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The Royal Garden Trio will present what organizers are calling “unique instrumental stylings” of many jazz and pop standards of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s.

This most unusual jazz trio is comprised of Tom Bogardus on the clarinet and sax, Brian Delaney on guitar and Mike Karoub on cello. Their arrangements range from sophisticated to gypsy, from upbeat to cerebral.

The Royal Garden Trio will appear 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Community Center on Main Street in Northville. The concert is free and presented by the Friends of the Northville District Library.



The Royal Garden Trio.



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Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi, left, and school principal Anthony Koski applaud at the conclusion of the teacher welcoming ceremony, complete with balloon drop, at the high school.

## Back to the books

Northville teachers, staff feted in rousing welcome-back ceremony

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Deanna Willis saw her share of opening days when she was a student at Northville High School.

But none of them matched the excitement Willis, a 2008 NHS graduate, felt Wednesday, when Northville Public Schools officials welcomed back teachers and staff with open arms as they kicked off the 2015-16 school year.

Willis, a learning consultant at Northville High School, returned to a familiar environment in an unfamiliar role – teacher.

Willis is in her fourth year as a teacher, but her first year back home, and she’s very excited to be there.

“It’s very different ... opening day as a student, I was caught up with meeting new teachers,” said Willis, who specialized in teaching students with learning disabilities at Birmingham’s Eaton Academy last year. “Opening day as a teacher was nothing short of spectacular.”

**Special tribute**

Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher wanted to make sure it was spectacular, setting up a welcome event that included tributes from students to teachers, a power



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The Northville High School marching band enters the school auditorium at the end of a Sept. 2 teacher welcoming ceremony.

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## District expects elevated student count

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Staff Writer

Dave Rodgers is quick to point out that any estimation of student enrollment in the Northville school district at this time of year is just that: A prediction.

Having said that, Northville’s assistant superintendent of human resources figures the student count this year is going to bring pretty good financial news to a district that could always use some.

Rodgers figures Northville schools, which closed out last year with 7,095 students, starts the 2015-16 school year expecting to have some 7,250 students.

“Forecasting enrollment is always just that, a prediction based on the best information and data you have,” Rodgers explained. “There are many variables and unknowns; therefore, you never know exactly what you’ll have until students arrive and you get through the Fall Count process.”



Rodgers

**New plan**

An additional 150 students would be particularly good news in Northville, where the administration, in putting together its 2015-16 budget, planned to lose some 40 students from last year’s count.

The extra students should dump about \$1 million into the district’s \$71 million budget, Rodgers said.

“Obviously that is good new versus what seemed to be potential for a small drop in students,” said Rodgers, noting the district’s foundation grant is \$8,169 per student.

While the district expects to see an increase in students, extra teachers are also being added.

The district’s 450 professional staff added 28 new teachers and ancillary staff this year. Most of those, Rodgers said, are replacing staff who retired or moved out of the area. Overall, he said, the district has added nine teachers.

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## Cancer campaign’s ribbons raise awareness

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

Terrie Karebian has beaten ovarian cancer back four times since she was first diagnosed with the disease in 2003.

Currently in remission following the fourth return, Karebian for the last several years is doing her part to make sure no one has to beat it again.

The Northville Township resident once again banded together with family and friends in a local effort to “Turn the Towns Teal” by tying “well over 100” teal ribbons all around town in an effort to raise awareness of a disease the American Cancer Society says claims

thousands of lives every year.

Turn The Towns Teal is a national campaign to promote awareness of ovarian cancer and what the national organizers call its “often subtle symptoms.” Among them are symptoms such as bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, vague but persistent gastrointestinal upsets like nausea or indigestion, and difficulty eating or feeling full quickly.


Karebian knows all about the symptoms, having been originally diagnosed 12 years ago and having to hear three additional times, “It’s back.” She said the cancer has come back



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Katina Sultana, left, and Sandy Laidlaw were part of a group that decorated downtown Northville’s light posts with ribbons supporting ovarian cancer awareness on Aug. 31.

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# Library officials urge residents to get ‘carded’

Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Northville District Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card.

Resources at the Northville District Library are available free to anyone who has a library card. Students can turn to the library for materials, programs and knowledgeable library staff that support academic achievement.

The Northville library offers access to a variety of print and digital resources, including e-books for research, online databases, daily on-demand online homework help from Brainfuse certified tutors, online language learning, and more. This year the library is offering a brand new online resource called Little Pim, a language learning resource for children ages 1-6.

Throughout September, any child who is a Northville resident, and who can write their own name, can get their own library card and receive a fun gift bag.

The library is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Call 248-349-3020 or visit [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org).

# COUNT

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## Adding staff

While student growth has been fairly evenly spread around the elementary, middle and high school levels, Rodgers said teachers are being added at the high school because of burgeoning class sizes.

“Some of our growth has been at the high school, given large classes moving into that grade span and new students

enrolling,” Rodgers said. “We have added some teachers at that level to help alleviate some of the class sizes there, while maintaining our course offerings.”

While districts around them are laying off teachers, Northville has been spared that problem recently. Rodgers said the district has “worked diligently” to manage the budget and monitor enrollment.

“We have had moderate ups and downs in numbers, but given the impact that declining birth rates have had

across the state, we have been fortunate compared to many other communities and school districts in Michigan,” he said.

## Good outlook

When the budget was approved in June, administrators counted on using some \$1 million from the fund balance to balance the budget. If the district sees the expected increase in students, that may not be necessary.

It all makes for a pretty good financial outlook for the district.

“It is an exciting time here,” Rodgers said. “We

have come through some very challenging years since 2010, but given the shared sacrifice of all stakeholders, the support of our generous and supportive community, and the quality of educational programming we continue to build upon, we have stabilized and improved our fiscal status to the extent possible given the uncertainties and limitations of state funding for public education.”

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# TEAL

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so often, and will continue to come back, so much so that “they don’t even call it remission; they call it surveillance.”

“They check me every three months,” Karebian said. “They’ve told me the cancer will come back. That’s just how ovarian cancer is.”

Turn The Towns Teal was founded by Gail MacNeil of Chatham, N.J., who was inspired by her own experiences. During her 10-year battle with ovarian cancer, MacNeil realized firsthand that not enough was being done to publicize the symptoms of the disease. She wanted to spare others what she and her family endured.

The Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance gets involved every year, turning some 40 towns around Michigan – including neighboring communities such as Farmington and Rochester – teal.

Karebian and others have brought that same desire – increased awareness – to Northville the last “four or five years,” she said. The teal ribbons tied all over town are designed to heighten the public’s awareness of the disease.



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The “Turn the Towns Teal” group, posing for a quick photo in Northville Town Square, prepares to decorate downtown Northville with ribbons on ovarian cancer awareness Aug. 31.

Karebian got help the last two years from a friend and former neighbor, Vicky Van Gorder, with whom she’d reconnected and with whom, unbeknownst to her at the time, she shared a cancer history. The friends were brought together by Van Gorder’s daughter through Facebook – “I don’t Facebook,” Van Gorder said with a chuckle – who knew Karebian had cancer, as well.

“My daughter had heard (Karebian) had the same kind of cancer,” said Van Gorder, who had just gone through surgery. “It’s sad that something like

that brings good friends back together, but it’s been really good.”

Karebian points out the American Cancer Society estimates more than 21,000 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in 2015, and the disease will claim more than 14,000 lives. In Michigan alone, according to the ACS, some 800 cases are diagnosed annually.

While she’s trying to help others learn about – and fight – the disease, Karebian knows her next quarterly visit to the doctor could bring the words she’s tired of hearing.

“I am always nervous

every three months,” Karebian admits. “It’s very hard not to be afraid.”

But Karebian is able to shake that fear and maintain a positive, vibrant attitude. It’s an attitude of hope she likes to pass on to others.

“The best advice I can give anyone fighting this disease is to get second and third opinions, enjoy each day and surround yourself with positive people,” Karebian said. “There is hope!”

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Peggy McMichaels portrays Eva Bovee in the Northville Historical Society's annual Cemetery Walk Oct. 4.

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# Theme set for annual Cemetery Walk

Cabbagetown Connections is the theme as the Northville Historical Society gets ready for this year's Cemetery Walk set for 3-6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4.

Where is Cabbagetown? Who are the people who lived there? Who is buried at Oakwood Cemetery and who buried their loved ones there? What was their involvement in the Village of Northville? Visitors will learn all these facts as they hear about their lives, scandals and all, while enjoying a walk through time in this historic cemetery.

Tours are timed at 10-minute intervals. Refreshments will be served at the Northville Art House located next to the cemetery. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$18 the day of event.

Tickets are available at:

» Knightsbridge Antique Mall 42305 W. Seven Mile Rd. Northville (248 344-7200)

» Cady Inn at Mill Race Village 215 Griswold north of Main St. in Northville Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Sunday afternoons in Mead's General Store, 1-4 p.m. (248

348-1845).

» The gate of Oakwood Cemetery on Sunday, Oct. 4 beginning at noon.

This event is sponsored by the Northville Historical Society and is a fundraiser for Mill Race Historical Village. To learn more about the early settlers of Northville, visit the archives at Mill Race on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact 248 348-1845 or visit the website at [www.millrace-northville.org](http://www.millrace-northville.org) to learn more about the Village and upcoming events.

## Donation will help restore one-room schoolhouse

A donation from the Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation is designed to help the Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission renovate one of the township's oldest structures, the Thayer Schoolhouse at the corner of Six Mile and Napier.

After the total renovation of the 1877 one-room, brick schoolhouse is complete, officials said, it will offer educational opportunities to local schools and residents, while preserving one of the state's last remaining one-room school houses.

The Friends of Parks & Recreation (FNP&R) noted this is its last contribution to the community, as its members "burned out" and are "closing up shop" on its fundraising activities after 23 years and donations of more than \$1 million to the community.

Marv Gans, Northville Township Trustee and



Marv Gans (from left), Robin Schleh, Chair of Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission and Mark King, member of Friends of Northville Parks & Recreation at the check presentation at the meeting of the Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission Monday, Aug. 24.

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Chair of FNP&R commented that, "FNP&R was an outstanding contributor to the development of facilities for our parks by both helping to secure grant awards or by direct contributions. "Over the years, these developments have included the restroom/concession stand building, lighting of one soccer field and two baseball diamonds and other amenities at Community Park; two soccer fields,

two playgrounds, a walking path, one baseball diamond and a 212 car parking lot at Millenium Park, among many others."

Officials for the Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission, a tax-deductible fundraising arm for the township's Historic District Commission, said their goal is to preserve and protect the township's history.

They're planning a

fundraising event on Nov. 14 to continue raising money to finish the restoration of the old school.

Robin Schleh, Chair of the Friends of HDC, states, "Thanks to the Friends of Parks & Recreation donation, we can immediately begin work on the roof and its supporting structure, with a goal of completing that portion of the renovation by year's end. Fundraising efforts will continue until we reach our goal of its total restoration."

The school house and surrounding cemetery are the roots of Northville Township, settled by Rufus Thayer, circa 1830, and has been designated a Historic District.

Information about the Friends of the Historic District Commission's Nov. 14 fundraiser can be found on its Facebook page, Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission.

## LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Phone 248-349-3020 or visit [www.northvillelibrary.org](http://www.northvillelibrary.org) for more information.

The library opens on Sundays from 1-5 p.m., beginning Sept. 13.

### Drop-In Little Me Storytime

**Time/Date:** 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11

**Details:** Join Miss Dorie for music, simple stories and playtime at this lively lapsit program designed for very young children. This is a wonderful way to share time with your little ones while introducing a love of books and the library. Just drop in!

### Saturday Drop-In Computer Help

**Time/Date:** Noon – 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

**Details:** Drop in for a

free one-hour session with a volunteer for help with your computer or device questions.

### Nature's Superheroes

**Time/Date:** 4:15 – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15

**Details:** The Kalamazoo Nature Center brings you the latest scoop from those amazing animals in your backyard. Stories, participation and lots of fun. 100 free tickets available five minutes prior to the program. We cannot accommodate special groups. Tickets not available in advance.

### Biking Southeast Michigan

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16

**Details:** Rob Pulcifer, author of Best Bike Rides Detroit and Ann Arbor, shares his passion for the outdoors in this program that combines photos, history, and discussion about great places to ride bikes in southeast Michigan and beyond.

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## Novi police, fire, offer back-to-school safety tips

The start of the 2015/2016 school year is quickly approaching with all four school districts serving Novi residents beginning classes on Tuesday, Sept. 8. As parents prepare their children with the essential school supplies and textbooks, the Novi Police and Fire Departments encourage all parents to educate their children about proper safety precautions, before heading back to the classroom.

"Parents need to have a conversation with their children regarding traffic rules and personal safety well ahead of the first day of classes," said Director of Public Safety / Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "The discussion should include safe routes for walking and bicycling to and from school and bus safety. Motorists should also become familiar with traffic safety rules when driving through school zones and encountering stopped school busses; we all have an obligation to ensure students arrive safely to school."

» Most schools have an authorized student drop-off area. Use extra care and caution when

dropping your student off and watch for other students in the parking lot.

» Each child should exit the vehicle using the door on the curbside so they are not stepping out into traffic.

» If your child will be biking or walking to school, make sure they use the safest, most direct route and are familiar with traffic signals and signs.

» Students biking to school should wear a helmet which meets national safety standards.

» Be sure your children understand the rules of the road as they apply to pedestrians and cyclists.

» Be sure your child knows how to contact you, and at least one other trusted adult, in case of an emergency—as well as how to call 911 in an emergency.

» Never text while driving in a school zone and avoid using a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while



Molloy

driving in a school zone.

» Practice the route to school together, to ensure that your child is prepared.

### Reminders for students

» When riding the bus, remain seated at all times and to keep the aisles clear. Never throw objects, scream or engage in behavior which would distract the driver.

» Make a habit of arriving at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus.

» Do not bend down to tie shoes or pick up items in front of a bus, the driver may not see you.

» Never run out from between or in front of parked cars or waiting buses.

» Walk to school with other students, there is strength in numbers.

» Walk on the sidewalk, if available.

» Items like smart phones, tablets, laptops, computers, and cash should never be left unattended. Never assume property is safe just because it is tucked away in a backpack or school bag.

### Reminders for all motorists

» School buses use yellow flashing lights to alert motorists they are preparing to stop to load or unload children.

» Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm, signal motorists that the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off the bus. Traffic in ALL directions must stop until the red lights are turned off unless the highway is divided.

» Stop your car far enough from the bus to allow children the necessary space to safely enter and exit the bus. Michigan law requires motorists to stop at least 20 feet from a school bus with activated red flashing lights.

» Children are the least predictable pedestrians and the most difficult to see. Take extra care to look out for children not only in school zones, but also in residential areas, playgrounds and parks.

» Always stop when directed to do so by a school patrol sign or designated crossing guard.

For more useful tips,

check out the Back to School Safety Checklist at <http://www.nsc.org>

### Reminders for college-bound students

» Develop a fire escape plan which includes at least two exit points and practice it often.

» Ask school authorities if the housing unit has been inspected and if the smoke detectors and fire alarms are working.

» Learn where the fire alarm pull stations are located in case you need to alert others to a fire.

» If living in off-campus housing, make sure your room has a working smoke alarm.

» Follow campus rules regarding cooking devices and never leave them alone when cooking.

» Never smoke in your dorm or apartment.

» Always use only UL listed electronic devices in good working order and never overload extension cords and power strips.

» Students renting off-campus housing should remove all couches and overstuffed furniture from the porches and decks.

ture from the porches and decks.

» Sign up for campus crime or safety alerts through the college or university.

» There is safety in numbers, walk to class with other students and become familiar with campus emergency phone locations in case you need to call for help.

» Discuss crime prevention with your room or suite mates; keep doors locked, valuables stowed away and expectations when they bring guests into the living quarters.

» If taking late classes, learn the most well lit and traveled route between housing and the classroom.

For additional college and dorm safety information, please go to [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov) or [CampusFireSafety.com](http://CampusFireSafety.com)

"Heading off to college is an exciting time in a young adult's life and generally their first experience living away from the comforts of home. We encourage all students to practice fire safety and crime prevention tips to ensure a positive educational experience" Molloy concluded.

## WELCOME

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point presentation featuring pictures with people sharing their summer adventures, and students in graduating Classes 2016 through 2029 being paraded onto the stage.

There was even a red carpet. The celebration honored long-term staffers and welcomed new teachers and staff to a school district celebrat-

ing its 150th anniversary this year.

"We were celebrating 150 years of Northville," Gallagher said. "We've been through a lot the last five years, so this was just an uplifting way to start the school year."

Setting the stage up like a news update desk, Gallagher was joined by "anchor desk reporters" Andreanna Fekaris of the Class of 2021, and Karson Brown of the Class of 2023.

Together, the "broadcast team" took the 800

or so people in the room through the celebration of teachers and staff as "superstars."

"There was this fabulous atmosphere in the room," Gallagher said. "There was a synergy. It really was an awesome event."

Choir teacher Mary Kay Pryce felt it, too, on her 39th first day of school in Northville. She said it "gets easier, because you know what to expect," but that knowledge, she said, doesn't diminish the excitement

she still feels.

Pryce, who taught both daughter Kati (a 2002 graduate) and son Steve (a 2004 graduate), was especially touched to see a former student on the video praising the teachers.

"I loved it," said Pryce, a Detroit native who has spent her entire teaching career in Northville. "It was really exciting. It was the first one I'd seen quite that way. It was motivating. I liked how they tried to lift everybody up in all the

different areas."

### Refreshing sight

Pryce isn't the only veteran to be impressed by the innovative welcome-back ceremony.

Assistive Technology Coordinator Jeff Crockett, who has spent 40 opening days in various districts, called it, simply, "the best."

"In a climate of relentless attacks against teachers and public education, it was refreshing to see current students, former students, current

teachers and former teachers recognized for their contributions to the Northville educational community," Crockett said in an email to Gallagher. "In the back of my mind, I was also feeling the contrast between the constant stream of negativity displayed by political candidates in the media today and yesterday's joyful, optimistic celebration."

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# Schoolcraft College launches brewing, distilling program

**David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

Rich Weinkauf is ready to share a pint of beer made by students on Schoolcraft College's campus.

The Schoolcraft vice president and chief academic officer will be one instructor teaching courses as a part of the college's new Brewing and Distillation Technology certificate program, which was announced Aug. 12 after receiving final approval from the Higher Learning Commission.

After looking at a study last year, Weinkauf said there were prospects for up to a 200-percent increase in jobs in making beer and just under that for distilling, which led to an interest in starting a program at Schoolcraft.

"Brewing had the biggest potential for jobs in the tri-county area," he said. "At the time, Michigan had about 190 breweries. The latest I talked to the Michigan Brewer's Guild, it's over 220 now."

The 24-credit certificate program will help students learn the science of beer, brew house and marketing operations and packaging, among other skills. Adding other skills rather than just brewing was important to Weinkauf, who spoke to brewery owners to determine their needs before determining the program's components.

"The first job you get at a brewery is probably not going to be a brewer," Weinkauf said. "The first job you'll get is a packaging job. Or you'll work in a taproom, talking to customers."

The program is limited to 24 students in the fall, though Weinkauf hopes to double that by next year. Registration is currently open and classes begin Aug. 31.

Weinkauf said he



Schoolcraft official Rich Weinkauf explains the design of the brewing operation.

hopes to have taps ready to pour beer at the American Harvest restaurant in the VisTaTech Center and sell it in six-packs and growlers at the college's campus on Haggerty sometime in 2016. Construction is being

secured for adding the appropriate brewing equipment in the culinary arts department, while other permissions from local to federal governments are still being secured.

## Reaction

Weinkauf said he's been in touch with several Michigan breweries, including Griffin Claw in Birmingham, Witch's Hat in South Lyon and Short's in Bellaire. The reaction

to the program, Weinkauf said, has been amazing. "A lot of people are really helping with this," he said. "And I'm still not done. The brewing community, they're an awesome group of people."

One of the first people

he contacted was Joe Walters, brew master and general manager with Liberty Street Brewing Co., which has a pub in Plymouth and a production facility in Livonia.

Walters said he was excited when he heard about the program and knows it's unique compared to other schools and their recent offerings for the beer industry.

"It's absolutely in very high demand. The other colleges are putting together two-year degrees," he said. "We don't need brew masters, we need brewery workers, brewery employees."

He'll also be involved in the program, as he's been hired to instruct some coursework in the program.

The Liberty Street facility, which opened earlier this year, will be where students will get their immediate first-hand practice on crafting beer while work continues on Schoolcraft's facility.

"You're going to be working with equipment. You're going to be pitching yeast, you're going to be counting yeast cells in the science class," Weinkauf said. "You're going to be doing all this stuff. It's really not aimed at bookwork and theory."

Having a bigger candidate field to pick from will be beneficial to the Michigan craft beer industry, Walters said, and will result in better products overall.

"They're all going to benefit greatly from having a pool like this to pick from. It's exciting to know we're going to be improving the quality of Michigan craft beer," Walters said. "It's exciting that I'm part of the group that's organizing it."

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# Walled Lake students see the world over summer

Several high school student groups had the opportunity of a lifetime to travel the world and visit different locations. The student groups traveled from South America to Europe. These groups included Walled Lake Central High School students traveling to Germany and Scotland and Walled Lake Northern High School students traveling to Germany and Peru.

**Central to Germany**  
The Central trip to Germany was led by teachers Theresa Rob-inson and Julie Clapp. They and the 15 stu-dents on the trip ar-rived June 29 in Berlin, where the stayed for three nights, visiting many historic places including the capital building, Jewish memo-rial and the Victory Tower, just to name a few.

After leaving Berlin, the group traveled to their partner school in Garbsen, Germany. There the students stayed with their host families until July 20. During that time, stu-dents attended classes with their hosts, went on side trips with their hosts and host families, and enjoyed “everyday life” with their host families, which was the objective of the trip. There were also group trips to Hamburg, Han-nover and Bergen-Bel-sen (a World War II concentration camp).  
“The partnership between Walled Lake Central and Johannes-Kepler Gymnasium is the longest running exchange between an American high school and a German Gymna-sium, 42 years!” Rob-



Walled Lake Northern students also visited Germany.



Walled Lake Central students in Germany.



A group of Walled Lake Central students made a trip to Germany this summer.

inson said. “We’re proud of the connec-tions we’ve maintained with our friends in Garbsen over the years and it’s always very

rewarding to watch the students make new, inter-cultural connec-tions. It’s also a valu-able and unique oppor-tunity for students to apply what they’ve learned in the class-room to real-life situa-tions in the target country!”

**Central to Scotland**  
The Central trip to Scotland was led by teacher Elizabeth Rex-roat. The team of six students and several adult helpers traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland, to participate in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the largest arts festival in the world. Central was selected to participate in the festival after submitting an application earlier in the year highlighting its drama department. The students per-formed *Antigone Now* by Melissa Cooper over the course of the festi-val, which featured 3,000 performances from around the world. Their last performance was reviewed by Am-nesty International and they were nominated

for the Amnesty Inter-national Freedom of Expression Award, making them one of 85 shows out of 3,000 to be nominated.  
“The kids were per-fect,” Rexroat said. “Each student grew as an actor and, the more time we spent together, the stronger they be-came as an ensemble. Our show was compli-mented by each audi-ence that saw it and reinforced what I knew about the students. We saw amazing theater while we were there and our kids learned so much about themselves as people and perform-ers. We want to thank all who helped us fund raise for this ambassa-dorship by directly donating or by attend-ing the many events we held during the 2014-15 school year.”  
**Northern to Germany**  
The Northern trip to Germany was led by teachers Kaye Lynn Mazurek and Sabine Vera. Their 25-day trip took them and 23 stu-dents to their partner

school, Mörike Gymna-sium, in Esslingen, Germany. The trip cel-ebrated 10 years of exchange with the same partner school. Special field trips included visits to Augsb-urg, Munich, Munich Olympic Park and BMW World, Heidel-berg, Berlin and Pots-dam. The most impor-tant aspect of the trip was the time that stu-dents spent with their host families and their host students at home and at school. Students were immersed in the German language and culture and made life-time friends.  
“What a reward to spend a month with students in Germany as they experience the German language and culture first hand!” Mazurek said.

**Northern to Peru**  
The Northern trip to Peru was led by teach-ers Catherine Savone and Andrea Dashe.. The reason for the trip was to experience us-ing Spanish in an au-thentic setting and to learn more about the Peruvian people and the indigenous culture. The trip included two staff members, four parents and 10 students. They visited the capital city of Lima. Then they went to the ancient Incan cap-ital of Cuzco (11,000 feet above sea level in the Andes Mountains). The group also trav-eled to Macchu Pichu, Ollantaytambo, Sac-sayhuaman and Pisac. In Pisac, they spent a day with school chil-dren and their parents at an Andean school in the mountains. After Pisac, they went to Puerto Maldonado and the Amazonian jungle, where we stayed in an Ecolodge. The group did a lot of hiking through some rugged terrain in the moun-tains and the jungle, as well as boating across the Amazon’s Madre de Dios River and its many canals through the jungle and to Mon-key Island.  
“Studying people, their languages and their ways of living around the world is what I enjoy and what I have dedicated my career to,” Savone said, “but witnessing my students experience the same joy for learn-ing about different people, their culture and their world just simply invigorates my soul and my desires to continue to bring these cultures to them ... starting in my class-room!”

