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## Blankets plea

January has been cold. Record-breaking cold in fact. Not to mention all the snow that has been piling up.

As a result, homeless shelters in the Detroit area have been stressed and overflowing. Some are having to turn people away.

At least one local business is putting out a plea for the public's help. Van Dam's boutique, located at 111 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, is collecting blankets, which will be donated to area shelters.

"Watching the snow fall as we sit next to the fireplace can be beautiful but imagine no fireplace, no home," said owner Chris Van Dam.

To sweeten the pot a bit, the store is offering 20-percent off all purchases for anyone who brings in a blanket to donate throughout January.

For more information, call Van Dam's at 248-449-4282 or visit its website at <http://vandamsboutique.com>.



# MAN FACES SEVERAL FELONIES IN CARJACKING CASE AT MEIJER

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Meijer store at Eight Mile and Haggerty in Northville was the scene of a scary situation last week when a man used a gun to rob two local men in a harrowing carjacking incident.

According to the Northville Township Police, the incident took place at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the store located at 20401 Haggerty Road.

A suspect, 20-year-old Muhammed Turkovic, of Canton

Township, was later arrested in connection with the incident on multiple charges.

The investigation that led to the arrest was a cooperative effort between Northville Township, Oakland County and Canton Township.

Police say two Farmington Hills men were robbed at gunpoint by another man after they exited the Meijer store and were getting into their



Turkovic

vehicle. They were then forced to drive to a nearby ATM and withdraw money. They say the man also stole additional personal property from the victims.

"The suspect made the victims get out of the vehicle and he drove away in it," said Northville Township Lt. Mike Wildt.

The vehicle was later recovered in a nearby community, though police were not specific.

Northville Township got a lead in the case after spotting a "Be on the Lookout" issued by the Oakland County Sheriff's

Department. It stated a suspicious person that fit the Northville description was identified in an incident at the Walmart in Milford.

Police arrested Turkovic in Canton Township after another incident at the Walmart there. Wildt said they interviewed him while he was in Canton and they were able to tie him to the Meijer crimes.

Turkovic is charged with one count of carjacking (felony up to

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# Students, parents protest school board

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Disappointment and anger is an accurate way to describe the feelings of some Northville students and parents who attended the school board meeting last week.

They showed up to voice their frustrations for what they see as the "forced resignations" of Northville High School special education teachers Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler.

A group of around 50 went to the meeting at Hillside Middle School on Jan. 14 and

protested the meeting with signs near the entrance and main doors.

Their anger stems from the resignations approved by the Northville Board of Education earlier this month. They came in response to a district investigation into test scores at the high school, which were viewed as concerning for their variance compared with previous tests. Reasons as to why they were so low had been sought out by the district and two classrooms in the Special Services or Education department were pinpointed.



A group of Northville parents and students protested the Jan. 14 school board meeting at Hillside Middle School for what they see as the forced resignations of two well-liked special education teachers. **LONNIE HUHMANN**

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## The long climb back up



Caleb Wood, 11, (right), and his brother Seth, 9, haul their sleds up the hill at Northville's Cass Benton Park on Jan. 8 – a day where the thermometer didn't get above zero. The pair were off from their Novi schools and found some outside fun. **JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

## It's a mural party

Special film part of event to raise funds for flag painting

By **Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

If you are in need of a little patriotism to lift your spirits in these times of partisan squabbling, James Cagney might just do the trick. Yes, that James Cagney. The classic American actor will be back on the big screen Saturday evening when the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville presents a special showing of *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, the 1942 film starring Cagney.

The film is really secondary to the main reason for the special event, which is raise funds to restore the American flag mural on the outside of the theater. The event is the culmination of a joint fundraising effort between Northville Rotary, Preservation Dental and the Marquis Theatre that kicked off around Christmas. The groups have been selling raffle tickets

to raise the necessary \$19,000 to restore the 30-foot by 45-foot mural that the late Marquis Theatre owner Inge Zayti had commissioned following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Zayti, an immigrant, wanted to promote the notion of unity and called the mural "America United September 11, 2001".

Organizers of the raffle hope the Northville community unites around the cause to restore it.

This is not your average raffle, however. Tickets cost \$100 apiece, and there will only be 500 sold. If, in fact, all 500 are sold, the winner of the raffle will win \$10,000, with second place getting \$5,000 and third place \$2,500. The remainder of the funds will be used to commission Jeff Von Buskirk, the artist who painted the mural more than a decade ago, to complete the necessary renovations to preserve Old Glory.

If the group falls short of its 500-ticket goal, the raffle will

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# Blaze engulfs downtown condo complex

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A fast moving fire destroyed or severely damaged at least eight residences last week at the Fairbrook Condominium complex.

According to eyewitnesses, the fire reportedly started at the complex near downtown Northville around 10 p.m. on Tuesday and burned well into the early morning hours.

Investigators say it appears the fire started after a cat knocked over a candle inside a unit on the lower floor.

“It looks like it was an accident that started it, but it really took off and caused some terrible damage,” said Gary Renaud, a Fairbrook resident and property manager.

Renaud said he heard the fire sirens outside around 10 p.m. as he was getting ready for bed.

There were no report-



Northville Fire Chief James Allen (black jacket) talks with several of his firefighters Wednesday morning near the condo complex that was destroyed by a fire that began around 10 p.m. Tuesday night. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ed injuries, but one man did have to jump out of a second floor window that was at least 15 feet off the ground. However, there were some family pets that were lost to the fire.

Two residents, who didn't want to be named, said the fire moved very fast. They heard screaming in the unit below them where it originated, which caught their attention.



Northville City Firefighters worked to put out the fire that destroyed part of the Fairbrook Condos late on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

“It looks like we've lost everything,” said one of these residents.

Two residents attempted to put the blaze out with fire extinguishers, but to no avail. Northville City firefighters arrived on scene quickly, but by that time Renaud said the fire was well underway.

Firefighters from Northville Township and Novi assisted.

Another property manager, Dave Schroeder, said he had a lot of personal items in storage in the basement of the destroyed building. He said the building is quite old and was probably built in the 1960s, but

now he is not sure what will be done next.

“I feel really bad for those who have lost so much,” he said looking up at the damaged building on Wednesday morning.

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Silver Springs Elementary School students listen to a presentation of civil rights stories and songs on Jan. 15. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Students learn about MLK with story, song

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

As part of the month long educational celebration in Northville, Silver Springs Elementary celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day through spoken word and song.

Storyteller Karen Czarnik visited the school for an all-day event called “Diversity: The One and Only We – Celebrating our differences and embracing our unity through song and world stories.” Two grades at a time gathered to listen.

“I thought this was really cool,” said third-grader Charlotte Atkinson. “To have this at our school is a good thing.”

In a fun, interactive way Czarnik told stories involving respecting differences and how even the smallest person can help solve problems. She shared a collection of stories that focused on peace, expanding horizons, compassion and understanding one another.

She tied it all together and back to MLK, whom she called a visionary.

“We continue to live

his dream, but there is more work to be done,” she told the students.

The highlight of the storytelling was the story of the ghost with the one black eye. The kids really interacted with this one and in the end it tells the lesson of the youngest child of the family standing up to the scary ghost.

This theme of empowerment stuck.

“I learned I can solve problems myself and don't have to run away every time,” Charlotte said afterward.

The learning continues as students across Northville Public Schools honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy in a variety of meaningful ways throughout January.

“Restore the Dream” is the district-wide theme for this year's student activities and initiatives.

In classrooms across the district, students will take time to reflect on

Dr. King's message of peace and equality through teacher-led activities that include a range of experiences aligned with curriculum standards that include book discussions; reading and listening to selected Dr. King speeches; writing reflections; art projects; sharing poetry and music; making unity hats; making kindness cards to share with others; re-enacting events in Dr. King's life and the Civil Rights Movement; and classroom discussions about the impact of Dr. King's message on our world.

“The meaningful ways in which students, teachers and staff are giving thought to the principles taught by Dr. King are important,” said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. “It is our hope that these experiences will resonate for our students beyond this one day and beyond



Storyteller Karen Czarnik entertains Silver Springs students on Jan. 15 with songs and stories of civil rights pioneer Martin Luther King, Jr. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

their classrooms, and serve as a reminder to all of us in the Northville community that the journey toward greater understanding and respect

for one another is both ongoing and worthwhile.”

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The drawing will take place following the film at the appropriate time of 9:11 p.m.

Denise Jenkins of Preservation Dental , who is one of the main organizers of the fund-raising effort, said there are still tickets available, but many have been sold including to most of the “who’s who of Northville.”

“We’re doing well and working towards our goal,” she said last week. “So far most of the who’s who of Northville have purchased tickets. Some have bought multiple tickets.”

Many who are less endowed in the financial department have also stepped up to the plate,

however. Jenkins said the staff at Preservation Dental chipped in to purchase a ticket, as did the staff over at the local Bank of America branch. She said many in the business community have bought tickets, as well as people who have been drawn to the patriotic effort.

“I’ve had some people walk in and ask to buy tickets in honor of dead relatives, including some who have served in the military,” Jenkins said. “One man came into the office in a wheelchair. It’s really touching how people have been inspired by this cause.”

In addition to having a pretty good shot at winning a decent amount of money, everyone who buys a raffle ticket will have their name included in a full-page ad in the *Northville Record*, which will then be framed in

the lobby of the Marquis.

“They will forever be recognized as a flag supporter,” Jenkins said.

The doors open at 6 p.m. and festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. Jenkins said *Yankee Doodle Dandy* will begin around 6:45 p.m.

Jenkins expects some raffle tickets to be available the night of the event, which is open to the public. Those who purchase a ticket will get free admission to the show. Otherwise tickets will be \$5.

The winner does not need to be present at the event.

For more information and to purchase remaining raffle tickets, contact Jenkins at 248-348-1313, Traci Sincok at 248-349-7640, or Tim Story at 734-737-9107.

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A joint fundraising effort between Northville Rotary, Preservation Dental and the Marquis Theatre hopes to raise enough to restore the American flag mural on the outside of the theater. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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life in prison), two counts of armed robbery (felony up to life in prison), and two counts of unlawful imprisonment (15-year felony) and one count of stealing of a financial transaction device (4-year felony).

“This is a case of good work and cooperation between us, Oakland County and Canton,” Wildt said.

Turkovic was arraigned on Monday in the 34th District Court in Romulus and is being held on a \$1 million bond in the Wayne County Jail. Because of the MLK holiday Northville Township went to the Romulus court, which was open on the holiday.

The preliminary examination is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 31 at 8:30 a.m. in the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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The district hasn’t said much about the conclusions of the investigation, except that the teachers resigned.

But the students and parents have refused to let it go, with some saying district officials spread falsehoods and crossed appropriate boundaries throughout the process. One of the notions the parents are protesting is that the two teachers instructed their students to not try very hard on an online assessment test taken this fall, so their scores would be better when they take it again in the spring. Some of the students present at the meeting said there were no such instructions and that they miss their teachers.

It was during the citizen comment that the meeting really heated up

to a point that had some parents and students exited in disgust. The group was specifically angry about what they are calling “interrogations” of students by school officials.

“To go in there and be called a liar by your own assistant principal and she doesn’t think you are telling the truth about something ... I mean what do you say about that ... it hurts,” said sophomore Mason Pitt.

The students questioned said they were not allowed to have their parents present during the questioning even after asking for them.

All of the students who spoke said Warnock and Traxler provided support systems at their school and are dearly missed. The students believe their absence has led to lower grades and stress over approaching exams, and generally harming them academically.

“They motivated us,”

said junior Paige Chapman on behalf of her fellow students.

Parent Mary Roy echoed the other parents when she restated her “disappointment at how this was handled from the start.”

“Again, the interrogation that my son went through by administrators did not have these children’s best interests in mind at all and to approach those administrators later and feel completely dismissed with my concerns as to the effect that it had on our son,” said Roy.

She said school officials told her it was their right to be able to do this.

The protest group wants the tactic of “interrogations,” if anything, further explored by the school board as a follow up. They want to prevent this from happening again.

**School board response**

Some on the school board openly expressed alarm by these opinions.

Board member Scott Craig said some new views of the situation were presented and he was concerned to hear of the type of questioning that may have been conducted by administrators.

Board president Jim Mazurek said accepting the resignations was not an easy decision and the students were the main priority throughout the process. He said much time was taken to consider it and a lot of facts were looked at during the process.

He said ultimately the teachers made a conscious decision to resign and he does not know why.


“We did not fire them,” he added.

However, he did say the board would look at how the process was

conducted.

“There were some other things I heard about threats and interrogation that kind of disturb me,” he said.

Expect to hear more as discussions go forward.




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## 'Serving the children'

Montessori marks 30 years of learning in Novi/Northville

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

The maps on the hall-way wall are impressive, especially for 5-year-olds. The children know their countries in such places as South America and their relationship to the larger world.

Good feelings are sensed in a visit to the Novi Northville Montessori Center, which is observing its 30th anniversary this year. As children worked with teachers in the several classrooms on Novi Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile in Novi, Geetha Rao, director, administrator and owner, sat down to talk.

The native of India, who came here as a young bride and lives in Novi, has been with the center the entire 30 years. It serves children ages 2½ to 6 with preschool and kindergarten.

The center has room for 70 children in the morning and 70 in the afternoon, with some there all day. Before- and after-care is offered from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We are mostly always full," Rao said. In addition to Novi and Northville, the center draws from Farmington Hills, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Walled Lake and Canton.

"Parents know us, so they will take the extra effort to come here," Rao said.

### Background

Dr. Maria Montessori, an Italian physician, was born in 1870. She was

asked to work with Italian slum children and developed extensive teaching tools that proved effective and later gained worldwide renown.

"Montessori is all hands-on," Rao said. The "Follow the Child" focus on learning helps children grow and become independent and confident.

"With that comes learning," she said.

At the Novi center, children focus on practical life skills like pouring, buttoning and buckling. In reading, they work with phonics and use a lot of beads for counting in math. There's also science, music, geography and Spanish.

"So it's the whole child we want. Reading and writing will always come," Rao said.

After the center, some children go on to public school districts and do well, with other parents choosing parochial schools. There is also Montessori elementary education elsewhere, Rao said.

"I started with my son, who's 40 years old now," the grandmother of four said. She and her husband, a Unisys retiree, are proud of him, an oncologist in Arizona, as well as their 43-year-old son serving as a professor at the University of Toronto.

"My husband is a great supporter of Montessori," she said. It's a family business, with the children having worked there when they were younger: "There's a lot of love for Montessori," Rao said.

