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## Taste of Northville

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is expecting close to 1,000 people to attend its annual "Taste of Northville Business Showcase" which takes place from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Northville High School.

Dozens of local businesses will showcase their products and services, including banks, fitness centers, restaurant and caterers, and many others. There will be giveaways, prizes, and raffle items from local businesses. Attendees will vote for the best restaurant and business displays, as well as enjoying free samples from restaurants and caterers.

"It's an opportunity for the businesses to have direct contact with the consumers," said Traci Sincok of the chamber.

Admission to the event is \$3 payable at the door. For more on the "Taste of Northville Business Showcase," contact the Northville Chamber at 248-349-7640 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

## Parents say independent review of 'interrogations' a positive move

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

"I was scared all day."

That's what Northville High School senior Julian Brace recalled feeling the day he was questioned regarding the investigation into the lower NWEA test scores among two special education classes.

Brace says he went into the questioning session not fully knowing what it was about, but he quickly became aware that it was important, especially after he was told by school adminis-

trators not to talk about the questioning with the media or parents.

"I felt interrogated," he said.

Brace and his parents were among a group of about 20 parents and students that met with the *Northville Record* staff to discuss the way the district handled the investigation.

Another parent, Mary Roy, said her son was visibly shaken that day back in mid-November by the questioning from Northville school officials. She asked him what had happened when he got home.

"They started by telling him that if he lied to them, which included leaving anything out that may be important, it would be considered insubordination and could result in anything from calling his parents to expulsion," she said of her son's account.

Those student interviews were part of the investigation that led to the resignations of Northville High School special education teachers Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler.

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Northville High School student Julian Brace spoke on Feb. 20 about his experiences during the time since his educators left.



Northville's Dorne Dibble (second from right) was inducted Friday into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame with Red Wings great Nick Lidstrom (from left) and Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach. At right is Hall of Fame Executive Director Jim Stark.

## Taking their rightful place among legends

Northville's Dibble, CC's Mach in Michigan Sports Hall of Fame

By **Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Dorne Dibble has lived a fairy tale-like life, especially for an athlete.

He grew up in the small town of Adrian, where he played three sports and starred on the high school football team that won a state championship. After getting a scholarship to play football at Michigan State, Dibble was drafted in 1951 in the third round by the De-

troit Lions. He became an outstanding offensive end and one of Bobby Layne's favorite targets and was an integral part of the last two Lions championship teams, in 1953 and 1957.

On Friday, that football journey seemed to come full-circle as he shared the stage with a group of sports legends during the 58th induction ceremony of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame at the Max Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Dibble, a Northville resident, was inducted along with an outstanding class made up of longtime Lions kicker Jason Hanson; soccer's Alexi Lalas, who grew up in Birming-

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## Schools re-up bus, custodial contracts

Firms get extensions despite concerns

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Despite listening to the concerns from teachers, the Northville Public Schools Board of Education last week went ahead and approved service extensions with the private firms in charge of transportation and custodial services, Durham Schools Systems and Grand Rapids Building Services respectively.

On Feb. 25, the Northville Board of Education by a 7-0 vote said Durham Transportation Services will get a two-year extension and GRBS custodial services will get a one-year renewal to provide these services to the school community.

In the fall of 2011, the school board awarded a contract to GRBS in order to save the district more than \$800,000 on paying for retirement and health benefits.

The contract may have saved the district money, but the results have not made some happy, especially the teachers.

Northville Education Association President Nick Nugent went before the board to voice the teacher union's deep concerns about the results of the custodial contract that was privatized nearly three years ago.

"The Northville Education Association does not believe GRBS should have a one year renewal in their contract," Nugent told the school board during public comment.

He said he has received numerous complaints from teachers since the firm came on and has forwarded them onto school administrative staff. Citing examples of teachers dusting their own rooms to taking out their own trash, Nugent said GRBS is not living up to its side of the current contract.

### Custodial services

According to Mike Zopf, NPS's assistant superintendent for finance and operations, the GRBS contract will be extended

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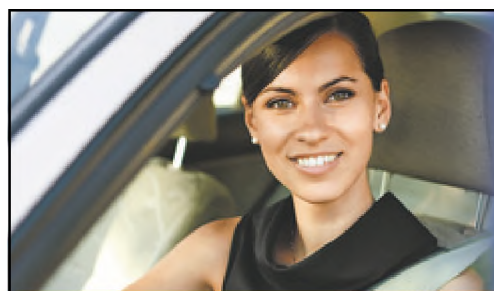
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# EXTENSIONS

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starting this July 1 through June 30, 2015. The extended contract amount for the full year is \$1,726,579.

Zopf agreed things needed to improve with the custodian service, but added school officials were willing to recommend another year contract that has GRBS promising improvements.

“GRBS leadership recognizes the need for continued improvement in the delivery of services to the district,”

said Zopf in his recommendation report.

The extension reflects a reduction of \$36,672 from the 2013-14 contract amount, although Zopf said this will be partially offset by the addition of supplemental custodial support at Hillside and Ridge Wood beginning this month.

Some operational improvements GRBS promises include creating training manuals for each building, which will help alleviate the need for intense administrator involvement when custodial staff attrition occurs. The company will also implement a more regular

assessment and feedback tool, and at its own expense, start a longevity bonus program to reduce turnover.

School Board Vice President Ken Roth said the board was concerned about the reviews of GRBS, but they are willing to see if improvements can be made. Board President Jim Mazurek described the contract as being like a “probationary” one – if there isn’t improvement in one year then changes will be made.

## Transportation services

Durham fared a bit better by getting an

extra year, but there are still some concerns. The school district will expect better results, especially with some additional bus driver training and security.

One concern from the board stems from the incident that took place after the district privatized its transportation department with Durham School Systems in 2011. Several Meads Mill Middle School students were dropped off on the side of Six Mile Road at an non-designated stop by a substitute driver because of what was reported to be bad behavior.

Even if it was an un-

ruly bus, there were many concerns throughout the community about dropping kids off at a random stop.

Zopf said the Durham contract will be extended from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. Unlike the GRBS contract, pricing is based on the actual number of bus runs, rather than a fixed amount.

He said the contract includes a rate increase of 2.5 percent per bus run for each of the two years, and assuming the same number of runs as this year, the contract would increase from \$1,840,000 to \$1,886,000 in 2014-15, and to

\$1,933,000 in 2015-16.

In addition to this economic adjustment, Zopf said the contract requires Durham to provide up to \$57,000 for new bus security cameras, the development of a phone application that will securely allow parents to locate the position of their child’s assigned bus relative to their assigned bus stop, improved measurement and reporting of key performance indicators and targeted training in positive student behavior management.

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# POSITIVE

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Now those interviews are being looked at by Bloomfield Hills law firm, Beier-Howlett. The Northville Board of Education has asked the firm to conduct an independent review of the situation, specifically the questioning of students.

Parents and students who have been interviewed by the firm say this is the first time they feel as if someone was “finally” listening to their concerns, after three months of negativity around surrounding the situation and feeling ignored by school administration.

“We felt validated by them,” parent Amy Prevo said of the sit down they had with the

legal team late last month.

Having their concerns heard has been one of the big issues of the group, which is made up of families impacted by the resignations. They say they have been disappointed that they haven’t had a special meeting with school administration regarding the situation.

Parents are angry that their kids felt “ma-

nipulated, intimidated and bullied” during the questioning.

“We are still skeptical, but it’s a step in the right direction,” Prevo said of the law firm’s independent review.

The law firm, Beier-Howlett, has not yet responded to calls from the *Northville Record*.

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Diaper drive

The Main Street League is holding a diaper drive for families in need from 7-10 p.m., Thursday March 6 at Genitti’s Hole-In-The-Wall, 108 East Main Street in downtown Northville.

Bring a box of diapers or a gas gift card and join the group for a girl’s night out benefiting Northville Civic Concern. Bring a friend and you could win a bottle of wine. Appetizers will be provided and there will be a cash bar

## ‘Sustainable Gardening’

The Northville & Novi Garden Club will host Drew Lathin speaking on Sustainable, Native Plants at our monthly meeting, Monday, March 10. Drew has been working with native plants for t10 years. In 2011, Drew was named “Volunteer of the Year” by the Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation Division for his restorations. Evening begins with a social mixer with snacks at 6:30 p.m. and presentation at 7 p.m. at Northville Art

House, W. Cady Street next to Northville Post office.

## Art House show

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will begin a new exhibit, “Sustained Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters” featuring the work of Ellen Wilt, Ellen Moucoulis and Natalie Estep, beginning March 7.

“Sustained Patterns” interprets human biology as a common theme. Wilt of Ann Arbor, who is in her 90s, has examined working parts coming together and focuses on depicting human anatomy. Moucoulis of Livonia is inspired by the recent birth of her grandson. Estep of Canton has depicted her own birth story. This show is a declaration of professionalism, integrity, guts, creativity and shared know-how.

The exhibit will open in the Art House’s upper gallery on March 7, with a reception, sponsored by Northville Sports Den, from 6-9 p.m. The show will continue through March 29 during Art House gallery hours (Wednesdays-Saturdays, 1-5 p.m.). For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or visit [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org).

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# MDOT engineer: Severe weather pushes I-96 shutdown back to April 1

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Call it an April Fool's Day prank played by Mother Nature. The shutdown of I-96 through Redford and Livonia that was originally slated to start March 24 has been pushed back one week to April 1 because of the poor weather conditions, said Michigan Department of Transportation mobility engineer Aaron Raymond.

"It's looking more and more like that's the exact date, but weather permitting," said Raymond, who is working on the project through MDOT's temporary Livonia office. "I think a lot of that has to do with the weather."

Raymond said even with the one-week delay, the contractor for the project, Shelby Township-based Dan's Excavating, still expects to wrap up work on the reconstruction on time sometime in October. The decision was made late last week to push back the project, he said.

The wicked winter in the Metro Detroit area this year has led to the second-snowiest winter on record, with almost double the average snowfall and less than 10 inches off the all-time record set in 1881.

Both directions of the freeway will close in April from Telegraph in Redford to Newburgh in Livonia for the nearly-\$150 million reconstruction project. The freeway will remain closed until the fall. Several bridges will see some work on them, as well as landscaping work along the freeway.

Some preliminary



Construction equipment is staged on the I-96 median between I-275 and Newburgh Road. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

work is already starting before the shutdown occurs. Crews will be out starting Monday working on a widening of the service drive north of Schoolcraft leading to Telegraph. Crews will work and add a temporary lane on the current service drive to accommodate the heavier traffic the road expects to see when motorists get off the freeway during the shutdown.

The widening will

take out some concrete median and remove a curb on the west side of the service drive to northbound Telegraph.

"They're going to take out that curb and flatten the whole area out," Raymond said. "We've done this on other projects, and it works really well letting those people merge right one lane."

The right lane of the northbound overpass will be closed starting Monday as well, allowing

for merging traffic to easily enter a lane onto northbound Telegraph. That closure, which will reduce the overpass to two lanes going northbound, will remain in place until the fall as well.

MDOT has already widened the exit lane at another high-usage area in preparation for the project: crews added an additional lane on the exit ramp from I-275 to Six Mile in Livonia last

fall. Like the Telegraph widening, both will be temporary and will revert back to their original configurations after the reconstruction project on the freeway is complete.

Raymond said some other lane work is expected on the Telegraph service drive southbound, but it is not expected to alter any traffic patterns. Besides any other emergency repairs or some shoulder work

by the contractor, Raymond said no other major preliminary work is expected to take place until the shutdown occurs.

Anyone with questions regarding the project is encouraged to contact MDOT via email at MDOT-96fix@michigan.gov.

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## MEAP scores strong again for Northville students

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Year in and year out students in Northville Public Schools keep turning out strong performances on the MEAP test, with percentages routinely scoring above state averages.

The Northville Public School district addressed its results for the 2013 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test after seeing the data released on Friday by the Michigan Department of Education. They were pleased.

"The performance of our students on the MEAP and other assessments is a direct outcome of the strong partnership between our students, teachers and parents that focuses on success for all students," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

In the fall, third through eighth grade students across the state were assessed under the MEAP in math and reading to comply with federal mandates. Fourth and seventh grade students were assessed in writing. While fifth and eighth grade students were assessed in science and sixth and ninth grade students took the MEAP's social studies test.

The following are just some of the highlights from this year's results:

» 86 percent of Northville third-graders performed at the "proficient" or "advanced" levels on the fall tests for reading while the state average was at 61 percent.

» Northville fourth-graders scored an 81 percent proficiency or advanced rating in writing while state-wide this at 50

percent.

» The fifth-grade scored a 91 percent compared to the state at 72 percent in reading. Science scores weren't as high for the fifth grade with 43 percent scoring proficient, however it still bests the statewide average, which is at 17 percent.

» In the sixth-grade – students scored a percent rating of 68 proficient or advanced on math while statewide that number is at 41. Sixth graders in Northville also scored 53 percent in social studies, with the state at average at 26 percent.

» 79 percent of Northville seventh graders rate proficient or advanced in writing while the state got a proficiency average of 53 percent.

» Eight graders state wide got a 20 percent in science while Northville doubled that with a 47 percent.

» 56 percent of Northville freshman showed proficiency in social studies while statewide only 26 percent were able to do so.

"We are pleased to see that significant numbers of our fourth through eighth grade students improved their level of proficiency in each of the core content areas, with our special needs population demonstrating significant gains at every grade level, third through eighth grade. Strong individualized interventions, the use of research-based teaching and learning strategies, and goal planning with students contributed to these gains," said Gallagher.

Looking ahead the district will continue to work to overcome any challenges.

Three years ago the Michigan Department of Education instituted new proficiency cut scores for all grades and content areas for the MEAP, which set a higher standard.

NPS officials said the proficiency ratings are meant to better align student performance with "college and career readiness" as compared to the earlier lower standard of "work readiness."

According to school officials, the Michigan Department of Education plans call for a new assessment to be fully rolled out in early 2015 that offers online testing availability that will have a measurement of student growth while being aligned with the state standards.

Within in its own schools, Gallagher said NPS offers academically rigorous programs with meaningful interventions for those students not performing at a level of proficiency.

Plus, the MEAP is just one standard used.

According to NPS, proficiency in a content area is determined through a variety of student assessments over an extended period of time. The MEAP is just one tool used by Northville educators to help map out each child's progress, Gallagher said.

Visit the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org> and click on the "MI School Data" link at the bottom of the home page for more specific information by building or to see results from surrounding districts.

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## Bowling for dollars



The Northville High varsity bowling team recently presented Northville Civic Concern's director Marlene Kunz (center) with a check for a little more than \$3,000 – from funds the team raised from an overnight 'lock in' bowling tournament fundraiser. The team is coached by Jerry Harris, also seen at the center of the photo.

JERRY HARRIS

## Meads Mill student recognized for history essay



The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter honored Meads Mill student Connor Hart with a bronze medal award as the chapter level winner of its American History Essay Contest. This year's theme was "The Lives of Children during the Revolutionary War." Essays were submitted to the DAR chapter from the Novi, Plymouth-Canton and Northville school districts. Hart's essay is now being judged at the state level and if selected as the winner will be sent forward to the national level. Pictured with Hart is Chapter 1st Vice Regent Deborah Davis.

