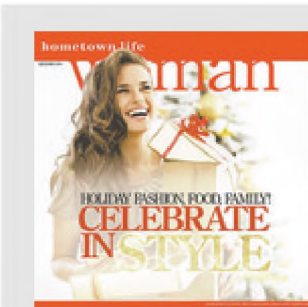


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Owl Prowl: Try to entice resident owls to respond to an artificial call 6-8 p.m. at the Owl Prowl at Maybury State Park. Space is limited to 100; free and suitable for all ages. Reservations requested and can be made at www.friendsofmaybury.org. Refreshments will be provided. Meet in the Concession Building at the Eight Mile Road entrance.

Democrats' party: The Northville Democrats Club will hold its holiday party at 7 p.m. at the home of Sandy & Barrie O'Brien, 16916 Abby Circle. Guests are invited and encouraged to bring a beverage and an appetizer or dessert. RSVP to Pilar Fierro at pilar.c.fierro@gmail.com.

Standards eyed for redevelopment

Overlay district to guide projects along Cady Street

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer



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The city of Northville is looking to set new standards for the overlay zoning district and regarding land use within the Cady Street Corridor.

City Hall wants to get ahead of the new development that is coming to the downtown Northville area, along Cady Street just north of the Northville Downs racetrack, and it wants it to look according to plan.

To set the standards for what can be built within this overlay zoning district, the city of Northville is introducing regulations regarding land use within the Cady Street Corridor that establishes specific height limitations for various parcels and new design requirements to ensure quality development on the fringe area of downtown.

The City Council approved the first reading of the changes but has not yet made it official.

According to the city zoning ordinance,

the Cady Street Overlay district is intended to allow for a mixed-use transition zone between the downtown core and future residential uses to the south.

"The CSO district will allow a unique mix of land uses designed to serve the commercial and residential needs of the community in an attractive, well designed, and functional environment," the zoning ordinance states.

It further states, "The district is designed to promote development consistent with the City of Northville Master Plan and in a manner which assures quality building design and site development. It is further designed to regulate the location of parking, regulate building height to achieve appropriate scale, and encourage the development of a pedestrian-friendly environment."

Unique features of this area include significant topographical elevation changes, the Middle Rouge River and the historic Belanger Building.

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History teacher Cislo honored

Northville educator one of six throughout state

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer



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Northville High School Social Studies teacher Joe Cislo is congratulated by Northville School District Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher (as school board Vice President Ken Roth looks on) for winning the Secondary History Teacher of the Year award. Cislo was noted for his achievement at the Nov. 18 board meeting, and the award is from the Michigan Council for History Education.

Joe Cislo teaches history. Now he's part of it.

The Northville High School teacher was awarded by the Council for History Education (MCHE) the Annette and Jim McConnell History Educator Award, which is named for the MCHE founders and is given annually to six Michigan history teachers.

Cislo's honor was recognized at the last Northville Board of Education meeting earlier last month.

"Receiving the award feels great. I love teaching, and it's very encouraging to be acknowledged in this way," said Cislo. He began working in Northville in 2000 and prior to that taught for three years in Grosse Pointe and Cicero, Ill.

He received the award as part of the Great Lakes History Conference on Oct. 10-11 in Grand Rapids, sponsored by MCHE and the Grand Valley State University History Department.

Part of the nomination process for this honor centered on

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Greensmart Day



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Kate Uberti, right, shares a laugh with fellow Northville Garden Club member Julie Mantay during the group's annual Greensmart Day. Held at Cady Inn, it's when the club distributes holiday wreaths to those who have ordered them. It is the club's main way to raise funds for its annual scholarship effort. Also helping out that day, among others, were Nachiko Hirato, Janet Young and Kathy Galarneau.

Seven Mile fix gets more funds

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The road area at Seven Mile Road and E.N. Hines Drive is looking a lot better, but it required a little extra cash from the City of Northville to make it happen.

At its last meeting, the Northville City Council voted 5-0 to approve an increased amount of \$20,187 for a total payment of \$118,379 to Wayne County for the city's local share of the rehabilitation project.

"The original contract amount was \$1,179,879.57. However, during the course of the project, some additions were made, increasing the contract amount by \$117,616.57," said Northville Public Works Director Jim Gallogly.

Added work – an improved crosswalk, fixing some bridge issues and a sanitary sewer – led to the extra costs.

Last February, Gallogly said the Northville City Council approved a standard Inter-governmental Agreement with Wayne County for the rehabilitation of Seven Mile Road and E.N. Hines Drive in the City of Northville. This project was administered by the Engineering Division of the Wayne County Department of Public Services under an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) utilizing federal



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The city of Northville approved extra funding to help complete the improvement project at Seven Mile Road and E.N. Hines Drive.

program dollars.

He said it was necessary for Northville to enter into this agreement to share local costs in order that the project could be undertaken. The project was completed on schedule in August.

The 9.97-percent cost increase was mostly covered by federal funds. But Gallogly said because Northville and Wayne County are contractually obligated to share the increase in local share costs, the extra funding was needed.

Northville's share comes from reserves in the Street Drainage and Sidewalk Improvement Fund.

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Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said the proposed text amendments would amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map and amend certain regulations in the Cady Street Overlay District. “The overlay zoning district will provide regulations regarding land use within the Cady Street Corridor. It will also establish specific height limitations (up to five stories) for various parcels and establish new design requirements to ensure quality devel-

opment on the fringe area of the City of Northville downtown,” Sullivan told council. He further said, “The amendments also include a restriction that first floor residential uses are not allowed on the north side of Cady Street from Church Street west to Wing Street.” This overlay’s plan is part of the overall city Master Plan, which is being updated but has not yet been officially approved. However, it might soon be approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. The process for these changes come after a September Planning Commission meeting in

which a public hearing was held to consider text amendments to the city’s Zoning Ordinance. The proposed text amendments would amend Article 2 Zoning and Map Interpretation and Article 10 Central Business District. During the public hearing, Sullivan said minor changes were suggested by the Downtown Development Authority and then the Planning Commission reviewed these modifications at their October 7 meeting and recommended approval of the proposed amendments to City Council. There has been a lot of discussion on the master plan with a joint commit-

tee of city staff, residents and business owners participating. The Cady area from Center Street to Griswold is seen as having a lot of potential. Projects have been proposed for this area, but nothing has come to fruition. One project recently presented by a Northville-based investment group and involves a plan to have residential on the upper floors and commercial on the first could come back for another review once these zoning amendments are put in place.

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the teacher demonstrating his or her commitment to providing quality history education to students.

There was a nominating letter from a colleague or administrator addressing the candidate’s ability to initiate projects that engage students in authentic history learning and practice, whose teaching is innovative and creative, and effectively uses Michigan’s history standards, benchmarks and history themes. In addition, there was a history lesson plan consisting of a student-centered lesson, connected to the Michigan Standards and Benchmarks. “I’m a history teacher, and I really enjoy the narrative aspect of my discipline,” Cislo said of his motivation in teaching. “Working with kids to frame the story, develop the details, and make connections to the modern world – these are the parts of the classroom experience that I really enjoy.” He’s also motivated by the way kids engage with the variety of narratives that exist in history and in helping them look at things from many angles and in many different ways. “Long after they’re gone from my classroom, I want my students to be curious, to think about things from multiple perspectives, and to

“Long after they’re gone from my classroom, I want my students to be curious, to think about things from multiple perspectives, and to make informed choices.”

JOE CISLO
Northville High School
history teacher

make informed choices,” he said. He said a good teacher needs to be genuinely interested in talking to kids as well as having patience, flexibility, and curiosity. **Learning to be a teacher** Cislo teaches U.S. History, AP U.S. History and Big History to ninth-through12th-graders at NHS. Next year, he will be teaching History of the Americas in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. He’s also taught creative writing and a few other social studies classes

(World & AP World History, AP Government). And he said at home, “I have a daughter in sixth grade and a son in third grade, so I do a little teaching there too!” Cislo has BA and MA degrees from the University of Michigan, and a MAT degree from the University of Chicago. He student taught in Chicago Public Schools. For him, a lot of thanks go to his fellow staff members and mentors who have helped him. He said there are a lot of excellent teachers at NHS, and collaborating with them really contributed to his classroom teaching. He cited Doug Dent, who started teaching at NHS in January 1972, and who is retiring at the end of this school year, as being an “incredible influence.” He’s also had the chance for the last several years to work with Dr. Bob Bain at the School of Education at the University of Michigan – an experience he said has been a great way to reflect on his classroom practice, experimenting with new teaching approaches, and refining his craft.

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NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and provides art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. The Art House Gallery and Store are open to the public 1-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. During the month of December, the Northville Art

House will also be open from 6-9 p.m. on First Friday, Dec. 5. Call 248-344-0497 or visit www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org for information. The Art House will be closed from Dec. 14 through the rest of the month and will re-open January 2 from 6-9 p.m. with an opening reception for a John Dempsey solo exhibit, entitled Between Land-

scape and Place.

Upcoming Events
Beyond Borders: Mosaic Exhibit and Auction: Through Dec. 6, The Northville Art House presents 141 mosaic artworks from artists representing 13 countries that are available for bid in an online auction benefiting Doctors Without Borders through the website www.BiddingForGood.com/DWB-MSF.

The Art of Light -- A Northville Camera Club Exhibit: Local photographic talent can be seen in the lower level of the Art House during November and December. The Northville Camera Club will present their largest exhibit of the year, themed "The Art of Light" through Dec. 6.

Holiday Basket Raf-

file: Each year during the months of November and December, the Art House features about 15 beautifully decorated and filled holiday baskets brimming with goodies from Northville area businesses. Each basket is worth almost \$300, yet tickets are only \$1. Winners will be selected at 8 p.m. Dec. 5, and you need not be present to win. You can purchase tickets during open Art House hours and during special events. There will also be a silent auction for artwork donated by local artists.

Art Classes & Workshops
Stop by the Art House for our list of Winter & Spring art classes and workshops for children and adults, in every medium, and during the day and evening!

Volunteers
Volunteers are the heart of the Art House -- call if you're interested in getting involved. One can also offer support through an annual membership which supports Art House activities and gives members a discount on store items and classes.

The Rainmaker



Through Dec. 14, The Tipping Point Theatre presents N. Richard Nash's "The Rainmaker," a classic American story of love, faith, and the notion that the power to be happy is within ourselves. At a time of devastating drought in the West lays the story of "plain" Lizzie Curry whose father and two brothers are worried as much about her potential future as an old maid as they are about their dying cattle. The brothers try every possible scheme to marry her off -- without success -- nor is there any sign of relief from the dry heat. Suddenly, from out of nowhere, a charming, sweet-talking man appears with quite the sales pitch. He promises to bring rain, while turning his magic on Lizzie, and persuades her that she has a very real beauty of her own. "This play is funny, sexy, heartbreaking and finally triumphant," said director Annette Madias. The theater is located at 361 E. Cady Street. For more information, call Lynn Wilde Concannon at 248-347-0003.

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Book Discussion for Adults

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8
Details: Join a lively discussion of "Life Itself: A Memoir" by Roger Ebert.

Amazing Clark's Winter Holiday Show

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11
Details: Magical snowflake miracles! Hot chocolate fiascos! Snowman illusions! Kids of all ages enjoy this hilariously fun festive wintry show. We cannot accommodate special groups. 100 free tickets available 5 minutes prior to the show.

Drop-In Saturday Storytime

Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13
Details: Join a wintry wonderland of stories, music and movement. Best for children ages 2-4, but entire families are welcome.

Drop-In Tech Help

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 13
Details: Free tech help for your general computer questions. Up to one hour with a volunteer.

Tween Cookies-In-A-Jar

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17
Details: Just for tweens ages 9-12. Make delicious do-it-yourself cookies in a jar. Limit 30 attendees.

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A number of Northville High School Honor Society students (l to r) – Lauren Marcotte, Perry Jiang, Matt Schafer, Kevin Yang and Nirek Sharma – have teamed up to come up with a unique way to bring attention to the needs of those without adequate food in the community.

Students help Civic Concern

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

To help get the word out on his school's National Honor Society project to help Civic Concern and local needy families, Matt Schafer was willing to do just about anything – including dressing up as a can of beans.

Schafer, who is Northville High School's honor society treasurer, wore the outfit as part of the project he and Kevin Yang (president), Patrick Wigent (vice president), Andrew Denniston and Nirek Sharma (secretaries), Lauren Marcotte (communications director), and Perry Jiang (historian) are working on together.

"Right now we are in the middle of our annual can drive to benefit Northville Civic Concern," Schafer said last week. "Students from each seminar bring in canned food and other nonperishable items every day for a few weeks leading up to the pickup date of November 26."

One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly to Civic

Concern.

"Our goal is to raise a total of 10,000 cans combined as a school, where every \$1 donation counts as two cans," he said.

Last year, NHS raised around 8,400, so they know the goal this year will be difficult.

"We have put a lot of work in to raising school-wide awareness," said Schafer, "and we think that we have a good shot at reaching the goal."

The drive has been going on for years, but this year the students really focused on putting their own spin on it.

For instance, Schafer said on election day they all met for about five hours and filmed a video of him in a can costume chasing a "can thief" played by Jiang, at different places in Northville, culminating in Schafer cornering the thief in front of Civic Concern.

"We've also made many other short clips to help advertise for the drive, several of them featuring teachers and other students outside of our organization in order to add comedy and draw more

attention," Schafer said.

These videos were shown on the school's daily morning announcements and can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wn8hPKbEpBo&list=LLjik-nZ83fq-AUIxTh53vjw&index=1.

The group also set up several incentives in order to entice students to participate.

Schafer said if a seminar together raised 50 cans for every National Honor's Society member in their seminar (i.e. 300 total cans if six kids are members), then those members would receive a credit from the organization.

Any seminar that raised over 250 cans will also receive a baked goods party, while the top three seminars will receive pizza parties. Seminar teachers could also challenge other teachers to earn bragging rights.

"However, we ultimately want to keep the focus on charity and helping those in our community who are less fortunate," said Schafer.

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NEF campaign gets matching gift challenge

Northville Educational Foundation announced a \$50,000 matching gift challenge has been extended by two very generous anonymous donors. During the Thanks-for-Giving Matching Gift Challenge, taking place now through Jan. 31, all gifts to Northville Educational Foundation will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$50,000.

The gifts received from the challenge will be utilized to advance Northville Educational Foundation's mission of providing enrichment programs that enhance Northville Public Schools' commitment to educational excellence. Gifts to any NEF funds are eligible for the match. The matching amount will go to Northville Educational Foundation's General & Endowment Fund.

"I can't think of a better way to celebrate NEF's 15th anniversary than with this matching gift challenge," said Jennifer Roosenberg, executive director of Northville Educational Foundation. "The generosity of these two amazing community supporters will continue to help realize the vision of our founders."

"We see amazing support and generosity among the parents, teachers, businesses and community members every day. This matching gift challenge is an exciting way for them to see their investment doubled and to make a greater impact," said Roosenberg.

One can make a tax-deductible gift online at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org or call 248.344.8458.

Trade fair



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Winchester Elementary fifth-grader Amelia Moore displays a totem pole that she created for her school's Nov. 21 Native American trade fair. After studying local Native American tribes, Winchester students created a number of different articles that they could trade and barter with each other on an afternoon set aside for the business. The kids made bows and arrows, dream catchers, corn bread, popcorn, model lodges and beaded necklaces.

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Walled Lake district receives \$10K grant from AT&T Foundation

The Foundation for Excellence of the Walled Lake Schools received a \$10,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation to support Michigan's DROP OUT CHALLENGE embraced by Walled Lake School District's three high schools.

The district is committed to diligently using the early warning signs – A-Attendance, B-Behavior and C-Course Performance – and place “at risk” students in the WLCSD Drop Out Challenge District program. Funds will be used to support needed tutoring, mentoring and procurement of resources to

address identified deficiencies. Walled Lake School's personnel, high school administrators and faculty will collectively work to intervene, understand and identify factors contributing to gaps within student learning.

This collaborative effort is part of the Response to Intervention initiative being addressed within each high school. Furthermore, funding will permit acquiring reference literature for mentor's use in developing and implementing methods, means and strategies for bridging gaps within students'

academic framework. The award from the AT&T Foundation will accelerate the plans and goals to be put in place for assisting “at risk” high school students.

“The foundation is proud to receive this funding through the AT&T Aspire Program, which will make a difference within our classrooms by bridging gaps created by dwindling budgets and resources that have been stretched beyond their effectiveness,” said Michelle Bianco, foundation executive director.

The work and mission of the foundation is carried

out year round in order to preserve its 23-year history of engaging support and resources for the classrooms of the Walled Lake School District; raising more than \$850,000 during its tenure. Mini-grant disbursements this past 2013-14 school year resulted in providing funds to support the WL District's K-12 Art Exhibit, an elementary school family literacy night and disability awareness day, a middle school anti-bullying program, procurement of iPad minis and graphing calculators for the classroom and much more.