The couple's one son was 4 when he started in Montessori in West Bloomfield. A good



Geetha Rao, owner of the Novi Northville Montessori School, visits with some of its children during a Jan. 10 session. The early learning center located on Novi Road is celebrating 30 years in operation. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

friend of Rao's started the school that would become hers. "They moved on and we bought the business," she said. "For me, this is my religion, serving the children. It's very, very rewarding."

"The strength of the school is my teachers," including director and co-administrator Bridget Wilkinson of South Lyon, on staff 28 years.

All the seven teachers and paraprofessionals are well-trained, said Rao, who noted many parents work full time and the center suits those families well.

She's also grateful for the supportive parents. The school enrolls a number of siblings, as well as neighbors of children there.

During a recent tour, Rao noted the building was constructed with young children in mind, with furnishings scaled to them. "I wanted this to be a home away from home for the children at the same time they're learning," she said.

On a recent Monday, Wilkinson was preparing for a geography lesson. Wilkinson said children had earlier learned about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa and moved on to Martin Luther King Jr. lessons in January.

Wilkinson was explaining the Milky Way, moving down to North America and eventually to Novi. "It's just an introduction," she said. "Some of them pick it up, some of them don't."

What does Wilkinson

like best about her job?

"The children," she said without hesitation. "They're delightful. Something new every day."

Rao noted children come from many countries and enjoy an international Christmas show. Parents give presentations on where they come from.

"When I started, children had never seen an Indian person," she said. That's changed through time. "That's my dream, to have the world come together," Rao said.

### Parents are key

"We want the parents to come and participate, to be a part of the school," she said. "I'm very passionate about Montessori."

Parent Jill Guerrero of Novi has four kids ages 12, 10, 7 and 4 who are or have attended the center for two years of preschool each.

"The Montessori preschool really stood out," Guerrero, married to Jim, said of their search for a school for their oldest daughter. As parents, they liked that children had classroom choices, but also direction.

"Every choice is a good choice," Jill Guerrero said. "Everything has a reason behind it. We really liked their philosophy. When we visited, it was so calm."

They've enjoyed Mother's Night, Father's Night and birthdays at the center and add their children have done well academically.

"Wonderfully, wonderfully," Guerrero said. "When they entered kindergarten, they were so far ahead. The preschool was such a wonderful start for them."

The school is also green, using organic food, recycling and having children do art projects including recycling.

"I really want to thank the parents and my staff," said Rao, who also appreciates the greater community. "We have served this community for 30 years. Novi has been good to us."

Montessori is a more structured method, she explained, and not suited to all children. She doesn't offer an infant or toddler program.

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## Students to perform 'Lend Me a Tenor'



Northville High School students (from left) Ryan Duda, Carleigh Ray, John Garrity, Gaby Slape and Mat Buie rehearse a scene for the upcoming NHS Drama Club student-run production of "Lend Me a Tenor." A comedy, written by Ken Ludwig, runs Jan. 24-25 at the high school. Show times are 7 p.m. both days, with an additional 2 p.m. matinee on Jan. 25. General admission tickets cost \$5 and will be available at the NHS box office one hour prior to each performance. The production is appropriate for ages 10 and up. For more information, please visit [www.nhstheatre.com](http://www.nhstheatre.com). TRACY BINS

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# Flu bug hits Thornton Creek Elementary hard

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

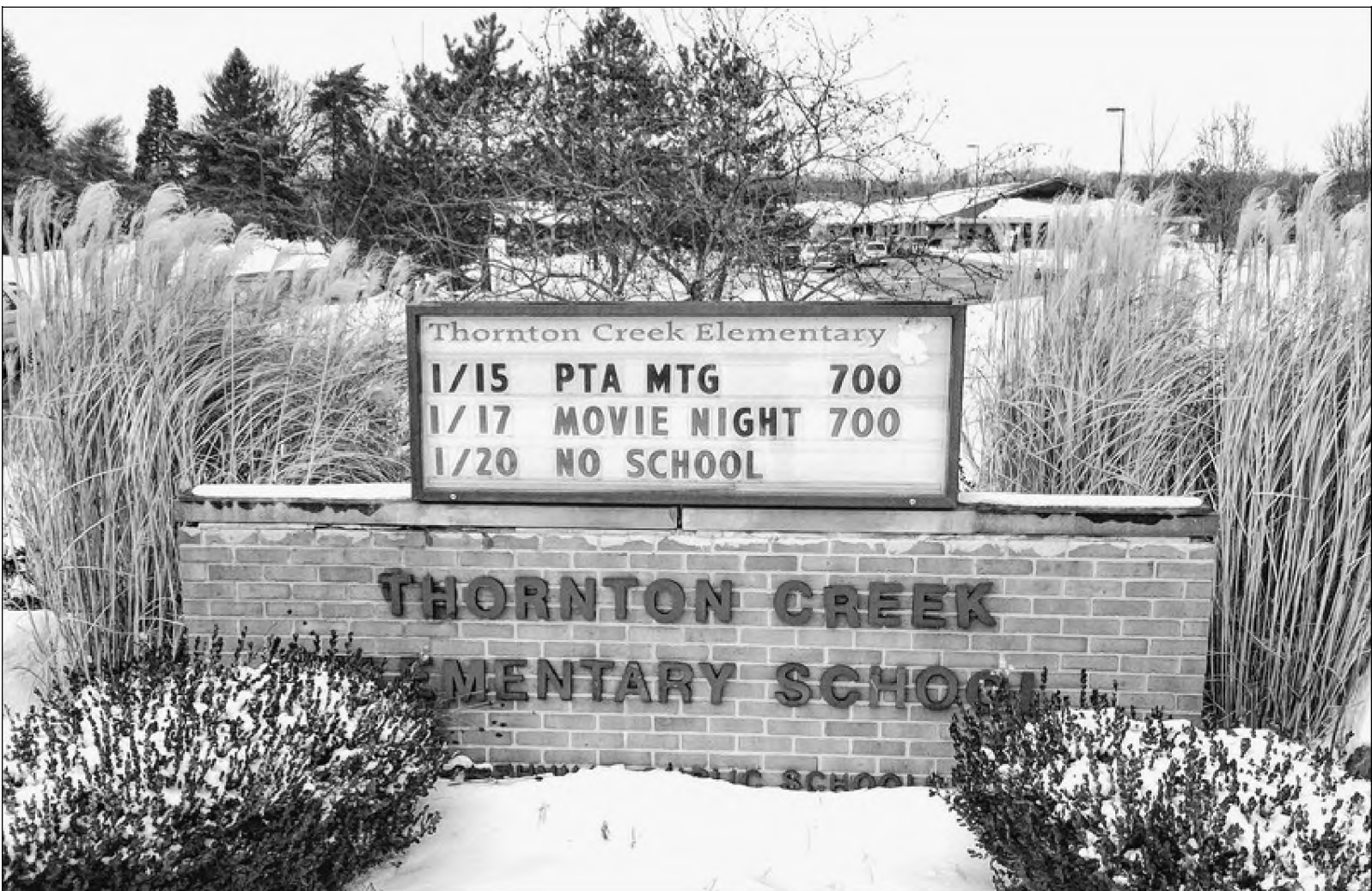
Thornton Creek Elementary School was ravaged by an outbreak of flu-like sicknesses in the past week or so as some students were sent home to prevent others from catching it.

“We continue to have an unusually large number of students absent with reports of flu-like symptoms. Again today, we sent several additional students home with similar symptoms. We are providing updates and additional information to the Oakland County Health Department and are acting on their recommendations for cleaning regimens,” Principal Alison Epler wrote in a communication to the school community sent out the afternoon of Jan. 17.

The school would not specify how many were sick.

Epler said at this point they do not have any confirmed cases of norovirus. According to the Oakland County Health Department, norovirus is an illness caused by a group of viruses that cause gastroenteritis (vomiting and diarrhea). It is often known as the stomach virus.

However, they “are acting on the recommendation of the Oakland County Health De-



Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary School reported a large number of students out sick with a gastrointestinal virus on Jan. 17. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

partment and following their cleaning guidelines for Norovirus because the symptoms are similar,” Elper said. “Additional custodians will continue to be on staff for cleaning and carpet extraction.”

She advised parents that if their child develops any of the symptoms then please keep him/her home from school. Specifically, that if a child is vomiting or has diarrhea, keep him/her home for 48-72 hours after symptoms resolve.

The symptoms also include a sudden onset of nausea and some stomach cramping. A low-grade fever can also occur with symptoms usually lasting 24 to 72 hours. Most people can spread the illness as soon as they feel ill to at least three days after symptoms stop.

Due to the sicknesses, the school's PTA sponsored movie night scheduled for Friday was canceled.

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### OLV open house

Our Lady of Victory School, located at 132 Orchard Dr, Northville, will host an open house from 10:30 a.m.- to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 26. OLV is an accredited, faith-based parish school dedicated to instilling Catholic values in a rigorous academics environment. The faith-filled environment promotes spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical

growth so that each student can reach their full potential as a child of God.

For more information, call 248-349-3610.

**NHS Dance Company**

The NHS Varsity Dance Company will present its annual performance entitled, “In The Air,” on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium. The show will feature hip-hop, jazz, con-

temporary, lyrical, and tap routines, many of which have been choreographed by its student members.

The Northville High School Varsity Dance Company is a performance-based dance ensemble made up of 20 high school students, all with extensive competitive and performance dance backgrounds at local studios.

Tickets for “In The Air” will be available for purchase the


day of the show at the NHS Auditorium Box Office beginning at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each.

**Silver Springs recognition**

Silver Springs Elementary has been named a Lighthouse School by the Franklin Covey Foundation. The students and staff learned of the news at their recent Leader in Me assembly.


The achievement is due to hard work and dedication to The Leader in Me process by students, staff, parents, and community. The school will partner with The Home Depot to host a community wide celebration the evening of Feb. 6.


Silver Springs is the fourth school in the state of Michigan to receive Lighthouse recognition and the 62nd school to achieve Lighthouse status worldwide.



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# Candidate to host forum on 7th Senate district

**By Brad Kadrach**  
Staff Writer

Plymouth attorney John Stewart, who spent six years in the state House of Representatives representing the 20th District, feels as though not enough voters have enough information about the newly redrawn boundaries of the state Senate 7th District.

This dearth of in-

formation is of particular importance to Stewart, who plans to run for the 7th Senate seat this fall (he'll have to get through an August primary first). The seat is currently held by Republican Patrick Colbeck of Canton.

So Stewart, term-limited out of the state House in 2006, has organized a community forum later this month at the Plymouth District

Library. The forum is scheduled for 5-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at the library, 223 S. Main.

"It's just an informational meeting on the new 7th state Senate District," said Stewart, who ran for the seat as an independent in 2010 and lost to Colbeck.

"It's not a debate, it's an informational meeting."

The meeting will be moderated by John Crea-

sy, a public school teacher from Livingston County and vice president of the Citizens Against Government Overreach.

Stewart said he invited Colbeck and Canton Democrat Dian Slavens, the current state representative for the 21st District who has announced she'll also seek the 7th Senate seat.

The state Senate 7th District has included, until now, the cities of

Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, part of Northville, Plymouth, Rockwood, Trenton and Woodhaven, along with Brownstown, Canton, Grosse Ile, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Sumpter and Van Buren townships.

The district has since been redrawn to include the Plymouths, Canton, part of Northville, Northville Township and the cities of Wayne and

Livonia.

Slavens said Thursday she was forced to decline Stewart's invitation because of a previous commitment. Colbeck said he's heavily involved in budget work.

"I'm focused on problem-solving, not politicking right now," he said.

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# More details for I-96 shutdown emerge during public meeting

**By David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Amy Dowell was happy to see the length of the shutdown of I-96 this year projected to last for about eight months compared to the possible 10 months it could have been closed.

Dowell, who commutes to Farmington Hills using I-96 and I-275, said she plans on finding alternate driving routes to get to work this year after the freeway shuts down March 24 for a seven-mile stretch of the reconstruction work through Livonia and Redford Township.

It's a small price to pay for an improved driving experience, she said.

"Once I get (to I-275), I've got lots of options," she said. "It'll be well worth it in the long run."

Dowell was one of many area residents who attended the final public meeting on the project Thursday evening at Thurston High School in Redford. After several days of back-and-forth regarding the final shutdown date, the Michigan Department of Transportation announced that Shelby Township-based Dan's Excavating had won the contract for the project and decided the freeway could be shut down later than anticipated.

Original projections showed the freeway, from Telegraph to Newburgh, could have shut down as early as the end of January.



Livonia resident Tim Reno speaks with MDOT traffic safety engineer Mike Budai about the I-96 rebuilding project. At right, Corrie Roe and Amy Dowell, both of Livonia check out graphics related to the freeway closure. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The shutdown is expected to last until sometime in October.

Jeff Horne, a project engineer and communications representative for the project, said there were two prime contractors bidding on the project and Dan's Excavating was not only the most economical choice, but submitted the bid that closed the freeway for

the shortest amount of time, a priority for MDOT.

"They said they could get it done," he said. "It was still the low bid."

The contract awarded to Dan's Excavating will cost about \$148.4 million for the I-96 reconstruction project that will see 37 bridges repaired and the road reconstructed both eastbound and westbound.

will be able to get onto the small stretch of I-96 between Newburgh and I-275 that will not be closed and exit at Newburgh from there.

Horne said some ramp widening will also take place on the Redford/Detroit border at Telegraph for vehicles there.

**No bridge schedule yet**

One detail that was not announced was the schedule of the bridge closings that will take place along the freeway.

"MDOT does not have that information at this time," Horne said. "This is going to be major; you're going to see a lot of construction workers."

The only major road bridges that will be shut down completely during

the project include Stark, Merriman and Inkster. All other major roads will have at least one lane open in each direction for the duration of the project. Signs will be posted near the bridges several days before the shutdown to inform drivers.

To deal with the additional traffic on mile roads and other main roads in the area, MDOT is looking at signals at MDOT-controlled intersections, including those at Telegraph and Grand River, to help alleviate traffic problems, said Aaron Raymond, a mobility engineer.

"We are working on signal timings," he said.

He also said while some neighborhoods may see an initial increase in

traffic, he anticipates drivers will abandon those routes when they find it is slower than they expected.

"People are going to realize it's not a good route to take," Raymond said. "It's not going to work well for them."

MDOT has opened an office in Livonia for the project and encourages those with questions to contact it as the project comes closer.

