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## Nutcracker

Founded in fall 2014, Northville Ballet Theatre is a non-profit 501(c)3 ballet company, bringing the classics and contemporary Christian dance to the community.

Coming Thanksgiving weekend to the Northville High School stage, under the direction of Kathy Cooke, will be the annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet and Christmas dances at 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. For reserved seating and tickets (\$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors age 65 and older and children 10 and younger), see the NHS seating chart at <http://www.timberlanddance.com/nbt.aspx> or call 248-924-8357.

NBT also partners with Oak Pointe Players in producing Broadway musicals to benefit the Living Hope International orphanage in N'dola, Zambia ([www.livinghopeinternational.org](http://www.livinghopeinternational.org)). Stay tuned for *Les Miserables* at Oak Pointe Church, March 7-9.

## Wayne RESA denies neighborhood's request to join Northville schools

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

With their request denied by Wayne County RESA Board of Education and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools – and with Northville Public Schools voting to a tie on the issue – the Woodside Village neighborhood residents who wants to leave Plymouth-Canton for Northville schools now have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the state school board.

The Northville school board Tuesday night deadlocked 3-3 on

a resolution regarding the proposed property transfer for the school district switch request. On Wednesday morning, the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency voted to deny the request.

According to Michigan School Code, Wayne RESA had the power to grant the switch, while Northville and Plymouth-Canton school boards were only asked by RESA for their position on the issue prior to the official vote.

According to Wayne RESA

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Northville school board members (from left) Matt Wilk, Ann Kalass, Scott Craig, Ken Roth, Adam Phelps and Cyndy Jankowski and Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher at the Nov. 18 meeting at Northville High School. The board deadlocked 3-3 on a property transfer request by the Woodside Village neighborhood to switch from Plymouth-Canton schools to Northville.



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Denise Calandro rings the bell for the Salvation Army on Nov. 21 on the corner of Center and Main in Northville.

## RED KETTLES

Salvation Army helps local families in need

By **Pamela A. Zinkosky**  
Correspondent

It's that time of year again. The sounds of bells echo outside stores, and coins for the less fortunate clang inside red kettles.

The kettles hearken back to 1891, when Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee placed the first collection kettle at a dock in San Francisco to fund Christmas dinners for poverty-stricken families. McFee placed a sign asking donors to "keep the kettle boiling."

The idea spread, and now the red kettle is an iconic symbol for The Salvation Army, a faith-based organization that not only helps more than 4.5 million people in need celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas, but provides year-round food distribution, disaster relief services, children's welfare programs and other services in

communities throughout the United States.

When you toss your change into one of 23 Plymouth, Northville, Canton and Belleville kettles, you're raising the bar on The Salvation Army of Plymouth's \$315,000 Red Kettle goal, with a \$225,000 target from the kettles themselves and the remainder expected to come from the Red Kettle mail campaign. The money goes directly toward food, utility payments and other basic needs for people living right in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville areas, said Plymouth Corps Officer Keith Bailey.

"It's very important," Bailey said of the Red Kettle Campaign. "We do have poor people here. We have homeless people here."

Bailey, who's from Flint and has worked for 30 years in various Salvation Army Corps around the country, said he would not have viewed Plymouth-Canton-Belleville-Northville as areas of need, but the

need is there. "There are sections," he said. "It's really surprising."

Much of The Salvation Army's donor base is middle class, said Bailey, and he's noticed how changes in the economy affect that class. Often-times, he said, middle-class donors become Salvation Army clients themselves. Many people are on the edge of poverty -- a job loss or health expense could qualify them for charitable services.

Bailey said there's need in every economy, and even as the economy improves and the jobless rate declines, there are people who can't afford basics like rent and utilities, let alone Christmas gifts. "We're getting a lot of working poor," he said. "People have jobs, but they don't have enough to make ends meet. We have people working three or four jobs."

Proceeds from the Red Kettle Campaign help fund The Salvation Army of Plymouth's

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## Northville Township amends Brownfield Plan

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

It will happen in phases and the money used to do it will be collected over a 30-year period, but Thursday's decision by the Northville Township Board of Trustees to approve an amended Brownfield Plan facilitating the redevelopment of the former Northville State Psychiatric Hospital property was a big step in the right direction.

By a 7-0 vote at its regular meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an amendment to the Brownfield Plan, which was originally adopted by Northville Township in 2012. The land in question was purchased by the township in 2005.

### The plan

According to the amendment, the Brownfield Plan will now take into account and use the new tax increment revenue created by the REIS project to reimburse the developer for certain infrastructure and site preparation costs necessary for the project. It also will provide future funding to Northville Township for the demolition and environmental remediation of the remaining state hospital buildings on the 300-plus acres along Seven Mile Road property.

"This is a critical first step for the township by providing a financial resource for the demolition of the buildings and the clean-up of the property," said Northville Township Supervisor Robert R. Nix, II.

This has been talked about, but after the Michigan Economic Development Corporation gave the amended plan the green light approving a work plan allowing the use of state controlled tax increment revenue to help pay for the demolition and environmental remediation activities on the township's property, it's now a reality.

According to Nix, the new tax revenue will be allocated 50/50 to the developer and township for the first 14 years and 100 percent to the township for the remainder of the 30-year period.

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Fireworks illuminate the cold night.

## Hines Drive lights up for the holidays

More than four miles of Hines Drive are a glow with the opening of Wayne County Parks' 21st annual Lightfest. A popular holiday attraction, Lightfest features more than 55 animated holiday-themed displays that line Hines Drive from Merriman Hollow in Westland to Warrendale Park in Dearborn Heights. It's now open 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Hines Drive closes to traffic at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The display is closed Christmas Day. Cars can enter at Merriman Road north of Warren Road in Westland. The cost is \$5 per car. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, also will be Toy Nights with visitors invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the \$5 vehicle fee. Toys will be donated to the Wayne County Family Center. And there's more to Lightfest than the lighted displays. Youngsters can visit Santa in his workshop at Warrendale Park. Santa will be there now

through Tuesday, Dec. 23, to visit with children. And for youngsters, who'd prefer to write to Santa, can drop their letters in a giant mailbox outside his workshop. And there are more lights to be turned on. The Friends of Nankin Mills and Wayne County Parks will be holding the Family Holiday Fest and 26th Annual Mill Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 13. There will be children's holiday crafts and games with prizes 3:30-5:15 p.m. Families can participate in holiday games, such as "fruitcake bowling," "Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt", and "Reindeer Antler Wreath Toss" as well as make several seasonal crafts to take home. Prizes are awarded for games. The annual Friends of Nankin Mills Traditional Mill Lighting and Sing-A-Long will be 5:15-6 p.m. and include a visit from Santa Claus. For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call 734-261-1990 or visit [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com).

# YMCA serves Northville well

With the fall sports season in high gear, many youth in the Northville community were seen taking to neighborhood driveways, open fields and local playgrounds, running, kicking and shooting their way to a great deal of fun. As the Plymouth Family YMCA operates its fall lineup for kids who might be looking for a little organized fun, organizers want Northville residents to know that its youth sports programs are open to Northville residents as well. "In fact, Northville is part of the geographic area we serve as a Y," said Sage Hedgal, executive director for the organization. "The name can sometimes be confusing and people from surrounding communities often ask us if they can participate. The Plymouth Y has been serving Northville residents for more than 20 years, with a variety of programs. We often run basketball leagues in the Northville Community Center. We also offer our Girls on the Run and STRIDE programs in some of the Northville elementary schools." Girls on the Run is an empowerment program that teaches girls life skills through interactive lessons and running games. STRIDE is its counterpart for



Will Dobrowolski of Plymouth and Olivia Lockmondy of Canton both enjoy participating in YMCA soccer each Saturday morning.

boys, a 10-week program where boys are mentored through a physical curriculum, encouraging goal setting and developing life skills. Both programs are designed to build confidence and encourage kids to make healthy choices. "As a parent, I like the fact that the Y really puts an emphasis on sportsmanship," Jamie Dobrowolski said. "Both my son and daughter

have been part of sports at the Y and we really appreciate the team atmosphere." Karen Childs of Plymouth is no stranger to YMCA youth sports, both as a parent and a coach. Watching her enthusiasm and support for her latest soccer team, it is clear to see she why she is involved. "This is my eighth year coaching," Childs said. "I get a kick out of teaching kids how to play soccer. At one point, I was coaching both my children's teams and loving it. I get out there and play like a kid myself." Northville residents recently participated in both the youth soccer and volleyball leagues, according to Josh Borg, community program director for the Plymouth Family YMCA. "We offer these programs for kids ages 3-12 to learn necessary sports skills and improve upon the fundamentals through fun and innovative drills and games," Borg said. "We are currently running basketball and planning our school-break camps. We hope many Northville families join us." To learn more about the YMCA programs offered in the area, go to [ymcadetroit.org/plymouth](http://ymcadetroit.org/plymouth) or call the Plymouth Family YMCA at 734-453-2904.

## Art auction



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The Northville Art House concludes its 2014 International Mosaic Exhibit and Auction with a final reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5. The auction collection features 141 mosaic artworks. The work may be viewed at the Art House and is available for bid in an auction benefiting Doctors Without Borders at the online auction website: [www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF](http://www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF).




## Holiday kick-off

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Dancers from Northville's Performer's Edge stroll down Main Street during last Friday night's Lighted Holiday Parade in downtown Northville. Visit [www.northvillerecord.com](http://www.northvillerecord.com) to see more in the photo gallery section.


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## Can substance abuse be a laughing matter?

Comedian performing for  
Northville High Dec. 4

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Dec. 4 will mark the second year that nationally-known comedian Mark Lundholm will speak and perform to the students and staff of Northville High School (45700 Six Mile Road). The Thursday event begins at 9 a.m.

“Mark has an in depth perspective in regards to substance abuse, healthy peer choices, and individual re-



Mark  
Lundholm

and referral specialist at the Brighton Center for Recovery That St. John Providence Health System facility along with Eastwood Clinics, Detroit Recovery Project, and RADEO are presenting the comedian for seven shows over a three-day period, Dec. 4-6.

sponsibility delivered in an amazing way that connects with students and faculty,” said Scott Masi, a behavioral health community outreach

Lundholm will be performing two public performances to bring awareness to addiction and recovery through his unique perspective:

» Thursday, Dec. 4 – Community Fundraiser at The Historic GEM Theatre (333 Madison Avenue, Detroit; 313-963-9800); 6 p.m. dinner and comedy; \$75 (individual) or \$135 (couple).

» Saturday, Dec. 6 – Hartland Performance & Community Highlights (9525 E. Highland Road, Howell; 810-360-5779); 6 p.m. community presentation; 7 p.m. performance; \$15 online; \$20 at the door.

Visit [www.MarkLundholmInDetroit.com](http://www.MarkLundholmInDetroit.com) to purchase tickets. When purchasing online with credit card, follow the PayPal prompts. For more information about Lundholm's appearances, contact Masi at 810-360-5779 or [scott.masi@stjohn.org](mailto:scott.masi@stjohn.org).

These two shows will help support performances for inmates at the Wayne County Jail, two high school performances at Detroit Central Collegiate Academy and Northville High School for over 2,000 students as well as a performance for Detroit Treatment provider patients,

and the family, and friends program at Brighton Center for Recovery. These performances will further provide support and funds for the Detroit Recovery Project and other Community Substance Abuse Initiatives as well as Extended Care Treatment Funds.

“Each event will include a silent auction featuring entertainment and sports memorabilia as well as a community substance abuse highlights,” said Masi.

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## DENIED

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Superintendent Chris Wigent, the denial was “based on the legal factors that they were required to consider, as well as the results of the (Plymouth-Canton) Board of Education’s position of unanimously not supporting the request and the Northville Board of Education not taking a formal position on the request.”

### Northville’s position

In Northville, the school board meeting lasted until around 11 p.m. and ended with acting school board President Ken Roth, Secretary Cyndy Jankowski and Trustee Ann Kalass voting to oppose the transfer, while acting Vice President Scott Craig, Treasurer Matt Wilk and Trustee Adam Phelps expressed their support.

School board President Jim Mazurek was not at the meeting due to an emergency, but did have Roth read a statement from him stating his position, which was not in support of the re-

quest.

NPS administration recommended to the school board to not support the transfer prior to the vote.

“Given the elementary capacity considerations across the District, the messaging to the Northville community of the Boundary Adjustment, the opportunity for greater control of available space that could be exercised through limited Schools of Choice if necessary, as well as the potential impact on future property transfer requests and neighboring school districts, it is Administration’s recommendation that it is not in the best interests of Northville Public Schools to act in support of the Property Transfer request,” the NPS statement read.

The Northville school board cited the projected enrollment study conducted by Plante Moran during the adjustment process as case for and against. Those in support said it was projected that the numbers would go down, so approving the transfer would have helped prevent budget issues that come with a

decreasing enrollment. Others said the growth situation may have changed somewhat since the study was conducted two years ago.

Wilk said if enrollment does go down as projected, then the board will have to face making more cuts to balance the budget. He cited teacher layoffs and privatization in the past three years and said there isn’t much more that can be cut without drastically impacting the classrooms.

Phelps and Craig agreed with Wilk and said this addition would benefit the district. They cited the study projecting the district losing more than 200 students in the next three years, which could lead to a loss of around \$2 million in per-pupil funding from the state.

NPS currently gets nearly \$8,100 per student from the state.

On the other side was Roth, who said no one knows what the future will bring. Those against said current growth and housing developments throughout the school district, especially on the west side, counter the study and imply there may be more students

### Woodside Village wants to switch school districts



coming to district in the near future.

Kalass and Jankowski also cited the board not having criteria to use in making a decision like this. The unknown challenges that could come with adding a neighborhood with more than 100 homes could add more students than needed, leading to another adjustment, they said.

Wigent said the prop-

erty owners now have the option to appeal to the Michigan Department of Education.

### Transfer request

Woodside Village is a 115-home neighborhood in Northville Township located on the west side of Haggerty Road, north of Five Mile Road. The neighborhood borders the Northville Public Schools’ boundary on its

southeast corner and is adjacent to the current attendance areas for Winchester Elementary School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School.

While taking the respective school boards’ positions into consideration, Wigent said that there is a section in the School Code that states that in making a decision on a property transfer, an ISD/RESA “shall consider the welfare of the affected pupil, including, but not limited to, the length of the pupil’s commute to and from school, on a school bus or otherwise.”

Parents from that neighborhood formed a group to make the request, which they said they did because they feel more connected to Northville and view their location as more compatible with Northville schools.

“We have 10 days to appeal the decision to the state superintendent, which we intend to do,” Woodside spokesperson Jackie Cook said.

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# Catholic Central students create a mobile app for Apple

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A group of Detroit Catholic Central High School students took a successful project a step further and they can now say they've developed a mobile app accepted by Apple called VolunteerNow.

VolunteerNow was first conceptualized under the name Community Connection by a team of five CC students – Andre Hijaouy, Jack Evans, August Butzke, Mike Ryan and Shaun Hannibal – as part of last spring's Mobile App Challenge.

The mission of VolunteerNow is to successfully develop a platform through which prospective volunteers can locate, track and save volunteering experiences. By simplifying the process of finding and storing volunteer experiences, it hopes to promote volunteerism within the com-



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A quintet of Detroit Catholic Central High School students worked together to make an App, called VolunteerNow, to help direct students to and keep track of their volunteering time. Shown are (from left) Andre Hijaouy, Jack Evan, August Butzke and Michael Ryan. Also part of the team is Shaun Hannibal.

munity.

The challenge was hosted by Compuware, Inc. at Catholic Central High School and was open to all students. Throughout the contest, teams of students worked with industry professionals to conceptualize an application that would have a positive impact on the community.

The Community Connection application was awarded first place last March.

"This was a great educational opportunity. We had a lot of fun putting it together," Evans said. "Our mentors at Compuware were really helpful and they gave us the support to take our project to another step with Apple."

The challenge's judging panel included the Rev. John Huber, CC principal; Bob Paul, Compuware CEO and president and a CC alumnus; Matt Roush, a CBS Radio technology reporter and editor of *Technology Report* on WWJ-AM (950); Mike Cox, a CC alumnus and former Michigan attorney general and gubernatorial candidate; and James Brown, director, CW Professional Services, Mobile Solutions Group.

The winning team was called DirectriX and was one of five teams that completed the challenge. All the participating

students were awarded summer internships at Compuware world headquarters in Detroit.

"We are really proud of them. This is an important honor," CC computer teacher Gail Levens said.

After winning the challenge, the team spent the spring and summer assembling the proper specification documents in preparation for hiring a freelance software developer.

Earlier this fall, VolunteerNow had a pending approval in the Apple App Store and is launching it into the Beta Test phase at Catholic Central High School this winter upon receiving Apple's approval of the application.

Levens and Paul said this bodes well for the students' futures.

"With the massive proliferation of technology and the central role

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## Local organization unites piano teachers and their students

This is the time of year when many parents begin searching for a teacher for their child who has expressed an interest in learning to play the piano.

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum is a professional organization that acts as a resource for piano teachers looking to enhance their skills, as well as piano students looking for the right teacher.

Founded in 1970, LAPTF members are teachers from all over the Detroit area, not just Livonia.

Its members have a variety of backgrounds and experience. The LAPTF meets monthly

from September to May. Every meeting in planned well in advance, featuring guest speakers who share their expertise.

This year's features include "How To Use Theory to Teach Interpretation" with Linette Popoff-Parks from Madonna University.

The year concludes with a recital by several of the members' students who have received awards for piano performance excellence.

Meetings are held at the Steinway Gallery in Commerce Township and Evola Music in Canton.

Students of LAPTF have the opportunity to participate in community

outreach recitals, judged performance events for students at all levels, collaborative concerts and testing events.

Teachers interested in joining or visiting a meeting are encouraged to contact Vice President Alicia Operti at amoperti@gmail.com or membership chair Irina Semenova at i33002003@yahoo.com.

Individuals interested in finding a piano teacher should contact Debbie Cox at dcoomsu@yahoo.com for a list of referrals.

LAPTF is a local chapter of the Michigan Music Teacher Association. For more information, visit [www.laptf.org](http://www.laptf.org).

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POLICE BRIEFS

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Hubcaps stolen

A car owner went to the Novi Police to report that his hubcaps had been stolen from his car while parked outside of Twelve Oaks mall.

According to the police report, four hubcaps (valued at \$250) were taken. The vehicle was parked outside of Nordstrom, but it was not visible on the security camera. There is no information on a possible suspect.

Super drunken driver

The Novi Police arrested a driver for drunken driving after he nearly struck another vehicle.

According to the Novi Police report, the driver was stopped Oct. 10 on 10 Mile Road near Jamestown Circle after spotting the near miss. Police reported smelling intoxicants on the driver immediately upon making contact and after asking him to step out of the vehicle it was noted it appeared as if he had urinated himself.

The driver stumbled through the field sobriety tests and according to the report registered a 0.196 percent blood-alcohol content on his

preliminary breathalyzer test.

Counterfeit money

Two individuals went into a Twelve Oaks store and reportedly used counterfeit money to pay for some merchandise.

According to a Novi Police report, the mall store, The Body Shop, reported to police Oct. 1 that as an employee was attempting to deposit money at Fifth Third Bank it was brought to their attention that a \$100 bill and \$50 bill were fakes. The store management suspected the \$100 bill was a counterfeit, but didn't realize the other one was.

The suspects have not yet been identified.

Wallet stolen

A man's wallet was stolen while he was at Providence Park Hospital.

