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## Shoe Year's Day Hike

The Friends of Maybury will host a casual, fun hike in Maybury State Park to kick off the new year. Meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Trailhead Shelter (use Eight Mile entrance) and hike for approximately one hour.

Fun for all ages. Enjoy a roaring fireplace, with hot chocolate and coffee after the hike. Also, if there is snow, there will be guides for the X-country ski trails (your own equipment required). This program is free; however, a Recreation Passport is required for park entry. For more information, call 248-349-8390.

## Dance, dance

If you are ages 8-13, the Northville High School Varsity and JV dance teams invite you to their annual dance clinic at 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Piazza Dance Company in Northville. It's a fun way to learn new dance moves, including a dance that will be performed at the team's upcoming Showcase on Jan. 15.

# Yield sign erected on Cady crosswalk

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
Staff Writer

When George Fomin looks down Cady Street — Wing to Center — he is a very happy man.

"We feel very strongly that the yield and other signs will greatly improve the Cady crosswalk safety, and already have seen cars approaching the crosswalk with caution, said the Northville Township resident.

Fomin is delighted with the new sign that sits smack dab in the middle of the crosswalk that connects Northville Square entry/exit to parking south of Cady.

Fomin had approached the Northville City Council in early

December with concerns about the safety of children leaving Northville Square to be picked up by parents. He had said at certain times, a lot at night, as many of 50 children leave the building following classes.

The resident told the city council that even with the well-marked crosswalk at Northville Square, sometimes kids run out between cars parked on portions of Cady and risk getting hit by oncoming vehicles. Children attend dance classes in the building.

"You put lines down and think it's safe. It's not," Fomin said in early December.



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

See SIGN, Page A2 Taller yield signs remain on the edge of Cady in both directions.

# Banding together



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

Marlene Kunz of the Northville Civic Concern thanks Northville UPS Store owner Mike Ladwig for his donations, provided by customers.

## Northville rallies for Civic Concern

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
Staff Writer

It's no secret that when bad things happen, people tend to band together. But Marlene Kunz of the Northville Civic Concern has been, well, shocked — in a good way — in the aftermath of the break-in at the charity just before Thanksgiving.

"The community has reached out to a level that is unbelievable," said Kunz, operations director.

As increasing numbers of people heard that Civic Concern had lost gift cards, food and other items during the nighttime robbery, the floodgates opened. Plus, the holiday season has had plenty of organizations and individuals rarin' to step in and help those in need in the Northville community.

"It's something that hit everybody. There are their (community's) shelves," Kunz said. "The community made sure they replenished the food pantry."

Civic Concern is helping 189 people in the community, Kunz said.

Northville Mayor Ken Roth and Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix have said



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Northville Civic Concern volunteer Bob Mosley helps to check in donated food. Civic Concern's shelves are pretty full recently after a reported break-in cost the charity some gift cards that it was planning to distribute to clients. Marlene Kunz said the community's response has been overwhelming, as people dropped off food and cash donations. "We were broken into," Kunz said. "But they didn't break our spirit."

that while the image of the Northville community is considerably affluent, not all of its residents fall into that category. In fact, there plenty who struggle daily to make ends meet, let alone provide for a delicious holiday dinner and gifts for the kids.

"There can be a disconnect in the community," Roth said. "One of the reasons for the disconnect is because people are more reluctant to admit they have an issue."

But with contributions and

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# Kittens & Crooners

Live jazz series coming to downtown Northville

With Northville's live music options limited mainly to summertime events like Arts & Acts, Friday Night Concerts and Victorian Festival, a local company has decided to test the waters and expand offerings by presenting a four-part jazz series at the Tipping Point Theatre.

Kittens & Crooners will feature four of metro-Detroit's top vocalists and their bands on second Saturdays: Jan. 9 – Brad McNett; March 12 – Jill Jack & The American Songbook Band; May 14 – Paul King; and July 9 – Beth Stalker.

"This series focuses on the classic jazz vocalists — like Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat 'King' Cole," said producer Whitney Stone, of Brighton-based 2 Stones Events, "and the singers we've selected fit the bill perfectly."

In addition, ticket holders will also dine on appetizers from area restaurants and explore a variety of wines provided by local shops.

Another element of this series brings in the Northville Art House, which has been using 2 Stones Events to book the musical portion of the annual Arts & Acts Festival since 2012.

At each of the four shows, the Art House will bring in select pieces from one of its featured artists to display in the theater. Concert attendees can even purchase the art with portions of the proceeds going to Tipping Point and the Art House.

The kickoff show with Brad McNett on Jan. 9 will feature artist Henry Fusco.

"This venue is known for its intimate setting," Stone said. "Depending on the configuration, it only seats between 105 and 120. For live jazz, the sound and visuals will be outstanding — no TVs blasting sports or any of the other typical drawbacks of clubs and bars."

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the wine tasting and appetizers until 7:45 p.m. The shows will run from 8-10 p.m. with a brief intermission. There will also be a cash bar with wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages available.

Tickets are priced at \$30 each, but music lovers can save 10 percent by purchasing the

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# Main Street League fundraises to help kids

**Joanne Maliszewski**  
Staff Writer

With all the community giving, the Main Street League didn't forget a special organization that works with youths.

On Friday, the Main Street League presented a check for \$2,000 to the Northville Youth Assistance. The League was fundraising for Civic Concern, but kept the NYA in mind with a "giving tree."

"We like to reach out to local organizations that help women and kids," said Lauren Romeo, chair of the League's Guiding Circle.

Fundraiser attendees separately donated to help local youth participate in sports, summer camp, music lessons and/or mentor-mentee events.

"We want kids to be engaged in the community in any way," said Sue Campbell, NYA executive director. That includes helping kids pay for their athletics programs. "Through these donations we can help with that."

The NYA is a shared service between the city of Northville and Northville Township. "A gift like this gives flexibility to the NYA," Northville Mayor Ken Roth said.

Added township Supervisor Bob Nix, "The NYA is a very important cornerstone of the community because it is focused on our children."

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At center, Sue Campbell of the Northville Youth Assistance accepts a check from Lauren Romeo of the Main Street League, with Chuck Murdock of the NYA (far left) and Northville Mayor Ken Roth and Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix (far right).

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"It's really like a school situation," he added, comparing the potential danger to that at a school where parents are waiting for kids to come out of school.

Fomin had also offered an alternative suggestion to prohibit cars from stopping, standing, parking or unloading in the center of Cady where kids tend to walk to meet their rides. "Some drivers zoom right through Cady Street as though it's a major thoroughfare."

City Manager Patrick Sullivan had confirmed that the new yield sign was placed following discussion of Fomin's comments and his recommendations.

"The police are also monitoring the area," Northville Mayor Ken Roth said.

JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
A new yield-to-pedestrians sign stands in the middle of the crosswalk on Cady, Wing to Center.

west — on Cady to warn drivers of stopping for people walking in the crosswalk.

When Fomin earlier spoke to the city council, Roth said there had already been talk about traffic flow in the area. At the time, he asked Jim Gallogly, city public services director, and Sullivan to determine whether Fomin's suggestions could be implemented. "That is a pedestrian intersection that depending on times of the day can see a large flow of traffic," Roth said.

Gallogly previously told the council that the crosswalk was put in at the request of nearby business owners and following an engineering study conducted by Spalding DeDecker of Rochester Hills.

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On Saturday morning, however, a driver heading west on Cady past Northville Square didn't seem to notice the new sign. "Well, I guess he didn't see the sign," said a shopper, who was on the crosswalk as the driver passed.

But other drivers on Cady obeyed the sign Saturday as families later crossed to the parking lot.

The new bright yellow yield sign joins two other yield street signs — one facing east, the other

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four-show series. Tipping Point season ticket holders will also receive a 10-percent discount.

“We want these shows to be an elegant evening of great jazz, wine, art and food — all right here in downtown Northville,” Stone said. “The Tipping Point, Art House and 2 Stones are blasting this series out to nearly 10,000 emails twice a month, so I wouldn’t wait too long to get tickets.”

To purchase tickets online, visit [www.2StonesEvents.com](http://www.2StonesEvents.com). Tickets may also be purchased at the Tipping Point Theatre (361 E. Cady St.) from 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 6:30-10 p.m. Friday. For more information and for business partnership opportunities, call 586-484-8797.

“This is also a great opportunity for businesses to get in front of a select audience and be part of a truly unique event in Northville,” Stone said.

Series lineup

The Kittens & Crooners four-part jazz vocalist series starts Jan. 9 with Brad McNett backed by Tyler Driskill, piano; Jordan Schug, upright bass; and Jesse Kramer, drums.

» Barely into his 20s, vocalist/composer Brad McNett is quickly becoming one of the most popular interpreters of the Great American Songbook. McNett’s large repertoire and his ability to interpret a lyric or turn a phrase, with the skill and poise of someone twice his age, makes him an instant smash with any audience. “There’s a late-’50s sensibility in his voice — touches of Mel Torme and Frank D’Rone,”



SUBMITTED  
Vocalist and composer Brad McNett.

according to Marc Myers of JazzWax.com.

» Artist Henry Fusco’s subject matter has evolved from buildings, seascapes and landscapes to figures, nudes and still lifes. His most current work is often on a scale larger than normally associated with typical watercolor paintings. Today, Fusco is noted for his impressionistic figurative work and rhythmic still lifes. He has mastered transparent washes to create depth and richness reminiscent of the Midwest Regionalist painters of the Depression Era. Fusco currently works out of his studio in Northville.

» Jill Jack & The American Songbook Band — March 12: Thirty-seven time Detroit award-winning singer/songwriter Jill Jack and longtime drummer Ron Pangborn have talked about putting a project together that celebrates the music they both love — The



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» Paul King — May 14: Crooner Paul King describes

his style as “a mixture of Mel Torme, Joe Williams and Frank Sinatra — with a dash of Cab Calloway thrown in.” Detroit’s Metro Times jokes: “His voice has been banned in some nightclubs for inducing public displays of affection on the dance floor.”

King, who is the vocalist for The Rhythm Society Orchestra, has been featured on a number of local television and radio programs. He has also performed with veterans of some famous big bands, including Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Sam Donahue, Joe Williams, Lionel Hampton and Big Joe Turner.

» Beth Stalker — July 9: A Detroit native and seven-time Detroit Music Awards winner, Stalker is no stranger to the music biz, beginning her career at the ripe age of 4. Known then as “Little Liz,” she released her first full-length album, *Jesus Loves Me*. Soon after, she began touring and making appearances on several local television shows. And though she loved the glitz and glam of the music industry, she took some time away from the spotlight to focus on school.

At 20, Stalker was back at it, releasing her second album, *Here with You*. The album garnered much praise at the Detroit Music Awards, earning her an amazing six awards. One year later, she recorded and released *Hallelujah I Love Him*. But her journey didn’t end there. In 2008, she auditioned for *American Idol*, making it to Hollywood after receiving the highly coveted “golden ticket.” In 2012, Stalker released an EP entitled *A Reason to Smile*. Currently, she’s hard at work on her fourth full-length album, her first project to be recorded and released by Decibel.

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monetary donations from individuals, banks, schools and organizations, the Civic Concern has made a comeback in the aftermath of the break-in, which remains under investigation.

Business owners, such as Mike Ladwig, who owns the UPS Store on Cady in Northville, stepped forward, switch-

ing their annual giving programs to focus on the Civic Concern. Ladwig’s Holiday Helping Hand brought in some \$4,000 for Civic Concern.

“I used to do Toys for Tots,” Ladwig said. “But I saw the article in the paper (about the Civic Concern break-in). We can dwell on what one bad person did, but I wanted to concentrate on what good things are being done.”

Ladwig asked customers — if they chose — to make donations to fulfill wish lists for

families in need for the holidays. Some gave \$20, \$30, but there were those who handed him \$100 bills. “We have been very fortunate. It is amazing how generous people are in the Northville area.”

Meanwhile, the Northville Rotary Club with the city and township fire departments and Northville High School’s INTERACT students took to the streets for the annual Goodfellows paper sales, Dec. 12.

This past week, the Rotarians presented Kunz with a

check for \$7,200 to help the charity restock its shelves and to purchase gift cards that allow families in need to purchase gifts.

“Also, the Rotary Club thanks the Danish Brotherhood and Bob Buckhave for your generous donation which you have graciously made each year,” said Northville attorney and Rotarian John Kelly.

And there’s more. The Main Street League tripled its past contribution to Civic Concern with \$60,000 for Meijer gift

cards. Lauren Romeo of the league said some 300 people attended the group’s Amazing Grapes fundraiser in November at the Northville Square Building.

“This is an amazing group of people,” Nix said of the league. “The timing is awesome.”

With the gift cards, recipients are limited to purchasing food and baby items,” Romeo said. “Our donors like that.”

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# George’s Senate donates to Goodfellows

Local businessman George Dimopoulos made news several weeks ago with his promise, “If anyone is home alone, come eat with us for free.”

It’s the 10th year that the owner of George’s Senate Coney Island has offered free Thanksgiving dinners so that no one has to dine alone, but it was the first year his generous offer was posted on social media.

Several local and national news outlets publicized his offer. In the past, George’s Senate served around 80 Thanks-

giving dinners each year. With all the news coverage, this year Dimopoulos and his group of volunteers served more than 400 Thanksgiving dinners.

And it appears that generosity is contagious. Many of George’s Thanksgiving customers not only paid for their meals, but donated to help cover the cost of feeding those who couldn’t afford to pay.

Dimopoulos donated their contributions, along with additional funds from Dimopoulos himself, to the Livonia Good-

fellows. Dimopoulos presented the Livonia Goodfellows with a check for \$2,000. A new sign in George’s window reads in part, “Thanks again for your support. I hope that all of us around the world help others that are in need. God Bless everyone and Merry Christmas!”

Now in its 80th year, the Livonia Goodfellows is an all-volunteer organization whose motto is “No Livonia child without a Christmas.” In 2014, the Livonia Goodfellows provided 328 families with 743 children with food vouchers, new toys,

games and books for the children.

In addition, each family receives a large assortment of canned goods that are collected mainly through canned food drives held by students at 26 Livonia and Clarenceville schools.

In recent years, the Livonia Goodfellows has expanded its mission to support causes throughout the year that benefit needy Livonia children, including sharing canned food with local pantries, helping provide school supplies and more.



George’s Senate Coney Island owner George Dimopoulos (left) presents Livonia Goodfellows treasurer Mike Smykowski with a \$2,000 check.

## LIBRARY LINES

### Foreign Film @ the Library

**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28

**Details:** Enjoy the French film *The Gilded Cage* (with English subtitles). Will Marie and Jose choose to leave their beloved Paris neighborhood to fulfill a lifelong dream? 90 minutes.

### Battle of the Books 2016 Registration

**Time/Date:** Through January 29

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ville. Teams start your reading! Check our website for complete details.

### Winter Storytimes

**Time/Date:** January through March

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### Winter Reading Program

**Time/Date:** Jan. 2-30

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Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Buildings will re-open on Sundays in June 2016. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org) for details.