The local office is at 34400 Industrial Drive, in Livonia. The phone number to the office is 734-261-0560 and the email address is MDOT-96fix@michigan.gov.

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Tom and Yvette Dixon, of Plymouth, Bob and Pam MacKenzie, of Plymouth, Rich and Beth Turner, of Northville, Mark and Anne Houska, of Plymouth, and Tom and Debbie Meredith, of Northville, enjoying the Charity Preview. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# GLITZ, GLAMOUR AT AUTO SHOW GALA

Area residents help raise \$4.8 million during North American International Auto Show Charity Preview

The indomitable spirit of Detroit is alive and well. Just ask the nearly 13,800 people who attended the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview last Friday.

NAIAS reported \$4.8 million was raised for nine children's charities during an evening of glamour and elegance. This year's event raised nearly \$1 million more than 2013 – and the highest amount raised since 2008.

"The evening was absolutely electric," NAIAS chairman Bob Shuman said.

Charities benefiting from the event include Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys and Girls Hope Detroit, The Children's Center, The Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, The Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Detroit Institute of Children, Judson Center, March of Dimes Metro Detroit and Detroit PAL.

The black tie crowd enjoyed 4,400 bottles of champagne, 1,000 pounds of beef, 20,000 bottles of wine, 35,000 bottles of beer from the Detroit Beer Co., 1,200 pounds of shrimp and more.

The show is now open to the public through Sunday, Jan. 27.



Novi residents Jeff and Mary Golota have a good time checking out the Corvette Stingray at last week's charity gala. JULIE YOLLES



Jan and Jim Wills, at the Ford exhibit, are from Northville. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Cars and trucks weren't the only thing making their 2014 debut at Charity Preview. Julie Spivey introduced her new name. Novi residents Julie and David Spivey got married on Dec. 28. JULIE YOLLES



White Lake residents Kristine and Domenic Milicia checked out the cars in style on Friday night. Kristine wore a Tadashi gown with Stuart Weitzman platforms. JULIE YOLLES



The Corvette Stingray, named Car of the Year, attracted the attention of Beth and Bill Bell of Novi. JULIE YOLLES



Matt and Cory Thurber are from Northville. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



# Snyder announces initiative for driverless vehicles

By Jay Grossman  
Staff Writer

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder is taking a hands-on approach to the concept of hands-off driving. Appearing at the North American International Auto Show last week, the governor announced the state is entering into a partnership with the University of Michigan's Mobility Transformation Center to build a 32-acre simulated city on the U-M campus that will allow for the testing of driverless vehicles.

"The philosophy we need to get across to people is that it's about intelligent transportation systems," Snyder said. "It's about creating an infrastructure not just for today but for decades

to come – and that it will be largely based here in Michigan. That's what this partnership will do."

The governor also brought the future with him: students from Southfield High School and the William Ford Career Technical Center in Wayne-Westland Schools were introduced at the press conference to demonstrate automated models they developed.

The students participate in a vocational engineering program developed and funded by the Square One Education Network that provides them with a wealth of materials, new technologies and hands-on experiences.

The goal of the program is to prepare a new generation of engineers,



Governor Rick Snyder speaks at the Denso exhibit, flanked by Lamarn Johnson of Southfield High School and Austin Clute of the William Ford Tech Center in the Wayne-Westland Schools. Both students are involved in the tech race for autonomous vehicles. Johnson later spoke about his experience in the program, and personally, as a "car guy".

designers, builders and leaders.

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Peter Sweatman, director of U-M's Transportation Research In-

stitute, said by creating a fake urban environment, researchers can test autonomous and connected systems in real-time situations involving moving objects, mechanized

pedestrians, traffic lights and building facades. That research will ultimately lead to a safer driver experience. But to create that experience, mountains upon mountains of infrastructure must first be put into place.

"The new economy of mobility is going to be born right here in Michigan," Sweatman said at the press conference. Construction on the simulated city is set to begin in the spring. Sweatman said he hopes to have it running by September, when the World Congress in Intelligent Transport Systems is set to hold its 2014 meeting in Detroit.

State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, was also on hand Tuesday to discuss the autonomous

vehicle legislation recently signed into law that makes Michigan one of the few states where the testing of driverless vehicles is permitted on public roads.

"This is going to be an exciting journey for everyone," Kowall said. "Both sides supported this - everyone in Lansing understands this will make Michigan a true leader in this new technology."

The announcement was made at the Denso exhibit at the NAIAS, and Snyder applauded the Southfield-based auto supplier for being a leader in developing new technologies that lead to safer driving.

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## Biden optimistic about manufacturing

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Vice President Joe Biden always believed the automotive industry would rebound and return to its roots of producing the best products in the world.

And during his visit to the North American International Auto Show last week, Biden said to mark his words because "this is going to be the American century for manufacturing."

"Fortunately, we and the American people placed a bet on all of you sitting in front of me," he said to the crowd gathered in the atrium at the Cobo Center. "We bet on American ingenuity and we won."

Biden and President Barack Obama were staunch supporters of the United States automotive industry while it endured some of its toughest times, with the federal government helping bail



Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan introduced Vice President Joe Biden to the crowd gathered at the North American International Auto Show last week. NAIAS

out General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC. The two companies have emerged from bankruptcy, are creating jobs and producing, along with Ford Motor Company, cars and trucks that are "competitive in every market in the world today."

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said Biden was one of the "fiercest advocates for supporting our car companies in the White House," and re-

ferred to him as a "true champion of the American auto industry."

"Detroit never forgets those who were with us when we were down and we are so glad you are here when we are succeeding," Duggan said.

The vice president also is no stranger to the power of an American muscle car, having grown up with a father who managed two General Motors dealers and being the owner of a 1967 Corvette Stingray. He also drove a Chrysler 300D to his senior prom and burned rubber on the grounds of the Naval Observatory when his brother brought a new Cadillac to town.

Biden remembers when people talked about lowering their expectations about the success of the auto industry in the future and that is proving to not been needed.

"Just like the automobile industry came back, Detroit is going to come back," boasted Biden.



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**Mass Schedule**  
**Time/Day:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Friday; 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)  
**Holy days:** 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
**Priests:** the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor  
**AA:** 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows Church

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or

visit [www.crosspointe-meadows.org](http://www.crosspointe-meadows.org).  
**Sunday worship:** 11:15 a.m.  
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Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia  
**Web:** [www.emmanuel-livonia.org](http://www.emmanuel-livonia.org)  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822  
**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
**Adult special needs worship:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Youth group:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study Advent Study:** 10-11: 30 a.m. Mondays; Christianity's Family Tree, Adam Hamilton  
**Adult Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.; Paul: To Live In Christ  
**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 1; Commandments For Today

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345 or visit [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Women's Bible Study:** 9:15-10:30 a.m. Saturdays; What's So Amazing About Grace? through March 22

First Baptist Church of Northville

**Location:** 217 N. Wing  
**Contact:** 248-348-1020  
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**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying Luke  
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First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**Location:** 200 E. Main  
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[www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon  
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First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

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Hope Lutheran Church

**Location:** 39200 W. 12 Mile (east of Haggerty), Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

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

Livonia Church of Christ

**Location:** 15431 Merriman, Livonia  
**Contact:** 734-427-8743 or visit [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)  
**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)  
**Location:** 23455 Novi Road, Novi  
**Contact:** pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit [www.legacychurch.us](http://www.legacychurch.us)  
**Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Worship Services:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study/Prayer:** Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile  
**Contact:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, 248-348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or email to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).

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ers and Sculptors and runs Jan. 24-March 7 at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery, University of Michigan, 4901 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. The opening reception takes place from 5-7 p.m., Jan. 24. After that normal hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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**Location:** 41355 Six Mile  
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**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or [rabbini@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbini@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

Novi United Methodist Church

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)  
**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion:** 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month  
**Peace Vigil:** noon, first Sunday of every month in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Oak Pointe Church

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi,  
**Contact:** 248-912-0043  
**Web:** [www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups](http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups)  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)  
**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday  
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Orchard Grove Community Church

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake  
**Web:** [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org)  
**Contact:** Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or [amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org](mailto:amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org).

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-374-2268  
**Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School:** 10 a.m.  
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**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.  
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Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

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Praise Baptist Church

**Location:** 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
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**Sunday Worship:** 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:15 a.m.

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May 17, 1927 - January 13, 2014 [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

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**GATES, GEORGE W.**  
87, of Milford, MI, died peacefully on January 18, 2014. He was born in Detroit, MI, on October 15, 1926. George graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1943 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard the U.S.S. New Jersey battleship until June 1946. George attended the University of Detroit from 1946-49. He married Betty Runstadler, the love of his life and devoted wife of 64 years, in 1949. George is survived by his wife and three children and a granddaughter, Victoria (Art) Lofton, of Huntington Beach, California, George Gates, Jr., of Highland, MI, Nancy (Ron) Pearson, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Marylynn Gates, of Phoenix, Arizona. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford, on Monday, January 20, 2014. For further information please phone, 248-684-6645 or visit [www.w.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.w.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).  
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**SCHAUFELE, BERNICE IRENE**  
January 13, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Ray. Dear mother of Sharon (Daniel Keskitalo) Schaufele and Kim (Zoltan) Lukacs. Proud grandmother of Brandon, Evan and Aaron. Sister of John Dickey and Jackie Guevsky. Services were held with Rev. Stephen Perrine officiating. Interment at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. Donations can be made to The Crime Victim Foundation P.O. Box 441, Jenison, MI 49429. On line sympathy message at [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**SKOWRONEK, DEBORAH**  
Passed away January 18, 2014. Wife of Tom. Mother of Scott (Kate) and Jonathan. Grandmother of Abigail. Step-mother of Eric (Jessica) and David. Step-grandmother to Chris, Brendan and Logan. Special cousin to Carrie. Visitation Saturday 10 a.m. - 12 noon with a 12 noon Funeral Service at the Fisher Funeral Home in Redford. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Disabled American Veterans.

**SPICER, GEORGE**  
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**STOWELL, JOHN G.**  
Age 71, of Northville passed away January, 17 2014. Full obituary and online condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

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**TRESSLER, BARBARA ANN ARMS**  
A resident of Milford, passed away January 17, 2014, age 91. Wife of the late Charles Tressler. Survived by her daughters, Linda Dagenhardt and Tamara Tressler; grandchildren, Christina (Brad) Acker, Norman Dagenhardt, Timothy (Cindy) Tino, and Tracie (Tim) Arnold; Great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Courtney Tino, and Alyshia, Ryan, Tyler, and Kyle Arnold; six nieces and a nephew; her best friends and cousins, Helen McGee, Dottie Sheffler, and Mary Jane McCall Jewett. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. A commemoration of her life will be held at a later date for family and friends. Memorial donations may be made to the Oak Grove Cemetery Fund or Milford Methodist Church. For further information please contact, Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).  
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VANDERVOORT, DOUGLAS

55 years old, of Novi, Michigan passed away from melanoma cancer on January 16, 2014. Born to William and Virginia Vandervoort March 16, 1958, in Norwalk, CT, he grew up in Richfield, OH and went on to graduate with an Agricultural Engineering Degree from Ohio State University and later earned his Professional Engineering license. Doug married Patricia Freitag Vandervoort on November 23, 1985. Doug was a wonderful husband, fantastic, hands-on father, cherished son, loving brother, engaged uncle, and terrific friend. Doug put his heart into everything he did, whether he was tackling engineering problems at work or the "Must-do List" of fun activities on family vacations. Doug's love for the outdoors included running, mountain biking, water and snow skiing, sailing, swimming, hiking and gardening. He was also an avid woodworker and do-it-yourselfer. Doug is survived by his wife Patricia, son Christopher (Law Student at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL), and daughters Brianna and Katie (Junior and Freshman, respectively, at University of Michigan). A memorial gathering to celebrate Doug's life will be held this Saturday, January 25th, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at The Michigan Union, 530 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48109. Hors d'Oeuvres will be served and guests will be invited to share their remembrances. Guests are encouraged to bring photographs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a memorial fund for Doug's children's college educations. Checks may be made out to "Doug Vandervoort Memorial Trust Fund".



# Slip-and-fall accidents can be hazardous to a body

Many Northville residents are reporting slip-and-falls. The numbers are increasing with the icy conditions. Most people are falling on their tailbones, while others are jolting their bodies very hard.

Slip-and-falls should be considered as serious as auto accidents. There should be a thorough examination of the entire spine immediately after the fall. Most people feel a little sore the day of the fall. The next day the entire body will ache. This is a



**Kenneth Stopa**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

type of whiplash of the body. The person can feel neck soreness, low back stiffness and tailbone pain.

Most of the time, one limb is also affected. A person will usually try to break their fall with the arms affecting that limb. Other symptoms most commonly experienced are burning in the tailbone area, tin-

gles in the arms and fingers, stiff neck, stiff back, low back pain and a burning sensation running down the leg.

Many people suffer with headaches after a whiplash of the neck. Researches have often noted the relationship between the spine and many types of headaches.

For example, one study of 6,000 long-term headache sufferers revealed that neck injury from whiplash or falls was a more important factor in the cause of the headache

and should be suspected in every nonspecific case of the headache.

Most falls cause the neck to get jolted. The pelvic area is usually landed upon during a slip-and-fall. The pelvis will shift and cause pain and discomfort in the lower back. The spinal column of the low back might also be affected. The vertebrae of the low back may be shifted out of alignment, causing pain and discomfort of the low back area. A thorough spinal examination should be done after

any slip and fall.

If you do experience a slip and fall:

- » If you are on the ground and seriously injured, and someone is with you, have that person call EMS.
- » If nothing is broken, get to your spinal care physician to check for whiplash and misalignments of the spine.
- » Get an extensive spinal examination from head to tail from a chiropractic physician.
- » Ice the affected areas for 20 minutes, on and off for one hour, then repeat.

- » Do not put heat on affected areas. This will increase inflammation and pain.
- » Elevate any affected limb, especially if it's swollen.
- » Do not wait to get an examination.
- » Get an examination even if you have no pain. Symptoms are the last sign of damage to the body.

**Dr. Kenneth Stopa** owns Main Steet Family Chiropractic Center, P.C. in downtown Northville. He welcomes your feedback at 248-735-9800.

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OUR VIEWS

# Black eye for district

## Teacher situation was poorly executed

Ask any employer, getting rid of an employee is rarely a pleasant experience. When that employee is a public school teacher it is likely an even tougher task. Northville Public Schools administrators found themselves in just such a situation when they determined that Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler, both special education teachers at Northville High School, needed to be replaced. Due to privacy laws and union contracts, the district has been fairly tight-lipped about why the two teachers were forced out, but the two were put on immediate leave after their students did poorly on an online assessment test given in the fall.

