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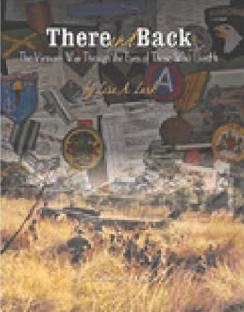
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## Vietnam experience

Did you serve in Vietnam? Are you interested in a narrative of Vietnam? At 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, the Marine Corps League, Northwest Detachment 162 and the VFW Post 4012 of Northville invite all members of the U. S. Military, past, present and family members of those who served to hear author Lisa Lark.

Lark wrote two books: *All They Left Behind* and most recently *There and Back*. She will discuss her experience of writing this book and share the stories as told to her by the men and women who served in Vietnam.

Seating will be available on a first-come basis. The VFW Post 4012 is located at 438 S. Main Street, Northville. For any questions, email Bill King at [wking39483@comcast.net](mailto:wking39483@comcast.net).



# School district seeks millage renewal

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools will be going back to the community on May 5 to ask for a renewal of the sinking fund millage, which was originally passed four years ago by 58 percent of the voters.

The NPS Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution adopting ballot proposition language for a special school election to be held this spring.

"It's truly a renewal in all sense of the word," said Mike

Zopf, NPS Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, at the Jan. 27 school board meeting held at Winchester Elementary School.

This will be a renewal of the millage which will expire with the 2015 tax levy.

### Sinking Fund

Back in 2011, NPS district voters approved a capital improvement millage proposal to make much-needed repairs to the school district's 11 school buildings and other facilities.

After five years, the sinking fund millage is expected to provide the school district with approximately \$2.4 million to address capital needs, which the district has from roof replacements to sidewalk repairs across the school district.

All of the revenue generated by the millage stays within the district. Over the past year and because of the Headlee amendment it has decreased from one mill down slightly to \$.9978, which is what the renewal will ask for.

Zopf said the district is in the middle of conducting an updated facility conditions assessment that will prioritize a list of potential projects that could be paid for by the renewal.

### May election

School board president Cynthia Jankowski said in the near future there will be informational meetings for voters, like in 2011, that will give them an opportunity to better understand

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Cooke School student Greg Jones, supervised by Kathy Bradley works to tidy up the tables and chairs of Novi Bowl on Jan. 30 as part of the school's vocational training program.

# Important renovations helping Cooke School

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Cooke School is getting some crucial improvements helping it modernize its overall educational settings and offerings.

The vocational kitchen at Cooke School is being renovated through the help of the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) and an anonymous donor. This kitchen plays a big role in this school's mission to

help its students learn important life skills.

"The vocational kitchen is used at Cooke by classrooms in order to instruct students on learning and practicing daily living skills in order to promote student independence in the community," said Cooke Principal Jennifer Bugar.

Through Northville Public Schools (NPS), Cooke is a county center based program for students ranging in age from

3-26 that come from 12 districts in western Wayne County. It has three distinct programs for the severely cognitively impaired, severely multiply impaired, and dual diagnosed.

The way the kitchen works is classrooms sign up for a time and modify what they do based on each student's Individualized Educational Program, which is

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# Fireman's Ball will benefit numerous worthy causes

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

The Northville Township Fire Department is having its 12th annual Fireman's Ball on Valentine's Day this year, and it will be another important event to support.

All of the proceeds will benefit the Northville Township Fire-

fighters Charity Fund, which is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that helps to support injured or fallen firefighters and police officers, as well as local organizations such as Northville Civic Concern, Northville Parks and Recreation, and Northville Public Schools and a variety of other worthy causes.

"The goal of the Fireman's

Ball is to gather friends, family and neighbors to raise funding and awareness for organizations and causes in need," said Northville Township Fire Inspector Tom Hughes.

Last year was the most successful event with over 400 attendees and over \$23,000 raised for local causes.

"Our department is proud to

provide fire and paramedic treatment and transport on duty, 24-hours-a-day, 365 days a year to the residents and visitors of Northville Township. The Charity Fund was created to give back to the community while off duty," Hughes said.

The charity fund has devel-

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# Class trip to Lansing in 1950s still elicits memories



Jack Bailey of Livonia reminisces about the Northville fifth-grade field trip to Lansing in the early 1950s.

Flying on plane was exciting, as was sightseeing

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

Jack Bailey of Livonia remembers the early 1950s when he was at Northville's Main Street Elementary.

Bailey, 74, grew up in Northville and graduated from Northville High School in 1959. In the fifth grade, his teacher, Margaret DeKett, decided their class should fly to the state capital in Lansing for a field trip.

"She contacted two or three airlines," he recalled, including Northwest and United. Capital

Airlines agreed to fly the classmates, with two trips on consecutive days to accommodate the 30-40 pupils.

Margaret (DeKett) Gyde, 89, who is now living in the Ann Arbor area, conceived the idea of flying her class to Lansing to visit the state capital. They needed money, so the class staged fundraisers.

She made a scrapbook in which she pasted documents related to the project, including her letters to airlines, newspaper clippings, mimeographed parental permission forms, etc. Bailey, who now does entertaining at senior living facilities, recalled his teacher's good idea and hard work, "culminating in the whole community coming together. It could be a model in this day and age."

There were bake sales, popcorn sales and a stage show highlighting student talent to raise the needed funds. "I just remember being in awe of high government. I was more impressed flying on an airplane," said Bailey, noting airplane flight was far less common then.

His fifth-grade group faced a storm on their Lansing travel day and took the train home. There were depots in Lansing and Plymouth which helped with convenience. That was also Bailey's first train trip.

"No question about it," he said. "That was exciting to all of us."

Their principal, other teachers and parents all got involved. "It brought the community so close together," he said.

Margaret (DeKett) Gyde and her husband, who has since passed away, reunited with Bailey a few years back for lunch and entertainment by Bailey.

Bailey is keeping in touch with her regularly, and now has the materials she gave him from their Lansing trip.

The Northville High 60th class reunion for his high school class is approaching, and he plans to bring the materials from the fifth-grade trip to share.

MILL RACE MATTERS

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

**Upcoming events**

**Contra Dancing:** noon-5 p.m. Feb. 15 at the New School Church. Entrance fee; discount for members (become a member today).

**Lecture Series:** 7 p.m. Feb. 25 -- The

Bay View Association -- A National Historic Landmark Lecture at the New School Church. Free event; donations accepted.

**Lady Carol Victorian Tea:** March 21; ticket sales begin Feb. 6. Discount for members.

**General info**

**Website:** [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)

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

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

At the Capitol

COURTESY

State Rep. Kurt Heise (right), R-Plymouth, was joined by Robert Colombo Jr., chief judge of the Third Circuit Court, for the 2015 State of the State address at the Capitol in Lansing Jan. 20. Governor Rick Snyder outlined his plans for his second term during the speech.

Pet therapy dogs

Terry Seraceno, founder and president of Dr. Paws Pet Therapy Dogs Inc., will share the podium with a canine friend to discuss the organization's work at the 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 meeting of the Northville Woman's Club at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Seraceno, who founded the not-for-profit organization in 1994, has tested more than 2,000 dogs with dog teams now placed in more than 250 locations throughout Michigan including hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and Read to Rover programs at public libraries. The organization has more recently branched out to public schools and colleges to help lower student stress. Seraceno will discuss the benefits of animal assisted therapy in helping lower blood pressure, reduce stress and promote the healing process. For more information about the Northville Woman's Club and its programs, contact Lorraine Andaray at 248-349-9463.

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Our Lady of Victory School math and technology teacher Christine Lapenta works on a tablet computer during a Jan. 20 symposium at the school. OLV is prepping its teachers and then students to begin to carry their technology, like laptops and tablet computers, to their classrooms instead of going to a specific class during their day.

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## OLV going high-tech

Computers to play a new role at Christian school

By **Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

Our Lady of Victory School is overhauling how it uses computers and teaches technology, and starting next year will be introducing a new way of doing things.

In the meantime, teachers will be learning how to undertake this new idea. A consultant recently began training staff at this Catholic school in downtown and training will continue the rest of this school year. The excitement is growing. “OLV is completely changing the way technology is taught,” said school principal Karen Gessler. “Instead of a ‘pull out’ program, where

kids leave the classroom to go to computer class, we will equip the classroom with the appropriate technology, and technology will be truly integrated with the curriculum that we already teach.” Gessler said they feel great about their current curriculum, but it’s time for the school to take the next leap into the future so the students are ready for the challenges ahead. The plan is to have the

computer become a tool in the classroom, not for just writing papers, but so students can do such things as research and prepare a presentation – in general, take their learning to another level. Each subject will be impacted. This big change will begin in the elementary grades with kindergarten through second grade learning to use iPads and third through fifth grades using Chromebooks.

Eventually, twice a week the devices will be in the classroom to be used. In the middle school, the school will be integrating a “1:1 device program,” starting in sixth grade. It will be a “bring your own device,” voluntary program, but any student who needs assistance will get it in order to have access to a device. As part of the changes, the school’s computer labs will be dismantled and turned into different

learning spaces. Another key part of this change is to help students understand how to use these devices in a “Christ-like way,” said Gessler. “We want to teach our students how to use these devices in an ethically and responsible way that reflects the teachings of our faith,” Gessler said.   
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## Robotics teams attend auto show

Three FIRST Robotics teams from around the Metro Detroit Area recently attended the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center to promote STEM – Team 548, The Robostangs, hailing from Northville; Team 27, Team RUSH, based out of Clarkston; and Team 33, The Killer Bees, from Auburn Hills. FIRST Robotics is a program that starts in kindergarten with Jr. FLL (Junior First Lego League) and progresses through FLL (First Lego League), FTC (First Tech Challenge) and high school FRC (First Robotics Competition). With over 3,000 FRC teams functioning around the world, the presence of STEM-based learning continues to grow both in the classroom and outside. As Gov. Rick Snyder asserts, Michigan has more FIRST Robotics teams than any other state in the country. “If

you look at kids who do FIRST Robotics, the likelihood they will go on to engineering or skilled trades goes up dramatically,” Snyder said. “We were number two in the country several years ago. Over the last few years, we added teams. This last year, we added 77 teams, more than the other 49 states combined. We are up to 349 teams, 110 more than California – and we are hoping to be a leader in that.” Not only is Michigan strong in high school FRC team growth, but Michigan also fosters student involvement in robotics from an early age. “It was great to see the children get engaged with the robot. The kids were having a lot of fun with the Robostang’s robot as they caught the ball and threw it back to us. At the same time, team RUSH and the Killer Bees were on the field shooting balls in the goals,” said Northville High School senior

Neil Jain, a member of the Robostangs. Through engaging pipeline programs, Team 548 has successfully integrated children of all ages into the world of FIRST. The Junior FLL program entered into its fourth year this season, continuing its popularity and garnering 108 elementary school participants on 15 teams. All 15 Jr. FLL teams finished their season at Northville High School at The Robostang’s premier FIRST Robotics Exposition. Here, students were given the chance to showcase their new knowledge of science and technology. Overall, the North American International Auto Show provided The Robostangs, Team Rush, and The Killer Bees with an excellent opportunity to not only spread the word about FIRST, but to attract young creative minds to the science of robotics.   
– By Neil Jain

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi preschool open house

View classrooms, talk with staff, and get familiar with the Creative Curriculum during the Novi preschool open house 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. For more information, call Novi Community Education Preschool at 248-449-1713.

Novi Kindergarten Roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork is now available in all elementary offices. If you have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Oaks (248-449-1300.

If you are unsure which elementary school your student will attend, please call the Educational Services Building at 248-449-1200 for assistance.

Also, save the date, April 16, for kindergarten parent meetings at Novi K-4 elementary schools.

AAUW Northville-Novu Promoting College Student Leader Conference

The Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women will have Lee Savage from the Women's Resource Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn as the speaker at 6:45 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Novi United Methodist Church (41671 W. 10 Mile).

Savage will be speaking about the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which is sponsored by AAUW and by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. NCCWSL is the only conference that brings together college women to address important and contemporary leadership issues and also promotes career development, job search readiness and success in the workplace. It is where college women make their future what they want.

Everyone is welcome to attend. RSVP to marcia.horgren@gmail.com

with NCCWSL in the subject line. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Northville curriculum night

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs Curriculum Night, set for 6:30-8 p.m. March 3 at Ridge Wood Elementary School's cafeteria, is designed for families new to the programs. This evening will provide parents with information on Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs, including curriculum and enrollment procedures.

Call the Early Childhood office to register at 248-465-2550. Go to www.earlychildhood-northvilleschools.org for more information on current programs.

Warriors host Pink Out hoop games

Warriors for Warriors will be hosting a pair of Pink Out basketball games Friday, Feb. 6, at Walled Lake Western High School. The evening's festivities kick off with the Western girls basketball team hosting Walled Lake Central at 5:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the girls game, members of both girls and boys Western basketball teams will line up on the floor to be recognized and it will be announcing who that player is playing for that evening.

The boys game against Central will start at 7:30 p.m. At halftime, Warriors for Warriors will be presenting three checks for \$15,000 each to Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, American Cancer Society and Lakes Area St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Tickets for each game are \$5 at the door. Warriors for Warriors donation opportunities will be available at the game for anyone that is interested.

Warriors for Warriors was started at Western High School in 2011 with the goals of increasing cancer awareness, raising funds for cancer research and to help creating ways for students to get involved with their community. Each fall fundraising kicks off with Warriors for Warriors hosting a Pink Out football game where members of the community not only come to support the Warriors on the field, but to

show support and raise money for those in the community that have been affected by cancer. Fundraising takes place throughout the year in support of the Warriors for Warriors cause and each year fundraising culminates with a check presentation at a Western High School basketball game. As the event continues to grow, the more money and awareness can be raised to help fight this deadly disease.

For more information, contact Linda Ishbia lrlil@aol.com or go to www.warriorsforwarriors.net.

Northville now accepting early kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

Staff from the district's Office of Student Data will be available at your child's school on these dates to meet with you, review the necessary documentation and finalize your child's enrollment:

March 2-5 Amerman http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca5ad2ca0ff2-amerman

March 9-12 Ridge Wood http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-ridge1

March 16-19 Moraine http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-moraine1

March 16-19 Winchester http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-winchester1

March 23-26 Silver Springs http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-silver1

March 23-26 Thornton Creek http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094eacaf22a3fa7-thornton1

Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584. If circumstances prevent you from being available to meet on the dates listed above for your child's school, contact the school's main office. If

Woods wax



Novi Woods fourth-graders held their annual Wax Museum of Leaders on Jan. 14-15. The students were to find an important leader and research what qualities and characteristics make them a leader. They present their two-minute speeches to parents and students in the gym. Shown (from left) are Peyton Manning (Drew Donberger), Harry Houdini (Calvin Taulbee), Clara Barton (Sarah Cromwell), Jane Goodall (Charlotte Stoy) and Martin Luther King Jr. (Shriya Raizada) waiting to perform at Wax Museum.

you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/251.

Northville round-up, parent orientation

Northville Public Schools hosts two important events in the spring to ease some of your fears and answer many of your questions: Parent Orientation and Kindergarten Round-Up.

Parent Orientation is an opportunity for you to hear about our programming, meet key staff members, learn about your child's elementary school and ask questions. The evening is interactive and highlights what to expect the first few weeks of school and how you can help prepare your child for his or her first day. At registration, you will receive a folder with important information that we ask you to review prior to parent orientation. Please note: This is a meeting for parents only; children should not attend.

Kindergarten Round-Up is designed for your incoming kindergartner. Your child will participate in a number of activities that will help us get to know your child better and help him or her feel more comfortable in the

classroom. When you arrive for Kindergarten Round-Up, we will greet you and your child and your child will come with us to start their busy schedule. While your child is with our staff, you will participate in an informational session highlighting our many important initiatives, including The Leader in Me. We will provide more details about the Round-Up experience at parent orientation.

The following are the dates for Kindergarten Parent Orientation and Round-Up at each of our elementary schools:

- Amerman – April 30, 6:30 p.m. May 1
- Moraine – May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Silver Springs – May 6, 6 p.m. May 15
- Thornton Creek – April 29, 6 p.m. May 7
- Ridge Wood – May 11, 6:30 p.m. May 15
- Winchester – May 11, 6 p.m. May 12

'A Day in the Life of a Novi Student!'

Novi Community Schools Invites you to join Novi elementary schools for "A Day in the Life of a Novi Student!" and see how the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People are integrated into the culture of Novi's schools.

The events are scheduled for Parkview Elementary – Thursday, Feb.

26 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Village Oaks Elementary – Friday, Feb. 27 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Orchard Hills Elementary – Tuesday, March 3 (8:45-11 a.m.); Deerfield Elementary – Wednesday, March 4 (9:15-11:30 a.m.); Novi Meadows Elementary – Thursday, March 5 (8:20-10:35 a.m.); and Novi Woods Elementary – Friday, March 6 (8:45-11 a.m.),

A Growing Place open house

A Growing Place Preschool (40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi) will hold its annual open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 28. It will include free activities, crafts and snacks while giving prospective parents an opportunity to visit the school, meet the staff and learn about the classes and programs offered.

A Growing Place Preschool will continue to offer a Young 5's program, full and half-day preschool classes for 3's and 4's as well as pre-kindergarten sessions for children going off to kindergarten next fall.

For more information, call 248-471-2333

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 14 – 18.273

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 4.0, USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.10, PLACES OF WORSHIP, IN ORDER TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL HEIGHT FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 26, 2015 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk

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City of Northville Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Article 2 and Article 18 – Medical Marihuana

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2015, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would update the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 2 Zoning Districts and Map Interpretation, Article 18 General Provisions by adding Section 18.25 Medical Marihuana Activities, and Article 26 Definitions. The proposed amendments will establish regulations to prohibit dispensaries or provisioning centers, but at the same time allow possession, growth, and cultivation of marihuana as permitted by State Law. The proposed regulations will allow medical marihuana activities within residential zoning districts; however, medical marihuana dispensaries, provisioning centers, or other commercial facilities are expressly prohibited.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for February 17, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

CRAIG STRONG, BUILDING OFFICIAL

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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City of Northville Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Article 2 and Article 10 – Cady Street Overlay (CSO-1 and CSO-2)

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2015, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment would update the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 2 Zoning Districts and Map Interpretation and add Section 10.06 to Article 10 Central Business District to establish the Cady Street Overlays (CSO-1 and CSO-2). The overlay zoning districts will provide regulations regarding land use within the Cady Street Corridor, establish specific height limitations for various parcels, establish new design requirements to ensure quality development on the fringe area of the City of Northville downtown, and include certain restrictions on first floor residential uses.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.272 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 4, USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.29, FUELING STATIONS AND MINOR AUTOMOBILE SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS; IN ORDER TO PERMIT FUELING STATIONS WITH ACCESSORY MINOR AUTOMOBILE SERVICES THAT PRE-DATE THE ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE FUELING OPERATIONS AND CONTINUE MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR SERVICES.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2015 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2015 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2015 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Beginning Friday, February 20, 2015 you may call (248) 348-5810 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 12:00 noon., March 13, 2015. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Tuesday March 03, 2015 1:00 pm - Organizational Meeting

Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Saturday March 07, 2015 9:00 am to 12 Noon

Monday March 09, 2015 9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesday March 10, 2015 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday March 12, 2015 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday March 13, 2015 9:00 am to 12 Noon

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website [twp.northville.mi.us](http://twp.northville.mi.us) click on Board of Review or at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury).