Sharing a hike to Macchu Pichu, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, and a stay amidst the wild ani-mals of the jungle is not something every teacher can say they have experienced with their students, Savone noted.  
“This trip was a tre-mendous experience full of history, culture, landscape, adventure, wildlife and incredible friendships created,” she said.

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**Lawrence Technological University**  
Northville’s Lacy Pыр-zynski (mechanical engi-neering) and Novi’s Alex Lozser (information tech-nology) have been named to the dean’s honor roll for the summer 2015 semester. To be named, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the term.  
**Baylor University**  
Degrees were con-ferred for more than 480 graduates, including Novi’s Nathan Michael Orlando (master of arts, political science) during a commencement exer-cise Aug. 15 in the Ferrell Center on campus.



# Fireworks



**JULIE YOLLES**  
The timing was impeccable June 22 for the 57th annual Ford Fireworks on the Detroit River. Torrential storms hit the area hard in the late afternoon and the late evening. The Parade Company, producer of the Ford Fireworks and the coveted Rooftop Party Fundraiser, made an excellent call to move up the fireworks start time to 9:06 p.m., from the usual start time of 10:06 p.m. The sun was out, spirits were high and 10,000 pyrotechnic effects created by Zambelli Fireworks went off without a glitch. Shown enjoying the event are Marie Alexander of Northville, Beth Dryden of Beverly Hills and Melissa Roy of Detroit.

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**AITTAMA, RUDOLPH**  
Age 96. Beloved husband of the late Norma (nee Vuolle) for 65 years. Dear brother of Hannah Carlson, Inge Thomas, and Hazel Grimes. Preceded in death by his sisters, Gladys Beattie, Elsie Erickson, Irene Waarala, and Verna Turovaara; brothers, Edmund, Fritz, Adolph, and Phillip Aittama. Survived by 52 nieces and nephews, and countless grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. Rudolph was originally a Bootjack Resident. Served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a wounded prisoner of war, and a hero to his country and family. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1980. A Joint Memorial Service will be held for Rudolph and Norma (who preceded him in death on May 2, 2013) at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 12, 2015, at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Pastor Andy Whitten will officiate. Interment at Lake View Cemetery in Calumet, MI. Memorial tributes may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or the Finnish Cultural Center.

**BRIGGS, JACK G.**  
Age 75, passed away September 4, 2015. Jack is survived by his wife Marguerite, sons: Mark (Dawn) and Paul (Michelle), grandchildren: Joshua, Faith, Rachel, Deborah and Abigail, his brother Richard (Marilyn) and sister Doris (Ron) Risdon. A Memorial Service will take place on Tuesday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m. with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**CARANO, EUGENE G.**  
Passed away September 1, 2015. Eugene was a proud teacher at Detroit Public Schools for many years. He was also a dedicated member at St. Joseph Catholic Church of South Lyon. Eugene is survived by his nieces Barb (Phil) Finch and Ann Landwehr and grand nephew Simon Blenski. He is preceded in death by his wife Catherine "Pat" Carano. Our special thanks to caregiver Sue Bell who Gene's out of town family depended on for her endless loving care. "She did things for me before I even knew I needed them done." Also thank you for his church family at St. Joseph Catholic Church, especially Pat Luther, Vick St. Sauver and Fr. Stan. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, September 4th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**HALL, SAMUEL M.**  
Age 77, longtime resident of Northville. Passed away September 5, 2015. Full obit at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)

**HAUSWIRTH, CRAIG V.**  
Died August 31, 2015. Burial Lakeside Cemetery, Hancock, MI. [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



**HAZLETT, ELLEN P.**  
80, of Lake Wales, Florida, departed this life on August 23, 2015 at her home, after battling cancer. Ellen was born on March 6, 1935 in Northville, Michigan. She attended the local schools and graduated from Northville High School in 1953. She was married in 1953 and the couple moved to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. The Hazlett's moved to Florida in 1957 and resided in Eau Gallie until 1964, when they moved to Lake Wales. Ellen retired after 35 years from Polk County School Board as the Principal's Secretary at Polk Avenue Elementary. She then opened ThreadBear Wearabouts Custom Embroidery. Ellen was a devoted wife of 62 years, a loving mother and grandmother. She touched many lives with her many and varied interests and talents. She loved helping others and did so as often as possible. She founded a 4-H club based at the school where she worked, exposing children to a wide variety of lessons and experiences. She enjoyed wood working, as well as folk art painting. Many of her seasonal pins are still worn by teachers throughout Lake Wales. She was an accomplished seamstress and avid quilter. She was a member of a local quilting organization. She enjoyed gardening, reading, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many area children who knew Ellen and her grandchildren, called her "Meena" like her grandchildren did. She is preceded in death by her parents, D.J. and Pearl Stark; her brother, John W. Stark; her son, David J. Hazlett; and her daughter, Mary Ellen Hazlett Brimlow. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, David G. Hazlett; her daughter, Suzanne K. Hazlett; her son, John D. Hazlett and his wife Julie T. Hazlett; and her daughter-in-law, H. Jean Hazlett. She was blessed with six grandchildren, Becky Hendry, Derrick Luke, Jason Amerson, Daniel Hazlett, Christen Lewis Fowler, and M. Ryan Carpenter. She also enjoyed 11 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Marion Nelson Funeral Home in Lake Wales, on August 28, 2015. A gathering of friends and family was held at Ellen's home on August 29, 2015. The family is requesting that donations be made to Good Shepherd Hospice in lieu of flowers. To view the webcast of her service, please click the link: <http://webcasts.life.tributes.com/625395>. Condolences may be sent to the family and the webcast of the service can be viewed live at [www.marionnelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.marionnelsonfuneralhome.com).

**HENDERSON, NILA N.**  
September 22, 1937-August 31, 2015. L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel, [griffinfuneralhome.com](http://griffinfuneralhome.com)

**KOZIARA, TRACY L.**  
Age 52 of Howell passed away September 3, 2015. She was born in Garden City the daughter of Richard and Nancy (Pryer) Koziara. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Tracy was the 456th recipient of the Daily Points of Light from President George H.W. Bush. She enjoyed quilting, volunteering at St. Patrick Catholic Church, but her greatest joy in life was spending time with her nieces and nephews. Tracy is survived by her father: Richard (Victoria), siblings: Michael (Ann), Jeff (Lori), Susan, Timothy (Debbie), and Kimberly; nieces and nephews: Michael (Dana), Matthew, Elizabeth, Amanda, Christopher, Katie, Daniel and Kristina, and great nephew: Liam. She was preceded in death by her mother Nancy in 2010. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Visitation will be held Monday, September 7, 2015 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Keehn Funeral Home. Rosary will take place at 7:00 p.m. Memorial contributions in Tracy's name may be made to Love Inc. or the Counsel of Catholic Women with envelope's available at the funeral home. Please visit Tracy's Book of Memories at [www.keehnfuneralhome.com](http://www.keehnfuneralhome.com)

## MELTON, GLORIA HADDAD

Age 88, passed away September 1, 2015. Born in Detroit, Michigan to Hajeeb and Mary Haddad. She was married Paul Dupuis Melton for 66 years who preceades her in death. She is survived by her children: Peter (Cathy) Melton, Sara Melton Keller, Andrew (Kathy) Melton, Marisa Melton, Mary Beth Wells; 13 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Friday, September 11th from 2-8 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday, September 12th, 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



## NODER, MICHAEL JOSEPH SR. "MIKE"

Passed away in the care of his family September 1, 2015. Mike was a longtime resident of Milford, MI and recently, he enjoyed his retirement in Wolverine, MI. Mike was preceded in death by Pamela, his best friend and wife of nearly 45 years. He was also preceded in death by his brother James Noder. He is survived by his children, Michael Noder, Jr., Andrea (Thom) Addison, and Angela (Greg) Koenig, Aaron (Nikki) Noder, and Marcus (Ashley Thompson) Noder. He was proud and loving 'Doodah' to his grandchildren, Michael Robert, Katelyn and Tyler Noder, Griffin and Gunnar Koenig and Charlotte and Iris Noder, with one on the way, and Carter Noder; step-grandfather to Angel and Caden Bare; brother of Lawrence Noder. Mike also leaves behind his beloved canine companion, Harley. A Funeral Service was held on September, 5, 2105. Memorial Contributions encouraged to the Michigan Humane Society as tribute to Mike's great love for all of Michigan's wildlife. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**POWLOSKI, EDWARD**  
August 24, 1928 - September 2, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

## RILEY, GORDON L., JR.

Of Milford, MI Born February 27th, 1958. Died August 26th, 2015 Survived by wife Donna Riley and two sisters Dianne & Ken Edwards and Kim & Jim Harkins. three kids Heather & Dan Sopinski and David Riley and Jessica & Corey Alexander. six Grandchildren Corey Jr, Carter, Rebecca, Hailey, JeMarcus, Martin. Memorial Gathering September 19, 1 p.m. at Child Lake Estate Club House.

## WILLER, ROBERT A.

Of Highland, passed away September 1, 2015 at 78 years of age. Loving father of Jeffry Willer, Scott (Linda) Willer, Jennifer (Lon) Goodroe, Stephanie Willer and Michael (Dana) Willer. Grandfather of Ron, Michael, Harley and Sarah. Brother of Helen (Ray) Howell. Private cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home. [www.eltonblackandson.com](http://www.eltonblackandson.com)

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## Novi woman finalist in sewing challenge

Sarah Kolis of Novi is a Passion For Fashion Sewing Challenge finalist at the 22nd annual American Sewing Expo, set for Sept. 25-27 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Reality sewing television competitions are the inspiration for the competition, sponsored by Baby Lock, that has 12 finalists designing and sewing garments on Friday and Saturday, judged during a fashion show Saturday and displayed Sunday (similar to Lifetime's *Project Runway*).

Expo show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Expo admission is \$14 and children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. For more information, go to [www.AmericanSewingExpo.com](http://www.AmericanSewingExpo.com), Facebook.com/AmericanSewingExpo or call 248-889-3111.

## Novi Choralaires

The Novi Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 season, September through December, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15 in the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile Road at Wixom Road).

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, go to [www.novichorallaires.org](http://www.novichorallaires.org) or [www.facebook.com/novichorallaires](http://www.facebook.com/novichorallaires).

## BetterHealth, Beyond Basics partnering

BetterHealth Markets & Vitamin Stores has partnered this back-to-school season with Beyond Basics to host a book drive to benefit the nonprofit.

Through Sunday, Sept. 20, customers may stop by Novi BetterHealth location (42875 Grand River Ave) during regular business hours and donate gently used or new children's or young adult books. Drop-off bins will be placed at the front of each store. No purchase is necessary. The books collected will be distributed via Beyond Basics to students and parents in Beyond Basics classrooms throughout the coming school year.

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## Pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will be offering a civilian pistol safety class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Novi Police Department Training Center (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 [cityofnovi.org](http://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

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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 and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, go to [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at [mwarren@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mwarren@cityofnovi.org) or 248-921-9843.

## Shredding Days

Shredding is available from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month at Corrigan Record Storage, 45200 Grand River Avenue. The fee for Novi residents is \$5 up to 300 pounds.

## Novi Ambassador Academy

The Novi Ambassador Academy is an eight-week course that allows community members to become "students" and examine the inner workings of city government. Students will hear from staff, tour facilities, and engage in the collaborative city governing process. At the end of the course, which runs Sept. 24 through Nov. 12, students will have a greater understanding of how the city of Novi works for its citizens.

## NoviParksRX will promote active lifestyles

In its second season, the NoviParksRX program promotes healthy, active lifestyles for community members and visitors by allowing health care and recreation professionals to write a "prescription" for activities in Novi's parks and on the Providence Park Hospital Campus. The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with St. John Providence Health System to offer the program through Sept. 30.

Prescriptions include swimming or biking at Lakeshore Park; climbing on the playground at Rotary Park; fishing at Pavilion Shore Park; biking, running or walking on the Providence Park Hospital Campus; and many more. Prescriptions are provided at Novi Parks programs, in the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center and at the Providence Park Hospital main lobby information desk. Additionally, a select number of Providence Park Hospital physicians are issuing the activity prescriptions.

## Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

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

Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. For more information, call 248-347-0414.

## Crafters sought for Bizarre Bazaar

The eighth annual Bizarre Bazaar is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville and organizers are looking for crafters. There will be more than 40 spaces for crafters; lunch is available. Grow your business and help women in third world countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank.

<http://www.fumcnorthville.org/biz-baz-village-banking/>. To reserve a space, email [fumcbazaar@gmail.com](mailto:fumcbazaar@gmail.com).

## Northville Farmers Market

Bright colors, summer smells and delicious treats are all part of the Northville Farmers Market with more than 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants and flowers available for purchase each Thursday through the end of October.

The market is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street and is open rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with free parking.

## Novi Farmers Markets

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm are partnering to host two farmers markets per week at two locations.

The Novi All Seasons Market (formerly the Novi Farmers Market) will take place on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 24 at the Novi Civic Center Campus (45175 10 Mile Road).

The mid-week market at the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm will be 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 21. The farm is located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road.

For more information regarding the Novi All Seasons Market, vendor or sponsor opportunities call 248-347-0588, email [rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org](mailto:rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org) or go to [facebook.com/NoviFarmersMarket](http://facebook.com/NoviFarmersMarket).

## Gardens wanted

Do you have a garden that you would like to show off? If so, consider including it in the 2016 Garden Walk or the 2018 Garden Walk to be presented by the Gardeners of Northville & Novi. Contact Barbara at 734-462-3928.

## Blues @ The Elks

Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in Plymouth will present Blues @ The Elks the second Tuesday of each month (\$5 donation at the door) in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hours d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.



# Culinary Extravaganza offers fare from top restaurants

The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents Culinary Extravaganza 2015 – a celebration of food and wine – 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Hagerty Road, on the Livonia campus.

Tickets are \$60 per person for the premier fundraiser which benefits students by providing scholarship support. The event features some of

metro Detroit's best restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors.

The lineup of confirmed participants includes: 2 Unique Caterers & Event Planners, Royal Oak; Sive Restaurant – The Inn at St. John, Plymouth; American Harvest at Schoolcraft College; Atwater in the Park, Grosse Pointe Park; Bacco Ristorante, Southfield; Big Rock Chop-

house, Birmingham; Birdie's Something Chocolate, Birmingham; Brown Dog Creamery, Northville; Cadillac Coffee Co., Troy; Coach Insignia, Detroit; Coffee Express Roasting Co., Plymouth; Compari's on the Park, Plymouth; and Cuisine Restaurant, Detroit.

Others participating are Elite Catering Co., Livonia; Granite City, Northville; Guernsey Farms Dairy, North-

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248-349-0911

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Religious Education 349-2559  
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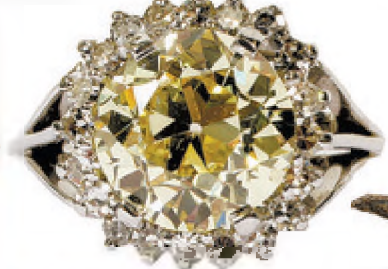
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SCHOOL BRIEFS

**W.L. hosting retiree reception**

Walled Lake Consolidated School District retirees are invited to kick off the 2015-16 school year and the Foundation for Excellence commemoration of its 25th anniversary at a special reception 1-3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the Educational Services Center (850 Ladd Road, Bldg. D, Walled Lake).

The Foundation for Excellence and Walled Lake Schools welcome retirees to be their guest and enjoy this opportunity to re-unite with colleagues and receive an update on the status of the foundation and district.

For more information, contact the foundation office by phone at 248-956-2116 or email at michellebianco@wlcsd.org.

**W.L. schools to compete in Salute the Troops game**

The varsity football teams from Walled Lake Central and Northern will be participating in a Salute the Troops football game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Central (1600 Oakley Park Road). Community members are invited to purchase special jerseys that will include the names of military personnel on the back.

The players will be wearing these jerseys during the game and then presenting them to their sponsor/solider after the game during a brief ceremony. Jerseys are \$100 and there are plenty of veterans in need of a sponsor for their jersey. All proceeds from the donations will be awarded to Military

Families United of Michigan. For jersey sponsorship information, contact Mark Midgley at mark.midgley@vconverter.com or go to www.wlcsd.org. For more information on the Military Families United of Michigan, go to https://www.militaryfamiliesunited.org/.

**Northville Rotary offering Youth Exchange Program**

The Rotary Club of Northville announced that applications for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program are now available to current high school students and students graduating in 2016. The Youth Exchange Program is for the 2016-17 school year and students would leave in August 2016.

The application deadline is Sept. 15.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides students ages of 16-18 the opportunity of a lifetime. It's a chance to spend 11 months in another country learning the language and culture.

Students and families who may be interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange experience should check out this YouTube link at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGdwpF2BBp8>.

**Host families needed in Novi**

The Novi school district participates through Oakland Schools in a Foreign Exchange Program with Educatius International for a select group of international students to join Novi High School for the 2015-

16 school year.

To ensure that this initiative is a success, Educatius International is providing a monthly stipend to host families to offset the costs for hosting international student(s) into your home; depending on how many students, a referral bonus of \$100 to any individual that refers a family that hosts; an orientation program for the international students, host families and the school; access to a local residential coordinator who will be available 24 hours a day; support as needed from Educatius International staff; and 24/7 emergency line.

Contact Melanie Smith at [Melanie.smith@educatius.org](mailto:Melanie.smith@educatius.org) or 602-820-6642 or Susan Reinhardt at [susan.reinhardt@educatius.org](mailto:susan.reinhardt@educatius.org) or 312-206-8749 for more information.

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Sat. September 19, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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Happy days: Victorian Fest has stood the test of time

By Julie Brown | Staff Writer

Soon, throngs of people will descend on downtown Northville for the 27th annual Victorian Festival.

"It has become the traditional fall-type festival in the community," said Traci Sincock, associate director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, which presents the annual September event, this year Sept. 18-20.

"Come and enjoy," she added. "It's a wonderful community festival. It's stood the test of time."

When the event began years ago, its focus was more Victorian and it's changed some over time.

"We didn't even have the Internet 27 years ago," said Sincock, who noted organizers face some challenges in finding activities to draw in modern-day visitors. The children who dress in Victorian garb for the Friday parade pay tribute to the community's past, she noted.

The theme for each Victorian Festival started a few years ago, with this year's of bicycling, Bicycle Heritage, Pedaling Through the Years.

Sincock said it's hard to know for sure how far geographically visitors come from for a free event.

"Our focus is to create an event for our local community," she said, adding neighbors from nearby also visit more than likely.

"I think because there's such a broad spectrum of support" for the festival, including churches, community groups, nonprofits and school clubs, Sincock said. "There's an element of just about every community faction involved."

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is the key presenter with Sincock as organizer starting work the next day each year when the festival ends. "There's lots of logistics that go into planning the event," including emergency vehicle access and access to storefronts, she said. "But we make it work."

Partnerships with local schools, Mill Race Historic Village, parks and recreation, the Northville Art House and Northville's library all help. "They all bring elements to the festival," said Sincock.

For more, visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org), [jcbrown@hometownlife.com](mailto:jcbrown@hometownlife.com) Twitter: @248.Julie

Victorian Festival Schedule

Friday, September 18

Northville Public Schools 3rd graders program  
Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs  
Non-Profit Groups Food and Games  
Festival Saloon (featuring Shawn Riley Band 7-10 pm)  
Victorian Festival Parade downtown Northville

Saturday, September 19

Art Fair at the Victorian Festival  
Street Activities and Entertainment  
Non-Profit Groups Food and Games  
Kids Bicycle Rodeo  
Victorian 500 Pedal Cars  
Hay Bale Maze in Town Square  
The Joel Tacey Show  
Balloon Twister  
Caricature Artist  
Carousel Acres Petting Farm  
Game Crazy Video Game Truck  
Game Crazy Real Life Angry Birds  
Stiltwalker  
Medicine Man Shows  
Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs –  
The Kerfuffles Musical Show  
Festival Saloon (featuring Big Ray and the MotorCity Kings 7-9 pm)  
Ford Field/Mill Race Village  
Village Buildings Open for Tours  
Eclipse Vintage Baseball Game at Ford Field

Sunday, September 20

Art Fair at the Victorian Festival  
Street Activities and Entertainment  
Victorian Church Service at the Saloon – First Baptist Church  
Non-Profit Groups Food and Games  
Hay Bale Maze in Town Square  
Victorian 500 Pedal Cars  
Carousel Acres Petting Farm  
Balloon Twister  
Caricature Artist  
George Tait Living Statue  
Eugene Clark Sculpture Artist Show  
Ryde Park Carnival at Northville Downs –  
Gemini Musical Entertainment  
Eugene Clark Puppet Show  
Eugene Clark Magic Show  
Mill Race Historic Village/Ford Field  
Village Buildings Open for Tours  
Used Book Sale  
Cake Walk  
Music in the Gazebo  
Eclipse Vintage Baseball Game at Ford Field  
Old Fashioned Children's Games  
Tall Tales with Paul Bunyan  
NHS Chorale Groups – Backbeat and Treble Makers  
Duck Race

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
5:30 – 10:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

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Mill Race Historic Village Events

Friday, September 18

9:00 a.m. - Noon Northville's 3rd-grade classes will tour historic buildings.

Saturday, September 19

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mill Race Historical Village – Buildings Open to members and the public.

Buildings will be open for self-guided tours with new interpretive signs. Docents will be on site to welcome you and offer historical insights including:  
• Cady Inn – Welcome Membership and event rental information. Donations gratefully accepted. "Adopt the Gazebo" - \$10 donation allows you to sign a shingle to help replace the Gazebo roof.  
• General Store - shopping and browsing.  
• Interurban Waiting Station has a new interpretive display.  
• Blacksmith Shop comes alive with a smithy demonstration.  
• Hirsch Exhibit Hall featured exhibit "125 Years of the Northville Fire Department"  
• Wash-Oaks School will be in session.  
• New School Church, which served as the town's library for 72 years.  
• Hunter House and Garden – tour the garden and see the note on the whitewashed fence.  
• Yerkes House and Garden - the parlors and dining room have been redecorated.  
• Weaver's Cottage will have a weaving demonstration.  
• Riverbank and Rain Garden – walk and talk (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

Sunday, September 20

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. Mill Race Historical Village – Buildings Open to members and the public. Mill Race Museum buildings will be open for self-guided tours. Docents will be on site to offer historical insights. See Saturday descriptions above for information.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. J. M. Mead General Store – Our General Store with its unique selection of items will be open for business. Credit cards accepted. Proceeds to benefit the Northville Historical Society. Proceeds to benefit the Northville Historical Society.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. Farmers' Market – Fresh Thyme Farmers' Market will provide an old time farmers' market with fresh produce, baked goods and beverages for sale near the Cady Inn.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. Duck Race Ticket Sales and Duck Race – Purchase a chance (\$5) to win a prize with each fast swimming plastic duck. The race will begin, following the traditional parade of participants at 3:30 p.m., in the swift currents of the Rouge River, upstream from the Ford Field Bridge.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Ask the Archivist – Tour the Archives and learn about historical images and documents.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Garden Crafts – Learn about native plants and how planting them can help the environment. At the North Bridge.

12:00- 3:00 p.m. What Is It? – Guess the use of a variety of common items from the past.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. Ragtime and Early Jazz – Melodies from a bygone era will be played by a talented ensemble of musicians at the Gazebo.

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Children's Games – Children's Games of the Victorian Era, like croquet, still walking, hoops and more can be played outside the Wash-Oaks School.

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Storytelling – Gifted storytellers will entertain kids of all ages inside the Wash-Oaks School.

12:00 – 3:30 p.m. Sweet Melodies – Sweet melodies from a bygone era will be heard from our Gazebo. A talented ensemble of musicians will play hammered and Appalachian dulcimers.

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Backbeat and Treble-Makers – Northville High School's award winning men's and women's choral ensembles will perform Victorian Era favorites at various venues throughout the Village.

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# Opa! A Taste of Greece offers food, fun, learning

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

The smell of Greek food wafted last month over Five Mile. Greek music filled the air at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church.

"We expose our culture," said Thekla Szlinis of Canton, co-chair of the A Taste of Greece festival with Angela Kheir of Farmington Hills. Organizers collect non-perishable food for Northville Civic Concern, which helps needy families, waiving admission for those attendees.

"That's a way of us giving back to the community," Kheir said. "This is part of our community involvement."

Music, dancing, food and church tours were part of the fun at the event, which ran through Aug. 30 at the church on Five Mile, east of Hagerly. This was the 11th year for the festival.

"We just wanted our community to get exposed to our Greek culture," Szlinis said. "We serve our ouzo and our Greek beer."

"Last year, it was around 3,500. We're hoping for 4,000" attendees, Kheir said.

Szlinis added: "Every year, it grows in popularity."

**Tours, U-M speaker**

Saturday featured a lecture by University of Michigan assistant professor Brendan Haug on "Early Christian Papyrology" at the church. Church tours have also been popular.