In today's political environment, test scores are one of the primary ways to assess a district's academic success (or failure if you choose to look at it that way). Whether that is fair or not is certainly debatable. Either way, it is a reality all educators must accept. So if Warnock and Traxler were not preparing their students to succeed on these assessment tests, and replacing them was in the best interest of their students, it seems reasonable that most people would be supportive of the move.

However, it is hard to imagine how district officials could have botched this situation any worse than they did. They've angered students and their parents, who have been protesting this move for two months now. And they have left two young teachers, who were popular with their students, out to dry and disillusioned about the teaching profession.

A quick history. Between the two of them, Traxler and Warnock had a little more than 30 students under their direction at the high school. These special education students have a range of learning disabilities, physical challenges or emotional impairments. For the most part, though, they are normal students who have different teachers during the course of the day but need some special guidance provided by Traxler and Warnock. Like other students, they also take the online NWEA Measures of Academic Progress for Primary Grades Assessment test in math and reading. They take it once in the fall and again in spring. It tracks their academic progress.

While district officials haven't been specific, Warnock said a handful of their students did in fact score lower than they did last spring, which she doesn't find surprising considering the students just came back from summer vacation. However, district officials were concerned enough that they began an investigation, which included interviewing some of these students outside of the classroom without contacting their parents – some of whom have now referred to these interviews as “interrogations.” The students were asked a whole host of questions about Warnock or Traxler.

During this impromptu investigation, the two teachers were informed that they would be placed on paid leave. This was back in November. Substitute teachers were brought in with mixed results. Again, parents were angered, feeling their children were pawns during the investigation and not receiving quality guidance in the classroom.

At the conclusion of their investigation, district officials determined it was time to part ways with both teachers, and they were given a choice to resign and get paid for the rest of the year, or be fired and go before the tenure board. If Traxler and Warnock chose to fight the termination, they risked not only losing their pay half way through the school year but also possibly their teaching license. They really had no choice. If they did fight it and actually won, they would be going back into a hostile environment that wouldn't have been conducive for anyone involved. Teachers can't succeed if administrators aren't supporting them.

The school board accepted their resignations on Jan. 2. As part of the agreement, Traxler and Warnock gave up their right to take future legal action against the district.

Despite one questionable move after another, perhaps the district's biggest miscalculation in the matter was not realizing how popular these two teachers were. They have certainly found out since putting them on leave. Many parents have voiced their outrage at public meetings and to the media. They even threw a party for the two teachers earlier this month to show their support. The parents we talk to say Traxler and Warnock were good teachers who always went the extra mile to help their children succeed, and the fact that they were forced out is an injustice.

There just seems to be a major difference of opinion about the two between the parents and district administrators. And the smell test seems to indicate there was more to this move than just a few poor test scores. But nobody from the district is ever going to admit to that.

There's not a whole lot that can be done to repair this situation. Everyone is going to just have to move on. The students are going to have to live with new teachers, once permanent replacements are found. Hopefully Traxler and Warnock will be able to find new employment, whether it's in the teaching field or not.

And district administrators should have learned a big lesson here. Yes, they are in charge of the district and they should always do what they think is in the best interest of students, but they must remember that they are also in the business of customer service. They will tell you they followed their protocol in this situation, which may be true. But if that's the case, perhaps it's time to reexamine the procedures of replacing teachers. A lot of their customers aren't very satisfied with them right now.

COMMUNITY VOICE

## What's your advice for staying warm on these super outsidecold days?

This question was asked in downtown Northville.



“To layer and cover all exposed skin, or just don't go out.”

**Debbie Pennington**  
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**Kari Bergers**  
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LETTERS

### Stop invasive species

In his State of the State message last week, Governor Rick Snyder announced that he would be initiating a new effort to combat invasive species in Michigan and the Great Lakes. He said, “There's too much talk and not enough action on invasive species.” I couldn't agree more.

We already are spending large sums to deal with the sea lamprey, zebra mussels and emerald ash borer, to name just a few that are already here. Last August, a citizen task force created by the state Legislature made a series of recommendations on changes that could be made to state law and policy that would shift our focus from managing invasive species after they get here to preventing their introduction.

Gov. Snyder is trying to get us moving. I hope the Legislature follows his lead and quickly takes up this issue and appropriates the resources and makes the legislative changes needed to protect our beautiful state for our children and grandchildren.

**Robert L. Anthony**  
Michigan Trustee, The Nature Conservancy  
Northville

The state of Snyder

Well, Gov. Snyder has given his 4th State of the State address, but I think I'll pass on joining his sycophant audience in applauding him. When you hear these politicians giving these self-aggrandizement speeches that make life sound so rose, you almost have to pinch yourself to make sure you're still living in the same place as them!

Snyder has been a better governor than Granholm and Blanchard, not much better than Milliken, and not as good as Engler, who really did nothing constructive beyond Proposal A. He needs to go – go anywhere really, but boot him out of Lansing by all means. Traitors to the cause like Snyder and Rep. Walsh supported Obamacare and conservatives need to cast out the evil from among their midst. Snyder cut the income tax credit for the struggling in favor of his fat-cat business buds. He cut the gas energy tax credit for the struggling. He wants to raise taxes for the roads – why not trim some bureaucrat jobs? Why not save money by making the legislature part-time?

Snyder is no friend to the pro-life and pro-family crowd. Nope, he wants to focus like a laser on his big business buds. A pro-life bill only recently got through via a voter initiative drive. Michiganders need to use the vote and apply some of Snyder's Relentless Positive Action and positively kick Rinos like him to the curb. Vote for anyone else, yea, even Bozo, or don't vote at all, but don't give this clown a second term.

**Leo Weber**  
Livonia

### Nerd, egghead or twit?

Being a member of an older generation when “nerd” became became part of the American vernacular, I was inclined to equate it with an older appellation, “egghead.” In my youth, an egghead was considered an intellectual. Weird? Perhaps, but brain, nevertheless.

When considering the convoluted, asinine, illogical argument of Gov. Nerd supporting

anonymous slander squads, one cannot possibly confuse egghead with nerd. Twit? Yes, but not egghead.

Snyder would have flunked Socrates' Logic 101 class.

**Patrick Downey**  
Novi

### Remember in November

Your Editorial Views headline stated, “Don't let issues fester in 2014.” This is a response to your suggestion.

You compliment the Michigan Legislature for expanding Medicaid to 470,000 low income Michiganders through the Affordable Care Act. To his credit, Gov. Rick Snyder was a strong advocate of the measure which would have resulted in a saving of \$600,000 to the state.

However, the tea party extremists in the Legislature used a procedural move to delay the implementation date from Jan. 1, 2014, to April 1, 2014. This maneuver will cost our Michigan taxpayers a whopping \$630 million. This means it's costing us \$7 million a day, about \$291,667 an hour. How fiscally responsible is that? This is the same Legislature that boasted in the Jan. 2 edition that they plan to be as “productive” in 2014. Some of them are term limited so they plan to run for a higher state office.

It appears that they hate President Barack Obama so much that no matter how it benefits and helps Americans get health care, they would rather everyone suffer while the health care insurance, pharmaceutical and hospital executives enjoy extravagant salaries. I thought they were elected for the benefit of all of us citizens. Apparently, their vote goes to the most lucrative bidder rather than we lowly voters.

We can assure you “productive” legislators, that we voters will remember in November. You may have to seek employment like the rest of us.

I'm not festering; I'm remembering.

**Delphine Palkowski**  
South Lyon

### Check job description, Lansing

On Jan. 12, the *Detroit Free Press* printed a local commentary from the speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Jase Bolger. I read his letter with great interest because it was in response to the *Free Press* editorial regarding the so-called budget surplus, and I had written a letter in response to that editorial. I called on Lansing to return the monies taken from our cities, schools and to stop taxing retirees.

I can sum up his article by quoting from it: “We also must seek to take care of our obligations and not leave promises of the past to be paid for by the work of our children.”

Nice observation Jase, but how is promoting our cities (the source of many jobs for our children), promoting education (making them qualified for those jobs), and not taxing retirees (spending money that will increase Michigan's economy), a bad thing for Michigan? In fact, is it not the obligation of Lansing to promote our cities, schools and retirees? I think Lansing needs to check its job description.

**Ernest Roy**  
Livonia

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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### Review policies

I recently was involved in a car accident. I was driving on the expressway, maintaining speed with the flow of traffic and within the speed limit and was rear-ended by a speeding, out-of-control driver.

I filed a damage claim with my auto insurance carrier, which agreed to pay for the repair of my car, as required by the policy and the state's no-fault insurance law.

Last year, my wife's car was parked in the Kroger parking lot and suffered extensive damage when another car smashed into it while she was shopping. In that case, too, our carrier paid for the repairs to the car.

The surprise came when our carrier informed us that our insurance premiums were going up because we had been involved in two accidents within a two-year period. Neither of us has had a traffic ticket in decades.

There is no ambiguity about the circumstances of the accidents — if fault were relevant, it would clearly be assigned to the other car owner in each of the two incidents.

No-fault insurance works to the benefit of the insurance industry and to the public by eliminating expensive dispute resolution to assess fault.

Presumably, with many policy holders, the total damage claims from policy holders who were, in fact, at fault and those who were not, will even out and the saving in litigation costs can be passed to the public in the form of lower premiums.

The same reasoning does not apply to the charging of premiums to individual drivers, however, because individual drivers do not have the benefit of averaging out their premiums over many insurance contracts. Fault should be a factor in a decision to raise the premium of an individual driver.

Drivers who get many traffic tickets or who cause accidents are the ones who deserve to have their insurance premiums raised, not the people who drive safely and park their cars in what later turns out to be the line of fire of a reckless driver.

I hope carriers and our insurance regulators will review and reassess the policies that carriers are using in deciding to raise premiums for individual drivers, with the end that such decisions would be made in a more just manner.

**John Grissim**  
Milford

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# Township employees receive 2-percent increase with deal

**Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Northville Township has reached new contracts with three of its unions.

The township board on Thursday unanimously agreed to a new three-year contract with its clerical employees. The 10 full-time employees represented by AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) will receive a 2-percent pay increase each of the three years of the contract.

Clerk Sue Hillebrand characterized the contract as fair with “modest” pay increases.

The township also

reached similar deals with its two police unions late last month. The police officer union (POAM) and command officers union (COAM) also reached new five-year labor deals where they will receive a 2-percent pay increase in each of the years. The employees will be responsible for increased health care contributions and they will begin paying towards their pension benefits.

“These terms were voluntarily agreed upon by both the township and the officers, and represents a mutual commitment to continue to keep Northville Township a safe and vibrant community,” said Finance Direc-

tor Marina Neumaierl.

According to Neumaier, the township’s overall workforce has been reduced by 15 full-time positions or 12-percent since 2008. The 2014 budget plan maintains staffing at this reduced level with 70-percent of the workforce dedicated to public safety operations.

Township Manager Chip Snider characterized negotiations with the unions as constructive and lacking animosity.

“We have excellent an excellent relationship with our employees,” he said.

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Home invasion

An unknown person went into a Northville home, but ran away after being confronted by the homeowner.

On Jan. 15, the homeowner in the 900 block of Jeffrey Drive heard the doorbell ring several times and the dog barking before taking a look to see who it was. When she went to the front door to investigate, she told police there was a man standing inside her home. He ran after she asked him what he was doing.

The case is still open as police gather more information.

### Marijuana possession

A Northville High student was cited for marijuana possession.

A Northville city po-

lice officer stopped the 17-year-old at Main Street and Beal Avenue for driving a vehicle with an improper license plate. The teen driver said there was a proper plate but it had not been secured to the vehicle yet.

He searched for the plate, and later found it in the trunk. However, while questioning the two passengers police detected the odor of marijuana inside the vehicle. The driver admitted there was some and police officer did find a baggie with 1.5 grams of suspected marijuana.

### UPS packages stolen

Two packages delivered by UPS were stolen from the front porch of a house on N. Rogers Street. On Jan. 2, the homeowner reported the missing packages after

getting in touch with UPS, who said they had delivered the shirts and briefcase to the home in mid-December. The packages totaled \$700.

There are no suspects.

### Missing jacket

A Northville Downs employee’s jacket with cell phone and house keys in it went missing on Jan. 10 and may have been stolen.

According to the Northville City Police, the jacket was taken out of the break room by another employee by mistake and then left behind some TV screens because that employee couldn’t get back in. That employee told the woman, whose jacket it was, where it was. However, it was not there when the woman went to retrieve it.

The case has been reported as a larceny.

## Freezing temperatures can hit home in pipes, wallet

**By Mike Lammi**  
Gannett Michigan

With below-zero temperatures in the forecast this week, you are probably taking extra precautions to protect yourself from Old Man Winter’s icy grip.

Don’t forget that your home needs extra protection, too.

That’s the message from insurance agents who warn homeowners about the dangers of frozen pipes.

“What happens is, like during the last power outage, people (who were out of town) didn’t realize their power was out,” said Barbara Walker, vice president at the Hartland Insurance Agency. “If the power was out and their pump wasn’t working, they came back home to frozen pipes.”

The damage from frozen or busted pipes can be far-reaching —

and costly to repair.

“Water in the basement can shut down your furnace. You can have all kinds of electrical issues; that can be dangerous,” Walker said. “And once you have water, it seeps into the walls, carpets, padding ... water goes everywhere. You don’t know what could be damaged.”

Walker said she’s only seen a few claims recently from damage related to freezing temperatures.

Geof Gelina, a State Farm Insurance agent, said his policyholders have done a good job of keeping such trouble in check this winter.

“Most people are doing a pretty good job, having better-insulated homes, keeping the heat on,” Gelina said.

State Farm recently provided tips to homeowners to prevent pipes from freezing and bursting. Those tips included:

- » When it’s especially cold, let faucets drip overnight and open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks exterior walls.
- » Insulate pipes in your crawl space or attic.
- » Use an indoor valve to to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- » If you are going away for a while, keep the heat in your home no lower than 55 degrees, and ask a friend to check your home daily.

“If you have any fear at all (that something could be wrong), check it out,” Walker said. “Even if you have an incident, most people have a deductible, so it’s money out of your pocket.”

She also advises homeowners to check with their insurance agents to make sure they’re covered before such a disaster occurs.



