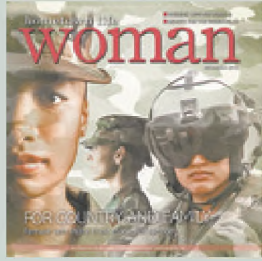


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## Veteran's Day

VFW Post 4012 will host a Veterans Day event on Tuesday, Nov. 11 outside the VFW Hall on South Main Street. The brief ceremony, honoring all those who served in the armed forces during combat over the years, will begin at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served at the Post following the ceremony.

## Christmas Workshop

The Northville Historical Society's 36th Annual Children's Christmas Workshop will take place Saturday, Dec. 6 in the New School Church at Mill Race Village. The intent of the workshop is to surprise family members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves. There will be a morning session from 10 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session from 1-3 p.m., accommodating 150 children total. Call (248) 349-2833 for more information.

# Tight race for school board seats

Kalass, Mazurek and Hwang top finishers

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Four candidates vied for three spots in a tight race for the Northville Board of Education on Tuesday with current board members Jim Mazurek and Ann Kalass retaining their seats and Roland Hwang getting elected for his first term.

In her first official election, Kalass led the vote total with 7,592 while Hwang came in second with 7,316 and Mazurek with

6,683. First-time candidate Scott Frush finished fourth with a total vote count of 5,511. The top three voter-getters earned four-year terms on the board.

"I'm pleasantly surprised and pleased," said Hwang late Tuesday night after hearing of the results.

Hwang has experience as a lawyer and educator, and as a board member for several community groups. He is a Michigan Assistant Attorney General with 26 years experience and is also an adjunct instructor at the University of Michigan in the Department of American Culture.

For Kalass, the night was also exciting. Brought on earlier this



Hwang



Mazurek



Kalass

ropolitan Detroit. "I'm very excited by the results and feel privileged to have the chance to represent our community and children on the school board for the next four years," she said.

Both Kalass and Hwang thanked family, friends and the community for the support.

Mazurek, who finished third, will serve another four-year term on the board. During his first term he took on leadership roles, and has served in multiple

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Celebrating the renovation of the "America United" flag mural painted on the back of Northville's Marquis Theatre are (from left) Christina Zayti (of the Marquis); Denise Jenkins; creator of the mural Jeff VonBuskirk; Northville Rotary member Jim Story; and William Demray of Preservation Dental.

# Locals ready to celebrate Northville's 'monument'

Restored 'Old Glory' mural to be dedicated on Veterans Day

By **Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

After more than a year of fundraising efforts and delays, the effort to refurbish the large American flag mural on the rear of the Marquis Theatre is finally completed. Now all that's left is to throw a party – and that's exactly what organizers of the effort plan to do.

The mural re-dedication party will take

place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11. That, of course, is Veterans Day, which only seems appropriate for everyone involved with the project.

"The fact that we are doing this on Veterans Day is a lot better than doing it back during Victorian Fest, which was originally the plan. This is more exciting," said Tim Story of Northville Rotary, the local nonprofit group that helped raise funds and sell raffle tickets.

The 30-foot by 45-foot mural was originally commissioned by the late Marquis Theatre owner Inge Zayti in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Zayti, an immigrant from Germany, wanted to promote the notion of unity and called the mural "America United September 11, 2001."

Artist Jeff Von Buskirk, who painted

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# Northville group wants out of Plymouth-Canton

Proposed swap would move neighborhood into Northville district

Northville Public Schools officials are looking for community input regarding a Northville neighborhood's request to be moved from the Plymouth-Canton school district into North-

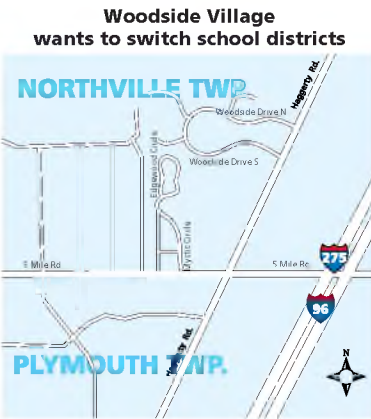
ville.

According to Northville administrators, the Woodside Village Condominium Co-Owner Association filed on Oct. 3 a property transfer request with Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) to grant the move. Woodside is a 115-home neighborhood in Northville Township located on the west side of Haggerty Road

north of Five Mile Road. According to the association, more than two-thirds of the homeowners in the sub support the transfer.

The neighborhood borders the Northville Public Schools' attendance boundary on its southeast corner and is adjacent to the current attendance boundaries for Winchester Elemen-

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Northville School Board President Jim Mazurek (right) greets voter and current board member Adam Phelps and his daughter Joceyln, 7, outside Silver Springs Elementary on Nov. 4. State Rep. Kurt Heise is at left, also on hand to greet those about to cast their ballots.

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positions including secretary, vice president, and he is currently president.

On a ballot with big issues like the races for governor and other legislative spots, some voters in Northville still put the school board election near the top of their voting priorities.

One was Jackie Gaudino, who has children attending Northville Public Schools.

“The board plays an important role because it helps Northville schools continue to be great, so it’s an important vote,” she said.

“I’ve seen the current board at work and they do a wonderful job.”

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# Colbeck cruises to Senate win

**By Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Michigan Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, was elected to a second term on Tuesday, overcoming a strong challenge from Democrat Dian Slavens in a newly drawn district.

also lives.

In the city of Plymouth, Slavens squeaked out a win by an eight-vote margin.

Colbeck built his final margin in the bigger communities. He beat Slavens by nearly 3,000 votes in both Livonia and Northville Township, and

by more than 2,100 votes in Plymouth Township.

Slavens' only victories came in her hometown, where she's been elected to the state House three times and beat Colbeck by more than 1,900 votes Tuesday, and in the cities of Plymouth and Wayne.

# Voters show major support for library

**By Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

If there was ever any doubt that the Northville community supports its library, voters put the matter to rest Tuesday. A millage renewal for the operations of the Northville District Library passed overwhelmingly, garnering nearly 80 percent of the vote in both the city and township.

The yes vote means the library will still have the 0.2 mills for the next seven years. The current millage was set to expire at the end of the year.

The millage represents approximately \$450,000 (or a quarter) of the library's annual operating revenue.

In total, 10,876 voters approved the measure, while 3,473 were opposed.

It was a tremendous win for library supporters, who recognized the library would have been crippled financially without the renewal.

Library Director Julie Herrin said she was "thrilled" with the election results.

"It's nice to know the

depth of the support this community has for its library," Herrin said.

"When I was out at the polls earlier in the day, people told me 'of course we support the library.' That makes you feel great."

About two dozen supporters gathered at the library on election night and celebrated after the numbers came in. Michele Fecht, who spearheaded the campaign to garner public support, said volunteers worked hard to make sure voters knew this wasn't a tax increase, but a simple

renewal of a current millage levy. She said the volunteers and library staff were feeling pretty positive heading into election day.

"I don't think we had doubts. We were confident but not complacent. People in Northville have always supported the library," Fecht said.

For the owner of a \$200,000 home (with a \$100,000 taxable value), the cost of the renewal will be \$19.97 per year.

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# Heise wins big for third state House term

**By Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

Republican Kurt Heise landed a third term in the Michigan House of Representatives on Tuesday, taking more than 61 percent of the vote over his Democratic challenger in a western Wayne County district.

Heise, whose 20th District encompasses Plymouth and Plymouth Township, where he lives, outpolled Nate Smith-Tyge, also a township resident, 21,424 votes to 13,457. Heise won in every community in the district except Canton Township; Canton voters in the 20th District went for Smith-Tyge.

The district also includes the entire city of Wayne, all of Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville.

Heise, an attorney and former Wayne County official, credited a shoe-leather campaign – he estimated he knocked on 10,000 doors – and a connection to the voters for the big win.

"I put the constituents first. I'm involved in local issues. I take care of local concerns ... things that really matter at the grass-roots level," he said early Wednesday.

"They know that I listen, I can explain my votes and I am always working for the folks back home."

Heise was first elected in 2010; under Michigan's term limits, the two-year term he won on Tuesday will be his last in the House.

He said his priorities in the Legislature will be tax reform – he wants to study the possibility of lowering the state income tax – a comprehensive plan to repair the state's roads, and education.

Heise said he'd like to work toward changes in Proposal A, the 20-year-old voter-approved public education funding mechanism, that would allow more equity between districts in per-pupil funding. The Plymouth-Canton Communi-

ty School District receives below-average per-pupil funding from the state.

"Proposal A works very well in some areas, but it does not work well in others," he said.

Heise praised Gov. Rick Snyder, a fellow Republican who also won re-election, for what he called the state's turnaround.

"I want to continue working with Governor Snyder and our majorities in the House and Senate to really continue the progress that we've made," he said.

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# Bus stops added for safety concerns

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

After listening to some concerns raised by parents, Northville Public Schools decided to add some bus stops to its satellite route to ensure the safety of students. At its last meeting the NPS Board of Education approved by a 7-0 vote an administrative recommendation to add up to 5-10 stops after adopting some exception criteria for adjusting its satellite bus stop program. An exception, which grants the addition of a stop being added, was established for Middle

School students who are crossing roads where the speed limit is 40 mph or more and where no crossing guards or pedestrian bridge is present, in order to reach their designated satellite bus stop. Parents with children attending Meads Mill Middle School expressed concerns. Lynda Fulgenzi and Shay Leonard spoke at the Oct. 14 school board meeting and said they were worried about the hazards their children were encountering while crossing Sheldon and Six Mile roads to and from there satellite bus stop.

NPS Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said these parental concerns led to the review of the situation by administration and put the process in motion. "This will take a couple of weeks to figure out the exact stops," she said on Oct.28. One stop that will most likely be added will be for some students in the Ravines and Brooklane neighborhoods, where Fulgenzi and Leonard reside. The school board was pleased with the review's quick yet thorough outcome. Board trustee Scott Craig said this was

an example of public comment having an impact. Fellow board member Adam Phelps said the review and decision came in only a matter of weeks and it was a job "well done" by administration to address the concerns. **Satellite bus program** According to NPS, the satellite bus program for secondary students was initiated in April 2010. It was offered as an alternative to the elimination of secondary busing, which was under consideration.

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tary School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School. In an email statement sent out on Oct. 29, NPS said the Northville Board of Education will seek public comment on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and again on Tuesday, Nov. 18 to gather feedback from Northville school families, staff and community members regarding the property transfer request petition. "While the Northville Board of Education does not have the authority to approve or deny such a request, Wayne RESA has asked that each of the respective boards of education take a position on the property transfer request before it is considered by the Wayne RESA Board of Education," the email read.

The public comment will take place as part of the Northville Board of Education's regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 11 in the Hillside Middle School Forum at 775 N. Center Street and at 7:30 on the 18th at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education on Oct. 28 reviewed a first reading of a resolution against the transfer. The board is expected to formally vote "no" on it Nov. 11.

Steve Ezikian, Wayne RESA's deputy superintendent, said this scenario has not been a common one since he joined the RESA nearly 15 years ago.

"It's probably happened two or three times since I have been here," Ezikian said. He said he can't remember the specifics, but there has been one time that a land transfer went through. According to Wayne

RESA, there are 100 student addresses involved in the current scenario with students ranging from high school age to elementary. Ezikian said the real discussion on this will happen with the local school boards. According to NPS, under the Michigan School Code (MCL 380.951), property owners residing in one school district can petition their local intermediate school district, in this case Wayne RESA, to ask that their neighborhood be "detached" from its current school district and "attached" to a contiguous school district. Wayne RESA, which has 60 days from the Oct. 3 filing date to act on the request, has asked that both the Plymouth-Canton and Northville school boards take a formal position either in support of or not in support of the request.

The Northville Board of Education is expected to vote on its position at its Tuesday, Nov. 18 meeting at Northville High School, where there will be an opportunity for additional public comment prior to the school board's vote.

The Wayne RESA Board will consider the property transfer request at its Nov. 19 meeting.

"Once Wayne RESA issues its decision, any of the parties affected (those requesting the property transfer, or either of the two school districts involved) has the option to appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Michigan Department of Education," according to NPS.

For more information about the Property Transfer Request process in general and this matter in particular, email your questions to [nps@northville.schools.org](mailto:nps@northville.schools.org).

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the original mural back in 2002, was also commissioned to clean up and refurbish the mural this time around. The project took Von Buskirk about five weeks to complete. He was hoping to start it back in July to have it done in time for the Victorian Festival, but it kept getting pushed back for various reasons, including the time it took to raise the funds.

He said the main reason the mural faded and began to chip was due to the lack of a gutter on the theater, meaning it endured more water damage than necessary. Plus, because it is on the rear of the building, it is often in the shade, so it didn't dry very well. The problem has been rectified, as the theater ownership has installed a gutter above the mural.

Von Buskirk said the mural looks even better the second time around and called the Marquis Theatre a "magnificent canvas" for the painting. "The colors are a little more rich this time around because, in reali-

ty, there is a second coat of paint up there," he said. Von Buskirk got to meet Zayti when he was originally commissioned. He feels she would be thrilled with the outcome of this effort.

"She was a fantastic lady. This is really a memorial to her and a testament to her feelings about America and her exercising her freedom of speech even now that she is gone," Von Buskirk said. "This time around, I realized this mural is a monument. It is so visible and well-known. It is Northville's monument. That's probably what she wanted."

Christina Zayti, Inge's daughter and current owner of the Marquis, said the original plan was to paint a Peter Pan mural on the back of the building to draw some interest in the historic theater. Then the terrorist attacks occurred and her mother decided it was going to be something patriotic instead. She said so many people ask about the mural and more people than she can count have had their pictures taken in front of it.

"People just love it,"

she said. Denise Jenkins, one of the driving forces behind the fundraiser, couldn't agree more. She said the community really rallied behind the effort to restore the mural. The fundraising included a raffle, an auction at the Northville Sports Den, a Fourth of July party and other efforts. In all, \$16,503 has been raised, mostly through small donations. The total is just short of the \$16,700 goal. Actually the final cost, after supplies were purchased, was \$17,800, so the fundraising effort will continue.

Jenkins, who works at Preservation Dental in downtown Northville, said it took some "tenacity" to raise the funds, but it has been a great experience.

"It has been more rewarding than I ever expected," she said. "It is inspirational that all these different groups came together. But also all the people who stopped by the office to donate five or 10 bucks because their husband died in the military or they have a military veteran in the family or that they just love Northville."

Her boss, William Demray, was actually the person who initiated the whole project. One day last fall, during one of his walks through downtown, he realized the mural was starting to look pretty shabby and needed some serious rehab. Staring up at it last week, he was beaming with pride.

"It looks fabulous. It's been a solid year to get it done because it was a real grassroots effort. But that's the way we really wanted it, because we wanted the community to be involved," Demray said. "Everyone's got ownership in this and, as Americans, we all have ownership in it."

Demray will act as emcee of the party Tuesday. Mayor Christopher Johnson is expected to make some remarks. Local veterans and Scouts will also be on hand. Tina Genitti will sing the national anthem and then the mural will be lit up to once again shine like it was originally intended.

For more information or to make a financial contribution, contact Jenkins at 248-348-1313.

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A case of MRSA has been reported at Hillside Middle School.

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Moraine Elementary School student Elizabeth Felosak leaps over a hay bale during her classes' after-school Fun Run on Oct. 15. The non-competitive run around the school totaled about one and half miles and was completed by third, fourth and fifth-graders, teachers and some parents.

## Case of MRSA infection reported at Hillside Middle School

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

MRSA, a type of staph infection, has popped up again this year within Northville Public Schools – this time at Hillside Middle School. Hillside administrators learned of the latest case over the weekend.

Hillside Principal Jim Cracraft and Marie Boczar, who is the district nurse/consultant for the school district, sent out a health alert on Monday to district families.

“Northville Public Schools was notified of a confirmed case of MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus) at Hillside Middle School. The positive result was communicated to administration at Hillside over the weekend. The student is under doctor care and is currently being treated,” the letter stated.

There were a handful of MRSA cases last year at Northville High School.

According to the Oakland County Health and Human Services Department, MRSA is a type of staph infection that is often found in hospitals or

other health care settings, and is resistant to certain antibiotics.

“MRSA may cause infections in the skin, lung, and blood. A Community Acquired (CA)-MRSA infection is found in persons who have not been hospitalized but may have had a medical procedure such as surgery or dialysis within the past year,” according to the Oakland County Health and Human Services Department website.

According to the email sent out by Cracraft and Boczar, the parents of the infected student reported the case to district officials.

“The student’s family did an excellent job of keeping us informed and the suspected wound was covered at all times to minimize the risk of transmission to others,” The email stated.

The school district has completed the prescribed cleaning regimen of areas in Hillside where the student had contact.

The county health department said factors that have been associated with the spread of MRSA skin infections include: close skin-to-skin

contact, openings in the skin such as cuts or abrasions, contaminated items and surfaces, crowded living conditions, poor hygiene and medical procedures or a stay in the hospital.

Staph bacteria, including MRSA, can cause skin infections that may look like a pimple or boil that can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. More serious infections may cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or surgical wound infections.

To help prevent MRSA one should practice good hygiene and do things like keep hands clean by washing thoroughly with soap and water or by using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available, keeping cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed, not touching other people’s wounds or bandages and not sharing personal items such as towels or razors.

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## Learning on the run

Moraine students complete challenging 1.5 mile Fun Run

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

It’s fun to run at Moraine Elementary School.

The annual Cross County Fun Run was held a couple weeks ago to give students a chance to do what they love and that’s run around.

“This is for students who like to run and want to go a little further than what we do in class,” said Moraine Physical Education teacher Kurt Bartel.

The after-school run was open to all third, fourth and fifth-grade students at Moraine. Parents and teachers also participated. All were encouraged to do what is fun for them – walk, jog, run or race.

A 1.5 mile course was set up through the school grounds. More than 40 students participated. They had talked about the event in class leading up to it and had already run a mile course, but this was a bit more to make it more challenging.

“I like cross country running,” said fifth-grader Mairin Wessner, who Bartel described as being “pretty pumped” for the run.

All of the participants were smiling even when they were finished and exhausted. They refreshed themselves with some Gatorade and bananas.

This is Bartel’s 20th year at Moraine and a point of pride for him is that many of his students have gone onto success in running at the next level and point to the Fun Run as a big inspiration.

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# W.L. schools host Fun Runs to raise money

Elementary schools throughout the Walled Lake Consolidated School District recently held PTA Fun Runs to help students to be more active and make healthy choices every day. The Fun Runs also served as major fundraisers for each building to help provide funds for various PTA activities and events throughout the school year.

**Commerce Elementary** hosted its Fun Run Sept. 26 and raised \$16,967.34 for PTA events, special assemblies, classroom magazines, field trips, a new Buddy Bench, new bulletin boards for the hall-

ways and so much more. “We thank our community for their generous donations, which helped the PTA reach their operating budget through pledges,” said Jillian Moutafis, Commerce Elementary PTA president. “Way to go Commerce Cougars. We are so proud of your achievements!”