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Home invasion

A neighbor may have thwarted a home invasion on Jeffrey Drive after stopping by the home to let the dog out. On March 1, the neighbor stopped by while the homeowners were out of town and noticed fresh footprints on the home's walkway. The man heard voices at the back of the home and contacted police upon seeing two individuals running away from the scene. Police were unable to locate any of the suspects because of the snowy weather conditions. The suspects had

broken the window of the home's back door. Police believe the neighbor scared them off. **Marijuana possession** Tinted windows led to two Commerce Township men being cited for marijuana possession. The incident occurred around 4:20 p.m. on Feb. 15 when the Ford Fusion the two men were in rolled up to an accident at Six Mile and Maple Hill Drive. A Northville Township police officer, who was directing traffic around the accident, approached their vehicle to let them know it would be a few moments

before they could proceed. The officer could not see through the windows and asked them to roll a window down. That's when he smelled burning marijuana emanating from the car. The officer told the men to pull over behind his squad car. After being confronted about the smell, both men allegedly admitted to having marijuana in the car – hidden inside two bags. Both bags contained pipes, rolling papers, grinders and about three grams of marijuana inside glass jars. Both men were arrested for possession of marijuana and drug

paraphernalia. They were able to post \$100 bond and released after being booked. The Fusion was impounded. **Teen party** A 19-year-old Northville man was arrested for drunken driving after Northville Township police were called to see about a ruckus on Meadow Trail in the early morning hours of Feb. 15. A caller told police there were a bunch of people running around in the middle of the street around 4 a.m. When police arrived, they found a Ford Taurus crashed into

a snow bank on Meadow Trail with considerable front end damage and the air bag deployed. There was a Chrysler Sebring with rear end damage parked on the other side of the street. About a dozen people were on the street when officers arrived, and everyone scrambled into a home on nearby Delta Street. An 18-year-old man with a Busch beer can in his hand remained walking on the street. He owned the Taurus, but said he wasn't driving. However, the officer noticed white powder on his body and the smell of the type of chemical smell consistent when an

air bag deploys. Also, the keys for the vehicle were in his jacket pocket. The man was given a series of sobriety tests and ultimately blew a .206 percent blood alcohol level. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a blood alcohol content higher than .17 percent, minor in possession of alcohol, and failure to stop and remain at an accident. He spent the night in jail and posted the \$300 bond the next morning. He was scheduled to appear in 35th District Court on March 5.

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Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Bryant Anderson  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
www.milfordpc.org  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ages 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.  
Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12  
A heritage of area worship since 1836

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 ½ Mile  
248-348-7757 • www.mbcc.org  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

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

Highland

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Kids Church: 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
MS & HS Youth: 11 a.m.  
MS Youth Night Wednesday 6:30-8 p.m.  
Grief Share Monday 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
248-348-2652  
www.umnovi.com  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

New Hudson

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

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

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

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

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

**Freedom Life Church**  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom Cor 3:7  
1208 E. Commerce, Milford  
Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm  
We are here through Christ Jesus to provide Freedom to those who are hurting, diseased, addicted  
Women, Men and Life Groups Various Schedules

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 9 Mile)  
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am  
Sunday School @ 11 am  
Wednesday mid-week programs  
Rev. David Brown, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshipecp.org

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

Northville

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

**First United Methodist Church Northville**  
(248) 349-1144  
777 West 8 Mile Road  
(8 Mile and Taft Road)  
Northville, Michigan  
Worship Times: September - May 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 am  
Memorial Day - Labor Day 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
Rev. Marsha M. Wooley, Lead Pastor  
www.fumcnorthville.org

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

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

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

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

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

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
248-486-0400  
www.ecrossroads.net  
Sunday Services:  
8:45, 10 & 11:30 am

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

**Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
54999 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd., Northville, MI 48167  
248-374-2268  
Sunday Worship:  
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Wednesday Bible Study (Colossians) at 7 pm

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

**FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Services held at:  
Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia  
South of Six Mile Road  
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 am; Worship 10:30 am  
Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided

For more information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011, ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com



Brightmoor Christian Church

**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014 or CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org

**Web:** www.brightmoorchurch.org

Celebrate Recovery

**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. Mondays

**Details:** Worship, teaching or testimony, and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits, and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Preregister.

Church of the Holy Family

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
**Contact:** 248-349-8847 or visit

hollyfamilynovi.org

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.

**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages

**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multisensory worship

experience.

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.; "Bad Religion: How We Became A Nation Of Heretics"

by Douthat

**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb 1; Commandments For Today

**Portraits of Christ:** Congregational Lenten Study begins March 9, for five weeks at eight different times and locations. Child care available Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Call 248-442-8822 for specific times and locations.

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

**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

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

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

**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Church of the Nazarene

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile

**Contact:** 248-348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org)

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Café is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service

**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Women of the Word) studying 1 Peter

**Thursday schedule:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study

**Friday:** 9:30 a.m.; Sweet Fridays on the second and fourth Fridays – A Ministry for Moms of All Ages

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**Location:** 200 E. Main

**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

**Contact:** 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

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

**Contact:** 248-349-1144 or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)

**Summer Sunday Worship (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 and 10 a.m.

**Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 8:30 a.m. - Nursery; 10 a.m. - Nursery-sixth grade

**Sunday Worship (September-May):** 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

**Sunday School (September-May):** 8 a.m. Nursery; 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

**Contact:** 248-349-0565

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

Holy Cross

Episcopal Church

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile

**Contact:** 248-427-1175 or [holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com); visit [holyCROSSnovi.org](http://holyCROSSnovi.org)

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

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

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

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** 5-7 p.m. March 4 Suggested donation is \$6 per person/ \$20 for a family of four. All profits will go to support Episcopal Relief & Development.

**Ash Wednesday Services:** Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion at noon and 7 p.m. March 5 Unable to make a service? "Drop In" imposition of ashes from 1-6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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)

cychurch.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)

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

**Church School:** 10-11 a.m.

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

**Merry Widows Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

**Pilgrim Fellowship:** 6 p.m. Sundays

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).

Northville Christian Assembly

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile

**Contact:** 248-348-9030; [ncalife.org](http://ncalife.org)

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

**Wednesday Family Night:** 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or [rabbim@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbim@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.

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

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

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville

**Contact:** 248-374-2268

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

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

**Contact:** 248-926-6584; [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

**Location:** 770 Thayer, Northville

**Contact:** 248-349-2621 or [olvnorthville.org](http://olvnorthville.org)

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

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

# Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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**AVERILL, LEE E.**  
A lifelong resident of Milford, beloved Coach and Teacher with Milford and West Bloomfield High Schools, passed away on March 2, 2014 at the age of 76. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Alice and his brother, Ron. Survived by his loving children, Lisa (Tim) Sweeney, Russ Averill and Vince Averill; grandchildren, Alicia and Erin Sweeney and Lillian Averill; sisters, Gail (Mel) Bowers and Diane (Craig) Schneider. Also survived by his nieces and nephews, including Tami Averill who has been a special support to Lee and family, many colleagues, former students, athletes and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Milford High School Cafeteria on Saturday, March 8th at 11 a.m.

BROWNING, BARBARA J.

Age 84, of Brighton, died Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at Home Away From Home AFC. She was born September 19, 1929 in Detroit to Edward O. and Ruby Mae (Shore) Burnette and married Wilfred R. Browning. He preceded her in death in 1983. She was a teacher and librarian for Milford Public Schools for many years. Surviving are her three children, Laura (Dave) Parker of Brighton, Mitchell (Tina) Browning of Fenton, and Christopher (Angie) Browning of Pinckney; and six grandchildren. Memorial services will be held in the spring at Milford Memorial Park Cemetery in Milford. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Hospice. Arrangements by Niblack Funeral Home, Fowlerville. [www.niblackfuneralhome.com](http://www.niblackfuneralhome.com)

**Bulszewicz, Norbert**  
age 87, February 28, 2014. Funeral Mass March 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Pinckney. Phillips Funeral Home



de la FUENTE CARLOS

Age 65, passed away February 28, 2014. He was born on February 4, 1949, in Detroit, to Avelino and Maria Teresa (Garea) de la Fuente. He graduated from Cass Tech High School and Highland Park College with an Associate's degree. Carlos married Victoria Valutis on May 20, 1978. They moved to South Lyon in 1978. Carlos is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Vickie; his children: Tania (Nicholas) Dedham, Erica (Mark) Golembiewski, Alicia (David) Oldebekking, Miguel de la Fuente; grandchildren: Claire, Owen, Henry, Brooke, Mason, Reid, and Harper; mother Maria Teresa de la Fuente; sisters: Juanita Perez-de la Fuente, Mari (Tom) LeDuc; brother-in-law Gerald Hall. He was preceded in death by his father Avelino de la Fuente and sister Linda Hall. A memorial service will be held on March 5, Wednesday, at 11:00 A.M. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



FEOLE, MARY "BETTY"

Age 94. Longtime resident of Northville, 2/27/2014. Full obituary and online condolences [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)

**FITZSTEPHENS, REGIS**  
October 10, 1936 - February 25, 2014. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**FORBES, ROBERT "BUBBA"**  
Age 74. Feb. 27, 2014. Visitation March 3. Funeral March 4, 11am PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**GIBSON, CHRISTOPHER**  
Age 39, of Hutto, TX, formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away suddenly on February 25, 2014. He was preceded in death by his mother, Geraldine Gibson. Christopher is survived by his father, Richard Gibson; brother, Michael Gibson; sister, Debra Hughes; niece, Trinity Gibson. Services pending. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home South Congress, 2620 S. Congress, Austin, TX 512/442-1446. You may view memorials at: [www.wcfish.com](http://www.wcfish.com)

**GILHOOLY, DEBRA**  
January 7, 1959 - February 20, 2014. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**KASINSKI, IRENE**  
Age 93, of Sterling Heights passed away 2/14/2014. Full obit and online condolences at: [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)

**McGUCKIN, PATRICK**  
March 12, 1951 - February 21, 2014. [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**PELTO, PATRICK JAMES**  
Age 49, passed away March 3, 2014. He was born on June 23, 1964 in Detroit, son of Stanley and Jan Peltó. He is survived by his parents, his beloved wife Alissa and his loving boys Ryan and Jacob. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 7 from 10:00am-11:00am with a memorial service at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**SAYERS, HELEN M.**  
Age, 93, passed away Feb. 28, 2014. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

SAYERS, HELEN (MILLS)

Age 94, passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 28, 2014. A longtime resident of South Lyon, she is survived by her husband of 71 years, James, and children James Jr. of Panama, and Linda (Jerry) Deputat of South Lyon. She was also the proud grandparent of Jeremy Deputat and Lindsay (Zachary) Fairchild. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, she graduated from Saint John High School and went on to attend business school. Upon completion she accepted a job with the Canadian government and moved to Ottawa, Ontario. There she met James. They eventually married in 1942 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, James' home town. At the end of WWII Helen and Jim moved to Detroit where they lived until 1977 when they relocated to South Lyon. Helen retired after 20 years of service as contract administrator for General Electric. Helen, together with Jim, enjoyed an active life of square dancing, tennis, traveling and being a devoted grandparent. Writing was another favorite pastime, and she was a regular participant in writing classes offered by the South Lyon Senior Center. Also, for someone of her generation she became quite computer literate, emailing her many friends and family members and using the internet. Helen and Jim are long time members of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Novi. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 11:00a.m. at Holy Cross.



SHIGLEY, JONATHAN JOSEPH

Age 6, went to be with the Lord and his twin brother, Preston on February 26, 2014. He was born on November 22, 2007, in Royal Oak, son of Justin and Laura (Vollbach) Shigley. Jonathan had an adventurous spirit and loved amusement parks. He was a thrill seeker and loved to visit Disney World and Cedar Point. Jonathan traveled much of the country visiting amusement parks, and attractions with his best friend and soul mate, his Papa. He loved golf cart rides and his favorite color was orange. Jonathan was a loving and brave little man that inspired many people with his courage and infectious smile that never left his face. He is survived by his loving parents, Justin and Laura Shigley; his loving sister and best friend, Leah Marie and his loving brother, James Landon; his devoted grandparents: Mark and Tina Vollbach and Joe and Vicki Shigley; his uncle, Matthew Vollbach and his aunt, Jessi Shigley. Jonathan is also survived by many loving extended members of the Vollbach, Shigley and Bakhaus families. Jonathan's family would like to thank the PICU Team at Mott's Children Hospital. To Alison Barnett and her staff at Leaps & Bounds Therapy for their constant care and love for Jonathan and the Shigley family. Visitation was held on Friday, February 28, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service on Saturday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities Inc., 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263. Online guestbook at [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



STANDHARDT, MARY ANNA

A long time resident of Milford, died on February 25, 2014 at the age of 80. She is survived by Charles William Standhardt Sr., her beloved husband of over 56 years; sons, Chuck (Ellie), Bob (Doris), Chris (Lisa) and John (Holly); grandchildren, Erika and David; sister, Aldona (Jerry) Ciesla; brother, Joseph Yodsnukis, Jr. and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Milford, on February 28, 2014. Memorials may be made in his name to Great Lakes Caring Hospice. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit:



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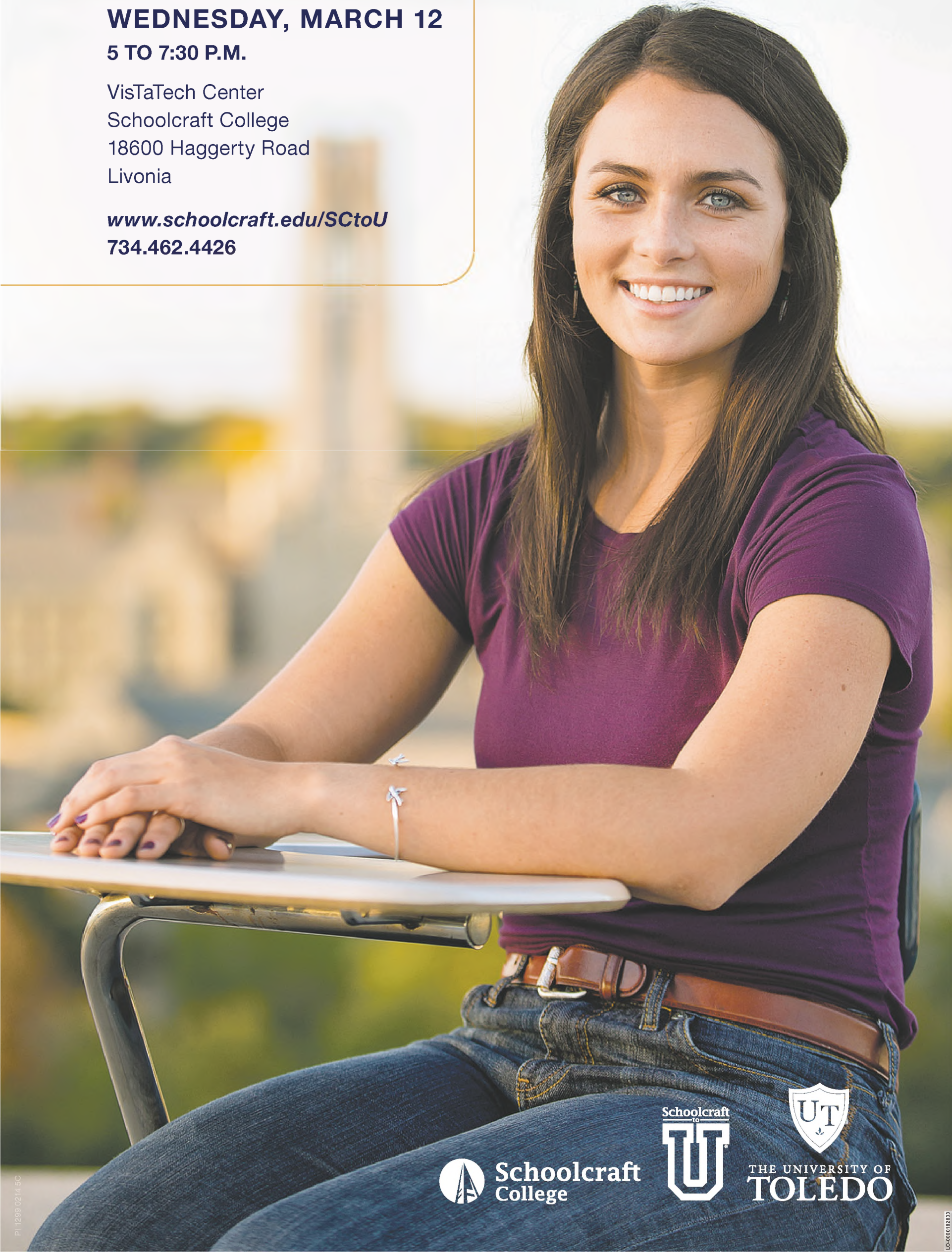
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# 1969 Chevy Camaro SS

Car enthusiast preps his 'dream car' for Autorama

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Steve Kirn is as proud as can be about his 1969 Chevy Camaro SS from its tangerine candy red paint job to the original white hound's tooth interior and its new digital dash board.