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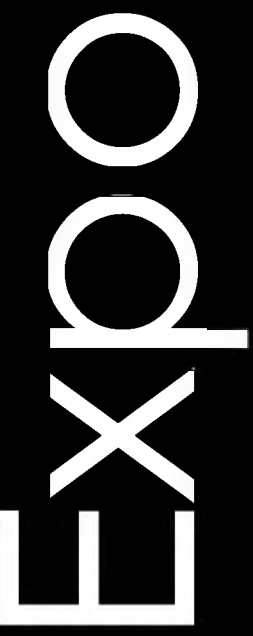
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**Friday:** 9 a.m. Archives open; 6 p.m. King's 8th

**Saturday:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Girl Scout Area Leaders Training

**Sunday:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Girl Scout Training; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #473; 6:30 p.m.

Venture Crew #8 in Church

**Monday:** 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Victorian Readers

**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Girl Scouts #737; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 755 Den 4 in Church

**Wednesday:** 1 p.m. AAUW Bridge Group; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Group

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## Girl rock



Unusual Symphony, an all-female band with deep ties to the area, will be performing live at Genitti's Little Theatre, located at 108 E Main Street in Northville at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. The band, winners of the 2012 Talent for the Title, includes (from left) Plymouth High School sophomores Kaley Ross (electric guitar) and Nicole DeCapite (bass); Madonna University freshman Brittany Wenzel (drums); and Northville High School freshmen Emily Peck (keyboard) and Carly Bins (lead vocals and acoustic guitar). The concert is free, but donations to the band's recording studio fund are welcomed. Unusual Symphony currently has two songs – "Anyway" and "All Along" – are available on iTunes. The band's debut album is set for release later this year. For more information, visit [www.unusualsymphony.com](http://www.unusualsymphony.com). TRACY BINS

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# 17 vie for Distinguished Young Women scholarships

A group of women from throughout Michigan will be in Saline this week to compete in the 56th annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program.

The program will be at 6 p.m. at Saline High School. The 17 contestants, including Ashley Peper of Northville, will compete for more than \$8,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent Michigan at local events throughout the state and at the national finals in Mobile, Ala., in June. The scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent.

At the state program, contestants will perform

an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self-expression. Contestants are also evaluated based on academic scholastics and interviews.

A final performance by the current Distinguished Young Women of Michigan, Anna Dai, also will be part of the event. Dai was selected as the top-five talent and scholastic winner at the Distinguished Young Woman of America national program in last year's national program.

"This is one of the largest and most talented group of contestants that we have had and we are so excited for the public to come and support



Distinguished Young Women of Michigan's Class of 2014 include Cassidy Nugent (back row, from left), Kayla Fryz, Mianna Gonczar, Hailey Dottor, Caitlin Borke, Jordyn Boitos, Chineze Mbanugo, Alysse Blight and Stephanie Robinson and (seated, from left), Ashley Peper of Northville, Claire Martin, Alysha Ausmus, Tori Hubbell and Cionna Orr. Not pictured are Carly Petersen, Akshaya Rajkumar and Karyna Smith.

these accomplished young women" said Angela Bobo, Distinguished Young Women of Michigan state director.

Competing this year are: Jordyn Boitos and Hailey Dottor from Wayne-Westland; Kayla

Fryz and Chineze Mbanugo from Plymouth-Canton; Tori Hubbell, Alysha Ausmus and Carly Petersen from Irish Hills; Cassidy Nugent from Washtenaw County; Karyna Smith from Inkster; Caitlin Borke from

Alpena; Akshaya Rajkumar from Oakland County; Claire Martin from Huron County; Ashley Peper from Northville; Alysse Blight from Wyandotte; Mianna Gonczar from Romeo; Cionna Orr from Flint;

and Stephanie Robinson from Detroit.

Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at Saline High School the day of the event or by contacting the Michigan State Committee by email [Michigan@distinguisheddyw.org](mailto:Michigan@distinguisheddyw.org). All proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

The Michigan State Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country. Since it began in 1958, more than \$90 million in college scholarships have been awarded. For more information on the scholarship program, visit [distinguisheddyw.org](http://distinguisheddyw.org).

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**Northville's Andrew Stevens dribbles up the floor trailed by Novi's Alex Marzejon.** JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Mustangs top Wildcats, 51-37

## Northville's defense stymies Novi's hopes for victory

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

The Novi boys basketball team led in the first quarter, 10-7, against crosstown rival Northville last week. But then Northville's David Morrissey hit a 3-point field goal to tie the game before the Mustangs galloped away with the victory, 51-37.

Northville and Novi ended the first quarter tied, 10-10, but from that point on it turned into a runaway game. Northville outscored the Wildcats 15-5 in the second quarter to take a 25-15 lead at halftime.

The Mustangs held Novi to just two points in the third quarter as Northville extended its lead to 37-17.

The Wildcats did make a strong push in the fourth quarter, scoring 20 points, but they couldn't keep the Mustangs off the scoreboard and allowed Northville to put up 14 more points.

"We had a bunch of guys step up and make plays tonight, which is what it takes in these division games," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We were extremely efficient on the offensive end, shooting almost 60 percent and not turning it over too often."

Northville was led by Dan Sims, who scored 11 points with a perfect 1-for-1 from the

floor and 2-for-2 from 3-point range. He was fouled on a third 3-pointer as well and went 3-for-5 from the free-throw line. Morrissey, who went 3-for-3 on 3-pointers, and Andrew Meacham each had nine points.

"Dan Sims has a knack for hitting key shots and he again delivered tonight," Sander said. "It was terrific to see David Morrissey provide a spark from the outside."

Leading the Wildcats was Nick Zugaro, who had eight points, while Kameron Harker had seven.

Northville climbed to 6-4 overall and 3-1 in the Central Division with the victory.

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**Northville's Anton Travis dives in the meet against Novi.**

# Northville gymnasts capture first two victories of season

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

Erin McWatt has been saying since the first day of gymnastics practice that her Northville team had the raw talent to win meets this season – the girls just needed experience to help shape that talent into points from the judges.

McWatt's foresight proved solid last week when the Mustangs took on Birmingham Unified, Walled Lake Northern/Western and Walled Lake Central in a quad meet and walked away with two victories. Northville scored 123.825 points, which was solid enough to top the Northern/Western squad's 116.55 and Central's 111.025. Birmingham came away with 127.95 points to earn top marks at the meet.

The victory came, in part, thanks to some increased scores on the beam, a part of the meet the Mustangs have struggled at this year.

"Beam was much better for us this week," McWatt said. "The girls are gaining confidence."

Alyssa Breen was the top-scoring Mustang on the beam, bringing home an 8.025 from the judges.

Anoushka Ravindran also had an outstanding night, turning in an impressive 8.4 on the vault, while Maddie DeGroff scored an 8.0 with her floor routine. Rounding out the top scoring was Claire Cotter, who earned a 7.625 on the bars.

Northville is now 2-6 on the season.

*Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.*

# Northville tankers get best of Novi

# Win marks 12th straight year Mustangs have beaten crosstown rival

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

Correspondent

It's been quite a long time since the Northville boys swimming and diving team took a loss in the pool to rival Novi. In fact, it's been 12 straight years that Northville has gotten the best of the crosstown rivalry.

Northville took a 103-83 win away from last week's match-up with the Wildcats, pulling away toward the end to secure the Central Division victory.

"We were able to win the relays and then match up our best swimmer against their best swimmer and win those individual events," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "That was pretty much the difference. I am very proud of our team. Novi swam well and

won a lot of close races from us during the course of the meet, but we hung around and then when the opportunity presented itself, we took full advantage of it and pulled away at the end. The boys are really proud of the streak and want to keep it going. It is always nice to beat your rival. Give Novi credit, their kids swam hard. We still have a long way to go, but we will enjoy this one."

In the 200 medley relay, Northville took first with a time of 1:45.68 with Novi right behind in 1:46.58, but Novi came back with a win of its own in the 200 freestyle as Ryan Katulski won in 1:54.85, followed by Northville's Mark Kaminski in second in 1:55.12. In the 200 individual medley, it was Northville's Andrew Westphal taking first, finishing in 1:59.27, several seconds ahead of second-place finisher Tanner Vincent of Novi, who swam a 2:04.38.

The tight races continued in the 50 freestyle, with Northville's James Xue

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**Northville's Andrew Westphal swims the 200 individual medley.** PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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# Northville bounces back with shutout over Franklin

Ninth-ranked squad suffers defeat at Brighton

By Sam Eggleston and Bill Kahn  
Correspondents

The No. 9-ranked Northville hockey team may not have had a perfect week, but it made a statement in terms of letting everyone know it can play with some of the state's best squads.

The team, coached by Clint Robert, took a hard-fought loss Jan. 16 against No. 4-ranked Brighton, 6-5, but did so with just 17 shots on goal and with minimal power plays.

The Mustangs rebounded from that loss to pick up a 6-0 victory over Livonia Franklin two days later.

Against the Patriots, the Mustangs jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period. Kellan Player scored the opening goal, the eventual game-winner, with 12:26 remaining in the period. He was assisted by Tim Eis.

Eis also assisted in the next goal, as did Jack Meacham, as Nick Stegmeyer made it 2-0 just two minutes after Player's goal. In was 3-0 after Cam LaBurn scored on an unassisted play to close out the first period.

In the second period, Player scored the lone goal to make it 4-0. Assisting him on the play was Eis and LaBurn.

The Mustangs scored two more goals in the third period. Buster White scored with 7:48 left in the game off assists by

Connor Brown and – no surprise – Eis, while Alec Morgan scored the final goal with 4:40 remaining as he took assists from Brown and Alex Shuart on a power play.

Franklin was whistled three times for penalties, including one major, for 14 minutes, while Northville had just two calls for four minutes.

Earning the win in goal was Jeremy Onofrio, who faced 23 shots and stopped them all. The loss went to Matthew Monendo, who stopped 17-of-23 Northville shots.

The Mustangs (10-3-2) have recorded seven shutouts so far this season and have limited their opponents to two goals or less in 13 out of the 15 games.

## Meacham scores four goals

In the Mustangs' loss at Brighton, junior Jack Meacham got free for four goals, two on breakaways. He helped keep his team in the game despite the fact it was outshot by Brighton, 42-17.

Danny Bosio of Brighton was nearly as impressive, scoring a hat trick, including the game-winner. The senior left wing scored with 1:42 left in the game, giving the fourth-ranked Bulldogs the victory over at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

Bosio's third goal of the night capped a thrilling finish that extended Brighton's winning streak to seven games.

Aaron Sturos had given Brighton a 5-4 lead with 4:16 left, only to have Northville tie it on a goal by Kellen Player



Brighton's Danny Bosio (with puck) had three goals, including the game-winner, as Brighton slipped past Northville. MARK A. DULL | GANNETT MICHIGAN

with 1:48 remaining.

"Obviously, it doesn't feel good, but you've got to try to bounce back and do whatever you can to get that lead back and hold it for the rest of the game," Bosio said.

On the winning goal, Brian Dowd won the draw at center ice and got the puck to Bosio, who came down the left side and put a wrist shot from the circle over the shoulder of goalie Chance Boutin.

"He believed he could and he did it," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "Some guys let

down and others don't. That's the difference. That's the belief you can get it done. I guess the guy that's got two goals in the game already and two assists would believe."

Meacham and Bosio had both of their teams' goals in the first period before Brighton went on a five-minute power play when P.J. Schnepf received a major for checking Max Cappellani from behind.

It was Northville that struck first on the power play, with Meacham scoring on a shorthanded breakaway at

10:05 of the second to break a 2-2 tie.

As they would late in the game, the Bulldogs responded quickly.

Troy Marrett scored a power-play goal at 10:32, then Brett Pietila scored another one 27 seconds later to give Brighton a 4-3 lead.

Meacham tied the game when he charged to the net and knocked in the rebound of a long, seemingly harmless shot with 14:04 left in the game.

Brighton killed back-to-back Northville power plays before scoring two of the game's final three goals in the late stages.

Meacham's first goal ended Brighton's shutout streak at 170 minutes, 31 seconds. The Bulldogs had won three straight games by 8-0 mercy-rule decisions.

"This was definitely a lot faster," Sturos said. "We were prepared for this game. Our coaches told us how badly they wanted to beat us. We didn't play our best, but this game is good preparation."

While beating Northville a quality victory, Moggach said it was apparent at times that his team hadn't played this caliber of competition in a few games.

"We got a lot of shots, but we made a lot of mistakes," he said. "You can get away with that in other games. It seemed like those habits came with us."

The victory keeps Brighton (10-4 overall) unbeaten in the KLAA Central Division at 5-0.



Northville's student section, showing off the "white-out" look, celebrates two points during the game against Novi. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## MUSTANGS

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Novi fell to 2-7 overall and 1-3 in the Central Division following a 73-50 loss to Salem.

### Northville 68, South Lyon 54

One night after seeing Stevenson knock down a flurry of triples, Northville did the same thing at home against South Lyon.

Meachem hit four from beyond the arc to lead all scorers with 19 points. Malik Bazzi (17 points) and Joe Hewlett (15 points) each hit a trio of 3-pointers for the Mustangs.

Northville scored 22

points in the first quarter to build a seven-point lead. The Mustangs kept on the gas to lead, 39-28, by halftime.

The Lions put up just nine points in the third quarter as Northville stretched the lead to 54-37.

"First and foremost, you have to give a lot of credit to Northville," South Lyon coach Dough Host said. They didn't allow us to force many turnovers when we tried to turn up the heat defensively and they just seemed to convert every 3-point look they got."

Drazga led South Lyon with 18 points, followed by 13 from Will Sanders.

Staff Writer Jeff Theisen contributed to this story.

# Mustangs drop Baseline battle

Northville bounces back with solid victory at South Lyon

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Anytime Novi and Northville's girls basketball teams get together, it's bound to be a hotly contested battle of Baseline rivals. Last week was no different.

The Wildcats (8-2, 3-1 KLAA Central) visited Northville (9-1, 3-1 Central) Jan. 14 and used a 12-4 run in the fourth quarter to pull away for a 43-27 victory.

"(It was) no different (from past seasons). Very competitive," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "They were ready to play."

Novi took a 15-9 lead after one quarter and led 22-17 at halftime before slowly widening the gap to 31-23 through three quarters. Seniors Kerri McMahon (15 points, nine rebounds, five assists, two steals) and Taylor Pavlika (nine points, two assists) led the offense despite combined 8-for-23 (34.8 percent) shooting.

