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Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee will be held rain or shine. Guests attending the kickoff event May 30 are asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to Gleaners Food Bank.

There is no fee to participate and refreshments will be available. Updates on weekend special activities and featured cars from the Lingenfelter Collection will be posted on its Facebook page and at www.lingenfelter.com.

Lieutenant governor honors good work of Easter Seals

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley made a special visit to Easter Seals in Walled Lake, but it was Emily "Punky" Lickman who stole the show with her smile and shining example why Easter Seals is such an important organization.

Standing before a gathered crowd of people celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month and the opening of the

location in Walled Lake, Punky, 9, took to the microphone as an ambassador for Easter Seals.

"Thank you," she said to Calley, for visiting Walled Lake and supporting Easter Seals.

Punky has spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy. Through Easter Seals Michigan, she and her family have seen new opportunities and been helped. She, along with ESM ambassador Melvin Eckles, was at the open house to share stories and expe-

riences.

Both have seen their lives greatly impacted.

"Easter Seals has been huge for me. They've helped find a new life," said Eckles, who had troubles in the past with his mood disorder, but now has made personal gains and found employment at a homeless shelter.

Calley said during his visit that Easter Seals plays a big part in Michigan and he is glad

to see this new location in Walled Lake. He emphasized that society should not focus solely on a person's disability, because we all have things that we are not good at, but we should instead define people by their strengths.

"What are the strengths and how can we build around those strengths?" he said. "That's really the first part of access

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Innovative pool filtering system makes a big splash

Sports Club of Novi now utilizing ozone technology to sanitize pool water

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

If you're one of the thousands of people who swim in the pools at The Sports Club of Novi, get ready for a big change that owner Mark Pinchoff calls "simply remarkable."

It's a secondary sanitary system that uses ozone to clean the water.

"I had been searching for better technology to improve on the normal standards of water sanitation for several years," Pinchoff said. "Using ozone as a secondary disinfectant has proved to be incredible. Our chlorine usage has dropped by 80 to 90 percent and our water is cleaner than ever."

The club installed the Del Ozone system on its large indoor pool in early April and recently installed the system on its other two summer pools, which opened this past Saturday.

Prior to purchasing the system, Pinchoff had gone to Boston to take a look at a club that has similar pool activity as Novi's.



CAL STONE

See POOL, Page A3 Competitive swimmers take laps in the large outdoor pool at The Sports Club of Novi.

Gazebo, garden dedicated at Meadowbrook Commons

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A community effort helped bring together the newly constructed gazebo and planted garden at Meadowbrook Commons campus.

"This is great that we have this here for the entire community and our residents here at Meadowbrook Commons," said Karen Kapchonick, Novi's Older Adult Services manager.

The city of Novi and Novi Rotary Club officially dedicated the Meadowbrook Commons gazebo last week after years of working to make it happen. The gazebo allows residents of Novi, especially those living in the

apartment community, to socialize and relax outside. It's also a monarch way station meant to attract the butterfly species while conserving its habitat.

Rachel Zagaroli, former Older Adult Services manager and now executive director at the Novi Parks Foundation, was at the ceremony and for her - like the others involved - it was a great thing to see come about.

"We thought about this for a long time," she said.

The Rotary Club played a big role in the project with community volunteers, along with the help from city's Parks, Recreational and Cultural Services



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Novi Rotary Club members helped build and fund the gazebo and garden at Meadowbrook Commons.

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into a better, more productive, independent, self-determined life and that's type of work done by Easter Seals every day."

His remarks were welcomed by ESM, which called Calley a champion of mental health and wellness through serving on the Michigan Mental Health Commission and being a tireless advocate for autism awareness.

The open house was a good opportunity for ESM in Walled Lake to showcase what it has and offer.

The community has embraced the Walled Lake location in western Oakland County, an area previously considered under served for behavioral health and wellness services.

Open house guests



Lt. Gov. Brian Calley gives Easter Seals ambassador Emily "Punky" Lickman a hug after she cut the ribbon for the Easter Seals Michigan Walled Lake location.

learned about ESM's programs and services, including LUNA (Look, Uncover, Nurture, Act), a

groundbreaking program that addresses trauma prevention and intervention in children ages 18

and under. According to ESM, LUNA is made possible by a \$4.1 million grant



LONNIE HUHMANN

Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley spoke about the importance of the Easter Seals mission at the open house.

from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. The National Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention estimates 26 percent of children witness or experience a traumatic event

before they turn 4 in the U.S. Left untreated, the consequences can be deadly.

For nearly a century, ESM has empowered extraordinary individuals to live more independent lives. Last year, ESM served 9,000 people from birth to older adults from its multiple service locations in Auburn Hills, Center Line, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Southfield, Waterford, Walled Lake, Flint and Grand Rapids. Easter Seals offers programs and services that evolve to the needs of local communities, primarily focusing on rehabilitation and wellness related to behavioral health, autism, trauma and special needs.

For more information, contact Easter Seals Michigan at 800-75-SEALS or go to www.essmichigan.org.

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Department and parks foundation. Kapchonick recognized and expressed appreciation to the Rotarians and said their leadership, dedication and financial contribution made it possible to build the gazebo.

The idea behind a way station is for it to be a place that provides resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. The gazebo's garden should be a great place to see this happen.

The Rotary Club and volunteers still have more plans for the gazebo, including the installation of electricity to power lighting and a fan.

The gazebo is located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road, between 10 Mile and Grand River.

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Farmers market



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Jennifer Hebler shops for vegetables to plant in her garden during the May 20 Walled Lake Farmers Market. The market, located on Maple Road, just west of Novi, is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday.

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Lions players beat F.O.P. All-Stars in benefit hoop game

It was all fun and games May 20 at James R. Geisler Middle School as football and basketball fans enjoyed watching the Detroit Lions take on the F.O.P. All-Stars in their annual benefit basketball game.

The event lasted two hours, packed with fun for kids of all ages in a Globetrotters-style basketball game with plenty of participation from several lucky kids in the audience. Halftime provided an autograph session for fans to meet and greet their Detroit Lions heroes up close and personal.

The game was close right up until the end, with the Lions winning by a final score of 57-56.

The event will help F.O.P. 128 continue its community service projects. The event was sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police Southwestern Oakland County Lodge No. 128.



Pictured are (back, from left) Dan Waterstradt, Bob Stephens, Rob Rubick, John Shier, Tahir Whitehead, Charlie Yon and Mike Orehek, (middle, from left) Larry Webster, Erik Hamilton, John Marasco, Cory Schlesinger and Herman Moore and (front) Corey Fuller.

CURTIS DROGMILLER

POOL

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"We teach hundreds of kids how to swim," he said, "and if you walk into that air structure, you could always smell the chlorine."

The Boston pool shocked Pinchoff.

"It was remarkable," he said. "If you shut your eyes, you couldn't tell you were in a swimming pool."

How it works

The ozone system grabs water after it's been filtered, 200 gallons at a time, shocks it with ozone to eliminate gases, then sends the shocked water into the pool.

The ozone kills bacteria 40 times more efficiently than just chlorine. As a result, Pinchoff said he's using only 10 to 20 percent of the chlorine he used to need.

"It's unbelievable," Pinchoff said.

Chlorine kills bacteria, but then it's dormant, so it's necessary to add more chlorine. The dead chlorine moves around and up into the air, causing discomfort and red



CAL STONE

Mark Pinchoff, owner of The Sports Club of Novi, checks out the Del Ozone system he recently had installed.

eyes and creating "that smell" that happens in every pool.

Chlorine, the standard since 1961, is popular because it's easy to test the water with a very small sample quickly and is the method of regulation in this country.

Although ozone has been around for many years and is the preferred method to keep water clean in Europe, it's still only a secondary system in the U.S.

"They won't allow you

to use just ozone here," Pinchoff said. "It's just catching on in this country. Most universities with Olympic-size pools probably use it."

Bromine is another chemical used, but because it is more expensive, it is usually reserved for smaller pools or whirlpools. Pinchoff said another cleaning method is to run water through UV light, which kills everything in the water.

