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Girls' Night Out

From 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 – is downtown Northville's kick off to the holidays. The streets will be lined with lampposts dressed festively in greenery and white lights and holiday spirits will be high.

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.

Children in grades first through sixth are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old-fashioned, hand-made gifts for the special people on their Christmas list.

There will be a morning session from 10 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session 1-3 p.m., accommodating 150 children total. Enrollment is \$20 per child, payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.

For more information, contact the Stockhausens at 248-349-2833.

John Sassaman leaves a lasting legacy



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While in the U.S. Army John Sassaman served as an honorary guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

John Sassaman will be remembered as a caring, kind-hearted man who put service to community at the forefront of his life.

"He was a very courageous, proud and caring person, who will be greatly missed," said Sassaman's daughter Kelsey Samborski.

Sassaman, who died last month after a two-year battle with cancer, was originally from Pennsylvania, but it was in Northville that he built upon his reputation and life. Either through his participation in community organizations or the many friendships he developed over the years, Sassaman made an impact.

"John was just a good guy,"

said David Griffin, whose family took over ownership of the Northrop-Sassaman funeral home this past year. "He will be truly missed by everybody here and by many in the community."

He had moved to Michigan when he was 7 and grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. It was after high school that he really started his community service.

He joined the U.S. Army in the late 1960s. He had orders to go to Vietnam, but he was instead sent to Arlington Cemetery to serve as an honor guard. During his time in the military, he served so well that he was quickly promoted from private to sergeant.

When he came back home, he took up the career he had originally demonstrated interest while in high school and later on by enrolling in mortuary school. This work took a caring touch

and understanding, and through many years he was called upon to help a grieving family. It was in this work that he began setting his roots and establishing long-time friendships.

Sassaman first came to the Northville in 1986 when he took over ownership of the funeral home at Seven Mile and Northville roads.

He and his family (three children: Kelsey, Joseph and Sean) lived in the Edenderry neighborhood for years. His love for the community grew while participating in groups like the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. It became his passion to help Northville and the greater community through Civic Concern and Habitat for Humanity.

He took another step in this

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Counseling office administrator Katherine Purcell, second from right, beams as she shows appreciation for some of the Northville High School varsity cheer team who have supported her through her second battle with breast cancer. From left are Shayla Crotean, coach Mindy Gentz, Purcell and Alyssa Corn.

CHEERS FOR PURCELL

NHS team raises funds for staffer

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Longtime Northville High School staff member Katherine Purcell was brought to tears recently as she got to hear the end result of the fundraising the school community had done to help with her fight against breast cancer.

"I'm just so overwhelmed by the spirit of the students, staff and community," she said, wiping her eyes.

Led by the NHS cheer team, money has been collected through various avenues during a two-month effort, called the Pink for Purcell Campaign.

It was a decade ago that Purcell was diagnosed with breast cancer. She battled it into remission, but it's come back. In many ways, she said, it's more aggressive

this time. This past year she had a single mastectomy with the accompanying chemotherapy, and she expects to undergo another surgery next summer.

After hearing of Purcell's situation, the cheer teams wanted to help. Coach Melinda Gentz said they always aim to help a cause each year, but this year it took on even more importance because it was

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Northville ranked as one of best U.S. suburbs

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The Northville community already knows their town is a great place to live, but now it's been confirmed, making the 50 Best Suburbs In America list.

The list was put together by the *Business Insider* last month. The City of Northville made number 15, which was the highest ranked suburb in the state.

Northville Mayor Chris Johnson said what makes Northville great is the entire package.

"A safe place to live, a great school district, a walkable community, a place that appreciates its history and neighbors who care about each other," Johnson said.

According to the *Business Insider*, after examining data on nearly 300 suburbs, it put together a list of the 50 best suburbs in



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Northville was recently noted for being one of the top suburbs to live in.

America. "For this list, we considered suburbs with populations be-

tween 5,000 and 100,000 within 40 kilometers of the nearest metropolitan area. We also fac-

tored in average commute times, median household income, poverty and crime rates, public school ratings from GreatSchools.org, and a measure of housing affordability," according to the article.

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said this is a great honor and one the community worked hard at achieving.

"It's nice to be recognized," Sullivan said.

He said Northville's great school system, public safety and services, and downtown makes it a natural place for families to want to live and grow.

The article describes Northville as "the 'Switzerland of Wayne County' because of its distinct location atop rolling hills in an otherwise flat and sandy area. The Detroit-Warren-Dear-

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For our veterans

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People gather at the Tuesday morning's Veteran's Day Ceremony outside Northville's VFW Post 4012. The ceremony was meant to honor the sacrifice and duty displayed by U.S. veterans and the many conflicts they've been part of.



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born area is just a short 21-minute drive away, and the median household income is \$88,237.”

Having Northville Township surrounding the city also helps with its stature as a great place to live. For township officials, both the city and township go hand in hand as one community.

“We are pleased that our city was ranked 15th on the list of best suburbs,” said Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix.

Johnson agreed.

“We have much to be thankful for, and I think the entire community knows it,” said Johnson.

To see the entire list, go to: www.businessinsider.com/best-suburbs-in-america-2014-9?op=1.

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SASSAMAN

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service in 2000 by joining the City of Northville Fire Department. His children said it was his lifelong desire to be a firefighter. He served over a decade on the department and his son Joe said many firefighters talked highly of him, saying they were with him on their first emergency runs.

“They said he was an inspiration,” his son Joseph said. “It’s meant a lot to us the support and love the community has shown us and the respect they have for him.”

Sassaman’s funeral was a demonstration of this with the police and fire departments giving him an honorary procession and traditional walk-through with a memorable service being held at his church, Our Lady of Victory.

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John Sassaman spent a lifetime serving the community. Later in life he became a firefighter for Northville.



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County kicks off holiday season with Lightfest 8K

Participants in the annual Wayne County Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and Bike through the Lights on Wednesday, Nov. 19, will be among the first to view more than 55 lighted, animated holiday displays that have been converted to LED lights.

“This is a great opportunity to enjoy Hines Drive and Lightfest at your own pace with no vehicle traffic,” Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said. “I encourage the public to experience these wonderful activities and all of our great family-oriented events offered by Wayne County Parks.”

The cost to register for the Lightfest 8K Fun Run/Walk and Bike through Lights is \$20 until noon Monday, Nov. 17. After Nov. 17, late registrants will pay \$25. Those high school age and younger will pay \$12 for each event regardless of when they sign up.

Both events take place in Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area, located at Merriman Road and Hines Drive in Westland. Long sleeve T-shirts and



Fireworks filled the sky as cars began to move along Hines Drive through the 2013 Lightfest.

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a glow-in-the-dark item will be distributed upon check-in and post race food will be available for all participants.

This year marks 21 years of the annual Wayne County Lightfest, the largest and oldest holiday light show in the Midwest. The Wayne County Lightfest encompasses more than four miles of Hines Drive. Annual visits to Lightfest exceed 250,000. Several new displays have been added this year, including a 40-by-40-foot abominable snowman with an 18-foot tall tree and a 15-foot by 15-foot woolly mam-

moth.

Wayne County Parks will host its Lightfest Grand Opening at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Hines Park-Merriman Hollow area. The opening will feature music, entertainment, refreshments and a fireworks show for the public.

Open through Dec. 31, Lightfest hours of operation are 7-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday. Lightfest is closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Wayne County Lightfest sponsors include Friends of Wayne County Parks, DTE Energy, ITC Holdings, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters, Zeal Credit Union, Entertainment Express Limousines, McDonald Modular Solutions Inc., Beatthetrain.com and Motor City Mountain Biking Association.

To register online for the events, visit runningfit.events.webconnex.com/lfanding. For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open on Sundays in June 2015. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; visit millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

JM Mead Store extended holiday shopping hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14-15; 12:30-4 p.m. Nov. 16; and noon-3 p.m. Nov. 17-18.

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, and enjoy a family-style Italian dinner with the Roosevelts; \$45 per person. Reservations at Genitti's (108 E. Main, 248-349-0522) or Cady Inn at Mill Race Village.

Christmas in the Village: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23; free and open to the public. Historical presentations by St. Nicholas; live music and choral performances; artisan demonstrations; and 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, a group of volunteers who handle Village care and maintenance, meets at 9 a.m. in the Cady Inn. New volunteers always welcome.

Thursday: Archives open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday: Archives open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. JM Mead Store open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Northville Community Foundation Home Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday: JM Mead Store open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Northville Community Foundation Home Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: Holiday Baking Tea 1-3:30 p.m. (sold out); JM Mead Store open 12:30-4 p.m.

General info

Website: millracenorthville.org

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.

Donations: Accepted only from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays.

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Browsing



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Marvin Fink helps to arrange books on a table inside the Northville District Library on Nov. 7 at the start of their fall Used Book Sale. The sale ran through Nov. 9 with all proceeds used by the Friends of the Library.



Cubs donate

COURTESY

The Northville Cub Scouts recently donated food to the Northville Civic Concern. On Nov. 8, dozens of Scouts from Winchester's Pack 903 brought about 380 bags of food to the Northville Food Pantry at its Highland Lakes Plaza location. Shown are Paul Potrzeba and his son Max amongst the food given that day.

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Testaseccas' effort to help Silver Springs honored

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Marty and Lory Testasecca care about Silver Springs Elementary School – a lot – and their efforts have been recognized by a very grateful school staff.

The Silver Springs Parent Lighthouse Team has awarded the Leadership Beacon Award to Marty and Lory Testasecca.

“It is our great pleasure to award Mr. and Mrs. Testasecca with the Leadership Beacon Award,” said Silver Springs Principal Melissa Hunt. “This award is given to a member of our community that displays exemplary leadership. Mr. and Mrs. Testasecca have been extraordinary examples of leadership for our Silver Springs Community.”

The school has been leading the way with the Leader in Me process and reached the high level of becoming a Lighthouse School. This is one area the Testasecca's have helped with along with many other parents at the school.

They are also very generous with their time, money, and talent. Marty started the Dad's Club and shows leadership, Hunt said, by helping other schools in Northville also begin their own Dad's Club.

“He has helped our school with every milestone of becoming a Leader in Me school,” Hunt said. “In fact, he helped start Leader in Me at Silver Springs by helping to raise over \$50,000 in just one year. He helps our school with our Leadership Days, gives our school paper for our leadership notebooks, prints fliers for our events, continues to help with fundraising and much more.”



Marty and Lory Testasecca (at left on stage) were recently honored with Silver Springs' Leadership Beacon Award.

He's on the school's PTA executive board.

And Lory is at the school almost every day.

“She is a leader by being nice and helping the staff and teachers with anything they need,” Hunt said. “She makes our school look great by decorating bulletin boards with the Seven Habits. She organizes Sharpen the Saw events for our school and is described by the Silver Springs Staff as having a ‘heart of gold.’”

They were both surprised and humbled by the honor.

“It did not even cross our minds that we would chosen

for this honor,” said Marty.

This is their sixth year being involved at Silver Springs, and their son is now in fifth grade.

“Since Enzo was in first grade, we realized that the school had an outstanding teaching staff and wanted to get involved,” Marty said. “The teachers were interested in starting the Leader in Me program, but did not have the funds to do so. We felt this was as good a time as any to become part of a valuable and rewarding project.”

They were committed to making sure that the school

had enough resources to achieve their Leader in Me goals. Marty started the Dad's Club to raise money and the rest is history, he said. In two and a half years, Silver Springs became only the 62nd Franklin Covey Lighthouse School in the world.

“Lory and I are so grateful for all the support and dedication from everyone who continues to make Silver Springs a better place to learn and raise leaders – one student at a time,” Marty said.

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MARTY TESTASECCA

Hoedown



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Kiana Dahring, 6, dances with Northville High School Dance Co. member Samantha Sandler at the Dance Co.'s Nov. 7 Hoedown in the cafeteria. Members of the dance crew and their parents manned registration tables and then Texas Two Stepped to country tunes with a caller yelling out foot positions. Cowboy hats and boots were the norm, too. The event was a fundraiser for the Dance Co. and its expenses through the year. They'll be next performing during Northville's Lighted Holiday Parade on Nov. 21.



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Katherine Purcell hugs Northville High cheerleader Alyssa Corn, after hearing how much the team has done to make her battle with breast cancer easier.

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helping someone they see every day.

Through sales of Pink Out T-shirts and brace-

lets to community and alumni donations, the collective effort, which involved the NHS DECA group and Pom Pon team, took in \$6,500, more than last year's effort.

“We really wanted to

help her out,” said NHS cheerleader and senior Alyssa Corn.

As a single mother, this ordeal has put a lot of strain on Purcell, and this help goes a long way. She said she is truly thankful for the gratitude shown to her.

“I know that I'm not going through this alone with a community like this,” she said.

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Sen. Mike Kowall elected Senate Majority Floor Leader

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

Sen. Mike Kowall anticipates his new position as Senate Majority Floor Leader will help bring more state Senate attention to southeast Michigan.

Kowall, R-White Lake, was elected to the position last Thursday when 27 Republicans who two days prior won seats in the Michigan Senate met in Lansing to elect new leaders for the coming legislative session, which begins in January.

“This is a good thing for southeast Michigan because, historically, when your leadership is all from the west side of the state, which it has been in the past, a lot of the funding for things like roads and education ends up going to the west side of the state,” said Kowall, who will serve under Senate Majority Leader-elect Arlan Meekhof, R-Olive Branch. “If you need to see what happens, just go over to Grand Rapids and see how nice their roads are, and look at what our roads look like.”

“That’s why I wanted to be in that position,” he added. “We need to have southeast Michigan with

a voice at the leadership table. I’ll be in on those meetings with the governor every Tuesday afternoon.”

As Senate Majority Floor Leader, Kowall will be responsible for representing the Republican majority on the Senate floor – expediting legislative proceedings through parliamentary procedures such as motions, communications and points of order.

Roads

Long-term work on the road-funding issue is a top priority, Kowall said. Over the summer, he and other state leaders held meetings to discuss the issue and collect feedback and suggestions from residents, business people and others across the state.

“It didn’t matter if it was a housewife out of Grand Rapids or an industrialist out of southeast Michigan,” he said. “We listened to everybody.”

The group also sat down with the Senate Fiscal Agency to look at projections for the coming years, and gathered information about road funding in other states.

One suggestion heard again and again was a



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Mike Kowall chats with Loretta Hall and others Friday at the White Lake Senior Center.

per-axle, per-mile, per-ton charge for the trucks so notoriously hard on roads.

“So you would phase out the diesel tax and phase in the per-axle, per-mile, per-ton charge,” Kowall said, noting bills for such a measure are currently in the draft stage. “That’s more widespread, and is really a fair and equitable tax; if you don’t travel the miles, you don’t pay the tax.”

“The bonus,” he added,

“is that if we do it correctly, diesel will have the appearance of being a whole lot less money at our borders when trucks come across to buy fuel, because they won’t be paying that diesel charge on it.”

Legislators are also considering asking voters for a one-cent-on-the-dollar increase in sales tax to help fund roads.

Education

In addition to roads, Kowall also said he intends to continue his push for skilled trades education funding.

“That’s one of the reasons I got involved in politics in the first place... getting academia to understand that not every kid is cut out for a four-year degree,” said Kowall, who before joining the Legislature was president of Accurate Woodworking, Inc., a family-owned business in White Lake. “There are some young people out there who are very, very mechanical, and there are a lot of really great careers – making up to and over \$100,000 per year in the skilled trades. I’m not just talking about carpenters, plumbers, electricians and pipefitters; I’m talking about robotics and some of the higher-tech machine tool operating, as well.”

