx](http://www.rcocweb.org/Permits/Adopt_A_Road.aspx) and email [adoptaroad@rcoc.org](mailto:adoptaroad@rcoc.org) if you're interested in more information. Cleanup weeks are set for July 11-19 and Sept. 26 to Oct. 4. Volunteers are asked to clean their section during at least two of the three cleanup windows.

The state also operates an adopt-a-highway program for the busiest roads in the region. Learn more about its program at [www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway](http://www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway). Its remaining trash collection dates coincide with the Oakland



Rose Cook tosses trash into a bag held by Shawn Grose during a 2014 cleanup.

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County program.

In the meantime, if you see anyone with those groups already doing their part to make the community a bit prettier, don't forget to say thanks. And

think twice if you have the urge to dispose of something out the window when driving along. It's just another blemish someone else will have to deal with.

## LETTERS

### Historic opportunity

When it comes to auto insurance in Michigan, all sides agree on one thing: It costs too much. Michigan drivers pay among the highest premiums in the country, driven by escalating medical costs that have put auto insurance out of reach for too many drivers. We enjoy generous benefits in Michigan, but without effective reform, our no-fault system will ultimately fail.

Legislation to address this issue has been passed by the state Senate and will soon be considered on the floor of the Michigan House. The bills include several provisions that we believe will succeed in helping contain costs without reducing benefits. Most importantly, the legislators are attempting to reduce the disparity in costs paid for medical procedures between auto insurers and everyone else.

Under the current system, Michigan residents pay up to three times more for medical services when their auto insurance pays the bill instead of their health insurance. These costs are eventually passed on to drivers in the form of higher auto insurance premiums. The legislation also includes provisions for identifying and eliminating fraud and setting guidelines for in-home care reimbursement.

So what will happen to the money that is saved? AAA will pass the savings on to our insurance customers in the form of lower premiums. If it costs AAA less, it will cost you less. Period.

Our legislators have a historic opportunity to make the best auto insurance in the country more affordable for more drivers. We applaud Lansing for tackling this important issue, and we urge the Legislature to pass this bill and the governor to sign it into law. This is effective reform that will help make auto insurance more affordable. AAA has a long heritage of advocating for Michigan drivers, and we will continue to play our part in making affordable auto insurance available to all.

Steve Wagner  
President, AAA Michigan

### American way

I work with American citizens and visitors from around Detroit, Brazil, Syria and now China. Yesterday, a reader, who is from China, looked over my shoulder and pointed out the window. I looked to where the reader was pointing and saw a bunch of people walking by. I did not think much of it. The student was very curious, however, so I offered to walk to the window with her to look.

It turned out to be a demonstration. I said that and turned to go. The reader remained at the window. Mesmerized. I returned to the window. The reader asked me what they were doing. I told her they were having a demonstration. I looked at the signs and saw the number "15" and told the reader they were seeking to raise the minimum wage.

There were some police cars attending and three police officers walking along. To me it was peaceful and uneventful.

The reader asked if the police were going to do anything. I said they would follow along to make sure the demonstrators didn't break anything and that no one tries to hurt or stop them. If anything like that happened, then the police would intervene.

The reader told me in China, that would not hap-

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pen. I asked what would happen. The reader said the police would arrest everyone and they would not be seen again.

Do you feel the United States is bad?

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

### A misnomer

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

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

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

James Huddleston  
Canton

### Experience overrated

Gov. Chris Christie says governors make the best presidents. They've run a state. They have experience. Jimmy Carter had experience running a state; didn't help much.

Political experience is overrated. I'll take common sense, truthfulness, the innate ability to lead and inspire others and smart enough to surround yourself with advisers to shore up your weaknesses. It took a non-car guy with those traits to rescue Ford. It'll take someone similar to rescue the country.

Selling influence to the highest bidder is endemic to the ruling class, stacking the deck in favor of the wealthy. You and I mean nothing to most of them and never will. I want someone who hasn't been bought and paid for, willing to return power to the states and the people, where it was intended. You'll know who they are. They're the ones most feared by the establishment of both parties, the ones they'll try to destroy by any means necessary.

With luck, one of them will end up a choice for president. Then it's up to us. We have to recognize the divisiveness in the country just didn't happen. It's been created. You need conflict to impose restraints on our freedoms. It's soft tyranny couched as political correctness. It'll only get worse if we keep our heads buried in the sand.

I'm tired of hearing about "hope and change," "prosperity and progress," "putting people first" and other nebulous campaign slogans that do nothing but blow smoke up our backsides. In the 1976 movie *Network*, newsman Howard Beale described a government far less threatening to its citizens than today and told his listeners to open a window and shout "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore." Now that's a campaign slogan I could embrace.

Jack Belisle  
South Lyon

## GUEST COLUMN

# Pending bill would empower Alzheimer's patients, families

At age 61, Pam White was diagnosed with Alzheimer's — the same age that her mother Miriam was diagnosed with the disease. Pam had hoped to create a permanent record of her mother's life by writing a book, but a year into the project, Alzheimer's had already begun to erase the memories Pam would need to finish that book.

Pam's story was turned into a documentary by her son Banker White, *The Genius of Marian*. In one especially heartbreaking moment, Pam is telling her son how his grandmother suffered from Alzheimer's and it is apparent that Pam has forgotten her own diagnosis. Her son has to remind her and we see the dread in her expression. She denies it's true.

It is hard to face an Alzheimer's diagnosis. It is a grueling disease, not just for the person diagnosed, but for his or her family. It makes us feel powerless to watch a loved one become increasingly confused and disoriented, losing memories that should have lasted a lifetime.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 185,000 people from every corner of our state are living with the disease, plus 5 million across the country. And yet that still doesn't capture the full scope of the disease, because today, there are some 15 million people serving as their caregivers.

In *The Genius of Marian*, Pam White's husband accepts that role, along with other family members. The film captures how incredibly demanding that is.

A recent report showed that the medical community often withholds an Alzheimer's diagnosis from a patient and family, in part because there is a sense that nothing can be done to stop it.

I believe that we must do more to empower doctors, patients and families. We may not have a cure for Alzheimer's, but we can do more to help Americans cope with the disease.

So I have introduced bipartisan legislation, the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act, to help combat the disease and support those suffering with this terrible illness.

If the bill becomes law, it will ensure that patients with an Alzheimer's diagnosis — and their families — have access to a care-planning session with their doctor. In that session, to be funded through Medicare, the doctor will have the opportunity to explain the diagnosis, offer details about treatment options available and describe what medical and community services and supports are available to the patient and family.

We are learning more about how to manage the disease and to slow its progression, ever so slightly. That care-planning session can be the start.

I am pleased that the bill has earned the support of the Alzheimer's Association, which was a valuable partner as this legislation came together.

The HOPE for Alzheimer's Act takes a crucial step toward helping millions of Americans by encouraging diagnosis of Alzheimer's so it can be treated effectively and compassionately.

As always, I am proud to work alongside the scores of Alzheimer's advocates in Michigan and around the nation who are raising awareness about the disease and whose support will be critical to making the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act become law.

Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat from Lansing, represents Michigan in the U.S. Senate.



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Northville Township Building Department officials (from left) Joe Leeson, Eric Anderson and Michael Sarb take a look at their home safety display at their Six Mile and Sheldon office April 30. May is Building Safety Month and the township has an extensive display in its lobby about how to keep buildings and homes – and their furnaces (which Anderson is pointing to) – safe.

## Building Department is the first line of defense when it comes to building safety

America will celebrate Building Safety Month during May. The theme is “Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes.” Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety: Don't Get Burned, May 4-10; Bounce Back Faster from Disaster, May 11-17; Water Safe, Water Smart, May 18-24; and Save Energy, May 25-31.

The Northville Township Building Department is a Building Safety Month supporter and participant. First observed in 1980, the goal of Building Safety Month is to raise public awareness of critical safety issues from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems and energy efficiency. Building safety impacts everyone.

Last year, a presidential proclamation declared Building Safety Month nationally and governors, mayors and other elected officials

across America signed proclamations supporting the public safety effort. This year, the community is continuing to work together to ensure public safety.

At the Northville Township Board of Trustees March 19 meeting, the board adopted a resolution designating the month of May as Building Safety Month. The building department has created a display in the township hall lobby relating to the subject matter of the various weeks. Among the 50,000 members of the International Code Council that created Building Safety Month are code officials, plan reviewers, fire inspectors, architects, builders, engineers, contractors and others in the construction industry. This list includes the staff in the Northville Township Building Department who work to ensure the safety of the buildings where we live, work, learn, worship and play. Those officials

provide the first line of defense against building disasters. We are silent but vigilant guardians who work daily to ensure safety in the built environment.

The building department has a critical role in providing a direct impact on the community, although not as obvious as the police and fire departments, but just as essential. In 2014, Northville Township issued 2,317 permits and performed 5,725 inspections, all for construction valued at \$63,037,449.

Along with visual displays, there are educational materials available, including children's activity books and brochures about flood clean-up, mold prevention, green building and preparing for natural disasters and more.

The public is encouraged to participate and learn about the essential safety work of the Northville Township Building Department.

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# Three local Girl Scouts honored with The Gold Award

Girl Scouts of South-eastern Michigan announced Peyton Pawlusiak, 17, of Northville and Mallory Maxton, 17, and Mary Grace Sinkovich, 15, both of Novi, as three of 17 recipients of Girl Scouts' highest honor, The Gold Award.

Awards were presented April 26 at GSSEM's annual Honor Reception at the San Marino Club in Troy. The Gold Award is presented to Senior and Ambassador level Girl Scouts who display exemplary service to their communities and beyond.

For her Gold Award project, Pawlusiak took action to extend her love of reading to others.

"I saw that the library at Christ Child House was in need of updated books and repairs and I decided to work to bring together church leadership, youth and community members in the parish to organize library materials and make the library more user-friendly," Pawlusiak said.

She also raised funds to purchase two book-



Maxton



Sinkovich



Pawlusiak

leader and the injuries that she experienced, Maxton saw the need to increase cheerlead-

cases for the new library.

"The end result is a place for Christ Child House library users to read and know that where there is faith, service and friendship, there can also be endless learning," she said.

Pawlusiak said that completing her Gold Award gave her a better sense of awareness for the important issues occurring both globally and in her own community. She enhanced her leadership skills and learned more about herself.

Pawlusiak is graduating from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills and is a member of Troop 42393.

Maxton is a senior at Novi High School and a member of Troop 40306. Through her experience as a high school cheer-

ers', parents' and even coaches' knowledge about concussions. Maxton conducted research on concussion symptoms, risk factors and treatment recommendations, specifically related to cheer, and developed a video and accompanying handout to be distributed to cheerleaders, parents and coaches.

"I presented this information to various elementary school parent-teacher organizations and sent the video to athletic directors and cheer organizations around the country," she said. Maxton also arranged for the brochure to be handed out to all cheerleaders entering the program each fall at her high school.

"I hope that after watching this video, all of these audiences will know about the risk factors for concussions and what to do if a student suffers one," she said. Maxton believes she inspired cheerleaders to be more aware about their bodies, specifically their brains, and to always speak up if they feel unsafe.

Sinkovich attends Novi High School and is a member of Troop 41441. She created a community garden in the Providence Park Hospital community for her project. She wanted to increase patient and staff knowledge about the idea of a Food Print. She worked with Go Green Committee and the hospital's Healing Arts Program to explore opportunities for a community garden.

"I wanted to teach hospital personnel and patients what a food print is and how they can impact where their food comes from, along with exploring the many won-

## REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for the Girl Scout Gold Award start with completing two Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador Journeys or having earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and completing one Senior or Ambassador Journey. Each Journey completed gives girls the skills needed to plan and implement a Take Action project to create sustainable change in their community.

After fulfilling the Journey requirement, girls are ready to begin their project. They must complete the following steps: identify an issue, investigate it thoroughly, build a team, create and present a plan, gather feedback, take action and educate and inspire others. Girls dedicate a minimum of 80 hours to completing their projects.

ders of developing a community garden and picking fresh produce," Sinkovich said.

Sinkovich credits the process of earning of Gold Award for her learning that it takes determination and a strong mindset to get a project done. She said also gained many skills like working with adults, helping the community, teaching others, being a strong leader and said she learned more about gardening.

"The Gold Award is a major undertaking for someone who is pretty young," said Denise Dalrymple, GSSEM CEO. "Annually, less than five percent of Girl Scouts pursue and achieve this prestigious award nationwide, which we are working hard to change, but the hard work and dedication these girls display reflect the leadership and citizenship skills that set them apart and will prove invaluable throughout life."

## Community service



The Boy Scout Troop led by parents Vanja and Danielle Cemalovic of Northville had six Scouts and five parents work at the Yerkes House in Historical Mill Race Village. The boys weeded and spread 12 yards of mulch and prepared the garden for planting. This was a civic service project.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

# Unbeaten Northville girls garner conference crown

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

What a difference a year makes.

The Northville girls lacrosse team went from worst in 2014 to first April 29 in the Kensington Conference following a 10-5 triumph over host Novi.

After going 1-13 a year ago, the Mustangs improved to an astounding 13-0 overall in 2015 while capturing the crown outright with a 6-0 conference record.

The victory also puts Northville in the KLAA Association championship game beginning 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, at Hartland, which is currently leading the Lakes Conference.

Even Northville first-year coach Amanda Asher would be the first to admit that she'd never envision a 13-0 start.

"A lot of people have asked me that," Asher said. "And thought we would have a successful season. I thought we'd be above .500, but our girls have a lot of heart. And we have a lot of seniors. And when you have a lot of seniors, you can perform well."

Novi (10-2, 4-2), meanwhile, had visions of sharing the conference title and carried a 4-3 lead through the first 18:48 of the first half on three consecutive goals by senior Morgan Statetzny, along with a single tally from junior Gina Salemi. Willow Guenther and Jenna Mikkelsen each had assists.

But Northville took a 6-4 lead into intermission, getting two goals from Sarah Chase and one apiece from Liz Hansell, Audrey Tatge, Grace Guibord and Erin Scott. Assists went to Guibord, Tatge and Alethia Blough.

Salemi scored with 18:57 to play in the second half, pulling Novi to within 6-5, but the Mustangs' defense clamped down while closing out match with four unanswered goals.

Chase answered just 11 seconds later with a goal. Hansell then scored with 9:56 left from Blough. Guibord followed with two more (with Tatge assisting on the final goal).

"It was an emotionally charged game and we just stayed intense," Asher said.



Northville's Sarah Chase (left) is checked by Novi's Alanna Clark during the clash for first place in the Kensington Conference.

DWIGHT HANSELL

"We knew we saw the end goal and we just played through. We doubled in transition and that really helped us pressure all the time up."

The Wildcats were held scoreless over the final 18:57 as Northville goalie Gabby

Goree made eight saves.

"I think the girls got frustrated. It's always an emotional game when you're facing Northville," Novi first-year coach Amy Kilgore said. "It's a

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BOYS LACROSSE

# MUSTANGS' NIGHT



Northville's Alec Melucci (left) takes on Novi defender Tommy McMaster during the April 29 Kensington Conference clash.

MARK HICKS

## Northville's 12-5 triumph against arch-rival Novi secures Kensington Conference championship, spot in KLAA finals

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Northville boys lacrosse team can claim the KLAA Kensington Conference title, but this time it's all to itself.

After sharing the crown last season in a three-way tie, the Mustangs captured the crown outright April 29 with a 12-5 triumph over arch-rival Novi.