"The bottom line is

that the disinfecting capabilities of ozone are at least 10 times more efficient than chlorine," Pinchoff said.

He has been in Novi since October 1998 and in the swimming business ever since.

"Over the past 16 years, we have taught thousands of kids to be water safe, helped thousands of kids train and compete in swimming and entertained thousands of families at our summer swim club," he said.

The facility has 175 kids on the swim team and 200-250 in the youth swim program in the winter at any one time. That's five to six kids per lane, times eight lanes.

"It's been a rewarding part of my business," Pinchoff said. "However, keeping pools clean in a safe way for customers is a challenge."

Pinchoff, who has been in the swimming business since 1991 with a West Bloomfield club, said he's had a pretty good system for quite some time with automatic chlorine feeders, but there are always challenges.

"Pools are tough to

run, especially ones as big as ours," he said.

What do swimmers think?

For the past 3½ years, Susan Averbuch has been a swim club member at the Novi club. It has become her "home away from home."

She swims laps three to four times a week, using the facility as a place to decompress and for the health benefits of swimming. She swims 30 lengths in 30 minutes in the pool (which is supervised by American Red Cross-certified lifeguards).

"Not bad for a 57-year-old retired teacher/lawyer," she said.

And she's glad the pool now features the ozone system.

"Mr. Pinchoff is ahead of his time, looking out for his members," she said. "Since the installation of the ozone system, I have noticed a great difference in my swimming experience. No longer do I experience red eyes, rashes or just a basic itchy feel after leaving the pool."

More importantly, the Commerce Township resident said she has

noticed that the water looks crystal clear and the typical chlorine smell is gone.

"I have also noticed less residue on the bottom of the pool," she said. "Overall, it has become a more enjoyable experience and very 'swimmer friendly.'"

Fellow swimmer Ray Martin has been around pools for a very long time - 60 years, in fact, from high school and college to the masters swimming program, as well as a pool manager and coach.

"The new ozone filter system at Novi Sports Club is most impressive," Martin said. "In my swimming experience, this pool is, by far, the clearest I have enjoyed!"

Swimming is the third most popular sport in this country and it's estimated that there are 360,000 public pools in the U.S.

Pinchoff said The Sports Club of Novi has the only pool in southeast Michigan with this technology and possibly only the second one in Michigan.

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W.L.'s Judy Scott receives Gretchko Youth Advocate Award

Judy Scott, manager for the Walled Lake Schools' before- and after-school child care programs for the last 13 years, recently received the Gretchko Youth Advocate Award at the 43rd Greater West Bloomfield Michigan Week Awards breakfast at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield.

Scott has served thousands of children over the years as the Prime Time Care manager for Walled Lake Schools, said Stephen Clark, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) anchor, who was emcee for the awards event.

"She is compassionate, understanding, professional and a role model who cares for children," Clark said. "She also runs the Summer Care program that serves hundreds of children every summer and she instituted the Teen Club program at all four of the Walled Lake middle schools. All of the students at Prime Time Care, Summer Care and Teen Club are Judy Scott's kids."

She will do "whatever it

takes" to make sure children are safe, happy and cared for, said Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake's superintendent.

"She is an advocate for children and parents," he said. "She also offers child care during school breaks for working parents. This program has provided peace of mind for thousands of parents over the years."

Scott and her team of more than 40 staff members are all trained annually in safety procedures, a variety of learning initiatives and fun projects. She makes all of her programs fun. She promotes her program and provides child care for many families every day and for others, when they need it.

"I am honored to win such a prestigious award and grateful to work in Walled Lake Schools, caring for children who need a safe place before and after school," Scott said.

She makes it easy for parents and has implemented online registration, online



Pictured (from left): Christopher Titus, Walled Lake Schools Board of Education member, congratulates Judy Scott, Prime Time Care manager who received the Dr. Seymour Gretchko Youth Advocate Award, along with Stephen Clark, television anchor, and Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake Schools superintendent.

payment and is always available to talk to parents about the programs. Scott's programs provide a bridge from the school day to the after school day. Her programs

foster self-reliance and independence in children.

Relationships are Scott's hallmark. She has cultivated relationships with staff throughout the Walled Lake

district to ensure that her programs always run smoothly. She is an advocate for single moms, helping them in any way she can. She provides staff development with her staff to teach them very creative ways to build relationships with the children. Often, the Prime Time Care workers know the children better than the classroom teachers.

Without families knowing it, Scott ensures many of her children have Christmas because she knows which families are struggling. She helps others help themselves; that's what affordable, efficient and effective childcare is about.

This year marks the 13th anniversary of presenting the most prestigious recognition named after the late Dr. Seymour Gretchko, superintendent of West Bloomfield Schools. The award is given to honor a person who goes well above and beyond the call of duty in their love, their care, their concern and their advocacy for our youth.

Riley named W.L. administrator of the year

Stuart Riley, Walled Lake Schools educator for 22 years and Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center

director, received the PTSA Council Administrator of the Year award May 18 at the annual Walled Lake Schools PTSA Council Installation and Awards event at Sarah Banks Middle School.

Riley has supervised the conceptualization of the ropes course, climbing tower and team-building activities for children and adults of all ages at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center.

"Stuart facilitates and creates an environment for those who visit the Outdoor Education Center that allows the

individual to connect themselves to nature," Superintendent Ken Gutman said. "Students and adults can experience these connections more fully if they feel secure and challenged – both at the same time. It's a delicate balance that Stuart has been able to achieve for the Outdoor Education Center guests."

"I feel very lucky to work in a district that is so supportive of the Outdoor Education Center facility and programs," Riley said. "My vision for the center is being realized as more and more students and staff are able to use the WLOEC on an annual basis."

Whether it is hiking through the awe-inspiring woods (maybe for the first time) or ringing the bell at the top of the climbing wall, Stuart wants everyone to leave feeling a little bit better, even more themselves,

with deeper understanding and respect for these threads that connect us all and connect us to our natural world, Gutman said.

"Stuart, your vision for expanding from teaching environmental education to offering adventure challenge, team building and group dynamic facilitation, has enticed a variety of guests, customers, students and adults, to bring their groups, staffs and students to the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center," Gutman said during Monday's presentation.

Parents from each of the 19 schools were recognized for their extraordinary volunteer service over the past school year at the event. The new PTA PTSA Council officers at Walled Lake's 19 schools were installed to serve for the 2015-16 school year.