"This is my dream car, the car I've wanted my whole life," said the Garden City resident who was at Detroit Hot Rod Sport and Custom in Northville Monday prepping it for this weekend's Detroit Autorama at Cobo Hall this weekend. "I've always wanted a car I could show and I think this is worthy of that."

Kirn's Camaro will be on display at what has been billed as America's greatest hot rod show. It opens Friday and features some 1,000 of the most amazing chopped, channeled and super painted hot rods and custom cars in the world.

For Kirn the road leading to his Camaro started more than 26 years ago when he married his wife Heather. In need of money to buy furniture, he sold his 1969 Ford Mustang, a gift from his parents on his 16th birthday.

"It was probably one of the worse decisions he ever made," said Heather. "It was the only thing we had of any value. I always felt bad he had to do that."

## Happy anniversary

Two years ago, Heather decided to get her husband his dream car for their 25th wedding anniversary. She had several friends looking for a Camaro when Steve found a one in mid-search. Steve thought he

was heading to Vanguard Auto in Novi to look at a car. Little did he know his wife was buying one for him.

"I didn't know what to think, I wasn't sure it was real," he said.

The car was in pretty good shape, including its custom paint job, but Kirn had some ideas and working with Ben Clayton, owner of Detroit Hot Rod, he gave the car his personal touches. The car has been at Detroit Hot Rod since last fall. Its engine has been rebuilt at "chromed out," the new dashboard installed, and working with what's left of the original custom paint, it's been touched up.

"This is a very special car said," Clayton, a Farmington Hills resident. "We tried to have it look like an authentic '69 Camaro, but what's underneath isn't '69. When you sit inside you get that period feeling, but the drive train has been upgraded. We had the care six months and Steve had to do running changes. He had things he wanted to do and I had things I wanted to do."

The hardest part of the work was matching the paint, according to Clayton. The previous owner had had the paint mixed and luckily there was some left to do touch-ups, and painter Mark Martin "did an amazing job" of getting the metal flake to match.

"He's an artist," Clayton said. "We've found a balance of modern elements and making them work in a 1969 was a challenge. But it worked in this car. It was really successful."

## 'Special car'

Clayton said the Camaro is a "very special car," while Kirn says its a "rare code car." It's vehicle code is X66D80, which



Steve Kirn polishes up his Autorama-bound 1969 Chevy Camaro inside Detroit Hot Rod Custom and Sport in Northville Township. The Garden City resident has invested about \$50,000 in restoring the muscle car.



Detroit Hot Rod employee Bill Zhmendak grinds down some metal on Steve Kirn's Camaro as it's readied for Autorama. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

references the full car package. Kirn doesn't know how many original miles are on the car, those were lost when the dashboard was switched out, but he does plan to drive it. Temperatures have to be at least 75 degrees, sunshine and dry weather.

"It's a street car and I drive it," he said. "But this one will never see snow. It'll be in a heated garage."

Kirn has had his car in

a few shows. He took the award for best paint at the Wilson Barn Show in Livonia and the Angel Award at this past summer's car show at the Wayne Family Fest. He's also had it at shows at several local VFWS.

"I'm excited, he added. "This is my first show worthy car and I'm able to show it in the first big show of the year."

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## GOING TO THE SHOW

The 62nd annual Meguiar's Detroit Autorama roars into Cobo Hall on Friday, March 7. Billed as America's greatest hot rod show, it will feature not only hot rods and custom cars, but the live appearance of the King of NASCAR, Richard Petty and his son, racing legend Kyle Petty. Adding excitement to this year's Autorama is the thunderous opening, with a live outdoor fire-up of Bob Motz's Flame Throwing Semi Truck at 11:45 a.m. Friday at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Jefferson Avenue in front of Cobo Hall.

The entire lower level of Cobo Center will be devoted to the popular Detroit Autorama Extreme, featuring more than 200 traditional rods, customs and bobber bikes inspired by the 1950s. A show within a show, Autorama Extreme fills the entire 100,000 square feet of the lower level of Cobo's Michigan Hall.-custom car world across North America

Additional features of the 62nd Annual Detroit Autorama include the Cavalcade of Customs; a 10-car exhibit of specially invited '50 customs, The Fantastic Fins; a 10-car handpicked collection of beautiful super finned custom cars, the Autorama Preservation Award Winner—the Clarence "Slick" Patterson '39 Ford Convertible Custom presented by Steele Rubber Products

Hours will be noon to 10 p.m. Friday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9. At the gate admission is \$19 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-12, and free for those 5 years and under. Discount tickets are \$17 and \$4 and are available at O'Reilly Auto Parts stores.

For more information, call 248-373-1700, or go to [www.autorama.com](http://www.autorama.com) for up-to-the-minute information and last minute changes. Autorama is produced by Championship Auto Shows Inc. and by the Michigan Hot Rod Association.

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# Adjusting to the trends

For 25 years Elizabeth's has been preparing brides to walk down the aisle

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

For 25 years, Elizabeth Clancy has been helping a lot of brides' dreams come true. And it hasn't gone unnoticed. Quality and consistency has helped Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, which is located in a renovated home at 402 S. Main Street in Northville, to be honored and recognized by such sources as the popular wedding Web site, "the knot" for Best of Weddings 2010 and 2011 and Styleline Magazine for Editors Choice 2012. Clancy took a moment last month to look back over the years at the accomplishments and people who have helped make the longtime Northville business a success through good economic times and bad. "Thank you all who have supported Elizabeth's Bridal Manor for so many exciting years,

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for you have truly made my dreams come true while helping make your dreams come true," Clancy said. The location has played a big part in what the bridal shop is. One can't help but get excited when you walk into her shop. Since it opened Elizabeth's Bridal Manor has been transformed by two major additions to the original building. The first part was the upstairs bridal fantasy

room with the tower of windows. The second was the large bridesmaid room with its 30-foot high ceiling, featuring an enormous two-tier chandelier. Another part to the success is her staff. Each bride gets a specially trained consultant to work with them one-on-one to find that perfect dress or to help create that dream dress with some amazing selections of belts and accessories. One thing that really stands out to Clancy is the many changes in fashion they've witnessed over the last two decades. "In the 1990s, brides wore highneck gowns with huge puffy sleeves, ornate beaded embroidery, and lavish cathedral trains. Large bows at the waist were very popular, and all of the veils were very full with two or three layers of cloud-like tulle," she recalled. "Today, there is more diversity in bridal fashions from full tulle ball gowns, architecturally inspired textured skirts, to simple sheaths, mermaids, and fit and flare silhouettes." She added, "Gatsby

bias cut body clinging gowns worn with headbands on the forehead are yet another look in bridal fashion." So adjusting to the trends has been important. She has collected a lot of stories since she opened in 1990 with her late husband, Alan Brown. One had her employing the use of duct tape to help a distraught bride who called Clancy at the last second because of gown issues. It worked. Clancy started out of her home at first and then moved into Northville two years later bringing with her the personalized service that comes with a small shop. They've built a rapport over the years with the community and continue to produce smiles. "I am fully committed to continue to operate with integrity, great service, accountability, fabulous selections, and pampering in a truly magical setting," she said looking ahead to many more years and memories.

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Elizabeth Clancy, owner of Northville's Elizabeth's Bridal Manor in Northville, is celebrating her 25th year in business. Her shop is along South Main Street. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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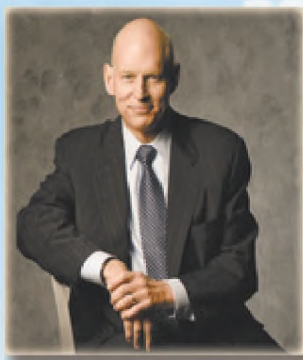


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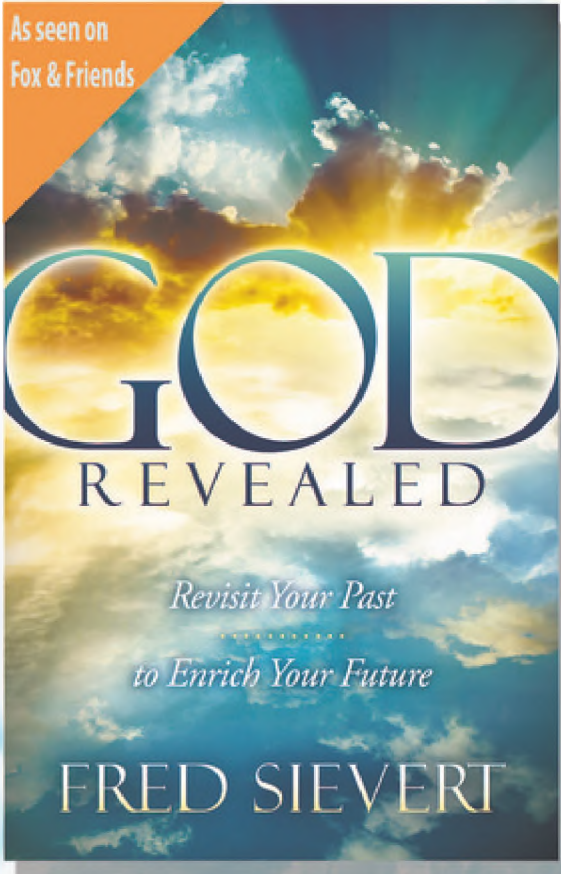


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A span of Seven Mile Road in the City of Northville will receive a \$1 million upgrade later this year.

# Seven Mile Road due for big improvements

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A span of Seven Mile Road within the City of Northville should be fixed in the coming year. City officials have approved a resolution to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the rehabilitation of Seven Mile Road with Wayne County at a local cost of \$98,192. Northville has budgeted sufficient funds in its Major Street Fund to cover this expenditure. The overall project is estimated to cost more than \$1 million. Wayne County has received federal funding totaling \$885,617 for the project.

“Seven Mile Road through the City of Northville has been on Wayne County’s priority list for street improvements for several years. Design has progressed with community input in an effort to make this improvement meet the needs of Wayne County and the City of Northville,” Northville Public Works Director James Gallogly said. The project will go from Edenderry Street east to Northville Road. The project will be hot mix asphalt resurfacing with cold milling, pavement rehabilitation, concrete curb repair, overband crack filling, and drainage structure ad-

justment. There will also be ADA sidewalk ramps, and the addition of sign and pavement markings. The crossing at Sheldon Road will benefit from the project and, when completed, will allow for safer passage to the pathway that runs along the road. The bridge over the Johnson Drain will also be repaired. “It is anticipated that this project will begin in early spring and be completed by the end of summer 2014,” according to Gallogly.

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# Ficano details deficit elimination ideas

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said weeks ago that creating a regional authority for the area's water supply is a crucial step for the county, especially with some of the water assets being involved in Detroit's bankruptcy case.

"We don't have this kind of time. The judge has a schedule," he said. "They're going to move quickly as to what happens."

Ficano and other county leaders spoke last Tuesday in downtown Detroit regarding his State of the County address, his proposed deficit elimination plan and other topics.

The proposed deficit elimination plan for the county, which faces a

\$175 million deficit, calls for several moves, including the potential sale of the wastewater treatment plant



Ficano

until they see more details.

Ficano said it is his hope such an authority could be created to manage the area's water supply and the facilities in Wayne County. That authority, Ficano said, would have more local representation and control than if it were to be transferred to a private company in the city's bankruptcy case.

"If a private entity

gets it, or if it somehow stays with the city of Detroit, the rate payers aren't going to get out of this monopoly," he said. "My contention is it's better that we form an authority and, at that point, we know there's got to be improvements, but the improvements are going to go through an authority where the representatives from Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Detroit and, in this case, the projection was the state of Michigan, sit on the board and try to make these determinations."

Mark Abbo, the county's chief financial officer, said that sale price of the facilities listed in the deficit elimination plan, \$121.4 million, could change, but the estimate is a conservative figure and would expect to in-

crease rather than decrease.

That figure was used in the deficit elimination plan as a starting point and could change if the county begins talking about creating the authority with surrounding communities, Abbo said.

"If you look at the formula we're using, that \$121.4 million is really just a number to arrive at a zero fund balance as of Sept. 30, 2015," he said. "So it's more or less a placeholder, though we've done evaluations that we could arrive at at least that amount for the facilities."

Ficano's proposed deficit elimination plan calls for a decrease in multipliers in the county's pension program from 2.5 percent to 1.5 percent, which could save almost \$2.6 million

to the county's general fund; reducing the number of circuit court judges; and a proposed 5-percent wage cut to county employees, which would need to be approved by several of the county's bargaining units.

The plan would need to have approval from the Wayne County Commission and then the state of Michigan before it takes effect.

### Wayne County Jail

The issue of the botched jail project next to the courthouse downtown is also a point of contention for the county. A current proposal is to move the jail to the former Mound Road prison in Detroit and have it converted into the county jail.

Ficano said the plan is

to move the justice facility – including the jail and courtrooms, if possible – to the site, though the county is looking first at securing a new jail site.

"Our financial nut is one with the jail and that's what we're focusing on," he said. Work on that jail has been halted since it was determined the project was \$100 million over budget.

With the move could come other redevelopment that could increase revenue for the county via taxes, Ficano said.

"If you move it to Mound, you'll actually be injecting into the neighborhood," he said. "Suddenly, you have to have restaurants, gas stations, all that kind of stuff that goes together with it. And those are revenue-generating tax-wise, as well."

## Township honored for its financial reporting

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Northville Township was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellence in financial reporting.

At its last township board meeting, Michigan GFOA Executive Director Jack Smith presented a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report. This is the first time Northville Township has received the honor. Northville Township Treasurer Marjorie Banner accepted the honor on the township's behalf.

Banner said one big reason for this accomplishment was Finance Director Marina Neumaier, who has been on the job about a year.

"She helped make this happen," Banner said.

This certification is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and Smith said its attainment "represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management."

"This is a reflection of a professional, hard working staff," Smith said,

Township Supervisor Robert Nix said a lot of different people helped make this happen and it was a significant acknowledgment of the fiscal responsibility and transparency the township strives for.