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.  
Clerk

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# FOIA law changes slash cost of public records

**By John Wisely**  
Michigan.com

Public records will become cheaper and easier to access under changes to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act.

Government agencies will not be allowed to charge more than 10 cents per page for copies of public records; they can face increased fines for delaying responses; and people seeking the records now can sue if they consider the fees to be exorbitant.

Dirk Milliman of the Michigan Press Association said the changes have been years in the making and involved compromise, but overall the new law increases transparency and access to public records.

"We are pleased with the end result as it addresses the two most major concerns expressed by our members with regard to FOIA in Michigan: costs and delays," he said.

The changes take effect July 1.

Gov. Rick Snyder

signed them into law last week, saying in a statement that the changes remind government workers that they "are working on behalf of our residents, who should not be discouraged from learning about how that government is serving them."

The law allows requesters who believe they are being overcharged for records to sue and ask a court to lower the fee. If the court concludes the public body arbitrarily and capriciously charged an

unreasonable fee, the court must assess \$1,000 in punitive damages.

The new law also increases punitive damages from \$500 to \$2,000 on public bodies that arbitrarily and capriciously break the law by refusing or delaying the release of public records.

It also requires courts to fine public bodies \$2,500 to \$7,500 for willfully and intentionally failing to follow the law. The fines are paid to the state.

Michigan first passed its Freedom of Informa-

tion Act in 1976, in the wake of the Watergate scandals in Washington. Many states and the federal government sought to increase access to public records then as a way to prevent future abuses.

Newspapers and other news media outlets routinely use the FOIA to access public records on government contracting, hiring, spending and other matters. The *Detroit Free Press* used the law to access records from the administration of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick as part of the text messages scandal.

Another change in the law requires governments to provide the records electronically instead of on paper if the requester seeks them in that format.

It includes an exemption if local government lacks the technology to provide the records electronically.

If a government misses a deadline for replying to a request, it must discount the fees charged.

## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

**Catalytic converter stolen**

A Carrabba's Italian Grill employee reportedly had the catalytic converter stolen from her vehicle while it was parked outside the restaurant on West Oaks Drive.

The woman reported the larceny Dec. 18 to Novi Police after finding it missing while having her car worked on more than a week later. She told Novi Police that she thought the muffler was broken and didn't know about the converter. There are no suspects.

**Cash stolen**

A man had \$400 in cash stolen from his car while parked outside the Lifetime Fitness on High Pointe Boulevard.

The larceny happened Dec. 20 while the man was inside the establishment working out. There are no suspects, but the man did let an acquaintance that was with him borrow his keys to get his gym bag out of the car while he was not present.

**Salvation Army larceny**

A Salvation Army kettle with about \$20 in it was stolen by a man who claimed to be a volunteer bell-ringer.

According to the police report, the incident happened Dec. 23 at Twelve Oaks Mall outside of JC Penney. The person who reported it to Novi Police was a Salvation Army driver who picks up and drops off volunteers. The suspect told the man outside the mall that he was the next ring-er; however, his name wasn't on the list.

**Marijuana possession**

Novi Police responded to a weapons complaint and ended up arresting two men for marijuana possession.

The arrests occurred Dec. 22 outside an apartment on Lakeview Court, according to the Novi Police report. The 9-1-1 caller reported spotting a handgun on the stairs while taking the trash out. The person then witnessed a man exit a vehicle, grab the gun and get back into the car.

Novi Police reported arriving at the location and finding the suspect vehicle occupied by three men. A search turned up a pellet gun and drugs.

One suspect was placed in the police car and reportedly threw a baggie of marijuana from his pocket onto the car's floor. The other arrested suspect had a baggie of marijuana on him.



Ryan Kachnowski (right) presents a framed copy of an essay he wrote on "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans" to Bob Modes, owner of the Blue Plate Diner in Livonia.

## Blue Diner adds essay to Patriots Wall

Ryan Kachnowski of Wixom, son of former Livonians John and Kristin Kachnowski, recently presented a framed copy of an essay he wrote on "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans" as part of a school project sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to Bob Modes, owner of the Blue Plate Diner in Livonia.

Modes has a Patriots Wall in his restaurant honoring Livonia-area residents who have served in the military dating back to the Civil War and going to Afghanistan and Iran. After reading the essay, Modes posted it on the Patriots Wall along with the photos of the nation's heroes.

"Our veterans made sacrifices to keep us safe, keep others safe and serve as a reminder that nothing is free and war is tough on all," he wrote in part. "They may not be rich, famous or be on television, but they deserve more attention. I hope more people realize how important veterans are as time goes on."

## Green Oak Township man gets jail for indecent exposure

A Green Oak Township man who exposed himself in two counties was sentenced Jan. 28 in Livingston County.

Nathanael Michael Armstrong, 30, was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail and given credit for one day he has already served. He also was ordered to spend two years on probation and to complete substance abuse counseling with an emphasis on sexual offender counseling, according to district court records.



Armstrong


Armstrong earlier pleaded guilty as charged to indecent exposure, while a second count was dismissed, for incidents in July at the Green Oak Village Place mall. He also pleaded guilty in Oakland County to three counts of aggravated indecent exposure for incidents in South Lyon and to one count of indecent exposure in Novi.

Police said Armstrong confessed to Oakland County investigators that he exposed his genitals to a female shopper around 7:30 p.m. July 14 at a Novi Target store after they had information possibly linking him to similar incidents in South Lyon.

In the South Lyon cases, which occurred between April 15 and June 25 in the area of Pontiac Trail and Nine Mile Road, witnesses said the suspect stayed inside his Dodge Dart while masturbating within sight of teenagers.

The incidents in Green Oak Township went unreported to police until Armstrong was publicly identified in the South Lyon incidents, police said.

Armstrong was sentenced in November in the Oakland County cases to one day already served in jail and five years of probation.



2015  
People's Choice  
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# Hey, Northville!

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# PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

*We Need Your Input On the Best Places To Shop... Best Places To Eat...  
Best Place For Great Service, This is NOT scientific! It's a fun, readers poll.  
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**Drop Off or Mail In to: People's Choice Awards - Northville Record, 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi, MI 48377**

Only one entry per person per week, 18 years or older. Ballot Box stuffing will not be allowed. Only original newspaper ballots, NO COPIES ACCEPTED. Please fill out form completely. Partial Ballots may be disqualified.

FOOD OUTLETS	BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS	BEST RETAIL STORES
•Best speciality coffeehouse_____	•Best hair salon_____	•Best pharmacy_____
•Best place for breakfast_____	•Best place to bank_____	•Best bakery/baked goods_____
•Best Sunday brunch_____	•Best real estate company_____	•Best floral shop_____
•Best fast food restaurant_____	•Best auto service_____	•Best grocery store_____
•Best family restaurant_____	•Best oil change shop_____	•Best party store_____
•Best place for soup_____	•Best collision shop_____	•Best jewelry store_____
•Best salad bar_____	•Best insurance (agency)_____	•Best lumber yard_____
•Best place for burgers_____	•Best veterinary service_____	•Best beer selection (store)_____
•Best place for hot dogs/coneys_____	•Best travel agency_____	•Best wine selection (store)_____
•Best place for subs_____	•Best child care service_____	•Best children's wear_____
•Best place for ice cream_____	•Best house painter_____	•Best men's wear_____
•Best place for chicken_____	•Best landscaping company_____	•Best women's wear_____
•Best quality dining restaurant_____	•Best health/fitness company_____	•Best resale/consignment shop_____
•Best place for desserts_____	•Best waitress/waiter (include restaurant)_____	•Best sporting goods_____
•Best Italian restaurant_____	•Best tanning salon_____	•Best antique store_____
•Best place for seafood_____	•Best accountant_____	•Best hardware/home improvement store_____
•Best oriental restaurant_____	•Best chiropractor_____	•Best home décor_____
•Best Tex-Mex restaurant_____	•Best doctor_____	•Best yoga studio_____
•Best place for pizza_____	•Best dentist_____	
•Best place for steak_____	•Best eye care_____	
•Best place for barbeque ribs_____	•Best dance studio_____	
•Best wine selection(restaurant)_____	•Best fitness provider_____	
•Best beer selection(restaurant)_____	•Best pet supply store_____	
•Best place for romantic dinner_____	•Best art gallery store_____	
•Best after work meeting place_____		
•Best sports bar_____		
•Best Mediterranean food_____		

## All Entries Must Be Received By February 20th



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Brenda Smith, CPA, advises business owners on IRS issues and everyday financial needs.



Jessie Mehl, CPA, helps a client with his construction company.

## B.W. SMITH + COMPANY HELPS SMALL BUSINESSES PROFIT

Did you know that six-figure income you worked so hard to achieve can trigger Internal Revenue Service red flags? It is not just common business errors that result in more scrutiny. With or without errors, when it comes to tax time, the IRS scrutinizes the self-employed more than any other group.

### Experts in IRS Problem Resolution and Avoidance

People who file a Schedule C need a good offense. Hiring a bookkeeper to assist with the books or consulting with a certified public accountant can help an entrepreneur avoid many of the typical issues, like math errors, forgetting income or claiming incorrect expenses. Plus, it can help you protect that six-figure income you worked so hard to earn.

"Receiving a notice from the IRS can be a really unnerving experience," says Brenda Smith, owner of B.W. Smith + Co., PC, a certified

public accounting firm. "Issues like math errors, which are one of the most common mistakes, are much easier for an accountant to find and resolve. Our training and tools enable us to find these types of issues quickly. Even if a business owner uses an accounting system like QuickBooks, there can be problems. It's simple to mistakenly categorize a payment or expense."

When a business accidentally books income as an expense or vice versa, the IRS says that will cause trouble. Simply misclassifying expenses can cause major headaches, because the financial and tax reports are not accurate. Even mistakenly omitting a small amount of income can trigger interest and penalties.

With 300-plus business clients and more than 100 years of combined experience, Smith's CPAs know the IRS tax code inside and out. B.W. Smith + Co. specializes in serving the self-employed and businesses with income under

\$10 million, especially companies in the health care, construction and engineering industries.

The firm has a reputation for solving IRS problems and for avoiding them. For six consecutive years, the company has been voted the South Lyon People's Choice Best Accountant.

Stephanie Uphoff, co-owner of Upco Waste Services, LLC, shares why the accounting firm keeps winning: *"When they helped us with our audit, we were not fined a single penny. When we first came to them, we had a real mess on our hands, and they fixed it."*

Al Powell, owner of Powell Leasing, LLC, adds, *"The company has saved me a bunch of money. I use them for both my personal and business needs. Anytime I have any questions about anything, they are always there."*

B.W. Smith + Co.'s services include more than just accounting and tax services. The firm's accountants are also small business advisers and pros at helping companies start on the right foot.

start. Two of the top five reasons they fail are financial — owners don't understand their finances and they don't manage their cash flow. The software tax company Intuit reports that 83 percent of small businesses suffer from financial illiteracy.

Having someone who is easy to work with and responsive is important to first-time entrepreneurs like Adam Ruffin, owner of A&R Plumbing, LLC. Ruffin, like most business owners, knew next to nothing about business finances. His expertise is plumbing. *"When I first started my new business, I didn't know anything about the financial aspects of operating a company," he said. "Brenda's firm helped me understand my finances in a simple and easy way."*

"Our mission is to provide friendly, professional services in an easily understood way so that someone can build a business with confidence," Smith says.

Smith advises start-ups to consider carefully whether they want to be a sole proprietor, limited liability corporation or some other type of corporation and whether they should set up as a cash business or accrual. "Decisions like these have major tax and reporting consequences down the line," she says.



The company prepares taxes for individuals and businesses.

### By the Numbers B.W. Smith + Company, PC

- 3 Offices: New Hudson, South Lyon and Milford
- 22 years in business
- 100+ years of combined accounting experience
- 300+ business clients
- 2008-2014 People's Choice Best Accountant, South Lyon
- 2014 Five Star Certified Public Accountant Award
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### NORTHVILLE

#### UM Alumni host pro networking event

The University Of Michigan Alumni Club of Greater Northville will be hosting a professional networking event for seasoned and new professionals 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Liberty Street Brewing Co. (second floor), 149 W. Liberty Street, in Plymouth.

The featured speaker will be fellow Michigan alumni Sally Schmall, owner of the Coaching Academy. With delight and humor, she will share simple strategies to help your message resonate with others, followed by small networking/discussion groups based on career interests. A light dinner and a drink will be provided.

Cost for alumni members is \$10; \$20 for non-members. To register, go to [www.umclubs.com/northville](http://www.umclubs.com/northville) (click on "Events") or call the Alumni Association at 800-847-4764.

#### TPT's Naughty Night series

Tipping Point Theatre's Naughty Night series, performed for one night only, will present a staged reading of spectacular plays that are a bit provocative and a lot more adult. Come out for the second classic play reading. You can be guaranteed adult content and language, like you have never seen on TPT stage before.

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play 1999, *Side Man*, by Warren Leight, will be presented at 7 p.m. Feb. 8.

Set in 1953 and traveling to 1985, this lovely and poignant memory play unfolds through the eyes of Clifford, the only son of Gene, a jazz trumpet player, and Terry, an alcoholic mother. Alternating between their New York City apartment and a music club, Clifford narrates the story of his broken family and the decline of jazz as popular entertainment. Clifford recalls the key moments in his life, such as the day when he, fresh out of college, picked up his first unemployment check and was congratulated by Gene and his band mates. Gene's music career on the big band circuit ultimately crumbles with the advent of Elvis and rock 'n'roll. Terry begs him to get a nine-to-five job to support the family, but Gene refuses to enter the "straight world" of regular paychecks, mortgages and security. For Gene, who knows jazz better than his own son, music is not just a job; it's his life.

Tickets for this one night only fundraiser are only \$15 and are on sale now at the TPT box office and all seats are reserved. The TPT is located at 361 E. Cady Street, Northville; phone 248-347-0003 for more information.

#### Chamber welcomes Freep columnist

The Northville Chamber of Commerce welcomes Rochelle Riley, *Detroit Free Press* columnist, to a chamber luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at Northville Hills Golf Club (15565 Bay Hill Drive). Event sponsors are ATI Physical Therapy and Patti Mullen, Remerica Hometown One. Cost is \$25 for chamber members; \$28 for non-members. Lunch includes Northville Hills Michigan Cherry Salad with chicken, soup, rolls and coffee/hot tea.

Riley's columns have appeared in the *Free Press* and at [www.freep.com](http://www.freep.com) since 2000. She writes passionately about responsible government, community responsibility, public education, race, film and Michigan's reading crisis. Winner of numerous awards for writing, Riley is a sought after speaker and the Northville chamber is delighted to welcome her

to meet with members of the community.

Reservations and payment may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at [tracisinccock@northville.org](mailto:tracisinccock@northville.org).

#### Northville Garden Club meeting

Patty Page will be presenting "Creative Painting on Glass and Rocks" at the Northville Garden Club meeting at noon Monday, Feb. 9, at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. She will demonstrate and instruct members. Please bring a glass object, or rock to paint.

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

#### Hospice presentation

Hospice of Michigan presents Winter Warmth – A Reflection on Legacy at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street. A free presentation on healing after loss, the topic explores how cherishing memories helps one begin to heal.

To register or learn more, call Margie Martin, Grief Support services manager, at 734-769-5821.

#### Chamber Night at Tipping Point Theatre

Support the Northville Chamber of Commerce and the Tipping Point Theater by attending *Leaving Iowa* by Tim Clue and Spike Manton at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the theater (361 E. Cady Street).

Newspaper columnist Don Browning is searching for the perfect spot to scatter his dad's ashes. Join him on a solo journey across the Midwest, remembering the zany vacations he took with his dad, mom and sister. Through memories of corn fields, tourist traps and sibling conflicts, he rediscovers his love and admiration for his dad. *Leaving Iowa* is a rewarding journey that goes beyond nostalgia into the very nature of families and the experiences that bind us together.

"Since this production is a memory play so much of it takes place in flashbacks in the son, Don's, memory. This allows for an opportunity to see the backstory of the characters. It also allows for more freedom and creativity in the characters and scenes," said director Beth Torrey. "Audiences can expect to laugh a lot and also be touched by this story. It is also extremely relatable to all-who hasn't taken some kind of family road trip at some point in their life."

*Leaving Iowa* runs through March 8. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens, and are available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003.

#### Northville Chamber networking event

Join Northville Chamber of Commerce members for an informal networking event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Brick's of Northville (133 W. Main Street, Suite 201). RSVP to [tracisinccock@northville.org](mailto:tracisinccock@northville.org) or 248-349-7640, ext. 22.

#### Ninth annual Member Exhibition

The Northville Art House presents its ninth annual Member Exhibition showcasing more than 70 works of art in this all-media, non-juried member show. This exhibition was developed to showcase local talent and to say "thank you" to

## Up-close look



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christina Funk, of the Howell Nature Center, holds a flying squirrel for kids to take a look at during a Jan. 13 visit to the Northville District Library. Funk brought a number of mostly nocturnal native-to-Michigan mammals, including a bat and an owl.

everyone who is supporting the growth and creativity of the arts in our community.

New, emerging and experienced artists come together to present some of their favorite works of art in this highly anticipated exhibition. This exhibit will open with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and will continue through Feb. 27 during Art House Gallery hours (noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday).

For additional information, call 248-344-0497 or go to [www.northvillearthhouse.org](http://www.northvillearthhouse.org). The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is always free and open to the public.

#### Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society and Jazz @ The Elks the last Tuesday of each month. The events run 7-10 p.m. Kathleen Murray and Her Blues Band will be playing Feb. 10. The Dennis Tini Quartet returns Feb. 24.

The Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. For more information call 734-453-1780 or go to [www.plymouthelks1780.com](http://www.plymouthelks1780.com).

### NOVI / WIXOM

#### World champion coming to Gracie Barra Novi

Gracie Barra Novi announced that Professor Flavio Almeida will be coming to the school to train its students and guests as part of their grand opening event Feb. 14. Classes with Almeida will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Almeida is a black belt student of Carlos Gracie, Jr., one of the most renowned legends in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. The Gracie family is credited with bringing the martial art to national fame and recognition in Brazil and later worldwide. Almeida is a two-time world champion (1999 brown belt and 1997 as a blue belt), Pan American Silver Medalist (2009 and 2007), Brazilian National

Silver Medalist (1999-brown and 1998-purple), World Bronze Medalist (2007 and 2001, 2000), and European Bronze Medalist (2009).

Grace Barra Novi recently opened its doors under the instruction of first degree black belt instructor Professor James Burchfield, and is currently accepting new students. Greg Fernandes, one of the owners of the new academy says that this is a very exciting opportunity for the club's students. "To train with one of the best instructors in the world? No matter what field you are in," said Fernandes, "that doesn't come around very often!"

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu is an ancient form of martial art and focuses on grappling and ground work and was the initial idea behind the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), to determine which martial art worked best in real world scenarios. For more information, contact Fernandes at 248-957-9597.