Pictured (from left) are Cynthia Campion, FFE treasurer; Charles Morgan, W.L. Central principal; Evette Hollins, AT&T; state Rep. Clint Kesto; Kenneth Gutman, W.L. superintendent; Michelle Bianco, FFE executive director; Chuck Phillipson, FFE chairman; Greg Diamond, W.L. Northern principal; and Harvey Donohue, W.L. Western assistant principal.

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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.
Wed is MS Youth Night: 6:30 p.m.
Griefshare, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Milford United Methodist Church
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Children's Church: 10:30 am
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www.newhudonumc.org

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Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am
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21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
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Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation
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Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School @ 11 am
Wednesday mid-week programs
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

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

Northville

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

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

First United Methodist Church
South Lyon, MI
Worship: 8:15 am, 10:45 am,
11 am & 6:30 pm
Sunday School: 9:40 am
Rev. Sondra Willobee, Lead Pastor
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Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at www.hometownlife.com.

Brightmoor Christian Church

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

Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road.
Contact: 248-349-8847 or visit hollyfamilynovi.org.
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday 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.
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 or visit www.DW3C.org.
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia.
Web: 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.
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.
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.
First Presbyterian Church of Northville
Location: 200 E. Main.
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org.
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages).

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

First Presbyterian Church
Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.

First United Methodist Church of Northville
Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville.
Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org.
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 Saturday, Dec. 6. 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 home-made 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; visit 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.
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.
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; or email to 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.
Contact: Amanda Rehm at 248-926-6584 or amanda.rehm@orchardgrove.org.

NorthRidge Church
Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Phone: 734-233-3621
Email: pheaton@northridgechurch.com

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JACOBSEN AUDREY MAE
Departed December 1, 2014 at the age of 76 from sudden cardiac arrest. The beloved wife of Kenneth Jacobsen for 50 years, Audrey is survived by her husband, two sons, two daughters - in-law and five grandchildren. Her eldest son Ken Jacobsen, Jr lives in Commerce Michigan with his wife Stephanie, son Bryce and daughter Aspen. Her youngest son Keith Jacobsen, lives in Huntley, Illinois with his wife Mary, sons Neil and Cooper, and daughter Elena. Although Ken and Audrey were born and married in the state of New York, they have lived in Northville, Michigan since 1973. Audrey has born in Utica, New York to George and Elizabeth Castle and had three brothers; Walt, Don and Bill. Both Walt and Don have passed on. Her brother Bill still lives in Upstate New York. Audrey grew up on a dairy farm in Whitesboro, New York on Castle Road which was surrounded by several grave yards where they would go sledding. The farm is now a golf course and Audrey's room is the pro shop. She paid her own way through college working for a trucking company and a local grocer. She graduated from Utica College with a teaching degree and taught elementary school in New York Mills and on Long Island. Ken and Audrey met while he was in the Air Force and stationed in upstate New York. She was hanging out at a bar with her best friend Carol. Ken was there with his Air Force buddies including his best buddy George. Love must have really been in the air that night because both Ken and Audrey, and Carol and George got married. In June of 1964 in Whitesboro New York, Ken and Audrey began a long and happy marriage. After getting married they moved to Long Island New York and bought a house in Holbrook where their first son was born in 1968. After Ken accepted a job with Ford Motor Company in 1972, they became Michiganders. The next year, their second son was born and they bought a home in Northville on Byrne Court. After moving to Michigan, Audrey left teaching to become the fulltime family manager. She raised their two boys and reminded them both all the way through University to "study, study, study." When she had some free time, she liked to read books, go bargain hunting, garaging and spend time with the neighbors on the court and with her other friends and family. When the boys were young, she drove them around to sports and taught Sunday school. As Audrey's boys started families of their own, she loved to spend time with the grandkids. She also loved to shop for clothes for her grandkids and all her nieces and nephews in upstate New York. She also was active in an investment club for many years and a local book club. Once Ken retired from Ford, they enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe. When home, they were active at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, liked to visit friends, and eat out. They were frequent patrons at Rebecca's and Guemsey's in Northville and she has been described as a second mother to the restaurant staff. She was always inquiring about school, life and family, and was always happy to offer encouragement and love. Audrey was a loving mother, gracious neighbor, caring friend, and wonderful wife. She'll be missed by many but forgotten by none. Visitation will be Friday December 5th from 5pm to 8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W Dunlap St, Northville, MI. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday from 3pm to 4pm at First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W 8 Mile Rd. Northville, MI. The service will be preceded from 2 to 3pm with a visitation and followed by a fellowship gathering at the church. Online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

Northville Christian Assembly
Location: 41355 Six Mile.
Contact: 248-348-9030; 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; call 248-348-9031.

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CHARLTON DOROTHY M.
"AUNT DOT" Age 94, of South Lyon, formerly of Detroit, passed away 11/24/14. Full obit at casterlinefuneralhome.com
CRAGER, ROY
May 16, 1947 - November 16, 2014. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

CREDIT, MARION
September 8, 1926 - November 19, 2014. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOHNSON, SHELTON O.
Age 91, passed away November 27, 2014. www.phillipsfuneral.com

LIDGEY, S. GERALD
June 16, 1941 - November 19, 2014. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

MANKEWICZ, DEBORAH
October 6, 1959 - November 12, 2014. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

NEUMANN, RALPH
November 11, 1934 - November 17, 2014. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

PRICE, ROBERT "BOB" D., SR.
March 16, 1920 - November 26, 2014 of Livonia. Care and services were entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, Northville.

PRIM, RODNEY R.
Age 84 of Kansas, previously of Northville, died November 22, 2014. Share online condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

PROHOW, CHARLES DANIEL
November 30, 2014. Age 71 of Novi. Care & services were entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home -Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, Northville.

WEHNER, MARGERY H.
Age 93 passed away November 23, 2014, www.phillipsfuneral.com.



WOODRUFF, BETTY MARIE
Of Milford, died peacefully on November 24, 2014. She was 90 years old. Betty was born, raised, and lived her entire life in Milford. She is survived by her beloved husband, Charles "Chuck" Woodruff; son; Dennis (Ellen) Woodruff; daughters, Sharon (Robert) Martin and Tina (Bob) Bickle; grandchildren, Jody (Kathy) Woodruff, Mark (Becky) Woodruff, Lajuan Norman, Amber (John) Allis, Afton (Brian) Hanenburg, Corey Martin and Jake (Amanda) Martin; brother, Gerald Hance. Also survived by many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, extended family and dear friends. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 East Liberty St., Milford on Wednesday, November 26, 2014. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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May 25, 1963 - November 22, 2014. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Cookie Walk returns



STEVE FECHT

Come walk in a Cookie Wonderland filled with thousands of homemade holiday cookies and beautifully packaged candy, bread, fudge and more Saturday, Dec. 13, at the fifth annual Christmas Cookie Walk at Meadowbrook Congregational Church. Admission is free. Cookies are \$9 per pound, with other items priced individually. Each participant will receive a box (or as many boxes as needed) and gloves to walk among tables laden with trays of holiday cookies and other delights. Pre-boxed cookie assortments also will be available. Doors open at 9 a.m., but entry numbers will be distributed starting at 8:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive early to avoid the rush. Free coffee and cookie samples will be served. Proceeds from the event support church missions. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads in Novi. For further information, contact the church office at 248-348-7757 or go to www.mbccc.org.

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Marine Corps’ Toys for Tots relies heavily on volunteers

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Each Christmas season, volunteers locally and throughout the U.S. work with members of the United States Marine Corps on Toys for Tots, which began in 1947. Residents are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys for children at area drop boxes.

Rebecca Perelli Yarbrough of Novi is a volunteer regional area coordinator for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. She is available at 248-331-7433 or T4TRebecca@aol.com.

Yarbrough is in her 28th year of Toys for Tots volunteering. “Because children are our most important asset,” she said of her work, with all Toys for Tots efforts volunteer.

She told her dad about her son, now 21, who has worked on Toys for Tots all these years, too. Yarbrough couldn’t give up volunteering when she saw the look on her son’s face as he opened Christmas presents.

“Look at that face. I put that on 100,000 kids. Everything you do good in life comes back to you,” she said. “Rewarding is a small word compared to what it is.”

Yarbrough’s communities are: South Lyon, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Milford, Highland, East Highland, Commerce, White Lake, Keego Harbor, Walled Lake, Wixom, Orchard Lake, Wolverine Lake, Union Lake, Clarkston, Seven Harbors, Andersonville, Davisburg, Springfield, Thomas, Oakwood, Walters, Perry Lake Heights, Oxford, Ortonville, Brandon Gardens, and Holly.

A wealth of informa-



Sgt. Shawn King

tion can be found on the www.toysfortots.org website. Organizers note that if you do not see your community listed, you should visit www.detroit-mi.toysfortots.org or www.trenton-mi.toysfortots.org.

If you are unable to contact a local area point of contact, contact coordinator Marine Staff Sgt. Scott Bare at 586-549-9238 or Scott.Bare.T4T@gmail.com.

Checks payable to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation are welcome at: Toys for Tots Marine Coordinator, (ATTN) Marine Coordinator, 1st Bn 24th Marines, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, 27601 C St, Mt. Clemens, MI 48045.

In early November, Yarbrough was putting in eight-nine hours a day on Toys for Tots four days a week. That steps up to 15-hour days by mid-November when the volunteers get into their warehouse.

Those interested in volunteering can email Yarbrough, with sorting opportunities heavy in December after the warehouse gets set up in November.

“We’ve got some wonderful events coming up,” Yarbrough said. Scouts assist with toy drives each year, there are pancake breakfasts,

and many businesses sponsor Toys for Tots events.

“Oakland County is a stellar contributor to the program,” she said. “They have always come through. It is just fantastic. Every year it overwhelms me.”

Toys for Tots donation canisters are around town, too, and donations are also welcome online. Yarbrough said local community needs are first met, with additional donated toys then shifted to nearby needy areas.

“The goal is to put the toys out in the kids’ hands,” she said, adding some volunteers work year-round on drives to guarantee sufficient toys.

The general cutoff age is 13, but volunteers try to accommodate teens who have younger siblings receiving toys, and ask about that on the application.

“Personally in my own heart they are the ones we need to connect with,” Yarbrough said of the teens. “They get lost in the shuffle.”

She’s also requesting limited stuffed animals due to their harboring germs. Yarbrough noted that to request help you should visit the www.toysfortots.org website home page and click on the “Request Toys” tab.

She’s seeking additional help with vehicles, such as a truck or cargo van. Dick Scott is donating a minivan, one of many business supporters the organizers appreciate.

Toys for Tots is a 67-year-old national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas holiday season.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



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Menchie's frozen yogurt recently opened a shop in Northville Township north of Six Mile along Haggerty Road. Owner-operators are husband Anant (left) and wife Urvashi Patil (right); joining them are workers Mickey Klugman and Sujata Dave.

Menchie's serving frozen yogurt, smiles

Q: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

A; Our mission is to make you smile! We offer a great atmosphere where friends and family can enjoy some quality time together and enjoy a cup of delicious frozen yogurt. We have over 100 flavors of yogurt and sorbets that we will be rotating. Fourteen flavors are available at any one time, plus several toppings to make your own unique mix. Toppings range from dry toppings like almonds or M&M's to chilled toppings like cookie dough and fresh fruits. You can even top it off with sauces like chocolate or peanut butter sauce. Our featured flavor for this month is Cinnabon Classic Cinnamon Roll. The featured

DETAILS

Name: Menchie's Northville Village
Address: 17911 Haggerty Road
Name/title: Anant Patel, owner
Hometown: Northville
Opened: Oct. 4, 2014
Employees: 12
Specialty: Frozen yogurt
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Phone: 248-449-4733
Web: www.menchies.com

toppings this month are Cinnabon Morsels & Cream Cheese Icing.

Q: How did you get started in this business?

A; We were looking for a fun and fresh opportunity that our

entire family could be involved with and this fit the bill perfectly. Menchie's is a family-oriented concept and our values were in line with what they were offering. It was a great fit for us.

Q: What's the best reason to do business in the Northville area?

A; We've lived in Northville for a while now and really wanted to open our store in Northville. It's a fantastic place to do business as well as raise our young family. To be a part of an incredible community like this really falls in line with our values at Menchie's. We've already been able to hold a fundraiser for the public schools and hope to do many more. In fact, we are still looking for more organizations to partner with and assist them

with their fundraising efforts. If you're interested, please stop by or call us to explore an easy and fun way to raise funds for your organization.

Q: How are things going lately?

A; Things are going really well. The word is spreading that we are open and more and more guests are starting to walk through our doors.

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

A; We've owned other small businesses before, so we knew what we are getting into as far as hard work goes. This experience has been unique because we get to meet and interact with so many great people on a daily basis.

SJMHS, Probility announce letter of intent

St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Probility Physical Therapy announced the signing of a letter of intent which will bring the two organizations together, combining their strengths to provide outpatient physical therapy to the community.

The agreement would combine the operations of Probility's six therapy clinics in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Saline and the village of Clinton, with the health system's seven clinics that are part of St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and Livingston. Probility will become a wholly-owned division of SJMHS, with the same leadership in place in the new entity.

"We are very happy to have found an organization with the same commitment to high quality, safety and service," said Patrick Hoban, CEO, Probility Physical Therapy, headquartered in Ann Arbor. "It was clear from initial meetings that this would be a great fit for both of us, enabling the strengths of our treatment approach to physical therapy to reach a broader market."

With 78 percent of all physical therapy performed outside of the hospital setting, this partnership will enable SJMHS to extend its services to the retail setting, where 60 percent of physical therapy currently takes place.

"This is a great opportunity to expand our outpatient physical therapy capabilities to a larger marketplace," said Rob Casalou, regional president and CEO, St. Joseph Mercy Health System. "Probility is well-regarded in the local community for its treatment approach and the high-quality service it consistently provides its patients. With our complementary approach to service, this strategy supports our mutual goals to provide the best possible outpatient physical therapy to those in the community."

Probility will manage the outpatient physical therapy services at St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and Livingston hospitals and its outpatient health centers in addition to its current operations. All physicians can continue to refer patients to any clinic in the SJMHS-Probility system. Day-to-day operations will remain much as they are today with a continued focus on providing excellent care to patients.

This transaction includes seven outpatient therapy locations in Ann Arbor, Brighton, Howell and Canton that are part of St. Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor and Livingston. Physical therapy at these locations spans a full continuum of services, including health promotion, prevention and rehabilitation. Roughly 158 employees work in outpatient therapy to provide skilled therapeutic intervention to foster improvement in physical functioning and maximize overall quality of life. Services include amputee rehabilitation, back/neck pain and dysfunction, balance rehabilitation, traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, breast cancer rehabilitation, cranial sacral therapy, developmental and hand rehabilitation, voice therapy, lymphedema, orthopedic and sports medicine, stroke rehabilitation, vestibular rehabilitation and wheelchair seating and fitting.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mastery Technologies partners with SunShower Learning

Continuing in its efforts to provide quality training content to organizations nationwide, Novi-based Mastery Technologies welcomes its newest content partner, SunShower Learning, to the Mastery Training Content Network.

SunShower Learning is known for its thought-provoking training programs covering issues surrounding workplace inclusion and diversity. Mastery has published SunShower Learning's award-winning training program, "Anyone Can Be An Ally: Speaking up for an LGBT Inclusive Workplace" on its video on demand format. The 14-minute video demonstrates how anyone can be an ally to create a respectful workplace that is inclusive of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender co-workers.

Hobby Lobby preparing for Novi store opening

Hobby Lobby Stores, a privately held national retail chain of craft and home decor stores, is set to open a new store in the Novi Town Center. Construction and renovations have begun on this 55,000-square-foot building formerly occupied by Borders, located at the corner of Town Center Drive and Crescent Boulevard.

This is Hobby Lobby's 21st location in Michigan, which is projected to open at the beginning of February. The location will bring about 35-50 jobs to the community paying \$15 per hour for full-time and \$10 per hour for part-time associates.

Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc., headquartered in

Oklahoma, began as Greco, a miniature picture frames company in 1970. When David Green moved his business from the family's garage to a 300-square-foot retail space in 1972, Hobby Lobby was founded. Today, Hobby Lobby has more than 600 stores across the nation that average 55,000 square feet in size.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday.

More than 1,300 new jobs likely result from funds

Thirteen Oakland County companies received almost \$700,000 from the state's Skilled Trades Training Fund, enabling them to hire nearly 1,300 new employees while upgrading the skills of more than 700 current employees.

The funds will be used to train current employees in occupations such as software programming support, electrical vehicle development, computer-aided design, welding and robot operations.