Diane Michalakakis of Southgate was among church members giving tours. "I've been doing

this for quite a few years," she said. "They're pretty amazed because they're not used to this. They make comments about how beautiful it is."

"Our church is shaped like a cross," she added, showing how it reflects infinite heaven and Earth and the concept of worshippers both here and in heaven.

Early church members learned from the icons when literacy was more limited, Michalakakis said. She was soon joined by the Rev. Nick Marcus, who came to the Plymouth church June 1 as the new pastor.

"It is a wonderful festival," said Marcus, who with wife Liza was meeting and greeting. "Their hearts are in it 100 percent."

He'd served earlier as cantor for 14 years at the Plymouth church. Marcus has also been a jeweler and worked in real estate before entering the seminary. He came here from Grand Rapids.

"It was always that beautiful church on Five Mile," Marcus said. "We're going to get some things going for the second phase of building."

The church of around 200 families is drawing new members, he added. Jerry Takis of Plymouth Township is Sunday school director.

"We have a pretty young population here at the parish," Takis said. "We try to make things fun for the kids." There are some 60 kids from grade school through high school in the parish program.



Julie Brown

Giving church tours are (from left) Jerry Takis of Plymouth Township, new pastor the Rev. Nick Marcus and wife Liza and Diane Michalakakis of Southgate.



Julie Brown

Bob and Cyndi Naumoff of Plymouth enjoy tasty food during A Taste of Greece festival.

"We said, 'This is a really nice little parish,'" Takis said of relocating with his family from Oak Park. "We're really happy to have (Marcus) back. We hope he stays here a long time."

The Marcuses, Takis and Michalakakis were

giving the church tours, which traditionally draw many neighbors who are curious about the interior. Szlinis noted the Friday community lunch for Bosch Corp. employees; that nearby firm helps with parking.

Also invited were 35th District Court employees and those of other businesses. Some 120-150 church volunteers work on the annual festival.

**'Hard work' makes it possible**

"A lot of hard work," Kheir said. The church prepares its own food for the festival, with many Greek dishes, entrees, side dishes and desserts.

Enjoying the food were Cyndi and Bob Naumoff of Plymouth. "We come every year for the music, the dance," she said. "The food," Bob added.

"We enjoy listening to the music, watching the dancers," Cyndi said.

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church will also have food at this year's Plymouth Fall Festival, Sept. 11-13. "We won't have entertainment (at Fall Festival), but we'll have food," Szlinis said.

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## Fox Run thespians laugh their way to Grand Canyon

Fox Run retirement community residents and staff boarded a Rent-Ah-Bus and traveled west Aug. 6 in hopes of catching the beauty of the sunset over the Grand Canyon. The residents, who are members of the Curtain Call thespian group, did so in *A Trip to Remember*, a play they wrote, produced and performed to an overflow crowd in their community's auditorium.

Gus the bus driver and a tour bus company hostess named Twinky took this eclectic group on a journey filled with laughter and quirky surprises at every turn, so to speak.

Their original bus broke down, so a reserve bus – an old school bus with the universal adaptor of duct tape holding it together – had to be put into service. This bus had paper fans that served as air conditioning and a radio that worked only when the bus headed north and only when it was going uphill.

The southern charm of Twinky and the "go-get-'em" attitude of Gus kept the bus ride going smoothly until the eccentric personalities of passengers such as the Diva, the Forgetful One, the Sleeper, the Complainer, the Man-Crazy One and the Lone Male took center stage.

The "Elegant Dinner" at McDonald's, a 5-Star Shady Rest Hotel stay, a flat tire and a midnight Grand Canyon arrival did not impress the passengers, but beautiful star gazing and a lucky \$140 million Michigan Lottery winning ticket for the entire group turned their complaints into cheers by the end of the journey.

Curtain Call thanked Fox Run's General Services staff and contractor Mike Risco of Risco, Inc., for their assistance.



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# First Step adds garden for healing at Wayne site

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

When you enter the new First Step Healing Garden, one of the first things you see is a family of five penguins on an ice flow.

"It is designed to create a feeling of fun and whimsy," First Step associate director Theresa Bizoe said. "The portico (near the door) is for security. The table close to the building lets people just coming in to stay here and be closer to the building."

The recently opened healing garden and playscape is designed with elements of a hospital healing garden to meet the needs of adults and children. Serving residents of western Wayne County and Downriver, Wayne-based First Step provides services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"It used to be an open field with standing water and muck. It has been transformed," Bizoe said. "This took three years of fundraising and design. We put in drainage, electrical and plumbing.



Associate director Theresa Bizoe shows off a water feature that is part of the healing garden and playscape recently dedicated at First Step.

Now, 20 minutes after a rain, it drains and the kids can play."

Jonathan Dreyfuss of Greenscape Systems was the architect and volunteered as project manager for the healing garden and playscape. A wide range of service clubs and other volunteers donated time, materials and labor for the healing garden and playscape.

### Something for everyone

The goal is to provide something for everyone. There is a toddler town play area with swings, a splash pad that allows the youngsters to cool off, a xylophone and pebble harp for music, an adult fitness area that includes

a ping pong table, a healing garden that provides a serene place for quiet reflection overlooking the park and a pavilion for gatherings.

"There was no place for kids to play. We can house up to 50 people on any given night and more than half are kids or infants," Bizoe said. "They range from newborns to teenagers. We get all ages and are almost always full."

For someone who has escaped domestic or sexual violence, Bizoe said the retaining wall around a seating area in the healing garden is designed to provide a sense of security, like

sheltering arms.

"We want everyone to feel they will be OK here. Coming to a facility is so scary for kids, leaving all they know," Bizoe said. "We want them to know it's OK to be a kid, that they don't have to protect the adult."

Bizoe mentioned a particular volunteer on the project who lost his sister and two nephews to domestic violence.

"He knew his sister was hesitant to go to a

shelter — that it would be too hard on her kids," Bizoe said. "If she knew of a beautiful place like this for her kids, she might have gone (to a shelter) and it might have saved her life."

### Place to counsel

Along with providing a relaxing outdoor space for shelter residents, Bizoe said the healing garden also services counseling clients as well as staff.

"We can do counseling under a blue sky with beautiful flowers," Bizoe said. "The staff can take a walk here — they hear traumatic stories all day."

The healing garden and playscape were also designed with an eye on being green. A 2,000-gallon cistern holds water from the building roof and pumps it into the garden areas. The water and rock gardens have a porous paver that eliminates run-off and lets rain water drain into the ground. There were 60 trees planted, all donated.

Established in 1978, First Step provides free and confidential programs to help survivors of domestic and sexual violence. That includes a shelter, counseling and referral services. There is a 24-hour help line at 888-453-5900.

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First Step associate director Theresa Bizoe with a family of penguins in the new healing garden and playscape.

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## Brightmoor Christian

**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org  
**Web:** [www.brightmoorchurch.org](http://www.brightmoorchurch.org)  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
**Time/Dates:** 7 p.m. Monday  
**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, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-349-8847  
**Web:** [www.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org)  
**Mass Schedule:** 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, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
**Web:** [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.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, 41355 Six Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** DestinyW3C@gmail.com  
**Web:** [www.DW3C.org](http://www.DW3C.org)

## Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

45301 Eleven Mile Road, Novi  
**Reverend:** Kanji Fuki  
**Contact:** 248-756-3336

## Dominion Church

**Location:** P.O. Box 605, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-767-1366  
**Pastor:** James H. Moseley Jr.  
**Asst. Pastor:** Ashaki M. Moseley

## 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. Wednesday  
**Special Needs Ministry:** Judy Cook, 248-442-8822  
**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study:** 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays – "Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur  
**Adult Bible Class:** 11 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 27 – "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton; 9:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 27 – "Who is This Man?" by John Ortberg; 7 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Sept. 29 – "Making Sense of the Bible"  
**Men's Breakfast:** 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12

## Faith Community Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 44400 W. 10 Mile  
**Contact:** 248-349-2345  
**Web:** [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 9 a.m. Sunday - "Christianity - The First Three Centuries"  
**Women's Group:** 12:30 p.m. third Thursday

## First Baptist Church of Northville

**Location:** 217 N. Wing, Northville  
**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. Tuesday  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday

## First Church of the Nazarene

**Location:** 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile  
**Contact:** 248-348-7600  
**Web:** [www.dfcnazarene.org](http://www.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 Scout-ing program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth- and sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogile; and Little Critters for preschool age  
**Sunday Services:** 9:30 (classic) and 11 a.m. (contemporary)  
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## First Free Will Baptist Church

**Location:** 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi  
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## First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**Location:** 200 E. Main, Northville  
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## First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon  
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## First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

## First United Methodist Church of Northville

**Location:** 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville  
**Contact:** 248-349-1144  
**Web:** [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org).

## Frank Turner Ministries

**Location:** Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Contact:** 810-599-7392  
**Web:** [www.FrankTurner.org](http://www.FrankTurner.org)  
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**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile, Novi  
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**Sundays:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

## Grace Immanuel Bible Church

**Location:** 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**Pastor:** Charles Sexton  
**Contact:** 248-344-4465

## Holy Cross Episcopal

**Location:** 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-427-1175; [holycrossnovi@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossnovi@gmail.com)  
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**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

## Hope Lutheran Church

**Location:** 39200 W. 12 Mile, 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  
**Web:** [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  
**Web:** [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)  
**Sunday Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible School:** Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Meadowbrook Congregational Church

**Location:** 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**Contact:** the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org)  
**Web:** [www.mbccc.org](http://www.mbccc.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.; church school and nursery care provided during worship  
**Fellowship Hour:** 11 a.m.  
**Rally Day:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 – Worship and communion followed by a potluck picnic with the main course provided by Brian Kanak, executive chef at Toasted Oak in Novi; members and friends bring salads, side dishes and desserts. All are welcome to attend.  
**Ten Not So Simple Rules:** Sundays through Nov. 22 – Senior Minister Rev. Art Ritter will offer a sermon series exploring how the commandments came to be, what purpose they serve, and consider whether some commandments no longer speak to our modern world. The series will explore one commandment each Sunday (save Consecration Sunday, Nov. 8).  
**Judges: Superheroes or Real Leaders:** 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Oct. 20 – Adult Education five-week series with Rev. Ritter leading the evening discussions in an exploration of Judges, a little known book in the Bible. The series will look at Samson, Gideon, Deborah and others whose stories include sex, violence, brutality and deceit. All are welcome to attend in the church's Christian Education wing. Come for a cup of coffee and discussion that is designed to let you learn, question and grow in faith. Participants are welcome to all or some of the discussions during the series.

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## NorthRidge Church

**Location:** 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth  
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## Northville Christian Assembly

**Location:** 41355 Six Mile  
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**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; 248-790-6075; [rabbi@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbi@novijewishcenter.com)  
**Web:** [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

## Novi United Methodist

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-349-2652  
**Web:** [www.umcnovi.com](http://www.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  
**Peace Vigil:** noon first Sundays 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

## Oakland Baptist Church

**Location:** 23893 Beck Road, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-982-4041  
**Web:** [www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org](http://www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org)

## Orchard Grove Community Church

**Location:** 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake  
**Contact:** 248-926-6584  
**Web:** [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org)  
**Back 2 School Bash:** 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. All sixth grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the southeast Oakland County area have an opportunity to enjoy a final "summer fling" with a variety of activities, refreshments, and a chance to win an opportunity to meet well-known professional surfer, Bethany Hamilton, when she speaks at the church on Oct. 18. The event will also include a car bash, inflatables, and giveaways. Snack food and drinks will be available for purchase. All interested students must fill out a waiver form to attend. The form can be downloaded at [www.orchardgrove.org](http://www.orchardgrove.org). Tickets can be obtained in advance on the website for \$15, or at the door for \$25.

## 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  
**Web:** [www.olvnorthville.org](http://www.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; 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  
**Web:** [www.thepentecostalsof-novi.org](http://www.thepentecostalsof-novi.org)

## Plymouth St. John's Episcopal Church

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

## Praise Baptist Church

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

## Prince of Peace Lutheran

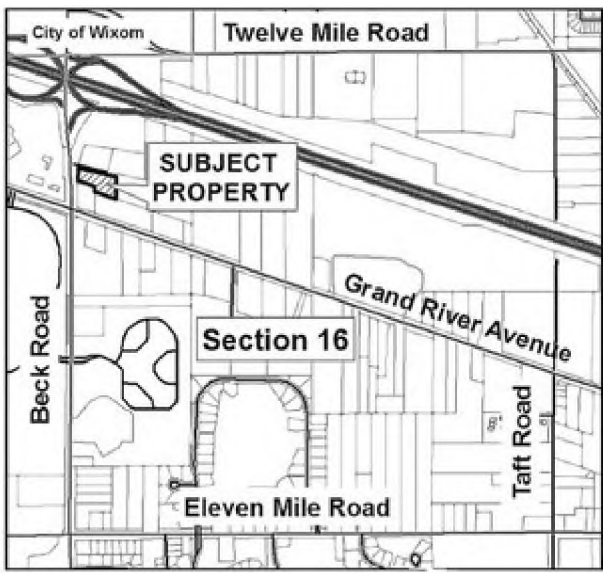
**Location:** 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Phone:** 248-553-3380  
**Web:** [www.princeofpeacefhill.org](http://www.princeofpeacefhill.org)  
**Fall Support Groups:** Hosting two separate fall support groups: "Hope for Tomorrow" for those grieving and "Through the Fire" for those needing 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.  
**CLASSES** (call the church office to register; space is limited):  
**Through the Fire:** an eight-week recovery workshop for those dealing with divorce; 7 p.m., began Sept. 3.  
**Hope for Tomorrow:** an eight week workshop for those dealing with the death of a loved one; 7 p.m., began Sept. 3.  
**Financial Peace University:** a nine-week seminar to help people better understand their finances and plan for the future; 7 p.m., beginning Sept. 10.  
**ESL (English as a Second Language):** lessons from 1:30-3 p.m. Mondays; 11 a.m. to noon conversational sessions on Saturdays.

## St. James Catholic

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-347-7778  
**Web:** [www.sjnovi.net](http://www.sjnovi.net)  
**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.

## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **CITYGATE MARKET PLACE, SITE PLAN NUMBER JSP 15-21, FOR RETAIL SERVICE OVERLAY, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 16, ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CITYGATE DRIVE AND BECK ROAD IN THE OST. PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT.** The applicant is proposing to 6,241 sq. ft. building with a retail space and two fast food restaurant spaces (with associated parking, landscaping and stormwater facilities) utilizing the Retail Service Overlay Option. A drive-through is proposed for one of the restaurant spaces. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

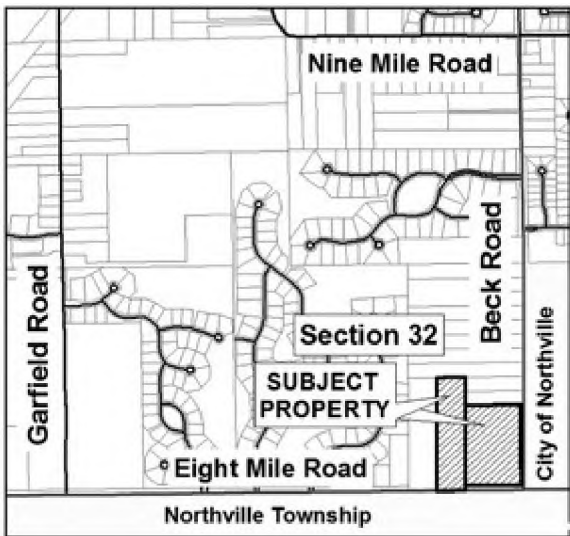
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **DUNHILL PARK, JSP 15-13 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.711 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO R-3 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ) OR ANY APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO).** The subject property is approximately 23.76-acres and is located at the northwest corner of Beck Road and Eight Mile Road (Section 32). The applicant is proposing a 32 unit single family residential development in a cluster arrangement with frontage on and access to Eight Mile Road. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Published: September 10, 2015

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# Craft beer lovers are invited to Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn in Canton

**Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

Hundreds of craft beer lovers will have a chance to sample flavors from across the nation – and from right here in Canton – as Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn returns to Preservation Park.

"Metro Detroit's growing craft beer culture can taste and appreciate specialty brews from all over the country in one location," said Gregg King, Canton facilities supervisor and fundraiser organizer. "Any event involving drinking craft beers, eating brats and listening to music with friends and family is bound to be a good time."

Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn – or B4, as some call it – happens 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge, north of Cherry Hill, on Canton's west side. Tickets are \$25 before Sept. 6 and \$30 afterward or at the door – and just \$10 for designated drivers.

The event, geared toward the over-21 crowd, benefits the Canton Historical Society with its educational efforts in schools, exhibits at the Canton Historical Museum and displays at the old pole barn at Preservation Park, CHS president Bill Tesen said.

B4 has steadily grown in what will be its sixth year. Crowds have more than doubled, Tesen said.

"We're up to over 800 people now," he said.

Organizers say the event includes over 75 craft and specialty beers. Barry and Cara Boggs, owners of Canton Brew Works, expect to bring six flavors from their microbrewery on Lilley,



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**Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn is returning to Preservation Park.**

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"It's a small beer festival right here in Canton and we just want to be involved," Barry Boggs said.

Entertainment will include The Dale Hicks Band, performing classic rock hits, and All Directions, which plays rhythm and blues standards.

For tickets, go to [www.cantonhistorical.society.org](http://www.cantonhistorical.society.org) or to [https://tickets.beerfests.com/event/BrewBratsandBandsatTheBarn](http://https://tickets.beerfests.com/event/BrewBratsandBandsatTheBarn). Tickets also are available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, the Canton treasurer's office, 1150 S. Canton, and each Sunday at the Canton Farmers Market, 500

N. Ridge.

Admission includes seven drink tickets – each good for a four-ounce beer sample – brats with fixings and a keepsake beer-tasting mug. Additional tickets for four samples can be bought on-site for \$5.

Sponsors include Canton Leisure Services, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Co., Canton Brew Works and Beerfests.com.

For more information on the event, call 734-394-5314.

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**CANTON LEISURE SERVICES**  
**Organizers say more than 75 craft and specialty beers will be available at Beer, Brats & Bands at the Barn.**

**Yankee Air  
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in its WACO  
biplane**

The Yankee Air Museum is offering a flying experience that goes back to the early days of aviation with rides on its open cockpit WACO YMF-5C biplane aircraft.

Rides on the WACO are available at Hangar 1, Bay 8 of Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti beginning at 4 p.m. Sept. 30.

YAM is inviting aviation enthusiasts to experience the thrill of an open cockpit ride in the WACO Biplane or giving the gift of a ride to someone special to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, graduation, job performance, to say thanks to a veteran, a fundraiser, or any special event or occasion.

A ride on the WACO for one person is \$195 for YAM members and \$225 for non-members. A ride for two is \$295, if one rider is a YAM member, and \$325 for two non-members. There is a weight limit of 350 pounds.

YAM memberships costs \$60 and include a ticket to Thunder Over Michigan (\$40 value) and the \$30 member discount for the flight. A flight must be purchased in advance to be registered for the September dates.

WACO, short for the Waco Aircraft Co., was one of the first airplane manufacturers to develop the biplanes that became popular in barnstorming throughout the U.S. in the 1920s and '30s.

Famed aviator Charles Lindbergh was a barnstormer who participated in many such air shows.

For more information, contact 734-483-4030, email [biplanerides@yankeemuseum.org](mailto:biplanerides@yankeemuseum.org) or go to [www.yankeemuseum.org](http://www.yankeemuseum.org).



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# Outdoors group SOLAR leaving Southfield for return to Livonia

**David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

When rent costs for the School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation got too high in Southfield, it began looking for a new home.

That's when past president Bob Westbrook realized St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, of which he is a member and elder, was the perfect spot.

"It just dawned on me one night," he said.

He worked with SOLAR's leadership and helped facilitate the group's meeting place move from Colony Hall in Southfield to the church at 27475 Five



SOLAR programs chair Kirsten Groppuso (from left), president Jennifer Tislerics and activities chair Kim Bartell on a high ropes course.

Mile ju,st west of Inkster. Now, the group that be-

gan in the mid-1970s at the Jackson Center in Livonia to share passions about the outdoors is coming back home.

The group began as an offshoot from 4-H in the area and grew to having several hundred members in recent years. It meets once a month and features speakers on various topics in addition to the business meeting. Classes on various outdoors activities, such as backpacking and camping, are taught by members and trips to various locations are planned.

Jennifer Tislerics, current president of the group, said there's a buzz of excitement among group members about moving back to Livonia,

especially those who remember meeting in Livonia in the 1970s and 1980s.

"I think even for people who aren't from Livonia, there's some excitement about the move," she said. "Some of them have definitely expressed some nostalgia."

**'Being so active keeps us youthful'**

One of those original members, Northville Township resident Peg Campbell, said the move will accommodate a lot of newer members, as many members are beginning to get involved from as far west as Ann Arbor. It will also allow for additional courses to take place, as the church

has more room than Colony Hall.

"That area of Livonia is so central and so easy for people to get to from Wayne County and Washtenaw County," she said. "It's a much better facility all around."

More information on the group can be found on its website, [solaroutdoors.org](http://solaroutdoors.org).

Meetings are open to those interested. Dues-paying members of the group have additional benefits, including the ability to rent equipment for trips. Tislerics said members range from young adults to senior citizens, including some who still do backpacking trips.

"We've got members

in their 20s and members in their 70s who still backpack," she said. "I think being so active keeps us youthful."

And that activity has other benefits as well, Westbrook said: companionship. He said many members fall in love with areas of the world they travel to and make a permanent move there. But when they reunite with other SOLAR members, sometimes years later, it's like nothing's changed.

"You get people who move away for 10 years and they come back to the area and they're able to plug right back in," he said. "That's always a nice feeling."

# Highland resident debuts 'Urban Warrior' documentary

**Laura Colvin**  
Staff Writer

Like many journalists, Nancy Branstetter has seen her share of bad news.

But the Highland Township resident has seen good things happening, as well, as she showcases "one of most remarkable people" she's ever met in *Urban Warrior*, which will premiere on Detroit Public Television.

Branstetter, an Emmy Award-winning reporter, anchor and weather caster who was in front of the WJBK-TV (Channel 2) cameras from 1975 to 2000, met John George when she was covering a story in Detroit. Over the years, she ran into him again and again, following along as he founded the nonprofit Motor City Bight Busters.



Former television reporter/anchor Nancy Branstetter, a Highland Township resident, and John George, founder of Motor City Blight Busters, pose for a photo after a recent interview. Branstetter's documentary "Urban Warrior," which spotlights the accomplishments of George and his organization, airs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

"I would go out and do stories in the community and see the hopelessness and here was this guy who was making a difference," she said. "He was really out there making it happen."

**Beginning**

For George, a lifelong Detroit, the story began some 27 years ago, when he and his young family were living in northwest Detroit. When drug dealers moved into

a vacant home down the block and things began to get out of hand, George decided he wasn't leaving his home, but he also wasn't going to live in fear for the safety of his wife and small children.

So he got to work boarding up and painting the home, cleaning up debris and cutting the bushes. Several neighbors joined the effort and, when the drug dealers returned, they turned around drove away.

And so it began.

Motor City Blight Busters was born in 1988 and the organization has grown tremendously over the years.

Today, volunteers come from across the nation and the world to visit and help George in his mission to reclaim the community, one house, one block at a time.

"I think everybody is looking at what's going on in Detroit," Branstetter

said. "This is different than someone coming to the city buying buildings with huge amounts of money to draw in businesses. (George) has worked on a very small scale - but done it every day for 27 years."

Recently, Branstetter decided it was time to tell the story.

With a budget of zero and many setbacks, she produced, wrote and narrated the documentary, she said, as many people stepped forward to donate time and talents; a videographer created drone footage, another shot interviews. This week, the whole Detroit community will witness George's story.

"He's the most positive person I've ever met in my life," Branstetter said.

George, she said, identifies his two top achievements as assisting with the establishment of a

new Meijer store in his neighborhood and helping to change a Halloween event known as Devil's Night into Angel's Night.

The Meijer store, at Grand River and McNichols, replaced the large, vacant Redford High School and other blighted property in the area and provided hundreds of jobs, potential for other new businesses and a much-needed resources for the community.

For his efforts, George has been the recipient of the Points of Light Award from the President.

As the next chapter of the Motor City Blight Busters is written, George promises - no matter what - he will be standing at Seven Mile and Lahser roads, ready to go to work, every day.

*Urban Warrior* airs at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

# Save for retirement with IRA when no 401(k) offered

**Q: I met you at one of the talks you did for the students at Lawrence Tech. One of the things you said at the seminar was the importance of saving for retirement as soon as you can. You recommended that people take advantage of a 401(k) plan. This is where my problem develops. I have been offered a job with a few different companies. I've narrowed it down to two companies and that's where I need your help. The pay is generally the same between the two companies; however, the major difference deals with the 401(k) plan. Company 1 has no 401(k) plan versus Company 2, which has a 401(k) plan. During your talk at Lawrence Tech, you did mention that we should save 10 percent of our salary for our retirement. Currently, that would be about \$4,000. All things being equal, I'd rather go to the company without the 401(k) plan. Do you think I am making a mistake from my retirement standpoint of going to a company without a 401(k) plan?**

A: As a side note, I am what is known as the executive in residence at Lawrence Tech and that position gives me the opportunity to interact with students throughout the school year, helping them make better decisions with their money. In meeting with the students at Lawrence Tech, the one thing that never ceases to amaze me is how bright these students truly are.

