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## Chamber welcomes 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. 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.

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

# Montessori Center owner: 'we're going to keep going'

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

An early morning fire destroyed Northville Montessori Center on March 3, but the school will continue on, according to owner/teacher Keith Gall.

The school is located on Haggerty north of Five Mile Road in Northville Township.

The students, around 65 in all, are at home today, said Gall, who last Wednesday was scouting possible alternative locations to use for classrooms.

Gall said on Friday that Ladywood in Livonia is offering space, and he was working on completing state requirements.

"Ladywood opened their doors to Northville Montessori," said Karen G. Moore, president/CEO. "They did

not have a place to go, and we had available classrooms. We welcomed them in."

Moore said some classes began in Ladywood on Monday.

"There are all kinds of empty spaces in Detroit and Redford, but our parents want to stay local," Gall said.

Shortly after last Tuesday's 6 a.m. fire, a fund was established (at <http://www.gofundme.com/nnyfc>) for donations to help the school rebuild, buy classroom materials and rent temporary space in light of this devastating disaster. By 2 p.m. March 10, 118 people had donated \$28,280 of the \$50,000 goal in just seven

days.

"That money isn't necessarily for rebuilding, just for anything we need," said Gall, adding that Montessori requires specific materials in the classrooms. "We lost everything."

Some of the donated funds, he said, could be used as a down payment on a lease, too.

"We just want temporary quarters for the rest of this school year," he said. "We do have over five acres, so there's a

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BrownDog Creamery co-owners Paul Gabriel (left) and Brian Scherle work the counter of their downtown Northville business on March 6.

# Browndog Creamery celebrates downtown grand opening

The much-anticipated Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar in downtown Northville celebrated its grand opening Friday. Located at 118 E. Main Street, the new eatery joins more than 20 restaurants in the historic downtown.

"Northville is a great community. Everyone, including residents and other business owners have been incredibly welcoming. We are looking forward to

calling downtown Northville home for a long time to come," said Paul Gabriel, owner of Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar.

Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar is Northville's first and only micro-creamery. Sharing its location with long-time downtown favorite, Chocolates by Renee, the Creamery tries to focus on Michigan-made ingredients and products as much

as possible. Their hand-crafted ice cream is made with Michigan dairy. The shop also serves Michigan-made coffee and features a cooler of Michigan beverages, including Faygo and Nikki's Ginger Tea (both made in Detroit) and Boxed Water from Grand Rapids. The Creamery will also serve desserts made in-house along

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# Taste of Northville Business Showcase set for Saturday

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The Taste of Northville Business Showcase – a great way to connect with different resources in the community while also enjoying some delicious food from local restaurants – is all set for Saturday.

This is the 26th year of this event, which is organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce, and every year it's a brand new event with different

vendors participating and a fun theme.

Traci Sincock, associate director at Northville Chamber of Commerce, said with over 60 vendor businesses on site, residents can connect with many resources available to them and businesses that participate have the opportunity to showcase their best products and services directly to the residents.

"Plus, it's indoors and a great way to fend off cabin fever!" she said.

With a St. Patrick's Day theme, there will be lots of green and maybe some leprechauns and Irish-themed music. According to Sincock, the business mix includes many local nonprofits, banks, chiropractors, home improvement companies, restaurants and insurance providers.

"Members of the whole family will find something of interest," she said.

In addition to the variety of food, there will be giveaways

and raffles by local businesses as well as an opportunity to vote on best restaurant and business display.

It will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 14 at Northville High School. It's open to the public and \$3 tickets are available at the door.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 248-349-7640 or visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org).

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# '313 to the 312'



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Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts continues the Detroit Dance connection to the world with "313 To The 312" Choreography Expo, the Creative Exchange between Detroit and Chicago at 8 p.m. March 21. Northville Ballet Theatre – a Michigan not for profit 501(c)(3) organization bringing the classics and contemporary Christian dance to the community ([www.timberlanedance.com](http://www.timberlanedance.com)) – will be one of the featured companies. All tickets are \$25 and available at Music Hall box Office or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or [startickets.com](http://startickets.com). This performance is the second in a series of choreography expos begun last year, which had explored the Detroit-New York City connection. The focus is on contemporary dance and the dynamic forces that keep it moving forward, continually redefining this timeless art form. Pictured are Northville Ballet Theatre members (from left) Isabelle Allor, Brooke Boudoin, Becca Zawodny, Claire Anderson, Mary Beer and Meghan Flowers.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
BrownDog Creamery co-owner Brian Scherle scoops up a serving of chocolate peanut butter ice cream for a customer visiting the new Main Street shop in downtown Northville on March 6 during the grand opening.



**SUBMITTED**  
"Lotus" by Kate Paul

## Art House exhibit's Paul's 'the mystery lesson'

The Northville Art House presents its March 2015 exhibit, "the mystery lesson" – paintings by Kate Paul. This solo artist show, curated by Took Gallagher, runs through Saturday, March 28.

"To live in the mad world of manmade incantations and hocus pocus gives me not any special knowledge to understand the mystery of life. The knowledge is knowing that I don't know and cannot know the magic that surrounds me," said Paul. "The lessons learned are of experimenting with color, paint, and images that define me. The mystery lesson is the comedy of errors and insights that lead me to play on!"

Born in upstate New York and raised in northern England, Paul's career has involved photography, graphics, and work as a scenic painter. Her experiences as a scenic painter, coming up through the guild system, led her to Los Angeles, where she met her "mister" at a scenery shop working in films, theater and television. Together they relocated to Seattle, Wash., where she started her own commission painting business in 1992.

The couple relocated to his home state of Michigan in 1995, where she has been working as a decorative artist for the design trade as well concentrating on her own fine artwork.

One can find her mural work in many private residences and in public venues, including Gilda's Club in Royal Oak and The Royal Oak Public Library. She also works with projects for Suite Dreams, an organization that creates pleasing environments for children in need.

For additional information, email [Exhibits@NorthvilleArtHouse.org](mailto:Exhibits@NorthvilleArtHouse.org) or go to [NorthvilleArtHouse.org](http://NorthvilleArtHouse.org). The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street; phone 248-344-0497.

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## BROWNDOG

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with other teas and beverages.

Guests on Friday had the opportunity to stop in and experience some of the creamery's inventive ice cream fla-

vors – even sample them all if they wished. A ribbon cutting ceremony was followed by a meet-and-greet with Flash (BrownDog) and Stuart (of the Creamery's affiliated Stuarts of Novi).

"We are thrilled to welcome BrownDog Creamery & Dessert



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BrownDog Creamery is located at 118 E. Main Street in Northville and shares a storefront with Chocolates by Renee.

Bar to our collection of unique eateries in downtown Northville. Their menu and mission is the perfect complement to the downtown's family of businesses, said Lori Ward, Northville Downtown Development Authority director.

Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar's winter hours of operation are noon-5 p.m. Monday-Sunday and also 7-9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Street parking is available along with parking in surrounding lots. For more information, visit [www.browndogcreamery.com](http://www.browndogcreamery.com).

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# 6-year-old focuses on food for needy

When Joy Seabolt started planning her sixth birthday party, she knew one thing: no gifts. Instead, she told her parents that she wanted to collect food for the needy.

"I have lots of toys," she said, "and there are people who don't have enough to eat."

She wanted her friends to bring food to donate to Civic Concern.

"Joy was invited to a birthday party last year where her friend asked for donations of food instead of gifts and it made a big impact on her," said her mother, Janis Seabolt.

In addition, her Daisy Girl Scout Troop did a

service project in December stuffing new socks with fresh fruit, snacks and dental care products to distribute at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen. The idea that people might be hungry really affected the kindergartner at Our Lady of Victory.

"It was her idea to ask for food instead of birthday presents," said her father, Scott Seabolt.

When her parents sent the invitation to the girls in her class, it read: "Instead of gifts, Joy is requesting donations of boxed and canned goods for Civic Concern. Thank you for helping her help others!"

That Sunday, the girls

came loaded with pantry staples like peanut butter, pasta, cereal, juice, and canned goods. Home-made cards and a tea party-themed birthday celebration with food, crafts, and games rounded out the event. Not a single girl felt like anything was missing from the party.

The following Saturday, Joy and her mom brought boxes and bags loaded with food to Civic Concern. Marlene Kunz and her volunteers were quick to thank Joy and make a fuss over her.

"They took Joy's picture and told her that not many children would be as generous," said her mother. "I don't think

she thought it was that big of a deal until that moment."

For organizations like Civic Concern, the need is constant and great. They provide relief to people and families who struggle to cover all their needs. Besides boxed and canned foods, they accept cleaning products, personal care products, gift cards, and monetary donations. Donations may be dropped off at their location at Highland Lakes Shopping Center at 43261 West Seven Mile Road on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



SUBMITTED

Joy Seabolt wanted to collect food for the needy for her birthday instead of receiving gifts.

# Local girl part of winners of peace poster contest

Northville's Sophie Smith was one of the winners of the local Lions Club sponsored entries in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest for 11-13 year old students.

Working with local middle school art teachers at Hillside and Meads Mill, the Lions Club asked students to create a poster in this year's theme of "Peace, Love, and Understanding."

Each first-place winner, including Smith, was then passed to the next level of judging at the Lions District Level. In the local club, that covers all of Wayne and Monroe counties. The club was pleased to learn that two of their winners placed first and second in the District contest. Smith was first



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Sophie Smith was the district winner of the Lions Club poster contest.

in the district.

The winners won an additional \$100 and \$50 prize respectively for their creations. Smith's poster went on for judging at the state level but did not finish in the top three.

## NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

children preschool age through sixth grade.

### Little Me Storytime

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, March 13

**Details:** Littles ones from 10 months to 2 years old, along with caregiver, enjoy music, simple stories and play-time. No registration needed.

### Teens Knit & Crochet

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 17

**Details:** Casual knitting and crochet sessions for all skill levels; basic

instruction provided. For teens in sixth through 12th grade. Drop in.

### Battle of the Books

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18

**Details:** Come cheer for your favorite middle school teams as they compete in this fun reading competition held in the cafeteria at Northville High School.

### Tom Plunkard's Mind Readers Magic Show

**Time/Date:** 4:15-5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18

**Details:** Celebrate March is Reading month with this zany "mind Readers" magic show. All ages. 100 tickets available five minutes prior to the show.

### Kidz Time for first-, second- and third-graders

**Time/Date:** 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, March 19

**Details:** Fun after-school activity features stories, games and crafts, all about fancy folktales.

## MILL RACE VILLAGE

www.millracenorthville.org for details.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Contra Dancing:** noon to 5 p.m. March 15 at the New School Church; fee at door.

**Lecture Series:** When Mark Twain Came to Michigan; 7 p.m. March 25 at the New School

Church, Mill Race Village. No fee but donations are accepted.

**Lady Carol Victorian Tea:** 1-3:30 p.m. March 21.

### General info

**Website:** www.millracenorthville.org

**Volunteers:** The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas.

Contact the office for more details.

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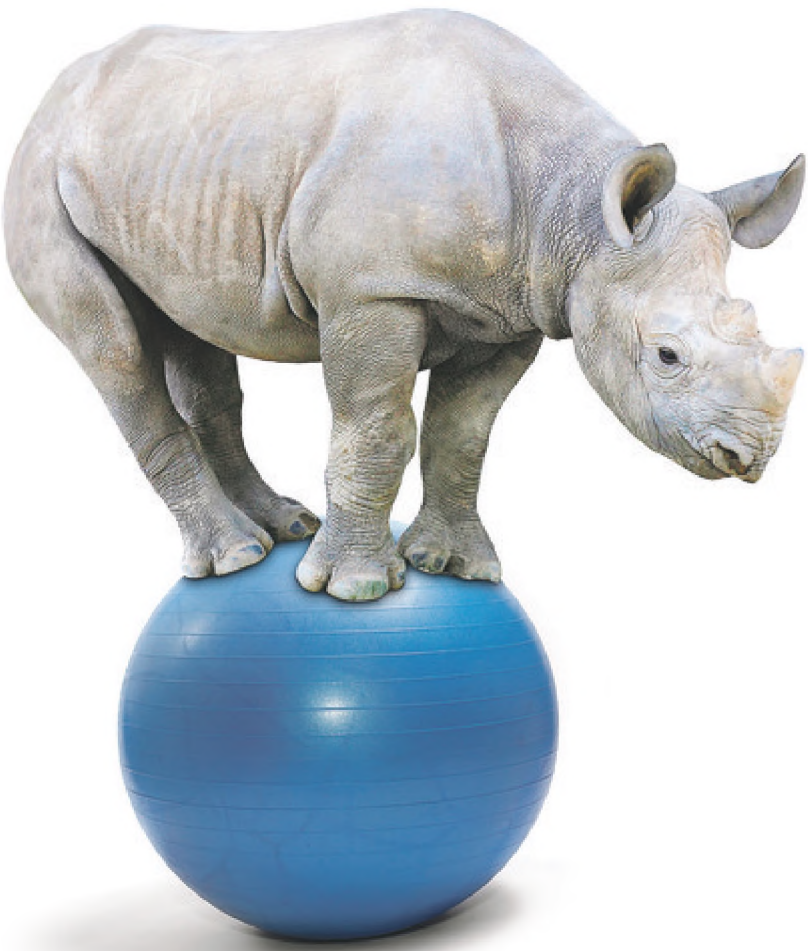
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Northville Township firefighter personnel on March 4 conduct a preliminary investigation into the fire that destroyed the Northville Montessori Center on Haggerty Road the day before.

## FIRE

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lot of room to rebuild if that time comes, but that will probably be with insurance (money)."

The building was originally constructed in 1982 with two preschool classrooms, according to Gall, and five years later two more classrooms were added. His mother, Lynn, started Northville Montessori School, and still teaches there.

"It's been tough on her. Her blood sweat and tears are in that place. It's harder for her," said Gall, who had just returned from his mother's home. She had thanked him for handling everything, which he said helps him deal with the loss.

On the day of the fire, he

was at the site twice – first, when the facility was engulfed in flames, and then again later when it was safe enough to walk through the destruction.

"The building was built off the back off a brick house, and that portion has smoke damage but kind of still intact," he said. "I walked back to where the classrooms were, and it's devastating to see through the walls. Total destruction; plastic chairs melted; pipes hanging down ..."

Fire inspectors probably won't know the cause of the fire for days, perhaps weeks, said Gall, who was on his way to meet with them and his insurance claim representative.

"We just want people to know that we're going to keep going," he said.

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## Hillside home to unique animals

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

The animal room at Hillside Middle School provides a unique opportunity for students and allows them hands on experience with some beautiful and exotic animals.

"It's cool to work in the room because we get to learn about a lot of different animals, and we also get to hang out with friends," said Hillside seventh-grader Claudia Phillips.

The animal room has been at Hillside since 2000. It's grown over the years and now is home to animals like a red-tail boa, tortoises and alligators – and almost all of them were donated to the school.

A group of teachers supervise the room, which offers an interactive and fun way to learn.

"It really provides a great opportunity for students to work with some unique animals while learning about responsibility," said sixth-grade teacher Ann Marie Sadler. "It's also a great place for students to feel they belong."

The science classes get a lot out of the room, but it's also used by other classes, for things like learning about observation, ecosystems and volume recording. There are around 20 students who get to help with the room prior to school starting in the morning each week.

It's during this time they get to have an up close look at life in the animal world.

"I love to interact with the animals. You almost feel like they're your own pets," said eighth-grader Arianna Ramp. "Everyone has a role in here, and we learn to take care of them."

Sixth-grade teacher Jessica Harris said the room is a big positive at the school with students really having a sense of ownership over the room. To support it students do a fundraiser through their science classes. The fundrais-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Hillside Middle School student hoists a box turtle in the school's Animal Room on March 5.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Two macaw parrots hang out March 5 in Hillside's Animal Room. Both birds were donated to the school by local residents, allowing years of students to observe and learn about the creatures up close.

er is through a company called Frankenmuth Fundraising, and offers products that include sausage, cheese, jerky and beef sticks.

The main purpose for the fundraiser is to help fund the care and upkeep of the animals in the animal room. In

addition, the funds also go to the science department for supplies.

"It's a lot of fun and we really care about them," both Claudia and Arianna said.

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# Group concerned over A.D., school district evaluation process

**By Lonnie Huhman**  
Staff Writer

A group called Citizens for Novi has some real concerns about the school district's athletic director and evaluation process of staff members.

The concerns were heightened after the group's spokesperson, Daniel Dubai, made a Freedom of Information Act request for the results of the Novi Community School's Athletic Director Survey.

"I believe the administrator evaluations of Athletic Director Brian Gordon by Superintendent Dr. (Steve) Matthews do not appropriately reflect citizens' concerns and experiences," Dubai said.

He said a contract extension requires an evaluation rating of "effective" by Matthews, which Gordon has received for the last two years in spite of complaints brought to Matthews and the Board of

Education by many citizens.

"I believe the evaluation system reflects cynicism instead of what is best for our children.



**Gordon**

Many of my friends and neighbors agree and we believe transparency may help us hold Dr. Matthews accountable to the citizens of Novi," Dubai said.

The group is made up of about 25 adults and they formed (CitizensforNovi@gmail.com) because of this issue. Dubai said most of them have not or no longer speak out publicly because of apathy and fear of retaliation.

"Many neighbors, friends and I believe Dr. Matthews does not hold administration/employees accountable to citizens and this needs to change," said Dubai, whose three children

went to or currently attend the district.

As one example, Dubai said, "Dr. Matthews told Mr. Gordon to apologize to numerous citizens and athletes for two different incidents six months and two years ago. When I pointed out at a board meeting several months ago that this still has not been done, Dr. Matthews initially said it would be addressed and subsequently told the board that it was too difficult to do now."

**Super disagrees**

Matthews believes the process is working and that Gordon is doing a good job.

"I believe the system has worked and will continue to work," Matthews said of the evaluation process. "I believe that Mr. Gordon has done a good job. He is effective. Are there areas that he can improve? Yes. There are areas that every administrator in Novi can improve upon, including myself. To single him out

is unfair and inappropriate."

According to Matthews, administrators have been evaluated by two criteria in the past three years: how the administrator contributes to the district goals and how the administrator performs his/her job function.

As far as taking input from the community pertaining to evaluations, Matthews said, "We have had no formal mechanism to receive complaints or compliments about administrators. Any parent feedback is thus anecdotal. Do I listen to the concerns? Absolutely. Do I speak with the administrator about the concerns that are raised? Absolutely."

However, he added, "Have I used those complaints in their evaluation? No. Because there has been no intentional effort to get both sides – the good and the bad – from parents. Thus, it would not be fair to evaluate an administrator

poorly because someone complained without correspondingly also seeking out positive comments."

Matthews did say that Novi has changed the evaluation system this year to use one of the officially recognized state-approved systems. Before this year, there were no state-approved systems. He said this will help manage the process and make it more transparent.

**Changes wanted**

Dubai said his group will continue to push for changes and more consideration of input from parents because he believes that's what many in the community want.

"Many people continually thank me for speaking up about these issues," Dubai said.

He said there are many people, including him, "who have witnessed Athletic Director Brian Gordon repeatedly acting inappropriately with disregard and disrespect

for parents and athletes."