**Dublin Elementary** hosted its annual Fun Run Oct. 17 and raised \$13,309.47. The money raised will be used for classroom supplies, books, field trips, assemblies and their annual Ice Cream Social. “We had tremendous support from our families

and also from local businesses, who donated food items and raffle prizes,” said Jessica Allio, Dublin Elementary PTA president. “We had a total of 14 businesses support our school including Pepsi, Meijer, Gordon Food Service, Alpine Valley and the Detroit Red Wings.”

**Glengary Elementary** held its annual Fun Run Sept. 30 and its Fall Festival Oct. 10, raising more than \$16,500.

Kathy Gruzaz, Glengary Elementary PTA president said: “We are so thankful for the overwhelming support from our families. The money raised will be used towards continuing our support of field trips, assemblies, supplies, etc. as well as looking into new exciting purchases for the school.”

**Hickory Woods Elementary** hosted its Fun Run Oct. 3. It raised \$14,742.37, which will go to the PTA for events at Hickory Woods Elementary.

“The support from the families at Hickory Woods is truly incredible,” said Dana Gorman, Hickory Woods Elementary PTA president. “The money raised from our Run for Funds will be used for many things including, but not limited to, classroom supplies, the Fall Festival, muffins with mom and, most importantly, updating and beautifying our nature area to create an outdoor classroom for teachers to use throughout the school year.”

**Keith Elementary** hosted its annual Fun Run Oct. 10 as part of its Fitness Week. The week’s activities included Mileage Club VIP Days in which parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. walked/ran the Mileage Club Track with their special students. On Oct. 8, the school participated in International Walk to



Students and the Glengary Gator participate in the 2014 Fun Run.

School Day and then the week ended Friday with the Fun Run. Fun Run donations are still coming in and the school hopes to reach its goal of \$10,000 to help pay for items such as a school wide subscription to the online math program “IXL” and two new adjustable basketball hoops for our playground so students of all ages will be able to shoot baskets at recess.

**Loon Lake Elementary** hosted its Color Run Oct. 10 with the goal of raising \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the school and PTA. These funds will be used for a variety of experiences including assemblies, family nights, Science Night, Book-O-Bingo and more. The class that raises the most money will get to “color Ms. Qonja” later this month.

“The PTA is our partner in educating the whole child,” said Anita Qonja, Loon Lake Elementary principal. “Events like the fun run help to raise funds that will support our instructional and social goals for our students.”

**Mary Helen Guest Elementary** hosted its

Color Splash and Dash Run Oct. 10, which culminated with a very successful Guest Gets Going Raffle fundraiser. Students, parents, teachers and staff dashed through various color stations along the course, getting splashed with bold and bright powder paints.

The event organizers, Leslie Kirk and Amy Stasak, said: “We had a vision of what we hoped to accomplish and WAY exceeded our expectations. It wasn’t even about the money we raised, but the pure joy on all the faces of our kiddos! The students are already talking about doing it again next year.”

**Meadowbrook Elementary** hosted its Mustang Mile Sept. 30. It raised over \$14,500. Proceeds will go toward erecting a pavilion on MBE’s playground.

“We are so proud of our Meadowbrook students, staff, and families,” Meadow Brook Elementary PTA President Sarah Piggott said. “Our community once again has rallied together for a great cause to support our awesome

school.”

**Pleasant Lake Elementary** hosted its Fun Run Oct. 3. It raised over \$22,000, which will go directly back into the school through activities such as student enrichment, staff supplies, technology, school assemblies and more.

“It was great to see our whole school community come together for this important cause,” said Lisa Butler, Pleasant Lake Elementary PTA president.

**Walled Lake Elementary** was hosting its Fun Run Oct. 31 as part of their Halloween festivities.

**Wixom Elementary** hosted their fifth annual “Fall Fund Walk” Oct. 17. The whole school gathered on the paved Walking Path that rings the playground for the Walk. The families at Wixom donated a total of \$12,606.88, which the PTA is using to fund staff training on Wixom’s new Conscious Discipline program, teaching supplies for each classroom, books for the Literacy Library, subscriptions for non-fiction magazines for each class, scholarships for Fifth Grade Camp and other field trips, family fun events and more.

Jenn Ludwig, the Wixom Elementary PTA president, said: “We really appreciate the great support of our Wixom Elementary families as well as over 20 local businesses that donated prizes for our event!”

“The Walled Lake Schools’ PTAs walk, and in this case, run, hand-in-hand with our principals, teachers, and all staff to benefit our children. We are so very fortunate to have the significant partnership with our parents and especially with our school PTAs,” said Judy Evola, director, community relations and marketing.

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# Northville publisher presents parenting workshop

**By Brad Kadrich**  
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Marian Nelson thinks kids and families are too connected to “devices” these days and that the dependence on those devices dulls the ability of parents to connect with their children.

So Nelson, who owns Nelson Publishing & Marketing in Northville, is trying to do something about it. The 20-year teaching veteran who publishes books with character-building themes, makes an hour-long presentation Saturday, “Parent You 101, Dig Deeper: Inspiring Kids to Find Success at Home and in School.”

The presentation takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Northville Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty.

“I really want to develop a way for parents to have tools to teach their kids to build strong character skills at home so they will grow up to ingrain these skills and carry them through a lifetime of happiness and success,” Nelson said. “We use our books as tools, as well as teach them how to have a family mission and make the connections to school and community.”

Nelson said she’s heard for years from teachers and preschool teachers how there is the ever-increasing use of devices with parents and kids. She’s also noticed parents who are walking their kids in strollers, all the while chattering on their cell-phones.

She believes kids learn communication



NELSON PUBLISHING & MARKETING  
Northville publisher Marian Nelson presents a parenting presentation at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Northville Barnes & Noble.

and language from the interactions with the parents and that their vocabulary increases daily with the words they learn and how they communicate with peers and others.

“If people don’t talk to kids, they will not learn the vital words they need to learn to be able to read and communicate with others,” Nelson said. “Children learn problem-solving techniques, self-regulation skills and confidence. This has led me to talk to as many people as I can to encourage them to set the devices aside and connect with their kids instead.”

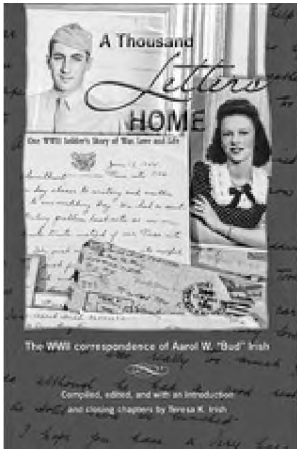
In the interactive presentation, participants will take away 23 mindsets to strengthen inner character, learn ways to build their family mission, get character books with tips and reflections to spark conversation, service learning projects that will ingrain empathy and a formula for success

Nelson recommends the presentation for parents and grandparents of all ages.

“I realize it takes a village to raise kids and so it is important that all people who are involved in raising children are equally invited to attend,” she said. “The more the merrier. The biggest aim is improving communication, establishing how we treat each other and striving to help kids be better people for this world.”

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“A Thousand Letters Home” book cover.

## Northville author to share father’s World War II story

On the cusp of Veterans Day, Northville author Teresa Irish will share her father’s World War II story — the inspiration for her book *A Thousand Letters Home* — with the Northville Woman’s Club on Friday, Nov. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

*A Thousand Letters Home* draws from the nearly 1,000 handwritten letters, Irish’s father, Aarol W. “Bud” Irish, sent home to his parents and to his sweetheart and future wife, Elaine Marie Corbat, during his more than three years of active duty in the U.S. and Europe with the 102nd Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

Teresa Irish discovered the letters in a trunk in her family’s Saginaw home a month following her father’s death in 2006. For the next 5½ years, she organized the letters along with hundreds of corresponding photographs, eventually completing *A Thousand Letters Home*.

The book provides a first-hand account of one soldier’s journey through World War II, mirroring the saga of other young Americans of “The Greatest Generation.”

A graduate of Michigan State University and a former vice president for a national home health care and hospice company, Irish retired in 2012 to devote her time to sharing her father’s story.

Since the book was published, she has appeared on ABC News, NPR, Veterans Radio and other media outlets.

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

# Northville’s Morrow is ‘Champion of Justice’

Brian Morrow, a Northville resident and deputy chief of the Juvenile Division of the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office, has been named a 2014 “Champion of Justice” award recipient by the State Bar of Michigan.



Morrow

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the State Bar of Michigan to recognize “an extraordinary professional accomplishment that benefits the nation, the state or the local community in which the lawyer or judge lives.”

Morrow received the award for his work in

establishing a Teen Court diversion program in Wayne County, which allows juveniles who have committed first-time, relatively minor misdemeanor offenses to have their cases heard and decided by a group of teenage “jurors.”

Morrow and his wife Mary, a Champion of Justice Award winner in 2008, also established the Brian and Mary Morrow Community Service Scholarship in 2011 to help seniors from the Detroit Public Schools attend college.

# Local foundation developing new cancer treatment

The Northville-based KressWorks Foundation is developing an engineering-based, clinically usable systematic treatment methodology to cure or put into remission Ewing’s sarcoma, a type of cancer that normally attacks patients ages 5-25. While it appears most commonly in the pelvis, followed in order by the thighbone, shinbone, upper arm bone, shoulder blade and ribs, Ewing’s can be found in any part of the body. Ewing’s sarcoma is the second most frequent type of bone tumor in children and young adults, with an overall incidence of about 1.3 cases per million people.

The KressWorks methodology can be applied to Ewing’s, other cancers and essentially any treatable disease that can be mathematically modeled and simulated via computer. The initial research target is Ewing’s and, once successfully applied there, the worldwide virtual organization will seek out and apply the treatment to other forms of cancer as well as other diseases.

It will be a clinical tool



Dr. Jim Kress, who founded The KressWorks Foundation, with his children Kira and Devin. Kress lives in Northville.

doctors can use with patients to design, implement, monitor and adjust their treatment so that it is targeted, effective and efficient. The methodology will allow the patient and doctor to choose a mutually agreeable treatment regimen that will simultaneously optimize treatment effectiveness, patient quality of life and cost efficiency.

Northville resident James Kress founded KressWorks in 2009 in honor of his youngest sister, Patience Kress Hensley, who succumbed to Ewing’s after being in remission for 25 years. Hensley first contracted Ewing’s in her early 20s and endured rounds of chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. She was repeatedly declared cancer-free for the fol-

lowing 25 years, but when the Ewing’s returned in her mid-50s and because her treatment was not targeted, effective or efficient, she could not be saved.

“Science is the art of mankind understanding how nature works,” Kress said. “Engineering is the utilization of science to make nature work for mankind. We are applying fundamental science and engineering, whereas other organizations are applying big-data analysis technology to assess the likely success of a treatment regimen. The cancer death rate, adjusted for the size and age of the population, has decreased by only 5 percent between 1950 and 2010. In today’s cancer research and clinical institutions, we find a proliferation of the pursuit of answers to individual questions, but we

believe a coordinated systems engineering approach is the key for developing a cure.”

Kress says he is working jointly with experts in various fields from across America and even as far away as Russia and other parts of Europe.

“Our present difficulty in winning the war on cancer is that there is no coordinated framework to provide a complete solution to the treatment and cure of cancer. In today’s cancer research and clinical institutions, we find a multitude of good people working hard on individual pieces of the cancer puzzle. We have many facts, but they don’t seem to be shared among the communities,” Kress said.

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## PCS-Global offers employs 'creativity' for therapy services

**O&E Media: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.**

Laura Dyas: PCS-Global provides confidential counseling and therapy services to adults, adolescents, couples and families.

**O&E Media: How did you first decide to open your business?**

Laura Dyas: I decided to open this service in 2014 after determining there was a void in interactive groups for individuals in which humor and creativity were being used. Typical support groups are often viewed as boring, frightening and not seen as desirable for most people. These interactive groups that are being offered are very unique and very different, offering



Dyas

Laura Dyas: PCS-Global services varies areas and Northville is one that has young families which would have interest in these interactive groups.

**O&E Media: What makes your business unique?**

Laura Dyas: The interactive groups are creative, fun, exciting, challenging and, above all, very different. They offer an educational component, an interactive session and a chance to change patterns and behaviors in your life all while

participants the opportunity to grow and learn in a fun, safe environment.

**O&E Media: Why did you choose Northville?**

being surrounded with others who are working on the same issue. Growth and learning comes from the group and from within yourself.

**O&E Media: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?**

Laura Dyas: While creating the curriculum for the interactive sessions, I shared with my husband some of the titles and he looked up from what he was doing and commented, "Why do I have the feeling that I am going to the subject of most of these groups?" It is true that these sessions were created from real life situations and the content will be fun, it will have lots of humor in it and participants will walk away feeling like they have

made significant progress. We all are busy in our daily lives, but everyone needs to take time out for themselves to make a real difference.

**O&E Media: Any advice for other business owners?**

Laura Dyas: If you have an idea, something you truly believe in, do not stop thinking you can make it happen. From one conversation, from one meeting, you can make dreams come true. You just need to trust your gut, stay the course and never give up on your ultimate goal.

**O&E Media: What's in store for the future of your business?**

Laura Dyas: Continue to provide therapy and begin offering diverse group offerings for community members. We will be offering a

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large variety of these interactive group sessions this fall, both at our downtown Northville office but also in conjunction with Ward Church. Hope to meet you soon.

## Small Business Conference and Expo scheduled for Nov. 12 at Walsh College

The 2014 Small Business Conference and Expo will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Walsh College in Novi. The theme of this year's event is Celebrating Diversity with Michigan Entrepreneurs.

The event will feature 25 breakout sessions, 40 exhibitors and numerous resources for business owners. Representatives will be on hand from the Small Business Administration, CEED, Score, Michigan Economic Development Corp., Michigan Women's Foundation, Comerica Bank and others to answer questions. Breakout session topics include how small businesses are using technology, access to capital, sales and marketing strategies, social media marketing, networking strategies, health care reform and more.

The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, John W. Barfield, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Barfield, awarded for his accomplishments in business, leadership and philanthropy, is founder of Bartech Group, an industry-leading staffing and workforce management firm. Barfield began his career as a janitor making \$1.75 an hour. He built a cleaning company so profitable that



Barfield

### DETAILS

This event is open to the public. Registration is \$39 for the entire day and includes breakfast and lunch. The event was organized by Walsh College and the Southeast Michigan Entrepreneurs Association, a support group for local business owners. For additional information or to register, visit [www.semea.info](http://www.semea.info) or call 248-491-3146.

ITT outbid three other corporate giants to buy it in 1969.

Launching many successful companies, Barfield developed one of the nation's largest African American-owned business organizations, that now manages more than \$2 billion in sales. His new autobiography, *Starting From Scratch*, will be released this year, followed by a Public Television documentary that will air in early 2015.

"If I can escape the gravity of negative situations, so can you," Barfield says. "It's just a matter of realizing what you are really worth. Once you realize your self-worth, there's nothing that can hold you back."

This annual event is designed to give current and aspiring business owners the tools they need to succeed in business.

## A Christmas card for Northville

Businesses carrying Christmas cards featuring downtown scene

The Northville Gallery has partnered with local artist John Baker to create limited-edition downtown Northville Christmas cards.

The scene, Main Street looking west toward the iconic clock, was painted in acrylics and captures both the spirit of Northville and the holiday season.

Boxes of cards will be available at The Northville Gallery, Gardenviews, Stampeddler and Starring the Gallery starting Friday, Nov. 7. They're also available for pre-order at the Northville Gallery right now. The cards are 5 inches by 7 inches printed on high-quality paper and are blank on the inside. They come in boxes of 12 cards and envelopes for \$22.95.

A portion of each sale will be donated to Northville Civic Concern.

Baker has created two other downtown Northville scenes that are available, along with this holiday print, at The Northville Gallery. He has also created artwork for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and most recently completed a commemorative painting for the Detroit Tigers in honor of the 30th anniversary of the 1984 World Series championship.

All of Baker's prints and other work can be custom-framed at The Northville Gallery, which features a



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Artist John Baker created this scene titled "Snowfall on Main Street" that is available at The Northville Gallery in framed prints, prints and Christmas cards. The card is available at other downtown businesses as well. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to Northville Civic Concern.



"Snowfall on Main Street"

large variety of matting and framing options.

"Downtown Northville has

that beautiful, classic holiday look. As someone who grew up in Northville, I can't think of a better scene for a Christmas card than Main Street on a snowy evening," Northville Gallery owner Dan Ferrara.

The Northville Gallery, known for its hand-painted oils, is also featuring a collection of affordable gifts for the holiday season.

Local artist works, as well as its Walt Disney Fine Art Collection, are available at price points between \$20 and \$150 until Christmas.

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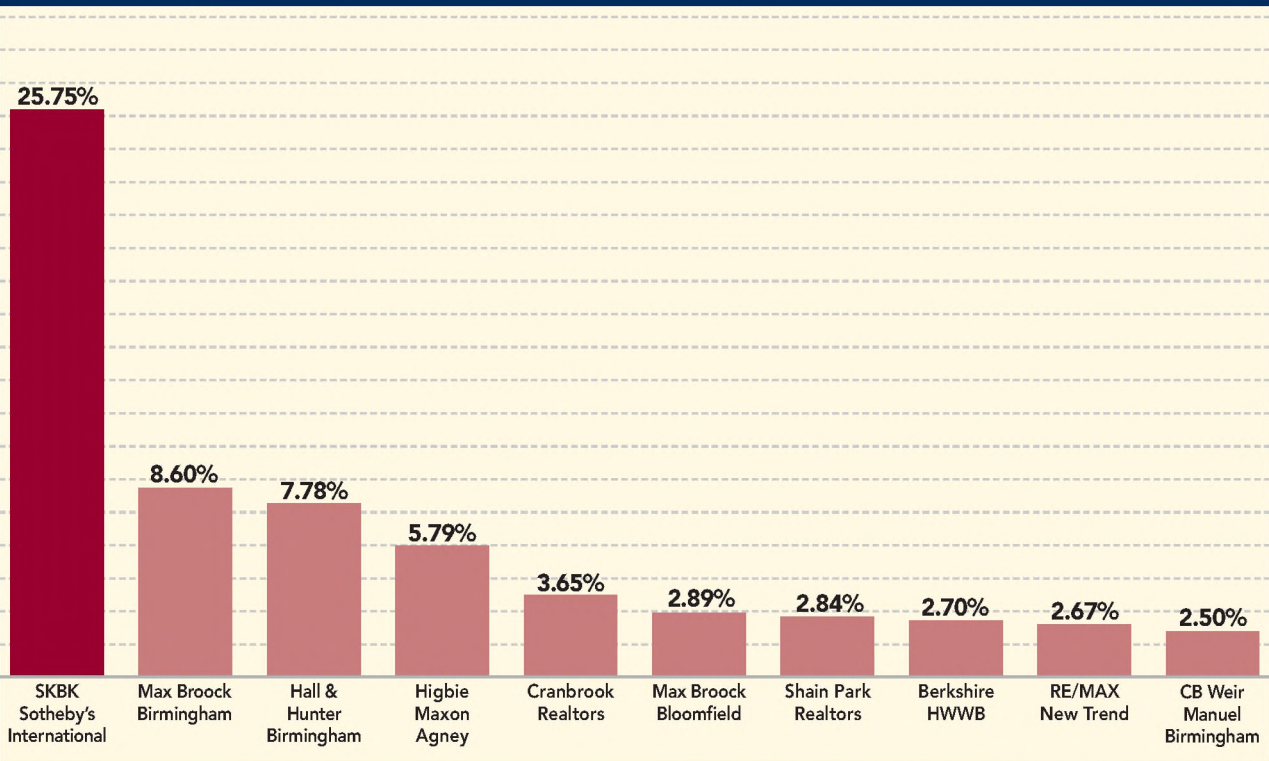
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# Bucket brigade battles Ebola

Fear of disease among factors driving crisis, area woman says

By Jim Totten  
Michigan.com

Milford resident Vicki Kloosterhouse said her heart breaks when she reads about what's happening in Liberia with the Ebola virus outbreak.