#### What's on your bucket list?

Looking for ways to ensure 2015 is a great year? Creating a bucket list is a good way to start. A bucket list, whether big, small or random, notes things you most want to do, goals you want to achieve, and dreams you hope to fulfill while making the most of life experiences. Achieving bucket list items initiates conversations, revitalizes direction, and provides a feeling of self-satisfaction.

"The beauty of creating of bucket list is actually the process of putting items in writing," said Karen Kapchonick, Novi's Older Adult Services manager. "Putting things in writing seems to hold us more accountable for achieving them."

Novi citizens ages 55+ are encouraged to share their bucket list items via [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org), at the Older Adult Services Office (45175 Ten Mile Road) and at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Novi's Bucket will be on display through April 30. Those who add to the list will be entered into a drawing for gift certificates. Success stories will be shared in a future edition of the *Enhance* newsletter, online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org), and at both the

Older Adult Services Office and Meadowbrook Activity Center.

For more information, contact Kapchonick at 248-347-0414 or [kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org](mailto:kkapchonick@cityofnovi.org).

#### Wixom officials honored

Wixom's City Manager Tony Nowicki and Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Clarence Goodlein were recognized at the city council's Jan. 27 meeting by The American Legion, Constitution Post 224 in Wixom, for their outstanding service and assistance which contributed to the advancement of The American Legion programs and activities. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Adjutant of The American Legion, Bill Lapham, and Clint Childers, senior vice-commander of Constitution Post 224.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans.

#### Special events offered by Novi's Older Adult Services

Don't let cold weather and a bit of snow diminish fun this winter; treat yourself to a warm meal, entertainment and friendship by attending a special event hosted by city of Novi Older Adult Services.

Tickets are on sale now for events offered throughout the winter (and spring) and are \$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident unless otherwise noted. Attendees must be 55 years or older. All events take place at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

**Hearty Party Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12:** Join your friends and neighbors for a hearty meal, laughter and barbershop performance from Harmony Town. Ticket dead-

line is Feb. 6.

For more information about upcoming events and programs, go to [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or call city of Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

#### Gardeners present Magic of Lighting

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi (a.k.a. The No-No's) Monday, Feb. 9, will present Sue Grubba and "The Magic of Lighting."

Don't be left in the dark when it comes to lighting your landscaping. She will talk about using low-voltage lighting, plants and other materials to ensure your landscape is illuminated with dramatic effects. Pen and paper may be helpful for notes.

Social mixer is at 6:30 p.m.; speaker is at 7 p.m.; at the Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road (at 10 Mile), Media Forum Room 198C. Park in the staff parking lot (first driveway on Taft Road south of 10 Mile). Enter via door No. 43. Visitors welcome; \$5 donation from non-members. For more information, go to <http://gardenersnorthville-novi.org>.

#### 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.

The winter market will take place twice monthly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the following Saturdays: 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, decor 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](http://www.rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org).





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\*Date is approximate, depending on your region.



GRASTEK is grass allergy immunotherapy in a tablet. It may help you gradually build tolerance so you become less sensitive to grass pollen.



Made from small amounts of natural Timothy grass pollen, GRASTEK treats the grass allergies that cause eye and nose symptoms. Starting treatment early may give your body time to become less sensitive to grass pollen in preparation for the allergy season. It’s recommended that you start taking GRASTEK at least 12 weeks before the grass pollen season. Make an appointment with an allergy specialist soon. **To find a doctor near you, go to [grastek.com/thinkspring](http://grastek.com/thinkspring).**

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine used for sublingual (under the tongue) immunotherapy to treat Timothy and related grass pollen allergies that can cause sneezing, runny or itchy nose, stuffy or congested nose, or itchy and watery eyes. GRASTEK may be prescribed for persons 5 through 65 years of age who are allergic to grass pollen.

GRASTEK is taken for about 12 weeks before grass pollen season and throughout grass pollen season. GRASTEK may also be taken daily for 3 years to provide a sustained effect for a fourth year in which you do not have to take GRASTEK.

GRASTEK is NOT a medication that gives immediate relief for symptoms of grass allergy.

## Important Safety Information about GRASTEK

- GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get immediate medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK: trouble breathing; throat tightness or swelling; trouble swallowing or speaking; dizziness or fainting; rapid or weak heartbeat; severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea; severe flushing or itching of the skin.
- Do not take GRASTEK if you or your child has severe unstable, or uncontrolled asthma; had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included trouble breathing, dizziness or fainting, or rapid or weak heartbeat; had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before; has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis or is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK.
- For home use of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe epinephrine if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information.
- The first dose of GRASTEK must be taken in the doctor’s office. After taking the first dose, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes by a healthcare professional for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.
- Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult.
- You should tell your doctor about any medicines you or your child take.
- Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK: Any type of a serious allergic reaction; heartburn, difficulty swallowing or pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens; any mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.
- The most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch), or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please read the Brief Summary on the following page for more detailed information.

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## Gorman's Home Furnishings celebrates 75 years in business

**Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.** We are the style and quality leader for home furnishings with 50 on-staff designers. We offer a complete one-stop advantage for home furnishings. Stickley Furniture is our No. 1 brand.

**How did you first decide to open?** Current owners purchased from Ben Gorman in 1965.

**Why did you choose this area?** Novi possesses the best demographics for better quality and design-oriented customers in southeast Michigan.

**What makes your business unique?** Gorman's has the 100 best brands in home furnishings with a good, better, best, exceptional merchandising platform. We offer \$899 sofas to total custom designs from the best quality brands.

**How has it changed since you opened?** From 1965-78, Gorman's was a contemporary furniture showcase. In the years since, we have expanded to five store locations: Southfield, Troy, Novi, Shelby Township and Grand Rapids. In addition to our expansion, our product selection has become more diverse, encompassing just about every style from traditional to contemporary. Our Southfield location has stayed true to its contemporary heritage, as our other locations have focused on traditional and eclectic goods.

**Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?** Gorman's started as a railroad salvage resale store in 1940, later becoming a contemporary showcase. Gorman's is now one of the most respected furniture retailers in America.

**How has the recent economy affected your business?**



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tom Lias in the Novi Gorman's store, on the southeast corner of Novi and 12 Mile roads.

### DETAILS

**Name:** Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design  
**Address:** 27800 Novi Road, Novi  
**Title:** Tom Lias, president  
**Hometown:** Troy  
**Opened:** 1940  
**Employees:** 125  
**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday  
**Specialty:** Michigan's quality and style leader for home furnishings and interior design.  
**Phone:** 248-344-0880  
**Website:** www.gormans.com  
**Chamber membership:** Since 1995

Our business did drop in 2008-09, but not dramatically because of our strong customer base. In 2012 and 2013, we had the highest volume years in our history. Tough conditions made us better.

**Any advice for business owners?** For 2015, Gorman's has declared a "War on Mediocrity" in our organization.

We are out to help ourselves go from good to great to the best.

**What's in store for the future of your business?** In 2015, we are focusing on ourselves, because that is truly the only thing we can impact. Many stores are obsessed with getting bigger – we are obsessed with getting better.

### NEWSMAKERS

#### DeRegnaucourt recognized by publication

Novi-based Quinn Law Group, PLLC announced that Staci R. DeRegnaucourt has been recognized by *World Trademark Review* for inclusion in its 2015 edition of WTR 1,000 – World's Leading Trademark Professionals.

WTR 1,000 is the only standalone ranking publication to focus exclusively on trademark practices and practitioners and seeks to illustrate the depth of expertise available to brand owners as they seek to protect their brands. The guide further serves as the definitive tool to locating the best trademark partners worldwide.

WTR 1,000 describes DeRegnaucourt as utilizing "a holistic approach to handling all intangible assets" and further remarks that "foreign collaborators appreciate the 'efficiency' of the bright, young Quinn Law Group attorney."

DeRegnaucourt concentrates her practice in the intellectual property areas of trademarks, patents and copyrights with an emphasis on obtaining, policing and enforcing domestic and foreign trademark registrations, as well as preparing trademark clearance and infringement opinions. Additionally, she routinely counsels clients on intellectual property portfolio management, brand protection, brand management and anti-counterfeiting. DeRegnaucourt earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University and earned her juris doctorate,

magna cum laude, from Michigan State University College of Law.

#### Pierce named Business Leader of the Year

The Harvard Business School Club of Michigan announced that Northville's Sandra E. (Sandy) Pierce, vice chairman of FirstMerit Corp. and chairman and CEO of FirstMerit Mich-



igan, has been selected as an awardee of the club's annual Business Leader of the Year award. A dinner to honor Pierce will take place Thursday, March 26, at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy.

Pierce, a Northville resident, began her career as a teller at National Bank of Detroit (now JPMorgan Chase) while attending Wayne State University. After 27 years in commercial banking, retail banking and private client services, she joined Royal Bank of Scotland in 2005 to oversee its Midwest region subsidiary, Charter One. In 2012, Pierce joined FirstMerit when it acquired Citizens Republic Bank. She was recently named by American Banker as one of the 25 most powerful women in banking. Pierce serves on the boards of Penske Automotive Group and Barton Malow Co. Her civic commitments include chairing the Board of Trustees of Henry Ford Health System and the nine-member Financial Advisory Board for the city of Detroit. Pierce graduated from Wayne State University, where she received both a bachelor of business administration in marketing and a master of business administration in finance degrees.

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#### Brief Summary



### GRASTEK®

Timothy Grass Pollen Allergen Extract  
Tablet for Sublingual Use 2800BAU

Carefully read the Medication Guide before you or your child start taking GRASTEK and each time you get a refill. This Brief Summary does not take the place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or treatment. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist if there is something you do not understand or you want to learn more about GRASTEK.

#### What is the most important information I should know about GRASTEK?

GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Stop taking GRASTEK and get medical treatment right away if you or your child has any of the following symptoms after taking GRASTEK:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For home administration of GRASTEK, your doctor will prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine, a medicine you can inject if you or your child has a severe allergic reaction after taking GRASTEK. Your doctor will train and instruct you on the proper use of auto-injectable epinephrine. Talk to your doctor or read the epinephrine patient information if you have any questions about the use of auto-injectable epinephrine.

#### What is GRASTEK?

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine used for sublingual (under the tongue) immunotherapy to treat Timothy and related grass pollen allergies that can cause sneezing, runny or itchy nose, stuffy or congested nose, or itchy and watery eyes. GRASTEK may be prescribed for persons 5 through 65 years of age who are allergic to grass pollen. GRASTEK is taken for about 12 weeks before grass pollen season and throughout grass pollen season. GRASTEK may also be taken daily for 3 years to provide a sustained effect for a fourth year in which you do not have to take GRASTEK.

GRASTEK is NOT a medication that gives immediate relief for symptoms of grass allergy.

#### Who should not take GRASTEK?

You or your child should not take GRASTEK if:

- You or your child has severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma
- You or your child had a severe allergic reaction in the past that included any of these symptoms:
  - Trouble breathing
  - Dizziness or fainting
  - Rapid or weak heartbeat
- You or your child has ever had difficulty with breathing due to swelling of the throat or upper airway after using any sublingual immunotherapy before.
- You or your child has ever been diagnosed with eosinophilic esophagitis.
- You or your child is allergic to any of the inactive ingredients contained in GRASTEK. The inactive

ingredients contained in GRASTEK are: gelatin, mannitol and sodium hydroxide.

#### What should I tell my doctor before taking GRASTEK?

Your doctor may decide that GRASTEK is not the best treatment if:

- You or your child has asthma, depending on how severe it is.
- You or your child suffers from lung disease such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- You or your child suffers from heart disease such as coronary artery disease, an irregular heart rhythm, or you have hypertension that is not well controlled.
- You or your daughter is pregnant, plans to become pregnant during the time you will be taking GRASTEK, or is breast-feeding.
- You or your child is unable or unwilling to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to treat a severe allergic reaction to GRASTEK.
- You or your child is taking certain medicines that enhance the likelihood of a severe reaction, or interfere with the treatment of a severe reaction. These medicines include:
  - beta blockers and alpha-blockers (prescribed for high blood pressure)
  - cardiac glycosides (prescribed for heart failure or problems with heart rhythm)
  - diuretics (prescribed for heart conditions and high blood pressure)
  - ergot alkaloids (prescribed for migraine headache)
  - monoamine oxidase inhibitors or tricyclic antidepressants (prescribed for depression)
  - thyroid hormone (prescribed for low thyroid activity).

You should tell your doctor if you or your child is taking or has recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription and herbal supplements. Keep a list of them and show it to your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new supply of GRASTEK. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking GRASTEK.

#### Are there any reasons to stop taking GRASTEK?

Stop GRASTEK and contact your doctor if you or your child has any of the following after taking GRASTEK:

- Any type of a serious allergic reaction
- Throat tightness that worsens or swelling of the tongue or throat that causes trouble speaking, breathing or swallowing
- Asthma or any other breathing condition that gets worse
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin
- Heartburn, difficulty swallowing, pain with swallowing, or chest pain that does not go away or worsens

Also, stop taking GRASTEK following: mouth surgery procedures (such as tooth removal), or if you develop any mouth infections, ulcers or cuts in the mouth or throat.

#### How should I take GRASTEK?

Take GRASTEK exactly as your doctor tells you.

GRASTEK is a prescription medicine that is placed under the tongue.

- Take the tablet from the blister package after carefully removing the foil with dry hands.
- Place the tablet immediately under the tongue. Allow it to remain there until completely dissolved. Do not swallow for at least 1 minute.
- Do not take GRASTEK with food or beverage. Food and beverage should not be taken for the following 5 minutes.

- Wash hands after taking the tablet.

Take the first tablet of GRASTEK in your doctor's office. After taking the first tablet, you or your child will be watched for at least 30 minutes for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

If you tolerate the first dose of GRASTEK, you or your child will continue GRASTEK therapy at home by taking one tablet every day. Children should be given each tablet of GRASTEK by an adult who will watch for any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction.

Take GRASTEK as prescribed by your doctor until the end of the treatment course. If you forget to take GRASTEK, do not take a double dose. Take the next dose at your normal scheduled time the next day. If you miss more than one dose of GRASTEK, contact your healthcare provider before restarting.

#### What are the possible side effects of GRASTEK?

In children and adults, the most commonly reported side effects were itching of the mouth, lips, or tongue, swelling under the tongue, or throat irritation. These side effects, by themselves, were not dangerous or life-threatening. GRASTEK can cause severe allergic reactions that may be life-threatening. Symptoms of allergic reactions to GRASTEK include:

- Trouble breathing
- Throat tightness or swelling
- Trouble swallowing or speaking
- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid or weak heartbeat
- Severe stomach cramps or pain, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Severe flushing or itching of the skin

For additional information on the possible side effects of GRASTEK, talk with your doctor or pharmacist. You may report side effects to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about GRASTEK. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about GRASTEK that was written for healthcare professionals. For more information go to [www.grastek.com](http://www.grastek.com) or call toll-free at 1-800-622-4477.

#### The Medication Guide has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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#### For more detailed information, please read the Prescribing Information.

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# Schostak completes five new leases for Northville Park Place

Livonia-based Schostak Brothers & Co. has completed the leases for five new tenants at Northville Park Place in Northville.

A joint venture between Schostak Brothers & Co. and Bloomfield Hills-based REI Investment Group, Inc., the 65,000-square-foot mixed-use development, located at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, is set to welcome:

» Tom + Chee: A gourmet grilled cheese and tomato soup restaurant that combines classic comfort foods with varied ingredients, healthy alternatives and exciting combinations. It has been featured on such shows as the *Shark Tank*, *Man vs. Food* and *Amazing Eats*.

» Red Olive: A casual dining restaurant, featuring a variety of nutritional Mediterranean and Greek-inspired dishes.

» Sports Clips: A sports-themed barber-shop specializing in haircuts for men and boys.

» Gazelle Sports: A specialty retailer that focuses on running, fitness and soccer, offering footwear and apparel for active and casual use, as well as in-store clinics and running training programs.

Additionally, Seattle-based MOD Pizza, a



Northville Park Place is a 65,000-square-foot mixed-use development located at the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

restaurant concept introduced to the Michigan market by Livonia-based TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, will open one of its first locations in the state at Northville Park Place. MOD Pizza offers individual artisan-style pizzas that are made on demand using organic fresh-pressed dough and signature sauces.

These tenants will join Granite City Food & Brewery, Rusty Bucket, Sherwin Williams, BurgerFi, Chipotle and Jimmy John's.

"We are excited to welcome these five successful companies to our growing and diverse tenant portfolio at Northville Park Place," said Warren Strietzel, Schostak Brothers & Co. executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"A one-of-a-kind development in south-

east Michigan, Northville Park Place will provide local families with innovative dining and retail options that will make it a cornerstone of our local community for years to come."

Northville Park Place is slated for a spring opening. For more information about Northville Park Place, go to [www.schostak.com](http://www.schostak.com) or call 248-357-6220.

# Cooper Standard names new CIO, CFO

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc. appointed Allen J. Campbell as executive vice president and chief infrastructure officer with concentration in the Asia-Pacific region and Matthew W. Hardt as executive vice president and chief financial officer.

Hardt joined Cooper Standard as executive vice president Feb. 2 and becomes CFO March 2, when Campbell transitions to the chief infrastructure officer position stationed in the Asia-Pacific region. Hardt will be located at the company's world headquarters in Novi.

In the newly established position of chief infrastructure officer, Campbell will ensure the financial, business process and information technology systems are aligned to support the growth of the company, especially in the Asia-Pacific region where Cooper Standard is expanding at a rapid pace. Campbell will also contribute to on-going M&A activity as the corporate liaison on the ground in the Asia-Pacific region.



Campbell

Hardt

The company's IT department will report to Campbell as a part of the global infrastructure function.

As CFO, Hardt will have primary responsibility for directing the company's corporate finance team, including treasury, internal audit and tax. He will also have oversight responsibility for investor relations which continues to evolve as the company expands its investor relations activities to service its broader stakeholder base.

Campbell has more than 30 years of corporate finance and leadership expertise, including considerable experience in the Asia-Pacific region. He has been with Cooper Standard since 1998, serving in a series of financial and corporate leadership roles of increasing responsibility, including

vice president of Asian operations. Prior to joining Cooper Standard, Campbell held various non-automotive, financial and business positions for the Dow Chemical Co. for 18 years. He is a certified public accountant and earned a master of business administration degree in finance from Xavier University in Cincinnati and a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Hardt brings more than 25 years of experience to Cooper Standard, most recently serving as senior vice president, finance for the industrial solutions, and before that, the consumer and industrial solutions divisions at TE Connectivity Ltd. (previously Tyco Electronics). He also served as vice president of finance for Tyco's specialty products group. He previously served in multiple roles at General Electric Co., including CFO for a number of the company's global divisions. Hardt earned a bachelor of science degree in finance from Siena College in Albany, N.Y.

## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **HUNTLEY MANOR, JSP 14-56 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION CONCEPT PLAN.** The subject property totals approximately 26.62 acres and is located in Section 23, south of Grand River Avenue and west of Meadowbrook Road. The applicant is proposing a 210 unit multiple-family gated community. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 in observance of Presidents' Day.