Currently, some \$50 million is earmarked for skilled trade education in the state’s budget, and Kowall said he’d like to see more, especially going to K-12 schools.

“They took all the (shop classes) out of the schools,” he said. “We need to educate parents, too – it’s OK to get a little bit of grease under your

finger nails as long as your child has a career, not just a job, working in the skilled trades.”

In Lansing

As far as legislative operations in Lansing, Kowall said it’s time to scale things back.

“We’re going to look at making things simpler in the state government – smaller and more streamlined,” he said. “We’re looking at programs, things that have been here forever and need to be adjusted – MEDC is one that comes to mind – just to make sure there’s no redundancy. Gov. Snyder is focused on that now, too.”

Overall, Kowall, concluded, he wants to make sure state legislators are paying more attention to the average working taxpayer.

“Everybody keeps talking about the middle class,” he said. “Let’s face it, it’s the middle class that built southeast Michigan; they built Milford, they built White Lake, they built our district and I include myself as one of them because that’s what I did for 38 years; I built things.”

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Lighting tested in dog parks

Oakland County Parks and Recreation will provide temporary lighting for Orion Oaks and Lyon Oaks dog parks, extending the parks’ hours to 8 p.m., Thursdays – Saturdays, Nov. 6 – Dec. 27.

The pilot lighting program will help in assessing the need for permanent lighting in the Orion and Lyon dog parks. The temporary lights will remain on until 8 p.m., to be consistent with the OCP’s third dog park, Red Oaks in Madison Heights which has permanent lighting.

Lyon Oaks Dog Park is located at 52221 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. It is a 13-acre fenced enclosure with a small dog area, benches, shelter and picnic tables, water fountain and field training area.

Orion Oaks Dog Park is on Joslyn Road between Clarkston and



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The new lights have been installed at Lyon Oaks Dog Park.

Scripps roads in Lake Orion. It is a 24-acre fenced enclosure with a small dog area, including two trails, picnic shelter, drinking water, field area, parking lot and access to Lake Sixteen for swimming.

Community Reads author Fowler coming to Novi Public Library

The Neighborhood Library Association announced its fifth annual Community Reads book selection, *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*.

By Karen Joy Fowler, it is a curious, wonderfully intelligent novel, which brings to life a most unusual American middle-class family, ordinary in every way but one. Fowler is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Jane Austen Book Club* and has written six novels and three short story collections. Five neighboring libraries hosted book discussions and programs related to the book, culminating in a visit by the author Nov. 18 at the Novi Public Library.

We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves is a tale of loving but fallible people whose well-in-

tioned actions lead to heartbreaking consequences. The madcap plot and fresh diction add humor to a story about experimental psychology, human development and animal rights. It is well worth the trouble to avoid spoilers, including the ones on the back of the book, so the author can introduce the troubled Cooke family before she springs the jaw-dropping surprise at the heart of the story.

“We are very pleased to announce this year’s book selection,” said

Julie Farkas, Novi Public Library director. “Librarians from five neighboring libraries meet to carefully choose a book that appeals to a broad audience and lends itself to good discussions and programs. We have been very successful with our book selections and author presentations over the past four years and are quite excited to have Karen Joy Fowler here to meet and talk with members of our communities.”

The goal of the NLA’s Community Reads is to

bring communities together to read and discuss the same book. The NLA is composed of Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library. Copies of the book are now available for checkout at each library.

Fowler will be available for a “Meet the Author” event at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Novi Public Library. Contact the library to register at 248-349-0720 or visit www.novilibrary.org.

City of Novi Notice of Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant Funds

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2015 application in the approximate amount of \$91,505 to fund eligible projects.

All interest citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Offices, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., November 24, 2014. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact the City Clerk’s office at 248-347-0456 for special services.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC, CMMC
CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 375 Orchard Drive, Northville, Michigan. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new house in the front-yard setback along Grandview Avenue on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-003-02-0035-001. The City’s Building Official has determined that a front-yard variance of 14 feet is needed from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of the residential building in the front yard.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday December 3, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902, as part of the regular City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comment on the variance request. Written comments regarding the variance request should be directed to the City of Northville at the above address.

A copy of the variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The City of Northville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with special needs at the meeting upon seven days notice to the City of Northville.

ROLLAND STAPLETON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CHAIRPERSON

DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK

Dated: November 13, 2014

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

The City of Northville is accepting sealed bids for **SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES** on public parking areas within the community. The City is seeking the services of a properly equipped Contractor to plow snow from 14 different parking lot locations during night time hours. Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked “**SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES**” and will be accepted until **2:00 p.m. on November 20, 2014** at the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in the bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

The City of Northville will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of gender, disability, race, color or national origin in consideration of an award. *All in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat.252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Sub Title A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21.*

James P. Gallogly
Public Works Director

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Beautification Commission
- Board of Review
- Election Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Library Board
- Public Access Promotion Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at www.cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248) 347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available on the website or at the City Clerk’s office) is Wednesday, November 26, 2014. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk’s Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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\$600 million needed for Oakland County road repairs

Despite a near record construction season, including the reconstruction and resurfacing of many roads, more than 40 percent of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) road system remains in poor condition, and that percentage is expected to continue to grow for the foreseeable future.

RCOC calculates that \$600 million worth of road projects is needed today just to preserve RCOC's existing roads — and that number is going to continue to grow without an increase in road funding.

Included in those projects are five roadways in Novi:

» Haggerty Road from Eight Mile to 10 Mile in the cities of Novi and Farmington; \$3.75 million

» 10 Mile Road from Napier to Grand River Avenue; \$12.562 million

» Novi Road from Eight Mile to 10 Mile; \$8.125 million

» Grand River Avenue from Wixom Road to Novi Road; \$4 million

» 12 Mile Road from Dixon to Farmington Road; \$6.875 million

By the end of the construction season this year (usually around mid-to-late November), RCOC expects to have initiated or completed road projects ultimately worth about \$50 million.

"That's a lot of money," RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar said. "However, the real-

ty is this is just the tip of the iceberg."

Kolar pointed out the Road Commission predicts that, at current funding levels (without an increase in state road funding), nearly two-thirds of RCOC roads will be in poor condition by 2018.

"Michigan remains in a road-funding crisis," Kolar said. "According to the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data available, Michigan is dead last compared to all other states in per capita state and local spending on roads, and it shows."

Kolar noted the extent of the needs on RCOC's roads highlight the critical nature of Michigan's road-funding situation. "It's more critical than ever that the state Legislature address road funding," he said. "The Legislature controls road funding in Michigan, and they must resolve this crisis."

The longer Michigan waits to resolve the road-funding crisis, Kolar said, the more costly it will be. "Each year that we don't repair our roads, they deteriorate further, and the cost to repair them increases."

RCOC Chairman Greg Jamian concurred. "For the sake of Michigan's businesses and residents, the Legislature needs to make roads a priority," he said. "Michigan will never reach its great potential so long as our road infrastructure is sub-par."

Capt. Theisen graduates from EMU school

The Novi Fire Department's Captain Mark Theisen graduated from the 16th class of the School of Fire Staff and Command (SFSC) at Eastern Michigan University on Oct. 24.



Theisen

Theisen joined 44 fire department professionals representing 32 Michigan communities who participated in the nine-month program.

"The SFSC program has allowed me to improve my leadership skills and my ability to problem solve," Theisen said. "The interaction with other members of the fire service community helped me to better understand issues we face. I look forward to utilizing my skillset to enhance the level of service I provide to the Novi Fire Department and our community."

The School of Fire Staff and Command provides upper-level academic instruction in several core competencies. The 350-hour program covers major topics of study including Leadership, Man-

agement, Labor Law, Fire Administration, Criminal and Civil Law, Budget and Fiscal Theory, Decision-Making, Technology and Homeland Security.

"I am particularly proud of Mark as an outstanding member of the Novi Fire Department and his significant academic accomplishment," Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David E. Molloy said. "The program provides fire officers with the education and training needed to strengthen their leadership capabilities with the Novi Fire Department and ensures enhanced resources to the citizens of Novi."

Theisen began his career with the Novi Fire Department in 2006 and in 2013 was promoted the rank of captain. He holds an associate's degree from the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts and is working toward his bachelor of science degree at Columbia Southern University. Theisen is a State of Michigan Fire Instructor and has served on the Western Wayne County Hazardous material Response Team.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Personal items stolen at JCPenney

An employee at JCPenney in Novi had her debit card, expired driver's license, passport and Social Security cards stolen from the store's break room.

On Sept. 19, the victim told Novi Police someone had taken the items from her lunch bag, which was on a table in the break room. A check of the security cameras did not show a suspect because the angle was not on that location.

Drunken driving

A man was arrested reportedly for drunken driving after another driver called Novi Police to report that his car had almost been hit by a truck.

The call came into police Sept. 27 and the caller said prior to almost being hit by the truck he observed one of the subjects inside the suspect t'sruck urinating near a dumpster. The caller said police could find the truck and driver at Papa's Pizza,

which is located on West Pontiac Trail.

Novi Police caught up with the suspect driver at Papa's and he denied the incident. Police reported smelling intoxicants on the man; he said he did have a few beers, police said. He refused to take a breathalyzer test and was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving, police said. Police reported finding open beer cans in his truck.

Construction equipment stolen and recovered

Heavy machinery from a site on Paisley Circle was stolen but later recovered in a ravine near Haggerty and Maple roads.

Some time overnight on Sept. 21-22, a Caterpillar skid steer and John Deere broom tractor were taken from a Pavex Construction site. The total value of these combined is \$60,000. They were later found by using the GPS attached to each.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman.

Safer

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A crosswalk has been added at Haggerty and Nine Mile to make pedestrians' travel in the area safer and easier.



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Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln MKZ vehicles are hot sellers at Varsity Lincoln

By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

Photo caption: A Certified 2012 Lincoln MKZ Ultimate, Varsity Lincoln of Novi's Lincoln MKZ-A-THON offers no gimmicks, no gifts, just great deals. More than 100 Lincoln MKZs are on-site — with Certified Pre-Owned vehicles for sale for as low as \$10,995.

Hurry over to Varsity Lincoln these next three days to catch the deals:

- » Thursday, Nov. 13. 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- » Friday, Nov. 14. 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Saturday, Nov. 15. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln MKZ vehicles come with many benefits, including:

- A meticulous, 200-point inspection by factory-trained technicians
- 6-year/100,000-mile comprehensive warranty coverage
- Complimentary roadside assistance

Customers spoke for themselves, when detailing their experiences with the team at Varsity Lincoln.

"I have an MKZ from Varsity Lincoln; I've had it for about a year now. It's a beautiful interior, a beautiful exterior; it handles well on the road and gives me good gas mileage!" said Lincoln MKZ owner Gary Trudeau. "I love this place. I wouldn't even consider buying a car from anybody else!"

"I'm very, very satisfied — very happy with it," said Rich Lewnau, describing his Lincoln MKZ purchase.

Jason Towe told us why he got into a Lincoln MKZ: "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln. The cost was a big factor for me; it was actually cheaper than my last car I owned, and I feel I'm getting a better quality car for what I'm paying!"

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Lincoln MKZ, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the



This certified 2012 MKZ Lincoln Ultimate is one of more than 100 Lincoln MKZs for sale during Varsity Lincoln of Novi's MKZ-A-THON.

vehicles," conveyed Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. "The 100,000-mile free bumper-to-bumper warranty that comes alongside all Certified Pre-Owned purchases is better than a new car warranty! Additionally, any time the vehicle is in for a service visit, you can receive a loaner for no cost exclusively at Varsity Lincoln!"

Loaded with features, the Lincoln MKZ will satisfy any customer, Law explained.

"The Lincoln MKZ provides a combination of sporty and luxury. Benefits include FWD or AWD, dual-zone climate control, Bluetooth, SYNC, an adaptive suspension, a panoramic roof, and heated and cooled seats for comfort, just to name a few," Law detailed.

This model defines luxury that is incomparable in this price. With Lincoln, most premium luxury features come standard, as opposed to paying additional for similar features on other comparable brands. "The Lincoln MKZ stands alone in its class of vehicles," Law emphasized.

Drivers will also enjoy peace of mind from knowing that the Lincoln MKZ will hold its value.

"This model holds its value more than other models for many reasons," Law said. "Any depreciation has already been taken on by the previous owner. Plus, the advanced styling and dependability are advantageous add to the Lincoln MKZ's value."

The MKZ-A-Thon event

includes the Lincoln MKZ Hybrids in inventory, which get an EPA-estimated MPG 41/39 (city/highway) and can drive in electric-only mode up to 85 mph.

"The Lincoln MKZ Hybrid's gas mileage, dependability and warranty make for a solid modern vehicle and overall excellent experience," Law stated.

"The warranty is the key with all these cars; with Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln — gas model or Hybrid," Law said. Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR.*

Varsity Lincoln is the number one dealer in the nation, based on 2013 Total New Retail Sales and Service Customer Satisfaction, per a Lincoln sales report.

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service," Law expressed. "Our dealership is ready for any situation that may arise, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."

"Our customers speak for themselves and how their experience is. When you read the reviews our customers write online, you can see how happy they are before, during and after the sale," Law concluded.

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Initiative to harness county tech companies

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson on Nov. 5 launched tech248 – a branding and business development initiative aimed at harnessing the power of tech companies in the county and market the county as a global technology hub.

Patterson launched the initiative before about 140 Oakland County-based tech firms and government officials at Koala CoWork in Southfield.

“Oakland County’s tech industry – with nearly 2,000 tech firms – is a global powerhouse and these Oakland County firms are at the epicenter of the tech world,” Patterson said. “Oakland County wants to harness the energy, the spirit, the technical excitement, innovation and creativity these companies experience on a daily basis. We want to help them collaborate and grow while developing and attracting talent.”

Among the companies represented were Media Genesis, Mobile Comply, Scientifically Proven and Razor Threat. More than a dozen Oakland County communities, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the Detroit Regional Chamber also sent representatives.

Patterson and Irene Spanos, the director of the county’s Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs, encouraged those in attendance to join the tech248 network online at MItch248.com to learn about the initiatives and opportunities to connect with other tech companies. Oakland County has nearly 42,000 jobs in the tech field – more than

twice the number of any other county in Michigan.

Patterson likened tech248 to Medical Main Street®, which is branding the region as a global center of excellence in health care and life science. Both initiatives evolved from Emerging Sectors®, which is diversifying the Oakland County economy by replacing lost manufacturing jobs with knowledge-based jobs. Tech and health care/life science are the two fastest growing sectors, responsible for investment of more than \$1.5 billion and 25,000 jobs.

Tech companies are the backbone of a rich and fast-growing sector – one Patterson said he will fight fiercely to keep in Oakland County. He was referring to attempts by Dan Gilbert, chairman and founder of Quicken Loans, to woo companies to buildings he has purchased in downtown Detroit.

“I’ll fight to keep you here in Oakland County,” Patterson said. “Are you listening Dan? I would be more impressed with Mr. Gilbert’s efforts if he were to bring in high tech companies from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois rather than looking through the fertile vineyards of Oakland County.”

About 100 tech companies have located in Oakland County in the past 10 years, investing over \$586 million and creating more than 10,500 jobs. The focus includes software development, network/data, mHealth, game development, connected cars, digital media, mobile technology, cyber security and other evolving technologies.



Pictured (l to r) are Chandra Brown, deputy assistant secretary of the Department of Commerce; Ken Lingenfelter, CEO/owner LPE; Mike Copeland, VP, Operations LPE; and Nate Shelton, president, SEMA.

Wixom’s Lingenfelter honored for Middle East expansion

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, has awarded the Export Achievement Certificate to Wixom-based Lingenfelter Performance Engineering in recognition of the company’s market expansion accomplishments in the Middle East.