Riley

Pleasant Lake Elementary earns Lighthouse status

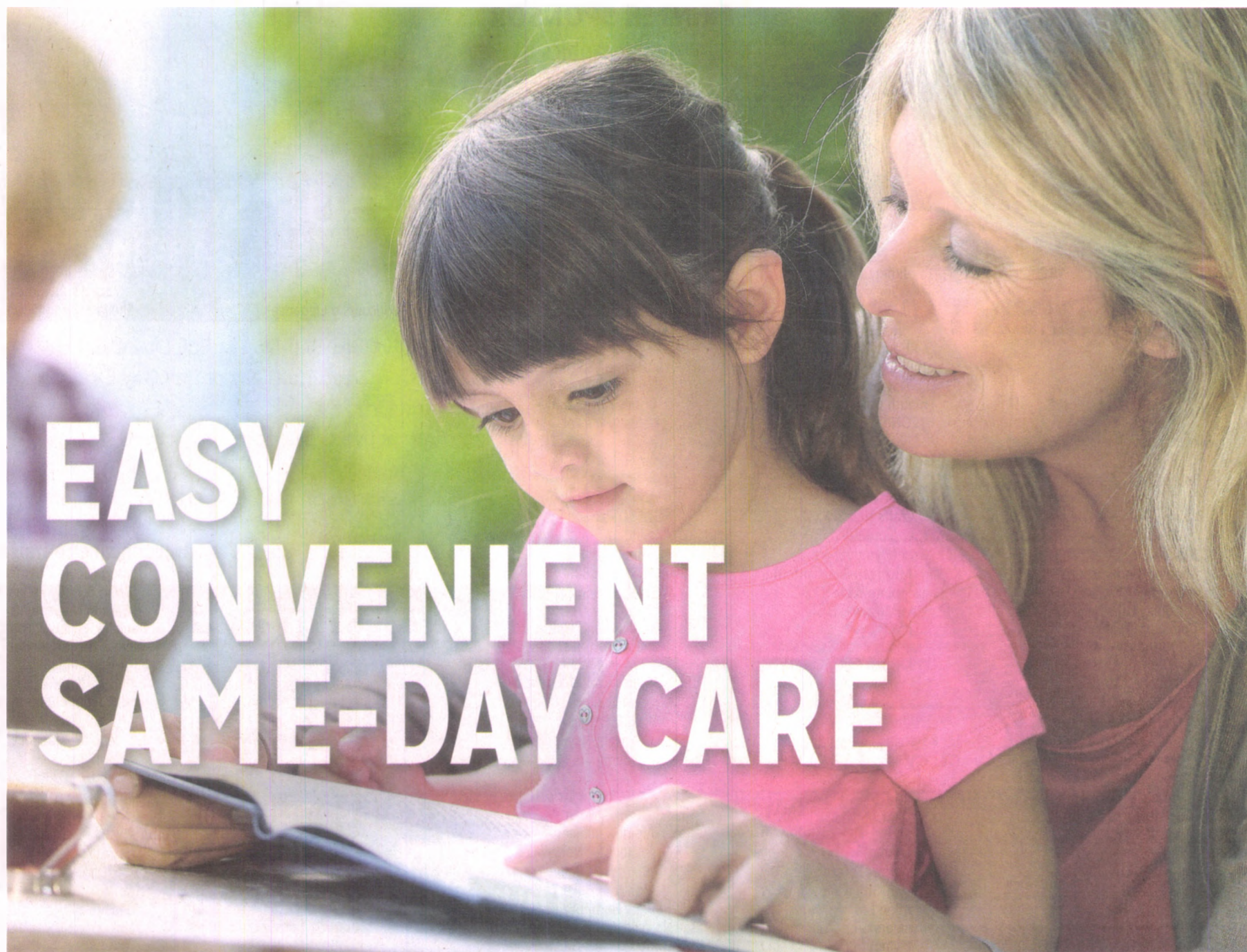
Pleasant Lake Elementary was recently named a Leader in Me Lighthouse School by the Franklin Covey Co. This is a result of achieving outstanding results in school and student outcomes, by implementing The Leader in Me process with fidelity.

It is also because of the extraordinary impact the school is having on staff, students, parents and the greater community. Lighthouse status is the highest honor a Leader in Me school can achieve.

"We are thrilled to recognize Pleasant Lake Elementary as a Leader in Me Lighthouse School," said Sean Covey, education practice leader, Franklin Covey. "Schools who achieve the

Lighthouse Milestone are great examples of a strong leadership model and of what it means to be a Leader in Me school. This school has experienced transformational results by implementing the paradigms and practices related to The Leader in Me. We are so pleased to celebrate the success they are experiencing."

Nayal Maktari, Pleasant Lake principal, said: "We have seen such amazing results from implementing The Leader in Me process at our school, such as students taking an ownership for their academic and social success, increasing staff collaboration and positively impacting the culture of our school."



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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Northville Senior All Night Party

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Northville High School Senior All Night Party Community Walkthrough, 3-5 p.m. **Sunday, May 31.** This free event – an NHS tradition that has been a huge success for many years – is open to the general public. Families have been working for more than a year in order to transform the high school and numerous businesses throughout the community have generously provided prizes, food and decorations.

You will not want to miss this opportunity to come see what all the fuss is about, especially if you have a child who will someday be attending this event after their graduation ceremony!!

The school is located at 45700 Six Mile Road. Please enter through the school's west entrance (bus lot).

Caddy scholarships

An elite group of 41 caddies from across Michigan will be attending college this fall as recipients of the prestigious Chick Evans Scholarship, a full, four-year housing and tuition col-

lege scholarship awarded to golf caddies through the Evans Scholars Foundation.

Listed below are the names of the Chick Evans Scholarship recipients who were awarded the scholarship to various universities beginning this fall, as well as their awarded university, hometown, high school and sponsoring golf or country club.

The following is a list of winners (name, university, hometown, high school, sponsoring club): **Andrew Coleman**, University of Michigan, Gibraltar, Carlisle High School, Meadowbrook Country Club; **Evan Fisher**, University of Michigan, Commerce Township, Walled Lake Northern High School, Orchard Lake Country Club; **Cale Kaczmarek**, Michigan State University, White Lake, Walled Lake Northern High School, Edgewood Country Club; **Molly Stachurski**, University of Michigan, Commerce Township, Walled Lake Northern High School, Oakland Hills Country Club; **Jonathon Stott**, Michigan State University, Northville, Northville High School, Meadowbrook Country Club; **Spencer Waldo**, University of Michigan, North-

ville Homeschool, Meadowbrook Country Club; and **Malcolm Whitted**, University of Michigan, Detroit Cass Tech High School, Meadowbrook Country Club.

Preschool programs

Northville Public Schools is currently assessing the need within the community for a no-cost or reduced-cost preschool program.

Recruitment has begun for a preschool program to be funded through the Great Start Readiness Program.

The district is recruiting 4-year-old children for a state-funded preschool class it hopes to offer in the fall. Income eligibility and admission criteria applies.

See the website link at www.earlychildhood.northvilleschools.org for more information.

Registration for Novi summer school classes opens

Students may register for Novi high school summer school classes online at www.novi.communityed.org.

High School students and parents may view the courses online, download the forms for verification and fax or email them to

the Community Education Office after they process their online selection and payment. The verification/registration form must be signed by the student's school counselor. All verification/registration forms need to be sent to the Community Education office for the registration process to be complete.

Summer School refresher courses pre-K to eighth grade will continue to register at the Novi Community Education office.

Summer classes begin Monday, June 22, and end Thursday, July 23.

A list of classes, times and fees are online at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education – Summer School.

Northville accepting early kindergarten registration

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

Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>. If you can not meet on the dates listed above for your child's school, contact the school's main office. If you are unsure about which school your child will be attending, view the Attendance Boundary Map at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/251>.

Developmentally delayed students

If you have a child that will be under the age of 5 years old on or before the first day of the 2015-16 school year and you suspect that your child may have speech and language difficulties or overall developmental delays, call Nadine Harris, director of Northville Public Schools Office of Special Services, at 248-344-3530.

Novi kindergarten roundup

In September, the Class of 2028 will officially begin their educational career at Novi Schools. Registration paperwork is now available in all elementary offices. If you

have a student or know someone who has a child who will be turning 5 prior to Sept. 2 and is within the Novi Schools attendance boundaries, have them call the school office: Deerfield (248-449-1700); Novi Woods (248-449-1230); Orchard Hills (248-449-1400); Parkview (248-449-1220); and Village Oaks (248-449-1300).

Cheer clinic

The Noviarsity cheerleaders are hosting a three-day cheer clinic for girls ages 5-12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **July 13-15** at Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Drive.

Learn chants, gymnastics, stunts, dance, stretches, jumps and flexibility. T-shirts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis but are not included in the price of the clinic. The fee \$100 for all three days (includes lunches and snacks; pizza first and third day; Subway second day).

To register, visit <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/> and click the Athletics tab; select Sports Camp for the Summer Cheer Clinic link. Email coach Ashley Karinen with any questions: AKarinen07@gmail.com.

ON CAMPUS

Albion College

The following local students have graduated:

Brandon Kosinski received a degree in communication studies (mass media emphasis) with a minor in anthropology and sociology and religious studies. Kosinski is the son of Timothy and Barbara Kosinski of Novi and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Caitlin McClorey received a degree in economics and management with a minor in business

and organizations and political science. McClorey is the daughter of Timothy and Marisa McClorey of Wixom and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

Joseph Silvestri graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi with a degree in biology. The honor of summa cum laude signifies that Silvestri achieved a cumulative grade-point average above 3.9. Silvestri also received the A. Merton Chickering Endowed Prize in Biology. Silvestri is the son of Guiseppe

and Josephine Silvestri of New Hudson and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Michael Tolkacz graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in biochemistry with a minor in cell and molecular biology and French. The honor of magna cum laude signifies that Tolkacz achieved a cumulative grade-point average above 3.75. Tolkacz is the son of Joseph and Nancy Tolkacz of Novi and a graduate of Detroit

Catholic Central High School.

