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## Council debates future uses of Northville Downs site

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Northville City Council approved the draft of a new Community Master Plan that will be shared with neighboring communities as well as Wayne and Oakland counties, but there still might be at least one tweak to be made before it becomes the official plan for future development.

The City Council by a 5-0 vote approved giving the draft to Northville Township and the City of Novi as part of the process to complete a five-year update of the plan. The plan came to the council after being

reviewed by the planning commission.

Within the plan are various sub-area plans for places like the Cady Street/Northville Downs area that aim to cultivate a particular future development environment.

That is if things change, especially if the Downs were to be sold to a developer.

**Draft ideas**

The draft plan states, "While the Northville Downs racetrack continues to operate, the size of these consolidated parcels make them a unique redevelopment opportunity. The intent of this area is to create a mix of

single-family residential uses, the densities of which would decrease in intensity from north/west to south/east. The Middle Rouge River could become an important open space amenity if it were exposed and a greenway or riverfront pathway developed as a linear park."

The decrease in density and building heights is where Mayor Chris Johnson and Council member Nancy Darga had a difference in opinion from the draft.

Both think this Downs area, if redeveloped, should have a flexible plan – one that might include higher density, which

mayor pro tem Jim Allen also said might be the way to go. Especially if a developer is to pay for opening up the Rouge River, which is now mostly underground through that area.

The draft plan calls for mixed-use with commercial and retail closer to downtown and more residential as one gets further south into the racetrack area.

Building height would not exceed two stories for commercial, three stories for mixed use, or 2½ stories for residential uses.

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Miles of concrete are laid by machines like this. Mixed concrete is dumped in the path of the machine, which spreads and finishes the mix.

## I-96 still on track to open no later than mid-October

**By David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

The homestretch of the I-96 reconstruction project is near.

More than four months into the seven-mile closure through Redford and Livonia, crews continue to work on schedule and still expect to have the freeway open no later than mid-October.

Jeff Horne, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation, said the project continues to move along smoothly, with more than 44 miles of lanes complete out of approximately 58 lane miles between Telegraph and Newburgh. He said the project is about 66 percent complete.

He said there was no official date to when MDOT would be able to announce the freeway opening day, but would do so sometime in the fall.

"We are still on schedule," he said. "We're



A constant stream of trucks dumps concrete that will become finished road surface, in a matter of minutes. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

looking at mid-October."

The city of Livonia posted on its Facebook page the freeway is scheduled to re-open sometime between Oct. 10 and 15. Horne said the freeway could reopen during that time, but no official dates have been determined.

"We're not giving out specific dates," he said.

The project, which has a budget of \$148 million and has left I-96 shut down since early April, has most of the bridgework complete, with 22 of the 37 bridges having seen "substantial" repairs made, he said. Three major bridges still looking at future repairs: the two U-turn bridges for Farmington and Berwick, which will be full closures.

Most bridgework is expected to complete in late August or early September, Horne said.

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## Northville girl, 11, belts out anthem at Tigers game

**By Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Even though Brooklyn Stack is only 11 years old, she has been singing in front of people for several years, having taken part in a number of theater productions and talent contests.

So she wasn't that nervous when she learned she would be singing *The Star-Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America* at Comerica Park during the Tigers game Aug. 3. That is until

she started singing and looked up and saw Miguel Cabrera on the jumbo screen and realized one of her favorite Tigers was watching.

But that just added to the excitement for the Northville resident, who will be attending Hillside Middle School this fall.

"It was a pretty cool experience. Looking out at all those people, I felt I had a lot of power," Stack said.

According to her mother Janet Stack, Brooklyn per-

formed so well a couple of team officials said they might have her back in the fall – if the Tigers make the playoffs.


"We were so proud of her. She really wasn't nervous at all. We were the ones that were nervous," Janet Stack said.

Brooklyn was invited to sing at the game after her parents sent in a tape of her singing, something they also did last year when they never got a response.

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Brooklyn



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Brooklyn Stack, 11, sings the national anthem Aug. 3 before the Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park.

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This year, however, team officials contacted the family and had her sing for the Sunday game, which was kids day at the park. “We were so excited when they called. We’re so happy for her,” Janet Stack said. Brooklyn, the youngest of six siblings, said she hopes to be a singer/

actor when she grows up. She is also keeping her fingers crossed she will get the chance to sing again this fall. She, like the rest of the family, is a big Tigers fan. “They have to make the playoffs first,” she said. To see her performance, visit <https://vimeo.com/102624009> (password is Anthem). [kkuban@hometownlife.com](mailto:kkuban@hometownlife.com) 734-716-0783

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Council’s viewpoints

It looks like the council wants to see more flexibility with this area. “I think you know as you go into a master plan with this much open land, I kind of would like to see the creative abilities of architects and planners,” Johnson said of allowing an option for planners to see a bigger picture for the south side of town.

The master plan is the primary official city document that sets forth growth and development policies for the future of the community. Darga thinks the plan needs to think more about diversifying the tax base. More specifically, she said rather than a lot of residential uses in the area where the Downs is now, she would like an emphasis on attracting research and development firms, and maybe even light industry in the Cady Street area. “We need to think strategic and have a

dynamic plan,” Darga said. **What’s next** The next step in the process is to waiting about 60 days for the neighboring communities to provide input or comment on the draft plan. City consultant Don Wortman said this is an interim step in development of the Master Plan, and enables the City Council and adjoining communities to weigh in on the draft before it is finalized. However, City Council will have additional opportunities for input.

“Once the comments, if any, are returned to Northville, the planning commission considers them and determines if any changes to the draft are needed,” Wortman said. “The next step is for the planning commission to hold a public hearing on the draft and consider final amendments. Then the draft is sent back to city council for review and comments or adoption.” The hearing should be coming this fall. [lhuhman@hometownlife.com](mailto:lhuhman@hometownlife.com) 248-437-2011, ext. 255 Twitter: @lhuhman

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Most of the project’s ramps have also been completed: Horne said 24 of 28 ramps have been worked on so far. He said construction has gone from outside lanes to inside lanes for other workers, such as landscapers, to work along the side of the freeway. “Typically, when we built this project, we built from the outside, now we’re building from the inside,” he said. “You can see a lot of dirt in the center, because the two outside lanes are complete.” With the outside lanes being completed sooner, crews responsible for aesthetics along the freeway will be able to begin

placing landscaping along the freeway. Horne said the plan is to complete the landscaping work before mid-October so that lane closures can be minimal afterward. “Crews can go on the outside and do all the landscaping work,” he said. “The landscaping will be done most likely before the freeway opens.” **Reopening celebration?** Horne said MDOT officials are looking at holding some sort of grand reopening event for the freeway when construction wraps up. It could include allowing pedestrians or bicyclists the opportunity to ride on the freeway before it opens to motorized vehicle traffic. He stressed those discussions are still in the early stages, and more information would come at a later date. “We’re talking internally on it. We’re thinking we’re going to have a community event. We anticipate having a celebration of some sort,” he said. “We don’t have specifics, but we do have something in the works.”



The road surface and side walls of the Beech Daly bridge are demolished, then rebuilt. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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**Meet the Author: Kathleen Ripley Leo**

**Time/Date:** 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19.  
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The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra quartet made a visit to Northville last Thursday and played for visitors to the farmers market.

# A taste of music

Ann Arbor Symphony makes special stop at farmers market

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Among the flowers, produce and many visitors at the Northville Farmers Market last week were the beautiful sounds of the Ann Arbor Symphony, which paid a special visit as part of an outreach program.

"It's delightful," said farmers market visitor and Livonia resident Lauren Chiasson of the music. "It adds a certain elegance, and they are spot on."

This visit is part of the symphony's program, A Taste of Music: The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra goes to Market.

"It is a people-friendly program of a series of free chamber concerts and children's educational activities at area farmers markets," said Bob Gates, board president of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.

A small ensemble performed for about an hour at the farmer's market last Thursday near the food area. The musicians in-



Volunteer Pam Schmaltz, of Livonia, helps Adriana Rudolphi, 8, of Northville during her turn at the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's Instrument Petting Zoo.

roduced the music and themselves, and performed short pieces accessible to all ranging from classical excerpts to movie tunes, movie themes to contemporary.

In addition, an "Instrument Petting Zoo" was held at the market giving local youth a chance to pick up an instrument. This "zoo" is an educational program that introduces young children to orchestral instru-

ments, providing any opportunity to play instruments and learn how sound is produced.

"The kids line up for this and just love it," said Kara Sudheimer, of the AASO. "It's a fun opportunity for them to pick up an instrument that they may have only seen before."

The visit also had the symphony handing out vouchers for free concert tickets for SNAP or other food security participants.

The Taste of Music is made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan.

The program started in early July. They've been to the farmers markets in Brighton, Wayne and Ypsilanti. They will be back at the market in Wayne at 3-7 pm on Aug. 20.

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# State voters overwhelmingly approve Proposal 1

**By Paul Egan**  
Gannett Michigan

A statewide proposal to phase out the personal property tax on manufacturing equipment was approved by voters in the Aug. 5 primary, despite voter confusion and unhappiness about the complex proposal.

Proposal 1 phases out the PPT on industrial and some commercial equipment between 2016 and 2023.

It's an unpopular tax among manufacturers. Gov. Rick Snyder and most members of the Legislature from both parties say eliminating it will help Michigan's competitiveness as a place companies want to locate.

Most of the revenue from the PPT goes to local governments and the proposal replaces that lost revenue by shifting money from the state's 6-percent use tax — charged on items such as Internet and mail-order purchases, telephone service and hotel accommodations.

“What it really means for us is stability,” said Samantha Harkins, director of state affairs for the Michigan Municipal League.

**Impact on Novi**

The Novi News contacted Novi's interim City Manager Victor

Cardenas and Finance Director Carl Johnson in order to get a clearer idea on how the city views Proposal 1.

During tax year 2014 (fiscal year 2015), the following was billed on personal property (both industrial and commercial). Please note the authorities listed below are only the city's portion of the levy. The amounts do not include schools, county or state levies. Total taxable value of personal property is \$225,066,560.

- » General, \$1,128,869
- » Municipal Streets, \$337,431
- » Police and Fire, \$321,275
- » Parks and Recreation, \$86,759
- » Library, \$173,885
- » Street Refunding Debt, \$85,114
- » 2010 Refunding Debt, \$77,912
- » Library Debt, \$83,380
- » **Total: \$2,294,625**

With Proposal 1 passing, business owners with total personal property valued at \$80,000 or less (taxable value of \$40,000) in a particular tax collecting unit can file a personal property tax liability exemption. The city's projected taxable value under \$40,000 is approximately \$19,443,000.

This equates to a loss of personal property tax revenue, across all of the

city's levies, of approximately \$198,000.

At this point in time, there is no replacement revenue that Cardenas or Johnson are aware of. However, per the estimated 2015 assessments, the city will see an increase in the personal property taxable value.

So at the end of the day, the city will not realize the net gain of the estimated 2015 increase.

**Other reactions**

Count Roger Runyan among business leaders who believe elimination of the personal property tax is a huge leap forward in promoting a business environment

where growth can happen. Runyan, chief financial officer at Frazz Forklifts in Plymouth Township, said the money his company will save without the tax would be enough to hire two additional employees.

According to Runyan, Frazz employees spent 160 man-hours just managing personal property tax obligations, including the paperwork. The company, he said, had to file 110 personal property tax returns and pays \$105,000 annual in PPT.

“We are so excited about this,” Runyan said of the passage of Proposal 1. “This is so critical for our business.”

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## What we learned from amazing primary season

**By Kathleen Gray and Todd Spangler**  
GANNETT MICHIGAN

A former reindeer rancher-turned-congressman gets beat by a foreclosure attorney. A businessman pours \$5 million of his own money into a race and still loses. One of Congress' most independent members wins easily, but lashes out at the party establishment that targeted him for defeat.

Whatever the 2014 Michigan primaries were, they weren't boring.

The Aug. 5 election results were pivotal, most likely assuring that a Dingell — Debbie, not John — will continue to serve in Congress and — barring an improbable result in the Nov. 4 general election — that U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr. of Detroit will become the House's longest-serving active member.

But that is only skimming the surface, considering that Birmingham lawyer Dave Trott handily

defeated U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, a former educator, National Guardsman and reindeer rancher who was 2012's surprise candidate; and state Sen. John Moolenaar, R-Midland, beat Paul Mitchell in a congressional primary despite Mitchell betting millions of his own dollars on himself.

Attention now will shift quickly to the November elections and marquee match-ups between Republican Gov. Rick Snyder and Democratic challenger Mark Schauer and Republican Terri Lynn Land and Democrat Gary Peters running for an open U.S. Senate seat. But before it does, the *Free Press* offers some quick takeaways from an amazing primary season:

**Money talks sometimes**

In contested U.S. House races, Michigan had three of the top 10 self-funders in the nation.

But while Trott's \$2.4

million clearly helped him to victory, the same can't be said for the \$5 million Mitchell, a retired Saginaw County businessman, put in his race, or the \$1 million Grand Rapids businessman Brian Ellis loaned himself.

Democratic state Senate candidate Ryan Fishman of Birmingham spent nearly \$100,000 of his own money, but was beaten by Cyndi Peltonen of Clawson, who spent far less.

**The more things change ...**

One way or another, Michigan's getting at least — and probably at most — five new members of Congress — and a new U.S. senator — next year.

But among the U.S. House seats open, all are expected to go to the parties that hold them now. At present, the state's delegation has nine Republicans and five Democrats. And there looks to be few pickup opportunities

available, especially among the GOP.

Democrats will look more closely at U.S. Reps. Dan Benishek, R-Crystal Falls, and Tim Walberg, R-Tipton as possible long shots, with former Kalkaska County Sheriff Jerry Cannon and former state Rep. Pam Byrnes their respective challengers.

**Turnout low — again**

Rumors flew throughout election night that turnout was pathetic, awful and downright unpatriotic.

Some even pegged turnout in Wayne County at 5 percent. But the turnout was actually pretty typical of primaries in Michigan; which is to say, low — very low.