According to a Novi Police report, the man told police that he found his wallet and its content missing Oct. 6. Inside among other things were credit cards and his driver's license. The man had placed it inside a property bag in his hospital room and found it missing when he went to leave. Someone in Taylor

had attempted to use the cards, but their theft had been reported missing by then. There is no suspect at this time.

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Driving high?

A Detroit man was arrested for suspicion of operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs after Northville City Police stopped him for driving very slowly.

According to the Northville police report, the police spotted the man driving Nov. 15 on Eight Mile near Coldspring Drive. The police reported the man driving 20 mph in a 40 mph zone. A check on the man's license plate also revealed he had a suspension and warrants out for his arrest. The 45-year-old man denied being under the influence.

The case is pending and blood was withdrawn, under a warrant, after the arrest to verify whether he was or wasn't on drugs.

Felony arrest warrant for an attorney

A Detroit attorney was arrested inside the Northville Township

Police Department after police conducted a check on him and found a criminal bench warrant out for his arrest.

The arrest was made Nov. 11 at the station on Six Mile Road. The 62-year-old attorney was there to visit a client when police did a routine check on his identity. It turned out he had failed to appear in an Ingham County courtroom and had a warrant out on him from the Ingham County Sheriff's Department.

The man was later turned over to the Ingham County police.

Rock shattered window

A Northville Township homeowner was at home watching TV when an unknown person struck a window on his house with a rock and shattered it.

The police report stated the incident occurred Nov. 14 at a home in the 48000 block of Stoneridge Drive. The rock did not go through the window, but did cause damage. There is no suspect at this time.

— By Lonnie Huhman

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Chief Hospital Corpsman Pamela Arceneaux from Novi, the niece of Patrick and Darlene Tankersley, recently received her Gold Fouled Anchors and joins the ranks of a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer during a CPO Pinning ceremony on Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story. The CPO pinning is a time-honored event that serves as the final event for CPO 365 Phase II training.

SEMCOG report paints stark picture of area's road conditions

Just how bad are roads in southeast Michigan? According to SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, they're not good at all.

Each year, as required by law, SEMCOG works with local road agencies to evaluate the condition of the major roads in the seven-county region. The preliminary results of this summer's work are in and they paint a stark picture.

Southeast Michigan has seen a staggering jump in the total miles of roads that should be repaired by completely tearing them up and rebuilding them from the ground up. Of the nearly 4,500 miles of major roads that were evaluated this summer, more than 1,900 miles need to be rebuilt, an increase of more than 500 miles compared to two years ago, when these same roads were last evaluated.

Another 1,900 miles are in need of preventive maintenance in order to keep them from also slipping into poor condition.

Only 650 miles – or 14 percent – are considered to be in good condition. “People may want to blame last winter's weather for the rapid deterioration of our roads,” said Carmine Palombo, deputy executive director of SEMCOG. “However, the weather simply exposed the real problem. Our state has been disinvesting in roads for years.”

“If the Senate funding proposal is enacted, we will begin to see the condition of our road system improve over time. Unfortunately, if major funding increases do not occur, the decline in the condition of our roadways will continue,” she added.

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Children’s Christmas Workshop

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Pictures with Santa

Have a photo taken with Santa in his sleigh in the Historic Barn at Thayer’s Corner Nature Area from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6. Bring your camera to take your own photo and make a Christmas craft while you wait. Cost for families ranges from \$5 to \$10, payable at the event. For more information, call 734-751-1567.

Owl Prowl at Maybury

Join the Friends of Maybury as they try to entice resident owls to respond to an artificial call 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Owl Prowl at Maybury State Park. Space is limited to 100 participants. Reservations requested and can be made online at [www.friendsofmaybury.org](http://www.friendsofmaybury.org). Refreshments will be provided. Meet inside the Concession Building at the Eight Mile Road entrance. Program is

free and suitable for all ages.

**Northville Rotary activities**

Northville Rotary is initiating the installation of Little Libraries, small book depositories where community members can exchange books. The Rotarians would like to establish six locations though out the Northville community and seeking suggestions as to where the locations might be. Rotarians are encouraging other organizations to volunteer and assist in this effort as well.

Northville Rotary conducts the a annual Goodfellows paper sale and this year the event will be Dec. 13. City and township fire departments and Rotary members staff the event, but others are invited and sought to participate in the rewarding event. Volunteers will help in many features of the event, including sale of papers and event facilitation, and need to be over the age of 18 years.

For more information on either activity, contact John Kelly at [john@kellykellylaw.com](mailto:john@kellykellylaw.com) or 248-348-0496.

Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. The events run 7-10 p.m.

For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit [www.plymouthelks1780.com](http://www.plymouthelks1780.com).

Chelios visit Barnes & Noble

Join former Detroit Red Wings player Chris Chelios for a book signing of *Made in America* at Barnes & Noble (1711 Haggerty Road, Northville) at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8. A wristband is

needed in order to enter the signing line. Wristbands will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 9 a.m. that day.

Call the store for more information at 248-348-0696.

**The Creation of a World Icon: the Ford Mustang**

The Northville District Library is hosting a special program, Overcoming Obstacles and the Creation of a World Icon, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the library’s main Carlo Meeting Room.

Sculptor Giuliano Zuccato, a native of Italy, will describe his achievements as an artist and designer for the Ford Motor Co., including his involvement in the creation of the original Ford Mustang, built in 1964.

Musical accompaniment for this presentation will be provided by Russian pianist Sasha Burshtein, who started his career with the Belarussa State Philharmonic Society. He has conducted and played all over Europe and is now one of America’s foremost improvisational pianists.

Registration is required for this program, online at the Events Calendar at [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org) or by calling 248-349-3020.

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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](http://www.novichoralaires.org) for more information.

“Wicked” ways at Twelve Oaks Mall

A wicked partnership is brewing between Twelve Oaks Mall and Broadway’s blockbuster *Wicked*, now in its 11th year on Broadway and flying back to the Detroit Opera House from Dec. 10 through Jan. 4.

Now through Dec. 14, visitors to Twelve Oaks can delight in the World of *Wicked* museum display, special offers from retailers, weekend giveaways and other “Oz-some” exclusive offerings to celebrate this worldwide theatrical sensation.

» The World of *Wicked* display located on the lower level near Lord & Taylor, where visitors can walk through Glinda the Good’s bubble, view the “Behind the Emerald Curtain” museum display and take a photo in Oz;

» The Passport to Oz featuring special offers from 39 retailers. Passports are available at Glinda’s bubble located at the World of *Wicked* Display.

Winner of more than 100 international awards, *Wicked* is the untold story of the witches of Oz. Long before Dorothy dropped in, two other girls meet in the land of Oz. One, born with emerald-green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. *Wicked* tells the story of their remarkable odyssey, how these two unlikely friends grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

“The *Wicked* partnership builds on successful promotions done at several other Taubman centers,” Twelve Oaks Marketing and Sponsorship Director Emily Taucher said. “We’re delighted to be bewitched by *Wicked* this holiday season.”

Gorman’s partners with Arc

It is estimated that nearly 4.6 million Americans have an intellectual or developmental disability. Gorman’s Home Furnishings & Interior Design, through its Lifeline of Hope Campaign, will once again raise money to help make a difference in the lives of these local individuals and their families.

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Hob Nobble Gobble



JULIE YOLLES

The Hob Nobble Gobble celebrated its 25th anniversary Nov. 21 with 2,000-plus party rockers at Ford Field. The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation’s premier fundraiser supports America’s Thanksgiving Parade, 88 years strong this year. Parade Foundation Immediate Past Chair Sandy Pierce enjoyed the festivities. Pierce, who is vice chairman of event corporate sponsor FirstMerit Corp. and chairman and CEO of FirstMerit Michigan in Novi, was recently named one of the most powerful women in banking by American Banker. Pierce, a Northville resident, is the City Year Detroit honoree and event chair of the Women’s Leadership Breakfast, to be held at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Detroit Athletic Club Tickets are \$75 and can be reserved online at [cityyear.org/Detroit/wlb](http://cityyear.org/Detroit/wlb).

Novi Farmers Market continues through winter

The 2014 Novi Farmers Market was so successful — with hundreds of people enjoying fresh vegetables, flowers and other items throughout the summer and fall — that the market will continue through the winter with gourmet foods and artisan items indoors at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

The winter market will take place twice monthly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following Saturdays: Dec. 6 and 20; Jan. 10 and 24; Feb. 14 and 21; March 7 and 21; and April 4 and 18.

The market will showcase an expanded selection of Michigan food products, as well as selected artisans with items to complement the home. Patrons will find foods, décor and gifts for holiday entertaining.

To stay in the know about the Novi Farmers Market, including recipes, vendor features and more, like it on Facebook. For more information, contact manager RoseA-na Twitchell at 248-347-0400 or [rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org](mailto:rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org).

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 includes a meal and entertainment.

» Thursday, Dec. 11 — “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree” holiday luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Meadowbrook Activity Center

The events are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. There is no cost for Veterans at

the Home of the Free, Because of the Brave Brunch. Pre-registration is required and is available now at the Older Adult Services office (45175 10 Mile Road) and the Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

To learn about the above programs or additional older adult social and educational programs, call 248-347-0414 or visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

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.).

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.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org), at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. The schedule includes:

» Saturday, Dec. 13: oil pastels; learn color-blending techniques.

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Hunger-free holidays



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Jennifer And Kenneth McClure check out the wood wares of Derek Voight at the Nov. 20 Hunger-Free Holidays bazaar at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. The evening, benefiting Gleaners Food Bank, gave attendees the opportunity to sample food and beverages in the Diamond Center ballroom and then shop at booths of small artisans for the upcoming holidays. Every dollar raised at the event is said to provide three meals to needy people in the metro Detroit region.

Novi's Casalou named new regional president of CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Health System

Novi resident Rob Casalou, currently president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and St. Joseph Mercy-Livingston, has been selected as the new regional president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Health System, based in Ann Arbor.

Casalou will be succeeding longtime regional president and CEO Garry C. Faja who will be retiring Dec. 31 after 32 years of service.

Since becoming president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and Livingston hospitals in 2008, Casalou has played a key role in the development of many innovative partnerships, including the merger with IHA Physician Group and a master affiliation between SJMHS and University of Michi-

gan Health System which resulted in joint ventures such as the opening of an Acute Care for Elders hospital unit.

Under his leadership, St. Joseph Mercy hospitals have expanded outpatient services with a freestanding emergency department in Brighton, the new Center for Advanced Surgery health center in Canton and the new Outpatient Surgery Center at St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor. The hospitals have also undergone significant renovation and upgrades, notably the 2010 opening of the North Tower at St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and the 2014 patient room



renovations at St. Joseph Mercy-Livingston. Recognizing the role of fresh, healthy food in the healing process, Casalou spearheaded the development of the Farm at St. Joe's - the first hospital-based farm in the U.S.

Before joining SJMHS, Casalou spent almost 20 years at St. John Providence Health System in various leadership roles. He was responsible for overseeing the construction of Providence Park Hospital in Novi, where he served as its president and CEO until 2008.

He earned his bachelor's degree in economics and master's degree in business administration and health care administration from the University of Michigan. He lives in Novi with his wife and three children.

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Shoppers focus on small businesses Saturday

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

Small Business Saturday was founded in 2010 by American Express as a day to celebrate the local businesses that help make communities like Novi and Northville so special.

Sandwiched between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday encourages shoppers to patronize brick-and-mortar business that are both small and local.

"The Northville DDA is pleased to join American Express to encourage residents to shop local," said Lori Ward,

Northville Downtown Development Authority director. "Their support of local small businesses helps to create jobs, boost the local economy and preserve the unique character of our community."

On Saturday, Nov. 29, consumers can stroll the streets of Northville, shop at their locally owned one-of-a-kind store, grab a bite to eat and enjoy the festive atmosphere. Ward said Small Business Saturday provides guests the opportunity to get their holiday shopping done, support their community and save, as many of the merchants will be of-

fering special deals and promotions throughout the day. In addition, Santa will be in Town Square 2-4 p.m. to greet visitors young and old.

The city of Novi is well-known as one of Michigan's premier retail strongholds, anchored by Twelve Oaks mall, Novi Town Center, West Oaks and Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk. But while the majority of the stores in those complexes are big boxes and chains, the city is also home to quite a few mom-and-pop shops and small retailers.

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# Learning: TechShop offers place to build, grow business to members

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Got an idea for business, but need space to work out the details? You may be interested in TechShop, near the Detroit Lions practice facility in Allen Park. TechShop began in Menlo Park, Calif., some eight years ago, and has been in metro Detroit 2½ years. It's a do-it-yourself fabrication studio whose senior account manager, Addie Langford, spoke to Westland Rotarians last week.

The member fee is \$175 per month, Langford said, for the 17,000 square feet of work space, with additional space in the property. TechShop founder Jim Newton began in IT.

"This became his mission to get this off the ground," Langford told Rotarians and guests. Newton taught at community college and found his students retaking his classes for equipment access.

Langford displayed a PowerPoint of the computer numeric controlled equipment, with machinists, engineers and artists among TechShop customers.

"You bring your ideas to the table," she said.

A class is first required for safety. Langford showed via PowerPoint how the water-jet cutter can even cut granite.

Some woodworkers use the Allen Park TechShop, which can also handle the custom packages that can make consumer products difficult to open. The plastic injection molder can be used for knobs, other controls, key-



JULIE BROWN  
Addie Langford, senior account manager for TechShop Detroit, speaks to Westland Rotarians.

boards and more.

There are also uses for electronics and software and the local site is launching a student robotics team, Langford said. She showed a slide as well of 3D printing and scanning, along with a laser lab for etched glass and more.

The large project bay can accommodate cars, as well as a kayak.

"This is an exciting thing to come and watch," Langford said. "Skill sharing happens really naturally. There's this incredible exchange."

She added that referrals to incubators for business help are available at TechShop. Rotarian Earl Ludwig of Dearborn Heights, who arranged the visit, said, "It's all skill levels, from very basic."

Langford said TechShop doesn't take any

proceeds nor protect intellectual property, meaning your work must be able to be out in sight.

She showed a knitting needle gauge that has been developed: "She cannot make these fast enough."

The Square, Inc., mobile payment for smart phones came from TechShop in San Francisco. There was also a low-cost infant warmer developed.

"It's really meant for the Third World," Langford said, noting such preemies have much better survival chances if they reach cities.

The Allen Park TechShop is in the Rotunda-Southfield Freeway area at 800 Republic Drive. For more, go to [www.techshop.ws](http://www.techshop.ws). The phone is 313-583-3831, email [info.detroit@techshop.com](mailto:info.detroit@techshop.com).

# Lingenfelter's Corvette manifold earns award

A panel of 35 top international automotive journalists have chosen Wixom-based Lingenfelter Performance Engineering's new C7 Corvette inter-cooler manifold to receive a 2014 Global Media Award at the annual Specialty Equipment Market Association show in Las Vegas.

Representing more than 20 countries, the journalists reviewed hundreds of entries in the SEMA New Products Showcase to select the specialty equipment products that would most appeal to their home markets. The inter-cooler manifold from Lingenfelter was chosen for its innovative, low-profile design which fits with a stock C7 hood and integrates neatly into the engine compartment. The new Corvette engine inter-cooler builds on the previous success of products Lingenfelter created for Gen 3 and Gen 4 engines and is designed for turbocharged or centrifugal supercharged applications of up to 1,200 horsepower.

The prestigious Global Media Award, introduced by SEMA in 2004, was created to highlight specialty equipment products to a growing audience of automotive enthusiasts around the world. According to SEMA research, more than 25 percent of the buyers at this year's SEMA show came from more than 100 nations outside of



Jason Haines, Lingenfelter Performance project director, holds the SEMA Global Media Award and C7 Corvette inter-cooler manifold.

the U.S.

"We have seen a growing international interest in many of Lingenfelter's high-performance engine components and vehicles, and are pleased to be recognized by this group of very knowledgeable global journalists," said Ken Lingenfelter, owner, Lingenfelter Performance Engineering.

Lingenfelter and many other U.S. automotive aftermarket companies have participated in SEMA's international initiatives designed to support export relationships in a number of key global growth markets.

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# Area man still fixes typewriters for a living

**By Elliott McCloud**  
Correspondent

Chuck Theile has been living in South Lyon, just north of the downtown district, since 1998. A Wayne County native, he moved for his wife Cheryl, who was diagnosed with cancer.

“She wanted to be closer to her family,” Theile said. “We found a place in South Lyon.” Cheryl died in 2000, but Chuck and their daughter Kelly stayed.

“We just fell in love with South Lyon,” he said. “Kelly went through school there. It’s beautiful. It’s home.”

For South Lyon, Theile doesn’t mind the hour drive to work.

He works for CCS Business Machines in Wayne. It’s tucked in a neighborhood that looks like time forgot. That’s fitting, because CCS is where Theile practices a trade that time has also forgotten. He is one of the last working typewriter repairmen.

“It’s ironic,” Theile said, laughing. “In the army, I wrote code for computers that were as big as semi-truck trailers. Then I leave and go backwards into typewriter repair.”

Theile left the army in 1972. His first job out was with the Ford Motor Co.

“I’d probably have a nice pension, but the idea of a trade that I could only use in a factory didn’t sit right with me,” he said.

With the help of the V.A., he was able to quit Ford and complete a two-year apprenticeship at Wyandotte Office Equipment. There was no school for Theile. He had to learn on the job.

### Lucrative work

A career as a typewriter repairman was as desirable and lucrative as any other. Yesterday’s world relied on typewriters as heavily as we do comput-

ers today.

“I always had work, servicing schools and businesses,” he said.

He spent his summers stripping typewriters of oil and pencil shavings and restoring them to their original condition. Some machines Theile was required to essentially rebuild, of which he is still proud today.

“Other repair shops used to send us some machines, because not everyone could do what I did,” he said, smiling proudly. “I’m amazed when I think about it. I’d like to do it again.”

With his talents, Theile could move freely between jobs in Washtenaw, Oakland and Wayne counties. There was always an offer for more money or better benefits. He was even able to own his own business, C&C Repair.

“The other ‘C’ was for my first wife Cindy,” Theile said. “I used to joke that I married Cheryl because I needed another ‘C’ for the business.”

Theile closed down C&C after a couple of years. As for the others, Theile said that they have been long out of business.

“Not because of me,” he said, laughing. “It’s just the way it goes. The ones that live on are the ones that were smart enough to start selling something else.”

By the mid-1990s, it became clear to Theile that he would need to find a new line of work. Businesses were switching over to computers. Schools were downsizing their writing rooms.

“Schools stopped teaching typing and started teaching classes on how to use computers instead,” he said.

Theile never gave up typewriter repair. There was always someone with an old machine in need of fixing.

“I was lucky that I never was out of work,” he said. But most of the repairmen he worked



ELLIOTT MCCLOUD  
Chuck Theile of South Lyon has typewriters dating back more than a century in his workshop in Wayne.

with have retired, switched specialties or died.

### Retro renaissance

Theile taught himself to use a computer. He attended printer and fax machine repair courses. When he came to CCS in 2007, it was as a certified technician. Typewriters were a niche thing he did on the side. But then he began to see a trend upward. A couple of typewriters a year turned into dozens.

“I turned around one day and started thinking, ‘I’m witnessing a real renaissance here,’” he said.

There was a lawyer in Farmington Hills unwilling to part with his eight IBM Selectrics. Each required hundreds of dollars in parts and labor.

“I told him that he should invest in something else, but he was adamant. He loved his Selectrics,” he said.

Since then, Theile has done repairs for sportscaster Eli Zaret and Budd Lynch, the late voice of the Red Wings. Writer, critic and South Lyon native Bill Garwood also had his typewriter in. And Theile has repaired the machines of numerous local journalists who still love and use their machines, including this humble freelancer.