Northville, which won its eighth straight and improved to 10-3 overall, finishes 6-0 in the Kensington, a game ahead of the host Wildcats, who slipped to 9-3 overall and 5-1 conference.

The Mustangs will also get a chance to

play for the overall KLAA Association title when they take on Lakes Conference champion Brighton beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, at Tom Holzer Field.

It was a tight defensive battle at half-time with the teams tied 3-3.

Brennan Sweeney, Harry Dyson and Alec Melucci scored for the Mustangs, while Michael Leone (from Michael Werth), Ryan Moore and Werth (from Tommy McMaster) countered for the Wildcats.

But the Mustangs took control of the match during the third quarter by outscoring Novi 5-1 to take an 8-4 advantage, getting goals from Dyson (from Nate

Holloway), Melucci, Connor Sweeney (from Josh Bentley), Rob Sneed (from Brennan Sweeney) and Bentley.

Moore scored with 7:26 to go in the third to cut the deficit to 5-4, but the Wildcats went scoreless for the next 15 minutes, 11 seconds before Anthony Zugaro broke the drought to make it 9-5 with 4:15 remaining.

Northville then closed out the match with three unanswered goals during the final four minutes. Connor Sweeney (from Brennan Sweeney), Bentley and Melucci all found the back of the net.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

## Novi grad Zak putting up career for Lakers

Shortstop sets GLIAC standards for GVSU

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Kevin Zak is a numbers guy, in more ways than one.

The 2010 Novi High grad already has a degree in accounting from Grand Valley State. When you crunch all his numbers on the baseball field, there's a good reason he can provide a strong balance sheet in that field, as well.

Zak, a fifth-year senior shortstop for the Lakers (30-16), not only owns several school records, but he's put himself in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference record books, too.

He ranks first in the GLIAC in career hits (293), at-bats (777) and assists (562).

And for the Lakers, Zak is No. 1 in games started (213), at-bats (777) and runs (189), while being No. 2 in games played (213), doubles (48) and total bases (403). He is also No. 3 in RBIs (173) and No. 13 in career batting average (.378).

"I just started first year of grad school this semester," said Zak, who graduated from Grand Valley in December. "I have another

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GIRLS TENNIS

# Mustangs sweep doubles at Holly

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Northville's doubles teams paved the way Saturday to another girls tennis invitational title – this time at Holly.

The unbeaten Mustangs, ranked No. 1 in the latest Division 1 state rankings, edged No. 2-ranked Midland Dow for the title, 21-20.

Rounding out the eight-school field were Ann Arbor Huron (15), Port Huron Northern (13), Farmington Hills Mercy (12), Clarkston (11) and North Farmington and host Holly (eight each).

Despite having No. 1 singles player Emma Worley out of the lineup with an injury, Northville captured five of eight flights and took six of seven head-to-head meetings against Dow.

Northville's first-place doubles winners included Reeshma Kumar and Anika Mukherji (No. 1); Claudia Ma and Paige Baal (No. 2); Armelia Albanelli and Jordan Haniz (No. 3); and



RITA PATEL  
Northville No. 1 doubles player Reeshma Kumar hits a backhand during the Holly Invitational.

Molly Bis and Serena Wang (No. 4).

Kumar and Mukherji stopped Northville's Maggie Bacheller and Margaret Smith in the finals, 6-1, 6-1, while also defeating Dow's Afua Ofori-Daroko and Kamryn Matthews in a three-set super-breaker thriller, 5-7, 6-2 (10-6).

Ma and Baal downed Dow's Nicole Dobrzeleski and Kelly Livington in the finals, 6-0, 6-1, while Albanelli and Haniz

defeated Dow's Mina Fabiano and Tatum Matthews 6-2, 6-4, for the title.

It was another Northville-Dow final at No. 4 as Bis and Wang also captured a super-breaker in three sets, 2-6, 6-2, 10-5, against the Chargers' Maggie Schaller and Marie Marche.

Northville's Joanne Gao came away with the No. 3 singles crown against Huron's Laura Hanselman, 6-3, 6-4, while also defeating Dow's Elaina Parillo in a third-set super-breaker, 6-2, 2-6 (10-8).

Clarkston's Isabella Spindler (No. 1), Dow's Jessica Brown (No. 2) and Huron's Michi Ota (No. 4) were the other singles flight champions.

Northville's Neha Chava picked up a key point at No. 4 singles with a three-set super-breaker victory over Dow's Hadley Camp, 3-6, 7-5 (10-8), while the Mustangs' No. 2 Shanoli Kumar fell to Dow's Jessica Brown, 6-3, 2-6.

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## GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS NOVI 9, BRIGHTON 0 April 30 at Novi M.S.

**No. 1 singles:** Erin Day (Novi) defeated Maddie Miller, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 2:** Allison Lollo (Novi) def. Alyssa Guadagni, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Jessica Lyпка (Novi) def. Sam Meyer, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Katie Xie (Novi) def. Gianna Izzo, 6-2, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Dhivya Sridar-Youna Lee (Novi) def. Tori Tjian-Morgan Myers, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Morgan Krupic-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Madi Cholewa-Shera Miciek, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 3:** Sam Martin-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Emily Vaillencourt-Monique Sizeland, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 4:** Shakila Khan-Katie Telder (Novi) def. Rachel O'Connell-Chloe Kirkpatrick, 6-2, 6-1; **No. 5:** Megan Deme-Sasha Tretyakova (Novi) def. Ellie Hibner-Sarah Bradbear, 6-1, 6-1.  
**Dual match records:** Novi, 8-1 overall; Brighton, 5-2 overall.

### NOVI 5, WEST BLOOMFIELD 4 April 29 at Novi M.S.

**No. 1 singles:** 1. Melissa Strome (WB) defeated Erin Day, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Katrin Gurvich (WB) def. Allison Lollo, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Pooja Nataragan (WB) def. Jessica Lyпка, 4-6, 6-4 (10-6 super-breaker); **No. 4:** Katie Xie (Novi) def. Nicole Dean, 6-4, 6-4.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Sara Cahn-Gillian Meyers (WB) def. Dhivya Sridar-Youna Lee, 6-3, 6-4; **No. 2:** Morgan Krupic-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Madhi Cholewa-Madeilyn Ruks, 6-4, 6-3; **No. 3:** Sam Martin-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Simmon Singh-Michen Fogel, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Shakila Khan-Katie Telder (Novi) def. Jacey Deuks-Karsen Meck, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 5:** Megan Deme-Sasha Tretyakova (Novi) def. Harshini Muraili-Zarin Kothari, 6-1, 6-0.  
**Novi's dual match record:** 7-1 overall.

### NOVI 8, ROCHESTER 0 April 27 at W.L. Western

**No. 1 singles:** Erin Day (Novi) defeated Amanda Svenson, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Allison Lollo (Novi) def. Megan Crawford, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Jessica Lyпка (Novi) def. Margarita Sirtsakaya, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 4:** Katie Xie (Novi) def. Tuls Sadasivan, 6-0, 6-0.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Prachi-Gokhale-Mckelvie Heath, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Sam Martin-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Jaclyn Hesano-Alyssa Harvey, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 3:** Shakila Khan-Katie Telder (Novi) def. Allison Nielson-Lana Sara, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 4:** Morgan Krupic-Sasha Tretyakova (Novi) def. Katy McGarry-Minori Suzuki, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 5:** Meghan Kwederis-Alexis Felcher (Novi) def. Olivia Svenson-Sruthi Talur, 6-2, 6-3.  
**Dual match records:** Novi, 6-1 overall; W.L. Western, 5-2 overall.

### NOVI 8, ROCHESTER 0 April 27 at Rochester

**No. 1 singles:** Erin Day (Novi) defeated Amoolya Yetuxuri, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Allison Lollo (Novi) def. Alexis Tangalos, 6-4, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jessica Lyпка (Novi) def. Sarah Song, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Sasha Tretyakova (Novi) def. Taylor Isenberg, 7-5, 6-4.  
**No. 1 doubles:** Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang (Novi) def. Raluca Laza-Emily Freeland, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 2:** Sam Martin-Katie Valade (Novi) def. Trisha Gupt-Chloe Gonterman, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Shakila Khan-Katie Telder (Novi) def. Rachel Hsu-Zainab Ahmed, 3-6, 7-5 (10-4 super-breaker); **No. 4:** Ria Joshi-Megana Deme (Novi) def. Grace Crites-Sana Hussaini, 6-1, 6-3.  
**Novi's dual match record:** 5-1 overall.

BOYS GOLF

# Fegert's 37 lifts Novi past Mustangs in division dual match victory

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Bryan Fegert proved to be just a cut above the field as he took individual medalist honors April 28 with a 37 as Novi defeated rival Northville, 153-165, on a challenging Cattails Golf Course.

Mike Ulle and Connor Howell each added a 38, while Ryan Welch chipped in with a 40 for Novi, which evened its record at 1-1 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA Central Division.

Fegert, a four-year starter, is one of the Wildcats' tri-captains, along with Billy Ulle and Erik Czekaj, who were Novi's non-scorers on the day with 41 and 44, respectively.

"Bryan is a heck of a player," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "Especially considering that we just got back from a trip in Ohio (the Southern Swing) in some pretty tough

conditions and really he had one bad hole. He had a quadruple (bogey) and had an 82 or it would have been that much better."

Fegert is an all-state hockey player who is ambidextrous.

"It's interesting because he throws right-handed, but everything that is swinging involved is left-handed and he kills the ball," Huss said. "He's got a great short game. He's a kid that can go low, but Cattails is a tough course and 37 is a nice score out there. He's a gifted young man. He's one of those kids that is really going to be tough to replace when he's gone."

Northville, playing its KLAA Central dual opener, got a surprising 38 from freshman Jimmy Dales.

"I had to juggle the lineup at the last minute because Jacob Pierce is out with a back injury," Northville coach Jeff

Balagna said. "Jimmy stepped in and provided us a with huge lift in the five spot. His 38 was an outstanding score for his first-ever varsity match. I could not have asked for a better performance from him. But it was still not enough to overcome them. They are a very talented team and played outstanding golf."

Other scorers for the Mustangs included Daniel McKee (41), Akhil Alluri (43), Anthony Solack (43), Abhi Alluri (44) and Michael Gunder (48).

"It didn't really go our way today," Balagna said. "It's always tough to win on the road, but especially at a course like Cattails. If you have never played the course before, it is very easy to struggle because there are a lot of hazards out there."

"I just have to remind my kids that it is only one day. Golf is a crazy sport, because one

day you have it and the next you don't."

### ORCHARD LAKE COUNTRY CLUB INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT May 4 at Orchard Lake C.C.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 291 strokes; 2. Battle Creek Lakeview, 301; 3. Grosse Pointe South, 306; 4. Novi, 311 (25 schools).

**Individual medalist:** Logan Price (Grand Blanc), 4-under 68.

**Catholic Central scorers:** 6. (tie) Glenn Piot and Ben Smith, 72 each; 10. (tie) Max Palmer, 73; 12. (tie) James Piot, 74; 47. (tie) Nazir Jairaibzboy, 79.

**Novi scorers:** 18. (tie) Bryan Fegert, 75; 23. (tie) Mikey Ulle, 76; 57. (tie) Erik Czekaj and Ryan Welch, 81 each; 76. (tie) Billy Ulle, 83.

### BIRMINGHAM COUNTRY CLUB INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT May 2 at Birmingham C.C.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 290 strokes; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 297; 3. Hartland, 298; 7. Northville, 309.

**Individual medalist:** Donnie Trospen (Canton), 9-under 63.

**Catholic Central scorers:** 3. (tie) Sean Niles, 70; 16. (tie) Will Coffman, 74; 19. (tie) Steve Magagna, 75; 28. (tie) Sean Sooch, 78; 46. (tie) Ryan Katolias, 81.

**Novi scorers:** 9. (tie) Akhil Alluri, 71; 21. (tie) Jimmy Dales, 76; 39. (tie) Jacob Pierce, 80; 46. (tie) Drew Kears, 81; 55. (tie) Daniel McKee, 82.

### NEXT TEE TOURNAMENT April 27 at Oakland Hills (North)

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 302 strokes; 2. Bloomfield Hills, 306; 3.

University of Detroit Jesuit, 310; 4. Lansing Catholic, 312; 5. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 313; 6. Birmingham Brother Rice, 314; 7. Grand Blanc, 316; 8. East Lansing, 317; 9. (tie) Clarkston, Canton, Novi and Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 320; 27. Northville, 351 (28 schools).

**Individual medalist:** Kyle Petrovich (Bloomfield Hills), 73.

**Catholic Central scorers:** 3. (tie) Max Palmer, 73; 12. (tie) Ben Smith and Glenn Piot, 76 each; 20. (tie) James Piot, 77; 33. (tie) Nazir Jairaibzboy, 79.

**Novi scorers:** 25. (tie) Erik Czekaj, 78; 33. (tie) Bryan Ulle, 79; 81. (tie) Ryan Welch, 81; 88. (tie) Michael Ulle, 82; 78. (tie) Billy Ulle, 83.

**Northville scorers:** 88. (tie) Akhil Alluri, 84; 99. (tie) Daniel McKee, 86; 113. (tie) Akhil Alluri, 89; 126. (tie) Kyle Abraham, 92; 139. (tie) Jon Stott, 95.

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS NORTHVILLE 166 SOUTH LYON EAST 206 May 1 at Tanglewood South

**Northville scorers:** Akhil Alluri and Jimmy Dales, 39 each (co-medalists); Daniel McKee and Joey Aury, 43 each; Abhi Alluri, 46; Anthony Solack, 54.