"These are our friends; we know who they are," she said.

The retired Oakland Community College professor said fear of an unknown disease, the ritual of carrying a body to be buried and the lack of a modern medical system have created a crisis in the West African country, which is one of the poorest in the world.

Kloosterhouse has lived in Liberia on and off since 2008. She would spend eight to 10 weeks in a remote village helping to set up an education program at the African Bible College, return to Michigan for a short period and then go back.

"It's a mess over there; it's terrible," she said.

Kloosterhouse said the country was still recovering from a brutal civil war that destroyed its infrastructure when this Ebola outbreak came along. Her last visit to Liberia was in 2013.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Liberia and Sierra Leone could have 1.4 million Ebola cases by Jan. 20 if the disease keeps spreading without effective methods to contain it.

The center said reported cases in Liberia are doubling every 15-20 days.

Even though she can't return to Liberia, Kloosterhouse has been helping with the Women's Bucket Brigade. The program provides buckets and disinfectants to families so they can help prevent Ebola, which is spread through contact with bodily fluids.

Kloosterhouse said 500 buckets have been delivered there so far.

She said each county has a hospital, but those facilities are like the "hospitals of the late 1800s."

She said West Africa hasn't seen the Ebola virus before and health workers didn't know how to handle people who were getting sick.

When health workers began dying, Kloosterhouse said, others "became petrified and they fled."

"Hospitals closed down," she said.

Now, she said, people are dying from diseases such as malaria and typhoid.

Verna Somerville, a Genoa Township resident, has been friends with Kloosterhouse for 25 years.

The two women and another woman, Dian Wood of Canada, recently met at Somerville's home and talked about the Ebola outbreak.

"I don't think we are hearing enough about it," Somerville said. "And I don't think we're taking it seriously."

For more information or to contribute to the Women's Bucket Brigade, visit [www.go-fundme.com/womens-bucket-brigade](http://www.go-fundme.com/womens-bucket-brigade).

# Local clinics, hospitals prep for Ebola

Possibility of disease enough to prepare

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

There's no reason to fear an Ebola outbreak in western Wayne County, but Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala knows it's important to be prepared in case it does arrive.

That's why Livonia-based Michigan Urgent Care clinics, located in 10 locations across southeast Michigan, are taking precautions with patients who come into their clinic in communities such as Livonia, Canton, Novi and, soon, Ferndale.

Arsiwala, the founder of Michigan Urgent Care, said employees at the clinics began Monday asking each patient who came in if they had traveled to or from the west African nations that have seen Ebola, such as Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. If the answer is yes, that individual is separated and placed in a room until further assistance can be received.

"Emergency services are called. The (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in Atlanta is called," Arsiwala said. "We have under 200 employees (trained) to do that."

The Ebola virus, which has claimed thousands of lives in Africa in recent months as well as one death in Texas (someone returning from overseas), has had many medical groups on high alert in case it comes to certain areas of the United States.

Arsiwala said while there's no indication to believe an outbreak is imminent, the possibility of the disease is enough for the clinic to take precautions, especially since it does not have the proper equipment to handle such a virus.

"We don't have a vac-



FILE PHOTO

St. Mary Mercy Hospital has prepared in the rare instance that Ebola ends up in its emergency rooms.

cine for this disease. We don't have a standard treatment," he said. "Any secretion off that individual could carry the virus."

**St. Mary Mercy proactive**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the other St. Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals have also prepared in the rare instance that Ebola ends up in one of their emergency rooms, said Garry C. Faja, the system's regional president and CEO.

While there have been no instances of the virus in Michigan, Faja said in a statement that the hospital system would immediately inform state officials and the public if something were to arise.

"Our infection prevention and control teams are continuously engaged in emergency preparedness and, as with any infectious disease outbreak, we participate with the CDC, local and state public health departments on calls to monitor the current status and risk," he said. "We continue to make updates to our clinical protocols as more information comes in daily so that staff can quickly identify and respond in the event they are faced with a high-risk patient."

Several state officials met recently to discuss the virus and what is being done around the state to prepare.

The state's Depart-

ment of Community Health has set up protocols that allow for more hospitals to keep in contact regarding the virus.

"It is clear from our assessment that hospitals across the state are working very actively with their staffs over the past several days and weeks to implement the very latest set of recommendations from the CDC and ensure that their health care workers are informed, trained and prepared," said Dr. Matthew Davis, the state's chief medical executive. "MDCH continues to promote and coordinate hospital readiness, along with preparedness of emergency medical services and community-based health care providers."

Arsiwala said a big reason he has had his clinics prepare is because of the proximity of Detroit Metro Airport, a large travel hub that connects passengers from all over the world. Many who come to the area for work stay in the area, including Livonia, with several hotels along I-275. Many of those workers have come to Michigan Urgent Care's clinic on Seven Mile in Livonia for treatment while they are in town, Arsiwala said.

"I have treated them over the years," he said. "Livonia is a center point for a lot of them to stay there."

**PROVIDENCE'S PLANNING**

St. John Providence Health System, which includes Providence Park Hospital in Novi, has begun emergency preparedness planning for the possibility of treating Ebola patients in its facilities.

"St. John Providence has a response team that is building on the protocols we already have in place for infectious disease to further ensure the detection of infected patients and protect healthcare workers and patients," said Brian Taylor, media and public relations for the health system. "The safety of our associates and patients is our first priority. The response team is a multidisciplinary group, consisting of infectious disease, intensive care, and emergency physicians, our laboratory experts, nursing leaders, infection control specialists, environmental services partners, and many others."

Taylor said St. John Providence Health System is working closely with Ascension Health, and following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other federal, state and local partners to increase associates' understanding of Ebola and to prepare for any potential cases.

"We are using triage tools to screen our patients at care sites in the acute and ambulatory setting to help identify patients who may be at risk for Ebola, specifically those who have traveled to West Africa in the last 21 days," Taylor said.

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## Walled Lake native serves with military’s ‘Zappers’

A 2003 Walled Lake Western High School graduate is serving with Electronic Attack Squadron 130 (VAQ-130), also known as the “Zappers.”

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Koenig is an aviation electronics technician with VAQ-130, a Whidbey Island-based squadron that operates the Navy’s newly designed electronic warfare aircraft, the EA-18G Growler. Each aircraft has two seats, is more than 60 feet long, may weigh up to 66,000 pounds (max gross) and can travel more than 1,100 mph and nearly 2,070 miles on a tank of gas.

As petty officer with numerous responsibilities, Koenig said he is learning about himself as a leader, sailor and a person.

“I have learned how to be a sea sailor,” Koenig said. “I am getting used to the increased demands and the wider variety of skills it takes to be successful here.”

Koenig is proud of the work he is doing as part of the squadron’s 174-member military team, which protects America on the world’s oceans.

“There is more of a camaraderie here than anything else I have experience,” Koenig said. “People are willing to take the time to teach and are more patient.”

Sailors’ jobs are highly varied with VAQ-130. Approximately 32 officers and 142 enlisted men and women make up and keep all parts of the squadron running smoothly — this in-

cludes everything from maintaining aircraft airframes and engines to processing paperwork, handling weaponry and flying the aircraft.

“Every day I feel an extraordinary amount of pride to serve alongside our great nation’s most inspiring men and women,” said Cmdr. Eric Illston, VAQ-130’s commanding officer. “Our team is filled with hard-working and highly qualified professionals who hold uncommon levels of responsibility and accountability in support of our mission: To win in combat with trained aircrew and combat ready aircraft whenever called upon to support and defend the Constitution of the United States through the military element of power. Their work ethic, commitment, enthusiasm and esprit de corps are second to none!”

The EA-18G Growler is the fourth variant of the F/A-18 family of aircraft that combines the proven F/A-18F Super Hornet platform with a sophisticated electronic warfare suite. Built to replace the EA-6B Prowler, the Growler is the first newly designed electronic warfare aircraft produced in more than 35 years. The aircraft also retains all of the F/A-18E/F’s multi-mission capabilities with its validated design.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy’s newest electronic warfare aircraft platforms, Koenig and other VAQ-130 sailors are proud to part of a war fighting team that readily defends America at all times.

“I have more of a sense of purpose at this squadron than I did at my last command,” Koenig said.



Koenig

## Military vets get helping hand at Schoolcraft

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Lawrence Smith of Canton served 22 years in the U.S. Army, from 1983 to 2005. His military service included time as a helicopter mechanic. He served in Egypt, Germany and all over the U.S.

Smith, now a Detroit Police Department officer of 16 years, returned to school at Schoolcraft College, graduating with honors in 2012 with an associate’s degree in criminal justice. He tips his hat to Pam Paxton-Keehner, Veterans Services coordinator at Schoolcraft.

“She’s the best I’ve ever run into,” Smith said of Paxton-Keehner. “She’s very good. She really was there to help you at all times. She’s still my friend. We still talk.”

Smith, 51, is now at Eastern Michigan University and will graduate from EMU with honors with a bachelor’s degree in public safety administration this December. His wife Kawana and Paxton-Keehner both encouraged his return to school.

Smith and his wife are parents of three sons. He recalled “being in school with a lot of teenagers” as an adult, but also helping those young people with life skills.

“My study habits were tested,” he said. “It came out all right.” He also praises Eastern Michigan, saying, “EMU has been good to me,” and has a similar staffer to help with veterans benefits.

“Going back to school was a great experience,” Smith said. “I wouldn’t trade it for the world.”

Other veterans, including those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, also benefit from Paxton-Keehner’s expertise. Schoolcraft recently expanded its Veterans

Services facility, to coincide with Veterans Day Nov. 11. A ceremony, open to the public, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, to celebrate the expanded Veterans Resource Center in Room 240, upstairs in the McDowell Center on the Livonia campus, on Hagerty north of Six Mile.

“It’s really nice they have a place they can call their own,” said Paxton-Keehner, who started as Veterans Services coordinator for Schoolcraft in spring 2009, right around the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Paxton-Keehner and colleagues in Student Services work with many Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and others, about 220 now. She noted servicemen and women get an out-processing on discharge from the service, but the information can be a lot to process. “A lot of them have

not even applied for their benefits,” she said. “We can take them through that process.” She’d worked before in admissions and can help with that.

Financial aid is through another Schoolcraft office, although Paxton-Keehner can answer questions and help resolve issues regarding paperwork and eligibility.

She shows with pride the large-screen TV and comfy chairs for veterans to relax and socialize. Nearby is the study area with four computers, with fax and printer access.

She said her vision is to cover three areas with the center, construction for which took place this summer and early fall: education, veterans and community resources. She’s glad to have the capable help of Reginald J. Rogers, a VetSuccess

on Campus counselor who visits Schoolcraft each Tuesday and Friday morning.

“He has extensive background,” Paxton-Keehner said of Rogers, who also works at several other area colleges and universities. Rogers works heavily on vocational rehabilitation issues, the employment picture and has a desk at the Veterans Resource Center of Schoolcraft.

Paxton-Keehner can be reached at 734-462-4351 or pkeehner@schoolcraft.edu. She serves as the veterans academic adviser and knows VA requirements they must meet for course planning.

“I hope they take advantage of it,” she said of the veterans and dependents. “The ones that have been up here and seen it really like it.”

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Regina Mingela from Northville with vendor Helen O'Neal from HTO Designs.

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## Good crowd turns out for O&E craft show

Some 450 people got an early – and crafty – start on their holiday shopping Oct. 25 at the first *Observer & Eccentric Arts & Crafts Show*. Quality Inn Suites in Livonia played host to a variety of vendors, local artists, crafters and home businesses. The event featured things like a stress reduction workshop and raffle prize drawings every 30 minutes. O&E officials were happy with the results of

the company's first craft show. "We had a great turnout," publisher Susan Rosiek said. "The artists and crafters were very good and the people who came out really enjoyed the show." Visitors got to enjoy free refreshments and the first 100 visitors received movie passes to Emagine Theater and a coupon to Buddy's pizza. The *Northville Record* and *Novi News* are part of O&E.



Sisters Sue Hillbrand and Sharon Demmer, both of Northville, at the Sassy Design for You display.

CHOYA JORDAN



Bizarre Bazaar takes place Nov. 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Northville and will feature dozens of vendors.

## Bizarre Bazaar organizers hope to raise \$100K

The annual Bizarre Bazaar is scheduled to take place Nov. 8 at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, in Northville. The Bizarre Bazaar is a craft/vendor show that raises money to support a variety of causes both in the local community and around the world. Since 2008, Bizarre Bazaar has raised \$84,800 to sponsor 15 village banks in six third world countries. Each bank requires \$5,000 to open, enabling hundreds of loans to individuals to grow businesses in their small villages. About 70 percent of borrowers are women, who repay 95 percent of the loans. The Bizarre Bazaar parallels village banking by inviting local home-based entrepreneurs to grow their businesses at a friendly venue. Many of the vendors donate some or all of their proceeds to the charity of their choice. For example, Trisha Hopkins of Northville will be donating proceeds to the

Joy-Southfield Community Development Corp. Sue Plummer of Farmington Hills will be bringing products made by severally disabled students from Cooke School in Northville. "With support from the community and local businesses, we can bring sustainable change to the lives of the poorest of the poor. With a hand up, not a hand out, we empower them with a path out of poverty," said Beth Bentley, one of the event organizers. For more information about village banking, visit [www.FIN-CA.org](http://www.FIN-CA.org). Doors open at 10 a.m. and admission is \$2. There will be prize drawings beginning at noon, early birds can enjoy fresh cinnamon rolls for \$2.50, while supplies last, and lunch service begins at 11:30 a.m. In addition, at Attic Treasures, a tag sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8.

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# Snyder, Calley visit Fox Run residents for Q&A session

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

During Gov. Rick Snyder's campaign stop in Novi Oct. 29 for a question-and-answer town hall with residents at Fox Run, he detailed where he believes the state has come from since he's been in office and how he wants to continue taking it in the right direction.

He also answered some tough questions.

Snyder, who was accompanied by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, said Michigan under his administration's guidance has risen from the ashes of a



Snyder

auditorium inside Fox Run's Belmont Clubhouse.

But through strategies like reforming the tax code to balancing four solid budgets in a row, he says Michigan is now on solid ground.

The theme for Snyder's talk was that Michigan is on the road to recovery and the general

difficult decade.

"Think back to 2009; we were a broken state," he said to a

atmosphere his administration has helped cultivate has played a big part. He cited successes like adding nearly 300,000 new private-sector jobs and unemployment being at its lowest in six years.

"We need to keep going," said Snyder, who has a 10-point plan (www.rickformichigan.com) for his potential second term to do things like create more jobs, revitalize the education system and reinvent government.

Calley said getting the state on the right fiscal footing was the first priority undertaken to

help set the table.

"I think we've helped create a solid foundation and now it's time to focus on the future and the initiatives that will create more positive outcomes," Calley said.

## Tough questions

The Q&A session was a serious one, with Fox Run residents asking questions about a range of topics.

One pertained to gay and lesbian rights and was asked by a woman who said her daughter will not move to Michigan because "she has no rights here."

Snyder said this ques-

tion has two areas: marriage law and employment rights under the Elliott-Larsen civil rights act. He said he's asked the state Legislature to review Elliot-Larsen to see what should be done under this act to ensure a fair approach to employment. However, for marriage he said he follows the state constitution. Because of the vote of the people a decade ago banning same-sex marriage, he adheres to that law as it is currently written.

He added though that the people, if so desired, could vote on this issue again. But in the short

term, he said this issue will play out in the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Once the judges make a decision, he will respect it.

"I will follow what the law is as it's defined in Michigan," he said and assured the mother he understands.

"And again, there's an issue and I appreciate your thoughts ... there's a lot of the business community speaking up in addition to parents that are concerned about their kids," he said.

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620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Bible Study: Sunday 9:45 am  
Nursery Available  
Rev. Martin Dressler

### Novi

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

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

### Walled Lake

**CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1850 S. Commerce Rd.  
Walled Lake, MI 48390  
Sunday Services: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening: 7 p.m. All Ages  
Rev. Kenneth Warren - 586-531-2021  
www.cpcnow.com

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

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

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

### Whitmore Lake

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

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

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

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

### Highland

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

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

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

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

### New Hudson

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

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

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

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

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

**Freedom Life Church**  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is Freedom Cor 3:7  
1208 E. Commerce, Milford  
Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm  
We are here through Christ Jesus  
to provide Freedom to those who  
are hurting, diseased, addicted  
L0-0000173469 and depressed.

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

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

### Northville

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
248-486-0400  
www.ecrossroads.net  
Service Times  
8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am

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

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

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

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

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



Halloween photo contest

Visit our website hometownlife.com and upload your favorite Halloween photo for a chance to win movie tickets to Emagine Theaters and a free Buddy's pizza. This contest is intended to be fun. Share the link with friends and see if you come out on top! We are ending the contest Nov. 11, so don't wait too long to enter. The photo can be of just about anything related to Halloween. You may also go directly to the contest at this link: <http://woobox.com/mevtp>. Good luck!