In Wayne County, the turnout was 17.7 percent, Oakland County was 20.6 percent and Macomb County finished the night with 17 percent of the registered voters casting ballots.

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# Lawmaker introduces bills regulating fireworks

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, introduced legislation to restore Michigan's pre-2011 fireworks regulations.

Anderson last week introduced Senate Bills 1023 and 1024 to re-establish the ban on aerial and explosive fireworks, which account for the majority of noise complaints and serious injuries. In 2011, Anderson was the only senator to vote against the fireworks law change.

"Something must be done to get this under control," Anderson said. "Since the law was changed, in addition to the disturbance of the peace, Michigan residents have endured property damage and injuries, even deaths, related to these higher-powered explosives now available. On top of that, the revenue that was promised by



Anderson

sponsors just hasn't materialized. The burden of inspecting all of the new firework sale locations is virtually impossible and is costing the state more than licensing fees bring in."

In the wake of Anderson's initial announcement that legislation would be introduced, hundreds of citizens from across the state contacted his office with stories of sleepless nights during the work week, traumatized pets that have to be sedated for the holidays and fire damage from launches in dense urban communities.

Anderson has also heard from numerous veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder who found the

endless bombardment of fireworks to severely intensify their anxiety.

"For some of these veterans who served our country, the non-stop fireworks explosions in their neighborhoods cause symptoms so debilitating that they can't leave their own homes. It's completely unacceptable," Anderson said.

**Current law**

Current state law allows for the use of aerial and explosive fireworks the day before, day of and day after a national holiday. Communities are granted the authority to regulate the time frame that fireworks are allowed on those days, but users are totally disregarding the currently permitted days and hours. Most communities have had little success in dealing with the problems the new law

has created. With fireworks available on virtually every corner, fireworks use has skyrocketed, leaving numerous local police departments without the resources to address the problem.

Many local communities have protested the firework deregulation since 2011 and have become more vocal with each passing holiday season and some have taken steps to pass resolutions calling on the Legislature to repeal the changes made in 2011.

Proponents of the 2011 law have argued that surrounding states, such as Indiana, were stealing revenue from Michigan as citizens crossed the border to purchase prohibited fireworks. Some have suggested that changing the law to allow local cities and townships to decide for themselves whether or not to ban the

higher-powered fireworks would be preferred over a statewide ban. Critics of this approach, however, argue that any option that leaves these fireworks readily available to the public will not solve the problem.

**'Keep the peace'**

"I am all for empowering local communities with more tools to help protect their citizens and keep the peace, but a half-measure like this won't make the difference needed to regulate these fireworks," Anderson said. "If we give a city the power to ban the fireworks and they take that step, then citizens are just going to drive to a neighboring community where the fireworks aren't illegal, stock their arsenal and bring them home. The key to addressing this problem is

limiting accessibility by a statewide ban.

"Giving locals the ability to ban the fireworks won't do anything to provide police and fire the resources they need to deal with the problem and ends up creating a confusing patchwork across the state," he added. "I love to celebrate Independence Day as much as anyone and the freedom to do so responsibly is important, but no one should be given a license to terrorize their neighborhood and deny people the peaceful enjoyment of their own homes."

Anderson represents the state Senate 6th District, which includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford Township. He also serves as the Democratic vice chair of the Appropriations Committee.

## Appeals court rules in favor of former McCotter staffers

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled a decision by a Wayne County circuit judge to throw out felony charges against two former staffers for then-U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter was correct.

The court ruled Wednesday the decision to dismiss two charges of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner filed against Livonia resident Paul Seewald and Farmington Hills resident Don Yow-chuang was the correct decision by circuit Judge Margie Braxton.

The case, which stemmed from the petition fraud scandal two years ago that left McCotter off the ballot



McCotter

and led him to resign his position in Congress, had been appealed by the state attorney general to the court of appeals in 2013.

The three-judge panel ruled 2-1 that the charge was improperly levied on the pair, saying the act they were accused of – signing nominating petition forms when they themselves did not circulate the forms – was illegal in nature and did not fit the charge of conspiring to do a legal act in an illegal manner.

"The prosecution attempts to circumvent this rather obvious fact through citation of defen-

dants' admission that their ultimate goal was to place McCotter's name on the primary ballot, which the prosecution says, in and of itself, is a 'legal act.' This expands the scope of the conspiracy beyond all reason," the majority ruling reads. "It also ignores the fact that had McCotter actually been placed on the ballot, it would not have been a 'legal act' at all, because it would have been made possible by defendant's defrauding of the Secretary of State."

Secretary of State officials determined the petitions had some photocopies of signatures on them and disqualified enough signatures that left McCotter off the ballot in 2012.

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# Zax celebrates 20 years with free car washes



Brian Blaskey and his fiancée Katie McCracken, the owners of Zax, will celebrate 20 years in business by giving customers free washes Aug. 16.

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Zax Auto Wash owner Brian Blaskey hopes they will be celebrating another 20 years in business in the future and is offering free car washes Saturday.

"This anniversary celebration is about our customers," he said. "They are why we are here today."

Blaskey bought the Wixom and Canton Zax Auto Wash locations seven years ago and worked to continue customer satisfaction. They have also made it even better through technology.

The company's core principles are built around keeping customers coming "Back to Zax" by offering its best service to everyone that visits. Blaskey said these principles are:

- » Create a pleasant welcoming environment for customers.
- » Treat all customers courteously and respectfully at all times.
- » Stand behind its

*"It's not just an anniversary for us. It's a celebration of our customers ... to keep them coming back."*

**KATIE MCCrackEN**  
co-owner, Zax Auto Wash

work and do whatever they can to please customers.

"It's not just an anniversary for us," said Katie McCracken of Zax and Blaskey's fiancée. "It's a celebration of our customers, who are the real reason we've been in business for 20 years. We work hard to give them the best service possible to keep them coming back."

Blaskey is a Northville resident and Detroit Catholic Central graduate. He has a degree in mechanical engineering, but always had a desire to own his own business. With Zax, he found his opportunity to do his own thing.

"It was one of the best decisions I've made," he said.

The company has won numerous awards from vendors and industry associations over the years for its commitment to excellence. This commitment includes maintaining the highest quality standards in its wash tunnel, which deploys the latest technology to clean every vehicle quickly, thoroughly and safely.

A second Zax Auto Wash is located at 41869 Ford Road in Canton.

The celebration event will be held at the Wixom location, 49160 Grand River Avenue. The company wants to thank its loyal customers with free express car washes from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and free food and T-shirt giveaways from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 16.

For more information, contact Zax Auto Wash at 248-380-8090 or visit [www.zaxautowash.com](http://www.zaxautowash.com).

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## Top tossers



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# Christmas comes in July for winners

There's nothing better than receiving Christmas gifts in July, something *O&E Media* readers were eager to take part in last month.

More than 320 entered our Christmas in July contest, which asked readers to search the special section included in the July 24 edition for the hidden holiday icons scattered throughout the pages. Those with the correct number — and there were 87 who nailed it — were entered into a drawing for special prizes.

The top prize winners were Bernice Del of Livonia, who won a pair of tickets to the Tony Bennett concert scheduled for Aug. 15 at Freedom Hill amphitheater in Sterling Heights; David Maaske of Livonia, who won a Cutco Paring & Trimmer Knife Set from Cutco Kitchen in Novi; and Linda Ross of South Lyon, who won a \$50 Meijer gift card.

A little bit about the contest:

- » Of the 321 entries, 239 were mailed in, 75 came in via Facebook and seven were emailed.
- » There were 14 icons hidden in the special section, starting with the cover and including the following pages: 4 (with two icons), 7, 8, 12, 14, 17, 18, 22, 26, 28, 34 and 37.
- » Besides the 87 who correctly found all 14 hidden icons, seven entries had more than the winning number!
- » The hardest icons to find? The cover, as well as pages 4 (in the entry form), 12 and 28.

There were other winners of fabulous prizes.

Those winning a \$25 Schokolad® Chocolate Factory gift card were Cynthia Gregoski of Westland; Vivian Sokloski of Northville; Yvonne Laz of Plymouth; Katheryn Maguire of Novi; Lori Schneider of Farmington Hills; and Nancy Rhatigan of Livonia.

Those winning a MassageLuXe of Novi Spa Certificate Package for a one-hour massage or LuXe Facial plus 15-minute HydroLuXe were Louise Dодt of Milford; Kathy Baumgarten of Northville; and Catherine McQuade of

Canton.

Those winning an Emagine Theatre movie pass and a Buddy's Pizza coupon were Pamela Sheffer of Farmington Hills; Maggie Ray of Garden City; Sarah Hirsch of West Bloomfield; Lynn White Bricker of Canton; Roberta Blackmer of Redford; Lori Wackerman of Highland; Mark Tominac of Westland; Carol Crozier of South Lyon; Diane Rodemeyer of Livonia; and Catherine Basel of Westland.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and a special thanks to all who took the time to enter our contest. We hope you enjoyed a bit of Christmas in July ... and don't worry, the real thing will be here soon enough.



## ‘Seussical’ debuts at Farmington Players Barn

Some30 local actors bring Dr. Seuss characters to life

The city of Farmington Hills Youth Theatre will present *Seussical* at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 12 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills.

Directed by Mel Sheatzley, *Seussical* is a lively musical caper featuring more than 30 local actors that's sure to entertain audiences of all ages. The play by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty debuted on Broadway in 2000 with Dr. Seuss's best-loved characters from his popular books, including *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who* and *Green Eggs and Ham*. The musical tells stories about



Katelyn Thompson of Novi plays the baby elephant in “Seussical.”

the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community featuring Dr. Seuss' famous characters.

“This production takes all the fantastical characters from the classic Dr. Suess books and brings them to life,” said Armand Banooni, who plays the role of Mr. Mayor. “The songs are catchy and I find myself, as I’m sure you will too, singing them long after the show is over.”

Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased in

advance at the Costick Center, online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or charged over the phone at 248-473-1848. Limited tickets may also be available at the door.

The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre is presented by the Special Services Department's Cultural Arts Division and is supported in part by a grant from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families.

Farmington Hills Youth Theatre productions have involved thousands of children in performances over the last 12 years, with two full stage productions annually. The Youth Theatre also offers special classes, including “Little Stars” for children ages 4-6. For more information, call the Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1859 or visit [www.fhgov.com/youththeatre](http://www.fhgov.com/youththeatre).

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# Woodward Dream Cruise rumbles into its 20th year Saturday

By **Nathan Mueller**  
Staff Writer

Royal Oak Mayor Jim Ellison remembers spending nine months planning for the first Woodward Dream Cruise and hoping people would show up.

But all his worry was for naught — 250,000 car lovers gathered on the historic highway to show off their cars and reminisce.

It's now 20 years later and the cruise remains one of the most popular summer events in metro Detroit, with more than 1 million people gathering along the 16-mile stretch of road.

Ellison admits he thought the event would lose its luster after about 10 years but, if anything, it's actually shining brighter than ever.

"It's a really unique

*"It's a really unique event, and I don't know if it could be pulled off anywhere other than here."*

**JIM ELLISON**  
mayor, Royal Oak

event, and I don't know if it could be pulled off anywhere other than here," he said. "I don't think there is the culture other places; we are the Motor City. Everyone up and down here, if their dad didn't work for the auto company or grandfather didn't, then they had an uncle or cousin or someone involved in this industry.

"We are giving car enthusiasts from all over

the country a venue to come and share their passion and love for automobiles."

Greg Russel, president of the Woodward Dream Cruise, said he likens the event to a block party or family reunion because so many faces return every year and meet in the same places.

He said the cruise has been able to maintain its popularity because of the passion of those involved.

"People have vehicles that are worthy of a museum that are still functional and they want to get out and share that vehicle with other people," he said. "This is not a static display, this is a moving, functioning display where you actually get to touch and feel these days for a day."

**Berkley CruiseFest**

Berkley Mayor Phil O'Dwyer believes there is no better place to get up close and personal with the hot rods than at the Berkley CruiseFest the night before.

More than 30,000 people pack downtown Berkley on 12 Mile Road from Woodward to Greenfield to watch and listen to nearly 400 cars parade down the street.

"This celebrates the automobile in a way that is elegant and extravagant," he said.

And O'Dwyer is always on the lookout for his favorite car — a late-60's Ford Torino.

"I love that car," he said. "It had muscle, was sleek and had style. I wish I had it today."

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The view from Duggan's Irish Pub is one of the best on Woodward Avenue. PHOTO BY NATHAN MUELLER

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6-9 p.m. — Kids' Inflatable Zone (12 Mile Road/Tyler).  
6:30-7:30 p.m. — Berkley's Classic Car Parade (12 Mile between Coolidge and Greenfield).  
7:30-9 p.m. — Tri-Community Coalition Street Dance (12 Mile/Griffith).  
7:30-11 p.m. — Live music, "The Magic Bus," Main Stage (12 Mile/Robina).  
All evening — Phillips Block Party featuring games, prizes, food and movies (12 Mile/Phillips).  
All evening — DTE Energy Booth featuring games, prizes and FUN! (12 Mile/Griffith).  
All evening — Food court (12 Mile Road/Robina).  
All evening — Official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise (12 Mile at Robina and 12 Mile at Woodward).

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
SATURDAY**

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Chevrolet @ the Woodward Triangle (Old Woodward, north of Lincoln).  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. — WOMC live broadcast (Old Wood-

ward near Lincoln).  
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. — Birmingham Cruise Classic Car Show (Old Woodward between Merrill and Lincoln).  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — WXYZ-TV live broadcast (near the 555 Building).