"I thought we did a good job on Kerri in the first half, but then Taylor got them going,"



Northville's Jessica Moorman shoots a foul shot. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "When we shut Taylor down in the second half, Kerri got loose. We were never able to shut them both down at the same time."

The Wildcats shot 15-for-39 (38.5 percent) as a whole, which was enough to top the Mustangs' 9-for-30 (30 percent) effort. Northville was led by Gabby Mencotti's nine points (3-for-6 shooting) and four rebounds.

"Too many wasted chances on offense for us," Gudith said. "We didn't take particularly good care of the ball. We match up well and it's always a battle when we play each other. It'll be another good game when we see them in two weeks."

Novi had an edge in the rebounding battle, but the Mustangs' 75 percent (9-for-12) free-throw shooting kept them within distance of Novi (45 percent at 9-for-20) as the game rolled on.

McMahaon and Pavlika's teammates chipped in, with Alex Felice (six points, two



Novi's Kristen Schubring (left) tries to put up a shot against Northville's Emily Maresh.

steals), Kristen Schubring (five points, 10 rebounds), Nicole Solakian (three points), Mallory Daschke (three points) and Rachel Whitens (two points) helping out.

Mencotti got some assistance from Heather Randall (six points), Emily Martin (five points, three rebounds), Emily Maresh (four points, four rebounds) and Jessica Moorman (three points, three rebounds).

### Convincing victory

Northville bounced back with a convincing 42-28 road victory Friday over South Lyon.

Northville used its size to its advantage, keeping the Lions off the boards as it leaped out to a 14-0 lead midway through the second quarter. Northville led 25-5 at halftime and increased that lead to 38-10 by the end of the third quarter.

South Lyon did apply some late-game pressure to the Mustangs, who were playing their bench rather heavily with the game in hand, and the Lions were able to narrow the gap before the final buzzer sounded.

"I thought we did a very nice job on their best player, who didn't score a bucket until the fourth quarter," Gudith said. "We used our size to our advantage and the final score does not indicate how much we were in control all night. It could've been a lot worse."

With the victory, the Mustangs increased their record to 9-1 overall and 3-1 in the Central Division.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer covering Novi High School sports for the Novi News.

AGENDA  
JANUARY 16, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**DATE:** Thursday, January 16, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 44405 Six Mile Road  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
**PRESENT:** Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor  
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer

Marv Gans, Trustee  
Symantha Heath, Trustee  
Fred Shadko, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Mindy Herrmann  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
1. **Agendas: Approved**  
A. Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items:  
1. Minutes – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of December 19, 2013  
2. Minutes – Historic District Commission meeting of December 5, 2013  
3. Minutes – Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of November 20, 2013  
4. 2014 Holiday Schedule  
5. Northville Youth Assistance – Report dated January 7, 2014

2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**  
A. Retirement Resolution for Officer Larry Demeter - Approved

3. **Public Hearing:**  
A. Open Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant – Opened

4. **Brief Public Comments:** None

5. **New Business:**  
A. Public safety – Police Patrol Vehicle Purchases - Approved  
B. Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Improvements – Payment #7 - Approved  
C. S.E.M.C.O.G. Annual Membership Dues - Approved  
D. School Tax Collection – Northville Public Schools - Approved  
E. School Tax Collection – Plymouth/Canton Schools - Approved  
F. School Tax Collection – RESA (Wayne County) - Approved  
G. School Tax Collection – Schoolcraft College – Approved

6. **Unfinished Business:** None  
7. **Ordinances:** None  
8. **Check Registry:**  
A. In the amount of \$2,458,344.53 - Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports from the following:**  
A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider

10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:**  
A. **CLOSED SESSION:** – AFSCME Union Contract- Approved  
**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:10

A draft of the complete minutes will be available January 28, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

Publish: January 23, 2014

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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 13, 2014. The rate changes are as follows:

Rate per 1,000 gallons:

	Present:	Year 2014
Water	\$5.19	\$5.19
Sewer	\$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:

Meter Size	Annual Cost	Monthly Fixed Rate Water	Monthly Fixed Sewer	Monthly Total Fixed Rate
1"	\$121.66	\$7.36	\$2.78	\$10.14
1.5"	\$213.73	\$12.93	\$4.88	\$17.81
2"	\$342.62	\$20.74	\$7.82	\$28.55
3"	\$710.90	\$43.02	\$16.22	\$59.24
4"	\$1,226.49	\$74.23	\$27.98	\$102.21
10"	\$7,413.58	\$448.66	\$169.14	\$617.80

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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# Whalers post 7-2 victory over Saginaw

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers brought their paint brushes to work Monday afternoon and put a colorful coat all over Compuware Arena.

Implored by head coach Mike Vellucci to start going hard to the blue paint of the goal crease in search of goals, Whalers players did just that. Plymouth led 4-0 after one period and was rewarded with a 7-2 OHL victory over Saginaw before 1,990 fans in attendance for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day matinee.

“We had a lot of chances against Windsor the other night (a 6-2 loss Saturday) and didn’t capitalize on them and then we gave up a couple soft goals,” Vellucci said. “But yesterday we worked on going to the net and getting our ‘D’ involved and they listened.

“I just told them, they paid attention, they listened and they played well. It’s the tough area, you got to go to the net, you got to get the paint, as we call it.”

Connor Chatham (two goals, one assist) got things rolling when he stormed toward the Saginaw goal crease and banged in a pass from linemate Francesco Vilardi with 13:17 to play in the opening period.

About five minutes later, Chatham scored again.

This time, he found a loose puck a few feet above the crease and flipped it past Saginaw goalie and Detroit Red Wings prospect Jake Paterson, who gave up four goals on 14 shots before being lifted at 14:50 of the period.

Earning assists on the power-play tally were forwards Connor Sills and Mathieu Henderson, who both were battling down low to keep the play go-



Scoring Monday’s first goal is Plymouth forward Connor Chatham (No. 11). At right for the Whalers is winger Liam Dunda (No. 13). RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

ing.

### Work pays off

“Vellucci’s been yelling at us to get to the net, get to the crease and we did that today,” said Chatham, who now has seven goals for the season. “I got a couple in close, so that’s what we were working on and we’re happy to get them.”

The seven-goal explosion was the most scored by the Whalers (17-23-0-5) since March 10, 2013, a 7-5 win over Saginaw.

At the other end of the ice, Plymouth goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 58 of 60 shots, with former Whaler Cody Payne scoring both Sagi-

naw goals (Payne now has 17).

Nedeljkovic needed to make some big stops after the Whalers built their lead, but Vellucci questioned the high number of shots against his goalkeeper. Saginaw took 23 shots in each of the final two periods.

“I think they were inflated,” Vellucci said. “They were all from the outside. Ned made some saves, but nothing spectacular. We still had 40-some shots ourselves and we kind of (sat) back once we got up 5-0, 6-1.”

Chatham, the game’s No. 1 star, said the offensive flurry should serve as “a blueprint of what we need to do every game. We got to get to the paint

like that every game. We scored a bunch in close, we got to keep doing that.”

The Whalers chased Paterson after padding their lead to 4-0 on goals less than two minutes apart by defenseman Alex Peters and Sills (each tallying one goal, one assist).

Peters fielded a bouncing puck between the circles and rifled a high shot over Paterson’s blocker at 12:56.

Saginaw (22-18-4-1) then gave up a shorthanded goal with 5:10 left. After a Whalers player blocked a shot at the Plymouth blue line, Cullen Mercer and Sills rushed down the ice on a two-on-one. Mercer’s point-blank shot was

stopped by Paterson, but the rebound caromed off the leg of Sills into the net.

After officials reviewed the play, the goal stood and Paterson was yanked in favor of Nikita Serebryakov.

### Energetic line

Plymouth took a 5-0 lead two minutes into the middle period when Vilardi scored from Mercer and Peters.

Mercer’s harmless-looking shot from the left circle was stopped by Serebryakov, but the goalie could not corral it. The puck slithered over to Vilardi, who slammed it into the half-open net.

Payne finally got the Spirit on the board when he knocked the puck over the goal line at 16:32. Daniel De Sousa’s shot from the right circle started the scoring play.

Just 13 seconds later, however, left wing Mercer buried Chatham’s centering pass over Serebryakov’s trapper. The goal gave Mercer a three-point afternoon.

“They both bring a lot of energy, we all got some good speed and we all work hard,” Chatham said about playing with linemates Vilardi and Mercer. “We’re liking the chemistry we got, so we got to keep it going.”

Plymouth’s final goal of the day was an unassisted one by forward Matt Mistelet about 13 minutes into the third.

With less than four minutes remaining, Chatham nearly scored his third on a two-on-one rush, but Serebryakov turned aside the bid.

“Oh man, I got a couple good chances there at the end, but it (hat trick) wasn’t meant to be, I guess,” Chatham said with a hearty laugh.

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## CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

### Shamrocks cagers top Brother Rice, fall to OLSM

Detroit Catholic Central is getting used to played in tight games and last week it split two tight ones as the Shamrocks lost Jan. 14 to Orchard Lake St. Mary’s, 52-50, before bouncing back with an overtime win over Brother Rice, 66-61, three days later.

Against OLSM, the Shamrocks had a 39-31 lead heading into the final quarter, but couldn’t hold off a rally from their Catholic High School League rivals and could only watch as they were outscored, outrebounded and outplayed for the victory.

When the Shamrocks took on the Warriors three days later, they didn’t let the game fizzle over the final stretch. Instead, they finished with energy and confidence to earn the Central Division victory.

Brother Rice came out in the overtime and put up some quick points for an early lead, but the Shamrocks buckled down on defense while the offense went to work, eventually going on an 8-0 run to give themselves the lead and the eventual win.

The game was forced into overtime on a 3-point field goal by Stephen Westbrook following two free throws by Shamrocks senior Noah Lee that had extended CC’s lead to 54-51.

Lee hit two more free throws in overtime with just 18 seconds left to put the contest just out of reach. He hit 7-of-8 from the foul line through the fourth quarter and overtime and led his team with 21 points.

Charlie Ryan, who was on fire with 14 points in the first half, scored 18 in the winning effort.

Kevin Hayes had 21 and Dominic Downs had 17 points



CC’s Champ Kozlowski drives on a Brother Rice defender. DENNIS BARNES

for the Warriors.

Catholic Central is now 5-3 overall and 1-2 in the CHSL, while Brother Rice is 6-3 overall and 1-2 in the league.

### Shamrocks win four individual titles at Holt Invitational

The Shamrocks wrestling program headed to the Holt Invitational last week and made a lot of noise as it took on some powerhouse programs

and still managed to place nine wrestlers in the top six, including four champions.

Earning titles for the Shamrocks were the familiar faces of Trevor Zdebski (125 pounds), Myles Amine (140), Drew Garcia (171) and Jimmy Russell (215).

Zdebski earned his title with a win over 2013 state runner-up Martin Rodriguez of Holt, 4-2.

“Trevor looked great today,” Shamrocks coach Mitch Han-

cock said. “It’s a great win for him considering he’s only been back on the competition mats for two weeks. His gas tank is getting bigger and he’s shaken off the rust. I’m happy for him.”

Amine picked up his trophy with a 15-3 major decision against Portage Northern’s Jacob Heaps.

“(Myles has) had his fair share of quality opponents over the past few weeks, so it’s nice for him to come in here

and dominate the field like he did,” Hancock said.

Garcia had a come-from-behind victory over Andrew Kowal of Cincinnati Princeton after falling behind 4-0 in the first 45 seconds of the match. Garcia didn’t let it impact him too much as he came back to pick up the win and the title.

“He showed he has the ability, composure and motor to battle back,” Hancock said.

Russell was dominant throughout the day and had the easiest finals task as his opponent was forced to default due to an injury.

Taking second for the Shamrocks was Tyler Morland (160), who fell to the 2013 state finalist from Portage Central, Dominic Latora, 4-2.

“Ty’s really close,” Hancock said. “He was two seconds from an Oakland County title and eight seconds from a Holt Invite title.

“He’s getting better in all phases of the sport. He’ll be ready come tourney time.”

Also collecting places for the Shamrocks were Parker O’Brien (119) and Evan Toth (130), who both took third place. Greg Johnson was fifth (135), while Eli Joseph (135), Ryan O’Connor (145) and Adam McGrath (152) all finished in seventh place.

### CC hockey drops two

It looks like the Culver Military Academy hockey team was just a little too talented for the Catholic Central skaters to handle.

The trip to Indiana Friday and Saturday proved to be a fruitless one for the Shamrocks as they dropped two games to Culver. In the first game, the Shamrocks fell 5-2. In the second game, the Shamrocks found themselves on the wrong end of a 4-0 shutout.

– By Sam Eggleston

## TANKERS

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capturing first in 23.44 seconds, followed by Novi’s Arthur Shi in second in 23.87. In diving, it was Novi taking the top spot as James Ciolli captured first with 185.7 points. Northville’s Anton Travis finished second with 176.7 points.

Novi also took first in the 100 butterfly as Sid Karedy swam a 56.73, finishing ahead of Frank Zhang, who took second for Northville in 57.40.

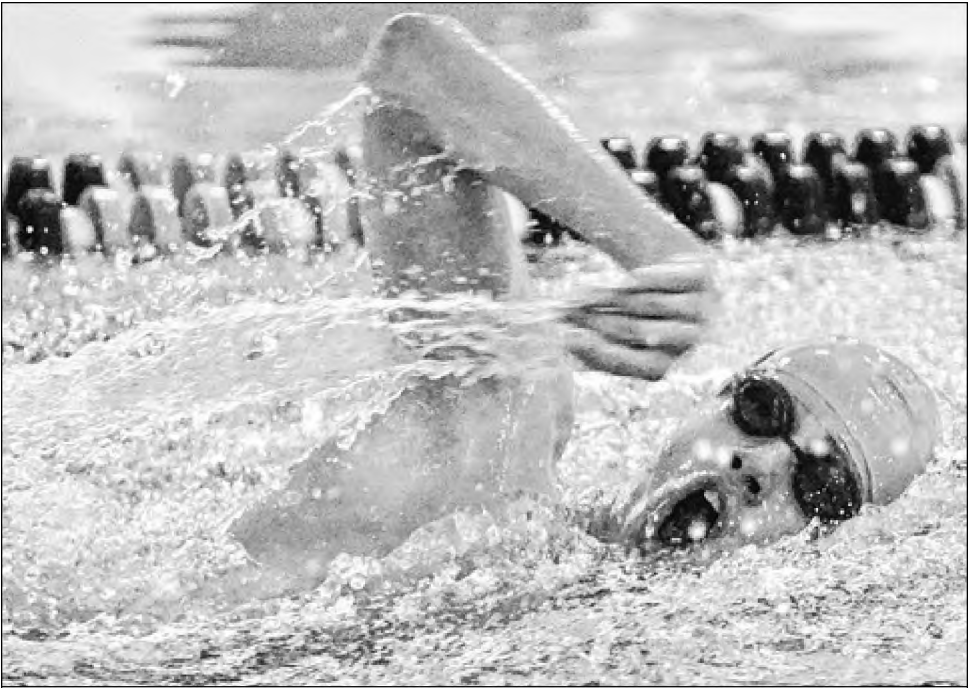
In the 100 freestyle, Northville edged ahead with both a first and second as Xue and Kaminski came in with times of 50.68 and 52.7 seconds, respectively. In the 500 free, it was Westphal taking first with a 4:56.65, while Novi’s Vincent

took second in 5:03.72.