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story as well as motivating potential users and user groups to read it.

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# Growth Works lauds those who overcome, give back

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Some might give up on Growth Works clients, but others know better. With help, those clients can become contributors to society.

Growth Works, a nonprofit youth services agency in western Wayne County, recognized volunteers, community members and young people for their efforts over the past year.

Program Recognition awards went to Logan Grissom of Livonia, Dennis Ross of Dearborn Heights and one other, Darick Molisee of Westland, for their achievements and outstanding efforts over the past year.

One honoree is from the new adult outpatient program started in 2013, said Dale Yagiela, Growth Works executive director. "We're really excited about that," Yagiela said. "It's been well-received."

The other two Program Recognition honorees are in community-based services.

Since 1970, the agency's focus has remained services for at-risk youth, helping to change immediate behavior while promoting long-term commitment to responsible choices and building stronger families. Programs include Aftercare & Residential Treatment, Community Intervention & Treatment and the Western Wayne Care Management Organization.

### Substance abuse and crime

Yagiela, at Growth Works since 1971, said crime is often associated with drug and alcohol use. He's concerned policy makers don't understand the importance of dealing with substance abuse as it relates to crime.

"We talk a lot about prevention. It's really about early intervention," he said.

At Growth Works, he



Logan Grissom of Livonia thanks the audience for his award.

and colleagues see people in their early 20s who've gone off to college and continued with substance abuse, which wasn't dealt with in their teens. "We have, I think, a real social tolerance to this, too," he said.

Yagiela is concerned about casual attitudes toward marijuana use.

"Marijuana is not a gateway drug," he said, although some heroin users have also used marijuana. "It's a problem in and of itself."

Marijuana use leads to degradation of cognitive abilities, he said. "If I talked about medical alcohol, people would think I was crazy," Yagiela said.

He's concerned about a bill in the state Legislature to legalize marijuana edibles and about some parents' casual attitudes related to their own younger years. "I'm concerned that we just can't seem to get this figured out," Yagiela said.

"These kinds of things aren't just youthful adventures," he added. Substance abuse has social costs, he said, and often makes the juvenile justice system and criminal justice system the place substance abusers end up.

He's appreciative of community support for Growth Works, centered in Plymouth-Canton, but also throughout western Wayne. "The community has been very supportive," Yagiela said.

Volunteers David Sculati of Farmington Hills, Bill Ventola of Plymouth and Ann O'Flaherty of Plymouth were recognized for



Dennis Ross of Dearborn Heights accepts his award.

milestone years, 10, 10 and 25, respectively, on the Board of Directors and bringing their expertise to the agency. Northville resident Brian Morrow, deputy chief of the Juvenile Division of Wayne County Prosecutor's office, has been instrumental assisting with Growth Works' CMO clients and the Teen Court program.

Morrow and Alan Kelley of Grosse Pointe Woods, a therapist with Orchards Children's Services who facilitates the Intensive Family Management Program, both received community awards for their efforts aimed at improving the lives of young people.

"He's been very helpful to my staff," Yagiela said of prosecutor Morrow. Yagiela also praised the Conference of Western Wayne.

Kelley took a program and modified it for Growth Works to help parents manage their children better, with staff in the home part time to help resolve conflict and address parenting. "Alan's been really very good at this and has been warmly received by the families he's worked with," Yagiela said.

Awards were presented Thursday, Feb. 20, at Growth Works' 25th annual Recognition & Awards Dinner at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center of Plymouth.

### 'Hard work'

Yagiela said many other recognition banquets involve a public figure such as an athlete. For Growth Works,

the focus is on recognizing those who've overcome obstacles and those who helped them get there.

"This is what all the hard work produced," he said. "People get better; they make progress." There aren't a lot of thanks in such work, Yagiela noted, so the annual dinner is important.

Growth Works is expanding into Washtenaw and Livingston counties, with a drug court in Livingston and Washtenaw for adolescents. There will also be a small residential program in Washtenaw, as well as an intensive outpatient program in Livingston.

The young people at Growth Works aren't often seen as assets, he said. He's proud of those former clients who now serve on his Board of Directors.

Yagiela just had a call from a western Michigan prosecutor's office for a former client applying as an assistant prosecutor. He's also proud of a physician in Texas, a former client, and of those who are now teachers, lawyers, financial planners and other community contributors who were Growth Works clients.

"When you begin looking at the results of this, it's really rewarding," Yagiela said.

For more information call 734-455-4095.

## Stewart drops from senate race

By Brad Kadrach  
Staff Writer

Plymouth attorney John Stewart on Wednesday dropped out of the race for the state Senate in the 7th District.

Citing an agreement he had with his family, Stewart, who served three terms in the state House from 2000-06, said the entry of Canton Democrat Dian Slavens into the race brought on his own decision to withdraw.

"I made a commitment to my wife and daughters back in August that there wouldn't be a contested primary," Stewart said.

The move leaves Slavens, who is term-limited in the state House 21st District, as the only declared challenger to incumbent Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.


Stewart said he'd gotten a good deal of support for his candidacy, but didn't want to get into a protracted primary fight with Slavens.

"I have heard from a ton of people that I was most electable," said Stewart, who felt his moderate leanings would have fit well in the district. "But the political process is what the political process is."

Candidates have until April 22 to file.




Stewart





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OUR VIEW

# Independent review a move in right direction for district

“Our board of education, along with district administrators, do not take questions or concerns expressed by parents, students, or the community lightly. When an issue of concern arises, we take action to review it, for the safety and well-being of our students as well as our staff members.”

That's what Northville Board of Education President Jim Mazurek had to say recently in regards to the criticism the district has endured in the aftermath of getting rid of Northville High School special education teachers Jennifer Warnock and Lynn Traxler.

The community should take Mazurek at his word. The school board deserves some credit for hiring an outside law firm to look into how district officials conducted the investigation into whether or not Warnock and Traxler had purposefully told their students to do poorly on an online assessment test in the fall.

District officials admit to pulling some of the teachers' students out of class and asking them questions about Warnock and Traxler. The parents of these students were never notified of the interviews and found out from their children after the fact. Ultimately the investigation led to the teachers resigning after having been put on administrative leave, something parents were also upset about. The teachers reached a deal with the district to resign and get paid for the remainder of the school year, or face the prospect of being fired by a hostile administration.

Many of the parents of these special education students have directed blistering criticism at district officials for the way this investigation has been handled since day one when their children were – as they say – “interrogated” by administrators, including Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Dave Rodgers. They believed their children were used as pawns in what amounted to a “witch hunt” to get rid of Traxler and Warnock.

They certainly have some reasons to be upset. The investigation was executed poorly from the beginning, and turned ugly when parents began picketing board meetings and questioning the motivation of district officials.

The school board definitely made a move in the right direction by hiring Bloomfield Hills law firm Beier-Howlett to conduct an independent review of the matter. The proof in the pudding will be determined by how much autonomy the firm has as it looks into the situation. Thus far, the parents who have spoken to their lead attorney have expressed satisfaction that the right questions are being asked. And there is no reason to suggest that the district will try influence the review.

And that's the way it should be. The district has suffered a black eye because of this situation. Traxler and Warnock proved to be popular teachers, who had earned the respect of their students and parents. The reality is the two are not coming back, however, as the district has already hired one permanent replacement and is in the process of trying to find another.

However, the district really needs to change the way it conducts such investigations. For one, if district officials are going to question students outside of a classroom setting, they should probably contact their parents, especially when a teacher's career is on the line.

Hopefully the law firm's review will help provide some guidelines as how or if they develop new policies concerning personnel matters. Because if district officials really do take the concerns of parents seriously, they should take a hard look at making some changes.



Parents picketed the Northville Public Schools Board of Education after the district forced out Northville High School teachers Lynn Traxler and Jennifer Warnock.

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## What are you looking forward to most when the warmer weather finally arrives?

This question was asked at Allen Terrace and in downtown Northville.



“Getting out of my apartment and going outside. I'm feeling cooped up.”

**Nancy Gazley**  
Northville



“To get outside and go for a walk.”

**Elaine Hillebrand**  
Northville



“Opening up the windows to my home and letting in some fresh air.”

**Jeannie Weber**  
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“No snow.”

**Jessica Tiernan**  
Northville's Steve Fecht Photography

LETTERS

### Keep focus on Northville

I could not agree more with last week's letter to the editor from John Callahan (“Stop with the partisan letters”) in the *Northville Record*. The *Northville Record* should contain local news. Local issues. Local commentaries. The point counter point between the uber conservatives and uber liberals on whatever issue one of them bring up does not belong in the *Northville Record*.

Let's discuss the issues that came up with the local Northville teachers being let go. Let's discuss the Northville marching band's latest concert. Let discuss whether Poole's should be able to build or extend their business to that corner. Talk radio and all the cable news channels try to make everyday a political national crisis. Let's leave the local *Northville Record* about Northville.

**Jim Kastely**  
Northville

### ‘All politics is local’

When I have written letters to the *Northville Record*, none of them have been a letter that initiated a debate. Not one. In every instance I have responded to previously printed letters that I chose to comment on because of a deeply held difference of opinion, or as a reaction to distortions of the facts or inaccuracies in the letters I responded to. I take great care to include as many facts or verifiable data to back up my assertions.

Mark Twain said, “A lie can make it half way around the world while the truth is still putting its shoes on.” I take no pleasure in the responses I have made, but feel it is in the interest of fairness to defend against policies, ideas or statements that have the potential to harm others. To those that are “smarter” than me, and are uncomfortable dealing with, discussing, or debating the day-to-day issues of life around us, I would suggest they simply skip reading my responses to previous letters. There are always plenty of “local” stories that should be of great interest to you, and often letters too.

I will continue to defend policies in Washington and Lansing that will feed hungry children, provide life-saving health care, promote a living wage for hard working families, insure clean air, water and a safe food supply, take real care of our veterans, provide educational opportunities for all, house the homeless, and many more, even though these ideas are apparently considered to be “on the far fringes of the political spectrum” by those that wish me to be silent. My concerns for others were developed at a young age in places like Sunday school and vacation Bible school, as well as my nurturing parents.

It was former House Speaker Tip O'Neal that said, “All politics is local.” If you have a beef, Mr. Callahan, is it with me, or is it with the editor of the *Northville Record*? In your letter you worry about others writing back that you are “asking for censorship.” Is this a concern or an admission? You are very likely smarter than me, but if you can prove to the *Northville Record* editor that you are smarter than he is, he may let you become the “negative dribble” eliminator for the paper. Good luck, however, convincing him to remove “OPINION” at the top of the editorial page, or stop showing pictures and responses of people right below it to politically relevant questions, like the one last week

about the governor.

**Steve Lawrence**  
Northville Township

### No easy fallback

Some 50 years ago the *Northville Record* was perhaps bland, limited to views and reports on weather, church functions and obituaries. Big news included status of Maybury Sanitarium, Wayne County Child Development Center, formation of a Northville Township master plan or a brush fire at Farm Crest Dairy. Politics pretty uneventful among a generally like-minded hard working people. Growth and change appeared to follow the Carter and Johnson administrations bringing greater migration to the suburbs.

Politics never operates in a vacuum as most everyone chooses their flavor. Political discussions tend to annoy most those whose defensive positions collapse seeking any relief to recover. So we face falling international relations, a politically driven economic system and new tiring revelations in Obama-care. No easy fallback to the usual defense of scripted words or excuses.

Politics is sometimes defined as the management of people by their presiding leadership. History confirms meters placed on debate assists the worst possible outcomes. Soon political persuasion will fill our eyes, ears, the mailbox and newspaper. Real position changes are similar to a demoralized sports fans finally acknowledging unrepairable performance gaps.

**Jim Nowka**  
Northville Township

### Fixing roads ‘not on agenda’

Michigan roads don't you just love 'em? Anyone driving or riding on our roads will be screaming “NO” to that question. Too bad funding for our roads was not on Gov. Snyder's agenda when he took office three years ago as he gave businesses a huge tax cut. Too bad he failed at leading the State Legislature last year to find funding for our roads. Too bad for all of us that now have to endure disastrous driving conditions made worse by a bad winter on roads not properly maintained.

Michigan is now ranked 50th of 50, dead last in spending per capita on roads.

The last several years I have been making twice-a-year driving trips to Florida and have always found better roads in every state I travel no matter the route and less expensive gas.

Snyder proposed increasing taxes on gas (making prices even higher) and doubling our vehicle registration fees. He claimed those who use the roads should pay for the roads. Businesses need roads, too. Roads for their clients and customers, to bring them supplies and to get to and from their businesses? Our food and consumer goods come to us over the roads and travelers and tourist use the roads. We all use the roads, it is not possible to live in this state and not benefit or suffer (like we are now) from the condition of the roads.

The Republicans in the legislature would not follow Snyder on his plan. Perhaps they wanted to wait for the next Lame Duck session, after the next election, to push through such a voter unfriendly plan.

How many more years will the voters give Snyder to properly fund our roads?

What's your answer?

**Chuck Tindall**  
Novi

### Listen to the people

Now Governor Snyder and the Republican legislature are working on giving back some of the taxes they raised, saying the cuts should go to those who need it the most, those that are finding it hard to pay their bills. If that is the case, why did they raise taxes on those people in the first place? He also cut unemployment insurance, making it very difficult for the unemployed to pay their bills. Are they now saying they were wrong on tax increases? Weren't we all supposed to be part of the shared sacrifice?

The pollsters are now running the numbers and finding that the people are saying forget the tax cut and fix our roads and fund our schools. When Governor Snyder cut taxes on business, he raised taxes on pensioners, seniors, and the working poor. The people were against this major tax shift. The people voted against state appointed emergency managers running their cities. The people went to Lansing and said they did not want Michigan to be a 'Right to Work for Less' state. The Governor does not listen to the people who hired him.

Should the people re-elect Rick Snyder? I think we, the people, should reject Rick Snyder and bring back democracy to Michigan.

**Cynthia Churches**  
Novi

### CVS choice

I think if they're (CVS) going to stop selling tobacco because it's not healthy, then alcohol shouldn't be sold either.

Those who are addicted will find somewhere to purchase it. Myself, I gave those habits up years ago.

**Caroline Norwood**  
Canton

### Hit for inaction

The Michigan Senate recently passed a supplemental bill that, among other things, would transfer \$100 million for road maintenance. Even though this is just a transfer of funds and other projects shelved, it will be welcomed by the county and local agencies that have been short-changed the past four years.

Six Republican senators voted “no” on the \$360 million bill, among them Sen. Patrick Colbeck. Why, you ask, would he do that? Well, here's the answer in a nutshell.

Last fall, after failing to stop the Medicaid expansion, he led the charge to not give that law immediate effect. Several news sources warned at the time that our state treasury would take a multi-million-dollar hit because of this inaction. Well, the hit is here. The above supplemental bill includes \$73.3 million to pay for Colbeck's and the Tea Party's antics.

I can only surmise that with the election looming, Colbeck doesn't want the voters to see, in black and white, how much it cost us for him to please that front organization, “Americans for Prosperity (for the Rich).”

How many roads could be repaired or how many police officers, firefighters or teachers hired with that \$73.3 million? We will never know. But you can bet your last dollar on this: If even one paragraph of the Medicaid expansion bill would have enriched the Koch Brothers, the DeVos family or other billionaires who fund the Tea Party, it would have taken effect before the gavel fell.