**East scorers:** Alec Adgate, 39 (co-medalist); Nathan Smith, 41; A.J. Clark, 44; Zach Halvin and Nick Hovey, 45 each.

**Dual meet records:** Northville, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA Central Division.

### NOVI 161, LIVONIA STEVENSON 168 April 30 at Walnut Creek C.C.

**Novi scorers:** Bryan Fegert, 36 (medalist); Mikey Ulle, 40; Connor Howell, 42; Erik Czekaj and Billy Ulle, 43 each.

**Stevenson scorers:** Hyder Mansour, 40; Connor McCarthy and Noah Pappalardo, 42 each; Connor McQueen, 44.

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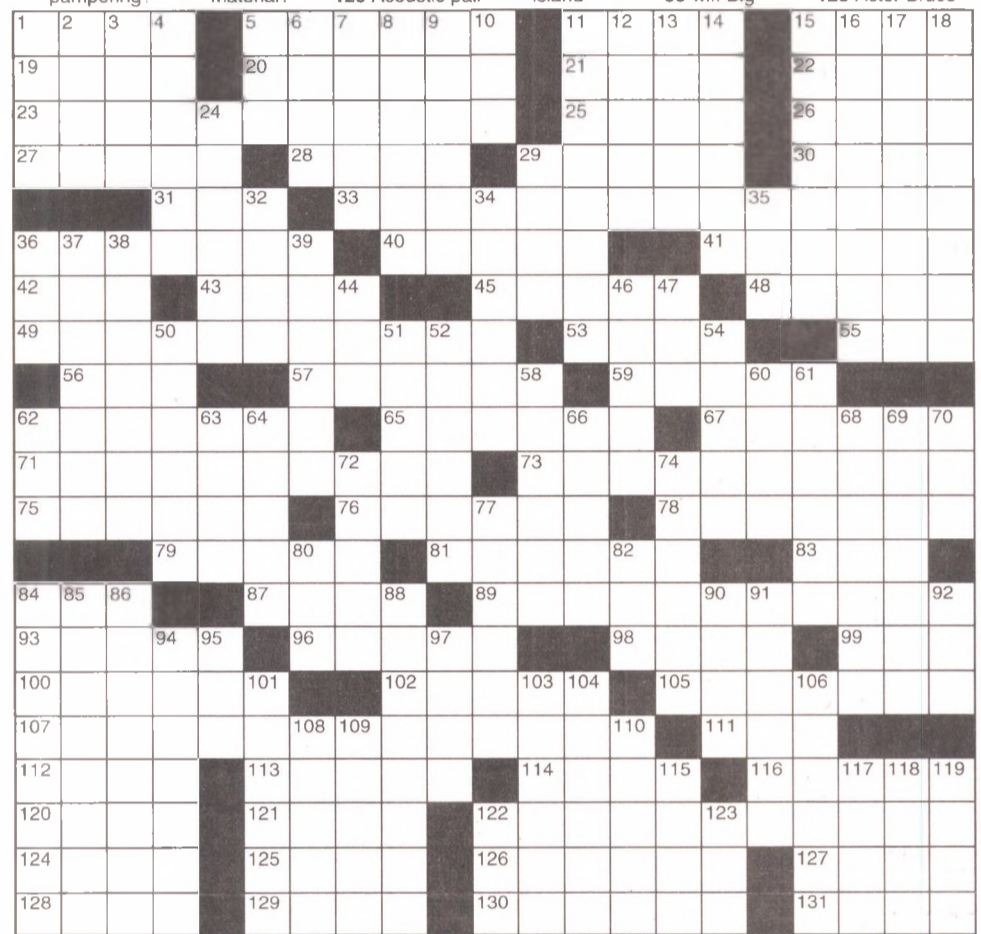
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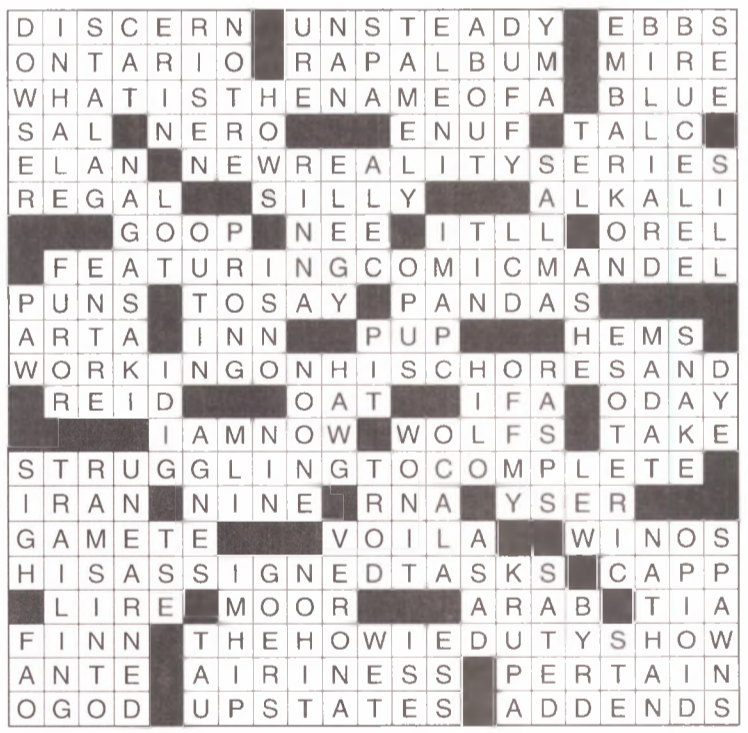
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# Car Report

## 'Sustainability' Is Ford's Middle Name, As Futurist Explains How It's Evolving in Auto Industry



By Dale Buss

When it comes to automakers, "sustainability" could be Ford Motor Company's middle name. Several years ago, Chairman William C. Ford Jr. became one of the industry's early advocates for a "green" ethos that extended beyond merely complying with government fuel-economy mandates.

and beyond: What are you seeing as Ford's opportunity when it comes to sustainability? Connelly: There are the obvious things. Sustainability and mobility are linked together around the world because emissions have an effect on air quality. When it comes to automotive, sustainability is usually associated with miles per gallon, but it's a much broader concept than EVs and hybrids. For example, with Ford's Blueprint for Mobility and CEO Mark Fields

decisions. But the majority of buyers look at sustainability more specifically through the cost of ownership. Non-fuel-economy sustainability factors of the vehicle may not be the reason to buy a vehicle, but ultimately they can lead to pride points for a consumer or owner. For example, when they discover that 100 percent of Ford's vehicles in North America have soy foam seats in back or that some of our door panels are made with recycled denim, these become points of interest or pride. They stretch beyond typical "green" products. Those sorts of narratives about creation help build stronger connections to the product and to the brand. They create an emotional foundation and pride. What does research show is the evolving consumer attitude toward sustainability messaging, from millennials through Gen Y and boomers?

Connelly: Each generation that follows has brought sustainability more into the mainstream. The environment is so ingrained into how millennials live their lives—it's not an afterthought. They're willing to pay a premium to companies that care about the environment. Millennials over-index older generations by 117 percent in this regard. How are attitudes toward sustainability evolving in non-



Ford futurist Sheryl Connelly.

Western markets, especially China?

Connelly: They're making a lot of progress in China. At Ford, we talk a lot about how water is becoming the key focus of sustainability matters. In our research, we found that 75 percent of China's rivers and lakes are severely polluted. So in a concurrent survey, we asked about this key environmental resource, and 100 percent of the people in China said water was their most critical resource.

Anecdotally, you hear about a lot of abuses of water resources in China. It's not so much that Chinese don't care about the environment, it's just that in years past, they haven't been willing to slow down their economic engine.

It seems that more brands and activists are using environmental sustainability to apply to a much larger set of issues, which include human resources as well. Do you see that happening, and why is it?

Connelly: It's not a ploy. Sustainability looks at the supply chain. Ford, for instance, has a program where there is a fair-labor clause: Are the people who work for you and suppliers treated fairly? Are they provided a living wage? That's a first step. The next step is what's the makeup of your employees?

It's all part of the idea that sustainability is about community. It's part of transparency. A company goes, "Hey, look at us, we're doing XYZ to save the environment." And then someone says, "You only have 2 percent women in your leadership." It's always a give and take. When you put something out there, people go deeper, and it puts a company in a position of vulnerability.

At Ford, we make sure our history is clear through our annual sustainability report, in which we celebrate what's going well but also talk about things that we want to work on and areas where we might improve.



The "living roof" atop the Ford Rouge Center in Dearborn has become an iconic symbol of the company's sustainability ethos.

And in many ways, Ford has continued to lead the auto industry in its overall approach to environmental sustainability.

While Ford executives have worked hard to make sustainability an integral part of the business, Sheryl Connelly, Ford's in-house futurist and head of global trends and futuring, helps carry the Ford message to the outside world.

Connelly spoke with me about the evolution of corporate sustainability at Ford

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**HUNDREDS OF NON-DESK JOBS CONTINUE TO GROW AND THRIVE, ACCORDING TO A NEW ANALYSIS OF LABOR MARKET DATA FROM CAREERBUILDER**

When you think about the average job, you probably picture a worker at a desk typing away at a computer all day. But if the idea of spending 40-plus hours a week in a cubicle doesn't sound like your idea of a perfect work environment, don't fret. There are careers across a variety of industries that have you up on your feet, going from one location to the next, and meeting new people every day.

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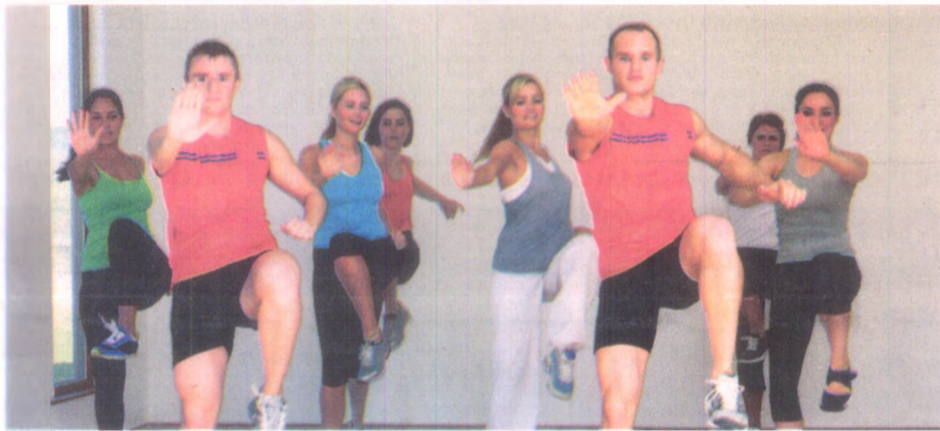
A new CareerBuilder/Economic Modeling Specialists Intl. study shows that these jobs don't just offer great environments and a slimmer waistline—they can offer bigger paychecks.

Where the high-paying non-desk jobs are While 90 percent of the 20 highest paying non-desk jobs are in health care and most require a doctoral or professional degree, many of the fast-growing non-desk jobs don't require a four-year degree and several provide a career path that leads to the middle class.

"The U.S. workforce has gradually shifted to office-based work due to the rise of the professional service economy and productivity gains associated with information technology," says Rosemary Haefner, chief human resources officer at CareerBuilder. "But some of the healthiest areas of job growth year-after-year are in middle-skill occupations that don't require workers to sit in front of computer monitors and phones for 40-hours a week."

Some of the best paying non-desk jobs, no four-year degree required The analysis found that there are 170 non-desk jobs that pay \$15 per hour or more on average, don't require a four-year degree for a typical entry-level position, and have grown 6 percent from 2010-2014.

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# PROGRAM HONORS TOP SCHOLARS

The 2015 Academic All-Star Team represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools in Oakland and western Wayne counties.

This year's team has 30 students to mark the 30th year of the All-Star program. Seventeen team members posted 4.0 grade-point averages in high school and perfect ACT and/or SAT scores.

Another 46 students are honorable mention and their scores are separated in most cases by a mere fraction of a point. All of the students profiled here are examples of academic excellence. This year's team represents the top 1 percent of students who take the ACT and SAT tests.

The students nominated represent the top high school scholars in southeast Michigan, according to the judging panel.

This year's section is made possible by the *Observer & Eccentric* in cooperation with our major partner—Madonna University. Based in Livonia, Madonna is committed to teaching, scholarship and service.

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Judging the team were Carolyn Witte, principal of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills; Dan Willenborg, principal of Livonia Franklin High School; and Charlie Hollerith, principal of Bloomfield Hills High School.

All three have been part of the program for more than a decade. The principals met in March to review the applications. The All-Star team is selected solely on academic achievement in academic subjects and SAT or ACT test scores.

## THE JUDGES



Witte



Willenborg



Hollerith

"The *Observer & Eccentric* is pleased to have the cooperation of the education community, the time that our judges take to review applications and the time spent by principals and counselors who nominated students," said Susan Rosiek, publisher of the *O&E*.

For the fourth consecutive year, one all-star will receive a \$500 scholarship awarded by Parkside Credit Union for an essay on financial responsibility.

The scholarship winner will be announced Friday, May 15, at the awards breakfast at Madonna University.

The 2015 All-Star Team (in order of ranking)  
The 17 students tied for the No. 1 ranking (in

alphabetical order) are: **Jacqueline Bredenberg** of Detroit County Day, **Andrew Demko** of Bloomfield Hills High School, **Kristen Gallett** of Farmington High School, **Andrew Gobis** of Detroit Catholic Central, **Charlie Hou** of Plymouth High School, **Iris Huang** of Cranbrook Kingswood, **Vineet Jammalamadaka** of Novi High School, **Anselm Jia** of the International Academy, **Grace Milton** of Marian High School, **Mansoor Mubeen** of the International Academy, **Rachel Ockner** of Bloomfield Hills High School, **Shantam Ravan** of Churchill High School, **Arthur Shi** of Novi High School, **Kathryn Wallace** of Seaholm High School, **Shunhe Wang** of Northville High School, **Victoria Whydell** of Farmington High School and **Kevin Xu** of Churchill High School.

Second through fourth are **Michael Shi** of Wylie E. Groves High School, **Rohan Angle** of North Farmington High School and **Naveen Jasti** of Detroit County Day, respectively.

Tied for fifth (in alphabetical order) are: **Sean Carey** of Canton High School, **Benjamin George** of Detroit Catholic Central, **Maxwell Hermelin** of Cranbrook Kingswood, **Perry Jiang** of Northville High School, **Aniruddha Kappagantu** of Plymouth High School, **Aviral Pandey** of North Farmington High School, **Caleb Richter** of Lutheran High School Westland, **Christopher Szymczak** of Southfield Christian School and **Natalie Utley** of Seaholm High School.

Rounding out this outstanding team is **Safia Sayed** of Wylie E. Groves High School.

Read more about the team and other outstanding nominees, their college choices and career dreams and the teachers who influenced them below and throughout today's section.

## JACQUELINE BREDEBERG

Detroit County Day School



Jacqueline Bredenberg of Royal Oak will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology next fall. She plans to major in math and computer science. Later, she aims to obtain a doctorate in computer science and work as a theoretical computer scientist.

Her academic honors include first place in the Michigan Math Prize Competition 2013 and 2014. Bredenberg is one of only two females to take first place in the competition's prestigious 58-year history — and the only female student to ever repeat the accomplishment.

Her other academic honors include qualifying for the USA Math Olympiad 2012, 2013 and 2014 (one of 500 qualifiers in the U.S.), earning a team gold medal at the 2014 International Linguistics Olympiad in Beijing, China, becoming a gold medalist in the Math Prize for Girls Olympiad 2013, winning a gold medal in the 2014 National Spanish Exam, receiving the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award in 2014 and becoming a Rensselaer Medalist, National Merit Semifinalist, Presidential Scholar nominee and Cum Laude Society member.

Her extracurricular activities include math club, computer club, word games club, track and field and cross country. As an athlete, Bredenberg received all-state honors in cross country 2011, 2013 and 2014 and in track (1,600 meters and 3,200 meters) in 2014. She also volunteers at the Bat Zone at Cranbrook Science Institute.

Bredenberg appreciates the support of her parents, David Bredenberg and Katie DeMeulemeester, her track coaches and "every single teacher" she's ever had at Country Day. When asked which teacher influenced her most, Bredenberg cited Ross Arseneau, her AP calculus teacher.

"Mr. Arseneau doesn't just teach math, he loves it," Bredenberg wrote in her all-star application. "He has truly brought together the math community at DCDS and given us all these opportunities to grow and enjoy mathematics."

## ANDREW DEMKO

Bloomfield Hills High School



Andrew Demko of Bloomfield Township plans on attending the Honors College at the University of Michigan. He plans to study biology or neuroscience and hopes to attend medical school after doing his undergrad work. He wants to be a physician, but is not sure of what specialization.

"I want to fix problems, see things through and always be meeting new people," he said.

His academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Semifinalist and a Presidential Scholar Award candidate.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the Model United Nations Team, Quiz Bowl, tutoring and volunteering for Gilda's Club.

He said his most influential teacher is Margie Vasile (anatomy).

"She's shown me the best way to work in groups, to succeed because of those around me and not in spite of them. Since freshman biology, she's helped me improve my focus as well. I tended to get a bit engrossed in games on my phone, but I always had to be actively listening in her classes. I never regretted the games I missed out on, however," Demko wrote in his all-star application.