“Most (of my customers) are college students. Most probably never had to use a typewriter growing up. Yet, here they are,” he said. He is surrounded by typewriters from as far back as 1906 and as late as 2006. He smiles when he says, “It really is amazing.”

Theile has no plans to retire. But when he does, he won’t rule out the possibility of a small cabin business in South Lyon.

“So long as someone wants them fixed, I’ll do the job,” he said.

## Give something that means something: blood

The American Red Cross is asking eligible donors to give something that means something – a lifesaving blood donation.

Blood donations often decline this time of year when donors get busy with holiday festivities and travel. Severe winter weather and seasonal illnesses, like the flu, can also have a serious impact on blood donations, but the need for blood remains steady. On average, the Red Cross must collect 15,000 blood products every day for patients across the country.

Eligible donors with all types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Farmington Hills – Dec. 9, 1-6:45 p.m., St. John Lutheran, 23225 Gill Road.

Milford – Dec. 2, 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., Milford YMCA, 300 Family Dr.

Novi – Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Prime Care of Novi, 39555 W. 10 Mile.

Southfield – Dec. 15, 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Providence Hospital, 16001 W. 9 Mile Road.

Canton Township – Dec. 15, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Gallimore Elementary, 8375 Sheldon.

Livonia – Dec. 11, 6 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile; Dec. 13, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Eddie Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon; Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail.

Westland – Dec. 7, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., St. Damian Catholic Church, 29825 Joy Road.

Farmington Hills Blood Donation Center – Monday and Thursday, 12:45-6:45 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 31150 Haggerty, Farmington Hills.

Livonia Blood Donation Center – Monday through Thursday, 12:45-6:45 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 36650 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are age 17 (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Brightmoor Christian Church

**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi.  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014 or [CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org](mailto:CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org).  
**Web:** [www.brightmoorchurch.org](http://www.brightmoorchurch.org).  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. Mondays.  
**Details:** Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road.  
**Contact:** 248-349-8847 or visit [holylifamilynovi.org](http://holylifamilynovi.org).  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Time/Day:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish).  
**Holy days:** 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
**Reconciliation:** beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment.  
**Priests:** the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor.  
**AA:** 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Crosspointe Meadows Church

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

Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia.  
**Web:** [www.emmanuel-livonia.org](http://www.emmanuel-livonia.org).  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822.  
**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
**Youth group:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays.  
**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays; *Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask* by Adam Hamilton  
**The Andy Griffith Bible Study:** 11 a.m. Sundays; adult Bible study  
**Special Needs Ministry:** Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

First Baptist Church of Northville

**Location:** 217 N. Wing.  
**Contact:** 248-348-1020.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays.  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month.

First Church of the Nazarene

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile.  
**Contact:** 248-348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org).  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.  
**Thursday:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study.

**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study -- the Books of Ruth and Esther  
**Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age.

**Christmas Around the World**  
**World:** The church is kicking off the season on Sunday, Nov. 30, with an outdoor live nativity scene followed by carols and Concert and then accented by cookies and hot cocoa. Admission is free. From 4:30-6 p.m. children will have the opportunity to interact with live animals from sheep to alpacas at the live nativity scene set up at the main west entrance. Live nativity characters also will be on hand to welcome children and adults alike. Bring your camera as this will be a great photo opportunity. At 6 p.m. -- a celebration of Jesus' birth from around the globe with a variety of music genres as well as multi-cultural and multi-language music. Music will be provided by DFC singers and musicians and special guests -- the Novi High School Singers who will present songs from around the world. After the concert, the audience and musicians will gather in the atrium for cookies and hot cocoa.  
**Christmas Around the World Concert:** Sunday, Nov. 30. There will be an outdoor live nativity from 4:30-6 p.m., followed by a concert with carols featuring the Novi Singers. There will be a cookie and hot cocoa reception immediately following the concert. This is open to the public and it is free.

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
**Location:** 200 E. Main.  
**Contact:** 248-349-0911 or visit [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. (for all ages).

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**Location:** 205 E. Lake St. (corner of Wells and 10 Mile), South Lyon.  
**Contact:** 248-437-2875.

First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville.  
**Contact:** 248-349-1144 or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org).  
**Sunday Worship (September-May):** 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
**Sunday School (September-May):** 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade.  
**Cookie Walk 2014:** 8:30 a.m. to noon. Fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project. (ASP), a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia. Seventh- through 12th-graders, along with adult chaperones, travel and stay for a week in Appalachia each summer on this mission to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. Please come purchase fresh, homemade holiday cookies to support this mission trip. We will have homemade nut-free and gluten-free cookies as well.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi.  
**Contact:** 248-349-0565.  
**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship.

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile.  
**Contact:** 248-427-1175 or [holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com); visit [holyCROSSnovi.org](http://holyCROSSnovi.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. worship service.  
**Alzheimer's Support Group:** 10 a.m. second Saturday of month.

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

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

Livonia Church of Christ

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

Legacy Church

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

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile.  
**Contact:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, at 248-348-7757; visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org); or email to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Church School and Nursery Care:** provided during worship.  
**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

NorthRidge Church

**Location:** 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
**Phone:** 734-233-3621  
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Northville Christian Assembly

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile.  
**Contact:** 248-348-9030; [ncalife.org](http://ncalife.org).  
**Sundays:** 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).  
**Wednesday Family Night:** 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

**Details:** Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year -- children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.  
**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind at 248-790-6075 or [rabb@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabb@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com).

Novi United Methodist Church

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

Hoeksema & Abraham

Kattie Hoeksema and Ross Abraham announce their engagement.  
She is the daughter of Renze and Kristin Hoeksema of Canton and graduated from Kalamazoo College and Vermont Law School.  
He is the son of Doug and Kathy Abraham of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 2005 and from Grand Valley State University.  
They both work in Lansing. A spring wedding is planned.



Ross Abraham and Kattie Hoeksema

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Community Farewell

**AJAMY, DAVID A.**  
Howell, Michigan. The world lost a good man, with the passing of David Ajamy of Howell, MI, on November 17, 2014, at age 66. Before moving to the Howell area 15 years ago, Dave and his family were residents of Milford, MI for 25 years. After his retirement from Oakland County Juvenile Court, he worked as a job coach for Work Skills and Willowbrook Rehabilitation, both of Brighton, MI. Dave was an active participant with Losco Township government and a past board member and volunteer of Recycle Livingston. Dave will be remembered for his positive attitude, good humor and devotion to his family. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Bobbie; daughter, Elizabeth and son in law John London; son James and daughter in law Sandie Ajamy; granddaughters Brianna and Charlotte; brother, Mark (Marion) Ajamy of St. Charles, Ill; mother in law and father in law Phyllis Trondson and Stanley Sinclair; sister in law and brother in law, Bette Jo and Michael Herren; and many long time loving friends. Dave's family and friends gathered at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel, on Saturday, November 22, 2014. In lieu of flowers and in keeping with Dave's lifelong dedication to the welfare of children, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN. Please leave a message to the Ajamy family by calling 1-877-231-7900 or sign the guestbook at [borekjennings.com](http://borekjennings.com)



**ANTUNA, IRIS JOAN**  
Age 79, November 15, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Daniel Antuna, Jr. for 44 years. Loving mother of Richard (Marjory) Antuna, Amy (Gary) Wuerfel, Steven (Teresa) Antuna, Jennifer Antuna, John Antuna, the late David (Carol) Antuna, and the late Ronald Antuna. Proud grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of 6. Sister of Roger Watkins, Dennis Watkins and Adafay Campbell and the late Lindy Watkins, Bruce Watkins, Traver Watkins and sister Dotie Watkins. Iris worked as an X-Ray Technician and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Northville. She was also a proud member of the Senior Citizens of Northville and the Red Hats of Northville. Memorial Service Saturday, November 29th, 2014 at 10:00am at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave, Novi.

**BOURGOIN, MICHAEL J.**  
November 17, 2014, Age 52 of Salem Twp. Care and services were entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, Northville.



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COOLMAN, JEAN

Age 80, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully November 19, 2014. Jean is survived by her husband, Richard A. Coolman; her children, Michael Coolman and Lorie (Bob) Boshoven; and her granddaughter, Elizabeth Boshoven. A Time of Gathering will be held Friday, November 28, 2014 from 10 a.m. until noon with a Memorial Service at noon at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Northville High School Music Boosters. Online condolences at [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)



LEIST, WILLIS C.

Passed away November 6, 2014 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He was born August 28, 1927 in Grand Rapids to William and Ida (Miller) Leist. Beloved husband of Edith (Silvers) Leist. Dear father of Heidi (Mark) Judkins, Brian Leist, and Curtis Leist. Loving brother of Ruth Stiles; sister-in-law Geraldine Leist. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by siblings Mildred Cook, Doris Marvin, Harold Leist, Darold Leist, Arlene Knowlton, Wilma Leist, Kenneth Leist and infant brother Floyd Leist. Laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

LeVANSELER, FREEDA U.

Age 80, Services were held Monday and Tuesday, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

MacDOUGALL, MARY R.

89, longtime resident of Northville, Nov. 19, 2014. Share online condolences at [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)



**MORAN, EDWARD A.**  
Age 81, of Fort Myers, Florida, formerly of Northville, Michigan and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away on November 16, 2014. Ed was the loving husband of Elizabeth (McNamara) for 57 years. The father of Lisa and David Antonelli of Westwood, Massachusetts, Edward and Molly Moran of Canton, Georgia and John and Kelly Moran of Grosse Pointe Park, MI. He was the adored grandfather of David and Katey Antonelli, Alexis, Olivia and Brian Antonelli, Patrick, Jack, Shannon, Sean and Matthew Moran. Ed was the sixth of eight children born to John and Helen Moran on November 19, 1932 in Philadelphia. He is also survived his sister, Mary Hegarty, brothers and sisters-in-law, Carol and Tom Devlin, James and Eleanor McNamara, Elinor and Russell Eggleton and Thomas and Barbara McNamara. Ed was the brother of the late William Moran, Robert Moran, Catherine McDonald, Bernadine Mackey, John Moran and Helen Moran. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, a graduate of Drexel University and a retired loyal employee of the Ford Motor Company. Ed was a true gentleman, a devoted husband, a wonderful father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend. He will be forever remembered and missed by all who loved him. A Mass of Christian Burial will took place on Monday, November 24, 2014 at in Fort Myers. Donations in Ed's memory may be made to Hope Hospice at 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or at <https://donate.hopehcs.org>

MORGAN, LOU ANN

Age 72, passed away November 18, 2014 at home in the care of her loving husband. Lou Ann was born on January 27, 1942 in Northville. She was an avid reader and loved to crochet. She will be remembered for her many years of service at the former South Lyon Library which was located on West Lake Street. Lou Ann was also a lover of all animals. She is survived by her beloved husband, Terrence Morgan; her daughter, Terry (Paul) Williamson and her grandsons, Brian and Eric. Lou Ann was preceded in death by her son, William Morgan in 2013. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 3:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 2:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In memory of Lou Ann, donations may be made to The Humane Society of Huron Valley. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



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# Farmington Players to present ‘Leading Ladies’



JAN CARTWRIGHT  
Leo Clark, played by Keith Firstenberg of Livonia, and Jack Gable, played by Lance Allan of Farmington Hills, dress up as women in the farce, “Leading Ladies.”

The Farmington Players will present *Leading Ladies*, a farce described as a cross between the hit film *Some Like It Hot* and Shakespeare's famous comedy *Twelfth Night*, Nov. 28 through Dec. 20 at the Players Barn Theater, 32332 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

“*Leading Ladies* is about the crazy things we do for love,” said director Tony Targan of West Bloomfield. “Despite our best (or worst) intentions, love can make us behave like fools.”

The show opens Black Friday night. It's a perfect way for families to unwind from holiday shopping and laugh like mad at the antics on the

stage, Targan added.

The comedy focuses on a pair of struggling Shakespearean actors Leo Clark and Jack Gable who wind up dressing as women to try and steal the fortune of a dying millionaire. Their quest begins as they decide to impersonate her nephews and heirs “Max” and “Steve.”

When Clark and Gable discover the nephews are actually nieces, they have no problem transforming to “Maxine” and “Stephanie.”

“It's fun directing a fast-paced farce,” Targan said. “It's like piecing together a rotating, three-dimensional jigsaw puzzle.”

The main two pieces of that

puzzle include Keith Firstenberg of Livonia as Leo/Maxine and Lance Alan of Farmington Hills as Jack/Stephanie. As their characters press on in drag, they fall in love with real women and find themselves frequently switching between their identities as both men and women.

As Ken Ludwig (author of *Leading Ladies*, *Lend Me a Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo*) has written, “There's a bit of the female in all men and a bit of the male in all females; it's just how we're made. To see it emerge full blown like that can be very funny and very joyous.”

The fun only intensifies when the duo discovers that

the dying heiress Florence Snider (Ellen Doman of West Bloomfield) is still clinging to life. Leo falls madly in love with Florence's niece Meg (Emilie Tole of Farmington) who's engaged to the local minister Duncan (Mike Gingerebella of Royal Oak), while Jack meets his dream girl Audrey (Sarah Lovy of Berkley). Jim Snideman of Commerce Township plays Doc, the cantankerous country doctor, and Daniel Tarjef of Southfield plays his son Butch.

*Leading Ladies* is sponsored by Cadillac Travel. Reserved seats are available at [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org) and at the box office, 248-553-2955.

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# HALL OF FAMER SILL IN THE GAME STILL

Farmington Hills bowler shares her expertise by coaching others

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

While her competitive career has faded to legendary status, Aleta Sill continues to make bowling a big part of her life as she impacts the sport in a different way. Once one of the best female bowlers in the world, the Farmington Hills resident's passion is coaching others and teaching them to bowl. Sill started doing that when she was still competing 26 years ago and she has made that her career since retiring from the women's professional tour in 2001.

She and business partner Michelle Mullen, also a former pro bowler, have operated Aleta Sill's Pro Shop at Country Lanes in Farmington and taught lessons there for the last 11 years.

A lot of practice and a lot of help made Sill a 31-time tour winner. She bowled 31 perfect games and is now a member of seven bowling halls of fame.

"That's why we're so passionate here about coaching," she said. "If I didn't have the coaching that I had, I know I would not have been as successful as I was."

"I had coaches from the time I was 12 all the way through my career. In Indy Car racing, you have the pit crew and the driver. I feel like I was the driver, but my pit crew was great. They got me finely tuned and that's why I succeeded. That's with any sport. You'll never play at the highest level if you don't have eyes behind you."



John Stormzand | Staff Photographer  
Hall of Fame bowler turned coach Aleta Sill works with student Aaron Radner of Farmington Hills.

### Gauging success

Seeing young bowlers she has taught put into practice what they've learned and do well is the reward for Sill. That has replaced the competitive fire and is the equivalent of her winning a tournament when she was competing.

"It's the best feeling in the world," Sill said. "When someone I've worked with says they won something or shot a big score, there's nothing like that feeling. It's way better even than my bowling."

"High school bowling is getting bigger every year in Michigan," she added. "We've had a (state) champion just about every year and that's like icing on the cake."

Sill estimates she and Mullen have taught nearly 27,000 bowlers over the last quarter-century.

Young bowlers across the metro area are a large part of their clientele, but they're not limited to a geographic

region.

"We travel and do clinics," Sill said. "We'll go anywhere anybody wants us. Our name is getting out there more and more and we'll go to their centers. We travel all over the state."

### The keys to success

Patience and the willingness to be coached are essential to becoming a good bowler, according to Sill.

"There are times – and it's not just kids, it's adults – when you tell them something and it's uncomfortable, it's 'Well, I can't do that; that doesn't feel right,'" she said. "If you think you're going to take a lesson and all of a sudden go out and shoot 250, a lot of times that doesn't happen, because we have to change muscle memory. It takes time to make a change."

"You might not even bowl well for the first couple weeks," she added. "But when you get it, that's when we're going to get to another level."

Results are not Sill's immediate concern with a new student. She noted they often equate throwing a strike with making a good shot.

"They might miss the head pin to the right and throw it in the gutter and I'll say it's a good shot because I'm not worried about the end result right now," Sill said. "I'm changing a technique."

"It's not so much score-oriented when we're making changes," she added. "We're not worried about score. That's what I have to dispel sometimes to make a change."

### Get a (proper) grip

As part of her work in the pro shop, Sill also applies her years of experience to custom fit a bowling ball to a client's hand and delivery.

"It's an art in itself and essential to the sport," she said. "Our work is to make people understand it's not just three holes in the ball."

"And I've stayed up; I don't rest on my laurels."

"I'm always willing to learn something," she added. "The bowling balls have changed a ton since I was on tour. It's just a matter of the hands you touch and understanding it, all the flexibilities. Once I get a ball on their hands, they see the difference."

"When a grip impairs your swing and we fix it, you can see how much better the swing gets by using less grip pressure."

### No distractions

Surprisingly, Sill's best attribute as a bowler was not her physical game – the actual delivery of the ball – but her mental game, her ability to stay focused.

"I didn't have the best physical game, in my opinion," she said. "But this is what was good (tapping the side of her head). I could beat anybody who had a better physical game, because they didn't have the mental game I did. I could block things out; nothing could disturb me."

"People would always tell me I looked smoothed and everything. When I watched tape, I saw flaws. But I could repeat shots. If you can repeat, that's the name of the game. It's just repetitive motion and I could do that."

Sill is a left-handed, which often put her in the middle of an ongoing controversy in bowling.

"The left side of the lane has much less traffic, so the lefties always got a bad rap," she said. "Right-handers were always complaining about the lefties, because we had it good on our side of the lane."

"If we didn't bowl well, it was because we couldn't adjust. If we did, it was because the lanes were walked up or set up for us."

"My motto was: I'm laughing and taking my

money all the way to the bank. Complain all you want.' That just didn't bother me."

### Early start on tour

Sill joined the ladies pro tour when she graduated from high school in 1980 and won her first tournament the next year.

She struggled in 1982 and wondered if she should stay the course. She did and became the first female bowler to earn \$1 million.

"One of the other bowler's mom gave me this quote and I said it all the time for years and years: 'I am a strong person. I accomplish all my goals with ease. God will take care of the rest for me,'" Sill said. "That year I won my first Queens title, which was a big paycheck in 1983 at \$25,000. I was runner-up for Bowler of the Year. From then on, my career was pretty good."

"The last year was the worst year I ever bowled and it just soured me from bowling, period. I've never gotten it back."

Nowadays, Sill's bowling is limited to three games a week in league play during the winter months.

"It's just a fun league," she said. "I get out to socialize with my friends. Companies send balls and I test them to see what's good for in here. That's basically it."

Her favorite pastime will always be bowling and coaching affords her a means of staying involved.

"People just don't respect bowling enough," she said. "They don't think they need help. They think it's an easy sport and it's not."

"Can you imagine an Olympic athlete trying to do it on his own? It's impossible. Why should people think any different of bowling?"

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OUR VIEWS

# Shop local on Small Business Saturday

## National shopping initiative helps keep money in local economy

Purists will stay home Thanksgiving evening to savor time spent with family and enjoy a second helping of dessert, but many folks will clear the table, grab their coats and head out to the malls and major retailers for an early start of Black Friday.

Those who prefer to avoid the frenzy and the crowds have Cyber Monday, the digital equivalent to Black Friday, to do their shopping with a click of a mouse.

But in between what have become the powerhouse shopping days of the year is Small Business Saturday, a national initiative to support local businesses which create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods around the country.

Created by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year. First observed on Nov. 27, 2010, it's a counterpart to Black Fri-



day and Cyber Monday.