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Garden Club demonstrations

Three members from the Northville and Novi Garden Club (a.k.a. No-No's) will demonstrate how easily it can be to construct three projects – watering irrigation system, a bee house and a floral Christmas arrangement – at the monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 10, at Novi High School. A camera, pen and paper may be helpful to bring to the meeting. Social mixer begins at 6:30 p.m. and the presentations will begin at 7. Non-member fee is \$5. The school is located at 24062 Taft Road; park in staff parking lot. Event will take place in the Student Forum, Room 198C. Enter the building via brown steel doors and directional signs will guide you to room 198C. **Plan with Novi Older Adult Services** Leaves are falling and the air is getting colder! City of Novi Older Adult Services is planning a variety of fall events providing fun opportunities for attendees to stay active and socialize with friends. Each below event includes a meal

and entertainment. » Thursday, Nov. 13 – “Gab and Gobble Get Together” Thanksgiving luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Meadowbrook Activity Center » Thursday, Dec. 11 – “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” Holiday luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Meadowbrook Activity Center The events are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. There is no cost for Veterans at the Home of the Free, Because of the Brave Brunch. Pre-registration is required and is available now at the Older Adult Services office (45175 10 Mile Road) and the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road). To learn about the above programs or additional older adult social and educational programs, call 248-347-0414 or visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

Hunger-Free Holidays bazaar at The Showplace

The Diamond Center at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi will usher in the holidays 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, with the inaugural Hunger-Free Holidays Bazaar benefiting Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (Gleaners). Patrons will enjoy a strolling dinner while shopping the marketplace of items – abundant hostess and holiday gifts, furniture made from reclaimed materials and unique apparel and accessories, crafted by Michigan artisans. Guests will enjoy Epoch Hospitality's Detroit BBQ and Fajita stations – offering braised brisket with crispy onions, pulled buffalo chicken sliders, fresh tortillas with chicken, sautéed peppers and onions with all the fixins. A cash bar will

also be available. Every dollar raised provides three meals, helping to ensure a hunger-free holidays season for southeast Michigan families. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.gcfb.org/holiday>.

Equestrian Expo Nov. 14-16

The 20th annual Novi Equestrian Expo gallops Nov. 14-16 into the Suburban Collection Showplace, produced in collaboration with the Michigan Horse Council, for all Michigan horse owners and fans. The 2014 Equestrian Expo features exciting riding and agility exhibitions, a wealth of equine health and training tips, and an extensive shopping area. Visit [www.noviequestrianexpo.com](http://www.noviequestrianexpo.com) for a complete schedule. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-11; free for children 5 and under; \$5 for seniors 55 and older Friday; and free for all current 4-H members with ID card Friday only. Hours are 2-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Stickley historian at Gorman's

Stickley Corporate Historian Mike Daniel will return to Novi's Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design showroom at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, to share his experience and anecdotes, methods of identification, style and construction techniques, helpful tips and insider secrets. “Stickley has been recognized most often for their return to simple ideas, honest craftsmanship and sturdy wood and leather construction reflective of the Arts and Crafts movement,” said Tom Lias, president of Gorman's. Guests are encour-

Swinging for the fences



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Blake Boring puts his whole self into concentrating on a T-ball swing Oct. 29 during a Coach Dave (East) kiddie clinic at the Hillside Recreation Center. The kiddie clinic series is one of many offered by the popular coach and allows kids to have a lot of fun while they learn some basics about sports and being a good sport.

aged to bring photographs of Stickley furniture and small items for casual appraisal by Darnal. Those interested in attending should call the store locations for reservations, as space is limited. Call 248-344-0880.

Novi Choralaires holiday concerts

The Novi Choralaires holiday performances include 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Novi Senior Center Auditorium (25075 Meadowbrook Road); 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at the Farmington United Methodist Church (33112 Grand River Avenue); and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Church of the Holy Family (24505 Meadowbrook). Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors and children under age 12; and \$10 for groups of 10 or more. Visit [www.novichoralaires.org](http://www.novichoralaires.org)

for more information.

Coffee with the Superintendent

Join Novi Schools Superintendent Steve Matthews for Coffee with the Superintendent at the Novi Public Library in the Board Room 202 on: Dec. 15 (6:30 p.m.); Dec. 17 (10:15 a.m.); Jan. 12 (6:30 p.m.); Jan. 14 (10:15 a.m.); Feb. 9 (6:30 p.m.); Feb. 11 (10:15 a.m.); March 9 (6:30 p.m.); March 11 (10:15 a.m.); April 13 (6:30 p.m.); April 15 (10:15 a.m.); May 11 (6:30 p.m.); and May 13 (10:15 a.m.).

Author to visit library

New York Times bestselling author Karen Joy Fowler will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Novi Public Library. There are still openings for this event. Fowler will speak about

her book *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, which was a finalist for the 2014 Man Booker Prize for fiction. In this curious, wonderfully intelligent novel, Fowler brings to life a most unusual American middle-class family, ordinary in every way but one. She is the author of *The Jane Austen Book Club* and has written six novels and three short story collections. The book is the 2014 Community Reads selection by the Neighborhood Library Association, composed of five libraries: Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library. The author visit is presented by all five libraries. Registration is required for the author visit. Visit the website at [novilibrary.org](http://novilibrary.org) or call 248-349-0720. Please visit the NLA website for more information: <http://mynla.info>.

Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those 50 years and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary. Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org), at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road). Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. The schedule includes: Saturday, Nov. 15: colored pencils; learn shading techniques and blending techniques Saturday, Dec. 13: oil pastels; learn color-blending techniques For more information, call 248-347-0414.

Clothing recycling program

For Walled Lake residents, recycling unwanted clothing is now as easy as a walk to the curb with the free curbside collection program offered by Simple Recycling. The program is simple and convenient since pickup occurs on the same day as recycling service, collection bags are provided and replacement bags are left each time full bags are set out for curbside pickup. While the focus is on recycling clothing, Simple Recycling will also accept shoes, accessories, toys, books and small home goods in working condition such as kitchen ware and tools. Residents who live in communities not serviced by the Simple Recycling program are encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to their favorite charity or thrift shop. A list of local organizations, including those that offer pickup, is available on the RRRASOC website.

Tech Talk classes this fall

Tech Talk classes, offered by city of Novi Older Adult Services, are designed just for those 50 and above who want to sharpen technology skills or learn new methods. Each class will cover specific topics relevant to current technology. The cost for each class is \$15 per resident and \$18 per non-resident. Pre-registration required and available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or in-person at the Older Adult Services Office located inside the Novi

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# Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

How to reach us:  
1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • [www.mideathnotices.com](http://www.mideathnotices.com)

Deadlines: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. for Thursday papers • Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

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[www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)

**ASHTON, JOHN "JACK" WALTER**  
Age 86, passed away October 20, 2014 in Commerce Township. Mr. Ashton was born to John Sr. and Pearl Ashton on June 18, 1928 in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania. John is survived by his 4 children, Sue (George) Kerver, Bill (Helga), Bob (Katie), Betty Cotner and Brian Hulstander, 9 grand children and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Frances and his long time companion of 15 years, Ellie Myers. The Memorial Service will be at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014 at the Highland Chapel of Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Rd., Highland, Michigan 48356. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 4:00 p.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be made in honor of Mr. Ashton to: Disabled Veterans Association.

## Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

**BAKHAUS HILDRETH M.**  
Died October 22, 2014 at age 99. Hildreth Marcille Bakhaus, daughter of Irving and Belle (Bowers) Clark was born in April 1915 at Rushton in Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan. She was a descendant of original settlers in Lyon, Green Oak and Hamburg Townships. She lived her entire life in the South Lyon Area until moving to an assisted living home in Ypsilanti in 2002 and another in Hillsdale in 2010. She attended grade school at Washburn School in Green Oak Twp., high school in South Lyon and college at Michigan State Normal (Eastern Michigan), graduating in 1936 with a BA in English. She taught at the Brighton High School until she married Edward J. Bakhaus in June of 1940. Her interest ranged from her church and family to reading, travel and preserving local and family history. She felt privileged to have been able to visit every state and most of the Canadian provinces. A booklet, “Wanderings”, of her articles about early Green Oak was published by the Green Oak Historical Society in 1985. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, the Tuesday Club, the South Lyon and Green Oak Historical Societies, the Golden Kiwanis Club and the South Lyon Senior Citizen Club. A room in the Brummer School near the Clark family homestead is named in honor of Hildreth and family. She was predeceased by her parents, sister Muriel in infancy, brother Carvel in 1989, husband Edward in 1982 and son-in-law John O'Brien in 2009. Surviving are three children, Kenneth (Nancy) of Stanwood, Diane O'Brien of Vacaville, California and Marilyn (Keith) Lewis of Jonesville; two grandchildren, Brooke (Greg) Stiverson of Reading and Benjamin Lewis of Ypsilanti; two great grandchildren Peyton Green and Karter Stiverson of Reading. Also surviving are two sister-in-laws, Rosemary Clark of Vance, Alabama and Frances Manzel of Chelsea as well as several nieces and nephews. A memorial service, with Pastor Michael Horlocker presiding, will be held on November 13, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon at 2:00 PM. The family will greet guests one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the church or Hospice of Hillsdale County are requested.

**BRETZ, RUTH ANN**  
Of Milford, passed away October 30, 2014. She was 78. Ruth was preceded in death by Gerald Bretz, her beloved husband of 37 years. She is survived by her son, John (Amice) Bretz, and daughter, Joan (Kevin) Cranmer; grandchildren, Andrew and Abigail Bretz and Lydia and Nicholas Cranmer; sister of Janet (Dave) Landrie, Laura (Jim) Barrette, Judy (Cles) Hulbert, Jim (Sherril) Douglas, and the late Doris Deroshia. Also survived by many loving extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, November 3. Burial St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For further information call Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

**LYNCH & SONS**  
Funeral Directors



**CRONIN, BEVERLY ANNE**  
Age 79, of Milford, passed away October 30, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Glenn. Loving mother of Steven Cronin, Ricky (Leigh) Cronin, Wally Cronin, and Bonnie (Jim) Parsons. Proud grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of nine. Dear sister of Janet (Les) Hall, Maynard (Charlotte) Chase, Debbie (Mike) Tatton, and the late June Manier. Beverly was a member of the Blind Bowlers club, worked in retail but especially loved her time as a homemaker. Share a memory at [www.eltonblackandson.com](http://www.eltonblackandson.com).

**Elton Black & Son**  
Funeral Home

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



**HANADEL, JOHN "JACK"**  
Age 83, of Mission, Texas and New Hudson, MI, died October 30, 2014 at his home in Mission. Jack loved his retirement, spending time in Texas and summering in Michigan. He was born and raised in Detroit. He was an outdoorsman, who spent many days camping in Michigan and brought this love of the outdoors to his children. Jack served in the military with the US Navy and was transferred to the Air Force, where he served his remaining time in Korea during the Korean War. Upon returning to Detroit, he joined the Detroit Police Department and served as a motorcycle patrolman for most of his career there. Retiring from the department provided Jack the opportunity to live and work at Haas Lake Park in New Hudson, MI, where he was employed as a manager from 1974-2010. Jack is survived by his wife Patricia (Monkman). He was preceded in death by his late wife Virginia, and stepson John Williamson (Liz Wilber) and granddaughter Sharyn Williamson. Beloved father of Craig Williamson, Jill Wozny (Jerry), Gail Allen (Mark Brown), Robert Hanadel (Michelle), and Lynne Marino (Tom). Beloved step-father to Michael Monkman (Julie), Robert Monkman (Christina), Linda Monkman, Neil Monkman (Stella), and Tim Monkman. Beloved grandfather to 57 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Loving brother of the late Robert Hanadel (Esther) and Marge Stadel. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5 with services at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 6, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Detroit Police Officers Association, [www.detroitpal.com](http://www.detroitpal.com). Please visit [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).

**Phillips**  
FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES

**HORWATH, KENNETH E.**  
Of Northville. Oct. 16, 1930 - Oct. 30, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel. [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)

LITSENBERGER, LEATHA L.

Age 104, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2014. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert Litsenberger. She loved exercising and walking everyday; she and her husband would often be seen walking around downtown Northville. Leatha also enjoyed playing cards, gardening, and going out to eat. She is survived by many loving nieces and nephews and dear friends. Leatha will be laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens with her husband Bob. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

**CASTERLINE**  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.



McEVILLY, THOMAS P.

Age 93, of Northville, formerly of Dearborn, passed away November 2, 2014. Beloved husband of Adeline “Del” McEvilly. Cherished father of Karen (John) Hill. Adored grandfather of Jason Hill and Amy (Michael) Ruschak, and great grandfather of Nick, Kaitlin, and Dylan. Dear brother of Eileen Blazo and Leo McEvilly. A memorial service will be held Friday November 7, 2014 at Noon with a time of gathering beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Alzheimer Association or Henry Ford Hospice. Online condolences at [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)

VAN VLIET, HERBERT

Age 90, passed away October 27, 2014. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).



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Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

Classes are held 6:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday at the Novi Civic Center. Upcoming topics include Nov. 12 and 19 – iPhones and iPads.

To learn about additional programs designed for those 50 and older, visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

NORTHVILLE

Holiday Lighted Parade

Entries are now being accepted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce for the annual Northville Holiday Lighted Parade which will take place Friday, Nov. 21. The 2014 parade theme is “All I Want for Christmas is ...” and entries are invited to follow the theme in order to compete in three award categories. Bands, floats, dancers and entertainers are welcome to perform in the evening parade that kicks off the holiday season in downtown Northville.

There is now charge to participate in the parade, but an application form is required. Applications are available on the Chamber website at [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org) or by calling 248-349-7640.

The parade, sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford, begins at 6:30 p.m. and travels through the streets of downtown Northville. Following the parade, a community sing-a-long and tree lighting ceremony will be held. Local churches will provide free refreshments before and after the parade in Town Square.

Holiday Home Tour

The Northville Community Foundation's Holiday Home Tour will take place Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

each day. Once again five beautiful Northville homes have been selected to be decorated for the holidays by five designers including Pottery Barn of Novi, Haven, Embellish, and It Was Me Interiors. The style of each home and decorator is different and there truly is something for every taste.

One of the homes is located in historic downtown Northville and more than 100 years old. It has been recently renovated.

Tickets for the 2014 Holiday Home Tour are just \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. To purchase tickets visit Haven of Northville, Gardenviews or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may also be purchased on Visa or MasterCard by calling 248-374-0200. Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out each year. To purchase tickets on the day of the event, visit Ward Church at 40000 Six Mile Road. Tickets may be purchased at the Church on Nov.15 and Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m..

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the Northville Community Foundation's senior Holiday Baskets program which provides gift baskets to senior citizens in assisted living facilities as well as the Foundation's scholarship program for high school seniors.

For more information please visit [www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org) or call 248-374-0200. You can also find the Northville Community Foundation on Facebook.

‘Beyond Borders: Mosaic Exhibit and Auction’

The Northville Art House will present 141 mosaic artworks from artists representing 13 countries that are available for bid in an online auction benefiting Doctors Without Borders

through the website: [www.BiddingFor-Good.com/DWB-MSF](http://www.BiddingFor-Good.com/DWB-MSF). The opening reception for this unique exhibit is Friday, Nov. 7 and continues through Dec. 6. The Art House is open to the public Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. and First Fridays only from 6-9 p.m.

Photo exhibit

Local photographic talent will be featured in an exhibit called “The Art of Light”: A Northville Camera Club Exhibit in the lower level of the Northville Art House during November and December. This exhibit opens with a special reception Friday, Nov. 7 and ends December 6.

For more information, visit <http://northvillearthouse.org>.

Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 10, at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and will be the group's annual Pine Cone and Bow Workshop. Members will be wiring pine cones and making bows to adorn the holiday wreaths for their annual Greens Mart.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Inge Knoth at 248-348-1835.

Attic Treasures Sale

The Attic Treasures Sale will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile, in Northville. The sale will feature gently used items from the very old to almost new.

The sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8. Admission is \$2 (children 12 and under are free). All funds raised will benefit Village Banking. For more information go to: <http://www.fumcnorthville.org/biz-baz-village-banking/> or [villagebanking.org](http://villagebanking.org).

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open each Sunday in June 2015. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Please consider becoming a member or making a donation today. Please see the website for details: [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)

**Upcoming events**  
**Dinner With Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt** – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, Northville. A fundraiser to support the Mill Race Historical Village. Commemorate Veterans Day by going back to 1944 and interacting with seasoned actors portraying Franklin and Eleanor.

Event will feature a family style Italian dinner with the Roosevelts. Cost is \$45 per person. Reservations can be made at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 Main, Northville, or by calling 248-349-0522.

**Christmas in the Village** – 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. This event is free and open to the public. It will feature historical presentations by St. Nicholas, live music and choral performances. Artisan demonstrations, NHS 50th Anniversary Retrospective NHS exhibit, “A Window on our Past.” Museum buildings open and decorated for the season with docents guided tours. Volunteers are needed.

**Weekly events**  
**Tuesdays:** Stone Gang; The Stone Gang is a group of volunteers who handle Village care

and maintenance. New volunteers always welcome. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Cady Inn.

**Thursdays and Fridays:** Archives open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Saturday:** Wedding, 3:30-5:30 p.m. (grounds closed)

**General info**  
**Website:** [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)  
**Volunteers:** The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.

**Donations:** Donations accepted for the Garage Sale each Tuesday only from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Archives:** [archivist.nhs@gmail.com](mailto:archivist.nhs@gmail.com)  
**Office info:** Open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact 248-348-1845 or [mr1845@yahoo.com](mailto:mr1845@yahoo.com).

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OUR VIEW

# Give thanks, honor veterans on Nov. 11

For almost 100 years, the nation has paused at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to honor our veterans. In ceremonies in communities throughout the United States, people will say thank you to our service personnel and the sacrifices they have made in peace time and during war to keep this the land of the free.

The time, date and month for the Veterans Day observance are tied to the signing of the armistice that ended World War I. But the observance now encompasses conflicts ranging from World War II to Iraq and Afghanistan.

As the ranks of veterans who served in World War II and Korea dwindle, a new group of men and women are taking their place. They served in Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan. They saw action in places like Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, Guatemala and Somalia.

The somber Veterans Day ceremonies are meant to remember their sacrifices and show gratitude for what they have done for us and for the world. It's a time to make amends for those times in our history, specifically Vietnam, when there was no respect and thank you given to our soldiers when they came home. A lesson was learned from that conflict. We realize that despite our personal feelings, we must support our troops. We tied yellow ribbons around trees for the Persian Gulf War and to this day continue to send care packages to our troops.

The observance of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on its important purpose: A celebration to honor all of America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

In Northville this year, there will be two ceremonies to celebrate Veterans Day. First, members of VFW Post 4012 will host their annual ceremony outside the VFW Hall on South Main Street near the veterans memorial. Local veterans take part in the ceremony every year, and this year is no exception. Local residents are invited to attend the ceremony, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served afterward at Post 4012.

Later in the day, at 6 p.m., the public is invited to attend another ceremony behind the the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville. The large American flag mural on the back of the theater has been repainted after a yearlong effort to raise the necessary funds. The project, which was supposed to be done in time for the Victorian Festival, kept getting pushed back for various reasons. It is now done, and it only seems fitting to be taking place on Veterans Day. Local veterans will be on hand to help unveil the refurbished mural, which is a symbol to American freedom—something that wouldn't be possible without the dedication and sacrifices made by our military veterans.

These ceremonies may pale in comparison to what our military personnel have gone through or are experiencing now. We need to take a moment out of our day to say thank you. They are doing a job that has left many maimed and emotionally scarred. They need to know we care about them and that we support them. We all need to take a moment to say thank you.

These people are more than just veterans. They are heroes and champions of the American cause. We need to let them know that's why we celebrate Veterans Day.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Veterans from Northville's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012 will once again organize a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11. Members of the public are invited to help celebrate and honor America's military veterans.

