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## Farmers Market goes into winter

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

The winter market will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following Saturdays: Jan. 10 and 24; Feb. 14 and 21; March 7 and 21; and April 4 and 18.

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

To stay in the know about the Novi Farmers Market, including recipes, vendor features and more, like it on Facebook.

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

## City starts year by looking ahead

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer



Auger

It's never too early to start planning a budget and setting goals, especially for a city like Novi.

The Novi City Council kicks off the new year with an early budget input session Saturday. It will mainly be a discussion time for council members and staff, but it is open to the public.

It's the first meeting of this kind for new City Manager Pete Auger, but he's already seen what Novi is made of when it comes to planning and fiscal responsibility. The city manager, along with city staff, plays an important role in guiding the budget process and taking input

to help form it. "I hope we will cover a wide range of topics, but for me I want to get to know our elected officials," Auger said of the early budget session.

This year, Auger said he would like to "just speak casually with the elected officials, have a conversation and bring me up to speed with their views of where the community is going."

He said workshops of this nature provide a great setting to get everyone talking about important topics.

Going forward with the new

budget, Auger said the city will look to continue to strive for success and meeting community needs.

"The city has done a great job of focusing on four strategic areas based on the NOVI theme: Nurture public services that residents want and value, Operate a world-class and sustainable local government, Value and build a desirable and vibrant community for businesses alike now and into the future and Invest properly in being a safe community at all times for all people," he said.

Auger said the city is in the beginning of the process, looking at priorities, discussing items for inclusion and those which can be deferred, delayed

or dropped.

"The meeting this Saturday will, no doubt, shed some important light on the city council's views on different topics, thus setting the stage to move forward with the recommended budget preparation," he said.

The session is scheduled for 9 a.m. at the Suburban Collection Showplace in the Bronze/Silver Rooms and is scheduled for a half-day.

It is a workshop for the city council, but is open to the public. The meeting will also be recorded and available for viewing Jan. 15 on [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

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Deni Dillon points out some homemade craft jewelry for sale at her Purple Door Store. The shop, at 635 Wixom Road, north of Pontiac Trail, has been open for a bit more than a year and although closed at this point for a restocking, will re-open in mid-February.

## The Purple Door Store celebrates uniqueness in Wixom

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The Purple Door Store in Wixom can be described in a variety of ways, from eclectic to unique, local to affordable. They all fit this store that has grown since it opened two years ago.

"When I first opened these doors, I had no idea it would turn into this," said owner Deni Dillon, who has taken her love for jewelry and art to another level with the store located at 635 N. Wixom Road.

Dillon's website best answers the question "What makes The Purple Door Store unique?"

"The collective of artisans, who have

the passion to create handcrafted decor and accessories, to suit the style of their clients and to build entrepreneurial networks encouraging community strength and sustainability," it says of The Purple Door's mission.

The store features a wide variety of locally made items. From natural deodorant, greeting cards and salsa to jewelry, The Purple Door Store has it. Dillon said the shop has accessories and apparel that energize existing wardrobes, plus one-of-a-kind artwork and natural product lines that promote healthy living.

She said sales and interest in the shop have quadrupled over the last year or so and it's become a collective, community

effort in making it a success. The Purple Door Store features the artists at little to no cost and takes no percentage of a sale. It's a true co-op.

"These artisans help make this a success with their great creativity," Dillon said. "They have had a positive impact on many people."

The Purple Door Store is inside an 1880s-era home. The name of the store wasn't the first idea, but before she got a sign outside Dillon painted the front door purple to be eye-catching to the passerby. Now there is a sign out there that reads "Today is the day you stop in."

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## Brightmoor Christian Church wants to grow

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Brightmoor Christian Church wants to grow and it's asking the city of Novi for permission.

The church, located at 40800 W. 13 Mile, is requesting the city to amend an ordinance to allow additional height for places of

worship. This is a request that is in the early stages, but it will be looked at further in the next month or so for possible approval.

"The applicant (Brightmoor Church) is proposing the ordinance change to 'accommodate

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Brightmoor Christian Church is requesting an ordinance change to accommodate modern worship sanctuaries with a seating capacity of more than 2,000.

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Some of the many ceramic tiles for sale at Deni Dillon's Purple Door Store.

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The shop is filled with things to look at. Among the many cool things inside, there is an old dentist chair that was used by the Detroit Red Wings, which Dillon said is a well-loved spot for husbands visiting the shop with their wives. Colorful items

and interesting stories are at each turn inside the renovated old home.

The Christmas season was a good one, so Dillon is now restocking the shop and it will re-open again by Feb. 10.

To learn more, go to <http://www.purpledoorstore.com/> or call 248-877-3364.

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**Winter Dog Classic returns**



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Michigan's largest dog show, The Michigan Winter Dog Classic, will once again feature more than 7,000 dogs that have something to bark about Jan. 15-18 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Hosted by the Oakland County Kennel Club and Livonia Kennel Club, dogs will be judged in accordance with the American Kennel Club. The 2015 Michigan Winter Dog Classic is scheduled to run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 15 and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 16-18. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for children ages 7-12 and senior citizens and free for children 6 and younger. For more information, go to [www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com](http://www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com). Jenna Curtis (above) of Indianapolis grooms English setter Teller during the 2014 show.

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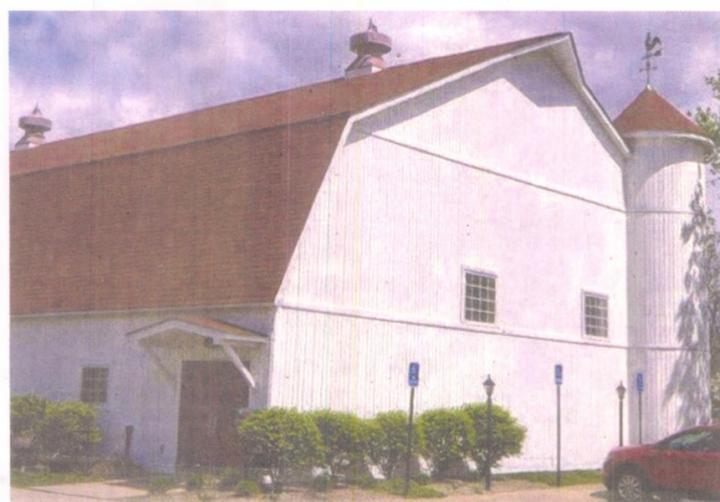
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**Barn comedy auditions**



The Farmington Players Barn (32332 W. 12 Mile) is holding auditions at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, for the April and May presentations of the hit musical comedy "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The story focuses on a young businessman and his bizarre ambition to climb the corporate ladder. With the help of a special book, J. Pierrepont Finch rises from window washer to chairman of the board of the World Wide Wicket Co. The musical is by Frank Loesser, book by Abe Burrows, Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert. It's based on Shepherd Mead's 1952 book of the same name. For show related questions, contact [howtosucceed@farmingtonplayers.org](mailto:howtosucceed@farmingtonplayers.org).

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modern worship sanctuaries with a seating capacity over 2,000 persons in a riser configuration as well as the pre-service and post-service lobby areas," Novi City planner Kristen Kapelanski said.

This idea first went before the Novi Planning Commission last fall. Kapelanski told the planning commission then the city had received a proposed text amendment to allow for additional building height of up to 65 feet for places of worship. She said staff is generally in support of the proposed amendment, with some minor revisions to the conditions noted in the suggested text.

Suggested conditions, she said, include the following: the site must exceed 30 acres and the minimum front, side and rear yard building setbacks shall be increased

by 1.5 feet for every one foot of building height in excess of 35 feet.

"These requirements are generally consistent with those listed in other local ordinances," she said.

According to Kapelanski, there are only two existing places of worship in the city of Novi on parcels large enough to allow for additional height under the proposed amendment: Crosspointe Meadows Church (41.2 acres) and Brightmoor Church (40.1 acres). She said Oakpointe Church (27.2 acres) could be eligible for additional height if it was to acquire adjacent parcels.

Brightmoor Christian Church started in 1926 in the Brightmoor District of Detroit, according to Gary Jonna, who has spoken on behalf of the church at city meetings. It moved to Southfield, at Franklin Road and Telegraph, in 1980. The move to Novi was made in 2000.

"So they've now been in the community for 14

years. What brings us here this evening is that the church has flourished and grown dynamically and when we did the initial phase of the project, we could not afford a modern sanctuary, so we built what's termed 'a fellowship hall' and actually use that as our place of worship," Jonna told the planning commission.

He added, "So as we've continued to grow, we've looked at our full build out of the campus and that would include about a 90- to 100,000-square-foot expansion, the centerpiece of that being a modern worship sanctuary. So in reading the ordinance, it was quite apparent that the type of sanctuary that we want to construct would not fit within the current limitation."

The Novi City Council will be looking at the proposal at an upcoming meeting.

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# Catholic Central High School committed to community service

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Community service at Detroit Catholic Central High School is just as important as anything a student learns at the school in Novi.

Whether supporting mission work, sponsoring community outreach, hosting fundraisers or starting a parents group, Catholic Central makes a big and important impact.

"They remind our students of their responsibilities to assist those who are in need. It reminds them to not only think about themselves, their wants and desires, but our call as Christians to serve our brothers and sisters," the Rev. Dennis Noelke said of the mission and community service projects.

**Results**

Last year, students volunteered for 19,582 hours, putting the school over 176,000 hours of community service since it moved to Novi. This includes tutoring services such as a group of students who commute to Detroit Cristo Rey High School every week.

CC students raise money in a number of ways for the Basilian Missions in Columbia and Mexico, as well as for their brother school - Cristo Rey, including Spirit Days and home-room collections. So far this school year, they have collected around \$7,000. Since moving to Novi in 2005, CC students have donated more than \$150,000 to the missions.

"There are many efforts that our students helped. In Mexico, for example, we are helping one of our Basilian par-

ishes to complete work on a badly needed church," Noelke said. "In Colombia, we provide money so that the Basilian school can purchase necessary supplies for the students."

Every year, CC students raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan by running a two-mile Shamrock Shuffle to kick off the Boys Bowl homecoming weekend. Students raised a record \$9,329.13 this year, bringing the total for the past 18 years to \$127,824.47. The top homeroom this year raised \$1,600.

CC parents and alumni have come through big-time as well. Each year, \$10,000 of donations, received from parents and alumni, are used for tuition assistance. This past year, the CC Mothers Club rummage sale sold out of children's coats in the first hour and the clothing or items that weren't sold during the rummage sale were donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

CC is a wonderful and supporting place, according to CC parent group supporter Sherry Die-drich. She said it's evident through the various tragic events that unfortunately have happened in the recent past and how CC has responded.

They are still trying to help and support the Cipriano Fund. This past month, pictures were taken at the annual Christmas dance, with all of the proceeds donated back to the Cipriano Fund.

She said the parent groups also help support the David Widzinski Memorial golf outing, the Kevin Fisher Memorial Fund, the Matt Sorishio



The annual toy drive at Catholic Central has been a consistent success.

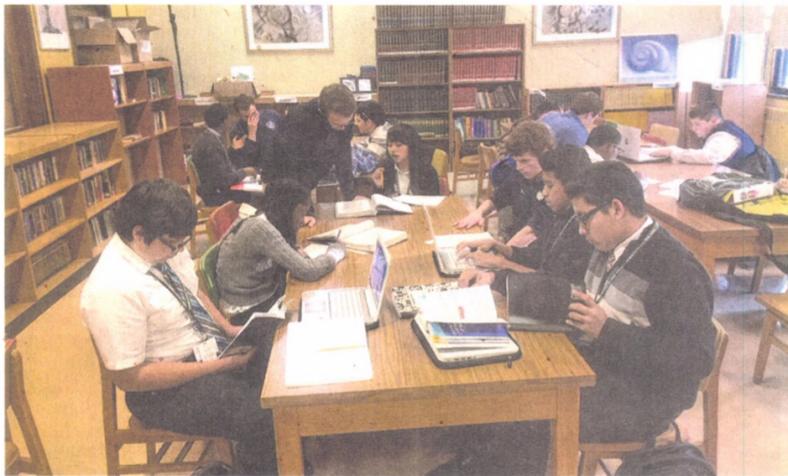
event and many more causes by donating spirit wear for auction items and spreading the word and getting board members to participate and help out where needed.

"In all, our community service is a chance to help the young men who are entrusted to our care to grow as men, who know understand and value the importance of sacrifice for the benefit of others," said Kevin Paul Walters, who coordinates CC's community service work.

**More help ahead**

Two mission trips are being planned for 2015. Noelke said the school is continuing its mission trip to Peru in July. Also, a group of students will be going to Jamaica in April.

Walters said some of the upcoming school-wide community outreach activities include a campaign to reach out to



Catholic Central students visit Detroit Cristo Rey each week to help students there with their studies.

American soldiers, collect items for them and to become pen pals, "thanking those who risk their lives so that we can sleep securely and peacefully every night."

He said students will also be raising funds to help build a school for youngsters in Africa.

"I hope that when students graduate from Catholic Central, they

will have a commitment of service to others," Noelke said.

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## What a difference just a single year can make

In January 2014, our new year started with three snow and cold days in a row. We had more than a foot of snow on the ground, the actual temperature was below zero and wind chills were approaching minus-30 degrees. Throughout January and February 2014, we were in the grips of the "polar vortex."

This year started off in a comparably mild manner. We had an inch or two of snow on the ground, temperatures in the single digits and wind chills readings were minus-15 degrees.

It was cold! But when we compare our weather this year to our weather last year, this



**Steve Matthews**  
 SUPER TALK

year's weather was a vast improvement.

The relatively mild winter is good for the school district. The colder it is the more it costs to heat our buildings. The snowier it is the more costs we incur for overtime to clear our lots and sidewalks.

Additionally, the cold weather impacts students as they wait for buses. More parents tend to drive their children in cold weather, which increases

the amount of traffic around our schools. It also prevents elementary students from going outside for recess, which, on occasion, is a big deal.

This past Sunday evening, I had several high school students contact me about closing school Monday. It would be too cold, they said. Waiting for a bus or walking to school would be just too difficult.

I tried to reassure these students that they would survive. Student safety is something that those of us who work for the district take very seriously.

In making decisions about whether to cancel school or not

because of snow or cold weather, we go through quite a process.

We consult with weathermen. We examine both current and future forecasts. We use the National Weather Service Wind Chill Chart. This chart gives an estimate of the wind-chill based on actual temperature and wind speed.

The school district's unwritten policy is that we will not cancel school unless the wind chill is consistently below minus-25 degrees.

Living in Michigan, we can expect there to be cold weather. We must take the appropriate precautions.

The safety of the students in

our district is always on our mind. In the winter, we take great care to monitor weather conditions. We will not put our students at risk.

But I also believe that being in school is important. Canceling school disrupts the learning process.

We will, I suspect, survive this winter. There may be a few uncomfortable days.

And, if everything goes like it usually does, students may receive an elusive snow day or two.

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## Donation



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Northville Main Street League's Lauren Romeo (right) checks out the clothing and shoe donations gathered by a trio of Hillside Middle School students (from left): Riley Jordan, Kyle McCaskill and Shelby Ogle. Their teacher, Paul Tripp, helped organize the young ladies' philanthropic effort. The clothes and shoes will be given to needy families served by Northville Civic Concern.

## Family Technology Night in Wixom

Family Technology Night is part of a county-wide initiative to help parents get their children interested in computers, business and information technologies via an evening of hands-on activities at Oakland Schools Technical Southwest Campus (1000 Beck Road, Wixom) from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Upper-elementary and middle school students will explore STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) with mom or dad in a fun introductory evening complete with snacks and door prizes.

"Most students do not really know the vast career opportunities that await them in the areas of information technology and entrepreneurship; students will begin to see the world of possibilities available to them, and hopefully find their passion, by having the chance to do hands-on work in this exciting area. Just as "Family Engineering Nights" have generated a lot of enthusiasm for engineering, we think

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that "Family Technology Nights" will inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs and IT leaders," said Mike McIntyre, Career Focused Education (CFE) STEM coordinator for Oakland Schools.

Oakland Schools Technical Campuses offer a free Information Technology and Marketing (ITEAM) college-and-career readiness program to high school juniors and seniors in Oakland County. The intensive ITEAM "cluster" prepares students for a highly paid technical, business or marketing career in new areas that are critical for the economic success of this country.

There are three Family Technology Nights to choose from. Each of the events are free and will be held during the campuses' regular open house evening, but participation in the special "Family Technology Night" program requires pre-registration since space is limited.

For more information, please contact Mike McIntyre at Mike.McIntyre@oakland.k12.mi.us or to register, go to <http://parents.osregistration.org>.

## Walled Lake schools hosting MLK event

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District invites the community to the 16th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Walled Lake Northern High School (6000 Bogie Lake Road).

The evening will include a multicultural dinner with ethnic food from around the world prepared by 12 different local restaurants 5-6 p.m. and an exhibition of student work 5-6:30 p.m.

The program will feature keynote speaker Dr. Jay Marks, an educational consultant at Oakland Schools.

This event is free and open to the entire community to attend; however, everyone is encouraged to bring donations of canned and boxed food for the Focus: HOPE food pantry in Detroit.

For more information, call Alec Bender, principal at Wixom Elementary, at 248-956-3432 or contact Judy Evola, director of community relations, at [judyevola@wlcsd.org](mailto:judyevola@wlcsd.org).

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# Oakland CC professor honored for excellence

Oakland Community College business administration professor Anthony Racka received the Keith A. Pretty 2014 Distinguished Online Faculty Member of the Year Award from the Alliance for Excellence in Online Education. This award was presented during the alliance's 12th annual Symposium in November at Meadow Brook Hall at

Oakland University.

Racka, of South Lyon, received this year's award for his innovative use of technology to develop and facilitate online courses, serving as an online faculty role model, champion



Racka

and mentor for colleagues who teach in the virtual classroom.

"He reminds me of the beloved Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz, who surrounds himself with people who are trustworthy, dedicated and caring. Tony Racka exudes these qualities and really connects with his students," said Evelyn Chan, professor of

business administration at OCC's Auburn Hills campus.

Racka earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Siena Heights University and his master's degree, also in business administration, from Lawrence Technological University. He is a full-time faculty member at OCC, an adjunct profes-

sor of marketing at Walsh College and an instructor of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program.

"This award annually recognizes a faculty member from a member institution who has enthusiastically demonstrated excellence in transitioning their discipline into the medium of online education," said

Patrick Callaghan, president of the Alliance for Excellence in Online Education. "The award recognizes innovative teaching strategies involving technology, rather than the use of technology for its own sake. We are delighted to be able to recognize the contributions of our highly valued colleague, professor Tony Racka."

## Caroling



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A trio of Village Oaks Elementary School teachers joins musician Jim Dufford on stage Dec. 19 for Christmas caroling: Melissa Cyrus, Lisa Rice and Diana Malczewski. The musical fun took place on the school's last day of classes before the holiday break.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Village Oaks Elementary School students applaud a holiday tune during a mini concert Dec. 19 with musician Jim Dufford.

## Oakland CC receives high marks on audit

Auditors at Plante Moran recently gave Oakland Community College the highest level of assurance — and unmodified opinion — on its 2014 annual financial audit.