The prestigious award, created to acknowledge global marketplace achievements, was presented to CEO/owner Ken Lingenfelter by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of Commerce Chandra Brown during the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas.

“Consumer interest

in Lingenfelter’s high-performance components and vehicles is very strong in the Middle East, and we are very grateful for the excellent support of our UAE distribution partners,” said Lingenfelter.

U.S. exports hit an all-time record of \$2.3 trillion in 2013, and supported more than 11 million American jobs, according to the Department of Commerce. SEMA, the trade organization representing the automotive specialty equipment market, places a high priority on assisting its member companies in taking advantage of export opportunities as the global demand for the automotive industry’s products soars.

“As a global trade association, SEMA seeks to help member companies grow and

expand their businesses,” said Linda Spencer, International and Government Relations Director at SEMA.

“One of the many ways SEMA helps its members grow is through exporting. For many of our members, exporting products to key international markets is integral to their success, and SEMA is available to help identify strategic markets and guide members along the way.”

Lingenfelter Performance Engineering is one of nearly 300 U.S. automotive aftermarket companies that have participated in SEMA’s international initiatives focused on China and the Middle East since 2011, and export sales by participants in SEMA’s one-on-one programs in the Middle East and China have amounted to nearly \$50 million.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cooper Standard reports third quarter results

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc. announced financial results for the third quarter ended Sept. 30.

“While we did experience economic softening in Brazil and unfavorable foreign exchange in the quarter, we made solid progress executing our profitable growth strategy,” said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard. “In Asia, we continued the expansion of our presence with the successful execution of two important agreements that significantly improves our position in the Chinese automotive sealing and fluid transfer system markets.”

The company reported revenue of \$781.0 million for the third quarter of 2014, up 2.2 percent from \$764.1 million for the third quarter of 2013. The increase in sales was favorably impacted by increased volumes in North America and Asia Pacific, share gains in Europe and incremental sales related to the Jyco acquisition, which was completed July 31, 2013. These items were partially offset by lower production volumes in Brazil, customer price concessions, sale of the Company’s thermal and emissions product line and unfavorable foreign exchange of \$3.1 million.

Gross profit for the quarter was \$111.3 million, or 14.2 percent of sales, compared to \$115.0 million, or 15.1 percent of sales, for the same period last year. The decrease in gross profit margin was driven primarily by unfavorable foreign exchange, customer price concessions, higher staffing costs and other operating expenses, partially offset by the favorable impact of continuous improvement savings.

Wixom recognizes Tec Art Industries

The City of Wixom congratulated Tec Art Industries Inc. on its merger with Estrakon and its joint decision to establish a permanent presence in the City of Wixom by purchasing a building on Center Oaks Court. Tec Art Industries had formerly leased a building in the City of Wixom, while Estrakon was located in Ann Arbor. Both companies produce point-of-purchase and promotional signage and materials.

In 2013, representatives of Tec Art approached the city seeking assistance with a possible building lease/purchase, which would accommodate future growth and expansion. City staff coordinated with Oakland County Equalization to assist in

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Best of Show



Haang’s Bistro the only Chinese and Thai restaurant in Walled Lake won the Best of Show award Nov. 1 at the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce 2014 Expo, Taste and Fun Fest at Walled Lake Western High School. Shown (l to r) are co-owners Chef Her Hang and Ka Yang, Patricia Hang and Michael Hang.



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keeping Tec Art in Wixom.

“Tec Art is an important corporate resident and assisting them with their real estate endeavor is consistent with Wixom’s business assistance philosophy” Wixom City Manager Tony Nowicki said. “Key to those efforts is Business Development Liaison Debra Barker. Debra has been instrumental in enhancing our business relationships and advancing our outreach initiative.”

The city, in conjunction with its contractual building inspection provider, SAFEbuilt, also facilitated renovations of the new building through an efficient planning and permitting processes which allowed Tec Art to move into their new building less than three (3) months from the acquisition date.



Buddy’s battles cancer

COURTESY

Representatives from the City of Novi joined Buddy’s Pizza President Robert Jacobs (center) and team to celebrate a ribbon cutting and private opening celebration at the family-owned restaurant’s 11th location in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk Oct. 22. Beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, the community was welcomed to enjoy Detroit’s original square Sicilian-style pizza at the new restaurant. Pictured from left to right are: Matt Heckert, Buddy’s Pizza Novi location general manager; Michelle Lawton, Buddy’s Pizza marketing director; David Staudt, Novi mayor pro-tem; Justin Fisher, Novi councilman; Wesley Pikula, Buddy’s Pizza vice president of operations; Robert Jacobs, Buddy’s Pizza president; Pete Auger, City of Novi manager; and Wayne Wrobel, Novi councilman.

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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.
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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 ½ 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
L.O. 0000219863 and depressed.

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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.fbcsouthlyon.com
• Email: fbcsouthlyon@sbglobal.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 a.m.
Rev. Marsha M. Wootley, 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

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Experience Life Each Week
Sunday Worship - 9:00 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School and Children's Programs
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248-348-9030

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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
Renewed Hope Counseling Center
248-560-7507
rhoecc.net

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
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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.solidrocksouthlyon.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 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.
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

NEWS BRIEFS

NOVI

Horse, pet expos at the Showplace

The 20th annual Novi Equestrian Expo, set for Nov. 14-16, welcomes nationally renowned head clinician Julie Goodnight.

The expo features exciting riding exhibitions and breed demonstrations and an extensive shopping area at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Visit NoviEquestrianExpo.com for a complete schedule.

The Showplace will also host the 11th annual Novi Pet Expo from Nov. 21-23. Event details are available at www.NoviPetExpo.com.

Stickley historian at Gorman's

Stickley Corporate Historian Mike Danial

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 Gormans.

Guests are encouraged to bring photographs of Stickley furniture and small items for casual appraisal by Danial.

Those interested in attending should call the store locations for reservations, as space is limited. Call 248-344-0880.

Light Up the Night show

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is currently accepting vendor applications for the Light Up the Night craft show set for Friday, Dec. 5. The show has an annual attendance of more than 5,000 people.

The craft show will take place from 6-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. The vendor cost is \$30 and includes an 8-foot table and two chairs within a 10-foot by 10-foot area of space. Additional tables may be purchased for \$15 each. Electricity is also available for an additional \$5 cost. Vendors will keep all proceeds from the evening.

Interested vendors should complete an appli-

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Pink Fund

JULIE YOLLES

With Breast Cancer Awareness month's conclusion, the Pink Fund continues to seek funding for patients in treatment who need financial support. October was a success with the Pink Fund and Bloomfield Hills' Fred Astaire Dance Studio hosting the second annual Dancing with the Survivors event, which they launched this year in October at 16 Fred Astaire venues in 12 states. It all started last year at Art Van Furniture's flagship store in Warren. This year, the gala was held at Art Van Furniture in Novi. Seven breast cancer survivors danced with Fred Astaire instructors in an exhibition that spotlighted their strength and courage. Shown, Pink Fund volunteer and Novi resident Fran Parsons (left) brought her best friend, Gillian Clancy, who was visiting from Cork, Ireland, to the Dancing with Survivors benefit at the Art Van store in Novi.

Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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

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CAMPBELL, GLADYS
May 23, 1919-November 3, 2014
Online guestbook
www.phillipsfuneral.com

CANTER, DOUGLAS SR.
October 24, 1957 ~October 30, 2014. Online Guestbook at
www.phillipsfuneral.com



COLASANTI, RONALD ANTHONY "RON"

79 years of age, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 6th at Tidewell Hospice in Lakewood, Florida surrounded by his family. His distinctively energetic and giving personality was evident right to the end as his smile lit up the room with his passion for his family and friends. Working alongside his family, Ron helped establish several business ventures in both Ontario and Michigan, most notably, Colasanti's Produce and Plants in Highland, Michigan. As an elected politician, he served his communities with passion in Gosfield South and Kingsville, Ontario, as well as Highland Township and Oakland County, Michigan. Celebration of the Life and Times of Ron Colasanti Thursday, November 20, 2014 4pm - 8pm Colasanti's Tropical Gardens, 1550 Road 3 East Kingsville, Ontario N0P 2G0. The Colasanti family would appreciate all gestures of kindness be made in the form of donations to the Hospice Erie Shores campus.
www.ldmhfoundation.ca

GRAHAM (GIGLIO) JOSEPHINE NATALIE
95, of Milford, November 5, 2014. Funeral at Lynch & Sons. LynchFuneralDirectors.com



HEAVNER, STELLA MARIE

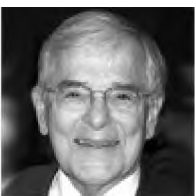
A resident of Milford since 1953 and owner of Heavner Canoe Rental, died at her home in the care of her family early Thursday morning, November 6, 2014 at the age of 98. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Heavner in 1998 and is survived by her sons, Alan D. Heavner and The Rev. Herbert B. (Verna) Heavner; grandsons, Bruce (Dana) Heavner and Matthew Heavner; great grandchildren, Keegan, Jacqueline, Maverick, Louisa, Oscar and Nora; brother, Richard (the late Mary) Henning; sister, Leila (the late Harry) Kindall; sister-in-law, Annis Henning; many nieces, nephews, her special friend Nancy Yipe, and many other dear friends. She was preceded in death by siblings, Lois (Willis) Gassman, Clyde (Florence) Henning, Robin Henning and Margaret (William) Mills. Funeral Service were held at Highland Church of the Nazarene, Highland, on Saturday, November 8, 2014, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials may be made in her name to Heart to Heart Hospice, Heavner Nature Connection-No Child Left Inside, or to Highland Church of the Nazarene. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KONZ, VIRGINIA
Age 87, October 13, 1927 - November 10, 2014. Please see www.phillipsfuneral.com for service details.



MELLOTT, JODY H.

Loving and devoted wife, daughter, sister, aunt and lifelong South Lyon resident, Jody Helene Mellott, passed to eternal life at her home on October 23, 2014, at the age of 57. Jody was born on August 20, 1957 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to James H. Steele and Joan L. Campbell Steele. Jody grew up in South Lyon and attended South Lyon High School where she graduated in 1975. Jody worked in retail for over 35 years, the last 15 years she worked for Jo-Ann Fabric in Brighton Michigan, where she performed a variety of job assignments and titles. She was hard working and dedicated and enjoyed public service. Jody was the most sweet, kind, loving and generous person, who has a gentle soul. She loved the outdoors, her two cats (Buddy and Junior), being with friends and family. Jody married the love of her life Paul Mellott in December of 1975; they were married for 39 years. Her loving husband Paul Mellott wrote: "In Loving memory to my wife Jody Mellott, thanks for 39 great years of Friendship, Love and Companionship. Though we are separated now we will be reunited". Jody is preceded in death by her father, James H. Steele. She is survived by her husband Paul Mellott, her mother Joan L. Campbell Steele, her two sisters and their spouses: Vicky and Pat Carducci and Vivian and Andy Green; seven nieces and nephews: Erica and Adam Miklaszewski, Matthew and Alex Carducci, Victoria Carducci, Cassandra Carducci, Anthony Carducci, Amanda Green and Lindsey Green; two great grand nephews, Aiden and Landen Carducci. Jody's unflinching spirit, passion for her husband and affection for family, love of life, kindness and generosity managed to shine on throughout her life. The "love" of her spirit will remain in the hearts of everyone who was blessed to know her. A memorial service was held on October 26th at 3:00 p.m. at Kensington Metro Park. Donations can be made in Jody's memory to the family in lieu of flowers.



MOORE DONALD CHARLES

passed away Saturday, November 8, 2014. Donald is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Suzanne, his children, Nancy (Steve) Fuller, Karen (Matt) Huff and Chuck (Julie) Moore. Grand Children, Jeff, Emily, Ellyn, Laura and Ian. Great-Grand Children, Molly, Cormac, Eva and Peter. A Memorial Visitation will take place at the Highland Chapel of Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Road, Highland, Michigan 48356 on Friday, November 14, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the Tyrone Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. 10235 White Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430. In lieu of flowers, the family would greatly appreciate a donation in honor of Donald to be made to the charity of your choice. Please visit: www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com to share a memory.

Elton Black & Son
Funeral Home

MORENO, CONSUELO

A former resident of Dearborn and Milford, died in the care of her family at Posey Senior Care in Fenton on Sunday morning, November 9, 2014 at the age of 104. She was preceded in death by her husband, Juan Moreno, in 1989 and is survived by daughters, Dolores (the late James) Sackett, Rose (John) Rowland, and Carolyn (Larry) LeClerc; sons, Gilbert (the late Eileen) Moreno and Juan R. (Dorothy) Moreno; 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Also survived my many loving extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, on Wednesday, November 12, at 10a.m. with The Rev. Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Milford. Memorials may be made in her name to Posey's Senior Care Home. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

NELSON, LOTTIE

September 4, 1921 - November 4, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home- Northrop Sassaman Chapel, in Northville.



PITAK, ELAINE L.

Age 93, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully November 5, 2014. She was born February 20, 1921 in Gary, Indiana; daughter of Joseph and Lillian (nee Haug) Tanner. Elaine was united in marriage to Mitchell Pitak on October 13, 1945; they spent 47 loving years together until his death in 1992. During WWII, Elaine worked making parts for airplanes; she was as it is commonly referred to a "Rosie the Riveter." Elaine received a Bachelor Degree from Michigan Normal College, which is now Eastern Michigan University. She worked as a teacher for over 10 years at both Lowery School and McDonald Elementary School. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church for 40 years. Elaine was a devoted and loving wife and mother; she took wonderful care of her family. She enjoyed growing beautiful flowers and travelling all over the world. Elaine is survived by her loving children, Dr. Diane (Michael Pahl) Pitak and James (Lily) Pitak; her grandchildren, Megan (Doug) Zorne, Olivia Pahl, Zoey Pitak and Zack Pitak; and her great grandchildren, Noah and Ila Zorne. Elaine was also loved by her dear friend, Mary Ann "Mac" Camillo and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, Jeffrey Pitak; and her brother, Raymond Tanner. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Elaine will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

PLYLE, THOMAS H.

August 27, 1948 - November 4, 2014. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home- Northrop Sassaman Chapel, in Northville.



REIS JOYCE LYNNE

A long time resident of Milford, and teacher with Huron Valley Schools for over thirty-seven years, died at her home on November 7, 2014 at the age of 69. She leaves her son, Robert Reis; her mother, Evelyn Reis; siblings, Don (Vicki) Reis, Ken Reis, Jerry (Nancy) Reis, Phyllis (Don) Rickard and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Neil, in 2005, her father, Donald Reis, and sister, Carol (Russ) De Rosa. A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors Rd., Milford on Friday, November 14th, at 11a.m., with Pastor Martin Dressler officiating. Friends may gather at the church from 10a.m. until the time of service. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



RICHARDSON, LETTIE SKEFFINGTON

Born on September 23, 1916 and passed away on November 6, 2014 at the age of 98 and two months. Lettie was born in Detroit, Michigan and for all of her childhood and teenage years was raised in Highland/Milford and graduated from Milford High School. Lettie played basketball on the first girl's team and they won many games for the Milford "Redskins". She married and lived in the Milford area for most of her adult life. Some years later she moved to Mesa, AZ. Lettie moved back to Michigan in 1998 and lived with her daughter and her husband in Commerce Twp. until her passing. Lettie was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Susan Skeffington of Highland, her husband, George W. Richardson, and her long time and loving companion, Joseph Piper; sisters, Eleanor "Skip" (Lyle) See and Nancy (Robert) Stewart. She also lost some very special friends, Vi Heatly, Emma Besancon and Carolyn Foster. Lettie is survived by her daughter, Judi and husband Ron VanAssche of Commerce Township and Mike and Kathy Richardson of Milford; her grandson, Tim and his wife Vanessa Reeves, and granddaughter, Delisa and her husband John Payne, along with seven great grandchildren, Alexi, Nick, Kendra, Rebecca, Allen "AJ", Katrina and Marissa. Also by her life long friend Helen Clark. Funeral Services were held at St. George Episcopal Church, Milford, on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 with burial in Milford Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the VanAssche family for future designation. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



RICHCREEK, LOWELL R.