He is the son of Anne and Jim Demko. He is a brother to Ian and Maggie.

## KRISTEN GALLETT

Farmington High School



Kristen Gallett of Farmington Hills will attend Purdue University's College of Engineering to major in mechanical engineering.

She wants to "become an engineer that works on projects that will change lives."

"I want to do something that matters and will improve the world," Gallett wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Purdue Honors Colleague and Presidential Scholar candidate.

At Farmington, her extracurricular activities included co-captain of the Hackbots FIRST Robotics Team, National Honor Society, founding board member of TechGirls and president of Interact Impact, a Rotary-sponsored club which plans and completes community service projects each month. These service projects included sorting and handing out food at Open Door Food Ministries, trick or treating for UNICEF and ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

She said her most influential teacher is Heidi Skodack (engineering/architecture).

"Mrs. Skodack's classes have let me experience engineering before leaving high school," Gallett wrote. "She is the person who convinced me to join robotics. ... She always teaches that if you aren't making mistakes, you are not learning. Her supportive environment has helped me to become more confident."

She is the daughter of Scott and Barbara Gallett and sister to Kelsey.

## ANDREW GOBIS

Detroit Catholic Central



Andrew Gobis of South Lyon will attend the Honors Program at the University of Michigan to study cell and molecular biology and biomedical engineering.

His academic honors include National Merit Scholarship Winner, Scholastic All-Catholic gold medal, National Honor Society, U.S. Presidential Scholar nominee, AP Scholar with Distinction and highest student GPA at Catholic Central.

His extracurricular activities include varsity tennis (No. 2 doubles), academic team captain and volunteer math and science tutor at CC and Detroit Cristo Rey High School. He earned the Rover Scout rank last summer in the Lithuanian Scouts Association.

He named Steve Lemieux (honors and AP chemistry) and Jeff Baker (AP biology) as the teachers who influenced him most in high school.

"Mr. Lemieux was very passionate about science and created a fun classroom environment. Mr. Baker was very knowledgeable about biology and paid great attention to detail when running labs.

"Both teachers instilled a passion for science in me," Gobis wrote in his all-star application. "They inspired me to do a science fair project on microbial fuel cells for which I won first place at the Catholic Central science fair, second at the Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit and third at the Michigan Science and Engineering Fair."

He is the son of Linas and Lydia Gobis and brother to Kristina.

## CHARLIE HOU

Plymouth High School



Charlie Hou of Canton Township will attend Princeton University to major in computer science.

"My probable profession is software engineer," Hou wrote in his all-star application. "In the future, I would like to work at a top tech company like Google or start my own tech start-up."

His academic honors include National AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholar nominee, Michigan Economics Competition state qualifier and honorable mention in Chemistry Olympiad Regional Exam.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity tennis team, captain of Science Olympiad, counseling at Association of Chinese Americans summer camp and member of the National Honor Society. Hou also was co-director and co-founder of TargetTesting, an organization that provides free ACT classes; his classes have taught more than 120 students.

Hou named Nicole Willett (AP English), Scott Milam (AP chemistry) and Richard Mui (AP U.S. history) as teachers who had the greatest influence on him.

Hou wrote because of Willett "I am able to express myself in writing and speech much better than I used to."

Milam "made me understand what it means to actually know a subject."

Mui "taught me that all ideas have to be challenged, even my own."

He is the son of Yu-ching Hou and Shu-ching Peng. He is brother to Kevin.

## IRIS HUANG

Cranbrook Kingswood



Iris Huang of Troy plans to study biology and anthropology in the fall, at the University of Chicago. She plans a career in medicine.

"I want to become a doctor in private practice," Huang wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include National Merit Finalist, Cum Laude Society inductee, Catholic League All Scholastic Honor Team recipient and U.S. Presidential Scholar nominee.

Huang was co-president of the Animal Welfare Club, a member of Gold Key, an SAT/ACT tutor and a violin and viola teacher.

She cited Richard Bowdy (Spanish), who "helped fuel my interest in the Spanish language," and Miranda Crowl (English) who "successfully encouraged me to speak more in class," as teachers who influenced her academic career.

She is the daughter of Liang Huang and Ming-hun Qiu of Troy.

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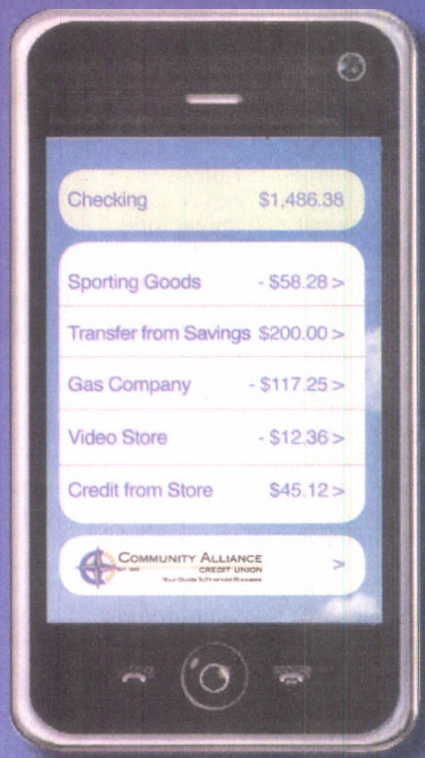
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## ★ 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

VINEET  
JAMMALAMADAKA

Novi High School

Vineet Jammalamadaka plans to study medicine and health care management. He has applied to the University of Michigan, the University of Pennsylvania, Duke University and Columbia University.

"I am interested in combating health care costs by analyzing relevant legislative barriers and supply chain inefficiencies," Jammalamadaka wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include Presidential Scholar nominee, National Merit Finalist and summa cum laude.

His extracurricular activities include president of the Interact Club, secretary of Novi Youth Council, historian of the robotics club and co-founder of Economic Challenge Group. He served as a volunteer for Relay for Life, Botsford Hospital, Red Cross and Health First Medical Clinic.

He named Brian Langley (physics and chemistry), Jodi Forester (business) and Donald Crockett (AP biology) as the teachers who influenced him the most.

He is the son of Saiprasad and Sridevi Jammalamadaka and brother of Anagha.



## RACHEL OCKNER

Bloomfield Hills High School

Rachel Ockner of Bloomfield Hills has been accepted at the University of Michigan Honors College, Northwestern University, and Washington University in St. Louis. She is still deciding between these three schools and plans to study education "at whichever college I attend."

"I have always wanted to be a teacher," Ockner wrote in her all-star application. "I plan to either teach math, Spanish or history at the high school level."

Her academic honors include being an AP Scholar with Distinction, National Merit Finalist and candidate for the Presidential Scholars Program.

Her extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity pom team (senior year), captain of the forensics team (senior year), treasurer of the history club, National Honor Society, Link Crew (she is a link leader who mentors freshmen) and member of BBYO, a worldwide Jewish youth group.

She also did volunteer work in Tanzania (100 hours over five weeks), where she lived with a native family and built a bathroom, painted murals and taught classes at a secondary school.

Ken Cameron is the teacher who influenced her most. "Mr. Cameron taught me history all four years of high school and has shown me the value of hard work and the interesting nature of history," Ockner wrote.

She is the daughter of Dan and Karen Ockner and sister to Jamie.



## SHUNHE WANG

Northville High School

Shunhe Wang of Northville is undecided about a major, but is considering economics. He has been accepted to the University of Michigan, Yale, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania's Huntsman Program.

He plans to pursue a career in law. "I will experiment with different branches of law and possibly go into business. In the end, I aspire to be a U.S. Supreme Court justice," Wang wrote in his all-star nomination.

His academic honors include National AP Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Nordstrom Scholarship winner and National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholar.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the wrestling team, marching band (snare drum on drum line), Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout), senior class president, debate team captain, National Honor Society and Model United Nations (secretary of communications).

Wang named Karen Motz (French) as the teacher who influenced him the most because "she was always willing to help whenever I needed it and she instilled in me a love learning languages."

Wang is the son of Yuqing Wang and Lixia Ju and the brother of Eleanor.



## ANSELM JIA

International Academy

Anselm Jia of Bloomfield Township plans to study economics and finance. He has been accepted to the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, but has not made a final decision about where he will go to school in the fall.

"I hope to work at an NGO that helps developing countries," Jia wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist and Presidential Scholar candidate.

His extracurricular activities include co-captain of Science Olympiad, member of Economics Club and volunteer at the Bloomfield Township Library. He also played clarinet in the symphonic band.

He named Steven Eschrich (economics) as the teacher who influenced him most because he helped develop Jia's interest in economics.

He is the son of Sharon Li and Xiaolin Jia and brother of Cynthia and Delace.



## SHANTAM RAVAN

Churchill High School

Shantam Ravan of Westland is deciding among the University of Michigan, Ohio State University, Michigan State University or the University of Illinois. He plans to major in electrical engineering or physics and plans a career as an engineer or researcher.

"I want to go to grad school and get a Ph.D. Then I want to do research in industry or academia," Ravan wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include Presidential Scholar nominee and National Merit Finalist.

Ravan played varsity tennis and was captain of the Varsity Quiz Bowl Team, captain of the Livonia Warriors Robotics Team, vice president of Success Strategies and a member of the National Honor Society.

He selected Carim Calkins, his eighth-grade science teacher, as the teacher who had the greatest influence on his academic career. "He sparked my curiosity in science," Ravan wrote.

Ravan is the son of Milind and Alpina Ravan. He has one sibling, Yajvan.



## GRACE MILTON

Marlan High School

Grace Milton of Farmington Hills plans to major in chemical or biomedical engineering with a double major or minor in theology. She hasn't selected a college yet, but she has been accepted to Michigan State University, Villanova University, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan.

She plans a career in engineering in the medical field. Her academic honors include being awarded a National Merit Scholarship and being a member of the National Honor Society.

Her extracurricular activities include FIRST Robotics FRC 573 Mech Warriors (Marian and Brother Rice team), mentor for FIRST Lego League (robotics team of fifth- and sixth-graders), Catholic Youth Organization softball coach, Ambassador Club member, Life Club member and MSU High School Engineering Institute (week-long engineering camp).

The following teachers influenced her academic career: "Christopher Dewitt sparked my interest in the Catholic faith, Barb Webb challenged me academically and to be an individual, Molly Varbedian ... is the kindest teacher and Liz Peters for her great, enjoyable discussions."

She is the daughter of Charles and Deborah Milton.



## ARTHUR SHI

Novi High School

Arthur Shi of Novi plans to attend the University of Michigan to study cellular/molecular biology or biomedical engineering. He will pursue a career in research or engineering.

"I want to develop treatment or preventative measures for diseases such as cancer, AIDS or others," Shi wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include National AP Scholar and National Merit Finalist.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity swim and dive teams, volunteering at the Michigan New Century Chinese School and member of the Spartan Aquatic Club swim team.

He named Don Crockett (AP biology) as the teacher who influenced him most.

"He is an enormously passionate and caring teacher; he helped me get interested in biology," Shi wrote.

He is the son of Yibing Shi and Jin Yuan and brother of Alastair.



## MANSOOR MUBEEN

International Academy

Mansoor Mubeen of Bloomfield Hills plans to study pre-med. He has applied to the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and the University of Pennsylvania. He plans to be a physician.

"I want to be a leading member of my community in improving and promoting good public health," Mubeen wrote.

His academic honors include summa cum laude, National Merit Finalist, Oakland Scholar Athlete, Michigan Math Prize competition - Part III qualifier, American Invitational Math Examination qualifier (top five percent in the American Math Competition), AMC Certificate of Distinction and chemistry department award.

His extracurricular activities include being a class officer, volunteering at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital, community theater, varsity wrestling, captaining the forensics team at his school and participating in debate at HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America), where he earned second place in biomedical debate.

In summer 2014, Mubeen was a biomedical research intern at St. John Providence Hospital, where he attended lectures, practiced taking medical histories, completed medical skills labs and researched the effects of cleaning agents on bacteria.

Mansoor named Brad Davies (chemistry), Kristy Hessler (mathematics), Derek Imboden (mathematics) and Robert Uhelski (history) as teachers who influenced him the most.

Davies "exemplified a moral character I hope to embody myself," Uhelski "pushed me to think deeply," Imboden "taught me the importance of striving for excellence" while Hessler "showed me benefits of positivity."

He is the son of Mohammad Mubeen and Shabana Rasheed and the brother of Majid and Momin.



## KATIE WALLACE

Seaholm High School

Katie Wallace of Bloomfield plans to major in engineering. She is considering the University of Michigan, Rice University and Vanderbilt University. She is unsure of her career plans.

Her academic honors include National Merit Semifinalist, Michigan Math Competition finalist, U.S. Presidential Scholar nominee, Oakland Athletic Association Scholar Athlete, Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete nominee and AP Scholar with Distinction.

Her extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center Teen Arts Board member, faith formation instructor at Holy Name Catholic Church, varsity cross country (2014 state finalist) and Cool to Care Club.

She said teacher Thad Wilhelm (math) had the greatest influence on her.

"He taught me how to challenge myself and think about things in new ways and made me passionate about math," Wallace wrote.

She is the daughter of Rick and Judy Wallace and sister to Rachel, Selena and Luke.



## VICTORIA WHYDELL

Farmington High School

Victoria Whydell of Farmington Hills plans to study computer science and French at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor's College of Engineering. She wants to pursue a career as a computer software engineer.

"I would like find stable and well-paying employment in the field of computer software engineering, working with up-to-date technology to make the modern world more accessible to all," Whydell wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, Academic Letters (awarded for GPA of 4.0), and All-State Academic Team from the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association.

She is a member of National Honor Society and the Farmington-Harrison varsity girls bowling team, which won the championship for the Cougar Classic and Mercy Invitational tournaments. Whydell served as assistant coach for the junior varsity team at state championships.

In addition, she served as co-president of the Interact Earth Club, Farmington's recycling and community service club, member of and head of social media and web design for FIRST Robotics Competition Team 3414 - The Hackbots.

Linda Valice (computer science) and James Anteau (French) are the teachers who influenced her.

"Mrs. Valice's classes were fun explorations of mathematical problem solving and computer applications," Whydell wrote. "Mr. Anteau helped me build on my passion for the French language and culture, inspiring me to continue my studies beyond high school."

She is the daughter of Andrew and Caroline Whydell and sister of Alexander.



## KEVIN XU

Churchill High School

Kevin Xu of Westland is undecided on where he will attend college, but he knows he will study economics and finance.

As to his career plans, Xu wrote: "As long as I am doing something I enjoy, everything else is secondary."

His academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction and National Merit Finalist.

Xu played violin in the orchestra, volunteered at Four Seasons Nursing Home, played varsity tennis and was a member of the Quiz Bowl Team. He also co-founded the Churchill euche club and serves as a mentor for Churchill High School Success Strategies.

He named Ron Zapalski - "he got me interested in economics" - and Douglas Coates, who "made even complex mathematical topics seem extraordinarily simple," as teachers who had the greatest influence on his academic career.

He is the son of Xiaoping Xu and Fend Yu.



## MICHAEL Z. SHI

Groves High School

Michael Z. Shi of West Bloomfield will likely attend the University of Michigan this fall. He is unsure of his college major and career, but he "hopes to become an entrepreneur and bring about positive social change."

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist, Groves Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society, National AP Scholar, Scholar Athlete and Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition Top 200 Score.

His extracurricular activities include captain of varsity tennis team, tutor at Berkshire Middle School, Red Cross volunteer and competitive chess (he is ranked among the top 200 chess players in Michigan).