The companies in turn agreed to contribute nearly \$3 million in matching job training funds to help prepare their workforces. Coupled with funds received in 2013 from the state fund, Oakland County employers – through Oakland County Michigan Works! – received more than \$1.1 million to retrain its existing workforce and hire new employees.

"The program provides a fantastic opportunity to help our employees advance and add to our growth," said Juli Elkins of Gable-TEK, a Troy-based engineering and robotics firm that received about \$23,000 in training funds.



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Welcome Dr. Irby-Johnson

The St. Mary Mercy Medical Group would like to extend a warm welcome to NiJuanna Irby-Johnson, MD. She joins our medical group of over 25 primary care and specialty physicians as an internal medicine physician. She has more than 10 years of experience in adult primary care, preventative care and management of chronic disease.

Dr. Irby-Johnson received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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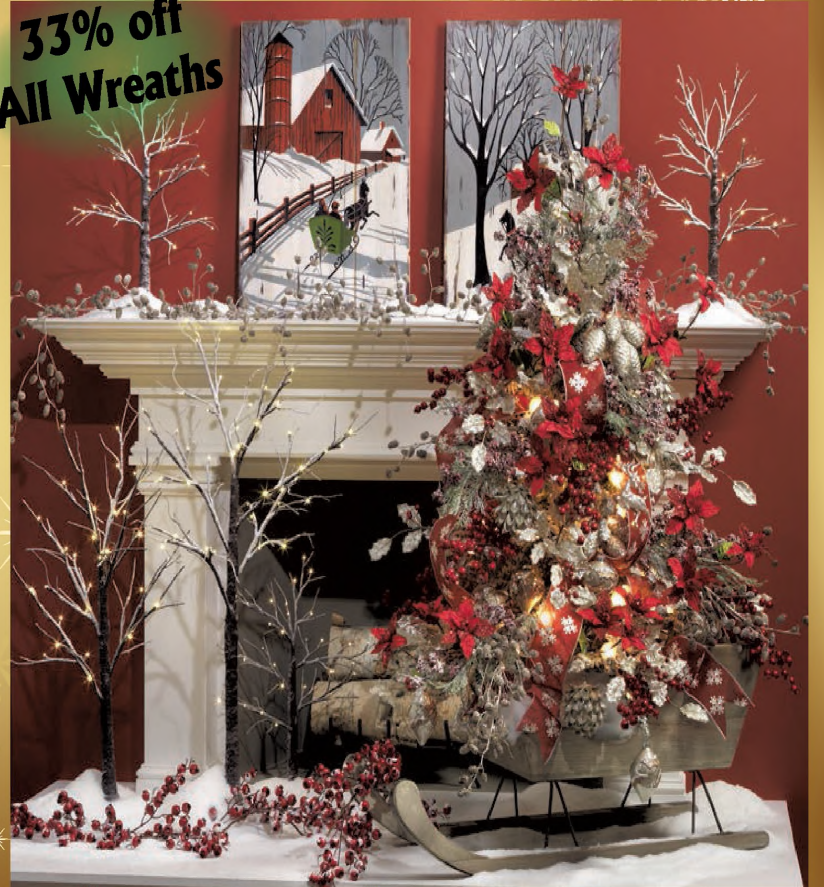
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The American Red Cross asks eligible donors to give something that means something this holiday season – a lifesaving blood donation. Blood donations often decline this time of year when donors get busy with holiday festivities and travel. Severe winter 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. Prime Care of Novi (39555 W. 10 Mile) will be taking donations from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Dec. 14. 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, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

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 RoseAnna Twitchell at 248-347-0400 or www.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. 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. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary. Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, 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. For more information, call 248-347-0414.

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Chelios visit Barnes & Noble

Join former Detroit Red Wings player Chris Chelios for a book signing of *Made in America* at Barnes & Noble (17111 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. Film fest deadlines The deadlines for the 2015 Rock Hard Film Fast all-ages competition are approaching – Jan. 1 for musicians; Feb. 1 for filmmakers. Returning as special guest judge is Allee Willis, a Grammy and Tony award-winning songwriter/artist. The three-day event will kick off its second year at Detroit Farm and Garden at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5. Registered filmmakers and musicians will be introduced and then randomly paired into teams by random drawing. All teams will be given specific elements that need to be incorporated into their music videos. They will be given 48½ hours to

complete their music videos. The finished music videos will then be screened at a Detroit theater and a \$500 first place cash prize will be given for Best Music Video. Also awarded will be the Audience Choice award for Best Song. The entry cost is \$100 for filmmakers; \$80 for student filmmakers; and \$50 for musicians. Mail payments to P.O. Box 5290, Northville, MI 48167. Sponsors opportunities are available; contact event founder Lisa Meinzingher-Abraham at rockhardfilmfast@gmail.com. For more info, go to www.rockhardfilmfast.com and follow on www.facebook.com/rockhardfilmfast, www.twitter.com/rockhardfilm and www.instagram.com/rockhardfilmfast.

Northville Woman’s Club kicks off holidays

The Northville Woman’s Club will kick off the holiday season at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, with a program of Christmas Legends and Stories by Jane Riddle at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The event will include both stories and songs of Christmas from Riddle, who wears many hats as co-owner Lodi Farms, the Ann Arbor nursery and landscape business she started in 1992 with her husband Dan. In addition to the nursery and a 56-acre tree farm just west of Jackson, Riddle also is an active member of the One Voice Gospel Choir, which has performed throughout the world. Music of the holiday season will also be featured Dec. 19, when the Northville Woman’s Club welcomes Ellen Woodward, director of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville TeDeum Handbell Choir. Woodward, who plays with the Detroit Handbell Ensemble, will present a Christmas Handbell Solo during the club’s Christmas Tea at 1:30 p.m. In addition to the program, the club will also introduce its new members. Those interested in further information about the club or attending its programs should contact president Lorraine Andary at 248-349-9463.

Friends of the Rouge meeting

Friends of the Rouge will host its annual Membership Meeting & Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and special program. The business meeting (free to FOTR members) will begin at

Listen @ The Library



In an innovative partnership between the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, Community Financial Credit Union, Walmart and the Friends of the Novi Library comes Listen @ The Library – a series of free, family concerts performed by internationally acclaimed artists at the Novi Public Library. The final concert of the series will include bronze medalist of the 2014 Fischhoff Competition, The Evita String Quartet, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. These performances are informal and interactive, introducing audiences to chamber music in an entertaining and engaging way. For more information, call 248-349-0720 or visit the Novi Library at 45255 W. 10 Mile.

7:20 p.m. Reservations are currently being accepted and all are welcome to attend. Dinner reservations are available for \$35 per FOTR member, \$40 per non-member and \$300 for a reserved table for six. Guests may select from chicken, vegan, or vegetarian entrée options. Pre-registration is required. Online reservations may be made via the Annual Meeting page at www.therouge.org. The evening will feature FOTR’s first-ever Green Infrastructure Panel discussion with local leaders who will field questions about local and regional green infrastructure efforts and best practices for homeowners. Following dinner and the panel discussion, the business meeting agenda will include presentation of board nominees and

election; presentation of the Best Friend of the Rouge awards; report from FOTR leadership; and highlights from FOTR programs. Bell ringer update The Salvation Army is rolling out two new volunteer bell ringing competitions this year, as well as featuring a bell ringer of the day/week. The first competition is to the individual bell ringer that completes the most two-hour shifts during the 2014 Red Kettle Campaign. The second competition is for the bell ringer that refers the most new bell ringers. There are prizes for the winner of each category, plus an invitation to the awards luncheon in May. The bell ringer of the day will be featured on www.registertoring.org and the weekly bell ringer will be featured on the

Facebook site. The Salvation Army Christmas Fund Raising Campaign for the Belleville, Canton, Northville and Plymouth service area has currently collected \$21,244.12 (12.3 percent) of its \$225,000 Red Kettle Campaign goal for this year as of Nov. 22. However, it is currently 13.5 percent behind last year’s collections. Through the generous support of the community, approximately 250 families were provided with the fixings to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to become a volunteer bell ringer, sign up online at either www.ringbell.org or contact Sandy Kollinger, Volunteer & Special Events coordinator, or Katie Wenzel, Christmas Kettle coordinator, at 734-453-5464 ext. 24.

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FRI/SAT LS 11:35

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FRI/SAT LS 11:35

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The public is invited to attend and provide comments. For additional information please contact the planning department at 248-348-5800.

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Vigilance important to avoid ‘Trouble in Toyland’

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It's a scene Donna Bucciarelli has seen far too often in the emergency room. A kid comes in after swallowing something he shouldn't have or, worse, he swallowed something that completely blocks the airway. It is often a panic situation at the time, but the key, said Bucciarelli, who serves as the trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Health System, is being vigilant, because many of these situations can be prevented.

"Supervision and common sense are the most important things," she said. "And it's not just with the new toys, but keeping track of old ones as well." Prevention is especially important as the holiday shopping season approaches and toys fly off the shelves. And Beaumont is once again at the forefront of the education process by sponsoring the release of the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan's annual Trouble in Toyland report. The report, which is slated to be released early next week, provides



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ryan Roush (left) and Sachin Ploucha check out the toys during a program announcing the release of the Trouble in Toyland report.

safety guidelines for consumers buying toys, as well as examples of toys currently on the shelves that pose potential safety risks. The most common hazards found on store shelves include ones that are choking hazards, contain toxic substances, are magnetic and ones that make a lot of noise. Bucciarelli said these hazards are found in toys from numerous companies and various price ranges. "We have seen it across the board," she said. "It's companies you don't recognize and ones

you do." PIRG's report found numerous toys this year that fail the toilet paper roll test — meaning if it fits inside a toilet paper roll, it is probably unsafe for children under 3 years old. Five toys were reportedly found with concentrations of toxins exceeding federal standards. But while many of these toys remain on the shelves, Bucciarelli said a lot has been done over the years to cut back on those posing severe safety concerns. "Without the constant policing and vigilance



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Donna Bucciarelli, trauma prevention coordinator for Beaumont Health System (right), Dr. Robert Morden and nurse Erica Surman talked about what parents should look for when shopping for toys this holiday season.

and knowing people are watching, I think the standards would go backward," she said. U.S. PIRG Consumer Program Director Ed Mierzwinski said they "commend the emergency medicine and pediatric experts at Beaumont and other hospitals around the nation for helping educate parents about

potential toy hazards." For more information about the report and to get toy safety tips, go to

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Postal Service delivers Letters to Santa

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. And the Postal Service can help prove it when Santa replies to a child's letter to Santa — complete with a North Pole postmark. The Letters to Santa program adds to the excitement of Christmas and is perfect for interesting youngsters in letter writing. Here are the steps for children to get a letter back from Santa:

1. Have your child write a letter to Santa and seal it in an envelope addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole.
2. Tell your child that you'll place a stamp on the envelope and mail it to St. Nick for him or her.
3. Later, when alone, open the envelope, read the letter and write Santa's response on the back of the child's letter. Have Santa write: "It's important to be green and save paper. That's why I'm writing on the back."



USPS
The U.S. Postal Service has recently issued Santa Forever stamp.

4. When responding as Santa, reference your child's accomplishments not included in his or her letter, for example, Santa is so proud that you volunteered to help or Santa is really impressed with the great job you're doing in school — especially with math. Sign it San-

ta Claus with a P.S. to get to bed early Christmas Eve. 5. Place the letter into a new envelope addressed to the child at his or her home. Be sure to include: Santa Claus, North Pole, as the return address on the envelope. Don't forget to apply a

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OUR VIEW

Holiday giving: Know charity before making donation

You may have missed Giving Tuesday, what with all the hoopla surrounding the four biggest days of the holiday shopping season – pre-Black Friday (a.k.a. Thanksgiving), Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday.

Giving Tuesday was founded in 2012 as a way to promote and celebrate the great American tradition of giving. For many of us, giving to charities like the Goodfellows, The Salvation Army and Toys for Tots is as much a part of the holidays as the shopping and celebrations with family and friends.

For many charities, the donations they receive now will support their efforts throughout the year. Locally, hundreds of families and children will have a bright and beautiful Christmas thanks to the generosity of strangers.

And the solicitations will go well beyond local groups. Mixed in with the sizable increase of mail and email requests for charitable donations, telephones will be ringing with this or that organization looking for assistance. Some will come from well-known organizations, but there will be those from less recognizable groups.

Charitable giving done before Jan. 1 means that the monetary gifts will be deductible on the 2014 tax return, but before you give, take the time to find out where your money is going. Don't let glossy campaign literature sway you to opening your checkbook or use your credit card. Our recommendation is to focus on charities you know and trust.

The Better Business Bureau recommends that if you are unfamiliar with an organization that is soliciting donations, don't give without first getting details about the charity. Don't be fooled by low overhead claims – get the charity's information. Ask for the charity's name, address and written information on the charity's programs and finances.

Know how much of your purchase goes to the charity. If something is being sold to benefit a charity, be wary of statements such as "all proceeds go to charity." Look for a disclosure that states exactly how much will go to the charity's programs.

A case in point is the Kids Wish Network, which had the dubious honor of being the worst charity in the nation in a 2013 review of charities with wasteful spending practices done by the *Tampa Bay Times*, CNN and the Center for Investigative Reporting. Based on "cash paid to solicitors in the last decade," the report found that of the \$127.8 million raised for Kids Wish Network, \$109.8 million went to the solicitors.

Give by check or credit card. When you give by check or credit card, you have proof of your donation when it's time to do your taxes. Never be pressured into giving cash and never give via wire transfer.

Just say no. If you get a call from an unfamiliar organization asking for a contribution over the telephone by credit card, just say no and hang up. The caller could be calling you from anywhere in the world. The longer they keep you on the telephone, the more likely they will be to pressure you into giving. Once they have your credit card number, they could max out your credit limit within minutes.

If you get an email from an unfamiliar organization asking for a contribution, do not click on links or download attachments. You could download viruses to your computer. Scammers send out millions of fake "phishing" emails every day to steal personal information.

Tuesday may have been Giving Tuesday, but it's never too late to give. Charity begins at home, but make sure your money will be wisely spent.



For many of us, giving to charities like The Salvation Army is as much a part of the holidays as the shopping and celebrations with family and friends.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Funds for REIS?

I found it quite curious that the REIS company was allocated to receive 50 percent of the tax increment revenue with the amended Brownfield Plan for the redevelopment of the former Northville State Hospital site (*Northville Record*, Nov. 27, 2014). Why do they need these funds? This is a company that is now leasing out perhaps the mostly valuable piece of retail property in the entire Midwest. They are doing just fine, thank you.

This is a company connected to the dubious attempted annexation of the hospital site by the City of Livonia. This is the company which backed out of its development agreement for the property which lead eventually to the annexation attempt and other hijinks.

This is the company that brought in loggers to devastate the beautiful old growth woods on the property. It is guided by Bobby Shostak who is also head of the Michigan Republican Party. What is going on here? I have confidence in our township board of trustees and our supervisor. I'm sure they struck the best deal they could get. This outrageous situation speaks more to the flawed judicial/political system we have where money and connected lawyers usually rule the day.

James Porterfield
Northville

Praise Obama's immigration action

Three cheers for President Obama and his immigration reform. The president again shows himself to be a noble person who cares deeply for people, families, and human dignity. I am sickened by Republican leaders who are so haughty and sanctimonious in condemning the President's action. To tell the truth, Republican leaders seem to have a single, cheap goal – destroy the president and every one of his accomplishments.

James Gualdoni
Commerce Township

Rodney King Trevoron Martin Michael Brown

I am Alice in Wonderland. I am in the United States of America not the Mid East or Russia.

I have feelings of outrage, disappointment, hopelessness, anger, frustration, injustice, worry.

I have questions and suspicions about the process and the timing of the announcement about the decision of the Grand Jury in Ferguson, Mo. regarding the August shooting of yet another African American youth, Michael Brown, by a white policeman. Was everything from the beginning orchestrated to achieve predetermined goals? Does every human life have value and worth? Is there license to kill? Is the USA the land of the rule of law or lawlessness?

I am thankful there were peaceful reactions and demonstrations in many places in our country. I am grateful for being born white.

Now what?
Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Have I 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 Friedman, 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.

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 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

Monument bad idea

The Fallen Heroes Monument is a really bad idea. Police don't even make the top 10 for dangerous professions and firefighters don't even make the top 15, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The primary goal of police is to protect the city's interests not the citizens' interests.