**James Huddleston**  
Canton



# A better way to getting improved roads: Change the Federal Highway Fund

Whether stuck in traffic because of construction or fixing a flat tire after hitting a pothole, Michiganders feel frustrated with the quality of our roads. Despite making the best cars in the world, our state ranks near the bottom of transportation spending per capita.

To pay for more infrastructure funding, some suggest additional taxes. Others demand moving money around in our state budget. A third way exists — a fairer, more efficient Federal Highway Fund.

Recently, my Republican colleagues U.S. Rep. Tom Graves from



**Kerry Bentivolio**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Georgia and Senator Mike Lee of Utah introduced the Transportation Empowerment Act, which I happily cosponsored. The Transportation Empowerment Act completely reforms the way the federal government distributes highway funds, by promoting local control, efficient projects and a more competent system for fixing our crumbling infrastructure. The bill promises to allow

“states to respond to the needs of their communities and develop systems that result in less traffic, shorter commutes, access to more affordable homes and will help families better manage the work-life balance.”

The Transportation Empowerment Act does three things that would improve our roads. First, it grants nearly “all authority regarding federal highway and transit programs to the states over a five-year period.” I trust Michiganders to spend our taxpayer money more wisely than federal bureaucrats. We know which roads need to be

fixed and which bridges need repair better than anyone in Washington, D.C.

Secondly, the bill decreases the federal gas tax from 18.4 cents to 3.7 cents. We have experienced pain at the pump for far too long. The one-size-fits-all approach of a national gas tax simply does not work. Our governor and state legislators can assess the need for transportation revenue better than Congress.

Finally, Michigan would receive a block grant with fewer federal strings attached. This allows local leaders to determine where to get started. When we em-

power our communities, we are all better off. When we allow our city officials to decide which construction projects get built, we get more efficient use of taxpayer money.

The federal government makes a terrible middleman. The Transportation Empowerment Act helps Michigan while decreasing federal taxes. In 2012, our state paid more than \$1 billion into the Federal Highway Trust Fund. After the money went to Washington and became entangled in red tape, Michigan’s buying power fell to an estimated \$823 million. Nearly 20% of our gas

tax went to the bureaucracy rather than infrastructure.

A broken transportation system hits Michiganders in the pocketbook. Every year, we spend millions of dollars on car repairs after driving on crumbling streets. Nearly everyone knows the annoyance of sitting in traffic congestion caused by the constant patching of our roads. It’s time for that to change. Reforming how the Federal Highway Fund works is a good start.

**Kerry Bentivolio**, a Republican from Milford, represents Michigan’s 11th District in the U.S. House.

# Several effective screening options can prevent colorectal cancer

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and St. John Providence Health is taking the opportunity to remind men and women to speak with their health care provider about getting screened.

Because colon cancers and rectal cancers have many features in common, they are often referred to together as colorectal cancer. It affects both men and women and is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates that nearly 150,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with colon cancer every year and 50,000 die from this disease.

Colorectal cancer is one of only a few cancers that can be prevented through screening. It is important for everyone to note that this cancer is largely preventable through recommended screening and is often beatable when detected and treated in its early



**Dr. Ernie Drelichman**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

stages, according to Dr. Mohammed Barawi, a St. John Providence gastroenterologist.

Most colorectal cancers develop slowly over a period of several years. Before cancer develops, a growth of tissue or tumor usually begins as a polyp on the inner lining of the colon or rectum. A polyp is a benign, non-cancerous tumor and some polyps can change into cancer, but not all do. The chance of changing into a cancer depends upon the size and type of polyp.

The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90 percent of cases occur in people who are 50 or older. That is why all persons aged 50 years or older should be screened. High-risk individuals should begin screening earlier and

more often. A number of tests can be used to diagnose colorectal cancer. These include a fecal occult blood test, barium enema and colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy, among others.

The primary strategy for preventing colorectal cancer deaths is to detect and remove precancerous polyps or to detect and treat cancer in its earliest stages. Several effective screening options are available, so not getting screened is no longer an option.

Talk to your health care provider about when to begin screening for colorectal cancer, which tests to have, the benefits and risks of each test and how often to schedule appointments. To find out more about St. John Providence colorectal cancer screenings, call the Care Coordinator toll free at 866-246-4673.

**Dr. Ernie Drelichman** is board certified in general surgery and colon and rectal surgery. He is a Fellow of the American College

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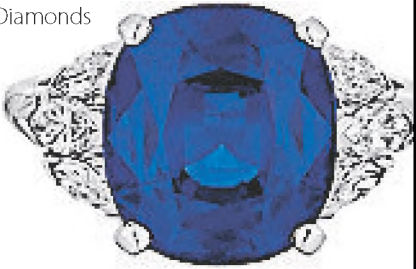
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# LEGENDS

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ham; former MLB pitcher John Smoltz, who was famously traded by the Detroit Tigers to the Atlanta Braves where he starred for two decades; Red Wings captain and seven-time Norris Trophy winner Nick Lidstrom; broadcaster Jim Brandstatter; and Catholic Central High School football coach Tom Mach, who has won 344 games and 10 state titles since being hired in 1976.

Dibble, who moved to Northville about a dozen years ago, said he was “flabbergasted” but “very proud” to be honored among a group of such esteemed athletes and have his name enshrined in a Hall of Fame that has already honored some of his Lions teammates, including Layne, Joe Schmidt, Yale Lary and Doak Walker. He is one of the last remaining links to the Lions’ golden era and was proudly wearing one of his NFL championship rings, which emcee Dan Miller

held up high for everyone in the auditorium to see.

“This is what I think folks would love to see – another championship ring with the name Lions on it,” said Miller, a Northville resident, who is the radio voice of the Lions and sports director for WJBK-TV (Channel 2).

Dibble’s professional career wasn’t long, but it was impressive. He had size and speed and the team used him in several positions, including running back, defensive end, defensive back and offensive end during his first season, when he tied Walker’s team record of six touchdown receptions for a rookie. He also set a rookie record for average yards per reception with 20.4 on 30 catches.

Dibble was called to military service as the Korean War began and he was away from the team for a year, though he did get to watch his teammates win an NFL championship on a television at Bolling Air Force Base. He returned in 1953 and played a leading role in the team’s second straight NFL championship. The 1954 season was perhaps Dibble’s best, as he caught 46 passes for 768 yards and was named *The Sporting News* All-Pro second team.

By 1957, Dibble was established as one of the league’s most dangerous receivers and helped lead the team to its final NFL championship. At the end of the season, the Lions were going to trade him to the New York Giants, but he decided to retire and try his hand in the automotive industry. He finished his career with 146 receptions for 2,552 yards and 19 touchdowns – and two championships.

Dibble, 84, joked that the key to his success was learning “how to not get hit,” but said he was fortunate to play with some excellent players and for top-notch coaches from high school in



The 58th class of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame includes (from left) John Smoltz, Jason Hanson, Alexi Lalas, Jim Brandstatter, Nick Lidstrom, Tom Mach and Dorne Dibble, joined on stage by Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Executive Director Jim Stark (right).

Adrian to the collegiate level at Michigan State and finally with the Lions.

“Now I feel like I really made it,” he said of his Hall of Fame induction.

## Mach among the best

Mach also took his deserved place in the Hall of Fame. He has established himself during his 29 seasons at the helm of Detroit Catholic Central as one of the greatest and most successful high school football coaches in state history. With his 344-88 record, he ranks fourth on the state’s all-time victory list and second among current coaches, behind Farmington Hills Harrison’s John Herrington. Mach has won 17 Catholic League championships and 10 state titles. The 2013 team was his 16th to play in the state championship game.

Mach grew up in the Chicago area and ended up enrolling in seminary school, before leaving to enroll at Wayne State

University and making the football team as a walk-on. It was at Wayne State that he said he really learned the game under the tutelage of coach Dave Hoover, who he would later try to emulate during his own coaching career.

Mach, 66, said he was grateful that Catholic Central leaders took a chance on him all those years ago – a decision for which they were never sorry.

Mach has coached CC at three different locations – in Detroit on Outer Drive, in Redford and now in Novi. During his career, he has had only two losing seasons. More importantly, he has helped produce a lot of outstanding football players and quality young men. Many of his players have gone on to collegiate success and five have made it to the NFL.

He said the key to his consistency has been keeping his players focused on the positive. The biggest hurdle, he says, is getting players to



2014 Michigan Sports Hall of Fame inductee Tom Mach (left) shares a laugh with guests during the 58th Induction Event for the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit on Friday. JARRAD HENDERSON | GANNETT MICHIGAN

believe in themselves. Once that is achieved, anything is possible.

“We’re faith-based and we’re also very positive in our motivation. We like to think of the power of positive thinking and that power is in believing,” he said.


Like Dibble, Mach was humbled with his induction into such an esteemed institution.

“As a high school coach, you don’t think

about the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame that much because you don’t think you’re going to get there,” he said. “It’s a very, very special, humbling honor to enter into the 58th class and know it’s going to be like that forever. I’m very proud of all the players and coaches that helped me get here.”

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# Wildcats send Mustangs packing

Novi's Eric Foard (left) and Northville's Nathan Kellum wrestle for a rebound in the district semifinal game. Novi prevailed, 59-58, after blowing a 12-point fourth-quarter lead. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Last-second heroics decide crosstown rivalry game

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was another classic game between storied rivals, as the Novi edged Northville in a boys basketball district nail-biter. The two came into the opening game of the state tournament with the understanding that victories earned

in the regular season meant nothing. Records were out the window. It was a new season and, in each game of the tournament, it is winner takes all and loser goes home. Novi had just enough gusto, thanks to last-second heroics, to be the one to continue playing in the postseason, earning a tough 60-58 victory over the Mustangs.

Despite leading through most of the contest, the Wildcats found themselves fighting off surging Northville in the fourth quarter. Northville fought back from trailing by four to open the quarter to leading by one with approximately 20 seconds remaining in the game. Novi didn't panic. The Wildcats didn't let the fact Northville had beaten them twice in

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CC's Luke Turner lets a shot go against Northville.

# CATHOLIC CENTRAL WINS HOCKEY REGIONAL TITLE

Shamrocks end Mustangs' season with shutout

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central hockey team, for the second year in a row and the 18th time in school history, captured a regional championship. The Shamrocks (21-6-1), coached by Doug Itami, picked up a 5-2 win Saturday over Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Catholic Central score first, putting up a goal on a power play just 4:30 into the first period from Mitchell Ossowski with Luke Turner getting the assist. The Shamrocks kept the pressure on through the remainder of the period, scoring again with just about three minutes left, this time with Ossowski assisting on a goal by Ryan Burnett for a 2-0 advantage. Catholic Central went up, 3-0, off a goal by Jimmy Considine.

St. Mary's kept up strong pressure throughout the second period. That paid off with a goal by Taylor Bommarito that cut the Shamrocks' lead to 3-1. The Eaglets scored again with a goal by Nick Borellis that made it 3-2. That would be the last time the Eaglets would find the back of the net, though they came close on several occasions. The Shamrocks didn't need to get close, as they found their mark with 5:55 left in the third period on a goal by Wade Orlovski for a 4-2 lead. They added a final goal, by Burnett on the power play, into an empty net. Catholic Central was scheduled to play Plymouth today.

### CC 7, Northville 0

It was a one-sided affair Feb. 26 in the regional semifinal. The shutout was the eighth in a row and 11th of the season for the Shamrocks. Northville, which



Jimmy Considine scrambles in front of the Northville net.

had been shut out only two other times this season, finished 18-6-2. The Shamrocks scored first on goal by Ryan Burnett with 7:15 remaining in the first period. Mitchell Ossowski assisted. The second and third periods proved to be very fruitful for the Shamrocks, who went scored

three times in each. In the second period, Domenic Mancinelli, Lucas Turner and Mark Gossett (unassisted) all scored to give Catholic Central a 4-0 lead. Assisting were Conner Gaffney, Carter Cerratani, An-

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# Northville sending nine tankers to finals

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The Northville boys swimming and diving team has put the regular season in its rear-view mirror and is now focused on the only task that remains ahead – the state finals. The squad, coached by Rich Bennetts, qualified nine swimmers, who will compete in 11 different events at the Michigan High School Athletic Association state championship meet, Friday and Saturday at Saginaw Valley State University starting at noon both days. Northville qualified all three relays teams for the 200 medley and the 200 and 400 free, while also qualifying swimmers in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 500 free, 200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke and the 100 butterfly. "We were able to get in all three relays and 11 individual

### ON TAP

Northville will participate in the state championship meet Friday and Saturday starting at noon at Saginaw Valley State University.

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Northville's Andrew Westphal will compete in several events during the state finals this weekend at Saginaw Valley State University, including the 50 and 100 freestyles and as part of the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



# Northville wrestling captain takes on state's best

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It was a year of strong wrestling for Northville, but one grappler took his season to the MHSAA individual state championship tournament last weekend.

Sunhe Wang, a junior team captain, earned a trip in the 125-pound weight class after a strong showing in both the district and regional tournaments.

Wang was the only grappler from Northville this year to earn a chance to wrestle for a championship. And while he didn't earn a title, he did put on quite a show on the road to

the state finals.

Wang came into the finals with a 35-14 record.

At the state championships, Wang opened against junior Kyle Bohnsack (42-14) of Brighton, who bested him with a 9-1 decision.

Wang's season came to an end in the next match against Livonia Franklin freshman Nathan Atienza (55-11) in the consolation bracket. Wang fell 7-0.

In order to reach the finals, Wang had to place top four in the regional tournament. He won his first match of the regional, 9-7, over a grappler from DeLaSalle before losing in the semifinals, 5-2.

In the next match, Wang came from behind with just seconds remaining with a single-leg take-down for a 2-1 win and a guaranteed berth to the finals. He lost in the next round, finishing fourth at the regional.

Northville had five seniors end their career in the district tournament. Joe Pando, Kevin Charara and Spencer Compo lost in the districts, while Trevor Lerner and Alex Carson were not able to compete due to injuries.

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Northville's Sunhe Wang, a junior team captain, earned a trip to the state championship tournament in the 125-pound weight class. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Wrestler notches 100 wins for U-D Jesuit

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

When John Neis first stepped into a wrestling ring his freshman year at University of Detroit-Jesuit High School, he had no idea what his career was going to bring. In fact, he had never even wrestled before.

But then he heard about a varsity captain who picked up 100 wins during his high school career – just the second grappler to do so at U-D.

“My captain that year earned his 100th win and I immediately knew that was what I wanted to do,” said Neis, a Northville resident. “So when I ended my junior year with 69 wins, I was motivated ... to earn 31 wins during my senior year in order to reach my goal.”

In fact, Neis earned 32 wins to give himself a little cushion to finish with a 101-42 record.

But that 100th win? That one is going to be the one that sticks with him for all time.

Neis took on a wrestler from Warren Mott, who was physically stronger than Neis.

The wrestler took Neis down to start the match, but he worked up and escaped, cutting his deficit to 2-1. Neis then scored a take-down, earning himself a 3-2 lead.

In the next period, the Mott wrestler chose the top position and Neis went right to work. He blocked his foe's first move, then grabbed his left wrist and pulled it down across his torso to secure it. He then pushed his head down, forcing



University of Detroit-Jesuit wrestler John Neis has his arm raised after his 100th victory last month.

the Mott wrestler to use his right hand to try to push himself back up.

“Once he did, I grabbed his right tricep and kind of slammed his head back down to the mat,” Neis said. “I took the bundle of his arms and turned him over for the pin with a minute and a half left in the second period.”