In looking at your situation, I think you're in a position where you can have your cake and eat it, too. Even though the company that you



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

want to work for does not offer a salary retirement plan, that doesn't mean that you can't save for your retirement in a tax-efficient manner. The mechanics are a little different, but the outcome is the same. Therefore, it is possible to have the job you want and also be able to save for your retirement. The way to accomplish this is through the use of an IRA.

At your age, you can contribute up to \$5,500 per year into a retirement account such as an IRA. There are two different types of IRAs that you can use - a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. The main difference for you between a traditional IRA vs. a traditional 401(k) would be recording a deduction on your tax return. With a 401(k) plan, your W-2 is net the amount that is going into your 401(k) plan, so no deduction is required. On the other hand, if you do use a traditional IRA, you do have to claim the contribution as a deduction on your tax return.

You can also decide to use a Roth IRA, which would be basically the same thing as a Roth 401(k). The benefit of the Roth option versus the traditional is the fact that the money would grow tax-free vs. tax-deferred. The longer you can let the money grow tax-free with the Roth option is certainly a benefit. The downside of the Roth is you cannot claim a deduction for the contribution on your tax return. Similarly, in a Roth 401(k) Plan, you are taxed on the

gross amount vs. the net amount. However, over the long run, by allowing money to grow tax-free, it certainly would be a benefit for you.

Either option - the traditional or the Roth IRA - would allow you to save for your retirement and at the same time have a job in a place where you would feel comfortable. In that regard, once you feel comfortable at the job, you may want to find out why they don't offer a 401(k) plan. Many small businesses don't offer a 401(k) plan because they think it is expensive and administratively difficult to manage. In the past, that was the case, but no longer. There are many fine, low-cost carriers for 401(k) plans that are available for small businesses. I wouldn't necessarily recommend bringing it up on your first day of work, but down the road maybe in a review, talking to them about a 401(k) plan may be something you feel comfortable discussing with them.

One last note, if you are looking for a new job, it is fair and smart to consider the perks that a company offers. A company that offers a good low-cost 401(k) plan can literally mean tens of thousands of more dollars in your pocket when you retire and that is something that we all should be concerned with.

Good luck!

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please email him at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

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# Labor Day: Work not perfect, but has its rewards beyond just a paycheck

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Cheryl McDonald likes her job processing curriculum at Schoolcraft College.

“Obviously, I think it’s a great place or I would not be here,” McDonald, a Canton resident, said while pausing in the hall-way of the college’s Vis-TaTech Center on the Livonia campus. She’s a 26-year Schoolcraft College staffer and before that was a parapro with the Wayne-Westland schools.

The eve of Labor Day was a good time to ask workers about working in America and if workers are accorded respect. “Not always, especially women. But I think it’s improved a lot,” McDonald said. “I think we’re more equal. I feel like I’m treated more equal.”

McDonald enjoys passing along the benefits to students of learning software, along with “soft skills” of professionalism employers desire.

“We have students in our office right now. Just trying to keep them on that straight and narrow,” McDonald said. “Somebody guided us and now we’ve got to guide them. We just try to give them good skills to take into the future.”

Several Schoolcraft students, in the highly regarded culinary arts program, were taking a break in the cafe at Vis-TaTech. Andrew Stone, 21, of Garden City, Daniel Worniak, 22, of Westland and Kathryn Haycox, 24, of Willis, Mich., already hold associate’s degrees in that program and are doing the baking and pastry program now.

Stone and Worniak work full time in the restaurant industry as well as attend classes, while Haycox works part time, also at a restaurant, as well as attends school. “In our industry, it’s really hard. We don’t take breaks at all,” Worniak said.

The fast pace of restaurants is a challenge and Stone noted restaurant workers are often critiqued. The pluses? “Job security,” Worniak said. “Everyone’s going to want to eat. And it’s also hands-on. You’re not sitting down at a desk.”

The three’s advice for high school students considering culinary careers? “Stay determined,” Haycox said. “Don’t let those little things get to you.”

Added Stone: “Don’t get discouraged over little stuff.”

Down the hall at Vis-TaTech, Novi Community Schools educators in special education were busy with professional development. Farmington resident Cindy Pingel is a compliance coordinator who works in the district’s Educational Services Building.

“This is my 33rd” year in education, said Pingel, starting her 27th year in the Novi district. “It’s the best thing you could do, to be a teacher. It’s the best job. The kids keep you young. It’s always changing.”

Her work as a teacher-consultant has included special education evaluation. Pingel appreciates that opportunities for special needs students have expanded. “We want to try to figure out ways for all students being successful,” she said.

As she entered the



Schoolcraft culinary arts students (from left) Andrew Stone, 21, of Garden City, Daniel Worniak, 22, of Westland and Kathryn Haycox, 24, of Willis, Mich., appreciate many job opportunities in their industry. It is, they note, also fast-paced.



Cheryl McDonald of Canton, a 26-year Schoolcraft staffer who processes curriculum, said, “Obviously I think it’s a great place or I would not be here.”



Farmington resident Cindy Pingel is starting her 33rd year in education, mostly with the Novi district. “It’s the best thing you could do, to be a teacher,” she said.

college conference room for training, Pingel noted she’d tell a young teacher starting out, “to keep learning and growing

with the kids.”  
  
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# Plymouth fall festival takes off Friday

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival, the granddaddy of public events in a town that's famous for its public events, opens Friday.

The festival, which runs through Sunday, Sept. 13, in and around Kellogg Park, is an end-of-summer tradition for thousands and a chance for community groups, service and booster clubs, churches and non-profits to raise cash, much of which goes toward local programs.

There will be a carnival, vendors, free entertainment and plenty of food.

"It gives everybody the opportunity to make a few bucks and it's all coming back," said Jim Grutza, president of the Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, an umbrella organization for the charitable work of the two Plymouth Kiwanis clubs.

"All these groups – the money comes back to the community."

The local Kiwanis – the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth – raise money through an annual pancake breakfast, scheduled this year for 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 12, at The Gathering. The cost is \$6 a person in



FILE PHOTO  
This young festival-goer had her face painted during the 2013 event.

advance, \$7 at the gate, and children 5 and under are free.

Grutza said the breakfast usually serves between 3,000 and 3,500 people and raises between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The money goes toward Kiwanis-supported organizations like Special Olympics, the First Step programs for victims of domestic abuse, Kids Against Hunger and the Aktion Club for adults with disabilities.

"We're going to be able to help a lot of people," he said.

**Community spirit**

The event also gets the community involved, enlisting wrestlers from Canton High School for

setup and tear-down and Special Olympics athletes and handicapped adults for help with the breakfast.

Students from the Plymouth-Canton Education Park Key Club, a high school version of Kiwanis, will be running the city's central parking deck during the festival, earning 40 percent of the take for their club's budget.

The festival grew out of a 1956 chicken barbecue organized by the Plymouth Rotary Club. The barbecue, planned for Sunday, is still run by the Rotary and is the best-known festival attraction, with 10,000 or more chicken dinners sold in recent years. It is the club's biggest annual



FILE PHOTO  
James Van Horn (right) and Mike Dunn man the outdoor grill during the Rotary chicken barbecue at last year's Plymouth Community Fall Festival. This year's festival starts Friday, Sept. 11, with the Rotary barbecue Sunday.

fundraiser; proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation, which pays for college scholarships, local beautification efforts, upkeep at Plymouth's Rotary Park, clean-water projects in underdeveloped parts of Honduras and more.

Grutza said he likes to see other clubs an organizations involved in the Fall Festival as well. The casual, friendly atmosphere there, he said, is similar to that of a Friday night concert at the park.

"There's never an

issue," he said. "It just kind of shows the community."

An ancillary Fall Festival event is Taste Fest, a chance for visitors to sample food and drink from about two dozen area restaurants and food businesses. Taste Fest, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club, is 6-8 p.m. Friday outside Station 885 on Starkweather in Old Village. Tickets are \$15 each; children ages 5-10 are \$5 each; children under 5 are free.

Participating establishments include Baha Breeze, Happy's Piz-za & Ribs, La Bistecca, Max & Erma's, Rocky's of Northville, the Rusty Bucket, Plymouth ROC and Station 885, Zoup! Soup, Salad & Sandwiches, plus newcomers Extreme Pizza, Famous Dave's and Leo's Coney Island. There will be a cash bar and live entertainment.

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## Heise member of panel weighing House sex scandal

**Matt Jachman**  
Staff Writer

A lawmaker from Plymouth Township is helping lead a Michigan House of Representatives committee charged with looking at the qualifications of two House members at the center of a scandal that has engulfed Lansing for



Heise

weeks. The committee's hearings, which began Tuesday, could lead to the expulsion of freshman Reps. Todd Courser, R-Lapeer, and Cindy

Gamrat, R-Plainwell.

"This is very uncharted territory for all of us," Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, vice chairman of the bipartisan committee, said by phone Monday, "but we're certainly committed to the process and to making sure everybody is heard."

House Speaker Kevin

Cotter, R-Mount Pleasant, named the committee after Tim Bowlin, director of the House Business Office, called for one in a report, issued Monday, accusing Courser and Gamrat of "deceptive, deceitful and outright dishonest" actions in covering up their sexual affair.

The six-member Select Committee to Examine the Qualifications of Representatives Cindy Gamrat and Todd Courser convened Tuesday to adopt rules, talk about how it would process information and hear from Bowlin and Brock Swartzle, the House general counsel.

Witnesses are likely to be called and Courser and Gamrat will have the chance to make their cases, Heise said. Cotter said the "committee will have access to every piece of information collected" during the House Business Office investigation.

"This is very much a legislative tribunal," said Heise, who also represents Plymouth, Northville Township, part of Northville and part of eastern Canton Township.

The committee could wrap up, he said, with no decision, with a recommendation that Courser's and Gamrat's qualifications not be relinquished or with a recommendation that their qualifications are such that the House should vote to expel them. The committee could also recommend expulsion for one but not the other or choose public censure as a lesser penalty.



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Michigan Reps. Todd Courser, R-Lapeer, and Cindy Gamrat, R-Plainwell, were blasted in a report issued Monday by the House Business Office.

Macomb County, from the Michigan Senate.

It was in early August that audio recordings were made public that showed Courser had asked his staff to send a fake email, saying he was addicted to drugs and pornography and had paid men for sex outside a Lansing bar, in order to distract attention from an affair he had with Gamrat.

Bowlin's report said Gamrat's claim that she did not author or participate in sending the phony email is "refuted by both audio recordings and staff testimony."

Courser has claimed he was being blackmailed by someone sending him threatening text messages.

Both legislators, married and with children, have resisted calls to resign.

Heise, has not called upon Courser and Gamrat to resign, saying he wanted the House Business Office investigation completed.

"Many will come to these hearings with foregone conclusions," Heise said in a statement issued after Tuesday's committee meeting. "But it would be a mistake to view these proceedings as a formality. We're

getting to the bottom of a very dramatic situation and we must be conscious of the kinds of precedents we are setting as a body.

"We're going to be judicious. We're going to focus on the facts and weigh the options to make the best possible decision on behalf of the constituents of these districts and the institution in which all representatives have had the privilege to serve," he added.

However, Heise said Monday that he believes Courser's and Gamrat's "personal conduct has clearly impacted their performance as legislators."


The special committee chairman is Rep. Ed McBroom, R-Vulcan; other members are Rep. Rob VerHeulen, R-Walker; Rep. Andrea LaFontaine, R-Columbus Township; Rep. John Chirkun, D-Roseville, the minority vice chairman; and Rep. Frank Liberati, D-Allen Park.

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## Plymouth Historical Museum will host antique appraisals

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host an antique appraisal clinic with auctioneer Doug Dalton from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Items to be appraised include antique furniture, art and small objects. No jewelry, coins

or stamps. Appraisals are by appointment only; time slots are still available.

Oral evaluations will be provided for \$10 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot.

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pointment at 734-455-8940, ext. 0, or sign up at [http://www.plymouth-history.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic\\_ET1712.html?Sort-Box=201509](http://www.plymouth-history.org/events/Antique-Appraisal-Clinic_ET1712.html?Sort-Box=201509).

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main Street, just north of downtown Plymouth.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Novi TasteFest

**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. Sept. 11  
**Details:** The Novi Athletic Boosters will hold their ninth annual TasteFest event at the high school. It's one of the organization's major fundraisers for the Novi Athletic Boosters, which supports middle school and high school athletes and sports teams. Last year, the Boosters donated more than \$140,000 to the high school and middle school programs. TasteFest runs in conjunction with Novi's home football game (vs. Livonia Stevenson); the game starts at 7 p.m. Local vendors include Ascension Brewery, Applebee's, BD's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Library Pub and Stuart's Ice Cream, plus pizza and drinks. On the Novi practice field will be Pump It Up with bouncers for the kids. This year, Boosters are also partnering with the Novi Educational Foundation, which will run a dunk tank on the practice field. There will also be carnival games in the fieldhouse and food and fun for the whole family.

Free concert

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11  
**Details:** The Accidentals headline a concert in downtown Northville at Town Square. The concert is free of charge.

Genealogical meeting

**Time/Date:** 1:15-4 or 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13  
**Details:** The Northville Genealogical Society hosts the program "Researching the World," at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady. Curious about your ancestors? Think you have to spend a lot of money or travel all over to find out their history? Come to the September meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society to find easy and inexpensive ways to research your family around the world. The September meeting will be members sharing their stories, discoveries and techniques. We are a friendly group who love to help others. Call 248-349-3020 for details.

Moms with Tots

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14  
**Details:** Immanuel Lutheran Church hosts a Moms with Tots program for children birth to 4 years old each Monday during the school year. The church is located at 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon. For details call the Rev. Scott Miller at 248-437-2289.

Democrats of West Oakland County meeting

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15  
**Details:** Guest speaker Mark Brewer, consultant for Goodman/Aker, former chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, will discuss redistricting during the meeting at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile. Guests are welcome; go to [www.DWOC.info](http://www.DWOC.info).

Battery Show Exhibition & Conference

**Date:** Sept. 15-17  
**Details:** The Battery Show is North America's largest showcase of advanced battery technology for electric and hybrid vehicles, utility and renewable energy and related industries. The co-located Battery Show, Critical Power Expo and Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Technology Expos are free to attend. Pre-registration is required: <https://registration.n200.com/survey/2v7yrx3wnxq9/register>.

Tasting and Touring Michigan's Homegrown Food: A Culinary Road Trip

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16  
**Details:** At the Wixom Public Library, Journalist Jaye Beeler and award-winning photographer Dianne Carroll Burdick, authors of *Tasting and Touring Michigan's Homegrown Food: A Culinary Road Trip*, will present a photo tour highlighting Michigan's agriculture - from the cranberry bogs and thimble berry jam of Michigan's Upper Peninsula to the city garden plots of Detroit - and samples of late summer bounty. Books will be available for sale and auto-graphing. Preregister by calling 248-624-2512, on the events page at [www.wixomlibrary.org](http://www.wixomlibrary.org) or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Outdoor concert

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18  
**Details:** Christian singer/songwriter Chris Driesbach headlines a free outdoor concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Free hot dogs will also be available. The church is located at 330 E. Liberty in South Lyon. For details, call the Rev. Scott Miller at 248-437-2289.

World Peace Day

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20  
**Details:** Plymouth Canton Interfaith Community Outreach World Peace Day 2015, sponsored by The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, Canton and Plymouth Hindu Community, Geneva Presbyterian, Gurdwara-Sahib Hidden Falls, Living Peace Church, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, Singh-Saba of Michigan Gurdwara. Prayers for World Peace in Kellogg Park at 1:15 p.m. in Plymouth. Faith Learning event with refreshments served at 2 p.m. at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. This event will have representatives from all faiths to teach the community about their neighbors, games and food.

Tour de Ville ride

**Time/Date:** Sunday, Sept. 20  
**Details:** Preparations for Tour de Ville Bicycle Ride are building momentum. The second annual ride will feature three routes (10, 30, and 75 miles) along Hines Drive, a light breakfast, a hearty lunch and a bicycle raffle following the ride. Find detailed ride information and register online at [www.tourdeville.org](http://www.tourdeville.org).

'Little Red Riding Hood'

**Date:** Through Sept. 20  
**Details:** Enjoy a musical version of the classic *Little Red Riding Hood* at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville. This story is about a girl who one day travels alone through the woods on her way to Grandma's house. When Little Red Riding Hood arrives, Grandma strangely resembles a wolf! What happened to Grandma? (This wolf has a comic twist!) Come see this fun, not scary, musical with lots of singing and dancing. Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. Aug. 13-14; 2:30 p.m. Aug. 15, 22, 29 and Sept. 12 and 19; and 2:30 p.m. Sept. 13 and 20. 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. For more information, call 248-349-8110, email [marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net) or go to [www.northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com).

American Sewing Expo

**Dates:** Sept. 25-27  
**Details:** The 22nd annual American Sewing Expo returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace. Discover the latest looks and trends for sewing, fashion and quilting from apparel and costume designers, art quilt makers and teaching professionals featured at the fashion shows, classes and exhibits. For more information, visit [www.AmericanSewingExpo.com](http://www.AmericanSewingExpo.com), [Facebook.com/AmericanSewingExpo](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanSewingExpo) or call 248-889-3111.

Thank You For The Music

**Times/Dates:** 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25; 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26  
**Details:** Beyond Belief Senior Theatre & Chorus presents a variety show sharing music and dance through the decades at the Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street, Northville; 248-349-8110). Tickets (\$12 in advance; \$15 day of show) are available by calling 248-684-5566 or 248-669-5930. Go to [www.beyondbeliefseniors.com](http://www.beyondbeliefseniors.com) for more information.

Mom 2 Mom Sale – Fundraiser

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26  
**Details:** Novi Community Education's Infant & Toddler Program, The Lily Pad Lane Day Care, is hosting its annual Mom

Manor carnival



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Kids jump around inside a moon bounce ride at the Manor of Novi's summer carnival.

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Manor of Novi employee Patricia Herndon rides a tricycle around its campus Aug. 21 during the elder care facility's annual carnival. The afternoon featured a barbecue, cotton candy, moon bounce rides and entertainment for the center's staff and residents.

2 Mom Sale in the Novi High School Atrium. All admission proceeds will benefit the Child Care programs. Admission is \$1 per adult and free for children under the age of 12. Sellers may call 248-449-1713 to rent a five-foot round table for \$20 and/or rack space for \$10. All large items are kept next to the seller with no extra fee. Items accepted for sellers to sell range from maternity, baby, toddlers and children up to preteen. For more information, contact Community Education-Child Care at 248-449-1713.

Kicking cancer

**Time/Date:** 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27  
**Details:** Brick's of Northville brings together elite chefs, live culinary action stations, craft cocktails, and live music. Auction and raffle proceeds, as well as a

portion of ticket sales, will be donated to Kids Kicking Cancer, a charity that helps children face the challenges of cancer treatment. Featured chefs include: Bricks of Northville Culinary Team; Chef Tanya Fallon (Union Woodshop of Clarkston); Chef Chris Rygalski (Oakland Hills Country Club); and the 24 Grille Culinary Team. Live performances include Matthew Kysia, Dan Tillery and Pato Margetic. DJ support by DJ Chrome. Tickets are available online at [www.neptix.com/events/24337](http://www.neptix.com/events/24337) Kids Kicking Cancer is a charity that was begun by Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg after losing his own child to leukemia at the age of 2. Mike Subu and Chef Asia Rain are hosting the event at Bricks, at 133 W. Main Street, Northville. Call 248-924-2123 or go to [Breakingbrunch.com](http://Breakingbrunch.com).

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# Registration open for Wayne County Parks' Heroes of Hines half-marathon, 5K

Wayne County Parks, in partnership with Running Fit, is hosting the third annual Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run on Saturday, Oct. 3. Proceeds from the race will support and maintain the First Responders Memorial in Hines Park, located at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

Built in 2013, the First Responders Memorial contains the names of the police, fire and EMS personnel from Wayne County communities who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The memorial includes monuments, seat walls, concrete walkways, a paver plaza, site furnishings and special lighting. The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run will start and finish at the memorial site.

"I know what a place like the First Responders Memorial means to the



First Responders Memorial is in Hines Park, at the corner of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty," Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans said. "The men and women represented on the wall were true heroes who made great sacrifices and encountered great risks to en-

sure all of our safety. "To honor them in this way is not enough, but this memorial shows that we are grateful for their bravery in service and most importantly it shows that they have not been forgotten. The Heroes on Hines Half Mara-

thon and 5K Run is an opportunity for us to support them in remembrance," he added. Last year's Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run raised \$10,000 for the First Responders Memorial. Improvements to the me-

morial included a video security system and new American, Wayne County and state of Michigan flags.

Participants can register online at [www.heroesonhines.com](http://www.heroesonhines.com) or in person at the Nankin Mills Interpretive, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Online registration for the Half Marathon and the 5K Run will be accepted until noon Oct. 1. After Oct. 1, participants must register in person.

Entry fees include a technical race shirt, drawstring backpack, post-race food and finisher's medal for all participants.

The Half Marathon begins at 8 a.m. The registration fee is \$59 through noon Oct. 1. Registration thereafter will be \$70.

The 5K Run begins at 8:45 a.m. The registra-

tion fee is \$34 through noon Oct. 1. Registration thereafter will be \$40.

Participants can also compete for the chance to win the Community Spirit Award. This award is awarded to the largest group that registers to participate together in either the Half Marathon or the 5K. Last year's winner of the Community Spirit Award was the Sumpter Township Police Department.

Sponsors for the 2015 Heroes on Hines event include Running Fit Events, *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Burroughs Inc., Aunt Millie's Bakeries, Huron Valley Ambulance, Durr and Friends of Wayne County Parks.

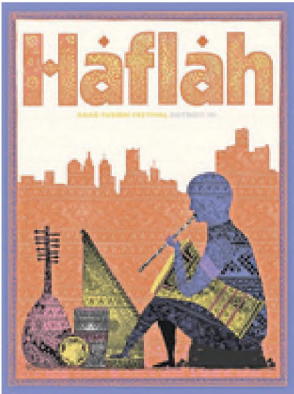
For more information about the event, go to [www.heroesonhines.com](http://www.heroesonhines.com). For information on other Wayne County Parks events, call 734-261-1990 or go to [www.parks.waynecounty.com](http://www.parks.waynecounty.com).

# Michigan Phil, National Arab Orchestra present fusion fest

The Michigan Philharmonic and The National Arab Orchestra will bring music lovers together this concert season for the inaugural HAFLAH! Arab Fusion Festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Detroit's Music Hall.

In Arabic, "haflah" means "large festive party" — and what a musical party it will be. This unique concert features classical music with a Middle Eastern flair, as well as works by Middle Eastern composers and others from around the world.

"This concert collabo-



In Arabic, "haflah" means "large festive party."

ration has never been done before and that's

one of the reasons the Michigan Philharmonic is so excited to work with Michael Ibrahim and the musicians of the National Arab Orchestra," said Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic.

According to Nan Washburn, music director and conductor of the Michigan Philharmonic, one of the things that makes this an extra special musical event is the opportunity for musicians of the Michigan Philharmonic to perform side by side with the fabulous musicians of the National Arab Or-

chestra, to premiere composer Kareem Roustom's exciting new work, *Hewar*, which means dialogue or conversation.

"Kareem has written a musical expression of the interplay between musicians and between cultures," Washburn said. "In my book, this type of special musical event is one of the best and most fun ways to build cultural bridges and celebrate our wonderfully diverse community."

Many Detroit arts and culture organizations have helped make this unique concert possible. The HAFLAH! Arab Fusion Festival is a win-

ner of the 2013 Knight Arts Challenge Detroit, an initiative of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

"The arts offer a unique opportunity to experience different cultures and perspectives. This collaboration is testament to its potential to unite, inspire and connect diverse groups to the place they live and to each other," said Victoria Rogers, Knight Foundation vice president for arts.

Another partner in this effort is Detroit Public Television, which will produce a video of the performance with support from Knight

Foundation, the Muna and Basem Hishmeh Foundation and the American Syrian Arab Cultural Association. The concert will air at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

"Music is a universal language and we have the opportunity to bring our audiences something unique and meaningful, celebrating the power of the arts to unite us all," said Michael Ibrahim, founder and director of the National Arab Orchestra.

For tickets and information, go to [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org) or <http://www.musichall.org/events/HAFLAH>.

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OUR VIEW

# Keep Schoolcraft moving forward: Voters urged to OK November millage

Officials at Schoolcraft College in Livonia are asking in the November general election for an additional .06 mills for 10 years, an increase they say will allow the college to continue capital improvements, help add programs and pursue additional partnerships.

The college has helped hundreds of thousands of students achieve their career goals. It has delivered on its promises – keeping tuition affordable so that everyone can take advantage of higher education.