As a reminder, the last day to pay WINTER taxes, without penalty, is Friday, February 13, 2015 by 4:30 p.m. TAX PAYMENT POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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# Hey, Novi! It's Time to Pick Your PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

We Need Your Input On The Best Places To Shop...Best Places To Eat...  
Best Place For Great Service. This is NOT scientific! It's a fun, readers poll. Join in on the Balloting!

Drop Off or Mail Into: People's Choice Awards - Novi News, 29725 Hudson Dr. Novi, MI 48377

Only one entry per person per week, 18 years or older. Ballot Box stuffing will not be allowed.

Only original newspaper ballots, NO COPIES ACCEPTED. Please fill out form completely. Partial Ballots may be disqualified.

## BEST FOOD OUTLETS

- Best place for donuts/bagels/baked goods\_\_\_\_\_
- Best coffee\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for breakfast\_\_\_\_\_
- Best steaks\_\_\_\_\_
- Best deli\_\_\_\_\_
- Best fast food restaurant\_\_\_\_\_
- Best family restaurant\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for soup\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for salad\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for burgers\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for hotdogs/coneys\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for subs\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for desserts\_\_\_\_\_
- Best Sushi restaurant\_\_\_\_\_
- Best Italian restaurant\_\_\_\_\_
- Best Asian restaurant\_\_\_\_\_
- Best Mexican restaurant\_\_\_\_\_
- Best Greek restaurant\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for pizza\_\_\_\_\_
- Best martini\_\_\_\_\_
- Best wine selection (store)\_\_\_\_\_
- Best wine selection (restaurant)\_\_\_\_\_
- Best beer selection (store)\_\_\_\_\_
- Best beer selection (restaurant)\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for romantic dinner\_\_\_\_\_
- Best after work meeting place\_\_\_\_\_
- Best sports bar\_\_\_\_\_
- Best place for dancing\_\_\_\_\_
- Best framing shop\_\_\_\_\_
- Best financial planner\_\_\_\_\_
- Best massage\_\_\_\_\_
- Best sporting goods store\_\_\_\_\_

## BEST SERVICE PROVIDERS & RETAIL STORES

- Best physician\_\_\_\_\_
- Best bank\_\_\_\_\_
- Best consignment store\_\_\_\_\_
- Best eyecare\_\_\_\_\_
- Best funeral home\_\_\_\_\_
- Best salon\_\_\_\_\_
- Best nail salon\_\_\_\_\_
- Best tanning salon\_\_\_\_\_
- Best jewelry store\_\_\_\_\_
- Best real estate company\_\_\_\_\_
- Best real estate agent\_\_\_\_\_
- Best mortgage provider\_\_\_\_\_
- Best accountant\_\_\_\_\_
- Best auto dealer\_\_\_\_\_
- Best auto service\_\_\_\_\_
- Best oil change shop\_\_\_\_\_
- Best collision shop\_\_\_\_\_
- Best tire store\_\_\_\_\_
- Best veterinary service\_\_\_\_\_
- Best travel agency\_\_\_\_\_
- Best landscaping business\_\_\_\_\_
- Best health/fitness club\_\_\_\_\_
- Best car wash\_\_\_\_\_
- Best flower shop\_\_\_\_\_
- Best garden center\_\_\_\_\_
- Best dance studio\_\_\_\_\_
- Best orthodontist\_\_\_\_\_
- Best dentist\_\_\_\_\_
- Best custom home builder\_\_\_\_\_
- Best apartment complex\_\_\_\_\_
- Best insurance agency\_\_\_\_\_

## All Entries Must Be Received By February 20th



BUSINESS BRIEFS

From the Court to Corner Office

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association presents "From the Court to the Corner Office," by Michele Lewis, director of



Lewis

p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11,

the Sport Management Program and assistant professor at Madonna University, at 6:15

at the DoubleTree in Novi (42100 Crescent Boulevard).

Lewis is an inspirational speaker who will share lessons from the sports field that can be used in the corporate setting – even if you have never played a sport. Team dynamics can make or break your victory, on the playing field or in the office; don't miss these strategies for winning,

Go to [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org) for registration and payment information.

Schoolcraft hosting export control seminar

The Schoolcraft College Procurement Technical Assistance Center will host a seminar on export control for businesses engaging in the federal marketplace from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 12 in the Jeffress Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

"Many contractors do not realize the importance of ensuring export control compliance with regard to selling to the government," remarked Meghan Rybarczyk, a procurement counselor with the Schoolcraft College PTAC. "Firms continually fail to understand the implication of not abiding by the regulations, especially when they may not be participating in export activities."

The International Traffic in Arms Regulations and Export Administration Regulations are regulations that do not only apply to the export of products outside the United States, but also that of technical data and software. This type of information is also protected under the regulations even if it does not leave the United States. Violation of either regulatory measure can result in severe penalties and repercussions.

ITAR and EAR experts from Miller Canfield, an international law firm, will be delivering the course content and participate in an open discussion forum at the end of the event with the PTAC.

"Firms participating in export activities or handling data provided by the federal government should certainly consider attending," remarked Alexander Masters, a Procurement Counselor with the Schoolcraft College PTAC. "Our team will be on hand to provide general insight on government contracting and field questions related to contract management and best practices."

Pre-registration is required for all interested attendees. For a copy of the flier and to access registration instructions, go to <http://schoolcraft.edu/docs/default-source/business-development-center/winter-2015/flyer-pdf>. The course fee is \$45 per individual.

Questions and comments may be directed to the PTAC of Schoolcraft College team by phone at 734-462-4438 or by email at [inforeq@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:inforeq@schoolcraft.edu).

Wixom approves rehab program

Wixom City Council approved the first step Jan. 27 in a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Program to encourage economic development in the Wixom Village Center Area. Under the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Program, property owners in the designated district can apply for a property tax abatement which freezes their current taxable value during the construction phase of a project, typically one to three years.

Gov. Rick Snyder on July 12, 2011, signed Public Act 82 of 2011 into law, amending Public Act 210 of 2005, the Commercial Rehabilitation Act. The original act was an economic development

Novi in Lansing



State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, welcomed Novi Mayor Bob Gatt to the House floor for Gov. Snyder's 2015 State of the State address Jan. 20. Crawford invited the mayor to Lansing for a special joint session of the Michigan House and Senate, during which the governor delivered his key goals for his second term. Each lawmaker is allowed one floor guest during the annual speech. Gatt, who recently announced he will seek re-election in November, has been endorsed by Crawford and her husband Hugh, Oakland County commissioner. "The Crawfords have been very helpful to the great city of Novi," Gatt said. "We get outstanding support from both the county and state governments, thanks to the Crawfords."

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



ALTHOUSE, CRAIG LEE

Craig Lee Althouse, passed away January 24, 2015 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was 27 years old. Born October 3, 1987 in Salem, Ohio, Craig was the only son born to parents Debra Rose (McAbier) and Roger Lee Althouse. Craig and his sisters, Traci and Cari, were raised together in Salem, Ohio and Highland, Michigan. Craig graduated from Milford High School in the Class of 2006. He continued his education at Central Michigan University where he earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration and Marketing with a concentration in Logistic. Following his graduation from CMU in 2010, Craig began his career with the Centroid Group in Wixom, Michigan and later joined Corrigan Oil Company in Brighton, Michigan where he was the logistics manager. Craig loved fishing and boating and all the best that the out of doors could offer. He was always kind and light-hearted; he has always been known for being a fun-loving guy—usually the one wearing a Hawaiian shirt with a cheeseburger print swimming suit and flip flops. In addition to his loving parents, Roger and Debbie Althouse, Craig is survived by his sisters Traci (Aaron) Cox and Cari Althouse; grandparents Lee & Norma Althouse and Jack and Rosie McAbier; aunts and uncles John & Lynne McAbier, Gail & Dan Keegan, Nancy & Mark Kleinschmidt and Gordon & Patty Mattox as well as many cousins, his girlfriend Rachel Peters, and a host of dear friends. Funeral Service will be held from Highland United Methodist Church, 680 W. Livingston Road, Highland, on Thursday, January 29th, at 10:30 AM with gathering beginning at 10 AM. Brian Saunders to officiate. Friends may visit Wednesday at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford from 4 - 9 PM. Memorials encouraged to: the Craig Althouse Memorial Fund c/o Lynch & Sons, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, MI 48381. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

LYNCH & SONS

Funeral Directors

BARRON, DANIEL J.

Age 54, of Northville, passed away January 28, 2015. Share condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

CASH, BETTY L.

89, of Chandler, Arizona passed away on January 25th. She was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Cash, in 2001. Surviving are son Jeffrey (Janet Lim) Cash of Seattle, WA, daughters Corrinne (Paul) Wentz and Laurie (Jim) Wallace, both of Chandler. Grandchildren Adam and Brian Benner, Emma (Spencer) Blaylock, Samantha, Ian, and Elizabeth Wallace. Two sisters, Mildred Mullen of Mesa, AZ and Sharon Eickhoff of Lowell, MI also survive. Contributions may be made to New Hudson United Methodist Church.

EARL, JUDITH

July 17, 1950 - January 10, 2015  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

EGNER, ROBERT

October 20, 1934 - January 15, 2015  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

FRASER, DONALD DENNIS

A long time resident of Milford, died on January 29, 2015 at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife, Maryann Fraser, sons, Dean (Mary) and Scott (Erica), grandchildren, Kenzie, Kelsi, Aileana and Liam, and a brother, Terry (Phyllis). He was preceded in death by his parents, Monroe and Roberta Fraser, and a wife, Dean and Scott's mother, Linda Fraser, in 2002. Don was a graduate of Northville H.S. in 1960 and attended Schoolcraft Community College, majoring in mathematics and machining. He had a long career as a master toolmaker and retired from General Motors in 2008. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford. Memorials may be made in his name to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Detroit. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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GOLEM, HELEN

June 1, 1927 - January 17, 2015  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

GURNEY, KIMBERLY

January 12, 1970- January 28, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

HONEY, THOMAS

January 31, 1965- January 20, 2015. Arrangements by Philips Funeral Home, [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

McLEAN, WILLIAM

Age 88, passed away January 27, 2015. Services were held from Phillips Funeral Home, [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

MINHINNICK, GORDON

August 30, 1941 - January 30, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home,

PELTO, STANLEY S.

Age 69, of Northville, passed away January 28, 2015. He was born on April 23, 1945 in Detroit, son of the late Henry and Anna Marie Peltto. Stanley was the former president of the Maintenance Construction Unit, Local 600 in Dearborn. He will always be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Stanley is survived by his beloved wife, Janet of 47 years; his daughter-in-law, Alissa Peltto and his two grandsons: Ryan and Jacob. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and many loving friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Patrick and four brothers: Jack, Pete, Hank and Al. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 7 at 11:00 a.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



PREUSS, ALFRED

Age 83. January 26, 2015. Loving and devoted father of Susan Wendel, Richard (Colleen) Preuss, Kim Preuss and Steve Preuss. Cherished grandfather of Bridgett, Angela, Nicole, Corrin, Eric, Ashley and Erika. Great-grandfather of ten. Celebration of Life Service Saturday, February 7th 4 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave. (one block W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Family will receive friends Saturday, February 7th 1-4 PM. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Interment with military honors is scheduled for the Spring, at Pineslawn Memorial Park Cemetery, 10700 West Capital Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53222. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)

ROTONDI, ANTHONY

July 18, 1980 - January 16, 2015  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

RUSSELL, ROBERT

September 21, 1956 - January 28, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

SANDERS, EARL

July 16, 1925 - January 20, 2015  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

SPARKS, ANGELE

July 14, 1919-January 11, 2015  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

SPOUTZ, MARY ELAINE

June 6, 1928 - January 16, 2015  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

THILIKKA, HENRY R.

Age 88, of Northville, passed away January 31, 2015. Share condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

UNDERHILL, RONALD

Oct. 3, 1957 - Jan. 29, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

VARADY, PAUL

May 31, 1941 - January 27, 2015  
[obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

incentive to assists rehabilitating commercial buildings in order to create or retrain jobs and increase commercial activities. The incentive comes in the form of abated property taxes. The act offers qualified properties real property tax abatement for a period of one to ten years, as determined by the local community. The abatement freezes the taxable value of the building only as it was before the improvement, but does not affect the taxable value of the land itself, or personal property taxes. School taxes are also not affected. The cost of rehabilitation must be a minimum 10% of the true cash value of the property at the beginning of the project.

Strong December lifts Michigan holiday season

Most Michigan retailers reported better holiday sales, thanks to a strong December, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The average year-to-year change was a 1.1-percent increase for the season, slightly below retailers' average pre-season prediction of 1.6 percent.

For all of 2014, the average change from the year before was a 1.0-percent increase.

"December was the best month since July, helped by sharply lower gasoline prices, lower unemployment and moderate weather," said James P. Hallan, MRA president and CEO. "That boost lifted holiday sales and results for all of 2014, although not as much as expected."

About a third (32 percent) of retailers reported holiday sales increases above 5 percent. Another 20 percent rang up smaller increases, while 23 percent reported flat sales. A quarter (25 percent) of retailers experienced declines.

The December monthly survey of MRA members showed 54 percent of retailers increased sales over the same month last year, while 29 percent recorded declines and 17 percent reported no change. The results create a seasonally adjusted performance index of 66.5, up sharply from 48.1 in November. A year ago December, the Index stood at 50.5.

The 100-point Index gauges the performance of the state's overall retail industry, based on monthly surveys conducted by MRA and the Federal Reserve. Index values above 50 generally indicate positive activity; the higher the number, the stronger the activity.

Looking forward, 49 percent of retailers expect sales January through March to increase over the same period last year, while 22 percent project a decrease and 29 percent no change. That puts the seasonally adjusted outlook index at 68, up from 64.1 in November. A year ago December, the Index stood at 63.3.

MTEC SmartZone creates 83 local jobs in 2014

In 2014, MTEC SmartZone reached a major milestone, creating 83 local jobs at its affiliated incubator locations. MTEC SmartZone was also recognized by Michigan Economic Development Corp. for high performance in every measurable category of success: jobs created, companies launched and/or expanded and the amount of funding brought into the commu-

nity. "We are proud to be a driving part of the Keeweenaw's economic opportunities," MTEC SmartZone CEO Marilyn Clark said. "Since 2002, our mission has been to give entrepreneurs and business owners the tools they need to grow and thrive."

Those tools come from MTEC SmartZone's SmartStart program, an incubator for young companies that provides business counseling, access to office space, workshops, and a collaborative development process.

Since opening its doors in 2002, MTEC SmartZone has created more than 500 jobs by commercializing and growing advanced technologies. It is one of 16 Michigan SmartZones that provides resources to help business owners develop ideas, patents and innovative opportunities.

MTEC SmartZone companies, in 2014, generated \$19,745,127 in local revenue, up significantly from \$4,732,681 reported in 2013. MTEC SmartZone is required to report job counts, among other specific metrics, to the MEDC every year. The number of jobs created each year is based on data collected or reported by MTEC SmartZone clients. With this achievement, MTEC SmartZone is one step closer to its vision: transforming the Upper Peninsula into a worldclass technology ecosystem.

"We have an enormous amount of talent and drive in our community, but innovators need guidance and support," Clark said. "This milestone shows we're headed in the right direction. As companies continue to launch, more jobs will follow." For more information about MTEC SmartZone, go to [www.mtecsz.com](http://www.mtecsz.com).

Taste of Northville registration underway

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now accepting registrations for the annual Taste of Northville Business Showcase Event, presented by Community Financial Credit Union, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Northville High School.

The showcase will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and nonprofit businesses at this fun family-themed event. This year's theme will celebrate the "Wearing of the Northville Green" (St. Patrick's Day). The early bird registration fee of \$175 (chamber members' discount) includes booth space, table, chairs, set up assistance and four tickets to the event.

Business participants are encouraged to provide promotional giveaway items, along with their company literature. Event attendees vote on awards for the Best Restaurant/Caterer, Best Business and Best Theme displays.

The Business Showcase application form is available on the Chamber of Commerce website ([www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org)) or can be obtained by contacting the chamber at 248-349-7640.



BRIEFS

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Schoolcraft offering small business seminars

The Michigan Small Business Development Center of Schoolcraft College announces the 2015 winter schedule for small business start-up and growth seminars in metro Detroit through April.

The “Entrepreneur Series,” is designed to provide entrepreneurs the education and tools to launch a successful small business. The series consists of the following five classes which can also be taken individually: Start-

ing a Business; Writing a Business Plan; Marketing Your Business; Financial Management; and Business Legal Issues.

The series will be held March 4 through April 1 at Schoolcraft College, Radcliff campus – Garden City.

“It’s not enough to have a great idea or product ... entrepreneurs have to know how to set up and operate a business. The five classes in the Entrepreneur Series provided a great foundation of small business knowledge. They were definitely worth the time and money!” said DeAnna Gilbert, president of Integrity Pure & Natural

The MI-SBDC is also offering “Cooking up a Successful Food Related

Business” for entrepreneurs that dream of turning their passion for food and cooking into a business. Using a step-by-step plan, they will learn how to turn their dream into a reality.

For existing businesses there are a number of workshops. For example, the “Loan Workshop for Growing Businesses” helps the business owner learn directly from financial institutions and small business consultants what is necessary to obtain financing, including the key elements of a loan package and options available for financing. Another workshop, “Know Your Numbers – 5 Keys to Using Financial Statements to Grow Your

Business,” is designed for CEOs and CFOs with at least three years of financial history who want a better understanding of how to use their financial statements to make better business decisions.

Register online or call 734-462-4438 for event information.

Community Financial supporting nonprofits

Forecasters are not predicting another polar vortex this winter, but Michigan temperatures have still been dipping below zero. Severe cold this time of year puts extra strain on families that are forced to choose between paying utilities

and putting food on the table.

That’s why Community Financial Credit Union started the Warming Hearts & Homes campaign. This unique program engages community members on social media to help direct Community Financial donations to organizations that assist Michigan families in staying warm and well-fed during these cold winter months.

For every Facebook like, tweet and Instagram picture Community Financial received, the credit union donated \$25 to select nonprofits in north and southeast Michigan.

When the campaign concluded in December, Community Financial

donated \$40,000 to local nonprofits. Recipients were: The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW), food pantries in north and southeast Michigan, The Salvation Army’s “Coats for Kids” program and Habitat for Humanity of Michigan. Each group received a \$10,000 donation.

Last year marked the third year of the Warming Hearts & Homes campaign. The program began in 2012 to enhance the well-being of the communities the credit union serves.

For more information about Community Financial and Warming Hearts & Homes, go to [www.cfcu.org](http://www.cfcu.org) or [www.Facebook.com/CommunityFinancial](http://www.Facebook.com/CommunityFinancial).