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**CITY OF FERNDALE  
THURSDAY**

3-9:30 p.m. — Food Court, Kids' Play Zone, Ford Built Tough, Official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise booth (West Nine Mile).  
Rock'n Live Entertainment Stage: City Beat at 5 p.m.; Shout!, a Beatles tribute band, at 7 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
Noon to 9:30 p.m. — Food Court, Kids' Play Zone, Ford Built Tough, Official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise booth (West Nine Mile).  
Rock'n Live Entertainment Stage: Beside The Point at 1:30 p.m.; OIM Appear at 3

p.m.; Groove Band at 5 p.m.; and Ages Apart at 7:30 p.m.  
1-8 p.m. — 14th Ferndale Emergency Vehicle Show (East Nine Mile).  
5 p.m. — Official ribbon-cutting ceremony (East Nine Mile).  
5:30 p.m. — Lights & Sirens Cruise (East Nine Mile to 11 Mile and back).  
**SATURDAY**  
10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. — Food court, Kids' Play Zone, Ford Built Tough, Official Woodward Dream Cruise merchandise booth (West Nine Mile).  
Rock'n Live Entertainment Stage: Motor Honey at noon; Lookin' Back at 2:30 p.m.; Crewsade at 5 p.m.; and Magic Bus at 7:30 p.m.  
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. — 16th Mustang Alley and Ford Motor Company Showcase (East Nine Mile).  
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## Rainbow Loom patent set for Novi creator

The Choon's Design patent for its Rainbow Loom rubber band bracelet making kit has been validated after an unsuccessful challenge by La-Rose Industries, maker of the Cra-Z-Loom.

Following a review, the United States Patent and Trademark Office confirmed that the Rainbow Loom's creator, Cheong-Choon Ng of Novi, is deserving of U.S. Patent 8,485,565, granted in July 2013. John Siragusa, patent attorney for the Rainbow Loom at Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, made the announcement on Aug. 6.

The specific patent in question involves Choon's innovative design for the Rainbow Loom's Brunnian link making device, which is used to create brightly colored bands into customizable bracelets. This outcome allows his company, Wixom-based Choon's Design, to better defend their intellec-

tual property against imitation kits that have flooded the market following the Rainbow Loom's incredible success.

"It's very gratifying to know that our hard work has been protected and upheld by the granted patent," said Choon, an independent inventor and entrepreneur. "This result encourages our team at Choon's Design to continue innovating and designing new products, knowing that we can fully protect our inventions."

Choon first began working on the Rainbow Loom in 2010 as a way to become closer with his daughters, then aged 12 and 9. After realizing the potential of his new invention, Choon and his wife, Fen, risked their entire \$10,000 life savings to bring the Rainbow Loom to market. Although the path to success has been wrought with challenges, the Rainbow Loom has become one of the hottest



**Cheong-Choon Ng, of Novi, created the popular Rainbow Loom via his Wixom-based company, Choon's Design.**

selling toys in America, with total unit sales between six and seven million kits.

Soon after the Rainbow Loom's widespread popularity and commercial success, copycat loom kits began appearing

on the shelves of several major U.S. retailers. To help protect his patent, Choon enlisted the help of patent attorney John Siragusa.

"With the incredible success behind the Rainbow Loom, it

was inevitable that copycats would try to profit off Choon's work," said Siragusa. "Now we can move forward knowing that the U.S. Patent Office has held the patent to be valid and take the appropriate steps to defend his rightful intellectual property against these imitations."

Choon's Design is not resting with one successful product but continues to make improvements to their original Rainbow Loom and invent new designs, including a more portable jewelry making kit called the Monster Tail. The newly-validated patent for the Rainbow Loom will be good through 2031. Choon's Design and Carlson, Gaskey & Olds will continue to pursue additional intellectual property protection for their new designs and inventions, both in the United States and worldwide.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Learn how to market to the government

The Procurement Technical Assistance Center of Schoolcraft College will host a seminar on marketing to the government customer from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the VisTaTech Center on Schoolcraft College's campus.

Alexander Masters, the Procurement Counselor facilitating the course, stated that the marketing topics covered will help enhance and improve a new or existing government contractor's strategies.

"Marketing to the government is different than that of B2B or B2C strategies in many respects. We have to look at the overall messages a firm is conveying, build on traditional marketing methods, and strategize for market-place positioning," Alexander said. "We also discuss how agencies and contracting officers are conducting their own market research, an element that many firms overlook when determining their marketing tactics."

Pre-registration is required for all interested attendees. The course fee is \$45 per individual. Questions and comments may be directed to the PTAC of Schoolcraft College team by phone at 734-462-4438 or by email at inforeq@schoolcraft.edu.

#### Grand opening

The recently opened LP Nails & Spa, 20540 Haggerty in Northville Township (next to Trader Joe's), is celebrating its grand opening through Saturday, Aug. 16. The nail salon, which opened a couple of weeks ago, is offering 30 percent off for the grand opening.

Hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 734-338-2657 or 248-686-8989.

#### Mouth guard clinic

Rangel Orthodontics, 125 CadyCentre in downtown Northville, will be hosting its annual Mouth Guard Clinic from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22. It will provide a free sports mouth guard to anyone who makes an appointment during the clinic. Appointments are necessary.

To make an appointment, which must be scheduled by Aug. 15, call 248-348-8400. The first 100 callers are guaranteed appointments.

#### BrassCraft hosts plumbers forum

Novi-based BrassCraft Manufacturing last month hosted its annual Plumbers' Forum, which included top plumbing professionals from across the country invited to share ideas, best practices, industry knowledge and feedback to better serve customers and the end consumer.

Forum participants were invited because they consistently excel in their business and are leaders in the plumbing industry. Each participant benefited from discussions with members of the BrassCraft Manufacturing team, including representatives from engineering, product management, marketing and sales. The group also had the opportunity to meet with other plumbers to share experiences and discuss best practices.

"The Plumber's Forum gives us a platform to hear directly from our customers and use their input across-the-board, whether it's in product development or process improvement," said Jeffrey Jollay, vice president, Marketing & Product Development, BrassCraft Manufacturing. "It also helps to continue our leadership role in promoting the design of quality, innovative and high performing plumbing products."

Founded in 1946, BrassCraft Manufacturing innovated and perfected the one-piece water supply valve and the flexible water supply tube. Today these products have become the standard for residential and commercial plumbing projects. For general information, visit [www.brasscraft.com](http://www.brasscraft.com).

#### Oakland nabs top bond rating

Standard & Poor's has reaffirmed Oakland County's AAA bond rating with a stable outlook, County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced. This highest credit rating applies to the county's \$3.1 million Building Authority Refunding Bonds, Series 2014.

S&P said Oakland County has a "strong economy, which is a

major part of the diverse economy of southeastern Michigan and the Detroit metropolitan area" and "very strong management with financial policies and practices that we consider strong."

"S&P confirmed once again today that Oakland County continues to be a leader in Michigan and the nation," Patterson said. "Our embrace of the knowledge-based economy along with our multi-year budgeting and fiscal practices has S&P's stamp of approval."

Proceeds of the bonds will be used to refund outstanding Building Authority Bonds Series 2007 for anticipated interest cost savings. The bonds are payable from rental payments made to the authority by Oakland County pursuant to an existing lease agreement. The properties are subleased to the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority which realizes all benefits from the bond refunding savings.

#### Demonstration Alley registration

Registration is open for life science and health care companies who want to showcase their innovative products and technologies at Demonstration Alley as part of INNO-VENTION 2014 – a Medical Main Street Conference.

Conference organizers have expanded Demonstration Alley for the 2014 health care and life science event. They are looking for exhibits that have a demonstrable "wow" factor. INNO-VENTION 2014 is set for Oct. 21-22 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Information on the conference can be found at [MedicalMainStreet.org](http://MedicalMainStreet.org).

Product evaluation criteria for the demonstration area include: health care-related products that are new-to-market, visual and award-winning. Interactive live demonstrations are preferred. Companies wishing to be considered for space on Demonstration Alley should apply online at [MedicalMainStreet.com](http://MedicalMainStreet.com). Submissions must be received by Sept. 5.

The fee to participate is \$500.



**The food trucks are always a big draw when they come to downtown Northville.** LONNIE HUHMAN

## Food Truck Festival to roll into downtown Northville

The food trucks will be rolling into downtown Northville again next weekend. The Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the second annual Food Truck Festival from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24.

The event will include a classic car show, live music, an outdoor movie, plenty of food and even a beer garden.

The Food Truck Festival will be held at Northville's Ford Field Park, 150 Griswold, north of Main Street. Convenient parking is available at the north end of the Northville Downs parking lot, off Cady Street (south of Main Street).

The food trucks scheduled to attend include: The Pita Post, Jacques' Tacos, Shimmy Shack, The Rolling Stoves, Concrete Cuisine, Rollin Stone Pizza, Mystic Kettle, Kona Ice, Qais Truck, Treat Dreams, Dago Joe's, Ol' Tyme Good Humor Ice Cream, Stewards for Strangers, Time2Chill and Wooden Spork. Each truck will carry a variety of menu options.

Admission to the festival is free, but there is a charge for food and beverages.

Wristbands (\$2) will be required to purchase alcohol and must be purchased at the Beer Garden.

The event schedule is as follows:

- » Classic Car Show, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- » Beer Garden, noon to 10 p.m.
- » Entertainment, 2-9:30 p.m.
- » Car Show Awards, 2:30 p.m.

- » Food Trucks, 2-9 p.m.
- » Outdoor movie, 9:30 p.m.

Live music will take place throughout the afternoon. Performers attending the Food Truck Festival are Just Push

Play (2 p.m.), Ricky See (4 p.m.) and Mainstreet Soul (7 p.m.).

For more information on the festival, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

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**Brightmoor Christian Church**

**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile,  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014 or [CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org](mailto:CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org).  
**Web:** [brightmoorchurch.org](http://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. Pre-register.

**Church of the Holy Family**

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook

Road.

**Contact:** 248-349-8847 or visit [holyfamilynovi.org](http://holyfamilynovi.org).  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Time/Day:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish).  
**Holy days:** 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.  
**Priests:** the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.  
**AA:** 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

**Crosspointe Meadows Church**

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile.  
**Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [crosspointemeadows.org](http://crosspointemeadows.org).  
**Sunday worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages.  
**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

**Destiny Worship Center**

**Location:** Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile, Northville.  
**Contact:** [DestinyW3C@gmail.com](mailto: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.  
**Youth group:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays.  
**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; *God Revealed* by Fred Sievert.  
**Special Needs Ministry:** Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.

**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.

**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. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m. Refreshments at 10:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.  
**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.  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with pastor Troy Ogle and Surge Youth Group. There is a Family Story Time during the month of June for birth through kindergarten with their family.

**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):** 10 a.m.  
**Summer Sunday School (Memorial Day-Labor Day):** 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.

**Hope Lutheran Church**

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

**Lakes Baptist Church**

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

**Livonia Church of Christ**

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

**Legacy Church**

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

**Meadowbrook Congregational Church**

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile.  
**Contact:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, at 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 and Nursery Care:** provided during worship.  
**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 sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).  
**Wednesday Family Night:** 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; 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 Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or [rabbino@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbino@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com).

**Novi United Methodist Church**

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

**Oak Pointe Church**

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi.  
**Contact:** 248-912-0043.  
**Web:** [www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups](http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups).  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly).  
**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.  
**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 6 a.m. Friday, at the church and various locations.

**Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.  
**Contact:** 248-374-2268.  
**Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School:** 10 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

**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:** 132 Orchard Drive, 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.

**Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

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

**Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.

**Pentecostals of Novi**

**Location:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.  
**Contact:** 248-697-8158 or visit [www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org](http://www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org).

**Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.  
**Contact:** 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org).

**Praise Baptist Church**

**Location:** 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.  
**Contact:** 734-748-3898.

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills.  
**Phone:** 248-553-3380.  
**Christ is Our Rock outdoor concert:** 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. Special guest musicians will include the Dennis Coffey Band and Mike Scruggs. Food will be available for purchase. This is a free concert for the entire family that will benefit Family of God, an inner city mission.

**St. James Catholic Church**

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile, Novi.  
**Contact:** 248-347-7778.  
**Pastor:** Monsignor John Kasza.  
**Mass schedule:** 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

**St. John Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills.  
**Contact:** 248-474-0584 or visit [stjohn-lutheran.com](http://stjohn-lutheran.com).

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 201 Elm St., Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-3140

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington**

**Location:** 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills

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**AMOLSCH, DAVID EDWARD**

A resident of Milford and a former resident of Downers Grove, Illinois, passed away peacefully at home on August 5, 2014 after a brief illness. Husband of 21 years to Evelyn Maria Salee Roberts; father of John Michael, Jarrod Nathaniel, Daniel Wescott, Madhavendra; father to Thomas Daniel Roberts, Anthony Warren Roberts; grandfather of Jacob John, Madison Margaret, Kaitlyn Jo; grandfather to Jarod Lee Roberts, Janie Lyn Roberts, Lyndsi Anne Bennett; Great-grandfather to Kaden Estil Bennett, Thomas Anthony Roberts, Dafni Annika Bennett. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Florence, sister, Eva Rose and first wife, Margaret Rose Ford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the David Amolsch Memorial Fund, c/o Fifth Third Bank, 115 East Liberty, Milford MI 48381 benefiting the American Sailing Institute scholarships. Funeral Services were held on August 9, 2014. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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**BAILEY, RONALD**

Passed away Aug. 7, 2014. Memorial service Aug. 16 at 2:00 p.m. at family home, [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**COWLES, BEVERLY HANSEN HICKS**

81, passed away peacefully at her home on Portage Lake, Friday, August 8, 2014, after spending a weeks surrounded by her family and dear friends. Those who know her best will always remember her for her quick wit and generous sense of humor, love of Bill O'Reilly and Game show Network. Her final days were spent with her throwing out "one-liners" and practical jokes to friends and family, and for that we are forever grateful. Surviving are her children: Douglas (Debby) Hicks of Grand Rapids, Susan (Ric) Alameddine of Northville, and David (Annette) Hicks of Jenison. Her step children Cathy (Brian) Davis of Grand Rapids and Christine Cowles of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Nine grandchildren: Douglas Hicks II (Amanda), Jennifer Allen (Jason), Nicolas Alameddine, Mitchell Alameddine, Alyssa Hicks, Alex Hicks, Amanda Hentschel, Caitlyn Hentschel and Kelsee Hentschel. Sisters, Betty Zupin of Manistee and Darlene Welch (Charles) of Tell City, Indiana. Nieces and nephews: Kathy Schmitgal (Chuck), Jan Reckow (Bud), Sal Reckow (Roger), Linda Haugan and Cheryl Rolland. Preceding her in death were her parents, Alma Weaver and Raymond Hansen, husbands Norman Hicks and McGuire Cowles, son Daniels Hicks and stepson John Cowles. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Onkama. The family will receive friends and relatives at the church, beginning at 10 a.m. Beverly requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her memory to the following organizations: MaxYourBrain.org (checks payable to University of Michigan-Neurosurgery-In memo: MaxYourBrain-3210) University of Michigan Health System Office of Development Attn: Halla Jomaa 1000 Oakbrook, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, or The Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517, Topeka Kansas 66675 Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation of Manistee. [johnson-funeral-home.com](http://johnson-funeral-home.com)

**EICHHOLTZ, MARY JANE**

Age 78, of Louisville passed on July 27, 2014 at Baptist Health Palliative Care. She was a retired Secretary having worked at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and the New York Daily News. Mary was a member of St. Albert the Great Catholic Church and a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Washingtonville, NY. She was a former resident of the Northville, Michigan area. Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 38 years, Harry R. Eichholtz; seven children, William Manning (Margaret), Bryan Manning (Shari), Kevin G. Manning, Michael Eichholtz (Kim), Paul Eichholtz (Debra), Kevin Eichholtz (Debbie) and John D. Eichholtz; daughter in law, Lisa Eichholtz; 10 grandchildren. Her Funeral Mass in Louisville, KY was conducted at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church. Her Funeral Mass in Washingtonville, NY was conducted at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Marys Cemetery in Washingtonville. In lieu of customary expressions of sympathy, the family has requested contributions to Baptist Health Palliative Care, 4000 Kresge Way, Louisville, KY 40207 or Alzheimer's Association. Please visit us at [www.archlheadywestport.com](http://www.archlheadywestport.com) to leave a condolence for the family. Arch L. Heady & Son at Westport Village in Louisville was entrusted with the arrangements.