We believe the college has made a solid case for millage request. Voters should approve the increase and keep Schoolcraft moving forward.

The 10-year millage will cost homeowners an additional \$30 per year for every \$100,000 of a home's taxable value.

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, Schoolcraft tops the lists of community colleges in Michigan for combined graduation and transfer rates to four-year colleges or universities. And Schoolcraft does it more efficiently than *all* local competitors.

There are good reasons to give Schoolcraft the additional funding. First, it's been nearly three decades since the college has asked for any kind of increase, a 0.5-mill hike voters approved in 1986. Despite the stagnant funding, Schoolcraft – under the leadership of current President Conway Jeffress and former President Richard McDowell – has built solid programs, including renowned culinary and nursing programs.

The college has established partnerships with four-year universities such as Wayne State and the University of Toledo. It has improved facilities and programs. And it has done so with decreasing funding. Because of the economic downturn that started in 2008, the decline in property values meant the college received \$6.3 million less in 2013 than it had in 2008.

But school officials say the time has come where programs and facilities will begin to suffer with continued dwindling funds. Capital improvements and technological advances will be slowed or eliminated, making degree completion a more difficult prospect for students.

The college isn't the only beneficiary of the additional funding. Schoolcraft has been a successful economic partner to the western Wayne County area. The college has helped eliminate a variety of vacant or underdeveloped parcels in surrounding neighborhoods. The Business Development Center has helped southeast Michigan companies access more than \$16 million in capital formation and another \$385 million in government contracts in the last year alone.

Local businesses also benefit from a better-educated workforce. Studies show community college graduates generally stay in the local community to live and work. And there are a lot of them at Schoolcraft: Nearly 23,000 students took continuing education and professional development classes last year.

Schoolcraft officials over the years have proven to be good stewards of taxpayer money. The additional millage will allow college leaders to make strategic improvements in the years to come.

Given the college's performance over the years, approving the 0.6-mill increase for which the administration is asking would be money well spent by voters in the college district, which includes residents in the Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton public school districts.

We urge voters to support the college's continued improvement. Vote **YES** Tuesday, Nov. 3.



FILE PHOTO  
Pastry chef Heather Moore is a Schoolcraft College student. The school is seeking a 0.6-mill increase on the November ballot.

OUR VIEW

# Class on vaccinations is a good compromise

The state of Michigan's new rule, that parents must take a class if they want to file a waiver rather than have their children fully vaccinated before entering school, is a pretty good compromise.

Far better, we believe, than eliminating waivers altogether and making vaccinations mandatory before children can enter public school, as California has done.

And yet an unwarranted fear of vaccinations has spread in this country, largely on the wings of misinformation, to the point that it has resulted in a resurgence of diseases once nearly eradicated. Measles, for example, had been virtually eliminated in the United States by the year 2000, but last year 644 cases were reported.

And that is partly a result of the number of waivers parents are filing. In 2013, 5.9 percent of Michigan children entered kindergarten with waivers instead of vaccines. In Livingston County, the number was 11.3 percent.

California moved to make vaccinations mandatory for all children because of the measles outbreak. That has been proposed in Michigan, too.

We believe that goes too far. How can we claim we live in a free country if the government

can force us to have something injected into our bodies, or those of our children, against our will?

There is no doubt that vaccinations work, and to a degree, they are a victim of their own success. Polio terrified the country repeatedly during the first half of the 20th century. The last major outbreak in 1952 struck 58,000 people and left almost a third of those, mostly children, confined to a wheelchair or bed the rest of their lives.

Jonas Salk developed the polio vaccine, and by 1979 polio had been eliminated from the United States.

Now people have largely forgotten the terror of such diseases. So when a British physician published a study in a medical journal in 1998 linking the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine to autism, fear began of the vaccines themselves.

Today, that study has been thoroughly debunked and the doctor that did it has been completely discredited. Yet, the fear lives on — mainly spread by celebrities and politicians and others really not qualified to give a medical opinion.

Vaccines by and large are safe. Yes, there is a risk with vaccines, but certainly, they are far safer than leaving children exposed to serious diseases.

Measles, which we mentioned earlier, is often seen as a not-very-serious childhood disease. Most kids recover with no long-term effects. Yet one in every 20 children who gets measles develops pneumonia. About one in every 1,000 develops encephalitis, which can leave a child deaf or mentally impaired. One or two of every 1,000 who get measles will die.

Compare that to the injury rate of the measles vaccine, one in a million.

So the state has come up with a solution. In Michigan, parents who opt for a waiver instead of vaccinations must take a class, 15 to 30 minutes long, with a public health professional who can answer their questions and concerns about vaccinations. Misinformation can be countered with actual fact. Fears can be countered with actual statistics.

If living in a free country means anything, it should mean that each of us gets to decide what we put in our bodies, and those of our children.

And no, the government ought not be able to override our choice, even if it's a bad choice.

But here's a solution that will make sure it's a fully informed bad choice.

— Livingston Daily editorial board

LETTERS

## Mandarin a mistake

I noticed that in the Sept. 3 newspaper, you printed two articles regarding adding Mandarin to the curriculum of the Northville Public Schools.

Well, as a taxpayer in Northville, I am furious over this even being considered. It will be an unnecessary expense for the school district. We will have to hire a special teacher to teach this and that teacher will not be easy to find and may be costly.

Also, just who is going to take this class? How many students are we talking about here? It would not be fair to allow students that can already speak Mandarin to take this class as it will be an easy "A" for them.

This will just be another waste of taxpayer dollars.

Carol Maynard  
Northville

## God bless America

In response to Ms. Sonnenberg's comments in the *Northville Record* last week, I do not remember the comment from Mr. Huddleston so I cannot comment if she is correct in her response or off-base.

However, her comment about Socialist Strategy struck a chord. From last week: "But that is also a trademark of socialist strategy. Avoid objective truth and call names, obscure/ignore facts."

Isn't the last sentence (Avoid objective truth and call names, obscure/ignore facts) exactly how Donald Trump has been running his presidential campaign? And so far, in the opinion polls, he is leading.

Though he gets tedious with consistent ranting, Mr. Huddleston has a right to be heard in print and serves the purpose of clarifying what I oppose from the socialist agenda. God bless America.

Jim Kastely  
Northville

## Iran deal not supported by electorate

I read in the papers that Stabenow, Lawrence and Dingell are backing the Iran deal. I had no doubt that they would, because all of them are Obama boot-lickers and the next one that will fall is Peters. Obviously, these so-called politicians do not follow the national polls, where 75 percent of the people feel less safe with the plan that Obama is pushing.

As a World War II vet of Polish heritage, I think the Democrats sold Central and Eastern Europe down the drain to let the Russians take over. My mother had cousins and uncles who were captured by the Germans and they in turn handed them over to Russia, which was in partnership with Germany. The Russians, of course, marched the Polish soldiers into the Katyn forest and put a bullet into their heads. This wasn't known until 1983, when the Russian leader admitted to George H.W. Bush that indeed the KGB did execute more than 12,000 Polish soldiers. You can also read this in Bill O'Reilly's book *Killing Patton*.

All I can say is that the Democrats will go down in history as giving Iran the bomb and letting



Dr. John Brender, director of the Confucius Institute at Wayne State University, describes the benefits of adding Chinese to the curriculum to the Northville Board of Education.

them wipe out Israel, which is just as bad or worse than the Holocaust. We elect people to represent us in Washington and they do not listen to the citizens who elect them.

Robert Siedlik  
Livonia

## Hypocrites are comical

Let see if we understand this correctly. State Republican Rep. Todd Courser, married with four children, has an affair with Republican Rep. Cindy Gamrat, married with three children. That is seven children by different spouses. Both are Tea Bag darlings and profess to be strong social conservatives.

Rep. Courser then hatches a bizarre plot to hide this adulterous affair, which reportedly involves a Courser affair with a male prostitute. When aides of these representatives refuse to go along with the cover up, both were fired.

The behavior of these hypocrites would be comical and fit for a made-for-TV comedy. The sad part is these two Republican representatives carried on their affair on the taxpayers' dime. We are subsidizing these role models and this behavior.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

## Don't be afraid of Hillary

I change the title of a well-known play and movie, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe*, to *Who's Afraid of Hillary Clinton*? I answer, everyone! Why?

The former secretary of state is intelligent, knows about and is experienced in many facets and policies of government as wife of a governor, senator and president. She is a humanitarian as well as a feminist. In 1995 while visiting China she said, "Women's rights are human rights." Meryl Streep says of her, "We are Hillary; she is us."

Hillary Clinton's other strengths include being an outstanding campaigner, discussing issues, staying on message during debates and large gatherings, and remaining strong during confrontations. Her motto is 'never give up.' She embodies hope.

Since Hillary Clinton appeared on the national stage 30 years ago, she has been plagued with negativity, accusations, suspicion, insulting descriptions, hate and made-up scandals. The scandals include stories/rumors of corruption, dishonesty, lack of natural feelings, phoniness, not being worthy of trust. Some Republican

members of Congress have made her the target of "scandals" some of which were unnecessary, unimportant, inconsequential controversies. The current one concerns her private email server for which she has said she made a mistake. The public should be aware that this practice is consistent with State Department practices during the past two administrations in which diplomats sent secret material on unsecured email.

I am sorry we citizens have to endure another long election cycle. I wish we had a system similar to that of Canada. Sadly, I mistrust most of the forms of media except for journalists I admire and trust. We need another Jon Stewart! Maybe Stephen Colbert?

Hannah Provence Donigan  
Commerce

## Deal is a turning point

Republican war hawks like Dick Cheney are beating their chests over a deal to stop Iran from getting a nuclear weapon. Rather than listen to those who led us into the foolish war in Iraq, look at the facts.

The deal cuts off every pathway for Iran to obtain nuclear material, with surveillance at all steps from uranium mines through manufacturing centrifuges. Iran must get rid of 97 percent of its enriched uranium. Any facility known to be used for nuclear development will be monitored around the clock forever.

Suspicious sites can be inspected with 24 days' notice. The notice respects Iran's rights as a sovereign nation to develop conventional weapons without allowing them to cheat and develop nuclear ones. Monitoring systems are so sophisticated that even with advanced notice they still could detect any nuclear residue. If Iran does cheat, the sanctions immediately snap back into place.

Without a deal, the sanctions would unravel since our allies are ready to drop them. Iran would be able to develop a nuclear weapon within a few months.

The deal wasn't meant to solve every problem with Iran. Sanctions against other bad behavior by Iran will stay in place.

The deal is a turning point in our relations with Iran. As we work with Iran to implement the deal, we may develop business, cultural and other ties that make war less likely.

That would benefit everyone.  
Judy Daubenmier  
Genoa Township





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## PREP FOOTBALL



Northville's Anthony Abbott (right) hauls in a pass for a touchdown while eluding Walled Lake defender Sean Rutledge.

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# Northville's 'D' proves stellar

## Mustangs gallop to 27-0 triumph against Central

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

If Northville football coach Matt Ladach was going to hand out a game ball, it was going to go to his entire defense.

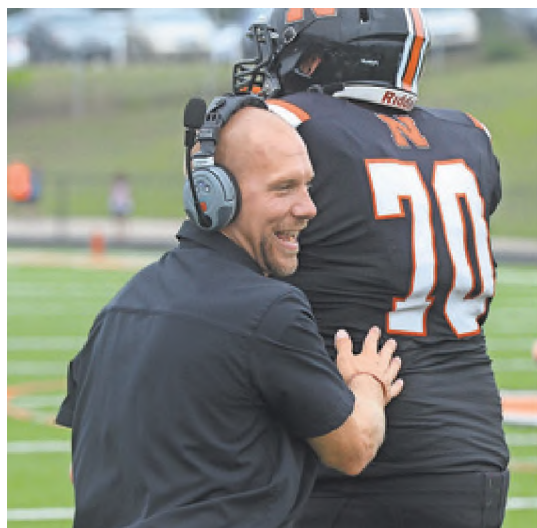
That's because the Mustangs (2-0) gave up a mere 126 total yards and allowed Walled Lake Central into the red zone only once en route to a convincing 27-0 win Friday at Tom Holzer Field.

"They played pretty well," Ladach said of his defense. "Walled Lake Central was a little one-dimensional and it allowed our guys up front to really tee off on them. I feel like we had a great game plan coming in and our players executed real well."

The only time Central drove deep into Northville territory was on a drive in the second quarter that resulted in a missed 35-yard field goal by Poff Midgley to keep the score at 6-0 with 6:45 left in the half.

"It's always the teamwork, which is important on the defense," said 6-foot-2, 295-pound Northville lineman Matt Komorous. "It's a one-man game, so if one person blows their assignment, then we're basically doomed to give up big plays. And obviously, we played pretty well together as a unit today pitching the shutout."

Northville's offense, meanwhile, also held up its end of the bargain by finishing with 257



Northville coach Matt Ladach is all smiles as lineman Max Steilen comes off the field following a score.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

total yards as senior quarterback Justin Zimbo led the way hitting 7-of-10 passes for 124 yards and one touchdown. He also added 60 yards with a TD on the ground on six carries for a total of 184.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Whitmer stalls CC last-minute drive

Shamrocks can't overcome three turnovers, 19-11

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Toledo Whitmer scored all 19 of its first-half points off Novi Detroit Catholic Central turnovers and held on for a 19-11 football victory Friday night over the host Shamrocks at Fr. Elmer Stadium.

The Panthers (2-0) racked up 170 of their 178 total yards and all 11 of their first downs during the opening half.

They did not convert a second-half first down, but still earned the victory.

Whitmer, a Division 1 Ohio state playoff qualifier from a year ago, led 7-0 after one quarter when quarterback Chase Bodeman hit Nick Witcher on a 5-yard scoring pass. Eric Filby converted the point-after.



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Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan (right) looks for daylight in Friday's game against Toledo Whitmer.

Malik Moore scored on an 18-yard run with 7:58 left in the second quarter to make it 13-0. (Filby's PAT attempt sailed wide.)

Bodeman added a 3-yard scoring run just before the half to put Whitmer up by 19, but the Panthers missed

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Kettering staves off Wildcats' bid, 28-26

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Waterford Kettering had to make two long bus trips, but it was well worth the wait as the Captains returned Friday morning following a weather postponement the night before to earn a 28-26 football win over host Novi.

Kettering overcame a 14-6 halftime deficit by outscoring the Wildcats by a 22-6 margin in the third quarter.

Novi senior running back Emanuel Jackson, who scored three of his team's four touchdowns, scored on a 21-yard run to cap a five-play, 60-yard drive with only 6:12 remaining in the final quarter to cut the deficit to 28-26.

But Jackson was stopped short on the two-point conversion try and Kettering was able to run out the clock with a 10-play, 41-yard drive of its own.

The Captains (2-0) had the advantage in total offense, 434-300, as Travell Weatherby rushed for a game-high 148 yards on 18 carries, including TD runs of 36 and 1 yard, both coming in the third quarter.

Quarterback Henry Mistrzak was 6-of-15 passing for 80 yards, while adding 78 on the ground on nine attempts. He scored on a 2-yard run with 10:31 left in the opening quarter, but the kick failed.

Novi (0-2) countered just 59 seconds later on a 57-yard TD pass from junior



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Novi's Spencer Vankirk (left) tackles Kettering's Tony Walker, but not before Walker's momentum brought him into the end zone during Friday's game.

quarterback Alec Bageris to junior Anthony D'Annibale. Blake King's kick made it 7-6.

Jackson then scored on a 58-yard run with 10:42 remaining in the first half and King's kick made it 14-6.

After Weatherby's two third-quarter TD runs, coming at 9:58 and 7:23, respectively, Jackson answered with a 35-yard scoring reception from Bageris to even the score at 20-20.

But the all-important extra-point attempt was blocked by Noah Dooley.

With 3:38 left in the third, Kettering's Tony Walker

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Mavs no match for Patriots' run game

Milford blanked in KLAA crossover, 35-0

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Milford had no answers for Livonia Franklin's strong running attack Sept. 3.

The Patriots evened their overall record at 1-1 by racking up a total of 439 yards on the ground en route to a convincing 35-0 football win over the host Mavericks, who slipped to 0-2.

Franklin senior quarterback Denzel Adams ran for 149 yards and four touchdowns on just 12 carries. He was also 2-of-3 passing for 12 yards.

After a scoreless first quarter, Adams ran 8 yards for a TD and Jacob Clark added a 22-yard scoring run to make it 14-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Adams added two more TDs on runs of 9 and 43 yards for a 28-0 Franklin advantage.

The Patriots tallied their touchdown during the final quarter, on Adams' 1-yard keeper. Jake Giacobbi's fifth straight extra point ended the

scoring.

Senior running back Nate Binkiewicz added 139 yards on 22 carries, while Clark contributed 57 yards on just three attempts for Franklin.

Milford had only 49 yards net rushing. Quarterback Zack Jones was 9-of-15 passing for 120 yards.

The Mavericks finished with a 169 total yards (to Franklin's 451).

Milford Mitchell Appleton had two catches for 54 yards, while Joe Larson had three grabs for 25.

Meanwhile, Kelvin Oleita recovered a fumble and David Brackett had an interception for the Patriots.

Brenden Perrett paced Milford's defense with eight solo tackles, while Dylan Allen added seven. Dominic Dawson and Jackson Hale each contributed six solo tackles. Hale had three tackles for loss, while Joe Bravo recovered a fumble.

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JERRY REA

Franklin quarterback Denzel Adams (with ball) goes airborne over Milford tackler Isaac Phillips.

## MUSTANGS

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Northville scored on its first drive, going 63 yards in just eight plays, capped by Zach Prystash's 1-yard TD run, but the extra point sailed wide.

After the Mustangs' defense got off the field following the missed field goal, they scored twice during the final 3:40 to go up 20-0 at halftime.

Zimbo, on a second effort at the goal line, scored on a 6-yard run and Jake Moody's PAT followed to make it a 13-point advantage.

After long delay when officials huddled to sort out a pair of off-setting personal foul calls, Zimbo connected with sophomore A.J. Abbott on a 37-yard TD pass with only 1:09 remaining to make it a three-score game.

"That was huge," Ladach said of the third TD. "After all those shenanigans, we got the team together and we just said, 'Hey, let's put a dagger in them. Keep your mouth shut, let's score here and that score will

speak louder than any trash talking that can go out on the field."

"It was a vertical route to (Abbott). He jumped up, caught the ball and bobbled it a little bit and made a great catch and took it to the house."

Down 20, Central tried an inside kick to start the second half, but Northville's Shane Rankin recovered at his team's 48. Three plays later, Zimbo ran a keeper for 44 yards and a score to make it 27-0 with 10:33 remaining in the third.

The Vikings (0-2), meanwhile, never established a running game during the second half while being held to 26 total yards.

"In the second half, I really liked the way our defense played," Ladach said.

Nothing seemed to work for the Vikings, who took nine penalties alone in the opening half.

The lackluster performance left Central coach Bob Meyer searching for answers.

"We were just talking ... it feels like a dream," Meyer said. "I wish it was and maybe there's a chance I can wake up

to an alternative ending. But not our best effort whatsoever by the kids. Mentally, we just kind of came out flat and very mistake-prone. You can't do that against a good football team. On our schedule, there's going to be good football teams. We got to get this our of our system and get things corrected."

And when the Vikings got down to Northville's 14 in the second quarter, they got pushed back by three illegal procedure calls during a four-play stretch.

"It wasn't our penalties," Meyer said. "It was our blown mental assignments. And the penalties ... the offside ones, but that's a blown mental assignment. We know what the count is. How are you leaving early when you know what the count is ... three plays in a row? That's on us. We just weren't mentally tough today. It was very disappointing."

Ryan Nelson was Northville's tackle leader with five solo and three assists. Zachary Bates added four solo and one assist.

It seemed that whatever

Central had to offer, the Northville defense was ready.

"A lot of it is based off the down and the amount of yards they have to go," said Komorous, who recorded two solo tackles and one assist. "We spent a lot of time with film and we pretty much knew what to expect coming into it. First-and-10, we knew to expect some kind of dive with the fullback. Once you get to third down, you should expect something with the quarterback and so forth."

The game, originally scheduled for Sept. 3, was postponed until 11 a.m. Friday because of lightning.

Returning 15 hours later on the partly sunny field, Northville showed no ill effects of the overnight wait.

"You always try and get fired up right before the game," Komorous said. "I actually think the delay worked to our favor. A dryer game is much better for our spread offense, as we tend to throw the ball a lot. Last night would have played to Walled Lake's side because it would have hampered our pass game."

## CC FALLS

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their second straight extra point.

Two of Whitmer's TDs were a result of CC fumbles, while the other came following an interception.

The Shamrocks (1-1) then scored on their second drive of the third quarter, going 86 yards in 12 plays, capped by freshman Austin Brown's 19-yard TD pass to Jack Morris with 51 seconds left. CC, however, failed on the two-point conversion attempt.

Just 18 seconds later, CC pinned in the Panthers on their own 1 following a bobbled kickoff return and got a safety when Tyler Morland tackled the Whitmer ball carrier in the end zone to make it 19-8.

In the fourth quarter, CC drove to the Panthers' 13, but stalled and had to settle for a 30-yard field goal by Cole Gingell to trim the deficit to eight.

The Shamrocks got the ball back on their own 37 and drove to the Whitmer 6 late in the final quarter, but two passes fell incomplete to end the threat.

Catholic Central finished with 300 total yards, including 206 on the ground. Cameron Ryan was the top rusher with 64 yards on 13 carries.

Brown, who came on late in the first half at quarterback for starter Theo Day, was 3-of-10 passing for 43 yards while adding 47 yards rushing on 12 attempts. Morris added three catches for 61 yards.

Day, the season-opening starter in a 15-12 win over Muskegon, was 4-of-10 passing for 51 yards and one interception.

Moore, meanwhile, led all rushers with 117 yards on 18 carries, while Bode-man was 6-of-11 passing for 39 yards.

Tackle leaders for CC included Alex Bock (four solo, two assists); Jackson Ross (two solo, three assists); Austin Darkangelo (one solo, four assists); Morland (two solo, two assists), Isaac Darkangelo (four assists).

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Northville's Mike Minick attempts the tackle on Walled Lake Central ball carrier Richard Erpelding.

## WILDCATS

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scored on a 13-yard run and Evan King ran in the two-pointer as the Captains took a

28-20 advantage.

Jackson, who had 210 all-purpose yards, then scored his third TD, but the Wildcats couldn't covert the two-pointer and never were able to get the ball back.

Bageris was 16-of-22 pass-

ing for 184 yards.

Tackle leaders for Novi included Spencer Vankirk (eight solo, three assists); Brent George (two solo, seven assists); and Nick Sabo (three solo, five assists). Vankirk and George each forced a fumble.

Jordan Evans paced Kettering's defense with six solo tackles and two assists, while Evan King and Jake Rosser each added a sack.

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

## 18-0 Novi continues on a roll

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Unfinished business. That's what the Novi volleyball team's mantra has been during early stages of the 2015 season.

The Wildcats came within an eyelash last year winning their first MHSAA Class A state championship before falling to Romeo and Maryland-bound Gia Milana in five grueling and intense sets last November in Battle Creek.

The two teams are ranked No. 1 and 2 again this season and could be on another collision course to meet at Kellogg Arena.

The Wildcats (55-6-4 in 2014) return their top three players and have done little to dispel the notion so far this season that they have taken any steps back.

Already off to an 18-0 start, Novi is coming off its third straight tournament victory Friday, defeating host Temperance Bedford, a Class A semi-finalist a year ago, 25-15, 25-21, in the finals after knocking off Chelsea, ranked No. 8 in Class B, 25-14, 25-17.

The talented returning trio all did their fair share once again, as All-Area Player of the Year Victoria Iacobelli, a 5-foot-9 senior outside hitter who earned first team all-state honors, finished the day with a total of 47 kills and 51 digs.

Twin sister Paulina, a second team all-state choice, racked up 35 kills, 50 digs and 16 aces, while 5-10 sophomore setter Erin O'Leary, an honorable mention all-state pick, contributed 113 assist-to-kills, 22 kills and 26 digs.

Yet another returnee, 6-0 junior right-side hitter Ally Cummings, wound up with 40 kills, 18 digs and 10 aces as the Wildcats went 6-0 on the day.

The return of 5-11 senior setter Christina Hudgens, who broke her thumb at the end of last September and was lost for the season, should give Wildcats fourth-year coach Jen Cottrill an even bigger boost.

White Lake Lakeland, which captured the KLAA North (10-0), Lakes Conference and district titles, made it all the way to the Division 1 regional finals before losing to Novi.

Eagles fourth-year coach Jean Dukic lost nine seniors to graduation, but returns four



Novi, last year's Class A state runner-up, captured its third straight tournament Friday at Temperance Bedford and is off to an 18-0 start.



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Emily Martin (left) and her Northville teammates go through a preseason practice.

veterans, led by setters Kaitlyn Hawke and Riley Butcher, along with senior middle hitter Paige Thompson and junior middle hitter Teresa Manzel.

Milford (42-17), meanwhile, is coming off a district title before falling to rival Lakeland in the regional semifinals.

Second-year coach Mary Shelton returns three players, led by junior libero Mackenzie Watson, sophomore setter-outside hitter Maddie Appleton and senior middle hitter Isabel Lee.