Elevating public servants like this is wrong. It sends the message that their lives are more important than the citizens they serve and, of course, they are not. Prove me wrong by putting the name of every Livonian who has died on the job on the monument. If you do not, I am right and this is about elevating the government above its people. Put the name of every fisherman, logger, pilot, garbage collector, roofer, steel worker, farmer, driver and electrician on the monument because their jobs are more dangerous than police and fire. If you do not, you are making a very public statement that their lives are not worth what a cop or fireman's is worth. You are telling their families that their loved one is not missed as much the cop's family

GUEST COLUMN

Technology solutions help Michigan courts work smarter

Did you know there is a smart phone app to calculate the likelihood of a snow day at your child's school? I have a feeling that app is going to get a workout this winter. New technologies are helping every aspect of our lives, from avoiding traffic jams to managing our finances. In this regard, Michigan judges are putting technology to work, improving service to the public and being more efficient.



By Milton L. Mack Jr.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Courts are keeping up with this trend. Across Michigan, 118 courts offer the convenience of paying tickets online and 85 percent of Michigan citizens have access to online payment. In addition, several courts are beginning to offer online ticket resolution programs that allow eligible drivers the opportunity to reduce or eliminate points without having to take a day off and go to court.

Businesses have long used

video-conferencing to reduce travel costs and increase efficiency. Many families use online applications for phones and computers that allow for video chats with friends and relatives. Michigan courts are putting this technology to work by equipping 215 "virtual" courtrooms so that hearings can be done via video-conference.

In 77 counties, every courtroom with an assigned judge now has this equipment. The result? Over the past year, the Michigan Department of Corrections has made 4,058 "video" transports, saving more than \$2.6 million compared to the cost of physically transporting prisoners for hearings. Local governments save even more.

Technology also provides critical and timely access to information that courts and other government agencies need to make decisions. To this end, nearly every court in the state contributes to the 45 million records stored in the online Judicial Data Warehouse. Courts, law enforcement and other agencies like the Secretary of State accessed this database nearly 400,000 times in 2013.

Online access to information is also the driving force behind

misses them. You are telling their orphaned children that their dad or mom was not as important as the dad or mom who was a fireman.

We have had this type of aggrandizement of government before, but then we were called "The Colonies." We all know how that turned out.

Edward Collins
Livonia

Help with addiction

The bill we worked on for two years after our son, who was addicted to heroin, committed suicide, was signed into law by Gov. Snyder this summer. Public Act 200 of 2014 allows families and health professionals to petition a court to involuntarily evaluate and treat adults who struggle with substance abuse.

What people might not understand is what process should be followed to have a family member or friend involuntarily assessed and stabilized if they feel the person is a threat to themselves or someone else because of substance abuse.

Contact your county probate court, explain what you are trying to do and ask for a petition. It may be helpful if they read the new law so they fully understand what will be needed. There is information that will be needed before they submit the petition. Additionally, the courts are still becoming familiar with the new law and educating their employees on it so if they have a copy of the law they can let the court know what law they are referring to in case the court asks.

Call the main number for your county and ask for the Probate Court Registrar. That person is the administrator of the court. The registrar should be able to instruct you if they have a form or if they need to create their own.

The law is pretty specific to the information that is needed on the petition in case they need to create their own petition. The law says that after the court reviews the contents of the petition and examining the petitioner under oath, if it appears to the court that there is probable cause to believe the respondent may reasonably benefit from treatment, the court shall schedule a hearing to be held within seven days to determine if there is clear and convincing evidence that the respondent may reasonably benefit from treatment.

Among other things, the court will have the respondent examined not later than 24 hours before the hearing date by a physician and health professional for the purpose of a physical examination and substance use disorder assessment and diagnosis.

Following this examination, the court may order the respondent held until the hearing if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person presents an imminent danger or threat.

Mark Garofoli
Livonia

SNOWFALL: WHEN YOU SHOVEL, AVOID TROUBLE AND BE SMART

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Shoveling snow isn't what most Michiganders look forward to each winter, but it has to be done. Physical therapist Dawn Thomas, who works at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Birmingham, part of the Detroit Medical Center, has health tips for snow shovelers.

"First of all, you want to push the snow when possible," said Thomas, a Royal Oak resident who earned her master's degree in physical therapy from Oakland University in 1995. "It's more in tune with your body."

Thomas, who specializes in orthopedics with a focus on the spine, noted layers of snow pile up. It's best to work on your snowfall in increments to ease the load, "helpful to take stress off the back."

Sometimes snow must be lifted rather than pushed. In such cases, Thomas says it's best to position your lifting hand near the "scooper" part of the shovel, by the handle's base.

"That will draw the load closer to your body," she said, with less spine



FILE PHOTO

Chris Shurin uses a fancy shovel to handle the job on an earlier snow day. It's important to push snow when possible in shoveling and to minimize strain on your back by bending your knees and hips, keeping your back as neutral as possible if snow must be lifted in shoveling.

stress. "You want to bend your knees and your hips. Your gluts and your quads (muscles) are doing the work."

Keep it natural

Your back should remain as neutral as possible, Thomas said, with you picking up the load and "move your feet to the direction where you're going to dump the snow. You're not having to lift and turn it."

A smaller shovel used will weigh less, she said: "That automatically makes you bite off smaller chunks."

Some "crunchy" snow is harder to shovel. Thomas said, "The fluffier the snow the easier it is to clear it."

Overall fitness and especially heart attack risk, including high blood pressure, should always be considered, she said: "You have to consider what your fitness level is. It is stressful on your body."

Layer up

For some people with age and/or health issues, neighborhood kids or a snow clearing service are the way to go, she

said. When it comes to clothing, wicking layers should be worn, as you'll build up sweat while working.

You should cover all skin, make sure your vision isn't blocked by a hat or scarf, she said, and wear good treaded boots to reduce fall risks. Monitoring your exertion level is key.

"Typically you would work out your muscles so your muscles and body have a level of readiness for it," Thomas said, recommending such stretches as squats or even climbing some stairs indoors before you head out to shovel.

"Allow yourself to take breaks if you need to," she added. Staying hydrated with lots of water is also vital.

If you experience

SNOWBLOWER SAFETY

Dr. David Weaver, D.O., has been with Oakwood Healthcare since 1990 and is medical director of Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton. "We do see a number of injuries during a typical winter related to snowblowers," he said.

Eyes, ears, hands and legs can all be injured by snowblower misuse, he said. He urges you to use protective eyewear, as gravel and dirt may be kicked up by a snowblower. "You want to be sure you have good eye protection," Weaver said, as well as plugs or other protection for your ears to reduce noise.

Problems often arise when the blade of the snowblower mechanism gets stuck. "Amputation is something we see very frequently" or mangled fingers, Weaver said.

You should never reach into a snowblower that's running. "Turn that thing off completely," Weaver said. When it's totally off, you can dislodge what's stuck with another object: "It's on that object and not your hand," he said of pressure.

"Kids like to run through it," he added of snow and debris thrown up by a snowblower. "You have the potential to hurt somebody. Snowblowing is very dangerous; keep everybody away."

chest pains, you should call 9-1-1 immediately. Those heart attack symptoms can come and go, she said, but shouldn't be ignored. "For sure I would say 9-1-1 would be the appropriate re-

sponse."

Thomas is good about heeding her own health and shoveling advice at her Royal Oak home: "Actually, I had my kids help me, too."

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Study: Southeast Michigan's roads are getting worse

By Eric D. Lawrence
Michigan.com

Southeast Michigan's roads are getting worse. Most motorists might have assumed that to be the case, but the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has put some numbers behind the assumption. "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, over 1,900 miles need to be rebuilt, an increase of over 500 miles compared to two years ago, when these same roads were last evaluated," SEMCOG said in a news release. "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." And Carmine Palombo, SEMCOG's deputy executive director, said residents should not be so quick to blame Michigan's rough weather last winter. "People may want to blame last winter's weather for the rapid deterioration of our roads," Palombo said in the release. "However, the weather simply exposed the real problem. Our state has been disinvesting in roads for years." Palombo said that if enacted, the state Senate's recent funding proposal would help roads improve eventually, but

that without it, the conditions will only worsen. The Senate voted earlier this month to increase the gas tax by approximately 20 cents per gallon to fund roadwork. The state currently taxes gasoline at 19 cents per gallon. The state House is expected to consider the measure in the lame-duck session in December, but could make substantial changes. The release said that about 8,000 of the almost 29,000 miles of public roads in the seven-county SEMCOG region are eligible for some federal repair funds. "Over the course of two years, a team of specially trained local, county, and state employees evaluate the condition of all 8,000 miles of federal-aid eligible roads. This evaluation



Cars navigate potholes along Southfield Road in Southfield in February. The Senate voted earlier this month to increase the gas tax by approximately 20 cents per gallon to fund roadwork.

results only point out what drivers already know. "Take a drive to any of our neighboring states and countries; the weather and traffic in northern Ohio and northern Indiana and Ontario, Canada are nearly identical to (southeast) Michigan, yet their roads are in far better shape than ours. In addition, when one drives through a construction zone in these bordering states/provinces, it appears that the progress and productivity are also much higher," Richert wrote. "Let's do a study (investigate), or provide strict oversight on the repair and replacement of our roads and the business and financial aspect of the same. Better yet, let's hire the companies that are repairing/replacing roads in adjacent jurisdictions."

process has been in place since 2004; at that time only 9 percent of the roads were considered to be in need of replacement," the release said. The number of miles rated as poor grew from 1,427 miles, or 32 percent, in 2012 to 1,937 miles, or 43 percent this year, according to the release.

"Roads in poor condition have moved beyond the point where preventive maintenance can be effective. The only option for these roads is complete reconstruction, which is much more costly," the release said. In an email to the Detroit Free Press, New Boston resident Jay Richert said the study

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PREP WRESTLING PREVIEW

CC grapplers relying upon new faces to carry torch

Novi, Northville squads
both eye improvement

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Expectations are always running high when it comes to Novi Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling program.

The Shamrocks will be gunning for their fourth straight MHSAA Division 1 team state championship, but they'll have to do it with virtually new cast of characters.

Coach Mitch Hancock, who guided CC to an upset 34-19 win over No. 1-ranked Davison in last year's team state finals, lost nine of his 13 starters from last year's lineup, including individual state champions Malik Amine (145 pounds), Nick Bennett (152) and Drew Garcia (171).

Also gone are state placers James Russell (215, third) and Greg Johnson (135, seventh), along with state qualifiers Parker O'Brien (112) and Evan Toth (130).

Logan Marcicki (189), another a former state champion and state runner-up in 2013, also graduated after missing his senior season with an injury.

"We have a lot of work to do, I'll tell you that," said Hancock, who enters his eighth season with four state titles and a 149-32 dual match record. "But I'm excited by the hunger, the humility and just the passion these guys have shown these last two weeks. This is a hard-working group. We have that and we have guys who want to step up and perform."

But all is not lost, as seniors Trevor Zdebski (130), Myles Amine (160) and Nick Giese (189) return after stellar seasons.

Zdebski, who went 31-2 last year, was the

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BRAD EMONS

Division 1 team champ Catholic Central will be led by seniors (from left) Trevor Zdebski, Nick Giese and Myles Amine.

PREP BOYS HOCKEY



ROSE MAYLEN

Novi's Nik Tewillager (middle) tries to slip the puck past Northville goalie Chance Boutin (right) as Jack Meacham (left) and Alec Melucci converge on the play.

Boutin leaves nothing to Chance in Northville's 4-3 triumph over Novi

Mustangs goalie
delivers 31 saves
against Wildcats

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Using all of his 6-foot-1, 210-pound frame, Northville goaltender Chance Boutin loomed large in the overall scheme of things Nov. 25 against boys hockey rival Novi.

The third-year senior goaltender was stellar, to say the least, stopping 31 of 34 shots as the Mustangs improved to 3-0 overall with a 4-3 KLAA Central Division win at Novi Ice Arena.

"We obviously feel good about Chance coming back," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "He was a first team all-stater, broke the school record for goals-against (average) in a single season and

save percentage. He was huge for us last year, had five or six shut-outs, so we knew going into the season that we should have an advantage in net over most teams that we play."

With Novi coming on strong during the final period following Brandon Kour's power-play goal, assisted by Brad Hofelich and Brennan Martin, to cut the deficit to 4-3 with 7:26 remaining, Boutin came up with a pair of critical stops to preserve the Northville win.

The first big save came with 3:05 left, when he denied Nik Tewillager on a backhand, followed by another crucial stop with 1:55 go on Alec Wells - both from close range.

"At that point, I was pretty nervous," Boutin said. "That was with about two or three minutes left and they were just pounding on us, but somehow we kept them off, so it was good."

Meanwhile, Novi (2-1, 0-1) was good in the first period, but found

itself down 1-0 as Kevin O'Connell tipped in a shot off a face-off with 22.2 seconds left, assisted by Alec Morgan and Jack Meacham.

"Chance played a great game. He's a great goalie, one of the top goalies in the state," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "Shots were like 10-1 in the first and that one shot scores. I've been around the game long enough to see that happens in hockey. That's the way it goes."

With 13:09 left in the second period, Northville's Sam Bradley slid a shot just inside the left post off an assist from Jack Sargent to make it 2-0.

The Mustangs then scored again to go up 3-0 with 8:03 left in the same period, on a Riley Brass rebound goal after Morgan took the initial shot.

Novi then finally got on the board with 6:06 left in the second on Ryan Baxter's goal from Ryan

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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Mustangs cagers like their front-court size, presence

Novi, CC, Franklin Road also boast talent

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Pardon the pun, it appears size does matter for area boys basketball teams entering the 2014-15 season.

Looming large this season in the KLAA's Central Division will be Northville, coming off a 13-8 season.

The Mustangs, who finished second behind Salem in the Central with an 8-2 record, lost their top two scorers, includ-

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ing 6-foot-7 Andrew Meacham (Ferris State), who averaged 18.5 points and 11.5 rebounds per game, and Malik Bazzi, who chipped in 11.5 points per game.

But seventh-year coach Todd Sander is not hurting for size on the interior as 6-8 Nathan Kellum, an NCAA Division II signee with Notre

Dame (Ohio) College, hopes to blossom in his senior year.

"We need for Nathan to pick up where he finished the season," Sander said. "He got better as last year went on, both with his scoring and being active around the rim. His hops are incredible. He should be a force both on offense and defense. He has a tremendous future ahead of him if he keeps working on all areas of his game."

Kellum will be joined up front by 6-8, 245-pound senior

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JOHN PAWLOSKI

Northville returns five seniors (from left): Christian Celentino, Ryan Roberts, Aaron Huggins, Nathan Kellum and David Morrissey.

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MICHELLE PHEIFFER
The Michigan Rush Northville Nero '07 'B' boys soccer team recently finished 6-1-1 to capture the Western Suburban Soccer League's under-8 boys Division 2 title. Team members include (from left) Nicholas Leiter, Joshua Li, Anderson Herdoiza, Jahan Roach, Zachary Pheiffer, Ryan O'Neil, Justin Choi, Barin Turner, Connor O'Neil and coach Jon Schack. Also on the team is Dakoda Rheame-Mullen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Hartland at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Novi, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Northville at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Novi at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
Kennedy at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Road at Genesee, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
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.
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Novi at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Franklin Road at O.L. Lakes, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Franklin Road at Genesee, 6 p.m.
W.L. Central at Northville, 7 p.m.
Pinckney at Novi, 7 p.m.
BOYS HOCKEY
Friday, Dec. 5
N'ville vs. Traverse City West at Howe Arena, 7:30 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 Computware Arena, 5:30 p.m.
Northville vs. Bay Area Reps at Centre Ice Arena, TBA.
Wednesday, Dec. 10
Novi at Brighton (KVH), 6:50 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11
Northville vs. Churchill at Novi Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Detroit CC vs. Notre Dame (Wis.) at MSU's Munn Arena, 5 p.m.
Northville vs. Lake Orion at Novi Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Salem at Novi (Ice Arena), 3:30 p.m.
Detroit CC vs. St. Andrew's (Ont.) at MSU's Munn Arena, 2:45 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY
Saturday, Dec. 6
Northville vs. Grosse Pte. South at G.P. Community Ice, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Northville vs. Country Day at Southfield Civic Arena, 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 14
Northville vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 5 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Dec. 10
Brighton at Detroit CC, 1:45 p.m.
N'ville, Novi at N. Farm, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
CC at John Glenn Duals, 9 a.m.
Novi at Romeo Invitational, TBA.
BOYS SWIMMING
Saturday, Dec. 6
Novi at Fenton Inv., noon.
Thursday, Dec. 11
Detroit CC at G.P. North, 6 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Novi at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12
Brighton, Okemos at Novi, 6 p.m.
PREP BOWLING
Tuesday, Dec. 9
Novi at Lakeland, 3:30 p.m.
Northville vs. Wat. Kettering at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11
Northville vs. Hartland at Striking Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Novi vs. Brighton at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
PREP GYMNASTICS
Friday, Dec. 12
Northville at Brighton, 6:30 p.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Dec. 6
Novi Invitational, 7 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13
CCCAM Invitational, TBA.