Neis leaped off the mat, ran to Mott's coach and shook his hand, then sprinted to his coach and caught him in a bear hug.

The victory left Neis relieved to have reached

the century mark, but it was mixed with some disappointment.

“Earning 100 wins is great, but I did it during a team loss in the district championships,” Neis said. “If we could have gone to the state tournament as a team, that would have been much better.”

That doesn't mean Neis isn't proud of what he accomplished during his career and throughout his senior season.

“I am eternally proud of the season that I had with my team this year

and could never dream of a better team environment than what I had at U-D High,” Neis said.

Neis joins Will Lamping, who went on to wrestle at the University of Michigan, and Jake Vincent, who wrestles at John Carroll, in the 100-victory club at U-D. Neis, however, won't be joining them in the collegiate ranks as he has no plans to wrestle in college.

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Northville's John Neis is just the third wrestler from University of Detroit-Jesuit High School to reach 100 career wins.

## TANKERS

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swimmers so we hope to go up there and have several swimmers come back on Saturday and score some points,” Bennetts said.

“I know the boys that made it this far are anxious to get back into

a swim meet to show what they are capable of. We have looked better each day in practice, so I am looking forward to seeing how fast we can go, especially the relays. The boys are excited we expect to do well.”

Swimming the 200 medley relay will be the team of Josh Liu, Alan Ruan, Frank Zhang and

Mark Kaminski, while the team of Andrew Westphal, James Xue, Kaminski and Ruan will swim the 200 freestyle. The 400 freestyle relay will have a team of Xue, Kaminski, Liu and Westphal.

Swimming in individual events are Westphal (50 and 100 free), Liu (200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke),

Xue (200 individual medley and 100 butterfly), Kaminski (200 free), Ruan (100 breaststroke), Nick Dufresne (500 freestyle), Yash Bajaj (100 breaststroke) and Chris Geng (100 breaststroke).

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the regular season get them nervous. Instead, they put the ball in the hands of Erik Biberstein, who drove inside and put up a layup, getting fouled in the process.

Biberstein's shot was on the money, finding the bottom of the net to put his team in the lead by one, and a cool hand and steel nerves from the charity stripe gave his team a two-point lead and the win.

From the start, it was clear it was anyone's contest as the teams finished the first quarter with Novi in the lead, 14-11. Northville stumbled in the second quarter, however, and Novi took quick advantage, leaping out to a 12-point lead before the Mustangs were able to regain their footing. The Mustangs did put up some points in the final minutes of the half, cutting the deficit to 33-28 as they headed into the half.

Novi kept the hectic pace in the third quarter. It hit several big shots, which Northville responded to, as the two teams sped into the final quarter with the 'Cats leading, 46-42.

The teams traded blows in the final quarter and Northville fought back to tie the game in the final minute and take a one-point lead.

The Wildcats spread



Northville's Joe Hewlett loses the handle on rebound. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

the wealth from a variety of shooters. Nick Zugaro was the leading scorer, pouring in 18 points. He was the only Wildcat in double digits, though Tony Asimadu, Biberstein and Eric Foard each put in nine points.

The Mustangs used the powerful scoring capabilities of Andrew Meacham and Nathan Kellum, who was on fire in the fourth quarter. Meacham ended the night with 22 points to lead all scorers, while Kellum added 16, including five straight free throws in the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats were scheduled Wednesday to play Salem Wednesday.

Novi climbed to 9-12, while Northville ended its season with a 13-8.

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drew Lane and Gossett.

In the final period, Mancinelli scored a short-handed goal, fol-

lowed by goals from David Spiegel II and Austin Featherstone. Assisting were Ossowski, Turner, Gossett, Brian Kearns, Kyle Mulka and Alex Kreutzer.

Catholic Central had eight penalties, includ-

ing a 10-minute unsportsmanlike misconduct, while Northville was whistled for eight penalties, including two 10-minute misconduct penalties and a five-minute major.

Earning the win in

goal was Spencer Wright, who faced 10 shots, while Jeremy Onofrio took the loss for Northville, stopping 16 out of 20 shots on goal. He shared time with Chance Boutin, who stopped 24 of 27 shots.

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# Five individuals win wrestling titles for CC

**By Tom Lang**  
Gannett Michigan

March came in like a lion at The Palace. Not a tame match could be found in Saturday's Division 1 individual wrestling state finals as 14 champions were crowned kings of their respective weight class. Two of those champs won their third state title — junior Lincoln Olson (125 pounds) of Davison and Drew Garcia (171) of Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Creek's Kyle Noonan, who won his 150th career match in the semifinals Friday night. "I'm not training for state titles, but for goals like the NCAA championship in college. This stuff just comes along with it," Olson said. Catholic Central won the team title in February over Davison for a second time and Garcia said the individual finals helped validate that effort. Other CC champs Saturday were Trevor Zdebski (27-2) at 119, Myles Amine (42-6) at 140, older brother Malik Amine (34-3) won 145 for

a second championship and Nick Bennett (43-0) won at 152 — a third title when counting two state championships he won in Texas. "After we won the team, we were all so high that we came in Monday and coach (Mitch) Hancock put us through a brutal workout and that kind of brought us back down to earth, realizing the job's not done, we still have something to do," Garcia said. "It's a great feeling to know that there are some great names that are also three-time state champs."

## CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

### Bowling team ends season at state finals

The Catholic Central bowling team made history this year with the school's first regional championship and, with it, a trip to the state finals last weekend. The Shamrocks weren't able to capture the Division 1 state title, though they looked very strong coming out of the Baker games. The Shamrocks came out of the qualifying round in second place with 3,772, just behind Clarkston's 3,774. In the first Baker, Catholic Central rolled

226 and added Bakers of 245, 246, 240, 220 237 and 203. CC added to that with regular game totals of 1,029 and 962. In the quarterfinals, the Shamrocks were bested by Oxford, 1,279-1,255. Oxford rolled games of 180, 169 and 930, while the Shamrocks bowled 214, 145 and 896. University of Detroit-Jesuit earned the state championship, defeating Grand Haven in the finals. **Basketball team picks up win prior to district tourney**  
The Catholic Central

basketball team looked to enter the state tournament with momentum on its side and did just that with a 53-38 victory over non-league foe Dearborn Heights Robichaud last week. The Shamrocks followed the lead of Charlie Ryan and Noah Lee, who have been solid all season, as they put up 11 points each. Ike Marchie added 10 points. Jashwan Wesley led Robichaud with 11 points. Catholic Central climbed to 10-9 overall, while Robichaud fell to 4-15.

— By Sam Eggleston

# Northville prep hockey wins league title

Everything was on the line for both the Northville and Trenton prep teams in Saturday's Great Lakes Prep-JV Hockey League championship game in Dearborn. The Mustangs dominated, winning 5-1. The Mustangs scored first, just six minutes into the game, on a power-play goal. Brendan Hicks took a tape-to-tape pass from Kevin O'Connell and ripped a shot from the top of the right circle to the short side of the net. Scoring first tends to set a team's cadence and all the nervous anxiety that carried through the week and anticipation of the final league game was eased. With the momentum building, Hicks scored again just 16 seconds later, assisted by Zac Osaer and Riley Brass. They say a two-goal lead in hockey is one of the toughest leads to protect, so to finish the first period, Anthony Solack scored with only two minutes to play, taking a pass from Osaer. Northville dominated the first period with speed and puck possession, creating the time and space to build a 3-0 lead. Trenton scored three



The Northville High School prep hockey team defeated Trenton 5-1 in the Prep-JV League Championship game. MARK HICKS | WESTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC

minutes into the second period on a power play. The next goal would be key for both teams, bringing Trenton within one, or restoring the three-goal lead for Northville. Further amplifying the tension were three consecutive penalties against Northville in the final minutes of the second period for a five-on-three power play for Trenton. A strategic timeout was called by coach Don Middaugh to set the defensive plan. The Northville defense all year has been solid, coupled with timely stops by Kevin Onofrio, who builds confidence in his team as he shut down

the power play and ended the second period 3-1. With the score still 3-1, a nice back-hand top shelf goal by Northville's Scott Crawford was waved off as the net was dislodged from the post. At the nine-minute mark Mike Knoth scored with an assist from Zac Osaer to make it 4-1. To put the finishing touch on the score sheet, Solack scored his second goal with assists from Kevin Calahan and Knoth. Next on the agenda for the Mustangs prep team is the season ending state playoffs beginning Friday, March 7, at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### NHS baseball camps

The seventh annual Northville Mustang Spring Training Baseball Camps will take place March 15-16 in the Northville High School gym. The camps are open to boys and girls between the ages of 7-14. The hitting camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15, and the pitching/defense camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 16. The cost is \$45 per

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Hillside Middle School's Logan Bry, who suffers from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, is this year's Detroit Youth Honoree for the Walk to Cure Arthritis event May 10 at the Detroit Zoo. To help bring about awareness about JRA, Hillside will be holding a 3-on-3 basketball tournament as a fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the cause. The entry fee is \$20 per team. There will be divisions for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade girls and boys. The event will take place March 21 in the Hillside gym (concessions will be available). For more information, visit Logan's website at <http://arthritiswalkdetroit.kintera.org>.

# Mustangs can't slow down Chiefs

Northville ends season in district hoops tournament

**By Sam Eggleston**  
Correspondent

It was not the ending to the 2013-14 season the Northville girls basketball team had hoped to have but, as the old saying goes, only one team gets to end the year with a win. The Mustangs weren't expecting to be the team that went on to win a state championship, but their goals went above and beyond the district semifinal game. Unfortunately for them, Canton proved to be too powerful to overcome and they lost, 41-25.

"Canton opened up the game with a 3-pointer, followed by two free throws to go up 5-0," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "(We) couldn't get on board until late in the first quarter on a Gabby Mencotti basket and free throw." Canton added eight more points to go up 13-3 before Northville could score again, but the Mustangs then went on a short run to cut their deficit to just five points, 13-8, with two minutes remaining in the first half. Canton, however, just had Northville's number. The Chiefs found ways to break Northville's press and went on a scoring streak of their own to go up by 11 over the next two minutes, 19-8. "Our defense has been the staple of what we have been trying to do all year. I think that



Canton's Jordan Church dribbles against Northville defender Christina Minna during the district semifinal. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

carried us," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "Our rebounding was solid. Defensively and offensively, being able to get some second shots." In the second half, Northville couldn't find the right pace, while Canton continued to pressure both offensively and defensively, building as much as a 20-point lead on its way to victory. The Chiefs outgunned the Mustangs, 11-8, in the third quarter and 11-9 in the fourth. The match-up was a familiar one, as the Chiefs and the Mustangs have played one another in the district finals for the past two seasons, with each team winning one of those showdowns. This season, both teams had a bye in the first

round. Northville ended the game with 18 turnovers, while Canton had just four. Northville's squad also picked up 13 personal fouls, which allowed the Chiefs to go a perfect 13-of-13 from the charity stripe. Mencotti was Northville's leading scorer, putting up nine points, while Emily Maresh added six and Brook Adams and Heather Randall had five each. Paige Aresco and Taylor Hunley led the Chiefs with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Northville ended the season with a 15-6 record and went 5-5 in the KLA Central Division. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer covering sports for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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<b>Scope of Proposals:</b>	Sealed proposals from Prime Mechanical Contractors for the construction of all Trades Construction Work are requested.
<b>Due Date and Place:</b>	A Walk-through will take place at 4:00 P.M., on March 6, 2014 at Ridge Wood Elementary School. All contractor or subcontractor representatives shall meet at the Front Reception Desk. The purpose of the walk-through is to clarify the procedures, scope of work, and to identify any omissions or inconsistencies in Bidding Documents which may impede preparation and submission of representative competitive bids.  Attendance by Representatives(s) of bidders of record is mandatory.  Any contractor who missed previous walk-through must contact Bob Roop by 3:00 P.M., on March 10, 2014 to arrange a time to visit project site on March 11, 2014. Contact Bob Roop at the following phone number (248) 879-5666 or email <a href="mailto:rroop@pbanet.com">rroop@pbanet.com</a> .  All contractors have until 3:00 P.M. on March 11, 2014 to submit a Request For Information (RFI). All RFI's shall be directed to Bob Roop.  All modifications, corrections, or clarifications prior to receipt of the proposal will be made by an Addendum issued by the Owner to all bidders of record.  Sealed proposals shall be received until 10:00 A.M. on March 13, 2014 at:  ATTN Michael Zopf, Administration Building Northville Public Schools 501 West Main Street Northville, MI 48167  At which time all bids will be opened and read out loud.

**Bid Documents:** Copies of the proposed Contract Documents may be obtained from: Northville Public Schools, under the Business Office, Bid Information Tab: <http://northville.k12.mi.us>

PlanWell via <http://www.e-arc.com/> (formerly dunnblue), Phone: (248) 288-5600  
  
Bid4Michigan via <http://bid4michigan.com>

**Rejection:** Proposals not received by the time and date specified in this notice, will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and to make award in any manner deemed for the best interest of the School District.

**Assurance:** Assurance of Compliance with Federal and Michigan State Fair Employment Practices Acts. The Bidder and any of his subcontractors will agree not to discriminate against any employee of applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of the contract, with respect to his hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age or sex.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS  
FY 2014-2015 PROJECT**

On Thursday, January 16 and February 20, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville conducted the required public hearings for FY 2014-2015 CDBG funding allocation. At their regularly scheduled meeting on February 20, 2014, the board approved the FY 2014-2015 CDBG Funds in the amount of \$79,110.63 to be allocated for the demolition & environmental clean-up of Seven Mile property (formerly the State of Michigan Regional Psychiatric Hospital).

Sue A. Hillebrand  
Clerk

Final Statement posted on three (3) public bulletin boards at Northville Township hall from February 28, 2014 to March 14, 2014.  
Publish: March 6, 2014

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## PureFit Pilates & Yoga comes to town

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Emily Kasal of Novi is looking forward to the March 10 opening of her PureFit Pilates & Yoga in downtown Walled Lake.

Kasal will offer Pilates and yoga instruction at the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, 313 E. Northport. She's renting space there, as does a preschool.

"It's a full studio," she said. "We offer private sessions, group lessons."

Her focus is on quality and affordability, along with a warm, welcoming environment. "Then I can keep my cost down as well," said Kasal, who began teaching in 2004.

She began to learn the field at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, taking an intensive training course.

She studied as a theater major, and did some dance, at the University of New Mexico: "I'm a transplant."

Kasal has taught in studios and gyms in Chicago, as well as New Mexico, Indiana and Michigan. She has certifications through ACE (the American Council on Exercise), AFAA (Aerobics and Fitness Association of America), YogaFit and NFPT (National Federation of Professional Trainers).

Maintaining a yoga practice has decreased stress and increased energy levels in Kasal's life. She tells people that Pilates changed her body and yoga changed her life.

PureFit Pilates & Yoga has a website, [www.studiopurefit.com](http://www.studiopurefit.com), and can be reached at



Emily Kasal is offering pilates and yoga classes at the Walled LakeFirst United Methodist Church. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

248-770-0144.

"We're just about to open," an excited Kasal said. The week of March 10 will include free classes, giveaways and food.

"They can come work out first and then eat," she said with a chuckle. "It'll all even out."

Her focus is modifying instruction for all fitness levels. Workouts are designed to tone, sculpt and strengthen.

Pilates is especially great for slimming the stomach, hips and thighs, Kasal said.