### Upcoming events

**Members Only Annual Dinner:** 6:30 p.m. Jan. 21. To be held at the New School Church at Mill Race Village. Renew your membership today and join us in January!

**Tea Ticket Sales for Mad Hatter:** Feb. 6, 2016. Our teas are popular and sell out quickly. Buy your tickets today.

**Closed:** The office and the archives will be closed for the holidays until Jan. 3.

### General info

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

**Rentals:** Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.

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

each Tuesday.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Chilly softball

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9; registration deadline Dec. 29.


**Details:** The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department hosts the second annual Chili Chilly Softball Showdown at Ella Mae Power Park. The co-ed event features wooden bats, a 16-inch ball, one pitch per at-bat, prizes for all participants and a lunch featuring coney dogs from Kerby’s Koney Island. 18 years of age or older. \$250 per team. Double-elimination format with games lasting six innings.

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# Popular court magistrate dies

Charles Y. Cooper, magistrate of 52-1 District Court in Novi, died Friday following a brief illness. He was 79.

Known as Charlie to family, friends and staff, Cooper's presence in the district court was noticed by all.

"Charlie came to work every day with a smile on his face. No matter what was going on or how he was feeling, if you asked him how he was doing he would say, 'Couldn't be better,'" stated Alexandra Black, administrator of the 52-1 District Court.

"Charlie would never want anyone else to feel bad or worry. He will be remembered here at the court for his tremendous kind heart, his whistling in the hallways and his everlasting sunny disposition which spread joy to all of us. He will be missed," Black said.

Cooper, a Pleasant



Cooper

school at the University of Detroit Mercy where he also earned his undergraduate degree. He served as a municipal judge in Pleasant Ridge from 1972-1974. He also served as the prosecutor for the city of Novi for a number of years before becoming a magistrate of the 52-1 District Court in 2012. He was a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan.

Cooper is survived by his wife Elizabeth Ann; four children Shannon (Jeff) Wolf, John, Ann (John) Arends, and William; and five grandchildren Kathryn, Cooper, Charlie, William and Elizabeth.



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Josef Webber takes off on a bike ride Dec. 17 at Novi's Lakeshore Park. Webber, of Houston, was hitting the park's mountain bike trails with his brother Johannes, who lives in Novi.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Send calendar information to [pallmen@hometownlife.com](mailto:pallmen@hometownlife.com) by 5 p.m. Friday to be included in Thursday's publication. The calendar is also available online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

### Brightmoor Christian

**Location:** M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-668-7014; [celebraterecovery@brightmoorcc.org](mailto: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 for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

### Church of the Holy Family

**Location:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road, 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:** [destinyw3@gmail.com](mailto:destinyw3@gmail.com)  
**Web:** [www.dw3c.org](http://www.dw3c.org)

### Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

**Location:** 45301 11 Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 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

### 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.  
**Women's Group:** 12:30 p.m. third Thursday  
**Children's Faith Club:** 5 p.m. Wednesday

### 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; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship and Teen Worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School  
**Monday:** 7 p.m. - Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study  
**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. - Women of the Word Women's Bible Study  
**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. - Caravan Scouting program for kids ages 4 through fifth graders; Club 45 for fourth and fifth graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Bible Study with Troy Ogle; Little Critters preschool program; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult.  
**Thursday:** 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study - Revelation.

### First Free Will Baptist Church

**Location:** 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-348-2380

### First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**Location:** 200 E. Main, Northville

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

### First Presbyterian Church

**Location:** 205 E. Lake St., South Lyon  
**Contact:** 248-437-2875, [office@fpsouthlyon.org](mailto:office@fpsouthlyon.org)  
Worship: Blue Christmas Service, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21  
Worship: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24  
[office@fpsouthlyon.org](mailto:office@fpsouthlyon.org)

### 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)  
**Sunday Gathering:** 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

**Location:** 41415 Nine Mile, Novi  
**Contact:** 248-349-0565, [www.goodshepherdnovi.org](http://www.goodshepherdnovi.org)  
**Pastor:** Rev Thomas E. Schroeder  
**Service:** 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)  
**Web:** [www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 and 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care:** 10 a.m. worship service  
**Alzheimer's Support Group:** 10 a.m. second Saturday

### Hope Lutheran Church

**Location:** 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

### Immanuel Lutheran Church

**Location:** 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon  
**Contact:** 248-437-2289  
**Pastor:** Pastor Scott Miller

### 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.

### Memorial Church of Christ

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

### Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church

**Location:** 15585 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth  
**Contact:** 734-420-3131  
**Web:** [www.metrodsadchurch.org](http://www.metrodsadchurch.org)  
**Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. Saturday  
**Worship Service:** 10:45 a.m. Saturday  
**Bible Study/Prayer:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

### NorthRidge Church

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

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



### BARATI, IDA EMMA

Of Milford, passed away in the care of her family on December 16, 2015 at the age of 83. Ida is survived by her brother, Louis F. (Lee) Barati; nephew, Louis (Sue) Barati; niece, Linda Nehasil; great-niece and nephews, Ashley Barati, Louie Barati, Adam Nehasil and Aaron Nehasil. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Emma Barati; brother, Frank Barati; and nephew, Larry Nehasil. Memorials may be made in Ida's memory to a charity of choice. Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford 248.684.6645 or visit [LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



### BAYER, DOROTHY J.

Age 81, passed away December 18, 2015. She was born May 24, 1934 in Canton, Ohio, daughter of the late Leon & Blanche Price. Dorothy was an active member of T.O.P.S. for many years and held the privilege of being named "Queen" many times. She held a Black Belt in Ishaanu Karate and was an instructor for many years in South Lyon. Dorothy will always be remembered for her longstanding membership at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in South Lyon. She had a ministry for sending cards to friends and other church members to recognize their birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or any other special event in their life. Dorothy will be dearly missed by her family and friends! She is survived by her daughter, Theresa (Jerry) Gyde, her grandsons: Michael (Loree) Gyde and Todd (Lisa) Gyde. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Gyde and Todd Bailey Gyde. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert in 1982, her sister, Nancy Osborne and her parents. A funeral service was held on Monday, December 21 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 330 E. Liberty, South Lyon. Dorothy was laid to rest beside her husband in South Lyon Cemetery. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



### HAY, AGNES EARL

died on December 2, 2015 at age 94. She is preceded in death by her parents Crystal and Stephen Myshak, her husband Clifford M. Hay, and son Gary C. Hay. Agnes was a renaissance woman. She made friends everywhere she went. Agnes worked at and retired from the Legal Staff at General Motors. She traveled the world, visiting Egypt, Germany and China among other places. She was a dancer and music lover. She tap-danced into her 90s in the theater group she joined in Northville, and for many years enjoyed season tickets to the opera with her good friend Allison. Agnes was an expert seamstress - she sewed costumes and clothes for her granddaughters when they were little and went on to sew clothing for the dolls she made in her later years. Agnes was an athlete. She started practicing yoga in the 1960s and continued until she was no longer able. She also loved cross country skiing, biking and swimming. She was a gardener who grew roses at her home in Novi and flowers at her home in Northville. She was an avid reader who checked out shopping bags full of books from the library. She was always willing to share her hobbies with those around her and teach those who were interested. Agnes was most happy while with her grandchildren and friends. Agnes was no fool and had great insight into people. She knew who loved her for who she was and expressed her appreciation to those who enjoyed having her around. She could often be seen drinking her morning coffee at her kitchen table while looking out the window. She was always glad to have visitors. She treasured her friendships and looked forward to catching up on the latest news. Agnes was generous to a fault and was sometimes taken advantage of. She knew it, but she was more interested in preserving relationships than tracking how much she gave. Agnes taught others how to live their lives fully with beauty, dignity and generosity. She will be deeply missed by those whose lives she's touched. She is survived by her best friend of over 50 years, Allison Welch, her treasured dog Crissie who was always by her side, Candy Creedon, grandchildren Lisa Hay and Mike Hay of Alaska, Emerald Hay, Steven Creedon, Kristen Creedon; great grandchildren Ronin, Kaia, Jace, Noelle, Navi, Rebecca, Alex, Connor and Austin. In her last days, Agnes asked that she not be forgotten. A Celebration of Life is being planned for Agnes. If interested in attending, please email [Agneshaycelebration@lflife@gmail.com](mailto:Agneshaycelebration@lflife@gmail.com).

**HOPPER, LARRY**  
September 27, 1948 -December 19, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

**NGUYEN, KINH**  
December 18, 1925-December 15, 2015 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop Sassaman Chapel

**TRIPOLI, AVERALDO J.**  
October 4, 1927-December 16, 2015 L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel

**VanINGEN, DONALD**  
February 4, 1929-December 18, 2015. Services entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.



# Decision on Southwest Oakland Cable Commission delayed

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

The Farmington Hills City Council gave itself a little more time to decide what to do about its participation in the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission.

With a Dec. 31 deadline looming for the parties in the SWOCC — the cities of Farmington, Novi and Farmington

Hills — to decide whether to continue in the partnership, Hills city council members voted Dec. 14 to extend the deadline to March 31.

At issue is the future of the consortium, formed in 1982 to negotiate cable franchise agreements, and to help the three communities formulate and manage public access television programming.

Novi officials months ago let

their partners know they'd like to dissolve it; it takes the vote of two of the three municipalities.

The resolution passed by the Farmington Hills council delays the notification date until March 31, but does not change the exit date, which remains June 30. A similar resolution is expected to be passed in Farmington and Novi, even though officials in Novi already passed

a dissolution resolution.

SWOCC is located on Nine Mile in Farmington. According to Boyer, the equipment SWOCC uses is outdated and carries some \$400,000 in debt.

Boyer said the SWOCC has seen a 10-percent drop in revenue the last three years as it deals with an old building, outdated equipment and increased competition from various sources, such as

iPhones and the Internet.

Novi officials aren't likely to change their minds about walking away. Back in October, Novi Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt said the city's decision is simply a matter of finding a partnership that makes more sense, perhaps something with Novi Public Schools.

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# Your Invitation to Worship

## Whitmore Lake

**FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
10774 Nine Mile Road  
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582

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

## Highland

**HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357  
248.887.1311 • [www.myhutm.com](http://www.myhutm.com)


**Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
**Kids Church: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
**MS & HS Youth: 11:00 a.m.**

## Novi

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

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

## Milford

**SAINT GEORGE'S**  
(an Episcopal Community)  
"Practicing Jesus' Love, Daily"  
• Communion 8am & 10am, Sundays  
• Nursery, Sunday School 10am  
• Bible Study 10-10:30am, Mondays  
[stgeorgesmilford.org](http://stgeorgesmilford.org)  
801 E. Commerce Street, Milford 48381

## New Hudson

**NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
57855 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165  
Phone 248-474-9108

**Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m.**  
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister  
Website: <http://www.newhopeuu.org>

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile., Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
[www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)

**WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM**  
"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"

**HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL**  
40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. 248-427-1175  
*An open, affirming & welcoming community*

**Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am**  
Rev. Ann Webber, Rector  
[www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org)

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • [www.mbcc.org](http://www.mbcc.org)

**Sunday Worship 10 a.m.**  
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

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

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Preschool, Pre-K & Kdg. - Mo. Synod  
620 General Motors Rd., Milford  
Church office: (248) 684-0895

**Worship Services: Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.**  
**Bible Study: Sunday 10:45 a.m.**  
Rev. Martin Dressler

**HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
[www.hsrc.net](http://www.hsrc.net)  
at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd.  
810-231-9199  
Fr. John Rocus, Pastor  
Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Please visit our Shroud of Turin Display and Book & Gift Shop

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

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
41671 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375  
**Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.**  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
248-349-2652  
[www.umnovni.com](http://www.umnovni.com)  
"Loving God, loving each other and living our core values"

## Brighton

## South Lyon

**FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD**  
VISITORS WELCOME!  
133 Detroit St., Milford • 248-684-5695  
Pastor Steve Swayze

**Sunday School** (all ages) 9:30 a.m. • **Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.**  
**Young Adults Dinner/Bible Study, Tuesdays** at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 6:45-8:15 p.m.  
Awana, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept.-March)  
and Youth Group for 6th grade and older  
Website: [milfordbaptist.org](http://milfordbaptist.org)

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

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) (248) 437-2875  
**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**  
Playroom available  
Kids/Youth Connection Sundays 6:30 p.m.  
**Mid-Week Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**  
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor  
[www.fpcsouthlyon.org](http://www.fpcsouthlyon.org)

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
*Gathering in Jesus Name*  
52909 10 Mile Rd • South Lyon, MI 48178  
**Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**  
Mike Ragan, Pastor  
734-347-1983 pastor cell  
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**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Bryant Anderson  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
[www.milfordpc.org](http://www.milfordpc.org)

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday School ages 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.**  
**Youth Group 10 am - Grades 6-12**  
A heritage of area worship since 1836

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

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • [www.southlyoncoc.org](http://www.southlyoncoc.org)

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School,**  
**10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship**  
**Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.**  
Troy Singleton, Minister

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
(Missouri Synod)  
Pastor Terry Nelson

**437-8810 • 486-4335**  
Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile  
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;  
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
*All are welcome at all services*  
905 E. Commerce St. Milford, MI 48381  
Sunday Service: 10:30 am  
Sunday School ages 3-20; 10:30 am  
Children's room: Wed & Sun services  
Wednesday service: 7:30 pm 248-685-7266

**WARD CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Road  
Northville, MI 48168  
248.374.7400

**Sunday Worship Services**  
8 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11 a.m.  
4 different music styles from classic to modern  
[www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org)

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON**  
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178  
Phone: 248-437-2883  
**Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.**  
**Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.**  
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weak  
Website: [www.fbcsouthlyon.com](http://www.fbcsouthlyon.com)  
• Email: [fbcsouthlyon@sboglobal.net](mailto:fbcsouthlyon@sboglobal.net)

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

**Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
54989 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167  
248-374-2268  
**Sunday Worship:**  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.  
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm  
Pastor Andy Whitten  
[oursaviouralcm.com](http://oursaviouralcm.com)

**first united methodist church south lyon, mi**  
640 S. Lafayette  
(248) 437-0760

**Worship: 8:15am, 10:45am, 11am & 6:30pm**  
**Sunday School: 9:30am**  
Rev. Sondra Willobee, Lead Pastor  
[southlyonfirstumc.org](http://southlyonfirstumc.org)

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.  
at Liberty St.

**Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.**  
**All Classes 9:00**  
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

**Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
59255 10 Mile Rd.  
South Lyon MI 48178  
**Sunday Worship 9:30 AM**  
Christmas Eve 7:00 PM  
Rev. Thomas Scherger  
248-573-7320  
[www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org](http://www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org)

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
**248-486-0400**  
[www.ecrossroads.net](http://www.ecrossroads.net)  
**Service Times**  
8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am  
**Renewed Hope Counseling Center**  
248-560-7507  
[rhoecc.net](http://rhoecc.net)

**OAKPOINTE |milford**  
CHURCH  
1250 South Hill Rd.  
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## Kowall awards pin to vet

State Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall welcomed Vietnam veteran Bruce Kurth of Commerce Township and wife Karen and their family Dec. 9 to his Capitol office.