"The staff was well prepared and the quality of the financial records was in very good shape," Plante Moran partner Paul Edwards, C.P.A., said in a presentation to the Board of Trustees.

Prior to the audit presentation, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Peter Provezano, C.P.A., provided a financial update. In the last five years, OCC experienced a loss in revenues linked to declining property taxes, the college's largest revenue stream, Provezano said.

In 2014, OCC collected nearly \$76 million in property taxes, compared to \$94 million in 2010. Taxes fell sharply in 2011 and have remained around \$76 million a year since 2012, about a \$20 million loss in each of those years.

State appropriations and tuition revenues remained flat in the last five years, further impacting college revenues. Declining enrollment offset any gains from tuition increases.

Conversely, pension and health care expenses jumped in the last five years and will continue to rise. Early retirement incentives offered to faculty and administrators caused an increase in expenses for the period. Those expenses will be offset in the coming years through attrition and lower level salary levels of new hires.

The college is also carrying \$3 to \$4 million in bad debt expenses related to unpaid student loans and Pell grants, a

phenomenon plaguing all community colleges.

"All community colleges, including OCC, are looking at ways to reduce bad debt expense, including improving our collections process,"

Provezano said. Expenditures outpace revenues and the college is focusing on reversing that trend. The college is developing a five-year forecast focused on lowering expenses and generating more revenues.

The college is also putting together a long-term plan to fund retiree pensions and health care costs. Future pension costs are estimated at \$178 million. Health care costs have yet to be determined by the state. To continue to fund this liability, the college has set aside \$43 million for retiree pensions and \$4 million for health care costs.

## Host virtual blood drives with new SleevesUp website

January is National Blood Donor Month and, this year, American Red Cross supporters have a new way to help save lives through blood and platelet donation with SleevesUp virtual blood drives.

SleevesUp is a first-of-its-kind website that lets those who feel passionate about blood donation create a virtual blood drive and encourage colleagues, friends and family members to give blood or platelets or make a financial donation to support their campaign. SleevesUp campaigns allow people to honor someone's life, celebrate a special occasion or simply bring others together to help save lives — any time of the year, regardless of location.

"SleevesUp is a new way to empower people to help ensure blood is available for patients this winter and throughout the year," said Jim Flickema, chief executive officer for the

Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "It gives those who feel passionate about blood and platelet donation and want to make a difference in people's lives a chance to multiply their impact many times over."

A SleevesUp virtual blood drive can be created at [redcrossblood.org/SleevesUp](http://redcrossblood.org/SleevesUp) in just a few minutes. Once a campaign is created, others can pledge their support immediately by making an appointment to donate blood or platelets at a blood drive or donation center convenient for them.

Those who are not eligible to give blood, do not have a Red Cross blood donation opportunity near them or simply want to do more can also support a SleevesUp campaign by making a financial donation to the Red Cross Blood Services.

SleevesUp is one of many ways individuals

and groups can celebrate National Blood Donor Month, which has been observed in January since 1970 and recognizes the importance of giving blood and platelets while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need.

The winter months can be especially difficult to collect enough blood and platelets to meet patient needs. Inclement weather can result in blood drive cancellations and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can prevent some donors from making or keeping appointments to give.

Blood donors with all blood types, particularly O negative, A negative and B negative, and platelet donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give.

In addition, individuals are encouraged to check out SleevesUp and invite others to join them in making a life-saving donation. More

information about SleevesUp is available at [redcrossblood.org/SleevesUp](http://redcrossblood.org/SleevesUp).

### How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

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## Novi-based Srinergy completes first privately financed PACE project in Michigan

Until recently, owners of commercial buildings had difficulty financing comprehensive renewable energy savings projects that required a large amount of up-front capital and many years to achieve profitability. It was a problem well understood by Prasad Gullapalli, president of Novi-based Srinergy, a global solar project development company.

That has changed with the recent completion of Srinergy's solar and wind installation at the 1-800-LAW-FIRM building in Southfield. It is the first privately financed Property Assessed Clean Energy project in Michigan.

The PACE program enables property owners to finance energy efficiency and renewable projects through a special property tax assessment with local governments and lenders that provide fixed interest loans with terms of up to 20 years. The result is a positive cash flow for property owners, since the monthly energy savings generated are greater than the PACE loan repayment.



Todd O'Grady (center), president of the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, presented the Exemplary Project for 2014 for 1-800-LAW-FIRM to Prasad Gullapalli (left) of Srinergy and Andy Levin of Lean & Green Michigan.

Srinergy worked with Levin Energy Partners and Petros PACE Finance to develop a comprehensive renewable energy project that would meet the vision of Ari Kresch, CEO of 1-800-LAW-FIRM, to set an example of sustainability within the community and leave a highly visible impression and lighter footprint in the region.

"Srinergy was one of the first companies to grasp the opportunity that PACE presents," said Andy Levin, founder of Levin Energy Partners and creator of Lean & Green Michigan, which

helps commercial, industrial and multi-family property owners finance energy projects. "With 1-800-LAW-FIRM, Prasad looked at the building and all its systems holistically, seeking different ways to save energy. He put the entire project together from soup to nuts."

The 150 kW showcase project at 1-800-LAW-FIRM incorporates roof-mounted solar panels, along with four 1 kW vertical, roof-mounted micro-wind turbines, solar carports, two electric vehicle charging stations located under



Roof-mounted solar panels and wind turbines at the 1-800-LAW-FIRM building in Southfield.

the carports and parking lot induction lighting.

"This installation is a tremendous testimonial for the PACE program, giving Michigan its first actual commercial example of going through the process with this type of financing," said Mark Ferda, renewable energy account manager for Michigan-based McNaughton-McKay, which supplied the project's U.S. manufactured solar panels, inverters, solar racking and EV charging stations.

It is estimated that 1-800-LAW-Firm's renew-

able energy systems will generate more than \$1 million in savings during the 20-year PACE financing term. Today, visitors can view real-time solar energy production and environmental contributions associated with the system on monitors in the building lobby.

In December, the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association honored Srinergy and the project with the Exemplary Project of 2014 award, presented to Srinergy, 1-800-LAW-FIRM and Lean & Green Michigan. The showcase pro-

ject was unique in that it incorporated multiple renewable technologies – as well as various solar applications – at one location, setting an example for other commercial business owners and developers to follow.

"We are confident that moving forward, other commercial property owners will take the baton from Ari Kresch and help move Michigan forward in developing and creating sustainable businesses and a cleaner environment in Michigan and beyond," Gullapalli said.

## How to teach investors about investing money the wise way

A few weeks ago, I received a call from someone I know in the financial world asking me if I would participate in a contest. The prizes were nice, but nothing to write home about.

My initial reaction was, why not? It would be fun. But then I heard what the contest entailed. They were giving 10 advisers \$250,000 in play money to see which adviser made the most money over a six-month period.

The rules stated that trading would be allowed in any listed security. The trades would be done online so others could see how the money was being invested.

The company stated the goal was to try to get more people involved in investing and teach people the fundamentals. These are wonderful goals and ones that I support, but I told the company that I would not participate.

My reason was not that I was worried whether I would win or lose. Rather, I thought it



Rick Bloom  
MONEY MATTERS

sent the wrong message to investors. If one of the goals is to teach people about investing, having a contest where the goal is to make as much money as possible over a six-month period doesn't teach the right lesson. If someone had a six-month goal for his/her money, I would tell them to avoid the stock market and to invest in such things as CDs. I recognize that this is not a very sexy investment, but it is the prudent one.

Had I entered the contest, I would have tried to win, which means I would have thrown out pretty much all the rules of investing and taken on more of a gambler's mentality.

I would have rejected the proven principal that it is time in the market that's important, not timing the market. If I had entered the contest, considering the goal was

only six months, timing the market would have been much more important than time in the market. That is the exact opposite of what an investor ought to be thinking.

There's no doubt these types of contests are fun, but they should not be used to teach people about investing. Investors need to learn that investing is not gambling and that six months is a relatively immaterial time frame for investors to judge whether an investment is worthwhile.

Contests, such as the one I was offered, encourage unnecessary risk taking. If you lose half your money in any given day in a contest, no big deal. However, if you're talking about someone's portfolio and someone's retirement, losing 50 percent of their money is a big deal.

I love the idea of teaching investors about investing and encouraging more people to get involved. However, I do not believe that investment contests, although fun, accomplish that goal.

Good luck.

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## Bulger appointed to lead foundation

The Board of Trustees of the Luella Hannan Memorial Foundation announced that Sandra A. Bulger, formerly vice president of the board, will serve as its executive director while an active search continues for a permanent executive director.

Tim Wintermute retired Dec. 31 after 21 years of service to the foundation. Bulger, a 17-year resident of Northville, has served on the board for 10 years.

"Hannan is very fortunate to have someone as qualified and as committed to the Hannan mission as Ms. Bulger to take over the leadership of the foundation during this critical period of transition," said Dr. Ruth Dunkle, board president.

Bulger is an attorney whose career included many years as a senior executive at General

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Motors, where she held the position of tax counsel for GM North America and was also the



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executive director of GM's Government Relations office in Washington D.C. Bulger is also a certified public accountant who worked for the CPA firm of Arthur Andersen & Co. She is a native of Detroit who graduated from Cass Technical High School and earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and her undergraduate accounting degree from Michigan State University.

"At the Luella Hannan Foundation, we are committed to increasing the quality of life for seniors, not only in the Detroit metropolitan area, but the entire state of Michigan," Bulger said. "Our programs and services

assist seniors to live fuller healthier lives by providing access to a menu of supportive social services, cultural and activity-based program options to enhance everyday living. Our goal is to increase the opportunity for seniors to age in place in their homes or senior buildings within communities that are age friendly and walkable."

The Luella Hannan Memorial Foundation is unique in that it is an endowed "operating" foundation that provides programs and services, as well as funding. It was established with endowments from the estates of Detroit philanthropists Luella and William Hannan and the John Scudder Foundation. The foundation has been located in the Hannan House building in Midtown since 1993, providing programs and services for senior citizens in the Detroit area since it was established in 1925.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

Jan. 5. Award winners will be honored Feb. 27 at the Toast of the Town Gala at the Baronette Renaissance hotel, with

Chuck Gaidica as host. Go to [novichamber.com](http://novichamber.com) for more information and to obtain a nomination form.

## Novi Business Recognition Awards

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

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utive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, in Waterford. For pre-registration and a location map, go to [www.AdvantageOakland.com/business-workshops](http://www.AdvantageOakland.com/business-workshops) or call 248-858-0783.

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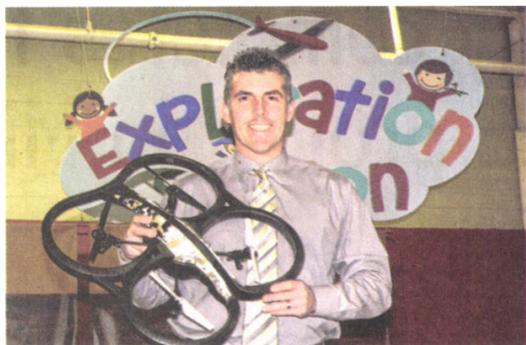
# Yankee Air Museum adds Fly Zone to educational activities

The Yankee Air Museum is dismantling its Mars Rover Exploration Station making way for its next big attraction: Fly Zone. The Exploration Station is the museum's area for providing kids with interesting and challenging hands-on educational activities.

In 2014, nearly 6,000 students visited the museum and had the opportunity to operate small robotic rovers on artificial landscape simulating the rigors of maneuvering on rugged Martian terrain and grasping objects by remote control.

Coming Feb. 28, Fly Zone promises more excitement than ever.

"It's the Exploration Station transformation and Fly Zone is the next dimension," said Kevin Walsh, executive director. "We're building an aerial challenge course for unmanned aircraft systems. Wait until the kids get a load of this. They thought our rover experience was exciting; they'll find this truly amazing."



Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum, holds an unmanned aircraft system of the type that kids will be able to operate in Fly Zone.

Walsh said the Exploration Station is an important feature of the Yankee Air Museum because it's where young imaginations are captured and real learning begins. Kids like to be immersed in technical subjects in ways they can understand.

"It's absolutely essential for us to keep our interactive displays in sync with advances in aviation," Walsh said. "Unmanned aircraft

systems are frequently in the news and now we are applying our skills to give people practical understanding of the technology."

Walsh said the museum has invested in special padded flooring and netting to confine the aircraft within the safe Fly Zone. Up to four aircraft will be able to operate in Fly Zone and the occasional crash is expected, but the design of the airspace will keep

the UAS pilot safe and any damage to the vehicle minimal.

"Fly Zone is our logical next step," said Rachel Krumwiede, Yankee Air Museum's director of education. "In fact, we started talking about this exhibit virtually the day after we opened the Mars program. There has been a lot of planning involved over the past year, including consultations with the Detroit Aircraft Corp., which manufactures unmanned aircraft systems. Fly Zone will be engaging, stimulating and certainly fun. The goal is to pique a child's interest, then get them to go further, inquire more and talk about what they're learning."

Krumwiede stressed the importance of having the right mix of sophistication and fun to blend into a meaningful educational experience. She said "it'll never get old" because Fly Zone is designed to have myriad missions for the kids to fly at different levels.

Krumwiede, who has been test-piloting UAS

for weeks to determine the best ones to procure for Fly Zone, is mindful that remote controlled aircraft of all shapes and sizes were popular gifts this holiday season. She added that there are employment opportunities in the UAS industry and a primary goal of Exploration Station is to expose kids to emerging career paths.

"Unmanned aircraft systems are the future of aviation," said Jon Rimanelli, chairman of Detroit Aircraft Corp. "The practical applications of this technology to solve problems and keep people safe are endless. DAC is always working with students, their fresh minds and innovative approaches. Collaborating with Yankee Air Museum on Fly Zone is a great extension of our motto, 'Aerial assets for all.'"

Rimanelli said his unmanned aircraft systems are being reviewed by first responders who need ways of safely assessing dangerous situations before sending in

police officers or firefighters. He is planning a UAS demonstration for the grand opening of Fly Zone.

Based in Detroit at Coleman A. Young International Airport, Detroit Aircraft provides unmanned aerial vehicle designs, integration, testing and training services for public and commercial purposes pending FAA authorization. Detroit Aircraft has established partnerships with some of the biggest names in the industry including Lockheed Martin Corp.

Once the Mars rover display is dismantled, work will begin on preparing the floor and wall subsurface for the construction of the thickly padded UAS confinement area. The Fly Zone will open Feb. 28 and will be in the Yankee Air Museum's high bay area at 47884 D St., Belleville. The museum remains open while this construction is underway.

For more information, go to [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org).

## YAM invites veterans to celebrate VE Day at bomber plant

The Yankee Air Museum is inviting World War II veterans to be its special guests for a visit to the site of its next home Friday, May 8, the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

The museum has acquired the final assembly portion of the historic World War II B-24 bomber plant and is giving everyone the opportunity to share in its rebirth. The structure at Willow Run will be undergoing restoration and outfitting in the coming years.

Museum officials want everyone to share the excitement in the next chapter of this storied place and are extending a special welcome to World

War II service and home front veterans.

"Yankee Air Museum is known for making history accessible in a very big way," said Kevin Walsh, executive director. "Each year we have several big events open and at no cost to the public. This is colossal and we want everyone to bond with the building and be part of shaping the next great destination in the region."

Walsh said the expanse of the bomber plant gives rise to the imagination and amazement of the accomplishments of the Greatest Generation. While the museum is just entering the next phase of fundraising to restore

and furnish the building, Walsh said the experience of being inside the cavernous space while under construction helps people visualize the possibilities and then become part of something fundamentally important to America.

"The 70th anniversary of VE Day is the perfect opportunity for the public to visit, for the first time, the future home of the museum," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the board of the Yankee Air Museum. "The building is an historical artifact of the war that was waged on the home front. The planes that rolled off the assembly line here were Ford Motor Co. products.

These Liberators became the largest part of the vast air armada that claimed supremacy over the skies of Europe leading to the demise of the enemy."

Beatty, Hunter and Walsh are encouraging the public to turn out May 8 for World War II veterans.

"Mark your calendar, we've invited the world and as big as this place is, we hope space will be limited for this very important recognition," Walsh said.

Located at Willow Run Airport, the Yankee Air Museum is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Go to [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org).

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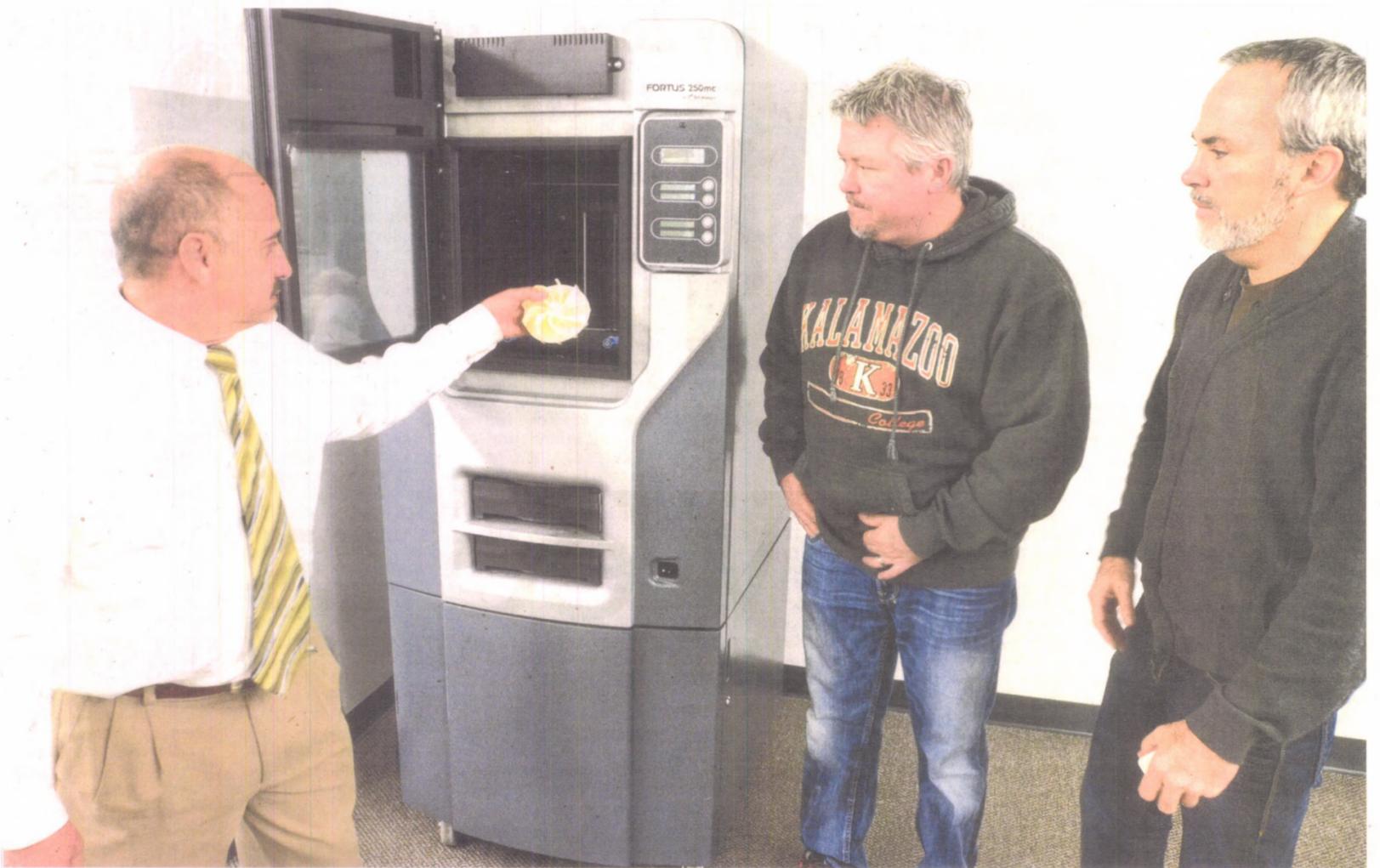
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Village Workshop co-owners (from left) Dennis Engerer, Chris McDonald and Brian Donovan check out a 3D printer they've installed in the second floor of their venture. The printer, which created the impeller blade Engerer is holding, is one of the dozens of production machines that will be available in the workshop.