Small Business Saturday encourages holiday shoppers to patronize brick and mortar businesses that are small and local. And with good reason. According to Forbes, there are almost 28 million small businesses in the U.S.

More than 50 percent of the working population – 120 million individuals – works in small businesses which have generated more than 65 percent of the net new jobs since 1995.

Approximately 543,000 new businesses get started each month. Seven out of 10 new employer firms survive at least two years, half at least five years, a third at least 10 years and a quarter stay in business 15 years or more.

Keeping small businesses alive and healthy is important to local communities. Last year, millions of Americans shopped at independently-owned small businesses on Small Business Saturday, spending \$5.7 billion that day, 4 percent higher than the \$5.5 billion spent in 2012.

When small businesses are strong and growing, communities are strong and growing. Statistics show that for every \$100 you spend locally, \$66 stays in the local community. That means your dollars are helping to build parks,

libraries and improve fire and police departments.

Small businesses have been the backbone of this country from its inception. Dry goods stores and millinery shops may have changed over the years but the services they provide are still as important today as they were back then.

Communities like Wayne, Plymouth, Milford, Northville and Birmingham have downtowns filled with small shops, while newer communities like Westland, Novi and Southfield have created shopping districts that are anchored by regional malls. In all instances, the variety of goods and services rival what's available in big box stores and online this holiday season.

By all means, do your shopping on Thanksgiving evening, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but save some money for Small Business Saturday. Think local, and support Small Business Saturday.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Fossil fuel response

The recent letter from Jean Gramlich of the Sierra Club is quite interesting.

She talks about the dirty, nasty fossil fuels and nuclear energy and how they are hurting the planet.

Later on in the letter she states, "Our state has a rich manufacturing history and the infrastructure in place to be a leader in renewable energy generation which will create 44,000 jobs in our state, stabilize long-term energy prices, decrease our dependence on fossil fuels and mitigate our impact on the climate for this and future generations."

Does Ms. Gramlich think wind will generate enough energy to manufacture these windmills and solar panels? Does she believe that the materials used to manufacture these products will just magically appear? What will we use to provide the energy to operate the plants to provide the energy to power our electric vehicles?

Like Henry David Thoreau, Ms. Gramlich is an idealist with unrealistic goals. Perhaps she is just ahead of her time.

John Hicks  
New Hudson

#### Constitution states powers

Please call and write your U.S. senators and congressman and request that they vote to sue and impeach President Obama on grounds of over-reaching his authority as president. Mr. Obama was elected president, not dictator or king. He says that the Constitution gives him power to "go it alone."

I can tell you where the Constitution says the president does not have that power:

Article 1 Section 8 defines ("enumerates") all of the powers that the federal government, including the president or Congress, has. The 10th Amendment then says that if a power is not enumerated in Article 1 Section 8, the federal government does not have that power. Any power not expressly enumerated in the Article 1 section 8 does not belong to the federal government, but is reserved to the States and the people." "Executive orders" which is what

Obama is using to bypass both Congress and the will of the American people, are not an enumerated power granted to the Federal Government, (including the president) by the Constitution. In fact, the term "executive order" is not used anywhere in the Constitution. If the president can pass laws by writing an executive order, then Congress serves no useful purpose and should be eliminated at great savings to taxpayers..

Gerald N. Wiggins  
South Lyon

#### Get involved now

Money won the mid-term elections; plutocracy reigns. Citizens who voted but disagreed with such tactics as gerrymandering, suppression of voting as well as false assertions and negative ads must become involved to help restore democracy. Grassroots efforts are needed. They are successful.

In Michigan, pay attention to the attempts by GOP legislators to affect the 2016 presidential election by tampering with the electoral college. Too, they will continue to try to defeat unions.

In Congress vs. President Obama, be aware of immigration reform. Preceding presidents, including Republicans, have pioneered and championed this cause. Other presidents have used executive powers when needed.

Democrats and Independents must voice and be proud of President Obama's fine achievements. Sadly, they were not stressed during the mid-terms. President Obama is praised in other countries despite the difference in his ethnicity and background. It is too bad he is not appreciated in the U. S. as he should be.

Hannah Provenge  
Donigan  
Commerce

#### Protect our rights

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

The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution is non-negotiable. It protects Americans from being searched by the government without a warrant and for good

reason. Before independence, American colonists were subject to "general warrants" by the British government. The king's agents could search anyone whenever they felt like it, without suspicion of any wrongdoing.

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

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

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

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

Matthew Webb  
Westland

#### Take sub-machine guns from bureaucrats

I object to the premise that bureaucrats need to be armed, especially with firepower that exceeds common reason. These untrained personnel have not been trained nor authorized to use

weapons against the citizens of this state.

Even worse, is that bureaucrats are beholden to special interest groups that seek to criminalize the rights of the general public.

This smacks of the Nazi regime of the 1930s. History is repeating itself. And not in a good way.

Pointing out the foibles of politicians is akin to a perceived anarchy. We, as a free people, need to expose the abuses of those currently sitting in power. Of course, standing up for one's right will ultimately incur the wrath of paid-off judges and other politicians who have been bought and paid for by corporate interests.

Just look at the financial backing of those running for office in this election cycle. Follow the money, then ask who benefits from the financial contributions.

Randy Zeilinger  
Garden City

#### Being flooded

I am very curious as to how these children manage to make it to the U.S. It is a grueling journey and I can't believe that a 6-year-old could make this trip on his/her own. My son, who resides in Guatemala, says there is little or no information on this there.

It seems that suddenly our country is being flooded with these children and I do not understand how this has come to be the case. Any information you are able to provide would be of interest to the community, I'm certain.

I am deeply opposed to being financially responsible for illegal immigrants when so many

citizens are desperate for help and the constant refrain from various agencies is that they lack the financial resources. Something seems to be very wrong when resources can be found for non-U.S. citizens, but not for U.S. citizens. In the end, all the money comes from the U.S. taxpayer.

Lynn Markowitz  
Farmington Hills

#### Education 'reform' a disaster

Let me see if I've got this right.

Milwaukee has had vouchers for 23 years and the United States Department of Education ranks them among the very worst urban schools in the country.

Sweden has had privatization and choice for 30 years. They rank below the United States on international testing and are in the process of changing to a public school system.

Chile was schooled in vouchers and choice by none other than Milton Freidman, the father of choice and vouchers. They are no longer financing private schools with public money.

Both "No Child Left Behind" and "Race to the Top" have been abject failures. Yet, *Detroit News* columnist Ingrid Jacques, in the face of charter school failure nationwide, wants more choice and vouchers.

Oh yes. On a recent international test that measured creativity and critical thinking, U.S. public schools did better than average.

What passes for "reform" in this country is an unmitigated disaster. For too long, we have listened to corporatists, who wish to profit

through privatization of American schools and a few wealthy and well-intentioned citizens who are unschooled in child development and how children learn (Bill Gates and Eli Broad). We need to look for improvement by emulating our high-performing schools (Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut) and Finland, a top performing nation that is subjected to standardized testing a grand total of once in the educational life of a student.

Al Churchill  
Livonia

#### Political malpractice

President Barack Obama spends a lot of his time these days (when he is not playing golf) making partisan political speeches and attending Democrat fundraisers.

Obama's favorite political ploy is to blame House Republicans for failing to pass anything significant — therefore, he has to take things into his own hands and, in effect, write his own laws to get things done (ignoring the constitution, of course).

This is just a scam and an unparalleled political power grab.

Here are some facts to consider. At the present time, there are more than 350 bills that passed the House of Representatives and are piled up on Harry Reid's desk waiting for a Senate vote (which Reid will not allow). 98 percent of those bills passed with bi-partisan support; 31 of those bills were written by Democrats.

Reid, the Democrat Senate Majority Leader,

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### COMMUNITY VOICE

## Do you think stores should be open Thanksgiving Day for shopping or should they wait until Friday?

This question was asked at the Novi Public Library and in downtown Northville.



"They shouldn't be open. It's a national holiday for people to spend with their families. There's always time for shopping the next month."

Ted Arnold  
Northville Township



"I think they can be open, but maybe close earlier than usual so people can get home to their families."

Ross Bass  
Northville



"No, they should not be open. It's a day for family."

Jan Burpee  
Novi



"They definitely should not be open. It's a day for family time and employees need a break."

Colleen Crossey  
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is working closely with Obama to ensure nothing meaningful passes the Congress this term so that President Obama can blame the “do-nothing Republicans” and therefore make up his own laws.

Moreover, Reid knows that many of these bills would pass the Senate if he allowed a vote. At least 2/3 of these bills had at least 2/3 of the entire House of Representatives behind them. Bills that almost certainly would pass the Senate with big majorities would allow the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, repeal the onerous medical device tax that no one likes, and toughen the sanctions against Iran.

Obama and Reid do not want these bills to be passed for their own political purposes — forget what is best for America. Unfortunately, many Americans are unaware about what is really going on because the Obama-supporting mainstream media refuses to report these facts.

The only immediate solution for the American people is to elect a Republican majority in the Senate in the 2014 elections and remove Harry Reid from his obstructionist role. Then Obama will have to either sign or veto all the bills that will then be coming out of Congress, and his political scam will be over.

Randy Kniebes  
Brighton

Tripoli evacuated

Our embassy in Tripoli, Libya, protected by 80 well-armed Marines, was closed and all personnel evacuated because of the threat of terrorist attacks. If only Hillary Clinton and the president had listened to Ambassador Christopher Stevens' pleas for help in the face of similar threats in Benghazi, he and three others would be alive today.

With seniors on fixed and diminishing incomes thanks to virtual zero-percent interest rates subsidizing government debt and Wall Street profits, the president's promise that electricity rates will “necessarily skyrocket” will put quite a damper on the golder years.

Will there come a day when the president speaks in public without mocking or ridiculing something or someone?

What's up with this “fundamental transformation” the president promised? I haven't heard any details. How about you? What will a transformed America look like? Will we like what we see? Without knowing the plan, how will we know when they've finished the job? Should we keep voting for the people doing it not knowing what we're going to get? So many common sense questions that haven't been answered. That alone says a lot.

McDonald's has started instructing its employees to stop asking if a Happy Meal is for a boy or a girl to determine the toy they get. The move could be a first step in Michigan to push for something like California Assembly Bill 1266 allowing biological boys/girls who see themselves as the opposite sex to have open access to opposite sex bathrooms, showers, clubs and sports teams.

Jack Belisle  
South Lyon

Return service

The breach of security at the White House has been unacceptable to anyone. It does not matter who is president. This must be remedied before another tragedy. There has been one President shot at, one actually shot and eight presidents murdered in our history.

The mission of the Secret Service is protec-

tion of the President and first family. Julia Peterson, director of the Secret Service, resigned last week. The problem in the Secret Service goes much deeper than Peterson.

One prevailing issue, not mentioned by the partisan alarmist and talking heads, is the fact former President Bush removed the service from the Treasury Department where it had been for over 150 years. He then transferred the service to his newly created the Department

of Homeland Security. Since this transfer, the Secret Service has lost its identity, mission and professionalism as well as being chronically understaffed.

Yes, the service currently is not functional and they only have to get it wrong one time and someone is dead. Instead of the usual Congressional investigations, blue ribbon committees and traditional Washington finger pointing, return the Secret Service to the Department of Treasury where it will not be lost

in the vast bureaucracy of the homeland security department.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

Who's suing whom?

I read where Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives have voted to sue President Obama.

You know, there may be some merit to that. After all, the president gave millions of our fellow citizens the Ebola virus. Oh, wait, that's wrong. He gave millions of our people health

insurance. So scratch that.

All right, let's see what else they can sue him for. How about him pushing to make sure our auto industry didn't survive; he wanted our unemployed neighbors to lose benefits; he wanted college students to pay more for loans; he stalled the job and highway bills and, uh-oh, I have been informed that our president fought against all of those and it was the suers who own them. Now what? OK, he certainly

signed on to give billionaires lower taxes, allow corporate leaders to hide profits and ship jobs overseas, right? Nope, once again his suers are behind those actions.

Well, I guess I'll see if I can sue the right-wingers and Tea Partiers in the U.S. House on behalf of all the sane people in this country that have been harmed. Also, gross incompetency and pandering for the rich should be included in the suit.

James Huddleston  
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# It's an empty feeling to be homeless

Children forced to sleep outside? That's cold. Today is Thanksgiving, yet across Michigan, far too many people are curled up inside cardboard boxes, worldly possessions on their backs, as they attempt survival on the night's mean streets.

Last week, I experienced – for just one night – the agony, the agony of being homeless. It was cold that night – 7 degrees. I did it as part of Covenant House Michigan's ([www.covenanthousemi.org](http://www.covenanthousemi.org)) mission to raise awareness and funds to help youth homelessness.

Covenant House, a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides hope to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth ages 13-22, offers more than shelter. With its educational and vocational programs – it offers hope and pathways to success.

The “sleep-out” event was co-chaired by Sue Snyder, Michigan's first lady, and Jacqueline Wilson, first lady of Wayne State University.

Since its inception in 1997, Covenant House has served more than 54,000 youth, helping re-direct them onto a path toward meaningful and successful adulthood.

Many friends and neighbors helped me raise more than \$13,000 as a portion of the \$250,000 raised to help people who are homeless.

### Lessons learned

Memories of my being out for that one night: aches and pains and a bad cold. The human body is not meant to sleep on cold cement. It was difficult to be productive the following day without a hot shower and a comfortable night's sleep. Yet this was an experiment – a single night in a controlled, safe environment.

I can't even begin to imagine the fear, loneliness, isolation and trepidation if this



A sign of the times.

was your reality night after night, struggling to survive day after day.

It was an uncomfortable night, even though we were prepared with insulated boots, long underwear, gloves, winter hats and a coat that turned into a sleeping bag – produced by a formerly homeless woman. ([www.empowermentplan.org/](http://www.empowermentplan.org/)).

Hard to imagine youth on our streets, lucky to have a flimsy jacket, a pair of Nikes and a baseball cap as their survival gear.

The physical discomfort also came with mental discomfort. Before we hit the street for the night, we shared dinner and a candlelight vigil with homeless youth who are nurtured, educated and sheltered by Covenant House. We heard stories of hurt, pain, substance abuse, violence, neglect and abuse speckled with hope, courage, perseverance, friendship and love. We learned there are multiple paths into and out of homelessness to hope and success.

Today there are more than 86,000 people who are homeless in Michigan. The reasons are myriad and include:

- » lack of affordable housing
- » inability to make a living

wage

- » mental health issues
- » domestic abuse
- » poor educational attainment and lack of marketable job skills
- » prevalence of drugs, violence and gangs
- » an average income of a homeless Michigan family just \$730 per month ([www.thecampaigntoend-homelessness.org/](http://www.thecampaigntoend-homelessness.org/))

More than 600,000 people are homeless in the U.S. on any given night. Most (65 percent) were living in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs and 35 percent were living in non-sheltered locations.

Nearly one-quarter of all homeless people are children under the age of 18, one in 10 are ages 18-24 and two-thirds (67 percent) are 25 years or older, according to [www.hudexchange.info](http://www.hudexchange.info).

### Give thanks

The need is great.

There was no better reason to give thanks the next morning than waking up in my box – cold, disoriented but knowing my ordeal was over.

Today is Thanksgiving. A time to give thanks. I awoke after one night in a cardboard box, humbled and full of gratitude for all I have. To those to whom much is given, much is expected.

So hug your family, give thanks and give back.

Your generous donation of time or money will help provide shelter, food, clothing and educational and vocational programs to persons who are homeless.

Our children are a smaller part of our population, but 100 percent of our collective futures.

*Tom Watkins, a Northville resident, is a former state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. He is the president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority ([www.dwmha.com](http://www.dwmha.com)).*

### OUR VIEW

## Enjoy face time with an extra plate at the Thanksgiving table

All the hubbub about shopping and Thanksgiving Day isn't new to the holiday.

While this year some retailers are promoting special hours for early shoppers on Thanksgiving, others are declining what appears to be a growing trend. With a favorable response from buyers in prior years to opening on Thanksgiving, more retailers are responding by opening on the holiday or increasing the number of hours they are open. The enticement, of course, are special deals.

The enticement back in 1939 for President Franklin D. Roosevelt was not necessarily special deals, but the need to kick-start the shopping season – and the U.S. economy – by changing the date for Thanksgiving to the second to last Thursday in November.

That lasted until 1941; since 1942, the holiday has been celebrated the last Thursday of November, a date set by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Maybe we should be thankful that there is a Thanksgiving Day at all. The pilgrims had a pretty tough time their first winter in Plymouth, with more than half dying, according to various online websites. They could have been wiped out, if it weren't for the Wampanoag Indians, who traded their food in exchange for defense against rival Indian tribes.

That first Thanksgiving in 1621 reportedly featured a lot different menu – no cranberries nor potatoes, for instance, but plenty of seafood – than today's feast.

What was the same was that the pilgrims had guests over, namely the Indians, and that it was a celebration to mark the pilgrims' first autumn harvest.

Those traditions continue today, as families pull up extra chairs and put a “leaf” or two in the table to extend its length and accommodate guests and special dishes, though not quite the five deer that the Indians

brought to the original feast.

What has become tenuous for this holiday is the part about giving thanks and, for some families, that there is a Thanksgiving dinner at all. In this economy, even if you do have a job, it likely pays less or you are underemployed, meaning maybe not working full time or working at a low-paying job.

Enter Scary Mommy Nation. No, this is not some video left over from Halloween, it is a 501(c)3 charitable online organization that arose out of the concern of some mothers who worried that they would not be able to put much of anything on their Thanksgiving tables.

The result is that in just a few years, through online donations, the group has helped about 4,500 families survive Thanksgiving. Now that's talking turkey.

The number of those who could use some help, whether through a local church pantry or the more comprehensive Forgotten Harvest, can be overwhelming. But as Mother Teresa said, “If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

This Thanksgiving, there are families and individuals in our hometowns who would consider it a really big deal of a different sort to have a hot meal.

There is still time to make a donation to that food pantry or to extend an invitation to a neighbor to join in the family fare. There is always room for one more plate.

Thanksgiving continues to evolve. Most of the food we eat we have not grown or raised ourselves, but the constant – and real point – of Thanksgiving is a celebration that involves family and friends.

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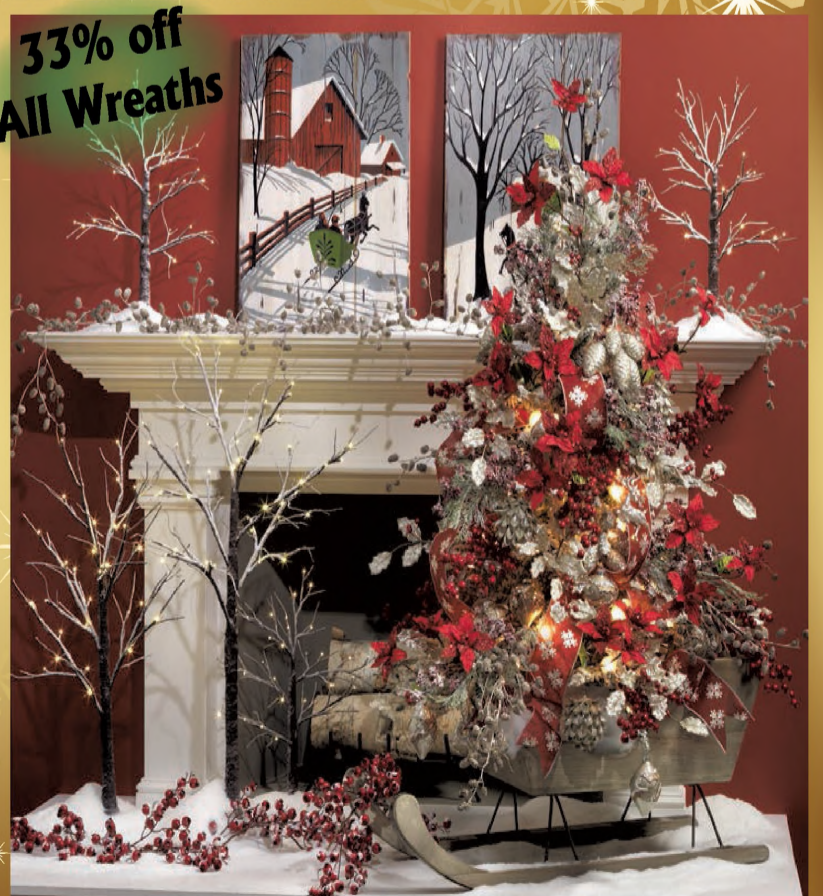
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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Novi's title quest blocked by Romeo

Milana's 29 kills denies  
Wildcats in Class A finalBy Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Jen Cottrill described her team as "relentless and fearless" and that was once again on display in Saturday's MHSAA Class A volleyball final at noisy Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

And although it battled from down two sets for the second straight day, Novi came up just short this time as Romeo, led by Gia Milana's match-best 29 kills, survived a tense five-set thriller to capture its first state title, 25-23, 25-22, 14-25, 27-25, 15-9.