He named Christina Marentette (honors and AP physics) as the teacher who influenced him most "because she changed the way I thought about education and learning and inspired me to pursue my curiosities for the sake of learning."

He is the son of Haoming Li and Mingfeng Shi and brother to Lucy and Jennifer.



## ★ 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

## ROHAN ANGLE

North Farmington High School

Rohan Angle of Farmington Hills is deciding between the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and Arts Honors Program and Cornell University to attend this coming fall. He will study biology and economics.

"I have always been interested in science and management," Angle wrote in his all-star application. "I want to pursue a career that brings the two fields together and use skills in business to bring the benefits of science from the laboratory to market."

His academic honors include AP Scholar with Honor, National Merit Finalist, University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship, Oakland Athletic Association Scholar Athlete, Academic All-American and Academic All-State.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the varsity swim and dive teams, president of Microfinancing Club, board member of North's HOSA (Future Health Professionals, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America) chapter, member of Link Crew and National Honor Society. He also volunteered at Courtyard Manor, an assisted living facility in Farmington Hills, and tutored students in core subjects for standardized tests.

Peggy Najarian (AP biology) and Ericka Rust (AP language) are the teachers who influenced him most.

"Mrs. Najarian kept students engaged, created a light-hearted and collaborative atmosphere. ... Because of her, I expanded my knowledge of the subject, increased the connections I could draw and was convinced that science was the field I was meant to pursue," Angle wrote.

"Ms. Rust always encouraged me to be creative and the way she fostered discussions in her classroom allowed me to get a better grasp of the fundamental of debate."

He is the son of Nilesh and Prasanna Angle.



mention in Chemistry Olympiad.

Jasti ran varsity track, played JV soccer and participated in Science Olympiad and peer tutoring. During summer 2013 and 2014, he did scientific research at Wayne State University. He worked on an experiment he designed under the guidance of a WSU professor.

He cited Brad McNellen (Latin) and Patricia Hanlan (physics) as the teachers who influenced him the most.

"Dr. McNellen sparked my passion for the subject," Jasti wrote. "Dr. Hanlan used labs as a tool to teach the concepts of physics. I learned how to effectively conduct an experiment and communicate my results during her class. These skills were critical when I conducted research at Wayne State."

He is the son of Nagabhushanam Jasti and Anitha Chalasani.

## SEAN CAREY

Canton High School

Sean Carey of Canton Township plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh to study chemical engineering. He wants to pursue a career in the biomedical field.

"I want to work in biomedical engineering and either do research or get involved in a start-up," Carey wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist.

Carey was a chemistry tutor, captain of a club soccer team and ran varsity cross country. He also played violin in the school orchestra and was an intern at Rubicon Genomics in 2014.

Carey named Cathy Depentu (orchestra and guitar) as the teacher who influenced him the most.

"She helped me be interested in music since seventh grade," Carey wrote.

He is the son of Maureen and Robert Carey and brother to Zach and Charlie.



## BENJAMIN GEORGE

Detroit Catholic Central

Benjamin George of Wixom will attend the U.S. Naval Academy. He will major in aerospace or mechanical engineering.

"Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, I will be commissioned into the United States Navy," George wrote in his all-star application. "I will try to pursue naval aviation in the military service. Afterward, I would like to be an engineer for an aerospace company such as Lockheed Martin or NASA. I might try to become a commercial airline pilot or test pilot."



His academic honors include National Merit Finalist and Scholastic All-Catholic Award.

His extracurricular activities included varsity tennis and track. He also played viola for three years in the CC Orchestra and served as associate editor of the school newspaper. He is currently pursuing a private pilot's license.

He named Carl Weiss (U.S. history and government) and William Petrovich (English) as the teachers who influenced him most.

"Mr. Weiss is someone I look up to and respect for his experience and knowledge," George wrote. "He serves as a model of the person I hope to become: patriotic, hardworking and intelligent."

"Mr. Petrovich helped me see the value of knowledge and work ethnic in the world today."

He is the son of Vijay and Julie George and brother of Joshua.

## MAXWELL HERMELIN

Cranbrook Kingswood

Maxwell Hermelin of Bingham Farms will attend the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania to study entrepreneurship, strategy and finance. He is undecided about a career, but is considering finance and entrepreneurship.

"Hopefully, I will end up in business and at some point come back to Detroit to work, probably after spending time in New York," Hermelin wrote in his all-star nomination.

His academic honors include Cum Laude Society, National Merit Scholarship winner, AP Scholar with Distinction, Bausch & Lomb Medal for Science, National Latin Exam Summa Cum Laude Gold Level, History Book Award and David Mullin Latin Award.

At Cranbrook, Hermelin played varsity lacrosse and was captain of the varsity basketball team in the 2014-15 season, when he was second team all-league. He was co-president of the Latin Club, co-president of the Young Entrepreneurs Club and a Gold Key member.

He was also a peer leader in Bridge the Divide, member of the Student Conduct Review Board and worked as a research lab intern in the summer at Henry Ford Hospital.

He named Sanford Hertz (geometry and AB calculus) as the teacher who influenced him the most.

"Mr. Hertz taught me that I would need hard work to succeed," Hermelin wrote. "I appreciated the hard work and passion he put into every class year to year to prepare his students."

He is the son of Jennifer and Brian Hermelin and brother to Isabel and David.



## NAVEEN JASTI

Detroit Country Day School

Naveen Jasti of Troy plans to attend the University of Michigan or Johns Hopkins University to study biology.

"I want to use scientific knowledge to help people throughout the world," Jasti wrote in his all-star application.

He is considering a career as a biological researcher or a doctor.

"I believe that as a doctor I would be able to impact the lives of more people," Jasti wrote.

His academic honors include Intel Science Talent Search semifinalist, National Merit Finalist, summa cum laude, AP Scholar with Distinction, Presidential Scholar nominee, top five percent in the American Math Competition 12 and honorable



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## INTO THE LION'S DEN

It's 7:30 a.m. and Armando Martin is ready to start his workday. He makes his usual rounds, greets the residents and prepares their meals for the day. After the morning meeting, he checks the residents' gates to make sure nothing drastic has happened overnight. They can get a little rowdy when no one is watching.

After all, the residents Martin looks after are wild animals.

Currently residing in Keenesburg, Colo., Martin is a full-time graduate student at Madonna University, working toward an online master's degree in humane studies. "I chose the humane studies education route because I wanted to become a better person," he said.

Martin knew his life would change drastically from the moment he began the master's program. His love for animals, and a suggestion from his professor, led Martin to secure work as an animal caregiver at The Wild Animal Sanctuary (TWAS) in Colorado.

A non-profit, TWAS provides a safe haven to hundreds of rescued exotic animals, giving them a second chance at a normal life. On more than 720 acres, the animals roam free in large habitats unique to their species; including tigers, wolves, grizzly bears, and lions.

The sanctuary has rescued more than 350 wild animals with life-threatening conditions due to abuse, torture or abandonment. TWAS recently completed one of the largest rescue missions in history, saving 33 circus lions from Peru. Martin and other staffers spent months preparing the habitat for the lions' arrival in April.

"The experience has been unreal so far," said Martin. "I am constantly telling myself throughout the day that I can't believe I am getting paid to do this." His dream after graduation is to teach a humane studies education course with an emphasis on animal welfare.

## STUDENT VIDEOS TAKE TOP AWARDS

The work of talented Broadcast and Cinema Arts students was honored recently by the Michigan chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Junior Miranda Ferguson, of Ortonville, and graduating senior Darryn Montgomery, of Westland, received Michigan Regional Student Production Awards. Of the 40 nominations this year, 10 Madonna students received 12.

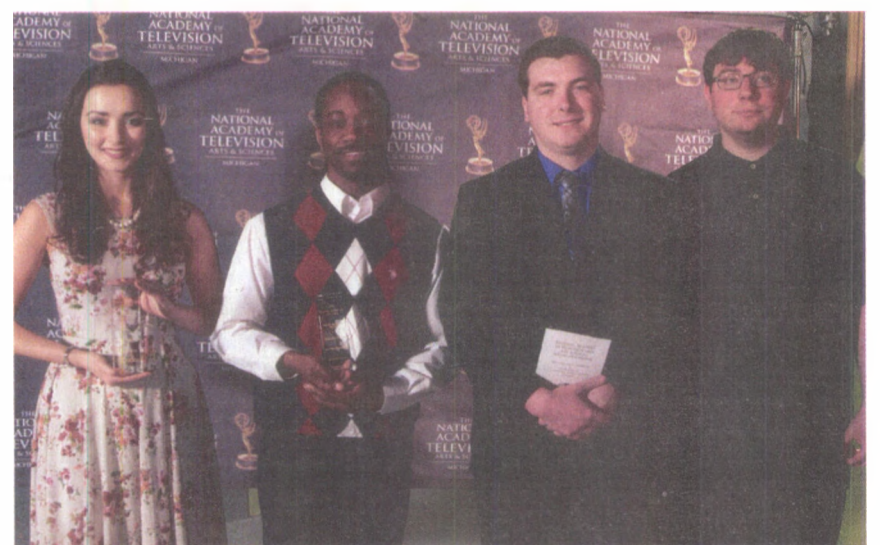
Ferguson garnered three awards: for a public service announcement *Good Girl Come Back*, for a sign language music video *Wings*, and a video editing award for *Wings*.

In the writing category, Montgomery took home the award for his movie script *Gangster Report*, the 2014 student capstone full-length feature film.

"It isn't just me that deserves the awards," said Ferguson. "Without God I wouldn't even be at college, let alone almost finishing. I certainly would have given up long ago without His grace guiding me. My family, friends and coworkers have assisted me, too."

Montgomery said he was humbled to be recognized with the award, "I want to thank the 2014 Capstone in Film Production class for all their hard work and dedication. That award belongs to the class."

"We have a lot of talented students and very fine teachers from the industry," said Chuck Derry, associate professor and director of Madonna's broadcast and cinema arts program. "We are very happy for the recognition our students received from the Academy as both nominees and awardees."



Madonna BCA students nominated for NATAS awards: Miranda Ferguson, Darryn Montgomery, Josh Yuchasz and Allen Jankowics

## ★ 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

## PERRY JIAING

Northville High School

Perry Jiaing of Northville has been accepted to the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan. He is also considering Princeton, Yale, Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania, University of California-Los Angeles and the University of California-Berkeley.

He plans to study business or engineering. "My career goals revolve around sustainable energy and technology," Jiaing wrote in his all-star application. "I would like to develop, work with and implement eco-friendly technology that is widely available globally. This could range anywhere to the optimization of the harnessing of natural energy to developing alternative ways to store and produce energy."

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist.

His extracurricular activities include executive board member of DECA (an international organization that prepares leaders and entrepreneurs for careers and education in marketing, finance, hospitality, management and other business areas), vice president of Model United Nations, vice president and chapter co-founder of Key Club and German Honor Society.

He was assistant drum major and section leader in the marching and symphonic bands and a volunteer at the Michigan New Century Chinese School.

The teachers who influenced him most are Christopher Cronin (English), Thomas Silak (chemistry) and Jean Calabrese (economics).

Jiang wrote: "Mr. Cronin has significantly contributed to my will and ability to challenge myself in my course work and understanding of the English language. Mr. Silak has motivated me to master any concepts, skills or subjects that I learn. Mrs. Calabrese exposed me to the world of business and contributed to my leadership development."

He is the son of Aimin Jiang and Jingying Lis and brother to Catherine.



Society and the Finance and Investment Club.

Kappagantu named Alicia Maturen (Spanish) – "I had her for three years, learned a lot about the Spanish language and culture" – and Nicole Willett (English) – "she developed my writing" – as the teachers who influenced him the most.

Kappagantu is the son of Ramana and Jyoti Kappagantu and brother to Aditi.

## AVIRAL PANDEY

North Farmington High School

Aviral Pandey of Farmington Hills plans to attend the University of California-Berkeley to study electrical engineering and physics.

"I hope to be an engineering researcher," Pandey wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include AP Scholar with Distinction and National Merit Finalist.

His extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, secretary general of Model United Nations, member of the robotics team and volunteer teaching assistant.

He named James Demko (U.S. history and adviser for Model UN Club) as the teacher who influenced him most. "Beyond history, he taught me about leadership and the type of person I hope to become," Pandey wrote.

He is the son of Neeraj and Kanchan and brother of Akansha.



## CALEB RICHTER

Lutheran High School Westland

Caleb Richter of Belleville wants to study mathematics, engineering, computer science or economics at the University of Michigan.

He is undecided about his long-term career goals, but "I know that I want to use my God-given talents and abilities to make the lives of those around me better," Richter wrote in his all-star application. "I don't know if I will do that through engineering, teaching computer science or the business world."

Richter was captain of the football and wrestling teams. He is a member of the National Honor Society and president of the Student Council Executive Board.

"All the teachers at my school have had a great influence on me becoming who I am today. ... Mr. Schmidt (eighth-grade math and history) was very influential. He helped me learn more than just how to get good grades in school. He helped me learn how to be a leader. He helped me to change from a kid that only thought about myself into an adult who was aware of the positive and negative consequences of my actions."

He is the son of Sara and James Richter and brother to Rachel Clark, Ryan, Leah and Jacob.



## CHRISTOPHER SZYMCZAK

Southfield Christian

Christopher Szymczak of Farmington Hills has four possible majors – psychology, applied mathematics, engineering or high school education. He is deciding between Wheaton or Calvin for college.

"I plan to pursue a salaried professional career in the United States after acquiring at least a master's degree," Szymczak wrote in his all-star application. "I feel most fulfilled when working for people, so I assume my career path will be in a field that allows me to serve others."

His academic honors include National Merit Semifinalist, AP Scholar, high honor roll and department scholar awards in English and Spanish for 2014.

His extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, senior class president, varsity track and field, varsity soccer, captain of Competitive Club Swim Team (national team member, relay state record holder and top sixth finisher at YMCA Nationals in 2014), Spanish Club, Swing Dancing Club and honors choir.

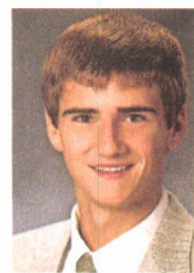
Szymczak also volunteered as a camp counselor in 2014 and 2015 and attends a weekly church youth group; just this April, he traveled on a mission trip to Jamaica to spend his spring break serving at CCCD, a school for the deaf.

He named Keith Eckert and Nancy "Captain" Horlings as the teachers who influenced him the most.

"The teachers who contributed to my life most prominently throughout high school are the ones that showed personal investment in my life and my development as an individual," Szymczak wrote.

"Both Mr. Eckert and Mrs. Horlings are completely devoted to their students as well as their profession, demonstrating daily their commitment and passion for teaching ... they have become more than mere teachers to me – in their interest and investment in my life, they have become my mentors and friends."

He is the son of Ted and Wendy Szymczak and brother of Andrew and Hanna.



## ANIRUDDHA KAPPAGANTU

Plymouth High School

Aniruddha Kappagantu of Canton Township will attend the University of Michigan and study business administration. He wants to be an investment banker.

His career plans are "becoming a billionaire and owning my own venture capital firm or hedge fund," Kappagantu wrote in his all-star application.

His academic honors include National Merit Finalist.

His extracurricular activities include captain of the Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl and Science Bowl teams. He is also a member of the National Honor



## MADONNA NURSE VETERANS HONORED

Madonna graduate nursing students Jodah Jadallah, of Dearborn, and Shawnya Abron-Harris, of Belleville, were honored recently for their service in the United States Armed Forces. Dr. Sharon Olson, of Traverse City, a representative of the Garland-Tompkins American Legion Post 399, presented them with a special pin in honor of their service.