# Village Workshop opening soon in downtown Northville

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Village Workshop in downtown Northville is close to opening its doors.

With the state-of-the-art equipment in place and the final touches being done, the old building has been brought back to life over the last year and made into a cool maker space. Its founders – Dennis Engerer, Chris McDonald and Brian Donovan – are anxious to unveil the shop.

“It’s been a lot of work and taken more time than we had hoped, but we’re excited and looking forward to opening our doors to the community and others looking for a place to make an idea come to life,” Donovan said.

The key word for the Village Workshop is “community.” It’s open to anyone who has an idea and desires a place with tools, equipment, materials and space on hand to make it happen. It’s dedicated to creativity, learning, entrepreneurship and prototype service.

Both members and non-members can use the facility and take classes, which are a major part of the endeavor because they will teach how to use the tools and equipment properly. The workshop will have projects and classes for beginners to advanced skill levels, with professional instructors helping.

“We’ve had a lot of knowledgeable people want to help us with this project, so we’re excited to have a high level of experience available to instruct and help,” McDonald said.

An open house will be a big unveiling for the totally renovated historical building.

A multimillion-dollar project, the 26,000-square-foot space, which was built in 1875 and once the home of Belanger, Inc., has been updated to have new work, office and creation spaces. In addition, it will have a café and meeting areas to foster a community feeling.

The new equipment includes things like a 3D printer, long-arm quilting machine, an auto lift,



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Village Workshop co-owners Brian Donovan (left) Dennis Engerer (center) and Chris McDonald (rear) show Northville Record staff writer Lonnie Huhman a metal lathe machine during a Dec. 10 visit to the soon-to-open facility.

## DETAILS

To learn more, go to <http://www.thevillageworkshop.com/> or call 855-777-3836. The Village Workshop is located at 455 E. Cady Street.

milling machines and lots of other items to assist in the creation and building process. Anything from a building a kayak, creating a sculpture, making a robot to refinishing a chair will be possible.

Memberships are now available for those wanting to get in on the ground floor.

“This will be a whole experience with a lot of energy and different people here thinking, creating and making ideas happen,” Engerer said.

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The Village Workshop building at the intersection of Cady and South Main in Northville.

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# Weeks

TO GRASS ALLERGY SEASON\*

**GRASTEK should be started at least 12 weeks before the season. Talk to an allergy specialist now about whether GRASTEK is right for you.**

\*Date is approximate, depending on your region.



Not actual size

GRASTEK is grass allergy immunotherapy in a tablet. It may help you gradually build tolerance so you become less sensitive to grass pollen.



Made from small amounts of natural Timothy grass pollen, GRASTEK treats the grass allergies that cause eye and nose symptoms. Starting treatment early may give your body time to become less sensitive to grass pollen in preparation for the allergy season. It's recommended that you start taking GRASTEK at least 12 weeks before the grass pollen season. Make an appointment with an allergy specialist soon. To find a doctor near you, go to [grastek.com/thinkspring](http://grastek.com/thinkspring).

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GRASTEK is taken for about 12 weeks before grass pollen season and throughout grass pollen season. GRASTEK may also be taken daily for 3 years to provide a sustained effect for a fourth year in which you do not have to take GRASTEK.

GRASTEK is NOT a medication that gives immediate relief for symptoms of grass allergy.

## Important Safety Information about GRASTEK

- GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get immediate medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK: trouble breathing; throat tightness or swelling; trouble swallowing or speaking; dizziness or fainting; rapid or weak heartbeat; severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea; severe flushing or itching of the skin.
- Do not take GRASTEK if you or your child has severe unstable, or uncontrolled asthma; had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included trouble breathing, dizziness or fainting, or rapid or weak heartbeat; had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before; has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis or is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK.
- For home use of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe epinephrine if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information.
- The first dose of GRASTEK must be taken in the doctor's office. After taking the first dose, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes by a healthcare professional for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.
- Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult.
- You should tell your doctor about any medicines you or your child take.
- Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK: Any type of a serious allergic reaction; heartburn, difficulty swallowing or pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens; any mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.
- The most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch), or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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# Great time to adopt a pet from Humane Society

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Brian Prebus and girlfriend Carolyn George of Dearborn were eager to welcome home a new dog.

"We named her Bonnie," Prebus said, in the hallway of the Michigan Humane Society Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

George added, "I'm very excited. I love animals." She's at home and can care for a pet and noted Bonnie is a great yule gift.

"We're very excited," George said. "This one just tops it," she added of her gift list.

"We've been wanting to find the right time to adopt," Prebus said.

"We really want to get to know what the families are looking for," said Ryan McTigue, public relations coordinator for the MHS. "We're always trying to make that perfect match. Some animals can be a little more of a challenge."

The folks at the Michigan Humane Society generally don't encourage pet adoptions right before Christmas. Dec. 25 yule celebrations have plenty of hubbub and pets new to a home can get stressed out.

"Each person, like each animal, is a little bit different," McTigue said, noting some pre-holiday adoptions do work out.

Humane Society officials and volunteers are eager to showcase pets up for adoption. The MHS Berman Center for Animal Care is at 900 N. Newburgh, just south of Marquette (south of Ford Road), in Westland.

Its Adoption Center hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Sunday. The phone is



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Lionel only has three legs, but that doesn't seem to slow him down.



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Benji says hello.

734-721-7300, the website [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

A couple of days before Christmas, Sarah Pustulka of Wyandotte, behavior program manager for the Berman Center and the MHS in Rochester Hills, showed off some adoptable dogs and cats with pride. She's worked for the MHS about five years.

Benji, a terrier mix, mugged for the cameras as he explored Pustulka's shoes. A Jack Russell terrier female, Eclair, also showed stage presence when photographed.

Yorkie Lionel is missing a leg due to an injury

and recently came out of fostering. The Westland facility has a number of dogs as well as cats, such as playful Evergreen, a male, and female feline Dee, who peered out from her cardboard box inside her cage.

The MHS in Westland has "get acquainted" rooms for those mulling adoptions and has one room with more unusual pets like rabbits.

Susan Scheffer of Belleville said Dec. 23, "I come here all the time just looking. I like to see what they've got." She has one cat at home and another died last winter. Scheffer brings her



BILL BRÉSLEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Eclair is a friendly Jack Russell terrier.



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Evergreen plays in his cage.

granddaughter from Westland to the Berman Center. Scheffer was looking at cats recently at a facility in Romulus and there weren't many. "I'm glad. That means somebody took them home," she said.

She's more of a cat person. "Cats take care of themselves a little bit more," Scheffer said.

The Humane Society's McTigue explained those adopting a pet must have the interest and the financial means to care for the pet throughout life. Some parents pick a pet with children who later leave for college. "You're ultimately going to be the one providing that care,"

said McTigue, a Royal Oak resident.

The MHS is the state's oldest and largest animal welfare organization. It's a private, nonprofit organization serving the animals and people of metro Detroit and beyond since 1877. It provides care for tens of thousands of animals each year in southeast Michigan, with a focus on finding homes for thousands of pets. Education of children, a cruelty hotline, emergency rescue, low-cost spaying/neutering and legislative advocacy are on the MHS agenda.

"It's definitely extremely important,"

McTigue said of the Westland facility. "It's important to be able to serve as many people as possible."

The MHS operates centers for animal care in Detroit and Rochester Hills as well as Westland. You can get information by calling 866-MHUMANE or the general administrative number at 248-283-1000.

McTigue said the MHS also welcomes help with volunteering, fostering or financial donations, noting no government money is received. "We're just thankful for the wonderful support of our community," he said.

He and colleagues love to match visitors to MHS centers with pets who'll love them back for years to come. "It's the reason for everyone doing what we do," he said. "It makes it all worthwhile."

Some animals come back to the MHS for financial reasons or for difficulty in getting along with other pets in a home, he said. Some animals stay with the MHS a number of months.

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## Brief Summary



**GRASTEK<sup>®</sup>**  
Timothy Grass Pollen Allergen Extract  
Tablet for Sublingual Use 2800 BAU

Carefully read the Medication Guide before you or your child start taking GRASTEK and each time you get a refill. This Brief Summary does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or treatment. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if there is something you do not understand or you want to learn more about GRASTEK.

### What is the most important information I should know about GRASTEK?

GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For home administration of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine, a medicine you can inject if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Your doctor will train and instruct you on the proper use of auto-injectable epinephrine. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information if you have any questions about the use of auto-injectable epinephrine.

### What is GRASTEK?

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine used for sublingual (under the tongue) immunotherapy to treat Timothy and related grass pollen allergies that can cause sneezing, runny or itchy nose, stuffy or congested nose, or itchy and watery eyes. GRASTEK may be prescribed for persons 5 through 65 years of age who are allergic to grass pollen. GRASTEK is taken for about 12 weeks before grass pollen season and throughout grass pollen season. GRASTEK may also be taken daily for 3 years to provide a sustained effect for a fourth year in which you do not have to take GRASTEK. GRASTEK is NOT a medication that gives immediate relief for symptoms of grass allergy.

### Who should not take GRASTEK?

You or your child should not take GRASTEK if:

- You or your child has severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma
- You or your child had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included any of these symptoms:
  - o Trouble breathing
  - o Dizziness or fainting
  - o Rapid or weak heartbeat
- You or your child has ever had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before.
- You or your child has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis.
- You or your child is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK. The inactive

ingredients contained in GRASTEK are: gelatin, mannitol and sodium hydroxide.

### What should I tell my doctor before taking GRASTEK?

Your doctor may decide that GRASTEK is not the best treatment if:

- You or your child has asthma, depending on how severe it is.
- You or your child suffers from lung disease such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- You or your child suffers from heart disease such as coronary artery disease, an irregular heart rhythm, or you have hypertension that is not well controlled.
- You or your daughter is pregnant, plans to become pregnant during the time you will be taking GRASTEK, or is breast-feeding.
- You or your child is unable or unwilling to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to treat a severe allergic reaction to GRASTEK.
- You or your child is taking certain medicines that enhance the likelihood of a severe reaction, or interfere with the treatment of a severe reaction. These medicines include:
  - o beta blockers and alpha-blockers (prescribed for high blood pressure)
  - o cardiac glycosides (prescribed for heart failure or problems with heart rhythm)
  - o diuretics (prescribed for heart conditions and high blood pressure)
  - o ergot alkaloids (prescribed for migraine headache)
  - o monoamine oxidase inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants (prescribed for depression)
  - o thyroid hormone (prescribed for low thyroid activity).

You should tell your doctor if you or your child is taking or has recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal supplements. Keep a list of them and show it to your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new supply of GRASTEK. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking GRASTEK.

### Are there any reasons to stop taking GRASTEK?

Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK:

- Any type of a serious allergic reaction
- Throat tightness that worsens or swelling of the tongue or throat that causes trouble speaking, breathing or swallowing
- Asthma or any other breathing condition that gets worse
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin
- Heartburn, difficulty swallowing, pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens

Also, stop taking GRASTEK following: mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), or if you develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.

### How should I take GRASTEK?

Take GRASTEK exactly as your doctor tells you. GRASTEK is a prescription medicine that is placed under the tongue.

- Take the tablet from the blister package after carefully removing the foil with dry hands.
- Place the tablet immediately under the tongue. Allow it to remain there until completely dissolved. Do not swallow for at least 1 minute.
- Do not take GRASTEK with food or beverage. Food and beverage should not be taken for the following 5 minutes.

- Wash hands after taking the tablet.

Take the first tablet of GRASTEK in your doctor's office. After taking the first tablet, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

If you tolerate the first dose of GRASTEK, you or your child will continue GRASTEK therapy at home by taking one tablet every day. Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult who will watch for any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

Take GRASTEK as prescribed by your doctor until the end of the treatment course. If you forget to take GRASTEK, do not take a double dose. Take the next dose at your normal scheduled time the next day. If you miss more than one dose of GRASTEK, contact your healthcare provider before restarting.

### What are the possible side effects of GRASTEK?

In children and adults, the most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening. GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Symptoms of allergic reactions to GRASTEK include:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For additional information on the possible side effects of GRASTEK, talk with your doctor or pharmacist. You may report side effects to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about GRASTEK. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about GRASTEK that was written for healthcare professionals. For more information go to [www.grastek.com](http://www.grastek.com) or call toll-free at 1-800-622-4477.

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# Exhibit debuts Jan. 11 at Holocaust Memorial Center

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will host the exhibit *Never Let It Rest: Sojourns in the Shadowlands* from Jan. 11 through May 3.

The exhibit is a mixed-media installation that features sculpture, ceramics, photography, video and found objects relating to the small town of Salzwedel in the Saxony-Anhalt region of Germany during the time of Nazi control.

The artists, Hans Molzberger and Michael Roque Collins, will speak at the 7 p.m. opening, which is free with paid admission or membership, and is generously

supported by the PNC Foundation. Both artists have independently and collaboratively created art concerned with the Holocaust in Germany and Poland. Their artworks combine to create a powerful reminder of man's inhumanity to man during the Holocaust.

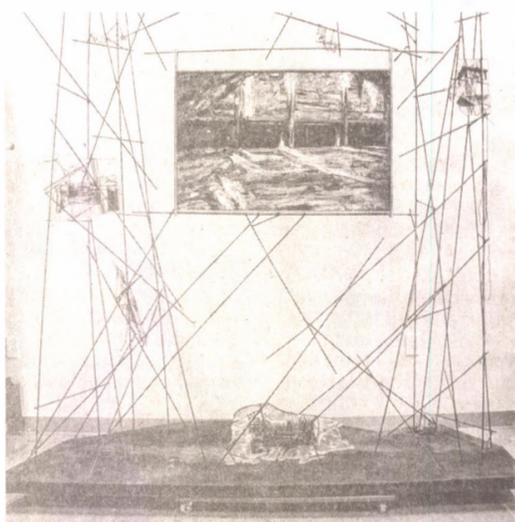
"We have found the exhibits using multiple mediums like art and video allows it to reach a much broader audience," Holocaust Memorial Center Executive Director Stephen M. Goldman said. "Never Let It Rest fulfills this goal and we look forward to its display and the visit from the artists themselves."



The Holocaust Memorial Center debuts a new exhibit Jan. 11.

The exhibit is supported by Susan Malinowski, Gary Shapiro and Nancy and James Grosfeld. The Holocaust Memorial Center is located at

28123 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, got to [www.holocaustcenter.org](http://www.holocaustcenter.org) or call 248-553-2400.



The sculpture, "Broken Walls," pictured here as a photo, is one of the items featured in the exhibit.

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**Milford United Methodist Church**  
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Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

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### Northville

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248-349-0911

**United Methodist Church**  
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777 West 8 Mile Road  
(8 Mile and Taft Road)  
Northville, Michigan  
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
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Rev. Marsha M. Hoxley, Lead Pastor  
[www.fumnorthville.org](http://www.fumnorthville.org)

**First United Methodist Church**  
640 S. Lafayette  
South Lyon, MI (248) 437-0760  
Worship: 8:15 am, 10:45 am,  
11 am & 6:30 pm  
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Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor  
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[www.crossroads.net](http://www.crossroads.net)  
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248-560-7507  
[rhcpc.net](http://rhcpc.net)

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Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
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Religious Education 349-2559  
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## NORTHVILLE

## Crawford to speak to Woman's Club

The adventures and escapades of two long-time friends traveling throughout England, Scotland and Ireland will be the topic of the Northville Woman's Club's meeting

Kathy Crawford

Friday, Jan. 9, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Former Oakland County Commissioner Kathy Crawford, who was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in November, will discuss her book, *Two Broads Abroad*, at the club's 1:30 p.m. meeting.

The bucket list adventure with the late

Karen Schwarck took the two chums on a more than month-long trip to the land of their ancestors. With no itinerary and only a plane ticket there and back, Crawford and Schwarck encountered engaging characters and unforgettable experiences.

For more information about the Northville Woman's Club and its programs, contact club president Lorraine Andaray at 248-349-9463.

## Meet with Rep. Heise

State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions from noon to 1 p.m. at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street.

Beginning this month, Heise's office hours will be the second Monday every other month rather than each month; however, he will continue to

hold coffee hours the third Friday of each month.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 855-REPKURT or email KurtHeise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

## Big bucks in 48168

The website nerdwallet.com recently listed the highest-paying ZIP codes in Michigan and one in Northville ranked fifth with an average annual salary of \$96,119. According to the site:

"Located between Seven Mile Road and Five Mile Road, 48168 is a ZIP code in Northville that runs east of Haggerty Road to Tower Road. This section of Northville is quite wealthy — with the area in the top 10 statewide for residents'

income and local salaries. While there are a variety of industries in 48168, the largest business sector includes businesses in the professional, scientific and technical services, with companies such as Aims DataCom, Algal Scientific Corp. and Aisin World Corp. of America contributing to the \$96,119 salary in the area."

All data in the study is from the 2012 CB1200CZ11, a survey on business patterns conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The annual total payroll of the ZIP code was divided by the number of workers in that area to generate the highest-paying ZIP codes. Some ZIP codes were excluded because they are exempt from requirements to provide payroll data.

## Northville Garden Club meeting

The Northville Garden Club will meet Jan. 12 at the Cady Inn. The light luncheon begins at noon with the general meeting at 12:30 p.m. The program begins at 1:30 p.m.

This month's program is Homeowners Tree Care, presented by Jim Porterfield, a certified arborist and nurseryman, a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists and owner of Porterfield Tree Care Consulting, Inc.

Guests are always welcome. For further information, call Inge Knoch at 248-348-1835.

## Barnes &amp; Noble presenting author Mininni

Lisa Mininni will be the featured guest for a kickoff display of books written by and for strong female leaders at 4 p.m. Jan. 15 at Barnes & Noble (1711 Haggerty, Northville). Mininni will also be available for Q&A until 7 p.m.

Mininni is the best selling author of *Me, Myself, and Why? The Secrets to Navigating Change*, president of ExcellerateAssociates.com and founder of the Excellerate Success Institute for entrepreneurial and leadership development. A prominent business and systems expert, her expertise is sought out and featured on radio shows across the globe. Her articles on hard-wiring and lead generation have been published on sites such as Huffington Post, Career Builder and Rain Today and have achieved the Reader's Choice Award.

Books will be available at the store prior to the event. RSVP is not necessary. For more information, contact Gayle Townsend at 248-348-1274.