Kurth, who served two tours in Vietnam from 1968-70 as part of the Navy Seabees, received a Vietnam veteran lapel pin from Kowall.



Pictured (from left) are Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake, and Bruce Kurth.

## Hospital's Christmas Store assists 800 kids

Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

Southfield and Novi hospital employees provided gifts for 802 children representing 355 families at the annual Providence-Providence Park Hospital Christmas Store.

"Everything is donated," said Lisa Ward, event co-chair. "Our medical staff is phenomenal. Our associates are phenomenal. We even have long-term commitments from some of our vendors. It really takes a village to coordinate this and it's really through the generosity of many. It's an event that we all look forward to."

On Dec. 5, parents were able to shop for a new toy, new outfit and new book for each child. To allow them to discretely shop, a child care area was set up with a hot chocolate ornament craft area and visit from Santa.

"The children are not allowed in the store," Ward said. "It's almost like if you were a mom or dad going to the store and buying for your child. We want to continue to evoke that element of surprise for the



More than 200 volunteers from the Southfield and Novi campuses pitched in Dec. 5 at the Christmas Store.

child."

In addition, each family received a picture with Santa, Christmas chocolates, a food gift card and gift wrapping. More than 200 Providence volunteers helped out that day, which was split into three sessions.

"We strategically use black garbage bags – we put everything in there and strategically bring them around to the wrapping stations," Ward said.

Planning for the event begins right after Labor Day.

"We've kind of got this down to a fine-oiled machine or what we like to call 'controlled chaos,'" said Ward, director of Clinical Safety Risk Management and Patient Relations for SJPH Providence and Providence Park Hospital. "We have a very defined checklist as to what needs to be done and we make sure that we're meeting those time lines."

Referrals come from Providence physicians, agencies that the hospital works with and four area schools – two in Southfield, one in South Lyon and one in Novi.

The Christmas Store was held in Southfield, but the event was a joint effort between the Southfield and Novi campuses.

"We gather together in Southfield, but certainly associates from both hospitals are extremely contributory," Ward said.

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» Tennis classes offered with Funstart and Todd Beyer Tennis — Both Funstart and Todd Beyer offer fundamental instruction for kids ages 6-12. Todd Beyer Tennis begins Thursday, Jan. 7, for \$79 and Funstart Tennis begins the week of Jan. 25 for \$78.

» Leisure Unlimited Basketball and Volleyball – Leisure Unlimited uses the perfect mix of games and drills to make learning both sports fun. Basketball classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 13, for \$63 for ages 7-10 and

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» Michigan Jaguars Soccer Training – Children ages 5-13 will soccer skills fresh in the off-season with high quality Michigan Jaguars coaches. Trainings begin the week of Jan. 6 for \$70.

» Auditions and Acting Techniques – A new workshop featuring instruction for both beginners and experienced child actors. Students will learn through vocal and movement exercises on Saturday, Jan. 23, for

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## OUR VIEWS

# Keeping the peace at family gatherings

Feeling stressed? The holidays will do that to even the best of us. Unfortunately, we sometimes lash out to those close to us.

This newspaper put several questions related to cordiality at family gatherings to Julie M. Ribaldo, clinical associate professor of social work at the University of Michigan.

**Do family gatherings such as the holidays put additional stresses on people?**

Ribaldo: Many of us have memories of the awe of the holiday season. Some of us face it with dread, because it recalls memories of family arguments and tension and, sometimes, violence. In either case, our memories tend to shape what we anticipate as we gather with family.

**What are some ways people can cope with these stresses and remain on cordial terms?**

Ribaldo: At a basic physical level, getting enough sleep helps any of us manage stress better, so it is

important to not short-change sleep. Developing and maintaining realistic expectations is also helpful. In a sense, accepting that Grandpa George is going to be anxious and grumpy or that your mother is going to be controlling and bossy, helps us head into the family gatherings with more of a sense of peace. Spending a few moments thinking about how you want to respond, how you can manage your own responses.

**In “keeping the peace” in families, is it sometimes acceptable to take a “time out” such as going for a walk around the block?**

Ribaldo: “Hitting the pause button” when we are becoming too stressed is vital. None of us thinks or acts our best when we are becoming emotionally upset. Going for a walk, taking a deep breath or heading into a quiet room for a moment of respite can be beneficial; so can connecting with the less-stressed family members.

Ribaldo's research interests include psychotherapy, community mental health, child welfare, public health, early intervention, challenging infants, mental health, infant mental health and clinical supervision. She's a good person to ask about keeping the peace at family gatherings — but so are your own family members.

Mistakes will happen. If the turkey falls on the kitchen floor, maybe you'll observe the three-second rule, pick it up quickly and serve it to your waiting family. If a gift is less than perfect, perhaps you'll keep that thought to yourself and discreetly return it to the store later when things are calmer.

An old song noted, “You always hurt the one you love,” but it doesn't have to be that way. Family gatherings create memories, hopefully good ones, so remember to practice kindness to your loved ones — and all you encounter on your daily rounds — this holiday season and into the new year, too.

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# Reverend: Christmas is all about love

As we approach the holiday season, whether one is Christian or not, it's hard not to notice the seeming precarious situation(s) we find ourselves in these days. Political banter is as loud and toxic as ever. We can't communicate and discuss anything anymore. Instead it seems we must demonize and belittle the “other” side rather than discuss and speak in truth and love.

We appear to be divided as never before. Add to this the scourge of terrorism in its myriad iterations, not only abroad, but now very much present here at home, as well as so many other local and global concerns, and it's understandable that perhaps the hope and joy of this time of year abides under shadow to some extent.

There's a sense we're waiting for some answer ... some reason to feel more confident and secure. Some trust in money and/or possessions. Some cling to their favorite sports team for a lift (Lifetime Lions fan here ... so “long suffering” comes much, much more easily



Andy Whitten

GUEST COLUMNIST

than does hope or joy there). Still others give way to pessimism, but most people I speak with, even if it's superficial, still display some sense of optimism in the midst of the noise of the world's offerings. Perhaps the answer is there, and perhaps the question it addresses isn't even the one we're asking.

When Christ was born, the incarnation fulfilling the utterances of so many prophets, over so many centuries, and Jesus grew up into his divine ministerial purpose, He came as THE

answer that the world needed more than it could comprehend. He certainly didn't come as the answer they thought was necessary. Some thought He would rise to rule geopolitically, bringing might and pride back the his people.

But Jesus wasn't interested in politics. He wasn't interested in earthly power. He was interested solely in the people living daily under those systems of politics and power. He spoke, by and large, to the masses... those living in the fringes of society. The “99 percent,” as we've heard the phrase used recently. And Jesus' message, ultimately, was founded and driven on a singular premise ... love!

He spoke of the difficult times that would certainly come, but exhorted them not to be wary or fearful. He warned them to beware of the inevitable false prophets and pseudo-Christ's that would come, assuring them that when it WAS himself returning, they would

know. It's recorded how he instructed his beloved follower to “feed my sheep,” clearly speaking of the loving nature that was and is to embody not only pastoral, but Christian life, service and ministry.

Love ... LOVE, for one another ... this was to be the founding principle of the faithful. Love would overcome the trap falls of religion. Love would turn one's own selfish heart in concern toward the other. Love would allow the hard-hearted to be born anew, eyes now opened to the beauty and value of life lived for a season in this robe of flesh. Love would manifest grace and mercy to the ungracious and ruthless, changing some forever, but leaving none untouched.

As we sing each year around this time, “Long lay the world in sin and error, pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt it's worth!” Love!! ... THIS is what Christmas is about. First, God's immeasurable love toward us, the jewel of his creation. Then, the love gifted us by his Son, given to all freely, long before we could ever think to choose to possess anything so precious... we “find ourselves” when we come to find that our own significance is revealed by the birth of the Savior. Because, you see, God so loved the world, that He came to us in Christ so we would live a life knowing love, knowing Him who loved us into being...

Please know that you, dear friends, are invited and welcomed to join us at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, for a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m., to hear more about the Christ in “Christmas!”

Rev. Andy Whitten is the pastor at Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church in Northville.

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# Take care to prevent sports head injuries this winter

As a youngster growing up in northwest Detroit, wintertime led us to build a skating rink. Donning the skates was followed by hours of carefree (or careless) fun. This inevitably led to hockey “pickup” games for the neighborhood, hosted in our own back yard. Our father would rig up a flood-light so we could play outside into the night. When winter weather was too severe, we would take the competition indoors and, wearing roller skates, we would re-enact the then popular *Hockey Night in Canada*.

Hours were spent careening around the cement basement floor with occasional exclamations of “He shoots, he scores!”

What’s wrong with this picture of our past? One thing is that it is amazing we survived since we wore no helmets, no protective gear of any type and if someone fell and hit their head he would shake it off, resume play or go home crying. All the while none of us knew just how dangerous this was and how lucky we were.

Winter is upon us. With it comes an increased participation in winter sports and an increased incidence of traumatic brain injuries. Outdoor winter sports include ice skating, sledding, snowmobiling,



Len McCulloch  
OUR MENTAL HEALTH

snowboarding, hockey and skiing. Indoor winter sports include basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer.

All of these have in common the increase in potential for heads hitting heads and heads hitting the ground.

In fact, an estimated one million children alone in this country sustain a traumatic brain injury each year. Every 23 seconds, a head injury occurs in the U.S. according to the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. The majority of these are closed head injuries, also called concussions or traumatic brain injuries.

### Myths dispelled

It previously was thought that the head had to hit something for there to be a concussion-like injury. This myth has been proven wrong. A whiplash-like motion of the head can cause damage to the brain.

Also, a loss of consciousness is not necessary for the brain to be hurt. Technically, a disruption in consciousness, no matter how brief, such as mildly dazed to a full coma, constitutes concussion. And repeated concussions can have a cumulative effect, as

often seen in boxing. We also are hearing more reports of hockey and football players sustaining concussions, retiring earlier and developing Alzheimer’s-like disorders.

### Resources

More resources than ever now are available for children, adults, parents, teachers and coaches to learn about these conditions and ways to remedy the consequences of such injuries.

In addition to the natural resource of brain healing, the likelihood of recovery can be increased by working with rehabilitation specialists. Some school districts are now training coaches about head trauma or partnering with local physical therapy companies to have a professional at games.

Help also is available from the field of neuropsychology in making “return-to-play” decisions. The Brain Injury Association of Michigan is a leader in this area. Its website is [www.bia-mi.org](http://www.bia-mi.org).

Also, The Therapy Choirs of Michigan provides choir therapy and develops therapy choirs for people with special needs, including sports concussions.

The group has active therapy choirs in Macomb, Oakland, and Livingston counties. It has plans to expand to Wayne County soon. Its work largely has been self-funded, with the exception of a small pass-through grant and Goodwill contributions. TCM is a Michigan 501(c)3

nonprofit organization, located at 24477 Buchanan Ct., No. 1887, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. TCM is appealing for contributions to continue its “Tour of Hope” concerts, with performances by individuals with brain injuries and associated disorders.

For donation records, the TCM federal ID number is #36-4611444. Your canceled check is your receipt. Go to [www.therapychoirs.org](http://www.therapychoirs.org)

### Prevention

We need to devote more attention to prevention. It is estimated that 90 percent of head injury concussions could be prevented if people took more precautions. In the final analysis, the greatest tool we have against traumatic brain injury is prevention.

This is not to discourage participation in winter sports, but to encourage safe participation in all that we do.

So if you are thinking about flooding your backyard for unprotected, unsupervised winter hockey or re-enacting *Hockey Night in Canada* in roller skates on your cement basement floors, think again.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a certified brain injury specialist and is board certified in traumatic stress, mental health, addictions and social work. McCulloch also is president and director of Therapy Choirs of Michigan. Call him for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248 474-2763 ext. 222.

# Prepare your car for winter

Recently I was able to attend a play at a local school here in the area. The name of the play was *Snow Way Out*. It was a fun play, and the kids did an excellent job of singing. However, the play was about people waiting for the snow to come. They talked about all the fun they could have in the snow, sledding, skiing, building snowmen, but “Old Man Winter” was taking his time getting there. Of course, the play ended with “Old Man Winter” arriving in the nick of time with a nice pleasant snowfall. What a nice simple play.

It made me think though — it doesn’t just snow in Michigan. It sneaks up on you, and then faster than a Ron-da Rousey roundhouse kick, it tries to knock us out — just like the storm we had already in November. Winter dumps on us and then it freezes us with the sun. Bright sunny days with below-zero temperatures — do you remember last year? And don’t forget the wind adding to the feeling of numbness to the face and hands. Frozen windshields, driveways full of snow, power lines with ice hanging off them causing power outages. “Old Man Winter” and his friendly snowfall, I don’t think so! But we are Michiganders, we can take it. If you haven’t done this already, make sure your vehicle is ready for the cold.

Have your radiator system serviced before winter and make sure to replace windshield wipers and wiper fluids with wintertime mixtures that won’t freeze. Replace any worn tires and check the air pressure regularly. Have your brakes, brake fluid, oil, car battery, heater and exhaust checked to make sure everything is running efficiently. Keep an emergency preparedness kit in your vehicle stocked with batteries, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, flash-



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light, windshield scraper, jumper cables, mobile phone charger, shovel, blankets, first aid kit, nonperishable food and bottled water in case you get stuck or stranded. Oh yeah, one last thing, don’t forget to slow down. That right there may help keep you out of the ditch or an accident. Reducing speed allows your wheels to have more time on contact and maintain friction to the roadway. There is no place you need to be, that you can’t get to safely.

Well, that is all for this year — look for me again in the paper in January. I want to take just a moment and say, “Thank you,” to everyone who submitted questions and kind words this year. I am glad so many enjoy reading the “Ask A Trooper” column. I enjoy answering the questions and look forward to continuing to answer your questions next year. I hope everyone has safe travels where ever they go this holiday season and may the new year be a good one for you.

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# Students bring holiday cheer to Detroit academy

For more than 15 years, Novi students have participated in the Bridgepointe Program, an outreach effort that pairs Novi students with Academy of the Americas, a K-8 school in Detroit. Bridgepointe was launched to bring youth from city and suburban schools together to share creative talents and open the door to cultural understandings.

The program's principal event – coordinated by the parent teacher organization, students, staff and parents — features gifts and food baskets for an annual holiday celebration.

"It really makes an impact on their lives," PTO volunteer Lissa Lewinski said of how Novi students have responded to the program, which has gone beyond the initial annual event to include projects timed with March Is Reading Month activities and a shared Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Bridgepointe is a nonprofit organization based in Detroit. For more information on the program and how to contribute, go to [www.bridgepointe-nonprofit.org](http://www.bridgepointe-nonprofit.org).



Novi High School a capella choir Major VI entertains Academy of the Americas students.

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Santa Claus gives Academy of the Americas student Eric Zamora a gift during a visit to the Detroit school by staff and students from Novi.



Novi Meadows student Cole Shires helps to dish out some pizza.



Novi Meadows student Anika Venkanagara smiles as she talks to a student from Detroit's Academy of the Americas.



Novi Meadows students Emma Johnson (left) and Ashley Cherniewsky escort some Academy of the Americas students — train-style — back to their classroom during their get-together.