BRIEFS

Titans sign Henry

Coming off back-to-back Horizon League championships, University of Detroit Mercy women's golf coach Terri Anthony-Ryan recently signed three new recruits to NCAA Division I letters of intent, including Novi's Katelyn Henry, along with Erica Heath of Farmington Hills Mercy and Gabby Stephens of Davison.



Henry

"All three of these ladies are great golfers and great students and they fit great into our program," said Anthony-Ryan, a three-time Horizon League Coach of the Year. "They all have great swings and will make a great impact in our program."

Henry was first-team Division 1 and academic all-state selection as a senior as she posted school records for nine-hole and 18-hole averages.

Henry also earned first team all-area honors in 2014 and led Novi to a fourth-place finish in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals, where she tied for 12th with an 80-81-161 total at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

She also finished fifth overall at the regional as the Wildcats placed runners-up, while as a junior she helped Novi win the regional crown.

Colasanti honored

Bentley (Mass.) University senior libero Lauren Colasanti (Northville) was recently selected to the NCAA Division II all-East Regional team.

Colasanti, who appeared in all 115 match-

es during her four seasons, averaged 3.0 digs and 0.43 aces during the regional. She finished her career with 1,748 digs, third most in program history.

Bentley completed the 2014 season with a 19-12 record, including 18-7 against East Region opponents.

Gardiner leads

Novi's Abby Gardiner, a midfielder for the Michigan Hawks, was the top scorer for the first-place 1999 Region II team which finished with a 2-0-1 record at the annual U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program Girls Thanks-giving Interregional held at the Spanish River Athletic Park in Boca Raton, Fla.

The five-day tournament featured elite girls teams in the 1997-2000 age groups from each of the four U.S. Youth Soccer Regions.

The nearly 300 participating players were selected from U.S. Youth Soccer State Association and Regional level evaluations. Throughout the week, players attended sessions and competed in matches against other regions in front of U.S. Soccer national staff and collegiate coaches.

Pancake breakfast

The Northville High 2014-15 boys and girls basketball teams will host a Meet the Teams pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Dec. 6, in the school cafeteria.

Parks and recreation youth basketball games will be staged in the main gym throughout the morning.

The event, open to the public, features a pancake eating challenge beginning at 11 a.m. (open to all). Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

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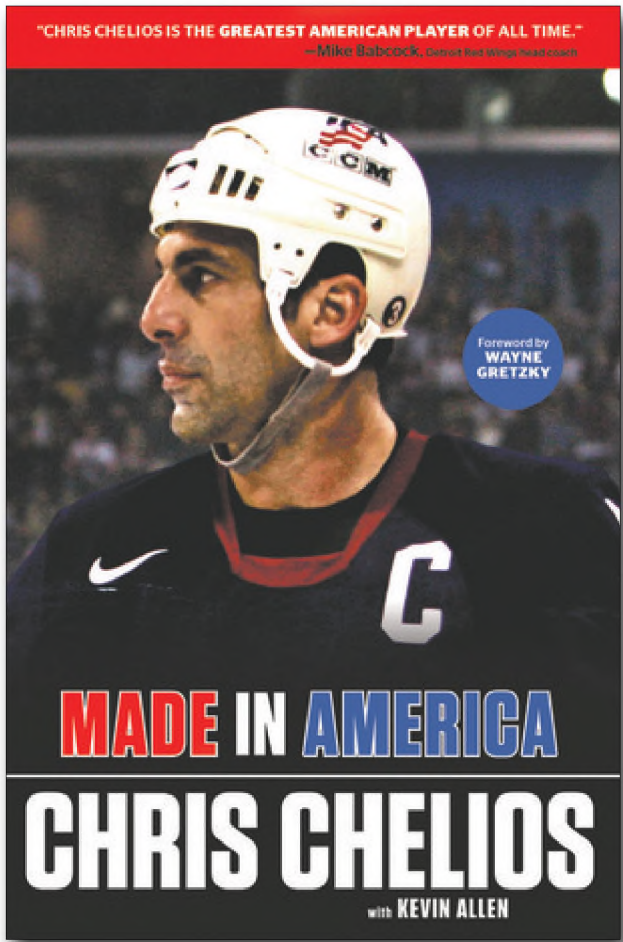
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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Ossowski's two goals complete CC comeback win

Shamrocks rally in third period to stun Brother Rice, 4-3

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It's not how you start, it's how you finish. That was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's mantra Thanksgiving eve night as the Shamrocks rallied from a 2-0 deficit with four goals in the final period to earn a 4-2 Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division triumph over rival Birmingham Brother Rice before an overflow crowd at Compuware Arena's Olympic Rink. After a scoreless opening period, Rice (2-1, 1-1) notched a pair of second-period goals, with the first coming at 3:50 by Joey Vassallo from Bren-

dan Pyc, followed by Nick Johns' power-play effort from Nick Bowman and William VanderVeen at 7:37. But just one minute into the final period, CC senior defenseman Alex Smith scored to cut the deficit to 2-1 off assists from Ryan Burnett and Kyle Mulka. "We just came into the locker room and said, 'We just need one goal,'" said CC senior captain Mitch Ossowski, who scored twice. "Then we knew we'd get one back. We just took it one goal at a time and we'd be back in the game. We weren't out of it." With only 6:23 remaining, Ossowski evened the count at 2-2 when he went top shelf with a wrist shot over the left shoulder of Rice goaltender Nicholas Macina (with Luck Krasicky drawing the assist). "Just keep doing what we're doing, just keep getting shots like we were and something



Ossowski

would eventually go in," Ossowski said. And with only 3:13 remaining, CC went ahead to stay, 3-2, on Evan Rocho-wiak's backhand goal off a rebound from Nick Macari and Mulka. VanderVeen and Conor Dolson then took successive penalties late in the third to give CC a five-on-three advantage and the Shamrocks cashed in again to seal the victory, as Ossowski notched his second of the night with 2:14 to go on assists from Brendan Cleary and Dillon Jones. "We just kept going and going. Eventually we knew we could get one and when we got one, we felt pretty confident we could get two to keep it going," CC interim coach Dan-

ny Veri said. "I read the boys a little story about adversity prior to the game and it was ironically what happened to-night and battled through it just like the story. They played well, they played hard. Brother Rice played outstanding as well." Rice was outshot 23-12 for the game. "We ran out of gas," Rice coach Lou Schmidt said. "They (CC) are a very good team. They've got three and four lines that just keep coming at you. We had some injuries, so we were a little short today and it really showed up in the third period. They (CC) are just so strong on their skates, they get the puck deep and they're fore-checking, doing all the things they're supposed to do to keep us pinned in our own zone. We couldn't get it out and when that happens, only bad things happen." CC senior goaltender Spen-

cer Wright made 10 saves, but faced only one shot over the final 17 minutes. "They were outshooting, outplaying us in the third period," Schmidt said. "But I want to give our guys credit. They played as hard as they possibly could. We just ran out of gas and it was basically because of them. They put so much pressure on us and we just had no legs." With the victory, CC improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the MIHL's North Division. "The team is coming along very well," Ossowski said. "We have some work to do, but we're coming along well and we're looking forward to the rest of the season." CC returns to action with back-to-back MIHL games Friday (away) and Saturday (home) against Orchard Lake St. Mary.

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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Early Eisenhower goals ice Novi, 5-3

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Unbeaten Utica Eisenhower struck for three goals during the first 11 minutes, 47 seconds en route to a 5-3 victory Saturday over host Novi in a non-conference boys hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena. The Eagles, who improved to 5-0, opened up the three-goal advantage on goals by Jack Tobiczky (from Matt Pecoraro at 6:54), Dylan Dempsey (from Joe Barton and Julian Bondo at 8:46) and Alex Kraski (from Bondo at 11:47). Novi's Ryan Baxter cut the deficit to 3-1 with a goal from Brad Hofelich at 14:09 of the same period. In the second period, the Eagles struck for two more goals to take a 5-2 advantage

as Brendan Rybicki made it 4-1 at 3:52 (from John Asni and Dempsey), followed by Tobiczky's second of the game at 12:02 (from Mike Barnett and Drew Sabina). Sandwiched in between was a Novi power-play goal from Nik Tewilliager, assisted by Alec Wells and Jimmy Hole. The Wildcats scored at 6:52 of the third period to cut the deficit to two, 5-3, on Ryan Fonda's goal from Brandon Kour, but Eisenhower goalie Nick Zonca (29 saves) kept the Wildcats off the board the rest of the way to seal the win. Manny Legace started in goal for Novi (2-2) before being relieved in the final period by Josh Richardson. The two combined for 21 saves.

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ROSE MAYLEN

Novi's Brad Hofelich (left) gets tangled up with Northville defenseman Nick Williams.

19th at Foot Locker



NANCY SMITH Northville High junior Lexa Barrott finished 19th out of 245 girls competitors Saturday in the 36th annual Foot Locker Cross Country Championships Midwest Regional held in Racine, Wis. Barrott, facing an icy and snow-covered course, was clocked in 18 minutes, 14 seconds in the 5,000-meter race. Barrott was fourth among Michigan girls and helped Michigan to a runner-up team finish with 70 points, just seven behind first-place Indiana, which was led by individual winner Anna Rohrer (16:57) of Mishawka. Barrott recently finished 15th (18:18.1) at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals while helping the Mustangs to a third-place team finish.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Whalers stung early, late by Sarnia, 4-2

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Perhaps it was fitting that the Plymouth Whalers weren't rewarded late for what head coach Don Elland described as a poor effort much of the way Saturday night against Sarnia. The Sting survived a late push by the Whalers to win the Ontario Hockey League matchup 4-2, disappointing an announced crowd of 1,718 on Military Appreciation Night at Compuware Arena. Sarnia's Daniel Nikandrov opened the scoring just 59 seconds into the West Division game to set the sorry tone. "Right from the opening faceoff we weren't ready to compete, we weren't ready to play," Elland said. "They were. Good job for them. But we have to be better, we have to get them better prepared. "Right now, we're not a very good hockey team." Eventually, the Whalers started to skate and create some chances — which were

few and far between over the first half of the game — and did draw even at 2-2 in the third on a goal by forward Matt Mistele (his team-leading 18th). But then came a giveaway deep in the Plymouth zone with about six minutes remaining. That resulted in an un-assisted goal by Nikita Korostelev to break the tie. For good measure, the Sting added an empty netter by Brandon Lindberg with 5.2 seconds to go. But with about 45 seconds remaining and the faceoff in the Sarnia end, Whalers forward Sonny Milano got past a defenseman and found himself all alone in front of Sting goalie Justin Fazio. Milano backhanded a dangerous shot from just above the blue paint that Fazio somehow fought off — keeping the Sting in the lead. "We got to be in a better situation than to rely on that in the last 30 seconds," Elland said.

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Fonda, but Northville answered just 52 seconds later on Sargent's goal from Morgan and Meacham (after Richardson got hung up and distracted in the crease with a Mustangs player trapped behind him). Tewilliager, however, then made it a two-goal game again with just 42.3 seconds left in the second on a backhand (assisted by Wells). "I thought the first period was absolutely tilted in Novi's favor," Robert said. "I thought the puck was in our zone the whole time and Chance weathered the storm and we got the one-goal lead and were able to carry some momentum in. It could have been 4-0 Novi after one, but Chance played great. "I thought we came out better in the second period and kind of evened the play up a little bit. But then again, we wouldn't have had the opportunity had not Chance played the way he played in the first." Northville was able to fight off five of six Novi power-play attempts. The Wildcats' lone power-play goal came with a two-man advantage in the final period. "Novi did a nice job, they

got bodies to the net," Robert said of the Tewilliager goal. "They knew they'd outnumber us down low and got a rebound. There's not much you can do there. That's the first 'shorty' we've let up this year. We felt good about our penalty kill. But unfortunately, we've had too much practice on our penalty kill this year. We got to stay out of the box, we really do. Going into this game, we were like a negative 10 on power play penalty kill and now we're negative five in this game ... we've got to move our feet to draw penalties and we've got to move our feet to stop taking penalties." Going only one-of-six on the power play may have led to Novi's downfall. "It's a work in progress, like everyone's at this time of year," Vellucci said the power play. "It's the third game of the year and we scored a couple of power-play goals in the (Metro Invitational) last weekend. We had a lot of great chances. (Boutin) made the saves, we couldn't get to the rebounds, left a couple of bounces out there and just couldn't get them." Despite the loss, Vellucci saw some positives. "We were resilient, we showed a lot of character and have a lot of great senior leadership," he said. "Our guys weren't getting down. They

"This a big win. They're a top five team in the state ..." CHASE BOUTIN Northville goalie weren't getting frustrated. And that's probably the biggest change that I've seen from last year's team to this year's team. Our senior guys, yeah, they're a little ticked off, a little frustrated. We took it back and we fought. This is my third game, 0-3 against Northville, in a rivalry. It lived up to its billing. The fans saw a great game and it's unfortunate we came out on the other end. We outshot them by a two-to-one margin and lose, that's tough." During the off-season, Boutin made a commitment to get into better shape. "Been working out, lost a lot of weight over the summer, gained a lot of muscle, got a lot of speed in and around the net," he said. "I lost about 35 pounds." And being able to hold off the hard-charging Wildcats for three periods could loom large down the road. "This a big win," Boutin said. "They're a top five team in the state, for sure. It's a huge win for us, a good feeling, for sure."

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Ryan Roberts, who is committed to play football at Northern Illinois. Roberts is in his third varsity season.

“Ryan has added strength from last year,” Sander said. “He had a fine football season and is a leader with his competitive spirit and collegiate future.”

David Morrissey, a 6-3 senior guard, will provide outside shooting, while 6-0 junior guard Justin Zimbo also brings experience after a year on the varsity.

“It’s nice to have collegiate athletes,” Sander said. “We need and expect guys to step up. In everything that we do on offense and defense, we want to apply pressure, play tough, play fast and play smart. We’ve had a terrific first week of practice and I really like our energy and enthusiasm. We have a long way to go and need to defend and rebound in order for us to accomplish our goals.”

Rival Novi (9-12), meanwhile, should be able to make noise in the KLAA Central under new coach Brandon Sinawi, who took over the program in late September after Brian Tass stepped down.

Sinawi is no stranger to the KLAA Central after leading Livonia Stevenson to 30-35 overall record in three seasons.

Cousins Kameron Hankerson, a 6-3 junior forward, and Nick Hankerson, a 5-11 senior guard who transferred from Marietta (Ga.) Sprayberry, give the Wildcats plenty of athleticism and scoring.

They are joined by senior guards Max Yanke and Billy Ulle.

Juniors Joao (Jay) Duarto, a 6-5 junior center, and Naji Ozeir, a 6-4 junior power forward, should also pro-



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Novi will be led by a trio of seniors (from left): Nick Hankerson, Billy Ulle and Max Yanke.

vide plenty of presence up front.

“We have a unique mix of talent and experience that, if we need to, can run the floor and speed the game up or slow it down and execute in the half court,” Sinawi said. “It’s a good position to be in. The talent is here, we just need to focus on putting the right pieces together at the right time.”

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-11), under ninth-year coach Bill Dyer, will rely on underclassmen to get its season jump-started when it opens Friday, Dec. 12, at home against Taylor Kennedy.

Among this year’s 13-player CC roster, only two starts were logged in 2013-14.

Tom Smulsky, a 6-6 junior, and C.J. Baird, a 6-4 sophomore, will get heavy minutes early, along with 6-4 senior forward Ike Marchie.

“Inside, Ike (Marchie) is going to play with a lot of energy for us,” Dyer said. “He’s smart and loves to compete. Our point guard (Champ Kozlowski) broke his finger before the season started and will miss all of December. We’re going to rely on C.J. (Baird) to do a lot of scoring for us and on the perimeter. Tommy (Smulsky) will continue to grow and will become a very good player by the time he

graduates.”

Kozlowski, when he does return, will be joined in the back court by 5-10 senior Tyler Laurentius.

Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-12), a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference’s Blue Division, may need multiple players to replace the scoring of 6-8 Scott McSweeney (Grove City [Pa.] College), who averaged nearly 21 points and 11 rebounds per game.

Second-year coach Renardo Brown, a former standout at Highland Park High and West Virginia University, will bank on 6-2 junior guard Austin Hearn, who averaged 15 points per game, along with 5-10 junior guard Gavin Harris.

The Warriors will also have size up front as 6-6 junior Joshua Bause, who missed most of last season with an illness, will be joined by 6-5 junior Joshua Betches.

And yet another Joshua (Beck), a 6-2 sophomore forward-center, gives Franklin Road plenty of depth.

“What I like about this team is that they’re pushing themselves and they all get along because they’ve been together for so many years,” Brown said.