## Meet Your Legislators Breakfast

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Meet Your Legislators Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at Genetti's Hole in the Wall (108

E. Main, Northville). The event sponsors are Robert Law, Strategic Communications Solutions and the Detroit Regional Chamber. The event includes a buffet breakfast, provided by Genetti's. Cost is \$12 for chamber members, \$15 for non-members.

"The Meet Your Legislators Breakfast provides an opportunity for residents and the business community to meet their state officials, hear about committee work and future legislation that may affect the Northville community," said Traci Sincock, associate director of the chamber.

Presenters include state Sens. Patrick Colbeck, 7th District, and Mike Kowall, 15th District, and state Reps. Kathy Crawford, 38th District, and Kurt Heise, 20th District.

Reservations and payment may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or tracincock@northville.org.

## Becoming a Love &amp; Logic Parent

Love and Logic is a philosophy of raising and teaching children that allows adults to be happier, empowered and more skilled in the interactions with children. Love allows children to grow through their mistakes. Logic allows children to live with the consequences of their choices.

Northville Youth Assistance is presenting a series of three Love and Logic four-session workshops (select one):

» Thursdays, Jan. 8, 9, 9:30-11 a.m.; Northville Community Center 303 W. Main

» Wednesdays, Feb. 4-25, 2-3:30 p.m.; Silver Springs Elementary School, 19801 Silver Springs Dr.

» Wednesdays, March 4-25, 7-8:30 p.m. Silver Springs Elementary School.

The fee is \$20 per person. Contact the NYA office at 248-344-1618 if this presents a financial hardship. Pre-registration is required.

## Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. The events run 7-10 p.m.

For more information call 734-453-1780 or go to www.plymouthelks1780.com.

## Rotary's Little Libraries

Northville Rotary is initiating the installation of Little Libraries, small book depositories where community members can exchange books. The Rotarians would like to establish six locations throughout the Northville community and seeking suggestions as to where the locations

might be. Rotarians are encouraging other organizations to volunteer and assist in this effort as well.

For more information, contact John Kelly at john@kellykellylaw.com or 248-348-0496.

## Film fest deadlines

The deadlines for the 2015 Rock Hard Film Fest all-ages competition are approaching — Feb. 1 (musicians' deadline was Jan. 1) for filmmakers. Returning as special guest judge is Allee Willis, a Grammy and Tony award-winning songwriter/artist.

The three-day event will kick off its second year at Detroit Farm and Garden at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5. Registered filmmakers and musicians will be introduced and then randomly paired into teams by random drawing. All teams will be given specific elements that need to be incorporated into their music videos. They will be given 48½ hours to complete their music videos. The finished music videos will then be screened at a Detroit theater and a \$500 first-place cash prize will be given for Best Music Video. Also awarded will be the Audience Choice award for Best Song.

The entry cost is \$100 for filmmakers; \$80 for student filmmakers; and \$50 for musicians. Mail payments to P.O. Box 5290, Northville, MI 48167.

Sponsors opportunities are available; contact event founder Lisa Meininger-Abraham at rockhardfilmfast@gmail.com.

For more information, go to www.rockhardfilmfast.com and follow on www.facebook.com/rockhardfilmfast, www.twitter.com/rockhardfilm and www.instagram.com/rockhardfilmfast.

## No-No's host naturalist

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi (a.k.a. The No-No's) on Monday, Jan. 12, will present Gerald Wykes, a Monroe naturalist who will give a talk on how a lowly weed was used to save lives in World War II. Social mixer begins at 6:30 p.m., speaker is at 7 p.m., in the Novi High School's (24062 Taft Road) Media Forum Room 198C.

Park in the staff parking lot, first driveway on Taft Road south of 10 Mile and enter via door 43. Pen and paper may be helpful for notes. Cost is \$5 for non-members.

## John Dempsey exhibit at Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House presents Between Landscape and Place, an exhibition of paintings by John Dempsey which are composed in order to confront a variety of environments and perspectives at once. They bring together a number of complex contemporary spaces for the pur-

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Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

## BERRY, DANIEL T.

Of West Palm Beach, Florida died on October 8th, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Lupi Berry; son, David (Carol) Berry; stepchildren, Amadore, Andy and Norma Rincones, Diane Daniels, Linda Sherer; grandchildren, Brian (Stacey) Berry, Stephanie (John) DeMarco, Christopher Rincones; great-grandchildren, Kasey and Madelynn; siblings, Jim, Mary Gesch, Dennis and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Cathryn Berry and brother, Neil Berry. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford Michigan on Sunday, January 18th, 2015 at Noon with gathering beginning at 11 a.m. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645.

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## CALCUT, DAVID E.

67, December 28, 2014. Funeral was December 30, 2014, Lynch & Sons, Milford. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

## GARDNER, GLADYS M.

Gladys M. Gardner, age 95, former longtime Brighton resident, passed away December 26, 2014. She was born on August 21, 1919 in Evert, Michigan, daughter of the late Elisha and Grace Marlatt. Gladys was a very hard-working, devoted mother. She was an excellent provider to her children and was employed with Refrigeration Research in Brighton for 30+ years. She is survived by her daughter, Diana Leatherman; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild with another expected in March. Gladys preceded in death by her son, Phillip in 1973; her daughter Angela in 1997; two grandchildren; her sister, Clara Gardner and her brothers: Keith, Glenn and Richard Marlatt and her son-in-law, Russell Leatherman. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, December 31 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. She will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of ones choice. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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## GARDY, MICHAEL ALLEN

Age 32, passed away December 31, 2014. He was born on June 11, 1982 in Royal Oak, son of Al and Janet Gardy. Michael was a kind, compassionate, patient and understanding individual who loved his family and friends. He had such a huge heart and always put the needs of others before his own. Michael always knew how to keep everyone laughing with his sense of humor. He was passionate about sharing his vast knowledge with those around him. Michael was very intelligent; he was a straight 'A' student and tutored at Oakland Community College while working on three degrees. He passed his knowledge and love of learning on to his cousins and friends. He will always be remembered for his tender, loving soul and his sensitive nature. He is survived by his loving parents, Al and Janet Gardy; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends that were like brothers to Michael and were like sons to his parents. Visitation was held on Tuesday, and a Funeral Service was held on Wednesday at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St. www.phillipsfuneral.com



## JOHNSON, CARL ROBERT

A long time resident of Milford and former owner of the Huron River Inn, died at home in the care of his family on December 29, 2014 at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife, Marie, his son, Mark (Cindy) Johnson, and grandchildren, Joseph, Jessica and Jamie Lee Johnson. Interment and Military Honors were held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly on Wednesday, December 31. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Brighton, at 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

## KALAS, DR. GEORGE P.

Age 85, of Northville, passed away January 3, 2015. Please share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



## KRUEGER, ROBERT W.

Age 89, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away on January 2, 2015. He was born February 11, 1925 in Knoxville, Tennessee; son of Wabun and Gertrude (nee Caldwell) Krueger. Bob was drafted into the United States Army on June 21, 1943 and served on active duty during World War II and the Korean War. He was honorably discharged as a Master Sergeant after 20 years in the service; 11 of those years were in the Army Reserves. He received his Master's Degree from St. Louis University in 1971. Bob was a teacher for 34 years; he began his career in New Jersey then taught in St. Louis, Missouri for a few years. A majority of his career was teaching at Riley Middle School in Livonia, Michigan. Believing in continuing education and serving his country, at the age of 56, Bob attended US Army Sergeant Majors Academy and graduated in the top 1/3rd of his class. He loved to read, tell stories, and make jokes. He always knew how to deliver the joke and make any situation better. He taught his children to be independent and analytical. He was their biggest fan and always supported them. Bob was a caring, loving, and affectionate husband. Bob is survived by his wife of 49 years Judith (nee Sturm) Krueger; his children, Judy (Michael) Fraley, Kitty Krueger, Rob (Betsy) Krueger, and Carol (Tim Wilson) Krueger; his brother Donald (Annaliese) Krueger; his grandchildren, Stephanie Witichowski, Zachary Price, Tara Price, Adam Allison, Sammi Allison, and Brenden Draper; his great-granddaughter Emma; his nephew Paul Krueger, his niece Marla Sturm; and his extended family Tina York, Erci Stern, Heidi Drahos, Kelly Hendrickson, Amy Claeys, Beth Ann LaManna, and Bob Tawse. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Karen Krueger Bonville; his brothers, Richard Krueger and William Krueger; and his niece Kathy Krueger. A Memorial service was held Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Deacon Glenn Melenyk from St. James Catholic Church officiated the service. Memorial Contributions would be appreciated to the Northville City Fire Department, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167 or Guest House, Development Office, 1601 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360. Please share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

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## LIPPS, DELPHINE R.

December 30, 2014. Age 84 of Northville. Care & services were entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, 248-348-1233



## McNEELY, PAULA JANE

Age 54, of Grand Rapids. Mother of Connor, Molly, and Shannon, went to be with her Lord Saturday, December 13, 2014. Memorial services will be held Saturday, January 10, 2015, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1449 Wilcox Park Dr. SE, with Rev. James A. Chelich officiating. Visitation will be Friday, January 9, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Zaagman Memorial Chapel, 2800 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids. Memorial contributions may be given to Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids.

## PAYNE, JAMES P.

Age 66. July 1, 1948 - January 4, 2015. www.phillipsfuneral.com



## SOMMER, CLAIRE ELIZABETH

Spread her wings and flew away on Friday, January 2nd, 2015 at 9 PM. Claire is at peace now after a valiant three year battle with ovarian cancer. She will be cherished and the joy she brought to many lives will be celebrated now and always. She was a longtime resident of Milford, MI and helped children with speech impediments for 30 years in the South Redford School District. She was a devoted mother, wife, grandmother and friend to many. To all that had the pleasure to know her, she touched hearts and minds like no other. She will be especially missed by her husband, Robert Dunlap; her sons, Colin and Travis Sommer; her granddaughter, Madison; her step-daughter, Kim Dunlap and many dear friends. A celebration of her life will be held the weekend of January 17-18th at a facility yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

## TULLIUS, KAY

Of Hartland, died Dec. 30, 2014. For info, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

## WOUGHTER, Gerald

July 20, 1922-January 2, 2015 Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME www.phillipsfuneral.com

## WOUGHTER, GERALD

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## Chilly ride



On a day with well below freezing temperatures, Dec. 30, Grant Nelson takes off on a bike ride at Novi's Lakeshore Park. The Grosse Pointe Park native said that he biked the miles of trails at Lakeshore about 50 times in 2014.

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**BRIEFS**

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pose of an immediate comparison. "We move through a variety of industrial, post-industrial, modern and post-modern environments and then work to resolve landscape and nature within this cacophony of place," Dempsey said. "These compositions are offered to the viewer to visually explore and chronicle that complex relationship."

The exhibit runs through Jan. 31 during Art House hours (from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday) at 215 W. Cady. Admission is free. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org).

**NOVI**

**Crawford swore in, again, Jan. 14**

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners' inaugural swearing-in ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 in the board of auditorium (1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac).

Oakland County Chief Circuit Judge Nanci J. Grant, Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Lisa Brown and the Oakland County Sheriff's Honor Guard will participate in the ceremony.

Joining the 21-member Oakland County Board of Commissioners for two-year terms will be first-term elected members David Bowman and Wade Fleming. The board will welcome back Hugh D. Crawford, who served in the state House of Representatives. Crawford is a Republican who represents the city of Novi, Novi Township, and the city of Northville.

**Providence studies effects of energy-boosting drinks**

Even healthy people that consume energy drinks may be putting themselves at risk for high blood pressure and other heart problems, according to a study at the Providence Hospital Heart Institute.

Doctors at Providence, led by Christian Machado, M.D., director of electrophysiology at the Providence Hospital Heart Institute, evaluated 30 health care workers from Providence who were in relatively good health to determine if consuming an energy drink

would cause a spike in blood pressure and lead to changes in EKG readings.

The study showed that all 30 people experienced a significant increase in blood pressure. In addition, EKGs showed that after drinking the energy drink it took longer for the heart's electrical system to recharge itself in preparation for the next heartbeat. That recharging process is known as QT interval. If that process is prolonged it can throw the heart out of rhythm, triggering potentially dangerous irregular heart rhythms.

"The results of this study should send a clear message that we all need to be cautious when consuming energy drinks, especially those people with known high blood pressure or existing heart disease," said Machado, one of the study's authors.

Machado says if this data was extrapolated and used to evaluate patients with uncontrolled hypertension, coronary artery disease, or on medications that prolong QT interval, there may be adverse events. He says this is especially true for patients suffering from a rare inheritable disease known as long QT syndrome, a heart rhythm disorder that can potentially cause fast, chaotic heartbeats. He says those patients should avoid these types of drinks since they cannot afford any further prolongation of the QT, which could lead to life threatening arrhythmias.

Those in the study went caffeine free for 24 hours. They then had a baseline EKG and then an EKG where their heart rate was raised to 85 percent of their target heart rate. They were then placed on a small mobile heart monitor for 5 hours and their blood pressure was checked. The following day they consumed an energy drink and were placed back on the heart monitor. Two hours later they again had an EKG where their heart rate was raised to 85 percent of their target rate and their blood pressure was taken.

**Long-Term Care Planning seminar**

A free seminar, Long-Term Care Planning, for senior citizens and their families will be presented by Lisa Beatty 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Novi Public Library (45255 W. 10 Mile).

Persons attending are encouraged to register online at [www.nawrockilaw.com](http://www.nawrockilaw.com) or by calling 866-737-5007.

Beatty, of Nawrocki Elder Law, Special Needs & Disability Plan-

ning, PLLC of Brighton, is a 15-year veteran attorney who previously served with United Auto-workers Legal Services. The seminar is designed to educate and enlighten seniors and their families about their options for Long Term Care such as remaining independent in their homes, maintaining and receiving good health care, not outliving your assets.

**2015 State of the City Address**

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt will deliver the 2015 State of the City Address on Thursday, Feb. 12, providing Novi citizens and business partners an opportunity to reflect upon the 2014 accomplishments and learn about the goals Novi will strive for in 2015. The event, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce, begins with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

Interested parties can register online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) (\$23 per person) or mail a check (\$20 per person, made payable to city of Novi) to Community Relations, city of Novi, 45175 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48375.

Contact 248-347-0416 for more information.

**Civilian pistol safety class**

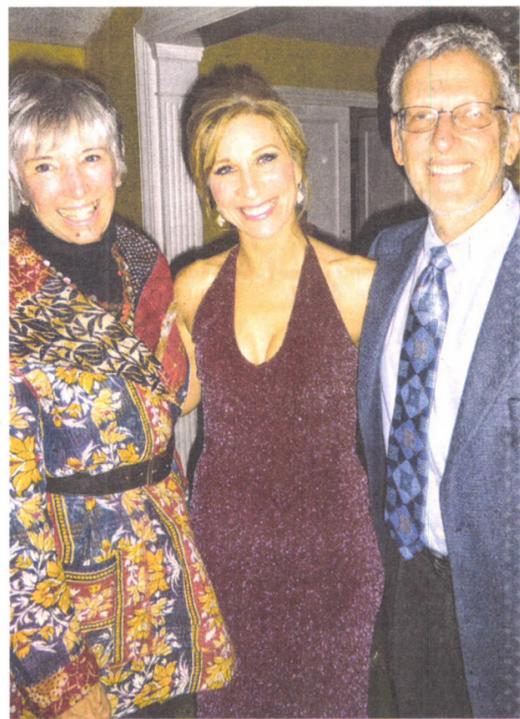
The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

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

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

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

**Special performance**



Northville residents Mary Ann and Robert Gorlin enjoyed a special cabaret performance that featured Stratford Festival actress Robin Hutton (center) at a fundraiser for the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association Bloomfield Hills Branch that raised \$35,000. Robert Gorlin is the incoming chair of Michigan Members of Stratford Festival.

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303 West Main Street • Northville  
Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 PM  
Friday, January 30, 10:30 AM  
Featured Speaker: Attorney Nancy Nawrocki

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## OUR VIEW

# Still time to nominate Novi's best businesses

Novi has certainly earned its reputation as a retail mecca in southeast Michigan, but those aren't the only types of businesses located in the city.

At last count, there were well over 3,100 total businesses in Novi — many of which most of us never see or notice. Manufacturers tucked away in industrial parks; advisers and consultants in office buildings; doctors in medical buildings; and even entrepreneurs working out of their homes.

The variety of businesses operating here is impressive. Corporate citizenship and integrity in business practices are key to a healthy community. Many of them have taken advantage of the benefits of belonging to the Novi Chamber of Commerce. And each year since 2008, that organization has officially recognized outstanding businesses at its Toast of the Town gala.

As Laura Royston, Novi's economic development director, states: "There are so many great businesses doing great things, it's nice to let someone else recognize them and toot their horn for them. I have an opportunity to visit many companies in Novi and I am constantly surprised at how they will go above and beyond to create a wonderful work environment for employees or the level of service they will provide to keep their customers happy. The public in general may be unaware of what a company does as a great employer or community partner and the Novi Chamber Business Recognition Awards is a great opportunity to share their story while honoring them."

The chamber is seeking nominations until Jan. 16 and businesses may nominate themselves or another deserving business for the award. The only criteria is that the business must be located in the city and be a member of the Novi chamber.

The categories have changed over the years. There are now three and a business can win in only one. Separate awards will be given to small businesses (50 or fewer employees) and large businesses (more than 50 employees). Nominations can be made in more than one category; provide information supporting your nomination.

**1. Community Builder:** Businesses that partner with others to enhance the Novi community. Partnerships could include involvement with non-profit organizations, schools, service clubs, the city of Novi or other organizations and associations that further business interest.

**2. Best Place to Work:** Businesses that create an optimal working environment for their employees. Examples could include businesses that have taken efforts to create a pleasant work environment, innovation or career advancement.

**3. Customer Service Excellence:** Businesses that demonstrate a commitment to excel in all areas of customer service to ensure customer satisfaction. Company attributes could include the ability to interact effectively with customers and exceed expectations on a continuous basis or a passion that runs through the company to address customer service.

A committee of community representatives will review all nominations and select the winners, who will receive an award at the Toast of the Town gala; recognition in *Novi Today*, the official quarterly publication of the city of Novi, distributed to 27,000 residences and businesses in Novi; a profile in the Novi Chamber of Commerce News e-blast; and recognition in the city of Novi e-Biz monthly online newsletter to more than 3,000 recipients.

To download a nomination form, go to <http://www.novichamber.com/files/1489.pdf>.

When you submit your application, include a separate document that describes, in 400 words or less, why your business should be considered for a 2014 Business Recognition Award. If you are applying for more than one category, be sure to note both categories and submit separate 400-word descriptions for each. Documents are due by Jan. 16 and should be emailed to [info@novichamber.com](mailto:info@novichamber.com) or faxed to 248-349-9719.

To help offset the cost of the awards gala, sponsorships are also being sought. Contact Sheryl Romzek, chamber executive director, at 248-349-3743 for more information.

This year's Toast of the Town will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Baronette Renaissance hotel.

WDIV-TV's Chuck Gaidica, a resident of Northville, will emcee the event; the Jesse Palter Trio will provide jazz music; and there will be a variety of prizes offered via a live auction and raffle.