Novi, which finished its best season in school history at 54-6-1, nearly duplicated its stirring semifinal comeback from Friday, when the Wildcats rallied from two sets down to stun Grand Haven.

But Milana, a 6-foot-1 junior committed to Maryland, asserted her authority in the final set as she came up with six kills, including championship point.

"That's pretty miraculous to do in the first place, at this point, at this place in the state tournament ... twice is a lot to ask," Cottrill said of the back-to-back comebacks. "(Milana) came back in the front row at the end ... she's a great player, a phenomenal player. We don't have a lot of height and she's hitting the ball pretty high. We made some errors in the fifth set, too. But I'm proud of them. For a team to come back being down 2-0 two matches, in the state semis and finals, speaks a lot about their character."

Cottrill tried to make defensive adjustments on the fly, but it seemed Milana was able find the floor enough times despite making 14 hitting miscues.

"The third set, she made a lot of errors and that allowed us to get some easy points to give us some momentum," Cottrill said, "but in the end she was just hitting around our block, hitting over our block and that's pretty tough to defend. It was that and, coupled with our errors, especially the fifth set."

Novi senior libero Jordan Massab paced Novi's pesky defense with 23 digs.

"(Massab) played really well," Cottrill said. "Serve-serve is what she struggled with at times during the season. She was awesome tonight. She knew a lot of balls were

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With heavy hearts, Novi players applaud state champion Romeo after falling in five sets in the Class A volleyball final at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. Emily Robinson (center) holds the state runner-up trophy.

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Wildcats stormed by Bucs in semifinals



Novi senior libero Jordan Massab (front) makes the dig in Friday's semifinal victory over Grand Haven in front of teammate Paulina Iacobelli.

TOM HAWLEY

Five-set win placed Novi  
in first-ever Class A finalBy Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

It's still the middle of hunting season and the Novi volleyball team is closing in on the big game.

The Wildcats, making their first Class A semifinal appearance since 2007, earned a spot in Saturday's championship final for the first time in school history with a stirring come-from-behind, 18-25, 20-25, 26-24, 25-20, 15-12 victory Friday night over Grand Haven at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

In the other Friday semifinal, Romeo (44-8-1) dominated Temperance Bedford (71-6-2) in straight sets, 25-14, 25-23, 25-9, to set up Saturday's championship final.

Novi, which improved to 54-5-1 overall, appeared to be

heading home early after Grand Haven (53-9), featuring four players standing 6 feet or better, dominated the first two sets.

But in the third, the Wildcats were able to stay alive, taking the fourth set and closing it out in the fifth despite trailing 4-1 at the outset as junior outside hitter Paulina Iacobelli recorded the game-winning kill, her team-best 21st of the match, to seal the victory.

Ironically, it was the first time all season that Novi had been down in a match 0-2.

"I don't think we've been ever down 0-1," Novi third-year coach Jen Cottrill said. "I think we've always won the first set every match. A lot of character, a lot of fight. We work on it in practice, we do a lot of competition in practice to challenge us, to work and fight and have grit, grind it

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## GIRLS SWIMMING

## Mustangs' Westphal repeats as state champion

Northville places ninth  
at MHSAA Division 1 meetBy Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

There was no sophomore jinx this season for Northville's Laura Westphal.

The 10th-grader successfully defended her Division 1 state title in the 500-yard freestyle with a clocking of 4:54.46 at the MHSAA girls swimming and diving finals held Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Westphal, who captured the

title as a freshman with a time of 4:57.84, posted the top time in Friday's prelims (4:58.42) and was able to overhaul Saline's Alex McPherson (4:55.25) and Farmington Hills Mercy's Elyse Conn (4:57.89) in the final.

"We knew it was going to be a little closer than last year," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "She was actually in second place for most of the race. She has a great finish, though, and with about a 100 left she started to pull away. I knew they wouldn't be able to catch her after that. Her time was the 14th fastest in state meet



Westphal

Saline edged Mercy for the team title, 267.5-262, while Rockford took third with 202.5.

The Northville sophomore added a third in the 200 freestyle in 1:51.62, with Waterford Unified's Maddie Wright taking first in 1:49.30.

"Laura had a great meet,"

history."

Westphal also figured prominently in three other events for the Mustangs, who placed ninth in the team standings with 102 points.

McNeff said. "We decided to put her in the 200 freestyle instead of the 200 IM. We felt she could score more points that way. She was seeded 27th in prelims, so she really had to have a great swim to move up and she did. Getting third in that race was pretty impressive."

Westphal also teamed with Kelsey Macaddino, Alissa Moore and Gillian Zayan for fourth in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:38.55 (after going 1:37.89 in the prelims). Rockford won the race in 1:35.88.

And the foursome of Macaddino, Zayan, Nicki Pumper and

Westphal placed sixth in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:33.90 after posting a time of 3:32.11 in the prelims.

Maccaddino, another sophomore, went 57.85 to finish 11th in the 100 butterfly (after going 57.36 in prelims). Moore, a junior, added a 14th in the 500 freestyle (5:11.61).

"We didn't have our best state meet performance, but finishing in ninth place isn't anything to be upset about," McNeff said. "We are still a pretty young team, so we still have some time to accomplish

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GIRLS BASKETBALL  
CAPSULE OUTLOOK



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Katie Kalass (left) and Christina Minna are two of Northville's returning seniors.

**NOVI**  
**Head coach:** Bill Kelp, 12th season.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year's overall record:** 16-5.  
**Titles won last year:** KLAAs Central Division.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Kerri McMahan (all-state), Taylor Pavlika, Kristen Schubring, Dina Fawaz.  
**Leading returnees:** Alex Felice (captain), 5-10 Sr. F.; Kelsey Miller (captain), 5-7 Sr. G.; Jenna Lowney (captain), 5-7 Sr. G.; Allie Lipson, 5-11 Jr. C.  
**Promising newcomers:** Ellie Mackay, 5-6 Fr. PG; Emmy Robinson, 5-9 Soph. C.; Julia Lalain, 5-7 Fr. F.  
**Kelp's 2014-15 outlook:** "We're young, young, young ... with probably half of our team freshmen and sophomores. We only have four returners with varsity experience and we're still waiting on two volleyball girls (Robinson and Lalain). We're young and inexperienced. How fast they learn and develop will be the big question."

**NORTHVILLE**  
**Head coach:** Todd Gudith, seventh season.  
**League affiliation:** KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year's overall record:** 15-6.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Heather Randall, Gabby Mencotti, Anna Giacomini.  
**Leading returnees:** Emily Maresh, 5-11 Sr. C. (6.9 ppg, 5.7 rebs.); Jessica Moorman, 5-11 soph. G. (6.4 ppg, 3.8 rebs.); Katie Kalass (captain), 5-7 Sr. G-F; Christina Minna (captain), 5-5 Sr. C.; Lindsey Rathsburg, 5-11 Jr. C-F; Bryce Quick, 5-11, 5-11 Soph. F-C; Brook Adams, 6-0 Soph. F.  
**Promising newcomers:** Mariah Modkins, 5-2 Fr. PG; Roan Haines, 5-7 Fr. G; Kendall Dillon, 5-5 Fr. G.  
**Gudith's 2014-15 outlook:** "Even though we graduated our top two scorers (Randall and

Mencotti), we return out next two (Maresh and Moorman). Our senior class last year were terrific leaders and helped us generate good team chemistry. We will be counting on this year's senior class and team captains (Maresh, Kalass and Minna) to do the same. Our lone junior, Lindsey Rathsburg, is back after suffering a season-ending shoulder surgery in early January. She will be needed to help shore up the defense. Even though we're young, all three sophomores (Moorman, Quick, Adams) played on the varsity last season and bring back experience and they'll be counted on to take the next step forward. Brook (Adams) has probably shown the most improvement since last season and has grown more confident in her scoring ability."

**FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN**  
**Head coach:** Tiffany Butler, second season.  
**League affiliation:** Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).  
**Last year's overall record:** 13-9.  
**Titles won last season:** Class D district.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Kristen Massey (all-state), Delani Giltner, Adrian Hicks.  
**Leading returnees:** Reagan Mumford, 5-11 Soph. F.; Hannah Rayburn, 5-6 Jr. G; Danielle Fusco, 5-5 Soph. G; Katherine Larabell, 5-5 Sr. G.  
**Promising newcomers:** Rachel Bause, 6-0 Fr. C; Alexis Johnson, 5-10, eighth-grade F.  
**Butler's 2014-15 outlook:** "With the loss of our all-state point guard, Kristen Massey, we are trying to find a new identity. We are a very young, but this young group has a lot of potential. We have only one senior on the team, Katherine Larabell, and one junior from last year's varsity team, Hannah Rayburn. These two have stepped up taking on the leadership role for our young team. We will definitely be a different team than we have been the past few seasons. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful season."

GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

# Area hoop teams anticipate start of 2014-15 campaign

Novi, Northville, Franklin Road in rebuilding mode

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

With the tip-off of the 2014-15 girls basketball season just right around the corner, Novi coach Bill Kelp hopes his young squad can adapt quickly on the fly in time for its season opener.

The defending KLAAs Central Division champs, who finished 16-5 a year ago, lost four starters to graduation, including all-state point guard Kerri McMahan, who is averaging 11 points per game for 3-0 University of Akron.

The Wildcats' lone returning starter is 5-foot-10 senior Alex Felice, who is joined by three other varsity returnees, including Kelsey Miller and Jenna Lowney, a pair of 5-7 senior guards, and 5-11 junior center Allie Lipson.

"The weakness is that we're young and inexperienced, so it's trying to catch the younger girls up," Kelp said. "We have volleyball girls (Emmy Robinson and Julia Lalain) in the (state tournament) run, which is a good thing, but we're also waiting to see those kids to see where we're at."

"I think the strength is that the young kids are learning quickly and they're open to learning and our seniors are setting a good example for them to pick up things quickly."

The Wildcats will launch their season Friday, Dec. 5, at home against Hazel Park, which is coached by one of Kelp's former players,



BRAD EMONS

Novi girls basketball will be led by seniors (from left) Kelsey Miller, Alex Felice and Jenna Lowney.

Jessica Haggerty. "She played for me my first two years as the women's coach and then came back and coached with me for a year," said Kelp, now in his 12th varsity season. "She is a teacher at Grosse Pointe South, but just got the head coaching job at Hazel Park this last summer."

Meanwhile, Northville (15-6) lost four starters to graduation, including leading scorers Heather Randall and Gabby Mencotti.

Emily Maresh, a 5-11 senior center, and Jessica Moorman, a 5-11 sophomore guard, are the Mustangs' most experienced returnees as they combined for 12.9 points and 9.5 rebounds per game a year ago.

"We have the ability this season to not have to count on just one or two players to carry the load offensively," said Northville coach Todd Gudith, whose team opens its season Friday, Dec. 5, at Dearborn. "But ultimately how we play on defense will determine how successful we are."

Gudith is giving the keys to the Mustangs' car this season to Mariah Modkins, a 5-2 freshman point guard.

"Though just a freshman, she possesses a high basketball IQ," Gudith said. "Our other freshmen, Roan Haines and Kendall Dixon, bring

athleticism to the group."

The KLAAs Central race could be up for grabs this season.

"Within the division, Salem looks like the best team with their top two players returning and a nice incoming group," Gudith said. "South Lyon East has the best player back in senior and Central Michigan signee Gabby Bird."

"Novi graduated a lot, but they are the defending division champs and I know that they will field another strong team.

(Livonia) Stevenson will bring in a lot of new players as well from a very good JV team last year. South Lyon has a new coach and it will probably take some time before they get accustomed to their new system. I think we are right in the conversation as one of the teams to battle it out in the division race."

Novi Franklin Road Christian (13-9), coming off its first Class D district title in school history, will certainly miss all-state senior guard Kristen Massey (now at Malone University). The 5-6 guard averaged 29.7 points per game and owns school records in scoring, rebounding and steals as well as the MHSAA record for number of free throws made in a season (213).

The Warriors, who play in the Blue Division of the Michigan Indepen-

dent Athletic Conference, hope to get a boost from 5-11 sophomore forward Reagan Mumford, 5-6 junior guard Hannah Rayburn, 5-5 sophomore guard Danielle Fusco and 5-5 senior guard Katherine Larabell.

Second-year coach Tiffany Butler will also rely on 6-0 freshman center Rachel Bause, along with 5-10 forward Alexis Johnson, the youngest varsity player in the area as an eighth-grader.

Franklin Road opens its season Tuesday, Dec. 2, at home against Livonia Clarenceville.

"We will definitely be a different team than we have been the past few seasons," Butler said. "We are looking forward to an exciting and successful season."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**

Clarenceville at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 4**

Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 5**

Hazel Park at Novi, 7 p.m.

Northville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.

**BOYS HOCKEY**

**Saturday, Nov. 29**

Novi vs. Utica Eisenhower at Novi Ice Arena, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**

Detroit CC vs. Trenton at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Novi vs. Plymouth at Arctic Edge, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 5**

Northville at Trav City West, 7 p.m.

Detroit CC at O.L. St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

Novi vs. South Lyon Unified at Kensington Valley I.H., 3:30 p.m.

Detroit CC vs. O.L. St. Mary's at Compuware Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Northville at Bay Area, TBA.

**GIRLS HOCKEY**

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

Northville vs. Grosse Pte. South at G.P. Community Ice, 6 p.m.

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## Mencer named all-MIAA

Kalamazoo College senior defensive lineman Alan Mencer (Novi) was recently named to the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team in football. In 10 games for the Hornets, who finished 2-8 overall and 2-4 in the MIAA, the 6-foot-2, 235-pound Mencer wound up with 26 solo tackles and 23 assists, including 15.5

tackles for loss (for 52 yards) and 4.5 sacks.

In 2012, Mencer earned all-MIAA first team honors, highlighted by a 98-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown against Albion College.

In 2011, he had a career-best 11 tackles in a game against Olivet College.

## Novi youth sports

Winter boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball league registration is being offered through Friday, Dec. 12, at the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. The cost is \$95 (resi-

dents) and \$114 (non-residents). An additional \$20 jersey fee is applicable to those who did not participate during the fall season.

Basketball leagues are available for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade, while girls volleyball is first through eighth grades. League play has been extended to eight games, with practices beginning Jan. 5 and games starting Jan. 17. Practices and games will be held at Novi Community Schools. Volunteer coaches are also needed.

For more information, go to [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or call 248-347-0400.

## Request for Proposals City of Northville

### ALLEN DRIVE SANITARY SEWER MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received in the City of Northville, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **December 18, 2014** for professional services on the "**ALLEN DRIVE SANITARY SEWER MODIFICATIONS PROJECT**". A Professional Consultant is being sought to undertake the final design and construction management phases of sanitary sewer modifications on Allen Drive in the City of Northville.

A Request for Proposals document may be obtained by calling the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The selected Consultant will be expected to comply with all regulations specified in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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

James P. Gallogly  
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## CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #11-03-14Z

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 11-03-14Z for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amends Article 21 Signs, Section 21.01 Sign Regulations as it pertains to LED and electronic changeable copy signs. The intent of the changes is to clarify current regulations and specifically state that LED signs, electronic changeable copy signs, digital message centers, and illuminated channel letters are prohibited in the Historic District. The regulations also state that the Historic District Commission does not have the authority to approve these signs except in cases where they are historically compatible.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on November 3, 2014 and was adopted by the City Council on November 17, 2014. The ordinance shall become effective on December 5, 2014. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

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## NOVI

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going to come her way from (Milana) and I thought she dug a lot of balls and had some nice touches. I'm proud of her."

Jodie Kelly and Lauren Korth added 13 and 11 kills, respectively, for Romeo, which finished 45-8-1 (including a pair of losses to the Wildcats in the Birmingham Seaholm tournament).

Korth, the setter, also had 43 assist-to-kills, while Katherine Betzing paced Romeo's defense with 20 digs.

Victoria Iacobelli, one half of the potent 5-foot-9 junior outside hitting twins for the Wildcats, finished with a team-best 19 kills, while sister Paulina added 14 kills.

Sophomore Alyssa Cummings, who came on strong in the third and fourth sets, also had 14 kills. Freshman setter Erin O'Leary finished with 47 assists, while senior DS Jennifer Kulie recorded 11 digs.

"They were just an amazing team," Milana said. "They fought. We knew they were going to come back and fight and they did. We had to fight back. We just said, 'Games to five, games to five, 10 and 15.' That's all we had to do. We worked our butts off and we got it done."

When Victoria Iacobelli got hot on the offensive side in the third set with six kills and two blocks, the Wildcats seemed to carry the momentum into the fourth set, which was nip-and-tuck all the way.

Victoria recorded two big kills late, making it 25-24 and 26-25, in the fourth set. A Romeo violation forced the fifth and deciding set.

"I was thinking, 'We got this,'" Massab said. "I wanted it, nothing more. I wanted it so bad. That's all we could say, 'We got this. This is our game.'"

But Milana came through in the final set as the Bulldogs raced out to a 7-2 advantage and never let Novi get closer than two (8-6).

"We tried to move our block in more on her because she kept hitting a hard cross, so we wanted to force her hit line," Massab (5-4) said of Milana (6-1). "She's just a really, really talented player because she can move the ball around so well. And I think she shows a lot of leadership with her team. They played really well."

Cottrill also agreed that Milana was the difference-maker.

"We played pretty disciplined defense and we had done a lot of scouting, shot charts and where she hit the ball," the Novi coach said. "But she just hits the ball so high. Our biggest player is 5-9ish, 5-10 maybe, so she's just hitting over our block and around it. She's an awesome player. But it just wasn't her. Their team passes the ball well and their setter gets the ball to her where she needs it. They're a great team and it was a great match."

Meanwhile, Romeo coach Stacy Williams used an identical word to describe the Wildcats.

"Relentless," the ninth-year coach said. "(Novi) just wouldn't give up. It was just a match, two top teams in the state that were fighting for it. And nobody was willing to let it go. That's what it really came down to. You had two fantastic teams fighting for a championship. No better way to finish it."

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL

## Wildcats' quarterfinal triumph sweet

Novi takes down  
Lapeer in three sets**By Brad Emons**  
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Once again, Novi got contributions from a number of different players Nov. 18 to continue its run in the Class A volleyball state tournament.