Dubai said it appears Gordon plays favorites with coaches, parents and athletes based on his own self-interest instead of treating all equally.

"We believe Superintendent Dr. Matthews does not hold him accountable by discounting and disregarding complaints and issues. We believe Mr. Gordon has failed to improve significantly in the two and a half years he has been here and his contract should not be renewed. We believe Dr. Matthews and Mr. Gordon tried to hide the survey results in an effort to again disregard parent feedback," Dubai said.

Matthews said citizen feedback will have an influence on evaluation as the district moves forward, "but it will need to be gathered in a systematic way, not randomly."

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## Trott accepting entries for 2015 Congressional Art Competition

Washington is looking for a few good high school artists. U.S. Rep. David Trott announced the opening of the 2015 Congressional Art Competition in Michigan's 11th Congressional District. The annual contest is open to all high school students in the district and the winning entry will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

"This contest is an excellent way to showcase the many talented student artists in southeast Michigan. We are looking forward to seeing the winning entry displayed in the Capitol. I encourage students to take part in this exciting competition and submit their favorite artwork by April 24," Trott said.

Trott's office is accepting entries from through April 24. The winning entry will be selected by a panel of art judges in southeast Michigan and the winning entry will be named May 6. Students interested in submitting artwork should mail or drop off their entries to Trott's district office, 625 E. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 204,

### CONTEST GUIDELINES

- » All entries must be submitted by Friday, April 24.
- » Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- » Each piece can be no larger than 28 inches high, 28 inches wide and 4 inches deep, including a frame. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 pounds.
- » Accepted media for artwork:  
**Paintings:** oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.  
**Drawings:** pastels, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers  
**Prints:** lithographs, silkscreen, block prints  
**Mixed Media:** Two media such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.  
**Computer-Generated Art**  
**Photography**

Troy, MI 48083.

Students, teachers and parents with interest in the contest may learn more by visiting Trott's official website, [www.trott.house.gov/artcontest](http://www.trott.house.gov/artcontest) or by calling 248-528-0711.

### Novi High talent on display March 20

Novi High School's fifth annual International Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the auditorium. All proceeds are donated this year to Doctors Without Borders to aid in the fight against the spread of ebola. More than 300 people attended last year's event, which raised almost \$2,000 for The International Justice Mission.

The show will feature Novi High School students performing in acts representing various countries. Some of the many acts include dances, soloists, instrumentals and more. Following the performances, a food court will be set up where attendees can sample international foods.

The production was organized by Novi High School's IB Diploma candidates as part of their CAS (creativity, activity and service) requirement for earning the IB diploma. The students planned all aspects of the show from recruiting to advertising, ticket and program preparation, and emcee duties. In addition, many of the IB students are performing in the show under the direction of their staff coordinator Barbara Clift.

Tickets are \$7 per person and can be purchased at the door.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### A Night for Northville

A spring break theme with vibrant colors and tropical decor will be part of A Night for Northville that will benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the many programs it supports throughout the Northville Public Schools district.

Hosts Blaine and Colleen Fowler join the NEF to welcome the Northville community to a casual evening of music, hearty hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, fun games, an amazing silent auction and great company. The Fowlers are Northville residents and longtime supporters of the Northville Public Schools. Blaine Fowler is also

co-host of *Blaine & Allyson in the Morning* on WDVD-FM (96.3).

Presented by Patti Mullen and Associates, the event will be from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 21, at Northville Square (133 W. Main Street). Seventy dollars of each \$100 ticket is tax-deductible.

In its fourth year, A Night For Northville is the premier fundraising event for the entire Northville school district attracting an average of 300 guests each year.

This year, A Night For Northville will support the programs that NEF has committed to funding during the 2014-15 school year.

The easiest way to purchase tickets is through the event web-


site ([www.NightForNorthville.com](http://www.NightForNorthville.com)). Tickets can also be purchased in person in the main office of any one of the 10 Northville schools or over the phone by calling 248-344-8458.

For additional information, email [NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org](mailto:NEF@NorthvilleEdFoundation.org) or call 248-344-8458.

### Drugs 101: What Parents Want To Know

An informative and educational program for adults (only) to learn about the signs, symptoms and current trends of teen drug use will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 24 in the auditorium at

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# Allied Health & Nursing Job Fair

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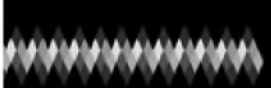
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SAN/Server and Backup Upgrades  
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**SECTION 00 1113 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**DATE:** March 5, 2015

**PROJECT:** Novi Community School District  
2015 Technology Bond  
Bid Package No. 02  
SAN/Server and Backup Upgrades  
Novi, Michigan

**OWNER:** Novi Community School District  
25345 Taft Road  
Novi, Michigan 48374

**ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY DESIGNER:** Integrated Design Solutions, LLC  
Architecture, Engineering, Interiors & Technology  
1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200  
Troy, MI 48098  
(248) 823-2100  
(248) 823-2200 fax

**BIDS RECEIVED:** Until 2:00 pm local time on April 9, 2015, the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bidding Documents at:

Attention: Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations  
Novi Community School District  
Educational Services Building  
25345 Taft Road  
Novi, Michigan 48374

At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

The Bidding Documents will be on file on and after March 19, 2015, and may be examined at the following locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

The offices of: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098, (248) 823-2100

The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/novi/san-serverandbackupupgrades>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for March 26, 2015, at 2:00 pm local time. All bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference. Bidders shall meet at Meadows (ITC) located at 25299 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.

Immediately following the pre-bid conference the Owner will provide a walk-thru of the District Headend.

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# Register for Lawrence Tech University summer STEM camps

The Marburger STEM Center at Lawrence Technological University offers more than 20 engineering, science, design and technology summer camps for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in improving their academic preparation while previewing career fields and college experiences. The week-long summer camps will be held from June 22 through July 24.

There are camps for architectural engineering, architecture and interior design, automotive engineering, basic

design, biomedical engineering, biotechnology, civil engineering, electrical and computer engineering, forensic science, game art, imaging and graphic design, industrial design, nanotechnology, psychology, robotics and music, sketching for architecture and design, transportation design and web design.

Professors will introduce participating high school students to the latest innovations in modern labs and studios. Current Lawrence Tech students will also assist campers.

Students can commute or live on LTU's campus to get a glimpse of college life. The high school students can live in college housing, eat in the cafeteria and participate in organized activities each evening.

Camps cost between \$550 and \$800, based on subject and whether the student lives on campus. There is a \$100 discount for attending two camps and a \$200 discount for attending three camps. Registration closes June 1.

Save \$50 per camp by attending Blue and White Days

([www.ltu.edu/blueandwhitedays](http://www.ltu.edu/blueandwhitedays)) on Lawrence Tech's campus.

Top students in each camp will be eligible for scholarships to Lawrence Tech.

Early registration is recommended as the camps fill quickly. Additional information and all registration forms are at [www.ltu.edu/community\\_k12/summer\\_camps](http://www.ltu.edu/community_k12/summer_camps). For more information, contact Assistant Provost Lisa Kujawa at [summercamps@ltu.edu](mailto:summercamps@ltu.edu).

Lawrence Technological University, [www.ltu.edu](http://www.ltu.edu), is a private university founded in



High school students study design at a Lawrence Tech summer camp.

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Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Management.

## BRIEFS

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South Lyon East High School (52200 10 Mile). A highlight of this program is a mock teenager's bedroom set up for adults to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug-related paraphernalia. Learn facts

about trends in drug use; tools to identify potential teen drug use; and skills to engage kids in conversations.

This free event is sponsored by South Lyon Area Youth Assistance, Novi Youth Assistance, South Lyon Community Schools and Novi Community Education.

Walk-ins will be accepted, but registration is appreciated online at

[stjoeshealth.org/classes](http://stjoeshealth.org/classes). For more information, call 734-398-7518.

**W.L. 2015 National Merit Scholarship finalists**

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. announced the 2015 Scholarship Program finalists for the National Merit Scholarship Program and Walled Lake Schools has

eight finalists. Walled Lake Central's finalists are Austin Avery, Niccolo Beltramo and Vamsi Garimella. Walled Lake Northern's finalists are Anam Khan and John Konicki. Walled Lake Western's finalists are Shantanu Deshmukh, Shravan Morisetty and Chandrasekar Venkat.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test – a test which serves as an initial screen of more than 1.5 million entrants each year – and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

### W.L. student named National Geographic Bee Semifinalist

Brendan Nell, eighth-grade student at Walnut Creek Middle School, was recently notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2015 Michigan National Geographic State Bee March 27 at the Fetzer Center in Kalamazoo.

“Walnut Creek is extremely proud of Brendan's accomplishment in qualifying for the state level competition of the National Geography Bee,” said Sophia Lafayette, Walnut Creek Middle School principal. “Brendan is an outstanding student and we can't be more pleased that he will be representing Walnut Creek! We wish him the best of luck!”

This is the second

level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 27th year. School bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the *National Geographic Atlas of the World, 10th Edition*, a medal and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held May 11-13 at National Geographic Society headquarters.

### Meet 'SPARK' author

Author Dr. John Ratey describes SPARK as a groundbreaking exploration of the connection between exercise and the brain's performance that shows how even moderate exercise will supercharge mental circuits to beat stress, sharpen thinking, enhance memory and much more. The book will change the way you think about your morning run or for that matter, simply the way you think.

Meet the author at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, at Novi Middle School. Registration is required; go to [novilibrary.org](http://novilibrary.org) or call 248-349-0720.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to read “SPARK” in advance of the author event. To borrow a copy of the book, visit the Novi School library or the Novi Public Library. Copies are also available for purchase at Barnes & Noble, Northville.

### Northville 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 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 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 you can not meet on the dates listed above for your child's school, contact the school's main office. If you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/251>.

SECTION 00100 - BID SOLICITATION

A. The Owner will receive sealed bids for: **2015 Roof Replacement, Novi Community School District**

B. The Owner is: Novi Community School District  
25345 Taft Road  
Novi, MI 48374

C. The Consultant is: StructureTec Corporation  
34119 W. Twelve Mile Road, Suite 270  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331

D. The Project consists of **Single Ply Roof Replacement** work on **Parkview Elementary and Novi High School** as shown and/or specified in the Procurement Documents.

E. Bids should be sent to the office of and to the attention of:  
  
Steven B. Barr  
Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations  
Novi Community School District  
25345 Taft Road  
Novi, MI 48374  
  
up until 1:00pm local time on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at which time and place bids will be publicly opened. An abstract of the amounts of the base bid and major alternates may be made available, at the discretion of the Owner, to bidders after opening of bids.

F. The Owner will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

G. The Project Manual/ Bidding Documents will be distributed through the online StructureTec eProcurement website at the following address, [www.ebidexchange.com/structuretec](http://www.ebidexchange.com/structuretec). Documents will be available Friday, March 13, 2015.

H. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bidding.

I. Bid security in the amount of five percent of the base bid must accompany each bid in accordance with AIA Document A701-1997, “Instructions to Bidders”.

J. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship (or lack of a relationship) that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education of the Novi Community School District or the Superintendent of the School District. The District shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

K. All bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement confirming compliance with the Iranian Economic Sanctions Act (P.A. 517 of 2012). The District shall not accept a bid that does not include a sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

L. A pre-bid meeting will be held on: Tuesday, March 17, 2015  
10:00 am local time  
Novi High School, Main Office  
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Adult Author and Young Author competition No. 4, Snow Man.



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Young Author competition No. 1, Redhead.



WILLIAM DEMRAY  
Young Author competition No. 2, Kentucky Kernel.

# ‘Every picture tells a story, don’t it?’

Calling all authors for the Short on Words competition

**By Cal Stone**  
Staff Writer

The fourth annual Short on Words competition – the literary arm of Northville’s Arts & Acts Festival, held June 19-21 this year – is underway.

The contest has been well-received across the state of Michigan, with authors previously entering from the neighboring communities of Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi, Plymouth and South Lyon and from as far away as Bloomfield Hills, Grand Rapids, Gibraltar, Rockford and Troy.

Dr. William Demray has unveiled the photo selections that are the centerpiece of the competition and the inspiration for authors of all ages.

“As in the past, I tried to select photos that have a story all their own,” the Northville dentist said. “Of course, creative minds will tell a much more lively tale than I can imagine. Every year the clever interpretations amaze me. Rod Stewart got it right – every picture tells a story, don’t it?”

Demray’s office, Preservation Dental, is the sponsor of the competition.

Writers take a look at the photos (choose one or more) in the appropriate age category and write a short story or a poem in 1,500 words or less that addresses the photo of choice.

Use the criteria guidelines (see sidebar) to submit the written piece, with a \$10 entry fee for a chance at \$100.

Aspiring authors can get a closer look at the photos (larger in size) on display at Preservation Dental, as well as several other Northville businesses – Starring the Gallery, Northville Art Gallery, Van Dam’s and Stampeddler. They are also available for viewing at the Northville Art House and the Northville Library.



WILLIAM DEMRAY  
Adult Author competition No. 2, Rose.



WILLIAM DEMRAY  
Adult Author competition No. 1, Twister.

### Two age groups

Authors in the adult competition must be 18 or older. The young author competition is open to authors 17 and younger.

The criteria are the same for both age groups; however, the photo selection is different and the featured photos are clearly marked for the appropriate age category. Submissions that do not address one of the designated photos will be disqualified.

The cash awards for this year are \$100 each for first place in both categories; \$50 for second place in both age categories; and \$25 for third place in both age categories. There will be additional prizes awarded at the discretion of the judges.

All entries will be available for public review during the festival. A reception to honor all the authors will be held at Genitti’s Hole-in-the-Wall at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 19. Selected



WILLIAM DEMRAY  
Adult Author competition No. 5, Switch.

readings will be presented and winners will be announced at the reception hosted by Preservation Dental.

Criteria and complete information packets are available at Preservation

### GUIDELINES

- The criteria for all Short on Words submissions to be considered are:
- » All entries must speak to one of the featured photos for this year’s competition.
  - » Entries can be a poem or a short story; maximum length is 1,500 words.
  - » Each entry must have a title and be typed, double-spaced and single-sided only.
  - » Pages must be numbered, but no other identifying marks may appear.
  - » A cover page must be included and must list the title of the submission, the name of the author, the photo that inspires the piece, an email address and/or contact phone number.
  - » Author biography is optional.
  - » Entries will not be returned.
  - » Your entry grants permission to reprint your entry for promotional purposes.
  - » One submission form, three copies of the entry and one \$10 entry fee (make checks or money orders payable to Northville Art House) are to be mailed or delivered to Preservation Dental, Attention: Denise Jenkins, 371 E. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.
  - » All entry fees are non-refundable.
  - » All entries must be postmarked no later than April 17.

Dental, 371 E. Main Street (corner of Griswold in downtown Northville); online at [www.preservationdental.com](http://www.preservationdental.com); and at the Northville Art House (on Cady Street, just west of Wing Street).

Arts & Acts shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of Michigan artists. Proceeds from this annual event benefit the Northville Art House.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Registration now for Mother-Son Dance

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will host the annual Mother-Son Dance 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Novi Civic Center. Registration is going on now via [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or at the Novi Parks Office, 45175 10 Mile. Tickets are \$14 per resident and \$17 per non-resident.

The theme of the dance is Legomania. Mothers (or significant female in your child's life) and sons will come dressed to impress and play as Night and Day Productions spins today's hits along with some old-time favorites. Refreshments will be served, including a giant chocolate fountain with foods to dip, snow cones and popcorn. Eight hundred balloons will fall from the ceiling to conclude the evening. There will also be a bounce house and giveaways. Each child will create a special gift when they leave.

The registration deadline is Friday, March 14. A \$5 late fee will be charged per person if there is space available after the deadline. Registrations will not be accepted at the door. For questions about the event, contact the Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services office at 248-347-0400.

Give blood during Red Cross Month

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B

negative. To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). Upcoming local blood donation opportunities include: Northville Township – 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. March 14, Amerman Elementary (847 N. Center Street) Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. For more information, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or on Twitter at @RedCross.

'The Frog Prince' at Marquis

The Marquis Theater in downtown Northville presents *The Frog Prince* through May 10. After dropping her gold ball into a pond, a princess reluctantly befriends a frog and comes to discover that no one should ever judge a book by its cover. Watch as the Princess learns an important lesson, once the frog magically transforms into a prince. A delightful show with lots of singing and dancing. Show times are 2:30 p.m. March 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29; April 4, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26; May 2-3 and 9-10 and Tuesday through Friday, April 7-10. Tickets for all performances are \$9; no children under the age of 3. Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout Days available. Special weekday school shows are also available. For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at 248-349-8110 or go to [www.northvillemarquis.com](http://www.northvillemarquis.com)

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. Shamrock Smash Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17: Irish or not, you are invited to a wee bit o' blarney at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Enjoy a traditional Irish meal and entertainment and let the luck o' the Irish be with you. Ticket deadline is March 11. Take Me Out to the Ball Game Luncheon – noon to 2 p.m. Monday, April 6: Tigers fans, you're on deck. Join other loyal fans at this opening game celebration with a stadium style lunch, entertainment from Joel Palmer and then stay to watch the game and cheer the Tigers to victory. Ticket deadline is March 31. Kentucky Derby – 4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 2: Hear the roar of the crowd and the high energy announcers at Churchill Downs as they witness the most exciting two minutes in sports. Attendees will have fun horsing around the Meadowbrook Activity Center doing Derby Day activities along with dinner and watching the big event. Ticket deadline is April 27. Resident price is \$7.50 and non-resident price is \$9. Tickets are limited and

Cold crops



A Feb. 24 winter scene at Northville's Maybury State Park. The fields beyond the trees are used for crops by the Maybury Farm during warmer months. For now, they're covered in more than a foot of snow.

must be purchased in advance at the city of Novi Older Adult Services office located in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile. 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.

Woman's Club meetings

The Northville Woman's Club will conclude its 2014-15 season March 20 with the program The J.L. Hudson Story, complete with a catered Maurice salad luncheon. Those interested in more information about the Northville Woman's Club or attending its programs should contact Lorraine Andaray at 248-349-9463.

Spring Fling

Northville Hearing Center is hosting a free celebration event with hearing screenings, demonstrations of the latest hearing aid technology, otoscope examinations (see your ear canal on a 17-inch color screen) and

treats from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 18-19. Due to the extent of the free services offered, space is limited. To make an appointment, call 248-349-0657. Northville Hearing Center is located at 18600 Northville Road, Suite 700A (between Six and Seven Mile roads, next to Deadwood Restaurant).

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. Saturday, March 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).

Northville Chamber networking

Rise and Shine Networking will be 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, at Community Choice Credit Union, 41660 Six Mile, Northville. Join chamber members and welcome a new business to the Northville community with a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony, including networking and light refreshments. It's free, but RSVP at [tracisinc@northville.org](mailto:tracisinc@northville.org) or 248-349-7640, ext. 22.

Women and the clothes they wear

*Love, Loss And What I Wore*, a comedic play by

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Nora and Delia Ephron, plays for just one week-end, March 13-15, at Tipping Point Theatre. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Clothing is used as a vehicle to access some of the most vulnerable moments in a woman's life. Shopping for undergarments is transformed from a mortifying experience to a symbol of womanhood, a birthday outfit becomes a story of acceptance, and a bathrobe comes to embody the relationship between mother and daughter. Through a collection of monologues, the all-female cast of *What I Wore* reminds us that what we wear flourishes more than our outfit; it accessorizes life's most pivotal moments of love and loss.