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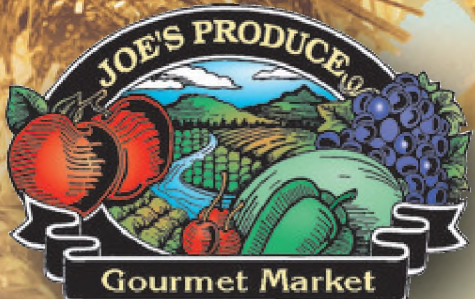
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## PREP WRESTLING

# Shamrocks pin down seventh county title

Catholic Central has four individual champions

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central distinguished itself Saturday in the 56th annual Oakland County Wrestling Championships at Lake Orion.

The Shamrocks scored a 330 points to earn their record seventh straight title as they outdistanced Clarkston (264.5) and Oxford (255). CC has now surpassed both Clarkston and Hazel Park, which own six county titles apiece.

Catholic Central boasted

four individual champions: Rhett Newton (103 pounds), Kevon Davenport (125), Cameron Amine (130) and Tyler Morland (189).

Stone Moscovich (119) was runner-up, while Davis Rastigue (112), Aaron Rehfeldt (135), Tyler Johnson (145), Aidan Waugh (152) and Nick Jenkins (285) each placed third.

Also earning places for CC were Joe McGrath (140) in fourth and Jackson Ross (215) in fifth.

After the first day of preliminary round action Friday at Southfield High, CC led Clarkston by only by 3.5 points.



Catholic Central freshman Cameron Amine (top) was named Oakland County tourney MVP after winning the 130-pound weight class.

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But Saturday, CC won eight of 11 quarterfinals and five of

eight semifinals to separate itself from the Wolves.

"Clarkston kept it close by going on a pinning cruise Friday evening," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "We knew it would be close going into Saturday and our guys understand the significance of the quarterfinals and semis in a team race."

"Perhaps the most important round was the (consolation) semi round, where we went five for six. That was awesome. I'm proud of the way those guys bounced back. Losing in the semifinals is tough. You have to show composure and grit to bounce back and we did that."

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## COLLEGE SPORTS



GVSU ATHLETICS

Northville High's Emily Maresh (top) was the starting goalkeeper for Grand Valley's NCAA Division II national soccer champs.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Unbeaten Northville overcomes slow start, tops Wayne

Gibbons (24 points) and Zimbo (20) pace victory

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Northville was expecting the fastball, but Wayne Memorial came out and threw the Mustangs a curve ball to start the Dec. 17 boys basketball game.

But once Northville figured things out after trailing by as many as 11 points in the first quarter, the host Mustangs scored another walk-off victory – their fourth straight to open the season – by a 60-54 margin.

"They (Wayne) ran a different kind of defense, they ran a different kind of zone," said Northville senior forward Justin Gibbons, who finished with a game-high 24 points. "It was a match-up zone and they left the paint wide open a lot of times. We crashed hard and kind of clawed our way back from an 8-0 deficit. We kept crashing, kept getting second-chance points and honestly that got us back in the game and got us the W."

Northville trailed by eight, 20-12, after the first thanks to a triple by senior Justin Zimbo (20 points) with 5.4 seconds left in the quarter.

"We thought it'd be a similar game that we had (Tuesday) versus (Westland John) Glenn, where they'd be trapping an pressing all over the floor," Northville coach Todd Sander said of Wayne. "And they played a really creative match-up zone (defense) that's hard to practice against and hard to simulate. Took us a while to get it figured out, but we had different guys step up and make big plays."

By the second quarter, Northville had pulled even, making 7-of-12 shots from the floor while outscoring the Zebras, 19-11. The quarter was capped by Zimbo's short buzzer-beater to even the score at 31-31.

"They came out firing and hit two threes back-to-back," Gibbons said of the Zebras' first quarter, when they made 8-of-16 field-goal attempts. "We started off a little slow on offense, made a few poor turnovers, but we managed to

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# Winning formula

NCAA champ GVSU fueled by local soccer connection

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Grace Guibord has been a part of three straight NCAA Division II women's soccer

national championship runs at Grand Valley State.

Meanwhile, former Northville High teammate Gabriella Mencotti has been part of the ride for two with the Lakers.

For goalkeeper Emily Maresh, also from Northville, it was her first rodeo and the 2015 season was quite a ride for her as the Lakers finished 23-1-1, capped by a 2-0 victory over Columbus (Ga.) State in the Dec. 5 final at Pensacola,

Fla.

"It was just amazing to play with those girls and the talent that this team has was just incredible to play with," Maresh said. "That was one of the

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BOYS HOCKEY

# Northville goaltender Miller shines in 2-2 tie with Rice

Mustangs also sweep pair of games in Muskegon

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Junior goaltender Brett Miller stood tall between the pipes Dec. 15, enabling host Northville to earn a 2-2 boys hockey deadlock with top-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice at the Novi Ice Arena.

Miller stopped 37 out of 39 shots by the Warriors, who sent the game into overtime on Emerson Vogel's game-tying goal, assisted by Dominick DiPonio and Jaret Koger with 6:18 remaining in regulation.

"Even (Rice coach) Lou Schmidt commented on (Miller) after the game when we were shaking hands in the line and he said, 'Your goalie played great,'" Northville coach Jon Gates said. "So it's nice to get a compliment like that from a guy that's been around so long."

Rice's Joey Blanck opened the scoring, assisted by Andrew Rosa, at 7:06 of the first period.

But Northville answered to take a 2-1 advantage as Riley



Northville's Daniel McKee (right) scores on Muskegon Reeths-Puffer goalie Will Mierz.

Brass scored from Zac Osaer at 8:20, followed by Jimmy Dales' unassisted goal at 12:07 of the same period.

Daniel Sendek, who came on after starter Ryan Hoffman was lifted in the opening period, made 22 saves for Rice (6-2-1).

"It was really a gutty performance by us," said Gates, whose team stands 4-2-1 overall. "They're a top program in the state. They're ranked No. 1 in Division 2 and defending champions for a reason. Our kids showed a lot. They showed a lot of character and resilience and we hung with them the whole game and

we're really happy to get out of there with one point.

"It was a total total team effort. A lot of blocked shots, lot of getting in shooting lanes, just doing the little things that you have to do to stay competitive."

**NORTHVILLE 5, MONA SHORES 3:** The Mustangs (6-2-1) jumped out to a 3-2 first period advantage and never looked back Saturday in a non-league win over host Muskegon Mona Shores (1-5) at the Lakeshore Ice Arena.

Northville got first-period goals from Riley Brass at 1:19 (from Dylan Combes and Nick Williams), Shane Bryens at 1:39 (from Kyle Dann and Jimmy Dales), and Brendan Hicks short-handed at 6:14 (unassisted).

The Sailors countered with first-period goals by Zach Gilden and Sawyer Jensen (power play).

At 10:02 of the second period, Daniel McKee scored from Ian Welsch and Williams to make it 4-2, but Mona Shores' Joel DeVourney answered at 14:55 to make it a one-goal deficit.

Dann's goal from Welsch and McKee with 8:03 remaining in the final period provided the margin of victory.

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 28 saves, while the Sailors' Tony Shrum made 25 saves.

"It was a nice weekend, getting two wins, living in a hotel for two nights," Northville coach Jon Gates said. "We got a lot of work to do, but we like where we're at."

**NORTHVILLE 8, REETHS-PUFFER 2:** Junior Daniel McKee notched a hat trick Friday as the Mustangs (5-2-1) downed host Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (2-5) at L.C. Walker Arena.

Brendan Hicks also added a pair of goals for Northville, which led 2-0 after one period and 4-1 after two before blowing it wide open with four goals in the final 17 minutes.

Ian Welsch chipped in a goal and two assists, while Riley Brass and Jimmy Dales scored a goal each. Zac Osaer and Kyle Dann each collected two assists.

Max Schaab and Trevor Fowler scored for the Rockets, who were outshot 35-21.

Northville goalie Darsh Dholakia made 19 saves, while Reeths-Puffer's Will Mierz had 27 stops.



Northville's Samuel Bradley (right) sets up a two-on-one with teammate Kyle Dann (center) as Brother Rice's Mitch Shultz sprawls on the ice.

BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Maddox sparks Wildcats' rout against Chargers

Novi improve to 3-1 following 67-43 win

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Sophomore guard Traveon Maddox notched 13 of his game-high 24 points to spark a 29-9 third-quarter run and Novi went on to post a convincing 67-43 boys basketball victory Dec. 17 over Livonia Churchill.

The 6-foot-3 Maddox also grabbed nine rebounds for the Wildcats, who improved to 3-1 overall.

Novi also received 11 points and nine rebounds from senior center Naji Ozeir,

while Wisconsin-Green Bay signee Kam Hankerson, a 6-4 senior guard, contributed eight points, nine rebounds, nine assists and five blocks.

"Kam was all over the place for us," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said.

Jon Hovermale and Jeron Hampton scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, for the Chargers (3-1), who trailed 32-23 at halftime.

"I thought our defense was effective against their big three guards," Sinawi said of Churchill's potent offensive trio of Hovermale, Dayton Davis and Joan Andoni, who were limited to a combined 23 points. "Our defense led to offensive baskets, especially

in that third quarter."

**FRANKLIN ROAD 61, LIGGETT 58 (OT):** Senior guard Austin Hearn took a pass from Rahsaan Scruggs and made the game-winning 3-pointer at the buzzer Friday to give Novi Franklin Road Christian (3-2, 1-1) the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (2-3, 0-1).

Hearn finished with a game-high 22 points, while 6-7 senior center Joshua Bause added 15 points, 17 rebounds and three blocks.

Liggett's Spencer Ewing finished with a game-high 30 points, including five 3-pointers.

Thomas Jackson added 10 as the Knights rallied from a 30-21 halftime deficit with a 14-9 run in the final quarter to send the game into OT at 51-51.

Franklin Road made 12-of-18 foul shots, while Liggett was 7-of-14.

**NORTHVILLE 70, JOHN GLENN 61:** Senior guard Justin Zimbo scored a team-high 24 points as the Mustangs (3-0) spoiled the season opener Dec. 15 for host Westland John Glenn (0-1).

Zimbo went 13-of-18 from the line, with eight of those resulting from a total of four Glenn technical fouls, including back-to-back calls that led to the ejection of Glenn second-year coach Rod Watts from the game during the third quarter.

Northville jumped out to a 27-18 halftime advantage before the Rockets closed the gap to

one in the third quarter. The Mustangs then answered with a 15-1 run.

"I was really proud of our guys going on the road, beating a good Glenn team and overcoming a lot of adversity," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We answered two big runs of theirs. Our guys kept their composure and finished strong."

Northville senior forward Justin Gibbons added 19 points, including 13 in the second half. Junior Jake Justice chipped in 14.

Christian Agnew, making 9-of-11 from the foul line, scored 22 of his game-high 27 in the second half to pace Glenn.

Northville connected on 26-of-37 total free throws (70.2 percent), while the Rockets struggled, going 16-of-31 (51.6 percent).

**NOVI 51, PLYMOUTH 36:** Senior center Naji Ozeir scored 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds Dec. 15, leading Novi (2-1) past host Plymouth (2-1) in a KLAAC crossover.

Sophomore guard Traveon Maddox added 12 points and seven rebounds as Novi led 26-18 at halftime and 38-25 after three quarters.

Armani Tate and Jeremy Abraham both scored nine for Plymouth.

Novi was 9-of-13 from the foul line, while Plymouth hit 11-of-15.

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BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

# Catholic Central pounds Huskies

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Glynn Robitaille, Kyle Isaacson and Kam Ottenbreit each scored a pair of goals Saturday to propel Novi Detroit Catholic Central to 9-0 a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division triumph over Port Huron Northern at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The defending state champion Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division 1, improved to 8-2 overall and 5-0 in the MIHL North.

Isaacson's goal from Zachary Sprys-Tellner and Alex Kruetzer ended the game with 3:41 left in the second period.

Other goal scorers for the Shamrocks, who led 5-0 after one period, were JoJo Mancinelli (power play), J.P. Lafferty and Cody Borke.

Kruetzer also collected four assists, while Sprys-Tellner added three. Luc Krasicky and Anthony Esser contributed two apiece, while Michael Considine, Mancinelli and Brian Galvin each had one.

CC goalie Mitchell Kieffer had to make just four saves to post the shutout, while Andrew Adolph and Chad Kreda faced at total of 41 shots for the Huskies (4-5, 0-5).

**NOVI 4, REETHS PUFFER 4 (OT):** Nate Sullivan's goal with only 1:20 left in regulation Saturday gave host Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (2-5-1) the non-conference tie against the Wildcats (3-5-1) at L.C. Walker Arena.

Novi's Ryan Fonde scored on a power play from Andy Mizerowski with 15:38 left in the third to give the Wildcats a 4-3 advantage.

Reeths-Puffer led 3-1 after one period on goals by Logan Hornfeld (power play), Connor McEvoy and Sullivan (power play).

Novi's Zach Perpich scored at 7:25 of the same period to make it 1-1 off assists from Brennan Martin and Cam Czapski.

In the second period, Novi evened the score at 3-3 on goals by Brandon Kour at 15:40 (from Perpich and Martin) and Perpich with only two seconds left from Alex Scarozza).

Freddie Samson, who played the first 34 minutes, and Manny Legace, who finished up the final 25, combined for 19 saves.

Colton Koopman made 43 saves for the Rockets.

**DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 5, ROCHESTER 1:** Novi Detroit Catholic Central (7-2) scored three times in the final period to snap a two-game losing skid with a non-league triumph Friday against host Rochester United (1-6) at the Onyx.

Five different players tallied goals for the Shamrocks, who got an eight-save shutout from goaltender Alec Calvaruso.

CC led 1-0 after one period on Michael Considine's goal at 6:52, from Zachary Sprys-Tellner and Kam Ottenbreit. J.P. Lafferty then made it 2-0 at 15:15 of the second period, assisted by Brian Kearns and Jolo Mancinelli.

The Shamrocks put it away in the final period on goals by Mancinelli at 2:19 (from Ottenbreit and Sprys-Tellner), Kearns at 10:54 (from Lafferty and Mancinelli), and Nick Macari at 13:36 (from Sheldon Wesik and Kyle Mulka).

**NOVI 4, MONA SHORES 1:** The Wildcats (3-5) spotted Muskegon Mona Shores (1-5) an early goal before answering with four straight Friday en route to non-conference win at L.C. Walker Arena.

The Sailors (1-5) struck first at 11:39 on Brennan Winegar's goal, assisted by Elijah Wilson, but Novi (3-5) came back on a power-play goal at 13:35 by Andy Mizerowski from Brennan Martin and Ryan Fonde, followed by Cam Czapski's goal from Martin at 16:26 to make it 2-1.

Jake Cyr's goal from Brandon Kour and Tyler Camposano at 13:07 of the second period increased the lead to 3-1.

Cyr then notched his second of the night, an unassisted effort at 12:23 of the final period, to complete the scoring.