Duke University

Nine high school graduates, including Weiji Ding of Northville (son of Jilan Chen and Jun Ding), will receive University Scholarships that fund four years of undergraduate education at Duke. The University Scholars Program was established in 1998 with a gift from Duke alumna Melinda French Gates and her husband Bill Gates, through the William H. Gates Foundation. The

program is designed to stimulate an interdisciplinary, intergenerational community of scholars capable of exploring new academic horizons.

The students selected represent a wide range of personal backgrounds and intellectual interests. All share a passion for original research, collaborative thinking and innovative scholarship. Each scholarship's total value over four years is estimated to be more than \$250,000. The award covers full tuition, room, board and all mandatory

fees.

Olivet College

Matthew Van Houten, a junior from Northville, received the All-Scholar Performance Team Award at the annual Honors Convocation on April 15. This award is presented to students who exhibit the specific objectives of fostering service, stimulating academic discourse and facilitating professional development directly related to the health and human performance area.

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All-star essay winner: Plymouth High senior wins Parkside scholarship

'Spend wisely, save cautiously, invest'

By Aniruddha Kappagantu

It is a blessing and a curse to be a millennial. We have grown up during the digital revolution and the economic highs of the turn of the century as well as the recent downturn coined the Great Recession. Nevertheless, on the eve of our adulthood, our financial future still remains uncertain.

It is said that most of us cannot afford to go to college, find employment upon graduation, or buy a house. These are the rites of passage to adulthood that were pretty much guaranteed to the older generations.

Since we can no longer count on an inexpensive college education, immediate job prospects, and affordable housing, we must resort to our creativity to engineer a secure financial future.

In order to ascertain financial stability after college, Millennials must spend wisely, save cautiously, and, most importantly, invest these savings while in college.



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Martin Carter of Parkside Credit Union presents a scholarship award in the essay contest to Aniruddha Kappagantu, with parents Jyoti and Ramana Kappagantu.

Often, students are financially independent of their parents or guardians for the first time when they enter college. However, with greater independence comes greater responsibility.

Since college tuition has skyrocketed in the past decade, debt from student loans has become a larger burden on Millennials.

Although the older generations did not need to think of a college education as an investment, it is critical that Millennials consider the rate of return on their college

degree. The golden rule for Millennials regarding student loans is that they should not take on more debt than their expected first year salary. Taking on too much debt, specifically student loans, is a surefire way to financial ruin as there is no way to get rid of student loans even if one declares bankruptcy.

Limiting spending during our college years will also reduce the amount of debt that we would have to pay in the future. Here the age-old adage on spending comes

to fruition: spend only what you need, not what you want. For example, if a college student is already on a meal plan, there is no need for him or her to eat out at restaurants frequently.

Budgeting is a simple way to rein in spending. It is true that students would still have extra expenses that result from living in college, but this spending should only account for a minor portion of that students' income.

One great way to minimize expenses is to use a prepaid debit card instead of a credit card because debit cards do not charge interest on spending. This way, one also knows the exact amount they are allowed to spend, thereby preventing overspending.

The majority of the money from working while in college should go toward paying off student loans.

Finally, the most important piece in this puzzle of securing one's financial future is investing.

The benefits of investing early from college are greater than the consequences, so college students should allot a

portion of their budget for investment. If one does not invest and instead chooses to stuff his or her money under the mattress, he or she is essentially losing money since inflation would make this mattress money worth less in the future.

There has never been a better time to invest than today. The Internet has made investing a whole lot easier for the people of the 21st century. For instance, one can invest directly from his or her phone. Also, the abundance of tools on the Internet about investing make it so much easier to invest smarter.

Having grown up through the Great Recession which was ignited by the stock market crash in 2008, Millennials are often reluctant to invest their money as this fear lingers. However, they must remember that investing is essential in creating a stable financial future.

No matter how much one saves, they have no way of countering rising inflation without investing their money somewhere else.

Millennials also have to realize that there are

plenty of other vehicles to invest their money than the stock market. Even if they do not want to actively invest their money, there are still numerous options.

They can buy into a mutual fund where the fund already chooses the specific securities for them. They can also put their money into a CD or Certificate of Deposit where they can usually receive more interest on their money than the interest on their savings account.

Resilience, persistence, and creativity are attributes that define the millennial generation. Using these qualities to our advantage, we Millennials can debunk the forecast of a hopeless financial future.

Through the smart money habits of spending wisely, saving cautiously, and investing intelligently, we can definitely attain our financial goals in the time to come.

Aniruddha Kappagantu of Canton will graduate from Plymouth High School next month. He will attend the University of Michigan this fall and study business administration. He wants to be an investment banker.

W.L. schools raise \$65,000 at Relay for Life

Students and staff from Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western high schools, led by National Honor Society students, raised \$65,000 at the annual Relay for Life event May 16-17 at Central.

Brittany Hamama, Central student, who chaired the event for Central's NHS, said the

goal was \$55,000 and the district's three high schools surpassed it by \$10,000.

"It was very important for the W.L. Central students to honor our teacher, Ms. Banjanin," Hamama



Banjanin

said. "When we went to the actual event and realized how many people are impacted by cancer, we were humbled. I'm so proud of our NHS and my friends for being a part of something so big and making a difference in this world. Even as we all go off to college, we will be back next year to do it all again."

Krista Santana, Western teacher and NHS sponsor, said the Western team raised \$22,566 for the American Cancer Society.

While some of the Warriors for Warriors funds contributed to the

Western total, the National Honor Society at Western alone collected/earned almost \$8,000, Santana said.

Traci Banjanin, Central teacher and pancreatic cancer survivor, thanked the students and staff for their support through her trying year-long treatment process. After she shared her

story about her battle with cancer, there was not a dry eye in the crowd.

There were more than 60 American Cancer Society Relay for Life events in mid-May in Michigan and the Lakes Area event was one of the largest.

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WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING AND/OR WITH DEEDED ACCESS TO WALLED LAKE, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITIES OF NOVI AND WALLED LAKE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Notice is hereby given that the Walled Lake Improvement Board, Cities of Novi and Walled Lake, County of Oakland, will meet at the **Novi City Hall located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375-3024 on June 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**, to review, to hear any objections to, and to consider confirming a five-year Special Assessment Roll for the purpose of implementing a Lake Improvement Program for the years 2015 through 2019. Residential riparian parcels with up to 95 feet of lake frontage are proposed to be assessed at one unit of benefit, or \$133.17 for each year of the Project. Residential riparian parcels with more than 95 feet of lake frontage are proposed to be assessed at one and one-half unit of benefit, or \$199.75 for each year of the Project. Commercial riparian parcels are proposed to be assessed at three units of benefit, or \$399.50 for each year of the Project. Lake access parcels are proposed to be assessed at 0.2 unit of benefit, or \$26.63 for each year of the Project. Waterfront condominium properties are proposed to be assessed at 0.75 unit of benefit, or \$99.87 for each year of the Project. Condominium parcels with lake access are proposed to be assessed at 0.1 unit of benefit, or \$13.32 for each year of the Project. The Special Assessment Roll will be on file at the **City of Novi Clerk's Office, City of Walled Lake Clerk's Office** and available on the internet at www.cityofnovi.org/lakeboard for public examination.