A nurse at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Jadallah served in the United States Air Force from 1996-2000. Abron-Harris, a nurse at the John D. Dingell Detroit VA Medical Center in Detroit, served in the United States Navy from 1988-1990. In addition to pursuing their master's in nursing, both are earning certificates in hospice and palliative care.

A Vietnam veteran and nurse practitioner, Olson designed the pins to bring recognition to veteran nurses across Michigan. To-date, nearly 60 veterans have received pins. Bringing attention to student nurse veterans at Madonna was a first for Olson. "I'm hoping other universities follow suit," she said. "Madonna is a trailblazer."

Jadallah said this was the first time that he has been recognized for his service since his release from the military. "It was really touching."

Kelly Rhoades, professor and chair of the hospice and palliative studies program, said she was proud of the students. "Their service to others and respect for the dignity of individuals is an excellent extension of Madonna University's Franciscan values."

Madonna University's Department of Hospice and Palliative Studies offers the only university-based hospice program of its kind in the nation. Concentrated degree programs are available in the areas of bereavement, pastoral ministry, business, education and nursing. The department follows the hospice philosophy as defined by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. Its purpose is to prepare individuals to serve diverse populations during the final stage of life and to enhance the quality of life by focusing on the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of the hospice patient and family.



Graduate nursing student Jodah Jadallah receives the veteran nursing pin from Dr. Sharon Olson.



Michael Schmidt from Ford Motor Company Fund with Madonna education students who worked with Garfield Elementary School.

## FORD COMMUNITY CORPS STUDENTS ASSIST AREA NONPROFITS

Volunteering is great; applying academic learning to benefit a nonprofit's specific needs is even better. That's the idea behind the Ford Community Corps (FCC) at Madonna University, a program that matches students' academic interests with service-learning projects at local nonprofits. The students receive real-world learning experiences, and the nonprofit benefits from the volunteer help.

The volunteer efforts of 22 Madonna University students were recognized recently, when each FCC project group displayed posters showing their work. The projects presented were:

**Communication and Journalism:** Working with the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Detroit, the Lions Club of Madonna and the Lions Club of Livonia, students worked to increase awareness of the revised, more difficult GED exam and the need for tutors and support for adults studying for the test.

**Dietetics:** Working with the Adult Autism Spectrum Disorder Program at Plymouth-Canton ISD, students created nutrition-focused activities to enrich health and wellness.

**Education:** Working with Garfield Elementary School, Livonia, students developed reading lessons to build literacy connections to good citizenship through elements of the school's "Leader in Me" program.

**Sciences:** Working with St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, Detroit, students came up with interactive experiments to encourage young girls to take an interest in science.

**Sociology:** Working with the Michigan Urban Farming Initiative, Detroit, students built capacity for urban farming efforts.

Each team develops, plans, implements and evaluates the specific projects, with leadership from faculty members and community partners. The Ford Community Corps program is funded by the Ford Motor Company Fund.

"Ford is proud to partner with Madonna; one of our most active and productive Community Corps partners, as students exhibit incredible creativity and innovation in their project design and implementation," said Michael Schmidt, director of Education and Global Community Development for Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services. "By volunteering their time and talent, students are helping to make a better world while gaining valuable insight and hands-on experience in career options."

For more information, visit: [fordblueovalnetwork.org/ford-community-corps](http://fordblueovalnetwork.org/ford-community-corps).

## ★ 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STARS ★

## NATALIE UTLEY

Seaholm High School

Natalie Utley of Birmingham has been accepted to the University of Michigan, Georgetown and Northwestern, but is waiting to hear from other colleges before making a final decision. She plans on majoring in cellular and molecular biology.

"I am inspired by the constant progress in the field of DNA and genetics research and hope to make a meaningful contribution someday," Utley wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include AP Scholar with Honor, Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete nominee, Michigan Math Prize Competition Finalist, National Honor Society and summer study program at Brown University.

Her extracurricular activities include varsity Birmingham United ski team, founder of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Sailing Club, chairperson of Seaholm's Field Day charity event (collected more than 6,000 canned food items for Gleaner's Food Bank), captain of JV tennis team and member of Seaholm Medical and Cool to Care clubs. In addition,



Utley volunteered at the Cranbrook Science Center.

She also won a Gold Key and four Silver Keys and an honorable mention for photography in the Scholastics Art and Writing competition. She was a state winner for photography in PTA Reflections.

Thad Wilhelm (math) is the teacher who most influenced her academic career.

"He transformed math class from memorizing formulas to thinking logically and analytically," Utley wrote. "His classroom environment and teaching style encouraged curiosity and interest in the subject."

She is the daughter of Christina and John Utley and sister to James.

## SAFIA SAYED

Groves High School

Safia Sayed of Franklin plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in social science and liberal arts. She is undecided on a career, "but looking forward to using my undergraduate experience to explore a variety of options."

"Eventually, I would like to pursue a meaningful



and rewarding career that is service-oriented," Sayed wrote in her all-star application.

Her academic honors include National Merit Finalist, Groves Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society, AP Scholar with Distinction and U-M Regents Scholarship recipient.

Her extracurricular activities included vice president of Big Brother Big Sister freshman mentoring program, Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival Division I rating for violin, top rating and scores for the National Federation of Music Clubs and National Piano Playing Auditions and volunteer with local middle school orchestra.

She named Amy Voight (AP language and composition) and Christina Marentette (honors AP physics) as the teachers who most influenced her.

"I deeply respect and appreciate the dedication and passion they put into their work," Sayed wrote in her all-star application. "In very different subjects, they both challenged me to think in new ways and to work with effort and creativity."

She is the daughter of Esha and Abdullah Sayed and sister of Hadin.

## ★ 2015 HONORABLE MENTION ★

## NIKKI MARIE ALCINI

Huron Valley Lutheran

College: Grand Valley State University to study premed - pediatrician.

Academic honors: 4.0 Scholarship Award; Voice of Democracy; Scholar Athlete

Extracurricular activities: Softball; volleyball (captain); cheer; varsity choir (leader); class president.

Career goals: "I want to help a lot of kids and save some lives while doing it."

Influential teachers: Matthew Schaeve (religion) "taught me that I should show respect for everyone." Thomas Schwartz "showed me I can do anything with confidence."

Alcini is the daughter of Sheila Alcini and the late Roy Alcini and sister of Trisha Aponte, 31, Tiffany Alcini, 31, Jacob Aponte, 27, and Alana Aponte, 29.



## ALTHEA BULLOCK

Southfield-Lathrup High School

College: Plans to attend Oakland University. "I have no specific field of study, but I have always had an interest in becoming a missionary."

Academic honors: Honor Roll Award (twice), Varsity Award (athletic).

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society secretary; varsity volleyball; Student Congress; Auditorium Crew; Political Group. Circuit 45 leader, Plunge leader, Backstage crew. Halloween Booth, B.L.O.C. Party.

Career goals: "I have no specific career goals, but like everyone else, I want to become successful. My definition of success is that I want to be able to help people and know that they are happy. Being rich and famous is no concern to me, I just want to have the satisfaction of knowing people are happy and thriving in life."

Influential teachers: Lisa Pasini (art): "She was my art teacher from elementary school and part of middle school. She not only helped me with my love for art, but she influenced me in life to persevere and commit to whatever I set my mind to."

Sara Grant (biology): "She helped me take a liking to science. But also, she helped me through my problems and to handle stress through life. Not only that, but she has given me a perspective in life after high school and college."

Bullock is the daughter of Paul Bullock and the sister of Jasmine, 14.



## DRAKE CARPENTER

Wayne Memorial High School

College: "I plan to attend Kettering University to study mechanical engineering and become a designer at an auto company."

Academic honors: Honor roll, Mites first place in state

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society member, captain of swim team, tutor, doubles tennis, volunteering at Holiday Nights, member of track and field team

Career goals: "I intend to design new things, working on the cutting edge to innovate conventional things."

Influential teacher: "April Bauer (chemistry) has helped me learn the value of helping others and learning new material by teaching it to others."

Carpenter, the son of Amanda and stepfather John Buckley, has two siblings - Owen Buckley, 12, and Mahayla Carpenter, 15.



## RACHEL BELANS

Mercy High School

College: University of Notre Dame

Academic honors: Scholastic-All Catholic, National Merit Scholarship Commended Student.

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society (Officer), Spanish Honor Society (Officer), Science Club (Officer), Quiz Bowl, Youth Mercy Associates, Volunteer: Nurse's aid at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Career goals: "I hope to become a doctor and although I am uncertain which field of medicine I plan to pursue, I hope to positively impact that field and those with whom I will work on a daily basis."

Influential teacher: "Lisa Wilson, my AP biology teacher taught me the value of hard work and that anything is possible with dedication and passion."

She is the daughter of Karen and Milan Belans and the sister of Nicole, 15, and Jack, 12.



## JACOB CALLENDER

Garden City High School

College: Majors being considered are applied mathematics, mathematical science, applied physics (aerospace engineering), astrophysics or physics education at several prospective universities. They include Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University, University of Pittsburgh, Illinois Institute of Technology or DePaul University.

Academic honors: Western Wayne Athletic Conference All Academic Award and the Scholar Athlete Award each season of varsity cross country, swim and track and field (six total).

Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, varsity cross country, swim (captain), track and field, Student Council (senior class president).

Career goals: "I intend to pursue a PhD in mathematical or physical sciences, an aerospace engineer, physicist or research professor in math or physics."

Influential teachers: "I would cite Keith Penski, my honors pre-calculus and AP calculus teacher, for giving me an academic challenge and awakening my love of mathematics as well as Denise Bills, my honors physics and honors anatomy and physiology teacher, for presenting engaging material that helped pique my interest in physics."

Callender is the son of David VanDeWater and Jennifer VanDeWater (stepmother), Andrea Householder and Douglas Householder (stepfather). His siblings are Derek VanDeWater, 12, John VanDeWater, 11, Luke Householder, 10, George Householder, 9, and Josiah Householder, 3.



## ADITYA BHATT

Canton High School

College: University of Michigan, College of Engineering.

Academic honors: National Merit Finalist; National AP Scholar.

Extracurricular activities: Programming intern at Health Decisions Inc.; captain of Canton Science Olympiad for two years; participant in Quiz Bowl and Science Bowl; Canton tennis team, manager in 2014.

Career goals: "To major in computer science or computer engineering; to have a career in cyber security and work for the government."

Influential teacher: Phil Sands (computer science) "helped me develop a love for programming and made me into a much better problem solver." Gretchen Miller (AP English literature) "brought me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to be more creative."

Bhatt is the son of Vikram and Kalyani Bhatt and brother of Kartik, 22.



## MORGAN BUIS

Franklin Road Christian School

College: Plans to attend Calvin College and Taylor University to major in mathematics/actuarial sciences.

Academic honors: Distinguished Honors.

Extracurricular activities: Senior class treasurer; National Honor Society; piano; jazz band; worship band; and varsity cheerleading.

Career goals: "My career goals are becoming an actuary and managing pensions for major companies," wrote Buis in her all-star application.

Influential teachers: Teresa Swaffield (English) and Libby Schell (calculus). "These teachers have influenced me with the passion they have for their subjects," wrote Buis.

Buis is the daughter of Kathy and Mark Buis, of Wixom, and the sister of Taylor, 21, Nathan, 15, and Shelby, 15.



## KYLE DANIEL CAMERON

Livonia Franklin High School

College: University of Michigan for chemical engineering

Academic honors: National Honor Society, Honor roll, AP Scholar Award

Extracurricular activities: Student Congress E-Board treasurer, Patriots Relate mentor, Senior Council member, Special Olympics, Promotions Committee member.

Career goals: I plan to pursue a career as a chemical engineer.

Influential teachers: Jennifer Esparza, student activities director. "Mrs. Esparza sparked my interest in extracurricular activities. Over the last couple of years, she has shaped who I have become as a leader. Mrs. Esparza showed me, that while academics are very important, it is also crucial in high school to get involved and find something you are passionate about."

Cameron is the son of Daniel Cameron and Jaclyn Parker, and brother of Joshua Lemons, Matthew Lemons and Austin Cameron.



## RICHARD CHEUNG

Berkley High School

College: Plans to attend the University of Michigan to study biology and try to enter the medical field or go into research.

Academic honors: Honor Roll, Finalist in Part 1 of the Michigan Math Prize Competition, AP Scholar with Distinction.

Extracurricular activities: Programmer on Berkley's Robotics Team (247 Da Bears); Environmental Club; president of Crossfire Club; president of Science National Honor Society; first violinist in Berkley's Symphony Orchestra; leader in Council of Teens Against Hunger; shadow at Providence Hospital; treasurer of Math Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta); Math Committee leader in National Honor Society; Zen Martial Arts; Garden Club; volunteer in Summer in the City.

Career goals: "I want an M.D., but I'm not sure what field I am most interested in. Perhaps dermatology."

Influential teacher: Todd Fadoir (math, calculus BC) "is extremely passionate about math and incredibly dedicated to his students and I admire that."

Cheung is the son of Steven and Vieng Cheung and the sibling of Jennifer, 22, Victoria, 21, and Nicholas, 15.



★ 2015 HONORABLE MENTION ★

**EMILY CROWLEY**

Mercy High School

*College:* Accepted into University of Michigan, waiting to hear from Vanderbilt, Notre Dame and Harvard universities. "I intend to major in biology or neuroscience, with a minor in Spanish."

*Academic honors:* Scholastic All College; All Academic (volleyball); MHSAA Scholar Athlete.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society, president; Spanish Honor Society; Science Club; Quiz Bowl (varsity); volleyball (varsity); Pastoral Team; Pro-life Club; High Schoolers without Boundaries; head coach-U12 Next Generation Volleyball; tutor sophomores in Spanish, biology, algebra; volunteer, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

*Career goal:* "As a neurosurgeon, I plan to conduct medical research and participate in Doctors without Borders. My goal is to be a part of a medical breakthrough that can reduce suffering."

*Influential teacher:* "Ms. Kathy Kitzmann has had the greatest influence on me because of her passion for science. As head of the Science Club and my chemistry and AP chemistry teacher, Ms. Kitzmann's engaging and enjoyable teaching style inspired me to continue in the sciences."

Crowley of Novi is the daughter of Margaret Anne and Bernard Crowley and the sister of Nicholas and Courtney.



**JOSEPH FANELLI**

Plymouth Christian Academy

*College:* Calvin College, Indiana Wesleyan University or Taylor University as a pre-med student with possible majors of intercultural studies, public health and chemistry.

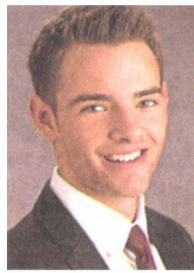
*Academic honors:* Salutatorian; top student awards in numerous classes.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity cross country, soccer, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society president, worship team, volunteer at Pilgrim Church in Detroit, volunteer at kids church, youth group.

*Career goals:* "I would love to become a doctor and then go on to do medical missions."

*Influential teachers:* Wesley Sherman (biology, anatomy and physiology) and Karen Hott (chemistry). "Both have helped inspire my interest in science and desire to pursue a career in medicine."

Fanelli of Canton Township is the son of Rachel and Joe Fanelli and a brother to Anna, 20, and Grace, 15.



**MICHELLE HAMI**

A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoogian School

*College:* Oakland University, Wayne State or U-M Dearborn to go into the medical field.