In the past, a Mayor's Business Ambassador Award was announced during the chamber's gala, but it is now presented at the annual State of the City address (Feb. 12 at the Suburban Collection Showplace).

"Novi is great because of many things, not the least of which are the many businesses that call Novi home," said Mayor Bob Gatt, who makes the ambassador award selection. "The task is very difficult because of the multitude of great businesses that partner with the community contributing toward its success. I look for a business that is charitable with its time and talents, giving back to Novi. It's so very important to reach out, say thank you and recognize those efforts."

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What is your favorite thing(s) to do on a cold, winter day?

This question was asked in downtown Northville and at the Novi Public Library.



"To sit in front of the fire and read a book."

Stacie Beyer  
Novi



"To sit around the kotatsu (a table, commonly used in Japan, with a built-in heater) and cuddle."

Tsubasa Takasi  
Novi



"Taking the dog for a walk."

Cynthia Haley  
Novi



"To walk the dog, read a book and have a cup of coffee."

Nancy O'Reilly  
Novi

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Keep religion out of government

Mr. Tom Hickson gives us some extremely rare examples of "how citizens are witnessing their First Amendment civil-liberty rights eroded by sectors of society and government," and conveniently ignores the long past and very recent history of how right wing sectors of religious society continually work to erode the protections of individuals that engage in 100% legal activities. We see their daily and underhanded attempts to undermine a woman's right to choose, or use birth control. The right wing religious United States Supreme Court has allowed an employer the option of not paying for a prescription medicine because they claim a "belief" against it. Next, will it be cholesterol medicine or insulin because your employer's religion includes a "fervent belief" that you only need a better diet and exercise? Should we allow a parent not to send their girls to school because they have a "deeply held" religious belief against girls being educated? What constitutes a religion, and who is to decide the legitimacy of anyone claiming a religious belief?

What they are looking for in a Religious Freedom Restoration Act is a license to discriminate, regardless of the current legality of something, because you claim some "deeply held" religious belief. You want a special exemption for you, because you think you deserve to have dominion over others because of your religious beliefs. You don't want

them to marry, or you think you shouldn't have to bake them a wedding cake, are only a couple examples in an endless list of possibilities.

This isn't about your not being able to perform acts of charity or follow your own beliefs for yourself. We have seen too often when religious zealots will stop at nothing, even murder of doctors performing legal procedures, when they believe their "deeply held" religious beliefs have been trampled on. The list of horrible events throughout history is endless when religions have used their beliefs to inflict death, suffering, and the subjugation of others.

The bottom line, Mr. Hickson -- keep your religion out of my government!

Steve Lawrence  
Northville Township

### A kinder world

It's that time of year, for most of us it the favorite time of all. Well, I have had a lot of thoughts lately that make me nervous. It is our world and the people in it. We are so many different types and we all seem to think what others should do or be like. Why? That question only you can answer.

What I have come up with is this: I myself do not have to change, but if the changes make me a better person and the world around me better, then I do need to change.

I believe it starts with understanding that we are all different and wish for the best for each other. This makes nothing impossible, if we work together to make the best of everything. We have to trust that something

new may make the other happy, that forgiving others without asking why is good. This brings compassion, love and change.

This is what most of the story we see on TV or read books about people changing for the better, making others happy and bringing change to the world. We do this by speaking to each other, by listening to each other, by saying "let's give it a try for the outcome is greater than myself."

We can't always think it's about us.

Growing up, I heard many people say it's for the future, it's for the children, it's for others. Now I hear people say what am I going to get, how will I benefit or what about me. As one friend has called it, it's the "Me Box" complex.

I am not saying we lower our standards, but maybe help others to see through different eyes. I know I have seen many different lives and try to respect other people and their ways without losing sight of who I am and where I have come from.

I am not always right and I have a lot to learn, like asking for help, saying no. At less I will try to make the change by doing what I have said. We can't always believe what we hear, but facts are what we have to go by.

So please stop and say hello to a stranger, hold a door open, tell someone what a great job they are doing or did, help someone up or with packages.

Life is too short and we can only do the small things as one person, but together we can do so much more.

Sharon A. Strebbling  
Westland

## GUEST COLUMN

### Report: Arid land birds need our protection

By Steve Holmer  
Guest Columnist

Since 2009, federal agencies, academics and conservation groups have assessed the status of America's birds in an annual State of the Birds report, which focuses on the habitats that species need to survive. The 2014 report finds that while some overall improvement has occurred to wetlands, arid land habitats — which include the deserts, sagebrush and chaparral of the American West — continue to be degraded.

Birds in these fragile arid land habitats show the steepest population declines in the nation with a 46-percent loss in the population of these birds since 1968 and a 6-percent drop just since 2009. Habitat loss and fragmentation, energy development, water diversions, overgrazing and conversion to agriculture are the largest threats.

One result of this ongoing habitat loss and decline is the loss of species to the dire point that many wide-ranging western arid lands birds now need protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Greater sage grouse were once a superabundant bird of the sagebrush sea with millions of birds covering hundreds of million acres from eastern Washington across to the Dakotas, down to Colorado and back again to cover most of Utah and Nevada. Today, instead of 16 million grouse, there are only about 200,000 and that number is on a downward trend.

Sage grouse are skittish birds that don't like nearby



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A western yellow-billed cuckoo.

development, which makes them an excellent indicator of the overall health of the sagebrush ecosystem. Decades of oil and gas drilling, grazing and the resulting spread of invasive cheat grass, mining and conversion to agriculture have reduced the amount of sagebrush, fragmented the landscape and nearly eliminated the large blocks of pristine sagebrush the birds thrive in. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has concluded the species deserves protection under the Endangered Species Act and the agency must make a final decision on listing next year.

Another threatened bird species, the western yellow-billed cuckoo, is also in sharp decline. It inhabits riparian forests along desert streams, a habitat that has been nearly eliminated in the West due to decisions by federal agencies to divert water and graze large numbers of cattle that eat tree saplings struggling to reestablish themselves next to the streams.

The western yellow-billed

cuckoo was just granted ESA protection and a draft plan to protect some of the birds' remaining critical habitat is now open for public comment.

The cuckoo needs considerably more habitat than currently exists, which will require the restoration and regrowth of stream-side forests in the southwest, southern California and the Inter-mountain West. This restoration will benefit numerous other fish and wildlife species and create new recreation hot spots along the riverside.

Regrettably, the Obama administration's proposed critical habitat rule doesn't even protect all of the cuckoo's currently occupied habitat, let alone identify and provide protection for the areas needed for forest restoration.

Similarly, plans being drafted to conserve greater sage grouse are falling woefully short of what government scientists say is needed to halt the species' decline and maintain quality sagebrush habitat.

Reversing the decline of America's arid lands — and the bird species that rely on that desert and sagebrush habitat — will take more than half-measures. The Obama administration needs to take another look at ongoing federal actions and revise them in a fashion that will maintain the wide-open spaces of the West, create jobs through restoring lost forests and leave future generations of Americans a legacy of abundant wildlife.

Steve Holmer is senior policy adviser for American Bird Conservancy. The 2014 State of the Birds report can be found at [stateofthebirds.org](http://stateofthebirds.org).

# NOVI NEWS

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# Gov. Rick Snyder sworn in again at state Capitol

By Paul Egan and Kathleen Gray  
Michigan.com

Michigan needs to build on the budding turnaround of Detroit and confront and solve other decades-old problems, Gov. Rick Snyder said in his second inaugural address on New Year's Day.

The governor, who under Michigan's term limits law began his second and final four-year term last Thursday, said that more important than changing laws or policies is retooling the culture of a state he said fell into a "lost decade" because it became so successful at manufacturing "we took our eyes off the ball."

Now, "the old unbelievable needs to be the new achievable," Snyder said from the Capitol steps as about 600 attendees shivered on a windy day with temperatures in the low 20s.

"We can do incredible things when we work together," Snyder said. "Look at what we've done in Detroit through the grand bargain."

Snyder was referring to a deal that helped Detroit emerge from the largest Chapter 9 bankruptcy in the nation's history in December, while minimizing cuts to the pensions of city retirees and preventing a sell-off of the priceless art collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts. A key part of the deal was a \$195 million contribution from the Legislature, which many thought would not be approved because of



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Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (center) and his family share a laugh with Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Young Jr., as he is sworn into office for his second term. Snyder's wife Sue, is at his right, and behind him are their children Kelsey, Melissa and Jeff.

historic tensions between Detroit and outstate Michigan.

Snyder received a 19-cannon salute from the Michigan Army National Guard, but the sun peeking out briefly just after the Pledge of Allegiance brought a burst of applause that rivaled the booms of the guns.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, a Democrat, introduced Republican Snyder before Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert Young Jr. administered the oath of office.

"This is the time we come together as a state," Duggan told the crowd.

Also sworn in Thursday were Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Attorney General Bill Schuette, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and justices of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Snyder, who spoke for 18 minutes, cited highlights of his first four

years, including the addition of 300,000 private-sector jobs in Michigan and a 40-percent drop in the state unemployment rate, to 6.7 percent.

The governor, who backed controversial business tax cuts he said has significantly improved Michigan's ranking as a state in which to do business, said he won't let up as a lame duck governor but wants to "step on the accelerator" and push for more changes.

Specifically, he called for a wholesale revamp of the myriad of services designed to help people through social services and job assistance, saying a more holistic and less "slicing and dicing" of programs is needed to steer people into the mainstream of opportunities.

"It's about getting better services to Michiganders," said Snyder,

who is expected to flesh out his second-term plans in the Jan. 20 State of the State address.

Snyder said fixing Michigan's crumbling roads is a problem that remains to be solved, with a proposed tax hike to fix roads going to voters in May.

He spoke before a mostly friendly crowd, with many of those in attendance having ties to state government or the Republican Party.

But Bob Fluke of Lansing, a retired GM line worker who stood at the inaugural hoisting of the rainbow flag of the gay rights movement, said he's disappointed Snyder has refused to state a position on gay marriage. He said he was demonstrating to urge the gov-

ernor not to sign a bill some Republicans are pushing that he said would allow discrimination in the name of religious freedom.

And the Michigan Democratic Party, which points out that Michigan's unemployment rate is still high relative to the rest of the nation, issued a statement that said "under Snyder, Michigan only leads the nation in crumbling roads, bigotry against citizens and families because of who they are, schools in deficit, and outbound migration."

After the speeches, Snyder and his wife Sue, Michigan's first lady, greeted attendees in a receiving line inside the Capitol.

Later, the Snyders

were to join about 1,000 people who paid \$150 each to attend an inaugural gala at the Lansing Center. The menu included beef tenderloin, steamed asparagus and Michigan cherry cake.

Among those who attended the event at the Capitol were Nancy Spaulding and her daughter Melody, 21, of Grand Rapids.

Spaulding, who describes herself as a moderate Republican, said Snyder inspired her to become a precinct delegate in 2010 because he did not place a heavy emphasis on partisanship.

"I'm very proud of being part of the team," said Spaulding, a writer who works as a restaurant cashier.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE NORTHVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the City Council of the City of Northville, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 2, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time, at the City of Northville Municipal Building - City Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an amendment to, and restatement of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Amended and Restated Plan") for the Northville Downtown Development Authority pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

The boundaries of the development area to which the Amended and Restated Plan applies are as follows:

- (1) All the lots in the block bounded on the north by Dunlap Street, on the east by Center Street, on the south by Main Street, and on the west by Wing Street, such lots being part of assessor's plat no. 6.
- (2) All the lots in the block bounded on the north by Main Street, on the east by Center Street, on the south by Cady Street, and on the west by Wing Street, such lots being a part of assessor's plat no. 3.
- (3) All of lots 211, 212, 213, and 214, and 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249 and 250, all in assessor's plat no. 3, in the block bounded on the north by Cady Street, on the east by Center Street and on the west by Wing Street.
- (4) All the lots in the block bounded by Main Street on the north, Church Street on the east, Cady Street on the south and Center Street on the west, such lots being a part of assessor's plat no. 1.
- (5) All the lots in the block bounded on the north by Main Street, on the east by Griswold Road, on the south by Cady Street and on the west by Church Street, such lots being part of assessor's plat no. 1.
- (6) That part of lot 718 in assessor's plat no. 7 described as beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 718, thence north 01D 35M 15S west along the westerly line of such lot 262.55 feet; thence south 35D 05M 35S east 103.70 feet; thence south 67D 02M 43S east 75.63 feet; thence south 4D 29M 50S east six feet; thence north 85D 30M 10S east 354.78 feet; thence north 85D 29M 53S east 62.40 feet to the easterly line of such lot; thence southerly along the easterly line of such lot to the southeast corner; thence westerly along the southerly line of such lot to the P.O.B., in the block bounded on the east by Griswold Road, on the south by Main Street and on the west by Hutton Street.
- (7) All the lots in the block bounded on the north by Dunlap Street, on the east by Hutton Street, on the south by Main Street and on the west by Center Street, such lots being a part of assessor's plat no. 7.
- (8) All of lots 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683 and 684, and 686, 687, 688 and 689, all in assessor's plat no. 7, in the block bounded on the east by Hutton Street, on the south by Dunlap Street and on the west by Center Street.
- (9) All of lots 527 and 546, 547 and 548, all in assessor's plat no. 6, in the block bounded on the east by Center Street, on the south by Dunlap Street and on the west by Wing Street.
- (10) All of lots 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, all in assessor's plat no. 2; all of lot 72 except the east part measuring 19 feet on the north line and 24 feet on the south line, all of lots 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, except the east 75.89 feet thereof, all of lots 80, 81 and 82 except the east part measuring ten feet on the north line and 10.16 feet on the south line, all in assessor's plat no. 1; all of that part of vacated Church Street lying easterly of lots 177 through 181, inclusive, and westerly of lots 75 through 80, inclusive, being a part of Assessor's Northville Plat No. 1.
- (11) That part of lot 718 in assessor's plat no. 7 described as beginning north 85D 30M10S east 1171.25 feet and north 2D 55M 2S west 165.05 feet from the center one-quarter corner of section 3 for a point of beginning; thence south 85D 30M 10S west 417.18 feet; thence north 4D 29M 50S west six feet; thence north 67D 2M 43S west 75.77 feet; thence north 35D 5M 35S west 121.81 feet; thence north 1D 35M 10S west 24.48 feet; thence north 41D 8M 10S west 83.64 feet; thence north 5D 44M 20S east 509.61 feet; thence north 86D 6M 50S east 111.20 feet; thence south 5D 44M 20S west 58.56 feet; thence south 22D 40M east 320.69 feet; thence north 2D 55M 2S west 19.97 feet; thence south 51D 5M 14S east 50.94 feet; thence south 76D 57M 29S east 117.98 feet; thence north 88D 47M 12S east 161.98 feet; thence south 2D 55M 2S east 310.10 feet to the point of beginning, bounded on the west by Hutton Street and on the east by Griswold Street.
- (12) All of lots 738 and 739 in assessor's plat no. 8 and all of lot 8 in assessor's plat no. 1.
- (13) All of lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in assessor's plat no. 1., and
- (14) Excluding all properties east of Griswold Street.

Copies of the proposed Amended and Restated Plan, maps, plats, etc. are on file at the office of the City Clerk for inspection during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local prevailing time, or on the City of Northville's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) and the Downtown Development Authority's website at [www.downtownnorthville.com](http://www.downtownnorthville.com) (go to About Downtown, then Studies and Reports).

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Amended and Restated Plan for the Northville Downtown Development Authority and all aspects of the Amended and Restated Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the office of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-0345.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Northville, Michigan.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF NORTHVILLE

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

## O'Connell's hat trick revs up Mustangs in 7-1 win



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Northville's Kevin O'Connell (right) tries to line up a shot on the Dakota net during Monday's 7-1 non-conference win at Novi Ice Arena.

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Eighteen days of inactivity didn't seem to have much of an effect Monday night on the state-ranked Northville boys hockey team.

The Mustangs showed little holiday rust, tallying a pair of quick goals to start the game and then pulling away in the second period with three more to freeze non-conference foe Macomb Dakota, 7-1, at Novi Ice Arena.

Senior forward Kevin O'Connell notched a hat trick to go along with an assist as Northville, ranked No. 6 in Division 1, improved to 9-1 overall.

The Mustangs, who last played Dec. 17 when they up-ended state-ranked Livonia Stevenson (No. 4 in Division 2) by a 5-2 margin, once again were led by their top senior line of O'Connell, Jack Meacham and Alec Morgan.

Just 1:40 into the game,

Meacham scored his 10th of the year from Morgan and O'Connell. Just 45 seconds later, O'Connell made it 2-0 off assists from Morgan and Meacham.

But the Cougars, despite their 2-9 overall record, hung close as Andrew Brooks scored on a breakaway (from Max Weide and goaltender Daniel Johns) to cut the deficit to 2-1 with 11:13 remaining in the first period.

Although Northville outshot Dakota in the opening period 14-7, the Mustangs had to be constantly cognizant of the Cougars leaking out a forward near their own blue line.

"That's the first time a team has done that against us and we just decided we were going to let the guy go, play five-on-four in the offensive zone," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "We liked our chances better five-on-four and we knew we'd give up a breakaway here and there. "They scored the one break-

away goal, maybe had four or five other (breakaway) opportunities, but (goalie) Chance (Boutin) came up big. Counting on the odds, we like our chances with Chance in net, so we let them float. Once we lost control of the puck, we made sure our defense got back. We had control, so we weren't concerned about them."

After Northville's Nick Williams (slashing) and Morgan (cross-checking) took back-to-back penalties during an 18-second span, Dakota found itself in a five-on-three advantage for 1:42.

And the Cougars appeared to have scored the game-tying power-play goal, only to have it disallowed by officials after the net separated from its moorings.

Dakota coach Randy Campana immediately asked for an explanation from the head referee.

"My question was, I thought

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Cooper enjoys new starring role for Hillsdale

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

After being the Best Supporting Actor on the Hillsdale College men's basketball team a year ago, Kyle Cooper is now up for yet another Oscar nomination.

Only this time, it's for Best Actor.

The 6-foot-7, 225-pound junior forward, a Northville native who graduated from Novi Detroit Catholic Central in 2012, has increased his role significantly for the Chargers (7-3) after averaging 13.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game as a sophomore.

Cooper opened the season with a 28-point, 10-rebound and three-assist outing in a 92-68 exhibition game loss, Nov. 15, against the University of Michigan at Crisler Arena.

And in an 84-76 victory on Nov. 25 at Cedarville (Ohio) University, Cooper exploded for a career-high 41 points to go along with 15 rebounds.

In 10 games this season, Cooper ranks ninth among NCAA Division II players and second in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in scoring at 24.0 points per game. He is shooting 59.2 percent from the floor, including 44.2 percent from 3-point range, and 83.9 percent from the foul line. Cooper is

also averaging 11.1 rebounds per outing.

### Versatile threat

"The thing right now that he's doing, maybe better than anybody we've ever had, is that he's scoring in a lot of different ways," Hillsdale coach John Tharp said. "He's offensive rebounding. He's running the floor and he can really shoot the basketball and he's scoring in the block. His game is diversified. When he came here on campus, he was more of a stand-still shooter, but he's made great strides in other areas. That's the thing that makes him so hard to guard."