The play is directed by Lynn Wilde Concanon and stars Julia Glander, Katie Huber-Welty, Denise Jenkins, Laura Mandernack and Julie Yolles.

The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. All tickets are \$35 and are available now by calling the box office at 248-347-0003. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances

For more information, call Lynn Wilde Concanon at 248-347-0003.

Learn about identity theft

Novi Community Education will present a seminar by Rebekah Wiles, special agent of the FBI, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Novi Middle School (Room 502). It will cover Identity Theft: What it is, how to prevent it and what to do if you're a victim.

Reserve a spot for you and a friend by registering online for \$15 per person to cover a facilities fee.

Barnes & Noble presenting authors

Some call it agile, some call it lean. Richard Sheridan and his team call it joyful – and it produces results, business and otherwise. *Six Inc.* magazine revenue growth awards, invites to the White House, speaking engagements around the nation, numerous articles and culture awards and so much interest they are doing a tour a day of his Menlo Software Factory.

Sheridan visits Barnes & Noble (17111 Haggerty, Northville) March 18 for a storytelling event. Sheridan will offer a discussion and Q&A followed by a book signing. RSVP is not necessary, however recommended. For more information, contact Gayle Townsend at 248-348-1274.

Author Blake Washington, author of *Hooray for Helium! Understanding the 2nd Most Common Element*, will be at Barnes & Noble 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, for a reading and discussion; books will be available at the signing.

In the book, as Jay waits for his friends to arrive to celebrate his eighth birthday, his sister Kayla helps him discover how important helium is in his everyday world. From balloons to an MRI machine, *Hooray for Helium!* uses everyday language and activities to help kids understand this important element and encourage them to be excited about chemistry.

Dems meeting

Democrats of West Oakland County will meet March 17 (6 p.m. social; 7 p.m. meeting) at 41671 W. 10 Mile in Novi for Executive Board elections held for members only. The meeting is free and open to the public. Snacks will be provided; pizza and pop extra.

For more information, go to [www.mydems.com](http://www.mydems.com).

Drying up your basement

A homeowner's workshop, Drying Up Your Home's Wet Basement, will be held at 6 p.m. March 18 at the Wixom Public Library (49015 Pontiac Trail). Licensed builder and consultant Ron Gay will share his knowledge gained from 25 years of experience from working on homes. Bring your questions; books for sale.

Register by calling the library at 248-624-2512, online at [wixomlibrary.org](http://wixomlibrary.org) or stop by the library.

March 31 tax foreclosure deadline

Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner is urging property owners in Oakland County to beat a statutory March 31 deadline for tax foreclosure by entering into a monthly payment plan and applying for the Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program, which provides eligible families with up to \$30,000.

Oakland County property tax foreclosures peaked in 2012 with around 1,650 and are expected to be fewer than 800 in 2015. Property tax foreclosure in Michigan is administered by the county treasurer under Public Act 123 of 1999 and involves a three-year process of notices, interest and fees and eventual loss of property.

Meisner's office works to share information with delinquent taxpayers about resources, including free financial counseling and the Step Forward Michigan Loan Rescue Program.

For more information, call 248-858-0623.

Backyard, pool, spa show returns March 20

The 20th annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns March 20-22 to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"Winter is not over, but homeowners will have the opportunity to see in-ground and above-ground pools, hot tubs, spas and backyard environments for fun this summer," said Richard Martin, president of Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, Michigan Chapter. "Many of our exhibitors provide design, equipment, construction, servicing and refurbishing for homeowners that want to swim, exercise or just

Wixom concert



Nashville-based folk band Harpeth Rising is currently touring to promote the release of its new live album, "Live at the Dreaming Tree," as well as its fourth studio album, "Tales From Jackson Bridge" (which reached No. 6 on the Folk DJ chart). The group will be performing in Wixom for the Comfy Couch Concert Series at NewPort Furnishings (52504 Grand River Avenue) at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Harpeth Rising is a classically trained group of women, all graduates of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, with influences in Appalachian, roots, rock and bluegrass music. Admission is \$20 at the door (\$15 for students) or \$15 in advance (\$10 for students) at 248-910-4941 or [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1297189](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1297189). Reservations are encouraged. Doors open at 7 p.m.

entertain in their backyard."

Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories including inground and above ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

Homeowners will find the information they need about building and buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping.

Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14; and children 5 and under admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show's website. On site parking is available for a fee. For show information, go to [www.NoviPoolShow.com](http://www.NoviPoolShow.com) or call 734-398-9700.

Free health lectures

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease will be discussed by Emad Shehada, M.D., pulmonary and sleep medicine, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24. Do you suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, bronchitis or emphysema? If so, attend to learn about common breathing problems and how to "catch your breath."

Hip and knee pain will be discussed by Joseph

Salama, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 2. Don't have time for the pain? Learn about advanced treatments that may offer relief from your hip and knee pain, including information on medications, nutrition and exercise.

Both lectures will be held at Novi's Providence Park Hospital in the Outpatient Building (faces Grand River Avenue), Conference Room A. Park and enter by the Heart Institute entrance. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Pistol safety class offered

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License.

Registration forms are available online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100

rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old, but do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, contact Sergeant Michael Warren at [mwarren@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mwarren@cityofnovi.org) or 248-921-9843.

EGGstravaganza a sure sign of spring

Celebrate the unofficial kick-off of spring at the Eggstravaganza event, hosted by the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department in partnership with MSU Tollgate Education Center and Farm, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 28.

The Eggstravaganza will feature a petting farm, kid craft area provided by Macaroni Kid and Rosebrook Elementary, age designated egg hunts, hayrides, refreshments, and an opportunity to take pictures with the bunny. The event is geared for kids 2 to 12 years old.

The price, \$8 for residents and \$10 for non-residents, is for the participating child. There is no charge for parents to enjoy and take pictures. Due to the unseasonably cold weather, parking information will be emailed to all registered participants prior to the event. The MSU Tollgate Education Center and Farm is located at Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook Roads.

Registration is available now at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or the Novi

Parks Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road. The deadline to register is Friday, March 20; no on-site registrations will be taken. For more information, please call 248-347-0400.

Watch cancer documentary at Providence

*Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies*, a special documentary executive produced by Ken Burns and directed by Barak Goodman, will tell the comprehensive history of cancer, from its first description in an ancient Egyptian scroll to the gleaming laboratories of modern research institutions.

Based on the bestselling book by Siddhartha Mukherjee, the six-hour documentary interweaves a sweeping historical narrative with intimate stories about contemporary patients, and an investigation into the latest scientific breakthroughs to help defeat cancer.

The film comprises three episodes that will air on Detroit Public Television (Channel 56) at 9 p.m. March 30-31 and April 1.

The public is also invited to join DPTV and St. John Providence for two screenings of the film at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 10, at Novi's Providence Park Hospital. The screenings are free, but registration is required due to limited seating. For more information or to RSVP, call 866-501-3627.

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Brightmoor Christian

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

Church of the Holy Family

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

Crosspointe Meadows

**Location:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile.  
**Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [crosspointemeadows.org](http://crosspointemeadows.org).  
**Sunday worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages.

**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

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

Emmanuel Lutheran

**Location:** 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia.  
**Web:** [www.emmanuel-livonia.org](http://www.emmanuel-livonia.org).  
**Contact:** 248-442-8822.  
**Sunday worship:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
**Youth group:** 7 p.m. Wednesdays.  
**Special Needs Ministry:** Contact Judy Cook, 248-442-8822.  
**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays -- "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton  
**Adult Bible Class:** 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, and 7 p.m. Wednesdays -- "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

First Church of the Nazarene

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile.  
**Contact:** 248-348-7600 or visit [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org).  
**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service.  
**Thursday:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study.  
**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study -- the Books of Ruth and Esther  
**Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth and sixth graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age.  
**Easter Eggstravaganza:** 10:30 a.m. April 4. Over 15,000 eggs to hunt; five age groups (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11); pictures with the Easter Bunny; games, prizes and a gift for bringing a friend; hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for all. Join the circus, performed by Cirque Amongus. Rain or shine; registration required at [dfcnazarene.org](http://dfcnazarene.org) and closed after 600 or on April 1 (which comes first).

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington.  
**Tri County Celiac Support Group:** The next TCCSG general meeting will be held March 30. The doors open @ 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins @ 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Kelly Dorfman, one of the world's foremost experts on using nutrition therapeutically to improve brain function, energy and mood. The title of her presentation is "Beyond Celiac: When Removing Gluten Is Not Enough".

First United Methodist Church of Northville

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville.  
**Contact:** 248-349-1144 or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org).  
**Sunday Worship (September-May):** 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
**Sunday School (September-May):** 9:15 a.m. Nursery 12th grade; 11 a.m. Nursery-sixth grade.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

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

Hope Lutheran Church

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

Lakes Baptist Church

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

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)  
**Location:** 23455 Novi Road, Novi.  
**Contact:** pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665 or visit [www.legacychurch.us](http://www.legacychurch.us).  
**Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Worship Services:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study/Prayer:** Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**Livonia Church of Christ**  
**Location:** 15431 Merriman, Livonia.  
**Contact:** 734-427-8743 or visit [www.liونيachurch.net](http://www.liونيachurch.net).  
**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile.  
**Contact:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister, at 248-348-7757; visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org); or email to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Church School and Nursery Care:** provided during worship.  
**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.  
**Caring for the Caregiver:** Social worker Marcia Filek will present "Caring for the Caregiver" from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, March 8. The presentation is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Filek is the resource manager for Senior Care Solutions by Oakwood and manager for Oakwood Care Connections. Learn how to manage caregiver stress and burnout along with identifying resources that are available to assist the caregiver.

Memorial Church of Christ

**Minister:** Mark McGilvrey  
**Address:** 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia  
**Web:** [www.5milechurch.org](http://www.5milechurch.org).  
**Phone:** 734-464-6722  
**Email:** [churchoffice@5milechurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@5milechurch.org)

NorthRidge Church

**Location:** 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.  
**Phone:** 734-233-3621.  
**Email:** [pheaton@northridgechurch.com](mailto:pheaton@northridgechurch.com).

Northville Christian Assembly

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

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

Novi United Methodist

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

OakPointe Church

**Location:** 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi.  
**Contact:** 248-912-0043.  
**Web:** [www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups](http://www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups).  
**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.  
**ReNew Life Group Ministries:** 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly).  
**Women's Life Groups Ministries:** 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.  
**Men's Life Groups Ministries:** 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations.

**"Les Miserables"** -- March 6-8; a new production of Boubllil and Schonberg's play will be a benefit for Living Hope International, ministry dedicated to serving and building a future for orphans in Ndola, Zambia. This will be the sixth production by OakPointe Players in conjunction with Northville Ballet Theatre. Tickets are available at the church between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays and after each weekend service. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children under 10 and seniors over 65. For more information contact Sue Brock at 248-912-0043, ext. #319.

Orchard Grove Community Church

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake.  
**Contact:** 248-926-6584; [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org).

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

**Location:** 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township.  
**Contact:** 734-453-0326, Ext. 221.

Our Lady of Victory

**Location:** 132 Orchard Drive, Northville.  
**Contact:** 248-349-2621 or [olvnorthville.org](mailto:olvnorthville.org).  
**Saturday Worship:** 5 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Our Savior Apostolic Lutheran Church

**Location:** 54899 Eight Mile, Northville.  
**Contact:** 248-374-2268.  
**Children (5-10) & Adult Sunday School:** 10 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 1200 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.  
**Contact:** pastor Bill Burke at 734-927-0891.  
**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7 p.m.  
**Sunday Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

Pentecostals of Novi

**Location:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile.  
**Contact:** 248-697-8158 or visit [www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org](http://www.thepentecostalsofnovi.org).

Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.  
**Contact:** 734-453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit [www.stjohnsplymouth.org](http://www.stjohnsplymouth.org).

Praise Baptist Church

**Location:** 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.  
**Contact:** 734-748-3898.

Prince of Peace Lutheran

**Location:** 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills.  
**Phone:** 248-553-3380  
**Easter event:** 1-3 p.m. March 28. Children's activities, snacks and egg hunt. Call to register (248)553-3380.  
**Fall Support Groups:** Hosting two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow" for those grieving and "Through the Fire" for those needing divorce recovery. These free support groups will meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the fellowship hall area. These classes will offer strength, courage and hope to individuals as they go through the process of grief and/or divorce. Space is limited. Please call the church office to pre-register or for more information.

St. James Catholic

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile, Novi.  
**Contact:** 248-347-7778.  
**Pastor:** Monsignor John Kasza.  
**Mass schedule:** 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday.

St. John Lutheran Church

**Location:** 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills.  
**Contact:** 248-474-0584 or visit [stjohn-lutheran.com](http://stjohn-lutheran.com).  
**Saturday Worship:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship:** 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

**Location:** 201 Elm St., Northville.  
**Contact:** 248-349-3140.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington

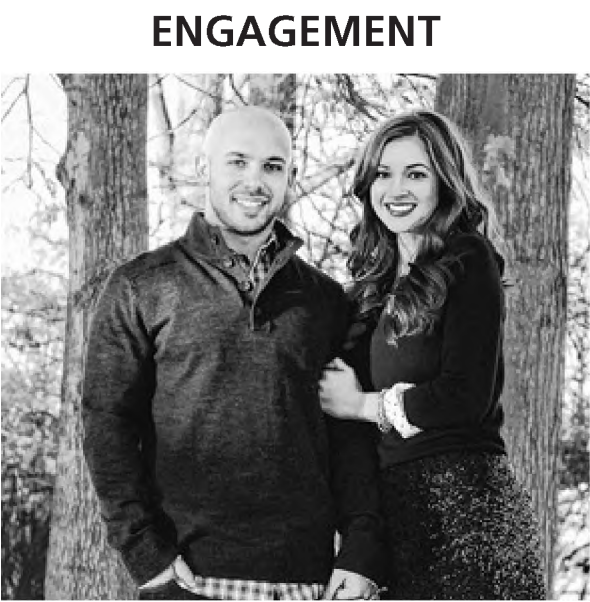
**Location:** 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.  
**Contact:** [www.uufarmington.org](http://www.uufarmington.org).  
**Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age-specific education materials for all.  
**Contact:** Jennifer Teed at 248-478-7272 or [dre@uufarmington.org](mailto:dre@uufarmington.org).  
**Details:** Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation is suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington.  
**Contact:** 248-478-7272 or [uufarmington.org/uucf/relifespans](http://uufarmington.org/uucf/relifespans).  
**Multigenerational Services:** 6:45 p.m. Fridays.  
**Details:** Family members of all ages can gather for drumming, chanting, and meditation followed by a brief participatory worship service which could include stories, songs and sharing. A religious education activity will follow, such as an art project, music, dance, game or theater. The evening will close with a light snack and a short time to socialize, ending at 8:30 p.m.

Unity of Farmington Hills

**Location:** 32500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington.  
**Contact:** 248-737-9191; [AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com](mailto:AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com).

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville ( behind the shopping center at the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty)  
**Web:** [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org).  
**Contact:** 248-374-7400.  
**Sunday Worship:** 8 a.m. Liturgical in the Chapel; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary in the Sanctuary; 11 a.m. Traditional in the Sanctuary; 11a.m. Post-Contemporary in Knox Hall.  
**Sunday Groups and Classes:** Nursery, Children's and Middle School programs available on Sunday mornings. High School Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. Sunday Morning Adult Life Classes also available.  
**FX:** A Family Experience: An interactive family production where participants ignite conversations in the home on important topics to help kids and their parents follow God together. First Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. In Knox Hall, September-May.  
**Service Broadcasts:** Live at <http://live.wardchurch.org> at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays for live interactive video web-streaming. Also, the Traditional Service is broadcast every week on WRDT-AM 560 at 11 a.m.



Matthew Crawford and Rachel Murray

Murray and Crawford

Rachel Murray and Matthew Crawford, both residing in Boston, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dennis and Mary Anne Murray of Novi. She is a graduate of Novi High School and Michigan State University and is employed at

Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies. The groom-elect is the son of Jeff and Libby Crawford of Novi. He also graduated from Novi High and MSU and is employed at Harvard University, Athletics Department. An Aug. 15, wedding is planned at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.


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**ANGELOSANTO, LOUISE C.**  
Age 86, passed away March 1, 2015. She was born on November 22, 1928, in Detroit, daughter of the late Michael and Josephine Leo. She is survived by her loving children: Phillip, Joseph (Katie), Ken (Margaret), Emily (Joseph) Morelli, Marie (Peter) Camilleri, Tom (Lea), Nick (Kellie) and Greg (Kathy); 22 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Louise is also survived by her siblings: Theresa (Al) Bicego, Lucille (Willard) Lee, Joseph (Carmilila) Leo, Rosemary (Michael) Lanni; and her sister-in-law, Rita Leo. She was preceded in death by her husband, Felix; her brother, Raymond Leo and her daughter-in-law, Gayle Angelosanto. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 5 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, March 6 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Livonia. Louise was laid to rest beside her husband in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.  
[www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**DOWNS, JOAN C.**  
April 26, 1934 - February 26, 2015. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel.

**FOLTUZ, DEMETER ELLIS**  
May 11, 1929 - February 25, 2015. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel

**PEDERSEN, ROY A.**  
Age 84, passed away February 26, 2015. He was born on January 12, 1931 in Madison, Wisconsin, son of the late Arne & Gudrun Pedersen. Roy was a Veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force. Roy received his Masters of Education in Art and was an educator at Northville High School for 30 years teaching art. He was an accomplished artist known best for his stone-ware pottery which won numerous awards both locally and nationally. He was a member and instructor at the Ann Arbor Potter's guild and was also a featured potter demonstrating at the Plymouth Fall Festival for many years. Roy enjoyed wood-carving, fishing and outdoor activities at his northern retirement home at Canada Creek Ranch. He was well known for his wit and humor which carried him through his retirement that was hindered by Parkinson's. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; his loving children: Bruce (Dixie), Scott (Ann), Jann (Michael) Carrier, Jill (Joe) Vander Stel and Eric (Amy). Roy is also survived by his grandchildren: Nathaniel, Meredith, Brenda, Michelle, Rachel, Jason, Shannon, Alyssa, Brendon, Marah, Matthew and Emma; and his great-grandson, Tanner. Roy was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Gordon. Memorial donations may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in memory of Roy or visit [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) A private family service was held on Saturday, February 28th.  
[www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**PIRTLE, DARALYNN**  
September 28, 1958 -March 4, 2015. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).

**VALENTINE "CHAR" CHARLNE**  
Of Milford, passed 3/7/2015. Mother of Jeffery, Ed, and Darcia. Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645.

**May you find comfort in family and friends**

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Phone chargers stolen

A car parked outside a residence on Idaho Avenue was broken into by an unknown suspect who got away with a bag filled with several phone chargers.