Any person may appeal and be heard at the said Hearing, which is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30913 of Part 309 of Public Acts No. 451 of 1994, as amended, which provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any special assessment dispute. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the time and place of review is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, must appear in person to protest the Special Assessment or must protest the special assessment by letter filed with **Brian Coburn, Walled Lake Improvement Board Secretary, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375-3024**, prior to the time of review, in which case personal appearance is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Brian Coburn,
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The City of Novi, on behalf of the Walled Lake Improvement Board, will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at all meetings to individuals with disabilities. All such requests must be made at least five days prior to said meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Novi Clerk's Office by writing or calling the following: Novi Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375-3024. Telephone: (248) 347-0460.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Prom app contest

Prom photo galleries are more popular than ever on our website Hometownlife.com. But we want more young people to join in the fun, so we are giving away gas cards in a random drawing June 1. To enter the contest, submit a photo of yourself in prom attire holding a mobile device with the O&E app showing on the screen. Our apps can be downloaded at <http://static.hometownlife.com/apps/>. Send the contest photos to Managing Editor Larry Ruehlen via text at 313-595-1007 or email them to lruehlen@hometownlife.com.

Northville concerts

Music will fill the air all summer long when the Friday Night Concert Series returns downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square 7-9 p.m. each Friday, presented by Tom Holzer Ford and managed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. All concerts in the series are free to attend. Early arrival for the concerts is suggested and guests are encouraged to bring

their own lawn chairs. The next show is **May 29: NHS Jazz Band**. Music can also be heard in Town Square during other scheduled downtown Northville annual events happening in June, including: Saturday, June 6: Talent for the Title.

For more information on the Friday Night Concert Series call contact the Northville Parks and Recreation department at 248-349-0203 or go to www.downtownnorthville.com or www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

River Day in Novi

The Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department will host the annual River Day event 9-11 a.m. Saturday, **May 30**, at Rotary Park, 22220 Roethel Drive.

Rotary Park is part of the Rouge River Watershed and the work done by volunteers on River Day helps to keep the river flowing and access through the park inviting.

Volunteers will assist by clearing the walking trails, removing debris from the river, planting flowers and more. Some tools will be provided;

Spring stroll



The Miller family of Hancock enjoys a stroll April 2 through the early spring woods of Northville's Maybury State Park. The family, (from left) Jennifer, Margorie, 8, David and Elizabeth, 10, was in town to visit relatives for the kids' spring break vacation.

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however, more are encouraged. Volunteers will enjoy a picnic lunch provided by the Novi Rotary Club.

River Day is the final single-day event of the 2015 C.A.R.E.S. series which also included Cemetery Clean-up, Arbor Day, Earth Day and Shredding Days. Shredding is available from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month at Corrigan Record Storage, 45200 Grand River Avenue. The fee for Novi residents is \$5 up to 300 pounds.

For more information regarding green initiatives in Novi, including the Novi All Seasons Market and helpful tips for home and business, go to cityofnovi.org and choose the "goes green" icon.

Marquis Theatre auditions

The Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main, Northville) is holding open auditions for paid adult roles in the upcoming Children's Theatre productions at 4 p.m. Sunday, **May 31**.

Applicants must provide a resume (with a head shot photo) along with a prepared short monologue and song for the audition. An accompanist will be provided.

There will be four shows per year and con-

stant opportunities for part-time acting jobs. Piano players/accompanists and choreographers are also encouraged to apply.

Call 248-349-8110 for more information.

Historical Society/Girl Scout Garage Sale

The annual garage sale that benefits both the Northville Historical Society and the Mackinac Island Honor Girl Scouts will run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 8-12 at 218 W. Dunlap Street.

Drop off your excess items on setup day, Sunday, **June 7**, or earlier in the week. If you need help transporting larger items like furniture, call Bill or Carole Jean Stockhausen at 248-349-2833. Tax receipts will be available.

Summer Sizzle

Summer Sizzle, a fundraiser sponsored by the Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women and Bill and Rod's Appliance, will be held 6-8 p.m. Friday, **June 5**, at Bill and Rod's Appliance, 15870 Middlebelt Road, in Livonia.

There will be a light strolling dinner, a live auction, a silent auction and information stations

which will include grilling, Kitchen Aide mixer attachment demonstrations, Chef Rick Raimondo and Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor.

Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased by calling 734-425-5040 or at www.aauwnn.org. The proceeds will go to AAUW-NN scholarships. The AAUW mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Northville Chamber golf outing

The deadline to register for the June 24 Northville Chamber of Commerce golf outing is **June 10** at Fox Hills Golden Fox Golf Course (8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth). Cost is \$100 per person or \$350 per foursome.

The 18-hole, four-person scramble play outing begins at 9 a.m. with registration at 8 a.m. There will teams of men, women and coed; a Bloody Mary reception at the turn; two beverage tickets for the post-golf buffet dinner; door prizes and contests; a skins game (\$20 per four-some); have-a-pro-hit-your-drive for \$5; and a putting contest.

Dementia workshops

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Michigan Chapter are hosting a free training program for families concerned about and/or caring for someone with a dementia related illness, such as Alzheimer's disease. The Creating Confident Caregivers program has been proven to reduce caregiver stress by empowering caregivers with useful tools and information.

Classes will be held from 10 a.m. to noon each Thursday for six weeks at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile), beginning **June 11** and ending July 23, 2015 (no class July 2).

Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes in order to complete the training. All materials, fliers, and training books are provided by the AAA 1-B and there is no cost for the caregiver to attend this training. The class is limited to 12 participants. Up to three members from one family can attend a training together.

To register for the CCC training program, as well as on-site respite

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care, call the Area Agency on Aging 1-B at 800-852-7795.

Free health care lecture

Hip and Joint Pain, a free lecture, will be presented by Marvin Jenter, DO, orthopedic surgeon, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, **June 16**, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi (47601 Grand River Avenue, at Beck Road) in the Outpatient Building, Conference Room A. Learn more about advanced treatments that may offer relief from your joint pain. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Northville Chamber golf outing

The Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Classic Outing is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, **June 24**.

"The outing is rotated between Chamber member golf courses, with the Fox Hills Golden Fox course selected for 2015," said Traci Sincoc, chamber associate director. "The outing is very popular with chamber members for networking, fun and making new business connections."

The event format is a four-person scramble with a variety of contest holes, including hole-in-one challenges. Businesses and residents can participate in a variety of opportunities - golf or sponsor holes and contests. Registration information is available online at www.northville.org.

Author visits B&N

Dean Bakopoulos, the author of *Please Don't Come Back from the Moon and My American Unhappiness* will visit Barnes & Noble Northville at 7 p.m. Thursday, **June 25**. Books will be available at the signing or just prior to. Arrive

early. Seating will be available.

For more information, contact the store at 248-348-0696.

52/1 Specialty Court Golf Outing

The 52-1 Specialty Court's ninth annual golf outing will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 30, at Brentwood Golf Club, White Lake. The four-person scramble cost \$100 per player (\$350 per foursome) and includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, dinner and chance to win various prizes.

Make all checks payable to Sobriety Court Advisory. To register, contact Justin Barnett, P.O. Box 1235, Clarkston, MI 48347 (jbarnettlaw@hotmail.com). Event and sponsorship money must be in by **July 17**. Please be advised that this is a sober event.

Wildcats of '95 reunite

The Novi High School Class of 1995 will have its 20-year reunion Saturday, **Aug. 22**, at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. Contact melissacohn8@gmail.com for more information or go to facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof95/.

Novi Choralaires

The Novi Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 September through December season will be held at 7:30 p.m. **Sept. 8 and 15** in the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile Road at Wixom Road).

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, go to www.novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by

More parking



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As part of its effort to improve safety and accessibility to its Patrick Nesbitt campus, Detroit Catholic Central recently completed work on an auxiliary parking lot directly adjacent and north of its Wixom Road campus. The 300 spaces will allow students and visitors better access to the school's building and on-campus sporting events.

taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

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

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. The schedule includes:

For more information, call 248-347-0414.

Northville Farmers Market open

Bright colors, summer smells and delicious treats are all part of the Northville Farmers Mar-

ket with more than 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, and flowers available for purchase each Thursday through the end of October.

The market also includes incredible Michigan-made, Michigan-grown items like honey, bakery goods, fine juried crafters, garden art, soaps, jewelry, furniture, woodworking and home accessories.

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

The Northville Farmers Market is managed by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford. Additional contributions are provided by Remerica Home-town One Real Estate-Patti Mullen, Varsity Lincoln and Northville Downs.