Last season, Cooper played wingman at Hillsdale to Tim Dezelski, who earned third team NCAA Division II All-America honors while averaging 22.9 points and 9.6 rebounds per game.

The two, ironically, were teammates for one season at Catholic Central before playing two seasons together at Hillsdale.

And it was the 6-7 Dezelski, now playing professionally in Luxembourg, who showed Cooper the ropes.

"When I got to Hillsdale, I think I really took a lot of parts from his game that I saw and tried to incorporate them into my own, along with what I already did," said Cooper, who attended St. Edith's Grade School in Livonia. "I really tried to learn a lot from him,



HILLSDALE ATHLETICS

Hillsdale College junior forward Kyle Cooper, a Northville native and former Catholic Central standout, ranks ninth in NCAA Division II scoring at 23.9 points per game.

especially the last couple of years, because he was so good about doing the little things right that kind of add up to winning basketball games. He

was definitely a big help with me improving my game and learning the subtle things about improving my game at the college level."

### Supporting role

As a senior, Dezelski racked up 617 total points, 259 rebounds and 107 assists as Hillsdale finished 18-9 last season. But the way Cooper is starting out so far this season, he could surpass Dezelski's All-America numbers.

"Nobody did that in college basketball last year at any level but Tim," Tharp said. "I think what Kyle learned was that he was blessed to have Tim, because I think he saw how hard you need to work and the attention that Tim received last year in particular. The great thing is that Tim also had Kyle. This year, Kyle has almost been leading the charge by himself. Everybody is keying on him. The good thing is that he's rebounding the basketball. He's just doing just so many different things. He played really well at the University of Michigan when we played them. So he kind of realized the kind of talent that he is."

And when the 2014-15 season began, Cooper was more than prepared to take center stage.

"Coach Tharp talked to me in the preseason about how I need to play a bigger part this year," Cooper said. "I just score when I can. Teammates find me the ball, set screens and if I hit the open shot, then that works out. It's really

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PREP SKI PREVIEW

## State qualifying Novi boys seeking a return trip on slopes

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Can the Novi boys ski team parlay its best season in school history into a return trip to the MHSAA Division 1 finals?

Ninth-year coach Ben Fisher's biggest challenge is making up for the loss of graduated Bastien Dupesey, who was regional champion in the slalom and runner-up in the giant slalom.

"We graduated some talent and we graduated some experience," said Fisher, who also lost captain Mark Schlax, along with Liam Mitchell, who placed 45th in the state finals

in the slalom. "We're a fairly young team, but at the same time we're a pretty athletic team and I have high expectations for this team as well."

Fisher guided the Wildcats boys to their first trip to the state finals in school history after taking second in the regional. Novi wound up eighth among nine teams in the Division 1 finals at Schuss Shanty Creek Resort.

The Wildcats, who began their season this week, also went 6-2 in dual meets en route to a third-place finish in the nine-school Alpine Valley Division of the Southeastern Michigan Ski League.

The top returnee this season is sophomore Mitch Goodman, who was 22nd in the slalom at the state finals after finishing fourth at the regional. He also took a third in the giant slalom at the regional.

Not far behind will be junior Andrew Jamison, who took 40th in the giant slalom at the state finals after placing 33rd in regional. He was also 19th in the giant slalom at the regional.

Fisher will also count on junior returnee Max Grove, along with three promising newcomers in freshman Jack



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Ready for the Novi ski season are Andrew Jamison, Mitch Goodman, coach Ben Fisher, Rachel Casaccia and Unie Gu.

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PREP WRESTLING

# Lowell pins tough field in CC mat invitational

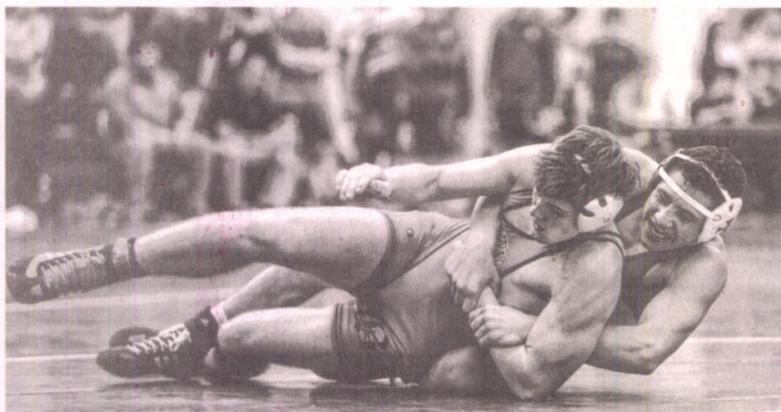
By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

In a tournament that one coach described as a "meat grinder" that featured seven of the top 10 wrestling teams ranked in the Power 15 by *Michigan Grappler*, Lowell dominated the 23-team Novi Detroit Catholic Central Invitational field with 224 points.

Brighton was runner-up with 158.5, while the host Shamrocks, led by 160-pound individual champion Myles Amine, placed third with 149.5.

Rounding out the top 10 teams were Grand Rapids Catholic Central (140.5), Oxford (122.5), Lapeer (113.5), Warren Lincoln (112), Niles (105), Westland John Glenn (100) and Hudson (96.5).

"Our guys battled hard today," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "This is by far the toughest invite in the state and is a great measuring stick for our team and many others. This event provided a great competition and a phenomenal atmosphere for the wrestling fans across the state and that's what we wanted to accomplish. As a team, we have a lot of



Catholic Central's Myles Amine (right) won the 160-pound title with a 14-5 major decision over Brighton's Beau Mourer.

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work to do, but I like the way our guys fought today."

Amine, a senior captain, ran his overall record to 21-0 with a 14-5 major decision over Beau Mourer of Brighton in the finals. Ranked No. 13 in the country at his weight, Amine was coming off an impressive major decision victory over three-time Division 3 state champion Devin Skatzka the previous week at the Medina (Ohio) Invitational. CC senior Nick Giese

(189) also reached the finals before falling 6-5 to Allegan's Chase Beard.

Other CC placers included Trevor Zdebski (130), third; Tommy Herrmann (125) and Nick Jenkins (285), fifth; Stone Moscovic (103) and Aaron Rehfeldt (112), sixth; and Davis Rastigue (103), seventh.

Lowell, the defending MHSAA Division 2 team champion, boasted two individual winners in Zeth Dean (130) and Josh Colegrove (215). Grand Rapids CC,

meanwhile, garnered four individual titles: Devin Schroder (119), Kole Krauss (135), Nate Limmex (140) and Foster Karmon (152).

Also taking first were Westland John Glenn's Michael Mars (103) and John Siemasz (112), Oxford's Alex Hrisopoulos (125), Bay City Western's Christian Schoenherr (145), Lincoln's Jelani Embree (171) and Lapeer's Dan Perry (285).

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL INVITATIONAL WRESTLING

**TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**Jan. 4 at Novi Detroit CC TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Lowell, 224 points; 2. Brighton, 158.5; 3. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 149.5; 4. Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 140.5; 5. Oxford, 122.5; 6. Lapeer, 113.5; 7. Warren Lincoln, 112; 8. Niles, 105; 9. Westland John Glenn, 100; 10. Hudson, 96.5; 11. Bay City Western, 96; 12. Allegan, 91; 13. Macomb Dakota, 81; 14. Tecumseh, 78; 15. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 77; 16. Utica Eisenhower, 57.5; 17. Marysville, 63; 18. Grandville, 57.5; 19. Brownstown Woodhaven, 40; 20. Clarkston, 39; 21. Warren Woods Tower, 25; 22. Fowlerville, 12; 23. Portage Central, 9.

**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

**103 pounds:** Michael Mars (Glenn) won by technical fall over Dematro Dixon (Lincoln), 15-0; **3rd place:** Sam Russell (Lowell) dec. Davynn Schneider (Allegan), 2-1; **5th place:** Kyle French (Marysville) won by major decision over Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC), 12-2; **7th place:** Austin Hale (B.C. Western) won by void over Davis Rastigue (Detroit CC).

**112:** John Siemasz (Glenn) won by major dec. over Sergio Borg (Oxford), 9-1; **3rd:** Kyle Washburn (Lowell) dec. Dalton Lopez (Grandville), 4-2; **5th:** Layne Malczewski (Detroit CC) dec. Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC), 4-2; **7th:** Jacob Call (Oxford) dec. Anton Shkrelli (Eisenhower), 5-2.

**119:** Devin Schroder (Grand Rapids CC) dec. Lucas Hall (Lowell), 4-1; **3rd:** Andrew Marten (Tecumseh) won by void over Jackson Reniker (Brighton); **5th:** Brett Bastianelli (Marysville) won by void over Grant Morrison (Brighton); **7th:** Josh Dayhoff (Niles) won by void Tyler Sanders (Detroit CC).

**125:** Alex Hrisopoulos (Oxford) won by major dec. over Tyler Roberts (Hudson), 15-6; **3rd:** Aaron Ward (Lowell) won by default over Daniel Tomko (Forest Hills); **5th:** Tommy Herrmann (Detroit CC) won by forfeit over Xavier Grafham (Woodhaven); **7th:** Brandon Hall (Niles) dec. Vince Marceau (Eisenhower), 6-4.

**130:** Zeth Dean (Lowell) won by tech. fall over Garret Kaercher (Lincoln), 15-0; **3rd:** Trevor Zdebski (Detroit CC) won by default over Carl Marceau (Eisenhower); **5th:** Warren Smith (Niles) dec. Kyle Bohnsack (Brighton), 5-1; **7th:** Mitchell Firdisen (Niles) dec. Payton Benetoux (Glenn), 3-2.

**140:** Nate Limmex (Grand Rapids CC) dec. Austin Thompson (Marysville), 8-3; **3rd:** Jordan Hall (Lowell) pinned Alje Buijer (Grandville), 2:42; **5th:** Jacob Patterson (Detroit CC) p. Nick Hughes (Forest Hills), 4:59; **7th:** Jake Calvano (Clarkston) dec. Courtland Lambertson (Niles), 3-1.

**145:** Christian Schoenherr (B.C. Western) dec. Connor McMill (Eisenhower), 7-4; **3rd:** Ryan Salmon (Brighton) dec. David Kruse (Lowell), 5-4; **5th:** Josin Marcum (Tecumseh) p. Owen Donovan (Eisenhower), 2:27; **7th:** James Gengelbach (Forest Hills) won by major dec. over Isaac Torrey (Forest Hills), 14-3.

**152:** Foster Karmon (Grand Rapids CC) dec. Dillon Ellsworth (Lapeer), 6-5; **3rd:** Kyle Johnson (Hudson) won by void over Khannor Kaercher (Lincoln); **5th:** Nate Vandameer (Clarkston) won by major dec. over Kam Bush (Grandville), 12-2; **7th:** Keigan Yhas (Lowell) p. Nick Pappas (Detroit CC), 1:46.

**160:** Myles Amine (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Beau Mourer (Brighton), 14-5; **3rd:** Noah Kinne (Lapeer) dec. Matt Mills (Forest Hills), 5-2; **5th:** Dan Kruse (Detroit CC) won by forfeit over Trey Boerman (Brighton); **7th:** Eli Boulton (Lowell) dec. Garrett Pehote (Tower), 5-3.

**171:** Jelani Embree (Lincoln) dec. Devin Pingel (Lapeer), 7-5; **3rd:** Nick Brish (Brighton) won by void over Levi Sabrin (Allegan); **5th:** Jared Tennhill (Grand Rapids CC) dec. Robert Duncan (Woodhaven), 6-4; **7th:** Sean Craig (Niles) dec. Isaiah Kinney (Forest Hills), 1-0.

**189:** Chase Beal (Lincoln) dec. Nick Giese (Detroit CC), 6-5; **3rd:** Wyatt Hardin (Oxford) p. Tyler Grafham (Hudson), 1:31; **5th:** Kody McCrate (Tecumseh) won by void over Cody Okes (B.C. Western); **7th:** Patrick Dowd (Brighton) won by major dec. over Logan Blough (Lowell), 16-4.

**215:** Josh Colegrove (Lowell) dec. Luke Ready (Brighton), 3-2; **3rd:** Antonio Balabani (Detroit CC) dec. Grant Tennhill (Grand Rapids CC), 4-3; **5th:** Jacob Perry (Lapeer) dec. Ted Jankowiak (Niles), 3-1; **7th:** Nate Irvine (Glenn) p. Josh Dodd (Woodhaven), 2:42.

**285:** Dan Perry (Lapeer) won by tech. fall over Eric Conquest (Brighton), 16-1; **3rd:** Logan Wilcox (Lowell) dec. Alex Bata (Niles), 1-0; **5th:** Nathan Brady (Tecumseh) won by void Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC); **7th:** Justin Thomas (Lapeer) dec. Brandon LaFrance (Lincoln), 2-1.

# Mustangs' Wang earns first place at Rochester Adams tournament

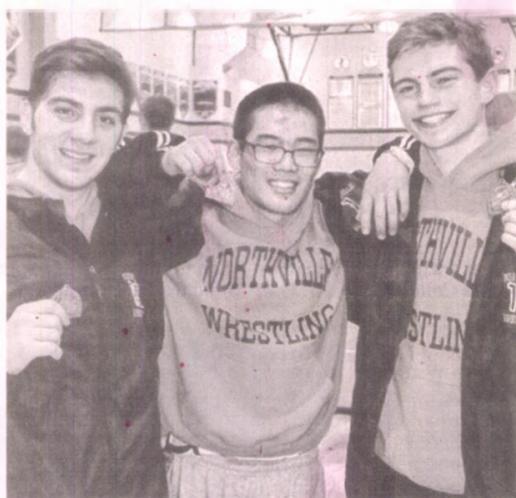
By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Northville's Shunhe Wang started 2015 off on the right foot by capturing the 125-pound title Saturday at the Rochester Adams Invitational wrestling tournament.

The senior captain and returning state qualifier went undefeated on the day, while fellow seniors Mark Castellano (135) and Chris Koumariotis (152) also cruised through their respective weight classes with multiple bonus-point victories before falling in the finals.

Senior Jim Behe and sophomore Conrad Landis also placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 119-pound weight class for the Mustangs.

The host Highlanders, who placed eight in the finals while emerging with three firsts, captured the team title. Southfield, Birmingham



Northville's three finalists at the Rochester Adams Invitational wrestling tournament included (from left) runner-up Chris Koumariotis (152), champion Shunhe Wang (125) and runner-up Mark Castellano (135).

NIDA BEHE

Seaholm, Rochester Stoney Creek and Michigan Center rounded out the top five.

The field also included Northville, Midland Dow, South Lyon East and Grosse Pointe

North.

**Wildcats take fifth**

Seniors Evan Davis (135) and Kyle Benkarski (152) each earned a third-place finish Saturday as Novi finished fifth out of 22 teams at the Warren Fitzgerald tournament.

Walled Lake Central captured the team title, followed by Port Huron and Algonac in second and third, respectively.

Also earning fifth-place individual finishes for Novi included freshman Zach Rouch (103) and sophomore Evan Davis (112).

"I was very pleased with our performance as a team Saturday," Novi coach Joel Smith said. "We finished in fifth with only having 12 in the lineup. All the boys wrestled hard and showed we are improving every week."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**Thursday, Jan. 8**  
Gab. Richard at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 9**  
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.  
S. Lyon East at Novi, 7 p.m.  
U-D Jesuit at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13**

Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Novi at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
S'field Christian at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 16**

Northville at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Detroit CC at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.  
Liggett at Franklin Road, 8:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Friday, Jan. 9**  
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Novi at S. Lyon East, 7 p.m.  
Luth. W'sld at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13**

Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Franklin Rd. at S'Field Christian, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 16**

Northville at Novi, 5:30 p.m.  
Liggett at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.

**BOYS HOCKEY**

**Thursday, Jan. 8**  
Northville vs. S. Lyon Unified at Kensington Valley L.H., 6 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 9**  
Novi at Calumet, 7 p.m.  
Detroit CC vs. U-D Jesuit at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 10**

Northville vs. Reeths-Puffer at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
Detroit CC vs. Cranbrook at Compuware Arena, 5:30 p.m.  
Novi at Hancock, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14**

Novi vs. Hartland at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 16**  
Detroit CC at Culver (Ind.), 6 p.m.  
Northville vs. Novi at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 17**

Detroit CC at Culver (Ind.), 9 a.m.  
Novi vs. Brighton at Novi Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS HOCKEY**

**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
Northville vs. Walled Lake at Suburban Ice, TBA  
**Sunday, Jan. 11**  
Northville vs. Univ-Liggett at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 17**

Northville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.  
**Sunday, Jan. 18**  
Northville vs. Grosse Pte. South at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.

**PREP WRESTLING**

**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
N'ville at Stevenson Inv., 9 a.m.  
Novi at Holly Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Detroit CC Super Duals, 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14**

Northville, Novi at Salem, 5:30 p.m.  
Detroit CC at Davison, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 17**

Detroit CC at Dakota Duals, 9 a.m.  
N'ville, Novi at Chelsea Inv., 9:30 a.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
Novi at W. Bloomfield, TBA.  
Northville Quad, noon.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 13**  
Birm. Groves at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 15**

Northville at S. Lyon East, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 17**

Detroit CC at E. Gr. Rapids, noon.

**PREP BOWLING**

**Thursday, Jan. 8**  
Detroit CC vs. Divine Child at Bowl One, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 9**  
Northville vs. Wayne, Salem vs. Novi at Town N' Country, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 10**

CC at Plymouth Tourney at Super Bowl, 1 p.m.  
**Monday, Jan. 12**  
Novi vs. Wayne Memorial at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13**

Novi vs. John Glenn, Northville vs. Canton at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 16**  
Detroit CC vs. DeLaSalle at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 17**

Detroit CC at Oakland County at Thunderbird Lanes, TBA.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

**Saturday, Jan. 17**  
Northville at Milford Inv., 8 a.m.

**PREP SKIING**

**Thursday, Jan. 8**  
Novi vs. West Bloomfield, Lakeland at Alpine Valley, 4 p.m.  
Detroit CC vs. Hartland at Mt. Brighton, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13**

Detroit CC vs. Birm. Unified at Mt. Brighton, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14**

Novi vs. W.L. Central, Milford at Alpine Valley, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 15**

Novi vs. W.L. Central, Milford at Alpine Valley, 4 p.m.  
Detroit CC vs. Okemos at Mt. Brighton, 6 p.m.

**COMPETITIVE CHEER**

**Saturday, Jan. 10**  
Novi at Fowlerville Inv., TBA.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 14**  
Novi Stevenson at Novi, 6 p.m.  
TBA - to be announced.

# CC bowlers seventh in Ladywood Holiday tourney

Host Canton captured the boys team title in Saturday's Ladywood Holiday Bowling Tournament held at Super Bowl.

The Chiefs topped 3,770 pins - 2,906 during the three-game individual series and 864 during Baker competition - to outdistance runner-up New Boston Huron Red (3,581).

Carleton Airport was third in the 23-team field

with 3,527, followed by Macomb Dakota (3,440), Wayne Memorial (3,436), Westland John Glenn (3,343) and Novi Detroit Catholic Central (3,331).