The theft took place Feb. 4 around 3:30 a.m., according to the Novi Police report. The owner of the car did not see or hear anything, but a neighbor taking a dog out observed a man near the car early that morning. The dog's bark scared the suspect away, but a description was made.

The car was not damaged and was most like-

ly unlocked at the time. The suspect was said to be a white male ages 17-25.

Cracked window

A Jeep Grand Cherokee had its window cracked and door dented by an unknown object and suspect.

On Feb. 12, an individual told police he was at the Novi Ice Arena on Nick Lidstrom Drive for hockey practice and afterward found the vehicle damaged. The police report stated the window appeared to have been stuck, but was not fully smashed in. There was no security video of the parking lot or any evidence left

behind.

Headphones stolen

An employee of bd's Mongolian Grill restaurant in Novi told police his Bose QC25 headphones were stolen out of his jacket, which the last time that he saw them were placed inside the coat that he hung up in the employee bathroom.

The man made a police report Feb. 6 and told Novi Police there was another similar incident there recently. All employees have access to the room the jacket was in. There are no suspects.

— By Lonnie Huhman

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Theft of 'Frozen' clothing

A Northville woman was arrested for trying to get away with bag full of clothing items from Kohl's. Several of the items were themed clothing from the Disney movie *Frozen*.

The arrest came the afternoon of Feb. 24 at the store on Haggerty Road. Store security spotted the woman on store security camera taking a bag and filling it with the clothing and then leaving the store without attempting to pay. The store's loss prevention stopped her outside and she voluntarily went back in to

wait for Northville Township Police.

Drunken driving

A Milan woman was arrested for drunken driving after registering 0.229 percent blood-alcohol content on her preliminary breathalyzer test.

The Northville Township Police spotted the woman Feb. 25 at Seven Mile and Clement roads driving erratically. She reportedly cross the center line and was speeding. She told police she had one drink earlier.

During the field sobriety tests, the 25-year-old woman was asked to pick a number between 20-22.

She answered with "20."

Moonshine drunk

A Northville woman was arrested for drunken driving after telling police she had one glass of moonshine.

The Northville City Police reportedly spotted the woman March 3 speeding near Eight Mile Road and Grace Street before stopping her. During the field sobriety tests, the woman was off-balance and not sure what day it was. Her blood-alcohol tested at 0.203 percent, which is more than twice the limit.

— By Lonnie Huhman

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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.  
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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.

Novi

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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**  
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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)

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**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)

**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>

**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  
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**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)

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 ½ Mile  
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
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Saturday Worship 5:15 p.m.,  
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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  
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[www.hsroc.net](http://www.hsroc.net)  
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Fr. John Rocus, Pastor  
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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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South Lyon

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) 248.437.2875  
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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

**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 age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship 9 am & 11:15 am  
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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

**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.

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

**Freedom Life Church**  
*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom Cor 3:7*  
1208 E. Commerce, Milford  
Worship: Sun 11am, Wed 7pm  
We are here through Christ Jesus to provide Freedom to those who are hurting, diseased, addicted  
L.O. 0000219863 and depressed.

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

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

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

**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. Woodley, Lead Pastor  
[www.umcnorthville.org](http://www.umcnorthville.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  
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248-348-9030

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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**  
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248-486-0400  
[www.ecrossroads.net](http://www.ecrossroads.net)  
Service Times  
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Christmas Eve Services  
5:30pm & 7pm

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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 349-2659  
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)

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*Loving God and Loving People*  
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(In Brookdale Shopping Center, behind Powerhouse Gym)  
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M.  
Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher  
[www.solidrocksoouthlyon.com](http://www.solidrocksoouthlyon.com)

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OUR VIEW

# Coffee drinkers should rejoice

The folks promoting March as Caffeine Awareness Month are doing so in the hopes that millions of Americans will forgo a cup of Joe for something more healthy, like a fruit smoothy. The timing couldn't be worse.

According to The Department of Health and Human Services report on dietary guidelines for 2015, caffeine as dispensed in coffee is good for you. And were not talking good in moderation – like an apple a day keeps the doctor away – we're talking three to five cups per day, according to the website health.gov.

The average American now drinks one or two cups per day, but scientists say upping the intake could reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and Type 2 diabetes while increasing the “protective association between coffee/caffeine intake and risk of Parkinson's disease.”

The report indicated that adding extras like cream and sugar is not recommended and that pregnant women should drink less coffee than other adults. Other than that, government scientists urged us all to drink up, early and often.

It must be said that dietary guidelines change often and the average person has a hard time keeping up.

Are we supposed to eat eggs these days? Are the kind you get at the grocery store good enough or will only free-range do?

Is margarine the killer – or was it butter?

For the time being, coffee drinkers should rejoice, head to a local shop and down a few cups. Naysayers will have to find something else to worry about. Overly processed foods, hormones added to meat, we all know that stuff is big trouble – at least until the 2016 dietary guidelines are published.



It is OK to love a cup or five of coffee.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

## “How much coffee do you drink each day, and has that increased or decreased over the years?”

This question was asked at various locations in downtown Northville.



“One cup a day and that's an increase because I used to never drink it.”

**Amy DeLano**  
Northville's Edward Jones



“I'm now down to one because the quality of coffee at Starbucks and other Northville spots are so good that's all I need.”

**Joe Corriveau**  
Northville



“I drink way too much and it's only increased over the years.”

**Bill West**  
Northville's National Realty Center



“Three cups a day and I would say that's been pretty consistent for a long time now.”

**Alex Fisher**  
Northville's Commerical Progression

GUEST COLUMN

# Lessons learned from Mr. Spock

I'm a Trekkie and proud of it. Even as a judge, author and informal educator, I continue to learn from Mr. Spock. In the wake of actor Leonard Nimoy's untimely demise, I feel compelled – however emotional it might be – to share that wisdom. Logical, is it not?

**1. Logic prevails:** As Mr. Spock was fond of noting, humans are intensely emotional and, at times, irrational. Dispassionate, objective reasoning was Spock's core. Honing our skills to think, as opposed to emote, is crucial to good decision-making.

**2. Ponder before you act:** Mr. Spock almost always thought before he acted. He evaluated the situation, examined the options and determined the course of conduct most likely to succeed. Sometimes the heat of the moment will provoke words, actions or omissions that we later regret. I know I have been there. This is a tough lesson to learn, but tougher to ignore. Taking time to survey the context, reflect on others' viewpoints and perspectives and evaluate the circumstances creates the best opportunity for positive outcomes.

**3. Loyalty is key:** Although not always associated with logic, Mr. Spock was intensely loyal – to his family, his friends, his federation. Even when he disagreed



**Michael Warren**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

with the illogical actions of his captain or doctor, he remained doggedly loyal. No span of space, time or dimension could stop his assistance. Loyalty, scarce today, is a key trait that we should embrace.

**4. A nerve pinch comes in handy:** Spock was an idealist, but knew when – and how – to fight. In battle, there was no one Capt. Kirk would rather have on his side. When the chips are down, sometimes we (individually or as a nation) must engage in physical force to protect our friends, ship, civilization and planet. Indeed, we fought our revolution and many subsequent wars to defend the first principles of the rule of law, unalienable rights, limited government, the social compact, equality and the right to alter or abolish an oppressive government. Unfortunately, this need is likely not to lapse soon.

**5. Diversity is king:** The federation is perhaps the most diverse union ever. With more than 150 species, including Andorians, Tellarites, Ithenites, Denobulans, Rigellians, Coridanites, humans and Vulcans, the federation's

combination of intellect, technology and resources is unparalleled. Spock himself was the son of a Vulcan father and human mother. On the bridge of the U.S.S. Enterprise, he served with an American, Scot, Japanese, African and Russian. They were unbeatable because they drew on their strengths. America is the federation of today. We would do well to emulate it.

**6. Mind melding is power:** Spock's ability to meld minds was a powerful technique to gain invaluable insight and make crucial decisions. Although we humans lack this uncanny power, we can put our heads together to obtain new and broader perspectives that lead to better decision-making.

We have lost an irreplaceable actor with the passing of Nimoy, but Mr. Spock's lessons can guide for our lives and the next generations. Live long and prosper.

*Hon. Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge and co-founder, with his daughter Leah, of Patriot Week (www.patriotweek.org). He is also the author of America's Survival Guide (www.AmericasSurvivalGuide.com) and a former member of the state Board of Education. He can be reached at mwarren@patriotweek.org or 248-961-1776.*

LETTERS

### Beware of scam

I've gotten four calls over the last two weeks from a scammer group. They tell you they're from “Windows Support” and are calling to help you with a problem with your PC. They instruct you to boot up your PC, open a command prompt, enter the command “eventvwr” and at that point I'm not sure. I tried to pretend I was following their instruction, but it ended there.

The first caller was very professional and imitated a typical help-desk person very well. The callers have had Indian accents. The phone connection seemed to be from overseas. Of the four calls, two different fake caller IDs were used (one from 248 area code).

Thought others in the area might be getting calls too, although this is an old scam.

**John Bisciotti**  
Northville

### Misleading untruth

In a recent letter to your publication, Tom Hickson from the Michigan Catholic Conference implies that the ACLU supports RFRA in Michigan. This is a blatantly misleading untruth.

The Michigan ACLU says “Noting that the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment addresses both the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion, ACLU of Michigan executive director Kary Moss said that, while individuals retain an unqualified right to believe what they want, they should not be able to use those beliefs to the detriment of others in society. She said RFRA would undermine that balance, creating a host of unintended consequences.”

RFRA is simply an attempt by the Republicans to cater to the religious right, and its desire to maintain the second-class status of gay people in Michigan. It was supported only by Republicans with not one Democratic vote. The religious right wishes to codify anti-gay sentiment into law which is the antithesis of Christ's directives.

Shame on any religious person who paints this misogynistic hatred as “tolerant.” Don't open a bakery, if you don't want to sell a cake to a gay couple. How would you like to be denied a tank of gas in the middle of the night in a dangerous neighborhood just because you are a Catholic? It might be against someone's religion.

Please recall that our founding fathers escaped religious persecution and that many of them were Deists. Thomas Paine was an atheist and Thomas Jefferson did not harbor any kindness for Christianity. They are turning in their graves.

**James Durst**  
Westland

### Mean-spirited

It was recently announced on TV that we have a new record high for the Stock Market. We had 5 percent growth in the GNP for the third quarter, highest since 2003. The lowest unemployment in more than a decade. More jobs created than all the rest of the industrialized world. Six million people now insured under the Affordable Care Act. We have the slowest increase of rates in years.

The list goes on and on. Yet do you hear one word of praise from the Republicans. Of course not. They, in my opinion, are a mean-spirited group.

Therefore I wish to say “thank you, Mr President. You have lead us back from the awful mess we were in when you came to office ...”

Things have improved in spite of the Republicans' obstruction. The one area that needs to be address is wages. The American people want an increase in the minimum wage. Where it was on the ballot this past November, it passed.

Let's hope 2015 will be another year of growth.

**Joanne Braund**  
Royal Oak

### Cuba decision is right one

I was very glad to hear the announcement regarding the normalization of relations with Cuba.

I was born in the year 1963 and that arrangement has continued through my life. I learned about it in elementary and high school as subject matter.

I also believe that the original intention of the arrangement did not turn out as intended. Obama's decision to change the relationship with Cuba to make it more open and inviting is a wise one and one to which I fully agree.

Not only will this engagement process allow the Cuban people the opportunity to interact with the world in such a way as to allow them to encounter and work with democracy without being in conflict with it but it will allow a broader expression of democracy in the United States.

It is effective to pursue one's goals without having to take the time to thwart someone else. It is a great drain. As it happens, a small group of politically minded individuals, whether by intent or having been swept up in circumstances, took advantage of and exploited the situation between Cuba and the United States.

I am looking forward to the opportunities of possible widened trade relations with the island nation. I await their own actions, in a positive and constructive manner, to help build a better Americas community.

Many of my friends and family are very happy and relieved to see this set of circumstances be put in motion.

**Alfred Brock**  
Wayne

### Constitution states powers

Please call and write your U.S. Senators and Congressmen and request that they vote to sue and impeach President Barack Obama on grounds of overreaching his authority as president. Obama was elected president, not dictator or king. He says that the Constitution gives him power to “go it alone.”

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

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

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

**Gerald N. Wiggins**  
Salem Township

### Praise action

Three cheers for President Barack Obama and his immigration reform. The president again shows himself to be a noble person who cares deeply for people, families and human dignity.

I am sickened by Republican leaders who are so haughty and sanctimonious in condemning the president's action.

**James Gualdoni**  
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GUEST COLUMN

# A media conspiracy that’s actually good for you

Each spring for 10 years now, a vast media conspiracy has rolled across the hills and plains of this nation. Journalists of every stripe – cartoonists to commentators to hard news reporters – have been in on it. And

not just journalists, but politicians, educators and librarians, as well as members of nonprofits and civic groups. What’s the conspiracy? It’s called Sunshine Week and it is built around the birthday of James Madison, the father of the Bill of Rights. This year, the week is March 15-21. The agenda: to brazenly promote your right to know. Open government, we argue, only works when public information flows freely. As Madison himself explained nearly two centuries ago: “Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.” Grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, where I work, launched and have helped sustain Sunshine Week. At the start, in a speech to roughly 100 open government advocates, I said the foundation could support them only if they could find a way to work together. They did. After a decade, can we say that Sunshine Week is working? Yes – and no. Search Google and you’ll see hits tripling over the years. That’s the

work of the American Society of News Editors. Millions of people read stories about open government. New openness laws pass. Cities, states and the feds issue proclamations. This year’s California bill officially recognizes Sunshine Week as “a celebration of the public’s commitment to openness and an exploration of what open government means in a technology-enhanced future.” Experts like Rick Blum of the Sunshine in Government Initiative testify about how freedom of information saves lives, of how it tells us, for example, when our Marines have been issued body armor with life-threatening flaws. Today, says Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, we have more access than ever to official information about topics like intelligence spending and the size of the U.S. nuclear arsenal. Overall, access seem much better than in the day after the 9/11 attacks, when public documents vanished from websites like so many fireflies blinking out. Unfortunately, examples also abound of closed government, of public information held hostage. This week, major news organizations are reporting that too many government agencies are trying to block the public’s access to its own information by charging exorbitant fees. Or turning our information over to businesses that are not transparent. Or muddying up freedom with restrictions that display an ignorance of what freedom really means. Secrecy is a bipartisan proposition. Hillary Clinton’s hidden emails? George W. Bush did the same kind of thing. All

over Washington, documents are stamped “classified” for no good reason. Governments big and small are affected. Virginia, by not paying attention to just one of its own data files (according to Waldo Jaquith of U.S. Open Data) was leaving millions of dollars in revenue uncollected. In Maryland, Fredrick County Councilman Kirby Delauter went so far as to threaten to sue if his name was in the paper. So the battle continues. Always there have been those who would hide the truth and seek personal advantage in the darkness. We can’t stop fighting for sunshine because they won’t stop fighting against it. In the end, the American experiment will fail unless the people who run this country – us – know nearly as much as the people who work for us – our employees, the government. But is sunshine by itself enough? Madison said, we must “arm ourselves with knowledge.” We can’t just know that our government disregards its own Freedom of Information laws. We have to do something about it. This year, during Sunshine Week, consider joining us at sunshine events in your community or online. Yours are the laws being broken. Yours is the information being stolen. Yours are the truths being bludgeoned. In the long run, your participation is the only thing that really matters. If you see public information go into hiding, complain, complain, complain. It’s your right.

*Eric Newton is senior adviser to the president of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami, Fla.*

OUR VIEW

# A promise to readers

We deliver accuracy, truth, service in our news gathering

Recent coverage regarding the ethics of several nationally known journalists has prompted questions and comments about the veracity and credibility of all journalists. All *Observer & Eccentric* journalists, as part of Gannett, embrace the following “Principles of Ethical Conduct.” We want readers to know that as local journalists we are expected to: seek and report the truth in a truthful way, serve the public interest, exercise fair play, maintain independence and act with integrity. It is important that you – our readers – understand that we hold ourselves to a very high standard. We are accurate journalists and caring citizens of the communities we serve. Here are the principles in depth that we are committed to:

**Seeking and reporting the truth**

- » We will dedicate ourselves to reporting the news accurately, thoroughly and in context.
- » We will be honest in the way we gather, report and present news.
- » We will be persistent in the pursuit of the whole story.
- » We will keep our word.
- » We will hold factual information in editorials and other opinion pieces to the same standards of accuracy as news stories.
- » We will seek to gain sufficient understanding of the communities, individuals and stories we cover to provide an informed account of activities.
- » We will use content created by others in ways that adhere to the guidelines for protect-

ing the Principles.


**Serving the public interest**

- » We will uphold First Amendment principles to serve the democratic process.
- » We will be vigilant watchdogs of government and institutions that affect the public, fighting to ensure that the public’s business is conducted in public.
- » We will seek solutions as well as expose problems and wrongdoing in order to effect change for the good in the communities we serve.
- » We will provide a public forum for diverse people and views.
- » We will reflect and encourage understanding of the diverse segments of our community.
- » We will provide editorial and community leadership.
- » We will seek to promote understanding of complex issues.

**Exercising fair play**

- » We will treat people with dignity, respect and compassion.
- » We will correct errors promptly.
- » We will explain to readers our journalistic processes.
- » We will give particular attention to fairness in relations with people unaccustomed to dealing with the media.
- » We will use unnamed sources as the sole basis for published information only as a last resort and under specific procedures that best serve the public’s right to know.

We are proud of these standards and welcome a community conversation (in print and online via guest columns and letters to the editor and on our Facebook page and Twitter) about how we are doing. We strive to uphold these standards in every report we publish across all platforms.



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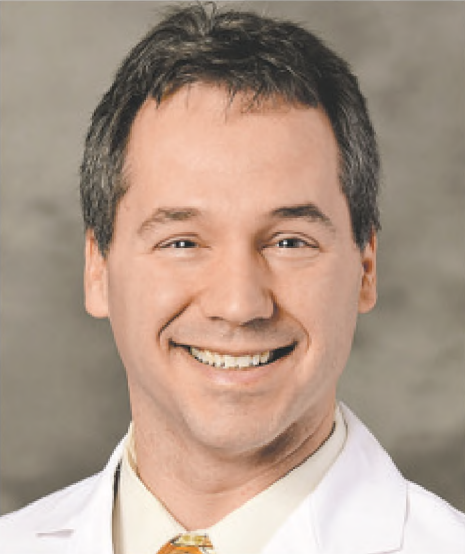
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## NEWSMAKERS

### Cooper Standard appoints Hendriksen

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc. appointed Roger Hendriksen as director investor relations, effective immediately. In this newly created role,



Hendriksen

investor relations function and leading the company's interface with the financial and investment community.

"Given Cooper Standard's sales growth and increased engagement with the investment community, we believe that now is the right time to have a dedicated professional lead the company's communications efforts with our investors," said Matthew Hardt, chief financial officer, Cooper Standard. "We are delighted to welcome Roger, a seasoned investor relations executive with a proven track record of successfully building and growing the investor relations function at leading publicly traded companies."

Hendriksen has more than 25 years of business experience, including roles in corporate finance, marketing and more than 13 years leading the investor relations function at publicly traded companies.