Northville then captured first in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:34.03, while Novi took second in 1:34.95. Novi tried to narrow the gap with some impressive swims in the 100 backstroke, as Gordy Williams took first in 1:00.36 and teammate Toraki Maehata took second in 1:00.54, but the Mustangs showcased their depth in the 100 breaststroke as Chris Geng took first in 1:03.09 and teammate Josh Liu was second in 1:04.2.

The final race of the meet, the 400 free relay, found Northville taking first with a time of 3:26.02, as well as second with a 3:36.45. Novi was third relay with a 3:37.34.

*Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.*



Northville’s David Alameddine swims the 200 freestyle. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



## Bringing a slice of Detroit to the suburbs

Detroit Ham and Corned Beef Co. emphasizes flavors of the 'D'

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Detroit Ham and Corned Beef Co. is serving up food to the Northville and Plymouth communities that brings with it local flavors and quality taste.

Located at 47287 Five Mile Road, the diner is the brainchild of Gus and Peter Kanakis, a father and son team that aims to continue the restaurant tradition that started in the family many years ago in Detroit.

"My father and grandfather both were in the restaurant business, so it's something we know a lot about," said Gus, a Northville resident who previously owned the former Steak Hut that was located on W. Lafayette Boulevard in Detroit. "It's been good to see my son take up the tradition. This is all his idea."

From local legends like Sy Ginsberg Corned Beef and Dearborn Ham, to genuine Detroit classics like Better Made potato chips and Faygo, Peter said they take pride in serving up the best our area has to offer, while supporting the local economy.

They opened their doors several weeks ago.

"We want to bring a piece of Detroit to the suburbs," he said. "We have authentic local food options that you won't find at a chain location."

All of their meats are cooked in-house and



Gus Kanakis (right) and his son Peter have recently opened the Detroit Ham and Corned Beef Co. restaurant at Five Mile and Beck. They menu includes the classic corned beef sandwich. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

soups are made from scratch because Peter said they know it just tastes better that way.

His father said they use nothing but fresh, quality ingredients, prepared and served the same day.

And they have a

breakfast, lunch and dinner menu.

The corned beef, egg and cheese breakfast sandwich is something very unique and is more than worth a try. For lunch all of the classics are covered with baked ham, classic Rueben and

BBQ beef – just three options from an assortment of sandwich choices. The soups, including bean and ham, are made from scratch.

The dinner options range from baked ham, roasted turkey and pork, hot beef and corned beef and are all served with mashed potatoes, coleslaw and a baguette.

"If you appreciate a good sandwich and food then we're the right place," said Gus.

To learn more about

### DETROIT HAM AND CORNED BEEF CO.

- » **Owners:** Gus and Peter Kanakis
- » **Address:** 47287 Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township (at Beck)
- » **Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- » **Phone/Website:** 734-404-6937; [www.detroithamand-cornedbeef.com](http://www.detroithamand-cornedbeef.com)

this new diner or see the rest of its menu, go to [www.detroithamand-cornedbeef.com](http://www.detroithamand-cornedbeef.com) or stop by and see for yourselves the Detroit feel

the Kanakis' are bringing to the suburbs.

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## Reasons why businesses turn to Observer & Eccentric Media RESULTS

Reflections of the effectiveness of the Birmingham City Guide special section

"You would not believe the requests we have for the booklets. So many people ask for copies when they have people coming into town."



Sheryl Gerald  
Operations Manager  
Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber

## Builders putting on 'Home Improvement Show'

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) is sponsoring the Novi Home Improvement Show featuring the Michigan Kitchen and Bath Show, Jan. 24-26 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Browse exhibits in kitchen and bath interiors, windows and doors, flooring products, cabinetry and much more. Local home improvement specialists and designers will also be on hand to answer questions.

Featured kitchen and bath exhibitors will showcase the latest trends. The Michigan chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association will be available to answer design questions. The American Society of Interior Designers will offer free consultations.

During the show, get special deals on flat screen TVs, mattresses and furniture from ABC Warehouse. Also visit Shipshewana On The Road, a marketplace of arts, crafts and goods. Unbelievable appliance deals from Big George's and Witbeck Home Appliance Mart.

Stop by to see Dr. Lori, celebrity antique appraiser, featured on Discovery Channel's *Auction Kings*. She will be on hand to offer a free appraisal for show attendees. Special appearance by "America's Master Handyman" Glenn Haege of WJR and the Inside Outside Guys of WMUZ-FM.

Admission coupons are available at [novihomeshow.com](http://novihomeshow.com), Indoor/Outdoor Resource magazine, area newspapers and on the Home Im-

provement & Garden Shows Facebook and Pinterest page. Visit one of the 16 Metro Detroit ABC Warehouse locations or your Metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts for \$1-off any adult or senior admission.

The show is part of the National Home & Garden Show Series. Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$9; seniors (ages 55 and over) are \$8; and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Purchase advance tickets online at [novihomeshow.com](http://novihomeshow.com) and receive a 1-year subscription to a popular women's magazine such as Better Homes & Gardens, or buy tickets at Metro Detroit Home Depot stores for \$7 (a \$2 discount).

### CHAMBER CHAT

The Northville Chamber of Commerce has several upcoming events planned. The schedule includes:

» **After Business Hours Networking event,** from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 29 at Century 21 Hartford South, 42949 W. Seven Mile, Northville. Stop by for drinks and snacks and some great networking. The event is free, but please let the Chamber know by Jan. 28 if you

will attend.

» **Northville Business Showcase at Northville High School,** noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 8. The Annual Business Showcase is a great networking and marketing event, as well as a birthday celebration for the Chamber.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the door. Highlights include giveaways, prizes, and raffle items from

local businesses. There will also be free samples from the area's top restaurants and caterers. Attendees will be able to vote for the best business and restaurant displays.

The Chamber office is located at 195 S. Main Street, in Northville, and can be reached at 248-349-7640. For more information on these events or other Chamber news, visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).



# Cooking, home heating fires increase in winter

The National Fire Protection Association and the United States Fire Administration are teaming up on a campaign to promote fire safety during winter months. There are typically more home fires and home fire deaths in cooler months. Safety information being offered on a host of topics under the umbrella “Put a Freeze on Winter Fires” is aimed at raising awareness of winter fire risks and providing tools and information that can be used to reduce these risks.

Preparing for a new season is the first step in addressing safety. NFPA and USFA offer 10 Tips to Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze, a printable checklist of reminders, such as checking that vents have been cleaned and inspected, and furnaces have been inspected and serviced.

The campaign will begin with a focus on cooking fire safety and heating fire safety. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. November usually signals a time of increased cooking fires as Thanksgiving is the peak day for cooking fires with roughly three times the average number of cooking fires. It also marks the beginning of the holiday season and a lot of cooking. In fact, Christmas and Christmas Eve rank second and third in cooking fires. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires. Most cooking fires involve the range or cooktop.

Heating is the second leading cause of home fire deaths, behind smoking, and the second leading cause of home fire injuries. In 2007-11, most home heating fire deaths (81 percent) and injuries (70 percent) involved stationary or portable space heaters.

For tip sheets, videos and other information on how to prevent cooking, heating and other types of fires, visit [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter) and [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) for an extensive list of resources. Check out the new online quiz and stay tuned to [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter) or follow NFPA and USFA on social media for updates, new



materials and other interactive ways to brush up on fire safety.

The “Put a Freeze on Winter Fires” campaign will run through mid-March and other topics will include holiday decorations, candles, electrical, winter storms and carbon monoxide.

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit

organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at [www.nfpa.org/freeaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).



Robert Meisner

## N.J. case focus handicap parking

Q: I live in an apartment complex and I am disabled. Initially, I was given an assigned parking spot. Now, I am asking the landlord to give me a handicap accessible spot closer to my apartment. Can I still keep my non-accessible parking spot?

A: Probably not. In a case in the early 2000s out of New Jersey, the federal court held that the association had acted reasonably in offering a disabled owner a handicap accessible parking space closer to his unit upon the condition that he surrender his non-accessible parking space, since each unit owner only had one assigned space. This case should be helpful to all associations dealing with this question.

Q: I am thinking about developing a live-work condominium and I am wondering whether you are aware of any potential problems with that type of development.

A: It is a difficult question to answer in the short time allotted, but it is clear that the development of a so-called live-work condominium building is picking up speed throughout the country in response to the proliferation of professionals who work from home. A condo hybrid creates a space that is suited to work and residential needs. However, there are zoning and building code challenges largely because communities don't know whether to treat live-work condos as commercial or residential. Buyers need to understand what uses they can and cannot have which usually are enumerated in the condominium documents. In general, as far as the uses of the units are concerned, it is buyer beware especially in developments where there are fewer live-work units than traditional residential units. Buyers need to look very carefully at the governing documents to make sure that any amendments to them that would affect their rights would have to be approved by a majority of the live-work unit owners and not the owners of traditional units. You are best advised to consult with an experienced community association attorney before entering into any purchase agreement and/or design decisions with respect to any condominium development.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of “*Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium.*” It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. “*Condo Living 2*” is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of “*Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track,*” second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit [bmelsner@meisner-law.com](mailto:bmelsner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 23-27, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

42630 Addison Ave	\$180,000
39446 Bart St	\$137,000
46731 Bartlett Dr	\$265,000
41586 Bedford Dr	\$40,000
7711 Charrington Dr	\$228,000
7910 Charrington Dr	\$235,000
467 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$172,000
50334 Colonial St	\$294,000
1557 Commodore Cir	\$150,000
2483 Cranbrook Rd	\$181,000
42129 Echo Forest Dr	\$339,000
5885 Fairborn Dr	\$400,000
50678 Federal Blvd	\$83,000
51285 Federal Blvd	\$86,000
7037 Foxridge Dr	\$210,000
48835 Gyde Rd	\$151,000
1144 Hampshire Dr	\$152,000
1982 Hawks Nest Ct	\$164,000
2480 Hogan Way	\$185,000
2720 Hogan Way	\$250,000
2768 Hogan Way	\$236,000
3897 Hunters Way Ct	\$72,000
50412 Lansdowne Rd	\$410,000
2336 Leigh Ct	\$258,000
1663 McLaine St	\$360,000
7485 N Beck Rd	\$160,000
3928 Palace Ave	\$205,000
7340 Parkway Ct	\$215,000
6254 Pickwick Dr	\$203,000
254 Princeton St	\$198,000
7432 Provincial Rd	\$195,000
5926 Runnymede Dr	\$175,000
2109 S Pennfield Ln	\$77,000
42544 Saltz Rd	\$225,000
44461 Savery Dr	\$52,000
644 Sorel Dr	\$248,000
1811 Steeplechase Rd	\$87,000
377 Sylvan Dr	\$383,000
45303 Turnberry Dr	\$300,000
46596 Waddington Rd	\$285,000
5705 Wedgewood Rd	\$150,000

7640 Wheaton Dr	\$164,000
2399 Wooster St	\$366,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
28489 Barton St	\$67,000
2029 Cardwell St	\$101,000
6041 Cardwell St	\$70,000
30024 Cherry Hill Rd	\$80,000
6445 Fairfield St	\$82,000
6036 Gilman St	\$45,000
32207 Marquette St	\$60,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
28700 Seven Mile Rd	\$90,000
38814 Allen St	\$165,000
36713 Angeline Cir	\$142,000
34001 Ann Arbor Trl	\$172,000
18999 Bainbridge Ave	\$203,000
9063 Beatrice St	\$158,000
29656 Clarita St	\$50,000
29656 Clarita St	\$53,000
14512 Country Club Dr	\$167,000
14904 Country Club Dr	\$128,000
18014 Country Club Dr	\$235,000
9901 Cranston St	\$30,000
36101 Curtis Rd	\$245,000
15430 Edington St	\$215,000
14851 Ellen Dr	\$150,000
39004 Elsie St	\$195,000
9833 Fairfield St	\$80,000
33009 Fargo St	\$35,000
18978 Glengarry Dr	\$312,000
15317 Green Lane Ave	\$108,000
29200 Grove St	\$143,000
31510 Haldane St	\$143,000
15045 Hix St	\$130,000
9268 Houghton St	\$120,000
15015 Knolson St	\$170,000
38478 Lapham Ct	\$256,000
18525 Loveland St	\$185,000
39194 Minton Ave	\$139,000
36705 Munger Dr	\$136,000
34614 Navin Ct	\$320,000
15060 Nola St	\$120,000
29801 Richland St	\$142,000
30840 Schoolcraft Rd	\$110,000
15536 Shadyside St	\$225,000
18369 University Park Dr	\$87,000
9245 Virginia St	\$128,000
27540 W Chicago St	\$97,000
14063 Westmore St	\$175,000