Northville (34-14-2) made a coaching change during the off season, as assistant Rebecca Quinn takes over for Amanda Yaklin, who stepped down to become an assistant after leading the Mustangs to a pair of Class A final four berths.

The Mustangs, who already have a tournament title under their belts, will be led by 5-10 junior outside hitter Emily Martin and junior setter-libero Kiera Borthwick.

One of the area's tallest teams will be South Lyon (13-12-1) as Tom Teeters takes over the program after serving as a volunteer assistant at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Teeters guided Schoolcraft College to an NCJAA championship (1989) and is a former assistant at Bowling Green. He also has had stops at Livonia Ladywood, where he won two Class A titles (1988 and 1989), Livonia Clarenceville, Salem, Farmington Hills Mercy, Garden City, Brighton and Northville.

The Lions boost four players 6-0 or better, led by 6-3 senior middle blocker Jessica Ignace, 6-0 senior Mikayla Monk, 6-2 junior Brigid Donahue and 6-0 junior Samantha Halaby.

Rival South Lyon East (12-19-4) returns six players, led by 5-10 senior setter Nicole Dowdell, along with 5-6 defensive specialist Peyton Jones, as Dennis Belaire enters his fourth season as coach.

Meanwhile, Novi Franklin Road Christian (11-16-1) is coming off a Class D district championship under second-year coach Michelle Angel.

The Warriors dropped their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener Sept. 3 to host Ann Arbor Greenhills as 5-11 junior middle hitter Reagan Mumford paced the Warriors in a losing cause with six kills and three blocks, while 5-8 freshman setter Gretchen Brockway finished with 18 assist-to-kills.

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## PREP VOLLEYBALL OUTLOOK

## NOVI

**Head coach:** Jen Cottrill, fourth year.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's overall record:** 55-6-5.

**Titles won last year:** KLAA Central, Kensington Conference, KLAA Association, Class A district, regional champions; Class A runner-up.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Jordan Massab (first team All-Area); Olivia Bradford, Jennifer Kulie, Jennifer Smith.

**Leading returnees:** Victoria Iacobelli, 5-9 Sr. OH (All-Area Player of the Year; first team all-state); Paulina Iacobelli, 5-9 Sr. OH (first team All-Area; second team all-state); Erin O'Leary, 5-10 Soph. setter (first team All-Area; honorable mention all-state); Ally Cummings, 6-0 Jr. RSH; Christina Hudgens, 5-11 Sr. Setter.

**Promising newcomers:** Claire Pinkerton, 5-6 Soph. libero; Emmy Robinson, 5-11 Jr. MB; Kathryn Ellison, 6-0 Soph. MB.

**Cottrill's 2015 outlook:** "We are excited about the upcoming season as we return four key players from our state finals run in 2014. We will need to replace three, three-year varsity players in Massab, our court leader and libero, Smith and Bradford, both middle blockers. The focus is on 2015 and the work that we need to put in to be successful. The team has been working hard in the off-season and summer and has great chemistry, focus and work ethic."

## NORTHVILLE

**Head coach:** Rebecca Quinn, first year.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's overall record:** 34-14-2.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Makenna Strunk (second team All-Area); Emily Hogan, Olivia Boisineau, Elizabeth Hansell.

**Leading returnees:** Emily Martin, 5-10 Jr. OH (first team All-Area); Kiera Borthwick, 5-6 Jr. libero-setter (second team All-Area); Bryce Quick, 6-0 Jr. MB; Allison Lang, 5-6 Sr. DS; Emily Watkins, 5-9 Sr. RSH; Rachel Holmes, 5-6 Soph. Setter.

**Promising newcomers:** Ally Zayan, Fr. OH; Hannah Grant, 5-7 Fr. setter-DS; Jessica Hogan, 5-9 Soph. OH; Sammie Noles, 5-6 Jr. MB; Claire Wenrick, 5-11 Jr. MB; Nicole Rumman, 5-9 Jr. RSH; Megan Kelly, 5-8 Jr. OH.

**Quinn's 2015 outlook:** "We have a very young, promising team. The seniors and returners are very excited to fill their roles as leaders this year. The energy the newcomers bring to the court makes for great additions to the program."

## FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

**Head coach:** Michelle Angel, second year.

**League affiliation:** Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

**Last year's overall record:** 11-16-1.

**Titles won last year:** Class D district.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Carmel Tapawan.

**Leading returnees:** Reagan Mumford, 5-11 Jr. MH; Maddy Hensley, 5-7 Jr. OH; Hannah Rayburn, 5-6 Sr. OH; Arianna Ayers, 5-10 Jr. MH; Danielle Fusco, 5-3 Jr. DS;

**Promising newcomers:** Gretchen Brockway, 5-8 Fr. setter; Kayla Nannoshi, 5-4 Soph. DS.

**Angel's 2015 outlook:** "We're are coming into this season with many familiar faces, in contrast to last year. There are returning six players, with a new addition of two players (Brockway and Nannoshi). The net presence is evident again this year. Big blockers and hitters are expected to lead the team this season, with middle hitters Mumford and Ayres, as well as our outside hitters Rayburn and Hensley, from the assists from the new setter (Gretchen Brockway).

## SOUTH LYON

**Head coach:** Tom Teeters, first year.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's overall record:** 13-12-1.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Brooke Campos (second team All-Area), Carlie Fernandez, Colleen Graves.

**Leading returnees:** Jessica Ignace, 6-3 Sr. MB-OH (co-captain; second team All-Area); Mikayla Monk, 6-0 Sr. MH-LSH (co-captain); Callie Harper, 5-5 Jr. Libero; Brooke Mrocka, 5-7 Jr. LSH-RSH-libero; Mackenzie Fissette, 5-5 Sr. setter.

**Promising newcomers:** Hannah Barton, 5-8 Jr. setter; Megan Mrocka, 5-7 Soph. DS-OH; Cailey Carlson, 5-10 Soph. LSH; Bridgid Donahue, 6-2 Jr.

RSH-MH; Samantha Halaby, 6-0 Jr. OH; Emily Kalinowski, 5-6 Fr. setter.

**Teeters' 2015 outlook:** "I think we have to fit a system to the kind of talent we have. We have new setters and four of the six kids will probably be playing positions that they haven't played before, so that will be a challenge for them. I think we'll be pretty strong. (Jessica) Ignace has come along, hitting well, serving well. Mikayla (Monk) is running more as a play maker in the front row. Hannah (Barton) is doing a good job setting and we also have a freshman setter (Kalinowski), so we might run a 6-2 and keep our front row big. But if not, we'll run a 5-1 with Hannah. Spring rules are a lot more lenient than high school, so we'll do a lot more special teams-type thing and run a lot of subs."

## SOUTH LYON EAST

**Head coach:** Dennis Belaire, fourth year.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's overall record:** 12-19-4.

**Titles won last year:** East Jackson champs.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Savannah Turner, Alyssa McKenna, Mackenzie Nieto, Kailey Doty, Mackenzie Travis,

**Leading returnees:** Nicole Dowdell, 5-10 Sr. setter; Peyton Jones, 5-6 Sr. DS; Bailee Taylor, 5-5 Sr. DS; Katherine Raguckas, 5-9 Jr. OH; Maddie Topping, 5-8 Jr. OH; Sydney Watson, 6-0 Jr. MH.

**Promising newcomers:** Meagan Bush, 5-5 Jr. DS; Erin Hale, 6-0 Jr. MH; Lauren Kuznicki, 5-10 Soph. setter; Kaley Moore, 5-5 Jr. setter; Morgan Nieto, 5-5 Jr. DS; Nicola Sedik, 5-5 Jr. DS-OH.

**Belaire's 2015 outlook:** "In 2014, for the first time in school history, South Lyon East finished out of the Central Division cellar. We would like to continue that rise, but playing in a division with Novi, Northville, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Salem and South Lyon is always a challenge. It's going to be difficult to replace the seniors that graduated from the program after last season, but we're looking forward to the challenges. We have a solid foundation of athletes who have been working hard to prepare for the season."

## MILFORD

**Head coach:** Mary Shelton, second year.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Lakes Conference (West Division).

**Last year's overall record:** 42-17.

**Titles won last year:** Class A district, Holt Invitational champs.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Maddie Harris (first team All-Area), Jillina Butsavich (first team All-Area); Anna Swanson (second team All-Area).

**Leading returnees:** Mackenzie Watson, Jr. libero (second team All-Area); Maddie Appleton, 5-8 Soph. setter-OH; Isabel Lee, 5-11 Sr. MH.

**Promising newcomers:** Megan Wallace, Soph. OH; Mya Zeese, Soph. setter.

**Shelton's 2015 outlook:** "We're extremely excited about this year. We have a lot of athleticism that just needs polishing. We have some seasoned veterans returning, along with some new fresh faces. We lost six seniors to graduation, but behind them they left a high standard of performance for the program that this group is eager to follow."

## LAKELAND

**Head coach:** Jean Dukic, fourth year.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Lakes Conference (North Division).

**Last year's division record:** 10-0 (overall record not available).

**Titles won last year:** Class A district, Lakes Conference and KLAA North champions.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Amanda Leonard (first team All-Area), Emily Wolfenbarger (second team All-Area), Caleigh Coffin (second team All-Area), Amanda Lock, Gabby Alvira, Mackenzie Gross, Madison McGinn.

**Leading returnees:** Paige Thompson, 5-11 Sr. MH; Kaitlyn Hawke, 5-4 Jr. setter; Teresa Menzel, 5-11 Jr. MH; Riley Butcher, 5-6 Sr. setter.

**Promising newcomers:** Brooke Adema, 5-7 Jr. OH; Lizzy Virgin, 5-11 Fr. OH; Audrey Ziegler, 5-2 Jr. libero; Catherine Connaughton, 5-6 Jr. OH.

**Dukic's 2015 outlook:** "We want to win our division again and I would hope they'd win their district again. I think we'll do well; they're pretty steady. The hardest thing we have going for us right now is communication. It's a quiet team, so I'm working on our communication."

## Thunder champions



KEVIN JENNINGS

The Novi St. James Thunder varsity 1 girls volleyball team, coached by Kevin Jennings, defeated Bloomfield Hills St. Hugo, 25-13, 25-13, in the finals to win a preseason tournament at Farmington Hills Mercy High School. The Thunder finished first in pool play without losing a set to reach the gold medal bracket, where they defeated Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows in the semifinals, 25-4, 25-6. Members of the Thunder, two-time Catholic League Youth Organization champions, include: Abigail Raguckas, Ashley Smith, Grace Flynn, Isabella Cirulis, Jenna Galecki, Lauren Krill, Lia Krawiec, Maddy Peters, Shannon Jennings, Maddi Malecki and Rachel Jennings.



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Junior Kaitlyn Hawke returns for the regional runner-up Lakeland volleyball team.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

## PREP FOOTBALL

**Friday, Sept. 11**

Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.  
S.L. East at Northville, 7 p.m.  
South Lyon at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.  
Milford at Grand Blanc, 7 p.m.  
Waterford Mott at Lakeland, 7 p.m.  
St. Michael's at Detroit CC, 7 p.m.

## BOYS SOCCER

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

Stevenson at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.  
S.L. East at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Milford at Pinckney, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 11**

Berkley at South Lyon, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 12**  
St. Michael's at Detroit CC, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**

Luth. W'sld at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m.  
South Lyon at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.  
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Hartland at Milford, 7 p.m.

Lakeland at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.

L'Anse Creuse at CC, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 17**

S.L. East at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m.

Northville at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.

Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Salem at S.L. East, 7 p.m.  
Milford at Brighton, 7 p.m.

Lakeland at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Detroit CC at Brother Rice, 7 p.m.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

Salem at Novi, 6:30 p.m.  
Pinckney at Milford, 7 p.m.  
Lakeland at Wat. Mott, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 12**

Flushing Tournament, 8 a.m.  
Novi Varsity Tourney, TBA.  
Mich. Elite Invitational, TBA.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**

S.L. East at Novi, 6:30 p.m.  
Northville at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

South Lyon at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

Inter-City at Franklin Rd., 6:30 p.m.

Wat. Kettering at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

Milford at Howell, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 17**

Novi at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

S.L. East at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

South Lyon at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Macomb at Franklin Rd., 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Northern at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

**PREP CROSS COUNTRY**

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

South Lyon at Wayne, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 11**

Milford at Hillsdale Inv., 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 12**

Salem Inv. at Willow Metro, 9 a.m.

Averill Inv. at Kensington, 10:30 a.m.

Northville at Bath Invitational, TBA.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**

Novi vs. Salem (Cass Benton), 4 p.m.

Lakeland at Waterford Mott, 4 p.m.

Northville vs. South Lyon,

S.L. East vs. Stevenson

at Island Lake State Pk., 4 p.m.

Milford at Howell, 4:30 p.m.

## GIRLS SWIMMING

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

Birm. Marian at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

G.P. South at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

Milford at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 12**

Tiger Relays at Fenton, 9 a.m.

Novi Invitational, noon.

N'ville at W.L. Northern Inv., noon.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**

W.L. Western at Milford, 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 17**

Northville at Brighton, 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Northern at Novi, 6:30 p.m.

Howell at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.

## BOYS TENNIS

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

Saline, S. Lyon at Novi, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m.

Salem at S.L. East, 4 p.m.

Milford at Pinckney, 4 p.m.

W.L. Western at Lakeland, 4 p.m.

Cranbrook at Detroit CC, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 12**

Huron Valley Inv. at Milford, 9 a.m.

**Monday, Sept. 14**

South Lyon at Dexter, 4 p.m.

Detroit CC at DeLaSalle, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**

Novi at Salem, 4 p.m.

Northville at South Lyon, 4 p.m.

Stevenson at S.L. East, 4 p.m.

Grand Blanc at Milford, 4 p.m.

Lakeland at Wat. Mott, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 16**

Birm. Groves at Northville, 4 p.m.

Milford at Lakeland, 4 p.m.

Greenhills at Detroit CC, 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 17**

Novi at Northville, 4 p.m.

South Lyon at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS GOLF**

**Thursday, Sept. 10**

Novi vs. Salem (Fox Hills), 3 p.m.

Northville vs. South Lyon

at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m.

S.L. East vs. Stevenson

at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m.

Milford at Pinckney, 4 p.m.

Lakeland at Wat. Mott, 4 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 11**

N. Farm. Inv. at Glen Oaks, 9 a.m.

Perry Inv. at Glenbrier, 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15**

Novi vs. South Lyon

at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m.

Northville vs. Stevenson

at Northville Hills G.C., 3 p.m.

S.L. East vs. Salem

at Links of Novi, 4 p.m.

Milford vs. Grand Blanc

at Prestwick Village, 4 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY

# Mustangs win three of four divisions at own invitational

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Even the 91-degree heat couldn't keep busloads of teams away from the Northville Mustang Invitational cross country meet held Sept. 1 at Cass Benton Park.

The early-season jamboree featured four different 5,000-meter races, divided into boys and girls divisions by grades.

Northville, the host, dominated both the 11-12 and 9-10 races.

The Mustangs boys scored 54 points to lead the 21-school grade 11-12 field, with Livonia Stevenson and Birmingham Seaholm placing second and third, respectively, with 109 and 129.

White Lake Lakeland, paced by individual winner Jackson Grzymkowski, placed fourth with 137. Grzymkowski's time

was 16:37.7.

Northville put two in the top 10 for grades 11-12 boys, led by third-place finisher Ben Cracraft (16:41.0) and ninth-place finisher Peter Bejin (17:47.8).

Meanwhile, the Northville girls placed three in the top six to win with 40 points, followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer and Walled Lake Northern with 106 and 119, respectively. Novi placed 12th with 280.

Romeo's Emma Wilson was the individual 11-12 girls winner in 18:59.5, while Northville's Lexa Barrott took third (19:49.4); Cayla Eckenroth, fourth (19:50.8); and Emma Herrmann, sixth (20:07.8).

The Northville girls also captured the 9-10 grade crown with 54 points, followed by Pioneer (72), Walled Lake Northern (89) and Novi (105).

Pioneer's Anne Forsyth took individual honors in 19:56.4,

while Northville's Olivia Harp was runner-up (20:27.4) and Ana Barrott sixth (21:59.8).

Novi's top finisher was Katherine Ray in fourth (21:34.3).

The only team to break the Mustangs' domination was Canton, which captured the boys 9-10 team title with 82 points, followed by Romeo (107), Northville (112) and Lakeland (150).

Canton's Shane Andrews won the race in 17:46.1, while Lakeland placed three in the top 10, led by Harrison Grzymkowski (third, 17:57.9); Angelo Savich (fifth, 18:33.5) and George Drallos (ninth, 19:03.0).

Northville's Nickolas Couyoumijian (18:11.4) and Ryan Draybuck (18:41.8) placed fourth and seventh, respectively.

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Northville's Ben Cracraft was third overall in the grade 11-12 race with a 5K time of 16:41.

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



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The pack surges forward at the start of the boys portion of the Mustang Invitational at Cass Benton Park.

**MUSTANG INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MEET**  
**Sept. 1 at Cass Benton Park**

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (11-12):** 1. Northville, 54 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 109; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 129; 4. White Lake Lakeland, 137; Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 494 (21 teams).

**Individual winner:** Jackson Grzymkowski (Lakeland), 16:37.7 (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 3. Ben Cracraft, 16:41.0; 9. Peter Bejin, 17:47.8; 12. Christian Freiburger, 17:51.1; 24. Jeff Baxter, 18:31.9; 28. Andrew Soss, 18:47.1; 31. Sean Coleman, 18:51.4; 43. Evan Ferrante, 19:12.4.

**Lakeland finishers:** 1. Jackson Grzymkowski, 16:37.7; 11. Zach Werth, 17:49.4; 20. Luke Moore, 18:17.9; 40. Jacob Broman, 19:06.7; Max Carey, 20:12.6; 77. Andrew Duke, 20:13.4; 80. Karl Straus, 20:15.9.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (11-12):** 1. Northville, 40 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 106; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 119; 12. Novi, 280 (15 teams).

**Individual winner:** Emma Wilson (Romeo), 18:59.5 (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 3. Lexa Barrott, 19:49.4; 4. Cayla Eckenroth, 19:50.8; 6. Emma Herrmann, 20:07.8; 12. Taylor Gattoni, 21:07.4; 15. Emma Smith, 21:23.7; 16. Hailey Harris, 21:49.2; 35. Katie Cheever, 23:10.7.

**Novi finishers:** 22. Jessica Lypka, 22:00.1; 50. Heather Blair, 24:13.2; 72. Yash Patel, 24:55.0; 93. Nicole Blair, 26:06.0; 98. Johnny Wright, 26:43.6; 106. Ashley Yarberry, 27:17.9; 121. Cecile Baeza, 28:10.0.

**BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (9-10):** 1. Canton, 82 points; 2. Romeo, 107; 3. Northville, 112; 5. White Lake Lakeland, 150; 7. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 174 (16 teams).

**Individual winner:** Shane Andrews (Canton), 17:46.1 (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 4. Nickolas Couyoumijian, 18:11.4; 7. Ryan Draybuck, 18:41.8; 18. Alex Jund, 19:34.0; 44. Nate Mansfield, 20:23.8; 56. Jack Scavnicky, 20:42.2; 85. Tanai Gupta, 21:29.2.

**Lakeland finishers:** 3. Harrison Grzymkowski, 17:59.9; 5. Angelo Savich, 18:33.5; 9. George Drallos, 19:03.0; 35. Tyler Leick, 20:02.9.

**Catholic Central finishers:** 16. Ryan Houlihan, 19:22.5; 32. Eamonn McCloy, 20:01.1; 38. Robert Kinney, 20:10.6; 58. Alex Gordon, 20:45.8; 61. Ben Herter, 20:50.2.

**GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 54 points; 2. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 72; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 89; 4. Novi, 105 (15 teams).

**Individual winner:** Anne Forsyth (Pioneer), 19:56.4 (5,000 meters).

**Northville finishers:** 2. Olivia Harp, 20:27.4; 6. Ana Barrott, 21:59.8; 13. Anna Buettner, 22:44.9; 16. Rachel Zimmer, 23:01.9; 17. Megan Krygier, 23:05.9.

**Novi finishers:** 4. Katherine Ray, 21:34.3; 11. Kirsten Anderson, 22:27.3; 21. Addison Lentz, 23:31.4; 26. Hannah Hood-Blaxill, 23:47.3; 44. Shailay Fozdar, 25:45.7.



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Northville's Lexa Barrott was third in the girls 11-12 grade race.

## GIRLS SWIMMING

# Novi girls squeak out narrow victory

**Brad Emons**  
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Emily Mayoras figured in three first-place finishes Sept. 1 as the Novi girls swim team got off to an exciting 2015 season start with a narrow 95-91 dual meet win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Trailing 87-85 heading into the final event, Novi earned a first and a third in the 400-yard freestyle relay to outscore the Cranes 10-4 and pull out the victory.

Mayoras, a junior, swept the 50 freestyle (25.99) and 100 backstroke (1:02.1), while also joining forces with Ava Bianchi, Idalia Moore and Alexandra Cortez for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:50.81).

The foursome of Samantha Kasanic, Mallory Martlock, Danielle Gardon and Dana Kilponen got the all-important third place and four points in the 400 freestyle relay (3:58.35).

Cranbrook boasted a pair of individual double winners including Charlotte Lee, 200 freestyle (2:05.73) and 100 breaststroke (1:14.76), along with Anuschka Sambel, 200 IM (2:16.95) and 500 freestyle (5:27.02).

**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
**NOVI 95**  
**BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK 91**  
**Sept. 1 at Novi**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Cranbrook (Camille Misra, Anuschka Sambel, Emma Ponical, Pippa Russell), 1:56.75; 2. Novi (Emily Mayoras, Hanna Dong, Alexandra Cortez, Ava Bianchi), 1:56.91; 3. Novi (Karen Xu, Claire Tuckey, Linda Wei, Michelle Xu), 2:06.60.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Charlotte Lee (BHQ), 2:05.73; 2. Danielle Gordon (Novi), 2:05.74.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Sambel (BHC), 2:16.95; 2. Cortez (Novi), 2:21.84; 3. Dong (Novi), 2:26.31.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Mayoras (Novi), 25.99; 2. Bianchi (Novi), 26.00.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Julia Feord (BHC), 210.05 points; 2. McKaela Hill (Novi), 179.90.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Russell (BHC), 1:03.0; 2. Cortez (Novi), 1:04.55; 3. Samantha Kasanic (Novi), 1:05.71.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Ponical (BHC), 57.06; 2. Bianchi (Novi), 57.20.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Sambel (BHC), 5:27.02; 2. Gardon (Novi), 5:33.84; 3. Mallory Martlock (Novi), 5:40.44.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Cranbrook (Lee, Sydney Allison, Ponical, Sambel), 1:45.79; 2. Novi (Dong, Idalia Moore, Wei, Dana Kilponen), 1:47.74; 3. Novi (Tuckey, Gardon, Xu, Martlock), 1:52.01.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Mayoras (Novi), 1:02.10.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Lee (BHC), 1:14.76; 2. Dong (Novi), 1:15.02; 3. Tuckey (Novi), 1:15.35.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Novi (Bianchi, Moore, Mayoras, Cortez), 3:50.81; 3. Novi (Kasanic, Martlock, Gardon, Kilponen), 3:58.35; 3. Novi (Kasanic, Martlock, Gardon, Kilponen), 3:58.35.

**Novi's dual meet record:** 1-0 overall.

**TRI-MEET RESULTS**  
**Sept. 3 at Ann Arbor Huron**  
**TEAM SCORES:** Ann Arbor Huron 101, South Lyon Unified 85; South Lyon Unified 141, Jackson 45.

**FINAL EVENT RESULTS**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Huron (Jewel Huang, Laura Deng, Anna Reigger, Adela Baker), 1:54.66; 2. South Lyon (Megan Mieske, Melanie Dunnuck, Anna Smith, Carolyn Bischoff), 1:55.06.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Kathy Pan (AAH), 1:58.68; 2. Lexi Abernethy (SLU), 2:08.39.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Huang (AAH), 2:13.06; 3. Dunnuck (SLU), 2:20.80.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Bischoff (SLU), 25.80.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Izzy Holcomb (AAH), 232.40 points; 3. Starr Bryan (SLU), 194.45.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Smith (SLU), 59.74; 3. Mieske (SLU), 1:03.15.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Huang (AAH), 56.08; 3. Bischoff (SLU), 57.12.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Pan (AAH), 5:15.70; 3. Abernethy (SLU), 5:38.67.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Huron (Baker, Huang, Riegger, Pan), 1:42.8; 2. South Lyon (Mieske, Emily Kososki, Taylor Sicborski, Bischoff), 1:45.75; 3. South Lyon (Lauren SanMillan, Erin Russell, Nerys Gravell, Abernethy), 1:48.43.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Smith (SLU), 1:04.86.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Dunnuck (SLU), 1:12.81; 3. Avery Covert (SLU), 1:16.10.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Huron (Pan, Abigail Dittmar, Olivia Figueroa, Lynsey Kingma), 3:49.46; 2. South Lyon (Smith, Kososki, Sicborski, Dunnuck), 3:53.82; 3. South Lyon (Abernethy, Russell, Abigail O'Reilly, Gravell), 3:59.71.