March 4, 1940 ~ November 4, 2014. Age 74, Bucyrus, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 in Bucyrus. He was born in Marion to the late Bernard A. and Isabel (McGibbon) Richcreek. On September 19, 1964, he married Rosene L. McKillip; she survives. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Lowell graduated from Swayzee High School in 1958, and attended Indiana University and Indiana Northern University earning a degree in Business Administration. He then completed Executive Business School programs at Graduate schools of Northwestern University, University of Michigan and Case Western Reserve University. He worked at General Tire & Rubber Co. as a plant production supervisor, as well as Vice President of Automotive Sales and Marketing and International Director for the Reinforced Plastics Division. He retired from there in 1996 after working there for 34 years. Lowell then joined MFG Company in 1997 as Vice President of Sales and Marketing and International Director, retiring in 2001. Lowell was a member of the United Methodist Church, in Northville, MI, and a 50 plus year member of the Masonic Lodge in Swayzee. He is a past member of The Society of Automotive Engineers, The Society of Plastics Engineers and also of the Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, MI. He was also a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Indiana University. Along with his wife, Lowell is survived by his children, Mary (Michael) McKee, Bucyrus, OH, Kimberly Heydenberk, East Grand Rapids, MI, and Robert (Tracy) Richcreek, Novi, MI and grandchildren, Matthew and Gretchen Bach, Brian and Lauren Heydenberk, Sarah and Megan Richcreek and Jaymi and Kelli McKee, brother in law and special friend, David A. McKillip. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Services for Lowell will be held on Friday at 3 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial will be at Park Cemetery in Fairmount. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.



ROGERS, JOSEPH Y.

Age 81, passed away October 22, 2014. He was deeply loved by his wife, Agnes Rogers. Joe was born in Fort Fairfield, Maine. He spent some time in Pennsylvania then the rest of his years in Michigan. Joe was stepfather to Donna and Larry Heath, Patty and Walt Kuczewski, Kris and Sue Krzyzanski, and all their children. Uncle to Cheryl Steiner, Lore Rogers and Kurt Weiland, Robin and Bill McCarthy and all of their children. Joe was very loved by all of his family and friends. A Memorial Service will take place on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Please visit:
www.phillipsfuneral.com

SCHMITT, BARBARA J.
July 7, 1960-November 9, 2014. Age 54.
www.phillipsfuneral.com

SCHORNACK, ALICE M.
Age 82, died Oct. 24. Survived by her loving family. Please visit
www.phillipsfuneral.com



SINGLETON, ROY G.

Age 89, passed away November 8, 2014. He is survived by his wife Doris of 59 years; his sons, Gary (Nancy) of South Lyon, Carl of Ocala, Florida, Michael (Debbie) of Mt. Pleasant; daughter, Cynthia (Mark) Hosbach of Milford. He is preceded in death by son Dennis. Roy is also survived by sisters, Betty Hees of Plymouth, Sarah Enochs of Dyersburg, Tennessee; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. Roy served in the U.S. Army and was a proud veteran of WWII and was in the Normandy Invasion. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed tending to his vegetable garden. A visitation will take place on Wednesday, November 12, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St.
www.phillipsfuneral.com

TALBOT, AMBY GANDARILLAS

Age 97 of Northville, passed away November 4, 2014.
www.mccabefuneralhome.com

Paying
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to the
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your
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BRIEFS

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cation available via www.cityofnovi.org or at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office located inside the Novi Civic Center.

The deadline for submitting an application is 5 p.m. Nov. 17. Accepted vendors will be notified by 5 p.m. Nov. 18. Full payment is due by Nov. 24. If payment is not received, the booth space will be immediately released to another vendor.

Light Up the Night is an annual community event hosted by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department. In addition to the craft show, the event includes entertainment, photo opportunities with Santa, refreshments and much more holiday fun.

For more information about the Light Up the Night event and craft show, visit www.cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0400.

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 Ave.); 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 for more information.

Plan with Novi Older Adult Services

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 in-

cludes 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.

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 or call 248-349-0720. Visit the NLA website for more information: <http://mynla.info>.

Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 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.

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OUR VIEWS

Controversial issues shouldn't wait till lame duck session

The midterm election has come and gone. Now what?

Various board and commissions locally will have some new members representing residents at the local, county, state and federal levels. They'll have to get up to speed on the various issues and agendas under consideration.

For the state Legislature, next comes the so-called lame duck session, the time between the election and the end of the legislative session. The session began Wednesday. Based on previous lame duck sessions, it's hard to determine what will come out of Lansing in the next month or so.

Two years ago, there was a flurry of activity — good or bad, depending on your point of view — coming out of the lame duck session.

Most controversial of the actions was passage of right-to-work legislation, which made it illegal to require financial support of a union as a condition of employment for public- and private-sector workers. The bills exempted police and firefighters.

Other actions included creating a regional transit authority to coordinate public transportation in southeast Michigan; increased access for highly trained gun owners to carry their concealed weapons in formerly forbidden places, such as schools, day care centers, stadiums and churches; a new emergency manager law to replace the previous statute that was repealed by voters a month earlier; tougher recall requirements against elected officials; and increased regulations on facilities that offer abortions.

Some may applaud the new measures, and others cry foul. Some issues appeared to make sense. Others, not so much.

What's unfortunate is it appears too often state legislators wait to address anything remotely controversial until after the election. For those seeking re-election or a position in another governing body, waiting until after the general election allows the lawmakers not to worry about any repercussions if the bills passed go against the views of the electorate in the district. Even more so with the new recall requirements.

And that goes against the basic tenets of representative government and elections overall.

Voters select the candidates they believe best represent their views and opinions. If they disagree with how the legislator handles the job, the electorate can select someone else in the next election. That's the whole point of elections in the first place. That's why incumbents sometimes see challenges from within their own party.

The state Legislature is a full-time position. It baffles us that so many issues are crammed into the final days the legislature is in session. Most any state senator or representative will argue that it's a full-time position and a move to a part-time legislator would hurt the state.

But the lame duck session flies in the face of that argument, since the elected officials seem to be able to handle so much of their work in a few weeks.

Among the issues that could be addressed during the current lame duck session include funding for road and infrastructure improvements, term limits, how presidential electoral votes are awarded, civil rights and medical marijuana.

There's some controversy to all of these issues, at least in terms of how they will be addressed.

We urge our local legislators to limit their official decision making in this year's lame duck legislation and leave it to the incoming legislature to address the issues voters elected them to do.



Controversial bills are often passed in the state's lame duck session. We hope those still in office till the end of the year don't follow that trend.

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Do you think it will be another tough winter and are you ready?

This question was asked outside the Northville and Novi libraries.



"I think it will be another tough winter, so I'm ready as I can be."

Elizabeth Miller
Northville Township



"No, it's going to be easy! When there's a lot of rain during the spring and summer it means the winter should be easier."

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"I'm hearing its going to be, so I'm as ready as I can be."

Blaine Lapp
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LETTERS

Library millage kudos

The community's overwhelming support of the Northville District Library's millage renewal request on Nov. 4 is a testament to both the library and the residents who value one of our community's greatest assets.

The Committee to Support the Northville District Library Millage Renewal extends its heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all who endorsed this critical issue.

Your support helps maintain the library's current services, programming and hours, as well as address the evolution in patron usage. From hard copy materials to eBooks and an ever-growing list of databases, the library's extensive offerings serve the needs of a diverse public.

A campaign is a collaborative undertaking. The success of this renewal can be credited to the efforts of the library staff, the board of trustees and a dedicated corps of volunteers — most notably the Friends of the Northville District Library. The Friends advocacy, volunteer work and fundraising provide ongoing support to the library — and this campaign was no exception. The commitment of the Friends was indispensable.

Thank you again to all who supported the millage renewal and validating that your library is worth it!

Michele Fecht
Committee to Support the
Northville District Library Millage
Renewal chairperson

Supports Property Transfer Request

As your readers are aware, a neighboring subdivision called Woodside Village, which is currently a part of Plymouth Canton, has petitioned to leave PCCS and join NPS. I am supportive of this request, because it helps us mitigate the coming problem of reductions in enrollment that our district is going to face over the next few years. It's a simple

operation of math: the outgoing senior class had almost 600 kids, while the incoming kindergarten class had less than 450. Less students means less money which leads to program cuts.

Unfortunately, there has been some misinformation floating around about how this would impact Winchester. As a Winchester parent, there is no way I would support something that would overcrowd my own children's school. To correct the record, I've assembled some facts for the public's consideration:

1. This will NOT overcrowd Winchester Elementary, or any other school. Woodside Village has 115 homes housing 32 K-12 students. Of those, only 14 are elementary students, who are equally divided amongst all six (K-5) grades, with no more than 3 children in any grade. The earliest that students would be transferred to NPS would be the 2015-16 school year, and Winchester is projected by Plante Moran CRE-SA (the District's enrollment consultant) to lose 16 children between 2014 and 2015, with the loss of over 50 kids by 2017.

With the redistricting of Meads Mill, the addition of four students is insignificant compared to the school's size of 739 kids. The same is true for the high school, with new 14 high school children in a school of nearly 2,300 kids.

2. The addition of these children will add significant dollars to NPS, even after any necessary additional teachers are hired. The current funding structure of public education in Michigan relies heavily on students. The district receives \$8,099 per student, so the district will receive additional \$260,000 as a result of the transfer. Some of that money will go toward additional teachers (if necessary) and instructional material for the new students (\$118 per). Each additional student, however, nets the District, on average, about \$5,000. That \$160,000 would go directly

into additional teachers, materials or student programs for the rest of the District.

3. The addition of Woodside Village does NOT bind NPS to accept other transfer requests. The only request under consideration is Woodside Village. One board member wisely inquired as to what criteria the District should use when evaluating these requests. Here are a few possible criteria:

a) Is the transferred area proximate to an elementary school? Woodside Village is less than 0.5 miles to Winchester Elementary.

b) Do the transferred students require transportation? Students would be walkers, as there is a walking path connecting Woodside Village to the Northville Commons subdivision where Winchester is located. Middle school students in that area are also walkers, and high school students would use the same satellite stops as other Meads Mill students.

c) Is the transferred area a part of one of our existing cities/townships, or is this a portion of a new city/township?

d) Are the transferred students being placed into a school with a pattern of growing enrollment, or a pattern of declining enrollment? As mentioned above, Winchester is the elementary school projected by Plante Moran to have the greatest enrollment declines over the next five years.

4. Barring other changes, declining enrollment at Winchester Elementary will necessitate a reduction or relocation in staff. Between 2013-14 and 2014-15, Winchester faced the reduction of one educator. With a reduction of thirty students in the coming year, it is likely that Winchester will lose at least one more.

It is for those reasons that I support the Property Transfer Request.

Matthew J. Wilk
Northville Board of Education
treasurer

GUEST COLUMN

Data Breach: It's time for changes to protect American consumers

These days, hardly a week goes by when we don't hear about a major retailer reporting a data breach. The most recent, Jimmy John's sandwich restaurant, affected 18 Michigan locations between June and September 2014. The restaurant reported that customer credit and debit card information was stolen.

When identity theft occurs, it feels like a terrible and highly personal violation. A nameless, faceless felon starts spending your hard-earned money, accessing your personal and business accounts, and might even assume your identity. Fortunately for consumers, the banks that issue credit and debit have federal safeguards protecting their accounts from loss.

In nearly all cases, banks protect customers from financial responsibility for fraudulent use of their cards. Regardless of where and how the breach occurred, banks will pay the fraud loss, alert customers, freeze any compromised accounts and re-issue cards.

But banks alone can't protect consumers. Retailers and law-



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makers must take a greater part in the solution. We've just been here too many times, and it can't continue.

If consumers are ever to be secure, we all must step up and take responsibility in safeguarding customer identities and accounts. The retail industry that uses and benefits from the payment processing system must also share responsibility for safeguarding their customers and be responsible for their own failures.

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lions of dollars annually in the best security systems and rigorous employee training for fraud prevention and required immediate reporting.

With data breaches becoming ever more frequent and serious, it's past time for Washington to act. Until all players in the payments system take responsibility for their handling of customer accounts, consumers will remain at risk. Every party involved, including retailers at point of sale, must proactively meet the challenge, meet industry standards for security systems, train their staffs to spot fraud, and must be accountable for failing their customers. Our payments system is only as strong as its weakest link.

Washington must also do its part to make sure that our credit processing system is strong and secure. Our customers and our country deserve nothing less.

Neal Searle is the president and CEO of Lotus Bank, founded in Novi in 2007 by Indian-American business and medical industry leaders from southeast Michigan.




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Junior Darby Mroz was instrumental in Northville's KLAAs Kensington Conference championship conquest.

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NORTHVILLE GIRLS SEIZE THE DAY

Northville shaves South Lyon for title by mere half-point

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Defending champion South Lyon Unified certainly got a lot of mileage out of slew of talented divers.

But it was the Northville girls swim team which took the victory plunge afterward celebrating their first-ever

Kensington Conference championship Saturday afternoon at the South Lyon East.

And the Mustangs had a reason to be giddy, edging the hosts by a mere half-point, 886.5-886, to earn the title among the 11-school field.

And thanks to a conference, pool and school record first-place effort by the all-sophomore quartet of Kelsey Macaddino, Gillian Zayan, Nicki Pumper and Laura Westphal in final race, the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:32.11), Northville was able to earn the title in dramatic fashion.

"We've never won, so obviously this is the tops," said Northville coach Brian McNeff, who jumped into the

pool himself to mark the winning occasion. "I told these girls this was best 40 entries that I've ever seen and they proved it today. A half-point, but they still proved it."

In a conference meet where the first 18 placers all count toward the final team scores, South Lyon was able to rack up over a quarter of its points (230) in the 1-meter diving event as senior Heidi Surdyk led a one-through-six finish with a meet and pool record 468.70 points (for 11 dives).

Northville, meanwhile, did not enter a diver, but was still able to

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Novi stops Canton in district title conquest

No. 2-ranked Wildcats take crown in four sets

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi girls volleyball team can breathe a sigh of relief.

The No. 2-ranked Wildcats earned their first trip to the Class A regional since 2010 by capturing the district title Thursday night at home against upset-minded Canton in four sets, 25-11, 25-27, 25-16, 25-12.

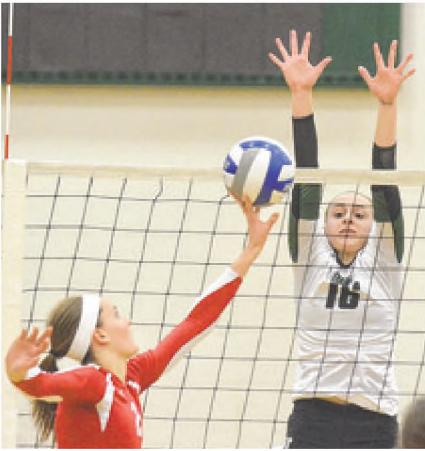
Once again it was a group effort as Novi improved to 49-5-1 overall while giving coach Jen Cottrill her first district crown after being knocked out the previous two district tournaments by two-time state semifinalist Northville.