The Wildcats overcame a tense first set and moved into the state semifinals for the first time since 2007 with a 29-27, 25-16, 25-22 quarterfinal victory over Lapeer at Midland Dow.

Novi, which improved to 52-5-1, had four hitters with at least eight kills and four in double-digits in digs.

The reward was a date against Grand Haven, which advanced Wednesday with a 3-1 quarterfinal win over Mason (see related story).

"We haven't been there a lot and we're traditionally a strong program, so it's really nice all the work that they've put in," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said of the semifinal berth. "They've been rewarded for it. It's a great feeling."

The Wildcats found themselves down 20-17 in the first set, but rallied to pull even at 20-20 thanks to consecutive aces by Paulina Iacobelli.

After Lapeer (57-8-1) forced a set point at 26-25, Novi regained the lead 28-27 on a key block by senior Olivia Bradford. Freshman setter Erin O'Leary (38 assist-to-kills) then finished the job with a dink shot that touched the middle of the floor to put Novi ahead to stay in sets, 1-0.

During her two timeouts, Cottrill just tried to settle down her team.

"Just nerves, just trying to get them to calm down, take care of the ball a little bit better," the Novi coach said. "We gave them a lot of easy points and gave them some runs and momentum to stay in that game. But I think that we finally calmed down over the last five points and started to rally a little bit more and make better decisions and came out on



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Freshman setter Erin O'Leary (left) makes the pass in front of teammates Olivia Bradford (middle) and Jennifer Kulie (right).

top. That was really the key to the match there, winning that first set. It's always nice to be up 1-0, then they kind of fell apart in game two."

It was all Novi in the second set, but in the third Lapeer put up another battle.

The teams were tied at 20-20 before the Wildcats closed it out with a 5-2 run thanks to key kills from Paulina Iacobelli (to make it 23-21), Bradford (for 24-21) and Victoria Iacobelli, the match-winner.

Victoria, a 5-foot-9 junior outside hitter, finished to a team-high 14 kills to go along with two blocks and 20 digs. Twin sister Paulina added eight kills and team-best 24 digs.

Senior libero Jordan Massab and senior defensive specialist Jennifer Kulie added 19 and 11 digs, respectively.

Sophomore middle hitter Ally Cummings also finished with eight kills, while Bradford contributed eight more kills and three big blocks.

"It's really the whole team," Bradford said. "Our defense was great and our serve-receive was spot on tonight. It really got our options available. We move the ball around and it got our pin hitters going and our middles. It was really a team effort."

The first set, however, proved to be a bit dicey, to say

the least.

"I was really nervous," Bradford said. "We hadn't seen Lapeer before. We hadn't really heard much about them. We really didn't know what to expect. We knew that they were big. They're a good team. It was really nerve-wracking coming in playing a team that we've never seen before."

"They (Lapeer) have a pretty good lefty (Morgan Woycik), an outside hitter. We had to kind of keep an eye on them, but we just played our system. I guess it worked."

Junior Shelby Woycik had 14 kills to lead Lapeer, while senior Hannah Wagner added nine. Setter Megan Donovan finished with 32 assists, while Elisabeth Parker had 22 digs.

Lapeer, which merged East and West highs after the 2013-14 school year, is a member of the Saginaw Valley Association.

"We had a really hard time finding film or information on them, so we were walking in slightly blind," Cottrill said of the Lightning. "The film I did see on them was in the beginning of September and (Shelby Woycik) definitely didn't play like that. We were surprised. She's a great player, great athlete. They had some really good athletes. We were able to slow her down a little bit in game two and kind of get her out of

her rhythm there."

Lapeer had its chances in the first and third sets, but Novi was able to answer.

"They play phenomenal defense and they're smart hitters," Lapeer first-year coach Brent Maynor said of the Wildcats. "The (Iacobelli) twins hit a lot of roll shots that were catching us off-guard. We were on our heels and they were putting them short, so we didn't cover it very well."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats continue to put out a well-rounded attack.

"At some point you need everybody," Cottrill said. "If you're going to make it to Battle Creek you need the whole team to show up. We play nine players and we need all nine. Olivia (Bradford) is a senior and we're pretty low in contributing seniors, so for her to come out and have a big game was the key for us really because they hit to our pins, so we had it wide open in the middle. She took advantage of it."

And when things got tight in the first set, Novi was able to rely on its defense.

"Just keeping the ball alive is what it takes at this point," Cottrill said. "It's the heart, it's the passion, hit the ball and don't let it hit the floor."

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## SEMIFINALS

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out. We just showed it there ... want to win."

It might have been the finest 2:04 of freshman setter Erin O'Leary's varsity career as she finished with a 53 assist-to-kills and 15 digs. She only had one kill and one block, but both came in all-important fifth and deciding set.

"My God, there's really no words to describe her," Cottrill said of the 5-foot-10 ninth-grader. "I think she was one of the calmest players on the court for us and she's a freshman. It's just spectacular. I think she calms everybody down, makes great decisions and doesn't panic. She's just awesome."

Victoria Iacobelli added 19 kills, including seven in the fourth set, as the Wildcats took a 19-16 lead and held off the Buccaneers, who were led by the dynamic hitting duo of Autumn Monsma (23 kills) and Emily Lachman (22 kills).

"They're great players," Cottrill said. "Actually the tape that we saw on them, they hit a lot of line and so we were blocking them there and they were killing us in our seams and cross court. My right two blockers are the freshman and a sophomore, so it took them a

little bit of time to make that adjustment, but once they started sealing that seam a little bit, we started to slow them down and get some touches on the ball."

However, it took a while for the Wildcats to adjust. And serve-receive seemed to be the biggest issue during the first two sets.

"They (Grand Haven) are a great serving team," Cottrill said. "I think we were just really rattled in the first two sets, because we couldn't play our system because we weren't passing well. So once we settled in there, we could play our system we could do what we like to do."

Nerves may have also played a role in the sluggish start.

"We tried to control them and prepare them, but it's still a big stage and bright lights," Cottrill said. "Grand Haven is a phenomenal team, the best we played all year. Awesome team, a great serving team and they were more calm to start the match."

Defensively, Novi senior libero Jordan Massab finished with a team-best 30 digs, while Paulina Iacobelli and O'Leary each added 15. Victoria Iacobelli contributed 14, while senior Jennifer Kulie chipped in with 12.

"I think we just scrapped," Cottrill said. "We let go of the

mistakes a little better. We really haven't played a lot of teams that can hit the ball as well as they do ... like their entire team. And so we were getting rattled when they were getting some big kills. After that set, it felt like we just let that go and focused on the next point."

Sophomore Ally Cummings and senior Olivia Bradford chipped in with eight and six kills, respectively, while senior Jennifer Smith had five to round out the Wildcats' offensive attack.

Novi, coming on strong during the final three sets, finished with only 20 hitting mistakes in 175 attempts, with 61 kills (.234).

"There were definitely nerves," O'Leary said. "This is a big stage, a lot of people. But I think once we got past that and started having fun, and playing our game. I think serve receive improved greatly by the end of the game. Once we started doing that it was great."

"We knew we could play a lot better. And once we won that (third) set, it just really confirmed in all of our hearts that we knew we could do it."

Grand Haven, meanwhile, hit 69-of-201, but had nine service errors. Ally Knoll, a 6-3 junior, added 11 kills. The Bucs got 60 assists from setter Katie Cole and a team-best 30 digs from Sophia Newhouse.

With the score deadlocked at 11-11 in the final set, Lachman went down with what appeared to be an ill-timed knee injury.

"Looks like that, a bruise," Grand Haven coach Aaron Smaka said. "Everything seems stable and good, but they're really just checking her out now and we're just going to have to wait and see and hopefully that's the case."

"It didn't come at a good time, but I think our team adjusted. We talked all year about how deep our team is. And I thought the kids that came in did a good job in that moment. And I thought our team did a great job responding in that moment and kept fighting straight through the end."

But the Wildcats were able to elude the Bucs with their relentless digging (91 total).

"I thought they played great defense," Smaka said. "I think they did a great job taking us out of our system. They went short on us a lot and I think we could have handled that better. We had a lot of balls drop in front of us ... it's something we've worked on throughout the year."

"I thought we played tight the last couple of games. It was nothing to do with effort or anything else along those lines. We were just a little tight."

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## PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

## CC icers win state finals rematch; Mustangs, Novi start 2-0

Evan Rochowiak's empty-net goal off an assist from J.P. Lafferty ended the suspense Saturday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central skated to a 4-2 boys hockey victory over host Brighton at the Kensington Valley Ice House in a rematch of last year's MHSAA Division 1 state final.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 2-0, beat the Bulldogs in last year's championship game, 5-1.

CC led 1-0 after one period on Ryan Burnett's goal from Mitchell Ossowski and Rochowiak.

The Shamrocks scored again in the second period on Joseph Mancinelli's goal from Andrew Spiegel, but Brighton answered on Nick Foray's goal from Colin Bilek.

The Shamrocks then went up 3-1 in the third on Mancinelli's

second goal of the game from Spiegel, but the Bulldogs pulled to within one again on Bilek's goal from Lee Pietila.

CC goaltender Spencer Wright stopped 23-of-25 shots, while Jake Price had to make just six saves for the Bulldogs (0-1).

**NOVI 7, LAKE ORION 0:** Junior Josh Richardson turned aside all 21 shots in his first varsity start Saturday to record the shutout as the Wildcats (2-0) blanked the Dragons (0-1-1) in the Metro Invitational at Novi Ice Arena.

Senior Brad Hofelich paced Novi's attack with a hat trick and two assists, while Bryan Fegert added two goals and three assists. Ryan Baxter also had a goal and three assists, while Nik Tewillager tallied the other goal as the Wildcats had 31 shots on goal.

"Obviously Baxter's line led us for the game," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "Our penalty killing was good, led by Wojtylo and (Jimmy) Hole on defense, and Josh made some outstanding saves to get the shutout."

"Great two games to start the season. Scoring 15 goals in two games is a good way to start. Great team wins this weekend."

**NORTHVILLE 6, FARMINGTON 3:** Jack Meacham tallied a pair of goals, while Alec Morgan chipped in with a goal and three assists Saturday, leading the Mustangs (2-0) to a Metro Invitational

victory Saturday over Falcons (1-1) at Novi Ice Arena.

It was 1-1 after one period. Kevin O'Connell notched his first varsity goal from Riley Brass and Zac Osae for Northville, while Joe Carbone countered for the defending MHSAA Division 3 champions.

Northville then outscored Farmington 3-1 in the second period to take control on goals by Meacham (from Morgan), Anthony Solak (from Brendan Hicks and Osae) and Sam Bradley (from Alec Melucci and Morgan). Meanwhile, Drake Cole countered with the first of his two goals for Farmington.

In the final period, Meacham notched his second on a power play from Morgan with 16:14 left to make it 5-2 before Cole scored with 2:27 remaining to cut the deficit to two again. Morgan then added an empty-netter in the final second.

Goalie Chance Boutin made 17-of-20 saves for the Mustangs.

"Overall, I felt we did a good job in the offensive zone creating scoring opportunities. We had a good cycle going most of the game," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "We did a better job creating speed through the neutral zone than we had Friday night. We still had a couple breakdowns in the defensive zone that we have to clean up, but it's a new system and there will be some growing pains early. I have been very happy with our penalty killing this season, but we have to stay out of the box."

**NORTHVILLE 4, CLARKSTON 0:** Jack Meacham notched a hat trick and goaltender Chance Boutin came up with some key saves late Friday to propel the Mustangs (1-0) to a season-opening victory over Clarkson in the Metro Invitational at Novi Ice Arena.

Nick Williams and Jack Sargent assisted on

Meacham's first-period goal, while Alec Morgan picked up a pair of assists and Sam Bradley another assist on the next two scores as the Mustangs led 1-0 after one period and 2-0 after two.

Brendan Hicks also tallied his first varsity goal in the final period from Kevin O'Connell and Anthony Solak to cap the Northville scoring.

"One of our team goals was not to be scored on and even though there were times we didn't play as well, Chance made some big saves in the second and third periods," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "I thought we got a little stronger each period and put the pedal to the metal in the third."

**NOVI 8, NORTH FARM-HARRISON 3:** Bryan Fegert, Brendan Wexler and Ryan Baxter each scored a pair of goals Friday as the Wildcats (1-0) opened the Metro Invitational with a win over North Farmington-Harrison (0-1).

Alec Wells and Brad Hofelich each picked up four assists, while Nik Tewillager also added a goal and two assists for the Wildcats, who enjoyed a 31-16 shot advantage. Baxter also had two assists as Novi led 3-1 after one period and 4-1 after two.

Manny Legace Jr. went all the way in goal for the Wildcats.

"We played a really good game," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "We stayed focused the whole 51 minutes. We gave up two power-play goals, which we need to work on. Manny played well for his varsity game. Our senior leaders stepped up and showed that they were and force tonight and should be for the next 24 games."

**DETROIT CC 8, P.H. NORTHERN 1:** Eight different players tallied goals Thursday as defending MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey state champion Novi

Detroit Catholic Central (1-0, 1-0) rolled to a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division victory over host Port Huron Northern (0-1, 0-1) at McMorran Arena.

Andrew Lane tallied a goal and two assists, while Eric Marson chipped in with a goal and assist for the Shamrocks, who led 2-0 after one period and 5-0 after two.

Other CC goal scorers included Mitchell Ossowski, Ryan Burnett, Nick Macari, J.P. Lafferty and Brendan Cleary.

Kyle Mulka also finished with three assists, while Dillon Jones and Evan Rochowiak added one each as CC outshot the Huskies, 38-10.

Joey Zappa's third-period goal spoiled the shutout bid as Spencer Wright stepped in net for the Shamrocks and did allow a goal, while Alec Calvaruso finished up to give interim coach Danny Veri his first victory behind the bench.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS 9, NORTHVILLE 1 (GIRLS):** Carolyn Andonian had two goals and three assists, while Krystin Schmidt added a goal and three assists to lift Bloomfield Hills (1-0, 1-0) to a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League crossover win over the host Mustangs (0-2, 0-2) at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Justine Abbo and Lauren Artemenko each contributed a pair of goals for the Black Hawks, who exploded for seven first-period goals.

Senior Grace Healey scored Northville's lone goal, assisted by senior Marisha Hackett and freshman Olivia Lesh, in the second period.

Abby Koet started in goal, while Annette Taylor came in midway through the first period for the Mustangs.

ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM

# Novi’s Jackson runs to the top

**By Jeff Theisen  
and Brad Emmons**  
Staff Writers

He may be under the radar, but nobody could argue with the numbers Novi’s Emanuel Jackson put up this season.

The 6-foot-1, 175-pound junior, who possesses great acceleration, racked up 2,002 all-purpose yards for the Wildcats while setting numerous school records in the process. He is the all-area Player of the Year.

The second-year varsity player rushed for 1,061 yards (8.0 per carry) and 16 touchdowns, caught 43 passes for 629 yards and five TDs and averaged 34.7 yards per kickoff return with a pair of TDs, including one of 94 yards.

In a 50-33 win against KLAAs Central Division champion South Lyon, Jackson had 410 total yards and three TDs, while also racking up 358 total yards and three more TDs in a loss against state playoff qualifier Westland John Glenn.

“Emanuel is a phenomenal player and even a better kid,” Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. “He’s a great teammate. No one knows about him outside of our division and because we’ve been down for too many years. And he doesn’t have the money to get to camps in the summer.”

But NCAA Division I schools are also starting to take notice, as Jackson visited Michigan State on Saturday.

Jackson has made current Novi assistant and longtime head coach John Osborne a believer, according to Burnside.

“John says he’s the best he’s ever been around and we believe he’s a Big Ten talent,” Burnside said of the all-KLAA selection.

**First team**  
**David Moorman Northville**

The 6-5, 295-pound senior right tackle is a four-year varsity performer and all-Kensington Conference pick who helped the Mustangs earn a spot in the state playoffs for the second straight year.

“David has all the tools necessary to be a dominant Big Ten offensive lineman,” Northville coach Matt Ladach said. “He’s tough, he’s gritty and he has a great work ethic. The University of Wisconsin is fortunate to have him committed to their football program.”

**Jordan Jenkins Catholic Central**

The 6-2, 230-pound middle linebacker and fullback was a two-year starter who earned all-Catholic League honors as a senior.

“Jordan was our best overall player who led our team in tackles,” CC coach Tom Mach said. “He was an outstanding captain, an inspirational leader and a player who hit with authority.”

**Ryan Roberts Northville**

The 6-7, 245-pound senior tight end and defensive end, committed to Northern Illinois, made his presence known on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

“He doesn’t have great receiving numbers, but his blocking is what makes him so good,” Ladach said. “Ryan did a whole lot more than people realize. He spread him out at split end in our empty and 10-personnel packages. He played tackle in our unbalanced sets and he was also a tough defender for us.”

**Nico Stante Catholic Central**

The 6-1, 245-pound senior offensive tackle was a two-year starter



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Novi junior running back Emanuel Jackson was named Player of the Year in football.

## ALL-AREA FOOTBALL

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Emanuel Jackson, Novi

### FIRST TEAM

David Moorman, Northville  
Jordan Jenkins, Catholic Central  
Ryan Roberts, Northville  
Nico Stante, Catholic Central  
Steve Davis, Novi  
Alex Angelas, Novi  
Trevor Tank, South Lyon  
Joe Newman, South Lyon  
Anton Skupin, South Lyon  
Jameson Donahue, South Lyon  
Brendan O’Brien, South Lyon East  
Trent Willenborg, South Lyon East  
Tyler Carrier, Milford  
Ryan Wonders, Lakeland  
Justin Zimbo, Northville

### SECOND TEAM

Jared Engebretson, Novi  
Kevin Bak, Northville  
Blake Livingston, Catholic Central  
Matt Komorous, Northville  
Joe Haddad, Novi  
Austin Norman, South Lyon  
John Dixon, South Lyon

Erich Stephenson, South Lyon  
Brandon Hakala, South Lyon  
Tim McPhee, South Lyon  
Nico Woods, South Lyon  
Ryan Bohlen, South Lyon East  
Zach Powers, South Lyon East  
Adam Stebbins, Milford  
Chad Comis, Milford  
Mike Kutzelb, Lakeland

### HONORABLE MENTION

**Novi:** Pat Wojtylo (sr.), Matt Sabo (sr.).  
**Northville:** Zach Graham (sr.), Lee Moore (sr.), Michael Minick (jr.), P.J. Schnepf (sr.).  
**Catholic Central:** Ike Marchie (sr.), Tyler Bolig (sr.), Tom Kowalkoski (jr.), Cam Hendershot (sr.), Tyler Laurentius (jr.).  
**South Lyon East:** Nick Wade (sr.), Max Feisel (sr.), Dorian Watson (jr.), Josh Smith (jr.), J.D. Simon (jr.), Josh Schneider (sr.).  
**South Lyon:** Justin Mielke (sr.), Braxton Blackwell (soph.), Jeff Gill (jr.), Dan Millar (sr.), Hunter Casebolt (sr.), Nick Pagano (jr.).  
**Lakeland:** David Hope (sr.).  
**Milford:** Griffin Ogg (sr.)  
Jackson Hale (jr.).

who earned all-Catholic League honors.

“He was one of our toughest players, great leader and our best offensive lineman,” Mach said.

**Steve Davis Novi**

The 6-0, 275-pound senior right tackle earned all-Kensington Conference honors.

“Just a great kid and hardest worker I have seen,” Burnside said. “He’s a tremendous student-athlete, a dominant offensive lineman, one of the best we’ve had.”

**Alex Angelas Northville**

The 6-3, 290-pound junior, an all-Kensington Conference pick, has started every game the past two years and showed his versatility playing guard and center.