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Brighton

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810-231-9199  
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor  
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Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Please visit our Shroud of Turin Display and Book & Gift Shop

Milford

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895  
Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Bible Study: Sunday 9:45 am  
Nursery Available  
Rev. Martin Dressler  
LO-0000219709

Novi

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

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

Livonia

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

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VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695  
Pastor Steve Swayze  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays 5:45-8:15 p.m.  
Avenue, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept.-March)  
and Youth Group for 6th grade and older  
Website: [milfordbaptist.org](http://milfordbaptist.org)

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

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175  
Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am  
Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am  
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector  
[holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com)  
LO-0000219751

Whitmore Lake

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

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Bryant Anderson  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
[www.milfordpc.org](http://www.milfordpc.org)  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ages 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.  
Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12  
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**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 ½ Mile  
248-348-7757 • [www.mbec.org](http://www.mbec.org)  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister  
LO-0000219793

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

Highland

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

**Milford United Methodist Church**  
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm  
Childrens Church: 10:30 am  
Groups for Children, Youth and Adults  
248-684-2798  
[milfordumc.net](http://milfordumc.net)

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

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
248-348-2652  
[www.umcnovi.com](http://www.umcnovi.com)  
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New Hudson

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

**OAKPOINTE Milford CHURCH**  
1250 South Hill Rd.  
(248) 685-3560 [www.opcmilford.org](http://www.opcmilford.org)  
Contemporary Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am  
Adventured Children's Program: Sunday 9:15 am & 11:15 am  
The Rock (Middle School) Wednesday 6:30-8 pm, Sundays 9:15 am  
The 707 (High School) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm  
Women, Men and Life Groups: Various Schedules

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Church for Grades K thru 5th  
Nursery Care Provided  
Mid-Week Study Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor  
[www.fpcsouthlyon.org](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org)

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
Gathering in Jesus Name  
52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Ragan, Pastor  
734-347-1983 pastor cell  
Old fashioned preaching KJV

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

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

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • [www.southlyoncoc.org](http://www.southlyoncoc.org)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.  
Troy Singleton, Minister  
LO-0000219712

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

Northville

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

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

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

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248\*348\*9030

**WARD CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48168  
248-374.7400  
Sunday Worship Services  
8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.  
4 different music styles from classic to modern  
[www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)

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

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
248-486-0400  
[www.ecrossroads.net](http://www.ecrossroads.net)  
Service Times  
8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am  
Christmas Eve Services  
5:30pm & 7pm

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Church 349-2621, School 349-3510  
Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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

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

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



OUR VIEW



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Jeff Lindsey removes snow from behind Northville's Marquis Theatre Monday after the big snowfall.

# Cleaning up after snowstorm takes us all

So does it surprise anyone that the day after Mother Nature dumped 16 inches of snow on us, her champion season prognosticator, Punxsutawney Phil, saw his shadow, predicting six more weeks of winter?

You could say that's heaping insult onto injury, but let's face it, we're halfway through the winter season in Michigan.

Winter in the Great Lakes state is always an adventure. A few years ago, spring arrived in February; last year, we got up close and personal with polar vortexes and 94.9 inches of snow, topping the previous record of 93.6 inches set in 1880-81.

And this weekend's snowstorm – unofficially named Linus, although no one bothered to tell us that so we could be more polite in talking about it – is the third heaviest snowstorm on record in Detroit. The 16.7 inches that fell at Detroit Metropolitan Airport as of early Monday morning was topped only by 24.5 inches April 6, 1886, and 19.3 inches Dec. 1-2, 1974.

Mark Twain noted that "Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get." In Michigan, we know winter will be cold and snowy, some years more than others. We have no control over what the weather the brings us, just over how we respond to it. With Linus, there were no surprises. Thanks to technology, we knew well in advance it was coming and, by the time it got here, we knew how bad it would be.

We tip our hats to our local and county road crews that did a yeoman's job clearing the roads. While we were safe and sound inside, enjoying Super Bowl Sunday, road crews were at work. City offices and schools closed and garbage collection was canceled in some communities because of Linus, but the lights were on and everyone was home, not at public service facilities.

Theirs is not an easy job and, more times than not, road crews take the brunt of criticism when streets don't get cleared in a timely fashion. That's why we also tip our hats to residents who heeded the communities' declarations of snow emergencies and moved their vehicles off neighborhood streets so plows could get through.

Shame on you to those who didn't. Your on-street parking creates a problem for the plows and for your neighbors. And don't say you didn't know. Common sense dictates that when the snow starts falling, it's best to move vehicles off the street.

We also want to remind residents and business owners to shovel their walks. Many businesses made sure their lots were cleared for their customers Monday, but many missed the sidewalks. People who walk past their businesses were forced to walk in the street. And sidewalks in residential areas also need to be cleared for children to get to school, especially at the crosswalks. Homeowners with corner lots need to clean the walk in front of their home and on the side of their property. It's especially important along busy thoroughfares that children cross to get to school.

And don't forget the fire hydrants. They tend to get lost in a major snowstorm, buried under the fallen snow and the snow removed from roadways. When there's a fire, every second counts. Fire officials recommend clearing at least three feet in all directions so firefighters can quickly gain access to a water supply during a fire emergency. That includes making sure that each hose connection is accessible and provides unobstructed access to attach a hose to the hydrant.

Linus is long gone and, according to Phil, we have six weeks' more of winter, but consider this: We made it all the way to February before getting an appreciable amount of snow. Maybe we can make it the rest of the way to spring the same way. If not, oh well, it's Michigan.

COMMUNITY VOICE

## Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Monday morning, predicting six more weeks of winter. Do you look at that as good news or bad news?



"Bad news. No monument will be erected to honor Mother Nature due to her lack of popular support."  
**Chip Snider, manager**  
Northville Township



I don't see this as bad news since winter in Michigan can be rather beautiful. I love it when the morning sun dances across a blanket of newly fallen snow. I consider myself lucky, and I cherish the moment."  
**David Wayne, teacher**  
Northville's Silver Springs Elementary School



"If winter were done by mid-March, that would be very good indeed!"  
**Steve Ott, fire chief**  
City of Northville



"I guess this boils down to two things; there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing and 26.532 percent of the statistics are made up on the spot."  
**Pete Auger, city manager**  
City of Novi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Davis Auto Care to the rescue

Over the summer, our Traverse was involved in a close encounter with a deer. We took our vehicle to a local collision shop for repair. After five long weeks (three weeks longer than we had originally been told), it was returned at the end of July with an invoice guaranteeing the work. In late September, the Traverse started vibrating at high expressway speeds and continued to do so. In mid-October, we returned the vehicle to the local collision shop for further work. The Traverse was first sent to a tire facility in Novi. The tire facility gave up and passed the Traverse, a General Motors Chevrolet, to a Chevrolet facility. After a few days, the Chevrolet facility gave up and passed the Traverse to a General Motors dealership in Westland which allegedly had a machine which could analyze the vibrations.

On the first snowy day in November, the local collision shop, having washed its hands of the Traverse, informed us we could pick up our vehicle in Westland, notwithstanding the fact that it had been dropped off in Northville. The problem had allegedly been solved. We were emphatically assured by a finger-waving service rep in Westland that we had been sold "warped" tires (purchased the prior summer and now having only 20,000 miles on them) which had progressively become worse due to wear. He stated he knew because

he used to work at a tire facility and being sold "bad" tires was the only way to explain the ongoing vibration problem. We contacted the tire facility from the prior summer which rotated, balanced and pronounced the tires sound. The vibrations continued. We contacted the tire manufacturer in Europe and were told the tires would have to be shipped to Europe for evaluation, something the tire facility was not interested in doing. Having no choice, we followed the assertion of the finger-waving service rep and spent over \$900 on new tires. The vibrations continued. We then contacted our insurance company's local adjuster who told us to take the Traverse to "someplace you trust" for a diagnosis.

The "someplace we trust" is Davis Auto Care, and rightly so. The father/son mechanic team of Ed and Mike Robertson worked diligently for four days to evaluate, diagnose, replace parts, test for success and did so again and again until the cause of the problem was located and resolved. The vibrations disappeared! Since then, the Traverse has provided a smooth and quiet ride, noticed by several riders. Jim Davis is to be commended for encouraging his employees to do the job right no matter how long it takes and for hiring highly-qualified mechanics such as Ed and Mike Robertson.

If you are looking for excellence in auto repair, look no further than Davis Auto Care!  
**Jo and Duff Michowski**  
Northville

### Big business government

Gov. Snyder recently said: "It is about recognizing that you are a human, you are a person and should be treated that way." He didn't think so four years ago? Just figured that out? When Republicans "streamline" government programs it will always mean cuts for the poor and middle class – unless they are streamlining for the benefit of the wealthy or corporations.

Get rid of dedicated career state food service workers in our prisons and "streamline" the system by hiring a for-profit company that serves maggot infested food and hires employees that have sex with prisoners. "Streamline" taxes by taxing a senior's pension and changing their homestead tax deduction so you can cut corporate taxes. Instead of coming up with a responsible way to fix our terrible roads, pass the buck and tell people to vote "yes" on an upcoming referendum that will eliminate a middle class tax deduction; and raises the sales tax to fix the roads, even if you ride a bicycle – another regressive tax increase that hurts the poor and will never go away.

Watch for more slick presentations and a lot of backhanded changes that do no one, except the comfortable, much good! Government of big business, by big business, and for big business. The Republican Golden Rule – He who has the gold gets to make the rules!  
**Steve Lawrence**  
Northville Township

GUEST COLUMN

## Township needs residents to keep fire hydrants clear

By Tom Hughes, Jr.  
Guest Columnist

The Northville Township Fire Department is asking all of our citizens and businesses for your help. With the recent heavy snowfalls and below-zero temperatures, our department is asking every citizen to help us keep our Northville community safe. Maintaining clear access to all fire hydrants within the community is of the utmost importance.

The recent snowfall creates a variety of issues regarding our ability to locate and access fire hydrants in a quick and efficient manner. If you or your neighbor has a fire hydrant in your yard, please take the time to clear the hydrant of any snow that may have been piled around the hydrant. Please attempt to clear **at least three feet in all directions** so that we can quickly gain access to a water supply during a fire emergency. This includes making sure that each hose connection is accessible and provides unobstructed access to attach a hoseline to the hydrant.

If you are a member of a homeowners association, apartment or condo complex or own or operate a business in the township, please contact



COURTESY  
This is how the Northville Township Fire Department wants fire hydrants cleared of snow for access.

your private contractors or property maintenance companies to make sure to keep all hydrants clear and accessible. A blocked fire hydrant can create a delay in the effectiveness of our fire suppression efforts in an already difficult time due to the below-zero temperatures and the high levels of snow already on the ground.

Please do your part in keeping you family and neighbors safe by maintaining clear and visible access to all fire hydrants in your area. Please

take the time to assist your friends, family and neighbors that are unable to complete this task on their own. If you have neighbors with medical conditions or disabilities, or if you have senior citizens living in your area, please take the time to help them out.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter of public safety.

Tom Hughes, Jr. is the Northville Township Fire Department inspector. He can be reached at 248-348-5807 or via email at [thughes@twp.northville.mi.us](mailto:thughes@twp.northville.mi.us).



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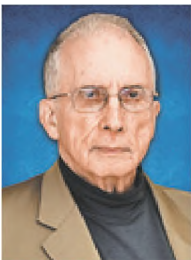
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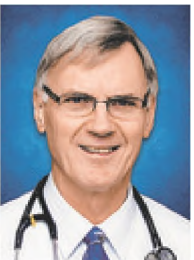
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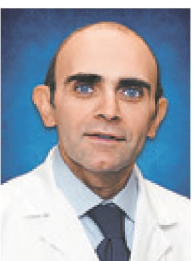
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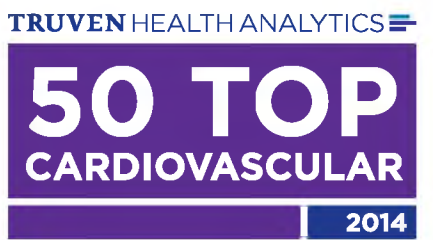
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This is the family room located next to the open kitchen in this home located at 48090 Ravello Court



This is the dining room.

# Italian-style Novi mansion features five bedrooms, 11,000 square feet

By Judy Rose  
Michigan.com

The term “showplace” can be a real estate cliché, but this extravagant house in Novi really does put on a show.

From the staircase’s leopard carpet and scrolled balustrade to the four Corinthian columns around the owner’s tub, almost no chance for opulent decoration has been left undone. It’s listed at \$2.795 million.

Some inspiration came from resorts and hotels the owners visited in places like Las Vegas, owner Tom Petrillo said. “We got ideas for some of the materials, for the artwork on the walls.”

That includes the textured Venetian plaster used throughout the main floor — 25 feet high in the living room and foyer. The master plasterer spent a year here, Petrillo said.

In some spots — like the landing at the top of the main stairs — the fringed draperies, the antiqued walls, the gold filigree chandelier and the wrought-iron balustrade suggest an elaborate doge’s palace in Venice.

For all that, Petrillo said, the beauty of the

house has been the way it cradled their family as they raised their three kids — ages 7-10 when they built the home 13 years ago: “It’s a big house, but the kids can go in any room and be comfortable.”

They built it because their previous house did not have a family room next to the kitchen, Julie Petrillo said: “It was very important to us to have that, so the kids could be hanging out.”

They had 25-30 for dinner at Christmas and the kitchen was designed with aisles five feet wide around the large island, so multiple cooks aren’t crowded.

“The kitchen was a really important component for us,” Tom Petrillo said. “We’d have my wife cooking, my mother, her mother.”

Kitchen details include limestone flooring, Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer, Thermador cooktop, two Bosch dishwashers and a Miele built-in coffee maker. The cooking niche has a handmade mosaic backsplash and the ceiling is painted to repeat the pattern. Wood beams create an arched effect.

The formal dining room is a medley of special effects. Lower walls are clad with stone. Above that Venetian plaster walls are decorated with textured plaster medallions.

The main floor also



his Novi home is listed at \$2,995,000.

holds the master suite with its ornate marble bathroom, seven-foot wide steam shower, seven-foot pillared tub, custom furniture-style built-ins, “a very finished look rather than a bathroom look,” Tom Petrillo said.

The walk-out lower level has a family-TV room, kitchen, bar and guest suite, plus an indoor pool and spa. It opens out to a 1,125-square-foot screened porch. Above this porch is the same size paved outdoor terrace. There’s also smart-house technology, an eight-seat theater, a gym, a four-car garage and a nanny or in-law apartment with its own kitchen.

The work of a Michigan metal artist runs throughout. He built the elaborate scrolled balustrades, plus wrought iron accents in the kitchen, the lower level bar, the French doors to the library.

Also throughout, all cabinets were made by the custom firm Dutch Made; lighting is by the prestige line Fine Art Lamps; faucets are from the Italian firm Mico Designs.

Landscaping is especially handsome with limestone paving and retaining walls. It in-

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**How much:** \$2,795,000

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**Bathrooms:** 5 full, 3 half

**Square feet:** 7,800, plus 3,560 finished in a walk-out lower level

**Key features:** Large, luxurious house in Novi’s Bellagio subdivision is built for large-family entertaining with very large kitchen, lower level recreation with a theater and indoor pool. Many decorating special effects throughout, premium components throughout, fine landscape, apartment with separate entrance.

**Contact:** Mindy Risher at 248-982-4439 or Peggy Koloian at 734-274-1884, Majestic Homes Realty.



This is a view of the kitchen.

college, the house no longer is a good fit for just two people, Tom Petrillo said. “It’s a really good family home for people with children.”

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# Northville's late charge is thwarted

Salem's Topolovec comes up big in 62-60 triumph

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The last player Northville might want to see in the KLAA playoffs or Class A district tournament is Kenny Topolovec.

The 6-foot-6 junior from Salem beat the Mustangs with a free throw with only three seconds left Jan. 9 to give the Rocks a 47-46 win.

And it was Topolovec again Friday night as he came up with a key block in the waning seconds and alertly called a timeout with just 2.1 seconds to play while scrambling on the floor for a loose ball to help preserve a 62-60 KLAA Central Division victory over the host Mustangs.

The win keeps Salem, now 9-3 overall and 5-1 in the division, one game behind KLAA Central leader Novi.

Northville (7-5, 2-4) certainly had its chances in the final minute down a point, 61-60, but the Mustangs missed two put-backs and couldn't convert the go-ahead shot after David Morrissey came up with a steal at mid-court with 30 seconds remaining.

Northville junior guard Justin Zimbo then drove the lane in the waning seconds, but was stuffed by Topolovec, who gained possession and dribbled into the front court, only to momentarily lose control.

Diving on the floor with the ball heading out of bounds, Topolovec came up with it and called timeout with 2.1 seconds remaining to keep the ball in Salem's possession.

"I was just trying to take the ball up the floor quick, keep control of it and wait for my teammates to come up there and help me out," said Topolovec, who finished with team-high

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Northville's Justin James splits Salem defenders Kenny Topolovec (left) and Jakob Lenders (right) during Friday's KLAA Central Division clash.



Northville's Anthony Solak scores the first goal, beating Brighton goaltender Jake Price.

MARK HICKS

# Brighton's blitz corrals Mustangs

Bulldogs tally 4 second-period goals to clinch division

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Even after taking a 3-1 lead into the dressing room for the first intermission Monday against Brighton, Northville boys hockey coach Clint Robert felt a false sense of security.

"When we scored the three, I thought we were playing well maybe a five- or six-minute stretch, but I kind of thought that 3-1 lead was a little bit fraudulent," Robert said. "I thought they were beating us to pucks and outworking us. I thought they were outbattling us, so we tried to address that in that second period."

And as Detroit Red Wings announcer Mickey Redmond likes to say, the Bulldogs went "bingo-bango" on the Mustangs, scoring four unanswered

goals during the middle period to earn the KLAA Central Division title with a 5-3 victory at Novi Ice Arena.

"I still thought we outbattled them in the second period, but the bottom line was turnovers at our blue line," said Robert, whose fourth-ranked Mustangs (Division 1) slipped to 14-3-2 overall and 7-3-1 in the division. "For sure, three out of their four goals were a direct result of turnovers or plays at their blue line. You can't let that happen. Three feet either side of the blue, you got to get pucks deep and knock it deep."

Lee Pietila's unassisted breakaway goal at 8:22 of the second period tied the game at 3-3 and Pietila notched his second of the game just 2:22 later for the go-ahead goal from Zach Vitkuske and Brad Halonen.

But the back-breaker game with just 40.6 seconds left in the period, when Vikuske stoled the puck near mid-ice and scored an unassisted short-handed goal to give the Bulldogs a two-goal cushion.

"That was a big goal, put us up two, that was critical," said Brighton coach Paul Moggach, whose No. 6-ranked (Division 1) Bulldogs improved to 10-6-3 overall and 7-0-3 in the Central. "That was a beautiful goal, too. We had some nice goals. The four goals on the five shots ... they were all pretty nice."

Northville never recovered from Vitkuske's short-handed goal.

"Instead of going in with some power-play time and looking to tie it –

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# Wildcats get clipped by Stevenson goaltender Barber, 5-2

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The finish proved to be bit hair raising for Livonia Stevenson's hockey team in its Division 2 state-ranked clash Jan. 28 against host Novi.

The Spartans were trying to protect an early 4-1 third-period lead, but with 11:08 left Andrew Nowak was sent off to the penalty box with a five-minute major for charging, coupled with a game disqualification.

And it didn't help matters when Stevenson's Alec Allen was also sent off as a result of a five-minute boarding call with 8:19 remaining.