Dakota's Justin Taylor was the top individual bowler, registering a three-game series of 660. He rolled games of 230, 212 and 218 to edge individual runner-up Joey Krzywonos of Novi Detroit Catholic Central by

13 pins. Canton's Tyler Pozan was third overall with a 645 series, while the Chiefs' Mitchell Zelenak rolled a 267 for the high individual game of the day.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD HOLIDAY BOWLING TOURNEY Jan. 3 at Super Bowl

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Canton, 3,770 pins; 2. New Boston Huron (Red), 3,581; 3. Carleton Airport, 3,527; 4. Macomb Dakota, 3,469; 5. Wayne Memori

at 3,436; 6. Westland John Glenn, 3,343; 7. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 3,331; 8. Salem, 3,298; 9. St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 3,287; 10. South Lyon East, 3,234; 11. Flat Rock, 3,184; 12. Waterford Kettering, 3,179; 13. South Lyon, 3,155; 14. Plymouth, 3,148; 15. Birmingham Brother Rice, 3,134; 16. Farmington-Harrison, 3,084; 17. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 3,042; 18. North Farmington, 2,928; 19. New Boston Huron (White), 2,806; 20. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, 2,739; 21. Livonia Clarenceville, 2,608; 22. New Boston Huron (Blue), 2,481; 23. Berkeley, 2,437.

**Detroit CC scorers:** 2. Joey Krzywonos, 647 (series); 19. Sean Ebban, 565; 42. Jordan Jenkins, 512; 53. Brian Hohenstanner, 470.

## HAT TRICK

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we shot the puck before their guy knocked off the net, which would have been a continuation play and the goal should have counted," he said. "And (the official) said the net was off before our guy shot the puck, then our guy told me that (Northville) actually touched the puck with their hand in the crease and (the official) didn't see that either."

The disallowed goal seemed to have an adverse effect on Dakota, as Northville successfully killed off the two penalties and responded with three quick goals during the final 8:13 of the second period.

O'Connell scored from Meacham and Morgan to make it 3-1, followed by a nifty three-way play resulting in a goal by

Petar Elieff (from Jack Sargent and Cameron Layne) to make it a three-goal cushion.

With 2:26 remaining in the second, Kyle Dann put the Mustangs ahead 5-1 with Riley Brass and Sargent drawing the assists.

"If that goes in, we tie that game up and who knows what happens from there?" Campana said of the disallowed goal. "But obviously they (Northville) were too much for us. They kept coming. We had a bad period and once it got up to about 4-1, we lost all wind in our sails at that point."

The only negative of the second period for Northville was an injury to senior defenseman P.J. Schepp. He exited the game and had his arm in a protective sling afterward.

"He hurt his shoulder," Robert said. "We're not quite sure, but obviously

he's hurting. We're hoping nothing is serious. P.J. is a huge part of this team, so we're going to cross our fingers and hopefully get some good news tomorrow."

Northville added two more goals in the final period.

Senior Brett Ridener scored unassisted on a steal of the puck just inside the Dakota blue line after it was tipped by Grant LaLonde, who also drew an assist.

And fittingly, O'Connell capped a big night by notching ninth of the season off assists from Meacham and Morgan with 3:58 remaining.

"That's great for (O'Connell) to get that hat trick," Robert said. "He's been working hard and he's really been clicking on that top line. He's been kind of the distributor, so it's good see him get a share of the pie there, so I was really excited to see him put that third one

in there late."

Boutin, a senior, stood tall by stopping 28-of-29 Dakota shots, with his biggest save coming with 3:58 remaining in the second period on another Cougars breakaway.

Meanwhile, Johns faced a total of 35 Northville shots and made 28 saves.

"We had some opportunities, but one of the things we lack are goal scorers," Campana said. "We lack the pure goal scorer that can bury the puck that's got wheels. That's why we're playing the system that we do where we have a guy up. We have to because if we don't, then we don't have anything going. But we're really young. We only have six seniors, so it's a learning process. But if we get better every game, every practice and we're working hard, then we're OK."

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Northville goalie Chance Boutin (right) keeps his eye on Dakota's Reese Buckner during Monday's game at Novi Ice Arena.

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# Northville cagers 4-0



**RANDY BLACKMAN**  
The Northville sixth-grade boys travel basketball team captured the FAAST Kickoff Classic, Dec. 20, in Whitmore Lake with a 4-0 record, including wins over Hartland (in the final), South Lyon East, Livonia and the PC Force. Team members include: Nick Lauderback, Carson Breen, Josh Lutz, Jake Willerer, Brett Rankin, Faraaz Shaik, Griffin Blackman and Collin Breen. Also on the team are Jacob Eyley, Brett Rudolph and Cole Patterson.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Northville Road Runners eye 2015

Start 2015 by joining a local running group, the Northville Road Runners, which meets for runs/walks Tuesdays and Thursday evenings, along with Saturday mornings. You can visit the club website at [www.NorthvilleRoadRunners.org](http://www.NorthvilleRoadRunners.org) for meeting times and venues. Additional information can be found on Facebook. The club sponsors the annual Northville Road Runner Classic each July at Maybury State Park and is involved at giving back to the running community by supporting and volunteering at local races.

For more information, e-mail Gary Haf at [run\\_gh@yahoo.com](mailto:run_gh@yahoo.com).

### Novi Chili Softball

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Services Department will stage its first Chili Chilly Softball Showdown from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Ella Mae Power Park. The co-ed event will feature one pitch per at-bat, prizes for all participants and a lunch featuring coney dogs from Kerby's Koney Island. Players must be 18 years of age or older to participate. The price is \$250 per team. Teams will take part in a double-elimination format, with games lasting six in-

nings. "The tournament offers an exciting outdoor experience for both the participants and the spectators," recreation supervisor Greg Morris said. "Novi Parks challenges the notion we have to stay inside in the winter. The event is the perfect opportunity to get outside, play softball, eat a delicious meal and create memories that will last for years to come." Teams must be registered by Friday, Jan. 16, through [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or by visiting the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. For more information or to learn about other winter activities, call 248-347-0400 or go to [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

## SIKERS

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Grove, sophomore Ross O'Donnell (returning from injury) and senior German exchange student Leon Otten.

"In ski racing, it normally takes a few years to get experience under your belt to get to the varsity level," said Fisher, who also guided Novi to a fourth-place finish (among 13 schools) in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet. "We have a number of up-and-coming underclassmen who are I would put are fairly impressive so far. We have some promising young talent.

"Unfortunately, this year we haven't had a lot of snow, so we actually haven't had any team gate training this year.

It's actually hard to know because I haven't actually been able to time them."

### Novi girls ready

Although Cecilie Busch (Denmark) and Nini Li (captain) were lost to graduation, things are looking up for Novi girls ski team, which finished 10th out of 12 teams at the regional.

The Wildcats hope to improve upon their 2-6 dual meet mark and seventh-place showing in SEMSL's Alpine Division, along with a 10th-place finish in the KLA.A.

Top returnees who competed in last year's regional include juniors Unie Gu (48th in the giant slalom); Tori Engler (40th slalom, 49th giant slalom); Rache Casaccia (51st giant slalom, 59th slalom); Ellie Oegema (51st slalom); and Claire Kruger (57th giant sla-

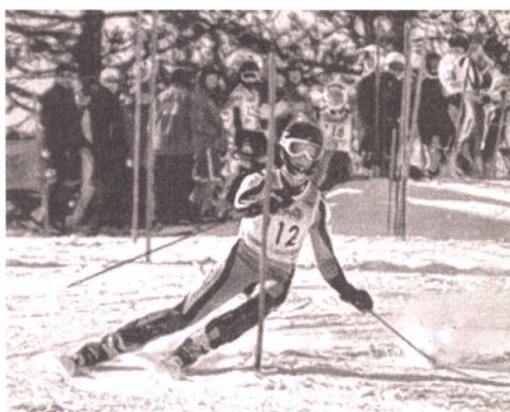
lom). Among the promising newcomers are senior Elaine Hamilton and junior Marissa Weil.

"We're a relatively young (girls) team with only two seniors," Fisher said. "But we gained a lot of experience over the last couple of years. We have a big squad of juniors that are a pretty cohesive unit and they're learning rapidly and I think they may surprise some people this year."

### CC outlook

After placing sixth in last year's regional meet, Novi Detroit Catholic Central coach Tom Gable returns eight of his top 10 skiers, led by senior captain Drew Davis, coming off a 15th-place regional finish in the giant slalom.

Other regional returnees for the Shamrocks in the giant slalom include



Catholic Central's top boys ski team returnee is senior captain Drew Davis.

junior Tom McElmeel (26th), sophomore Blake Rickert (36th), junior Justin Woolhiser (38th) and junior Logan Freismuth (39th).

CC's top regional finisher from a year ago in

the slalom, Mike Bifano (14th), graduated, along with Josh Beck (64th).

But Woolhiser (20th), junior Josh Blossfield (40th) and senior Kyle Spillane (45th) are all back as the Shamrocks

hope to compete for a title in SEMSL's Mount Brighton Division.

"I would say the team is stronger than it was last year," Gable said. "It was disappointing last year not qualifying for states. We're hosting the regional at Mount Brighton and I think home-field advantage is always certainly a benefit to be familiar with your hill and the race courses."

Junior Max Tokarz, who was lost early in the 2014 season because of shoulder surgery, could also crack the starting lineup.

"I would say Drew Davis would lead them, but we're a predominantly a junior team," Gable said. "We have a couple of freshmen with some race experience, so we'll see. We're a young team."

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## COOPER

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about if I have to set screens to get guys open to score, that's plenty fine, too. Wherever we can get the points from and so far guys have been finding me so far. It's been working out."

It certainly worked out in Ann Arbor, when Cooper burned the Wolverines from all angles as the Chargers actually led by as many as 15 points in the first half.

### Quite the debut

"It was definitely a cool experience," Cooper said. "All we were trying to do was go in there and win the basketball game. It was our first exhibition of the season, so looking back on it was a pretty fun experience. Beautiful facility, beautiful gym and really good competition and great crowd to play in front of. It was a lot of fun. We wish we could have competed a little better down the stretch, but we were pretty happy with the way we played most of the game. It was a good learning experience for our team and it's something a lot of people don't get to do."

And in the 41-point outing against Cedarville, Cooper was simply unconscious.

"It felt every time I was on the court, the guys were just finding me in the post with an undersized guy on me or getting me open on a screen and all the sudden you look at halftime, things are just kind of going well and you're making a lot of shots," Cooper said. "It was kind of the perfect storm of guys just finding me and getting myself open. I wouldn't say it was something I was aiming for or I was 'in the zone,' but I was hitting my shots and they kept getting me the ball. It just kind of how it happened."

Cooper, who also played starting quarterback on CC's 2011 Division I state runner-up football team, was on the radar screen of a few NCAA Division I basketball programs.

An academic all-state honoree who scored a 32 on his ACT, Cooper drew interest from Yale, Cornell, Holy Cross and the University of California-Davis.

### Recruiting days

The summer before his junior year, Hillsdale coaches contacted Cooper's high school coach Bill Dyer.

"I had actually never heard of Hillsdale College except for the fact that I knew Tim (Dezelski), who graduated and had gone there as a red-

shirt his first year," Cooper said. "I looked it up and saw it was only an hour-and-a-half away, so my mom and I drove out there one day, met coach Sharp and the assistant coaches, looked around the campus. I just remember leaving that day and I was like, 'Mom, this might be the perfect place for me.' I felt comfortable with the coaching staff and liked the location of it, liked the people I met there. ... I think it was a great decision for me."

And Sharp knew he had a diamond in the rough.

"We just knew he had great potential," said the Hillsdale coach, now in his eighth season. "We knew he could really shoot the basketball. When we were watching him play, we loved the fact that he rebounded the basketball and truthfully he's a really good shot blocker as well. We saw all those things and kind of kept our fingers crossed that he wanted to stay in the Midwest and not go out east to the Ivy League or the Patriot League."

"We were kind of praying that summer that he didn't have one of those really explosive games in front of somebody on a Division I staff, then all a sudden he would have been gone. I think Kyle had a

good perspective on what he wanted. He wanted a great education. He wanted to be part of something early in his career and I think that's why he chose Hillsdale College."

### Wounded knee

Cooper, however, played only seven games his freshman season before going down with a torn meniscus in his knee and was unable to obtain a medical red-shirt.

But he bounced back to enjoy a solid sophomore campaign and has evolved into an all-around player.

"When I came into college, I kind of just saw myself as a shooter," said Cooper, who is an accounting major. "Especially these last couple of years and this off-season, I really wanted to get better at scoring with my back to the basket and getting into the post, so I could take advantage of mismatches when I get an undersized guy put on me. I worked a lot on my leg strength so I could battle in the post and finish around the basket with either hook shots or making moves in the

post around guys. And I think this has been a big help to me so far this season."

Cooper is now starting to draw a lot more attention defensively. He was held to a season-low 13 points, but still managed to grab 10 rebounds, in a 79-63 setback Dec. 21 to Tiffin (Ohio) in the Quincy (Ill.) Tournament.

Tharp, however, is not concerned because Cooper will make the necessary adjustments.

"He's a little bit of a perfectionist and he's a man who thinks whatever he needs to work on or whatever we think he needs to work on, he will spend an endless amount of hours on that particular area that he needs to work on," Tharp said. "He's brilliant kid, a potential Rhodes Scholar, and he's a kid that wants to be great. He just wants us to win. He's just a really dedicated kid and competitive beyond belief. He's a coach's dream, truthfully. And he's one of those guys who could be playing Division I basketball right now, but he's really improved the last couple of years."

Hillsdale is 5-1 in GLIAC play after sweeping a pair of games in Ohio last weekend against Malone (76-64) and Walsh (84-74) as Cooper earned conference player of the week honors for the second time this season, averaging 24.5 points and 13.5 rebounds while shooting 65 percent from the field.

He has eight 20-point games to his credit this season and currently leads the GLIAC in both scoring average and rebounding average.

And Tharp is trying to find that Best Supporting Actor for his leading man.

"Right now, he's so strong physically and he's relentlessly around the rim," Tharp said. "I think he's such a tough match-up for people. I can't tell you how happy I am that he's wearing Hillsdale College blue, I'll say that."

"We knew he was going to be good, but I don't think we knew he was going to be that good."

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### CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TO THE OWNERS OF ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING AND/OR WITH DEEDED ACCESS TO WALLED LAKE, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITIES OF NOVI AND WALLED LAKE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Novi City Council will meet at the **Novi City Civic Center located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015** to conduct a Public Hearing to consider whether to begin the process to dissolve the Walled Lake Improvement Board as set forth in Part 309 of Public Acts No. 451 of 1994, as amended, and more specifically Section 30929 thereof (MCL 324.30929). The Report of the City's representative to the Board regarding dissolution is on file with the City Clerk and may be reviewed in advance of the meeting. Any person may appear and be heard at said Public Hearing.

If the City Council passes a resolution in which it determines that dissolution may be appropriate, then the City administration will be directed to follow the process therefor as set forth in the Act.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE Notice of Rate Increases Water & Sewer Department

The following water and sewer rates have been adjusted as follows and are effective with the new billing cycle that begins after January, 2015. The rate changes are as follows:

Rate per 1,000 gallons (no change):

	2013:	Present	2015
Water	\$5.19	\$5.19	\$5.19
Sewer	\$4.82	\$4.82	\$4.82

In addition to the usage rate, a fixed rate per meter size will be assessed in accordance with the following chart (fixed rate increased):

Meter Size	Annual Cost	Monthly Fixed Rate Water	Monthly Fixed Rate Sewer	Monthly Total Fixed Rate
1"	\$336.83	\$15.62	\$12.45	\$28.07
1.5"	\$757.86	\$35.14	\$28.01	\$63.15
2"	\$1,347.30	\$62.47	\$49.80	\$112.28
3"	\$3,031.43	\$140.57	\$112.05	\$252.62
4"	\$5,389.21	\$249.90	\$199.20	\$449.10
10"	\$33,682.58	\$1,561.87	\$1,245.01	\$2,806.88

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or Township website [www.northville.mi.us](http://www.northville.mi.us) click on Board of Review or at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury). Click on Forms, then click Property Tax, Board of Review (L-4035)

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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### City of Northville Proposed Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Air Conditioning Condensers and Emergency Electrical Generators

At its regular meeting on January 20, 2015, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance and the City of Northville Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendments would update Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance, by adding Section 18.24 Air Conditioning Condensers and Emergency Electrical Generators. Section 14-82 Location of Condensers would be deleted from the Code of Ordinances as these regulations would be included in the Zoning Ordinance.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for January 20, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 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.

CRAIG STRONG, BUILDING OFFICIAL  
DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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## Signs encouraging for new home construction in 2015

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

With four-county employment at its highest point since November 2008 and oil prices at their lowest since December 2010 – and trending downward – the Home Builders Association/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast projects that new home permits should make their strongest start (dating back to 2006) during the first five months of 2015.

“Oil prices have obviously been getting a lot of attention,” said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. He sees increased disposable income among residents of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair counties making them more likely to build homes.

“It seems like the metrics point to an uptick,” said Williamston, Mich., resident Stoskopf. “We’re excited about that.”

In analyzing economic data, Stoskopf and colleagues look at: people employed in the labor work force; mortgage rates for a 30-year fixed mortgage; oil price by barrel; North American vehicle production; single-family home prices reported by REAL-COMP; and a few other lesser factors.

“There has been some contraction in the real estate market,” he said. “A lot of that occurs seasonally.” At the holidays, people are celebrating, he said, and less like-



Michael Stoskopf



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Homes are and have been under construction throughout Lyon Township, like this one.

ly to be in the housing market.

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the *Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report*, a total of 206 single-family home permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in November 2014.

While the number of permits issued in November was down sharply from October's figure (399), it exceeded the HBA's forecast model expectation of 176 permits. The number of permits was also down when compared to November 2013 (297). The decrease in activity may be

attributable to a slowdown in the market and seasonal adjustments, as Stoskopf noted occurs regularly late in the year.

He agreed some contractors face challenges in locating skilled workers, with that “still at a premium for some of the trades.”

Some contractors had increased workloads, Stoskopf said, but were still hesitant to hire. “Laying people off is no fun if you ever had to go through it,” he said. “I think some of that is getting better.”

Some skilled workers had relocated or taken other jobs, he said. “I think there's reason for optimism going forward,” he added.

The HBA, headquartered in

West Bloomfield, locally has done the model over the last five years with an accuracy rate of 98 percent. The forecast for this past November's permits was based on study seven months earlier, he said.

“I have pretty good confidence based on the long-term performance of our model,” Stoskopf added. He noted factors such as weather (last year's harsh winter, for example) or another recession can't be anticipated.

“Oakland County is No. 1 for single-family homes produced,” with much new home activity in Lyon Township and Novi.

In Wayne County, Canton dominates building, the industry expert said, while Macomb County is led by Macomb Township and Shelby Township.

He agreed that local municipalities influence how much building happens, noting “They can make it really difficult for a developer.”

Some areas are running out of lots for building, Stoskopf said, although the areas he mentioned as booming “have all been very positive in welcoming new development going in.”

That building leads to both property and sales taxes being paid, he said, as well as spin-off spending. There's less resistance to new building at the end of a recession such as we've experienced, he said.

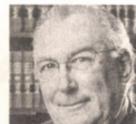
Home values for existing homes go up with new home building, he noted. “Having that value come into a neighborhood or a community really helps everybody.”