COMMUNITY VOICE

## Do you think political ads can turn people off of politics?

This question was asked at various polling locations around Northville and Novi on election day.



"I think they can turn people off. I've heard a lot of people say this year they've objected to a lot of different ads because of the negativity."  
**Bob Langan**  
Northville



"I think some ads are a little bit aggressive and pushy, so yes, sometimes they can. Some are even are lying a bit."  
**Pooja Dandamudi**  
Northville



"Yes, but at the same time they are effective in getting out a message and getting voters to think about their decisions."  
**Adi Sathi**  
Novi



"I think the negative ads do because there are a lot of negative ads that run on the edge of the truth."  
**Bruce Markham**  
Novi

LETTERS

### Ending hunger step by step

It must have been the most beautiful day of the season, with flaming red and golden leaves blazing under the brightest blue sky ever. That was the setting for the 103 of us who walked along Walled Lake and the nearby area to raise funds to help stop hunger during the annual Crop Walk fundraiser. Church World Services sponsors this drive to fund its many projects, first and foremost being food distribution. Others include wells that provide clean water, crisis clean-up supplies, schools, blankets, cottage industries and more. In addition, each walk chooses local charities to share in the one quarter of the gleanings that goes to local work. This year, we are giving that money to Everyone Eats in downtown Detroit, Northville Civic Concern, Redford Interfaith Relief, and the Novi Emergency Food Bank.

Just to make sure that our own walkers didn't get depleted, Absopure Water donated bottled water for water stops along the six-mile trail. Guernsey Dairy donated lots of delicious vanilla ice cream to revive everyone at the end. And the Novi High

School Honor Society donated hours to earn community service credits by helping set up and man the water and ice cream serving areas.

People of all ages and various church denominations participated. Moms pushed strollers. Families walked it together. Seniors joined in. Some folks ran it. In fact, the first to complete the 10K were two young ladies from Novi High. Lauren Wilk and Amanda Putti are part of the cross country team. After taking a brief rest, they asked if they could run on the trails at Crosspointe Meadows Church where the event was hosted. The girls bounded off to run another mile (Ahh, youth). But during the 10K, they were flanked by a rigorous athlete, some 60 years young, our own treasurer, Len Dixon.

Last year the Novi-Northville Walk brought in \$17,603. We will continue to take donations for this walk through Nov. 10. Checks should be made out to CWS/ CropWalk with 'Novi/ Northville MI' in the memo. Mail them to: CWS, P.O. 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. Or you can give online by going to [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org) and click on the map of Michigan and scroll down to the Novi/Northville

Walk. These are steps well worth taking to help provide enough for hungry people around the world.

Thanks to the communities of Novi and Northville for hosting this event and making a difference!

**Margaret Connors**  
Farmington Hills

**Agrees with Kuban**

I enjoyed Kurt Kuban's column ("Endorsements are not always easy, but important nonetheless") in last week's paper about the reasons for newspapers to make endorsements of political candidates. I agree with him totally.

It is beneficial to hear the opinions of people whose jobs require them to follow our government and candidates. Most newspaper people have done research for their articles and have inside information that is difficult for an average citizen to obtain.

I find newspaper endorsements helpful – particularly when they are accompanied with an explanation of their reasons. Please keep providing them.

**Carol Strayer**  
Plymouth

GUEST COLUMN

# Congress sends strong message against ISIS

In September, Congress took an important step in our fight against the terrorist group ISIS, authorizing President Obama's plan to train and equip friendly forces to confront the brutality from ISIS on the ground in Syria.

Earlier this year, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved a similar Syria train-and-equip provision by a bipartisan vote of 23-3 as part of the annual defense authorization act. Here's why I supported that provision and the measure Congress adopted in September.

While ISIS is currently focused on building an Islamic "caliphate" in the Middle East, its poisonous ideology is hostile not only to the Middle East, but to the world, and there is a real risk that the area that it controls could become a launching pad for future terrorist attacks against the United States and its friends and allies.

ISIS is terrorizing the Iraqi and Syrian people, engaging in kidnappings, killings, persecutions of religious minorities and attacking schools, hospitals and cultural sites. The threat to Americans and American interests was dramatically and tragically brought home by the brutal beheadings of American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff and British aid worker David Haines.

The president has announced a four-pronged strategy to degrade and ultimately defeat ISIS. Those four prongs are as follows: first, increased support to Iraqi, Kurdish and Syrian opposition forces on the ground; second, a systematic campaign of air strikes against ISIS, in Iraq and in Syria; third, im-



**Sen. Carl Levin**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

proved intelligence and efforts to cut off ISIS funding and recruiting; and fourth, continued humanitarian assistance to ISIS victims.

Our senior military leaders support the president's strategy. When Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified before the Armed Services Committee, I asked whether he personally supports the president's strategy and his response was, "I do."

He explained that the best way forward runs "through a coalition of Arab and Muslim partners and not through the ownership (of this fight by) the United States." Training and equipping the moderate Syrian opposition is a critical step. As Dempsey explained, we need to build "a force of vetted, trained moderate Syrians to take on (ISIS) in Syria."

Some Americans have expressed the concern that this new military effort will lead us back into a quagmire we entered with the Iraq invasion in 2003. But the differences between that situation and today's are huge.

First, in 2003, we invaded Iraq and threw out Saddam Hussein's government. This year, by contrast, the Iraqi government has requested our assistance against ISIS.

This request has been joined by leaders of Iraq's Shiites, Sunnis, Kurds and other religious minorities. The global community will provide support in re-

sponse to this request, but ISIS remains a problem that only Iraqis and Syrians can solve. They can solve it with our help, but only they can solve it.

The contrast to the Iraq invasion of 2003 is particularly sharp with regard to ground combat troops. In 2003, almost 200,000 American and British combat troops invaded Iraq. This year, by contrast, the president's policy is that ground combat operations in Iraq and Syria will be carried out not by us, but by Iraqis, Kurds and Syrians. While the United States and a broad coalition of nations, including Arab and Muslim countries, will support this effort, there is no plan to have American combat forces on the ground.

The struggle against ISIS in Iraq and Syria will be a long, hard one to which we should give our support. We cannot take the place of the Iraqis and the Syrians.

They must purge the poison that they have in their country. These extremist groups like ISIS and al-Qaeda must be purged by the people that they plague. But we can help them get rid of this poison.

That assistance now includes training and equipment for moderate groups seeking to prevent ISIS from taking over Syria. The bipartisan support in Congress for this assistance was an important statement to the very countries that we are seeking to help rid themselves of this cancer of America's commitment to help stamp out ISIS.

*Carl Levin is the senior senator from Michigan and the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.*







# Elements can't scare trick-or-treaters



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Niklas, 4, (right) and Luke Celiski, 2, prepare to head out on to the streets of Northville on Halloween night dressed as a pair of bulldozers.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Trick-or-treaters visit a house in Northville's historic district during a cold and wet Halloween evening. The fun began precisely at 6 p.m.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Reese Irving (left) and Vanessa Bryer, both 7, trick or treat together along West Main Street in Northville.

The weather wasn't exactly perfect Friday for Halloween. In fact, you might say it was downright frightening – with frigid temperatures, howling winds, rain and even a little snow.

But it sure didn't stop all the boys and girls from hitting the pavement in search of treats. Northville was brimming with trick-or-treaters, especially in the historic

downtown area. The kids, many accompanied by their parents, dressed up in some great costumes and were greeted at most homes with sweet treats.

The Northville fire station was also a popular stop for the kids, as there were plenty of firefighters on hand giving out popcorn and cotton candy, as well as apple cider and doughnuts, which seemed per-

fect for a chilly autumn evening.

*Northville Record* photographer John Heider also hit the streets and captured some of the fun. Here a few of his shots from another successful Halloween night in Northville. Be sure to visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) to see more of Heider's shots.

– By Kurt Kuban



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Dressed as a "Harry Potter" character, Anna Wiseley hands out goodies at a house along Dunlap Street in Northville.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL



Northwestern University freshman Symone Abbott has been named Big Ten Freshman Player of the Week twice.

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# Northwestern lands a keeper in frosh Abbott

Northville graduate paces Wildcats in kills

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The way Symone Abbott can jump off the floor, the sky probably isn't the limit for the 6-foot-1 freshman outside hitter from North-western University.

And the 2014 Northville High grad has not disappointed in her first season with the Wildcats as she leads all Big Ten freshman with 3.37 kills per set and ranks eighth over-all in the conference.

Abbott, who came home last weekend to face both Michigan (Friday) and Michi-gan State (Saturday), ap-peared to be coming from another stratosphere Oct. 5 when she buried a career-high 21 kills in a three-set win over No. 18 Minnesota.

"Minnesota was a really good game for us," said Ab-bott, who has been named Big Ten Freshman Player of the Week twice already this sea-



Abbott

son. "It was a home game and we just came out and played the best volleyball we could without anybody telling us to. It wasn't stressful, we just played that best that we could. It was really natural. Even though Minnesota is nationally ranked, we proved that we can beat those kind of teams."

Abbott recorded a team-best 17 kills Friday in a 25-20, 25-19, 24-26, 25-18 victory at Michigan, followed by a six-kill effort Saturday in a 25-17, 25-18, 25-16 setback at MSU.

Nothing, obviously, comes easy in the Big Ten, which has proven to be a meat

grinder when it comes to NCAA Division I women's volleyball. The Wildcats, who are 14-9 overall and 4-8 in the conference, have gone 1-6 against nationally ranked teams, including 1-5 against the Big Ten's top 25-rated foes.

In high school, Abbott helped Northville to back-to-back Class A final four appearances. And during her Premier Volleyball Club days, she could get away with just going up with her explosive vertical jump and blasting away at opponents on the block, being rarely chal-lenged.

But when she arrived at Northwestern, it became a bit of a learning curve for the former Northville all-state player.

"Probably I had to make a mental adjustment," Abbot said, "because when you're in

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Mustang girls run a strong third at states

Northville garners three Division 1 all-state finishes

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The future appears to be sooner than later for the Northville girls cross country program.

The defending MHSAA Division 1 champion Mustangs, paced by five underclassmen, capped their 2014 season Sat-urday at Michigan Interna-tional Speedway in Brooklyn with a strong third-place show-ing.

Birmingham Seaholm, led by the one-two finish of Au-drey Belf and Rachel DaDa-mio, captured its second state title in three years with 88 points, while Traverse City Central was runner-up with 115.

Northville, getting three all-state (top 30) performances, took third with 135, while Mil-ford (169) and Saline (230) rounded out the top five.

"I was thrilled with the results today and each one of the girls stepped up to the best of their ability," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We were hoping to be in the top five after winning the title last year. And only bringing back three from last year's state team, we exceeded our expec-tations."

Belf defended her state title with a 5,000-meter time of 17:19.0, while DaDamio was



NANCY SMITH

Northville's Cayla Eckenroth (from left), Hailey Harris and Lexa Barrott earned Division 1 cross country all-state honors Saturday at MIS.

runner-up in 17:29.4.

Northville's all-state trio included sophomore Cayla Eckenroth (11th, 18:08.7); ju-nior Lexa Barrott (15th, 18:18.1); and junior Hailey Har-ris (27th, 18:32.2).

All three ran career per-sonal bests.

"Cayla continued to excel in her second all-state showing

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MARYBETH FERRANTE

The Northville boys cross country team recorded a fourth-place finish Saturday in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals at MIS.

# Northville boys fourth, best in school history

Noles earns all-state honors in 26th place

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The 2014 Northville boys cross country team walked out of Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn on Sat-urday with distinction of being the best in school history.

The Mustangs placed fourth in a highly competitive MHSAA Division 1 state finals

as Rockford captured the team title with 140 points, followed by White Lake Lakeland (146), Waterford Mott (148), Northville (165) and Saline (203) rounding out the top five.

"This group of seniors has had an incredible run," said coach Chris Cronin, who guid-ed Northville to a fifth-place last year and 11th in 2012. "Their legacy has left an in-delible mark on this program."

While Grand Blanc's Grant Fisher blistered the 5,000-

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GIRLS SWIMMING

# Northville girls four-peat in KLAA Central Division

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Northville girls swim team appears primed for the stretch run as the Mustangs garnered their fourth consec-utive KLAA Central Division meet title Saturday at Novi.

Northville took only three individual titles, but displayed plenty of depth to score a team-high 666 points, followed

by Salem (468.5), South Lyon Unified (455), the host Wildcats (322) and Livonia Stevenson (287.5).

"We had a great division meet," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "This was the last swim of the season for most of our team, so they were ready to swim fast. There were some real great swims, with a lot of time drops. I was really proud of the whole team for how they

swam and for what they ac-complished all season long. This was a hard-working team and the hard work definitely paid off yesterday."

Northville got firsts from Laura Westphal, 200-yard free-style (1:56.91); Darby Mroz, 200 individual medley (2:13.74); and Alissa Moore, 500 free-style (5:11.61).

The Mustangs also got indi-vidual seconds from Gillian

Zayan, 100 freestyle (55.14); Jessica Yan, 500 freestyle (5:19.47); and Mroz, 100 back-stroke (1:00.72).

Northville's 200 medley (1:56.16) and 200 freestyle (1:42.94) relay teams also add-ed seconds.

"We were also able to final-ize our conference team," McNeff said. "There were still a couple of spots that were open and some girls really

stepped up and showed that they want to keep swimming. It's always a tough decision of who to take to the meet. We have such a deep team that I am leaving people off who probably would score."

Novi's only first came in the 200 freestyle relay, as Dana Kilponen, Alexandra Cortez, Ava Bianchi and Emily May-

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# Eldest Harding sister tops list of All-Area golfers

By Jeff Theisen  
Sports Writer

South Lyon golf was dominated by the Harding sisters this year. And at the top of that three-person list was senior Caroline Harding, who is the 2014 All-Area Golfer of the Year.

Harding also earned first team all-state honors after averaging 38.5 for nine holes and 78.4 for 18. She was medalist for 10 of her 16 matches and tournaments.

The Lions captain saved some of her best golf for the end of the year, when she finished second at the regional and third overall at the Division 2 state finals as the Lions finished runner-up as a team.

Michigan State University will get the services of Harding, who also earned academic all-state honorable mention.

"Caroline is easily one of the top 10 players in the state in all divisions," said coach Dan Skatzka, who also earned Division 2 Coach of the Year honors. "She is one of our

captains and a great team leader who leads by quiet example. She is one of the hardest workers that I have ever worked with in over 40 years of coaching."

### First team Priscilla Harding South Lyon

The junior was another Harding force with averages of 41.1 for nine holes and 82.1 for 18. She earned a spot on the all-state first team after finishing 10th at the Division 2 state finals.

"Priscilla is also a very hard worker, like her sisters," Skatzka said. "On a few of the occasions when Caroline was not match medalist, it was because Priscilla was. She was also instrumental in contributing to our championship season and our No. 1 ranking for four consecutive weeks."

### Elizabeth Harding South Lyon

The freshman showed some of her best golf at the regional with a medalist score of 83. She averaged 42.3 for nine holes and 85 for 18. She

### ALL-AREA GIRLS GOLF TEAM

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
Caroline Harding, South Lyon

**FIRST TEAM**  
Priscilla Harding, South Lyon  
Elizabeth Harding, South Lyon  
Katie Childers, Northville  
Katelyn Henry, Novi  
Madison Kroetsch, Novi  
Abby Livingston, Novi

**SECOND TEAM**  
Alexa Hatz, Novi  
Maya Grandstaff, Novi  
Julia Stevenson, Milford  
Alyse Clevenger, Northville

earned all-state honorable mention thanks to finishing in the top 10 five times this season.

"Elizabeth had the best freshman season of anyone who has ever played for us," Skatzka said. "She was a big reason for our undefeated dual meet season and us winning the division and conference championship."

### Katie Childers Northville

The senior will take her talents to Bucknell (Pa.) University after averaging 81.5 for 18

Jen Kowalczyk, Northville  
Alex Bernas, South Lyon

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South Lyon: Morgan Abate (sr.), Vickie Hartlep (sr.), Lucy Dinsmore (jr.)  
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Novi: Claire Kalina (sr.), Lauren Henry (soph.)  
Northville: Allison Zwarka (jr.); Madison Berman (sr.)

holes. She cracked the top five in five different tournaments and was top 10 in seven tourneys. She was voted team MVP thanks to a low round of 35 and runner-up finishes at the regional and at the KLAA Association tournament.

"She is one of the hardest workers I have ever coached," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "She is never satisfied and is consistently looking to improve. On any given day, she could be the best player in the state and compete against the best."

### Katelyn Henry Novi

The senior helped Novi finish fourth overall at the Division 1 state finals. She tied for 12th individually. The two-time captain averaged 39.8 for nine holes and 82.8 for 18. She finished runner-up at the KLAA Association tournament with a 78 and was fifth at the regional. She holds three individual school records, including a low-



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South Lyon's Caroline Harding is the 2014 All-Area Player of the Year.

the regional and eighth at the KLAA Association tournament. She shot 89-87 at the finals and averaged 43.3 for nine holes and 89.7 for 18.

### Maya Grandstaff Novi

The junior posted the third-best score for the Wildcats at state with an 84-88. She averaged 89.4 for 18 and recorded two top 10 finishes. She was 14th at the KLAA Association tournament and 21st at the regional.

### Julia Stevenson Milford

The junior reached the Division 2 state finals as an individual and recorded averages of 44.5 for nine holes and 89.4 for 18. Stevenson was team MVP and earned KLAA Lakes Conference first team honors.

### Alyse Clevenger Northville

The junior shot an 86 to tie for 15th at the Kensington Conference tourney while averaging 45 for nine holes and 91.8 for 18. She also finished 13th at the regional.

### Jen Kowalczyk Northville

The junior saved some of her best golf for the end of the year. She averaged 91.6 for 18 holes and was 16th at the regional. She was also all-conference after finishing in the top 18.

### Alex Bernas South Lyon

The senior was fourth at the regional and averaged 45.6 for nine holes and 92.5 for 18. She played in the state finals the last two years and earned academic all-state honorable mention.

## CITY OF NOVI, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPROVAL OF THE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY RECREATION AND MASTER PARK PLAN

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Novi, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) will hold a Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled PRCS Commission meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, to consider the adoption of the proposed Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department's (PRCS) 2015-2019 Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan.

The Strategic Community Recreation and Master Park Plan has been developed and updated in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements. The plan will serve as a guide for the acquisition and development of the PRCS Department's parks, facilities and programs for the next five (5) years and is necessary for the application of grants through the MDNR.

### All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing

Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerks Office - City of Novi, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., November 20, 2014.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Maryanne Cornelius at 248.347.0456 for special services.

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GIRLS SWIMMING  
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# Canton sends Northville packing in playoffs

## Chiefs' rush attack proves too much for Mustangs, 48-7

**By Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

The wind was gusting upward of 35 mph, it was damp and temperatures plunged into the 30s.

Just what a meteorologist would dial up on a Friday Halloween night for Canton's wing-T running attack as the host Chiefs took advantage of the elements and opened the Division 1 football playoffs with a resounding 48-7 pre-district victory over Northville.