No. 3-ranked Novi tallied one power-play goal, but Stevenson (11-4-3, 5-2-3) had Cullen Barber in net and the ju-

nior proved to be a cut above as the No. 3 Spartans walked out of Novi Ice Arena with a 5-2 KLAA Central Division win.

Novi (11-6-1, 4-4-1) was on the continuous power play for 7:49 during the third period, including a five-on-three for 2:11.

But the only goal Barber allowed from that point was with 9:07 remaining on Pat Wojtylo's power-play tally from Bryan Fegert and Ryan Baxter.

"I'm just trying to get as many whistles as I can and help my team out and just kill off the penalty without letting in a goal," Barber said. "That's the first time I've ever been in a seven-minute power-play situation and had to kill it off."

Novi appeared to have

pulled to within one, 4-3, with 6:58 remaining, but the goal was disallowed because of a high stick.

"I knew it was a high stick right away," Barber said. "Even though they called it a high stick, you've got to move on and worry about the next shot."

Novi coach Mark Vellucci didn't make an issue of the reversed goal.

"Our guys were saying it wasn't a high stick," he said. "Fortunately, we have a tape of it and we'll take a look and see. My first reaction from the bench was I thought it was a high stick, too. I thought it was an OK call."

Stevenson, which outshot the Wildcats 34-23, controlled

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Novi's Bryan Fegert (middle) is boxed in along the boards by Stevenson's Joe Alcantar (left) and Ben Kowalske during the KLAA Central clash.

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# Novi grapplers sew up KLAA Central dual crown

**By Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

It's been a turnaround season for the Novi wrestling team.

The Wildcats clinched the KLAA's Central Division championship Jan. 28 at Livonia Stevenson with a double-dual meet victory over South Lyon East, 63-15, and South Lyon, 42-22.

Novi, coming off a 30-29 division victory Jan. 21 at home against Stevenson, captured its first KLAA Central title since 2011. The Wildcats also defeated Central foes Northville (45-24) and Salem (36-27) en route to the crown.

"I'm real proud of the team," Novi first-year coach Joel Smith said. "Every one of those teams in the division we had lost to last year, so it was nice to avenge those losses."

Among the Novi wrestlers going 2-0 on the night against East and South Lyon were Zach Roach (103 pounds), Eric Wright (119-125), Evan Davis (135), Kyle Benkar-ski (152), Neil Haakenson (160) and Cooper Smith (215).

Jared Engebretson and Dorian Haney each added a pin at 285.

"It came down to us and South Lyon and they have a real nice team,"

Smith said. "Every one of them stepped up. It was a great team effort. And when we lost, we kept our losses to a minimum in regards to the point spread. And then when we had an opportunity to pin, our boys did and that was the difference in the meet. We only gave up one pin. That was our goal in practice this week that we were going to eliminate getting pinned."

"We're looking leagues and districts coming up," Smith said. "We have continue to work hard and continue to try and improve towards the end of the season."

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Novi's wrestling team celebrates after clinching the KLAA Central Division dual meet title Jan. 28 at Livonia Stevenson.

CATHY WRIGHT

# CC 'White' grapplers take third at Observerland tournament

**By Ed Wright and Brad Emons**  
Staff Writers

Livonia Franklin wrestlers Nick Robertson and Nathan Atienza were golden Saturday, but the rest of the Patriots were money, which was the primary reason the Patriots cashed in on their first Observerland title since 2012.

All 13 Patriots scored and 11 placed as Franklin piled up 198 points to out-distance runner-up Westland John Glenn's team total of 181.

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central White team placed third with 171 points, just ahead of fourth-place host Livonia Churchill (153) and fifth-place Belleville (151.5).

Robertson captured the 130-pound title when he topped Farmington's Jesse Jones, 10-5, in over-time, while Atienza took the 140 crown with a 15-0 technical fall against Belleville's Brandon Bellant.

"This is nice because we really hadn't won anything of significance



Northville's Chris Koumariotis (top) captured the 145-pound Observerland title with a 10-6 decision over Belleville's Pharaoh Jones.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

all year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "We lost the (KLAA South) division to John Glenn and we lost the city meet to Churchill. We told the kids it was going to take a team effort and everybody did their part."

Sam Giese (160) and Tyler Morland (171) came away with individual titles for CC.

Giese downed Glenn's Derrick Lester in the finals, 11-7, while Morland won by major decision over Connor Vaughan of Livonia Stevenson, 19-6.

Other placers for the Shamrocks included Joe Lyon (125) and Connor Curnette (189), third; Davis Rastique (103) and Joe McGrath (135), Bob-

by Brewer (152), fourth; Josh Filban (112) and Dane Flynn (285), fifth; and Jack Ross (215), sixth.

Northville, which finished 11th with 54 points, brought only five wrestlers to the tournament, but had two finalists as Chris Koumariotis, who started the season at 160, captured the 145 title with a 10-6 decision over top seed Pharaoh Jones of Belleville.

Koumariotis, seeded

fifth, also upset the fourth seed en route to the title.

"This is Chris' first varsity title and I can't think of anyone who deserves it more or had worked harder for it," Northville coach Brian Bagian said. "The coaching staff is extremely proud of Chris and hope he keeps peaking at the right time."

Wang, a senior, reached the finals at 125 before falling to Glenn's Chase Spanos, 3-0.

Meanwhile, freshman Omar Labhiki came within a match of earning a medal at 103 for the Mustangs and stands 19-9 on the season.

Northville is 6-11 overall on the season after double-dual meet loss Jan. 28 to Salem (50-20) and host Howell (61-15).

**CC seniors hailed**

Catholic Central celebrated Senior Night with a 55-13 dual match win Jan. 29 over Plymouth, followed by a 48-7 triumph over Oxford.

Seniors Tommy Herrmann, Trevor Zdebski, Myles Amine, Bobby Brewer, Nick Giese all went 2-0 on the night. They were honored at

intermission, along with fellow senior Frank Oblak.

They have been a part of class that has helped CC to a 85-13 dual record, along with three MHSAA Division 1 state team, regional, district and Catholic League crowns.

The night was highlighted by Zdebski's 4-2 win over defeated returning state finalist Alex Hrisopoulos of Oxford, along with Giese's victory over Oxford's Wyatt Hardin, 9-2.

"These guys are invaluable to our program," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, whose No. 2-ranked Shamrocks improved to 17-3 overall. "I'm very honored to work with them on a daily basis. You can sit here and talk about all these accolades and successes on the mat. However, it's the success off the mat I care about. Four of those young men have GPAs over a 4.0, one is a trombonist and football player, two scored over 30 on the ACT and all of them are very active in our community. I'm proud of that."

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OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RESULTS	
24TH OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 31 at Churchill	
<b>FINAL TEAM STANDINGS:</b> 1. Livonia Franklin, 198 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 181; 3. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 171; 4. Livonia Churchill, 153; 5. Belleville, 151.5; 6. Salem, 106; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 101.5; 8. Farmington, 78; 9. Farmington Hills Harrison, 73; 10. Lutheran High Westland, 65; 11. Northville, 54; 12. Garden City, 35; 13. Plymouth, 32; 14. Redford Union, 28; 15. Wayne Memorial, 27; 16. Redford Thurston, 9.	
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS</b>	
<b>103 pounds:</b> Mike Mars (WJG) d. Dan Manier (Farm.), 6-0; <b>3rd place:</b> Antonio Herrera (LF) d. Davis Rastique (CC), 10-6; <b>5th place:</b> Isiah Berry (Ply.) d. Sam Lymon (Bell), 6-1.	
<b>112:</b> Josh Mussen (LC) d. Johnny DiPonio (LF), 7-2; <b>3rd:</b> Chase Walkowiak (FRM) won by major dec. over Akash Rai (Salem), 11-2; <b>5th:</b> Josh Filban (CC) won by major dec. over Christian Zimmermann (LW), 13-5.	
<b>119:</b> Mike Volyniuk (FHH), d. Chris Brown (Bell), 7-5 (overtime); <b>3rd:</b> John Siemasz (WJG) pinned Jake Justice (Farm.), 4:30; <b>5th:</b> Ethan Englehart (LC) p. Chase Moscovici (CC), 0:53.	
<b>125:</b> Chase Spanos (WJG) d. Shunhe Wang (N'ville), 3-0; <b>3rd:</b> Joe Lyon (CC) d. Adam Ross (LF), 2-0; <b>5th:</b> Kenny Vadois (RU) d. Andy Faith (LW), 6-3.	
<b>130:</b> Nick Robertson (LF) d. Jesse Jones (Farm.), 10-5 (OT); <b>3rd:</b> Payton Beneteau (WJG) d. Ali Arab (GC), 5-1; <b>5th:</b> Tarik Alcodray (LS) won by major dec. over Chase Cozart (Bell), 10-0.	
<b>135:</b> Daniel Allor (FH) p. Devin Memring (Bell), 3:05; <b>3rd:</b>	
Brad Speen (WJG) d. Joe McGrath (CC), 3-2; <b>5th:</b> Jeremy Nelson (LF) p. Will Eckerle (LS), 0:34.	
<b>140:</b> Nathan Atienza (LF) won by technical fall over Brandon Bellant (Bell), 15-0 (5:22); <b>3rd:</b> Caleb Richter (LW) p. Bruce Haslitt (Salem), 1:40; <b>5th:</b> Andrew Lapins (RT) d. Ryan Boynton (FHH), 4-2.	
<b>145:</b> Chris Koumariotis (N'ville) d. Pharaoh Jones (Bell), 10-6; <b>3rd:</b> Zac Leck (LC) p. Collin Smith (LF), 2:03; <b>5th:</b> Brandon Bergstresser (GC) d. Connor Even (LW), 8-2.	
<b>152:</b> Caleb Brown (Bell) won by major dec. over Chase Gardner (LC), 15-6; <b>3rd:</b> Caleb McCabe (S) d. Bobby Brewer (CC), 9-4; <b>5th:</b> Ricky Laurence (WJG) p. Wes Warren (LW), 1:20.	
<b>160:</b> Sam Giese (CC) d. Derrick Lester (WJG), 11-7; <b>3rd:</b> Ethan Shulaw (Ply.) won by major dec. over Cody McAnalley (LC), 10-1; <b>5th:</b> Zach Burho (Bell) d. Derek Gilsbach (LS), 4-2.	
<b>171:</b> Tyler Morland (CC) won by major dec. over Connor Vaughan (LS), 19-6; <b>3rd:</b> Mitchell Retting (LF) d. Logan Beaudoin (WJG), 8-3; <b>5th:</b> Collin Englehart (LC) d. Rapana Divine Filemu (FHH), 3-2.	
<b>189:</b> Roy Foster (Salem) d. Alex James (WM), 3-1 (OT); <b>3rd:</b> Connor Curnette (CC) p. Jawaun Peete (WJG), 3:46; <b>5th:</b> Dan Huber (LF) p. Gage Brent (Farm.), 1:37.	
<b>215:</b> Mitchell Gross (Salem) d. Baker Hadwan (LC), 8-3; <b>3rd:</b> Brad Scott (LS) d. Nate Irvine (WJG), 3-1; <b>5th:</b> Josh Retting (LF) p. Jack Ross (CC), 2:40.	
<b>285:</b> Jake Mercieca (LC) d. Tyler Denski (LS), 4-2; <b>3rd:</b> Joe Fortin (LF) d. Tyler Moore (Salem), 7-3; <b>5th:</b> Dane Flynn (CC) p. Ewing Joyce (WJG), 2:11.	
<b>Lower weights MVP:</b> Volyniuk, (119), Harrison. <b>Upper weights MVP:</b> Gross (215), Salem.	

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Novi soccer training

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, along with the Michigan Jaguars coaching staff, will offer indoor soccer training for youths ages 4-14 beginning Feb. 11-12 at Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Drive.

Sessions for players who participate in under-8 through under-10, along with under-11 through under-14 travel leagues, will be each Wednesday from Feb. 11 through March 18.

The session for pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade players will be each Thursday from Feb. 12 through March 19.

The cost is \$70 per resident and \$84 per non-resident. The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 6.

Registration for Novi Parks spring soccer leagues is ongoing, with practices set begin in late March and games scheduled April 19 through June 6.

### Wings alumni game

The Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association will take on the United Cerebral Palsy of Detroit Pucksters in a charity hockey game Saturday, March 21, at Viking Arena in Hazel Park.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. with a hockey exhibition featuring the Michigan Sled Dogs, followed by the Wings-UCP Pucksters game at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$10 or \$30 per family (maximum five). Youths 5 and under get in free. An afterglow pizza party includes a \$10 donation.

There will also be a 50/50 drawing and Chuck-A-Puck contest to win prizes. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. to bid on silent auction items.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by contacting Tamara Kincaid at 248-557-5070, ext. 117. You can also email [tkincaid@ucpdetroit.org](mailto:tkincaid@ucpdetroit.org).

For more information, go to [skatewithoutlimits.org](http://skatewithoutlimits.org).

### Baseball training

The eighth annual Northville Mustang Spring Training baseball camp for boys and girls ages 7-14 will be from 9 a.m. to noon (hitting), Saturday, March 14, and from 9 a.m. to noon (pitching-defense), Sunday, March 15, at the high school gymnasium.

Registration both days starts at 8:30 a.m. The cost for each camp is \$45 (\$50 at the door).

For more information, email Northville varsity baseball coach John Kostrzewa at [kostrzjo@northvilleschools.org](mailto:kostrzjo@northvilleschools.org).







# Wright, Mulka key CC's 5-0 hockey win

Senior goalie Spencer Wright turned away all 22 shots and junior forward Kyle Mulka tallied two goals and an assist to lead Novi Detroit Catholic Central to a non-league boys hockey victory Saturday over Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks (13-4-1) led 2-0 after one period on goals by Andrew Spiegel (from Brian Kearns and Blake Veri at 6:41) and Nick Macari (from Evan Rochowiak and Mulka at 14:24).

At 4:49 of the second period,

Mulka scored from Macari and Andrew Kreutzer to make it 3-0.

Stevenson (11-5-2), ranked No. 2 in Division 2, then made a goaltending change, going with junior Cullen Barber in favor of starter Andrew Rozenbaum. The two faced a total of 40 Catholic Central shots.

But it couldn't stop the CC onslaught in the third as Mitch Ossowski scored just eight seconds into the period off assists from JoJo Mancinelli and Andrew Lane. Mulka then capped the scoring with 13:51 left of assists from Owen

Kipke and Veri. **CRANBROOK 5, DETROIT CC 4:** Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-4-1, 7-2-1) was unseated Friday night by host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook for first place in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League's North Division as senior Austin Alger led the way with a pair of goals at Wallace Arena.

CC, which enjoyed a 36-32 shot advantage, led 2-1 after one period on goals by Mitch Ossowski (from Ryan Burnett and JoJo Mancinelli) and Owen Kipke (from Andrew Spiegel) at 3:57 and 8:16, respectively.

Blake Rogow countered with an unassisted goal for the Cranes (12-2-3, 7-1-1) at 9:02.

At 10:25 of the second period, CC went up 3-1 on Dillon Jones' goal from Andrew Lane and Spiegel.

Holding a 13-7 shot advantage, Cranbrook evened the count at 3-3 entering the final period on goals by Jack Blumberg (from Alex Lycett and Sean O'Leary) and Alger (from Cooper Stahl and Blumberg).

The Cranes took the lead for keeps at 6:24 of the third on O'Leary's unassisted goal, followed by Alger's second from Lycett at 13:43 to make it 5-3.

CC then pulled goaltender Spencer Wright (27 saves) and Kyle Mulka scored with only 57 seconds left from Burnett and Alex Kreutzer to make it a

one-goal game, but the Shamrocks were unable to tally the equalizer.

Spencer Applebaum made 32 saves for the Cranes. **DETROIT CC 4, TRENTON 3:** JoJo Mancinelli's unassisted goal at 4:41 of overtime gave top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-3-1, 7-1-1 North Division) a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover win Jan. 28 at Kennedy Arena.

After a scoreless opening period, Trenton's Nicholas Bondy scored an unassisted short-handed goal at 1:05 of the second to make it 1-0, but at 5:11 of the same period, CC's Kyle Mulka scored from Evan Rochowiak to knot the game at 1-1.

Trenton (9-7, 4-3), ranked No. 4 in Division 2, took a 2-1 lead entering the third on Griffin Sawyer's goal from Phillip Pugliese and Grant McClellan at 8:41 of the second.

The Shamrocks then tied it 2-2 at 4:44 of the third on Dillon Jones' goal from Andrew Spiegel, but the Trojans responded to take the lead at 9:49 on Styles' second of the night from Parker Dukus.

Ryan Burnett's goal with only 2:26 left from Andrew Lane sent the game into OT.

CC goalie Spencer Wright made 23 saves, while the Trojans' Anthony Lemerand had 26 saves.

# Blazers' balance too much for Northville icers

Four different players had at least a goal and assist Saturday as host Livonia Ladywood earned a 6-2 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory over Northville at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Katie Hayward, Brooke Spiegel, Cecilia Werner and Jill Jacobs each tallied a goal to go along with one assist as the Blazers improved to 9-3 overall and 9-3 in Division 1 of the Michigan Metro.

Sydney Malek and Kylie Doyle also tallied a goal each for the Blazers, while Colleen Lynch chipped in an assist as Ladywood led 1-0 after one period and 3-0 after two.

Ladywood goaltender Michaela Warner made 13 saves in two periods before giving way to Samantha Erickson.

Scoring in the second period for Northville was Grace Healey (from Moe Hackett and Kamryn Holtz) and Megan Kerr (from Hailey Gross).

Annette Taylor played the first half in goal for the Mustangs (3-11, 2-11), stopping 14-of-17 shots. Isobel Bush came on during the second half stopping 11-of-14.

**G.P. NORTH 9, NORTHVILLE 1:** Elizabeth Gallagher notched a hat trick and assist Jan. 29, while Lindsey Gallagher added two goals and an assist to lift Grosse Pointe North (6-5, 6-5) to a Michigan Metro win over the Mustangs (3-10, 2-10) at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The Norsemen, who led 5-0 after one period, also got two goals from Karina Lucchese, while Lindsey Ramsdell and Kelly LaBarge chipped in with four and three assists, respectively.

Also getting into the scoring act for Grosse Pointe North was Kylee Banaszewski (one goal, two assists) and Naomi Yoshida (one goal).

Megan Kerr scored the lone goal for the Mustangs,



Ladywood's Claire Doyle (left) tries to control the puck along the boards against Northville's Olivia Lesh in Saturday's Michigan Metro game at Arctic Pond.

assisted by Megan Bartley and Olivia Lesh. Amber Gieseiking started and went the first 22 minutes in goal for North before giving way to McKensie Obermork, who finished the second period.

Annette Taylor and Isobel Bush split time in goal for the Mustangs and combined to stop 20-of-29 shots.

**NORTHVILLE 3, REGINA 2:** Megan Kerr scored twice and Grace Healey notched the game-winner in the final period Jan. 24 to give Northville (3-9) the Michigan Metro Showcase victory over Warren Regina (3-6) at Fraser Hockey Land.

Junior Adrienne McCarty assisted on Kerr's first goal, while senior Emily Comben and junior Anna Pilarz both assisted on her second goal, which was a deflection of a shot by Comben.