**KIDDER, EARL R.**

Age 88, of Northville, passed away August 6, 2014. Online condolences at [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)



**KOLINSKY-HOLUNGA, JOYCE ROSALIE**

A longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, August 10, 2014 after a brief battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of nearly 41 years, George; daughters, Dawn (Randy) Lang and Debbie Holunga; grandchildren, Chris, Alex and Emily; sister, Phyllis (Elmer) Birkel; brother, Steve (Diane) Kolinsky; nieces and nephews, Jessica Kolinsky, Steve D. Kolinsky and Theresa and extended family and friends. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Wednesday, August 13 from 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m.. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford on Thursday, August 14 at 10 a.m. Burial will take place at St. Francis Cemetery, Petoskey on Saturday, August 16 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Holunga family. For further information, phone 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



**LANGE, ROBERT D.**

Age 77 of Highland, passed away on August 6, 2014. He is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley; loving daughters, Kimberly (Simon) Lange and Stacy (John) Sheridan; grandchildren, Michaela, Liam, Allison, and Jordan. Also survived by three nieces, many extended family members, and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, MI on August 16 at 1 p.m. Friends may gather from 11 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. For further information, please call 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

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*Funeral Directors*

**POZEHL, DENNY W.**

Age 43, passed away August 10. Services were held on Wednesday, August 13 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

**ROBINSON, AARON**

Age 43, passed away August 7, 2014. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**TAYLOR, MARY LOUISE**

Age 95, of Novi, passed away, July 21, 2014 at The Manor of Novi. Mary Louise had lived in Novi for over 77 years. She was born September 15, 1918 to Walter and Henrietta (Shaffer) Hicks. Mary Louise was married to G. Russell Taylor on January 11, 1936 and he preceded her in death on October 24, 1987. Mary Louise was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of Moose Lodge 2392 in South Lyon, and was retired from the United States Postal Service. She is survived by her children, Russell (Susan) and Rev. Robert (Mary); her grandchildren, Patricia (Terry) Abbott, Timothy Taylor, and Michael (Gloria) Taylor; and great-grandchildren, Brandon and Andrew Abbott, Kenton, Sarah, Zachary, and Alyssa Taylor. Mary Louise was preceded in death by her siblings, Eugene Hicks and Marjorie F'Geppert. Services were held at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with interment in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions in Mary Louise's honor may be made to Mooseheart Child City and School ([www.mooseheart.org](http://www.mooseheart.org)) or a charity of the donor's choice.





50TH ANNIVERSARY



Ronald and Pamela Pawlak (formerly McIntyre) of Northville will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple was married Aug. 22, 1964, in Windsor, Canada. They have resided in Northville for 35 years, where they raised their three children: Greg, Colleen and Alicia. They have eight grandchildren. Ronald is retired from General Motors and Pamela is retired from Schoolcraft College. Ronald loves to golf and runs a league at Northville Hills, while Pamela loves her swimming class. They also spend a lot of time in Florida during the winters. For their 50th anniversary, they are planning a trip to Saugatuck, where they met 52 years ago.

BIRTH



Jason and Erica Sowders of Novi are proud to announce the birth of their son, Liam Owen Sowders. Liam was born June 3, 2014, at Novi Providence Park Hospital. Proud grandparents are Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia; Duane and Vicki Sowders of Melvindale; and Karen DeVito and Chris Canfield of Northville.

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Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
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Fr. Beto Espinoza, Associate  
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Awards, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade  
and Youth Group for 7th grade and older  
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**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
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www.faithcommunity-novi.org  
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holycrossnovi@gmail.com

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Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister  
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www.oakpointe.org

Highland

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248.887.1311 • www.myhumc.com  
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and special events: www.myhumc.com

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1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381  
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Children's Church: 9:40 am  
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248-684-2798  
Lo-0000193048 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

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Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
www.newhudonsumc.org

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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  
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**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  
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Troy Singleton, Minister  
Lo-0000179315

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
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Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m

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Sunday School @ 11 am  
Wednesday mid-week programs  
Rev. David Brown, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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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.fbcsouthlyon.org  
• Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbcglobal.net  
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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 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  
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Sunday School: 9:40 am  
Rev. Sondra Willobee, Lead Pastor  
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Lo-0000179460

**Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
59255 10 Mile Rd.  
South Lyon MI 48178  
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
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Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor  
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**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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248-486-0400  
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9:30 is Contemporary Service  
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WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
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Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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Sunday Worship:  
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
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11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
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Lo-0000165207 Pastor Andy Wallgren

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behind Powerhouse Gym)  
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Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher  
www.solidrocksouthlyon.com  
Lo-0000179451

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Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
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OUR VIEW

Play nice

Candidates should focus on issues, not personalities, in general election

The primary election is over and it's time for the winners to turn their attention to the Nov. 4 general election.

We hope they do so with more of a focus on issues and less on political bashing and gamesmanship.

Obfuscation is a mainstay of political campaigns and the primary season saw its share of such tactics. There was the use of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan's picture on a Wayne County executive campaign piece from Westland Mayor William Wild, a move that didn't bring the desired result but which political observers thought was a step too far.

While the piece indicated (in rather fine print) that it wasn't suggesting an endorsement by Duggan, it seemed out of place considering the new Detroit mayor had actually endorsed Wild's biggest competitor, former Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

There were the two lawsuits – both dismissed in Wayne County Circuit Court – claiming Evans didn't

qualify to be on the ballot in the first place after changing his residency the same day he filed for the election. The first was filed by former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who told the *Observer* he was supporting Republican Fred Bolden, but also posted positive comments about Wild's qualifications. The second was filed by Democrat Phil Cavanagh, a futile filing that also came late in the game.

There was also the claim – this one part-truth, part-obfuscation – that state Sen. Pat Colbeck voted in favor of the senior pension tax legislation. While the claim – made in the literature of Colbeck's rival in the state Senate 7th District Republican primary, Matthew Edwards – didn't point it out, Colbeck's favorable vote actually came in allowing the legislation out of committee. When it came up for a vote in the Senate, Colbeck voted against it. Edwards' literature made no mention of that.

And there was the bashing that went on in the Re-

publican primary for the U.S. House 11th District, where Dave Trott tried to spend incumbent Kerry Bentivolio into oblivion, focusing more on Bentivolio's shortcomings than on any plans or programs he himself would introduce.

There is plenty to debate in the general election, a lot of issues in Michigan to discuss. There are roads to be fixed, schools to be funded properly, jobs to be created. Those are far too important to allow the campaign to devolve into a negative round of character-bashing.

We believe voters want to talk about the issues, not the personalities. With the general election looming, we urge primary winners to focus on their own campaigns, on introducing their own solutions to the state's ills and on their own vision for Michigan's future.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Be safe, smart and prepared during summer activities

As we progress through the summer season, it is important to take a moment to talk about ways to stay safe in the heat. This summer continues to be a busy one for the Northville Township Fire Department, as we are on currently on pace to respond to a record number amount of emergency incidents in 2014.

What does your ideal summer day entail? Perhaps it would include a nice morning jog through one of our beautiful parks, or maybe it would be a scenic bike ride through the township. Of course what would summer be without cooling off in your favorite pool or lake? While running, swimming and bicycling are great ways to stay active in the summer months, it is critical that we do these activities with safety in mind.

Going for a morning run is an excellent way to start the day. Whether your favorite running route is along one of the many paths in the township or through your neighborhood, there are ways to increase your safety and well-being. The Road Runners Club of America suggests the following running safety tips:

- Don't wear headphones
- Run against traffic
- Carry identification and pertinent medical history on you at all times
- Carry a cell phone
- Run with a partner
- Always wear high-visibility/reflective garments

Whether you are an avid cyclist or you just enjoy a nice bike ride, it's vital that you observe some basic safety recommendations. Bicycles on the roadway are, by law, vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles. The next time you or your family go for a bike ride, please remember the following recommendations:

- Wear an approved bicycle helmet
- Always wear high-visibility/reflective garments
- Watch for and avoid road hazards
- Ride with traffic
- Don't wear headphones
- Avoid riding at night

As the temperatures have continued to increase, one of the best ways to beat the heat is to go for a swim. While pools and lakes usually offer a great way to stay cool on a hot day, it is important to follow a few simple rules in order to remain safe. Drowning continues to be the second-leading cause of death for children 1-14 years of age.

While there are may be many variables associated with a drowning, these events can most often be avoided by exercising a few safety tips:

- Don't swim alone
- Maintain proper supervision
- Learn CPR and first-aid
- Use approved safety devices
- Ensure your pool is properly fenced

The Northville Township Fire Department continues to look for new ways to improve the safety and welfare of those who live, work and play within our community. Enjoy the rest of the season and do your best to be summer safe.

Jesse Marcotte is the training officer coordinator for the Northville Township Fire Department, which continues to host monthly community first-aid and CPR classes. To learn more or sign up for one of the classes, contact him at 248-348-5807 or jmarcotte@twp.northville.mi.us.



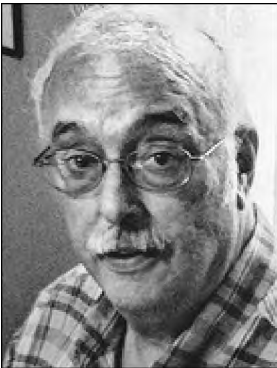
By Jesse Marcotte

GUEST COLUMNIST

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think America should send troops back into Iraq?

This question was asked at the Northville/Novi American Legion Lloyd H. Green, Post 147 and Northville VFW Hall.



"Yes, because we let the situation get out of hand. We should send different options to take some action. These terrorists are a threat to the United States."

Jim Anastasiow

Farmington Hills  
(Northville/Novi American Legion Lloyd H. Green, Post 147)



"The real question is, whether or not it will be worth it? I don't think we should have troops on the ground."

Paul Erickson

Novi (Northville/Novi American Legion Lloyd H. Green, Post 147)



"Anything by air, but no boots on the ground."

Dennis Strikulis

Novi (Northville/Novi American Legion Lloyd H. Green, Post 147)



"No, we need to keep our nose out of other people's problems and deal with our own."

Heather Hoski

Northville (Northville VFW)

LETTERS

Chef's series very informative

I just read the editorial "Farmers markets bring communities together" in the Aug. 7 edition of the *Northville Record* and noticed a small error: The Chefs at the Market Series takes place weekly at 10 a.m. rather than on the third Thursday of each month, as stated.

My husband and I started attending these this season and have found them to be quite informative and enjoyable. We now make it a point to visit the market each week and attend the chef's demo whenever we're in town.

Karen Hansz  
Northville

Memory loss?

I am not surprised that the property tax increase proposal on the Tuesday, Aug. 5, ballot was defeated. Proposed by the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency (RESA), it was supported by many local school districts who would have benefited from a substantial increase in revenues.

A small number of suburban school districts opposed the proposal because they would have realized a net loss of revenues. That and the fear of any property tax increase in an uncertain economy would have been enough for the proposal's defeat.

The opponents of the tax plan didn't want their property tax revenues transferred to other districts in a broad example of "sharing the wealth" or "narrowing the financial inequality" of K-12 districts.

I'm curious about the opponents' arguments. The RESA proposal is based on the state policy of providing property tax revenues throughout the county on a per pupil basis. That has been state policy for 20 years following the passage of Proposal A, a state constitutional amendment designed to reduce excessive school property tax rates (the primary goal) and to equalize the per pupil expenditures throughout the state (the

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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secondary goal).

Before Proposal A was adopted, the state's policy was a hybrid approach based on the relative property tax base behind each student in a district. Districts with a high per pupil property tax base would get less or nothing. The problem at the time was that districts with a broad commercial and industrial tax base would benefit from that economic policy. Some districts had up to \$10,000 per pupil to increase teachers' salaries and fringe benefits, buy computers, replace textbooks more frequently, as well as reduce the pupil-teacher ratio in classrooms.

Neighboring districts, with little or no industrial or commercial tax base, would have about half of the revenues, some as low as \$3,500 per pupil.