*Academic honors:* Administrators List and Citizenship.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity volleyball; student council treasurer; dual enrollment; National Honor Society; anti-bullying CKB; hospital and church volunteer.

*Career goals:* "I hope to become a physician's assistant when I finish college."

*Influential teachers:* Judith Kaall (English) "motivated me to stay focused throughout high school." Joanne Karagosian (social studies) "inspired me to become the person I am today."

Hami of Southfield is the daughter of Salam and Sudad Hami. She has two brothers, Michael and Marcus.



**JACOB DEERING**

Westland John Glenn High School

*College:* University of Michigan or Johns Hopkins to study biochemistry before attending medical school to become a cardiologist.

*Academic honors:* 2014 Department Award in English; honor roll.

*Extracurricular activities:* Captain of swim team; plays violin, guitar and a little piano; played supportive role in passage of Dominick's Law in Michigan; community service in preventing child abuse.

*Career goals:* Deering plans on becoming a cardiologist.

*Influential teacher:* Kristine Drews: "Her accelerated biology class made me fall in love with science (at 9.8 meters per second squared)."

Deering of Westland is the son of Scott and Jennifer Deering and brother of Jenna, 15.



**ERIC FERRARA**

Livonia Stevenson High School

*College:* Oakland University or Alma College

*Academic honors:* National Merit Commended, Summa Cum Laude

*Extracurricular activities:* Marching band, trombone squad leader; jazz band and pit orchestra, trombone; wind ensemble, principle trombone; varsity swimming, captain for 2014-15; Livonia Community Swim Club, Water Polo Club founder, church volunteer.

*Career goals:* Engineering  
*Influential teachers:* James O'Hagan, physics, and Paula Nowell, math. "Both taught us to look for new ways to look at problems."

Ferrara of Livonia is the son of Chris and Linda Ferrara and the brother of Adam, 21, and John, 19.



**CHRISTOPHER FOLEY**

Redford Union High School

*College:* Wayne State University

*Academic honors:* Honor Roll, Composite score (ACT)

*Extracurricular activities:* Quiz Bowl, have been captain; Students Against Oppression

*Career goals:* Possible goals include creative writing and journalism. "I want to be a writer or a journalist. I want to have a career doing something I love: literature. I want to express the truth and entertain in the process."

*Influential teachers:* Robert Reese, Michael Sampson and David Battistelli. "These three teachers guided me on my academic journey and showed me I can be anything."

Foley of Redford is the son of Kimberly Perry, stepson of Jason Wojnar, son of Christopher Foley and brother of Lauren Foley, 14.



**ADAM HODGSON**

Huron Valley Lutheran High School

*College:* University of Michigan or Purdue University

*Academic honors:* 2014 Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics/Lawrence Technological University; Scholar Athlete Award; Highest Honors/HVL.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity soccer, varsity basketball, varsity baseball, 2014 class president, clarinet honors in 2014 MSBOA Solo and Ensemble competition. Greening of Detroit volunteer as well as Leukemia & Lymphoma Society volunteer.

*Career goals:* Aerospace engineer

*Influential teachers:* Thomas Schwartz. "He has been my math teacher throughout high school and has taught me math, but also important life lessons."

Hodgson is the son of Gary and Beth Hodgson of Plymouth, and brother of Jacob, 15, and Nicholas, 11.



**JENA HOLDEN**

Ladywood High School

*College:* University of Michigan to study biochemistry.

*Academic honors:* Honor roll

*Extracurricular activities:* Chorus member, Kiva Club member, National Honor Society inductee, Tri-M Music Honor Society President, PB&J Ministry.

*Career goals:* "I would like to do research in biochemistry."

*Influential teacher:* "The teacher who has had the most influence on me is my science teacher Erin Petricca, because she inspired my interest in science."

She is the daughter of Steve and Darlene Holden of Plymouth and sister to Christopher Holden, 13.



**MICHAEL DENEROFF**

The Roeper School

*College:* Accepted to Michigan, Northwestern and Washington University. Still waiting to hear from Brown, Georgetown and JHS.

*Academic honors:* National Merit Program, Phi Beta Kappa.

*Extracurricular activities:* Class president; Student Government treasurer; Spirit week committee leader; MVN; varsity soccer; varsity track captain; volunteer soccer coach

*Career goals:* "International relations, foreign services, law or government. Dream job would be Secretary of State, Supreme Court justice or governor."

*Influential teacher:* "Regis Carozza, because he is so passionate about the subjects he teaches and expects a lot from his students while keeping class engaging and interesting."

Deneroff of Bloomfield Hills is the son of Ann and Steven Deneroff and the brother of Kathryn, 24.



**CAMERON FYFFE**

Clarenceville High School

*College:* Grand Valley State or University of Michigan-Dearborn

*Academic honors:* Summa Cum Laude

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity soccer, varsity wrestling, varsity track, varsity football, wrestling captain, soccer captain, peer mentor

*Career goals:* Pre-med/biological science - doctor

*Influential teacher:* Anthony Saliccioli, world history. "He didn't just teach me history; he taught me how to think critically and changed the way I look at everything."

Fyffe of Livonia is the son of Kathleen and Gregory Fyffe and the brother of Shaun, 26, and Jordan, 23.



**KARA HOLINSKI**

Marian High School

*College:* Massachusetts Institute of Technology to play basketball and study chemical engineering.

*Academic honors:* Valedictorian; Catholic League Scholar-Athlete 2014 and 2015; Math Medal recipient; AP Scholar with Honor; AP Chemistry Achievement Award; Honors U.S. History Award; Honors Spanish III Award; and All-Scholastic Team.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity basketball; National Honor Society (president); Spanish Honor Society; PB&J Outreach; volunteer at CYO basketball tournament; St. Michael's youth group.

*Career goals:* "Ultimately, to make greatest possible positive impact. Would love to participate in Engineers without Borders."

*Influential teachers:* Barb Webb (honors and AP chemistry) "inspired me to pursue a degree in chemical engineering and become a woman of science." Mary Macaulay (honors physics) "introduced me to a different area of science. She inspires her students to be innovative and become problem-solvers."

Holinski of Livonia is the daughter of Edward and Lisa Holinski and sister of Andrew, 22, and Stephanie, 33.



**LAUREN DUMAS**

Academy of the Sacred Heart

*College:* Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis.

*Academic honors:* High Honors; Prep Bowl; National Honors Society; Daughters of the American Revolution Recognition; Entrepreneurial Scholarship to Washington University.

*Extracurricular honors:* Class president; acted and directed in school play; varsity figure skating; National Honor Society; tutoring; publishing center service; babysitting; traveled to Arizona in 2014 for Heads of School meeting.

*Career goals:* "I hope to own and manage my own business, which will provide consumers with progressive and cutting-edge products and technology."

*Influential teacher:* Julie Fisher (Advanced Placement U.S. history) "was a very influential teacher because she incorporated real-life personal experiences and knowledge into her teaching. Whenever we began a new lesson, she would relate the occurrences of the world during that time to something she witnessed or experienced in her own life, which conferred great significance and meaning onto whatever our class was learning."

Dumas of Bloomfield Hills is the daughter of Kirstin and John Dumas and older sister to Joseph.



**HAIKEL HAILE**

Plymouth Christian Academy

*College:* Considering the University of Michigan and other universities; possible majors in biology, political science or Spanish.

*Academic honors:* Valedictorian; high honors; National Achievement Scholarship Program, semifinalist; National Merit Commended Scholar.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society; National Art Honor Society (chapter secretary and treasurer); student council member; volunteer at Open Door Food Ministry, as a greeter and in church nursery; junior varsity basketball; attended National Youth Leadership Forum; National Society of High School Scholars.

*Career goals:* "I would enjoy working in either law or medicine. Whatever I pursue, I hope to truly enjoy it and make the most of the opportunities I am given."

*Influential teachers:* Mrs. (Mary) Parsons and Mr. (Wes) Sherman. "Mrs. Parsons encouraged my interest in the political and government areas. She teaches in a way that helps students form their own opinions about current issues. Mr. Sherman taught the sciences in a way that was both clear and interesting. He cares about his students and makes sure that they learn much in his classes."

Haile of Canton Township is the daughter of Yohannes Haile and Hirut Dagne and sibling to Abigail, 14.



**KETAN S. KONANUR**

Harrison High School

*College:* University of Michigan College of Engineering

*Academic honors:* Skipped sixth and 11th grades; AP Scholar with Distinction; National Honor Society; National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Delegate; Semifinalist in Michigan Math Prize Competition

*Extracurricular activities:* VitaLives co-founder; GoComida co-founder; varsity tennis; JV soccer; U.S. FIRST robotics; Science Olympiad; Mu Alpha Theta; mountain climbing.

*Career goals:* "I aspire to be an entrepreneur who creates technology to improve the lives of impoverished youth. I intend to pursue a dual degree in business and engineering as an undergraduate student."

*Influential teachers:* Steve Dail (AP Physics) "inspired me to pursue a career in engineering. Mr. Dail taught me that sometimes figuring out how to solve a problem is more important than getting the answer." Elizabeth Miller (IB Spanish) "not only taught me Spanish, but also the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. This will be extremely helpful in the future. Jeremy Robinson (AP world history) "Before Mr. Robinson, I had never really enjoyed a history class. He opened my eyes to the immense impact history has on our future."

Konanur of Farmington Hills is the son of Sheila and Sharath Konanur and the brother of Meghana and Anisha.



**JULIA EDDY**

The Roeper School

*College:* Selecting among University of Michigan, Northwestern, Brown, NYU, Vassar, Wesleyan. Plans to study dramatic writing.

*Academic honors:* Phi Beta Kappa. Won the Wellesley Book Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* School musical (Martha in the Secret Garden); choir; dance; forensics (poetry); LGBT (Lesbian, Gay Bi, Trans) and Feminism Club (founder); class secretary.

*Career goals:* "I would like to be a screenwriter for television and continue being a social activist."

*Influential teachers:* "Susannah Nichols was the first teacher to support my interest in screenwriting. Coleen Potocki encouraged my love of literature."

Eddy of Troy is the daughter of Jamie Lyons-Eddy and Chris Eddy. She is the sister of Miles, 20, and Max, 28.



## ★ 2015 HONORABLE MENTION ★

## KATHERINE KREISS

Harrison High School

**College:** Deciding between Dartmouth College, Dickinson College and Kalamazoo College.

**Academic honors:** Academic Hall of Fame; Academic Letter; National Honor Society; Spanish National Honor Society; National Merit Commended Student; IB diploma candidate.

**Extracurricular activities:** Harrison High School marching band, 2014-15 section leader (trumpet); Harrison musical theater: Peter Pan in Peter Pan, Kara/Clio in Xanadu; Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Youth Ensembles - Philharmonic Orchestra; Antioch Youth Group, small group leader; Youth in Mission: El Salvador, participant and interfaith dialogue translator.

**Career goals:** "My passions are travel, language and theater. I plan to find a career in which I can combine those three areas of interest. After graduating with a bachelor's degree, I plan to take a year (or more) and dedicate myself to service, through an organization like Young Adults in Global Mission or the Peace Corps. Then, I plan to get a master's degree (as well as teacher certification, if I don't already have one). I hope to become a teacher one day, either in the U.S. teaching Spanish or living abroad and teaching English. Although I plan to teach, I hope that whatever career path I choose enables me to both teach and be a lifelong learner."

**Influential teacher:** Senora Elizabeth Miller: "She has a passion for the Spanish language itself, but has a passion for teaching and for her students."

Kreiss of Farmington Hills is the daughter of Don and Kristin Kreiss and the sister of Perry, 15.



## ANGELA MAGGIONCALDA

Ladywood High School

**College:** Madonna University, to study science and Spanish to become a teacher.

**Academic honors:** Madame Curie Award from the Society of Women Engineers; award in excellence in science and mathematics from Lawrence Technological University; Scholastic All Catholic Award from the Archdiocese of Detroit; honor roll.

**Extracurricular activities:** Secretary of Tri-M Music Honor Society; National Honor Society; Spanish Club; Circle of Hope youth group at St. Thomas the Apostle in Garden City; altar server; volunteer at Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center in Trenton.

**Career goals:** "Become a successful teacher by inspiring students to want to learn and be themselves."

**Influential teachers:** "Mrs. Erin Petricca was my ... biology teacher and junior anatomy and physiology teacher. Put simply, I want to be like her. I had Mrs. Juanita Jefferies for three years as my choir teacher. (She) had a contagious enthusiasm about life and music."

Maggioncalda of Livonia is the daughter of Therese and Tim Maggioncalda and sister to Emily, 21.



## ALEXANDER MAYS

Southfield High School

**College:** Deciding between University of Michigan, Georgia Institute of Technology and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Probable fields of study include physics; astronomy; astrophysics; mechanical, electrical or computer engineering.

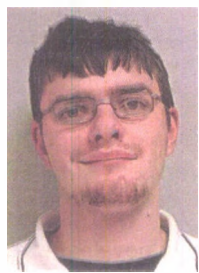
**Academic honors:** Excellence in - beginning calculus; physics; computer aided design; world history; advanced placement English and composition.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society; electrical captain of Team 94 Technojays FIRST Robotics team; Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts and now an adult leader for Troop 1677.

**Career goals:** "I do plan on getting at least a master's or higher degree in one of the (above-mentioned) fields and pursuing a career that uses the degree well, that I enjoy, that may sustain me and my future family and has a beneficial impact on our world and society."

**Influential teachers:** John Shirkey (animation/drafting/CAD) "has taught me almost all I know about animation and computer-aided design. He has taught me useful skills for solving problems for all of my future endeavors and he has showed me a great example on many effective teaching methods." Stephen Sharp (advanced algebra, beginning calculus) "has taught me most of my advanced skills in mathematics and solving many different types of problems with useful shortcuts and tricks. Mr. Sharp's lessons have been of vital help to me understanding the mathematics that I am now using in my online AP calculus and AP physics courses."

Mays of Southfield is the son of Ron and Tammy Mays.



## TESSA LEAKE

Wayne Memorial High School

**College:** "I will be attending Ferris State University where I will be majoring in premedical in order to pursue a career as a forensic pathologist."

**Academic honors:** Academic Letter

**Extracurricular activities:** Vocal Dimensions Honor Choir, Literature Club

**Career goals:** "I plan on obtaining doctorate in forensic pathology and becoming a medical examiner, preferably in a large city."

**Influential teachers:** "Lindsey Day, geometry, helped my transition from middle school to high school greatly. Andy Rowland, world history, taught me about why things happen instead of memorizing facts."

Leake, the daughter of Joel Leake and Nina Leake, has two brothers, Nicholas, 8, and Robert, 8.



## MADELYNE LUDDY

Shrine Catholic High School

**College:** Considering Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Notre Dame, Wayne State or Xavier University, majoring in biology with a pre-med focus.

**Academic honors:** Violet Richardson Award; Presidential Service Award Bronze Medal; NHS member; Principal's List; AP Scholar; National Spanish Exam Spanish 4 Honorable Mention; Excellence in AP Biology, Honors Pre-Calculus and Honors Physics; National Academy of Future Physicians; and Medical Scientists Award of Excellence

**Extracurricular activities:** NHS vice president; varsity cross country captain; varsity track; varsity soccer; props for school plays and musicals; Pro-Life Club; parish altar server; Angel's Place; Friendship Circle; Relay for Life team captain; Providence Hospital volunteer

**Career goals:** "After completing my undergraduate and attending medical school, I plan to work in a hospital as a pediatrician or pediatric surgeon. Along with this, I plan to become involved with organizations such as Doctors Without Borders so I can travel around the world to help those in need."