Junior Claire Ramsden assisted the game-winner.

"It's really nice to get a win," Northville coach J.D. Damrath said. "We threw everything we had at (Alex) LaRue. I wasn't sure we were going to score on her, but our kids kept pushing. She was hard to beat."



Northville's Grace Healey takes a shot on Ladywood goaltender Michaela Warner during Saturday's Michigan Metro game at Arctic Pond.

# N'ville tops Stoney Creek ; Cyr's 4 goals lifts Novi

By Brad Emons

Staff Writer

Alec Morgan's short-handed goal with 8:38 left proved to be a game-changer Friday as Northville rallied in the final period to earn a 4-2 boys hockey win over host Rochester Stoney Creek at the Onyx.

The state-ranked Wildcats (No. 7 in Division 1), who improved to 14-2-2 overall, were tied at 2-2 with 11:21 left in the final period after Josh Niederhauser notched his second goal of the game from Chris Krier and Dominic Marcus.

Brett Ridener's blocked shot on a penalty kill then led

to Morgan's game-winning goal from Jack Meacham. Morgan scored again with 7:30 remaining, from Jack Sargent and Grant LaLonde, to ice the victory.

"Brett went down to block that shot and had some skin ripped off his arm," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "He made a huge sacrifice and for us it was the biggest play of the game after they tied us."

Stoney Creek jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Niederhauser's unassisted goal at 4:21 of the opening period, but Northville's Kevin O'Connell tied it from Nick Williams and Sargent at 4:44 of the first.

After a scoreless second period, the Mustangs took a brief 2-1 advantage at 4:54 of the third on Alec Melucci's goal from Morgan and Nick Strom.

Stoney Creek goaltender Sante Bologna was heroic in the loss making 43 saves.

Meanwhile, Northville senior Chance Boutin stopped 17 shots.

**NOVI 9, CANTON 3:** Junior Jake Cyr, back for only his third game after suffering a broken collarbone early in the season, scored four goals Friday as the Wildcats (12-6-1, 5-4-1) exploded in the final period to subdue the stingy Chiefs (3-12-2, 0-7-2) in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover at Canton's Arctic Edge.

Novi led 3-1 after one period and by only one after two, 4-3, before tallying five unanswered goals.

Nik Tewillager added two goals, including a power-play goal, along with Alec Wells and Brad

Hofelich for the Wildcats. Bryan Fegert added a goal and assist, while Brennan Martin collected three assists.

Canton got goals from James Tucker, Spencer Rochowiak and Nick Harwell.

Nick Borg made 28 saves for the Chiefs, while Ryuta King had 18 for Novi.

**NORTHVILLE 8, SALEM 2:** The Mustangs (13-2-2, 7-2-1) made life miserable for Salem goaltenders Dillon Phillips and Nathan Blank while keeping their KLAAs Central Division title hopes alive Jan. 28 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

It was an ugly first period for the 10th-ranked Rocks (8-6-3, 4-3-3), who found themselves down 4-0.

Alec Melucci led Northville's attack with a pair of goals, while Jack Meacham added three assists.

Brendan Hicks (power play), Alec Morgan, P.J. Schnepf and Riley Brass chipped in with a goal and assist each, while Kyle Abraham (short-handed) and Jack Sargent also tallied a goal apiece. Other assists went to Kyle Dann, Sam Bradley and Nick Strom.

Salem, which trailed 6-2 after two periods, got a pair of goals from Zach Newsome. Assists went to Nate West and Zach Goleniak.

Northville goaltender Chance Bouton made a total of 18 saves, while Phillips, the Salem starter, and Blank, who came on in reserve, faced a total of 34 shots.

minute majors, while Novi was issued four penalties, including a 10-minute misconduct.

"I've never seen a game with so many five-minute major calls," Vellucci said. "But that's the game of hockey. I was a little disappointed our guys lost their composure a little bit. Whether you agree with the calls or not, you've just got to play over it. The game in high school has changed with the rules changes – five-minute charges and five-minute boardings. A lot of the calls that used to be two minutes are five minutes now. I think it's taken some time for all high school hockey teams to adjust. It's the rules and you've got to abide by it."

The Wildcats, however, had their chances, including a stretch in the third for 2:11 when they had a two-man advantage on the power play.

The Wildcats had a five-on-three, but couldn't score.

"It's disappointing," Vellucci said. "Anytime you get a five-on-three, you should get quality chances. I don't know if we even got any good quality chances. But to their credit, they killed it off nicely. I wouldn't say it was the turning point, but if we score a couple there ..."

Still up 4-2 and able to weather the storm, Stevenson put the game away with 2:40 remaining on Alex DeFlorio's goal from Alcantara.

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# Girls hoops: Frosh guard sparks Novi to triumph vs. Cougars

The Novi girls basketball team played the role of spoiler Friday at home by knocking off second-place South Lyon East, 45-43, in a KLAAs Central Division encounter.

Freshman guard Ellie Mackay paced a balanced Novi scoring attack with 14 points as the Wildcats improved to 7-5 overall and 2-4 in the division.

Alex Felice, Kelsey Miller and Carson Garguilo chipped in eight apiece as Novi survived a second-half East comeback after leading 27-19 at intermission.

Gabi Bird and Peyton Jones led the Cougars (8-4, 4-2) with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

Salem (8-4, 6-0) now leads the KLAAs Central by two games.

Novi was 13-of-31 from the floor (41.9 percent) and 14-of-22 from the free-throw line (63.6 percent), while South Lyon East made 21-of-29 foul shots (72.4 percent) and only 10-of-36 from the field (27.8 percent).

**SALEM 47, NORTHVILLE 33:** Shara Long scored 17 points and Miranda Armistead added 11 Friday as the host Rocks (8-4, 6-0) maintained their grip on first place in the KLAAs Central Division.

Salem jumped out to a 14-1 advantage to start the game before Northville freshman guard Kendall Dillon, who finished with a team-high 12, connected on a 3-pointer to make it 14-4.

"They jumped all over us in the first five minutes and we did not match their effort," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "We got down 10 to a veteran and experienced team. We played harder from that point on and got it to seven in the fourth quarter, but we were fighting back all game."

Salem made 14-of-19 free throws, while Northville (8-4, 3-3) was 3-for-6.

**INTER-CITY 54, FRANKLIN ROAD 29:** Mikayla Choune pumped in 17 points to lead Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (4-7, 4-3) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division victory.

Hannah Rayburn scored 12 points for the Warriors (7-6, 3-4), who trailed 26-10 at halftime and 43-20 after three quarters.

**NOVI 31, W.L. CENTRAL 22:** Point guard Ellie Mackay proved to be the difference Jan. 27 as the host Wildcats (6-5) upended Walled Lake Central (2-9) in a match-up of KLAAs members.

The 5-foot-6 freshman finished with a game-high 17 points to go along with seven rebounds and four steals for the Wildcats, who led 7-0 after one quarter, 16-8 at halftime and 27-15 after three.

Novi shot 11-of-41 from the field (26.8 percent) and 6-of-16 from the foul line (37.5 percent).

Linden Ebling scored six points and Kaitlyn Wolschlager added six rebounds for the Vikings (2-9), who shot 8-of-27 from the floor (29.6 percent) and 6-of-19 from the free-throw line (31.5 percent).

**ROEPER 41, FRANKLIN ROAD 36:** Naomi Savas and Melanie Wells each tallied 14 points Jan. 27 to propel host Birmingham Roeper (10-2, 4-2) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division triumph.

Eighth-grader Alexis Johnson paced Franklin Road (7-5, 3-3) with a game-high 22 points to go along with 10 rebounds.

The Warriors went 8-of-12 from the foul line, while Roeper hit 7-of-11.

# Prep skiing: Novi boys suffer first two losses

After a 4-0 start in the Alpine Valley Division of the Southeast Michigan Ski League, the Novi boys team suffered its first two setbacks of the season, falling to Birmingham Brother Rice and Walled Lake Northern by the two-day combined scores of 25-49 and 32-40, respectively.

In giant slalom Jan. 29, Andrew Jamison and Ross O'Donnell posted Novi's top times as Rice prevailed, 13-25, while Northern held off the Wildcats, 17-19.

Meanwhile, in the previous day's slalom, Mitch Goodman and Jamison led the way as Novi fell to the Warriors, 12-24, and Northern, 15-21.

With the two setbacks, the Wildcats drop to 4-2 in the SEMSL's Alpine Valley Division.

On the girls side, Novi slipped to 2-4 as Walled Lake Northern needed a tiebreaker winning by just 0.07 seconds in a tight match-up as tied with 39 points apiece.

Meanwhile, Birmingham Marian downed the Wildcats, 21-55.

In the giant slalom, Unie Gu and Claire Krueger were Novi's top two placers in a 10-30 loss to the Mustangs and a 13-27 setback to Northern.

Gu and Rachel Casaccia were the top Wildcats finishers in the giant slalom as Novi held a 12-26 advantage against Northern, while losing to Marian, 11-25.

## BLITZ

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at least starting the third – but now you're down two and you start pressing a little more," Robert said. "So yeah, that one hurt."

The Mustangs were blanked over the final two periods by Brighton goaltender Jake Price, who made 20 saves. Northville also went 0-for-3 on the power play.

"Brighton as long as Moggach has been there has been the top shot-blocking team in the state," Robert said. "We kind of try to copy what they do. We got a handful of guys that are blocking shots they way Brighton does. But Brighton has 20 guys that block the shots constantly. They do such a good job at it."

Brighton opened the scoring at 4:49 of the first period on Vitkuske's goal from Nick Foran.

But Northville answered with three straight tallies – Anthony Solak (from Kevin O'Connell and Grant LaLonde at 6:19); Alec Morgan, his 18th of the season (from Jack Meacham and Jack Sargent at 7:25); and Matt Jankowski's first of the year (from O'Connell and Nick Strom at 9:05).

"We had some breakdowns," Moggach said. "We didn't get the puck out one time. One of our defenseman got burned on a guy coming in. Three mistakes and they had three goals. Jake was good, but we hoped he'd stop one of those, but didn't, so we were down 3-1. It was that quick. The period was like three minutes. It wasn't a long period of time."

The Brighton comeback started at 6:52 of the second period, when Pietila worked a give-and-go with Vitkuske beating Northville netminder Chance Boutin (17 saves) to cut the deficit to 3-2.

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MARK HICKS  
Northville's Kyle Abraham (19) tries to win the face-off against Brighton's Zach Vitkuske during Monday's KLAAs Central clash.



## HOCKEY

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the opening period and led 1-0 on Stephen Olschanski's goal when he pounced on a rebound. Vince Glenn and Nate Sudek drew the assists.

"I think the biggest disappointment was the start of the game," Vellucci said. "We beat them 3-2 last year and we knew Stevenson wanted to come out hard and they did. We told our guys that and our guys just didn't respond."

The Wildcats, however, perked up in the second period, but found themselves down 3-0.

Allen beat Novi goaltender Josh Richardson over the shoulder on a shot from the left point, assisted by Olschanski, with 11:20 left. Glenn then followed with a goal on a four-on-four situation with 8:40 remaining in the same period, assisted by Olschanski and Josh Denomie.

Novi, however, showed some life just 3:33 into the third period as Alec Wells jammed home a rebound, assisted by Brendan Wexler and Ryan Fonda, to make it 3-1.

But the Spartans answered at 5:42 of the third on Joe Alcantara's power-play goal from Shane Leonard and Allen for a 4-1 advantage.

But then the whistles came ringing down as Stevenson took a pair of five-





The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit (BOMA/Metro Detroit) has named the 2015-16 Board of Directors.

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# Building Owners, Managers organization taps new leaders

The Building Owners and Managers Association/Metro Detroit (BOMA/Metro Detroit) named the 2015-16 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors serves as leaders of the organization in developing and implementing BOMA/Metro Detroit's strategic plan. The board also oversees the operations of the associations nearly 400 members and nine committees. Elected by BOMA's principal members, officers and directors hold their office for two calendar years.

The newly elected directors are Jon Brach, general manager of Caravan Facilities Management, LLC, and Jessica Furlong, CCIM, RPA, director of Commercial Operations at McKinley, Inc. They join directors Gregg McDuffee of Detroit Wayne Joint



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Building Authority; Daniel Fitzgerald of Parajan Investments, LLC; James Vetter, MFE of Rickman Enterprise Group, LLC; Tim Grimske, LEED GA of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank; Todd Pardon, CCIM, RPA of CBRE and Immediate Past President Paul Magy of KOManagement and Leasing.

Brian R. Salliotte, RPA of Dietz Property Group will serve as BOMA/Metro Detroit's president. Paula Goldman-Spinner, RPA of Schos-

mercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy.

BOMA/Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine South-eastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit [www.bomadet.org](http://www.bomadet.org).

# Tax woes appear unlikely on family property transfer

**Q: I understand that under Michigan's General Property Tax Act, the taxable value for taxing purposes after adjustments for additions and losses may not increase from one year to the next by more than 5 percent or the increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less, unless there is a transfer of ownership in effect. When the ownership of a property is then transferred, the property's taxable value is uncapped, i.e. it pops up to the state's equalized value which is 50 percent of its true cash value. I want to transfer my property to my son. Can I do it without an adverse tax consequence?**



Robert Meisner

A: It appears that you can based upon a statute that became effective in Michigan on Dec. 31, 2013, which established that a transfer of residential real property to someone who is related to the transferor by blood or affinity to the first degree, and the use of the residence or property does not change following the transfer, would not result in a consequential tax change. That was amended in 2014 to include grandchildren, grandparents as well as persons taking by way of probate will or trust. This obviously is a benefit to taxpayers who wish to transfer their property to their relatives.

**Q: Our association documents at our homeowners association permit the board to do a number of things regarding the maintenance of the exterior of the buildings, except that there must be a member vote for approval of any substantial alterations. Some of us believe there has been a change of appearance and certainly a cheaper replacement of roof shingles with terra-cotta shingles because they cost less. Do you think that requires a homeowner vote?**

A: It, of course, depends on the documents, but in a case out of Florida in 2002, an association had to replace roof shingles and decided to substitute terra-cotta shingles for the pre-existing cedar shingles because they cost less. When an owner challenged the special assessment imposed, the court determined that the substitution constituted a substantial alteration which required a vote of the owners. Hopefully, your board has gotten a legal opinion from its counsel about the propriety of what it is doing, but if it has not, you should insist that they do so or face the prospect of a lawsuit.

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# REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

## Short sales

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

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 8-12, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**BEVERLY HILLS**

15755 Amherst Ave	\$308,000
31619 Auburn Dr	\$185,000
31931 Carlelder St	\$255,000

**BINGHAM FARMS**

31470 Coachlight Ln	\$520,000
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**BIRMINGHAM**

630 Chester St	\$1,375,000
1622 Graefield Rd	\$132,000
1859 Hazel St	\$185,000
1622 Holland St	\$145,000
1055 Lake Park Dr	\$2,200,000
1141 Lake Park Dr	\$850,000
435 Lewis Ct	\$335,000
1233 Maryland Blvd	\$450,000
675 N Eton St	\$85,000
537 N Old Woodward Ave	\$195,000
549 N Old Woodward Ave	\$240,000
662 Purdy St # 107	\$120,000
734 Southfield Rd	\$1,340,000
176 Suffield Ave	\$505,000
1036 Westwood Dr	\$685,000

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**

981 Dedham Ct	\$230,000
551 Hunters King	\$740,000
1958 Klingensmith Rd Unit 29	\$117,000
1120 S Timberview Trl	\$240,000
801 W Long Lake Rd # 18	\$96,000
4305 W Maple Rd	\$306,000
4784 Walnut Lake Rd	\$435,000

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP**

2865 Aldgate Dr	\$265,000
2738 Brady Dr	\$259,000
946 E Square Lake Rd	\$333,000

888 Helston Rd	\$272,000
6124 Indianwood Trl	\$595,000
1962 Klingensmith Rd	\$100,000
1624 Mark Hopkins Rd	\$470,000
2882 Masefield Ct	\$398,000
4011 Meadowlane Dr	\$335,000
542 Newburne Pointe	\$217,000
4555 Quarton Rd	\$365,000
878 Shady Hollow Cir	\$525,000
3591 Shallow Brook Dr	\$610,000
2430 Thistle Pointe	\$500,000
6180 W Surrey Rd	\$350,000
42160 Woodward Ave Unit 36	\$95,000
3585 Roland Dr	\$530,000

**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**

3189 Adele Ter	\$360,000
5365 Barkley St	\$154,000
9075 Commerce Rd	\$188,000
2144 Golfcrest Dr	\$459,000
5341 Huron Hills Dr	\$295,000
4552 Ponderosa St	\$92,000

**FARMINGTON**

31781 Lamar Dr	\$160,000
22836 Maple Ave	\$165,000
32013 Valley View St	\$209,000

**FARMINGTON HILLS**

29470 Arlington Way	\$358,000
38819 Country Cir	\$120,000
30251 Essex Dr	\$287,000
32316 Hearthstone Rd	\$224,000
21300 Juniper Ct	\$148,000
30276 Kimberly Ct	\$269,000
29486 Laurel Dr	\$122,000
31212 Leelane	\$140,000
25344 Lynford St	\$246,000
21116 Middlebelt Rd	\$162,000
26070 Pillsbury St	\$228,000
34661 Princeton St	\$220,000
21904 Purdue Ave	\$69,000
29443 Shenandoah Dr	\$265,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd # 604	\$74,000
32251 W 13 Mile Rd	\$228,000
28425 Westerleigh Rd	\$198,000

28553 Wildwood Trl	\$160,000
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**HIGHLAND**

4091 Loch Dr	\$150,000
2805 Maple Rdg	\$334,000
395 Maplegrove	\$140,000
4685 N Duck Lake Rd	\$196,000

**LATHRUP VILLAGE**

18130 Cambridge Blvd	\$137,000
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**MILFORD**

1009 Atlantic St	\$245,000
1466 Memory Ln	\$285,000

**NORTHVILLE**

37807 Connaught Dr	\$275,000
51000 Park Place Dr	\$584,000
42156 Pellston Dr	\$155,000
37846 Rhonswood Dr	\$335,000
669 River Park Village Blvd	\$220,000
20936 W Glen Haven Cir	\$135,000

**NOVI**

24484 Amanda Ln	\$430,000
24377 Bashian Dr	\$72,000
24694 Bashian Dr	\$125,000
27587 Belgrave Pl	\$314,000
25178 Birchwoods Dr	\$367,000
25623 Buckminster Dr	\$285,000
48145 Cedarwood	\$235,000
31129 Chatsford St	\$370,000
23469 Danberry Ln	\$106,000
51344 E Bourne Ter	\$270,000
43021 Emerson Way	\$298,000
45636 Irvine Dr	\$402,000
40976 Malott	\$130,000
23486 Meadowbrook Rd	\$165,000
23295 Mystic Forest Dr	\$410,000
23623 N Rockledge	\$92,000
22438 Paddington Ct	\$545,000
24439 Perceval Ln	\$533,000
24983 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$545,000
24452 Riverview Ln	\$232,000
44120 Settlers Creek Ct	\$405,000
1127 South Lake Dr Unit 202	\$79,000
23439 Stonehenge Blvd	\$115,000