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BOYS BASKETBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NOVI
Head coach: Brandon Sinawi, first year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year’s overall record: 9-12.
Notable losses to graduation: Nick Zugaro (all-KLAA Central, 9 ppg); Erik Bibenstein.
Leading returnees: Max Yanke, 5-10 Sr. G; Kameron Hankerson, 6-3 Jr. F; Naji Ozeir, 6-4 Jr. PF; Billy Ulle, 6-0 Sr. G.
Promising newcomers: Joao Duarte, 6-5 Jr. C; Nick Hankerson, 5-11 Sr. G (transfer from Marietta, Ga.).
Sinawi’s 2014-15 outlook: “It’s going to be an exciting year and an opportunity for us to get back in the mix in the KLAA. Even though it’s my first year with these guys, I know some of the returning players through scouting and playing them last year and I’m glad to have them on my team now. We’ve got some real solid leadership and talent at every position this season and we will compete in every game.”

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Todd Sander, seventh season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year’s overall record: 13-8.
Notable losses to graduation: Andrew Meacham (all-KLAA Central, Ferris State, 18.5 ppg; 11.5 rebs.; 988 career points), Malik Bazzi (all-KLAA Central, 11.5 ppg); Andrew Stevens, Joey Hewlett.
Leading returnees: Nathan Kellum, 6-8 Sr. F; Ryan Roberts, 6-8 Sr. C; David Morrissey, 6-3 Sr. G; Christian Celentino, 6-0 sr. G; Aaron Huggins, 6-3 Sr. F; Justin Zimbo, 6-0 Jr. G.
Promising newcomers: Michael Minick, 6-2 Jr. F; Justin Gibbons, 6-4 Jr. F; Nick Wilds, 6-3 Jr. F; Scott Lohman, 6-5 Jr. F; Kevin Morrissey, 6-3 Sr. F.
Sander’s 2014-15 outlook: “We expect to compete for the Central Division title. The Central is always among the most balanced and toughest of the four divisions, so you need to have your ‘A’ game every night. If you look at what we lost due to graduation, one might think that this was a rebuilding year for us. We disagree as we really like what we have coming back. Though we lost five key seniors [including one really good one in Andrew Meacham], we have a lot of experience coming back. Roberts and Kellum have been up since their sophomore year and Zimbo has a year under his belt already.”

CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Bill Dyer, ninth year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year’s overall record: 10-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Charlie Ryan (Northwood University), Noah Lee.
Leading returnees: Ike Marchie, 6-4 Sr. C; Champ Kozlowski, 5-10 Sr. G; C.J. Baird, 6-4 Soph. G.
Promising newcomers: Tom Smulsky, 6-6 Jr. F.



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Catholic Central’s basketball lineup will consist of (from left) C.J. Baird, Tyler Laurentius, Ike Marchie, Champ Kozlowski and Tom Smulsky.

Dyer’s 2014-15 outlook: “In order to have a successful season, we are going to have to continue to grow as the season progresses because we have a lot of really young kids on our roster. Our most experienced returning starter (Lance Tebay) moved to (Virginia Beach, Va.) over the summer and that left us with 13 players who have only started a total of two games. We will need to stay healthy this season because of our lack of experience. We have a good mix of kids who like each other. Our energy level in practice has been very good and for the first time in six years we will have some practices in before our first game.”

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN
Head coach: Renardo Brown, second year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).
Last year’s overall record: 12-10.
Notable losses to graduation:

Scott McSweeney, Tanathan Nelson.
Leading returnees: Austin Hearn, 6-2 Jr. G (all-MIAC Blue, Class D honorable mention all-state, 15 ppg); Gavin Harris, 5-10 Jr. G; Joshua Bause, 6-6 Jr. C; Joshua Betches, 6-5 Jr. F-C.
Promising newcomers: Joshua Beck, 6-2 Soph. F-C; Jamie Brockway, 6-2 Jr. G-F; Rashaun Scruggs, 6-2 Jr. G; Maxwell Holleman, 5-10 Soph. G.
Brown’s 2014-15 outlook: “We have six or seven juniors that got a lot of experience last year. I think is going to be a good year. We have two strong guards in Hearn and Harris. Harris is a great athlete, a baseball player who’s a pitcher and he was the second or third leading scorer on our soccer team. He wasn’t a scorer last year, but this year he’s shooting the ball pretty decent. And with Hearn, we’re expecting some good things with him. We look decent on paper. We have decent height and decent athletes.”

PREP WRESTLING CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NOVI
Head coach: Joel Smith, first year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Notable losses to graduation: Ben Wright, John Hood.
Leading returnees: Kyle Benkarski, Sr., 152-160; Evan Davis, Sr., 135; Dorian Haney, Sr., 285; Willie Jackson, Jr., 130; Cooper Smith, Jr., 215; Griffin Sparling, Jr., 171.
Promising newcomers: To be determined.
Smith’s 2014-15 outlook: “We’re going to be a solid team within our division. We’ll be a more evenly dispersed team as far as talent goes. We’ll be made up of primarily juniors with a nice group of sophomores in our lineup. And we’ll have some promising freshman who will definitely see some varsity time this year. We’re real excited about them. They’ll spend a little bit of time at the JV level to get used to the high school atmosphere. But before the season ends they’ll be up at the varsity level.”

NORTHVILLE
Co-head coaches: Brian Bagian, first year; Bob Boshoven, 11th year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Notable losses to graduation: Kevin Charara, Trevor Lerner, Joe Pando, Spencer Compo.
Leading returnees: Shunhe Wang, Sr., 125 (state qualifier); Matt Cylla, Sr., 171; Conrad Landis, Soph., 112; Nolan Landis, Sr., 140; Jim Behe, Sr., 119; Noah Burrell, Jr., 135; Chris Komorous, Sr., 160.
Promising newcomers: Leo Keyes, Jr., 130.
Bagian’s 2014-15 outlook: “As of today, we’re a young team and we’re putting together a new coaching staff, so you don’t want to say it’s going to be a rebuilding year, but at the same time I’m not really anticipating a super, robust winning percentage this year. But we’ve got some promising kids and they all work



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Northville seniors Shunhe Wang (left) and Matt Cylla provide leadership in the wrestling room.

pretty hard.”
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Mitch Hancock, eighth year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Titles won last year: Catholic League, Oakland County, MHSAA Division I district, regional and state team championships.
Notable losses to graduation: Malik Amine (145, state champion), Nick Bennett (152, state champion), Drew Garcia (171, state champion) James Russell (215, third place), Greg Johnson (135, seventh place), Evan Toth (state qualifier), Parker O’Brien (state qualifier), Logan Marcicki, Eli Joseph.
Leading returnees: Trevor Zdebski,

Sr., 130-135 (state champ); Myles Amine, Sr., 160 (state champ); Nick Giese, Sr., 189 (third place); Tyler Morland, Soph., 171 (regional qualifier; torn ACL); Aaron Rehfeldt, Jr., 112; Tommy Herrman, Sr., 125 (regional qualifier); Chyle Johnson, Jr., 145; Joe Lyon, Soph., 125.
Promising newcomers: Aidan Wagh, Fr., 135; Matt Anderson, Jr., 135; Stone Moscovici, Fr., 103; Nathan Cascarelli, Jr., 140; Sam Giese, Fr., 160; Jack Ross, Soph., 215; Blake Beuter, Soph., 215; Nick Jenkins, Soph., 285.
Hancock’s 2014-15 outlook: “We enter the season with expectations of competing at the highest level. With strong senior leadership, returning talent and many underclassmen who will seek to make a name for themselves, we should be one of the state’s top teams this year.”

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state champ at 119, while Amine, who finished 46-6, was the state champ at 145. Giese, who wound up 30-10, took third a year ago.

“Excitement can be created, so I think this group is going to be exciting,” said Hancock, whose team finished 18-4 a year ago in dual matches. “I think we’re raw, but we’re not very young. I think at the end of the year we’ll be right in the thick of things. I don’t think we’re very good right now, but by the time March rolls around, I think we’ll be very good.”

Once again the Shamrocks, who are ranked No. 2 preseason in Division 1 by MichiganGrappler.com, will face an ambitious schedule, which includes a two-day trip Dec. 27-28 to Medina, Ohio.

“We got to get these guys experience,” Hancock said. “We lost so much talent from last year to this year. We’ve got to put them in difficult situations. We got to mold them a bit and toughen them up. But I like the mentality these guys have shown so far.”

Novi, which finished fifth in the KLAA’s Central Division, also features a young team under new coach Joel



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Novi’s wrestling fortunes will be led by (from left) Dorian Haney, Kyle Benkarski and Evan Davis.

Smith, who takes over for Brad Huss.

The Wildcats, who finished 18th in last year’s KLAA Association tournament, will be led by seniors Evan Davis (135), Kyle Benkarski (152-160) and Dorian Haney (285).

“As far as the first couple of weeks the season has gone, the guys are working hard and should do a real nice job for us,” Smith said.

Northville’s 27-member squad will be guided by co-coaches Bob Boshoven and Brian Bagian, the latter of whom moves up after spending three years as an assistant. Bagian is a former Northville wrestler who graduated in 2008.

The Mustangs will be led seniors Shunhe Wang (125) and Matt Cylla (171).

Wang was a state

qualifier as a junior at 125 and finished 35-16 overall.

“What can’t you say about him?” Bagian said of the senior standout. “He’s got a 4.0 (grade-point average). He ran four marathons this summer. He’s trying to get early admittance into Harvard. He’s just an absolute leader in every sense of the word. Great kid to have in the room. He’s the guy in here, the workhorse.”

Bagian hopes Wang can take it a step further this season.

“Certainly getting back to The Palace, but if you ask me and you ask him, we want top eight,” the Northville co-coach said. “We want to be all-state and get that medal come March.”

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ALL-AREA GIRLS SWIM AND DIVE TEAM

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Though she's only a sophomore, Northville's Laura Westphal brings to the pool the total package each and every day. Named the girls Swimmer of the Year, Westphal repeated as MHSAA Division 1 state champion in the 500-yard freestyle (4:57.84) and also added a third in the 200 freestyle (1:51.62).

Westphal, who helped the Mustangs to a ninth-place finish in the team standings, was also a member of Northville's fourth-place 200 freestyle relay (1:38.55) and sixth-place 400 freestyle relay (3:33.90).

"She's a great swimmer, a great teammate," Northville coach Brian McNeff said. "She works hard every day. She comes every day with the attitude of trying to get better. She just has a great attitude about swimming and competing. "Before the state meet, she mentioned a couple of times about she knows she's going to win, but not being cocky about it. She just has that confidence of doing whatever it takes to make sure she wins. I think that's part of her competitive edge, but also she's that confident in her abilities and that's what makes her so good."

Westphal also helped the Mustangs edge South Lyon United for the KLAA Kensington Conference title by a mere half-point (886.5-886) while finishing third in the 200 individual medley to go along with Northville first-place finishes in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

"Throughout the year, she did whatever it took to help the team win, whether swim other events, pace someone so that they could go faster," McNeff said. "Whatever it took to make her team better, she did. That was part of swimming the 200 freestyle at state meet, too. Even though she likes the 200 IM better, she knew that would score more points and, of course, she wants to help the team score more points."

First team

**Kelsey Maccaddino
Northville**

The sophomore went 57.85 to finish 11th in the 100 butterfly in the state finals, while also swimming legs for the Mustangs' fourth-place 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams. She was also KLAA runner-up in the 200 freestyle and butterfly. Macaddino was also a state qualifier in the 200 freestyle (22nd, 1:56.69).

"She had a great season," McNeff said. "She also led off both of our relays and is a great swimmer and had a great (state) meet as well."

**Alissa Moore
Northville**

The junior placed 14th at the state meet in the 500 freestyle (5:11.61) and was a member of Northville's fourth-place 200 freestyle relay team. She was also a state qualifier in the 200 freestyle (1:56.45). She was conference champ in the 200 freestyle and runner-up in the 500 freestyle.

"Alissa is another really hard worker," McNeff said. "She played soccer throughout the year, too, so to be able to do both and still score as high she did was very impressive for her this year."

**Gillian Zayan
Northville**

The sophomore went 53.97 in the prelims and 54.10 in the state finals to place 16th overall in the 100 freestyle. She was also a state qualifier in the 50 freestyle (26th). She was also third in the 100 freestyle and fifth in the 50 freestyle (24.99) in the conference. She also helped Northville to conference titles in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

"Gillian improved a ton this



FILE PHOTO

Northville sophomore Laura Westphal, who repeated as Division 1 500 freestyle state champion, was named girls Swimmer of the Year.

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SWIMMER OF THE YEAR
Laura Westphal, Northville

FIRST TEAM

Kelsey Maccaddino, Northville
Alissa Moore, Northville
Gillian Zayan, Northville
Ava Bianchi, Novi
Carolyn Bischoff, South Lyon
Madison Canadi, South Lyon
Heidi Surdyk, South Lyon
Anna Smith, South Lyon
Melanie Dunnuck, South Lyon
Anna Geyer, South Lyon
Angela Probstfeld, Lakeland
Emma Hazel, Lakeland
Sophie Beck, Milford
Megan Lakkides, Milford

SECOND TEAM

Sabrina Lee, Northville
Darby Mroz, Northville
Nicki Pumper, Northville
Jessica Yan, Northville
Emily Mayoras, Novi
Megan Mieske, South Lyon
Emily Kososki, South Lyon
Nerys Gravell, South Lyon
Sara Plohetski, South Lyon
Alyssa Sawyer, South Lyon
Caitlyn Canadi, South Lyon
Isabella Smith, Lakeland
Riley Faulkner, Lakeland
Isabel Fairbanks, Lakeland
Jessi Cherciu, Lakeland
Sonia Borkowski, Lakeland
Morgan Linkous, Milford

HONORABLE MENTION
Northville: Ana Barrott (fr.), Natalie Filipowicz (sr.).

South Lyon United: Nerys Gravell, Taylor Sciborski (fr.), Kaytly Ihara (jr.), Starr Bryan (soph.), Carolyn Storm (jr.), Abby O'Reilly (fr.), Alexis Bidwell, Jessica Stark (fr.), Sonya Tyahla (sr.), Lexi Abernathy (fr.), Samantha Lefevre (sr.), Erin Russell (jr.), Alyssa Schisms (fr.), Maddy Taylor, Alicia Schmitt.

Novi: Alice Ying (fr.), Alexandra Cortez (jr.), Dana Kilponen (jr.), Karen Xu (soph.).

Milford: Samantha Hindle (sr.), Karson Lychuk (sr.), Marin Sakuma (fr.), Veronica Hindle (soph.), Allie Crouse (jr.), Brenna Grass (jr.).

Lakeland: Grace Collins.

year and worked extremely hard and I'm really glad she was able to score at the state meet – it's a huge step for her," McNeff said.

**Ava Bianchi
Novi**

The junior scored the Wildcats' lone point at the Division 1 finals with a 16th in the 50 freestyle, after a 24.78 in the prelims. She also helped Novi qualify for the state finals in the 200 medley (21st) and 400 freestyle (23rd) relays, while also taking third in the conference meet in the 50 freestyle (24.66).

"She is a competitor," Novi coach Annette VanderMey

said. "She wants to win all the time, which is good for a sprinter. She's got that killer instinct and does not want to lose. She still has lots of room of improvement in all of her details and that's a positive thing, too."

**Carolyn Bischoff
South Lyon**

The sophomore pulled off

four all-state swims at the Division 1 finals. She was fifth in the 50 free, eighth in the 100 free and also was part of the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay, both of which finished seventh.

"Carolyn is an outstanding young swimmer," coach John Burch said. "She hates to lose and that kind of guides her through practice every day and it's one of the reasons she does so well when she competes. If she's on, we're going to have a good day and if she's off, we're going to struggle. She's on a lot more than she's off."

**Madison Canadi
South Lyon**

The senior diver finished her South Lyon career in style with a ninth-place finish at states.

"Madison was our No. 2 diver all year long and she had a really nice state meet," Burch said. "Being the No. 2 diver on South Lyon is nothing to slouch at, because that means you are one of the top divers in the state of Michigan and she proved that at the state meet."

**Heidi Surdyk
South Lyon**

Timing is everything, but for the senior diver it was miserable timing. The KLAA Conference diving champ came up sick right before the state finals and finished 17th. It wasn't the finish anyone hoped for, but she left her marks with records throughout the season.

"Heidi was our best diver this year, bar none," Burch said. "She set a new conference record and if it weren't for a terrible sickness at the state meet, she would probably have been top eight if not top five at the state meet. She got sick at the wrong time, but overall she had a very successful season."

**Anna Smith
South Lyon**

The freshman made a big splash at states by swimming all three relays (two all-state) and coming in ninth individually in the 100 butterfly.