While that was the policy for nearly 30 years, many state policy makers felt that was unfair. After several years of debate, the legislature agreed to change the system, resulting in Proposal A reaching the ballot and being approved.

But what really happened is that all of the state's property tax revenues were collected locally, shipped to Lansing and then redistributed on (mostly) a per pupil basis so everyone would be treated equally. Federal prosecutors and regulators would call this money laundering. What the voters didn't anticipate was the governor and legislature in recent years cutting the per pupil allotment and then more recently restoring part of it.

What happened on election day last week was that the high-property tax districts didn't want to go along anymore with the share the wealth policy.

Maybe there needs to be another look at the 20-year-old money laundering scheme to see if there is a better way to finance public schools.

Leonard Poger  
Westland

Protect our rights

If the media reports about the National Security Agency's warrantless spying program are true, our Constitution and our Republic are in serious danger.

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution is non-negotiable. It protects Americans from being searched by the government without a warrant, and for good reason. Before independence, American colonists were subject to "general warrants" by the British government. The king's agents could search anyone whenever they felt like it, without suspicion of any wrongdoing.

The current NSA spying program is exactly the same. Government bureaucrats can spy on your phone calls, chats, internet searches and emails. That's un-American.

State Rep. Tom McMillin (R-45) has a solution. His bill — HB 5420 — would protect the Fourth Amendment rights of Michiganders by banning Michigan state agencies from complying with the NSA's warrantless spying program.

Rep. McMillin's bill is a common sense way to protect our inalienable rights. But HB 5420 is stuck in the House Judiciary Committee. Our representatives should pass this bill and uphold their oath to the Constitution.

Government bureaucrats have no right to spy on me or any other American without a warrant. I encourage all my fellow Michiganders to pressure their representatives to pass HB 5420. Our Constitution hangs in the balance.

Matthew Webb  
Westland



# Local author spent four years on fantasy novel

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

“In the beginning, the original creative spirit designs the Seamless Universe, bringing forth the firmament that becomes the garden – our planet, Earth. From the first human child’s laughter come the first faeries, and three distinct fey communities settle across the garden to protect humans from natural disasters produced by the forces of creation.”

This excerpt is from the new contemporary fantasy novel by Northville author and poet Kathleen Ripley Leo, which is a magical, fantasy adventure and tale of love.

Written primarily for young adult readers, *The Seamless Universe: Battle Lines are Drawn* features a cast of characters representing all ages and a message Leo hopes appeals to everyone.

“It’s an adventure story with good versus evil, but it’s also a love story that asks the question ‘can love keep things to-



Northville writer Kathleen Ripley Leo’s new book “The Seamless Universe” is a contemporary fantasy novel where the reader is transported to a world of fateful encounters between magical creatures, raptors and humans.

Leo recently had a book showing at this month’s First Friday Experience at Starring

together?” she said of her novel.

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The Gallery and Aug. 19 will have a reception and book signing at the Northville District Library.

Ripley Leo lives in Northville with her husband, Victor, who is a glass artist. She is a longtime contributor to the community arts and creativity scene. She is an award-winning author, a leader of workshops, conferences, and seminars on creative writing. She has written eight volumes of poetry and edited multiple anthologies, including one about Northville called *Town One South* – a book of poems that was commissioned by the Northville Arts Commission to celebrate Michigan’s sesquicentennial. She believes it epitomizes the blossoming of poetry at the grass roots level where real people live.

Leo has received two special tributes from the Michigan Legislature for her work as a creative writer in the schools, which was made possible through grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Michigan Council for the Arts. She is a member of the American Academy of Poets, Association of Writers and Writing Programs, and Detroit Working Writers, and is listed in the Poets and Writers directory.

This new novel comes after nearly four years of work in observation, researching and writing. Her initial question in creating it – “What would happen if there were these creatures and events going on around us?”

“I took a lot of inspiration from life and mythology,” she said. “I think it’s a great story and read for those who love adventure and fantasy.”

The book is available on Amazon, but the Northville Library event will be the best chance to meet the author and hear her talk about the book.

The reception is planned for 6:30-9 pm on Aug. 19 at the library, which is located at 212 W. Cady Street.

For more information, visit <http://www.northvillelibrary.org/NAC/krleo.php>.

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Music therapist Kelly Garland plays a drum with six-year-old Raef Huisinga, who is participating in this new summer special needs program at Ward Church.

## Summer stimulation

Parents create summer program for special-needs children

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A new summer program for local special-needs kids reaches out to them through music and art while giving them a chance for some fun and personal growth.

The program is led by local art therapist Kate Vannier and Northville music therapist Kelly Garland. They are working with eight students on various projects for the next month. Northville's Ward Church generously donated them space for the program as well as a scholarship to a needy family and volunteers so that each child who could have one on one help.

For the families involved, the program is really appreciated, especially when there isn't a ton to do over summer.

"It's important for us and the other families to have this program," said Northville parent Laurie Kondek, who has two sons with special needs. "There are limited op-



**Third-grader Ashlyn Watkins used colored ice cubes to make art. The ice cubes and colors really engage the senses of the special needs students.**

tions during the summer and we would like more, so this is great to have this come together."

The hope is for this to grow.

There are kids, ranging in ages 6-12 and with a variety of needs, coming from Northville, Westland, Novi and Plymouth. The Special Needs Department at Ward provided, screened and trained volunteers to serve as helpers.

"There is a lot of studies and data that supports music therapy and art therapy as valid therapy for kids with special needs, which helps them to grow as individuals and reach their goals," said Garland, who recently on a Friday had "animal day" with the kids.

They sang animal themed-songs that day and later made art with

colored ice cubes. The music paired with the art stimulates the different senses in the kids and gets them involved on a social level, both of which are important in getting the to grow.

It's a lot of hands-on activities, with the kids getting to experience different musical instruments and forms of art. Vision, hearing and interaction play a big part in a day.

"This gets them to really engage with their peers and their senses. Plus it's a lot of fun," Garland said.

For those interested in learning more about this program contact Laurie Kondek at lakondek1942@gmail.com.

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A group of Winchester Elementary School kids collected a bunch of needed food for Civic Concern this summer. They collected enough to fill three vehicles.

## Local kids join forces for Civic Concern food drive

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The "2014 Kid Food Drive" was a big success, producing many bags of food for Northville Civic Concern, who will distribute it to local families in need.

A group of Northville kids, mostly from Winchester Elementary School, spent part of the summer collecting the food so it can be given to families. It's a project that means a lot to the group.

"I got the idea for a food drive from the Cub Scouts. We want to try and help out year around," said soon to be fifth-grader Nick Detmer. "We want to help people that don't have

enough food."

This is the second year the group has collected three cars full of food. They collected from Northville Colony Estates neighborhood.

The other students conducting this year's drive were: Will Clauson, Andrew Creighton, Henry Darnell, Nick and Zach Detmer, Matt Encelewski, Nathan Kulp, Connor Neff, Luke Parriello, Jack and Joel Piasentin, and James Redwine.

They collected canned food, tuna and chicken as well as cereal, soup and fruit.

"They take this very seriously and work hard to get as much as they can," said Nick's mom Lisa. "We want to thank

everyone who participated and helped out."

Northville Civic Concern is an all-volunteer organization with a mission to help those in need by providing food. It services around 100 families in the city of Northville and Northville Township, as well as Focus Hope recipients.

The organization is funded primarily by the contributions of local residents. In addition to monetary contributions, Civic Concern accepts donations of canned goods, cereal, paper products, soap and cleaning items, and baby products.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 2, 2014 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will receive comments on the township's 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The CIP is required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008 and identifies multi-year capital improvements and projects for the purposes of long range planning for the township. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. The CIP will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township's website beginning September 5, 2013, at [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us). Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Vice Chair  
Planning Commission

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# Novi athletic teams moving into their ‘new digs’

## Synthetic turf replaces grass at Wildcat Stadium

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It's out with the old (grass) and in with the new (synthetic turf) for Novi High School.

Novi fall sports teams will be the first to reap the benefits of the state-of-the-art surface, an \$800,000-plus, three-month project which puts the Wildcats on the same playing field as their 23 sister schools in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

S&H Trucking & Excavating of Fort Gratiot was contracted by the district to do the earth moving and dig out the existing grass field for the project, which began May 1.

Installation of the new turf was done



Novi High's fall sports teams were able to practice on the school's new synthetic turf field beginning Aug. 4. NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

by Shaw Sports Turf of Calhoun, Ga. An added component features a special shock pad called PowerBase, developed by Brock International of Boulder, Colo.

The finishing touches were done the week of July 28 and the field was ready

for use Aug. 4.

The Novi Wildcat Stadium Field dedication is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, prior to the varsity football season opener against Brighton.

### Absorbing shock

"To me, it's like a glorified Styrofoam jigsaw puzzle," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said. "It's going to help us with our G-max rating, which is how the body reacts to the turf when it hits the ground. And anybody who has a turf field has to have their G-max measured each and every year."

The district paid an estimated additional \$80,000 to \$100,000 for the PowerBase, according to Gordon.

"It's a great product," he said. "Novi and Grosse Pointe South are the only two (high) schools in the state of Michigan that have it. It cost us some extra money, but certainly we were fortunate enough to have the means to put something like that down. And it was certainly something well worth it."

Growing concern and media atten-

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Following back surgery, Novi High grad Mitch Maier hopes to make it back to the majors. KANSAS CITY ROYALS

# Novi's Maier gets Royals' treatment

## Outfielder rehabs in Double-A after back surgery

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Call it a bit of déjà vu, because Mitch Maier has certainly been here before.

The 2000 Novi High grad and former No. 1 draft pick of the Kansas City Royals finds himself back in Double-A baseball after coming off back surgery in March. The outfielder is lodged in Springdale, Ark., trying to retool his talents with the Northwest Arkansas Naturals of the Texas League.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound, left-hand-

ed hitting Maier could be considered the Naturals' Roy Hobbs, the team's elder statesman, but he is no ordinary 32-year-old minor leaguer.

That's because from 2006-12, Maier logged 360 games and hit .248 in the major leagues, all with the Royals, before the organization designated him for assignment to Triple-A Omaha of the Pacific League in 2012.

He has come full circle to some extent, returning to the Royals' or-

ganization after an injury-riddled, abbreviated stint with Triple-A Pawtucket (Red Sox) in 2013 (hitting .310), followed by a cameo appearance with the Cubs during spring training of 2014 before being released.

**Royal memories**

"When I was in Double-A, I was with the Wichita Wranglers in 2006," Maier said. "It's pretty far removed from there, but it's good. I know a lot of people in this (Royals) organization top to bottom. They've been with me a

See MAIER, Page B3

# Ex-Illinois guard finds his mission with church

## Blackwell serves as Franklin Road's A.D.

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It's a mere coincidence that Novi Franklin Road Christian athletic director Glynn Blackwell's office is just a bounce pass away from the school's gymnasium.

In his eighth year as Franklin Road's A.D., the former 6-foot-4 University of Illinois guard oversees the school's K-12 competitive athletics program, while managing 11 different MHSAA sports programs at the high school, which is located off 13 Mile Road, just west of the M-5 connector.

The Highland Park native, who was fifth in Michigan's Mr. Basketball voting in 1983-84 as a senior, is also a licensed and ordained minister.

Franklin Road Christian, a Class D school and part of Brightmoor Christian Church with nearly 100 students, is far from the bright lights of the Big Ten, where Blackwell played from 1984-88. He started 96 games and scored 937 career points, 912 of those his final three years at Illinois.

The 48-year-old Blackwell, who spent time in the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics training camp before being released, went on to play professional basketball in six different countries, including Turkey, Greece, Mexico, the Philippines, Cyprus (twice) and Estonia.

**Ministry first**

"How do I balance it all? I balance it through the Lord," Blackwell said.



Blackwell

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Glynn Blackwell, former Highland Park High and University of Illinois standout guard, enters his eighth year as Novi Franklin Road Christian athletic director.

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# Mustangs' new home



Northville Hills Golf Club will be the new home course for the 2014-15 season for the Northville High girls and boys golf teams. Pictured are (from left) Diane Wilson, general manager of Northville Hills; resident pro Kevin Kress; Northville boys and girls coach Jeff Balagna; and Northville athletic director Bryan Masi. "We are very excited about the Northville High School girls and boys teams making Northville Hills Golf Club our new home," Masi said. "After years of playing at Tanglewood we are excited about moving to such an outstanding course and having our home course in Northville. The staff has been outstanding to work with and we look forward to a long lasting relationship with Northville Hills Golf Club."

# Summer Bash champs



The 11-and-under Northville Mustangs travel baseball team, coached by Jeff Harp, captured the End of Summer Bash tournament July 26-27 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Team members include: Jack Anderson, Christian Clark, Paul Finkbeiner, Adam Harp, Ryan Humphrey, Noah Girard, Chris Goebel, Kellen Gonda, Wes Guyot, Nick Mansfield, Nick Roehrig and Matthew Wehrum. Assistant coaches include Chris Girard, Paul Wehrum and Mark Anderson.

# MAIER

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long time while I was here. I got a lot of good relationships. It's been great. Obviously, Double-A is not my goal to get back and play here. My goal is get back obviously to the major leagues. Hopefully, having the surgery and getting healthy is obviously the stepping stone to help me get back."

Following the 2012 season, Maier elected to become a free agent and signed a minor league contract with Boston.

But after suffering a wrist injury and hurting his back while playing in only 31 games for Pawtucket, Maier was on the move again as he signed a contract to go to spring training 2014 with the Cubs.

"I did it late in the season (2013), around the first of August," Maier said of his back injury. "I think it was kind of correlated with having an oblique injury and some other injuries on the left side there. I think it all kind of correlated to where my back gave out. I went through epidurals, went through rehab the entire fall and winter to where I was trying to get it right, then I was ultimately able to play.

"But I exhausted my other avenues. If I wanted to play, I needed to get it done."

## Under the knife

On March 14 in Phoenix, Maier underwent a micro-discectomy, a minimally invasive spine surgery to relieve pressure and pain caused by a herniated disc.