Prior to joining Cooper Standard, Hendriksen was president and principal at IronStreet Consulting. Previously, Hendriksen led the investor relations func-

tion at Jaguar Mining, Inc., Massey Energy Co. and Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.

Hendriksen earned a master's degree in international management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management and bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from the University of Utah.

### Nay named Quinn shareholder

Novi resident David Nay has become a shareholder of Quinn Law Group, PLLC.



Nay

with a specific emphasis on patent prosecution, intellectual property portfolio management, advanced design counseling and risk management/mitigation. Nay currently represents companies in a variety of technology areas, including sporting equipment, footwear, automotive systems, surgical diagnostics and robotic control.

"David has contributed significantly to Quinn Law Group since joining us," said Christopher Quinn, founder and principal of the firm. "David is an outstanding lawyer with exceptional legal skills and technical skills. We are thrilled to have him as a shareholder."

Prior to working at Quinn Law Group, Nay worked for several years at a large general practice firm, where he represented clients in both patent and trade-

mark infringement matters.

Nay earned B.S.E. and M.S.E. degrees in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan. He graduated magna cum laude from the Michigan State University College of Law, where he was managing editor of the *Michigan State Law Review*. Nay is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

### Hashisaka named director at THN

Together Health Network – a clinically integrated network formed in 2014 by Ascension Health Michi-



Hashisaka

Novi resident Susan K. Hashisaka as director of operations.

Prior to joining THN, Hashisaka was director of clinical transformation at the Southeast Michigan Beacon Community, where she led clinical transformation strategies and population health management in physician offices through IT adoption. Through SKH Business Consultants, Hashisaka developed transformation initiatives in physician offices to improve efficiencies, meet regulatory requirements and enhance financial performance. She also has experience in health care marketing, product development and employer purchasing strategies for health benefits.



Shown (from) are Adam Kolb of Hines Park Ford; Dr. Jeffrey Miller of Miller Vein; Sheryl Romzek of Novi Chamber of Commerce; Ryan Dunning of Civil & Environmental Consultants Inc.; Nadia Mekled of Toll Brothers; Chuck Gaidica of Oak Pointe Church; Raju Dandu of Danlaw Inc.; and Rene Saenz of Two Men and a Truck.

## Toast of the Town: Chamber hosts an 'amazing' gala

By Cal Stone  
Staff Writer

The Novi Chamber of Commerce held its annual Toast of the Town gala Feb. 27 at the Bar-onette Renaissance hotel, with Chuck Gaidica serving as emcee.

"It was an amazing evening!" said Sheryl Romzek, chamber executive director. "There was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm during the awards presentation. There was an amazing energy throughout the evening. Just an energy in the air."

Sponsors for the event included (Gold Community) Danlaw, Inc., Hines Park Ford and Providence Park Hospital; (Silver Auction) Toll Brothers; and (Bronze Event) Civil &

Environmental Consultants Inc., Miracle Software Systems and Novi Wellness.

The evening featured music by the Jesse Palter Jazz Trio, live and silent auctions and a raffle.

Appetizers were provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill and Toasted Oak Grill & Market.

Each year there is a donation to a local charity and this year it was Oak Pointe Church.

The 2014 Business Recognition Award winners are:

### Small Business Awards

Community Builder: Two Men And A Truck  
Best Place to Work: Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Customer Service Excellence: Miller Vein

### Large Business Awards

Community Builder: Toll Brothers

Best Place to Work: Danlaw, Inc.

Customer Service Excellence: Hines Park Ford

It was an "amazing" gala, according to Nadia Mekled, senior sales manager for Island Lake of Novi and Westridge Estates of Canton Estate and Executive Collections.

"Truly, what a perfect night," she said, "and I know I share the words of all our guests. You guys did a wonderful job and every detail was covered! So proud to be part of this incredible chamber!"

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## Spring weight road restrictions begin March 13

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) will apply seasonal spring weight restrictions to its non-all-weather roads at 6 a.m. Friday, March 13. The restrictions limit the amount of weight trucks can carry on the roads and are intended to minimize damage to the roads while the ground under the roads is thawing.

Anyone wanting an update on the status of the weight restrictions can call RCOC's weight restrictions hotline at 248-858-4765.

Each spring, in accordance with state law, RCOC reduces the weight limits on its non-all-weather roads as temperatures begin to rise and the ground begins to thaw. "As the road subsurface thaws, the road's ability to carry weight is reduced," explained RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar. "That means that a weight that wouldn't affect the road under normal conditions, might now damage the road.

These restrictions help to ensure that our roads last as long as possible, with as few potholes as possible."

The restrictions do not affect passenger vehicles, but apply to commercial trucks.

Weight restrictions are enforced by weighmasters employed by the Road Commission, the state, local communities or the Sheriff's Department. Violation of the weight restrictions can result in a citation and fine.

David Czerniakowski, director of RCOC's Customer Services Department, said the timing of this year's weight restrictions is a little later than recent years because of the amount of unusually cold weather the region has experienced this year. "It is usually in February or early March that the ground is thawing and we must apply the restrictions," he noted.

"Weight restrictions do not prevent trucks from operating," Czerniakowski said. "They

may still operate on affected roads, they simply have to operate with a reduced load on those roads, though the width and length of the truck can be a factor."

A "truck operators' map" is available from the Road Commission that shows which roads have weight restrictions. The map is available by calling RCOC's Customer Services Dept. at 248-858-4835 or by visiting the department's offices at the RCOC facility at 2420 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford Township (office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.).

The map is also available on RCOC's Web page at [www.rcocweb.org](http://www.rcocweb.org), and listings of the affected roads are posted on the Web site as well.

For a statewide listing of which counties have imposed spring weight restrictions, visit the County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) Web site, [www.micountyroads.org](http://www.micountyroads.org).

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Marvel Technologies posts 2014 financial results

Novi-based Marvel Technologies Inc., provider of IT services and solutions, announced its financial results for the year ending Dec. 31. The year-over-year growth increased by 35 percent. The company also increased its employee count by 50 percent.

As a private company, Marvel Technologies does not release dollar values for its revenue and profitability figures.

"In 2014, we came further in our goal to build a stronger team with the creation of our new division MarvelTech Consulting Services," said Bala Rajaraman, chief executive officer, Marvel Technologies Inc. "To capitalize on our expertise we will focus on the three industries – utilities, manufacturing and public sector – to better service our clients. We will continue to aggressively target di-

verse markets to expand the reach of our products and consulting services for this year."

### Cooper reports fourth-quarter results

Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc. announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended Dec. 31. The company also provided guidance for full year 2015.

"Our sales increased by 5 percent for the year, with improved operating profit. We also continued to execute our profitable growth strategy with two significant transactions in China. In addition, we introduced four breakthrough innovations and continued to upgrade our global infrastructure," said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard.

Cooper Standard reported revenue of \$767.9 million for the fourth quarter of 2014, as compared to \$794.2 million in

the same quarter of the previous year. The decline was primarily driven by unfavorable foreign exchange of \$31.5 million. Full year revenue was \$3.2 billion, up from \$3.1 billion in 2013, driven by an increase in production volume in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific. In addition, the Jyco acquisition, which was completed on July 31, 2013, provided \$45.2 million of incremental sales. Full year sales were partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange and customer price concessions.

Gross profit for the fourth quarter of 2014 was \$117.8 million, as compared to \$105.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2013. For the full year 2014, the company generated a gross profit of \$509.4 million, representing 15.7 percent of sales, compared to \$472.7 million in 2013, or 15.3 percent of sales. The

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# Win \$1,000 worth of marketing exposure

Winner in Buy Michigan Now contest also gets festival booth

The Buy Michigan Now campaign is dedicated to helping businesses succeed in Michigan and creating awareness of products made here. For the fourth consecutive year, in conjunction with the campaign's festival, one new business owner will win free marketing exposure worth more than \$1,000 via the Up & Coming Entrepreneur Contest.

Last year's winner was Jonathan Ramer. His Grand Rapids-based company, Michigan Adirondack Chairs LLC, makes beautiful Adirondack chairs with a back that is shaped like the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and handcrafted from cedar. "Winning the 'up and coming entrepreneur of the year' propelled my company forward," Ramer said. "I had started my company about one month prior to winning this award and because of the exposure associated with winning this award, I had no need to advertise during my start-up time frame. The

## ENTER THE CONTEST

Businesses must send an email with "Up and Coming" in the subject line to Fest@BuyMichiganNow.com through March 31. Submissions must include all of the following elements to be considered:

- » submitter's name, title, and phone number
- » company name and city
- » date company began
- » website (if applicable)
- » description of product (must be made in Michigan)
- » picture(s) of product (submission limit of no more than three pictures)
- » explanation in 200 words or less of what makes the company/product unique and why the entrepreneur deserves this opportunity

By entering this contest submitters agree to allow Buy Michigan Now to post any pictures and content submitted on social media or other websites and to include content in press releases. Submitters further agree to answer questions and provide additional information if requested. Most importantly, submitters agree to exhibit at the Buy Michigan Now Festival in downtown Northville, July 31 through Aug. 2, in compliance with the festival's exhibitor rules and regulations, which can be found on the exhibitor page of [www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com](http://www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com). All decisions of the Buy Michigan Now selection committee are final.

show itself proved to be an even bigger success, as I sold out of my inventory during the festival weekend and continued to receive orders through the Christmas season from people who had attended the festival."

Each of the past winners of this contest has credited the opportunity with helping them to establish their new businesses, according to Lisa Diggs, Buy Michigan

Now founder. "And that's what the Buy Michigan Now campaign and festival are all about. There is so much entrepreneurial spirit and ingenuity in Michigan. We just need to nurture the growth of these true job producers, and this contest gives us one truly unique way to do that."

The grand prize winner will receive:

- » 10-foot by 10-foot exhibit space at Buy Michigan Now Festival,

- July 31 through Aug. 2;
- » press release announcing selection as grand prize winner;
- » story pitch to media outlets;
- » free one-year premier membership at [www.BuyMichiganNow.com](http://www.BuyMichiganNow.com);
- » inclusion as a featured business on [www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com](http://www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com);
- » listing in scheduled exhibitors on festival website with website link;
- » feature in Buy Michigan Now monthly newsletter;
- » highlight on Buy Michigan Now Facebook page; and
- » announcement as winner in 10 separate tweets leading up to festival.

The two runners-up in the Up & Coming Entrepreneur Contest will receive:

- » free one-year premier membership at [www.BuyMichiganNow.com](http://www.BuyMichiganNow.com);
  - » feature on Buy Michigan Now Facebook page;
  - » announcement as a runner-up on Twitter;
  - » naming in press release announcing contest results; and
  - » option to purchase 10-foot by 10-foot festival exhibit space for 50 percent off regular price.
- Eligibility guidelines for businesses who wish to enter the Buy Michigan Now Up & Coming Entrepreneur Contest include the following requirements:
- » must be a Michigan-based business that either operates entirely in the state of Michigan or is headquartered in Michigan with additional operations outside the state;
  - » has been in business

for no more than two years;

- » intends to sell, sample and/or demonstrate a product or products that are made in Michigan at the Buy Michigan Now Festival in Northville, July 31 through Aug. 2; and
- » has not previously participated as an exhibitor at a Buy Michigan Now Festival.

The seventh annual Buy Michigan Now Festival takes place July 31 through August 2 in downtown Northville. For information on exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities, contact Buy Michigan Now at 248-390-0974 or Fest@BuyMichiganNow.com. A full list of events for the weekend of will be announced at a later date. For the most up-to-date information, go to [www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com](http://www.BuyMichiganNowFest.com).

## BRIEFS

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increase was driven by the favorable impact of continuous improvement, material cost savings and increased production volumes in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific.

### Building a Joyful Workplace

The city of Novi, Novi Public Library and the

Novi Chamber of Commerce are partnering to present an author luncheon featuring Richard Sheridan from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Novi Civic Center.

As the CEO of Menlo Innovations, Sheridan describes how he worked to create a joyful culture at the company in his book *Joy Inc.*

Please join for a presentation, discussion and lunch how any organization can create methods

for a healthier, happier work atmosphere with a passionate team and sustainable business results required for growth.

The cost is \$45 per person and includes lunch and hardcover copy of book.

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CC senior Myles Amine had his closest match of the season, winning the Division 1 160-pound title over Milik Dawkins of Flint Carman-Ainsworth.

PREP WRESTLING

# Catholic Central's Amine caps dream season with OT victory

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Even though he completed an undefeated season and earned his second straight MHSAA Division 1 individual wrestling state title, Myles Amine played it low-key. "I've never been a big fan of huge celebrations," said the 160-pound Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior, who finished 47-0 with a tougher-than-expected 7-6 overtime win over Milik Dawkins of Flint Carman-Ainsworth. "I've really never done it before, so I think on big stage it really makes no difference to me. Whether it was a big match or a small match, I just always felt it was important to win with class."

Amine, however, did acknowledge his parents and CC supporters following his OT win at The Palace of Auburn Hills. "I just wanted to show a lot

of joy toward them," Amine said. "I just really do enjoy wrestling and that's kind of the celebration for me ... just getting out on the mat and wrestling."

After literally breezing through his first 46 matches this season, Amine found himself in a bit of trouble against Dawkins, who came into the finals with a 53-1 record.

"I think (Dawkins) was very athletic," Amine said. "He's good on his feet. He was strong, I think, and that's kind of what caught me off-guard. I never panicked, but I think the nerves got to me in the first period. I kind of realized I was down 4-1 in the state finals and that's when it kicked in that I had to start scoring points and start wrestling. In the first period, I don't think I was there mentally, but I think I came back after that."

In the third period, Amine went with the post single leg

move and referees warned Dawkins for fleeing the mat.

"When I was in on the shot, in overtime, on the single leg, (Dawkins) kicked out-of-bounds," Amine said. "The ref awarded me a point a for fleeing the mat."

Amine's first three matches at The Palace went as they had gone all season long.

In the opening round March 5, Amine pinned Vinny Dolland of Clinton Township Chippewa Valley in 3:40, followed by major decisions Friday over West Bloomfield's Deshawn Cole, 11-3, and Michael Bowden of Grosse Pointe North, 12-3.

"This season I made a goal of mine to pin, tech or major decision all of my opponents," Amine said. "It was a little disappointing (Saturday). It was bittersweet because I had that going all season long. I won by eight points or more all

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DIVISION 2 BOYS HOCKEY REGIONAL



KATIE WHEELER

Novi players celebrate with the Division 2 boys hockey regional trophy after beating Saline.

# Hofelich's hat trick propels Wildcats

## Novi garners state quarterfinal berth with 4-2 win against Saline

Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Brad Hofelich brought his 'A' game and the rest of his Novi boys hockey teammates followed suit Saturday as the Wildcats clinched their first regional title since the 2011 Division 1 state championship season with a 4-2 victory over Saline at Novi Ice Arena.

Hofelich, a senior, cemented his place as one of the top forwards in the state as he scored a hat trick and figured in all four goals as the Wildcats improved to 17-8-1 while earning a spot in Tuesday's Division 2 quarterfinal against Livonia

Stevenson.

"We wanted to go for the regional championship today; we knew it was huge," Hofelich said. "We knew we had to come out hard. We were blocking shots, we were doing everything possible."

After a scoreless first period, when Novi missed on one power-play opportunity and Saline failed on two, it was Hofelich who broke the ice when he scored on a breakaway off assists from senior defensemen Patrick Wojtylo and Jimmy Hole at 3:01 to make it 1-0.

"We knew that they stretch that weak side guy, the pass was going in and (Hofelich) can finish as he has done all sea-

son and he did tonight," Saline coach Drew Denzin said.

At 8:22 of the same period, Hofelich made it 2-0 when his shot caromed in off the left post with linemate Ryan Baxter getting the assist.

But Saline (23-5) cut the deficit to 2-1 when Ryan Blake-Jones tallied a power-play goal from Ethan Peitz and Owen Heiber to give the Hornets new life entering the third.

But first, the Hornets were forced to kill off a penalty taken by Avery Jepson with only 17.7 seconds left in the second.

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DISTRICT HOOPS

# Novi falls to Chiefs in opener

## Canton rallies in fourth quarter for 60-57 win

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Novi found out the hard way Monday night that it's tough to keep Greg Williams and Canton down for a full 32 minutes.

Fueled by a 28-point third quarter – with senior guard Williams accounting for half of those points – the Chiefs roared back from a 27-15 halftime deficit to claim a 60-57 win in a boys basketball Class A district matchup at Novi.

"We came in at halftime and obviously we weren't doing the right things," Williams said. "We weren't sprinting back on (defense), we were letting them get easy buckets. We weren't executing on offense. So we kept preaching 'Keep playing, keep fighting, shots will fall, but we definitely got to get back on (defense) and play a lot harder.'"

Canton coach Jimmy Reddy recalled a halftime chat with Williams, who had only managed two points in the first 16 minutes.

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The Wildcats' Nick Hankerson goes in for the layup in Monday's Class A district setback to Canton.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Rocks take district hoops battle over Shamrocks

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Salem boys basketball team may have forgotten for a half that daylight saving time had already gone into effect in Monday's Class A district opener.

But the host Rocks were able to fast forward their internal clocks during the third and fourth quarters and rallied from a 28-25 halftime deficit to eliminate Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 60-51.

Salem, which moved into Wednesday's district semifinal at Plymouth against Northville, improved to 16-5.

The Rocks began to assert themselves on the boards and took advantage of CC foul trouble to outscore the Shamrocks 17-11 in the third quarter.

The pivotal play came with 2:11 remaining in the quarter, when 6-foot-1 senior point guard Jon Swift made a step-

back move and got fouled while draining an off-balance 3-pointer as he crashed to the floor.

Swift, who finished with 10 points, made the subsequent free throw for the four-point play, pushing the Salem advantage from 36-35 to 40-35.

CC (10-10) never got closer than three the rest of the way as Salem, despite 19-of-28 free-throw shooting (67.8 percent), made six in a row during the final 1:25 to ice the victory.

"That helped and we were kind of on a run right there," Salem coach Bob Brodie said of the four-point swing. "(Swift) came off a steal and knocked that three down, got fouled and made the shot. That's momentum. It's a game of momentum like that and we took advantage of it and held on."

Salem senior forward Al-lante Wheeler led all scorers with 15 points, while Swift and

senior forward Jakob Lenders added 11 apiece.

Kenny Topolovec, a 6-6 junior, also contributed 10 points, but more importantly grabbed 15 rebounds as the Rocks enjoyed a commanding 39-19 margin on the glass.

"We upped our defensive intensity a little bit, put more pressure on them – number one," Brodie said. "And then number two, we rebounded the basketball very well. It was like two different halves. The first half was a very slow pace; we weren't playing very good defense whatsoever. They were doing whatever they had to do, controlling the whole tempo the first half. I told the kids at halftime, 'It's our house, we've got to control the tempo. We got to control the game. We've got to step up the pressure the next half.'"

The Shamrocks had chances to extend their three-point halftime lead, but made only

7-of-20 first-quarter shots and 5-of-12 in the second (37.5 percent for the half).