“He’s one heck of a football player that happens to be overlooked at times because he plays next to one of the best offensive linemen in the state,” Ladach said.

**Trevor Tank South Lyon**

It wasn’t hard to find

the junior on defense, he was usually tackling someone. He played both ways early in the season, but an injury forced him to miss a game and turn to defense only down the stretch. He finished with 74 tackles and 52 assists with three sacks as a linebacker. Before the injury, he ran the ball 67 times for 491 yards and four scores for the KLAAs Kensington Conference champions. He earned first team all-conference.

“Trevor was a big reason in the middle of our defense that stopped the run,” coach Mark Thomas said.

**Joe Newman South Lyon**

The senior wideout/corner was all-conference first team with 25 catches for 461 yards and eight TDs along with three interceptions and 37 tackles on defense.

“Shutdown corner for us on defense,” Thomas said. “Great cover guy for us – teams didn’t throw to Joe’s side”

**Anton Skupin South Lyon**

The senior quarterback was a two-way threat while running the pistol offense. He completed 104 passes for 1,358 yards with 16 TDs. He also ran for eight more touchdowns. The three-year varsity player was all-conference first team.

“Anton was a big reason our offense ran so well with his leadership,” Thomas said.

**Jameson Donahue South Lyon**

The senior linebacker led the Lions with 81 tackles and 10 tackles for loss. Donahue assisted on 54 more and added five sacks.

“Jameson anchored the inside as a force, like a general out there to stop the run and pass,” Thomas said.

**Brendan O’Brien South Lyon East**

The senior captain used his 6-4, 230-pound frame to anchor the offensive line at the tackle spot. O’Brien also saw time on the defensive line.

“Brendan played both sides of the ball and was our best pass protector,” coach Mike Lindman said. “He may have been an even better defensive player, but had to play offensive line first and was rotated into defense at both defensive end and defensive tackle. Brendan will be a very good player at the next level.”

**Trent Willenborg South Lyon East**

The senior wideout/defensive end/quarterback and punter almost never came off the field. He had 30 catches for 562 yards five scores and ran for three more.

“Trent has all the tools to be a receiver at the next level, he is tall at 6-4, runs the 40 in the 4.5s and has good hands,” Lindman said.

**Tyler Carrier Milford**

The senior led the Mavericks with 760 rushing yards and nine TDs on 112 carries. Carrier also had 24 catches for 261 yards. On defense, he was second on the team with 55 tackles (22 unassisted).

**Ryan Wonders Lakeland**

The senior running back/defensive back carried 71 times for 307 yards and five scores. He also had 24 solo tackles

and 22 assists with one interception.

**Justin Zimbo Northville**

The 6-0, 180-pound senior quarterback was 80-of-162 passing for 1,068 yards and 12 TDs, while also rushing for 980 yards and 10 TDs en route to all-Kensington Conference honors.

“Justin had big shoes to fill,” Ladach said. “We have had some great quarterbacks over the year and Justin is one of them. He’s a playmaker.”

**Second team**  
**Jared Engebretson Novi**

The 6-2, 251-pound senior center, an all-Kensington Conference selection, proved to be extremely smart and aggressive, while showing the way as an outstanding worker on the field and in the classroom.

**Kevin Bak Northville**

The 6-2, 170-pound senior cornerback and wide receiver, an all-KLAA pick, had 16 catches for 294 yards and three TDs, while making 31 tackles with two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

**Blake Livingston Catholic Central**

The 6-0, 185-pound senior running back was considered the Shamrocks’ most improved player who earned all-Catholic League honors.

**Matt Komorous Northville**

The 6-2, 260-pound defensive tackle was the Mustangs’ most consistent defensive lineman all season.

**Joe Haddad Novi**

The 5-10, 231-pound offensive lineman and captain earned all-Kensington Conference honors as a senior.

**Austin Norman South Lyon**

The senior nose guard was the clog in the middle for the 3-4 defense. Norman was a big reason the defense specialized in stopping the run and capped a three-year run on varsity with a conference title and a second run to the playoffs.

**John Dixon South Lyon**

The senior two-way lineman helped the offense get the ground

game going while specializing in stopping the run on the defensive line.

**Erich Stephenson South Lyon**

The senior made big plays on both sides of the ball. He carried the ball 19 times for 134 yards on receiver sweeps and was in on 26 tackles on defense.

**Brandon Hakala South Lyon**

The senior offensive tackle finished a three-year varsity run by earning all-conference first team honors.

**Tim McPhee South Lyon**

The senior strong safety and captain completed his third year on varsity as the third-leading tackler with 69 tackles and 41 assists. McPhee picked off three passes to earn all-conference honors.

**Nico Woods South Lyon**

The senior running back/linebacker took over full-time rushing duties when Tank was hurt and finished with 126 carries for 646 yards and four scores. He also recorded 51 tackles with 25 assists and eight tackles for loss.

**Ryan Bohlen South Lyon East**

The senior linebacker and captain led the team with 73 tackles with one interception and one fumble recovery.

**Zach Powers South Lyon East**

The senior captain completed 103-of-211 attempts for 1,607 yards and 16 TDs with just three interceptions. Powers also ran the ball for 211 yards for 1,818 total yards of offense.

**Adam Stebbins Milford**

The junior middle linebacker was third on the team with 53 tackles, including four for loss.

**Chad Comis Milford**

The senior led Milford with 35 unassisted tackles and 79 total with 11 for loss. He recovered two fumbles with two sacks. Offensively, he rushed for 362 yards and two scores. He caught 24 passes for 264 yards and two TDs.

**Mike Kutzelb Lakeland**

The senior led the Eagles with 457 yards rushing on 82 carries and six TDs.

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what we want to at this meet. Some of the girls were a little upset at their

performances, but they all had great seasons and should be really proud of what they accomplished throughout the year. At the beginning of the the year, if I were to tell them what their times would be

at the end of the season, most of them would have been pretty happy, so we just have to take things in perspective.”

Meanwhile, Novi junior Ava Bianchi scored the Wildcats’ lone point in

the 50 freestyle, placing 16th with a time of 24.97 after posting a 24.78 in the prelims.

**OTHER AREA PRELIM STATE MEET FINISHES**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 21. Novi (Emily Mayoras, Alice Ying, Alexandra

Cortez, Ava Bianchi), 1:55.01; 23. Northville (Darby Mroz, Jessica Yan, Ana Barrott, Natalie Filipowicz), 1:55.82).  
**200 freestyle:** 20. Alissa Moore (Northville), 1:56.45; 22. Kelsey Macaddino (Northville), 1:56.69.  
**200 individual medley:** 24. Mroz (Northville), 2:14.89.  
**50 freestyle:** 26. Gillian Zayan (Northville), 25.07.  
**100 freestyle:** 24. Nicki Pumper

(Northville), 54.63.  
**500 freestyle:** 27. Yan (Northville), 5:23.46).  
**200 freestyle relay:** 17. Novi (Dana Kilponen, Cortez, Karen Xu, Bianchi), 1:41.5.  
**100 backstroke:** 18. Sabrina Lee (Northville), 1:00.09; 21. (tie) Mroz (Northville), 1:00.83; 28. Mayoras (Novi), 1:01.2; 29. Pumper (Northville), 1:01.35.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 23. Novi (Cortez, Kilponen, Mayoras, Bianchi), 3:43.77.

## Naughton runs at NAIAs



KEITH NAUGHTON

Northville High 2012 grad Clare Naughton (middle) helped Aquinas College place ninth, the second highest finish in school history, in the 38-team NAIA Cross Country Women's National Championships held Saturday at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kan. Naughton, a junior walk-on who earned four varsity cross country letters at Northville, covered the challenging and hilly 5,000-meter course in 19:58 to finish sixth on her team and 184th overall. Naughton helped the Saints reach the nationals by taking ninth overall, including fifth on the team, in career-best 19:15 as Aquinas captured the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title on Nov. 8 in Grand Rapids. She was an honorable mention all-WHAC selection.

## Novi harriers excel



ROBERT SMITH

The Novi boys cross country team, sporting a combined 3.9817 grade-point average, was recognized by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association as the academic all-state team champion. The Wildcats will be recognized Monday, Dec. 8, at the Novi City Council meeting. Team members include (front row, from left) Cameron Misko, Adam Ditri, Scott MacPherson and Sahisnu Malapati and (back row, from left) coach Robert Smith, Joost Plaetnick, Nate Hall and John Landy.

# Ocelots men's cagers survive Glen Oaks' surge

**By Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Young Schoolcraft players getting used to the college basketball grind were taught a lesson in what happens when assuming a game is well in hand.

An apparent blowout turns into a bit of a nail-biter.

That's what happened Saturday afternoon, when Schoolcraft's men's basketball team led 74-49 midway through the second half, but needed to hold off a late uprising by Glen Oaks Community College to win 95-85.

"It's what having freshmen's all about," Ocelots head coach Abe Mashhour said. "Obviously, we're a very young team, so it takes some learning for them to understand they have to close out games a lot better."

"I thought we were terrific for 32 minutes,

we played very well, we played hard. They need to understand that at this level, guys can make plays. Every guy on the other team's a good basketball player. That's why they're playing at this level."

Mashhour, whose squad improved to 8-1, attributed much of the momentum shift during the second half to players getting "complacent" and not protecting the basketball.

Leading the Glen Oaks charge in the final eight minutes was guard Christopher Harris (23 points). He scored 12 points — including a pair of treys — as the Vikings closed the gap from 78-52 to 81-71.

Glen Oaks (4-1) actually cut the gap to six points (88-82) with 46 seconds remaining before Schoolcraft's Lito Booth (23 points) made four consecutive free throws the boost the lead

back to 10.

"I thought our inside people played very, very well," Mashhour said. "After the first eight minutes of the game, we did an excellent job of ... keeping them off the offensive boards."

"We did quite a few good things."

Mashhour cited the play of 6-foot-6 freshman forward James Pruitt (Westland John Glenn). "He stepped up for us. This was his first game where he played quite a few minutes," Mashhour said. "I thought he was terrific, did a lot of the intangibles, blocking shots, rotating defensively."

Schoolcraft built a 50-36 halftime lead, bolstered by back-to-back threes from the right wing by freshman forward Marcus Williams (19 points, a team-high nine rebounds).

Booth, a freshman guard, stopped-and-

popped from the top of the key to expand the Schoolcraft advantage to 61-42 with 17:30 remaining.

Freshman forward Davon Taylor (seven points, seven boards in 18 minutes), a Canton alum, went strong to the rack for a layup.

With the Ocelots' quickness and aggressiveness paying dividends, a steal by Taylor in the defensive zone led to a put-back by freshman guard Ja'Christian Biles (15 points), making it 65-45 with about 14 minutes left.

Schoolcraft really got

it going for a minute or two when Biles threw down a pair of slams, sandwiched around a backdoor layup by freshman forward and Brighton alum Nathan Kamal, upping the Ocelots' advantage to a whopping 74-49 with 11:54 remaining.

### NOTICE OF MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT AREA CITIZENS COUNCIL FOR THE NORTHVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A meeting of the Development Area Citizens Council for the Northville Downtown Development Authority, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "DDA") has been scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in Meeting Room A of the Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting is for the DDA to consult with the Development Area Citizens Council regarding a proposed Amendment to the existing Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The meeting shall be open to the public. All interested citizens are invited to attend. For questions or comments, please contact Lori Ward, DDA Director at 248-349-0345 or loriwarddda@comcast.net.

Lori Ward, Director  
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**By Greg Mullin**  
Staff Writer

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"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, stating "I definitely love the comfort and the sportiness of the Lincoln.



A 2013 Lincoln MKX Ultimate FWD (Stk # 39131) is one of the more than 100 Lincoln Certified Pre-Owned vehicles on site for Varsity Lincoln of Novi's Lincoln CPO-A-THON.

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!"

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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.

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"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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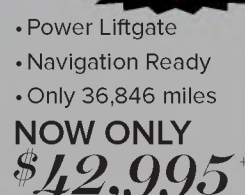


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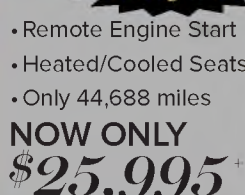


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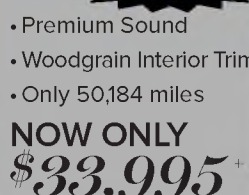
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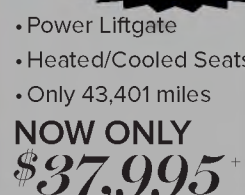
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## Level One Bank agrees to buy Lotus Bank of Novi

Farmington Hills-based Level One Bank has agreed to buy Lotus Bancorp of Novi.

The acquisition agreement follows the settlement of a March 2013 lawsuit against Lotus Bank — with a branch in Farmington Hills — claiming that bank executives violated the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1976. In the suit, alleged racial behavior was claimed to have led to problems with a customer's commercial loan.

The final purchase is expected in the first quarter of 2015, resulting in combined assets of about \$800 million, as well as nine banking centers in southeast Michigan.

The final purchase depends on approval from Lotus Bank shareholders, as well as state and federal regulators. The boards of directors of both financial institutions have unanimously approved the purchase, which will include the acquisition of all Lotus stock by Level One.

The purchase is expected to strengthen Level One's reach in Oakland County and to solidify its commitment to community banking,



Searles

Fehring

according to Level One.

Patrick Fehring, president and CEO of Level One Bancorp, Inc. and Neal Searle, president and CEO of Lotus Bancorp, Inc., issued the joint announcement Nov. 20.

Should the sale be approved, the merged bank will be one of the largest locally owned, independent banks in Oakland County.

“Lotus Bank's entrepreneurial culture and client base were closely aligned with ours, making the acquisition a natural fit,” Fehring said. “This expansion will provide even greater capacity for us to serve our clients in the Oakland County region.”

Founded in 2007, Level One Bank has completed two prior acquisitions in the past five years, including Michigan Heritage Bank in 2009 and Paramount Bank in 2010.



Work is progressing on IKEA Canton's 44,000-square-foot expansion.

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## IKEA starts Canton expansion

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

An expansion of Canton's already-massive IKEA store has begun, with company officials predicting the 44,000-square-foot addition should open next summer and potentially create new jobs.

“New job opportunities will exist as the business needs arise, as is always the case,” company spokesman Joseph Roth said. “Long term, this project should result in more positions as sales continue to increase.”

Construction crews have started building the addition to the west side of IKEA at Ford and Haggerty roads, a project adding nearly 15 percent more space to the 311,000-square-foot home furnishings store.

### Extended area

IKEA Canton manager Matt Hunsicker has said the store's success since opening in 2006 has ramped up efforts to extend the self-service furniture area “so it can hold more products and improve our customer shopping experience.”

Roth said exterior construction should be complete by spring, with the new section opening next summer on a site where IKEA demolished the former ABC Warehouse store, which moved to the Ford-Morton Taylor intersection.

Roth said the “primary purpose” of the expansion is to create more space and increase availability of the company's products. Canton is home to Michigan's only IKEA store and draws customers from neighboring states and Canada.

Roth declined to say

how much of an investment the IKEA expansion means for the store, which has some 300 employees.

“As a privately held company,” he said, “IKEA does not discuss finances publicly.”

### Growth plan

The area being expanded includes space where shoppers collect flat-packed furniture to take home to assemble. The project also includes rearranging the customer service section and improving the home-delivery area.

IKEA's plans came with a \$250,000 gift as Canton inches toward improving traffic-snarled Ford Road. Long term, the Michigan Department of Transportation has said the stretch of Ford Road in Canton, which has some of the state's highest-crash intersections, could po-

tentially be transformed into a boulevard.

Roth, meanwhile, has said IKEA's plans to expand the Canton store is an indication it will remain the company's only Michigan store for the foreseeable future, calling it “a great location and a great community.”

In other development across the street, Canton Marriott Hotels has confirmed it plans to build two new four-story hotels northeast of the Ford-Haggerty intersection after demolishing the aging America's Best Value Inn & Suites.

Officials say the new hotels, with a combined 178 rooms, could open by late next year. Mike Abdulnoor, regional manager for A&M Hospitality, has said the new hotels will complement two others already on the site.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### SBA boosts dining out on Small Business Saturday

U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet announced that the federal agency is partnering with the National Restaurant Association to promote dining out Nov. 29 during Small Business Saturday. The partnership will amplify restaurants during the national push to support our nation's small businesses on the busiest shopping weekend of the year.

“Local restaurants pack a big punch to our nation's economy, as part of the economic powerhouse that is American small businesses. The restaurant industry is projected to add 1.3 million jobs over the next 10 years and to project \$683.4 billion in total sales, equaling 4 percent of the U.S. GDP,” Contreras-Sweet said. “The SBA is proud to partner with the National Restaurant Association to champion this great sector of American small businesses.”

Dining out on Small Business Saturday will emphasize the accomplishments of small business restaurants across the country while encouraging consumers to patronize eateries in their neighborhoods. Restaurants are a significant factor in the nation's economy as the industry's economic impact is estimated at \$1.8 trillion. Additionally, each dollar spent in restaurants generates an extra two dollars in sales for other industries, spurring economic activity in their communities and across the nation.

“Restaurants provide valuable jobs and careers for more than 13.5 million people and are strong economic engines in communities nationwide,” said Dawn Sweeney, president and CEO, National Restaurant Association. “While the

industry is the nation's second-largest private sector employer, the overwhelming majority of restaurants, more than 90 percent, have fewer than 50 employees. The National Restaurant Association is pleased to join forces with the Small Business Administration to showcase the industry's critical role in overall small business creation.”

Additionally, the SBA and the NRA are encouraging small business owners and community members to share success stories of restaurants in their areas on social media using the hashtag “#DineSmall.” This will allow communities big and small to come together and show their support for entrepreneurs across the country.

To encourage not only the public to dine small, but also for restaurants to prepare for the busy day, the Small Business Administration will launch a social media campaign called #ShowUsYourMenu. Restaurants are asked to create a special menu for Small Business Saturday and promote it on Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites to spotlight their business and remind everyone to #DineSmall while they #ShopSmall.

Visit the Small Business Saturday website for a list of participating restaurants.

### Signature leases in Wixom

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 10,200 square feet of industrial space located at 49600-49650 Martin Drive, Wixom. Steve Kozak and Jim Montgomery of Signature Associates represented the landlord, Martin Land & Investment. Kozak also represented the tenant, CCS Design, Inc.

Signature Associates has also negotiated the

lease of 8,200 square feet of industrial space located at 48141-48143 West Road, Wixom. Kozak represented the tenant, D'Amato Services, LLC.

### Holiday sales forecasts blend optimism, caution

Michigan retailers expect better holiday sales this year, their forecasts a blend of optimism and caution, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

While 63 percent project better holiday sales over last year, the average of all retailers' projections comes to plus-1.6 percent. Nearly a third (28 percent) expect their sales to increase more than 5 percent and 35 percent anticipate their sales will rise 5 percent or less.

Nationally, retail organization economists are forecasting holiday spending to increase about 4 percent.

The Michigan Retail Index found improved sales for September. The monthly survey of MRA members showed 53 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 35 percent recorded declines and 12 percent reported no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 62.1, up sharply from 46.0 in August. A year ago September the Index stood at 52.8.

Looking forward, 60 percent of retailers expect sales from October through December to increase over the same period last year, while 18 percent project a decrease and 22 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 73.6, up from 70.6 in August. A year ago September the Index stood at 76.3.



The Botsford Cancer Center in Farmington Hills, which was honored, has Farbmman Group as its management company. Adam Westrick is property manager, Botsford Hospital property owner.