Canton, which improved to 8-2 overall, also had the statistics to back up its performance up by rushing for a total of 469 yards to go along with 20 first downs, while limiting Northville to 142 yards total.

Canton coach Tim Baechler could revel in the fact that there were also snowflakes serenading the victory afterward as the Chiefs will move on to face Livonia Churchill (8-2) for the Region 3-District 1 title next Friday at home. It will be a rematch of the Oct. 3 meeting won by Canton, 40-35.

"This is perfect Canton football weather," Baechler said. "I saw the forecast on Sunday and I said, 'Oh, my God, I hope this comes true.' The worse it is, the better for us. And it did."

Canton led 21-0 after one quarter and 34-7 at halftime, racking up a total of 280 yards – all of which came on the ground.

One of the big reasons was the play of the offensive line. "We've been waiting for this," Baechler said. "I think we finally came of age on the offensive line, too. We've had some injury problems, just plugging people around and keep grinding it out. And I think today, I finally think we have a Canton offensive line – finally."

On its first possession, Canton took just six plays to score.

Senior Brian Newton started the scoring parade with 1-yard TD run with 9:17 left in the first quarter, which was set up by Newton's own 42-yard burst down to the Northville 13 on just the third play



Northville's P.J. Schnepf tries to break free from Canton tacklers Ali Mashhour (left), Colin Eglas (right) and Jalen Cochran (back).



Northville's Zach Prystash runs the jet sweep in Friday's pre-district clash at Canton.

from scrimmage.

With the wind blowing from the north, Canton got the ball back at the Northville 46 when the Mustangs' punt traveled a mere 4 yards. And on the second play, sophomore Marcus Sanders busted a 42-yard TD run to make it 14-0 with 6:06 left in the first.

The Chiefs scored again with 1:16 to go in the first quarter on their third drive, this time on a Charles Turfe 9-yard TD run, to go up 21-0 (following Andrew Loehnis' extra point).

"The hardest thing playing against that offense is that you're depending on 11 players to remain disciplined at all times," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "And, of course, they're teenagers and it's just easy for one of them make a mistake or not have him do his assignment. And when that happens, they make big plays."

The Mustangs, who went three-and-out twice to start the game, got on the board with 8:13 left in the half on quarterback Justin Zimbo's 5-yard TD pass to tight end Ryan Roberts to cap a 12-play, 65-yard drive. Jake Moody's PAT cut the deficit to 21-7.

Canton, which went four-for-four on its first-half drives, took just five plays to score again as quarterback Greg Williams faked a handoff into the line, the Northville de-

fense bit, and the Chiefs QB kept it himself for a 46-yard touchdown with 5:39 left in the half to make it 28-7.

"There were a couple of times where we blew up the trap, they bounced it out and had a huge seam on the outside," Ladach said. "Those are back-breakers. A kid does everything he's supposed to, blows it up and their kid just makes a great play."

Northville then gambled on fourth-and-two at its own 37, but P.J. Schnepf was stopped short of the first-down marker by Canton linebacker Jacob Stephan with 3:26 to go.

And the Chiefs took advantage by taking just five plays to score once again, capped by Sanders' 11-yard TD run with 1:00 left in the half. The PAT attempt was blown short by a stiff wind to keep it 34-7 at intermission.

"Until they (Northville) had the wind at their backs, I definitely think it was to our advantage for us because we got that early lead and they were kind of stuck running the ball," Baechler said. "We did a

great job containing their quarterback (Zimbo) most of the time running. He's a good athlete, very shifty and quick. We didn't give up the big pass play. That was our goal coming into the game."

After a scoreless third quarter, Sanders scored with 10:43 remaining on a 30-yard run and Williams ran in for two to make it a running clock as the Chiefs increased their advantage to 42-7.

And with 3:34 left, Newton broke through the seam of the Northville defense to score on a 67-yard TD run to complete the rout.

Newton paced the Chiefs with 171 yards rushing on 14 carries, while Sanders added 168 on just 12 attempts. Turfe had 13 carries for 81 yards.

Northville (6-4) loses 37 seniors to graduation.

"This is a great group of kids," Ladach said. "I'm truly blessed to be the head coach here and this class is just another example of why I love my job as much as I do."

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## WESTERN LAKES JUNIOR FOOTBALL

# Colts, Bobcats punch tickets to Super Bowl

The Northville Colts exploded for 42 first-half points Sunday en route to a 52-22 Western Lakes Junior Football League varsity semifinal playoff victory over the visiting Novi Bobcats at Tom Holzer Field.

The Colts, who improved to 10-0, move into the WLFJL Super Bowl this Sunday at Novi High School.

Nick Prystash accounted for all three touchdowns as the Colts jumped out to a 22-0 lead. Two of his TDs came on runs, while the other was a result of an interception return following a pressure of the Bobcats quarterback by Jeff Varner. Josh Porter kicked a pair of two-pointers.

In the second quarter, the Colts added 22 more points as Daniel McLaughlin hit Ryan Silberg on a TD pass; Zach Bordchart added a 1-yard run TD run (set up by Jake Khoury's 50-yard kickoff return); and Brian Tijan scored on a fumble

recovery. Porter booted a pair of two-pointers.

The Bobcats (6-4) scored all 22 of their points in the second quarter as Andrew O'Connor accounted all the scoring thanks to TD runs of 51 and 41 yards, along with an 80-yard kickoff return. He also converted a pair of two-point kicks.

In the final quarter, Brennen VanRiper ran for a TD and Porter converted the two-point kick.

Other Colts standouts defensively included Tijan (two sacks), Ivan Kosenov (sack), Khoury (fumble recovery), Varner, Luke Lindsey-Zaht, Aiden Hayek and Ryan Logan.

**BOBCATS (JV) 19, COLTS 0:** Ethan Cooper rushed for 163 yards on just 16 carries and a pair of TDs as the Bobcats (7-3) blanked the host Colts (8-2) in a WLFJL semifinal Sunday at Holzer Field.

Cooper scored on TD runs of 60 and 30 yards in the first and fourth quarters, respectively. He also caught a pass for 20 yards, while Bryce Lubin had an 11-yard reception.

Quarterback Jack Beno, who was 4-of-7 passing for 39 yards and rushed for 32 yards, added one-point conversion run in the first quarter followed by a 5-yard TD run in the second to give the Bobcats a 13-0 halftime advantage.



The Stallions' Isaac Pace (4) tries to bring down Bobcat ball carrier Bacari Scott (3) in Sunday's WLFJL freshman playoff game.

Defensively, Ashton Chapman and Terry Newson sparked the Bobcats with six tackles apiece, while Gavin Parenti and Malik McGhee each recovered a fumble. Aiden Shires also had an interception.

Brett Rankin led the Colts with 52 yards rushing, while top tacklers included Andrew Hayek, Gavin Najso and Kameron Naujoks.

**BOBCATS 19 (FRESHMAN), STALLIONS 0:** Bacari Scott rushed for 119 yards on 15 carries and a pair of touchdowns Sunday as the Bobcats (10-0) kept their perfect record intact with a WLFJL semifinal playoff win over the host Northville Stallions (8-2) at Holzer Field.

Niko Krall, who added 65 yards on eight attempts, scored on a 1-yard TD run in the

opening quarter, followed by Robert Lalain's one-point conversion run, for a 7-0 Bobcats advantage.

The Bobcats then put it away in the final quarter as Scott scored on TD runs of 9 and 10 yards, respectively, with 8:34 and 4:22 remaining.

Jackson Kinter also added 59 yards rushing on just three carries to go along with a fumble recovery, while Lalain, Dominic Senatore and Cole Shires each converted a key first down to contribute to the win.

Krall posted a team-high nine tackles and recovered a fumble, while Thad Lawler made eight tackles.

The Stallions got key offensive gains by Max Anderson, Grady Zoroya and Luca Prior.

# SWIMMING

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oras were clocked in 1:40.53.

The Wildcats also got seconds from Cortez in the 200 IM (2:16.77) and Bianchi in the 50 freestyle (25.05). Novi's 400 freestyle relay team was also runner-up (3:42.88).

The KLAA Central and South Division teams will now collide in the Kensington Conference championships set for noon Saturday, Nov. 8, at South Lyon East.

South Lyon Unified won the title last year with 914 points, followed by Northville with 817.

"Even though this was a great win for us, we have done it before and what we really are swimming for is another win next week," said McNeff, whose team finished 7-0 in dual meets this year. "Hopefully the girls bring the same attitude and effort next week and we can celebrate another victory."

## KLAA CENTRAL DIVISION

### GIRLS SWIM MEET

Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at Novi

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 666 points; 2. Salem, 468.5; 3. South Lyon Unified, 455; 4. Novi, 322; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 287.5.

### FINAL HEAT RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Molly Rowe, Katie Xu, Lisa Zhang, Linda Zhang), 1:49.3; 2. Northville (Darby Mroz, Jennifer Ostrowski, Kelsey Macaddino, Madeline Wilczewski), 1:56.16; 3. South Lyon, 1:57.03; 4. Novi (Ava Bianchi, Alice Ying, Hanna Dong, Dana Kilponen), 1:57.37; 5. Stevenson, 1:57.65; 6. South Lyon, 1:58.65.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Laura Westphal (N'ville), 1:56.91; 2. Rebecca Arakelian (LS), 1:57.56; 3. Allissa Moore (N'ville), 1:57.81; 4. Patricia Freitag (Salem), 1:59.47; 5. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 1:59.77; 6. Nicki Pumper (N'ville), 2:02.22.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Mroz (N'ville), 2:13.74; 2. Alexandra Cortez (Novi), 2:16.77; 3. Rowe (Salem), 2:17.54; 4. Emily Mayoras (Novi), 2:17.9; 5. Ana Barrott (N'ville), 2:24.57; 6. Bayne Frosney (LS), 2:25.0.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 24.7; 2. Bianchi (Novi), 25.05; 3. Rachel Arceri (LS), 25.61; 4. Pumper (N'ville), 26.13; 5. Karen Xu (Novi), 26.55; 6. Melissa Flannigan (LS), 26.68.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Heidi Surdyk (SLU), 456.75 points; 2. Madison Canadi (SLU), 401.05; 3. Sarah Plohetzki (SLU), 376.50; 4. Jessica Weak (LS), 354.55; 5. Caitlyn Canadi (SLU), 344.90; 6. Alicia Schmitt (SLU), 323.55.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 57.28; 2. Freitag (Salem), 59.95; 3. Macaddino (N'ville), 1:00.28; 4. Xu (Salem), 1:00.91; 5. Rowe (Salem), 1:03.02; 6. Brittany Nayh (N'ville), 1:03.32.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 53.36; 2. Zayan (N'ville), 55.14; 3. Westphal (N'ville), 55.66; 4. Kilponen (Novi), 55.76; 5. Cortez (Novi), 55.92; 6. Natalie Filipowicz (N'ville), 57.69.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Moore (N'ville), 5:11.61; 2. Jessica Yan (N'ville), 5:19.47; 3. Melanie Dunnuck (SLU), 5:33.94; 4. Anna Smith (SLU), 5:37.87; 5. Sarah Ptashnik (N'ville), 5:40.84; 6. Jenna Chen (Salem), 5:41.49.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Novi (Kilponen, Cortez, Bianchi, Mayoras), 1:40.53; 2. Northville (Zayan, Filipowicz, Hannah Craig, Pumper), 1:42.94; 3. South Lyon, 1:32.45; 4. Salem, 1:44.03; 5. Novi (Mallory Martlock, Samantha Kasanic, Idalia Moore, Lindsey Vaughn), 1:51.04; 6. Northville (Barrott, Julia Scavniczy, Kathleen Gruschow, Brooke Verble), 1:51.09.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:00.34; 2. Mroz (N'ville), 1:00.72; 3. Sabrina Lee (N'ville), 1:01.22; 4. Mayoras (Novi), 1:01.47; 5. Stephanie Solterman (Salem), 1:03.42; 6. Olivia Burrows (N'ville), 1:03.69.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Arakelian (LS), 1:09.58; 2. Xu (Salem), 1:10.66; 3. Yan (N'ville), 1:12.51; 4. Arceri (LS), 1:13.48; 5. Erin Szara (N'ville), 1:13.68; 6. Ostrowski (N'ville), 1:13.86.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Linda Zhang, Freitag, Solterman, Lisa Zhang), 3:41.18; 2. Novi (Kilponen, Mayoras, Bianchi, Cortez), 3:42.88; 3. Northville (Lee, Moore, Filipowicz, Westphal), 3:44.8; 4. Stevenson, 3:54.08; 5. South Lyon (A), 3:56.25; 6. South Lyon (B), 3:59.47.

# Northville Cup champs

Team Arsenal, an under-9 girls soccer team, recently finished 6-2 during the fall season en route to the Northville Cup championship. Team members include: Rylee Vance, Madeline Czopek, Cecilia Finkbeiner, Audrey Guyot, Maryelle Hall, Ava Lenox, Jocelyn Phelps, Lilly Tower, Grace Walsh, Casey Leonard, Annika Anderson and Elizabeth Lewis. Adam Phelps is the head coach assisted by Brian Vance, Dave Czopek, and Jim Lenox.





PREP VOLLEYBALL

# No. 2 Novi spikers seize Seaholm tournament title

**By Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

The second-ranked Novi volleyball team got off a somewhat shaky start Saturday, but finished with a bang to capture the Birmingham Seaholm Tournament.

The Wildcats, who improved to 47-5-1 overall, knocked off Class A No. 8-ranked Romeo in the finals, 25-15, 25-19, after earning a 25-21, 26-24 triumph over the host Maples in the semifinals.

“We serve received well so we were able to spread our offense and also played with tenacity and desire to win,” Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. “It’s always nice to win a tough tournament like Sea-

holm headed into postseason play.”

Junior twins Victoria and Paulina Iacobelli led the way both offensively and defensively. Victoria posted 47 total kills and 38 digs on the day, while Paulina added 30 kills and 65 digs.

Freshman setter Erin O’Leary chipped in with 120 total assist-to-kills to go along with 20 kills and 28 digs. Sophomore Ally Cummings also contributed 27 kills.

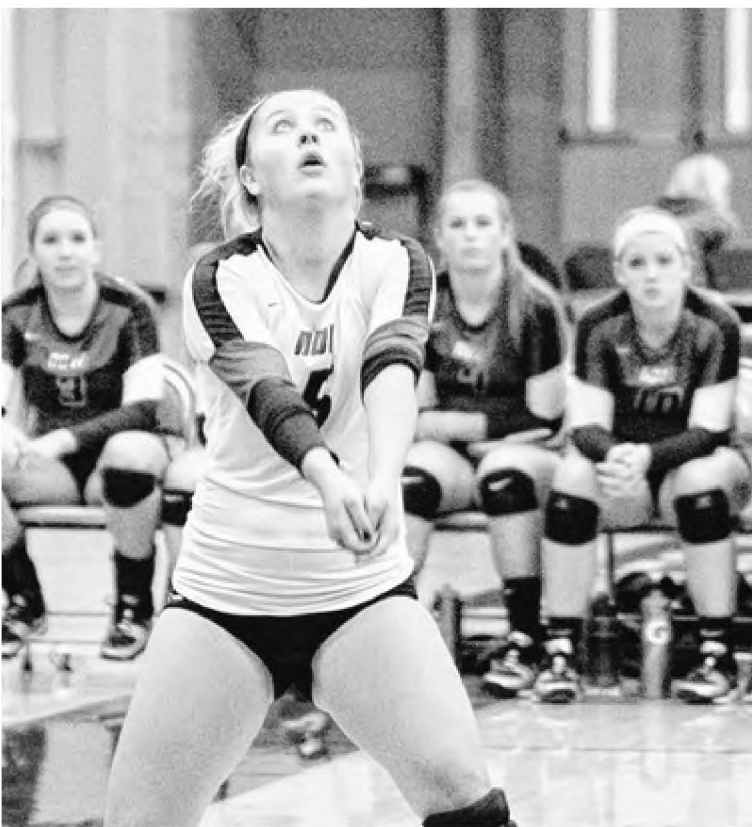
In pool play, Novi lost its opener to White Lake Lakeland (25-14, 25-22), but rebounded with victories over Grosse Pointe South (25-14, 25-18) and Romeo (25-21, 25-23) to reach the quarterfinals, where they ousted Macomb

Dakota (25-15, 24-26, 15-6).

“We started out very slow in our first pool play match on Saturday, but were able to regroup and get back on track,” Cottrill said. “We were hoping to play some tough competition to prepare us for the postseason and we were able to play ranked Romeo twice and also Seaholm (honorable mention).”

The Wildcats were scheduled to begin Class A district play Tuesday at home against Salem. The second match of the doubleheader pitted Canton against Northville. The semifinal winners will meet for the district title at 7 p.m. Thursday at Novi.

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DAVID MAYLEN

Novi libero Jordan Massab makes a pass during Saturday’s Birmingham Seaholm Tournament.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

# Novi harriers wind up 15th, Catholic Central 17th at MIS

**By Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Reappearing in the MHSAA state finals was an accomplishment in itself for the Novi boys cross country team.

The Wildcats, paced by junior Joost Plaetnick’s 13th-place all-state (top 30) finish, wound up 15th in the Division 1 team standings Saturday with 356 points at chilly and windy Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Rockford, scoring 140 points, won a close battle for first place over runner-up White Lake Lakeland (146), Waterford Mott (148) and Northville (165).

“Just making it to the finals is a huge accomplishment,” Novi coach Robert Smith said. “There are dozens of quality teams that didn’t make it out of regionals. For us to finish in the top 15 is really icing on the cake.”

Grand Blanc’s Grant Fisher, a senior, successfully defended his individual title in the 5,000-meter race with a time of 14 minutes, 52.5 seconds.



LUC PLAETINCK

The Novi boys cross country team, led by All-Stater Joost Plaetnick (92), comes out of the shoot in Saturday’s Division 1 state finals at MIS.

was very impressed with these two guys today. Hall is coming off an injury and Landy has been running varsity for only part of the season. Both ran a gutsy race.”

Senior Cameron Misko (174th, 17:04.4) and first-year junior Adam Ditri (203rd, 17:19.8) rounded out the top seven for Novi, which has enjoyed a rich tradition of performing well at the state finals.

The Wildcats had their first team qualify under Smith in 1990 with a ninth-place finish, followed by three-year run where they captured back-to-back Class A titles in 1998 and 1999, along with a runner-up finish in 2000 (Division 1).

Novi continued its remarkable run with top 10 finishes through 2006. The team qualified again in 2008 (13th) and 2009 (10th).

“It’s great to be back,” Smith said. “We’ve continued

our state meet appearances over the last few years with individuals, but getting the team there is really what it’s all about.”

**Smith top CC finisher**

Junior Scott Smith was Novi Detroit Catholic Central’s top individual finisher as the Shamrocks, making their first Division 1 finals appearance since 2010, placed 17th overall in the 27-team field at MIS with 391 points.