And things almost came too easy at the outset for the Wildcats as freshman setter Erin O'Leary, who wound up with 45 assist-to-kills, six kills, 11 digs and four aces on the night, served up a 12-point run to propel Novi to a 14-3 advantage and ultimately the easy win in the opening set.

"I think the vibe was just really relaxed," Cottrill said of her team's pre-match mood. "In the past we've been really worried about, 'Oh, my God, this could be our last game, this could be it.' This year, we just focused on what we need to do and just really relaxed. Canton looked really nervous in the first set and made a ton of errors, didn't pass well."

But the Chiefs (27-11-4), which knocked off a another good Novi

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Novi's Ally Cummings (16) leaps up for the block against Canton's Haley Diedrick during Thursday's Class A district final.

Franklin Road spikers capture 1st district crown since 2000

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Franklin Road Christian ended a 14-year drought Friday by earning its first Class D district girls volleyball title since 2000 as the Warriors survived a five-setter to earn a 19-25, 25-21, 25-17, 23-25, 15-13 victory over Southfield Christian in the finals held at Birmingham Roper.

Franklin Road, which improved to 11-15-1 overall, advanced to Tuesday's regional vs. Waterford Our Lady at Plymouth Christian Academy thanks to a strong performance from sophomore Maddy Hensley, who finished with 13 kills and 16 digs.

Sophomore Arianna Ayers also finished with 12 kills and three blocks, while sophomore Reagan Mumford chipped in with 10 kills.

Earlier in the season (Sept. 2), Franklin Road fell to Southfield Christian in four sets, but this time turned the tables.

"We had really great communication, something we struggled with all

year," said Franklin Road first-year coach Michelle Angel, who guided the Warriors to a second-place finish in the MIAC Red Division. "The girls just really wanted to win. They played every point to win it. They usually got down on themselves after a few mistakes, but they didn't on Friday. They just kept on playing hard to win every point and I'm really proud of them."

Setter Carmel Tapawan, one of two seniors on the Franklin Road roster, also sparked in the victory with 40 assist-to-kills, four aces serves and nine digs.

Other standouts included junior captain Hannah Rayburn (23 digs, five kills, two aces); sophomore Danielle Fusco (17 digs, three aces); senior Laura Warren (five aces, four digs); junior Alex Swaffield (six digs, two aces); and sophomore Alex Grace (one kill).

On Nov. 5, the Warriors advanced to the district final with a 25-6, 25-9, 25-8 triumph over Detroit University Academy.

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MICHELLE ANGEL

The Novi Franklin Road Christian girls volleyball team won their first Class D district title since 2000.

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Novi girls wind up 5th in Kensington swim finals

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Stay the course.
That's what Novi girls swim coach Annette VanderMey has preached throughout the 2014 season and following a fifth-place finish in KLAA Kensington Conference meet held Saturday at South Lyon East.

While Northville shaved host and defending champion South Lyon Unified in dramatic fashion by a half-point, 886.5-

886, for the team title, Livonia Stevenson (673), Salem (588.5) and Novi (558) rounded out the top five in the 11-school field.

"We definitely swam to our capabilities, we swam beyond," VanderMey said. "For three years now we've been working about the culture and changing the ideas. We started out a real young team. We're on a plan and we've made just about every step in our plan, so next year hopefully we'll be fight-

ing for a top spot."

Novi's 200-yard medley relay team of sophomore Emily Mayoras, freshman Alice Ying, freshman Hanna Dong and junior Ava Bianchi earned an MHSAA Division 1 state cut with a sixth-place time of 1:54.87.

They'll be joined at the state meet by the Wildcats' 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams, which added fourth- and fifth-place finishes, respectively, at the conference

meet.

Bianchi was the Wildcats' top individual finisher with a third in the 50 freestyle (24.66), while Mayoras also added a fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:01.4) and a seventh in the 50 freestyle (25.45).

Bianchi has qualified in the 50 freestyle, while Mayoras has earned a state cut in the 100 backstroke for the Division 1 finals, which will be held Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22, at Eastern Michi-

gan University's Jones Natatorium.

VanderMey bid goodbye to seven seniors including Emily Goetz, Shakila Khan, Sarah Liddicoat, Alexa Nussio, Alyssa Stark and captains Zoe Paiskis and Lindsey Vaughan.

"We had a lot of great swims," VanderMey said. "All of our seniors went out with a really good bang, so that always makes me feel good when they have success in their final meet of their

careers."

One swim that brought a smile to VanderMey's face was an 11th place garnered by Vaughan in the 500 freestyle.

"There were so many of them, but the one that knocked our socks off was one of our seniors, Lindsey Vaughan, in 'B' heat," VanderMey said. "She went a lifetime best 5:35.88. She came in as a 5:42.0, and yesterday (in the prelims) entered as a 5:48.0; so it was a great swim."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

All-KLAA gridders

Northville and Novi were well represented on the All-KLAA Kensington Conference football teams.

Earning all-conference spots for Northville (6-4) were: Kevin Bak, 6 feet, 2 inches, 190 pounds, senior, defensive back; Jack Ernst, 5-11, 200, senior, inside linebacker; David Moorman, 6-5, 290, senior, right tackle; P.J. Schnepf, 5-11, 185, senior, running back; and Justin Zimbo, 6-0, 180, junior, quarterback.

Earning all-conference honors for Novi (4-5) were: Emanuel Jackson, 6-0, 175, junior, running back;

Steve Davis, 6-0, 275, senior, offensive lineman; and Joe Haddad, 5-10, 231, offensive lineman.

Honorable mention selections for Northville included: Zach Graham, 6-4, 280, senior, left tackle; Lee Moore, 5-11, 215, inside linebacker; Zach Prystash, 5-6, 145, junior, defensive back; and Ryan Roberts, 6-7, 240, senior, tight end.

Novi honorable mention selections went to Caleb Wright, 5-10, 184, senior, outside linebacker; Matt Sabo, 6-0, 174, senior, running back; Pat Wojtylo, 5-9, 194, senior, linebacker; and Jack Pinkerton, 6-3, 174, senior, tight end.

SWIM

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overcome the 230-0 deficit.

"These girls have worked so hard since day one and they deserved it," McNeff said. "We told them from the start that this is what it all came down to and this is why we do everything. The joy on their faces, the tears in their eyes shows that it's worth it. I'm so proud of all of them. They all swam great. We were down going into this meet today and I told them beforehand that they'd fight, and that's what they've done all year long. Because if they fought today they would win, and they did."

Northville also set a conference, school and pool record in the 200 freestyle relay as Macaddino, Alissa Moore, Zayan and Westphal were clocked in 1:37.37.

Other individual firsts for the Mustangs came from Moore, 200 freestyle (1:55.49); Westphal, 500 freestyle (5:04.73) and Mroz, 100 backstroke (59.99).

Mroz trailed in the 100 backstroke after the first 50 meters, but overhauled South Lyon's Anna Geyer over the final 50 for a first place time of 59.99, while also earning a



WILL HAYES

Northville coach Brian McNeff (with trophy) and his team celebrate their first KLAA Kensington Conference swim championship.

maximum of 32 points.

"I was seeded third," Mroz said. "My mindset was I needed to beat the South Lyon girl, and I did it. I just had to do it, and I did it ... the best feeling in the world."

"The coach (McNeff) said, 'That was awesome.' Honestly I haven't swam that good in my life. I broke a minute, too, for the first time."

Sabrina Lee (third, 1:00.32) and Pumper (sixth, 1:01.2) also accounted for 27 points and 24 points, respectively, by making the 100 backstroke "A" heat finals after qualifying for the top eight following Friday's prelims.

"That (backstroke) was key, something we had pointed to this morning (Saturday)," McNeff said. "I told them to get one person in front of them (South Lyon) and that would be a huge swing. That's an eight-point swing right there. A lot of things did it, but that was a key thing."

"And the relays winning ... that was huge. I told them right from the start that they had to win. And they were fired up, our four best swimmers in both relays, and they did an amazing job."

Livonia Stevenson (673), Salem (588.5) and Novi (558), all members of the KLAA's Central Division, were the next three team finishers, while KLAA South Division champ Canton placed sixth (346).

Salem junior Linda Zhang broke a conference record in winning the 200 IM 2:04.68). She also captured the 100 breaststroke (1:05.66), while Lisa Zhang added a first for the Rocks in the 100 butterfly (56.74).

South Lyon sophomore Carolyn Bischoff swept the 50- and 100 freestyles in 24.25 and 53.19, re-

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS SWIM RESULTS Nov. 7-8 at South Lyon East	
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 886.5 points; 2. South Lyon Unified, 886; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 673; 4. Salem, 588.5; 5. Novi, 558; 6. Canton, 346; 7. Plymouth, 250; 8. Westland John Glenn, 161; 9. Livonia Churchill, 137; 10. Livonia Franklin, 118; 11. Wayne Memorial, 116.	
FINAL 'A' HEAT RESULTS	
200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Anna Geyer, Melanie Dunnuck, Megan Mieske, Carolyn Bischoff), 1:49.13; 2. Salem, 1:49.89; 3. Stevenson, 1:53.22; 4. Northville (Darby Mroz, Jessica Yan, Ana Barrott, Natalie Filipowicz), 1:53.31; 5. Canton, 1:54.41; 6. Novi (Emily Mayoras, Alice Ying, Hanna Dong, Ava Bianchi), 1:54.87; 7. Plymouth, 1:56.33; 8. John Glenn, disqualified.	
200 freestyle: 1. Alissa Moore (N'ville), 1:55.49; 2. Kelsey Macaddino (N'ville), 1:56.05; 3. Merrill Fronee (LS), 1:57.81; 4. Stephanie Solterman (Salem), 1:58.0; 5. Rachel Arceri (LS), 1:58.32; 6. Patricia Freitag (Salem), 1:59.17; 7. Emily Kososki (SLU), 1:59.57; 8. Emily Osika (Canton), 1:59.93.	
200 individual medley: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 2:04.68 (conference record); 2. Rebecca Arakelian (LS), 2:08.12; 3. Laura Westphal (N'ville), 2:08.15; 4. Xu (Salem), 2:11.04; 5. Dunnuck (SLU), 2:12.63; 6. Claire Green (Canton), 2:13.91; 7. Mroz (N'ville), 2:14.65; 8. Kera Sells (WJG), 2:15.3.	
50 freestyle: 1. Bischoff (SLU), 24.25; 2. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 24.39; 3. Bianchi (Novi), 24.66; 4. Brenna Erickson (LS), 24.86; 5. Gillian Zayan (N'ville), 24.99; 6. Geyer (SLU), 25.34; 7. Mayoras (Novi), 25.45; 8. Mieske (SLU), 25.82.	
1-meter diving: 1. Heidi Surdyk (SLU), 468.70 points (conference, pool record); 2. Madison Canadi (SLU), 415.60; 3. Sarah Ploheski (SLU), 381.85; 4. Alyssa Sawyer (SLU), 345.15; 5. Caitlyn Canadi (SLU), 341.00; 6. Starr Bryan (SLU), 332.85; 7. Alyssa Stark (Novi), 321.05; 8. Jessica Weak (LS), 308.70.	
100 butterfly: 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 56.74; 2. Macaddino (N'ville), 57.69; 3. Anna Smith (SLU), 58.45; 4. Sells (WJG), 1:00.26; 5. Kathryn Waters (Ply.), 1:00.71; 6. Xu (Salem), 1:00.92; 7. Osika (Canton), 1:01.27; 8. Mieske (SLU), 1:01.30.	
100 freestyle: 1. Bischoff (SLU), 53.19; 2. Erickson (SLU), 53.8; 3. Zayan (N'ville), 53.99; 4. Allison Lennig (Ply.), 54.6; 5. Nicki Pumper (N'ville), 54.84; 6. Sara Bowen (LS), 54.89; 7. Stephanie Solterman (Salem), 55.19; 8. Hannah Craig (N'ville), 55.55.	
500 freestyle: 1. Laura Westphal (N'ville), 5:04.73; 2. Moore (N'ville), 5:09.68; 3. M. Fronee (LS), 5:15.38; 4. Kososki (SLU), 5:17.32; 5. Freitag (Salem), 5:18.26; 6. Yan (N'ville), 5:22.01; 7. Nerys Gravel (SLU), 5:22.83; 8. Arceri (LS), 5:23.42.	
200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Moore, Zayan, Westphal), 1:37.37 (conference, pool record); 2. Stevenson, 1:37.81; 3. South Lyon, 1:39.72; 4. Novi (Dana Kilponen, Alexandra Cortez, Karen Xu, Ava Bianchi), 1:41.37; 5. Plymouth, 1:42.19; 6. Salem, 1:42.34; 7. Canton, 1:46.67; 8. John Glenn, 1:48.48.	
100 backstroke: 1. Mroz (N'ville), 59.99; 2. Geyer (SLU), 1:00.21; 3. Sabrina Lee (N'ville), 1:00.32; 4. Mayoras (Novi), 1:01.04; 5. Rowe (Salem), 1:01.18; 6. Pumper (N'ville), 1:01.2; 7. B. Fronee (LS), 1:03.54; 8. Alexa Earls (Ply.), did not finish.	
100 breaststroke: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:05.66; 2. Arakelian (LS), 1:07.12; 3. Claire Green (Canton), 1:08.66; 4. Emily Hagan (Canton), 1:09.05; 5. Dunnuck (SLU), 1:09.63; 6. Sara Bowen (LS), 1:10.56; 7. Yan (N'ville), 1:11.19; 8. Julia Bryant (WV), 1:13.28.	
400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Macaddino, Zayan, Pumper, Westphal), 3:32.11 (conference, pool record); 2. Salem, 3:34.31; 3. Stevenson, 3:35.25; 4. South Lyon, 3:40.55; 5. Novi (Kilponen, Mayoras, Idalia Moore, Cortez), 3:45.34; 6. Plymouth, 3:45.53; 7. Canton, 3:53.28; 8. Franklin, 4:07.58.	

spectively. She also anchored the first-place 200 medley relay (1:49.13).

The day, however, belonged to Northville, which also got seconds from Macaddino in the 200 freestyle (1:56.05) and 100 butterfly (57.69), as well as from Moore in the 500 freestyle (5:09.68).

"Our 400 freestyle relay broke a school record, a record that's been up there over 10 years," McNeff said. "And there's four sophomores on that, so we have a lot of good things to come with that, too."

The Mustangs will now taper for the MHSAA Division 1 finals set for Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22, at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium. They should

improve greatly upon last year's 13th-place team finish.

"The state (qualifying) kids aren't even rested yet," McNeff said. "Obviously there was a lot of adrenaline working today, but it's going to be something special to see what they can do in two weeks. That's what these girls are made for is the state meet. To post those (conference) times without a taper should be really fast in two weeks."

But winning its first conference title will resonate for quite awhile.

"Honestly, we deserved it this year," Mroz said. "We didn't have any divers. It was all swimming, so it was great."

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Makes Team Michigan



LAURA LONERGAN

On the heels of her all-state performance on Nov. 1 in the MHSAA Division 1 girls cross country finals at MIS, Novi High senior Hannah Lonergan (left) earned a spot last Saturday at the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Mid-East Qualifier at the Gainey Athletic Complex in Grand Rapids where she placed fourth with a 5,000-meter time 19:04.54. Lonergan will compete with 11 other teammates for Team Michigan in the Mid-East Cross Country Meet of Champions on Nov. 15 at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering, Ohio. The race features high school senior men and women from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL

It's back-to-back: Bobcats frosh rule WLJFL Super Bowl

The Novi Bobcats capped an 11-0 freshman season in the Western Lakes Junior Football League with a 27-22 Super Bowl victory Sunday over the Livonia Falcons at Novi High School.