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## ‘Car condo’ must be done correctly

**Q: I recently read about a “car condo” opening up, which has garages and a track. What are your observations about that type of project?**

A: It is like any other condominium project, it must be well constructed with adequate financing, a responsible developer and sales must meet the expectations of the developer in order for the project to be successful. Moreover, purchasers must be aware of the restrictions in the condominium and their obligations as co-owners. It is a neat idea which, if done properly, can be successful. Just like airplane condominiums and other high rise garage condominiums.



Robert Meisner

**Q: What is the limit on the loan amount for FHA mortgages?**

A: The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) announced that the maximum conforming loan limits for mortgages acquired by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in 2015 will remain at \$417,000 for one-unit properties in most of the country, including all of Michigan. The loan limits are established for each county under the terms of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) and are calculated each year. HERA sets maximum loan limits as a function of median home values in that county. If you are looking to move to Alaska, for example, the loan limit is \$625,500, and it is that high in some other counties throughout the country. A complete listing for all the counties in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands may be found at [www.fhfa.gov/DataTools/Downloads/Documents/Conforming-Loan-Limits/FullCountyLoanLimit-List2015-HERA-BASED\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.fhfa.gov/DataTools/Downloads/Documents/Conforming-Loan-Limits/FullCountyLoanLimit-List2015-HERA-BASED_FINAL.pdf).

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email [june.quantum@gmail.com](mailto:june.quantum@gmail.com) for your reservation or additional information.

### Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-11, near Trenton Road.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

**Seminar each Tuesday, Thursday**

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 11-15, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
31921 Robinhood Dr	\$518,000
<b>BINGHAM FARMS</b>	
30790 River Crossing St	\$335,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
1335 Bird Ave	\$570,000
1345 Cole St	\$300,000
615 Davis Ave	\$405,000
1300 Edgewood Rd	\$446,000
799 Emmons Ave	\$260,000
528 Graten St	\$345,000
571 Linden Rd	\$1,160,000
559 N Glenhurst Dr	\$535,000
1647 Shipman Blvd	\$345,000
986 Smith Ave	\$374,000
1208 Villa Rd	\$355,000
340 Wellesley St	\$425,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
5166 Provincial Dr	\$480,000
3007 Anthony Ln	\$635,000
3773 Darlington Rd N	\$410,000
964 Dursley Rd	\$323,000
2570 Essex Ln	\$316,000
6327 Thorncrest Dr	\$425,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
1873 Chipping Way	\$250,000
1950 Cragin Dr	\$220,000
1612 Lochridge Rd	\$850,000
2463 Mulberry Sq	\$75,000
7160 Wing Lake Rd	\$240,000
6186 Worlington Rd	\$1,250,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
8223 Arlis St	\$112,000
2347 Brigantine	\$272,000
2254 Calibouge	\$259,000
3262 Chenoa St	\$110,000
2921 Gabriel Dr	\$147,000
1467 Knob Hill	\$180,000

9130 Marilyn Ter	\$441,000
2451 Massena St	\$190,000
5430 Mill Race Way	\$330,000
3115 Newton Rd	\$109,000
255 Oriole St	\$110,000
2349 Palmetto	\$249,000
2590 Pinto Dr	\$185,000
3760 Sleeth Rd	\$370,000
4776 Sundew St	\$167,000
6079 Venice Dr	\$292,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
22991 Frederick Ave	\$148,000
33728 Grand River Ave	\$315,000
32936 Slocum Dr	\$160,000
36030 Smithfield Rd	\$230,000
33608 State St	\$250,000
23560 Stonehouse Ct	\$260,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
22273 Abington Dr	\$320,000
36600 Almond Cir	\$300,000
37810 Amber Dr	\$275,000
21415 Archwood Cir	\$178,000
28850 Bannockburn St	\$200,000
27491 Bridle Hills Dr	\$195,000
35104 Bunker Hill Dr	\$224,000
33513 Cadillac St	\$200,000
25415 Chapelweigh Dr	\$223,000
38351 Churchill Ln	\$176,000
35025 Concord Ln	\$229,000
27420 Doreen St	\$130,000
26277 Dundalk St	\$248,000
28455 E Greenmeadow Cir	\$212,000
31415 E Stonewood Ct	\$250,000
34016 Edna St	\$120,000
34000 Harlowshire St	\$106,000
29660 Highmeadow Rd	\$230,000
29884 Indian Trl	\$138,000
33671 Longwood Dr	\$185,000
26321 Meadowview Dr	\$220,000
29628 Middlebelt Rd Unit 2701	\$93,000
39335 Plumbrook Dr	\$285,000
30496 Ramblewood Club Dr	\$225,000
21935 River Ridge Trl	\$195,000

26333 Springfield Dr	\$160,000
29151 Summerwood Ct	\$243,000
30943 Sutters Hill Ct	\$318,000
22580 Tulane Ave	\$117,000
31915 W 14 Mile Rd # 248	\$147,000
26100 Westmeath St	\$202,000
20891 Whitlock St	\$88,000
29119 Wilton Dr	\$300,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
30609 Inkster Rd	\$258,000
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
345 Gleneagles	\$340,000
3327 High Knoll Dr	\$300,000
1584 Island Dr	\$85,000
1149 Kingsway Dr	\$183,000
1692 Percy	\$390,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
562 E Dawson Rd	\$285,000
118 E Washington St	\$153,000
620 East St	\$215,000
1571 Hidden Valley Dr	\$573,000
1120 Prince St	\$128,000
31059 Star Trl	\$287,000
2811 Tall Timbers Dr	\$680,000
2294 Tanbark	\$440,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
21352 E Glen Haven Cir	\$140,000
413 Ely Dr S	\$235,000
48832 Veneto Dr	\$1,060,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
27582 Albert St	\$282,000
24249 Amanda Ln	\$350,000
45525 Andes Hills Ct	\$210,000
43105 Ashbury Dr	\$440,000
27330 Benjamins Way	\$285,000
41248 Coventry Rd	\$374,000
23687 Dunston Rd	\$425,000
27924 Hopkins Dr	\$174,000
44908 Huntingcross Dr	\$352,000
44689 Huntington Dr	\$245,000
40857 Kingsley Ln	\$310,000
26230 Mandalay Cir	\$216,000
44612 Mansfield Dr	\$325,000
28450 Meadowbrook Rd	\$415,000
23535 N Rockledge	\$120,000

24437 Olde Orchard St	\$85,000
40551 Rock Hill St	\$95,000
25120 Taft Rd	\$455,000
24306 Thatcher Ct	\$473,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
53713 Edgewood Dr	\$308,000
1004 Fountain View Cir	\$124,000
634 Maple Dr	\$257,000
28015 Pontiac Trl	\$225,000
190 Princeton Dr	\$40,000
22230 Quail Run Cir Unit 1	\$150,000
23220 Sandra St	\$125,000
53815 Springfield Dr	\$275,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
20885 Andover Rd	\$143,000
15640 Arbor Pl	\$110,000
18780 Bainbridge Dr	\$145,000
29250 Everett St	\$120,000
25906 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$71,000
18201 Greenwald Dr	\$150,000
22550 Hallcroft Trl	\$105,000
29550 Heritage Ln	\$175,000
16985 Hilton St	\$96,000
28330 Lahser Rd	\$158,000
17277 Redwood Ct	\$55,000
30353 Rock Creek Dr	\$185,000
25399 Saint James	\$115,000
27394 Shagbark Dr	\$70,000
22475 Shevington Dr	\$68,000
5000 Town Ctr # 1901	\$105,000
22604 W 11 Mile Rd	\$142,000
25505 W 12 Mile Rd # 2600	\$265,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
10736 Bogie Lake Rd	\$500,000
8275 Filmore Ct	\$395,000
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8170 Kenwick Dr	\$163,000
9020 Maplewood Dr	\$148,000
65 N Williams Lake Rd	\$168,000
8575 Newport Dr	\$305,000
9168 Steephollow Dr	\$210,000
621 Sunnybeam Dr	\$290,000

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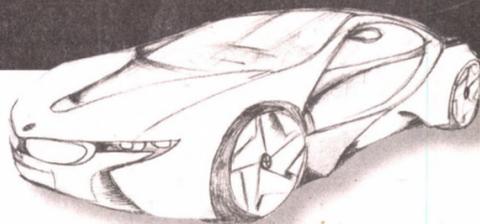
These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 2-5, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
48573 Antique Rd	\$472,000
43648 Appomattox Ct	\$210,000
4174 Brookstone Dr	\$257,000
4228 Brookstone Dr	\$226,000
701 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$186,000
47145 Eastbourne Rd	\$332,000
39912 Edmundton Dr	\$155,000
6895 Longwood Rd	\$250,000
47302 N Pointe Dr	\$380,000
47795 Ormskirk Dr	\$145,000
1592 Peninsula Ct	\$205,000
39773 Peters Dr	\$183,000
2029 Pineroft Dr	\$143,000
437 Roseland Dr	\$215,000
41910 Saratoga Cir	\$180,000
39699 Scottsdale Dr	\$160,000
42051 Trent Dr	\$250,000
42354 Trent Dr	\$267,000
51054 Upland View St	\$50,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
842 Arcola St	\$110,000
31119 Beechwood St	\$108,000

31948 Dover St	\$73,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
12170 Arcola St	\$73,000
14713 Auburndale St	\$105,000
37914 Birch Run	\$225,000
29664 Clarita St	\$48,000
15907 Deering St	\$143,000
17603 Dolores St	\$150,000
17320 Fairfield St	\$165,000
36144 Fairway Dr	\$266,000
11872 Farmington Rd	\$120,000
17209 Francavilla Dr	\$260,000
15072 Gary Ln	\$134,000
9121 Harrison St	\$120,000
31045 Hathaway St	\$138,000
36267 Hees St	\$159,000
16351 Inkster Rd	\$155,000
36114 Jamison St	\$179,000
35970 Joy Rd	\$138,000
34044 La Moynes St	\$153,000
29563 Linda St	\$125,000
29527 Lyndon St	\$158,000
9230 Melrose St	\$129,000
34865 Mungler Dr	\$163,000
32968 Oakley St	\$175,000
33009 Oakley St	\$150,000
14931 Paderewski St	\$64,000
14525 Park St	\$173,000
14674 Richfield St	\$145,000
34621 Saint Martins St	\$279,000

14936 Sunbury St	\$120,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
43025 Ambridge Ct	\$340,000
19612 Aqueduct Ct	\$118,000
15863 Augusta Ct	\$771,000
18367 Blue Heron Dr E	\$460,000
19536 Cardene Way	\$183,000
16769 Carriage Way	\$154,000
45764 Clement Ct	\$485,000
49056 Ridge Ct	\$270,000
16591 Winchester Ct	\$300,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
9036 Baywood Dr	\$200,000
11825 Butternut Ave	\$156,000
10276 Dorian Dr	\$35,000
49643 Draper Cir	\$165,000
14621 Huntington Dr	\$190,000
11267 Morgan Ave	\$191,000
600 N Evergreen St	\$206,000
40614 Newport Dr	\$84,000
42430 Parkhurst Rd	\$205,000
13966 Ridgewood Dr	\$685,000
10405 Robert Ln	\$310,000
42533 Schoolcraft Rd	\$198,000

# Car Report



## Toyota Sienna Exemplifies Why Minivans Are Still So Great



By Dale Buss



The 2015 Toyota Sienna.

Toyota's just-breaking "Unexpected Adventures" campaign for the fall launch of the new Sienna is an internet-only campaign that uses fun videos that happen to be created by parents who already showed they were adept at exploiting the world of social media.

Meanwhile, the 2014 Toyota Sienna that it replaces showed me on a recent trip that it has absolutely everything families would need in an automotive platform. And so the improvements in the new model year — touches such as a feature that helps parents talk with kids in the rear of the vehicle without having to shout — only enhance what already is an outstanding package.

I've always been extremely partial to minivans in

the first place, having leased a couple of Chrysler Town & Country minivans sequentially as our kids were growing up. And from the beginning of the minivan phenomenon with Chrysler vehicles in the early Eighties until today, I defy anyone to come up with a category of vehicle that is so versatile and checks so many boxes for practical automotive ownership.

Decent gas mileage for a larger vehicle? Check.

Pretty good handling for something that's not a sports sedan? Check.

Complete and utter flexibility of the interior space for passengers and cargo? Double check.

Most comfortable and flexible seating options for the largest number and biggest variety of people? Double check as well.

Best driver and passenger visibility, especially in the front, for any type of vehicle on the American road? Triple check.

No matter so many soccer moms bought and are still buying minivans. And that, of course, is the only real rub against this mode of transportation: It's considered dowdy. And today's soccer moms and dads don't want to be seen as fuddy-duddies, so minivans aren't even on the consideration list for many, many families these days as they buy new vehicles.

They should put Sienna back on that list. Aesthetically on the outside, it's about as pleasing as a minivan can get. And inside — where vans do their business — it executes to the max on each one of those



Great visibility is one of the abiding features of Sienna and other minivans.

major advantages of minivans.

The 2014 Sienna we drove on an iconic, Fourth of July road trip up the peninsula was powered by a 3.5-liter, 24-valve six-cylinder engine that yielded an EPA-rated 16 mpg in the city and 23 mpg on the highway. My mileage, mostly highway and country driving, was a little better than that in the latter measure.

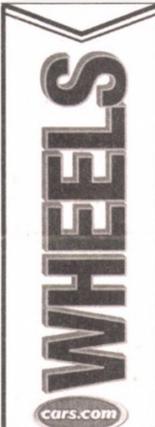
In any event, Toyota's reliable 3.5-liter was a dependable power train, not only providing acceptable mileage, better than SUVs of its size, and also moving Sienna around briskly even over country hills and in passing lanes. Plus the driver's package in the XLE version I drove included brake-assist and smart-stop technology that came in handy more than once on the trip.

Sienna's highly comfortable interior demonstrated one of the best attributes of minivans versus SUVs: second-row seats that recline to a meaningful degree. In fact, Sienna's second-row captain's chairs had foot rests that turned them into "lounging" chairs and encouraged second-row occupants to sleep along the way, providing the driver with peace and quiet.

The vehicle's configurable interior seemed bottomless in accommodating luggage, as folded the rear seats back and piled suitcases, beach gear, groceries and all the other trip essentials into the deep well that opened up when we moved the seats. And when we got to our destination and wanted to use the rear seats for passengers, they simply folded back down into the well again.

In the 2015 version of Sienna, Toyota is adding LED daytime running lights, more soft-touch surfaces, optional black-leather seats with contrasting white stitching, and the cool new intercom feature. Called Driver Easy Speak, and also found on the Highlander SUV, it allows parents behind the wheel to talk through a microphone while they're driving so they don't have to yell back at their kids in the third row. It's an important safety feature that can really make a difference in a minivan.

Sienna sales actually were about flat through June compared with a year earlier. Some competing vans, such as Town & Country, have been posting sales increases over a year ago, and overall the minivans category seems to be getting more attention — and respect.



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## The books that have shaped our workforce

By Susan Ricker,  
CareerBuilder writer

Your collection of books may include some personal favorites, recommendations from friends, old textbooks and the occasional yard sale pick. But if you're putting together a collection of books that have shaped America's workforce, you might want to ask around for suggestions before calling the list complete.

The Department of Labor is partnering with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress to celebrate the DOL's centennial in 2013 and honor our nation's workforce in a project, "Books that Shaped Work in America."

If you want to be a part of this historic project, read on for more about the books on the list

and how you can suggest your own pick.

### One hundred years with the DOL and America's workforce

The project was inspired by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress' 2012 "Books That Shaped America" exhibition, which explored the impact of books on American life and culture. Not surprisingly, work was a major theme in many of the books on exhibition and prompted the DOL to explore the subject further.

While influential workers helped get the list started, more than 100 titles of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and children's books are now a part of the project,

which is still open and accepting suggested titles.

In an effort to engage with the public and share its resources and history, the Web-based project, [www.dol.gov/books](http://www.dol.gov/books), celebrates 100 years of the DOL's effort to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers and retirees of the U.S.; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

### Putting the list together

In order to put together a foundation for the list to build on, some influential members of the American workforce were tapped to suggest titles. Twenty-four individuals, including U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez, eight former secretaries of labor from both Democratic and Republican administrations, department staff (including an intern), civil rights leaders, critics, authors, media personalities and staff from the Library of Congress submitted suggestions.



*What would you add?*

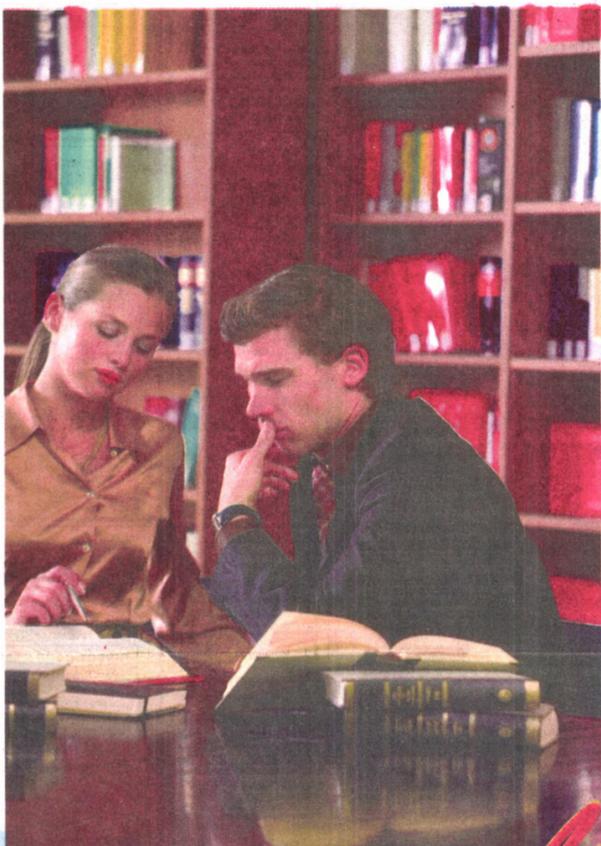
### Some notable picks on the list include:

- The Age of Innocence**  
by Edith Wharton
- Atlas Shrugged**  
by Ayn Rand
- The Book of Virtues**  
by William J. Bennett
- Capitalism and Freedom**  
by Milton Friedman
- The Devil Wears Prada**  
by Lauren Weisberger
- The Feminine Mystique**  
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by Sonia Sotomayor
- The Other America**  
by Michael Harrington
- To Kill a Mockingbird**  
by Harper Lee
- Wealth of Nations**  
by Adam Smith
- What Color is Your Parachute?**  
by Richard Nelson Bolles
- What Do People Do All Day?**  
by Richard Scarry
- The Guinness Book of World Records**

The list wouldn't be complete without the input of everyday workers. To have your pick considered, fill out the online form at <http://www.dol.gov/books/form> and include the book title, author and why you think the book should be on the list.

"The 'Books that Shaped Work in America' initiative explores the dignity of work and our progress in expanding America's fundamental promise of opportunity for all through the lens of literature," says U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. "Think of this effort as an online book club where people from all walks of life can share books that informed them about occupations and careers, molded their views about work and helped elevate the discourse about work, workers and workplaces. At the same time, the site provides a unique way for people to learn about the mission and resources of the U.S. Department of Labor."

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