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce

at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

Clothing recycling program

For Walled Lake residents, recycling unwanted clothing is now as easy as a walk to the curb with the free curbside collection program offered by Simple Recycling.

The program is simple and convenient since pickup occurs on the same day as recycling service, collection bags are provided and replacement bags are left each time full bags are set out for curbside pickup.

While the focus is on recycling clothing, Simple Recycling will also accept shoes, accessories, toys, books and small home goods in working condition such as kitchen ware and tools.

Residents who live in communities not serviced by the Simple Recycling program are

encouraged to donate unwanted clothing to their favorite charity or thrift shop. A list of local organizations, including those that offer pickup, is available on the RRRASOC website at www.rrrasoc.org.

Blues @ The Elks

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

Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of the month from 7 pm to 10 pm. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

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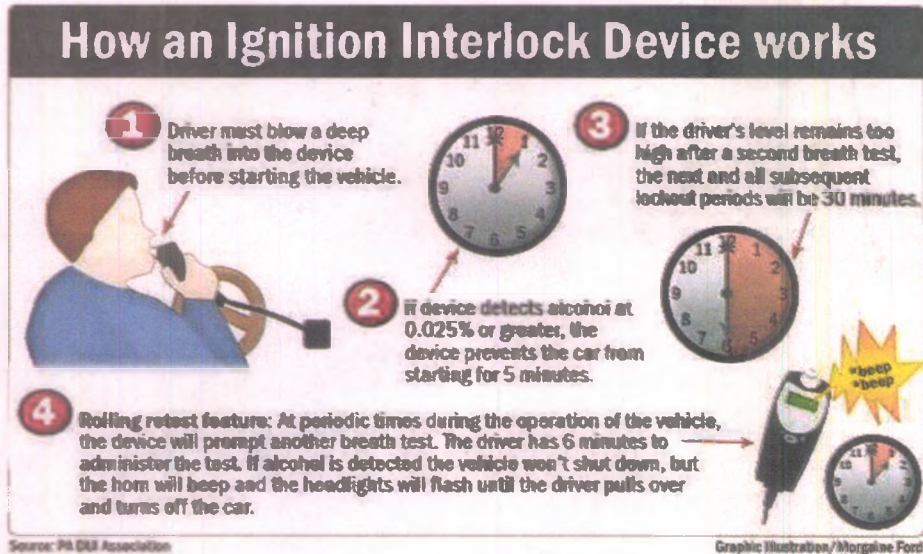
52-1 District Court says ignition interlock devices are effective

The use of ignition interlock devices in the DWI/Sobriety Court program at Oakland County's 52-1 District Court in Novi has reduced the number of repeat drunken driving offenders. As part of an intensive program of supervision and sanctions for convicted drivers, ignition interlocks prevent a vehicle from being driven if the blood-alcohol content of the operator exceeds a certain level, which is measured by blowing into the device.

The successful results were released as part of a statewide news conference involving the Michigan Supreme Court and district courts throughout the state.

"We know all too well that drunk driving kills," 52nd District Chief Judge Julie Nicholson said. "There is solid data which indicates that ignition interlocks, used in conjunction with our DWI/Sobriety Court supervision, save lives by preventing drunk drivers from getting back on the road."

Researchers at Grand Valley State University found ignition interlock



Source: PA D&I Association

Graphic Illustration/Morgaine Ford

devices are an effective means of reducing the likelihood of convicted drunken drivers repeating their offenses. GVSU's analysis of data from the first four years of this project reveals that when the ignition interlock program is incorporated into a sobriety court program like the one at 52-1 District Court, chronic driving while intoxicated offenders are less likely to get behind the wheel drunk.

Specifically, the report found:
 » Recidivism cut in

half: A DWI recidivism rate of 2.8 percent among interlock participants who are off probation as compared to participants in the Standard Probation Group who have a DWI recidivism rate of 5.5 percent.

» Near universal compliance: More than 97 percent of people ordered by the DWI/Sobriety Court judges to put the devices on their vehicles actually put them on.

» Failure rate two-thirds lower: Twelve percent of interlock participants failed the DWI/

Sobriety Court program, while non-participants had a failure rate of 34 percent.

Locally, 52-1 District Court found that using ignition interlock devices improved the successful completion rate of convicted drunken drivers in its DWI/Sobriety Court by more than 54.5 percent.

The study, which uses data from 2011-14, was commissioned by the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals in cooperation with the State Court Administrative Office. The research in the report is based on data drawn from 8th District Court (Kalamazoo); 51st District Court (Waterford); 61st District Court (Grand Rapids); 86th District Court (Traverse City); and 96th District Court (Marquette).

Last year, there were 236 alcohol-related fatalities on Michigan roadways and 9,396 crashes involving alcohol, according to Michigan State Police. There are 41 DWI/Sobriety courts statewide designed to assist participants in their recovery.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Breaking and entering

Sunbelt Rental was broken into by an unknown person who got away with 25 extension cords priced at \$100 each.

The theft was reported April 4 at the location on Grand River Avenue. An employee of the rental shop found a padlock cut at one of the gates. It appeared as if bolt cutters were used.

Dangerous drugs

A man was arrested for possessing two pills without a prescription. Auburn Hills Police had detained a man wanted on a warrant out of Novi and he was handed over to local police. A search of the man revealed he had on him two pills that were suspected to be the pain

killers Tramadol. The man told police they were given to him by his mother.

GPS stolen

A woman's GPS was stolen from her car while she ate at Buffalo Wild Wings.

The incident happened April 4. The woman told Novi Police she went out to the car afterward and may have saw the two men who did it. She said as she approached her car, she spotted two men quickly drive away after being parked next to her car.

She found her car's driver's side window broken and the GPS missing. Police were unable to find any prints on the car and no other evidence to tie back to any suspects.

- By Lonnie Huhman

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Trespassing

Going for a walk led to two men being cited for trespassing onto the old Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

The Northville Township Police spotted the men while conducting a property check of the site the afternoon of May 15. A man from Algonac and another from Warren were seen walking. They said they were on a nature walk and they had realized they were probably where they shouldn't be when they noticed the abandoned buildings.

The property is lined with signs stating no trespassing.

After some further questioning, the men finally admitted they had purposely went to the site.

In another report of trespassing onto the old hospital property, four people were cited.

This incident happened the night of May 16. Police found a car parked at an office building nearby and checked it with the thermal imaging camera. It had been recently driven, so officers checked the township-owned property suspecting that's where the occupants could be.

Eventually, two men and two women were found attempting to hide from the police.

Driving on a suspension

A Milford man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license.

The night of May 2, Northville City Police were following a car in which they ran the license plate for a check. It came back that the owner had a suspended license. The driver said he did not know it was suspended.

- By Lonnie Huhman

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Filmmaker Famie up for Michigan Emmys

It was announced this month by the Michigan Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences that Visionalist Entertainment Productions, based in Wixom, is nominated for two Emmy awards for its television series *The Embrace of Aging: The Female Perspective of Growing Old*.

The categories are Health/Science-Program/Special and Director-Post-Production.

"We are so thankful to the dedication Detroit Public Television has shown this series," said Keith Famie, executive producer at Visionalist Entertainment Productions.

"It's important that I thank our supporting organizations and compa-



The Embrace of Aging

The female perspective of growing old

nies who are featured on the front page of the website http://embraceofaging.com/Women/embrace_female.html for their ability to visualize what we set out to produce," Famie said. "Lastly, there are two gentlemen who as co-executive producers have committed their personal support, as well as their network.

Thank you, Tom Rau and Russ Ebeid. We truly cherish your support and passion for our story telling. We know that these films impact people as they take their own personal journey of aging both as men and women."

The series takes on the subject matter around everyone growing old, but how for wom-

en, that journey can carry unique biological and mental baggage.

In this new 13-part series, Detroit journalist Desiree Cooper, as the host, takes viewers around the world to hear the wisdom of centenarians and medical experts to understand heart disease, cancer and other ailments. They will also discover the power of a

nurturing mother and the value of lifelong relationships between women.

This is, director/producer Famie's second film in *The Embrace of Aging* series. Famie, a 10-time Emmy award-winning documentary filmmaker, has also been selected to receive the Diamond Award by the Association for Women in Communications Detroit Chapter for this series.