"First half was great," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "We were up three and we shot the ball terribly. We missed every open shot it seemed like and we were still up three. I thought if we put a couple of jump shots down, fine, but we continued to miss free throws and shots tonight. And they were rough misses. They were one-and-one misses down four, misses down three, two shot fouls. Split pairs of two shot fouls. Same thing that happened to us last year in the tournament."

After Champ Kozlowski made a layup with 3:27 left in the final quarter to cut the deficit to 51-48, senior center Ike Marchie fouled out.

"Ike was in foul trouble, that hurt us a little bit," Dyer said. "And we didn't get any secondary rebounds from other guys that we needed to.

There were a lot of loose balls down there, too, and we just didn't get some of those loose balls either."

At one point during the third quarter, the Shamrocks had racked up eight fouls to Salem's two. The Rocks got into the double bonus early in the fourth.

"We haven't been in foul trouble like that the entire year where we put somebody at the foul line like that in the third quarter," Dyer said. "If we did, it was kind of early and we corrected that moving forward in the year. So that really hurt us, especially when we had to play from behind late third and fourth quarter."

Junior guard Tyler Laurentius paced CC with 13 points, while sophomore forward C.J. Baird and Kozlowski, a senior guard, chipped in 11 and nine, respectively.

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## District hoops: Franklin Road Christian boys roll

### Wildcats, Northville win regular season finales

Novi Franklin Road Christian once again relied on its junior class Monday night to earn a boys basketball Class D district first-round victory over Detroit Davis Aerospace Academy, 55-32, at Birmingham Roeper.

Joshua Bause, a 6-foot-6 junior forward, and Austin Hearn, a 6-0 junior point guard, each scored 13 points as the Warriors (9-12) advanced to the district semifinal against host Roeper.

**NOVI 63, HOWELL 50:** Naji Ozeir and Nick Hankerson helped orchestrate a fourth-quarter run as the Wildcats (12-8) snapped a six-game losing streak March 5 with a KLAIA consolation round victory over the host Highlanders (10-9).

Ozeir, a 6-6 junior center, scored nine of his team-high 13 points in the final quarter as the Wildcats pulled away with a 26-21 fourth-quarter

surge. Ozeir also pulled down 11 rebounds. Hankerson, a 5-11 senior guard, added 12 points, including seven straight free throws in the fourth quarter. Jaylen Dixon, a 6-4 senior forward, contributed 10 points for the Wildcats.

De'aj Klett and Jake Wendel scored 19 and 18 points, respectively, for Howell, which trailed 25-15 at halftime and 37-29 after three quarters.

**NORTHVILLE 63, MOTT 49:** Senior guard David Morrissey tallied 24 of his game-high 28 points in the first half March 5 to propel the host Mustangs (13-7) to a KLAIA consolation round victory.

Morrissey nailed five 3-pointers, while 6-8 senior center Nathan Kellum scored 14 of his 16 points during the second half, including a pair of dunks, to help quell a fourth-quarter Mott rally.

Senior Tim Williams Jr. scored a team-high 14 points for the Corsairs (8-12), who trailed 36-24 at halftime and 50-32 after three quarters before cutting the deficit to seven in the final quarter.

**DETROIT CC 54, FORDSON 53:** Senior point guard Muhammed Zahr dazzled with his shooting, but host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-9) came away with the non-league victory March 3.

Zahr poured in a game-high 35, including 25 in the first half, as the Tractors led 32-30. For the game, Zahr made 11 shots from the floor, including eight 3-pointers, to go along with 5-of-5 at the free throw stripe.

But the Shamrocks used a more balanced scoring attack, led by 6-4 senior Dan Diederich's 15 points. Junior guard Tyler Laurentius and senior guard Champ Kozlowski chipped in 10 and eight points, respectively, as CC outscored Fordson 24-21 in the second half.

The Tractors (12-6) had the last possession with 16 seconds remaining to tie or go ahead, but never got off a clean shot.

### Kryzwonos top eight

Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior Joey Kryzwonos reached the match-play quarterfinals Saturday of the MHSAA Division 1 individual singles bowling tournament before being ousted by eventual state champion Derrick Norman at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Kryzwonos finished 10th overall in the qualifying block with a six-game total of 1,290, including games of 234, 217, 199, 224, 201 and 215.

In the round of 16, Kryzwonos defeated Davison's Dillon McArthur, 235-165-400 to 205-187-392.

Norman then won by 12 pins in the final eight, scoring 246-236-482 to Kryzwonos' 236-234-470.

### AAU girls hoops

Tryouts for the Novi Motion AAU girls basketball team have been scheduled following the following age groups at Parkview Elementary School (enter the parking lot off Taft Road by the tennis courts):

Grades 4-5 – 6-7:45 p.m.; grades 6-7, 7:45-9:30 p.m., both Tuesday, March 24;

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

Grades 8-9 – 6-7:45 p.m.; grades 6-7, 7:45-9:30 p.m., both Friday, March 27.

Teams will be grouped in the player's current grade level. Players need to arrive 15 minutes prior to start time dressed and ready to play.

Forms are available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/novimotionbb/>. The tryout fee is \$20 (parent or guardian must sign waiver form).

For more information, call Ron Valente at 248-349-5464 or Rob LaLain at 248-767-2030.

### Novi Rec leagues

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is offering a series of activities for every age, including golf at Riverbank Golf Course, soccer at ITC Community Sports Park, softball at Ella Mae Power Park and tennis.

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■The 55-plus golf league includes men's Monday, women's Wednesday and mixed Thursday divisions.

All golf leagues consist of partners playing a round-robin schedule with a banquet at the conclusion of the season. The cost is \$219 per resident for the first league and \$199 per additional league. A \$5 golf cart fee for will be assessed weekly based on two individuals sharing a cart.

■The 55-plus softball league will be each Tuesday morning and Thursday evening. Registration is by teams only and the cost is \$560 per team, which includes 12 regular season games and a tournament. Umpires are paid \$15 per team at the field.

Registration for leagues is ongoing at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

For information, visit the Novi Parks office inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile, or call 248-347-0400.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY FINALS CLASS A PLYMOUTH (Host)

**Friday, March 13:** Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, at Holly vs. Ortonville Brandon district champion.)

### CLASS D at BIRMINGHAM ROEPER

**Friday, March 13:** Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, at West Bloomfield vs. Clarkston Everest Collegiate district champion.)

### BOYS HOCKEY MHSAA TOURNAMENT DIVISION 1 at COMPUWARE ARENA

**Friday, March 13:** Novi Detroit Catholic Central-Troy quarterfinal winner vs. Salem-University of Detroit-Jesuit quarterfinal winner, 5 p.m.; Jackson-Bay City quarterfinal winner vs. Traverse City West-Grandville quarterfinal winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 15:** Championship final, 6 p.m.

### DIVISION 2 at COMPUWARE ARENA

**Thursday, March 12:** Novi-Livonia Stevenson quarterfinal winner vs. Escanaba-Traverse City Central quarterfinal winner, 5 p.m.; Romeo-Grosse Pointe South quarterfinal winner vs. Hartland-Birmingham Brother Rice quarterfinal winner, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 15:** Championship final, 10 a.m.

### MHSAA BOYS SWIMMING Friday-Saturday, March 13-14

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### GYMNASTICS

**Friday, March 6**  
MHSAA Team Finals at Rockford H.S., 2 p.m.

**Saturday, March 6**  
MHSAA Individual Finals at Rockford H.S., noon.

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## DISTRICT

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"He wasn't great in the first half and I told him at halftime 'It's go time, buddy,'" Reddy said. "He responded to the challenge just like the other nine guys did."

The Chiefs improved to 16-5 were scheduled Wednesday to play a district semifinal against host Plymouth.

On the flip side, the Wildcats (12-9) let a potential upset victory slip away, to the dismay of coach Brandon Sinawi.

"We executed our game plan really, really well (early), but I told the guys they're going to make a run, they always do," he said. "They're a great team, well-coached and they got a couple players that can really fill it up."

"We didn't have an answer for Logan (Ryan) and he took advantage of his frame and made it very difficult for us to defend."

Both Williams and Ryan led the Chiefs with 20 points.

Freshman guard Noah Brown also made a big contribution with 12 points.

For the Wildcats, senior guard Max Yanke tallied 18 points, while junior guard Nick Hankerson and junior forward Kam Hankerson, who are cousins, added 13 apiece.

Yet even with the Canton explosion in the third, there were some tense moments on the Chiefs' sideline as Novi



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Canton's Logan Ryan (left) grabs a rebound in front of Novi's Jay Duarte during Monday's boys basketball Class A district contest.

regained the lead 53-49 after enjoying a 9-0 run in the fourth.

Canton got it back at 55-53, however, following a layup by Brown and a trey from the right corner with two minutes left by junior forward Ryan, who grabbed 11 rebounds along with his 20 points.

A baseline floater by Yanke sliced the Chiefs' tenuous lead to 57-55 with 1:09 remaining.

The drama ensued. It was a 60-57 game with 14 seconds left when Novi got the ball with one more chance to at least force overtime.

Instead of a potential game-tying attempt, however, the Novi player threw the ball

down low and it was stolen to seal the victory for Canton.

Sinawi said that crucial sequence did not go according to plan.

"We talked about being down three and needing a three, setting up screens," Sinawi said. "Create a shot if you need to, but we need a three. ... And he threw it inside."

"Down late in the game, we needed a three and we passed it up."

Closing out the first half strong, Yanke scooped and scored and tacked on a foul shot with 3.8 seconds left in the second quarter, opening up a 27-15 lead.

Novi then scored the first field goal of the second half for a 14-point edge.

But the Chiefs made a big comeback, taking a 43-39 lead going into the fourth.

The Wildcats responded with a 9-0 surge, capped off by a Yanke layup, to regain the lead at 53-49.

Unfortunately for Novi, it wouldn't be long before Williams, Ryan and company took control of the game for good.

"I feel for my seniors, Max and all my guys, that they won't get a chance to play on Wednesday," Sinawi said. "It's a shame, it's a great group of seniors that we've got. But again, Canton earned it to-night and we weren't able to respond."

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The Michigan Jaguars Green, an under-13 girls soccer team, captured first place in the Mayor's Cup International Showcase held Feb. 14-16 in Las Vegas, Nev. Team members include: Haley Brass, Lucy Crampton, Sarah Noonan, all of Northville; Riley Balconi, Avery Fenchel, Michelle Jecmen, Erica Toupin and Madison Rose, all of Novi; Zoe Greenhalge of South Lyon; Nina Kelly of Howell; Arian Laba, Reily Nelson, Ellie Rogers and Sarah Smolinski, all of Commerce Township; Allie Raske of Wixom; and Madeleine Rzepka of Walled Lake.

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BOYS HOCKEY REGIONAL

# Shamrocks icers continue mastery over St. Mary's

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Four meetings this season, four surprising blowouts. That was the verdict Saturday afternoon as defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central routed league rival Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 8-0, for its 19th regional title in school history at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

CC, which had won the three previous meetings against the Eaglets by scores of 9-5, 5-1 and 7-1, ended the fourth encounter with 8:32 left in the final period on Ryan Burnett's goal from JoJo Mancinelli and Mitch Ossowski.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 21-5-1 overall, were scheduled to play in Wednesday's quarterfinal at St. Mary's against Troy.

"In all the years I've been in this program, it's never been like this," CC interim coach Danny Veri said. "It's a good program, a lot of pride down there. Never would have expected it."

CC outscored the Eaglets 29-8 in the four games. "What's really ironic is most



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Catholic Central's JoJo Mancinelli (left) tallies his second goal on the power play in Saturday's 8-0 win over St. Mary's in the Division 1 regional final.

teams, when they play us, bring their game," Veri said. "But this year with this group, for whatever reason, every time we played them, we brought our best. And with the state tournament involvement, I think that's what it was."

During the first period, the Shamrocks buzzed around St. Mary's goaltender Brendan

Earls like vultures with a 14-6 shot advantage as CC put two on the board thanks to pair of power-play goals.

Alex Kreuzter, recording the first multiple point game of his career, scored the first on tip-in at 8:34 from Andrew Lane and Evan Rochowiak, followed by Mancinelli's goal from Burnett and Kreutzer at 15:09.

"They a good team and they know how to get the puck in the zone and they know how to work on it and they work hard," St. Mary's coach Brian Klanow said. "They outworked us every shift that we played them this year."

St. Mary's, a perennial state contender, ended the season an uncharacteristic 9-14 overall.

"This season has been a struggle for us," Klanow said. "Right from the get-go, we had a lot of injuries and we just never seemed to recover from it."

Meanwhile, CC seems to be peaking at the right time.

"This team plays with a lot of enthusiasm and they really like being together," Veri said. "That's a great component right there."

**DETROIT CC 3, NORTH-HARRISON 0:** Catholic Central (20-5-1) opened defense of its state title March 4 with a victory over North Farmington-Harrison (13-14) in a pre-regional at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Shamrocks peppered 45 shots at Flyers goaltender Brendan Dilloway and came up with three goals.

Owen Kipke opened the scoring at 11:40 of the first period on a power-play goal from Evan Rochowiak and Blake Veri.

The Shamrocks added a pair of even-strength goals during the second period, with Andrew Spiegel making it 2-0 at 1:31 off assists from Luc Krasicky and JoJo Mancinelli, followed by Mancinelli's goal at 4:16 from Mitch Ossowski.

CC senior goaltender Spencer Wright had to make only 10 saves in posting the shutout.

BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONAL

# Upstart Rocks knock off Northville

Salem registers stunner against No. 8 Mustangs

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

After a so-so regular season, Salem has become a giant killer in the MHSAA state tournament.

The Rocks made No. 8-ranked Northville their latest victim with a 3-2 victory Feb. 4 in the Division 1 pre-regional at Canton's Arctic Edge.

On the heels of a 4-3 overtime upset in the state tourney opener over No. 9-ranked rival Plymouth, Salem (13-10-4) advanced to the regional championship game.

The Rocks jumped out to a 1-0 first-period lead on Joe Driscoll's goal from Evan Newel and Matt Schaumburger at 2:58.

Northville (16-8-3) then answered at 6:55 of the second period on Jack Meacham's goals from Alec Morgan and Kevin O'Connell. But Salem responded with a goal by Noah Willer (from Zach Goleniak) at 7:19, followed by Goleniak's unassisted goal at 9:20, which proved to be the game-winner.

The Mustangs, however, pulled to within one with 1:51 remaining in the second period on Jack Sargent's power-play goal from Meacham and



MARK HICKS  
Salem's Evan Newel (left) tries to win the draw against Northville's Kyle Abraham in last week's Division 1 pre-regional.

O'Connell, but couldn't score the equalizer during the final period against Salem goaltender Dillon Phillips, who stood tall by making 25 saves.

"It was another total team effort and was one of our best defensive performances of the season," Salem coach Ryan Ossebmacher said. "The last time we played Northville (8-2 loss Jan. 28), we were very sloppy and it showed."

"Northville is an extremely talented team and can score a lot of goals. We made a few defensive zone adjustments late in the season, the players have bought in ... and it showed. Dillon played well in net, making a few timely saves."

Salem was outshot 27-16, but was able to pull out the victory.

"(Salem) kind of pushed the play really good the first five or six minutes," Northville coach Clint Robert said. "And I think them going up one was huge, swinging the game big for them. We missed kind of an open net opportunity a couple of minutes before that. I thought if we could pop that first one in ... I thought that first goal was really going to be big, especially the way the first game went."

In the first meeting, Salem had a couple of key players out.

"Obviously, they're at full strength and that helps out tons," Robert said. "It would be like taking Morgan or Meacham out of our lineup. I thought they did a real good job, too, of limiting second chances. They did a good job clogging up the middle in the defensive zone, where in the last game we were able to get a lot of bodies to the net, get some rebounds, get some deflection goals. They did a good job of taking shots away from the blue line. They must have blocked 15 shots."

Northville loses 14 seniors to graduation, including starting goalie Chance Boutin, who made 13 saves.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

# Northville girls bow out of Metro League playoffs

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett's Allison Stapleton notched four goals and added an assist Monday en route to a 6-1 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 playoff victory over Northville at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Liggett (18-3) was outshot 26-23. The Knights also got a goal and assist from Riley Marchin, while Haley Malewicz also also scored.

Northville (6-17-1) trailed 3-0 after one period and 5-0 after two before Megan Kerr scored from Kendall Murray and Moe Hackett in the final period.

Liggett goalie Olivia Portillo made 25 saves, while Northville's Annette Taylor had 17 stops.

It was a penalty-filled game, with Northville whistled for seven infractions and Liggett five.

**PIONEER 6, NORTHVILLE 6 (OT):** Megan Kerr tallied two goals and added two assists, but it wasn't enough as Ann Arbor Pioneer (6-15, 5-15) defeated the Mustangs (6-16-1, 4-15-1) in a Michigan Metro Girls Hockey School Hockey League Division 1 game March 5 at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Emily Frost notched the game-winner in OT for Pioneer, which also received a goal and three assists from Shay Pinhey and two goals and one assist from Payton Watt.

Moe Hackett also scored twice and added one assist, while Grace Healey contributed two goals for Northville, which was tied 1-1 after one period, 3-3 after two and 6-6 at the end of regulation. Kendall Murray chipped in an assist for the Mustangs, who had a 34-32 shot advantage.

Annette Taylor made 25 saves for the Mustangs.



KATIE WHEELER  
Novi's Brad Hofelich finished with a hat trick and one assist in the win over Saline.

## CHAMPS

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Coming out of the break, Baxter made Saline pay for the retaliation slash when he scored just 25 seconds into the period off assists from Hofelich and Brendan Wexler to give the Wildcats a 3-1 advantage.

"That set play that (Novi) worked all season on and have been so successful with ... we had a little mental error and left that guy (Baxter) open," Denzin said. "With (Baxter) and (Hofelich), they're as good as advertised. That mental error and the penalty that caused that power play ... you talk about things that could have gone differently and that was one of them."

And only 2:11 after Baxter's goal, Hofelich notched his third of the game on a four-on-four situation off assists from Baxter and Wojtylo to make it a three-goal cushion, 4-1.

"He stepped up, he solidified himself," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said of Hofelich. "You could make a case for all the (Mr. Hockey) guys nominated so far, but Brad proved it tonight. He worked hard. He not only put the puck in the net, but he did all the little things that the top players in the state do. It's just not putting points on the board. But he led by example. He was focused and his linemates

Baxter and (Bryan) Fegert – those three guys have great chemistry together. It's just not him. It's those three guys and it was just a great effort by everyone tonight."

Novi junior goaltender Josh Richardson, who had 26 saves, also played solid during the final period when the Wildcats were forced to kill five minutes in penalties.

Novi took a total of seven penalties, way too many in a elimination game.

"We got a couple of penalties there and we made sure and not let them score," Hofelich said. "It was the emotion of the game. We got into it and we were lucky to kill them off."

Saline got a late goal from Greg Houle with 56.5 seconds left off assists from Heiber and Adam Haas, but it was too little, too late.

"We shot ourselves in the foot a couple of times," Denzin said. "We discussed the pressure was not on us. We did what we needed to do and won the games we needed to get to. That looseness was evident in spots, but I think we tightened up a bit. And it was hard to figure out how the game was going to be called. Unfortunately, that uncertainty had us focus on the wrong things."