Niko Krall rushed for a game-high 156 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns to pace the Bobcats' offense.

The Bobcats led 13-6 after one quarter as Krall returned a blocked punt for a TD and added a 7-yard TD run. (Robert Lalain also scored on a one-point conversion run.)

In the second quarter, Colin Masterson scored on a 16-yard TD run thanks to a key block and Dominic Senatore added the one-point conversion run as the Bobcats led 20-14.

Krall then tallied his third TD of the game with a 39-yard TD run in the third quarter to put the Bobcats ahead 27-14.



Andrew Giddings

The Novi Bobcats won the Western Lakes Junior Football League's freshman Super Bowl with a 27-22 win Sunday over the Livonia Falcons.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Colts gallop to WLJFL Super Bowl varsity title

The Northville Colts varsity got a fourth-quarter touchdown from Nick Prystash to capture its first-ever Western Lakes Junior Football League championship with a 14-8 victory over the five-time defending champion Livonia Falcons at Novi High School.

Prystash scored on a 39-yard TD to break an 8-8 deadlock the defense did the rest as the Colts capped a perfect 11-0 season.

The defense held tough in the final quarter as the Colts' Jack Oilar made a game-saving open field tackle on Mike Harding to prevent a Falcons TD bid and Prystash inter-

cepted a Livonia "Hail Mary" pass with only 2.5 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

The Colts fans then stormed the field and the players doused Bobcats head coach Al Khoury with water following the victory.

The Falcons (8-3) jumped out to an 8-0 advantage after one quarter when Harding hauled in a 10-yard TD pass followed by the two-point conversion kick..

The Colts then answered with third-quarter score as Robert Johnson caught TD pass followed by Josh Porter's two-point conversion kick.



Stephanie Varner

The Novi Bobcats varsity captured the Western Lakes Junior Football League title for the first time with a 14-8 win over the Livonia Falcons.

SPIKERS

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team, 3-2, in the 2011 district tournament, perked up during the second set and pulled even at 1-1 thanks to three kills apiece by Emma Clark (including the set-winner) and Sydney Torres.

"I didn't tell them anything really, I just said I was expecting a little bit of a slow start, the nerves," Canton coach Steve Johnson said referring to the break in between the first and second sets. "It's not uncommon, so I wasn't too concerned about it. I said, 'Let's shake this one off and go to the next game.'"

Canton, however, couldn't keep up with the Wildcats over the final two sets as Novi took command early in both never let off the accelerator.

"At this point you don't really expect that to happen, so that was a nice surprise," Cottrill said of the Wildcats' 12-point run in the first set. "But

it's almost like a mental challenge to get them to remember that they have to play and they have to rally, and we have to fight, and stay disciplined because we were just scoring easy points for a while set really. But it was awesome to start out the game that way."

And it was another good night for 5-foot-9 junior outside hitter Paulina Iacobelli, who finished with a team-high 18 kills to go along with 18 digs and four blocks.

"The whole season this is what we worked for, so it feels really good to accomplish that goal," Iacobelli said. "I think the first set, Canton just didn't play up to its potential, so when they came back in the second set, we just weren't quite ready for that. But we adapted really well in the third and fourth sets to come back right at them."

Once again it was a group effort for the Wildcats, who also received sterling performances from junior Victoria Iacobelli (16 kills, 10 digs), senior libero Jordan Massab

CYO champions



Joan Biberstein

The Novi St. James Varsity 1 girls volleyball team recently capped a 20-0 season by winning the Catholic Youth Organization championship with a 25-21, 25-20 victory over Bloomfield Hills St. Hugo 25-21, 25-20 in the championship match at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. St. James advanced to the finals with a 26-25, 25-17 win over Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows. Team members include (front row, from left): Megan Harding, Alivia Hart, Rachel Jennings and Kaylee Peterson and (back row, from left) Kirsten Kroetsch, Mallory Lynch, Shannon Jennings, Emily Susitko, Anna Biberstein, Ally Zayan and coach Julie Kerby.

CLASS A GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Seniors bid adieu as Northville spikers fall in district semifinals

Novi advances with 3-0 win over Rocks

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After back-to-back trips to the Final Four, the Northville girls volleyball team had its 2014 season come to close Nov. 4 as Canton earned a 25-20, 25-21, 25-13 Class A district semifinal victory at Novi.

Sophomore Emily Martin finished with 14 kills, six digs and 12 good receptions in a losing cause as the Mustangs ended their season at 32-14-2 overall.

Other leaders for Northville included sophomore Kiera Borthwick (11 digs, 11 good receptions); senior Emi-

ly Hogan (six digs, nine assists, two aces); freshman Rachel Holmes (10 assists, two aces); senior Makenna Strunk (six digs); and junior Emily Bowers (three blocks).

"We will miss our core group of seniors greatly," Yaklin said. "Emily Hogan and Makenna Strunk finished out the year on the court leading the young team. Liz Hansell and Olivia Boisineau could not play from season ending injuries. They were greatly missed.

"I'm excited for our young team develop next season. Sky is the limit on the potential of the young Mustang crew coming up."

O'Leary spurs Wildcats
Freshman setter Erin O'Leary racked up 31 assist-to-kills as No. 2-ranked Novi moved

into the Class A district championship final with a 25-13, 25-12, 25-16 win Nov. 4 at home over Salem.

Twins Victoria and Paulina Iacobelli sparked the Wildcats' hitting attack with 15 and 10 kills, respectively, as Novi improved its overall record to 48-5-1.

The two also stood out defensively combining for 19 digs with 12 and seven, respectively.

Salem was paced by Tess Ganich (11 kills), Kelly Lidzbarski (12 digs) and Maddie Fairchild (three blocks).

"Tough night," Salem coach Amanda Nies said. "We could not get going against a good Novi team. Too many unforced errors and couldn't find a rhythm."

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CLARION ATHLETICS

For the second straight year, Clarion University (Pa.) senior setter Laura Subject (Novi) is a first-team Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-Region selection. The Athletics Training major carries a 3.93 grade-point average and is also second in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in set assists per set with 11.34, while adding 2.67 digs per set, helping Clarion to a 27-3 overall record and an 18-2 PSAC West mark. She has been even better in conference play, leading the PSAC in set assists per set with 11.96. The 2013 PSAC West Athlete of the Year spurred Clarion to tie the school record for wins with 32 (32-5) and lead the Golden Eagles to their second PSAC West title in school history. Subject ranks third in school history with 3,892 set assists (10.11 per set) despite only being the starting setter for three seasons. Her 1,456 set assists (11.11 per set) in 2013 led the PSAC and were the fourth-most in school history, while her 1,168 set assists this season is already the 12th-best mark at Clarion.



"The whole season this is what we worked for, so it feels really good to accomplish that goal."

PAULINA IACOBELLI, junior outside hitter

(28 digs) and Ally Cummings (nine kills, three blocks).

"She has been playing really well lately, the last couple of weeks," Cottrill said of the 5-foot-10 Cummings, who hit at a .400 clip. "She's young, she's only a sophomore, so we made her move from the middle to the right about halfway through the year, so she started to figure it out. She comes up with some nice plays for us. It takes some pressure off the twins on the outside."

Senior right-side hitters Haley Dietrick and Courtney Kurkie paced Canton with seven kills apiece, while senior Lauren Schornak and junior Emma Clark each added six.

Senior defensive specialist Megan Roy recorded a team-best 17 digs, while Diedrick added 16.

Setters Alyssa Burke and

Carleigh Vela collected 20 and 14 assists, respectively.

"It was attack errors and I think they were trying to place it a little too much rather than relaxing and just playing," Johnson said. "That second set we played pretty darn good. I think we came back and surprised them. We put ourselves in position to do something, but we just couldn't follow up with it."

Ironically, the only time Canton has ever won a district was 2011 (against Novi).

"I'm extremely proud of my team," Johnson said. "This is the second (KLAA South) division title in a row. This is the farthest any Canton team has gone except for the 2011 team ... so just to go to district finals is a very prideful moment for us."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats

ventured Tuesday to West Bloomfield to face Fenton in the regional semifinals.

And with the district monkey off their backs, the Wildcats have many ingredients to make a long state tournament run.

"I think they really get along," Cottrill said of her squad. "The team chemistry is great. I think they understand the system, but I think that we make people beat us. And in high school volleyball that's hard to do sometimes. Cut down on the errors to have to beat us. They just have fun, they're relaxed and they enjoy each other. And with girls, and young female athletes, that goes a really long way."

And Johnson believes the Wildcats are more than a worthy opponent after losing to them for the second time this season.

"They don't make many errors and they're very efficient," he said. "They're very efficient at what they do."

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ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

By Jeff Theisen
and Brad Emons
Staff Writers

When Novi junior Joost Plaetinck gets to the starting line, he's all business.

Plaetinck was the area's top finisher with a 13th at the MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country finals at MIS, while posting a career-best time of 15:39.5 for 5,000 meters.

The Novi standout, who earned Area Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year honors, was also second at the regional and third at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet.

He also earned firsts at South Lyon and Ramblin' Rock invitationals, as well as a second at Anchor Bay and a third at the Spartan Invitational.

"Joost is a natural runner and a natural competitor," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "The bigger the meet the better he does. Joost has many tools in his toolbox. He can lead, surge, and he as an extended kick that few other runners can match. He is mentally strong and focused. He's a racer, not a pacer."

First team

Jackson Grzymkowski

Lakeland

The junior led the Eagles to a runner-up finish at the Division 1 state finals with an All-State run in 23rd overall with a PR of 15:45. Grzymkowski also earned All-Conference with a sixth-place finish, was third at regionals and earned All-County with a 10th-place finish.

"Jackson had an incredible season," said coach Joe Verellen. "He has matured into one of the best runners in the area. He has moved into Lakeland's history books with some of the best performances we have ever had."

Nick Noles

Northville

The senior earned all-state cross country honors for the third straight year after finishing 26th in Division 1 with a career-best 15:46.2. He also took third at the regional and sixth at the regional.

"His ability to come up big on the biggest stages defined his career," Northville coach Chris Cronin said of the two-time academic all-stater. "He is the only freshman in school history to earn all-state honors. He set the tone for our team during his four seasons. His toughness and will to win helps our program achieve new standards of excellence during his tenure."

Conor Naughton
Northville

The junior finished 32nd at the state finals (15:51.0) after taking eighth at the regional and runner-up honors at the conference meet (15:50).

"Conor emerged as a consistent sub-16 runner this season," Cronin said. "His work ethic and passion for the sports are evident in everything he does."

Blake McComas
Lakeland

The Eagle senior finished second for Lakeland and 35th overall at the state finals with a season-best 15:55. McComas also earned All-Conference (fifth) and All-County honors (14th) before placing eighth at regionals. McComas was hit by a car as a junior and came back his senior season to help lead the Eagles to a runner-up finish at state.

"Blake's comeback story is one for the ages," said Verellen. "It is hard to believe how far he has come since the accident. He had to relearn how to walk, run and compete at the highest level in the state all in less than 18 months. His heart and commitment are second to none."

Kyle Garbovits



FILE PHOTO

Novi junior Joost Plaetinck earned Area Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year honors.

Lakeland

The Lakeland junior finished one spot behind teammate McComas at the state finals in 36th (15:57). Garbovits was 10th at regionals, 11th to earn All-Conference and 17th to earn All-County honors.

"Kyle is a complete team player," said Verellen. "He could easily be the No. 1 guy on a different team. He approaches every race with the idea that he will run his very best and if that puts in a position to be No. 2 or 1 on the team, then he will go for it."

Jason Ferrante
Northville

The senior placed 38th in the Division 1 finals (16:00.0) after placing fifth at the regional and seventh in the Kensington Conference.

"Jason had a breakthrough season, posting a team best time of 15:44 at the Portage Invitational," Cronin said of the academic all-stater. "His emergence as a elite runner helped us achieve a fourth-place finish at the state finals this season."

Sean Noone

Milford

The senior was the lone representative for the Mavericks at the state finals. He finished 43rd in 16:05. Noone ran a PR of 15:59 at regionals to finish fourth. He was also fourth at the Lakes Conference meet and 15th to earn All-County honors. Noone went unbeaten in dual meets, including a win against Lakeland.

"Sean was our fearless leader," said coach Brian Salyers. "He was our No. 1 runner in every meet, he inspired his teammates and took the time to teach the next generation what it means to be part of the Milford cross country program."

Second team

Sean McCullough
Northville

The senior, an academic all-stater who was injured for much of the season, took 60th in the state finals (16:13.9) following a 15th-place finish at the regional (16:32.0).

Trevor Learmont
Lakeland

The senior capped off his Lakeland career by finishing 78th at the state finals with a PR of 16:22 to help the Eagles finish runner-up. Learmont was 14th at regionals, 17th at the conference meet and 38th at the county meet.

Drew Wenger
Lakeland

The Eagle freshman had a PR of 16:24 to finish 83rd at the state finals. He was 19th at regionals, 25th at the conference meet and 47th at county.

Scott Smith
Catholic Central

The junior took 92nd at the state finals (16:25.8) after an 11th-place at the regional (16:21.8). He also took third in the Catholic League and at Sturgis, along with a fourth at Lansing CC.

Scott MacPherson
Novi

The sophomore placed 112th in Division 1 (career-best 16:36.1), 19th at the regional and 14th at the conference meet. He added sixths at both Ramblin' Rock and South Lyon invitationals.

Bailey Hobson
Catholic Central

The junior placed 113th at the state finals (16:36.4), 14th at the regional and eighth at the Catholic League. He also captured an 11th at the Lansing CC Invitational.

ALL-AREA CROSS COUNTRY

RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Joost Plaetinck, Novi

FIRST TEAM

Jackson Grzymkowski, Lakeland
Nick Noles, Northville
Conor Naughton, Northville
Blake McComas, Lakeland
Kyle Garbovits, Lakeland
Jason Ferrante, Northville
Sean Noone, Milford

SECOND TEAM

Sean McCullough, Northville
Trevor Learmont, Lakeland
Drew Wenger, Lakeland
Scott Smith, Catholic Central
Scott MacPherson, Novi
Bailey Hobson, Catholic Central
Sahisnu Malapati, Novi

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Ben Cracraft (so), Sam Kremke (sr), Kenny Goolsby (jr), Ryan Flanagan (sr), Christian Freiburger (jr), Jacob Blackmore (so).

Novi: Nathan Hall (sr), John Landy (so), Cameron Misko (sr), Adam Ditri (jr).

South Lyon: Bryce VanAsselt (sr), Jordan Okdie (sr), Brent Peruski (jr), Marshall Thelen (jr).

South Lyon East: Adam Caruso (jr), Charles Marchand (jr), Jon Kesler (sr).

Milford: Kevin Bradsher (sr), Nick Gapp (sr), Jack Aman (so), Dakota Giles (so).

tional.

Sahisnu Malapati
Novi

The senior finished 114th at the state finals (16:37.4), 16th at the regionals (16:36.1) and 12th in the conference (16:36). He was also 11th at the Anchor Bay Invitational.

ALL-AREA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Though she's only a sophomore, Northville girls cross country runner Cayla Eckenroth has proven that she's way ahead of the curve.

After helping the Mustangs to the MHSAA Division 1 team title with a 22nd place finish as a freshman, the two-year varsity runner enjoyed another stellar season to earn all-state honors for the second straight year at MIS when she finished 11th overall with a career-best time of 18:08.7.

Eckenroth, who was the KLAA Kensington Conference champion and regional runner-up, also holds the school record at Cass Benton Park with a time of 18:36.