"Anna came in as a talented freshman. She was a good swimmer all year long, but she really stepped it up at the state meet," Burch said. "I think she's huge performer for years to come for us."

**Melanie Dunnuck
South Lyon**

The sophomore was part of two all-state relays and placed on a third as well as finishing

17th in the 100 breaststroke. The 200 medley and 200 free relays were seventh, while the 400 free relay placed 15th.

"Melanie was on all three relays and just missed scoring in the breaststroke," Burch said. "She is a much improved freestyler. She was really critical to our relays."

**Anna Geyer
South Lyon**

The junior swam on all three relays for South Lyon at the finals, with two being all-state. She also qualified in the 50 free.

"Anna Geyer did not swim her best event (at states), which was the 100 backstroke," Burch said. "She was conference runner-up in the backstroke and she would've scored at state with her time at the conference meet. Because of the order of the events and where we needed her, we had to take her out of the backstroke. It was a sacrifice she made for the team, which says a lot about her character."

**Angela Probstfeld
Lakeland**

The senior diver put up 400.6 points to earn third place at the Division 2 state finals. She helped Lakeland to its best-ever finish in 18th place with 31 points.

"Senior Angela Probstfeld had a very good dive meet, finishing third overall and making all-state honors," coach Janette Heaton said. "Angela was very driven to preform well at the state meet. Being a senior with experience, she knew how hard that task was and she performed her best. Her coaches and teammates are very proud of her accomplishments this season."

**Emma Hazel
Lakeland**

The freshman wasted little time making a name for herself with a ninth-place finish in the 100 backstroke. Hazel also finished 11th in the 100 butterfly. She also competed on the medley relay and 400 free relay at states.

"Emma Hazel knew the competition was going to be tough and she came back in finals and swam very well," Heaton said. "I think the state meet experience for our team will drive us harder next year."

**Sophie Beck
Milford**

The sophomore diver just missed making all-state with a ninth-place finish at the Division 2 state finals with 359.6 points.

**Megan Lakkides
Milford**

The senior diver capped her career with a 15th-place finish at the state finals. She totaled 328.3 points.

Second team

**Sabrina Lee
Northville**

The sophomore just missed scoring in the 100 backstroke

at the state finals, placing 18th (1:00.09) after taking third in the Kensington Conference.

**Darby Mroz
Northville**

The junior was a state qualifier in the 200 IM (24th) and 100 backstroke (tied for 21st), along with being a member of the state qualifying 200 medley relay (23rd). She was also Kensington Conference champ in the 100 backstroke (59.99).

**Nicki Pumper
Northville**

The sophomore was a state qualifier in the 100 freestyle (24th) and 100 backstroke (29th). She was also a member of the Mustangs' sixth-place 400 freestyle relay at the state finals, which also set a Kensington Conference mark (3:34.31).

**Jessica Yan
Northville**

The senior was 27th in the 500 freestyle at the state finals and posted a season-best time of 5:17.06. She was sixth in the conference as well and a member of Northville's state qualifying 200 medley relay.

**Emily Mayoras
Novi**

The sophomore had a season-best time of 1:00.9 to qualify for the Division 1 state finals in the 100 backstroke, where she wound up 28th overall. She also helped the Wildcats qualify for the state meet in the 200 medley (21st) and 400 freestyle (23rd) relays.

**Megan Mieske
South Lyon**

The sophomore just missed scoring at states by finishing 18th in the 100 butterfly.

**Emily Kososki
South Lyon**

The junior had three swims at the state finals, finishing 25th in the 500 free, 32nd in the 200 free and part of the 400 free relay that finished 15th.

**Sara Plohetski
South Lyon**

She was part of South Lyon's potent diving attack, finishing third at the conference meet and just missing qualifying for states.

**Alyssa Sawyer
South Lyon**

She was another force for the South Lyon divers and finished fourth at the conference meet.

**Caitlyn Canadi
South Lyon**

She showed the true depth at diving for South Lyon by taking fifth at the conference meet.

**Isabella Smith
Lakeland**

The sophomore competed in two relays, the 50 free and 100 free at states. The 200 medley relay finished 18th, the 200 free relay placed 21st. She was 36th in the 50 free and 46th in the 100 free.

**Riley Faulkner
Lakeland**

The freshman had a very busy weekend at states by competing in two relays and two individual events. Faulkner was 36th in the 100 free, 37th in the 200 free and was part of the 200 and 400 free relays.

**Isabel Fairbanks
Lakeland**

The freshman was on the 200 medley and 200 free relays as well as the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke at states. Fairbanks was 25th in the 100 breaststroke and 34th in the IM.

**Jessi Cherciu
Lakeland**

The junior competed on the 200 free relay and was 27th in the breaststroke at states.

**Sonia Borkowski
Lakeland**

The senior finished her Lakeland career as part of the 400 free relay and by placing 27th in the 500 free.

**Morgan Linkous
Milford**

The freshman had three Division 2 state swims. Linkous was 20th in the breaststroke and was part of the 200 free relay (36th) and 200 medley relay (32nd).

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Holidays call for fire safety in decor, cooking

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released its Home Christmas Tree and Holiday Light Fires Report in late 2013 which offers statistics on fire hazards that typically accompany the winter holiday season. NFPA offers safety advice and informational resources at www.nfpa.org/holiday that can be used to minimize fire risks this season.

In 2007-11, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 230 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees. Although these fires are not common, when they do occur, they are likely to be serious. On average, one of every 40 reported home structure Christmas tree fires resulted in a death compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home structure fires.

One-third of Christmas tree structure fires involved electrical failures or malfunctions. Nearly 20 percent of these structure fires occurred because some type of heat source was too close to the tree.

- NFPA offers the following safety tips:
- » If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
 - » If using a real tree, select one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
 - » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2 inches from the base of the trunk.
 - » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
 - » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
 - » Add water to the tree stand. Be



- sure to add water daily.
- Lighting the tree:**
- » Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
 - » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are the second and third leading days for cooking fires, respectively. Most cooking fires occur when cooking is left unattended.
- With unattended cooking as the leading cause of U.S. home fires and home fire injuries, fire officials say to stay in the kitchen while you're frying, grilling or broiling food. Most cooking fires involve the stovetop, so keep anything that can catch fire away from it, and turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it's for a short period of time. If

you're simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking. Your Fire Department also suggests creating a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. The NFPA's statistics show that two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.

Fire officials urge residents to consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles. However, if you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over and are placed on uncluttered surfaces. Avoid using candles in the bedroom where one-third of U.S. candle fires begin or other areas where people may fall asleep. Lastly, never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.

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

Heed law, business interests in cell tower placement

Q: We have a cell company coming to us regarding putting up a cell transmitter tower on our condominium. What do you think we need to know before giving the go ahead for a cell phone tower to be installed on common elements?

A: 1. Make sure that you have an attorney for the association knowledgeable about this issue assisting you in any contract. Make sure you are comfortable with the length of time that the contract covers.

2. Include a provision that requires the cell provider to indemnify the association in the event the tower or property is damaged by storm, earthquake, etc.

3. Use only a reputable installer that indemnifies your association if you have any control over the installation, which you should.

4. Work with the roof company to make sure that your roof warranty isn't invalidated by the installation of the tower and equipment.

5. Include language in the contract that gives you at least a six month notice of termination from the cell provider should it decide to cancel the contract.

6. Make sure the contract has some manner to dissolve disputes and address concerns during the life of the contract and a remedy right giving you attorney's fees incurred in the event of a breach.

Q: I have heard you in a lecture refer to the checks and balances between the association board, the attorney and the management company. Can you further explain what you mean by that?

A: What I mean simply is that the Board of Directors has a responsibility to run the affairs of the association and incident to that, monitor the affairs of all of its vendors and professionals, including the management company and the attorney. If the management company is figuratively in bed with the attorney because of economic considerations as a result of referrals, that checks and balances system may be in jeopardy. The attorney should be monitoring the affairs of the management company and the Board of Directors, and must otherwise comment on any irregularities that he or she observes. The management company should be monitoring the Board of Directors and the attorney to ensure that the attorney is performing his or her functions properly so as to make the operation of the association run effectively.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

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

BEVERLY HILLS

16160 Beechwood Ave \$255,000
30601 Embassy St \$390,000
18521 Hillcrest St \$370,000

BIRMINGHAM

338 Baldwin Rd \$1,050,000
784 Bird Ave \$649,000
1451 Cedar Dr \$365,000
1288 Chesterfield Ave \$735,000
1274 E Lincoln St \$495,000
2859 E Maple Rd # 3 \$52,000
1859 Henrietta St \$275,000
675 Larchlea Dr \$610,000
1475 Maryland Blvd \$266,000
335 N Eton St # 27 \$89,000
543 N Old Woodward Ave \$250,000
855 Pilgrim Ave \$1,150,000
1272 Villa Rd \$252,000
2261 W Maple Rd \$266,000
1470 Washington Blvd \$295,000
866 Westchester Way \$720,000
639 Westwood Dr \$935,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

4315 Sawgrass Dr \$245,000
2827 Heathfield Rd \$370,000
3645 Lahser Rd \$2,330,000
326 Lakewood Dr \$1,181,000
255 Lone Pine Ct \$1,150,000
2133 Park Ridge Dr \$258,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

2927 Aspen Ln \$275,000
7201 Bingham Rd \$526,000
2358 Brenthaven Dr \$399,000
624 Deauville Ln \$484,000

3290 Devon Brook Dr \$250,000
742 E Fox Hills Dr \$73,000
1353 Forbes Dr \$387,000
1807 Indian Trail Rd \$385,000
1975 Klingsmith Rd \$90,000
1936 Klingsmith Rd \$113,000
Unit 52
909 Rock Spring Rd \$385,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # F4 \$108,000
4032 W Orchard Hill Dr \$355,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

8788 Alsop Ave \$355,000
1838 Cheshire Ln \$421,000
3236 Edgemere St \$107,000
5065 Greenview Dr \$270,000
3007 Ivy Hill Dr \$359,000
145 Liza Ln \$302,000
3385 Tiguewood \$266,000

FARMINGTON

33904 Glenview Dr \$147,000
21392 Magnolia Ct \$215,000
23819 Wilmarth Ave \$280,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

21792 Aspen Ct \$376,000
32901 Biddestone Ln \$205,000
37527 Burton Ct \$260,000
38518 Darbyshire \$130,000
25142 Farmington Rd \$235,000
28615 Grayfield Dr \$201,000
29960 Green Acres \$265,000
22441 Haynes Ave \$25,000
22451 Haynes Ave \$10,000
33611 Heirloom Cir \$447,000
28629 Kendallwood Dr \$225,000
35360 Lone Pine Ln \$213,000
23424 Middlebelt Rd \$59,000
21899 Ontaga St \$132,000
24180 Scott Dr \$220,000
28475 Shadylane Dr \$140,000
29342 Shenandoah Dr \$270,000
30999 Sudbury St \$275,000

29473 Sugar Spring Rd \$180,000
24012 Susan Dr \$227,000
28442 Thorny Brae Rd \$188,000
28829 W King William Dr \$307,000
32311 W Wayburn St \$208,000
21121 Whitlock St \$183,000

FRANKLIN

29905 Forest Dr \$810,000

HIGHLAND

3180 Beaumont Dr \$175,000
1142 Charlck Dr \$213,000
5265 N Duck Lake Rd \$40,000
161 Reid Rd \$216,000
505 Snyder Rd \$75,000

LATHRUP VILLAGE

26560 Meadowood Ct N \$189,000

MILFORD

711 Atlantic St \$243,000
424 Hickory St \$465,000
781 Milford Glen Ct \$303,000
1305 Oak Hollow Dr \$550,000
784 Ridgeside Dr \$186,000
1684 S Hickory Ridge Rd \$127,000

NORTHVILLE

21096 Boulder Cir \$195,000
44339 Chedworth Dr \$300,000
314 Debra Ln \$218,000
42153 Gladwin St \$130,000
21147 Lujon Dr \$375,000

NOVI

45499 Addington Ln \$460,000
43169 Ashbury Dr \$450,000
49963 Blackberry Trl \$320,000
39456 Country Ln \$138,000
24585 Edgewood Dr \$290,000
44722 Gwinnett Loop \$145,000
27859 Hopkins Dr \$170,000
28064 Hopkins Dr \$171,000
41783 Independence Dr \$175,000
51188 Luke Ln \$267,000
23608 N Rockledge \$76,000
2450 Novi Rd \$120,000

22264 Pondview \$119,000
25562 Portico Ln \$170,000
45735 Sheffield Dr \$400,000
24691 Simmons Dr \$240,000
27516 Sloan St \$364,000
27315 Victoria Rd \$324,000
27332 Victoria Rd \$306,000
247 Wainwright St \$155,000

SOUTH LYON

58643 Bridge House Ct \$82,000
345 Cambridge Ave \$156,000
23158 Cheyenne Ct \$419,000
1168 Equestrian Dr \$350,000
61131 Ladbroke Dr \$378,000
423 Lyon Ct \$150,000
25778 McCrory Ln \$285,000
21551 Nathan Ct \$365,000
1131 Paddock Ct \$251,000
362 Princeton Dr \$193,000
24291 Ravine Dr \$2,000
24798 Ravine Dr \$2,000
23899 Stoneleigh Dr \$456,000
441 Whipple St \$165,000

SOUTHFIELD

29490 Bermuda Ln \$170,000
29672 Brentwood St \$120,000
19350 Eldridge Ln \$85,000
20280 Lacrosse Ave \$150,000
17582 Melrose St \$118,000
25209 Prairie Dr \$122,000
19646 Raleigh Cir N \$58,000
25552 Saint James \$127,000
29465 Sharon Ln \$140,000

WHITE LAKE

10719 Jacob Ct \$563,000
8656 Newport Dr \$331,000
9390 Steephollow Dr \$187,000
9210 Twin Lakes Dr \$498,000
8335 Woods Edge \$333,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 11-15, 2014, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

2536 Brookhaven Rd \$195,000
456 Buckingham Rd \$168,000
7031 Copper Creek Cir \$153,000
4136 Coronet Ave \$215,000
41992 Coventry Way \$196,000
1583 E Lakeview Ln \$165,000
39646 Edmundton Dr \$117,000
43075 Fernwood St \$204,000
4224 Forest Bridge Dr \$224,000
4368 Forest Bridge Dr \$194,000
43414 Fredericksburg St \$150,000
47890 Gladstone Rd \$465,000
51185 Glen Hollow Ave \$50,000
41642 Haggerty Woods Ct \$166,000
44650 Heather Ln \$260,000
7519 Kingsbridge Rd \$224,000
7528 Kingsbridge Rd \$190,000
44533 N Umberland Cir \$70,000
264 N Village Way \$150,000
338 N Willard Rd \$197,000
43669 Oakbrook Rd \$234,000
1734 Ranier Blvd \$150,000
44925 Rector Dr \$198,000
6241 Runnymede Dr \$187,000
1699 Rustic Ridge Rd \$164,000
347 S Village Way \$163,000
265 Selkirk St \$160,000
42149 Tonquish Ct \$175,000
1992 Trinity Rd \$540,000
51174 Upland View St \$50,000
51187 Upland View St \$50,000
1538 Valentine Ct \$285,000
5993 Wedgewood Rd \$266,000
8561 Westchester Ln \$232,000
42469 White Hart Blvd \$300,000
508 Worthington Rd \$222,000

GARDEN CITY

6932 Belton St \$65,000
30855 Block St \$43,000
31045 Block St \$123,000

32219 Bridge St \$106,000
32215 Cambridge St \$31,000
1723 Deering St \$10,000
31311 Elmwood St \$89,000
6417 Hawthorne St \$116,000
30470 Hennepin St \$76,000
1061 Inkster Rd \$20,000
414 Lathers St \$103,000
994 W Rose Ave \$145,000

LIVONIA

11320 Berwick St \$181,000
15208 Blue Skies St \$167,000
9949 Cardwell St \$135,000
11723 Cavell St \$75,000
31716 Curtis Rd \$198,000
39193 Dover St \$168,000
10051 E Clements Cir \$118,000
33395 Fargo St \$45,000
15162 Golfview Dr \$194,000
9105 Harrison St \$90,000
14348 Henry Ruff St \$160,000
17423 Hensley St \$120,000
15078 Houghton St \$135,000
14743 Inkster Rd \$125,000
36470 Joy Rd \$107,000
11180 Karen St \$128,000
35598 Leon St \$190,000
15495 Mayfield St \$82,000
8921 Melvin St \$140,000
16777 Riverside St \$140,000
38107 Ross St \$155,000
35041 Roycroft St \$282,000
11025 Sunset St \$105,000
13994 Susanna Ct \$163,000
18374 University Park Dr \$100,000
15014 Westbrook Ct \$235,000
16452 Westbrook St \$270,000
16643 Whitby St \$210,000
34412 Wood St \$234,000
14772 Yale St \$165,000