Novi goalie Josh Richardson stopped 21 shots, while Mona Shores' Joni Tuomi made 16 saves.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
**(Harper Woods Roundball)**  
Novi vs. Grosse Pte. South, 4 p.m.  
**(Northville Holiday Tourney)**  
Howell vs. Bloomfield Hills, 1 p.m.  
Northville vs. W.L. Northem, 7 p.m.  
**Monday, Dec. 28**  
**(Northville Holiday Tourney)**  
Consolation final, 3 p.m.  
Championship final, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
**(Harper Woods Roundball)**  
Novi vs. Roch. Adams, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
**(Northville Holiday Tourney)**  
Dexter vs. Warren Cousino, 3 p.m.  
Northville vs. Oxford, 5 p.m.  
**Monday, Dec. 28**  
**(Northville Holiday Tourney)**  
Consolation final, 1 p.m.  
Championship final, 5 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
Milford Team Inv., 9 a.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
Detroit CC Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Northville, South Lyon East at Roch. Adams Inv., 9:30 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
CC at Cranbrook Inv., TBA.  
**PREP BOWLING**  
**Sunday, Jan. 3**  
CC at Owosso Tourney, 9 a.m.  
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## NORTHVILLE

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tighten things up and hit some shots."

Sander was thrown for a curve himself to start the game.

"We've been fortunate," he said. "We've got off to good starts in games to date, so today this was a great learning experience. We dug ourselves a couple of big holes, but had a big second quarter and cleaned up some things on defense. I was really proud of our guys how they executed in the second half."

Wayne, behind 6-foot-6 junior forward Keion Epps, stayed close in the third quarter as the teams battled to a defensive stalemate. Northville held a

39-38 lead heading into the final quarter.

It was 45-45 with 5:17 left in the final quarter after Epps, who finished with a team-high 18 points, scored inside.

But two straight shots by Zimbo broke the deadlock and a pair of free throws by Jake Justice with 2:27 left gave Northville a four-point cushion, 51-47. The Mustangs went on to make 9-of-12 free throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

"Zimbo, I thought, willed us to some hoops and showed why he's the leader that he is," Sander said.

For the game, Northville made only 19-of-50 shots from the floor (38 percent), but connected on 19-of-25 free throws (72 percent). By contrast, Wayne was 21-of-47 from the field (44.6 percent), but only

3-of-8 from the foul line (37.5 percent).

Northville also outrebounded the Zebras, 33-25, and scored on 19 second-chance points to Wayne's seven.

"Some of the things that hurt us was, if you look at the game, is that we missed free throws and (Northville) made theirs and that was the difference," said Wayne coach Nkwane Young, whose team fell to 1-3 overall. "But my hat's off to them. They made plays when they had to. I thought in the fourth quarter, there were two crucial plays where they didn't score, but wound up getting second-chance points and that hurt us big time. That's been our problem – rebounding."

Gibbons wound up going 7-of-17 from the floor to go along with 11 rebounds.

"Gibbons ... he ended up

with a lot of points and made free throws down the stretch for us and made big plays for us on the glass," Sander said. "Didn't shoot it real well, but was really, really effective around on the interior going against their defense."

Gibbons, however, went 10-of-12 from the foul line.

"Tonight was a good night," the senior forward said. "Not every night is great, but hit them (free throws) when they mattered and got us back in the game. That's all that matters ... got the W."

Junior forward Napier Bryant and freshman guard Isaiah Lewis each added 12 points for the Zebras. All of Lewis' points came on triples.

"We're steadily trying to build," said Young, who is in his second season. "That's one thing I've done is build pro-

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Novi's Mackay keys win over Plymouth

**Tom Morelli**  
Correspondent

In the battle of youth versus experience, it isn't often that the up-and-comers end up victorious.

But for the Novi girls' basketball team, youth worked to their advantage as they rolled to a 38-22 victory over visiting Plymouth on Tuesday night.

Boasting a roster with a half-dozen sophomores, Novi kept their foot on the gas pedal essentially all-night long with point guard Ellie Mackay (20 points) emerging as the focal point of the offense.

Most of Mackay's damage came in the first half, as she accounted for 14 of the

team's 24 points against a Plymouth squad that produced just nine points.

Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard was astounded by how Mackay took control of the game against a team featuring six seniors and four juniors.

"We shot a low percentage in the first half and had some good looks," Ballard said. "Ellie Mackay is a great player. She's a sophomore with a great floater and hit some big shots. That was the game and how it flowed – it was the Ellie Mackay Show. She looked really good."

Novi (3-0 overall) parlayed that momentum into the second half, with junior Cara Ninkovich splitting between two defenders for the easy

lay-in, followed by a baseline jumper from Mackay.

After trading baskets at both ends, a free throw by Plymouth sophomore Gabby Chouinard with 4:02 remaining made it a 30-13 affair before Novi closed out the frame by going on a five-point run.

The best outing for Plymouth (1-3) came in the fourth quarter, where they outscored their opponent 9-3, thanks in part to employing a full-court trap.

Novi coach Bill Kelp assessed how his players handled the late-game pressure.

"You have to reverse the basketball and get it to the middle," the Novi coach said. "A couple of times, we dribbled and picked it up. You

can't do that, and you have the reverse that basketball and keep your composure. I thought for such a young group that they did really well with that tonight."

Senior guard Hannah Badger led Plymouth with six points (6-of-10 free throws) followed by a five-point outing from classmate Bailey Brown.

Plymouth, who also dropped contests to fellow KLAA schools Salem and Waterford Kettering, is still looking to find their groove in the early part of the season.

"I'm proud of our kids because they don't give up, play hard and are relentless," Ballard said. "We're a greedy group and we're going to

embrace the process. We talk about embracing the process and getting better every day and we will. Right now, we're not where we need to be, but we will be in a little bit. We're going to keep working and getting better every day."

Aside from Mackay, other offensive standouts for Novi were senior Allie Lipson (six points) and sophomore Julia Lalain (five points).

Kelp came away highly satisfied with his team's performance at both ends.

"Offensively, it was Ellie in the first quarter," he said. "I'm really happy with how these young kids handled the press and took care of the basketball. Defensively, I thought we did a great job of switching off the screens."

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Northville overcomes Wayne's triple attack

Adams' last-minute three-point play gives Mustangs 47-46 win

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

Comeback victories have become the norm early in the season for the Northville girls basketball team.

The Mustangs did it again Dec. 17 while improving to 4-0 by pulling out a 47-46 win over host Wayne Memorial in a battle of unbeatens.

Junior Brook Adams, who converted an old-fashion three-point play with only 18 seconds left, put Northville up by one and provided the final margin of victory.

Wayne (3-1) then came up empty on its final possession as Northville's defense held on.

"The kids battled," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. "They were spent by the end of the game. It was a good win for us to go on the road and beat a really athletic team. I think the difference really was that we had faced some adversity already this year being down and playing from behind, playing in foul trouble. (Wayne) really hadn't and had three blow-out wins. They really hadn't had the chance to play back-and-forth in the fourth quarter like we did. Our kids really performed, for sure. It was a heck of an effort."

Adams scored a team-high 15 points, along with sophomore Roan Haines. Junior Jessica Moorman chipped in 11.

Jeanae Terry, a 5-foot-7 freshman guard, led the Zebras and all scorers with 27 points, including eight 3-pointers. Cam'ree Clegg added three triples and finished with 15.

"Just when you thought you were close enough,

they took a step back and fired it up from 25 and 30 feet out and hit the shot," Gudith said of Wayne's dynamic duo.

It was a tightly contested game throughout.

Northville led 25-24 at halftime and started the third quarter with a 7-0 run for an eight-point advantage, only to have the Zebras, behind the long-range shooting of Terry and Clegg, get back into the game.

"They racheted up the pressure in the fourth quarter and we kind of coughed the ball up back and forth and they took the lead, actually," Gudith said.

**NOVI 51, CHURCHILL 32:** Sophomore guard Ellie Mackay scored 19 points added four rebounds and four steals Dec. 17 to carry the Wildcats (4-0) to a victory over host Livonia Churchill (1-3).

Allie Lipson chipped in 11 points and six rebounds, while Cara Ninkovich added 10 points, two assists and two steals for Novi, which led 24-14 at halftime.

The Wildcats then broke the game wide open with a 21-8 third-quarter run.

**LIGGETT 64, FRANKLIN ROAD 23:** Nia Ahart poured in a game-high 33 points and Kendall McConico added 22 as Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (4-2, 1-0) rolled to the MIAC Blue Division triumph Friday over visiting Novi Franklin Road Christian (0-5, 0-1).

Ahart and McConico combined for nine of Liggett's 10 3-pointers on the night as the Knights led 31-9 at halftime and 50-20 after three quarters.

Hannah Rayburn scored a team-high 11 points for the Warriors, who made 8-of-15 free throws.

**NORTHVILLE 37, JOHN GLENN 23:** Northville's defense prove to be stifling Dec. 15 as the host Mustangs (3-0) pulled away in the second half for a win over Westland John Glenn (2-1).

Junior Brook Adams and sophomore Kendall Dillon paced Northville with eight points apiece.

The Mustangs, who trailed 14-13 at halftime, outscored the Rockets 11-6 in the third quarter and 13-3 in the fourth.

"We got into foul trouble, but to our kids' credit, they rebounded back," Northville coach Todd Gudith said. (Glenn) did not score a field goal (in the fourth quarter) until they hit a three at the buzzer."

Shannon Woodworth scored seven points for the Rockets, who made 9-of-11 free throws (81.8 percent). Northville was 12-of-18 from the line (66.6 percent).

**PARKWAY 73, FRANKLIN ROAD 44:** Erica Mick nailed six 3-pointers en route to a game-high 24 points to lift Sterling Heights Parkway Christian (4-1) to a convincing win Dec. 15 at Novi Franklin Road Christian (0-4).

Lauren Turner and Talli Guido added 14 and 11 points, respectively, for the Eagles, who led 30-21 at halftime and 48-28 after three quarters.

Hannan Rayburn led the Warriors with 17 points, while Chanelle Lochrie and Danielle Fusco added 15 and 10, respectively.

The Warriors made 20-of-35 free throws (57.1 percent), while Parkway hit 7-of-15 (46.6 percent).



Novi's 215-pounder Cooper Smith (right) took runner-up honors at the Oakland County tourney Saturday at Lake Orion.

## PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**56TH ANNUAL OAKLAND COUNTY WRESTLING TOURNEY Dec. 19 at Lake Orion**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 330 points; 2. Clarkston, 264.5; 3. Oxford, 255; 4. Walled Lake Central, 190; 5. Rochester Adams, 175; 6. Waterford Kettering, 154; 7. Ortonville Brandon, 145.5; 8. Rochester, 127; 9. Holly, 120.5; 10. Waterford Mott, 113; 15. Novi, 98; 19. South Lyon, 87; 20. White Lake Lakeland, 85; 34. South Lyon East, 36; 36. Milford, 27 (39 schools).

**FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

**160 pounds:** Sam Addy (Adams) d. Kyle Masters (Clarkston), 9-4; **third place:** Hady Kinjorski (W.L. Central) dec. Josh Brooks (Rochester), 12-5; **fifth place:** Bobby Keyes (Troy Athens) dec. Devin Trevino (Oxford), 5-1; **seventh place:** Miles Filippis (Royal Oak) won by injury default over Tyler Modock (Lake Orion).

**171:** Nate Vandermeyer (Clarkston) won by technical fall over Shermond Dabney (St. Mary Prep), 16-0; **third:** John Staron (Troy Athens) dec. Cade Dallwitz (Holly), 5-1; **fifth:** Patrick Liess (W.L. Northern) dec. Anthony Tuppins (Adams), 8-4; seventh: Ethan Erin (Oxford) dec. Efrain Ortiz (Pontiac), 9-5.

**189:** Tyler Morland (Detroit CC) won by tech. fall over Kobie Davis (Ferndale), 17-2; **third:** Byron Schlickemeyer (Oxford) dec. Nate Hayes (Clarkston), 7-5; **fifth:** Bryant Thickett (Lakeland) pinned Denny Matthews (Lake Orion), 2:03; **seventh:** Tyler Koch (Stoney Creek) dec. Demarco Howard (Rochester), 11-9.

**215:** Wyatt Harden (Oxford) p. Cooper Smith (Novi), 3:22; **third:** Jacob Ungling (Troy) dec. Dylan Yaldo (N. Farmington), 13-9; **fifth:** Jackson Ross (Detroit CC) dec. Collin Dallwitz (Holly), 7-4; **seventh:** Donovan King (Farm.) p. Brandon Jones (Rochester), 4:57.

**285:** Nate Troutvine (Clarkston) p. Brendan Thompson (Lake Orion), 4:18; **third:** Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) dec. Jimmy Gray (Holly), 6-4; **fifth:** Ian King (Berkley) p. Chris Nader (N. Farmington), 3:17; **seventh:** Quentin Logan (Mott) p. Jamie Johnson (Pontiac), 0:16.

**103:** Rhett Newton (Detroit CC) dec. Liam Hillary (Oxford), 7-2; **third:** Jack Olson (Brandon) dec. Varun Mongal (Adams), 7-2; **fifth:** Mackenzie Hanselman (Clarkston) won by major dec. over Brandon Munson (W. Bloomfield), 14-5; **seventh:** Jack Greenstine (W.L. Northern) p. Marcos Cruz (Mott), 0:48.

**112:** Nolan Klapac (Lakeland) dec. Jarrett Greenstine (W.L. Northern), 9-7.

**third:** Joe Eisho (Hazel Park) dec. David Rastigue (Detroit CC), 5-2; **fifth:** Shane Moore (Oxford) dec. Jakobe Jones (Pontiac), 9-2; seventh: Cole Wiegiers (Clarkston) dec. Eliel Mahone-Kearney (Ferndale), 7-1.

**119:** Kaleb Marion (W.L. Central) won by major dec. over Stone Moscovici (Detroit CC), 8-0; **third:** Joey Mason (Troy) p. Jacob Call (Oxford), 3:52; **fifth:** Khalil Ford (Groves) won by injury default over Dom Fosmoen (Lake Orion); **seventh:** Clarence Farmer (Pontiac) p. Kobey Caldwell (Bloomfield Hills), 4:59.

**125:** Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Houston Hemingsen (Clarkston), 15-5; **third:** Warren Stanfield (N. Farmington) won by major dec. over Dylan Howcroft (Adams), 12-3; **fifth:** C.J. Davison (Kettering) dec. Nate Hampton (Stoney Creek), 5-4; **seventh:** Noah Ternes (Rochester) dec. John Moll (Lake Orion), 4-2.

**130:** Cameron Amine (Detroit CC) dec. Nick Freeman (W.L. Central), 6-2; **third:** Brandon Ladd (Brandon) p. Sergio Borg (Oxford), 0:37; **fifth:** Corey Conrad (Kettering) dec. Harley Susalla (Clarkston), 9-6; **seventh:** Kyle Gray (Avondale) dec. Max Katsiroubas (Mott), 5-0.