"But hats off to Novi. They were the better team for 51 minutes and they deserve to play (on)."

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DIVISION 2 PRE-REGIONAL

# Cai's return lifts Novi to victory over Huron

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Alex Cai came out of the dressing room following Novi's 10-3 Division 2 pre-regional boys hockey win March 5 over Ann Arbor Huron wearing the Player of the Game hat and a big smile.

The Wildcats junior forward, who finished with four points on two goals and two assists, has been a spectator since early in the season and only began practicing again March 2.

His job during the interim was to stay busy and support the team, but this one felt like a season opener.

"It was actually my first game coming back," Cai said. "I got a broken collarbone, so it felt pretty good. I've been out three months. Felt a little tired, but ... I've been practicing since break. It's been two weeks. I was paying a lot of attention to face-offs and hits. I was taking stats, so ... (now) it's real fun."

The Wildcats, who improved to 16-8-2 overall, broke away from an early 3-3 second-period deadlock with seven unanswered goals to earn a spot in regional final against Saline (23-4).

Novi had not played in 11 days following a 5-4 overtime loss Feb. 28 to rival Northville in the regular season finale.

Novi coach Mark Vellucci scheduled eight practices during the break and the theme was on point for the No. 6-ranked Wildcats.

"Tonight's message was,

'Hey, there's been a few upsets first couple of days of the play-offs and let's not be one of them,'" the second-year Novi coach said. "I knew when we were down 2-1 we weren't even playing our hockey. But once we started playing our hockey, our big guys stepped up and even our so-called third-line guys, guys who haven't been getting the points, stepped up, too. Alex Cai stepped up nicely. Once we got our hockey legs going, you saw the result of it."

Novi led 3-2 after the first, getting goals from Cai (from Drake Shepard at 5:33); Bryan Fegert (from Alex Wells and Ryan Fonda at 12:28); and Ryan Baxter (from Brad Hofelich and Pat Wojtylo at 13:16).

But Huron (10-16) countered with a power-play goal from Michael Ficaro (from John Cristiano and Chad Aaronson at 7:58) along with a goal by Aaronson (from Ficaro and Chris Giacalone at 9:41).

"In between periods (Vellucci) just said, 'We got to win this game or otherwise the season is done ... got to score some more goals, better defense,'" Cai said. "I think we didn't want them to score any more goals after the first (period). We did pretty good, I guess."

Not before, however, the River Rats tied it at 3-3 just 36 seconds into the second period on Ficaro's second goal of the game from Aaronson.

But before the second peri-



Cai

od ended, the Wildcats tacked four goals on the board to take a commanding 7-3 lead as Nik Tewillager got things started with what proved to be the game-winning goal at 3:45 from Brennan Martin and Alec Wells.

Fegert then followed with his second of the game at 5:10 on a power-play effort from Martin and Baxter.

Wells then took a long stretch pass at the Huron blue line from defenseman Jimmy Hole and scored on a break-away to make it 6-3 at 9:37, while Jacob Cyr scored from Cai at 12:01 to give Novi a four-goal cushion entering the third.

"I think once we got down 2-1, we stepped it up a little bit," Vellucci said. "Guys got a little bit angry at themselves on the bench, not at one another, but themselves and the situation. But then we poured it on. I'm kind of glad it happened a little bit in the sense of they realized that we have to come ready to play, especially with Saline on Saturday because it's not going to be an easy game."

The Wildcats nearly invoked the eight-goal mercy rule during the final period, getting goals by Cai (from Tewillager at 0:59); Wells short-handed (from Tewillager at 10:07); and Hofelich (from Cai at 11:09).

Novi goalie Josh Richardson (16 saves) kept the River Rats off the board over the final 33 minutes, 24 seconds.

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PREP WRESTLING

# CC's Giese, Morland both earn third at The Palace

By Brad Emons  
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In addition to two state champions, Novi Detroit Catholic Central boasted four other state placers during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 individual state finals held at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Shamrocks were led by third-place finishers Tyler Morland (171) and Nick Giese (189), both whom bounced back from tough one-point semifinal losses Friday.

Giese (48-6) duplicated his third-place finish of a year ago after falling to Alex Sovel of Walled Lake Central, 3-2.

The senior pinned Andrew Boyav of White Lake Lakeland in 1:39 and won by technical fall in 6:00 over Nick Mulcahy of Grand Haven to reach the final four. In the back draw, Giese scored decisions over Prince

Onwenu of Walled Lake Central, 5-2, and Zane Gorbby of Caledonia, 2-1.

"Nick is a fighter, so it's no surprise he found a way back to third," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "It's been an honor to work with him and be a part of his daily life these past four years. We are super-proud of him and how he handles adversity."

Morland (27-2), a sophomore, fell to Nicholas Brish of Brighton, 4-3, in the semifinal after pinning Ross Morisette of Anchor Bay in 1:50 and by technical fall in 4:00 over George Noutai of Walled Lake Central.

He rebounded in the back draw with a 12-2 major decision over Monroe's Tyler Hammack, followed by a 4-2 overtime win over Lapeer's Devon Pringel.

"Wow, what a match that was," Hancock said of Mor-

land's consolation final. "Tyler has an incredible future ahead of him and is an awfully talented wrestler. People forget that he tore his ACL in September and worked very hard to get to this point. We were questioning whether we would get him back, period. CC is in good hands with Ty being one of our leaders."

Shamrocks heavyweight Nick Jenkins, a sophomore, went 3-3 overall to place sixth to wind up 41-17 on the year.

Jenkins captured his first-round match by injury default in 3:19 over Brian Darios (East Lansing), but fell in the second round to Dan Perry (Lapeer), 7-1.

In the back draw, Jenkins edged Jordan Hottum (Lincoln Park), 3-2; decisioned Jacob Van Ittersum (Warren DeLaSalle), 3-2; and lost 5-2 to Chase VanHoef (Grand Haven) and

3-2 to Tim Stevens (Temperance Bedford).

"What a year this young man has had," Hancock said. "To find 36 wins as a sophomore at this weight is exceptional. We are in good hands with him up top for the next two years."

Meanwhile, CC's Tommy Herrmann (125) wound up seventh to finish 36-16 on the season.

The 10th-grader fell by major decision to Vince Marceau (Utica Eisenhower) in his opener, 8-0, before rebounding in the back draw with pins against Hayden White (Grand Blanc) in 2:39 and Dougals Ferrier (Port Huron) in 1:28.

Saturday, Herrmann (36-16) lost by major decision to Alex Hrisopoulos (Oxford), 14-1, before pinning Andrew Castenada (Grand Ledge) in 3:33.

"We're so proud of Tommy and all he has accomplished,"

Hancock said. "Tom has come a long ways since his freshman year when he entered our room as a round-faced, raw, hungry young man."

The Shamrocks' other state qualifier, Aaron Rehfeldt (112), bowed out with a 32-20 record after losing to Kaleb Marion (Walled Lake Central), 4-1, and Sergio Borg (Oxford), 10-3.

"Aaron is a workhorse and will be back next year with some grit in his teeth," Hancock said. "There is no doubt in my mind he will have a great spring and summer that will be extremely productive."

Northville's lone state qualifier, senior Chris Koumariotis (145), ended his season at 30-23 overall after losing by pin to Ryan Salmon (Brighton) in 3:08 and to Alex Kapitula (Rochester Adams) on a 8-5 decision.

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PREP WRESTLING

# Shamrocks' Zdebski repeats as state champ

CC grappler pins foe in 130-pound final

By Brad Emons  
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When he's away from the wrestling mats, Trevor Zdebski dabbles in a little tubing and wakeboarding during the summer months.

And in Saturday's 130-pound MHSAA Division 1 individual finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior left Dearborn Fordson's Abe Ajami in his wake as well, building a commanding 14-0 lead and earning a pin in 4:53 for his second straight state crown.

Zdebski, the 119-pound champ a year ago with a 27-2 record, joins teammate Myles Amine, the 160-pound champ, while becoming a part of a select cast of multiple individual state champions at CC.

"I hung out with my brother (Brent) after I won," Trevor said. "It was pretty enjoyable having Myles win it with me this year, so I got to celebrate with him."

It was only two weeks earlier that Zdebski edged Ajami (45-5) for the regional title at Saline by a mere point, 8-7.

But this time the rematch was a mismatch.

"I just wrestled a perfectly smart match, I think," Zdebski said. "It was one of the nicest matches I've had in my wrestling career."

In the opening round March 5, Zdebski pinned Portage Northern's Evan Schroder in 1:35. On Friday, he pinned Oxford's Vinny Vackaro in 1:45 and got through his toughest match, an 8-7 semifinal decision against Hartland's Reece Hughes.

"After losing (the Division 1 team quarterfinal) at Battle Creek, it really gave me a big drive, you know, and left a bad



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Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock (left) reacts to Trevor Zdebski's pin over Fordson's Abe Ajami in the 130 Division 1 state finals at The Palace.

taste in my mouth after losing," Zdebski said. "I was motivated to go out there and dominate the tournament, dominate everyone I had. I went out there with a little bit of vengeance."

Zdebski is a four-time state placer who took third as a freshman at 103 pounds and third again as a sophomore at 119.

"Trevor was as focused and committed as any athlete I've had the pleasure of working with," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Over the last 10 weeks, he was in the zone. Our staff is very happy for him and excited about his future."

As a senior, Zdebski wrestled with a target on his back and suffered five defeats in 51 matches, while learning some valuable lessons along the way.

"I learned that I need to stay mentally composed in my

matches and not take people too lightly," said Zdebski, who will wrestle next season at either 125 or 133 pounds at the University of Michigan. "You can't pretend and go out there like you're a state champ because, when you're a state champ, they give you their best, so I got to go out there and give it my all as well."

Zdebski has been around wrestling mats since age 5. His father Mike is the longtime head football coach at Walled Lake Western.

Zdebski played middle school football and was also involved in hockey, but gave up both sports to focus exclusively on wrestling.

"My dad would drag me to practices (at Western) when I was younger," he said. "My brother was the first one that started it, but he hated it. But I

guess I kind of liked it."

Zbedski got more serious about the sport in eighth grade, when he started wrestling for Team Shamrock.

And while Brent played football at Walled Lake Western before moving on to Kalamazoo College (before serving as a graduate assistant football coach at UMass), Trevor made his own waves by enrolling at CC.

"I really got to know coach Hancock," Zdebski said. "They have a powerhouse team. The coaching staff was phenomenal. The drilling partners I had would have been through the roof compared to Walled Lake Western. It really wasn't a hard decision to go to CC. It was, and is, the best opportunity and choice I've made."

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BOYS SWIMMING

# League: Rice, CC go first, second

By Brad Emons  
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Capturing six of 12 events, defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice claimed its 23rd consecutive Catholic League boys swim championship Saturday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

The Warriors finished with 535 points, while Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Warren DeLaSalle finished second and third, respectively, with 454 and 414.

CC was led by Stanford University-bound Jack Walsh, who captured the 100-yard butterfly (49.04) and 100 backstroke (49.52), where he'll defend his state title this weekend.

Walsh, a senior, also teamed up with Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela and Grayson Arnold for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:34.31).

Arnold added a victory for CC in the 100 freestyle (47.24) as the Shamrocks tuned up for the Division 1 state meet, which begins at noon Friday (prelims) and Saturday (finals) at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

"States are the culmination of a season's worth of work, training and experience," CC coach Shannon Dunworth said. "Those who refuse to be satisfied will fare well."

## Novi divers qualify

Novi's Jimmy Ciolli and Nathan Pellerito finished in ninth and 10th, respectively, at the MHSAA Division 1 boys diving regional held March 5 at Ann Arbor Huron.

Ciolli and Pellerito advance to the state finals Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

Meanwhile, freshman Mitchell Russell was 16th and Trey Richman 22nd for the Wildcats.

## DETROIT CATHOLIC LEAGUE

### BOYS SWIM MEET

**March 6-7 at Livonia Rec. Center**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 535; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 454; 3. Warren DeLaSalle, 414; 4. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 203; 5. University of Detroit Jesuit, 189; 6. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard-Greenhills-Whitmore Lake, 109.15.

### FINAL HEAT RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Catholic Central (Jack Walsh, Matt Loniewski, Christopher Vela, Grayson Arnold), 1:34.41.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Bobby Powrie (Rice), 1:44.67; 3. Ethan Bezzina (CC), 1:47.35; 7. C. Vela (CC), 1:50.9.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Drew Grady (Rice), 1:55.84; 5. Daniel Long (CC), 1:59.03; 6. Jonathan Lee (CC), 2:00.52; 8. Charlie Walsh (CC), 2:02.9.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Gust Kouvaris (Rice), 20.78; 2. Arnold (CC), 21.24.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Pierce Gordon (U-D), 380.15 points; 2. Robert Vance (CC), 337.20.

**100 butterfly:** 1. J. Walsh (CC), 49.04; 5. C. Vela (CC), 54.44; 8. C. Walsh (CC), 55.66.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Arnold (CC), 47.24; 4. Loniewski (CC), 48.08.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Alex Margherio (Rice), 4:47.09; 2. Bezzina (CC), 4:47.9; 7. Dan Vela (CC), 5:03.7.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Rice (Kouvaris, Rudy Aguilar, Patrick Olmsted, Margherio), 1:26.96; 3. Catholic Central (C. Vela, Tommy Wladuck, Bezzina, Logan Mills), 1:32.59.

**100 backstroke:** 1. J. Walsh (CC), 49.52; 5. Chris Barron (CC), 55.53.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Jack Kucharczyk (DeLaSalle), 58.29; 2. Loniewski (CC), 58.31; 3. Long (CC), 59.87; 4. Lee (CC), 1:00.77.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Rice (Grady, Jack Kennedy, Chris Nodland, Kouvaris), 3:10.19; 2. Catholic Central (J. Walsh, Loniewski, Lee, Arnold), 3:11.0.

# AMINE

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of my matches so, yes, this one caught me off-guard a little bit. I came out a little bit sluggish and the kid took advantage of it. By far it was the closest match I had all year."

Amine, the MHSAA state champ last year at 140 with a 42-6 record, capped one of the most impressive seasons in CC history as he scored bonus points in 46 of 47 matches.

He joins select company, along with his brother Malik, currently a 149-pound red-shirt freshman at the University of Michigan, as one of two sibling combos (along with the Nadhir brothers) to win multiple individual state titles at Catholic Central.

"Myles wants to dominate every time he steps on the mat, that's his mentality," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "He works extremely hard when others don't and that's the reason he finds so much success. Myles earned that win and has an incredible future ahead of him at Michigan."

Amine, who hails from Brighton, comes from a strong wrestling heritage.

Both his father Michael (1986-88) and uncle Sam (1988-90) wrestled at Michigan after stellar prep careers at Warren Lincoln. His cousin Jordan, who wrestled at Brighton High School, is also a 149-pound

*"I kind of realized I was down 4-1 in the state finals and that's when it kicked in that I had to start scoring points and start wrestling."*

## MYLES AMINE

CC wrestling state champion

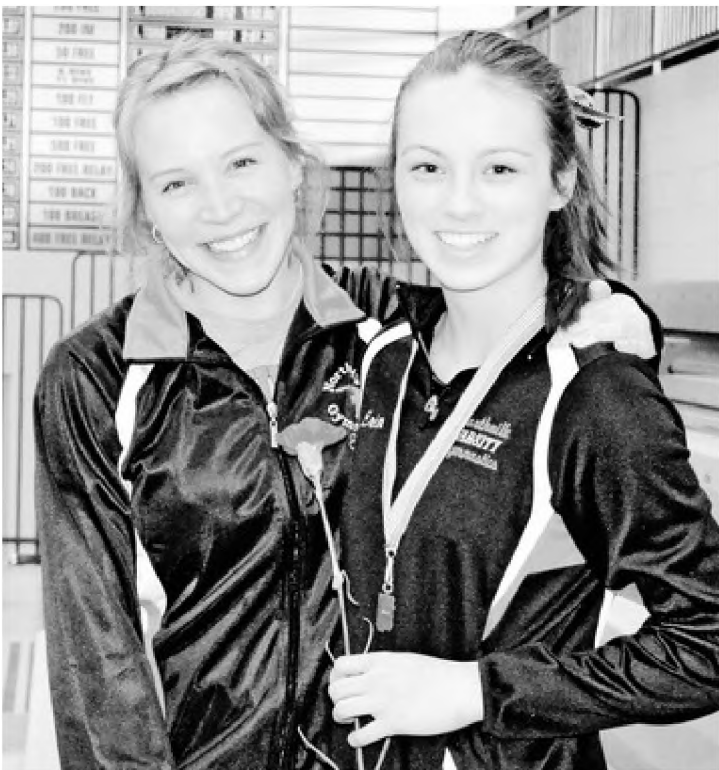
sophomore on the U-M squad. Myles also has a younger cousin in Cameron, an eighth-grader, who is a middle school national champion.

And although Amine's victory might have been too close for comfort, he got a big stamp of approval from Hancock.

"I wasn't the happiest guy," said Amine, who planned to take a few days off before training for the Senior Nationals later this month in Virginia Beach, Va. "I made some pretty high standards for myself. But he always keeps me positive. He told me enjoy the moment and live in the moment, because you'll never get this experience again. It's important to live in the moment and just enjoy every single minute of what you earned, because of how hard I worked. He just was really proud of me and I have a great relationship with him, so it was kind of nice to be able to share and celebrate right there with him."

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# State qualifier



DIANNA SHANAHAN

Northville freshman Erin McCallum (right), pictured with coach Erin McWatt, scored 8.8 to earn runner-up honors in the Division 2 balance beam at the MHSAA regional meet held last Saturday at Plymouth. McCallum, who qualified for the individual state finals Saturday in Rockford, was just 2.5 points behind first-place finisher Hailey Hodgson of Canton and was ninth in the all-around (34.25). Other top Division 2 performers for the Mustangs included: Maggie Dragon, 10th, beam (8.475); Claire Cotter and Grace Jankowski, tied for 12th, uneven bars (8.075 each); McCallum, 15th, vault (9.0); and Maddie DeGroff, 24th, floor exercise (8.575). Defending state Canton captured the team title with 146.50 points and will be joined by Grosse Poinc South (144.375) and Plymouth (143.50) at the team state finals. Northville placed eighth with 133.525.



GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT

# Brown’s return gives Chiefs boost in win over Novi

Wildcats end season with 13-8 overall mark

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

After an up-and-down and somewhat disappointing regular season, Canton got some of its defensive mojo back, thanks to the return of Alanna Brown to the starting lineup.

The senior forward, cleared to play only a day earlier after sitting out the past month wearing a cast with a bad ankle, didn’t fill up the stat sheet March 4, but made her presence known as the Chiefs got past host Novi, 38-26, in the Class A district semifinal.

Brown did not score a point in the victory, but brought experience. She is one of two starters returning off last year’s state Class A runner-up team (along with junior guard Natalie Winters).

Canton junior guard Madison Archibald provided the offensive punch, leading the way with a game-high 15 points, including three triples on 5-of-6 shooting from the floor.

Senior guard Alexa Lagola also contributed 10 points, while sophomore forward Erin Hult added eight points and four blocks (all in the



Novi’s Carson Garguilo (right) drives on Canton defender Natalie Winters in the Class A district semifinal.

JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

first half). Winters also grabbed six rebounds.

But just having Brown back in tow made Canton first-year coach Kevin Palmer feel a whole lot better.

“She went out a month ago and that’s when the defense fell off,” Palmer said. “That’s the kind of value she has. It’s not

going to show up in the stat sheet a lot of times or the scoreboard with how many points she puts up. It’s the defensive plays she makes.”

Canton (12-9) led 9-5 after one quarter and 18-11 at halftime. The Chiefs increased their lead to 28-16 after three quarters while holding

the Wildcats to 5-for-24 shooting from the field.

Brown attempted just two shots, but let her defense do the talking.

Novi tried to make a run in the fourth quarter, cutting the deficit to 32-24 on a basket by Allie Lipson with 3:18 remaining, but the Wildcats couldn’t overcome 18

turnovers and 10-of-20 free-throw shooting.

“The weaknesses we had when we first went through the (KLAA Central) division, which we hadn’t seen in a while, reared its ugly head tonight where we had missed layups, missed free throws and turn-overs,” Novi coach Bill

Kelp said. “The last few weeks we became a pretty good team and, for whatever reason, those things came back to us tonight.”

Forward Kelsey Miller scored a team-best nine points, while center Alex Felice added eight points and six rebounds for the Wildcats, who committed 18 turnovers.

Miller, Felice and Jenna Lowney – all seniors – played their final games for the Wildcats, who ended the year 13-8.

“We talked to them in the summer and we talked to them before the season started,” Kelp said. “They are the 51st, 52nd and 53rd seniors to graduate through our program since we’ve taken over. They’ve had the hardest job because we had three freshmen and five sophomores and we asked them to lead. They had to be the leaders. People before them didn’t have to have that many young kids.

“As I told the girls, somebody in the middle of the year saw us play and said, ‘It still looks like Novi basketball’ and that was the biggest compliment of the year. We play hard and I think that’s what we’re known for. But we’re our own worst enemy at times.”

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GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT



Northville’s Brook Adams (right) takes the jump shot over Salem defender Jamyra Wilson.

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# Rocks oust Northville for 18th straight

Shara Long’s 20-point night propels Salem

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

There was no letdown Wednesday night for Salem, arguably the hottest girls basketball team in the state.

The Rocks were solid once again cruising to their 18th straight victory as senior center Shara Long scored 20 points in a 42-26 win over Northville in the Class A district semifinal at Novi.

Salem had beaten the Mustangs twice during the regular season, 42-37 (Jan. 9) and 47-33 (Jan. 30), and were coming off an emotional win Monday night in the district opener when they rallied past rival Plymouth, 32-29.

“You always have a little bit of a scary thought in the back of your head when you do have big games like that,” Salem coach Lindsay Klemmer said. “But actually it motivated us to

understand that everybody is going to bring 110 percent and give us their best game. We can’t have any lulls at this time of the season.”

Salem jumped out to an 8-2 lead at the outset forcing Northville coach Todd Gudith to use his first timeout. And the Mustangs were unable to close the gap trailing 20-8 at halftime.

The 18-4 Rocks then went on an 8-2 run to open the third quarter and Gudith found himself calling another timeout.

“They won 17 straight coming in, they’re on a mission, clearly,” Gudith said of the Rocks.

“They’ve played in a lot of big ballgames within the last week with winning the (Kensington) conference championship, the (KLAA) association championship, a big rematch (Monday) again with Plymouth. So they’re certainly focused.”

Seniors Katie Latack and Hayley Rogers each added six points for the Rocks, but Long made the Mustangs pay inside with 12 of her 20 in the opening half.

“Getting the ball inside right now is huge with Shara Long, who is a big presence in there,” Klemmer said. “So when we hit outside shots, they have to respect both you’re inside and you’re out (game), so I think we did that right from the beginning.”

Sophomore forward Jessica Moorman scored eight points, while freshman point guard Mariah Modkins added five for Northville, which bowed out at 13-8 overall.

“We missed a lot of shots in the first half for us,” Gudith said. “We’re young and, from a mental standpoint, we’re fragile with that. One miss, mentally, leads to two and it just snowballs whereas they’re separate things. We had a couple go in and out. I just wanted to see if

we had make a couple of those the first half. Instead of being down only 12 the first half, we could have been down five.”

Northville bid adieu to three seniors, including starter Emily Maresh, along with Katie Kalass and Christina Minna.

“Our kids know that we got to get better,” Gudith said. “I think we got the pieces and kids to do it. And I think we’ve got kids that want to commit to it. Salem was in our position three or four years ago. And look at them now. That’s what we told the kids after the game. Those six seniors for Salem really committed themselves to getting better each year. And now they’re being rewarded for the fruits of their labor. That’s the lesson we’re trying to teach our young kids. We can get there, too, but it’s going to take some time and we have to commit to it.”

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GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT

# Birmingham Roeper takes down Warriors

Roughriders bounce Franklin Road, 59-42

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The third time wasn’t a charm for the Novi Franklin Road Christian girls basketball team.

Birmingham Roeper coach Ernie Righetti, who is retiring at the end of the season after 29½ years, notched his ninth Class D district title Friday at home as his Roughriders downed the Warriors, 59-42.

Roeper had beaten Franklin Road in two previous Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division games, 41-36 and 49-43.

Senior guard and captain Sophia Savas scored a game-high 26 points, while sophomore forward Alexis

Johnson added 12 as the Roughriders (18-4) advanced to the Waterford Our Lady of Lakes regional.

Franklin Road (11-11) got a team-high 15 points from junior forward Hannah Rayburn.

Rayburn poured in a game-high 20 points Wednesday to lift Franklin Road to a lopsided 59-11 semifinal win over Detroit Winans Academy.

Sophomore Reagan Mumford added a double-double with 12 points and 18 rebounds as the Warriors jumped out to a 19-2 first-quarter advantage and never looked back.

Senior guard Katherine Larabell added 10 points.

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## Home, landscape ideas abound at Home Improvement Expo



JULIE BROWN

John Sarnecky of Canton owns Canton Construction with his wife. "And the show's been good to us every year," he said of the Home Improvement Expo, which they've done from its start.

**By Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

There were some 90 vendors at the Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit on the Park. Among those at the Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8, show was John Mincher, a Plymouth Township resident who's the landscape design manager for Plymouth Nursery.

"It's going good," Mincher said Saturday afternoon. "It was quite busy this morning. We've gotten a lot of compliments on our display."

Many of the visitors at the show, sponsored by Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Observer & Eccentric, were eager to get spring projects started. "Absolutely," said Mincher. "Spring is right around the corner. It's supposed to be in the 50s this week."

"It seems like the economy is getting better," Mincher added of business being on an upswing. "It seems to be the way things are going, the trend."

At Plymouth Nursery, landscape pros handle a variety of jobs, both redo-style and new work. Mincher has some five big jobs already lined up for spring, including patio work.

"It seems a lot of people are wanting to

spend more time outside and create more living space outside," he said.

The Expo's being nearby for their business and customers helps. "This is where we like to focus," Mincher said. "We've got a new greenhouse. Our retail store is a lot larger."

Across the room, John Sarnecky, who owns Canton Construction with his wife, was helping a customer. They've been in business 17 years.

"And the show's been good to us every year," said Sarnecky of the 15th annual show, in which they've participated annually.

Canton Construction gets a lot of estimate request forms filled out at the Expo. Sarnecky, a Canton resident, said their work depends on weather.

"This is a real good time for the show," he said of people eager to start sprucing up. Some 60 percent of Canton Construction work is roofing, with the firm also handling kitchens, bathrooms, basements, and siding.

"Fantastic," Sarnecky said of Canton as a community in which to do business. "We couldn't ask for more. The Building Department's A-1."

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JULIE BROWN

John Mincher of Plymouth Township, landscape design manager at Plymouth Nursery, was glad to share ideas with Expo visitors.

## Downtown San Diego has high living costs

**Q: I am considering a move to San Diego in the near future. What can you tell me about the current rental market there?**

A: It appears that the rental market is hotter than ever. It is extremely difficult to get a good rental property for a reasonable rental price in downtown San Diego. As a matter of fact, most of the prices of condominiums that were reduced during the recession are now at peak values in terms of sale, which, of course, results in an increase in the rental value, as well, and there are new high rise condominium developments being constructed. You are likely to be better off renting outside of the downtown San Diego area. Those looking for investment property, however, are likely to be able to get a good return on rent from the purchase of a downtown condominium.

**Q: A neighbor in my condominium project operates a website that is generally critical of the condominium association. I also have some gripes, should I participate in it?**

A: Generally, no. You are usually better served by addressing your concerns in the meetings of the association, if available, or to its management company or to the association's Board of Directors, according to the procedures outlined in the condominium documents, rules and regulations or policies. Websites, especially those critical of the association, may post false and defamatory statements. Once you post a comment on these websites, you cannot retrieve it, and if your comment turns out to be false and defamatory, you could be liable for damages in court even though you may have a qualified privilege under the law.



Robert Meisner

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 13-17, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
15837 Birwood Ave	\$163,000
17395 Locherbie Ave	\$441,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
990 Bird Ave	\$525,000
1407 Bowers St	\$261,000
747 Chapin Ave	\$705,000
1640 Maryland Blvd	\$285,000
1379 Pierce St	\$850,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$410,000
Unit 708	
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
5033 Echo Rd	\$295,000
1151 Lone Pine Woods Dr	\$785,000
1151 Ivyglen Cir	\$400,000
1827 Stonycroft Ln	\$185,000
4554 Tanbark St	\$430,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	
4686 Brightmore Rd	\$638,000
1561 Hemsworth Ct	\$513,000
5665 Kolly Rd	\$366,000
5666 S Adams Way	\$324,000
1505 S Hill Blvd	\$151,000
1050 Trailwood Path Apt B	\$163,000
1580 W Long Lake Rd	\$525,000
707 Waddington St	\$700,000

### COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

6117 Birchcrest Ln	\$410,000
5076 Carinas Way Ct	\$315,000
3132 Chenoa St	\$86,000
8934 Gittins St	\$300,000
9685 Vista Ln	\$92,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
31915 Marblehead Rd	\$159,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
22362 Acadia Way	\$81,000
31583 Alameda St	\$177,000
21411 Archwood Cir	\$187,000
25829 Arden Park Dr	\$249,000
38493 Brandmill	\$136,000
27454 Bridle Hills Ct	\$175,000
23235 Canfield Ave	\$165,000
36081 Congress Ct	\$363,000
25174 Dunham Ct	\$161,000
24871 Glen Orchard Dr	\$249,000
32210 Hull Ave	\$159,000
21711 Jefferson St	\$67,000
28856 Lake Park Dr	\$248,000
26214 Pillsbury St	\$237,000
30480 Sunderland Dr	\$265,000
24125 Tana Ct	\$168,000
36554 W Lyman Rd	\$230,000
27267 Winterset Cir	\$310,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
32222 Scenic Ln	\$1,200,000
27375 Wellington Rd	\$275,000
27375 Wellington Rd	\$310,000
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1015 S Park St	\$198,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
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<b>MILFORD</b>	
736 N Main St	\$229,000
136 Noble St	\$153,000
2274 North St	\$95,000
30979 Star Trl	\$267,000
1870 Stonecrest	\$240,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
486 Morgan Cir	\$314,000
43459 Scenic Ln	\$469,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
30999 Centennial Dr	\$218,000
29315 Douglas Dr	\$213,000
20909 Dundee Dr	\$525,000
26300 Fieldstone Dr	\$315,000
50708 Glades Ct E	\$100,000
23545 Hickory Grove Ln	\$310,000
26028 Island Lake Dr	\$538,000
23869 Lynwood Dr	\$188,000
27158 Maxwell Ct	\$364,000
22522 Mondavi Dr	\$530,000
22615 Penton Rise Ct	\$340,000
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1795 Lanhan Ct	\$294,000
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43924 Palisades Dr	\$200,000
4511 Pond Run	\$216,000
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6703 Deering St	\$79,000
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30924 Sheridan St	\$76,000
28611 Warren Rd	\$65,000
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17391 Bell Creek Ln	\$245,000
17311 Brookview Dr	\$263,000
11369 Cardwell St	\$120,000
8858 Crown St	\$152,000
11432 Deering St	\$140,000
19674 Deering St	\$98,000
14920 Ellen Dr	\$143,000
11702 Farmington Rd	\$122,000
15025 Golfview Dr	\$261,000
18300 Grimm St	\$181,000
34227 Grove Dr	\$240,000
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50687 Northstar Way	\$745,000
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39442 Springwater Dr	\$177,000
17962 Stonebrook Dr	\$554,000
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44898 Erin Dr	\$140,000
1225 Fairground St	\$202,000
173 N Harvey St	\$475,000
1059 Penniman Ave	\$1,175,000
11707 Sycamore Dr	\$165,000
11343 Waverly Dr	\$245,000

<b>REDFORD</b>	
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14063 Breakfast Dr	\$159,000
12833 Centralia	\$20,000
14021 Centralia	\$75,000
15368 Dixie	\$34,000
15437 Dixie	\$33,000
18258 Garfield	\$44,000
18617 Garfield	\$14,000
10004 Marion	\$95,000
18693 Negaunee	\$40,000
13150 Sioux	\$72,000
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37435 Barkridge Cir	\$58,000
31228 Birchwood St	\$93,000
34215 Florence St	\$103,000
32461 Grandview Ave	\$98,000
31412 Hazelwood St	\$83,000
6826 Moccasin St	\$100,000
1857 S Christine	\$12,000
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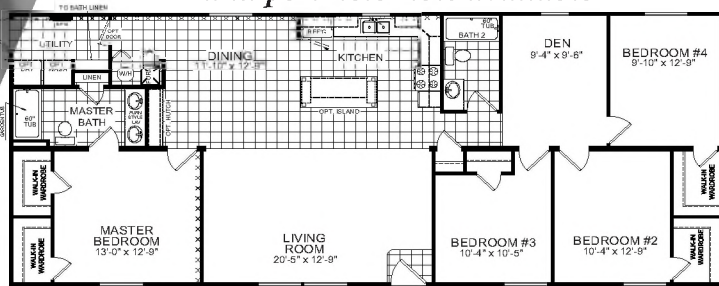


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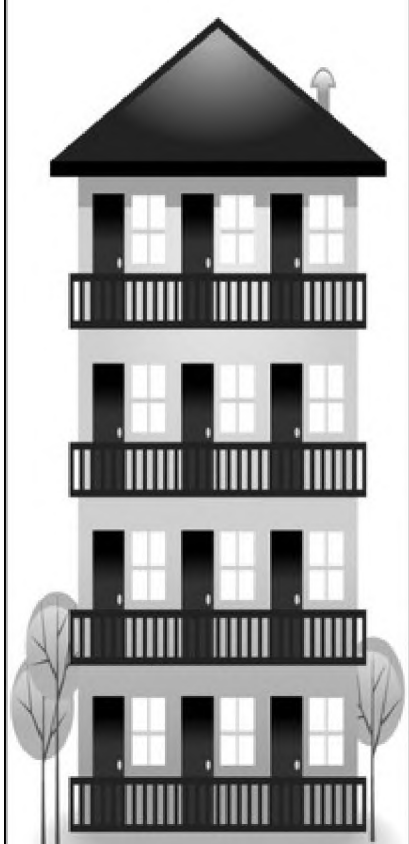
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### Andrew Wilson Recognized as a Top Financial Advisor By LPL Financial

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan – February 25, 2015 – Andrew  
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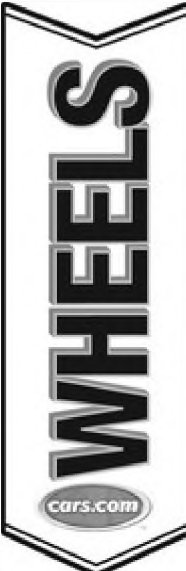
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Between 2014 and 2023, this group of workers is expected to grow nationally by 38.9 percent.\* Along with this high growth comes a competitive group of workers. Those who are attracted to these occupations cite key drivers like personal growth/advancement and a personal fulfillment in work/life balance as reasons they're attracted to these roles, and they stick around because the work is more interesting and challenging, and they have access to higher salary and benefits.

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vices occupation, or to identify the transferrable skills that you may take with you to a new role, consider these competencies that are expected from workers in financial services:

- Customer and personal service
- Mathematics
- Computers and electronics
- Economics and accounting
- Sales and marketing
- Clerical
- Administration and management

### Top 10 employing industries

Financial and planning services workers are needed by nearly everybody; plenty of businesses or individuals have finances that require the expertise or certification of these workers to help manage and move their money smartly. However, the top employing industries of these professionals are:

1. Investment advice
2. Portfolio management
3. Miscellaneous intermediation
4. Securities brokerage
5. Investment banking and securities dealing
6. Commercial banking
7. Other insurance funds
8. Trust, fiduciary and custody activities
9. Pension funds
10. Open-end investment funds

## Financial and planning services and 10 target occupations

Those in financial and planning services plan and manage the financial interests and growth of individuals and institutions.

### Top 10 target occupations

Though this expansive industry has plenty more roles to consider beyond this list, here are 10 related jobs in financial and planning services that cover a variety of roles and responsibilities:

**1. Securities, commodities and financial services sales agents** buy and sell securities or commodities in investment and trading firms, or provide financial services to businesses and individuals. They may advise customers about stocks, bonds, mutual funds, commodities and market conditions.

**2. Insurance sales agents** sell life, property, casualty, health, automotive or other types of insurance. They may refer clients to independent brokers, work as an independent broker or be employed by an insurance company.

**3. Loan officers** evaluate, authorize or recommend approval of commercial, real estate or credit loans. They advise borrowers on financial status and payment methods. Includes mortgage loan officers and agents, collection analysts, loan servicing officers and loan underwriters.

**4. Credit counselors** advise and educate individuals or organizations on acquiring and managing debt. They may provide guidance in determining the best type of loan and explaining loan requirements or restrictions. They may also help develop debt management plans, advise on

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**5. Loan interviewers and clerks** interview loan applicants to elicit information; investigate applicants' backgrounds and verify references; prepare loan request papers and forward findings, reports and documents to appraisal department. They review loan papers to ensure completeness and complete transactions between loan establishment, borrowers and sellers upon approval of loan.

**6. Insurance underwriters** review individual applications for insurance to evaluate degree of risk involved and determine acceptance of applications.

**7. Sales representatives,** wholesale and manufacturing (except technical and scientific products) sell goods for wholesalers or manufacturers to businesses or groups of individuals. Their work requires substantial

knowledge of items sold.

**8. Credit analysts** analyze credit data and financial statements of individuals or firms to determine the degree of risk involved in extending credit or lending money. They prepare reports with credit information for use in decision making.

**9. Advertising sales agents** sell or solicit advertising space, time or media in publications, signage, TV, radio or the Internet. This role includes individuals who obtain leases for outdoor advertising sites or persuade retailers to use sales promotion display items.

**10. Tax preparers** prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses.

*\* All figures and descriptions for industry, occupation and skill information from Economic Modeling Specialists International 2014.2 Class of Worker Dataset: Financial Planning and Services.*

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