NORTHVILLE

47149 Seven Mile Rd \$398,000
42010 Baintree Cir \$263,000
50920 Belmont Park Ct \$542,000
44519 Birchwood Ct \$400,000
18260 Blue Heron Pointe Dr \$460,000
20018 Bryn Mawr Ct \$119,000
17302 Cameron Dr \$435,000

16764 Dover Dr \$148,000
39852 Glenview Ct \$307,000
502 Grace St \$239,000
16798 Lochmoor Cir W \$300,000
44030 Medinah Ct \$625,000
15927 Morningside \$150,000
19629 Neptune Ct \$135,000
626 North Ctr \$238,000
42251 Nottingwood Ct \$300,000
16128 Oakwood Ct \$445,000
49784 Parkside Dr \$464,000
303 Saint Lawrence Blvd \$310,000
19233 Surrey Ln \$106,000
777 Thayer Blvd \$918,000
20172 W Whipple Dr \$385,000
16972 Warwick Ct \$354,000

PLYMOUTH

42543 Applecreek Dr \$154,000
46332 Barrington Rd \$331,000
50475 Beechwood Ct \$194,000
9406 Caprice Ct \$207,000
8860 Colony Farm Dr \$375,000
11820 Deer Creek Cir \$400,000
770 Deer St \$125,000
9032 Hackberry Ave \$195,000
505 Hartsough St \$195,000
424 N Harvey St \$500,000
777 N Harvey St \$233,000
40459 Newport Dr \$75,000
13956 Oakland Ct \$470,000
1338 Penniman Ave \$575,000
1380 Penniman Ave \$350,000
142 Pinewood Cir \$93,000
42491 Plymouth Hollow Dr \$69,000
49479 Pointe Xing \$160,000
190 Riveroaks Dr \$117,000
101 S Union St \$160,000
14230 Shadywood Dr \$195,000

REDFORD

11311 Appleton \$57,000
20508 Delaware Ave \$115,000
25500 Donald \$109,000
14426 Fenton \$92,000
16817 Five Points St \$52,000
9312 Garfield \$93,000
19512 Garfield \$49,000
15412 Gaylord \$76,000
18655 Gaylord \$57,000

13027 Leverne \$82,000
12780 Mercedes \$94,000
8841 San Jose \$70,000
9052 Seminole \$98,000
16960 Woodworth \$65,000

WAYNE

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37001 Condor Ct \$105,000
8239 Creekside Dr \$256,000
36650 Deerhurst St \$116,000
39253 Dillingham St \$123,000
34934 Donnelly St \$70,000
1850 Dunn Ct \$123,000
33426 Farmington Ct \$85,000
6218 Ferraina Dr \$150,000
38099 Greenwood St \$45,000
34833 Hiveley St \$70,000
33604 Krauter St \$67,000
28374 Mackenzie Dr \$132,000
31260 Mackenzie Dr \$105,000
29114 Manchester St \$38,000
376 Marigold Cir \$100,000
8164 Melvin Ave \$85,000
5630 N Linville St \$50,000
5971 N Linville St \$30,000
6220 N Newburgh Rd \$110,000
7715 N Venoy Dr \$137,000
30666 Palmer Rd \$75,000
33139 Parkwood St \$109,000
35422 Pheasant St \$87,000
6766 Quail Run Cir \$83,000
412 Ravencrest Ln \$115,000
34203 Rosslyn St \$110,000
365 S Byfield St \$100,000
159 S Hubbard St \$105,000
538 S Hubbard St \$107,000
34345 Shawnee St \$114,000
227 Summerfield Dr \$210,000
36069 Traditions Dr \$156,000
2430 W Miller Cir \$123,000
31246 Windsor St \$93,000
1382 Woodbourne St \$94,000

Car Report

From West Coast Show To Detroit Garages:
L.A. Launches Excite Industry



By Dale Buss

month begin their way into dealer showrooms and enthusiast garages in metro Detroit.

There was a bonanza of new hardware and other innovations introduced in the run-up to the show, which of course kicks off the annual season of big global auto exhibitions that makes its next stop in downtown Detroit for the North American International Auto Show in January. The U.S. auto industry keeps humming along these days, and the expensive, wide-ranging new-model schedules for carmakers indicate that they believe it'll keep on humming for some time to come.

Here were some of the major

developments in Los Angeles that, over the coming months and years, will reflect how each brand is refining its approach to the U.S. market:

Cadillac was showing off its new 2016 ATS-V, a rear-wheel-drive model that new Cadillac boss Johan de Nysschen promises is only the first of a new lineup of high-performance luxury vehicles. GM plans to introduce four other V-Series models by 2020 and will be writing "the next chapter in the long history of this storied brand," as he put it, of a Cadillac brand "reinventing itself."

The V-Series vehicles will be brand halos for Cadillac, helping it attract enthusiasts and underscoring Cadillac's reinvention as a performance-oriented luxury brand. Cadillac sales have flagged recently despite widespread agreement that its product lineup is the best ever.

Lincoln unveiled the MKX Concept, its first appearance in North America since its reveal at

Auto China 2014 in Beijing this April. The Lincoln MKX Concept hints at a global SUV that will become the third of four all-new Lincoln vehicles due by 2016.

The brand also shared details of its ambitious Black Label program for providing top-end versions of its new vehicles, with a huge boost in customer service thrown in. Lincoln executives announced the initiative last year as a way to provide a package of extras for the most discriminating customers for the luxury brand that Ford now is trying to bring back, basically from the dead.

Black Label vehicles will be priced at about \$5,300 above standard new Lincolns and will come in four designer themes—Indulgence, Oasis, Modern Heritage and Center Stage—that each comes in special colors with exclusive leather and wood interior treatments, as well as six exclusive colors.

The Black Label platform, which comes with a bespoke concierge experience, also includes "membership privileges" such as a four-year, 50,000-mile complimentary maintenance plan in the U.S. and sweetheart deals with a network of restaurants.

The vehicles will be available beginning later this year at 32 dealerships in six states, including Hines Park Lincoln in Plymouth, that have signed up for the "sub-franchise." They account for about half of Lincoln sales in the six states. Ford expects that about 5 percent of Lincoln's vehicle volume will be Black Label versions. No telling how many of those buyers will be from California.



Lincoln's Black Label program will attract discriminating customers.

Infiniti in L.A. was touting the fact that many of the safety technologies that have become common in the premium segment were first introduced on the Nissan-owned luxury brand, which also is commemorating its 25th anniversary. These features included Lane Departure Warning, which Infiniti pioneered on the 2005 Infiniti FX, and Blind Spot Intervention, which alerts drivers of a vehicle in the adjacent lane during lane-change maneuvers, which debuted on the 2011 Infiniti M.

Mercedes-Benz introduced a new, ultra-high-end Mercedes-Maybach model, resurrecting the old upper-crust brand name. The brand also released a promo at show featuring a glimpse of ultra-luxe accessories such as leather goods and sunglasses that bear the same logo as the car.

Volkswagen was able to show off its new, seventh-generation 2015 Golf subcompact—crucial to turning around VW's sales fortunes in the

United States as well as serving as a global platform—that just won the industry's coveted Motor Trend Car of the Year Award. While on the West Coast, VW also showed its GTI Roadster concept car.

Acura sported a new ILX with some styling updates, a new powertrain and upgraded interior.

Audi showcased the revamped Audi TT Roadster and TTS Coupe, featuring a new rendering of the car's iconic design and "driver-focused performance" technologies.

BMW highlighted new "M" high power and performance versions of its X5 and X6 crossover vehicles.

Chevrolet debuted a Gran Turismo Corvette concept vehicle the likes of which will only be seen otherwise in the Gran Turismo video game. The car that will debut virtually in the Gran Turismo 6 version of the game has little resemblance to current production-model Corvettes.



The logo for the new Mercedes-Maybach supercar -- and brand.

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1 Eastern old Russia

8 Unwakeful state

12 Part of GYO

15 Political coalition

19 Chosee for jury duty

20 Lang. spoken in Milan

21 1959 John Wayne film

23 What a maestro studies

25 Christian, for one

26 Braugers have inflated ones

27 Student transcript nos.

28 Penitentiary division

30 I aid eyes on

33 What "My Donna lies over"

34 Home for a pet redent

36 For Knox feature

44 Meyers of "Think Big"

45 Wiggly swimmer

46 "Now — be told"

48 Having much land

49 Group lupur

51 Mounful ring

52 Gmuns of wharf-suppling beams

54 Taj —

55 Hc-axing facility

57 Sci-fi writer Harlan

59 "— just wondering"

60 Mark of a sergeant, e.g.

66 "The Haroi Hillar" locale

67 White cheese

68 A mean Amin

69 Track ocams

70 Discontinue

71 la students tumble

75 "— grown apart"

76 Heonesented

77 Wayfarer's refuge

78 Try to win at eBay, say

79 First, in terms of transmission

82 Ho and blur

85 Marine "motorcycle"

86 "So long, Pienel"

87 "— drauled (medicinal box warning)

88 Fecde, e.g.

89 Hoyal flush card

90 Nokia offering

93 Scarnoc supermarket symbol

97 Close by

99 Squabble

100 Busy shop before Halloween

105 Mosquito net material

106 "— boy!"

110 Inn the wind

111 Statement about no answers in this puzzle

115 Successful CPR parklrmers

116 Dressed in

117 Chinese Chackam pieces

118 Fruit-flavored drinks

119 M-Ha-SC dir.

120 Tinked

121 Skul

DOWN

1 Clock datum

2 Ove proud

3 I hese — (dog breed)

4 Boosts

5 Business mag

6 teachers' union Abor

7 Allowing any female students

8 Lrud insect

9 Western Americas

10 Tarnish

11 Initial I lcbrow letter

12 Singer Roy

13 Nobelis. Elie

14 Like some mutual funds

15 Make cullee

16 Mollon rock

17 See 91-Down

18 Strang rape

22 Storage unit

24 Project particular

29 In a majestic manner

31 Stainless —

32 Se joint (off)

33 Head, in Pau

34 Hunt ng

35 Sunkn space in front of a cellar window

36 She's a soccer star

37 Gibson liquor

39 Ph p V's house

40 Scrvng perfectly

41 Vase variey

42 Piano part

43 NFL gear

47 Bishop, e.g.

50 Fathers

51 Chira's Ching — shek

52 Rack-and — steering

53 Hoops Hall of Famer Dan

55 Parent's lines

56 Kilt pattern

58 Arrived at by chance

60 Hostless Perle

61 Kleenex, say

62 Some insects

63 Rea y mus

64 Celled upon case

65 Nucleic acid

67 Showing, as a card

72 Actor Conrad

73 Dardellon kukake

74 Tuned n

75 Cleveness

78 Davis of film

79 Etie or Supr cur

80 Lyrical work

81 "Stand by Me" actor

83 SoCal squared

84 I's S. of Leu.

85 Athletic type

87 Dismount

88 Artist Marcel

91 With 1/ Draw, discusses at length

92 Weasels' kin

94 I all in line

95 Menu listing

96 Groundy

98 Ford canon abot

100 Singer Irene

101 Electrician

102 "b4" co star

103 Plallam fur a lectom

104 Canadian cattle

105 Pickling

107 Like giants

108 Bark source

109 Mgr's aide

112 Garden tool

113 Actor Kimer

114 Epoch

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IRENE

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How to approach a small-town job search

By Justin Thompson

A lot of career advice targets workers in moderately sized cities who have more access to job opportunities. Rural communities have a limited number of companies and a population competing for fewer jobs. How can a worker from a smaller town make an impression on a company without being a pest?

Job seekers should adapt their job-search strategy depending on the local workforce climate. From there, it comes down to adjusting how you apply for jobs. In some instances, you can take a more out-of-the-box approach to job searching when in a smaller town.

Be unique

"In rural communities, it's sometimes easier to just go directly to the company and apply face to face," says staffing manager Joshua Johnston. "It can create a lasting impression and can help hiring managers attach that impression to the résumé." If that's not an option, you can still stand out, Johnston says. Anything that grabs a hiring manager's attention or makes a lasting impression may get you ahead of the competition.

"One candidate called a pizza delivery service and had them deliver not only a fresh, hot pizza, but a laminated copy of the résumé around 11:15 a.m.," Johnston says. "Ultimately, they really wanted to work for that specific company and wanted to think outside of the box." As unusual as this example is, the tactic is helpful for those who find themselves repeatedly applying to the same company for multiple positions.

Use your networks

Johnston suggests that you reach out to friends, relatives, teachers, former co-workers, acquaintances and even your doctor or dentist to ask if they



are aware of any local job vacancies. Telling everyone you know or meet that you're looking for a job can help you with job leads.

In addition, use social networking websites such as LinkedIn to connect with hiring managers at local companies. However, don't use a generic introduction. Personalize your invitation, be creative and be specific about why you're reaching out -- whether it's to make a connection or follow up after submitting an application.

Find your focus

Résumés that aren't tailored to the specific position and lack language from the job requirements usually won't get a second

look. Know how to position your résumé to show proof of your experience, instead of including a laundry list of daily duties.

When there are fewer job opportunities in your community, narrow your focus and stop applying for every opening at every company. Be honest about your education, work experience and any supplemental experiences, such as volunteering, and choose the career path in which you'll have the most success.

Look beyond your ZIP code

You can also broaden your job search to include companies across the U.S. that hire telecommuters or allow employees to work offsite. Finding a company not based in your area doesn't necessarily mean that you have to move, so if you do

the re-search, you may be able to find companies that are willing to hire an out-of-town worker.

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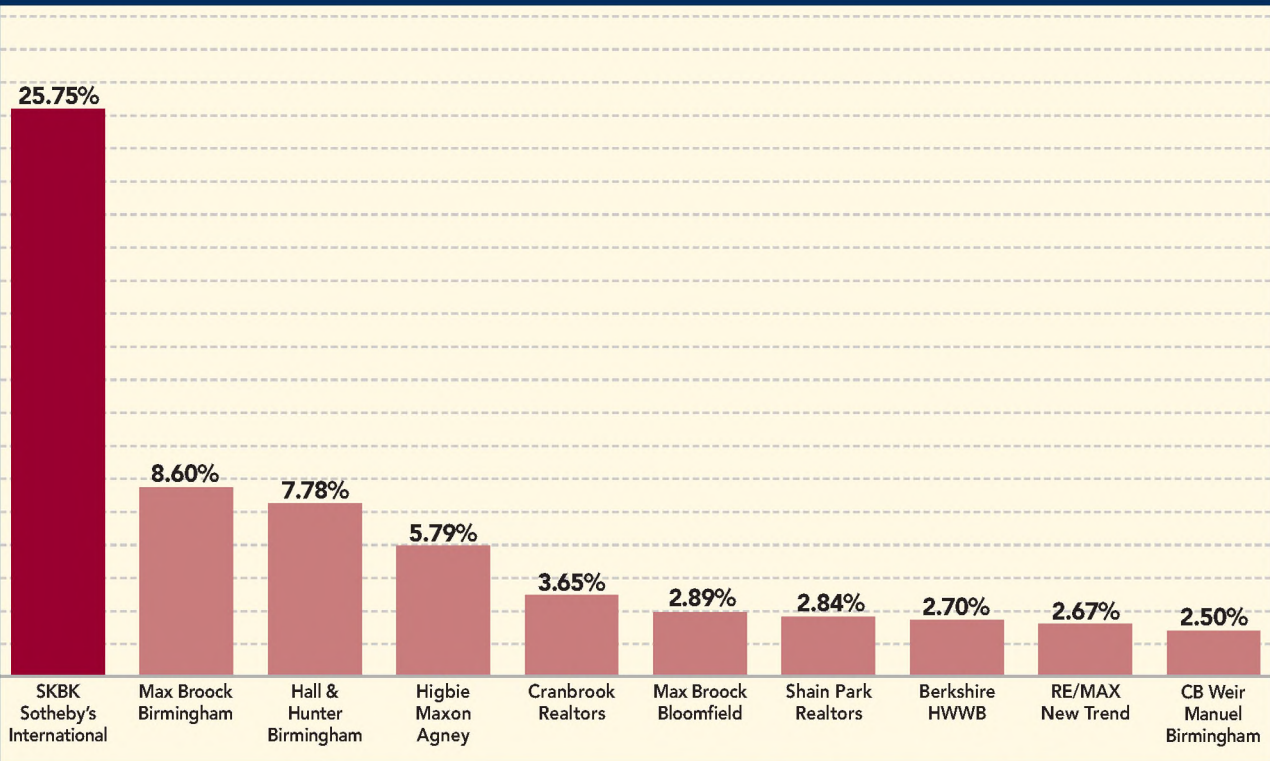
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