And for her efforts, which included leading Northville to a third-place team finish in this year's state finals, Eckenroth has been named Area Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year.

"Cayla continued to excel as a runner this year, getting better and better as the season progressed," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "Cayla stepped up each meet and ran with determination and confidence."

First team

Lexa Barrott
Northville

The junior, who was out for a month with a femur issue, rebounded late in the season by finishing 15th overall in Division 1 with a career-best 18:18.1 after finishing third at the regional.

"Lexa worked hard to maintain her strength and aerobic base and came back at the state finals like she didn't lose a beat, placing for the second season in the top 15," Smith said of the academic all-stater. "She and Cayla together were a great one-two punch."

Mallory Barrett
Milford

The sophomore has taken

over the lead after her sister (Rachel) graduated last year. Mallory earned her first All-State honor by finishing 17th overall at state in 18:20 to help the Mavericks to a fourth-place finish. Barrett was also first at the conference meet, first at regionals and fourth at Oakland County. She is also Academic All-State.

"Mallory is the consummate teammate who is growing into her role as a lead runner," coach Brian Salyers said. "She had a tremendous season in winning the conference, the regional and earning All-State honors for the first time in her career. Her growth has fueled our growth as a team."

Hannah Lonergan
Novi

The senior, headed to Northern Michigan University, enjoyed a breakout season earning all-state honors with a 21st-place finish at the state finals with a career-best and school record 18:21.8. Lonergan also took fifth at the regional and was runner-up in the conference.

"Hannah ended the season on a great note at the state meet," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "Going into the season we knew that she put the time in as well as the off-season conditioning."

Nicole Grindling
Milford

The freshman wasted no time making a name for herself by running to All-State status by placing 26th in 18:31. She was third at regionals, seventh at the conference meet and 13th at Oakland County.

"We could not have been more pleased with Nicole's improvement over the course of the season," Salyers said. "It was apparent early that she had the tools to contribute on the varsity level, but making it all the way to All-State was very impressive. Her enthusiasm makes her an impactful teammate."

Hailey Harris



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Northville sophomore Cayla Eckenroth was named Area Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Northville

The junior earned all-state honors with a 27th-place finish (18:32.2), while taking 12th at the regional and fourth in the conference.

"Hailey was a real contributing piece as one of our top five this year," Smith said of the academic all-stater. "She was so motivated and mentally ready as the championship season began. She ran with a purpose and it paid off in the end."

Madison Paquette
Milford

The senior was the third Maverick to earn All-State by placing 28th in 18:33 at the state finals. Paquette was second at the conference meet, fifth at regionals and eighth at Oakland County. She has earned Academic All-State honors as well.

"Madison is the prime example of what happens a person commits to everything the program has to offer for their

ALL-AREA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Cayla Eckenroth, Northville

FIRST TEAM

Lexa Barrott, Northville
Mallory Barrett, Milford
Hannah Lonergan, Novi
Nicole Grindling, Milford
Hailey Harris, Northville
Madison Paquette, Milford
Emma Herrmann, Northville

SECOND TEAM

Gabrielle Byndas, Milford
Emilie Kennedy, Milford
Olivia Clymer, Lakeland
Rebecca Bradsher, Milford
Emma Smith, Northville
Sarah Ausum, Milford
Rachel Zimmer, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION

Northville: Mirai Kobayashi (sr); Taylor Gattoni (so).
Novi: Jacalyn Schubring (soph); Jessica Lypka (so).
Milford: Eve Hemingway (jr); Regan Lobodzinski (fr).
Lakeland: Marisa Sailus (soph); Kara Cotter (sr); Margaret McDonald (so); Maria Walston (jr).
South Lyon: Madison Swiatlowski (sr); Emily Hudgens (so); Maiju Oksanen (sr); Mackenzie Flannery (jr).
South Lyon East: Erin O'Donnell (sr); Lea Fields (sr); Jessica Lavoie (sr); Kayla Zielinski (jr).

entire career," Salyers said. "She never missed a practice, mandatory or optional. This consistency allowed her to have a superlative senior year and establish her as a legend of our program."

Emma Herrmann
Northville

The junior just missed all-state honors with a 33rd place in Division 1 while posting a career-best 18:46 after taking sixth at the regional and third in the conference.

"Emma was another factor in our top five who continued to excel as the season pro-

gressed," Smith said of the academic all-stater. "She is a strong and determined runner whose love for the sport shows daily."

Second team

Gabrielle Byndas
Milford

The junior finished 79th at state in a PR of 19:21. Byndas was 14th at regionals, 17th at the conference meet and 27th at Oakland County. Byndas earned Academic All-State honors.

Emilie Kennedy
Milford

The freshman added the fifth spot at state to complete the scoring for Milford by finishing 83rd overall in a PR of 19:22. She was 15th at regionals, 22nd at the conference meet and 44th at Oakland County.

Olivia Clymer
Lakeland

The freshman qualified for state and ran to 85th in a PR of 19:24.

Rebecca Bradsher
Milford

Another freshman in the Milford lineup, she ran 19:44 at state to place 103rd overall. Bradsher was 17th at regionals, 23rd at the conference meet and 48th at Oakland County.

Emma Smith
Northville

The sophomore placed 106th in the state finals with a career-best 19:45.4 after finishing 18th at the regional and 17th in the conference.

Sarah Ausum
Milford

The Maverick junior completed the lineup at state and finished 20:07 for 140th.

Rachel Zimmer
Northville

The freshman earned a 20th at the regional and eighth in conference, while recording a season-best time of 19:37 top help the Mustangs earn KLAA Central, Kensington and Division 1 regional titles.

Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights

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Thanksgiving: Giggles & Riddles


Q: Why did the police arrest the turkey?
A: They suspected it of fowl play!

Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

Q: What's the sleepest thing at the Thanksgiving table?
A: The NAPkin!

Q: Why do most people go to grandmother's house on Thanksgiving?
A: Because the house cannot come to them!

Q: Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?
A: Because he had drumsticks!



Facts & Fun

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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Fun with Anagram

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saving knight

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Carbon monoxide dangers highlighted by initiative

As temperatures drop and consumers begin cranking up their heating systems, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) have launched a new online toolkit to help local fire departments educate the public about the associated risks of carbon monoxide (CO) in the months ahead. November through February represent the leading months for CO poisoning in the U.S., with a peak in December.

NFPA and CPSC announced the toolkit at a press conference recently at a Philadelphia fire station with Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer, NFPA President Jim Pauley, and CPSC Vice Chairman Robert Adler. The event highlighted CO safety, prior to the upcoming winter season, and included a local resident who spoke about how his CO alarm recently saved his life from CO traced to a faulty hot water heater.

“Risks of carbon monoxide poisoning are highly preventable by following simple, yet very important, safety precautions,” said Pauley. “With help from local fire departments nationwide, our shared goal with the CPSC is to increase awareness about the danger of carbon monoxide and, most importantly, inform people about how CO alarms significantly reduce that risk.”

Carbon monoxide is created when fuel burns incompletely, and is often called the “invisible killer” because it’s a poisonous gas that’s invisible and odorless. When home heating equipment isn’t installed or working properly, the risk of higher levels of CO increases significantly.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire incidents in which CO was found.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that from 1999-2010, an average of 430 people were killed by unintentional CO poisoning per year.

NFPA and CPSC’s online toolkit provides a wealth of resources, safety tips and advice for properly maintaining heating systems to prevent the buildup of CO in the home, while strongly advocating for the installation of CO alarms.

“We all know that smoke alarms save lives, but it’s important to know that carbon monoxide alarms save lives too,” said CPSC Commissioner Robert Adler. “While

about 95 percent of U.S. homes have at least one smoke alarm, only 42 percent have a working CO alarm. Installing CO alarms on every floor of your home, keeping portable generators far away from your home, and having a yearly inspection of gas appliances can help your family avoid the invisible killer.”

Fire departments can access all toolkit materials from NFPA or CPSC. For more information on carbon monoxide in the home, visit NFPA’s carbon monoxide web page and CPSC’s carbon monoxide information center.

CPSC is also working to educate middle school stu-

dents about CO safety. CPSC is sponsoring a CO safety poster contest with cash prizes that is open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at <http://www.cpsc.gov/COcontest>. The contest is accepting students’ posters through the end of February 2015.

About CPSC

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of thousands of types of consumer products under the agency’s jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$1 trillion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical or mechanical hazard. CPSC’s work to ensure the safety of consumer products – such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters and household chemicals – contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 40 years.

About the National Fire Protection Association

NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA develops more than 300 codes and standards to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other hazards. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed at no cost at www.nfpa.org/freeaccess.

Start spreading the news: New York real estate hot

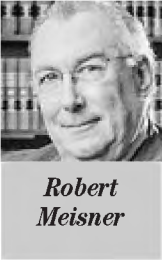
Q: I am with a company that is inquiring as to the rental market in New York, particularly around Park Avenue South and the 30s. Is there is a way of finding out what the situation is and/or do you have any information concerning it?

A: There has been influx of luxury apartments with a younger work force around the Park Avenue South and the 30s. It has sparked interest from hoteliers and restaurateurs to take a look at this once bland office district. Several high rise hotels, most of which with posh amenities and design and are being built. High end hotels are being constructed and older hotels are being refurbished. By way of example, a two-bedroom co-op loft with two baths on 30th Street is listed for \$2.8 million. A two-bedroom duplex condo with a private garden is listed for \$2.35 million and two-bedroom condo with two baths on 28th Street is listed at \$3.2 million. Obviously, the whole area is being rejuvenated with new restaurants, hotels and upscale apartments, co-ops and condominiums. You are best advised, if you are interested in buying, to retain a Realtor in the area and/or do an independent marketing survey, if you are thinking about investing.

Q: I am interested in buying into a hotel condo in the Caribbean, particularly in St. Lucia and am wondering what kind of arrangement would you recommend.

A: I am familiar with one particular hotel condominium resort which has done it the right way. The original developer went bankrupt and the bank foreclosed as would normally be the case, but then the condominium association itself bought the note from the bank, completed the foreclosure and took over control of the project. There were additional units that could have been constructed, but the association decided that it would only construct certain additional units that were the most potentially marketable on the water and has decided to run the resort community on its own. That means that all of the money that is generated from the restaurants, spa facilities and the like are given to the condominium association and all of the units in the condominium are sold to end purchasers who literally have an ownership interest directly in the condominium association as members of that association. Unfortunately, too many situations in the United States result in the association taking back property after the developer has relinquished control after 10 years per the Michigan Condominium Act, choose to do nothing or do not wish to take it upon themselves to retain their own builder or developer to complete the project potentially at great benefit to them. This project in St. Lucia is a perfect example of how that can be successfully accomplished.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of June 30 to July 3, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
18280 Devonshire St	\$441,000
18360 Devonshire St	\$315,000
15589 Kirkshire Ave	\$150,000
16147 Wetherby St	\$228,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
23033 Bristol Ct	\$984,000
BIRMINGHAM	
1951 Cole St	\$220,000
1352 Dorchester Rd	\$585,000
1433 E Lincoln St	\$140,000
1900 Fairview St	\$610,000
1774 Graefield Rd	\$114,000
1645 Holland St	\$577,000
2057 Manchester Rd	\$315,000
928 Oakland Ave	\$420,000
2401 Radnor St	\$305,000
1785 S Bates St	\$850,000
1884 Shipman Blvd	\$245,000
1727 Southfield Rd	\$141,000
1652 Taunton Rd	\$234,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1903 Pine Ridge Ln	\$379,000
2762 Bridle Rd	\$275,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	

1624 Bracken Rd	\$484,000
1867 Brookview Cir	\$327,000
2082 E Spinningwheel Ln	\$292,000
1760 Trailwood Path	\$192,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
3095 Arbutus St	\$145,000
5431 Bridge Trl W	\$360,000
5513 Deerwood	\$550,000
1932 Hampshire Ct	\$365,000
2862 Ivy Hill Dr	\$328,000
1760 Sadie Shore Dr	\$105,000
8788 War Bonnet Dr	\$155,000
FARMINGTON	
33002 Maplenut St	\$175,000
24168 Saint Mary Ct	\$215,000
22740 Violet St	\$165,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
37646 Avon Ln	\$222,000
28481 Beech Hl	\$344,000
29451 Breezewood	\$155,000
29240 Earth Ln	\$605,000
28500 Halsted Rd	\$150,000
30811 Lamar St	\$30,000
38240 Lana Dr	\$340,000
24060 Middlebelt Rd Unit 26	\$60,000
31175 Misty Pines Dr	\$151,000
30040 Old Bedford St	\$220,000
32372 Old Forge Ln	\$240,000
22160 Ontaga Ct	\$128,000
36611 Quakertown Ln	\$215,000
28205 Statler Ln	\$105,000

37776 Turnberry Ct	\$480,000
28677 Venice Ct	\$210,000
28260 Wildwood Trl	\$45,000
HIGHLAND	
1072 Dunleavy Dr	\$74,000
3111 Pine Bluffs Ct	\$319,000
MILFORD	
3283 Foxfire Dr	\$585,000
781 Promontory Dr	\$177,000
660 River Oaks Dr	\$320,000
326 River Wood Trl	\$429,000
1044 Riverstone Cir	\$289,000
957 S Main St	\$570,000
1780 Valley Vw	\$199,000
NORTHVILLE	
23001 Bentley Dr	\$100,000
21308 E Glen Haven Cir	\$123,000
38694 Northfarm Dr	\$283,000
NOVI	
24942 Acorn Trl	\$530,000
47992 Andover Dr	\$640,000
22545 Deerfield Rd	\$223,000
45153 Dunbarton Dr	\$325,000
41416 Glyme St	\$197,000
24054 Greening Dr	\$326,000
42041 Loganberry Rdg S	\$215,000
23559 Meeting Hall Ln	\$83,000
41855 Mitchell Rd	\$208,000
25886 Petros Blvd	\$252,000
22250 Roxbury Dr	\$618,000
48225 Rushwood	\$210,000
45612 South Lake Dr	\$410,000

1127 South Lake Dr Unit 215	\$103,000
SOUTH LYON	
58815 Carriage Ln	\$442,000
734 Challenging Trl	\$170,000
1086 Colt Dr	\$242,000
229 Detroit St	\$134,000
52616 Fremont Dr E	\$522,000
411 Jean Rd	\$155,000
57198 Meadowcreek Cir S	\$430,000
22280 Quail Run Cir	\$133,000
61440 Richfield St	\$153,000
28200 Seville Dr	\$345,000
425 W Liberty St	\$158,000
950 Westbrook Dr	\$228,000
SOUTHFIELD	
28452 Everett St	\$83,000
29660 Everett St	\$61,000
29539 Leemoor Dr	\$157,000
19050 Middlesex Ave	\$75,000
29919 Pleasant Trl	\$68,000
15801 Providence Dr # 04E	\$82,000
28627 Regent Ct N	\$50,000
30326 Rock Creek Dr	\$188,000
15561 Stratford Dr	\$100,000
21670 Virginia St	\$130,000
17350 Westover Rd	\$110,000
30845 Woodgate Dr	\$175,000
WHITE LAKE	
8265 Eastway Dr	\$350,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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