The series combines great minds of medicine and science with touching, human-interest stories of real life circumstances all designed to help women understand and embrace the aging process. *The Embrace of Aging* captures the lives of women from the countryside of Provence, France, to the small vil-

lages of Okinawa, Japan, and from the mountaintops in Jackson Hole, Wyo., to the bedsides of breast cancer patients.

"Part of (aging with attitude) is looking in the mirror and seeing who you really are and not who you once were or who you think you are, then taking some positive actions to make the second half of your life richer and fuller," French author Mireille Guiliano said about aging.

This sentiment and perspectives from other women across the country and internationally will be the focus of the new 13-part series that will begin airing on all PBS stations throughout Michigan at 7:30 p.m. each Monday starting June 15.

Under the sea: Marine archaeologist shares stories of shipwrecks across globe

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

James Delgado has taken two dives to the Titanic, the most famous shipwreck of the 20th century. It's the most studied, well-known sunken ship in modern history, but even with all the knowledge society has on the vessel, seeing the ship's rusty decks had an impact he'll never forget.

"You move along those silent decks," he said. "It's as if time stands still. It takes your breath away."

Delgado works with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as the director of maritime heritage and spoke recently in Livonia. He spoke of the studies of many shipwrecks during his presentation, including some along the coast of Turkey that had traces of ancient Egyptians and Canaanites found by divers.

He talked about seeing where lifeboat No. 8 deployed, which is infamous for the exchange that took place between a crew member and Ida Straus, a co-owner of Macy's department store. There, Ida Straus refused to get into a lifeboat without her husband, Delgado said, opting to remain on the ship as it sank. The two perished that night.

He said, upon seeing the station, emotions began to take over.

"That place makes you cry," he said.

The Great Lakes also have a rich history under the waves as well, Delgado said. He talked about several ships that had gone down in the Midwest, including the Rouse Simmons, which sank in Lake Michigan off the coast of Wisconsin in 1912 en route to Chicago, carrying a cargo of Christmas trees.

That ship contains the remains of all 17 crew members who lost their lives in a gale, as well as the Christmas trees still in the hull to this day.

"All 17 of them went down, with one man's wallet washing up on shore," he said.

He also spoke of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the lone such sanctuary on the Great Lakes. Off the coast of Alpena, the sanctuary has several shipwrecks based in its waters that are protected. Tours are available to view the shipwrecks via a glass-bottom boat.

Archangel and graduated from Dearborn Divine Child High School, said it's important for Michigan residents to learn more about the history of the Great Lakes, even if they don't live near one.

"The Great Lakes are one of the most important resources, not just for the state of Michigan but for our country," he said. "It's amazing how much we've lost a connection to the Great Lakes."

Gray said he originally

wanted to become an engineer working for Ford in Dearborn, but took an archeology class in college and became hooked.

He's worked elsewhere, including Wisconsin, before coming back to his home state and said he's happy to be back.

"It's great to be home in Michigan," he said.

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James Delgado is a marine archeologist with NOAA. The broken glass vessels on the screen were recovered from the site of an ancient Old World shipwreck. Speculation is that the glass was headed for recycling. Melting down old glass was easier than creating new from raw materials.

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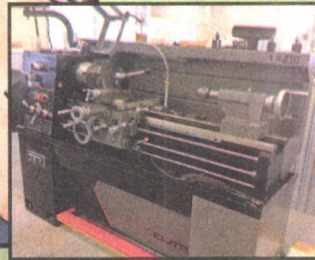
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Jeff Gray, superintendent of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary since 2002, is a former Livonia resident and *Observer* carrier. He said he helped bring Delgado to his hometown to deliver the speech and inform residents of his background.

Gray, who attended school at St. Michael the



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Rouge Rescue: Helping to improve critical watershed for 29 years



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This year, Rouge Rescue events will be hosted at 36 sites in 20 communities, from Detroit to Bloomfield Township to Novi to Superior Township.

One of the largest annual river cleanup events in the nation, Rouge Rescue has evolved from a strictly cleanup event to a family-friendly educational and stewardship event that brings out nearly 2,000 people each year. Volunteers participate in a variety of activities, from planting native plants, removing invasive plants, trail maintenance, bird house building, trash cleanup and managing large woody debris in the river to improve the Rouge River's health, appearance and recreational opportunities.

The Rouge River with its natural beauty, recreational opportunities and profound economic impact to our region is vital to our health, well-being and enjoyment as residents of southeast Michigan. Since 1986, Friends of the Rouge has brought

residents, students, community partners and sponsors together to work to clean and restore the Rouge River for us and future generations.

"Together with tens of thousands of volunteers, we have done so much good for the Rouge over the years," said Aimee LaLonde-Norman, executive director for the organization. "There's still good work to be done and we're looking forward to seeing many old - and new - friends working together for our river on May 30."

Spanning 467 square miles, the Rouge River watershed is one of the largest urban watersheds in the state of Michigan. This year, Rouge Rescue events will be hosted at 36 sites in 20 communities, from Detroit to Bloomfield Township to Novi to Superior Township.

Join your friends and neighbors in cleaning up the Rouge River and restoring the land to improve water quality this spring. The main event is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, and additional workdays have also been scheduled. Event details are listed on the Friends website at www.therouge.org. Click on "Rouge Rescue" to learn more and find a work site near you.

Rouge Rescue is sponsored in part by (Guardians) Erb Family Foundation and ITC Holdings, (Protectors) Bosch Community Fund, Consumer's Energy, DENSO and Quicken Loans and (Steward) Pure Oakland Water. To sponsor Friends of the Rouge and Rouge Rescue or to learn more, call 313-792-9900.

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DTS relocates



Diversified Technical Systems of Michigan relocated May 13 to 25881 Meadowbrook Road, just around the corner from its previous location in Novi. The new state-of-the-art facility is three times larger to accommodate both recent growth and future expansion. The 5,500-square-foot space houses technical staff, sales, support, training rooms and is an ISO 17025 Accredited Calibration Laboratory for DTS products. The relocated facility is one of four DTS technical centers worldwide working with the company's corporate headquarters in Seal Beach, Calif. "The DTS Michigan office plays a key role in providing both local and international customers with timely service and ISO 17025 calibration service," said Steve Moss, DTS North America business manager, who heads up the Novi center. DTS opened the first Novi office nearly 10 years ago to better assist the company's many OEM customers in the Detroit area.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The Big Salad awards franchise in Novi

The Big Salad has awarded its latest franchise opportunity, at its Novi location, to a metro Detroit executive.



Pike

Christopher Pike of Rochester Hills has become the restaurant group's fifth franchise owner. The Novi restaurant, 43168 Grand River Avenue (248-349-3333), was formerly a corporate-owned location.

"Chris Pike brings a wealth of business experience to The Big Salad family, together with a commitment to customer service," said John Bornoty, The Big Salad founder and CEO.

Bornoty noted that The Big Salad continues to look for new franchise partners.

ITC promotes VP

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. has promoted Matthew Carstens to vice president and general counsel, utility operations, legal. He previously served as senior counsel and practice group leader, capital projects and maintenance, in ITC's legal department.

Carstens is responsible for legal matters connected with the business operations, capital projects, contract administration, property and litigation issues of ITC's parent and four regulated transmission company subsidiaries.

Carstens joined ITC in 2009 as an attorney, bringing significant legal experience to the company as a litigator specializing in antitrust, real estate, contracts, construction and general business disputes through positions as associate and senior associate with law firms in Iowa, Michigan and Illinois. He has practiced law since 1998. Carstens holds a juris doctor degree from the University of Iowa College of Law, a master's degree from The American University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

Industrial land sold in Novi

Signature Associates has negotiated the sale of 4.01 acres of vacant industrial land located at 26940 Taft Road, Novi. Joe Hamway and Steve Kozak of Cushman & Wakefield | Signature Associates represented the seller, Guardian Property Services. Hamway also represented the purchaser, Servman LLC.