She lives with her husband and two young sons in Novi. They moved to this area because they wanted to live close to the lake (Walled Lake) and the downtown Walled Lake area.

She decided to open her business in downtown Walled Lake because "it is such a beautiful area and a great destination for Novi residents. I want to be a part of drawing more people to the downtown."

PureFit Pilates & Yoga class hours will be: 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 7-8 p.m. Mondays; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays; and 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

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## Warning signs when working with financial pros

You expect your financial advisers to watch out for your best interests — but do they?

In my 20-plus years experience as a CPA and fee-only wealth manager for families and businesses, I've observed seven warning signs that raise red flags for me. If you see even one of them in your financial professional, get a second opinion on the issue from an objective, fiduciary adviser. And don't delay. A seemingly small issue today can balloon into a major roadblock to the financial future you want and deserve.

**1. Not a fiduciary.** By definition a fiduciary adviser is obligated to act in your best interests. Unfortunately, many financial professionals do not hold themselves to this standard. If your professional is unwilling to certify in writing that he or she will act as a fiduciary on your behalf both when giving advice and recommending products, take it as a warning sign that your best interests likely will come second to the adviser's.

**2. Vague process.** Does your financial professional follow a

well-defined, consultative process to clearly understand your situation, goals, and timeframes before making recommendations? Do the recommendations integrate tax, investing, and financial strategies? Does the process include monitoring and re-balancing your plan over time? We meet at least three times with prospective clients before finalizing recommendations and implementing a plan, and we document each step in writing. Our clients have the opportunity to observe how we work before they pay us a dime. Expect the same from your professional.

**3. Tax talk avoidance.** If your professional neglects to explain the tax ramifications of a proposed action — or worse, gives incorrect tax information — watch out. Growing your wealth hinges on your professional understanding how you can pay the least amount of tax, both now and in the future. When new tax laws went into effect last year, we met with each of our clients to review and re-balance their portfolios to take best advantage of the changes. Even if your adviser is not a CPA, he or she should discuss ways to create tax efficiency in your portfolio or coordinate planning with a tax expert to make sure that tax and investment strategies integrate fully. If you sense any reluctance to take the lead in getting

the opinion of other experts, ask why the secrecy.

**4. Pressure to buy.** Be wary of a professional who will earn a commission by convincing you to change your life insurance policy or annuity. A couple with young children came to me for a second opinion after an insurance agent tried to sell them a new 20-year term life policy. I showed them that they only needed to extend their insurance another 10 years to cover their youngest child—a move that saved them hundreds of dollars to put toward their retirement fund instead. As for annuities, make sure you clearly understand the taxes, holding periods, and penalties associated with these products before making a change. Annuities are legal contracts, not liquid investments.

**5. Unbalanced risk.** A few months ago, a middle-aged couple asked me to review their investments. They had their money in three accounts and more than a dozen different mutual funds, so they thought they were well-diversified. But a closer look revealed that all the mutual funds invested in S&P 500 companies, making their portfolios very volatile. Your financial professional should develop and document a written investment policy that demonstrates a diversified portfolio, which contains several asset classes,

reflects your risk tolerance, and is rebalanced periodically to stay in alignment with the investment policy statement. Anything less is a warning sign.

**6. Frequent trades.** This is a warning sign for several reasons. First, frequent trades usually mean that your financial professional is trying to outperform the market, which much well-regarded research shows is a futile exercise. Second, frequent trades increase costs, creating a drag on your returns. Finally, if your trade sheets show trades marked "unsolicited" — but you don't recall instructing your financial professional to buy or sell — check out this red flag immediately.

**7. Unclear compensation.** Make sure you fully understand how your professional is compensated. Get a statement in writing, and if it's unclear, that's a warning sign.

Finally, if you learn that part of the professional's compensation will come from sales commissions, ask yourself how confident you are that he or she will provide objective advice.

If you see any of these signs, get a second opinion. You won't regret it.

**Wayne Titus** is a fee-only fiduciary wealth manager and owner of AMDG Financial in Plymouth. You can reach him at [wbt@amdgservices.com](mailto:wbt@amdgservices.com) or 734-927-3740.

## Regional hub could have ripple effect

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Canton's selection as a trailblazing site for lightweight metals research and manufacturing could eventually have a ripple effect by ratcheting up demand for area housing, hotel lodging, retail stores and restaurants, local officials and market analysts say.

"I see nothing but great things coming out of this," Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It's amazing. It's great."

Jason Borregard, sales manager for Clients First Realtors with offices in Canton, Westland and Shelby Township, said the American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute is likely to have an impact on the real estate market.

"I believe there is going to be an effect — what effect is the question," Borregard said. "(But) the name Canton is going to get out around the country."

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said if the institute becomes as successful as its creators hope, it should have a spillover effect on the area's economy. She said the site's employees are likely to spend money on cars, clothing, restaurants and other amenities, while visiting partners pay for lodging, meals and other expenses.

"It could bring housing and commercial development and maybe some off-shoot industrial development," she said. "That is very definitely a possibility."

Alan Taub, a University of Michigan material science and engineering professor and chief technology officer for the project, said the specific site for the institute isn't being confirmed until the lease agreement is signed, which is expected soon.

### Fast track

"The institute is incorporated in Michigan and will become operational soon," Taub said by email, in response to questions. "The plan is to get the facility ready for occupancy within 90 days after lease signing."

LaJoy and Taub were among the officials at the White House when President Barack Obama officially announced the project Tuesday afternoon, saying it is among four hubs intended to "put America at the forefront of 21st century manufacturing." Other sites are Chicago, Raleigh, N.C., and Youngstown, Ohio.

LaJoy said the institute, largely led by U-M, has put Canton on the national map.

"I think a lot of people are going to be very interested in what happens here and what they're about to come up with," he said. "It's going to be the hub of all that activity involving lightweight metals manufacturing and innovation. I would think people might want to be moving close to it."

Borregard and other real estate executives have said competition is already fierce for Canton housing.

Taub said project leaders worked with a real estate broker to find a suitable location.

### 'Good match'

"The facility we found in Canton was a good match to the institute's needs," he said, adding later, "The facility will be used as our headquarters. We will be installing pilot scale advanced manufacturing equipment consistent with the priorities set by the industry needs. The facility will be used for both manufacturing technology development and train-

ing."

Taub projected "a limited number of full-time employees" at the headquarters, at least initially.

"However," he said, "the institute has a large and growing partner base of companies, universities and nonprofit laboratories that will be utilizing our technology development and training capabilities. By establishing this area as the national focus for lightweight metals manufacturing technology and workforce training, we anticipate those companies will want to locate their plants in the region."

Project leaders have said the \$148 million institute could create as many as 10,000 jobs across the Midwest. It involves a consortium of more than 50 companies, universities and nonprofits across the nation, with U-M a key player.

The federal government is set to invest \$70 million over five years, with an additional \$78 million coming from consortium partners.

Obama said the institute is intended to forge manufacturing ties between the public and private sectors and lead to jobs that strengthen the nation's middle class.

Local officials have said the Canton site means the institute will have easy access to Detroit Metro Airport, the I-275 corridor and U-M. Officials aren't sure how much tax revenue the facility might mean for Canton.

U-M said the institute is intended to move cutting-edge lightweight metals out of the research lab and into future cars, trucks, airplanes and ships — both for the commercial and military sectors.

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# INDUSTRY KUDOS FOCUS ON ISSUES ADVOCACY

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit's Government Affairs Committee was recently honored by BOMA International at the 2014 annual Winter Business Meeting and National Issues Conference in Washington, D.C.

During the Board of Governors meeting at the conference, BOMA International recognized BOMA local and state associations for their excellence in grassroots and issues advocacy through the Government Affairs Awards of Recognition Program, popularly known as the "Govies." BOMA/Metro Detroit was recognized in the category of Outstanding Single Government Issue for its work in defending the constitutionality of a Michi-



Paul Magy is the BOMA/Metro Detroit president.

gan state law passed in 2012 that protects commercial real estate loans. In a unanimous decision, the three-judge Michigan Court of Appeals in April 2012 ruled that a lender can only recover the real

estate that was mortgaged if a loan goes into default, and may not seek to recover a borrower's personal assets. The decision in this important case has very significant national ramifications with billions of dollars at stake for the commercial real estate industry around the country. Each year, BOMA Interna-

tional's State Government Affairs Committee acknowledges the work of BOMA local association volunteers in advocacy and education through the Government Affairs Awards of Recognition Program. Awards are bestowed in three categories: Outstanding Government Affairs Committee; Single Government Affairs Issue; and Single Government Affairs Program/Seminar.

For additional information on the BOMA/ Metro Detroit Government Affairs Committee, contact Janet Langlois at jlanglois@bomadet.org or visit [www.bomadet.org](http://www.bomadet.org).

Founded in 1908, BOMA/ Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commer-

cial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy. BOMA of Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit [www.bomadet.org](http://www.bomadet.org).

## Check with lawyer on these pacts

**Q: An attorney friend told me that some of these developers, who sell new condominiums, have entered into confidentiality agreements. Can you elaborate on what he meant by that?**

A: I presume that what he meant by that is that developers have been sued by condo associations for construction defects and deficiencies and financial irregularities. When a settlement is reached, the parent developer as well as the single entity LLC that probably developed the condominium project want a release from the association of any and all claims and want the terms of the settlement kept confidential, even from the co-owners. While I think that is improper, purchasers of condominiums from these developers working through single entity LLCs will never know about the quality of construction that has occurred, particularly when the same units are constructed in a new project. You are best to consult with an attorney who has knowledge of the litigation history of developers in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

**Q: Can you give me an update on the development of commercial property in the downtown San Diego area as I am thinking about investing.**

A: There are a number of mixed use residential high rises that are being developed including a major development near Seaport Village. There will, of course, be ancillary developments and the residential/ commercial community continues to thrive with more residents attempting to get into the downtown area. The rents are extremely high and the sales price of residential structures as well as commercial space continues to rise. There is obviously a limited amount of space near the harbor area and the city continues to be concerned about the obstruction of views by residents with respect to any new construction.

**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 [bmeisner@meisner-law.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



Robert Meisner

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 14-18, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BEVERLY HILLS

21700 E Valley Woods Dr \$375,000  
30317 Georgetown Dr \$327,000

### BINGHAM FARMS

24134 Bingham Pointe Dr \$285,000

### BIRMINGHAM

264 Catalpa Dr \$330,000  
1159 Chapin Ave \$367,000  
1236 Edgewood Rd \$600,000  
940 Floyd St \$350,000  
447 Hanna St \$488,000  
1361 Holland St \$505,000  
468 Park St \$305,000  
1220 Smith Ave \$192,000  
691 Wallace St \$550,000  
35300 Woodward Ave # 206 \$195,000

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1778 Alexander Dr \$410,000  
490 Fox Hills Dr N # 6 \$120,000  
490 Fox Hills Dr N # 8 \$118,000  
448 Fox Hills Dr S # 7 \$120,000

127 Linda Knls \$1,035,000  
7437 Wing Lake Rd \$175,000  
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
3928 Cottontail Ln \$499,000  
1201 Fox Chase Rd \$321,000  
1845 Golf Ridge Dr \$117,000  
470 Lahser Rd \$300,000  
169 N Glenhurst Dr \$808,000  
3941 Shallow Brook Dr \$365,000  
3566 South Blvd \$155,000

### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3275 Chenoa St \$180,000  
8494 Golfside Dr \$335,000  
5221 Huron Hills Dr \$232,000  
2280 Ivy Hill Dr \$473,000  
2770 Ivy Hill Dr \$300,000  
5336 Lancaster Ln \$417,000  
5040 Parkgate Dr \$330,000  
4487 Treeline Ct \$300,000

### FARMINGTON HILLS

22028 Albion Ave \$85,000  
38610 Brandmill \$141,000  
25126 Castlereigh Dr \$220,000  
30989 Cedar Creek Dr \$215,000  
38842 Country Cir \$108,000  
23695 E Newell Cir \$120,000  
29715 Eldred St \$54,000  
29510 Greenboro St \$260,000  
33661 Heirloom Cir \$50,000

25450 Hunt Club Blvd \$260,000  
26228 La Muera St \$207,000  
29652 Middlebelt Rd \$97,000  
21305 Oxford Ave \$108,000  
28455 Shadylane Dr \$125,000  
28455 Shadylane Dr \$55,000  
35085 Silver Ridge Ct \$200,000  
22038 Springbrook Ave \$69,000  
27207 Winterset Cir \$285,000

### MILFORD

917 Atlantic St \$135,000  
844 Byron Dr \$160,000  
545 Half Acre Dr \$135,000  
695 Pointe Ct \$320,000  
3969 Rivendell Ct \$590,000  
1122 Riverstone Cir \$312,000

### NORTHVILLE

869 Horton St \$235,000  
22267 Lujon Dr \$78,000  
22286 Lujon Dr \$100,000  
42188 Pellston Dr \$130,000

### NOVI

25963 Clark St \$385,000  
25553 Keenan Ct \$338,000  
51194 Mayfair Ter \$284,000  
24573 Olde Orchard St \$102,000  
30791 Palmer Dr \$225,000  
22339 Peachtree \$119,000  
21778 Picadilly Cir \$532,000

24355 Surfside Rd \$230,000  
29382 Weston Dr \$187,000  
29386 Weston Dr \$181,000  
29390 Weston Dr \$193,000  
21924 York Mills Cir \$439,000

### SOUTH LYON

24315 Brentwood Ct \$340,000  
23124 Cheyenne Ct \$396,000  
61423 Dean Dr \$171,000  
58336 Holland Dr \$70,000  
58391 Holland Dr \$70,000  
24653 Padstone Dr \$78,000  
225 W Liberty St \$139,000  
649 Woodland Dr \$231,000

### SOUTHFIELD

29200 E Chanticleer Dr \$110,000  
30710 Red Maple Ln \$175,000  
25255 Southfield Rd \$258,000  
28895 Streamwood Ln \$43,000  
20203 Westland Dr \$60,000

### WHITE LAKE

8815 Eastway Dr \$40,000  
8180 High Point Trl \$338,000  
90 Oak Pl \$38,000  
10765 Oxbow Lakeshore Dr \$508,000  
8116 Sequoia Ln \$166,000  
311 Shotwell Ct \$208,000  
747 Woodsedge Ln \$305,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 4-8, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### CANTON

6836 Brookshire Dr \$183,000  
48251 Chesterfield Dr S \$358,000  
1686 Christopher Dr \$111,000  
1955 Crowndale Ln \$375,000  
177 Edington Cir \$160,000  
51171 Federal Blvd \$79,000  
41935 Greenwood Dr \$234,000  
48241 Inveraray Rd \$425,000  
1249 Lasalle Rd \$445,000  
492 N Willard Rd \$164,000  
7915 Oxford Dr \$60,000  
43337 Pepperwood St \$180,000  
3894 Ravensfield Dr \$155,000  
1768 S Pennfield Ln \$87,000  
45999 Spinning Wheel Dr \$245,000  
3289 Tall Oak Ln \$295,000  
41808 Wayside Dr \$180,000  
5882 Wedgewood Rd \$170,000

### GARDEN CITY

30148 Bock St \$25,000  
6149 Cardwell St \$78,000  
30055 John Hawk St \$70,000  
447 Lathers St \$75,000  
29457 Meadow Ln \$86,000  
33615 Rosslyn Ave \$85,000  
27535 Sheridan St \$115,000  
32118 Windsor St \$142,000