**135:** Ben Freeman (W.L. Central) won by tech. fall over Aidan Pierobon (Stoney Creek), 18-3; **third:** Aaron Rehfeldt (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Sasha Wilson (Rochester), 12-4; **fifth:** Colin Takata (Groves) dec. Malike Parker (Pontiac), 4-3; **seventh:** Garrett Tyrrell (Oxford) dec. Amarae Kittles (Brandon), 7-0.

**140:** Alex Hrisopoulos (Oxford) p. Anthony Gonzalez (Kettering), 0:43; **third:** Jake Anderson (Adams) dec. Joe McGrath (Detroit CC), 6-3; **fifth:** Jacob Rygielski (Clarkston) p. Blair Boerke (Seaholm), 2:50; **seventh:** Dan Stallard (Holly) dec. Luke Evangelista (South Lyon), 11-10.

**145:** Bryan LaVearn (Brandon) p. Nick Costanzo (W.L. Central), 4:21; **third:** Tyler Johnson (Detroit CC) dec. Trent Myre (Oxford), 6-3; **fifth:** Caleb Edmond (St. Mary Prep) p. Jake Race (South Lyon), 1:25; **seventh:** Kevin Price (Stoney Creek) won by default over Alec Bills (Clarkston).

**152:** Tim Hagelin (Kettering) p. Cobrin Moorer (Mott), 1:07; **third:** Aiden Waugh (Detroit CC) won by major dec. over Jalen Adams (Hazel Park), 17-6; **fifth:** Chris Kade (Lake Orion) won by default; **seventh:** Jake Calvano (Clarkston) won by major ec. over Louis Eble (Adams), 16-5.

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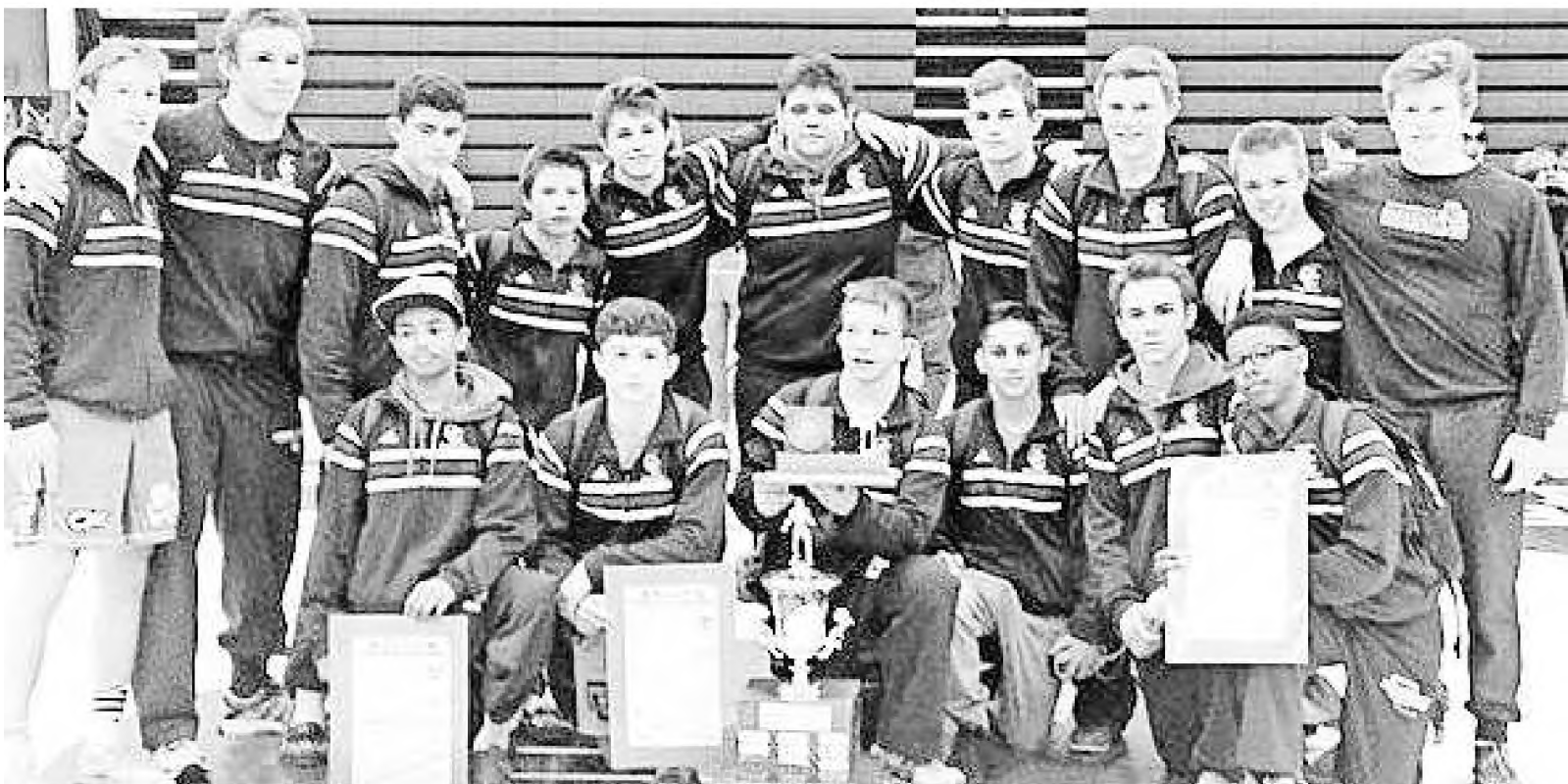
Amine, a freshman, d. Nick Freeman in the 130 finals, 6-2, while also earning tournament MVP honors.

"Amine was impressive," Hancock said of the ninth-grader. "He doesn't care who you are, what you're ranked or who you've beaten. He's going to come at you hard for eight minutes."

"Cam deserved MVP of this tournament, no doubt in my mind. I think in the last seven years we've been here, we may have won one MVP and we had some great performances."

Newton d. Liam Hillary for the 103 title, 7-2, while Davenport, a transfer from East Lansing, took the 125 crown with a 15-5 major decision over Houston Heningsen of Clarkston.

In the medal matches, the Shamrocks went 10 for 12, capped by Mor-



Novi Detroit Catholic Central captured its record seventh straight Oakland County championship Saturday at Lake Orion.

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land's 17-2 technical fall win for crown at 189 over Ferndale's Kobie Davis.

**Klapac wins 112**

Lakeland's Nolan Klapac came away with the 112-pound title with a 9-7

decision over Jarrett Greenstin of Walled Lake Northern.

Meanwhile, Novi's Cooper Smith was run-

ner-up to Oxford's Wyatt Harden at 215, losing on a pin in 3:22.

South Lyon boasted a pair of placers: Jake

Race, who was sixth at 145, and Luke Evangelista, who was eighth at 140.

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BOYS SWIMMING

# Northville dunked by Rice, Saline

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Northville ran into to two of the premier boys swim powers Saturday in a quad meet at Waterford Kettering.

Two-time defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice defeated the Mustangs, 118-62, while Saline, fourth a year ago and a four-time state champ from 2010-13, also downed Northville, 117-69.

Northville salvaged the day, however, with a 103-77 victory over Birmingham Groves to even its overall dual meet record at 2-2.

“We got better from last week, but we still have a long way to go if we want to compete with the best teams in the state,” Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. “We were nowhere near them today. We had some young guys step up on a big stage and do pretty



Northville's Larry Zhao was fifth in the 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle, along with a second in the 400 freestyle relay.



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well, so that is encouraging.”

Rice's Alex Margherio figured in three first-place finishes, including

the 100-yard freestyle (47.63) and 100 backstroke (52.54). He also anchored the Warriors to first in the 400 freestyle

relay (3:15.02).

Saline's Daniel Keith and Jacob Ehrman were also individual double-winners while teaming

with Ryan Klemptner and Max Duong for first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:29.42).

Keith swept the 200 individual medley (1:53.17) and 100 butterfly (51.59), while Ehrman took the 200 freestyle (1:43.41) and 500 freestyle (4:42.81).

Northville's top individual finisher was Kirk Maibach, who was second in the 50 freestyle (22.02). He also teamed with James Xue, Trevor Degroot and Larry Zhao for second in the 400 freestyle relay (3:20.88).

“We still have major holes in a lot of different areas, so that will be what we will try to figure out as we head into the winter break practices,” Bennetts said. “We are going to find out what we are made of here in the next two weeks with some very hard training. Hopefully, we will come out of it with answers to some of these questions.”

**QUAD MEET RESULTS**  
**Dec. 19 at Waterford Kettering**  
**TEAM SCORES:** Birmingham Brother Rice 118, Northville 62; Saline, 117, Northville 69; Northville 103, Birmingham Groves, 77; Brother Rice 97, Saline 86.  
**FINAL RESULTS**  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Brother Rice (Alex Margherio, Drew Grady, Jake Zalinski, Patrick Olmsted), 1:36.2; 5. Northville (Larry Zhao, Chris Geng, James Xue, Kirk Maibach), 1:41.99.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Jacob Ehrman (Saline), 1:43.41; 3. Trevor Degroot (N'ville), 1:50.82.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Daniel Keith (Saline), 1:53.17; 5. Xue (N'ville), 2:04.52.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Cal Cerny (Groves), 21.98; 2. Maibach (N'ville), 22.02.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Dakota Hurbis (Saline), 276.55 points; 3. Christain Field (N'ville), 164.80; 4. Thomas Rys (N'ville), 111.35.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Keith (Saline), 51.59; 6. Xue (N'ville), 56.97.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Margherio (Rice), 47.63; 5. Zhao (N'ville), 50.79.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Ehrman (Saline), 4:42.81; 4. Degroot (N'ville), 4:56.7; 6. David Alameddine (N'ville), 5:09.82.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Saline (Ryan Klemptner, Max Duong, Ehrman, Keith), 1:29.42; 5. Northville (Travis Nitkiewicz, John Duan, Jason Nitkiewicz, Degroot), 1:37.73; 6. Northville (Cameron Heaven, Troy Stacer, Ryan Smelt, Alameddine), 1:38.05.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Margherio (Rice), 52.54; 5. Zhao (N'ville), 56.97.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Drew Grady (Rice), 59.0.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Brother Rice (Patrick Olmsted, Zalinski, Grady, Margherio), 3:15.02; 2. Northville (Xue, Degroot, Zhao, Maibach), 3:20.88.  
**Northville's dual meet record:** 2-2 overall.

PREP BOWLING

## Pryson lifts Novi boys to triumph

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Scott Pryson proved to be good in the clutch as the Novi boys bowling team earned a 16-14 KLAA crossover victory Dec. 16 over Milford at Airway Lanes in Waterford.

Novi (2-2) split the Baker sets, losing the first, 134-11, while winning the second, 127-11.

The Wildcats then captured the first regular game behind Pryson's 10th-frame strikes, 770-752, but lost the second, 739-736. Novi, however, captured totals and six singles points to secure the victory as Pryson led the way with a pair of points on games of 186-181—367.

Meanwhile, the Novi girls (1-3) earned their first win of the season with an 18-12 triumph as they won the first Baker game, 122-116, while tying the second, 146-146.

Novi then captured the first regular game, 645-626, but fell in the second, 636-573.

Needing only one point to win the match, Novi captured three singles points as Megan Hartmus (149-152—301) and Heather Gregory (135-109—244) each scored two points. Madison Murphy rolled 151 to earn the other point.

Both the Milford boys and girls squads are 0-3 overall.

### Wildcats swept

Both the Salem boys (2-1, 1-1) and Salem girls (3-0, 1-0) earned identical 29-1 KLAA Central Division wins Dec. 15 over Novi at Super Bowl in Canton.

The Salem girls captured both Baker games, 128-112 and 168-96, along with both regular games, 746-546 and 709-553, en route to the win.

Gregory scored the lone point for Novi (0-3, 0-1) with a 140-139 win.

On the boys side, Salem captured both Bakers, 177-113 and 193-140, along with both regular games, 924-752 and 882-716.

Pryson tallied the lone point for the Wildcats (1-2, 0-1) with a 189-180 win.

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BOYS SWIMMING

# Cranbrook wins double-dual at Novi

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The Novi boys swim team suffered its first defeat of the season in it its double-dual meet Dec. 15 at home against two-time defending MHSAA Division 3 state champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and Troy, but coach Brent Pohlonski walked away with more encouraging signs.

The Wildcats defeated Troy, 124-62, while falling to the top-ranked Cranes, 99-84, as senior Siddhardha Kareddy achieved the Wildcats' seventh Division 1 qual-

ifying time with a runner-up finish in the 100-yard butterfly (53.88).

“Although we lost to Cranbrook, this was a great night for us,” said Pohlonski, whose team stands 4-1 overall. “Our swimmers got a taste of what state meet competition will look like. We put up a lot of great times and we are very close to more state cuts. Based on our times this early in the season, we have the potential to accomplish some amazing things this season.”

Cranbrook's Andrew Trunsky swept the 200 and 500 freestyle events with times of 1:48.96 and

4:52.95, respectively.

He was also a member of the Cranes' first-place 200 freestyle (1:30.23) and 400 freestyle (3:20.62) relay teams.

Giorgio DelGrosso also figured in four firsts for Cranbrook, winning the 200 individual medley (1:59.29) and 100 breaststroke (59.72), as well as being a member of the first-place 200 medley relay (1:40.06) and 200 freestyle relay teams.

Novi's top individual performer was Ryan Katulski, who captured the 50 and 100 freestyles in 21.85 and 48.38, re-

spectively. Joey Berman added a win in the 100 backstroke (55.55), while James Ciolli took the diving event (237.95 points).

The Wildcats will return to action at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at Hartland.

**TRI-MEET RESULTS**  
**Dec. 15 at Novi**  
**TEAM SCORES:** Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 99, Novi 84; Novi 124, Troy 62.  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Cranbrook (Eric Youshao, Giorgio DelGrosso, Spencer Keoleian, Matthew Yang), 1:40.06; 2. Novi (Joey Berman, Narayan Manivanan, Siddhardha Kareddy, Phillip Billiu), 1:40.67.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Andrew Trunsky (BHC), 1:48.96; 3. Alexander Yuan (Novi), 1:52.47.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. DelGrosso (BHC), 1:59.29; 3. Kareddy (Novi), 2:02.87; 3. Joel Kotyk (Novi), 2:07.51.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Ryan Katulski (Novi),

21.85; 5. Bradley Huang (Novi), 23.69.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. James Ciolli (Novi), 237.95 points; 2. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 221.00; 4. Mitchell Russell (Novi), 144.60.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. David Nie (Troy), 53.37; 2. Kareddy (Novi), 53.88; 3. Billiu (Novi), 55.15; 5. Brian Son (Novi), 56.52.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Katulski (Novi), 48.38; 4. Yuan (Novi), 51.16.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Trunsky (BHC), 4:52.95; 3. Berman (Novi), 5:03.64.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Cranbrook (Yang, DelGrosso, Lucas Misra, Trunsky), 1:30.23; 2. Novi (Katulski, Kareddy, Manivanan, Yuan), 1:31.68; 5. Novi (Huang, Preston Harrell, Stephen Sittari, Kotyk), 1:38.05.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Berman (Novi), 55.55; 3. Billiu (Novi), 56.48; 5. Maxwell Williams (Novi), 1:00.13.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. DelGrosso (BHC), 59.72.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Cranbrook (Misra, Trunsky, Michael McLaughlin, Youshao), 3:20.62; 2. Novi (Billiu, Yuan, Berman, Katulski), 3:20.63; 4. Novi (Son, Williams, Kotyk, Sittari), 3:31.54.  
**Novi's dual meet record:** 4-1 overall.