**South Lyon's dual meet record:** 4-1 overall.

## GIRLS SWIM SEASON OUTLOOK

### NORTHVILLE

**Head coach:** Brian McNeff, ninth season.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's finish:** First, Kensington Conference (Central Division meet, KLAA Central (4-0).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Jessica Yan (second team All-Area), Natalie Filipowicz.

**Leading returnees:** Laura Westphal, Jr. (All-Area Swimmer of Year; Division 1 champion, 500 freestyle, 4:54.46; third, 200 freestyle, 1:51.62); Kelsey Macaddino, Jr. (first team All-Area, 11th, 100 butterfly, 57.36); Gillian Zayan, Jr. (first team All-Area; state qualifier) 16th, 100 freestyle, 53.97); Sabrina Lee, Jr. (second team All-Area; state qualifier) Darby Mroz, Sr. (second team All-Area; state qualifier); Nicki Pumper, Jr. (second team All-Area; state qualifier).

**Promising newcomers:** Katelyn McCullough, Fr.

**McNeff's 2015 outlook:** "I'm very excited about this upcoming season. We lost some good swimmers last year, but most of our top scorers are returning. We also have a bunch of depth that will help us in dual meets. We have a lot of quality freshmen. Our top three in each event is as good as anyone in the state. I think the girls are extremely motivated, as well. I could see the excitement from them on the first day; they are ready to come in and work hard and build upon last year's success."



Westphal

### NOVI

**Head coach:** Ken Stark, first season (12th overall).

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's finish:** Fourth, KLAA Central Division meet; finish: fifth, Kensington Conference; KLAA Central (0-4); 29th, Division 1 state meet.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Alyssa Stark, Alexa Nusio, Lyndsay Vaugh.

**Leading returnees:** Ava Bianchi, Sr. (first team All-Area; 16th, 50 freestyle, 24.78); Emily Mayoras, Jr. (second team All-Area; state qualifier), Alexandra Cortez, Jr. (state qualifier) Mallory Martlock, Jr. (state qualifier); Dana Kilponen, Sr. (state qualifier); Karen Xu, Jr.

**Promising newcomers:** Danielle Gardon, Fr.; Lorna Dunn, Soph.

**Stark's 2015 outlook:** "We are still a pretty young team, but have really good leadership in our senior class. We have all first-year divers and are looking forward to seeing how far they will get this year with the help of coach Don Mason. Our seniors are hungry to improve on last year's record and performances. We have a talented group of girls across the board, but half our team are first-year swimmers and divers. A lot of growth will need to happen to achieve the high goals our team has set for its self. I can't wait to see what happens."

### SOUTH LYON UNIFIED

**Head coach:** John Burch, 13th season

**League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).

**Last year's finish:** Second, Kensington Conference; third, KLAA Central meet; fourth, KLAA Central Division (1-3).

**Notable losses to graduation:** Madison Canadi (first team All-Area), Heidi Suryk (first team All-Area); Sara Plohettski (second team All-Area), Alyssa Sawyer (second team All-Area); Sonya Tyahla.

**Leading returnees:** Carolyn Bischoff, Jr. (first team All-Area; fifth, 50 freestyle, 24.29; eighth, 100 freestyle, 52.96); Anna Smith, Soph. (first team All-Area; ninth, 100 butterfly, 56.82); Melanie Dunnuck, Jr. (first team All-Area; state qualifier); Anna Geyer, Sr. (first team All-Area; state qualifier); Megan Mieske, Jr. (second team All-Area; state qualifier); Emily Kososki, Sr. (second team All-Area; state qualifier); Caitlyn Canadi, Jr. (second team All-Area); Kayty Ihar, Sr.; Alicia Schmitt, Sr.; Carolyn Storm, Sr.; Erin Russell, Sr.;



South Lyon Unified's Carolyn Bischoff was a state placer in two freestyle events last season.

Nerys Gravell, Jr.; Starr Bryan, Jr.;

**Promising newcomers:** To be determined.

**Burch's 2015 outlook:** "Last year, we lost the conference title for the first time in five years by half-point. (886-886.5). This year, we clearly have our goal to win back the conference title. However, we lose more seniors than Northville does, so it will be a difficult road to get back to the top of the conference. We also ended our eight-year streak of finishing in the top 10 in the state and we want to get back into the top 10 in the state this year. Last year was a bit of a rebuilding year and I believe that we have the talent and motivation to get back to where we were in the past. The girls are very motivated to swim well this year and I believe that, win or lose, it will be a successful season. We took a lot of girls to the state meet last season, but did not score that many individually. There is a desire from many girls to get back to the state meet and place much higher than they did last season."

### MILFORD

**Head coach:** Kris Goodrich, fourth season.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Lakes Conference (West Division).

**Last year's finish:** Fourth, KLAA West Division meet, KLAA West (1-4); 10th, Lakes Conference; 22nd, Division 2 state meet.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Megan Lakkides (first team All-Area), Samantha Hindle, Karson Luchuk.

**Leading returnees:** Sophie Beck, Jr. (first team All-Area); Sophie Beck, Jr. (first team All-Area); Morgan Linkous, Soph. (second team All-Area); Brenna Grass, Sr.; Allie Crouse, Sr.; Veronica Hindle, Jr.

**Promising newcomers:** To be determined.

**Goodrich's 2015 outlook:** "It has been a great summer training season so far. We lost a few graduated seniors, including our distance 500 freestyle swimmers, which leaves a gap to fill, but otherwise are looking pretty good for this year. We also hope to improve our division dual meet record this year and conference standing, as well. All of our state meet swimmers and one state diver are returning, so we hope to repeat and improve on that from last year. Seniors (Brenna) Grass and (Allie) Crouse, junior (Veronica) Hindle and sophomore Morgan Linkous were all on the state (meet) relays. Junior diver Sophie Beck is definitely a key returnee to the team and expected to be outstanding again this year."

### LAKELAND

**Head coach:** Janette Heaton, third season.

**League affiliation:** KLAA Lakes Conference (North Division).

**Last year's finish:** First, KLAA North Division meet, KLAA North (4-0); second, Lakes Conference; 18th, Division 2 state meet.

**Notable losses to graduation:** Angela Probstfeld (first team All-Area), Sonia Borkowski (second team All-Area), Sarah Porter, Grace Collins, Hannah Porter.

**Leading returnees:** Emma Hazel, Soph. (first team All-Area; ninth, 100 backstroke, 57.57; 11th, 100 butterfly, 58.91); Bella Smith, Jr. (second team All-Area; state qualifier), Riley Faulkner, Soph. (second team All-Area; state qualifier); Jessi Cherciu, Sr. (second team All-Area; state qualifier); Isabel Fairbanks, Soph. (second team All-Area; state qualifier); Katie Kolm, Jr.

**Promising newcomers:** Courtney Connolly, Fr. (100 butterfly, 100 backstroke, 200 IM); Kate Doyle, Fr. (state cut 500 freestyle, 5:19.4); Sydney Moore, Fr. (backstroke, 1:10.85).

**Heaton's 2015 outlook:** "Katie (Doyle) has already shown to be faster than Sonia (Borkowski) was at this point last year, so we're really hopeful we'll be fast in the distance events. And Courtney Connolly adds strength to our lineup as well. We're looking to win our conference meet this year. We plan on winning our division again. Coming in as runners-up last year was kind of a great surprise to a lot of us, but this year I think our top swimmers can carry us and we'll be able to pull off that conference championship. That's what we're looking forward to. We move up into Division 1 this year. Last year, we were Division 2 at the state (meet), so we're just trying to qualify as many as we did last year, this year in Division 1."



BOYS TENNIS ROUNDUP

# Cranbrook upstages D1 champ Novi in quad meet

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Last year's MHSAA Division 3 runner-up Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook captured six-of-eight flights last Wednesday to upend host Novi, 22-15, in a boys tennis quad.

Grosse Pointe South and West Bloomfield rounded out the four-

school field in third and fourth, respectively, with 10 and one point, respectively.

Novi got an individual singles title from Koushik Kondapi.

The senior won No. 1 flight as he went 3-0 on the day, including a 3-6, 6-0 (10-3 super-breaker) victory over Cranbrook's Marc Sable.

The Wildcats' No. 3

doubles team of seniors Sai Gotur and Abhishek Subash also took all three matches highlighted by a 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 win over the Cranes' Brandon Karr and Colin Petzold.

Novi placed second in five-of-six doubles flights led by senior Maxx Anderson and junior Daniel Yu, No. 1; sophomores Aditya Chit-ta and Robert Chen, No.

2; junior Aakash Ray and Ryan Krawec, No. 4; seniors Kamal Khan and Rishik Marneni, No. 5; juniors Nayan Makim and Thomas Rolfe, No. 6.

It was Novi's first setback since the 2013 season.

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**NOVI 9, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0**  
**Sept. 3 at Stevenson**  
**No. 1 singles:** Tim Tanaka (Novi) defeated Cade Buntun, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Venkatesh Nagalla (Novi) def. Andrew Dziobak, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Nayan Makim

(Novi) def. Jack Dunne, 6-1, 6-3; **No. 4:** Thomas Rolfe (Novi) def. Peter Akel, 4-6, 7-5 (10-3 super-breaker).

**No. 1 doubles:** Kamal Khan-Rishik Marneni (Novi) def. Jeff Della Mora, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; **No. 2:** Chris Kwederis-Andrew Lu (Novi) def. Dalton Rhodes-Jacob Redd, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 3:** Prajwal Konanur-Varun Das (Novi) def. Steve Dunne-Thom Dunne, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 4:** Sachit Grover-Daigo Tanei (Novi) def. Wytston Werdan-Josh Maj, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 5:** Robert Xu-Sanjit Johi (Novi) def. Kevin Dunne-Alec Said, 6-0, 6-1.

**Dual match records:** Novi, 2-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; Stevenson, 0-1 KLAA Central.

**NORTHVILLE 9**  
**SOUTH LYON EAST 0**  
**Sept. 1 at Northville**

**No. 1 singles:** Ryan Gallagher (N) defeated John Kochanek, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Guiliano Daniel (N) def. Robert Reid, 6-0, 7-5; **No. 3:** Arvind Kalyana (N) def. Jon McCarthy, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Samir Rajani (N) def. A.J. Clark, 6-0, 6-0.

**No. 1 doubles:** Michael Ying-Nishant Chava (N) def. Nolan Radloff-Matt Rochon, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Srikar Kesamneni-Alex Childs (N) def. Nathan Anton-Tanner Ostraff, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 3:** Victor Lee-Yannis Bi (N) def. Carson Swadling-Matt Emery, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Andrew Quinn-Trevor Kelterborn (N) def. Josh Hengtgen-Davion Smith, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Alex Chen-Jor Vig (N) def. Davion Smith-Nathan Neville, 6-0, 6-0.

**Dual match records:** Northville, 1-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division; East, 0-2 overall, 0-1 KLAA Central.

## GIRLS GOLF RESULTS

**ROCK-WILDCAT INVITATIONAL**  
**Sept. 3 at Fox Hills G.C.**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth, 321 strokes; 2. Saline, 331; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 333; 4. South Lyon (Blue), 339; 5. Salem, 341; 14. South Lyon (Gold), 393 (21 schools).  
**Individual medalist:** Samantha Kellstrom (Saline), 70.  
**South Lyon (Blue) scorers:** 7. (tie) Priscilla Harding and Elizabeth Harding, 78 each; 31. (tie) Lucy Dinsmore, 89; 44. (tie) Sophie Yergin, 94; 73. (tie) Maddie Spaller, 104.  
**South Lyon (Gold) scorers:** 47. (tie) Carmen Sweigard, 95; 55. (tie) Carrieann Towne, 98; 61. (tie) Mya Price and Sarah Ash, 100 each; 80. (tie) Kendall Skore, 106.

**KLAA LAKES CONFERENCE**  
**GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Sept. 2 at Hartland Glen**  
**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Brighton, 309 strokes; 2. Grand Blanc, 324; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 351; 4. Hartland, 355; 5. Howell, 355; 6. White Lake Lakeland, 364; 7. Highland Milford, 367; 8. Waterford Kettering, 386; 9. Pinckney, 392; 10. Walled Lake Central, 396; 11. Waterford Mott, 434; 12. Walled Lake Western, 459.  
**Individual medalist:** Julia Dean (Brighton), 70.  
**Lakeland scorers:** 13. Maddy Brooks, 85; 16. (tie) Erika Dudley, 89; 30. (tie) Emily Drouillard, 94; 35. (tie) Paige Conrad, 96; 40. (tie) Lexi Bordeaux, 97; 49. (tie) Lexi Gurke, 102.  
**Milford scorers:** 5. (tie) Julia Stevenson, 78; 30. (tie) Jessica Niemiec, 94; 35. (tie) Mackenzie Hewitt, 96; 44. Zoey Patton, 99; 46. (tie) Anna Manning, 101; 55. (tie) Reilly Butler, 106.

**DUAL MATCH RESULTS**  
**SOUTH LYON (BLUE) 174**  
**SOUTH LYON EAST 179**  
**Sept. 2 at Tanglewood G.C.**  
**South Lyon scorers:** Priscilla Harding and Elizabeth Harding, 39 each (co-medalist); Sophie Yergin, 46; Mya Price, 50.

**HARTLAND 201**  
**SOUTH LYON (GOLD) 214**  
**Sept. 2 at Riverbank G.C.**  
**Top South Lyon scorers:** Maddie Spaller, 51; Carrieanne Towne and Maddie Moriarty, 53 each.

**NOVI 174, SOUTH LYON EAST 199**  
**Sept. 1 at Walnut Creek C.C.**  
**Novi scorers:** Leah Kiura, 40 (medalist); Alexa Hatz, 42; Maya Grandstaff, 43; Lauren Henry, 49; Reika Fujiwara, 50; Marissa Catter, 52.  
**East scorers:** Natalie Aulicino, 47; Kiersten Van Norden, 49; Emily O'Brien, 50; Paige Conrad, 53; Annika Olsen, 59; Olivia Chivas, 71.

**Dual match records:** Novi, 1-0 overall; 1-0 KLAA Central Division; East, 0-1 overall; 0-1 KLAA Central.

**SOUTH LYON 164**  
**LIVONIA STEVENSON 186**  
**Sept. 1 at Cattails G.C.**  
**South Lyon scorers:** Priscilla Harding, even-par 36 (medalist); Elizabeth Harding, 37; Lucy Dinsmore, 45; Kendall Skore, 46.  
**South Lyon's dual match record:** 5-0 overall, 1-0 KLAA Central Division.

BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

# Wildcats take down Northern in KLAA crossover encounter

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Senior Connor O'Leary helped set up both goals Sept. 3 as Novi earned a 2-0 KLAA boys soccer crossover victory at Walled Lake Northern.

The Wildcats (3-1-1) struck in the seventh minute from a flick by Connor O'Leary to Nick Harder, who one timed it past the diving Knights goalkeeper.

The second goal came at the 23-minute mark, when O'Leary took the corner and Andy Lee passed the ball across the goal mouth to a cutting Adam Dellavecchia, who beat the keeper to the far post.

The second half saw

plenty of opportunities for both teams.

Northern's Nate Miller provided steady pressure in the offensive third throughout the second half, but the Wildcats' defense, led by Shion Maidens and Kyle Bandyk, kept the Knights off the scoreboard.

Novi goalkeeper Sam Sheeran made three saves and made seven plays off of his line to earn his second shutout and the team's third of the season.

Novi outshot the Knights, 9-5, including 5-3 shots on goal.

**NORTHVILLE 5, W.L. WESTERN 0:** Junior goalie Evan Treiber had to make just one save Sept. 3 as the Mustangs (5-0) notched their fifth straight clean sheet with a KLAA crossover win at Walled Lake Western (1-3). Northville scored twice in the first half,

one on a penalty kick by Ben McCauley, his fourth of the year, and the other by Johnny Rodriguez (from Matt Mitchell).

The Mustangs put it away with three second-half tallies — by Nick Toupin, his fourth (from Mario Plachta); Felipe McCarthy (from McCauley); and Jordan Martindale (from Toupin).

**MILFORD 3, JOHN GLENN 0:** Goalkeepers Brendan Zondlak and Nathan Bresnay combined on the shutout Sept. 2 as the host Mavericks (3-1) posted a victory over Westland John Glenn.

The Mavericks struck first at the 20-minute mark of the first half on Brayden Stephan's goal off an assist from Matt Villemure.

In the second half, Brian Woigodka scored off an assist from David Bonhard, while Dante D'Aloisio capped the scoring off an assist from Bonhard.

**SOUTH LYON 4, KETTERING 1:** Freshman Trenton Lach and junior Michael Martinez each tallied a pair of goals Sept. 1 as the Lions (1-2) defeated host Waterford Kettering in a KLAA crossover.

Jorge Rodarte also added an assist, while Jack Dalzochio and Alex Sickelsteel split the goalkeeping duties.

**MOTT 3, SOUTH LYON EAST 0:** Rick Galvez and Ulises Garcia tallied a pair of first-half goals Sept. 1 and host Waterford Mott (5-0-2) went on to blank South Lyon East (1-3) in a KLAA crossover match.

Steven Lopez also scored in the second half for the Corsairs.

## Smith captures AJGA



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Novi's Ben Smith, a junior at Detroit Catholic Central High, shot a 2-under three-round total of 71-70-73—214 to capture his first American Junior Golf Association event, the PDQ / Philadelphia Runner Junior, held Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa. Will Dickson (Providence, R.I.) and Aman Gupta (Concord, N.C.) were tied for second, two shots back at 216. Smith, who had 17 pars during his final-round 1-over 73, earned his third top five AJGA finish of the season. The All-Area Boys Golfer of the Year also led CC to the MHSAA Division 1 state championship in June.

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### Milford 30K champs

Luke Humphrey, 34, of Rochester, was the overall winner with a time of 1 hour, 48 minutes and 22 seconds in the Milford Labor Day 30-kilometer road race held Monday.

Humphrey, who averaged 5:49 per mile, finished ahead of Howell's Mike Camilleri, 36, who took runner-up honors in 1:51:07. Novi's Koji Hiraiwa placed sixth in 2:07:12.

On the women's side, Fenton's Lisa Veneziano, 50, garnered first in 2:12:12, followed by Kelsey Bragg (Royal Oak), 2:12:36; Sherrie Temple (Grand Blanc), 2:14:45; and Melissa Broyles (Milford), 2:18:17.

In the 30K bike event, Doug McKibbin, 47, of Farmington Hills, took first in 51:30, while Novi's Karen St. Louis, 35, was the women's winner in 1:07:27.

Royal Oak's Jonathan Moller, 39, was the men's 10K race winner in 39:20, while Lapeer's Lori Leach Davis, 51, captured the women's title in 43:30.

In the 6K trail run, 73-year-old Doug Goodhue (Milford) averaged 6:47 per mile to finish first in 29:15, while Canton's Stacie Gatchalian, 39, won the women's race in 32:40.

The four races attracted a total of 739 finishers.

### Benham wins flight

Novi's Dave Benham shot the low round of the day with a low gross of 75 to win Flight A in the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association tourney Aug. 22 at the Glacier Club in Washington.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Benham also produced a low net score of 68 in the event, which produced 26 winners from a handicapped field of 98 players 50-and-over representing 17 different communities throughout southeast Michigan.

### Novi TasteFest game on Friday

The Novi Athletic Boosters will stage the ninth annual TasteFest 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, prior to the Livonia Stevenson at Novi varsity football game at Wildcat Stadium.

Last year, the Novi Athletic Boosters donated more than \$140,000 to the high school and middle school programs.

TasteFest will offer carnival games in the field house, along with a photo booth, candy walk and glitter tattoos There will also be a Pump It Up with bouncers for children. TasteFest will also partner with the Novi Educational Foundation, which will have a dunk tank on the practice field as well.

Among the local food vendors are Ascension Brewery, Applebee's, BD's Mongolian Grill, BWV, Library Pub and Stuart's Ice Cream, plus pizza and drinks.

### Lakeland concessions needs volunteers

Lakeland High School needs volunteers to help run its concession stands for games again for the 2015-16 athletic season.

All slots for these events are open to any volunteer from any team. Open and closer slots are also open to anyone to

sign up for. A SignUpGenius schedule for the remainder of the fall sports season will be created and sent to team coaches/contacts for allocation of volunteer slots.

Go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/409094eaba62fa](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094eaba62fa) 75-first or call Deandra Reinhart at 248-770-6454.

### Novi sports passes

All-sports passes are available through the Novi Athletic Boosters for the 2015-16 year during registration at Novi High School and Novi Middle School.

Passes provide entry into all high school and middle school regular home sporting events. Individual passes are \$60, while family passes (all family members living in one household) are \$180. Regular admission for high school events is \$5 and adult admission for middle school events is \$3.

All-sport passes are sold as a fundraiser for the Novi Athletic Boosters, a nonprofit organization with the sole purpose of providing gifts of equipment, uniforms and athletic training to all Novi high school and middle school athletes and teams.

Only by purchasing an all-sports pass can fans guarantee that all of the proceeds will be directed to Novi athletics. Regular gate admissions proceeds go to the Novi Community Schools general fund.

Passes can be purchased by downloading a form from the [www.noviathleticboosters.com](http://www.noviathleticboosters.com) website (under forms/links).



## Who's who of life science players will be attending Medical Main Street event

A virtual who's who of major players in life science and health care are among those scheduled to attend Medical Main Street's annual networking event Sept. 16 in Troy.

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, DPro Healthcare, Farmaceutix, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, Infection Prevention Technologies, JEMS Technology, NSF Health Sciences, Orchid, the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine and the University of Michigan-Dearborn are among those registered for the networking reception at Petruzzello's Banquet Hall, 6950 Rochester Road, in Troy.

Sponsors for the event, along with Oakland University, include St. John Providence Health System, OU Inc., Stryker, Priority Health, Oakland Regional Hospital, Michigan Health & Hospital Association, McLaren Oakland, Beaumont Health, OpTech, the city of Southfield, St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Oakland Community College, and PNC Bank.

A feature of the event is the awarding of Medical Main Street's 2015 INNO-VATOR of the Year, given to the business or organization that has created a device, technology or process that significantly impacts the medical device, biotech or life sci-

ence industries.

The winner receives \$1,000 cash, a customized promotional video and a one-year membership in Automation Alley, among other services. Those interested in being considered for the award have until 11:59 p.m. Monday to enter at MedicalMainStreet.com.

For information about the event or Medical Main Street, contact Matt Mastay at 248-858-0979 or mastaym@oakgov.com.

Medical Main Street, powered by Oakland County, is a collaboration of world-renowned hospitals, universities and health care and life science companies in southeast Michigan.

## On-demand dry cleaning service hits metro area

The world of dry cleaning had so much appeal. Drawing from the Uber model of smart phone-based consumer services, a newcomer called DRYV allows metro Detroiters to get their blouses cleaned and trousers pressed with a few clicks on an app.

DRYV was launched in Chicago a few years ago before partnering with the Huntington Woods-based Huntington Group. And it didn't take long for the Huntington Group to launch DRYV in our backyards. The on-demand dry cleaning service is the first of its kind in metro Detroit and allows users to schedule on-the-go pick-up and drop-off of clothes. Payments are automated through credit or debit cards (just like Uber) to save consumers time.

This isn't the first dry cleaning tech advancement for the Huntington Group. Previously, it launched BizzieBox – a dry cleaning locker that can be used by office workers to drop off and pick up clothes on their way in and out of the office. The boxes are now scattered across metro Detroit, including in the Renaissance Center.

With Bizzie Box, customers drop off their laundry in a locked, Bizzie Box locker. Bizzie Box dry cleaning partners pick up the clothes and clean them and then drop them off in the same set of lockers at the customer's office or building. The customer then receives a text that their clothes are ready, along with a locker number and access code. The clothes can then be picked up at the user's convenience.

### Spike in on-demand services

For years, companies like Grub Hub and Seamless have provided on-demand restaurant deliv-



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TECH SAVVY

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ery for hungry people in major cities like New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Similarly, Amazon has provided grocery delivery for folks in cities like Seattle and now it offers delivery of purchased goods to users in Chicago and other locales.

The Detroit area is oftentimes an afterthought for companies looking to improve digital consumer services, so it's refreshing to see DRYV launched in the Motor City before big metro areas have similar services. It is also an indicator that on-demand services will continue to rise and, hopefully, enter the local marketplace.

Newcomers to the on-demand services sector include home services, beauty services and parking services. Yes, there is even an app to help you sell your parking space. And while that may not be a huge benefit to you if you live in Plymouth, Birmingham or Milford, the convenience of home services or having a hair stylist come direct to your door may be appealing.

TaskRabbit for instance, allows consumers to outsource household

projects around the home, such as furniture assembly, installing light fixtures and more. For larger undertakings, Porch.com and Pro.com can help consumers source anything from painting to an entire home remodel. Think of it as a free Angie's List product on-the-go.