## Commercial real estate industry honored

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program, The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation, on Friday afternoon, Nov. 7, at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit. The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry.

The TOBY Awards, now in its 30th year, lauds the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management. Judging is based on community impact, tenant/employee relations programs, energy management systems, emergency evacuation procedures, building personnel training programs and overall quality indicators. A team of expert industry professionals conducted comprehensive building inspections.

“Each of this year’s TOBY & Leadership Awards recipients has shown remarkable achievement in their respective categories” said Paul S. Magy, president of BOMA/Metro Detroit.



James Jonas of REDICO received a lifetime achievement award.

“These extraordinary professionals provide unsurpassed service and building management and each are commended for their commitment to the industry.”

Leadership Award recipients were recognized for their contributions to the organization, the community and the greater industry. Recipients are:

» **Gina Goodin, RPA**, of CBRE, Property Manager of the Year; **John Guar-diola, RPA, LEED AP** of Bedrock Real Estate Services, Facility Manager of

the Year; **Ric Adkins** of Piedmont Office Realty Trust/Able Engineering Services, Building Engineer of the Year; **Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.**, Service Provider of the Year; and **Karen Skierski** of Comcast Business, Supplier Member of the Year.

» **Jason Gordon** of AlliedBarton Security Services, Emerging Leader; **Cindy Wiegand** of KIRCO Management Services, Outstanding Service Award; and **William Wylonis** of RED-ICO, the President’s Award. **James Jonas** of REDICO was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

Twenty-two distinguished properties vied for first place in 8 categories for The Outstanding Building of the Year. The local winners are:

» Under 100,000 Square Feet - **m@dison**, Bedrock Real Estate Services, Detroit

» 100,000-249,999 Square Feet - **Kennedy Square Office Building**, RED-ICO, Detroit

» 250,000-499,999 Square Feet - **Oakland Towne Square**, REDICO, Southfield

» 500,000-1 Million Square Feet - **One Detroit Center**, Signature Associates, Detroit

» Corporate Facility - **1075 West Entrance Drive**, Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Auburn Hills

» Government Building - **Coleman A. Young Municipal Center**, Hines, Detroit

» Medical Office Building - **Botsford Cancer Center**, Farbmman Group, Farmington Hills

» Renovated Building - **Comerica Bank Center**, CBRE, Detroit

Metro Detroit TOBY winners will be invited to participate in the North Central Regional TOBY competition, including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio, to qualify for the BOMA International TOBY Awards, one of the highest honors in the commercial real estate industry. Winners of the international competition will be announced at the BOMA International 2015 Every Building Conference and Expo in Los Angeles, in June 2015.

For more information on the TOBY and Leadership Awards, visit [www.bomadet.org](http://www.bomadet.org).

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

#### BIRMINGHAM

278 Baldwin Rd	\$1,400,000
375 Baldwin Rd	\$2,100,000
1225 Derby Rd # 1	\$104,000
890 Emmons Ave	\$358,000
1621 Haynes St # 23	\$320,000
1898 Humphrey Ave	\$235,000
2833 Manchester Rd	\$295,000
571 N Old Woodward Ave	\$240,000
819 Ruffner Ave	\$190,000
1958 S Bates St	\$279,000
555 Smith Ave	\$460,000
547 W Merrill St	\$575,000
1708 Washington Blvd	\$357,000
1737 Webster St	\$745,000

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

2642 Aspen Ln	\$250,000
5154 Kellen Ln	\$351,000
2205 Cameo Lake Ct	\$370,000
204 Charing Cross Ct	\$590,000
5649 Kolly Rd	\$340,000
733 N Valley Chase Rd	\$340,000
726 Parkman Dr	\$479,000
4669 Ravine Dr	\$960,000

#### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

4681 Charing Cross Rd	\$438,000
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1155 Crestview Ave	\$228,000
4785 Dover Rd	\$626,000
630 E Fox Hills Dr	\$70,000
643 E Fox Hills Dr	\$75,000
6185 E Surrey Rd	\$335,000
1141 Fox Chase Rd	\$480,000
2658 Heathfield Rd	\$328,000
835 Pine Hill Dr	\$495,000
178 S Williamsbury Rd	\$335,000
1650 Trailwood Path	\$135,000
6295 W Surrey Rd	\$265,000
294 Wilshire Dr	\$730,000

#### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3229 Adele Ter	\$833,000
9030 Gittins St	\$314,000
4046 Heatherwood Dr	\$282,000
4566 Hideaway Pines St	\$250,000
8712 Ringwood Dr	\$131,000
1715 Trace Hollow Dr	\$305,000
218 Vinona Ter	\$139,000

#### FARMINGTON

23008 Lilac St	\$90,000
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#### FARMINGTON HILLS

22003 Arbor Ln	\$237,000
37465 Carson St	\$120,000
25749 Castlereigh Dr	\$238,000
31180 Country Blf	\$110,000
35472 Fredericksburg Rd	\$220,000
37853 Glengrove Dr	\$355,000
23355 Larkshire St	\$175,000
24537 Martel Dr	\$205,000
30829 Misty Pines Dr	\$150,000
29668 Orion Ct	\$282,000
25535 Ranchwood Dr	\$275,000

29592 S Meadowridge	\$206,000
29569 Sierra Point Cir	\$203,000
33673 Vista Dr	\$160,000
27650 Westcott Crescent Cir	\$150,000

#### FRANKLIN

32855 Outland Trl	\$540,000
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#### HIGHLAND

1966 Elkridge Cir	\$330,000
1901 Grove	\$545,000
4534 Teal Ct	\$542,000

#### MILFORD

833 Abbey Ln	\$209,000
410 Peters	\$200,000
343 River Wood Trl	\$430,000
1650 S Creek Dr	\$265,000
2991 Tall Timbers Dr	\$938,000
895 W Dawson Rd	\$225,000

#### NORTHVILLE

21124 E Glen Haven Cir	\$93,000
47141 S Chigwidden Dr	\$235,000
20828 W Glen Haven Cir	\$145,000

#### NOVI

51097 Almafi Ct	\$548,000
25230 Buckminster Dr	\$263,000
24503 Dinser Dr	\$212,000
51224 E Bourne Ter	\$323,000
50904 Glades Ct W	\$100,000
24806 Joseph	\$185,000
40628 Kingsley Ln	\$384,000
22836 Renford St	\$90,000
24548 Riverview Ln	\$268,000
31186 Seneca Ln	\$228,000
31076 Silverdale Dr	\$205,000

45736 White Pines Dr	\$430,000
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#### SOUTH LYON

61522 Brookway Dr	\$411,000
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52072 Copperwood Dr N	\$361,000
1107 Gallop Ln	\$255,000
21143 Greenbriar Ln	\$370,000
331 Harvard Ave	\$160,000
859 Hidden Creek Dr	\$288,000
1051 Paddock Ln	\$253,000
22280 Quail Run Cir Unit 1	\$151,000

52349 Red Cedar	\$380,000
450 W Liberty St	\$175,000

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20981 Dartmouth Dr	\$165,000
24701 Harden Ave	\$90,000
18787 Jeanette St	\$165,000
18272 New Hampshire Dr	\$169,000

24260 Norwood Dr W	\$249,000
26891 Princeton Ct	\$200,000
17231 Roseland Blvd	\$73,000
30284 Southfield Rd # A202	\$54,000

29155 W Chanticleer Dr	\$110,000
17660 Windflower Dr	\$125,000

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1310 Castlewood St	\$160,000
10900 Hillway St	\$280,000
8689 Scenic Bluff Ln	\$290,000
9274 Steephollow Dr	\$153,000
1349 Sugden Rd	\$160,000
423 Teggerdine Trl	\$152,000
8061 Vanden Dr	\$175,000

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7515 Admiralty Dr	\$250,000
2230 Antique Ct	\$535,000
43459 Applewood Rd	\$190,000
4055 Berkeley Ave	\$105,000
39815 Cather St	\$155,000
555 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$183,000
6170 Courtland Dr	\$220,000
1630 Crestview Dr	\$279,000
2315 Fairmount Park Ln	\$82,000
44149 Franciscan Dr	\$200,000
51140 Glen Hollow Ave	\$50,000
43958 Harsdale Dr	\$220,000
5879 Hathaway Rd	\$341,000
2527 Hogan Way	\$250,000
45752 Larchmont Dr	\$269,000
42753 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$90,000
3407 Milcroft Ct	\$200,000
50044 N Wintergarden Ct	\$88,000
7225 Oakmont Dr	\$335,000
39661 Peters Dr	\$160,000
6835 Pittsford St	\$255,000
44638 Ridgefield Rd	\$166,000
6755 Tiffany Cir	\$305,000

41824 Wild Turkey Ln	\$200,000
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#### GARDEN CITY

28975 Balmoral St	\$77,000
130 Harrison St	\$56,000
28731 Kathryn St	\$73,000

#### LIVONIA

15017 Alexander St	\$115,000
28671 Bayberry Park Dr	\$139,000
9909 Berwick St	\$175,000
19004 Canterbury Dr	\$283,000
15525 Deering St	\$185,000
17663 Dolores St	\$124,000
9910 Doris St	\$125,000
35245 Elmira St	\$145,000
19005 Farmington Rd	\$130,000
14740 Hix St	\$164,000
19496 Ingram St	\$155,000
9403 Lathers St	\$93,000
9357 Marie Ct	\$161,000
18892 Mayfield St	\$348,000
29876 McIntyre St	\$137,000
39206 Meeting House Ln	\$212,000
19183 Milburn St	\$175,000
29537 Pickford St	\$136,000
38122 Ross St	\$191,000
19602 Saint Francis St	\$114,000
20126 Saint Francis St	\$80,000
36529 Sherwood St	\$191,000
14448 Stonehouse Ave	\$145,000
14180 Susanna St	\$155,000
18331 University Park Dr	\$93,000
30246 W Chicago St	\$155,000

#### NORTHVILLE

18311 Blue Heron Dr E	\$455,000
17017 Horseshoe Dr	\$550,000
16782 Lochmoor Cir W	\$309,000
17076 Lochmoor Ct	\$300,000
46556 N Valley Dr	\$455,000
19663 Northridge Dr	\$110,000
17372 Oak Hill Dr	\$675,000
17290 Stonebrook Dr	\$525,000
18393 Stoneridge Ct	\$901,000
45131 Walnut Ridge Ct	\$544,000
42090 Waterfall Rd	\$355,000

#### PLYMOUTH

44601 Albert Dr	\$160,000
1093 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$150,000
46550 Barrington Ct	\$290,000
46550 Barrington Ct	\$355,000
11921 Chandler Dr	\$390,000
42044 Clemons Dr	\$120,000
11326 General Dr	\$130,000
975 Hartsough Ct	\$185,000
292 Pacific St	\$245,000

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16851 Brady	\$20,000
17233 Five Points St	\$40,000
18829 Five Points St	\$72,000
26260 Graham Rd	\$154,000
9967 Hemingway	\$98,000
18317 Lexington	\$45,000
8972 Lucerne	\$100,000
20407 Olympia	\$549,000
17674 Sumner	\$67,000
20492 Wakenden	\$30,000

14220 Westgate Dr	\$70,000
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#### WAYNE

4302 Adams Cir	\$55,000
3724 Elizabeth St	\$34,000
33200 Forest Park Dr	\$84,000
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4426 Nyman Ave	\$90,000

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31020 Barrington Ct	\$95,000
34034 Cambria St	\$21,000
37609 Colonial Dr	\$73,000
33132 Creston St	\$86,000
547 Darwin St	\$77,000
30936 Grandview Ave	\$58,000
31041 Hiveley St	\$80,000
31123 Mackenzie Dr	\$83,000
32841 Mackenzie Dr	\$109,000
34105 Majestic St	\$120,000
32105 Merritt Dr	\$125,000
1272 Michael Dr	\$150,000
7786 Millwood Dr	\$200,000
38180 N Jean Ct	\$107,000
39125 Palmer Rd	\$178,000
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29615 Shackett St	\$150,000
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# Car Report

## Toyota Throws Down for Hydrogen, Races EV Makers Like Tesla



By Dale Buss

Let the race to the future of automotive transportation begin! Each side -- all-electric vehicles like Teslas, versus hydrogen-fueled u p c o m i n g models -- is suspicious of the other and there are even aspersions, which makes the whole competition more fun. And the stakes couldn't be higher.

The gauntlet has been thrown by Toyota as it hypes and ramps up introduction of the hydrogen-fuel-cell-powered new car called Mirai -- Japanese for "future" -- that it unveiled this week at the Los Angeles auto show. Only a relative few will be available initially, and they're aimed mainly at California at first. Still, the move is nothing less than what Toyota called a "re-imaginat[ion] of the future

of mobility" akin to the big bet it placed on gas-electric hybrid early last decade, which gave us the Prius franchise.

Mirai will feature a fuel stack that fits under the front driver and passenger seats and provides up to 153 horsepower, accelerating from zero to 60 mph in nine seconds. And Mirai will be able to serve as a mobile3 power generator in case of emergency.

Able to get up to 300 miles on a tank of hydrogen that can be refilled in five minutes, Mirai represents "a turning point in automotive history," Toyota CEO Akio Toyoda said in a videotaped statement for the launch. "A turning point where people will embrace an environmentally friendly car that is a pleasure to drive."

Elaborated Toyota Chairman Takeshi Uchiyamada, according to Forbes.com: "Prius paved the way by demonstrating to mainstream buyers that the future in mobility

would include electric motors. The gas-electric hybrid technology in the first Prius blazed a new trail, that many critics said could not be blazed. The hydrogen fuel cell technology in the new Mirai will do the same."

Toyota's case is based on selling the new \$60,000 Mirai beginning next year initially in California, where strict emissions standards and associated financial credits have begun to encourage the technology over battery-powered electric cars. Toyota itself has soured on all-electric vehicles in the few years since it forged a partnership with Tesla to supply the battery packs for an EV version of the RAV4 SUV, which is being discontinued, and then tacked hard toward hydrogen vehicles.

Other automakers, including Hyundai and Chevrolet, also have been developing and demonstrating hydrogen-powered vehicles for years. Honda actually is probably furthest along after Toyota, though the company just said that it's pushing back the introduction of its own such model to 2016 or so because it needs all engineering hands on deck right now to deal with the fallout from the Takata air-bag debacle. Power-train supplier Bosch said fuel-cell vehicles will be commercially viable by 2025 in the U.S.

Among the other advantages of hydrogen is that it typically is produced by breaking down natural gas, which is increasingly abundant -- and cheap -- in the United States.



Will the new Toyota Mirai really bring the "future"?

And hydrogen power can be easily scaled up to larger vehicles, even semi-trucks, while larger battery-powered vehicles at some point don't make sense because they need ever-bigger, heavy batteries just to power them. It's the same problem that holds down the range of EVs.

But if you talk with Tesla CEO Elon Musk, Toyota's hydrogen-powered dream is actually a fantasy over what he calls "fools' cells." He has noted the fact that hydrocarbon emissions currently are created by producing hydrogen fuel (though the forces of hydrogen imagine a future where wind and solar power is used to produce hydrogen for fuel) and that the difficulty and cost of spreading an infrastructure of hydrogen supply and "hydrogen filling stations" across the United States would far outstrip the cost and challenge that he's currently addressing: establishing a critical mass of electric-car recharging

stations.

Turning to hydrogen power, Musk and others argue, would simply replace one form of "range anxiety" for another, as hydrogen-powered vehicles could only be refilled at specific stations. EVs typically can be plugged in anywhere, though it can take several hours to recharge them depending on the current and equipment.

Despite its recent problems, it's difficult to short Toyota's bet on hydrogen in part because of other big wagers that it has won, including not only Prius but also its pioneering creation of Lexus, in the Eighties, which went on to dominate U.S. luxury-car sales.

On the other hand, we all know that you don't want to bet against Elon Musk either. But that's sort of what Toyota did recently when it reduced its own minor stake in Tesla.



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How to:

Escape an awkward networking conversation

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There's nothing worse than being stuck in an awkward conversation at a party with no escape. After several painful minutes of talking about the weather and the latest football game, you finally blurt out, "I have to go to the bathroom!" and quickly run away.

You can find yourself in the same situation at a networking event. Except at these, you have no choice but to act polite and professional, because important career relationships may be at stake. Conversations can hit just as much of a dead end, and without having a clear exit strategy, you may waste valuable networking time.

"The secret to exiting an awkward networking conversation is the same as the secret to getting out of anything you don't want to do: preparation," says Robby Slaughter, author of "The Unbeatable Recipe for Networking Events." Following this sage advice, here are some tactics for escaping those uncomfortable exchanges and coming out with your career connections intact.

**The bait and switch**

Want to get out of a conversation while still appearing helpful? Try handing the person off to someone else who is better suited to chat. "Use the downtime in the conversation to ask the person what they are hoping to get from the networking event, and facilitate an introduction to someone else who can help them," says Kristi Hedges, executive coach, leadership development consultant and author of "The Power of Presence." "For example, if they're looking for a job, introduce them to a recruiting friend or someone who has just found a job. When they are situated, you can warmly excuse

yourself in order to catch up with some other folks there."

**The concerned conversationalist**

When you've reached the point of no return in a networking conversation, make ending the conversation about the other person -- how you must be keeping him from other important people, places or events. But be sure to close with a clear parting statement so there's less of a chance for lingering.

Sheila C. Sheley, president of Sheley Marketing, suggests using one of these lines:

- "You probably want to find a seat before they start the presentation. I hope you enjoy it."
- "You should get in that line for the bar before it gets too long, and I should go return a call from my office. Nice chatting with you."
- "I'm sure there are other people here that you want to meet, so I'll let you continue your networking. Have a nice evening."



**The open-ended closer**

Another conundrum that comes along with networking is the inevitable exchange of business cards and the promise to keep in touch. But what if you don't really want to reconnect? "If the other person wants to continue talking later, but you aren't interested, sometimes you can respond as if you assume it is a general expression of interest and not a specific request," Sheley says. "You could respond with something like, 'Yes, it was nice talking to you, too. I'm sure we'll run into each other at another one of these events,' or 'Perhaps our paths will cross again soon and we can talk more about that.'"

The "It's not you, it's me" approach The risk you run with "the open-ended closer" is that you're still leaving the door slightly open for another conversation. If you want to slam it shut, try placing the blame on your schedule or current career situation.

Slaughter gives these two examples of how to be direct with your rejection:



- "I appreciate your offer to meet up for coffee. But I respect you and want to be honest: I already have a trusted partner who works in real estate to whom I send all of my referrals. I'm sure there's someone in your network who has total confidence in your professionalism and does the same for you."
- "I'd love to expand my network, but I am completely booked up right now with current projects and am not taking any new meetings for the next six months. If you'd like to reach out to me in six months, perhaps we can get a cup of coffee then."

**The written rejection**

Meghan Ely, networking event regular and owner of OFD Consulting, a niche marketing firm for the wedding industry, has had success with this trick: "If the person wants to continue the conversation at another time but I have no interest, I will still exchange cards if they insist but will ask them to contact me directly. If they do reach out, this gives me the

opportunity to be a bit more eloquent when it comes to my approach. With these scenarios, I would simply be polite but firm and say something along the lines of how I appreciate them reaching out, but I don't think my skill set/area of expertise, etc. would be of benefit to them."

**The phone call fake out**

This is likely a last-resort tactic, but if you've tried everything else and you still can't escape, you can always pull the fake phone call from a friend. "You can always recruit a confederate who knows that you are trying to escape a situation," Slaughter says. "They can call you on the phone and pull you into an 'important conversation.' Your ally can also rescue you directly: 'Mind if I borrow Fred for a minute? He's needed on the other side of the room.'"

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