CANTON	
4181 Brighton Ln	\$195,000
2277 Brookhaven Rd	\$185,000
48880 Central Park Dr	\$405,000
1897 Century Ct	\$174,000
8476 Chatham Dr	\$580,000
44232 Cherbourg St	\$151,000
46773 Creeks Bnd	\$228,000
39814 Deepwood St	\$102,000
39761 Edmuntton Dr	\$81,000
2095 Fairmount Park Ln	\$79,000
45337 Glengarry Rd	\$298,000
44387 Hanford Rd	\$158,000
1214 Heritage Dr	\$164,000
479 Lenox Dr	\$415,000
46515 Maben Rd	\$245,000
49230 Manhattan Cir	\$365,000
899 Meadowlake Rd	\$175,000
8594 N Canton Center Rd	\$75,000
45707 N Stonewood Rd	\$153,000
49964 N Wintergarden Ct	\$76,000
599 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$315,000
49564 Potomac Rd	\$201,000
426 Prospect Hill St	\$402,000
2566 River Woods Dr N	\$322,000
3498 Shepherd Ct	\$208,000

3540 Shepherd Ct	\$215,000
1580 Stafford Dr	\$175,000
43356 Stonington Ct	\$220,000
43877 Vicksburg Ct	\$175,000
41143 Westfield Cir	\$180,000
1197 Wildwood Ln	\$215,000
GARDEN CITY	
31901 Balmoral St	\$88,000
32415 Cambridge St	\$89,000
30112 John Hawk St	\$55,000
LIVONIA	
28286 Five Mile Rd	\$10,000
14851 Arcola St	\$153,000
15623 Blue Skies St	\$262,000
36995 Bristol St	\$171,000
18728 Canterbury Dr	\$280,000
14606 Country Club Dr	\$143,000
16854 Country Club Dr	\$255,000
9611 Deering St	\$140,000
15686 Deering St	\$169,000
14232 Doris St	\$165,000
38656 Elsie St	\$160,000
33011 Fargo St	\$28,000
36258 Hammer Ln	\$260,000
11771 Hunters Park Ct	\$305,000
29810 Lamar Ln	\$135,000
36536 Munger Ct	\$222,000
35183 Parkdale St	\$171,000
38648 Richland St	\$160,000
15530 Riverside St	\$260,000
17511 Rougeway St	\$125,000
31150 Roycroft St	\$166,000
17231 Stamwich St	\$213,000

33055 Summers St	\$175,000
19474 Whitby Dr	\$255,000
NORTHVILLE	
15412 Bay Hill Dr	\$600,000
18241 Blue Heron Dr E	\$375,000
44465 Broadmoor Blvd	\$440,000
44836 Broadmoor Cir S	\$415,000
50640 Hawthorne Ct	\$480,000
19844 Irongate Ct	\$140,000
49431 N Glacier	\$275,000
49473 N Glacier	\$390,000
19338 Old Bridge Ct	\$125,000
17126 Orchard Ridge Rd	\$540,000
39471 Springwater Dr	\$162,000
18381 Stoneridge Ct	\$940,000
46401 W Main St	\$916,000
46401 W Main St	\$916,000
222 West St	\$314,000
16499 Westminster Dr	\$418,000
44451 White Pine Cir E	\$635,000
PLYMOUTH	
11631 Aspen Dr	\$186,000
48708 Chambury Ct	\$370,000
49935 Fuller Ct	\$498,000
9068 Hillcrest Dr	\$325,000
288 Irvin St	\$355,000
9366 Ivanhoe Dr	\$355,000
46107 Litchfield Dr	\$407,000
693 Maple St	\$325,000
383 Pacific St	\$357,000
1432 Palmer St	\$412,000
1030 Penniman Ave	\$430,000
311 Red Ryder Dr	\$333,000

345 Roe St	\$350,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$55,000
820 Starkweather St	\$170,000
50330 Waterstone Ct	\$300,000
REDFORD	
15846 Denby	\$78,000
19999 Garfield	\$30,000
11410 Grayfield	\$43,000
9972 Inkster Rd	\$58,000
15639 Kinloch	\$50,000
13991 Minock Dr	\$55,000
16104 Norborne	\$84,000
17041 Norborne	\$80,000
19992 Norborne	\$12,000
11356 Royal Grand	\$68,000
17684 Sumner	\$70,000
18418 Sumner	\$44,000
WAYNE	
3068 Rivers Edge Dr	\$175,000
WESTLAND	
8722 August Ave	\$121,000
6774 Bison St	\$112,000
34029 Cambria Ct	\$22,000
766 Denice St	\$78,000
8706 Donna St	\$131,000
6112 E Executive Dr	\$270,000
34011 Majestic St	\$103,000
1700 N Berry St	\$215,000
38360 N Jean Ct	\$134,000
38075 Sherwood St	\$44,000
2414 Wilshire St	\$115,000

Car Report

Toyota Still Dominates Hybrid Segment as Worthy Prius v Measures Up



By Dale Buss

Prius remains by far the world's dominant hybrid franchise, but things have gotten tougher lately for Toyota's pioneering marque. U.S. sales are down, and so are gasoline prices, and competitors that are still eyeing the hybrid segment as a good thing promise to keep pestering Prius with new entries of their own.

I recently drove one of the relatively new iterations of the original Prius, the Prius v, and it reliably provided the experience that every hybrid enthusiast has desired since the dawn of this vehicle type a couple of decades ago: great fuel economy with dependable, not ostentatious,

performance.

Yes, Prius v is EPA-rated at 51 mpg in the city and 48 on the highway for a combined fuel economy of 50 mpg, which just about sets the standard in the US auto industry for a mainstream vehicle. Owners will save \$6,250 in fuel costs over five years compared with the "average" new vehicle, regulators allow Toyota to claim about Prius v.

A 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine and, of course, Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive battery system deliver the power. In any normal driving situation, what it delivers is adequate, for accelerating onto an interstate or making a quick pass. It's not instantaneously responsive, but responsive enough. The "joy of driving" isn't the point of a hybrid, anyway.

Design-wise, Prius remains the exemplar of clean and rounded

exterior and interior lines that once were looked at as the shape of the future and now mainly communicate a certain Spartan-ness of expression that seems to fit the minimalist mindset that has historically represented the Prius buyer. The key — as with the powertrain — is efficiency.

So the lack of a traditional instrument panel above the steering wheel is a perfect example of the Prius approach. Instead, monitoring and performance information is clustered in the center of the car, topped with a crescent-shaped dashboard readout above a navigation screen and various controls that segue into storage spaces between the front seats.

Conveniently, there is a storage area with a lot of space underneath that console that is ideal for fulfilling the demand that many women make, but which carmakers for some reason over the eons have decided to ignore: a place to store a purse, where it stays and doesn't slosh or slide all over the car as it can do if it's placed on the passenger seat, for example, or the floor on the passenger side.

Otherwise, Prius v is appointed with everything that most drivers will be looking for in their main vehicle, including all the convenience, safety and electronic touchpoints you'd expect. And it's plenty roomy in the rear seats as well as the front, with ample cargo room under the hatchback in the rear.

It's this kind of predictability and steadiness that has allowed Prius to carve out an undisputed place as



Twelve of the Toyota and Lexus hybrids available in the U.S.

the master of the hybrid automobile. Toyota took a big chance in attempting to mainstream Prius in the first place, given that the Honda Insight, a two-seat hybrid, already had appeared on the U.S. market.

But as is the Toyota way, the company dedicated itself to a certain path and gradually but inexorably built up not only the Prius franchise but also the hybrid market itself. Strategically, this included extending the Prius product line with both smaller and larger versions of the original car, which, respectively, reduced the stiff price premium to get into a Prius and gave buyers with more roominess needs a Prius option to consider.

Nearly every other automaker over the years also introduced hybrids in an attempt to get a shred of the market that Prius created. And some have tried and failed to mount a direct frontal assault on the

Prius brand, especially Ford with its sluggish-selling C-Max hybrid. Now Ford is talking about mounting another assault on Prius's hold on the hybrid market, and Hyundai seems to be planning to do the same.

The Prius line still comprises Toyota's third-best-selling car, and fourth-best-selling vehicle overall. But Prius sales were down about 15 percent for the year through October. Plunging gasoline prices also erode the incentive that many Americans may feel even to consider a hybrid.

So Toyota recently launched a new advertising campaign under the slogan, "Let's Lead the Way," that features the video testimonials of actual Prius owners who testify to all the other wonderful things about the cars besides their exemplary fuel economy. My experience with Prius v testifies to their endorsements as well. And, yes, you can't beat the mileage.

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26 Put on, as clothes
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28 With 50 Down, "No need to shout!"
30 A couple of
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113 Boothby's "—"
114 More impolite
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5 classic interview questions updated for today's job search

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder Writer

Going into a job interview, you know the standard questions to expect. "What is your biggest weakness?" "What interests you about this position?" and "Why do you think you'd be a fit for this role?" often rise to the top of the common interview questions list.

While these queries are important to today's hiring managers and recruiters, many employers are updating their customary questions to include ones that refer to new trends, address the current economic situation or gauge a candidate's commitment to the company and position in question.

Here are five questions that job seekers may be asked in today's job hunt and what they should address when responding:

1. Have you used social media in your current job? If so, how?

Unless you've completely sworn off new technology, you should be very aware by now that social media are a part of the fabric of society and are well-ingrained in most companies'

communication practices. Employers asking this question want to know how well you understand social media and how you think companies can benefit from using social networks. Try to give an example of how you have used the communication form in your current job. If you haven't done much in this area, speak to how the company as a whole uses social media. For extra points, share how you think your prospective employer could benefit from social media.

2. Give me an example of how you've contributed to your present/most recent company's success.

You've likely heard or read résumé-writing advice stressing the importance of not only sharing your qualifications but also addressing accomplishments. In today's competitive job market, employers don't want to hire someone who can just complete tasks. They want someone who can make an impact on the bottom line. If you can, answer this question by sharing examples of how you increased revenue, helped a client gain market share or created efficiencies that saved



money. Use numbers or percentages, when possible. If you don't know the numbers off the top of your head, you can provide that information in your follow-up or thank-you note.

3. Why did you leave your last job?

While this may not be a new question, today's hiring managers understand the answer may have evolved. If you've been laid off, be honest. Employers know that the economy is rough, and they expect that some of the candidates they interview will be unemployed. In this case, briefly talk about what happened and then demonstrate how, in the time you've been unemployed, you've continued to boost your résumé by volunteering, attending networking events or joining industry organizations. They want to know that you've put your time to good use and that you'd be ready on day one to take on the required tasks.

4. Describe the work environment or culture in which you are most productive and happy.

In a recent article, human-resources expert Susan

M. Heathfield lists this as a question employers should be asking potential employees. A company doesn't want to hire someone, only to have that person leave quickly because he wasn't a fit with the company's culture.

And it goes both ways. Hiring managers want to hire employees who will thrive in their company's work environment. To answer this question, make sure you do your research so you know what kind of culture to expect. If you know a current employee of the company, ask her to tell you about her experiences working there. Speak to why that type of environment is a match with your personality and work style.

5. What is your motivation for pursuing this position?

According to a recent CareerBuilder survey, 43 percent of hiring managers and

human-resource professionals are concerned that top workers will leave their organization this year. As the economy slowly improves and more opportunities become available, unhappy workers will be more likely leave their jobs in pursuit of a more fulfilling career. While there's no way to guarantee an employee won't head for the door as soon as a better job offer comes along, hiring managers may try to get to the root of why candidates want to work at their company.

"I've been unemployed for more than a year and I'm really desperate to get a job." Yes, that's an honest answer, but it's also a red flag to an employer that you're more interested in getting a job versus getting this particular job. When asked this or a similar question, speak to why the company at which you're interviewing is the right company for you, and why the particular role will help you achieve your career goals. Also mention how you see yourself growing at the company as a way to show your commitment to the organization.

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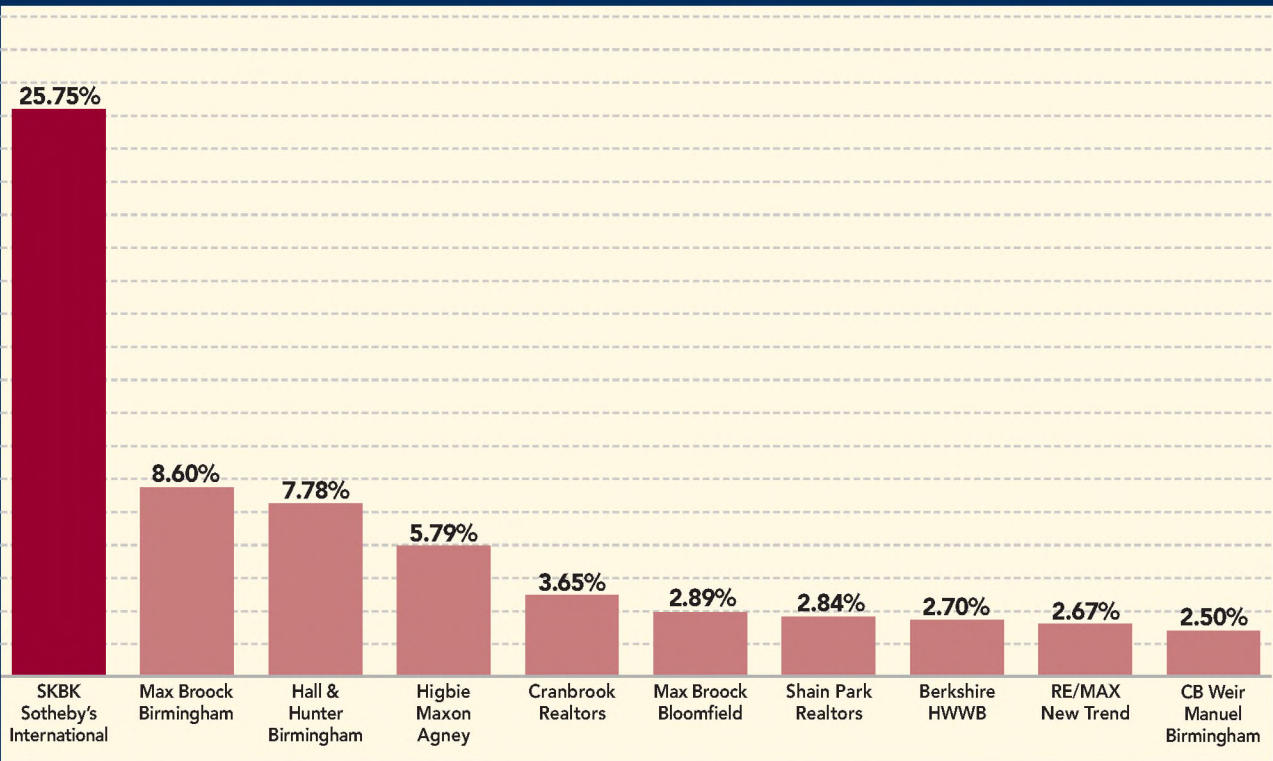
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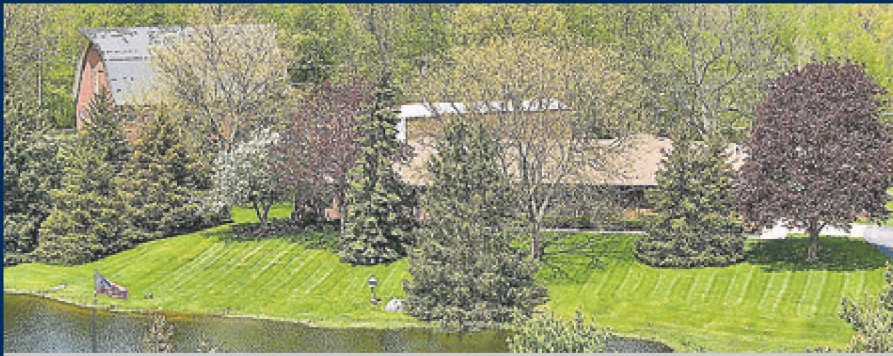


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