### LIVONIA

12331 Camden St \$18,000  
38231 Donald St \$145,000  
37470 Eagle Dr \$270,000  
18180 Floral St \$200,000  
11221 Garden St \$80,000  
32953 Grennada St \$190,000  
33053 Grennada St \$180,000  
14445 Inkster Rd \$90,000  
36556 Joanne St \$174,000  
33119 Kentucky St \$139,000  
37604 Kingsburn Dr \$260,000  
15282 Middlebelt Rd \$332,000  
16575 Middlebelt Rd \$38,000  
19022 Milburn St \$73,000  
30189 Minton St \$110,000  
35410 Minton St \$136,000  
30551 Munger Dr \$400,000  
9210 Newburgh Rd \$198,000  
18562 Norwich Rd \$125,000  
32672 Oakley St \$127,000  
18591 Parklane St \$180,000  
31540 Pembroke St \$160,000  
33732 Pickford St \$157,000  
16241 Ronnie Ln \$190,000  
16208 Southampton St \$218,000  
36321 St Andrews Dr \$40,000  
29620 Wentworth St \$180,000  
28960 Westfield St \$80,000  
18508 Whitby St \$145,000

### NORTHVILLE

48303 Binghampton Dr \$557,000  
17003 Birchwood Dr \$320,000  
17821 Briar Ridge Ln \$741,000  
17932 Briar Ridge Ln \$550,000

17247 Crestbrook Dr \$582,000  
17744 Crestbrook Dr \$660,000  
426 East St \$160,000  
19405 Fry Rd \$324,000  
17069 Lochmoor Ct \$246,000  
326 Pennell St \$185,000  
46209 Pinehurst Dr \$545,000  
50054 Teton Ridge Rd \$703,000  
49785 Waterstone Estates Cir \$550,000

17019 White Haven Dr \$275,000

### PLYMOUTH

348 Arthur St \$422,000  
46700 Barrington Ct \$345,000  
45885 Denise Dr \$310,000  
11320 Eastside Dr \$96,000  
44558 Erik Pass \$212,000  
10828 Fellows Creek Dr \$480,000  
642 Forest Ave \$330,000  
47671 Katherine Ct \$730,000  
40728 Newport Dr \$82,000  
13971 Oakland Ct \$400,000  
49866 Pointe Xing \$155,000  
373 Red Ryder Dr \$265,000  
9041 S Main St \$148,000  
1347 W Ann Arbor Trl \$815,000  
12401 Woodlands Ct \$418,000

### REDFORD

13021 Columbia \$54,000  
25525 Deborah \$95,000  
9312 Dixie \$72,000  
19905 Fox \$49,000  
20469 Kinloch \$48,000  
19376 Macarthur \$50,000  
9968 Marion \$51,000

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16641 Negaunee \$117,000  
24422 Orangelawn \$40,000  
14996 Salem \$75,000  
14394 San Jose \$45,000  
14009 Sarasota \$80,000

### WAYNE

4802 Biddle St \$90,000  
35624 Brush St \$22,000  
38100 Laurenwood St \$135,000  
4869 Moore St \$63,000  
3036 Rivers Edge Dr \$76,000

### WESTLAND

1751 Ackley Ave \$95,000  
7416 August Ave \$106,000  
32612 Avondale St \$54,000  
33718 Avondale St \$118,000  
32209 Birchwood St \$111,000  
33713 Chief Ln \$112,000  
37504 Colonial Dr \$65,000  
33443 Fernwood St \$77,000  
35125 Hazelwood St \$72,000  
8614 Ingram St \$118,000  
474 N John Hix St \$46,000  
525 Ravencrest Ln \$113,000  
1556 S Dowling St \$96,000  
1350 S John Hix St \$109,000  
38388 Saint Joe Dr \$83,000  
773 Summerfield Dr \$185,000  
31810 Tuscola Ct \$32,000  
6223 Twin Oaks \$130,000  
6266 White Oak \$115,000  
2627 Wilshire St \$113,000

## BRIEFS

### Short sales

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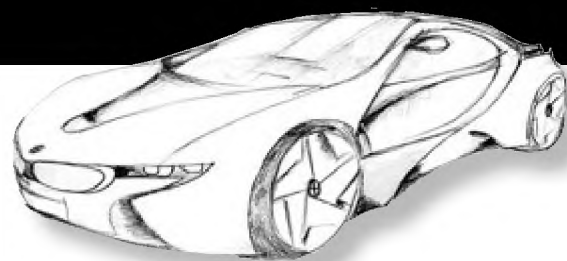
A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and at 2 p.m. each Thursday at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.



# Car Report

## Cadillac Bursts On Electromobility Scene with High Hopes for ELR



By Dale Buss

Cadillac Bursts On Electromobility Scene with High Hopes for ELR

Cadillac is selling its new ELR plug-in hybrid only by the dozens at this point rather than by the thousands, because it's only been available at dealers for a few weeks. But if Cadillac CMO Uwe Ellinghaus has his way, ELR will become a high-volume flagship for the brand in the way that its sibling, the Chevrolet Volt, never has achieved that hope for Chevy.

The 2014 Cadillac ELR luxury coupe blends dramatic design and industry-leading extended-range technology to deliver a driving experience that is both sport and environmentally friendly. It represents the first application of plug-in technology by a full-line luxury auto brand, as distinguished from the all-electric Model S that is making Tesla a household name.

The car provides a driving range of 340 miles, and most daily commutes will

require zero gasoline with zero emissions. Longer-range trips are free of the "range anxiety" that has tripped up mainstream all-electrics and has been a hindrance for Model S as well.

ELR also represents yet another branch on the rugged tree of the Cadillac design language that has helped turn around the brand over the last decade. Vertical headlamp and taillamp elements create a Cadillac design signature for ELR.

Meanwhile, Ellinghaus is betting the early days of his tenure as the brand's new CMO on getting luxury-car buyers worldwide to appreciate the new ELR. That's why he made one big decision about the aggressively American "Poolside" ad that debuted on NBC during the Sochi Olympics.

The ad already was essentially in the can when Ellinghaus came aboard at Cadillac a few months ago,

but he decided to have the ad tout the new ELR rather than another model he declined to identify.

The timing of the sales launch of the car would coincide perfectly with the brand's Sochi sponsorship and the debut of the commercial, he concluded. And besides, what better chance to get traction for his repositioning of the Cadillac brand than to underscore its most technologically advanced and adventurous product to date?

"It's the most progressive statement Cadillac has in the market," Ellinghaus told me. "So I said, why don't we use this 'Poolside' commercial for ELR?" During tentpole events such as the Olympics, he said, "You have a reach that you have on very few other occasions during the year."

As long as the brand was "going to reach so many people," Ellinghaus figured "it would be lovely to reach all of them positively with a car they might not expect from Cadillac — and still may not know we have it."

In his few months at Cadillac after coming over from BMW marketing and brand strategy, Cadillac has posted a 22 percent increase in 2013 sales over 2012, and has garnered kudos for its new ATS and CTS.



Inside, ELR's appointments make it unique in the electric-car segment.

But Ellinghaus has determined that "we need to build desirability for Cadillac and surprise people positively in ways they've never seen Cadillac before."

He also wanted to make sure that, in this era when the all-electric Tesla Model S is finding strong appeal for electromobility among luxury-car buyers, there was no mistaking in "Poolside" that Cadillac was promoting its own electrified vehicle.

"I thought it would be a nice surprise effect if it featured the car that was visibly recognizable as one with an electric drivetrain," Ellinghaus explained. "So [actor Neal McDonough] unplugs it" in the ad.

Ellinghaus credits Tesla with throwing down the gauntlet to the traditional luxury-car business "so that we realize electromobility can work and we can be successful with it. There's a good business case

for all of us to realize there is demand even for sports cars — with the performance and design and prestigious aspects that they've always had — with an electric drivetrain, and that these cars may rescue driving pleasure for the entire industry. "That's why we're proud of ELR — it's not a 'rolling declaration' but rather a premium car with an electric drivetrain."

The success of Tesla, the debut of ELR and the imminent arrival of BMW's i8 plug-in hybrid, Ellinghaus said, disprove the early theory about EVs that "if they worked, it would be at the bottom end of the market. This was why the initial EVs weren't premium at all. This was flawed."

By contrast, he said, the industry is finding that "customers interested in electromobility are educated human beings and make good money and don't want to give up the joy of driving" for being green.



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## Hit Count

### ACROSS

1 Pronoun & many letter greetings  
5 Psi precursor  
8 involuntary twitches  
14 Differently (saying other ski)  
19 Of Earth's largest landmass  
21 Berate loudly  
22 "Spidey" McR's director  
23 1978 hit for the Commodores  
25 Un-baux, —  
26 Ambush  
27 2008 hit for Mickey Cyrus  
29 Aedic lubricant  
32 Colfer's peg  
34 Water, in Toulouse  
35 Arginine  
36 1961 hit for the Diamonds  
43 Audacious  
45 rdy vehicle  
46 Clumsy sort  
48 "— there he any doubt ..."  
49 Makes a sweater, e.g.  
52 Sliding-glass auto option

### DOWN

55 — Tru  
59 Thus far  
61 1957 hit for Jim Reeves  
65 Certain chairman  
67 Lovely laborers  
70 — Jose  
71 VI halved  
72 Statement before singing each hit, featured in this puzzle?  
78 v. Wode  
79 Prefix with on  
80 Get a goal  
81 "Max —" (2008 noir action film)  
82 1967 hit for the Lovin' Spoonful  
86 Drar & sherry, e.g.  
89 Football throw  
90 "C'mon, this way"  
93 Very clumsy course  
95 U.S. island territory  
98 Pay attention suddenly  
100 Gils for calligraphers  
105 Nine-item group

### 108

1965 hit for the Beatles  
Henpeck  
— EP's povl.  
division  
114 Perfect rating  
115 — (drug giant)  
116 1966 hit for Stacey Q  
122 Alias  
125 "CSI: Miami" actress Eva  
126 1916 hit for Frank Sinatra  
131 Clear away  
132 French for "brothers"  
133 Person giving ear  
134 Sieslas, say  
135 Sequence  
136 Jet to JFK once  
137 Tiger sound

### DOWN

1 Showery  
2 "What?"  
3 Hockey  
4 "Diamond Lil" playwright  
5 Large village  
6 "— Caesar!"  
7 Life, e.g.  
8 Part of DOS: Abor.  
9 Padded vegetables

### 10

Everyone, in Essan  
Czech, Pole, or Serb  
Concocted  
Jule of songwriting  
14 Tennis great  
Ashe  
15 Port of Italy  
16 Hero-worship  
17 Delectors  
18 Have a minority view  
20 Lder, e.g.  
24 Oscar-winner individual  
28 Indent key  
29 "Ouch!" kin  
30 — tag (lost)  
31 Thy, to Rane  
33 U.S. lang.  
37 "Give that cigar!"  
38 Some hosp. scans  
39 "How dry —"  
40 Map & —  
41 Horse's foot  
42 Up — good  
44 Sporty Italian auto, brief y  
47 I have faith in  
50 D of errata  
51 Forceltor  
53 Port of Algeria  
54 Admit (to)  
55 Lasting blamishes  
58 Capital of Vietnam

### 57

Back-of-the-book list  
Chick's miche  
He-calls  
62 Tripoli locale  
63 Some bank holdings  
64 Is a father to  
66 Infomercial gadget: brand  
68 Error: cc.  
69 With 81-Down, icy carnival treat  
73 Not sick  
74 Dummies  
75 County east of Sarcusky  
76 TV warrior prince  
77 Atlas part  
83 "For the life — ..."  
84 Soc 69-Down  
85 "The Bridge on the River —" (war film)  
87 Get a glimpse of  
88 Coloring agents  
91 Stat of gas consumption  
92 King James Bible suffix  
94 Caraful examiner  
95 Less severe  
96 Oblivious

### 97

S lky-ha red rabbits  
99 Baseball legend Mel  
101 Pool party?  
102 Potentially shocking fish  
103 Aviv  
104 P'ane's place  
106 Product-pitching asst.  
107 Homer Simpson's utterance  
109 Colloge list maintainer  
110 Records  
113 Gledon and Brinkes  
117 Unseat  
118 Million or Lition andr  
119 Vacationer in a camper, informal y  
120 Carr of the screen  
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127 Particular mag.  
128 Yoko from Tokyo  
129 Slepen of film  
130 I lub up

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We've all heard that a résumé shouldn't be longer than a single page. And that "It never hurts to apply," even to jobs that are a long shot. It seems as if everyone has at least a small nugget of job search wisdom to pass along.

But rather than helping you, some of the advice you receive could be harming your chances of finding a new position. Job search myths -- like the "rule" about the one-page résumé -- have a habit of sticking around even though they're not true. Here are several that have been debunked:

You should keep your résumé to one page.

This job search myth is perhaps the oldest of the bunch. Even if it were true at some point, it certainly isn't now. Hiring managers are much more interested in getting a true sense of your skills and experience than counting the number of pages you use. Although you don't want to ramble on unnecessarily, don't worry about going past the single-page mark if you need more space to list all of your professional accomplishments.

You shouldn't bother to send a cover letter.

Many job candidates think the cover letter is a thing of the past, especially since the vast majority of applications today are submitted online. But most hiring managers appreciate the introduction a cover letter provides. It also offers you an opportunity to expand upon one or two key points from your résumé, thereby strengthening your case for the job. Since fewer and fewer applicants are submitting a cover letter, a well-written one can help you stand out. If you are submitting your résumé as an attachment or uploading it to a database, use the email message as your cover letter.



You should consider only full-time employment opportunities.

It's a mistake to overlook temporary positions. These assignments can last for weeks or even months, providing a source of income and a chance to network and build new skills. In addition, an increasing number of employers are viewing temporary engagements as on-the-job auditions, evaluating a potential hire's fit for the role prior to extending a full-time offer.

You should apply for as many jobs as possible.

It's true you shouldn't pass up an opportunity you feel is right for you. But applying for openings that you have little true interest in or that have requirements you clearly cannot meet is a waste of time -- for both you and the hiring manager. Focus on positions that spark your interest and match your qualifications. Then, customize your application materials to show why you deserve to be considered.

You shouldn't bother looking for work during the summer.

Sure, people are on vacation during these times of year. But as we all know, business never stops. Companies hire year-round -- even at the end of the year and during the summer. Don't put your job search on hold. Instead, realize that there's less competition from other job seekers, increasing the likelihood you're the one called in for an interview.

You shouldn't send an application unless a company has posted a job ad.

Every job seeker dreads hearing that his résumé will be "kept on file." So it's understandable that you want to be sure a company is hiring before putting in the time and effort necessary to submit a résumé and cover letter. Use your professional network to uncover opportunities that haven't been announced yet.

You should just cross your fingers after submitting a résumé.

Once you've sent in your résumé, the ball is completely in the hiring manager's court, right? Not necessarily. Don't be afraid to contact the employer after you've applied to reaffirm your interest in the position and explain why you're a good fit for the role. Employers sometimes need to be reminded of your qualifications. In fact, 81 percent of managers polled by Robert Half said job candidates should follow up within two weeks of applying for a job.

You should take the first job offer you get.

In a tough job market, this is one myth that is partially, but not entirely, true. Take a step back before rushing to sign on the dotted line. If your situation allows, it could pay to be selective. Ask yourself if the opportunity fits your long-term career goals. Will it give you opportunities for advancement and professional development? If not, taking the job could mean missing out on one that does offer this potential.

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