Smith finished 92nd overall in 16:25.8, followed by junior Avery Felty (95th, 16:27.0), junior Bailey Hobson (113th, 16:36.4), sophomore Ben Racine, (123rd, 16:45.4) and sophomore Mark Borek (185th, 17:09.2).

CC’s non-scorers included junior Ben Ludtke (214th, 17:24.8) and sophomore Brendan Canavan (240th, 18:02.1).

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## ABBOTT

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club (volleyball) and playing all these teams, all the girls aren’t really Big Ten college material, so you stick out a little bit and you don’t have to work as hard to score points. So I just depended on my arm and stuff to score points for the team.

“But then when you come to the Big Ten, everybody is good. I have to think about it, ‘Hit it this way, hit it that way.’ That’s the biggest technical change I’ve had to my game.”

Abbott, however, became a quick learner as evidenced by a 15-kill outing in her collegiate debut Aug. 29 against Colorado. She racked up 17 kills and two blocks Sept. 27 in a win over Maryland. She also posted double digits in kills in all three victories during the Wildcat Classic, leading Northwestern with 3.80 kills per set.

She leads the Wildcats with 259 total kills in 21 matches.

“It’s been a joy to watch Symone continue to grow develop as a young member of our Northwestern volleyball family,” Northwestern coach Keylor Chan said. “Coming in, we knew that she had the ability to be a special player on this level, but she’s continued to impress us day in and day out since the day she arrived on campus. She’s already shown that she can play well in the best conference in the country and, as Symone continues improve and become a more consistent

threat, she’ll be someone truly remarkable.”

Abbott’s first introduction to volleyball came during her eighth-grade year.

“It was an intramural thing that was open to anybody that wanted to go,” Abbott said. “And I really liked the way the knee pads looked on other people, so I thought I wanted to wear knee pads, too. So I thought the only way I could wear knee pads was to go to the intramural volleyball. It wasn’t any revolutionary story. I just liked the knee pads and started playing volleyball after that.”

Abbott – one of five children, including an older sister who attends Michigan – chose Northwestern over Georgia Tech, where she almost joined former Northville High teammate Rebecca Martin, now a sophomore setter with the Yellowjackets.

Abbott also considered Central Michigan and Florida International University, but eventually chose Northwestern (where her grandfather Art earned a master’s in audiology in 1966.)

And so far, the Evanston campus appears to be a good fit both athletically and academically for the former Northville standout.

“I’m going to switch to journalism next semester,” Abbott said. “I didn’t know I wanted to go into journalism until I got here. I applied and got in Weinberg (School of Arts & Sciences). I may go into editing or broadcast journalism. It’s good thing because it’s such a great school.”

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## BOYS

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meter MIS course in 14 minutes, 52.5 seconds, Northville senior Nick Noles earned all-state (top 30) honors for the third time in his career in 26th (15:46.2).

“I knew I was gong to have a good race today,” said Noles, who posted mile splits of 4:57, 5:15 and 5:10. “I felt it when I woke up this morning.”

Noles joins Dan Sims, currently a freshman at Michigan State, as the only two runners in Northville boys cross country history to earn all-state honors three times.

“You could see Nick building toward this day for three weeks,” Cronin said. “He has looked so strong at meets and in practice. It wasn’t a surprise to see him finish his career with a race like he had today.

“Nick’s forte is his finish and, with its long flat finish, the course at MIS sets up perfectly for his mental toughness. It has been a true joy to coach Nick. The fact that he is a good runner just makes the journey sweeter.”

Rounding out Northville’s top five were junior Conor Naughton (32nd, 15:51.0), senior Jason Ferrante (38th, 16:00.0), senior Sean McCullough (60th, 16:13.9) and junior Kenny Goolsby (122nd, 16:44.5).

Naughton, just two places away from all-state, was one second off his career and season best clocking.

“As a team, we believed we had a chance to win today,” Naughton said. “In that sense, finishing fourth is tough, but that’s where we ended up. I feel so blessed to have run with these seniors. I couldn’t

ask for better teammates.”

Naughton will be the team’s top returnee in 2015.

“Were are fortunate to have Conor back for another season,” Cronin said. “We think he can become the fastest Mustang in school history.”

Ferrante will be another senior graduating, along with McCullough, who bounced back for the stretch run after missing most of October with an injury.

“I was happy for Jason,” Cronin said. “The course at MIS has been a huge obstacle for him the past two years. Today he showed how far he has come, both mentally and physically. Jason’s ability to lock in with Nick and Conor made us a formidable team all season. Ferrante’s everyday effort and leadership will be tough to fill next year.

“And I was confident that Sean would have a great race. He is such an experienced runner and today’s conditions were ideal for him. Sean worked exceptionally hard when he wasn’t able to run and we needed his best today and we got it. It’s a credit to his fortitude and tenacity.”

Meanwhile, it was Goolsby’s first trip to the state finals.

“Kenny ran a solid race today and he will go fast next year,” Cronin said. “Kenny’s contributions this season helped solidify the back end of our top seven all season.”

The Mustangs’ non-scorers included sophomore Ben Craft (147th, 16:54.2) and senior Sean Flanagan (173rd, 17:03.0).

“Both boys were running in their first finals race and they performed admirably,” Cronin said. “These two were a big part of our success all season and I was glad they had the opportunity to race this year.”

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## GIRLS

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and improved again this year running a career PR by around nine seconds,” Smith said. “She has stepped up each race this year to lead the team. And Lexa came right back after being sidelined the last month and showed what an incredible athlete she is and how determined she was to get back on the podium and be an important part of the team.”

Meanwhile, junior Emma Herrman just missed all-state honors in 33rd with a career-best 18:46.2, while sophomore Emma Smith placed 72nd in the team total and 106th overall with a season-best 19:45.4. Both bettered their previous times by 11 seconds each.

“Our top four were solid, just like they had been all year long,” Smith said. “The biggest surprise was from Hailey Harris. All year long she has



LISA FENCHEL

Novi’s Joost Plaetnick (left) and Hannah Lonergan earned Division 1 cross country all-state honors by finishing 13th and 21st, respectively, at MIS.

been getting better and yesterday she told me she was ready. She ran a smart race and exploded at the end, running a 30-second PR and earning all-state honors by over 1:13 from last year.”

The Mustangs’ lone senior, Mirai Kobayashi, took 193rd (20:048.8), while freshman Rachel Zimmer was 198th (20:53.7).

“I couldn’t have asked for any more from them,” said Smith, who guided the Mustangs to a fifth-place showing in 2012. “I told them to just run their race as the bull’s-eye was not on us this year and they did just that. We are looking ahead to next year, as we only lose one from today’s lineup and there are several waiting to take the challenge and go after bringing home another state title next year.”

**Lonergan all-state**

On the heels of her fifth-place finish at the regional to earn an individual state qualifying spot, Novi senior Hannah Lonergan turned in her best showing of her career by earning all-state honors with a 21st-place finish in 18:21.8.

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# No. 1: Wang leads Wildcat netters to dream season

**By Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Tim Wang couldn't have asked for a better finish to his high school tennis career.

The senior from Novi repeated as MHSAA Division 1 singles champion and led the Wildcats to their first-ever state championship in the process.

Wang, a USTA nationally-ranked player in the Boys 18s headed to Columbia University, was named All-Area Player of the Year. He capped his senior season with a 31-2 record, including five invitational tourney titles, a KLAA Association 'A' crown and regional runner-up finish.

His only two losses this season came against his longtime singles rival Connor Johnston, a nationally-ranked junior from Northville and two-time state runner-up at No. 1 singles.

"Tim utilized his all-court game and competitive spirit to beat the best players in the state," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "His ability to play his best tennis in the big matches paid dividends for the Wildcats."

### First team singles Connor Johnston Northville

The junior, two-time state runner-up, finished 21-2 this season going 2-2 against Wang, including a three-set victory over his nemesis in the regional final.

"Connor didn't give up more than five games in any match and that included the state tournament," Northville coach Matt Stetson said. "His game continues to evolve and develop. This year he added a big serve to complement his amazing athleticism and heart." **Koushik Kondapi**



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Novi senior Tim Wang, a two-time MHSAA No. 1 singles champion, was named All-Area Player of the Year in boys tennis.

### Novi

The junior No. 2 singles player went 35-1, including the state No. 2 singles, KLAA 'A' and regional titles. He also captured five invitationals.

"Koushik's ability to attack short balls off of the baseline allowed him to capture his second straight state championship," Hanson said. "He kept his opponents off-balance with deep ground strokes, offensive lobs and drop shots, which were all part of his overall match strategy." **Alex Wen**

### Novi

The freshmen No. 3 state singles champ, a USTA Boys 14s nationally-ranked player, finished with a perfect 36-0 record, including six invitational titles, along with KLAA 'A' and regional crowns.

"Alex used his powerful ground strokes, strong serve and crisp volleys to dominate the competition," Hanson said.

### Andre Liu

#### Novi

The senior No. 4 singles state champ went 30-0, which also included regional, KLAA 'A' and four invitational tournament titles.

"Andre's steady back court game, coupled with well-placed serves, volleys and overhead, allowed him to overpower his opponents," Hanson said. "His experience added to the unmatched depth in our singles lineup."

### First team doubles

**Maxx Anderson, jr.**

**Daniel Yu, soph.**

#### Novi

This No. 1 doubles tandem finished 33-3 en route to a runner-up state finals finish. They also claimed four invitationals, a KLAA 'A' and regional crowns.

"Their ability to transition from defense to offense led to an aggressive style of play that allowed them to compete with the best in the state," Hanson said.

"They had big serves, good service returns and their ability to hit winning overheads were keys to their success."

**Janak Mukherj, fr.**  
**Jason Wang, sr.**  
**Northville**

This No. 1 doubles duo teamed for a 19-10 record, which included runner-up finish at the regional and KLAA 'A' tournament.

"Jason finishes up a great career as a senior, while freshman Janak shows that he will be a force in the future," Stetson said.

**Ryan Fernandes, sr.**  
**Aakash Ray, soph.**  
**Novi**

The regional champions at No. 2 doubles finished the season with a 25-6 record. They also captured three invitationals and took second in the KLAA 'A' tourney.

"Ryan and Aakash showed steady improvement throughout the year, allowing them to score many valuable points for the Wildcats," Hanson said. "Fernandes' solid net play and Ryan's consistent back court game propelled this team to a semifinals appearance at the state finals."

**Nick Chatas, sr.**

**Umais Rao, sr.**

#### Northville

The KLAA 'A' No. 2 doubles champs and regional runners-up posted a 24-6 season record. They also won a match at the state finals.

"This is a team of all heart and effort," Stetson said. "Both worked extremely hard over their careers to put it all together for great senior years."

### Second team singles

**Oliver Daniel**

#### Northville

The junior No. 2 singles player finished 16-14, which included a win at the state tourney along with a regional runner-up

finish.

"Oliver continues to develop as a singles player," Stetson said. "He has an incredible drive and focus."

**Andrew Schafer**  
**Northville**

The senior No. 3 singles player wound up 21-8, including runner-up finish at the regional and KLAA 'A' tournament.

"Andrew had an incredible senior year," Stetson said. "He has one of the best backhands around and used it be one of the best players in the state at No. 3 singles."

**Stephen Freeman**  
**Northville**

The 10th-grader posted a 13-9 mark en route to a runner-up finish at the regional.

"Stephen made huge strides from freshman year to sophomore year," Stetson said. "He added a big serve and forehand to help deal with playing at No. 4 singles."

### Second team doubles

**Andre Hijaouy, sr.**

**Duggan Doloway, sr.**

#### Catholic Central

The No. 3 duo finished 10-4 on the season, capped by a Division 1 regional title.

"Andre and Duggan played their best tennis at the regional finals and played big when we needed them most," CC coach Joe Stafford said.

**Sai Gotur, jr.**

**Abhishek Subash, jr.**

#### Novi

The No. 3 tandem teamed up for a 23-7 record, including the KLAA 'A' crown and regional runner-up finish. They also captured three invitationals.

"Sai and Abhishek utilized their quickness and steady all-court game to counteract the offensive firepower of their opponents," Hanson said. "Their ability to

extend points, lob and finish at the net made them a tough team to beat."

**Jonathan Bi, jr.**  
**Evan Simoff, jr.**  
**Northville**

The No. 3 doubles team earned runner-up honors in the KLAA 'A' tourney and finished 20-9 overall. They also took a match at the state tourney.

"They're a powerful team where both have continued to excel in doubles," Stetson said.

**Robert Chen, fr.**  
**Aditya Chitta, fr.**  
**Novi**

This No. 4 doubles duo seized both the KLAA 'A' and regional titles en route to a 29-4 record. They also teamed up to win five invitational crowns.

"The strength of this team was their ability to win rallies from the baseline," Hanson said. "And as the season progressed, so did their ability to play the net. They made a big contribution to Novi's first state title by getting to the semifinals."

**Yannis Bi, jr.**

**Victor Lee, jr.**

#### Northville

This No. 4 doubles team posted a 21-9 record earning runner-up finishes at both the KLAA 'A' tourney and regional.

"These are two players that complement each other well," Stetson said. "Victor has great hands at net and Yannis has a big serve and heavy forehand."

### Honorable mention

**Novi:** Anurag Koduri, sr.; Vamsi Nimmagadda, sr.; **Northville:** Hoon Oh, jr.; Robert Hong, jr.; **Catholic Central:** Steve Magagna, sr.; Caleb Roberts, soph.; **Lakeland:** Ben Evans, sr.; Collin Scott, jr.

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JULIE COLE

The Northville Rowing Club's Women's Junior 4, led by coxswain Ashwath Muruganand with Bethany Holub, Bella Wood, Maya Sankaran and Jackie Cole took a bronze medal.

## Northville Rowing Club earns slew of medals from Leelanau Regatta

The Northville High Rowing Club ended its fall season Oct. 25-26 at the Leelanau Chase Regatta led by senior Cameron Ulrich, who placed first in the men's singles with a 2.5-kilometer time of 10:52.0.

Right behind was junior Ashwath Muruganand, who was runner-up in 10:55.0. Senior Kyle Westfall added a fifth in 11:31.0 in the 14-boat race, which also included teams from Ann Arbor Skyline Crew, Saline High School, Cadet and Detroit.

Ulrich and Muruganand also teamed up for a third in the men's 2.5K doubles (11:14.0).

Coach Russ Miller's squad, made up of primarily of underclassmen, earned a total of 27 medals in the two-day regatta held at Fountain Point Resort at Lake Leelanau.

Northville had three more boats earn bronze medals:

» Women's Junior 8 – Bella Wood (coxswain), Maya Sankaran, Sierra Dattilo, Andrea Lay-

bourn, Bethany Holub, Sureena Sokhal, Kate Westphal, Kate Koppin and Natalia Soss.

» Mixed Junior Novice 8 – Julia Moore (coxswain), Bella Wood, Andrea Laybourn, Maddie Scott, Kate Westphal, Kate Koppin, Sohan Yadav, Jacob Rice and Garrett Henderson.

» Women's Junior 4 –Ashwath Muruganand (coxswain), Jackie Cole, Maya Sankaran, Bethany Holub and Bella Wood.

The NRC competed Oct. 21 in the Head of the Grand Regatta in Lansing on a 3,300-meter course which featured 32 high school and collegiate rowing clubs.

Ulrich and Muruganand finished second in the men's high school doubles, while Westfall and Daniel Kargilis took fourth and fifth, respectively, in men's high school singles.

On the women's side, Moore added a fourth in singles, while also teaming up with Cole for a fourth in doubles.

The Northville Row-

ing Club will now take a month off before starting winter conditioning.

For more information, visit [www.eteamz.com/northvillerowing/](http://www.eteamz.com/northvillerowing/).

## ICE Breaker champs



RICHARD CUMMINGS

The Motor City Madness Red, a 10U girls fast-pitch softball team, recently captured the ICE Breaker tournament with a 13-6 victory in the finals over the Batbusters. Team members include (front row, from left) Marisa Mazoway, Britain Beshears and Payton Ross, (middle row, from left) Grace Walters, Allison Sharnowski, Morgan Rood and Madison Mckenzie and (back row, from left) Cassie Sylvester, Alexis Deboer, Zoe Radinski and Emma Bay.

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# Hoarding serious safety concern for firefighters

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

There is more public awareness now of hoarding problems, and firefighters are aware of hoarding concerns.

“We see an occasional amount of hoarding on medical runs,” said Lt. Larry Gauthier of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. His department doesn’t do residential inspections, he noted.

“One would be accessibility,” said Gauthier of issues for firefighters. Medical care is hindered by hoarding.

“It could also hinder us with suppression, actually putting out the fire,” he said.

Many fire departments are experiencing serious fires, injuries, and deaths as the result of compulsive hoarding behavior, according to the National Fire Protection Association. The excessive accumulation of materials in homes poses a significant threat to firefighters fighting fires and responding to other emergencies in these homes and to residents and neighbors.

Often, the local fire department will be contacted to help deal with this serious issue. Since studies suggest that between 3 and 5 percent of the population are compulsive hoarders, fire departments must become familiar with this issue and how to effectively handle it, the NFPA says.

Gauthier noted excess combustibles are a safety issue for residents, neighbors and firefighters. There can also be cleanliness and hygiene issues, he said.

“You have the danger of overstorage of combustibles,” Gauthier said. Surfaces may be uneven for firefighters.

“We may not be able to see what we’re going into. It can just present problems for us



getting to the source,” added Gauthier, who is a fire inspector.

#### What is hoarding?

Hoarding is defined as collecting or keeping large amounts of various items in the home due to strong urges to save them or distress experienced when discarding them. Many rooms in the home are so filled with possessions that residents can no longer use the rooms as designed. The home is so overloaded with things that everyday living is compromised.

#### Why do people become hoarders?

Hoarding is a mental disorder that can be genetic in nature, triggered by traumatic

events, or a symptom of another disorder, such as depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, or dementia. Studies have found that hoarding usually begins in early adolescence and gets worse as a person ages. It is more common among older adults.

#### Why is hoarding an issue for the fire service?

» Hoarding can be a fire hazard. Many occupants die in fires in these homes. Often, blocked exits prevent escape from the home. In addition, many people who are hoarding are injured when they trip over things or when materials fall on them.

» Responding firefighters can be put at risk due to ob-

structed exits, falling objects, and excessive fire loading that can lead to collapse. Hoarding makes fighting fires and searching for occupants far more difficult.

» Those living adjacent to an occupied structure can be quickly affected when a fire occurs, due to excessive smoke and fire conditions, according to the NFPA.

Gauthier agreed fire departments are boosting their awareness of hoarding concerns. The Metropolitan Detroit Fire Inspectors Society did related training in 2013, to increase awareness “and possible ways to address it.”