## GVSU

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main reasons why I committed to Grand Valley, too, because it was kind of close to home and I knew so many of the other girls. Knowing Gabrielle (Mencotti), Alexis (Mencotti) and Guibord was definitely so comforting. Obviously, I was scared going into college, but having them there the whole way with me was amazing. They were so helpful with everything.”

Guibord, a junior midfielder, finished the year with two goals and three assists, but brought so many intangibles to the table.

“She played with a really high consistency throughout the year, which she really struggled with as a sophomore,” Grand Valley second-year coach Jeff Hosler said. “She was an integral part for us and does a lot of the dirty work in terms of ball winning and tackling that doesn't see a lot of headlines, but she was a vital part as well as anybody in the success we had this year.”

Guibord attributed the team's success to the tight-knit atmosphere on and off the field.

“Every year has been a different journey,” Guibord said. “First year, we had Dave Dilanni (now at Iowa) as coach, the second year was Jeff (Hosler) and the third year was Jeff. The team chemistry over here has always been good. That's one of the reasons why I came to Grand Valley, was how great the chemistry of the team was and the environment (Hosler) provided. It's exceeded my expectations, for sure.”

“This year has been different. We've had our ups and downs — our first game being our first down that we experienced. We didn't perform to the best of our ability



Guibord



G. Mencotti



A. Mencotti

in a couple of the games and (Hosler) got on us because he knows what we're capable of.”

In the season opener against Quincy, Grand Valley was stunned 3-0 as Maresh made her inaugural start. The loss proved to be an eye-opener for the freshman.

“Obviously, the season did not start the way she would have wanted or prefer, giving up three goals in the season opener,” Hosler said. “She did a really good job of staying resilient, focusing on the training that she had been getting on a daily basis. And really, as the stakes got higher, her level of performance was raised in the postseason.”

In the NCAA quarter-final match-up with Central Missouri, Maresh had a signature moment by saving three penalty kicks in a 2-1 shootout victory.

“I think that was the moment I said, ‘Wow,’ and it was great to be a part of this team,” Maresh said. “Obviously, I wasn't super-comfortable at the beginning of the season. I was scared to be in the game, but this team had so much confidence in me. After the semifinal game, the coaches said, like, ‘We're proud of you,’ and it was amazing to see and feel like I belonged on that team and I deserved to be playing every second with those girls.”

Maresh finished the year with a 19-1-1 record, including 13 shutouts. She had a 0.48 goals-against average and an .873 save percentage.

“She's definitely a character,” Guibord said. “We love her. She didn't have many challenges during the regular season in the GLIAC, but she

definitely came up big in the playoffs, especially saving three PKs in the (quarterfinal) game.

She's definitely a voice in the back line and it's crazy that she's a freshman who stepped into that role, but she definitely filled those shoes.”

Mencotti, a 5-10 sophomore, also proved to be a force on the front line as the team's third leading scorer with 10 goals and nine assists.

“After a while, it started to get better and then really started to mesh well,” she said. “We knew if we kept working hard, we were going to go all the way to the finals. Thankfully, that's what we did.”

Hosler said Mencotti's willingness to accept different roles on the team proved to be a bonus.

“Gabby had another solid year for us,” he said. “I think it was difficult for her, because of the number of positions we asked her to play. We were constantly moving her around and having a versatile player like her, with the skill set that she has, is a tremendous advantage. It made it difficult for her to find a rhythm at times this season, both playing as a winger and a center forward and as a midfielder, which are all very different positions. She did a great job of acclimating to it and there's no doubt she's a dangerous player. Very gifted offensively, with the ability to take players on and score from distance.”

Gabby's sister Alexis, a red-shirt sophomore defender, missed the entire season after undergoing surgery for a torn ACL in the spring.

“Even though she couldn't make an impact on the field in training or matches, she just has great leadership qual-

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JEFF HOSLER, GVSU soccer coach, about Gabriella Mencotti

ities, (someone) who demands and respects the most out of herself and those around her, Hosler said. “She helped keep people sharp. She helped keep them focused on those expectations. And I think her leadership is really important to our success.”

But she was there for the national championship ride as a supporting teammate.

Yet another unsung hero on Grand Valley's run to the title was freshman forward Samantha Riga, a Plymouth native who finished the year with nine goals and five assists in 25 matches. The Livonia Ladywood graduate made 10 starts.

“Sam had a major obstacle in order to get ready for the fall season,” Hosler said. “She had to shut it down during her high school season in April due to and injury and it really sustained throughout the whole summer. She wasn't able to do anything to prepare for our season. She had her first on-field training with a ball in August, so she was really behind the eight-ball there, but she did a good job of playing catch-up, worked really hard. She tried to be as effective as she could and she scored some really big goals for us this year.”

Riga scored twice in the NCAA tourney opener against Quincy and had three goals in three GLIAC tourney games.

“She really came up big and understood that she can perform at that level,” Hosler said. “We got a lot out of her as a freshman, because it's a major adjustment to this level. She did a good job to get ready on short notice and was a big contributor for us this year.”

Yet another asset to Grand Valley's title run was sophomore defender Maria Farmer, a Canton native who played at Plymouth High. Farmer, a reserved player, appeared in nine games for the Lakers.

“(Farmer) is a great teammate, works really hard,” Hosler said. “She worked really hard between her freshman and sophomore year to get herself more physically fit and prepared for this level. She didn't see the minutes as the season progressed, but didn't let it affect her attitude and still bought into the culture of winning and doing what's best for the team.”

For Guibord, it would be a remarkable feat to win four national championships in four years. But 2016 will be a new journey, even though all six area players return.

“We kind of battled hard and worked our butts to accomplish what we did this year,” Guibord said. “We have to come in next year with a whole new mentality and a whole new routine.”

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ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

# Novi's Iacobelli repeats as area's top player

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It's no secret that Victoria Iacobelli will go down as the most accomplished player in Novi volleyball history. The 5-foot-9 senior hitter, who repeats as All-Area Player of the Year, capped a stellar four-year varsity career as a starter by helping the Wildcats earn their first MHSAA Class A state championship in school history last month with a four-set win over Romeo, the team that defeated Novi in the 2014 state finals in Battle Creek.

Iacobelli, one-half of the heralded Iacobelli sisters along with identical twin Paulina, paced the Wildcats to a 55-2 record as she finished with 531 kills (.401 attack percentage) to go along with 487 digs, 81 service aces and a serve receive average of 2.2 (on 532 chances).

Iacobelli was voted Miss Volleyball runner-up, earned second team MaxPreps All-America honors and was a Gatorade Player of the Year nominee. She was also a three-time all-region and all-KLAA selection.

"She is the definition of reliable, as she does everything well on the court, including her ability to terminate the ball from anywhere, as well as her extremely consistent back-row play," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said of the two-year captain. "Off the court, she is a 4.0 student and an exemplary leader."

During her career, Iacobelli played 507 out of a possible 508 sets, racking up 1,515 kills on 3,703 attempts to go along with 203 aces and 1,645 digs (all firsts in the Novi volleyball record book).

"Victoria's success on the court has been paramount as she leaves our program as the greatest player in Novi history," Cottrill said. "What she has done for our program is indescribable in words."

### First team

**Erin O'Leary, Soph., Novi:** The 5-10 setter and captain, a University of Michigan commit, was the only sophomore named first team Class A all-state after finishing the season with 1,371 assists, 225 kills, 321 digs and 86 aces for the state champions.

O'Leary is a two-time all-KLAA and all-region selection, as well as being a KLAA scholar-athlete with a 4.0 G.P.A. "Erin is such an impressive setter, because she possesses both the elite level skill set as well as all of the intangibles of a stellar athlete," Cottrill said. "Erin continually amazed me with her ability to make a bad pass look good, get her attackers in a great position to score, keep our opponents guessing, attack at the net as well as serve and defend efficiently in the back row. Erin always stays calm, no matter the score or situation, and just plays the game. A humble, mature young leader who is a pleasure to coach and be around."

**Jessica Ignace, Sr., South Lyon:** The 6-3 middle hitter, who signed with NCAA Division II Indiana (Pa.) University, earned all-KLAA honors after finishing with a team-best 418 kills (4.6 per set) with a .267 attack percentage.

Ignace, who could play three different positions, also finished with 53 blocks (including 20 solo).

"What made her effective was her consistency hitting from high positions, her blocking and her leadership," South Lyon coach Tom Teeters said. "Beginning in mid-season, she was able to hit from the back row for us and we were pretty much a two-hitter team for a long time. Her

## 2015 ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Victoria Iacobelli, Novi

### FIRST-TEAM

Erin O'Leary, Novi  
Jessica Ignace, South Lyon  
Ally Cummings, Novi  
Emily Martin, Northville  
Paulina Iacobelli, Novi  
Mikayla Monk, South Lyon  
Kiera Borthwick, Northville  
Paige Thompson, Lakeland  
Maddie Appleton, Milford  
Mackenzie Watson, Milford  
Katie O'Malley, Northville

### HONORABLE MENTION

**Novi:** Clare Pinkerton, Soph. libero; Kathryn Ellison, Soph. MB; Emmy Robinson, Jr. MB; **Northville:** Bryce Quick, Jr. MB; Hannah Grant, Fr. Setter; Rachel Holmes, Soph. OH; Jessica Hogan, Soph., **South Lyon:** Hannah Barton, Jr. setter; Callie Harper, Jr. DS; **South Lyon East:** Nicole Dowdell, Sr. setter; Maddie Topping, Jr. OH; Peyton Jones, Sr. libero; **Milford:** Isabel Lee, Sr. MH; Sydney Phipps, Jr. OH; Mya Zeese, Soph. setter; **Lakeland:** Kate Winter, Jr. RSH-OH; Kaitlyn Hawke, Jr. setter; Reilly Butcher, Sr. setter; **Franklin Road Christian:** Reagan Mumford, Jr. MH; Maddy Hensley, Jr. OH.

hand-to-ball contact was good. She also did some improvising."

**Ally Cummings, Jr., Novi:** The 6-0 right-side hitter earned Class A second team all-state honors after finishing with 398 kills on 891 attempts for a .412 attack percentage.

The all-region and all-KLAA pick also added 75 blocks and 256 digs.

"Ally's development into one of the most efficient and powerful attackers in the state has been impressive," Cottrill said. "Her ability to terminate at a very high rate was the key to our success this season. We could always rely on her to put balls away, as well as defend the opponents' best attackers. An intense competitor and tremendous teammate."

**Emily Martin, Jr., Northville:** The 5-10 outside hitter, a third-year varsity starter, earned third team Class A all-state honors.

Martin also garnered all-region and all-KLAA honors after racking up a team-high 402 kills (3.9 per set) with a .311 hitting percentage. She also ranked second on the team in digs (272) with only 10 errors.

"Emily is a six-rotation, go-to hitter and was our kill leader," Northville assistant coach Amanda Yaklin said.

**Paulina Iacobelli, Sr., Novi:** The 5-9 outside hitter saved her greatest moment for the Class A state finals, when she had a team-high 20 kills on 46 attempts (with no errors) to go along with 12 digs.

The all-region and all-KLAA pick wound up with 351 kills on 806 attempts (.360 average) to go along with 506 digs, 92 aces and a 2.25 serve receive attempt average.

"Paulina has been one of the most impactful players to ever play for Novi," Cottrill said of the MIVCA Academic all-state choice (3.95 GPA). "Always sort of the unsung hero, she does all of the little things well. Paulina is one of the most competitive players I have ever coached. She always wants to win, no matter the game or situation. Her ability to perform under pressure has been tremendous, as her best matches came in 2014 and 2015 in the semifinals and finals in Battle Creek."

**Mikayla Monk, Sr., South Lyon:** The 6-0 middle hitter, who signed with NCAA Division II Southern Missouri State, ranked second for the Lions in kills (277), with an attack percentage of .244.

Monk also earned all-KLAA honors for the Class A district champs.

"What made her a good player was her dynamic approach and ability to jump high, hit quick," Teeters said. "She was always in a high position and was a strong blocker like Jessica (Ignace). Toward the end, we started using Mikayla in the back row. She was

a good passer for us on serve receive. Even if she didn't play back row, she sometimes jumped into serve receive when was front row. Her ability to hit outside, run a slide, was effective for us."

**Kiera Borthwick, Jr., Northville:** The 5-6 libero, a second-year starter and third-year varsity player, earned Class A honorable mention all-state honors after posting a team-best 320 digs (3.6 per set).

Borthwick who recorded a team-high 394 service receptions with only 15 errors, also earned all-region and all-KLAA accolades.

"I'd have to say Kiera was the most consistent with her passing than any player in Northville history," Yaklin said.

**Paige Thompson, Sr., Lakeland:** The 5-11 middle hitter garnered Class A all-region and all-KLAA honors for the Eagles.

"She was my go-to player, my most steady player," coach Jean Dukic said. "She was strictly front row, but for three-quarters of the season I had her serve and play defense and she had a killer serve. She's a high academic achiever, too."

**Maddie Appleton, Soph., Milford:** The 5-8 outside hitter and setter earned all-region and all-KLAA recognition.

She played primarily as an outside hitter, finishing with 305 kills and a .250 attack percentage, but also can play setter when called upon.

"Maddie is very athletic; she can make adjustments on the fly," coach Mary Shelton said. "She has a very, very high volleyball IQ. She's also a very good leader who leads by example versus leading vocally."

**Mackenzie Watson, Sr., Milford:** The libero, a signee with NCAA Division II Coker (S.C.) College, averaged 20 digs per match while earning and all-KLAA honors.

Watson, who finished with 1,005 career digs, is a three-sport athlete who also plays tennis and bowls, as well as being an KLAA all-academic honoree.

"It will be a huge loss having her gone, simply from the fact that she was our vocal leader and was also a person who led by example all year long," Shelton said. "She made sure she created an environment that everyone wanted to play in on top of it."

**Katie O'Malley, Sr. Northville:** The 5-9 outside hitter, a two-year varsity performer, earned both all-region and all-KLAA honors after finishing with 377 kills (3.7 per set).

O'Malley also recorded a team-best 54 service aces and contributed 188 digs (1.8 per set).

"Katie is a verbal court leader and a thunderous outside hitter," Yaklin said.

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Novi senior Victoria Iacobelli, a senior outside hitter, was named All-Area Player of the Year.