Companies like HomeJoy, Exec and Handy provide house cleaning services through online or through apps. It has never been quicker or easier for customers to order something or get something done around the home. And it gives us more of what we want back in our lives – time.

### There's an app for that

As Apple's famous advertising campaign reminded us, there is always an app for that. Want to get a massage therapist to your door? UnwindMe, Zeel and StyleSeat have apps for that. Need to book a table at a fancy restaurant or your local Olive Garden? There is an app called Open Table for that. Need mobile dog grooming, pet sitting, dog walking or anything else involving Fido? Of course, there's a site and an app for that. It's called Barkcity and it is available in New York.

My bold prediction is that Detroit will also be home to even the most niche on-demand services in the next three years or so. As supply meets demand, you too can get your cat boarded or your dog walked. You can probably even get your cat walked, you know, if you're into that thing.

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## Walkin' the dog



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Jim Salter gives a pair of shiba inu dogs a run-ride through a Novi neighborhood July 27. Salter is a professional dog walker and was working near 10 Mile and Wixom roads that morning.

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## NEWSMAKERS

### Cooper Standard appoints Brusate VP

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. has appointed Peter C. Brusate to vice president, internal audit and compliance, effective Oct. 12.

Brusate will oversee Cooper Standard's global internal audit and compliance activities, including the corporation's global Sarbanes-Oxley program. Based at Cooper Standard's world headquarters in Novi, Brusate will report to Matthew Hardt, executive vice president and chief financial officer.

"Peter's extensive global and diverse financial experience in internal auditing, accounting, treasury and financial reporting make him an ideal addition to our team," Hardt said. "With 17 years of experience in key financial roles in the automotive sector in Asia, Europe and North America, Peter is a strong leader, skilled at directing and developing global teams. His experience, energy and expertise will be instrumental in supporting our continued growth around the world."

Brusate spent 14 years at Delphi Automotive in a series of financial positions of increasing responsibility. Most recently, he was controller for

Delphi's Asia Pacific business and was based in Shanghai, China, where he was responsible for accounting, financial reporting and controls for the \$4 billion, 34-plant regional unit. Earlier, Brusate was director, internal audit, Americas for Delphi, where he led the Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and information technology audit activities for the global organization, as well as directing internal audit for the Americas region.

He was previously based in Paris, France, serving as treasurer – Europe, Middle East and Africa. Before that, he held management positions in the company's corporate finance, capital planning, investment management, financial projects and financial accounting areas. He joined Delphi in 2001 as a senior financial analyst, after three years with KPMG LLP in Detroit as supervising senior accountant.

A certified public accountant and a certified treasury professional, Brusate earned a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting at Northwood University and a master of business administration degree in integrative management from Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business.

### Eight Varnum attorneys honored

Eight attorneys from Varnum Law's Novi of-

fice were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in the 2016 edition of The Best Lawyers in America:

» Thomas H. Bergh: Trusts and Estates, Litigation – Trusts & Estates (Southfield)

» Dennis Devaney: Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management (Commerce Township)

» Richard T. Hewlett: Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Litigation – Construction (Novi)

» Richard A. Hooker: Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation – Labor & Employment (White Lake)

» Paul L.B. McKenney: Litigation & Controversy – Tax, Tax Law (Huntington Woods)

» David K. McLeod: Banking and Finance Law (Ypsilanti)

» Eric M. Nemeth: Litigation & Controversy – Tax (Plymouth)

» Brett Rendeiro: Commercial Litigation (Commerce Township)

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Hewlett, Hooker and McKenney were also recognized as Lawyer of the Year in their respective areas of practice.

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# New home construction on upswing in metro Detroit

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

New home permit activity shows strong signs in our region.

Based on single-family new home permit data compiled by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and reported in the *HBA Southeastern Michigan Residential Building Activity Report*, a total of 455 single-family permits were issued in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties in July 2015.

Activity in July rose slightly compared to a revised June 2015 total of 453 permits but fell by 8 percent compared to July 2014 (494). July's results mark the fourth consecutive month above the 400-permit threshold during this year's construction season, which traditionally begins in April.

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the HBA of Southeastern Michigan, noted, "When you have people working, it creates that opportunity" to build a home. "There are some other things going along with it. The existing home market continues to look up. They generally parallel," he said of new and existing home markets.

In the last couple of years, Stoskopf said, there's been a return to the normal ratio of six existing homes sold for each new one built. "Obviously, there are some homes that are 200 years old," he said. "It sort of makes sense once you think about it."

At four consecutive months, 2015 is already the third best streak dating back to 2006, the HBA reports. Full-year totals for 2013 and 2014 saw the 400-permit threshold exceeded for seven consecutive months and five consecutive months, respectively.

In July, Oakland County continued to lead the way with 209 single-family home permits issued. Macomb County was in second place with 163 single-family home permits. For the region, the rapid pace of multi-family construction slowed in July with only 82 permits issued in July. However, from a trailing 12-month total, multi-family permits reached 1,007 marking its highest point since July 2005 (1,159).

"It boosts the economy," Stoskopf, a Williamston, Mich., resident, said of new homes going up. Materials are



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The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan is pleased with its latest report on new home permits. Michael Stoskopf, its CEO, said new and existing home markets generally parallel.

purchased and subcontractors hired.

Once the homeowners move in, they buy such items as a new couch, drapes and more. "When a new home is built, there's quite a bit of retail that goes on," Stoskopf said.

Lyon Township and Novi continue to dominate with new homes in Oakland County, while Canton is strong still in Wayne County. Macomb County's Macomb Township also dominates locally.

"All of these areas got off to a good start at the beginning of the year and continue to lead the way," he said. Birmingham and Royal Oak also

have some residential building although it's more infill lots or tearing down of existing homes.

"It's not as easy to do," he said.

Stoskopf agreed career opportunities exist in the skilled trades. His association, others in Michigan and those nationwide are working to address subcontractor shortages. Industry leaders encourage high schoolers to train in two-year and four-year construction management programs, "and hone those skills a little more."

As the HBA also observed last month, July 2015 saw a continued acceleration in

existing home sales, declining inventories and sales price appreciation – all trends that typically translate into increased new home permit activity.

The *HBA/ASA New Housing Permit Forecast* projects a total of 2,268 permits will be issued in the six-month, August-to-January time frame, an increase of 27 percent over the same period in 2014.

"The weather continues to be good through the fall," added Stoskopf, noting residential construction will continue to be strong.

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## Lawyer can advise on ATV use, rights

**Q: I am disabled and requested that my condominium association allow me to use my motorized vehicle (ATV) to get around the complex to pick up my mail, visit neighbors, etc. My unit is located in a large-scale complex and ATVs are prohibited on the unpaved roads within the community. My request was denied and I was advised by the association that there is concern about incurring liability in the event that an accident occurs if they allow unlicensed and uninsured vehicles to be driven within the neighborhood. What are your thoughts in this regard?**



Robert Meisner

A: The roads within the complex are intended to be used by everyone that enters the community, subject to proper restrictions. Indeed, the streets also most likely qualify as a "public accommodation" provided by the privately held association under the provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act. As such, the assumption would be that the association has a duty under the FFHA statute to provide a reasonable accommodation to you as a disabled person to drive your unlicensed vehicle on the roadways. However, in a recent case, *Scoggins v. Lee's Crossing Homeowner's Association*, 718 F.3d 262 (2013), the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a resident could *not* operate his ATV on the community roadways. The court focused on whether the proposed accommodation was reasonable, under the circumstances, and concluded that the threat to the health and safety of other individuals on the roads outweighed the request for accommodation by the resident. It should be noted that the court's decision was fact specific. Therefore, it is possible that, if challenged, a different outcome could be the result in your particular situation. A lawyer may give you an even handed perspective on your rights.

**Q: My company is planning on investing in Germany for commercial and/or residential construction opportunities. I am wondering whether you have any personal knowledge of what cities would be best suited for that type of development, i.e., a mixed use commercial/residential development?**

A: Having recently visited Germany, I can tell you that there is much construction going on in the major cities, and even the bombed-out areas of Berlin, Dresden and Munich have been restored in a condition which looks like they were, in some instances, hundreds of years old when they are only 10 to 20 years old. Berlin is very busy with commercial construction and would, in the right location, be an excellent opportunity. Perhaps even better is Munich because the relative sociopolitical and economic composition of the residents is greater and generally it is a more affluent city with more amenities. Dresden is also a place where major reconstruction has occurred. Much new development is needed because of the thriving population. Frankfurt is, of course, the business capital of Europe, and is growing at astronomical levels. However, the price of housing and land in all of these cities has gone up appreciably, although the U.S. dollar is much more favorable than was the case even ten months ago.

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## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 20-24, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>BEVERLY HILLS</b>	
15609 Amherst Ave	\$315,000
21520 Corsaut Ln	\$520,000
17300 Dunblaine Ave	\$305,000
30130 Leemoor St	\$415,000
32261 Southfield Rd	\$87,000
<b>BINGHAM FARMS</b>	
30231 Bristol Ln	\$900,000
23855 Overlook Cir	\$315,000
<b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	
532 Chesterfield Ave	\$1,333,000
1350 E Melton Rd	\$191,000
460 Harmon St	\$620,000
1665 Holland St	\$475,000
1865 S Bates St	\$430,000
611 S Glenhurst Dr	\$1,125,000
1594 Sheffield Rd	\$213,000
1857 Washington Blvd	\$1,025,000
1629 Webster St	\$545,000
858 Woodland St	\$495,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS</b>	
3710 Brookside Dr	\$380,000
4114 Golf Ridge Dr E	\$458,000
5400 Hollow Dr	\$290,000
5801 Miller Way E	\$395,000
850 Trailwood Path # D	\$134,000
<b>BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</b>	

1261 Ardmoor Dr	\$500,000
1743 Bellwood Ct	\$418,000
396 Concord Pl # 1	\$71,000
1291 Indian Mound E	\$494,000
6148 Lantern Ln	\$375,000
2490 Parcels Cir	\$190,000
1198 Peveril Rd	\$173,000
1890 Pine Ridge Ln	\$405,000
587 Sedgefield Dr	\$280,000
<b>COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP</b>	
5424 Carroll Lake Rd	\$130,000
9015 Commerce Rd	\$400,000
4500 Commerce Woods Dr	\$235,000
3932 E Commerce Rd	\$377,000
2200 Goldfinch	\$295,000
5473 Hillsboro Ct	\$390,000
3331 Newton Rd	\$167,000
5708 Pickbourne St	\$8,000
5726 Pickbourne St	\$25,000
2942 Ravinewood Dr	\$425,000
5712 Strawberry Cir	\$70,000
<b>FARMINGTON</b>	
23857 Coldchester Dr	\$160,000
23040 Gill Rd	\$185,000
31831 Grand River Ave Unit 14	\$29,000
<b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b>	
28663 Bannockburn St	\$226,000
34580 Bunker Hill Dr	\$225,000
23349 Canfield Ave	\$152,000
37465 Carson St	\$203,000
25175 Dunham Ct	\$163,000
29771 Edgehill Ave	\$190,000
32374 Farmersville Rd	\$185,000
30200 Fink Ave	\$110,000
38859 Holsworth Ct	\$295,000

25597 Middlebelt Rd	\$195,000
31037 N Park Dr	\$288,000
33230 Oak Hollow St	\$246,000
35912 Old Homestead Dr	\$243,000
29531 Pipers Ln	\$172,000
36224 Quakertown Ln	\$289,000
28989 Ramblewood Dr	\$223,000
21534 Rockwell St	\$129,000
25800 Rutledge Xing	\$315,000
31069 Scenic View Cir	\$430,000
30561 Sunderland Dr	\$330,000
29860 W 12 Mile Rd # 610	\$46,000
31915 W 14 Mile Rd # 240	\$147,000
<b>FRANKLIN</b>	
32760 Franklin Rd	\$325,000
24675 S Cromwell Dr	\$289,000
24697 S Cromwell Dr	\$231,000
<b>HIGHLAND</b>	
1530 Blue Heron Dr	\$178,000
943 Tron	\$378,000
<b>LATHRUP VILLAGE</b>	
27600 Goldengate Dr W	\$44,000
<b>MILFORD</b>	
918 Atlantic St	\$255,000
919 Bishop St	\$120,000
452 Crystal St	\$160,000
210 Ivy Glen Dr	\$685,000
3174 Katie Ln	\$330,000
441 N Main St	\$220,000
1569 S Creek Dr	\$245,000
861 Union St	\$25,000
1294 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$331,000
1317 Yellowstone Valley Dr	\$332,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
325 Ely Dr S	\$195,000

780 Grace St	\$255,000
21781 N Center St	\$301,000
22224 Roberts Dr	\$175,000
<b>NOVI</b>	
27565 Albert St	\$295,000
28484 Carlton Way Dr	\$203,000
25852 Lochmoor Ln	\$420,000
40505 Mill Road Ct E	\$347,000
24476 Olde Orchard St	\$75,000
24506 Olde Orchard St	\$104,000
30503 Pennington Ln	\$403,000
44975 Yorkshire Dr	\$225,000
<b>SOUTH LYON</b>	
734 Challenging Trl	\$190,000
580 Chester St	\$179,000
61177 Greenwood Dr	\$84,000
61254 Greenwood Dr	\$74,000
26373 Shumans Way	\$363,000
23606 Stoneleigh Dr	\$443,000
172 Wellington Dr	\$489,000
<b>SOUTHFIELD</b>	
20010 Boardwalk Blvd	\$100,000
22123 Chatsford Circuit St	\$183,000
29269 Everett St	\$120,000
25214 Magic Dr	\$149,000
24749 Maryland St	\$120,000
25438 Saint James	\$115,000
<b>WHITE LAKE</b>	
10005 Mead Ln	\$25,000
578 Red Bank Dr	\$356,000
918 Sloane Ct	\$200,000
878 Suchava Dr	\$345,000
9347 Waltham St	\$141,000

## HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 11-15, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>CANTON</b>	
7769 Corbin Dr	\$217,000
39796 Coronation Rd	\$166,000
2337 E Roundtable Dr	\$200,000
4017 Elizabeth Ave	\$142,000
44254 Fair Oaks Dr	\$167,000
42060 Fairview Dr	\$143,000
51169 Glen Hollow Ave	\$419,000
42310 Grandover Ct	\$318,000
45694 Hanford Rd	\$208,000
46368 Hanford Rd	\$263,000
42067 Hartford Dr	\$219,000
7310 Irongate Rd	\$215,000
39834 John Dr	\$135,000
46855 Joy Rd	\$177,000
45996 Larchmont Dr	\$310,000
1951 N Arbor Way Dr	\$114,000
45775 N Stonewood Rd	\$184,000
47822 Pavillon Rd	\$440,000
780 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$256,000
419 Pleasant Ridge Dr	\$337,000
4313 Pond Run	\$215,000
615 Princess Dr	\$205,000
6335 Raintree Dr	\$205,000
41842 Riverwood Ct	\$179,000

44284 Suffolk Ct	\$200,000
14300 Whittier Dr	\$158,000
<b>GARDEN CITY</b>	
33090 Barton St	\$85,000
7124 Burnly St	\$83,000
28431 Kathryn St	\$85,000
33789 Marquette St	\$50,000
30380 Rush St	\$100,000
32153 Windsor St	\$46,000
<b>LIVONIA</b>	
35550 Ann Arbor Trl	\$180,000
18601 Blue Skies Ct	\$297,000
9599 Cavell St	\$130,000
9119 Colorado St	\$150,000
14262 Denne St	\$160,000
9914 E Clements Cir	\$127,000
17014 Fairfield St	\$325,000
16049 Fairlane Dr	\$256,000
13335 Farmington Rd	\$535,000
15953 Foch St	\$290,000
31562 Grove Dr	\$190,000
34924 Grove Dr	\$220,000
19954 Hubbard St	\$175,000
37324 Joy Rd	\$127,000
16821 Levan Rd	\$246,000
15550 Loveland St	\$157,000
17410 Loveland St	\$128,000
33160 Lyndon St	\$188,000
20125 Maplewood St	\$135,000
14811 Riverside St	\$197,000
16147 Riverside St	\$265,000
38035 Ross St	\$148,000
17732 Rougeway St	\$138,000
18390 University Park Dr	\$100,000

31062 W Chicago St	\$125,000
31100 W Chicago St	\$137,000
35652 W Chicago St	\$162,000
18430 Westbrook Dr	\$203,000
<b>NORTHVILLE</b>	
44542 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$405,000
439 Dubuar St	\$550,000
16792 Lyonhurst Cir	\$365,000
19378 Malvern St	\$123,000
46979 Merion Cir	\$647,000
19546 Northridge Dr	\$101,000
17500 Oak Hill Dr	\$700,000
17781 Rolling Woods Cir	\$525,000
41669 Sunnydale Ln	\$344,000
41901 Sutters Ln	\$325,000
41324 Windsor Ct	\$105,000
20219 Woodhill Dr	\$475,000
<b>PLYMOUTH</b>	
9211 Ball St	\$425,000
9602 Bobwhite Ct	\$275,000
11356 General Dr	\$105,000
9244 Hackberry Ave	\$175,000
12296 Howland Park Dr	\$425,000
39682 Mayville St	\$290,000
12903 Moorcroft Ct	\$419,000
433 N Evergreen St	\$220,000
1492 Penniman Ave	\$406,000
49022 Plum Tree Ct	\$385,000
376 Red Ryder Dr	\$197,000
101 S Union St	\$233,000
12710 Wendover Ct	\$329,000
<b>REDFORD</b>	
25878 Hope	\$120,000
19338 Indian	\$38,000

26151 Jan	\$93,000
25210 Joy Rd	\$96,000
15596 Leona Dr	\$90,000
20099 Macarthur	\$74,000
9395 Marion Cres	\$45,000
18704 Seminole	\$75,000
9351 Sioux	\$87,000
15502 Woodworth	\$38,000
<b>WAYNE</b>	
4169 Chamberlain St	\$18,000
4196 Mildred St	\$51,000
<b>WESTLAND</b>	
33054 Alanson St	\$50,000
30428 Ann Arbor Trl	\$107,000
35108 Bakewell St	\$65,000
540 Bedford Dr	\$174,000
1201 Campus Dr	\$188,000
7448 Central St	\$33,000
6540 Deerhurst Dr	\$132,000
32145 Fairchild St	\$90,000
435 Forest St	\$64,000
8248 Fremont St	\$152,000
37600 Garden Ct	\$84,000
27619 Mackenzie Dr	\$119,000
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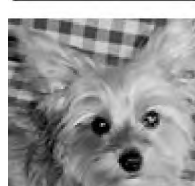
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## Car Report

## Fiat, Scion Beat Back Small-Car Blues with Impressive New Models



By Dale Buss

Fiat and Scion are nothing but small-car brands, and their sales have suffered because of it. But as summer ended, each brand was celebrating the arrival of new vehicles that, company executives hoped, would begin to spell a turnaround because their overall appeal outstrips the mere fact that they are small.

So the arrival of the Fiat 500X crossover is expected to boost the flagging Fiat Chrysler-owned brand. And for Toyota's Scion brand, the early-September launch of its first two new vehicles in years provided new hope.

Fiat has done some clever and memorable marketing over the past few years as it sought to establish firm footing in the U.S. market. These include appearances by a manic Charlie Sheen, a Fiat 500 that crosses the Atlantic Ocean — underwater — and, in last year's Super Bowl commercial, a little blue pill that supercharged the latest version of the brand's minicar.

But nothing sells cars like new cars—and in Fiat's case, a new vehicle that is aimed at a hot segment. Thus 500X went on sale on June but only became fully available in July. Since then, Fiat has sold

about 2,000 of the 500X models.

It is likely to essentially replace the sagging base 500 as Fiat's main vehicle in the US market; sales of the original 500 declined 19 percent for the year through August.

Fiat is finally zigging instead of zagging when the US car market is zigging. The 500X is built in Italy—in the same plant as the Jeep Renegade crossover—but is designed with Americans in mind, combining the Italian flair for design with all-wheel drive and a significantly larger size.

Overall Fiat sales in the US have stagnated at about 45,000 units, as the 500 minicar was joined by an all-electric 500e and what the Detroit Free Press called the “polarizing” larger 500L.

Much of the fault lies with Americans' slumping demand for vehicles whose main attribute is fuel economy, as gasoline prices have slid significantly and may fall further in the coming years.

“The brand suffers from the same symptoms of all the other brands of the same size in the same segment,” Dave Sullivan, an auto analyst for AutoPacific, told the newspaper. “Even vehicles as large as the Ford Focus or Chevrolet Sonic have experienced sales declines and plant downtime.”

So now Fiat CEO and Fiat Chrysler CMO Olivier Francois will have the best vehicle yet to serve as a platform for creative marketing schemes. And maybe Fiat will begin its long hoped-for climb in the US

market.

For Scion, the new iM is a sporty and versatile five-door hatchback with premium features and an estimated 37 mpg on the highway, while Scion iA is the brand's first sedan and features tight handling, dynamic styling and an estimated 42 mpg, thanks in part to a manual transmission.

Both are now available at more than 1,000 Scion dealerships. “It's been a little while, so our retailers are excited to get some new blood,” Doug Murtha, Toyota's general manager for Scion, told me. “And we've been very favorably impressed with the feedback we've gotten from them on the cars.”

Part of that feedback has come because Scion recently brought many dealership salespeople to Dallas for an orientation and enthusiasm-building session for the new vehicles, which are the first in about three years.

“They came in expecting to like the iM, because it's at a higher price point, and it's what they most likely see in their own garage,” Murtha said of the Scion dealership personnel.

“But the iA was a pleasant surprise to them. A lot of people dismiss products at that [low] end of the market, but both from a design standpoint and feature content, as well as in drivability and dynamics, they were impressed on all fronts. [iA] is a unique value, there's a

lot of unexpected content, and it delivers its own unique take on fun-to-drive.”

Over time, sales of some existing Scion models have faded, while declining gasoline prices lately have made it less urgent for the brand's millennial consumer base to purchase vehicles based on good mileage.

Of course, Scion has always been more about providing “little” vehicles, with an initial brand that emphasized off-beat nameplates that also would appeal to customizers. Now the brand is more interested in appealing with more practical vehicles that still have an edge and speak to young sensibilities.



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48 “— culpa”

49 Nation south of Kenya

51 — tai (cocktail)

53 Feline zodiac sign

55 Titanic call

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63 “The Good Wife” aier

65 Bucks and bulls

66 Attach

67 Lt.’s underling

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69 Keys hitting piano keys

71 Heckling author

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75 Sharp left or right in a ring

76 Carry- — (plane totes)

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84 Well-suited

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86 Hurly-burly

87 Masses near tonsils

90 Big tippler

92 Ring king Muhammad

94 Students at Yale

95 Small cut

96 End of the riddle

102 Like quiche

103 “No men” palace area

104 Longtime delivery co.

105 Wrestler’s win

106 Alley- — pass

108 Cuts into the surface of

110 Juárez wife

113 “The Lorax” author

117 Concealed obstacle

118 Riddle’s answer

122 “Citizen” of film

123 Pass on

124 Slip away from

125 Gillette brand name

126 — -Pei (kind of dog)

127 ISP customers

128 Fix, as a bow

129 With 26-Across, skills of the past

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1 Raven calls

2 Old Ritz rival

3 German river to the Fulda

4 Daydream

5 — -jogg

6 Stress or sun, to some

7 Big Apple district

8 Hooky-playing

9 Smoothing machine

10 Existed

11 Grant with six Grammys

12 I, to Hans

13 Perceiving

14 Memphis loc.

15 Patty flipper

16 Northern lights, e.g.

17 Acela offerer

18 In a low way

24 Diner’s bill

25 Prefix with byte or watt

30 In no peril

32 Welsh city and county

34 Pulled off

35 Opposite of crosswise, archaically

37 Traitor type

38 Menu phrase

39 Retrospect

41 Ovine zodiac sign

42 Coal-rich German region

43 Make null

44 With frenzy

50 More wan

51 Fashioned

52 Rival of iOS

54 Canon shooter line

55 Gliding like a supermodel

56 Gridiron great

57 Clay target sport

59 Judo-like cardio fad

60 Anxious

61 Hypothetical missing links

62 Trouble

63 Magna — (document of 1215)

64 Weakly hit fly ball

70 Give a line to

71 Many a Net game

72 Grooving on

73 Likes at once

75 Rattle

77 Base of a number system

80 Crumbly cheese

81 Drizzle, e.g.

82 Barn bundle

83 Sachet bit

88 Cutting barb

89 KGB figure

90 Actor Rod

91 Resistance measures

93 “— Misérables”

94 Make heroic

96 Scrambling kitchen tools

97 ESPN’s Storm

98 Mysteries

99 Shoves

100 Duel blade

101 Evening meal

107 —Kosh B’Gosh (clothing brand)

109 Pale tan

110 “The — the limit!”

111 Lick soundly

112 German auto

114 Until

115 Quaint letter starter

116 See 120-Down

119 — -de-France

120 With 116-Down, a tot travels in it

121 “Well, I’ll be!”

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**Beautifully decorated, Open floor plan!**  
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**Nicely Updated Ranch on Lake Sherwood!**  
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**Brand New Updated Kitchen!**  
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**Charming home in desirable Dunham Lake!**  
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