"After I had surgery, the Cubs released me because they knew I'd be out pretty much



Novi High grad Mitch Maier spent six seasons in Kansas City. He's currently with the Double-A Northwest Arkansas Naturals. USA TODAY

the entire summer," he said. "So I was a free agent, I went home and was pretty much restricted the first six to eight weeks – couldn't bend over, couldn't pick anything up. I stayed in Michigan during that time period and that's when I got signed by Kansas City."

Maier says he can certainly relate to back woes of Tiger Woods.

"It was the exact same surgery and right about the same exact time," Maier said. "And Andy Dirks with Detroit had the exact same thing in spring training right about the same time as I did. It's tricky. It's kind of one of those things you've got to battle through. (Woods) came back more quickly than I did. He's had some issues since he's been back, but fortunately I haven't had those issues of having any

setbacks.

"They just said it takes a little bit of time to heal, but it's still a back surgery. You've got to let all the tissues repair, because they had to cut through and make sure they got it right."

And so far, so good for Maier.

## Nice recovery

"I'm fully recovered, it's just now a matter of going through the rehab progression, where I'll play a couple of days and take a day or two off," said Maier, who has appeared in 12 games for the Naturals, hitting .282 while clubbing his first homer in a 9-8 win Aug. 6 over Corpus Christi. "When I first started, it was limited innings. I played five innings, then seven ... each day not only get my body back into baseball

# BLACKWELL

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"I've had opportunities to expand or go to bigger situations and the Lord has really kept me in place. When I was on the plane ride back (from) playing in the Philippines, that's where I had my experience with God. And he said develop the ultimate athlete for Christ. And so that's part of my ministry. That's what keeps me where I am today. I don't look at this as a job. This is a ministry. I love working for the Kingdom of God. Until He says, 'OK, well done, now it's time to expand and go elsewhere,' (then) I'll try some other things."

Blackwell earned his B.A. degree from Illinois in program management, specializing in athletics and recreation. From 1992-95, he served as a mayoral appointee as deputy director of parks and recreation in the city of Highland Park before returning to play professionally again for three years.

From 2002-07, Blackwell was the assistant A.D. at Faith Christian Academy in Southfield before going to Franklin Road Christian, where he has found a home.

"I really enjoy what I'm doing," Blackwell said. "This is family. I couldn't ask for better people here. With Pastor Jamie (Kjos) of Brightmoor, the church has grown since he's been here. He was here two years before me and he has done tremendous things for the church and the school. That's one great thing. His heartbeat is not only the church, but also the school. That's what is going to help us grow."

## Family ties

Blackwell and his wife Jillian have three sons – Mackenzy, Johnathan and Robert Gabriel – who are also part of the church and school's landscape.

"The people here have been a blessing to my wife and family," Blackwell said. "We have new leadership. Pastor Tim Gambino, who started the school, has just retired. And now we have a new superintendent, Dan Robinson, who is a former athlete and coach, so he understands the importance of athletics. He understands the importance of Christian education, but he understands sports, so I'm excited."

Franklin Road is one of 16 members in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, which includes small faith-based and private schools.

Nicknamed the Warriors, Franklin Road enjoyed some athletic success during the 2013-14 MHSAA season as both the girls basketball and baseball teams earned a district title.

"Our goal is to always get better," Blackwell said. "Always to improve, always to reassess what we did last year and how we're going to get to the next level this year. Our biggest challenge is that we don't have the big numbers of the Country Days or the other

big schools, so we have to what I call 'have a method to our madness.' How to do inspire, how to we motivate, how do we retain, how do we do those things to keep our kids motivated and striving to the next level?"

"One of our other goals is how do we develop our feeder program? How do we develop our elementary and middle school programs to feed into our high school?"

## Sports offered

Among the boys programs Franklin Road offers are soccer and cross country (fall); basketball (winter); and golf, baseball and track and field (spring). Girls sports include volleyball and cross country (fall); basketball and cheerleading (winter); and softball and track (spring).

"We're pretty set right now," Blackwell said. "Since I've been here, we've added track and a co-op football program (with Southfield Christian). And we've tried to do a girls soccer program, but we don't have the numbers. So you don't want to tear one program up to try to show that we have all these different sports."

Although Blackwell is always looking toward the future, he fondly remembers his high school and college basketball playing days. His former Highland Park teammate Renardo Brown, who went on to play at West Virginia, is Franklin Road's varsity boys basketball coach.

When he was a highly touted recruit coming out of Highland Park, Blackwell also considered West Virginia and Michigan before going to Illinois to play for coach Lou Henson.

## College career

During Blackwell's four seasons, Illinois went to four straight NCAA tournaments. He played alongside some of the Fighting Illini's 1980s greats, including Nick Anderson, Kendall Gill, Stephen Bardo, Kenny Battle, Bruce Douglas, Lowell Hamilton and Marcus Liberty.

And when Blackwell came home each summer, he claimed some bragging rights after going a combined 10-6 against Michigan and Michigan State. During his final two years, when he averaged 12.1 points and 9.9 points per game, respectively, as a starter, Illinois went 7-1 against the Wolverines and Spartans.

"My junior year, we started off the Big Ten season playing Michigan and Michigan State," Blackwell said. "Against Michigan, I had 28 points; against State, I think I had 25. I was leading the Big Ten in scoring. Believe that. Steve Alford (Indiana), Ken Norman, Doug Altenberger (Illinois), Doug Lee (Purdue) ... all these great names and I was leading the Big Ten in scoring at that time. That was really a highlight of my career."

And for Blackwell, basketball is never far away from the office.

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playing shape, but almost like a spring training."

After Maier graduated from Novi in 2000, he attended the University of Toledo and finished his three-year career with school career records for average (.414), hits (238), doubles (42), RBIs (147) and total bases (370). In 2003, his junior season with the Rockets, Maier hit .448, second in the nation.

After being the 30th pick overall (first round) of the 2003 Amateur Draft, Maier started out as a catcher, but adapted quickly to the outfield and made a rapid ascent through the the Royals' minor league system.

On Sept. 23, 2006, Maier made his major league debut with Kansas City after just two years in the minors. In 2009, Maier appeared in a career-high 127 games, hitting .243. In 2010, he batted .263 in 117 games.

## Reinventing himself

For now, Maier's only goal is to get back into baseball shape with the Travelers, nothing else.

"I basically started physical therapy here and started rehabbing my back," he said. "While I was doing that, I was kind of serving as a player-coach. They gave me the rehab facilities to do that and basically, in turn, helping young guys here and kind of teaching them things that I experienced along the way – help them out wherever I possibly could while I was rehabbing."

Maier might consider coaching once his playing career ends.

"This gave me a perspective on what it's like," he said. "I had a decent idea, but I'll cross that bridge when I get to it. It's

something I'll entertain. I'm not sure what I'm going to do yet. Fortunately, I'm not there yet and not prepared to stop. The coaching stuff is something I'll look at the professional level or collegiately. But somehow, for sure, I'd like to stay in the game."

The clock, however, is clicking as Maier tries to make up for lost time.

## The off-season

"I might eventually try and play winter ball, either Venezuela or Mexico, just to try and catch up on some on my at-bats because I was injured a lot in 2013 and this year," he said. "I've fallen behind, so maybe go down there in October and get a 100 or so at-bats."

Maier resides in South Lyon in between baseball seasons with his wife Karrie, along with their two young children.

"My daughter was in preschool, but they've been out here with me from the first of July," Maier said. "When we go on the road, they stay here. It's definitely tough to travel for the kids, to travel with my wife. It's been a long year with not being able to see them, not being able to play.

"It will be good when the off-season comes, kind of relax and see them full time. It's tough on the kids. My daughter is 4 and she understands, but my 2-year-old (son) doesn't fully understand when I leave. They don't see me for weeks, so it's tough. But that's kind of part of the business. There's a lot of guys in the game that go through this, but we're not going to play forever. We'll get plenty of family time when we're done."

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# Ultimate Dodgeball gains popularity

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

How that good ol' school-yard staple called dodgeball has evolved — something worth rejoicing for new, prime-time players like Livonia's Simeon Kraft.

It used to be a game of dead-eye accuracy, where bigger kids slammed younger ones who couldn't react when a round, rubber sphere started zering in toward their heads.

In the 21st century, however, there is a version called Ultimate Dodgeball, where Kraft and other young athletes weaned on the X Games play inside a bowl-shaped trampoline — jumping, throwing and strategizing to their hearts' content while trying to remain the last one standing.

These days, they can't wait to go to battle.

Consider Kraft's team of twentysomethings called Free Headshots, who are glad to be part of the recreational sport's latest incarnation.

The team, featuring a number of members from *Observer*-area communities, won the Ultimate Dodgeball Challenge on June 29 at Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Canton. Due to financial reasons, however, the team will not compete Aug. 8-10 in Las Vegas, Nev., against Sky Zone qualifiers from around the country.

### Frenetic fun

"I think the sport in general appeals to us, because everyone on our team is athletic," said Kraft, 22. "We all play soccer, football, volleyball. But dodgeball as a sport appeals to us because it's very strategic and requires group synchronization.

"At the same time, it's very fast-paced. So it's a very rare combination that you got a game that's played at this speed, but with this much active strategy put into it. It's different than the dodgeball you play when you're in middle school, where you just throw balls and try not to get hit."

Based on the fact Free Headshots came away with hardware following the June 29 state tourney final (a victory over a team called Our Ball, Your Face), Kraft and his teammates were successful enough in that regard.

One of his teammates, 24-year-old Will Miller of Riverview, said it was quite a thrill to win last month's tournament. Free Headshots prevailed in a round-robin format, besting the 12-team field.

"I think it was pretty fantastic to win it," said Miller, who possesses a strong arm and the penchant for picking off opponents. "We won it two years ago and we got to go to (Los Angeles). But this year we're not able to go because of team funding."

Team captain Mat Jones, a 22-year-old from Farmington, said Free Headshots was guaranteed prize money for the 2012 regionals in California, regardless where the team finished in the competition. When no such guarantee was available this time around, the decision was made to skip the Las Vegas event.

"Last year they changed it and now you only are guaranteed money if you make the top eight out of 40 or 50," said Jones, a Farmington High



Celebrating after winning the Ultimate Dodgeball Challenge June 29 in Canton are Free Headshots players (standing, from left) Jordan Hemingway, Jesse Jones, Mat Jones, Will Miller, Drew Jones, Matt Clunis, Billy Werthman and Simeon Kraft. Kneeling is Jon Long.

School alum. "And since all of us but one or two are in high school or college, we can't really afford to make the trip out to Las Vegas on such short notice without being guaranteed prize money back."

Money matters aside, Miller said Ultimate Dodgeball is "a combination of two great things. It's dodgeball and you got trampoline, so everybody loves both of those. It just makes sense."

### Sticking together

Just how team members came up with Free Headshots for a nickname was something that — pardon the expression — kind of smacked them in the face.

"We went to a tournament where you weren't allowed to hit people in the head," Miller said. "Like, they wouldn't be out, *you'd* be out. So we took the name Headshots Only."

"And then the next tournament we were Free Headshots, not sure exactly why. We're a pretty silly team, though."

Jones said many team members started playing the original version of dodgeball during youth group at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville when they were in middle school.

One tournament led to another and eventually took them to Sky Zone. They quickly adapted from gym floor to trampoline.

"Moving on into high school, we started hearing about a couple tournaments. We threw a team together for the Detroit Cup Tournament that comes around every March," Jones said. "And we kind of stuck as a team since then."

"As the years go by, we've been playing more and more tournaments. We've been to Canada several times, Chicago several times."

Other members of the state champions include Farmington's Jesse Jones, Drew Jones and Matt Clunis and Livonia's Jon Long, Phil Maessen, Ben Kraft, Ben Sweetman and Billy Werthman. Ferndale's Jordan Hemingway is assistant captain.

### New-school buzz

Canton Sky Zone manager Darian Luttrell said the facility, located in an industrial park at 42550 Executive Drive (near Michigan and Lilley

roads), opened in 2012 and is becoming extremely popular with the younger set.

"I like that it's fun, it's a workout," said Luttrell, a 2011 graduate of Southfield-Lathrup who now attends Eastern Michigan University. "That's why a lot of people come here. It's just different elements, it's not the natural, traditional dodgeball — it provides that new-school element to it."

Other Sky Zones in Michigan are located in Grand Rapids and Shelby Township. At all three facilities, Luttrell stressed, people of all ages and both genders participate.

By and large, the essence of dodgeball remains unchanged from yesteryear.

There are five balls in circulation to start the action (two per team and one placed in the center of the court) and, once the whistle blows, anything goes.

Players keep firing balls (sometimes at a velocity of upwards of 70 mph) trying to nail opponents and force them to the sidelines. If a throw is caught by a player on the other side, the one who launched it takes a seat.

Adding insult to injury, the player who made that catch can wave a teammate back into the fray from the bench to gain an edge in the numbers game.

As always, the team with the last player standing wins.

"Each team starts out with five people and it's just like regular dodgeball," Luttrell said. "As soon as you get hit with the ball, you're out."

### Wild and crazy

Thanks to how players can soar high into the air and come at each other from crazy angles, players need to simultaneously be proficient in physical and mental gymnastics.

For Kraft and Miller, that challenging combo is what really makes Ultimate Dodgeball such a rush.

"I'm jumping higher than I could normally jump," Kraft said. "But also the structure of the arenas (there are 26 Sky Zone parks in North America) have the trampolines along the walls that angle; (it) definitely adds another dimension to the game. I just enjoy it."

According to Kraft, being able to react under pressure is integral to success, not to mention reading how a game is

progressing.

"It's very fast-paced and so ... it's just doing the math," Kraft said. "I know I've got a ball and my teammate has one and I think there's one behind me, so that I'm only looking for two on the other side."

"And that influences my decision on who to throw at or if I should be throwing at all."

Another strategy is feeding balls to teammates in better position to attack.

"I would get a ball and, let's say I kind of hyperextended my elbow and I'm not sure I'm going to get a good throw off," Kraft said. "It's better to feed it to one of my teammates who still has a strong arm. That's a legitimate strategy."