24660 Taft Rd	\$240,000
24680 Thatcher Dr	\$450,000
27363 Victoria Rd	\$317,000
39675 Westminster Cir	\$335,000
29436 Weston Dr	\$216,000

**SOUTH LYON**

58689 Carriage Ln	\$435,000
801 Challenging Trl	\$217,000
1317 Coach House Ln	\$375,000
26683 Daria Cir W	\$401,000
52693 Fremont Dr E	\$460,000
61206 Greenwood Dr	\$80,000
54812 Grenelefe Cir W	\$380,000
25550 Meadow Ct	\$370,000
54330 Meadow Ct	\$500,000
25462 Milford Rd	\$206,000
20919 Oak Tree Dr	\$325,000
22205 Quail Run Cir Unit 5	\$140,000
24430 Ravine Dr	\$443,000
53944 Springwood Dr	\$310,000
407 Whipple St	\$184,000
58588 Winnowing Cir S	\$73,000

**SOUTHFIELD**

29880 Brentwood St	\$128,000
19434 Butternut Ln	\$44,000
19434 Butternut Ln	\$93,000
30423 Everett St	\$105,000
17381 Madison St	\$154,000
30082 Marshall St	\$79,000
19122 Melrose Ave	\$72,000
23822 Merrill Ave	\$143,000
20130 N Greenway St	\$175,000
23435 Russell St	\$147,000
30450 Shoreham St	\$200,000
5000 Town Ctr # 804	\$81,000
17409 W 13 Mile Rd	\$136,000

**WHITE LAKE**

1354 Bayview St	\$162,000
432 Burgess Dr	\$290,000
500 E Oxhill Dr	\$175,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

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**CANTON**

46612 Bartlett Dr	\$216,000
717 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$180,000
6428 Connaught Ct	\$324,000
47193 Eastbourne Rd	\$360,000
45395 Glengarry Rd	\$275,000
44622 Meadowcreek Ln	\$155,000
2679 N Woods Blvd	\$262,000
8368 Orhan St	\$120,000
8368 Orhan St	\$150,000
7046 Pittsford St	\$185,000
4332 Pond Run	\$202,000
802 Princess Dr	\$170,000
2990 River Meadow Cir	\$236,000
335 Savannah Dr	\$317,000
44495 Savery Dr	\$75,000
3955 Strathmore Ln	\$128,000
50042 Tottenham Ct	\$415,000
45076 Turnberry Ct	\$330,000
47781 Vistas Circle Dr S	\$250,000

**GARDEN CITY**

6148 Belton St	\$83,000
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410 E Rose Ave	\$77,000
31730 James St	\$83,000
653 Michelle Ct	\$120,000
29195 Sheridan St	\$97,000

**LIVONIA**

11757 Alois St	\$155,000
31925 Balmoral Ct	\$324,000
9832 Blackburn St	\$170,000
29660 Clarita St	\$48,000
33950 Coventry Dr	\$85,000
8993 Crown St	\$122,000
9102 Danzig St	\$112,000
15354 Deering St	\$61,000
29034 Elmira St	\$72,000
16974 Fitzgerald St	\$235,000
9860 Flamingo St	\$144,000
8874 Fremont St	\$101,000
38679 Grandon St	\$175,000
15675 Hunter Grv	\$214,000
18994 Irving St	\$165,000
30561 Minton St	\$153,000
9048 Montana St	\$96,000
32488 Myrna St	\$336,000
18546 Norwich Rd	\$149,000
37825 Plymouth Rd	\$145,000
17342 Rougeway St	\$139,000
15048 Santa Anita St	\$55,000
19079 Shay Ct	\$325,000
19484 Stamford Dr	\$194,000

9303 Texas St	\$155,000
29966 Westfield St	\$125,000
18547 Williams St	\$290,000

**NORTHVILLE**

42400 Bradner Dr	\$345,000
16318 Country Knoll Dr	\$316,000
525 Fairbrook St	\$40,000
16433 Lincoln Dr	\$434,000
20012 Longridge Ct	\$450,000
19596 Northridge Dr	\$110,000
16468 Ridgewood Ct	\$375,000

**PLYMOUTH**

11583 Aspen Dr	\$184,000
13904 Covington Dr	\$525,000
42732 Gateway	\$220,000
11276 Hillcrest Dr	\$298,000
9359 Ivanhoe Dr	\$330,000
11825 Lorenz Way	\$475,000
9440 Marlowe Ave	\$148,000
261 N Evergreen St	\$330,000
40826 Newport Dr	\$107,000
1729 Old Salem	\$272,000
12325 Pinecrest Dr	\$200,000
234 Pinewood Dr	\$94,000
50997 Richard Dr	\$336,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$53,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$50,000
46701 Strathmore Rd	\$275,000
9380 Village Manor Dr	\$367,000

<b>REDFORD</b>	
13942 Centralia	\$60,000
18417 Delaware Ave	\$36,000
18610 Delaware Ave	\$45,000
18631 Delaware Ave	\$40,000
15931 Garfield	\$35,000
25398 Ivanhoe	\$70,000
13959 Mercedes	\$43,000

**WESTLAND**

34307 Algonquin St	\$112,000
781 Alvin St	\$72,000
37065 Amhurst Dr	\$145,000
39340 Armstrong Ln	\$125,000
8222 Beatrice	\$89,000
7757 Carrousel Blvd	\$115,000
674 Easley Dr	\$107,000
35055 Fairchild St	\$28,000
36205 Farragut Ave	\$27,000
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## Rising to the Debate

**ACROSS**

1 While away  
the hours

9 Amorous,  
sunk into  
seats

17 Book dives

20 Adopts, as a  
belief

21 Do a new  
layout of  
order

22 Mantra de  
—, California

23 Start of a  
ride

25 Musician  
Yoko

26 Fixes a  
seam, say

27 Drink  
served with  
scones

28 Suffix with  
final or solo

29 Heroic  
poetry

30 Middle,  
par. 2

37 7 Cloven  
drink

41 Isn't on  
target

42 Contract  
inker, e.g.

43 "Stones for  
(1908  
film)

44 San  
California

46 Most take

48 Tide o.  
part 3

51 With 57  
Across,  
descend  
before  
pulling a rip  
cord

52 Chilean  
dancer

53 Praise  
publicly

54 Margarita  
glass liner

57 See 51 -  
Across

60 1890s  
Phiippine  
president

62 Admire  
ET of TV

64 Tide o.  
part 1

67 "Hook and  
loot," Julius  
Caesar

77 — Sunday

78 Lot out

79 Xenon, e.g.

81 "Cassius (JP)

85 Tide o.  
part 5

92 Deliver news  
about

94 Capacious

95 One of  
Jupiter's  
moons

96 Rare Italian  
violins

97 Trial run

98 Watched  
kids for cash

99 End of the  
riddle

104 Tip jar bills

105 Kicker

106 "— There  
Was You"

107 — ghanouj

111 Poetry Out  
Loue org.

112 Riddle's  
answer

119 Wind up

120 Tendency to  
sick  
together

121 "Casino  
Royale"  
Bond girl  
player

122 Hds.

123 Outburst of  
wild emotion

124 Tokyo "ta-ta"

**DOWN**

1 Sunday  
seats

2 Court cramp  
Arthur

3 Shoot forth

4 Male hairs

5 "Isk!"

6 "Semi-" suff x

7 Got together

8 Road twists

9 Male sib

10 Always, to  
hark

11 Asle'm

12 Feature of a  
perfect ball  
game

13 Audacious

14 Just slightly

15 Slender fish

16 Hog home

17 Certain liquid  
lual  
container

18 High-tech  
map  
sub-sets

19 Malala  
Portman's  
childhood  
home on  
Long Island

24 "Dali"

29 Most tense

30 Iwls.

31 Skin cream  
brand

32 Ensnared

33 Cookie giant

34 Lead singer

35 Beginning on

36 I have support

37 Son of Willy  
Loman

38 Sycraptor  
beard

39 Many an app

40 Anguish

44 Actor G uson

45 Had supper

46 Scirled  
oope

47 FDR frie'ower

49 Hit the links

50 Boxing  
ouch

55 London lay

56 16 aights

58 Tummy "six-  
pack"

59 Actor Marvin

60 Interstate  
slop

61 Pal. in Calais

62 Earlier

63 "No — do!"

64 Rock blaster

65 Maur'a —

66 Rg  
magazine  
arches

68 Suez with  
financial ties

69 Stir up, as  
sill

70 NASDAQ  
kin

73 Polishes

76 Bride's  
belongings

78 Green shirt?

79 Bg Red, e.g.

80 Poe: Lowell

82 "— calling?"

83 Ca formia's  
— Valley

84 IDs, e.g.

86 Fortitude

87 bsky

88 Looking up

89 Allens

90 Imminent

91 Larn holders

92 Seneca  
punk band

93 Dialin

94 quished

97 Fanned fly

98 Luxury  
watch  
company

100 Vows

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102 Do  
divisions

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Far s

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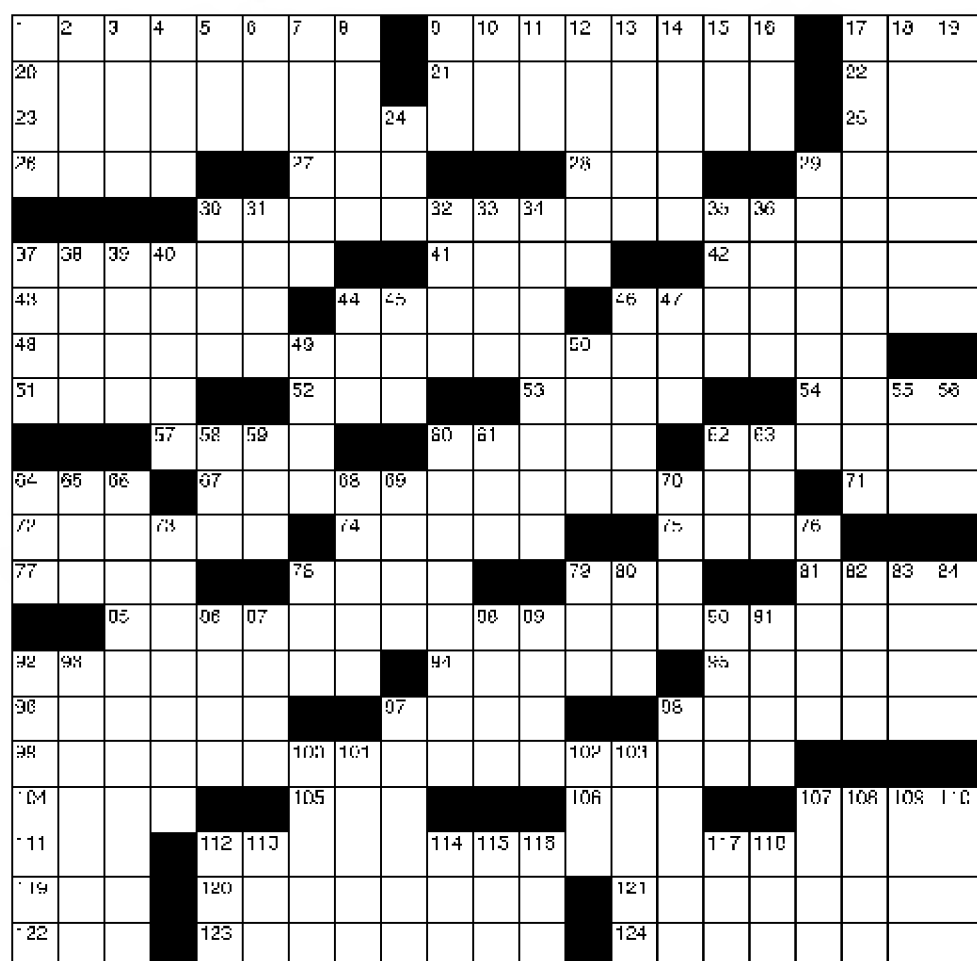
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117 Actor Lotta

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head



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I R O N O N A T R I A A I R T I M E S  
D O M E S T I C H E L P L A K E B A S S  
S W A B T H E N E R I N T S E  
C U L T U R A L R E V O L U T I O N  
P B S G E O I S L A M I Z E  
I M P A L A E T T E A S I A T I C  
P O U R I N G D O W N R A I N S U N Y  
E C R U S O U S A E N D D W E L L S  
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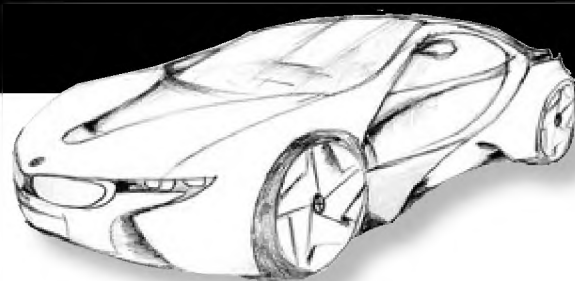
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# Car Report

## Lexus, Nissan Strategies for Big Game Sunday Reveal Their Priorities



**By Dale Buss**

Lexus: The message of its ad is very straight and to the point: We should have had a compact

“What drove us to be in the [Big Game] is a fortunate confluence of timing,” Brian Bolain, Lexus corporate marketing manager, told me. “We’re launching the all-new NX turbo and hybrid, in a segment we haven’t been in before. It’s very important to the industry and it’s the hottest segment in the industry. The timing of the [game] coincided almost precisely with the launch time for the vehicle, so it’s a big opportunity to make a statement.”

The statement comes in the form

a “drummer” “plays” plumbing as instruments

The new spot for NX doesn’t exactly follow up on the recent tack by Lexus toward racier, or at least edgier, TV advertisements than the brand had been fielding since its inception. But it’s definitely got the same kind of energy.

“In years past, Lexus has been a rational brand, and typical advertising for Lexus would have been proof of product benefit and quality and something like that,” Bolain agreed. “But it is clear for us to engage the buyer it’s ultimately about the experience they get from owning the product. So [in the NX spot] you’ll see a lot about what the product adds to your life, and the emotional pull this product offers to you.”

Nissan: One of the things Fred Diaz learned as head of the Ram brand for Fiat Chrysler was the potential value of Big Game advertising. So it’s actually little surprise that, barely a year since he became sales chief and CMO for Nissan in the United States, Diaz has put his new employer in a Big Game commercial for the first time in 18 years.

Based in part on his experiences with Ram, it’s little surprise that Nissan will tell what Diaz called “a brand story” during its Big Game slot rather than a commercial that focuses on products.

“I wanted to somehow or another



Nissan’s Big Game theme is “fatherhood.”

build a brand spot that resonated and connected with America, and that was the direction I gave the marketing team and the agency: find a spot, find a story — find something that connects us and makes us far more relevant with the American public today, that shows we truly understand them,” Diaz told me.

Diaz acknowledge that he was influenced by the great success that Fiat Chrysler has had over the last several years with its anthemic, heavily brand-oriented TV commercials during the Big Game. For Diaz, the most relevant ad by his old employer came out two years ago during Big Game XLVII, which he oversaw as head of the Ram brand about a year before leaving. The commercial for Ram, “Farmer,” featured an actual recording of broadcasting legend Paul Harvey delivering a paean to the American farmer, with plenty of shots of farms, ranches, farmers — and Ram trucks.

Diaz explained that the U.S. sales momentum generated by Nissan in the last couple of years — sales were a record of nearly 1.4 million last year, up more than 11 percent from 2013 — still left the brand below par in both awareness and “relevance” among American consumers.

“Not that we’re irrelevant; we’re clearly a force to be reckoned with,” Diaz told me. “But we are ready to take things to the next level.”

Diaz hopes the Big Game ad does that. The brand committed to buying time during this year’s Big Game shortly after he came aboard Nissan a year ago, Diaz said. Soon his marketing team was hashing around “concept after concept — and finally ‘yes’” to the fatherhood theme. All three finalist concepts, he said, passed one of his biggest litmus tests: “You’ve got to make people laugh or cry.”



The all-new Lexus NX is the star of a Big Game ad.

crossover in the market before now, but the one we’ve got, the all-new Lexus NX, is a helluva vehicle.

For the Toyota-owned luxury brand, this opportunity is all about showing off its first entry in the hottest segment in the luxury business, one where some of its competitors still don’t have a dog in the hunt.

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One of the best ways to get a foot in the door with a potential employer is to be recommended by someone who already works there. That may be true, but a referral is no guarantee of an interview, let alone a job offer. In fact, a poorly handled referral can leave you worse off than if you were just another unknown job candidate. Here's how to ask for a referral the right way.

Before you ask

"It never hurts to ask" is normally a sound principle for job seekers, but it doesn't apply to referrals. Requesting a recommendation from the wrong person, at the wrong time or in the wrong way can do more harm than good. Since most people find it difficult to turn down a request for help, it's your responsibility to make sure that your potential referrer is well-equipped to recommend you and that he is the right person to do so.

The most common problem?

Unfamiliarity. "Michelle-er, Melissa is a close friend and trusted colleague" doesn't exactly make for a ringing endorsement. Before you ask someone for a referral, consider whether you know the person well enough and vice-versa. After all, the two of you are effectively agreeing to tie your professional reputations together. While you don't need to have worked alongside your advocate for years, 15 minutes of conversation at last night's Meetup isn't a sufficient personal

history for a convincing recommendation.

Keep in mind that your contact may have her own reasons for agreeing to refer you that don't necessarily align with your goals. She may be taking advantage of a referral bonus offered by the company or may just have trouble saying no. Be sure your chosen referrer can describe with confidence your qualifications and job fit.

If a hiring manager senses a referral is a shot in the dark, not

a genuine endorsement, he might be predisposed against you. And if your referrer is known for making indiscriminate recommendations, your resume might not even get a look.

Your pre-interview

Whether your potential referrer is an old friend or a more recent contact, don't take the referral for granted. Frame your request with a brief explanation of why you think you'd be a good fit for the company, and send along your resume.

If the person seems reluctant to vouch for you, take that as a no. And keep in mind that a polite refusal will be better for your career in the long run than an insincere yes, which usually leads to a half-hearted referral.

Once someone has agreed to refer you, it's your job to provide her with a substantial sense of how you might contribute to the company. Ask to buy your contact lunch to talk about your skills and

experience as well as the culture of the firm and your working style. Approach it as you would a casual interview.

Soon after your meeting, send a thank-you note. By expressing your appreciation before you know the outcome of the referral, you demonstrate sincere gratitude for the person's time and effort on your behalf. Make sure she understands that you know the referral is no guarantee of an offer, or even an interview.

Once you're in

If you do get invited for an interview, don't assume that your referrer has provided extensive information about you. Instead, follow the interviewer's lead. If she asks about your history with the person, be honest. Don't exaggerate your relationship with the referrer or lean too hard on it. Now's the time to rely on your own skills and experience, not your connections.

A thoughtfully planned request

for a referral can be one of your smartest career moves. But some of the strongest endorsements are the ones you don't ask for. That doesn't mean you should passively wait for one to come along. What it does mean is that you should focus on building up professional relationships, not just converting them into opportunities. So get out there and network in person, keep in touch with old colleagues, and let your friends know you're interested in a new position.

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