### City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

CITYGATE MARKETPLACE (CASE PZ15-0032). DORAID MARKUS ON BEHALF OF CITYGATE MARKETPLACE. 27200 BECK ROAD, NORTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND EAST OF BECK ROAD. PARCEL # 50-22-16-176-033. The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, to allow construction of a 5,908 sq. ft. building with a retail space and two fast food restaurant spaces: 1) a variance from Section 3.1.23.D to reduce the required north yard building setback by 34 feet (50 feet required, 16 feet proposed); and 2) a variance from Section 5.3.11.A, B to reduce the required north yard parking setback (20.0 feet required, 0.0 feet proposed) to allow construction of a drive-through lane.

VOJTIKOFSKY (CASE NO. PZ15-0045). RYAN VOJTIKOFSKY. PARCEL #: 50-22-21-179-011. 25687 CODY LANE, EAST OF BECK ROAD AND SOUTH OF 11 MILE ROAD. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 5.11.A.ii to allow installation of a fence in the exterior side yard of an existing residence.

AIRTIME (CASE NO. PZ15-0046). NEW GENERATION SIGNS FOR AIRTIME, 44255 TWELVE MILE ROAD, UNIT A. WEST OF DONELSON DRIVE AND SOUTH OF 12 MILE ROAD. PARCEL#: 50-22-15-200-112. The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; 28-5 (3)f and 28-5(2)b 1(a)(i)d to allow installation of (3) additional wall signs (1 sign allowed) with a total additional area of 281 square feet.

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider DIXON MEADOWS JSP 14-46 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.709 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO RT (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO). The subject property is approximately 22.36-acre and is located on the east side of Dixon Road, north of Twelve Mile Road (Section 10) and the applicant is proposing a development of a 90-unit single-family residential detached site condominium.



Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

**Subject Property Parcel ID's:** 22-10-400-002, 22-10-400-003, Part of 22-10-400-004, 22-10-400-005, 22-10-400-006, Part of 22-10-400-006, Part of 22-10-400-007

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, January 13, 2016.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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# Forever, Inc. to host digital scrapbooking retreat

For moms and family historians alike, the new year isn't just a time to reflect on memories made with families and friends. As the curators of family history, it's also a time to organize those memories.

Forever, Inc., a one-stop shop for digitizing, editing, printing, permanently saving and sharing memories, will hold its first of many digital scrapbooking retreats Jan. 8-10 at the Novi Sheraton. At this inaugural retreat, moms will gather with friends and learn new tricks from industry experts on how

to take perfect pictures and make beautiful photo books as they preserve their families' history for generations. Similar retreats will be held across the country in 2016.

"Thanks to smart phones, there's been a steep increase in the number of pictures taken and photo organization is now a more daunting task than ever," said Anna Broome, a Commerce Township resident and lead organizer of the retreat. "Our goal with the Forever Retreat is to make it fun for moms to organize their memories

and check this important memory keeping item off of their 'to do' list. I would describe this retreat in three words: cozy, fun and productive."

The two-day retreat will kick off at 1 p.m. Jan 8, with world famous photographer and author Nick Kelsh, whose expert, but easy-to-learn photo taking advice earned him several appearances on *Oprah* and *The Today Show*. Kelsh's breakout session will de-myth the belief that you can only take great pictures with clunky, expensive cameras.

Kelsh will teach moms powerful tricks on how to take amazing pictures with your smart phone.

Concluding Sunday, the retreat includes a total of six breakout sessions and plenty of digital or non-digital 'crop' time. Jan McCallum, founder of the popular site Pixels2Pages, which teaches anyone how to create masterful digital scrapbooks with Forever's Artisan software, will present strategies and tips for creating photo keepsakes that celebrate lives. Other special guests include Forever Trainer Shelley

Murray, who has appeared on TV to give moms tips on how to de-clutter memories by digitizing them and making photo gifts with Forever. In addition to hearing from these and other industry experts, attendees can also bring with them old photos they wish to digitize and save at their Forever site.

Registration is still open. Prices vary based on the number of sessions attendees wish to choose. The Deluxe Package that includes six breakout sessions, dinner Friday and Saturday, a Forever "goody"

bag and crop time snacks is \$159.99. Attendees may register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/digital-weekend-retreat-tickets-19078155276>.

"For many women, it's not just about starting off the new year with a commitment to organize memories for generations, but about having fun and spending time with like-minded photo enthusiasts," Broome said. "While we gather as a community to curate life stories, there's no doubt we'll be making memories with old and new friends, too!"

## Providence Park Hospital earns Baby-Friendly designation

The birthing programs at the Southfield and Novi campuses of Providence Park Hospital have both been designated Baby-Friendly by Baby-Friendly USA, the initiative's national accrediting body. Baby-Friendly designation recognizes hospitals and birthing centers that provide an optimal level of care related to infant feeding and mother/baby bonding.

According to the accrediting organization, Baby-Friendly USA Inc., there are just over 300 hospitals and birthing centers in the U.S. that are Baby-Friendly. Hospitals and birthing centers that earn Baby-Friendly status must meet comprehensive guidelines and evaluation criteria, including implementing the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding and the International Code of



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Providence Park Hospital was recently designated as Baby-Friendly.

Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes.

"Studies show that breastfed children have fewer and less serious illnesses and moms who breastfeed are at lower risk for developing breast and ovarian cancer," said Michael Wiemann, M.D., president, Providence Park Hospital, Southfield, and senior vice president, St. John Providence. "Families in southeastern Michigan will now be comforted to know that they'll receive optimal breastfeeding care and support when they welcome new babies into the world at PPPH."

Two other St. John Providence hospitals, St. John Hospital & Medical Center and St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, were previously recognized as Baby-Friendly.

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## Which IRA is right for you?

In those retirement years, you want to be able to buy that second home in Florida, jet off to Aruba or golf every day. The more you save, the more you have to enjoy your retirement. If you have money that you can afford to invest for the long term, you should consider an IRA.

An individual retirement arrangement is a personal retirement savings plan that offers tax benefits. IRAs are one of the most powerful retirement savings tools available. Even if you're contributing to a 401(k) or other plan at work, you should also consider investing in an IRA.

There are two types of IRAs: traditional and Roth. Both allow you to make annual contributions of up to \$5,500 in 2015 or \$6,500 if are over age 50. Generally, you must have at least as much taxable income as the amount of your IRA contribution. But if you are married filing jointly, your spouse can also contribute to an IRA, even if he or she does not have taxable income.

Both feature tax-sheltered growth of earnings and give you a wide range of investment choices. However, there are important differences between the two. You must understand these differences before you can choose the IRA that's best for you.



Paula Swain  
GUEST COLUMNIST

spouse is covered by a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, you can generally deduct the full amount of your annual contribution. If one of you is covered by such a plan, your ability to deduct your contributions depends on your annual income (modified adjusted gross income) and your income tax filing status. You may qualify for a full deduction, a partial deduction or no deduction at all.

When you start taking money from your traditional IRA, the funds will be subject to income tax. If you take a withdrawal prior to age 59½, you may have to pay a 10-percent early withdrawal penalty, unless you meet one of the exceptions.

When you reach 70½, you will be required to take your first required minimum distribution, which is based on standard life expectancy table. You can always withdraw more, but never less. If you withdraw less, you'll be hit with a 50-percent penalty on the difference between the required minimum and the amount you actually withdrew.

### Roth IRA

Not everyone can set up a Roth IRA. Even if you can, you may not qualify to take full advantage of it. The first requirement is that you must have taxable income. Your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA depends on your modified adjusted gross income and your income tax filing status.

Roth contributions are made with after-tax dollars, therefore they are not tax-deductible. If you

meet certain conditions, your withdrawals from a Roth IRA will be completely free from federal income tax, including both contributions and investment earnings.

Unlike a traditional IRA, the Roth IRA is not subject to the required distributions at age 70½ or at any time during your life. You can put off taking distributions until you really need the income or you can leave the entire balance to your beneficiary.

### Choose the right IRA for you

Assuming you qualify to use both, which type of IRA is best for you? The Roth IRA will probably be a more effective tool if you don't need the tax-deductible contributions. However, if you want to deduct your contributions, the traditional may be the better choice. Most professionals believe that a Roth IRA will still give you more bang for your buck in the long run, but it depends on your personal goals and circumstances. A financial professional or tax adviser can help you pick the right type of IRA for you.

Note: You can have both a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA, but your total annual contribution to all of the IRAs that you own cannot be more than \$5,500 in 2015 (\$6,500 if you're age 50 or older).

I am dedicated to walking you through the steps that you need to make to take control of your financial future and prepare you for a secure retirement. Now it is the time to start focusing on your finances.

Paula Swain is a Plymouth-based financial consultant. The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations.

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The Monty Python "knights" develop a castle strategy during the film.

## Civic Theater to present classic Monty Python movie New Year's Eve

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Staff Writer

If you're looking for something a little different to do to help celebrate the end of 2015 as 2016 inches closer, how about enjoying a cinematic blast from the past New Year's Eve?

The Farmington Civic Theater is having a special showing of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* at 9:45 p.m. Dec. 31.

"Show time is scheduled so movie-goers can

watch the movie and still be home to celebrate the arrival of the new year," said Scott Freeman, general manager of the Civic.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the cult classic, known for its memorable lines and its featured songs' lyrics. For those who need some help with that, the lyrics will be displayed on-screen to encourage audience participation.

When the movie debuted in 1975, it was rated PG. But that was

before the establishment of the PG-13 rating – where it would likely fall today, Freeman said.

Tickets for *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* are \$4 at the door.

See the theater's Facebook page and website, [www.theFCT.com](http://www.theFCT.com), for more information.

The Farmington Civic Theater is located at 33332 Grand River Ave., just east of Farmington Road.

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## The right references can boost your résumé

BY MATT TARPEY  
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Despite what you may have heard, the employment references you include in a job application do matter. Many job seekers make the mistake of settling for subpar references out of laziness or habit, or because they don't know what makes a person a good reference. Doing so could potentially cost you the job.

Here are four tips for selecting the ideal people as your employment references and preparing them.

### Choose well-rounded references.

Employers use references for more than simply verifying your résumé's employment information. The best references are people who worked closely with you and can vouch for not only your professional skills, but your character as well.

"Your references should be able to address your performance, productivity and reliability," says Kristen Coppins, a director at Professional Staffing Group. "Ideally, your references will be people who are most familiar with your work history and can comment on your day-to-day performance. For example, though it may seem impressive to list the president of your company as a reference, if the person does not remember you clearly or wasn't involved with your work on a daily basis, they won't be a good reference."

### Take the bad with the good.

Everyone makes mistakes, but the mistakes aren't as important as how



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you handle them. Don't be afraid to include a reference from a rough patch or someone who has seen how you react when the chips are down.

"The best references come from supervisors who haven't always seen you at your best," says Michele Mavi, director of content development, internal recruiting and training at Atrium Staffing. "Someone who has seen you work hard to overcome challenges, turn around a weakness or can speak to a real and quantifiable period of growth and development during your time together is ideal."

### Make reputation a top consideration.

When choosing potential references,

don't overlook how those individuals may be perceived by employers. The source of a reference is just as important as the content.

"Consider the reference's reputation," says Thomas J. Ward Jr., executive director at Adelphi University's Center for Career Development in Garden City, N.Y. "Is this person a credible and respected leader in their field? Does their reputation hold weight in the community and/or in the specific field that you are targeting employment?"

### Set your references up for success.

Once you've decided to use someone as a reference, let him or her know. It may seem obvious, but miss-

ing this step can have serious ramifications — not only for you and your chance at a new job, but also for the references themselves.

"First and most important, ask the person you'd like to be a reference for you if it's OK to name them," says Laurie Battaglia, CEO and workplace strategist with Living the Dream Coaches. "Some companies don't permit their leaders to give references and want all inquiries sent to HR. You could be jeopardizing someone's job by asking them to provide a reference."

Additionally, don't forget that they're doing you a favor by agreeing to be your reference. In return, do what you can to minimize the obligation, starting with providing them the information they'll need.

Beyond sharing your résumé and the job description, it's helpful to set up some time with your references to discuss why you're pursuing the position and what you believe qualifies you for it. This gives them some discussion points to use when talking with the potential employer. Also, if possible, let them know when they should be expecting the call, so they aren't caught off-guard.

Many employers put a great deal of stock in the quality of a candidate's references. By putting effort into choosing yours and knowing what to look for in a potential reference, you'll increase your chances of getting hired.

*Matt Tarpey is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. He researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.*

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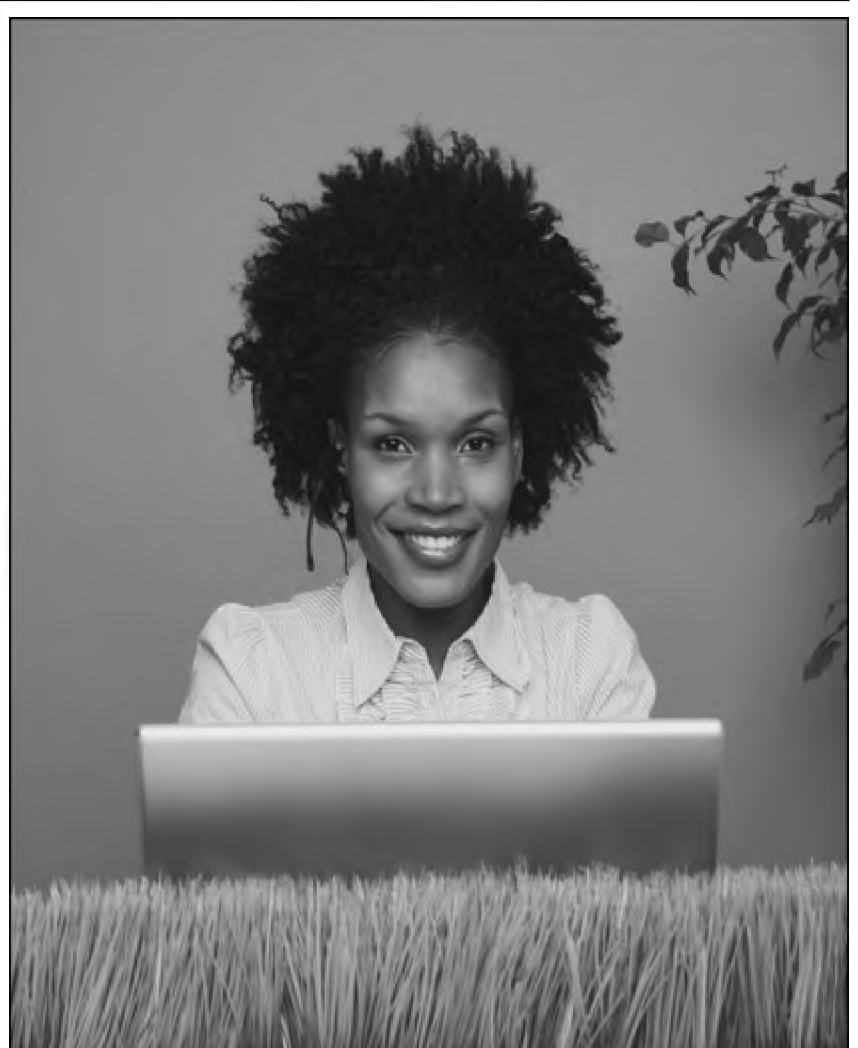
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