"And some of the more basic strategies that really pay off are just ball control, making sure you don't give them all away and controlling the pace of the game."

### In position

Defensive positioning can't be ignored, either.

"It's one thing to just stand there and let them throw at you," Kraft said. "But it's another to have someone, if your team's only got like one ball and they've got three, to have people positioned so that as soon as the other team is throwing at you, you're in a position to counter-attack."

"And so, it's little things like that, really tend to pay off."

Miller added that players on Free Headshots have great team chemistry and communication skills that often mean the difference between winning and losing.

"We don't necessarily have plays, but if we have more of the balls than them then we try to throw two at once," Miller said. "Or if we only have one more than them then we only throw one, just simple stuff."

"And covering people, trying to tip balls up so that you can try to catch them instead of getting hit."

So to that end, the basics of dodgeball haven't changed from generation to generation.

Still, Sky Zone's trampolines are helping to launch the current version of the sport higher than it's ever gone.

You might say it's becoming the ultimate.

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# Numbers continue to plunge at MHSAA

Drop in enrollment affects participation

Participation in high school sports in which post-season tournaments are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association decreased slightly for the third straight school year in 2013-14, following a continuing trend of declining member school enrollments.

However, nine MHSAA sports saw increases in participation from 2012-13, and four sports set records for the second straight school year.

A total of 288,230 participants took part in the 28 tournament sports offered by the MHSAA during the past year — a 1.9-percent decrease from the 2012-13 figure of 293,810.

Enrollments at member schools also decreased 0.7 percent from 2012-13 and have fallen 10 percent since the 2006-07 school year.

But MHSAA participation has fallen only 7.9 percent during that time. This year's dip was slightly larger than the 1.2-percent decrease from 2011-12 to 2012-13.

Boys participation fell 1.7 percent from 2012-13 to 2013-14, and girls participation fell 2.2 percent. The overall MHSAA totals count students once for each sport in which they participate, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

For the second straight year, boys and girls lacrosse (5,089 and 2,540, respectively) and boys and girls cross country (8,882 and 8,703) set participation records.

Both lacrosse totals have increased annually during their 10 years as MHSAA tournament sports. The girls saw an increase of 1.6 percent from 2012-13.

Participation in boys and girls cross country increased for the fifth straight seasons — the girls by 3.9 percent.

Three girls sports rebounded from recent declines. Girls swimming and diving (6,604) broke a two-year downturn with its highest total since 2010-11.

Girls golf (3,427) increased by 2.8 percent and girls soccer (13,619) increased one percent after also falling from 2011-12 to 2012-13.

Girls track and field (17,259) posted its second straight increase and highest participation total since 2009-10.

However, troubling trends continued in two of the most popular girls sports. Girls basketball participation fell for the eighth straight season to 16,329 participants, the sport's fewest since records first were kept in 1991-92.

The girls basketball total has decreased 14.7 percent since a U.S. District Court decision led to the switching of girls basketball season from fall to winter beginning in 2007-08.

Comparatively, girls enrollment at MHSAA schools during that time has fallen 10.4 percent.

The sport that swapped seasons with girls basketball and moved to fall, volleyball, saw a 6.5-percent drop in participation to 18,607 athletes, its fewest since 1993-94 and a decrease of 13.6 percent since its final season as a winter sport.

A total of nine sports saw increases in participation in 2013-14 (three boys, six girls), while 19 had decreases (11 boys, eight girls).

The participation figures are gathered annually from MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling of its national participation survey.

Results of Michigan surveys from the 2000-01 school year to present may be viewed on the MHSAA website (mhsaa.com) by clicking on Schools, Administrators, Sports Participation Listing.

# Whalers alumni giving to 'Miracle on Ice'

The Plymouth Whalers have plans to make their 25th season in the Ontario Hockey League a special year worth remembering.

The Whalers start the new season with an event that will prompt more smiles than goals by hosting its fourth Alumni Game, 4 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena.

Billed "Whalers Alumni Give a Miracle on Ice," proceeds of the game (in the form of a \$10 donation) will go to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

Tickets for the game can be purchased online at [www.plymouthwhalers.com](http://www.plymouthwhalers.com) or at the Compuware Arena box office. Please call the box office at 734-453-8400.

Adding to the event is radio station WDVD-FM (96.3) and morning host Blaine Fowler, who are long-time supporters of the Plymouth Whalers and events at Compuware Arena.

Community Choice Credit Union is also lending support to the event.

Players from all eras of the Whalers' 25-year history are expected to play, including



Plymouth Whalers alums (from left) Ryan Hayes, Chris Terry and Tyler Seguin enjoy a fun moment during the 2012 Alumni Game. This year's game is 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

former Detroit Red Wings player David Legwand, Alex Alesardi, Robbie Czarnik, Jamie Devane, John Vigilante, Damian Surma, Chris Terry, Mitchell Heard and Matt Hackett, among many others.

The list of alumni coming back to Plymouth for the Alumni Game grows each week.

For the \$10 donation, Whalers Alumni will participate in

meet-and-greet autograph session with fans 2-3:30 p.m. before the puck drops. Fans can have two items signed.

### Another win-win

"Not only is the Alumni Game a fun event for our fans and everyone else, but we've also helped out great causes over the years," Whalers marketing director Denise Roynayne said. "Two years ago, the

alumni donated their time and effort toward Gleaners Community Food Bank in a Hunger Free Summer Campaign. In 2010, we helped raise awareness toward autism."

"Supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals at Beaumont Children's Hospital this year is a win-win for everyone. Blaine and Allyson and our friends at 96.3 WDVD add to the excitement and help make this event memorable."

Beaumont Children's Hospital pediatrician-in-chief Dr. Brian Berman said the hospital is "so grateful to the Plymouth Whalers and 96.3 WDVD for their generous support. ... The funds they raise are instrumental in helping to provide comfort and compassionate care to the many children and families that we serve."

Fowler of the radio team stressed that the event is a way to unite "two of our favorite teams: the Children's Miracle Network Team and the Plymouth Whalers. All of us at 96.3 have big love for both of these amazing partners and are excited to make this event a can't miss for our community."





This American craftsman house is an appealing design. The National Association of Realtors is putting an emphasis on ownership through a new advertising and public relations effort. GETTY IMAGES | ISTOCKPHOTO

# Advertising/PR campaign puts focus on value of Realtors for home buyers

As a new generation of home buyers enters into recovering real estate markets across the country, the National Association of Realtors announced July 14 the launch of a major national advertising campaign in conjunction with realtor.com, as well as a comprehensive public relations effort, “Real Insight,” which together will showcase the value of the local knowledge and accurate data available to consumers through Realtors and realtor.com.

NAR’s latest campaign, “Real People,” is part of a \$35 million annual advertising effort that targets home buyers and sellers, ages 25-54; the ads are currently broadcasting across TV, digital, radio and mobile channels. Realtor.com is concurrently running a multimillion dollar advertising campaign, “Accuracy Matters,” emphasizing that realtor.com provides accurate, up-to-date and comprehensive real estate listings and content available online.

“Together Realtors and realtor.com deliver the real insights and know-how to make home happen for home buyers and sellers all across the country,” said Steve Brown, NAR

president and co-owner of Irongate, Inc., Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. “This effort is critically important for our industry as we unite under a common goal of providing the most accurate market data available online along with the deep local knowledge and Realtor expertise that buyers and sellers need to make their real estate dreams a reality.”

“Accuracy is critically important for serious buyers and sellers, but the Accuracy Matters awareness campaign is about more than just listings data – it’s about sound professional advice as well, from Realtors with unparalleled local insights,” said Steve Berkowitz, chief executive officer for Move, Inc., the operator of realtor.com. “This commitment leverages both campaigns to help consumers understand the combined advantage of using realtor.com while working with a Realtor.”

In addition to the national advertising campaign, NAR will be hosting a series of live and online “Conversations with Real Insight” in coming months that provide attendees – from consumers and busi-

nesses to real estate service providers and industry leaders – with up-to-the-minute understanding of today’s real estate market trends.

“Some have suggested that new technologies should make buying a home more like buying an airline ticket or a stock certificate, but they’re missing the point. You don’t live your life in a stock share, raise your kids in seat 7B, or build your future online,” said Brown. “Real estate transactions are the most significant personal and financial engagement most Americans ever make. In today’s competitive and complex environment, Realtors combine technology with the real-life insight and market knowledge that buyers and sellers need to succeed.”

To learn more about the campaign, visit [realtor.org/consumer-advertising-campaign](http://realtor.org/consumer-advertising-campaign).

The National Association of Realtors, “The Voice for Real Estate,” is America’s largest trade association, representing one million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

## Independent legal counsel vital to condo operations

**Q: I am on the board of a condo and have found out that our management company has used the same attorney in every one of its projects that it recommended to us. When I asked the management company why that was the case, the management company said it was just coincidental and that they do “good work.” Is that a problem for our association?**

A: Congratulations. You have stumbled across a frequent phenomenon in Michigan condominium governance where the management company is figuratively in bed with the law firm that they continuously recommend because, among other things, that law firm will agree not to pursue the management company for any malfeasance and/or has otherwise represented the management company or done “favors for it.” This unholy alliance is something that should be avoided and any management company that continues to send the business of the association to one law firm is waiting, literally, for the cookie to crumble when that affiliation is exposed and any impropriety is established. You are best off retaining a new management company and a new law firm.

**Q: I am buying a new condominium from a national developer, and received a Disclosure Statement that said there were no lawsuits pending against the Developer of this project. The name of the project is different from the name of the national developer. Should I be looking for more?**

A: You certainly should. The Condominium Act only requires the Developer of that particular project to disclose any litigation with that particular project. You should inquire as to whether the parent of your Developer, i.e., the national company, if that be the case, has been sued at any other condominium projects locally and, perhaps, nationally if the same style unit is being sold elsewhere. Many times we find that Developers are sued and, as part of a settlement, demand confidentiality clauses so no one knows what the terms of the settlement are except the parties, and no prospective purchaser will really find out the details. I have seen many situations where Developers have covered up their defects which they knew about in other projects from ones they are currently developing and/or selling at the time. Get a good condominium lawyer who knows the history of Developers in this area.

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

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

### Investors

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

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

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Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 31 to April 4, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### BEVERLY HILLS

18051 Dunblaine Ave \$265,000  
32255 Eastlady Dr \$550,000  
17869 Kinross Ave \$255,000

### BIRMINGHAM

1275 Davis Ave \$370,000  
1725 E 14 Mile Rd Unit D \$70,000  
1650 E Melton Rd \$173,000  
1141 Golf View Blvd \$381,000  
2011 Hazel St \$565,000  
963 Puritan Ave \$775,000  
1252 Smith Ave \$550,000  
327 Southfield Rd Unit 14 \$134,000  
600 W Frank St \$1,287,000  
1912 Washington Blvd \$230,000

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

434 Fox Hills Dr N # A-3 \$279,000  
2441 Hickory Glen Dr \$420,000  
40760 Woodward Ave Unit 45 \$167,000

### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2037 Bootmaker Ln \$285,000  
1939 Cedar Hill Dr \$425,000  
4304 Covered Bridge Rd \$285,000  
5210 Echo Rd \$410,000  
560 Fox Pointe Ct \$572,000  
1686 Hoyt Tower Dr \$345,000  
2830 Lamplighter Ln \$418,000  
2170 Lancaster Rd \$235,000  
1420 Manderford Rd \$330,000  
6780 Oakhills Dr \$375,000  
4364 Pine Tree Trl \$395,000

7336 Saint Auburn Dr \$311,000

### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

8784 Alsup Ave \$335,000  
5641 Antlers Ct \$75,000  
753 Bingham Ct \$310,000  
2276 Calibouge \$75,000  
5139 Carinas Way Ct \$351,000  
3259 Mandrake St \$180,000  
2437 Solace Dr \$65,000  
1887 Sparling \$237,000

### FARMINGTON

31616 Folkstone Dr \$121,000  
22886 Frederick Ave \$128,000  
33791 Hamlin Ct \$200,000  
22779 Lilac St \$135,000  
34155 Schulte Dr \$218,000  
33346 Shiawassee Rd \$267,000

### FARMINGTON HILLS

23875 Glencreek Dr \$115,000  
30768 Huntsman Dr E \$223,000  
28811 Kendallwood Dr \$234,000  
29439 Laurel Dr \$119,000  
25585 Lynncastle St \$205,000  
23106 Montclair St \$80,000  
29496 Moran St \$206,000  
21940 River Pines Dr \$197,000  
28416 Shiloh Ct \$245,000  
29433 Sylvan Ln \$165,000  
31935 W 14 Mile Rd # 227 \$133,000  
29232 Wellington St \$190,000

### FRANKLIN

26570 Drummond Ct \$2,100,000  
26285 W 14 Mile Rd \$265,000  
LATHRUP VILLAGE  
27230 Bloomfield Dr \$165,000  
MILFORD  
3265 Granda Vista Dr \$258,000  
1750 S Hickory Ridge Trl \$272,000

3886 W Commerce Rd \$238,000

### NORTHVILLE

21520 Chubb Rd \$219,000  
974 Coldspring Dr \$651,000  
22248 Innsbrook Dr \$310,000

### NOVI

22694 Bertram Dr \$355,000  
25036 Buckminster Dr \$288,000  
45866 Cider Mill Rd \$283,000  
25501 Hillsdale Dr \$645,000  
44879 Lindbergh \$365,000  
51182 Mayfair Ter \$312,000  
41703 Mitchell Rd \$180,000  
24524 Olde Orchard St \$110,000  
22814 Talford St \$78,000  
22909 Woolsey \$73,000

### SOUTH LYON

518 N Reese St \$148,000  
17708 Addison St \$74,000

### SOUTHFIELD

12770 Alta Vista Dr \$161,000  
29330 Bermuda Ln \$148,000  
19870 Butternut Ln \$162,000  
29466 Candlewood Ln \$96,000  
15872 Harden Cir \$87,000  
15801 Providence Dr # 01e \$93,000  
29656 Rock Creek Dr \$85,000  
21700 Virginia St \$168,000  
29161 Wellington Rd E # 42 \$72,000