14133 Westmore St	\$133,000
15507 Williams St	\$215,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
48458 Binghampton Dr	\$510,000
17638 Briar Ridge Ln	\$720,000
17778 Briar Ridge Ln	\$506,000
16409 Brooklane Blvd	\$575,000
39631 Dun Rovin Dr	\$290,000
39595 Eagle Trace Dr	\$295,000
39753 Eagle Trace Dr	\$269,000
495 East St	\$543,000
39876 Harbert Dr	\$283,000
16524 Horseshoe Dr	\$467,000
16750 Horseshoe Dr	\$514,000
39658 Muirfield Ln	\$310,000
617 N Center St	\$150,000
49448 N Glacier	\$277,000
47786 Newcastle Ct	\$640,000
19154 Northridge Dr	\$70,000
50595 Northstar Way	\$710,000
50687 Northstar Way	\$682,000
18947 Oak Leaf Ln	\$1,425,000
46275 Pinehurst Dr	\$504,000
49200 Ridge Ct	\$265,000
50031 Teton Ridge Rd	\$734,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
696 Adams St	\$255,000
45763 Amesbury Dr	\$362,000
365 Auburn St	\$400,000
47080 Burning Tree Ln	\$650,000
240 Burroughs St	\$190,000
42257 Hammill Ln	\$148,000
837 Harding St	\$325,000
9410 High Pointe Ct	\$265,000
13945 High Ridge Ct	\$465,000
647 Kellogg St	\$231,000
359 McKinley St	\$415,000
42207 Mill Race Cir	\$121,000
51355 Northview	\$310,000
42211 Old Pond Cir	\$115,000
895 Palmer St	\$409,000
12510 Pinecrest Dr	\$210,000
233 Pinewood Cir	\$78,000
41633 Riveroaks Dr	\$200,000
1479 Ross St	\$280,000
1099 Simpson St	\$182,000
9230 Tavistock Dr	\$225,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
12920 Beech Daly Rd	\$65,000

9020 Brady	\$80,000
11675 Farley	\$68,000
17195 Gaylord	\$74,000
9920 Grayfield	\$15,000
9623 Hemingway	\$72,000
15914 Indian	\$51,000
14224 Inkster Rd	\$20,000
9295 Jerome	\$78,000
9084 Lenore	\$48,000
15480 Lexington	\$75,000
11639 Marion	\$72,000
25447 Ross Dr	\$75,000
26210 W Chicago	\$73,000
19403 Wakenden	\$29,000
11392 Wormer	\$47,000
11415 Wormer	\$26,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
34333 Annapolis St	\$30,000
34930 Elm St	\$108,000
4690 Niagara St	\$60,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
32915 Avondale St	\$64,000
31656 Birchwood St	\$55,000
8661 Cardwell St	\$140,000
7728 Carrousel Blvd	\$85,000
32750 Chapman Cir	\$115,000
7315 Cheyenne St	\$175,000
35442 Farragut Ave	\$90,000
31540 Grandview Ave	\$100,000
5131 Julius Blvd	\$10,000
341 Larchmont Dr	\$135,000
2370 McGee Ct	\$95,000
5835 N Berry St	\$56,000
8300 N Hix Rd	\$225,000
5930 N Newburgh Rd	\$50,000
34655 Parkgrove Dr	\$140,000
6457 Pembroke Dr	\$91,000
7806 Rivergate Dr	\$80,000
1568 S Crown St	\$76,000
1575 S Sutton St	\$125,000
8310 Shari Dr	\$125,000
34065 Standish St	\$90,000
30859 Stephen Ct	\$109,000
36159 Traditions Dr	\$155,000
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 3-6, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BEVERLY HILLS

16296 Beechwood Ave	\$295,000
15975 Reedmere Ave	\$270,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
1751 Birmingham Blvd	\$415,000
622 Chesterfield Ave	\$683,000
677 E Lincoln St	\$262,000
1569 E Lincoln St	\$219,000
1778 Graefield Rd	\$123,000
1221 Hillside Dr	\$280,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
7118 Cathedral Dr	\$376,000
1015 Eastover Dr	\$255,000
260 Guilford Rd	\$1,798,000
941 N Reading Rd	\$234,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
542 Cambridge Way	\$526,000
1320 Covington Rd	\$995,000
776 Great Oaks Dr	\$435,000
6731 N Adams Rd	\$204,000

7200 Parkhurst Dr	\$296,000
1116 S Timberview Trl	\$300,000
1887 Squirrel Valley Dr	\$295,000
2540 W Hickory Grove Rd #	\$184,000
100 W Hickory Grove Rd #	\$65,000
A8	
4590 Walden Dr	\$473,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
3143 Belle Terre	\$75,000
5981 Birchcrest Ln	\$60,000
3761 Cheryl Dr	\$100,000
1854 Cheshire Ln	\$405,000
4645 Commerce Woods	\$240,000
Dr	
2731 Greenlawn Ave	\$299,000
224 Havana St	\$83,000
725 Polvadera St	\$175,000
2600 Rocky Top Ct	\$246,000
3508 Trentwood Dr	\$715,000
1611 Wandrei Ct	\$400,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
34142 Cortland Ave	\$213,000
23801 Farmington Rd	\$215,000
38372 Lana Ct	\$270,000
22980 Manning St	\$188,000
33244 Slocum Dr	\$175,000
34009 State St	\$210,000

22901 Warner St	\$146,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
28197 AlyceKay St	\$130,000
25872 Beecham Ln	\$188,000
27675 Chatsworth St	\$887,000
33577 Colony Park Dr	\$275,000
29347 Earth Ln	\$110,000
37773 Glengrove Dr	\$335,000
26750 Halsted Rd	\$100,000
21418 Hamilton Ave	\$18,000
27281 Hystone Dr	\$147,000
28927 Kirkside Ln	\$225,000
37538 Legends Trail Dr	\$228,000
35735 Lone Pine Ln	\$197,000
23011 Middlebelt Rd	\$74,000
31111 Mistsy Pines Dr	\$138,000
26117 Pillsbury St	\$220,000
32361 Red Clover Rd	\$230,000
22451 Shadowglen Dr	\$295,000
32237 Tall Timber Dr	\$203,000
36729 Tanglewood Ln	\$265,000
23630 W Newell Cir	\$145,000
31371 W Stonewood Ct	\$280,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
27115 Wellington Rd	\$1,275,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
28125 Lathrup Blvd	\$222,000

<b>MILFORD</b>	
738 Banbury Ct	\$285,000
806 Canal St	\$145,000
420 Crystal St	\$170,000
664 E Dawson Rd	\$290,000
1032 Riverstone Cir	\$240,000
2986 Rolling Green Ct	\$340,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
41754 Broquet Dr	\$130,000
47970 Ravello Ct	\$930,000
37785 W Greenwood Dr	\$257,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
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50917 Chesapeake Dr	\$518,000
22445 Cranbrooke Dr	\$125,000
22440 Darcey Ct	\$680,000
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44643 Ellery Ln	\$201,000
27967 Hopkins Dr	\$154,000
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44490 Stone Rd	\$375,000
27424 Victoria Rd	\$295,000
43650 Wendingo Ct	\$210,000
1523 West Lake Dr	\$538,000
46195 White Pines Dr	\$148,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
23817 Bayberry Ct	\$360,000

24734 Brompton Way	\$448,000
23825 Copperwood Dr W	\$434,000
61365 Creekvew Dr	\$196,000
1111 Fountain View Cir	\$120,000
54898 Grenelefe Cir W	\$277,000
23966 Lyon Ridge Dr	\$455,000
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58698 Swing Beam Ct	\$80,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
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Detroit Three Have Lots To Crow About at Motown’s Auto Show



By Dale Buss

Detroit Three executives were in high dudgeon at the press preview of the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

And well they should be: General Motors, Ford and Chrysler each made huge impressions on global auto media and their followers, and each in very different ways.

Chevrolet executives were giddy after two of their most important new models swept the industry’s coveted North American Car of the Year and Truck/Utility of the Year awards, bestowed by a panel of dozens of automotive journalists who have regular exposure to new vehicles each year. Entries are judged on factors including innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for the dollar.

The Chevy Corvette Stingray was named Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck copped Truck of the Year honors, the first time Chevy has won both awards in the same year. Silverado was last named Truck of the Year in 2007 and the Corvette was last named Car of the Year in 1998.



Chevrolet’s two winners: Silverado and Corvette Stingray.

Silverado outpointed the second-place finisher for Truck/Utility of the Year, the new Jeep Cherokee, with 219 points to 174 points. The third-place finisher, Acura MDX, garnered 97 points. Among cars, the Corvette outpointed the other two finalists with 211 points to Mazda3’s 185 points and Cadillac CTS’ 94 points.

Meanwhile, Ford executives were on the offensive as they introduced the world’s most significant aluminium-framed vehicle, the new Ford F-150 pickup truck, and ticked off stat after stat about the company’s burgeoning position and success in the U.S. and global automotive markets.



The new aluminium-based Ford F-150.

The new 2015 Ford F-150, to go on sale sometime this year, represents for Ford not only the crucial newest version of America’s best-selling vehicle but also the manifestation of a huge technological bet encouraged by CEO Alan Mulally.

When the truck debuts, not only will it be the newest entry among the Detroit Three pickup-truck segment but also, with the aluminium frame, the new F-150 could be perceived by truck buyers as a whole generation ahead of the competition.

Ford executives touted the new F-150 for advances such as a new body and load bed made almost entirely of an aluminium alloy that allowed the vehicle to shed as much as 700 pounds compared with the current version.

The new F-150 also will feature class-exclusive LED headlights and taillights, a class-leading-size moon roof, a 360-degree-view exterior camera and an 8-inch “productivity” screen on the dash for infotainment purposes, among other advancements.

Chrysler was able to count at least two things that augured well for 2014: a robust new version of its Chrysler 200 sedan, and an indication that its charismatic CEO, Sergio Marchionne, will stick around for a while.

Marchionne indicated that he’ll stay at least three years with the combined Fiat-Chrysler after serving as the master architect of the company as it has been cobbled together so far after the 2009 bailout. Marchionne’s vision and charisma are widely credited as key factors in Chrysler’s ability to come back even as Fiat continues to be hampered by the European market.

Meanwhile, the 200 was last fully redesigned when George W. Bush was president. Only the iconic Super Bowl commercial of 2011, starring Eminem, breathed enough life into the vehicle for it to survive this long in a segment that has gotten very competitive in the US market lately.

Chrysler brand president Al Gardner called the new 200 Chrysler’s “flagship” sedan at the North American International Auto Show as Marchionne, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and other luminaries looked on. He promised the new model “will redefine the brand” as the company beefs up its Chrysler lineup.

“A lot of people won’t see this coming,” Gardner said, “promising that Chrysler had “designed a car to challenge every other car in its segment” with the aim of trumping the competition in three important ways: “flawless” quality, a “new level of design and elegance” and an “attainable” price that begins at \$21,700—or about \$95 less than the entry-level price of the 200 model it replaced. Chrysler also has invested more than \$1 billion in refurbishing a Michigan plant to build the car.

Now that Marchionne is free to finish molding Fiat-Chrysler after the company recently purchased the final remainder of Chrysler owned by the United Auto Workers, Chrysler is expected to be able to shore up its Chrysler-brand product line. The new 200 should give it a good head start.



Al Gardner introduces new Chrysler 200.

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**ACROSS**

1 Festive day  
8 Injured  
15 Heart chambers  
20 Baseball's "Hebrew Hammer"  
21 The U.S., south of the U.S. border  
22 Puck-ing  
23 Two words that might follow BUTTER ...  
25 Antelope of IV  
26 Guess as to takeoff. Abbr.  
27 Shortcoming  
28 Yoga pad  
29 Not as bright  
30 The Louvre, e.g.; Abbr.  
32 Stephen of films  
33 SPORTS ...  
36 HARD ...  
39 Get cooked by, as food  
40 Baseballer David a.k.a. "Big Papi"  
41 Saccharine milk  
45 Discontinued  
48 Monocles  
49 Congo River leader  
53 Modify formally

55 Spain's longest river  
56 STORM  
59 Winning line in tic-tac-toe  
60 To be, to Jacques  
63 "in the bag!"  
64 part of the band  
65 Begin the session  
67 — play (a simple job)  
69 Country music resort city in Missouri  
73 Tenor Jan  
74 Vowel pattern  
76 Detroit-to-Mon. real dir.  
77 Some toy batteries  
79 "An apple ..."  
80 Summer, to the French  
81 AIR ...  
86 Castle-circling ditch  
88 Roman 553  
89 What the Tin Woodman asked for  
90 Derek and Diddy  
93 Sleep disorder  
95 Loss in some seasonings  
97 Plain as day

99 Buddha's name  
101 POWER  
105 BLUE ...  
110 Critical hosp. ward  
111 Part of RSVP  
112 Having embarked  
113 Pluralized-y  
114 Becomes smelling waste  
115 Letter before theta  
118 Hiborne part  
119 LAND ...  
123 Got the suds out of  
124 10th-century German king  
125 Most pointless  
126 See 44-Down  
127 Maximally massive  
128 Certifies (to)

**DOWN**

1 Hally or relay  
2 Far greater  
3 Pieces of merchandise  
4 "lik" (2009 hit for Keshia)  
5 "Catch — You Can" (Dave Clark Five song)  
6 Gain back, as trust  
7 Took place as a result  
8 Left  
9 Aged  
10 Mom's bro  
11 "— Rae" (1978 film)  
12 Gloomy in poetry  
13 Les — Unis  
14 Reactions for  
15 Abbreviate  
16 Tub's kn  
17 SCHOOL ...  
18 Central  
19 Computers such as the Aspire and Extensa  
24 Banned app or spray  
29 Gore stuff  
31 Enjoy a snipe  
33 Oiled  
34 "LA Ink" channel  
35 Liaisons  
36 Car axle, e.g.  
37 France's Côte d'—  
38 Gymnastics great Korut  
42 Odoba items  
43 "Take —" (anime series)  
44 With 126-Across, multiple-gear bicycle  
46 Beethoven's Third  
47 "Tom —" (1988 #1 hit)  
50 Cap. of the Gem State  
51 Fatty insect  
52 Fed. crash investigator  
54 Far out from the coast  
56 Sensed  
57 Film director Stanley  
58 I 90, e.g.  
60 Itchy skin condition  
61 Up-and-coming's eventual goal  
62 SUN ...  
65 Sewing line  
68 "What's the —?" (Who named?)  
70 Changed the decor of  
71 Writer Nin  
72 Of the entire ... S., e.g.  
75 Installed anew, as a nappel  
78 Shape of a parenthesis  
82 Hat  
83 Ken and G.I. Joe, say  
84 In (or moved)  
85 Giveto (approve)  
87 Coffee shop's cousin  
90 Has faith  
91 Non-written exam  
92 Pigs' haircut  
94 Fracked out  
96 Phone extra  
98 #2 corp. exec  
100 Suffix with next  
102 Adorn richly  
103 Maine national park  
104 Guitarist Ted  
105 Carnivals  
106 Suffolk County town  
107 Metropolis, in Milan  
108 Microwaves, say  
109 Air's right?  
114 Vexed state  
115 Crate piece  
117 Part of A&E  
118 Like kings: Abbr.  
120 Veggie cube  
121 "— for All hi" (Sue Grafton book)  
122 Suffix with E-nest

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