**Influential teachers:** High school science teachers Cathy Hassett, Joel Bergeron and Vincent Tocco: "Not only were these some of my favorite and best teachers, they helped me realize my love and talent for science."

Luddy of Royal Oak is the daughter of Faith and Pete Luddy and the sister of Jake, 20, Maureen, 19, and Carolyn, 14.



## JOHN LUPO

Franklin Road Christian School

**College:** Michigan State University to study advanced mathematics and mechanical engineering with a minor in general management.

**Academic honors:** Distinguished honors; professorial assistantship at Michigan State University.

**Extracurricular activities:** School class president; National Honor Society; tenor saxophone in jazz band; department manager at local Great Lakes Ace Hardware.

**Career goals:** "My career goals include working for a military contracting company, such as Novistar Defense or Lockheed Martin. I intend to eventually hold a management position in a company such as these."

**Influential teacher:** Libby Schell (calculus) "has truly inspired a love for mathematics and engineering in me, greater than my love prior."

Lupo is the son of Donald and Mary Lupo and brother to Julie, 21, Michael, 19, and Stephen, 15.



## MARIYA NAKONECHNA

A.G.B.U. Alex and Marie Manoojian School

**College:** University of Michigan, to go into medical field.

**Academic honors:** Administrators' List and citizenship.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society, treasurer; class treasurer; dual enrollment; anti-bullying; dance club; church volunteering.

**Career goals:** "I want to major in biochemistry and become an anesthesiologist."

**Influential teachers:** Judith Kadri (English) "contributed a lot to my knowledge of the English language." Anca Stefan (science) "inspired me to go into the medical field."

Nakonechna of Southfield is the daughter of Lidiya Nakonechna.



## EZINNE NWADINOBİ

Southfield-Lathrup High School

**College:** Selecting from among University of Michigan and University of Illinois-Chicago; awaiting other responses.

**Academic honors:** IB diploma; summa cum laude.

**Extracurricular activities:** National Honor Society, treasurer; Scholars Plus; Medical Academy; Generation of Promise; track and field, captain; cross country, MVP; vacation Bible school; Capuchin Soup Kitchen; tutor.

**Career goals:** "I aspire to become an orthodontist with my own business in the future."

Nwadinobi of Southfield is the daughter of Evelyn and JohnKay Nwadinobi and sister of Ogechi, 22, D.K., 20, and Chisom, 11.



## SARAH PANONE

Academy of the Sacred Heart

**College:** University of Michigan, St. Louis University, University of Notre Dame, Washington University in St. Louis. Planning to pursue a degree in biology/pre-medicine, with the goal of becoming a physician.

**Academic honors:** ASH Academic High Honors; Catholic all-academic for field hockey; Archdiocese of Detroit Scholastic all-Catholic team; National Honors Society; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute medalist; University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award; Dartmouth Alumni Club Book Award; Oakland University Presidential Scholarship.

**Extracurricular activities:** Performed in University of Detroit Jesuit High School's musical productions of Shrek and Les Miserables; ASH junior class representative and senior class vice president; National Honor Society; Michigan Youth Leadership Achievement Program student board of directors; Girl Scout Troop 43502; ASH varsity tennis, field hockey and tennis; lifeguard at Roper Summer Day Camp; soccer referee for Bloomfield Hills Youth Soccer.

**Career goals:** "My goal is to have a career where I can serve others. I enjoy science and am particularly interested in the health sciences. I believe I can best help others by becoming a physician."

**Influential teachers:** Michael Krogh, Latin, and James Kiefer, religion. "I have taken Latin for three years with Mr. Krogh and I have never sat through a dry class. He makes learning about the language and Roman culture extremely interesting. Mr. Kiefer has influenced me by strengthening my faith. I have had five classes with him throughout high school and I learn something new about my faith and myself each class. He has also instilled in me the importance of service."

Panone is the daughter of John and Rosemary Panone and younger sister to Brian.



## JOHN PENINGTON

Brother Rice High School

**College:** University of Michigan to study computer engineering.

**Academic honors:** National Merit Finalist; academic all-state cross country; Regents Merit Scholar, University of Michigan; all-Catholic Scholastic Award.

**Extracurricular activities:** Captain of the cross country and track teams; National Honor Society; Latin Honor Society; volunteer for St. Regis, Gleasons, Christ Child and Brother Rice; Angels' Place Enrichment day program.

**Career goals:** To become a computer engineer at a tech firm, pursue an M.B.A. and eventually start his own company.

**Influential teachers:** Robert Burns (physics) "sparked my interest in engineering and physics" and James Rademacher (algebra II) "because he pushed me to my limits and enabled me to reach my potential."

Penington of Beverly Hills is the son of Julie and Richard Penington and brother to Robert, 16.



## JASMINE PICKENS

John Glenn High School

**College:** Duke University, Washington University in St. Louis or Barnard College to study to be a teacher/professor.

**Academic honors:** Valedictorian, LEDA (Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America) Scholar.

**Extracurricular activities:** Head cheer coach for Inkster Bengals freshman cheer team, KOM (Kick-Off Mentors) lead mentor and JV and varsity softball, basketball and swim teams, Female African American Scholars.

**Career goals:** "I want to obtain a career that would allow me to wake up every day and love going to work, as well as a career in where I can make a positive impact on someone's life."

**Influential teacher:** Steven Conn, U.S. History and American Wars: "Mr. Conn always pushed me to be better the day before. Mr. Conn also pushed me to think more about the every day issues in society, and he gave me a forum to discuss and form opinions on those issues."

Pickens is the daughter of Angela and Robert Pickens, and sister of Isaae, 12.



## AMANDA POKRYFKY

Franklin High School

**College:** Selecting among Northwestern University, University of Chicago or University of Michigan.

**Academic honors:** Scholar Athlete Award winner (2014 and 2015).

**Extracurricular activities:** Team captain and state qualifier on the cross country team (2014); track and field (2014); and National Honor Society member (2014 and 2015).

**Career goals:** "My goal is to have a career that combines math and science in which I can help people. I am currently looking at becoming a biomedical engineer."

**Influential teacher:** "Dave Bjorklund had the greatest influence on me because he made me realize my potential for a math-related career in his AP calculus class."

Pokryfky is the daughter of Barbara A. Pokryfky of Livonia and the sister of John Pokryfky, 14.





## ★ 2015 HONORABLE MENTION ★

## DAVID RADTKE

Garden City High School

*College:* University of Michigan or Michigan State University. "I am considering various engineering fields, but mostly materials engineering and naturally would like to be an engineer."

*Academic honors:* Honor roll.

*Extracurricular activities:* Student Council president; National Honor Society; Japanese National Honor Society

*Career goals:* "I really just want to be an engineer. I would like to make something that improves the world."

*Influential teachers:* "The teachers who have had the biggest influence on me are Greg Kreiner, Denise Bills and Mary Bremmer, who teach Japanese, science and English respectively. These teachers' influence comes mostly in the way they create an atmosphere of respect and communication. They have also given me a better view on the respective subjects by doing this."

Radtke of Garden City is the son of Steven and Colleen Radtke. He has a brother, Nick, 18, and a sister, Brittany, 15.



## ALVIN TONG

Clarenceville High School

*College:* University of Michigan-Ann Arbor with a double major in computer science and computer engineering.

*Academic honors:* AP Scholar.

*Extracurricular activities:* Soccer; captain of the bowling team; track; president of the school chapter of Business Professionals of America; and National Honor Society.

*Career goals:* "I want to be a computer programmer or computer engineer to make an impact in the technological field."

*Influential teacher:* Brian Shaw (math) "because he was the hardest math teacher I've ever had but, at the same time, he pushed me to try harder."

Tong of Livonia is the son of Shui Wan Yue and Kwok Keung Tong.



## LILY UPP

Berkley High School

*College:* Plans to attend University of Miami, University of Michigan or Northwestern University to study neuroscience and Spanish.

*Academic honors:* Rensselaer 2014 Medalist; AP Scholar Award; Royal Oak Optimist Club Youth Award.

*Extracurricular activities:* National Honor Society committee leader; Gilda's Club volunteer child care and summer camp leader; Make-A-Wish Michigan volunteer fundraiser host; Volunteer Club grade leader; Club for the Cure; *Spectator* student-run newspaper freelance writer; Homework Club coordinator; varsity dance team captain; Rose Marie Floyd ballet company dancer; Math National Honor Society; Stars Guitars fundraiser volunteer; Pulse Fitness employee; Yad Ezra Food Bank volunteer.

*Career goals:* "I desire to work in the field of neuroscience because of how quickly it is advancing and how drastically discoveries in this area can improve people's lives. While I am still unsure whether I will be involved in research or work on the practical side, I am determined to be in this field that presents significant and engaging challenges every day."

*Influential teachers:* Todd Fadoir (AP calculus) "employed a teaching style that forced me to look critically and in great detail at my mistakes, but he never did so without also giving the opportunity to critique his teaching style. With this steady exchange of constructive criticism, I developed the idea that my education was not simply a succession of tasks for a teacher to give and me to complete. Rather, it was a continual challenge that required both parties to actively change what had hindered them in the past."

Mark Meacham (chemistry, AP physics, AP chemistry). His classes "were filled with interesting stories, challenging experiments and team activities that allowed us, the students, to learn through experience. Traditional lectures were rare and instead we worked through problems as a group (Meacham included) using discussion or trial-and-error."

Upp of Berkley is the daughter of Sue Upp.



## KETURA WEBB

Shrine Catholic High School

*College:* Deciding between the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Loyola University, Vanderbilt University and Miami University to likely study medicine.

*Academic honors:* Principal's List; Certificate of Merit Excellence in AP biology, AP English literature and composition, Honors pre-calculus, AP world history; University of Detroit Mercy French Certificate; five Scholastic art and writing awards; National Merit Finalist.

*Extracurricular activities:* NHS member and tutor; varsity quiz bowl; Nicaragua Immersion Trip member; Summer at the Library teen volunteer; musical cast member; Student Leadership Executive Congress member.

*Career goals:* "I plan to go into medicine, likely a doctor in research. I also seek to continue writing, authoring multiple best-selling novels."

*Influential teachers:* Maggie George (AP English) "has influenced me the most. She has encouraged me and pushed me to improve all aspects of my writing and she has also introduced me to different authors and ways to write. Phil Chisholm (AP history) "has taught me to believe in my writing abilities."

Webb of Southfield is the daughter of Stephanie and Robert Webb and the sister of Micaela, 19, and Jared, 13.



## RENEE REED

Redford Union High School

*College:* University of Michigan

*Academic honors:* Scholar athlete, honor roll

*Extracurricular activities:* Captain of the softball, basketball and volleyball teams, vice president of the National Honor Society, Make a Senior Smile, Adopt a Family and Peer to Peer Intervention.

*Career goals:* "My career goal is to become an actuary, but I am open to fields and careers college may reveal to me."

*Influential teachers:* Jill Burch (algebra) and Sherri Burns (calculus) "because they were both always so willing to help and never made you feel inferior."

Reed is the daughter of Hildegard and Donald Reed of Dearborn Heights and the sister of Melanie Hannah, 38, Delandie Reed, 29, Isaac Reed, 22, and Daniel Reed, 20.



## MICHAEL RONEY

Brother Rice High School

*College:* University of Florida to study finance and psychology.

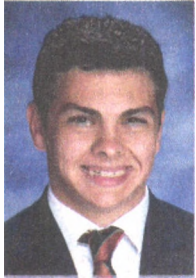
*Academic honors:* first team academic all-state football; all-academic Catholic League football.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity football; captain of Brother Rice Band of Brothers; volunteer for Christ Child and Angels' Place. Tutored peers in math, theology and western civilizations.

*Career goals:* CEO of a well-established business in a respected industry.

*Influential teachers:* Michael Hickey "for his spiritual and moral leadership." Reed DeMarco "for his passion and love of scholarly pursuits" and Donna Johnson "for forcing me to stay organized."

Roney of Birmingham is the son of Brian and Carol Roney and Vera and Greg Muzzillo, and brother to Catherine Roney, 23, and Brian Roney, 21.



## KYLE SWEENEY

Stevenson High School

*College:* Michigan Tech University, to study chemical engineering and possible obtain a master's degree.

*Academic honors:* AP Scholar Award with Distinction; summa cum laude; second place in math competition at Schoolcraft College, where currently dual enrolled.

*Extracurricular activities:* Squad leader in marching band (euphonium), also in jazz band (trombone) and pit orchestra; Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 782 and also Junior Assistant Scoutmaster; service projects include 200th anniversary celebration of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at Greenmead and dedication of the Fallen Heroes monument near Livonia City Hall; National Honor Society; Order of the Arrow; member Livonia Youth Symphony Orchestra.

*Career goals:* "I am planning on being a chemical engineer, but I don't know what field I plan to work in, because there are so many and I don't know which one interests me most yet."

*Influential teachers:* Paula Nowell (accelerated analysis and AP calculus) "got me interested in math and calculus in general and she showed me how cool math is and how much sense it makes." James O'Hagan (physics) "further reinforced the ideas that Mrs. Nowell implanted into me about how math is fun and makes sense." Sean Horgan (AP chemistry) "is the one that got me interested in chemistry. ... He made me enjoy it even more."

Sweeney of Livonia is the son of Michael and Kathy Sweeney and brother to Grant, 21.



## TARCIE WATKINS

Southfield High School

*College:* Deciding among five colleges, including Alma College, Carthage College, Grand Valley State University, Ashland University and Bluffton University. Plans on double majoring in mathematics and economics.

*Academic honors:* Honor roll; Excellence in French 2; Excellence in World History and Geography; Excellence in Chemistry.

*Extracurricular activities:* Golf; varsity basketball; National Honor Society, including at least eight honors of community service a semester; volunteering in a financial services office.

*Career goals:* "I want to take my math skills to another level and become an actuary, which is someone who tell companies if the financial risks they are taking are beneficial to their company."

*Influential teacher:* Stephen Sharp (Algebra 2 and calculus) "had the greatest influence on me. I say this because he always encouraged me to do my best and encouraged my decision to pursue a math career in college. He also was the first teacher who told me about actuarial science."

Watkins of Southfield is the daughter of Monta Ware and Keith Watkins. She has a brother, Gordenau Watkins, 19.



## RACHEL WIGGINS

Lutheran High School Westland

*College:* Deciding between honors programs at Grand Valley State and Calvin College.

*Academic honors:* National Honor Society; class salutatorian.

*Extracurricular activities:* Varsity cross country and track and field; Honors Choir; drama; senior class Student Council representative; employed as cashier at Panera Bread.

*Career goals:* "I want my career to have a direct positive impact on the lives of others. I love people and I want to see them at their best. Right now it seems like elementary education would be my best channel for that, but that my change depending on what God has in mind for me."

*Influential teachers:* "Three especially stand out. My experience with my wonderful Spanish teacher, Jennifer Cornell, has taught me to love the Spanish language and given me the desire to pursue it further in college. My English teacher, Jeaneen Wyly, has always been very supportive of me and has influenced the way I look at school, other people and life. My math teacher and track/cross country coach, Mike Unger, has always helped to me to see my full athletic potential and work to get there and has taught me well in math. I see all three of these people not only as teachers, but as friends and mentors as well."

Wiggins of Redford resident is the daughter of Brian and Robyn Wiggins and sister of Andrew, 8.



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