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## Watch for conflicts in hiring attorney, others

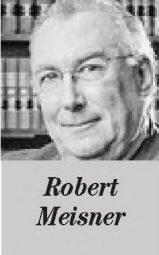
**Q: How do you stop a management company from misrepresenting its relationship with a lawyer that it says is their lawyer, but ends up billing the association? Our board relied on the managing agent and now we realize that this is just a pet lawyer of the management company for whom we bear financial and legal responsibility.**

A: Candidly, that is the fault of a naive board that has allowed the management company to dictate how the association is to be run and to steer the association to a particular lawyer and, presumably, other contractors or professionals with whom the management company has a cozy relationship. The board should retain independent legal counsel who is not in any way affiliated with the management company and who is not financially dependent upon the management company for referrals. A written fee agreement should be mandatory. You need to make sure that the board gets on the right track and, perhaps, gets a new management company as well as a new lawyer.

**Q: What is your opinion about some of these big Realtors, lawyers or hospitals that advertise on billboards? Are they worth pursuing?**

A: It all depends. Like any other type of advertising, you need to consider whether the person doing the advertising is worthy of the platitudes which the advertiser espouses. In picking a professional, whether it is a lawyer, doctor, accountant or real estate professional, the more you learn about their background and experience as well as meeting with them directly, the better able you are to make a decision as to whether you are hiring the right person. Just because somebody advertises doesn’t mean that he or she is good at what they do. Some lawyers for example, have become successful because they were marketing experts at the proper time and seized upon the opportunity to advertise. That does not necessarily mean that they are qualified to do the things they claim they do. Others advertise because of their recognized expertise, which is totally justified. Look before you leap.

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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 23-27, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### BIRMINGHAM

2240 Attard	\$505,000
1166 Bird Ave	\$413,000
363 Catalpa Dr	\$570,000
762 Graefield Ct	\$127,000
544 Henrietta St	\$789,000
814 Hidden Ravines Dr	\$850,000
535 Lewis St	\$335,000
1755 Melbourne St	\$468,000
1756 Melbourne St	\$551,000
1926 Sheffield Rd	\$190,000
600 W Brown St # 207	\$210,000
1387 Yosemite Blvd	\$340,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2635 Hickory Ct	\$135,000
3620 Berkshire Dr	\$348,000
580 Covington Rd	\$488,000
474 Fox Hills Dr N # A-2	\$25,000
1761 Huntingwood Ln # B	\$120,000
5659 Kingsmill Dr	\$299,000
1232 Manorwood Cir	\$244,000
654 Rudgate Rd	\$2,100,000
1150 Trailwood Path # B	\$147,000
3400 W Breckenridge Ln	\$318,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2835 Aspen Ln	\$355,000
2603 Brady Dr	\$265,000
1910 Cragin Dr	\$650,000
474 Fox Hills Dr N # A-2	\$45,000
1733 Hickory Bark Ln	\$274,000
485 N Glenhurst Dr	\$1,300,000
935 Rockaway Rd	\$225,000

471 N Williamsbury Rd	\$587,000
<b>COMMERCE TOWNSHIP</b>	
3224 Belle Terre	\$241,000
6040 Birchcrest Ln	\$60,000
6045 Birchcrest Ln	\$60,000
5200 Bridge Trl W	\$350,000
1901 Cheshire Ln	\$60,000
8312 Hummingbird	\$340,000
212 Starling St	\$111,000
4701 Turtlewood Ct	\$284,000

#### FARMINGTON

21408 Birchwood St	\$173,000
33825 James Ct	\$192,000
23373 Liberty St	\$160,000

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

27159 Arden Park Cir	\$159,000
37263 Aspen Dr	\$315,000
28145 Bellcrest St	\$212,000
31500 Bristol Ln	\$301,000
31162 Carriage Hill Ct	\$255,000
23187 Cora Ave	\$150,000
34520 Fendst St	\$155,000
30112 Fox Club Dr	\$370,000
33686 Heirloom Cir	\$70,000
33698 Heirloom Cir	\$70,000
21741 Jacksonville St	\$200,000
21328 Lauren Ln	\$315,000
25435 Liberty Ln	\$170,000
25517 Lynford St	\$200,000
23432 Middlebelt Rd	\$55,000
31811 Middlebelt Rd	\$160,000
28859 Millbrook Rd	\$387,000
20901 Robinson St	\$168,000
28001 S Harwich Dr	\$280,000
38320 Saratoga Cir	\$165,000
31851 Snowden St	\$240,000
30953 Sunderland Dr	\$330,000
29216 Sunridge	\$287,000
28484 Thorny Brae Rd	\$180,000
30047 W 11 Mile Rd	\$160,000

28418 W Eight Mile Rd	\$25,000
28422 W Eight Mile Rd Unit B10	\$27,000
22580 Watt Dr	\$120,000
21604 Woodcrest Ct	\$235,000
38315 Wynmar	\$136,000

#### FRANKLIN

24455 N Cromwell Dr	\$206,000
26175 W 13 Mile Rd	\$375,000

#### HIGHLAND

2806 Foxgrove Dr	\$315,000
2560 N Milford Rd	\$97,000
266 Nairn Cir	\$360,000
445 Nairn Cir	\$475,000

#### MILFORD

865 Bishop St	\$115,000
317 Highland Ave	\$99,000
670 Milford Glen Dr	\$279,000
2601 Old Plank Rd	\$315,000
1003 Riverstone Cir	\$300,000
215 S Houghton St	\$140,000
736 S Milford Rd	\$126,000
1073 Winding Way Ct	\$400,000

#### NORTHVILLE

41729 Broquet Dr	\$140,000
49581 Deer Run	\$435,000
42105 Pellston Dr	\$154,000
775 Springfield Dr	\$305,000
37909 W Meadowhill Dr	\$242,000

#### NOVI

41452 Belden Cir	\$180,000
41524 Belden Cir	\$176,000
27571 Belgrave Pl	\$266,000
27617 Belgrave Pl	\$332,000
39423 Country Ln	\$136,000
26245 Fieldstone Dr	\$383,000
51112 Hallfield St	\$320,000
51113 Hallfield St	\$255,000
27599 Harrington Way	\$274,000
28751 Hearthstone Dr	\$295,000

44838 Lafayette Dr	\$376,000
23554 N Rockledge	\$100,000
40531 Paisley Cir	\$345,000
24910 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$420,000
27515 Sloan St	\$338,000
41660 Tera Ln	\$205,000
27194 Victoria Rd	\$374,000
39854 Village Wood Cir	\$78,000
45847 Willingham Dr	\$425,000
24130 Willowbrook	\$160,000

#### SOUTH LYON

24495 Brompton Way	\$410,000
22510 Clarkshire Dr	\$298,000
26263 Daria Cir W	\$396,000
165 Eagle Crest Dr	\$218,000
809 Eagle Heights Dr	\$215,000
53772 Edgewood Dr	\$342,000
61111 Ladbroke Dr	\$390,000
60640 Lillian St	\$142,000
24636 Padstone Dr	\$81,000
60625 Trebor Dr	\$268,000
951 Westbrooke Dr	\$258,000
440 Whipple St	\$190,000

#### SOUTHFIELD

27147 Charles Ct	\$129,000
19351 Filmore St	\$75,000
15914 Jeanette St	\$325,000
17629 Melrose St	\$95,000
27105 Nantucket Ct	\$162,000
29224 Somerset Dr	\$160,000
29177 Wellington Ct	\$74,000

#### WHITE LAKE

1144 Casa Loma St	\$65,000
9055 Gale Rd	\$432,000
9045 Huron Bluffs Dr	\$218,000
294 Lakeside Dr	\$242,000
1318 S Williams Lake Rd	\$135,000
9345 Thornyside St	\$128,000
1157 Union Lake Rd	\$155,000
8267 W Huron Ct	\$145,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 14-18, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

#### CANTON

45749 Bartlett Dr	\$265,000
6689 Brookshire Dr	\$207,000
748 Burlington Rd	\$184,000
2769 Calloway Ct	\$265,000
1908 Cedar Valley Dr	\$162,000
1944 Cedar Valley Dr	\$144,000
2111 Cobra Ct	\$245,000
49028 Crescent Dr	\$365,000
43632 Geri Dr	\$155,000
45277 Glengarry Rd	\$293,000
49595 Great Falls Rd	\$379,000
4749 Grove Ct	\$113,000
49186 Hawksbury Rd	\$250,000
3988 Hunters Cir E	\$99,000
4580 Hunters Cir E	\$110,000
45237 Indian Creek Dr	\$227,000
7748 Kaiser St	\$145,000
1935 Lasalle Rd	\$489,000
1477 Manton Blvd	\$224,000

50141 Monroe St	\$117,000
41331 N Maplewood Dr	\$184,000
1994 Preserve Cir E	\$177,000
42796 Redfern St	\$193,000
2517 River Woods Dr N	\$350,000
41938 Saratoga Cir	\$148,000
417 Shana St	\$165,000
2879 Stanton St	\$315,000
6674 Sturbridge Ln	\$175,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
31932 Dover St	\$32,000
460 E Rose Ave	\$75,000
6777 Helen St	\$65,000
7030 Helen St	\$116,000
29509 Meadow Ln	\$93,000
31054 Rosslyn Ave	\$80,000
33231 Rosslyn Ave	\$113,000

#### LIVONIA

14609 Blue Skies St	\$150,000
29532 Bobrich St	\$63,000
28228 Elmira St	\$112,000
11810 Farmington Rd	\$115,000
15333 Golfview St	\$198,000
34900 Grove Dr	\$156,000
35669 Hees St	\$115,000
9151 Houghton St	\$170,000
33119 Kentucky St	\$153,000

9209 Knolson St	\$145,000
29660 Minton St	\$137,000
9400 Newburgh Rd	\$185,000
30600 Nye Ct	\$200,000
29144 Oriole St	\$130,000
31570 Perth St	\$150,000
27609 Plymouth Rd	\$145,000
9185 W Bassett Ct	\$170,000
28959 W Chicago St	\$150,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
50900 Six Mile Rd	\$325,000
439 Covington Ct	\$325,000
39710 Foxway Ct	\$460,000
49073 Rainbow Ln S	\$380,000
42713 Steepleview Ct	\$325,000
19353 Surrey Ln	\$108,000
115 Walnut St	\$146,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
103 Amelia St	\$128,000
15109 Farmbrook Dr	\$220,000
14676 Garland Ave	\$140,000
41052 Greenbrook Ln	\$170,000
378 Joy Rd	\$259,000
47327 Marisa Ct	\$460,000
9251 N Beck Rd	\$347,000
1012 Palmer St	\$272,000
12312 Pinecrest Dr	\$218,000

10726 Pinehurst Rd	\$297,000
50464 Waterstone Ct	\$293,000

#### REDFORD

18803 Brady	\$31,000
9055 Columbia	\$77,000
20519 Delaware Ave	\$27,000
25559 Elba	\$43,000
26198 Fordson Hwy	\$62,000
17710 Indian	\$45,000
15415 Kinloch	\$65,000
9612 Lucerne	\$69,000
18277 Macarthur	\$55,000
10059 Seminole	\$28,000
15056 Seneca	\$90,000
9535 Wormer	\$72,000

#### WESTLAND

1525 Ackley Ave	\$66,000
8365 Hillcrest Blvd	\$68,000
35231 June Dr	\$28,000
6517 Pembroke Dr	\$149,000
1295 Portland St	\$136,000
8445 Rae Dr	\$96,000
7701 Rivergate Dr	\$84,000
755 Summerfield Dr	\$204,000

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# Car Report

## Lexus IS Line Shows Brand Stepping Up Game To Regain Spot in U.S. Market



By Dale Buss

Lexus reigned as the U.S. automotive luxury-market champion for many years before it was dethroned by a number of factors three years ago. There was the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March 2011 which devastated the Lexus supply chain for several months. At the same time, BMW and Mercedes-Benz were rising fast in the American market and challenging Lexus's supremacy anyway. And in 2011, BMW finally ousted the Toyota-owned premium marque.

But lately Lexus has been coming back in a big way. And fortunately,

over the last several weeks I've been able to drive and enjoy the three sedans that are the staples in the brand's return to the front pack in the U.S. luxury segment: the GS 350, ES 350 and IS 250 C.

Americans' enthusiasm for the latest versions of those vehicles, and renewed regard for the venerable Lexus brand, has become obvious in how Lexus is setting a vigorous sales pace in the U.S. this year. Through September, Lexus sales were up by 16 percent compared with a year earlier. And September constituted the brand's twelfth straight month of year-to-year percentage gains and its seventh consecutive month of double-digit such increases.

And that's even before Lexus launches the RC and RC F sports coupes, two new models to the lineup, in late November. "These

coupes will build on the success the IS and GS have generated this past year and should provide a more emotional connection with our customers," Steve Hearne, Lexus vice president of sales and dealer development, said in the wake of the September sales report.

Indeed, Lexus sedans have been generating all sorts of excitement. For one thing, in September, sedan sales were up by 16 percent compared with 12 percent for the brand overall, and they're up by 17 percent for the year. Specifically, IS 250 was the hottest nameplate, with sales up nearly 70 percent so far this year as it continues to bring younger and new buyers into the brand, according to Hearne. It's been more than a year since the vastly improved new IS went on the market.

You'd certainly know something is new with IS if you watched one recent TV commercial for the car, which was most decidedly a departure from the traditionally rather staid Lexus personality. In the spot, a young woman springs a plumbing leak in her apartment kitchen and yells down the hall for help. A strapping Millennial hunk happens to be in the area, hears her cry of distress, takes off his shirt and stops the leak — just at the moment when her significant other male comes home.

"It's not what you think," she says. But before her guy can catch up to the misunderstood and half-naked good Samaritan, the man not only is already out of the building — but hopping into his getaway car, a new



Upscale interiors are a Lexus trademark.

2015 Lexus IS.

Nothing quite like that happened to me when I was driving IS, but it was a thrilling experience nonetheless.

The thing I've always most enjoyed about Lexus vehicles is the effortlessness required to drive them and the seamlessness with which they accomplish their mission. Everything is smooth: acceleration, ride, handling, ingress and egress, ranging of the seats, opening and closing of the doors. And that certainly is still the case with the new IS.

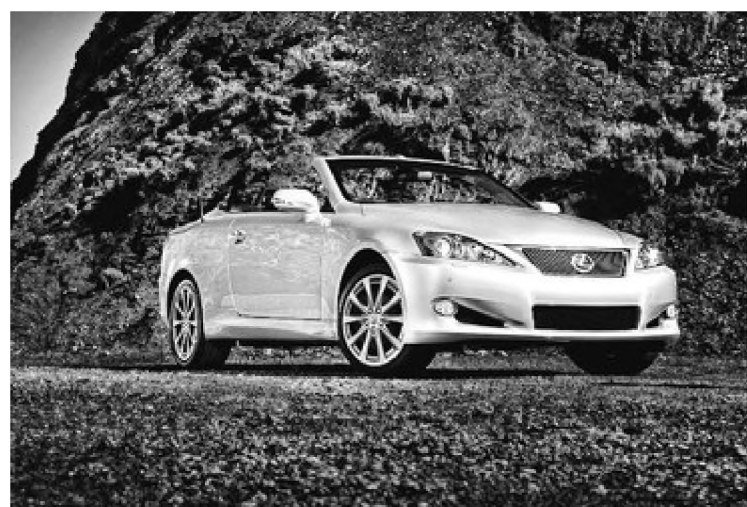
But in the 2015 version of the IS, which is largely unchanged from the significantly enhanced 2014 IS, there's the additional factor of sporty performance and the nameplate's best styling yet. Plus, the version I drove was the IS 250 C — for "convertible."

The bona fides of the new IS line

reflect the long Lexus tradition of providing an impeccable interior design rendered from premium materials, silky-smooth ride and excellent steering. In fact, as Edmunds.com puts it, "the best thing about driving the Lexus IS 250 is its precise and communicative steering, which arguably sets the standard for the entry-luxury class."

In this third generation of IS that began with the last model year, the sedan also has gotten more rear-seat room and trunk space (although the C version understandably has minimal trunk space because the hard roof resides there when the top is down) as well as revised suspension and steering tuning.

And while some competitors have more "vrooom," I found the 250 C provided plenty of power when that was the point. When that wasn't the point, I was just enjoying the ride.



The "C" for "convertible" adds even more styling flair to IS.

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## Bilingualism AND YOUR JOB SEARCH

**By Justin Thompson**  
CareerBuilder Writer

Many people were exposed to a foreign language in high school or college. However, a year of conjugating verbs or learning conversational phrases such as, “Excuse me, where is the post office?” doesn’t qualify someone as bilingual. Yet some job seekers exaggerate their linguistic skills on their resumes.

Multilingualism is becoming more common in the workplace. According to a 2011 CareerBuilder survey, 29 percent of companies said that if they had to decide between two equally qualified candidates, they would choose the candidate who is bilingual. According to Bloomberg Rankings, Mandarin Chinese is considered the most useful language to know for business, followed by French and Arabic. Sign language is also prevalent in the workplace. As businesses expand globally, having multilingual workers on staff is becoming more important.

*Here are some tips for proving your multilingual prowess during the job search:*

### Don't put your language skills under "other"

As you would with any other skill on your resume, you should quantify your ability to speak fluently. Don't treat it like a hobby and bury it at the bottom of your resume. "I would treat it like any other skill by listing it on your resume and including examples of how it was used to your advantage," says John Millikin, clinical professor of management at Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business. Quantify how your language skills helped business, whether it was by growing sales or reaching new audiences.

### Understand what they need and what you can do

When researching the position,



## How to prove it's an asset

find out why the company might need a bilingual employee. Is the company expanding into a new region or diverse markets? Is it looking to better support an existing market?

Some positions will require someone who is a native speaker due to the level of written and oral interaction. Other positions may just require someone with

the ability to correspond with internal teams from the around the world. By understanding how your language skills will be used, you'll be better able to fine tune your resume and cover letter.

### Don't oversell abilities

"Do not exaggerate your skills," says Jonathan Riedel,

CEO of Forword Translations. "If your conversational skills are intermediate and you claim they are advanced, you will embarrass yourself and your company when they ask you to interpret for a conference or to call a potential client on the phone. There is no need to cram for an interview if the job requires knowledge of Spanish and you feel unprepared.

Only say you can do what you can do."

Riedel adds that even if a candidate lists himself as a "beginner" in several languages on his resume, it shows an employer that he's open-minded, eager to learn and try new things, culturally sensitive and well-rounded.

### How to quantify your bilingualism

If you were proving your sales skills on your resume, you would include revenue earned, market share or client needs that were met. Treat bilingualism the same way. Provide evidence of your abilities and potential, either during the interview, on the resume or in the cover letter. Here are some ways to do so:

Show translated documents or content written in another language: Examples could include marketing materials, press releases, emails or social media interactions.

Identify specific scenarios: Be ready to share a scenario that best represents how your understanding of a second language helped you in your career or improved a process or experience for your previous employer.

Attach a dollar amount: Money talks. Any quantitative figures you can use to back your multilingualism well help you get ahead of other candidates.

Show how it can grow business: Identify markets that the prospective company isn't taking advantage of and explain how your bilingualism can help them expand into those markets. If you can walk into an interview and address a hole in the marketplace that can be solved by your skills, you become an asset to the company that it can't afford to pass up.

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