### WHITE LAKE

8085 Bennington Blvd \$300,000  
742 E Oxhill Dr \$160,000  
863 Golden Dr \$233,000  
10953 Hillway St \$125,000  
8200 Nathan Oscar Dr \$169,000  
10300 Northridge Ct \$245,000  
469 Rosario Ln \$258,000  
1233 Round Lake Rd \$115,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 21-25, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

### CANTON

2467 Amber Dr \$195,000  
43555 Fleetwood Ct \$167,000  
41484 Glade Rd \$175,000  
46703 Inverness Rd \$385,000  
6544 Kings Mill Dr \$352,000  
42471 Lilley Pointe Dr \$79,000  
42306 Oakland Dr \$250,000  
42246 Saratoga Cir \$162,000  
44180 Sheridan St \$236,000

### GARDEN CITY

596 Brandt St \$65,000  
33701 Kathryn St \$84,000  
31568 Marquette St \$130,000  
29483 Meadow Ln \$82,000  
918 Middlebelt Rd \$28,000

### LIVONIA

14404 Fairway St \$155,000  
9870 Harrison St \$130,000  
32836 Hees St \$105,000  
29408 Lori St \$85,000  
17113 Louise St \$211,000  
37772 Mallory Dr \$284,000  
11260 Oxbow St \$135,000  
18579 Sunset St \$90,000  
27901 Whitcomb St \$229,000

### NORTHVILLE

601 Ashley Ct \$457,000

16865 Horseshoe Dr \$550,000

15938 Morningside \$158,000

### PLYMOUTH

44436 Charnwood Dr \$360,000  
11696 Morgan Ave \$160,000

### REDFORD

24255 Puritan \$34,000

### WAYNE

3048 Rivers Edge Dr \$95,000  
3630 Swanson St \$25,000

32572 Woodbrook Dr \$130,000

### WESTLAND

32651 Birchwood St \$70,000  
36620 Deerpark S \$115,000  
36815 Dover Dr \$150,000  
7645 Louise Ct \$80,000  
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- Ad asper
- Corp. that aids start-ups
- Cat salons
- Hill event
- 2007 horror film sequel
- Abbr. ending a math proof
- Surgical clearing pad
- Near
- Web site ID
- Urgent, e.g.
- Meditate over
- Grocery co.
- Onassis
- Track official
- Prized seat
- 36 Bird feed bit
- Two storage building
- There's no s gh.
- Land in le Pacific
- Person from Medici, say

DOWN

- Evolves, say
- Jazz singer
- Holiday
- Changed into
- Paid the penalty (for)
- Glimpse
- Ex-Ole Ripken
- Artista
- Trial subject
- John Quincy
- Chastising person
- Climb up
- La, swift, slender dog
- One of 10 that go down in a strike
- Five-time Pro Bowl wide receiver
- Vindicating
- Like some diamonds and jewels
- Catcher
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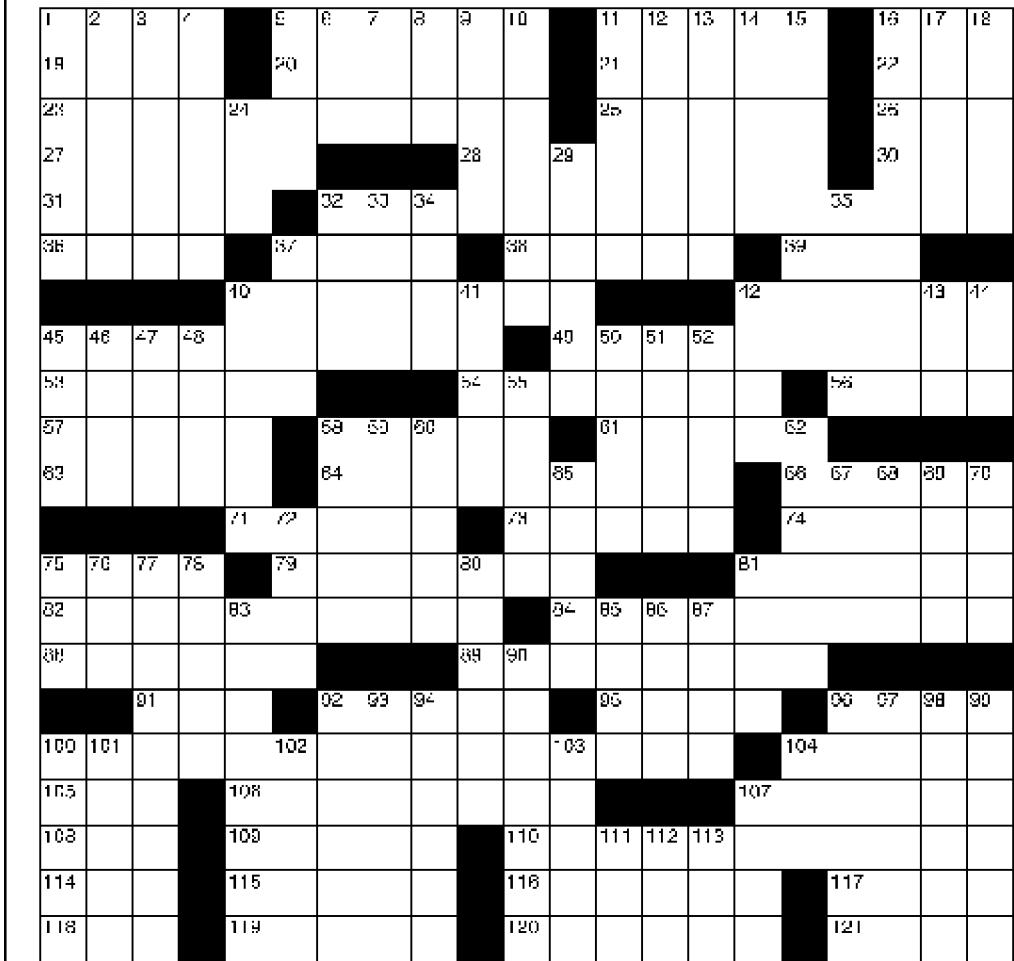
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- Actor
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- Locally docile
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- Belinda
- Regal home
- She-pig
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- Severe pang
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- Student's hands-on workplace
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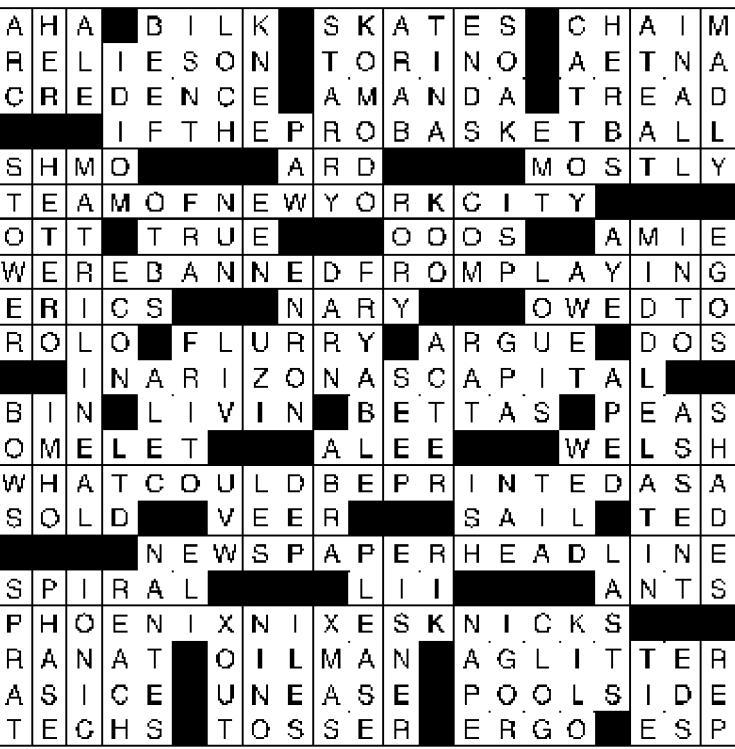
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- Kind of flour
- Treasured
- "Brute"
- Standard
- High-haler
- Stuff in guns
- Ill-behave
- Actress Alicia

ACROSS

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- Prop's place
- Proccury
- Harold of "Ishar"
- Unsolved crime
- With 85-Down, rum ricktail
- Grads' dance
- Free arm
- Bond
- Jetson boy and others
- Mexico's Calde on
- Actress Ella
- See 85-Down
- Gifted talker
- Approach and nonfront
- City of ancient Egypt
- Plus item
- P1 of po en
- Caravel mals
- Disruptal
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You know what these blunders are. We've told you several times. Yet you (and hundreds of other job seekers) continue to make common job search mistakes.

From those who see your mistakes over and over, here are 16 common job search mistakes to avoid, *and some of them may surprise you.*

**1. Keep your options open**

"Candidates tend to think that if they interview for a job they will get an offer, so they do not apply and interview for multiple positions," says Joanie Spain, director of public relations and career services, School of Advertising Art, a graphic design college. "They wait until one plays out completely, putting their job search on hold until knowing for sure they didn't get the offer."

"By having many more irons in the fire, you diversify the risk and disappointment that is inevitable when any single opportunity disappears," adds Roy Cohen, author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide: Success Secrets of a Career Coach."

"You also present yourself as a more passionate and energetic candidate. You're in the 'zone' a point where you're in the flow of information and ideas, and that makes you more valuable."

**2. You turn up your nose at job descriptions**

"Entry-level candidates are reluctant to apply for a position unless the job sounds like their 'dream job' or they have all qualifications listed," Spain says. "Rather than going on an interview to get more information, they base decisions about applying on the job description alone. They fail to see that all interview experience is good experience, or that, until

there is an offer on the table, there is no decision to make."

**3. Perfect a thank-you note**

"Don't be too verbose with a thank-you note after an interview. Sending out a version of "War and Peace" can come across as desperate and needy for a job. However, sending a one or two sentence thank-you note comes across as flippant, not well thought-out and potentially shows indifference regarding the job to the employer," says Mike Barefoot, senior account manager at Red Zone Resources, a recruitment firm. "We encourage candidates to keep them to four to eight sentences."

**4. Check your references**

"Always give out references that you've pre-screened. We sometimes see candidates give out references that were never checked with and the references feedback isn't always kind," Barefoot says. "Also, make sure they're predominantly managers. An occasional colleague is okay, but contemporaries and friends really don't carry that much weight in helping you land a position."

**5. You've got poor business acumen**

"Managers are becoming more savvy and are taking candidates out to lunch for interviews. They want to see how you treat a restaurant staff and see the 'real' you. If you're rude to them or don't seem appreciative for their hard work to make your meal pleasurable, managers wonder how you'll treat contemporaries you work with," Barefoot says.

**6. You have a messy briefcase**

"A messy briefcase can imply the person is unorganized, messy and unprepared, and that their work will be less than optimal," says Ronald Kaufman, author of "Anatomy of Success." "Someone who is neat, clean, organized and prepared in all areas conveys

they're serious about getting a job and working."

**7. Temporary positions**

"Many employers coming out of a recession want to hire on a temporary or temp-to-perm basis. We have already seen several contractors be offered permanent positions after they have proven themselves," says Jeffrey Weinstock, Esq. president, Rhodes & Weinstock, a recruiting firm. "Not only will the temporary position pay some bills, think of it as an audition for a potential perm position, or at least a way to get a good reference for another position."

**8. You have a bad attitude**

"Poor attitudes come through in telephone calls and in interviews. If you are not positive, why would a potential employer want to hire you?" asks Weinstock. "It may take some time, but by being positive, by doing all the right things, by seeing each position as an opportunity, it will happen."

**9. You include too much work history**

"Many job seekers over 40 think that they have to take their work history back to their first job out of college," says Cheryl E. Palmer, career coach and resume writer. "All that is needed is the last 10-15 years of your work history."

**10. Use your personal resume**



**11. "No" is not final**

"No" usually only means "no" for that position, says Bruce Hurwitz, president and CEO, Hurwitz Strategic Staffing, LTD.

"If you are rejected for a job you should send a thank-you note, thank the employer for the opportunity, and wish them well. No one does that. When the next opening comes around, he'll remember you," says Hurwitz.

**12. You lack tact**

"Be determined without being pushy. Calling or emailing to ask about the status of your resume or interview can be a double-edged sword," says Rod Hughes, director of communications, Oxford Communications. "A tactful follow up can place you top of mind with the hiring manager, while incessant calling or emailing can push your resume right off the table."

**13. You don't search for yourself on the Internet**

"Your would-be employer is probably going to look you up online, so you should know what is out there," says Amanda O'Brien, vice president of marketing, Hall Web Services. "Clean up what you can, check your privacy settings on social networks and if it is something you can't get down off the internet, you may want to consider talking to the company about it."

**14. You have a 'death by bullets' resume**

"Bullets are great but they need context. Keep them to one line, focused on a result and include a figure like a fact, percentage or number," says Adriana Llamas, author of "Career Sudoku: 9 Ways

to Win the Job Search Game." "Or, put the information in a short summary of the position."

**15. You've got a scattered strategy**

"Looking for a job in any industry and with two or three resumes is going to get the same result as the strategy: scattered," Llamas says. "Job seekers with a clearly defined, focused and organized strategic approach to their job search end up with clear results and a new job."

**16. You think it's... about you**

It is not about you and your need for a job, it is about the prospective employer and their need to run a successful business and make money, says Lori B. Rassas, employment attorney and author of "Employment Law: A Guide to Hiring, Managing and Firing for Employers and Employees."

"Many applicants mistakenly believe they will be an appealing candidate if they explain they will accept any type of job offer at any because they have been laid off, unemployed for an extended period of time, have children in college, or are having difficulty making the mortgage payments," she says. "Even if all of those circumstances are true, candidates need to craft a different message, focusing on how they can benefit the employer by saving them money, streamlining processes, creating additional sources of revenue and bringing overall value to the company."

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