The Behind The Drywall Tour

In the age of HGTV, here is a unique opportunity to tour a well made home in real 3-D, to touch

the components and to see a snapshot of a critical milestone in any building project, just before the walls are covered.

The Behind The Drywall Tour, presented by Meadowlark Builders, offers free guided tours at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. June 27-28 at 51060 Park Place Drive, Northville.

Space is limited, so preregistration is required at <http://meadowlarkbuilders.com/event/behind-drywall-june-2015/>. Please keep in mind that this is a construction site. Appropriate footwear and outerwear should be worn by those in attendance.

Bagger Dave's helping veterans

To thank veterans for their service, Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern will commit "Random Acts of Dave" in its area locations, including 26054 Novi Road.

During the weeks surrounding Memorial Day, Bagger Dave's is teaming with the Salvation Army to help support hospitalized veterans in metro Detroit. Through May 30, staff and customers will be encouraged to visit nine of the restaurant's participating locations and donate travel-sized toiletries. The items will be donated to the nonprofit's partner agencies that serve local veterans.

Bagger Dave's is collecting the following new, unopened travel-sized items: toothpaste, soap, body wash, shampoo, plastic combs, hairbrushes, deodorant, new socks, hand sanitizer, lip balm and mouthwash.

Monroe Bank and Trust earns designation

Monroe Bank and Trust received May 20 the America Saves Designation of Savings Excellence from Banks, a new designation from America Saves that recognizes banks that went above and beyond to encourage people to save money during America Saves Week. This is the first year America Saves has offered the designation.

By focusing on the America Saves campaign's initiative to increase awareness on saving money throughout the month of February, MBT promoted saving to youth and young families in several ways. A student essay contest was held throughout 27 of MBT's participating Partnership In Education schools where they asked what saving money actually means from a student's point of view. Winning essays from each elementary school won pairs of passes to enjoy the Splash Universe indoor water park located in Dundee. More than 27 pairs of passes were awarded along with other

prizes for the winning essays.

MBT also hosted an open house at its main office, where it brought in representatives from Banker Jr., a new financial literacy mobile application. Banker Jr. is MBT's free iPhone, Android and tablet app using interactive, age-appropriate games to teach children simple concepts related to money and saving. New games are added throughout the year to keep the app fresh and engaging. Parents download and have control of Banker Jr. The app does not link directly to bank accounts for added security. Parents can download Banker Jr. on their cellphones or tablets simply by searching "Monroe Bank & Trust" or "MBT" in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

MBT, one of nine banks throughout the country receiving this designation, was recognized at the America Saves National Savings Forum and received a Designation of Savings Excellence seal for its website.

Moody's reaffirms Oakland County's Aaa bond rating

Moody's Investors Service cited Oakland County's "strong management practices, a growing economy and anticipated maintenance of healthy reserves" as it reaffirmed the county's Aaa bond rating with a stable outlook. The Aaa rating applies to the county's outstanding long-term General Obligation Limited Tax debt.

"Moody's sets the bar very high," County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "The fact that they say the county's financial position 'remain strong' because of 'very solid fiscal management practices' validates all that we have done to manage our taxpayers' money prudently."

Moody's also assigned a MIG 1 rating to the county's \$25 million General Obligation Limited Tax Notes, Series 2015.

Oakland County operates on a balanced three-year line item budget with a five-year outlook. Patterson created the county's Budget Task Force to ensure that the county lives within its budget. The task force consists of Patterson's five deputy executives, director of management and budget and director of human resources, who meet weekly.

In addition, the county has shifted from a pension system to a 401(k)-style retirement. In January 2006, the county also closed its traditional retiree health care plan and now offers new employees a health savings account upon retirement. Both the county's pension and traditional retiree health care systems are fully funded. The coun-

ty's sound fiscal practices have saved taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Gorman's customers can support Special Olympics

Gorman's Home Furnishings & Interior Design will raise money for Special Olympics Michigan at its four southeast Michigan showrooms in Novi, Troy, Southfield or Shelby Township and in Grand Rapids.

Through June 21, customers can visit any of the five stores and make a minimum donation of \$50 to Special Olympics Michigan. In return, donors will receive \$200 off the price of any leather recliner from Gorman's 10 best brands.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit www.advantage-oakland.com/business-workshops or call 248-858-0783.

Start-Up Thursdays Free Business Counseling

Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m.: Entrepreneurs who want to start a business but do not know where to begin can receive confidential, one-on-one advice from an experienced business counselor with no appointment necessary. Counselors will provide direct answers to start-up questions, suggest next steps and provide guidance on business planning tools. Sessions will be limited to 15 minutes and available on a first come, first served basis. One Stop Shop Business Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. No fee.

Capital Raise

June 9, 9:30-11 a.m. If you are a start-up or early-stage growth-based business looking for funding, come meet and listen to capital expert Mike Brennan. He will detail the various capital sources in Michigan and talk about how to properly position your company to be qualified for pri-

vate funding, including private equity, the angel network and venture capital, and/or public funding, including grants, pre-seed, micro-loans and venture match. Free.

CEED Small Business Loan Orientation

June 10, 9-11 a.m. Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a business loan. If your business is located in Oakland County and you have a need for alternative financing consider learning more about the CEED@ Small Business Loan Program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. (CEED is Center for Empowerment and Economic Development). Free.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

June 10, 6-8:30 p.m. Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to benchmark your profit margin and other measures against similar size businesses in your industry? Do you want to know about market trends and opportunities to grow sales?

Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Takeaways: Find your ideal customers; find new customers; find your competitors; perform competitive analysis; identify new site locations; target direct mail campaigns; reveal untapped markets; expand to appropriate new markets. Free.



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OUR VIEW

Watch out for motorcyclists during coming summer months

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office reported a fatal motorcycle accident in Rochester Hills during the Memorial Day weekend. A preliminary investigation indicated the victim crossed the center line and collided with an oncoming vehicle.

According to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, there were almost 300,000 accidents in Michigan last year. Of those, 2,860 involved motorcycles.

For those on motorcycles, the safety trend falls in their favor. Data show the number of accidents involving motorcycles has declined each of the past two years. Last year, there were 3,114 such accidents and 3,510 the year prior. Such accidents are at the lowest level in a decade.

Local numbers are similar. Motorcycle crashes in Wayne County have declined in the past few years and are at the lowest levels in more than a decade. There were 410 reported in 2014. In Oakland County, there were 258 motorcycle-related crashes last year, down from the previous two years, but slightly higher than five years ago.

But while motorcycles are a small part of accidents in the state, the percentage of fatal accidents is much larger involving such vehicles. There were 806 fatal accidents reported in Michigan last year. Of those, 105 involved motorcycles. Oakland County saw eight fatal motorcycle accidents last year; Wayne had 12.

It's the fewest motorcycle-related deaths in the state since 2009, another welcome trend, but something we'd like to see continue to improve.

If those numbers are to continue to drop, says ABATE of Michigan (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education), it's going to take increased awareness of everyone on the road to make that happen.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 62 percent of motorcycle fatalities occur between May and September.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, time at the beginning of motorcycle season, to remind everyone that not all drivers on the road are cruising on four wheels. Motorcycle riders can be harder to spot on the road. And in an accident, those motorcycles and their drivers are no match for cars and trucks.

In an era where there's a good chance you'll see the driver in the next lane on a cellphone, here are some reminders from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on how to minimize potential accidents with motorcyclists.

» Allow the motorcycle the full width of a lane at all times.

» Always signal when changing lanes or merging with traffic.

» If you see a motorcycle with a signal on, be careful: Motorcycle signals are often non-canceling and could have been forgotten. Always ensure that the motorcycle is turning before proceeding.

» Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic, especially at intersections.

» Always allow more follow distance – three to four seconds – when behind a motorcycle. This gives them more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.

» Never drive distracted or impaired.

It's not just the casual driver that needs to watch out. It's a two-way street for safety. Those on motorcycles need to remember that they are in the minority, and as a seasonal vehicles many drivers "forget" about them. Bikers must remain vigilant, watching out not only for themselves, but everyone else around them while on the road.

Motorcyclists can increase their safety by following these tips from the NHTSA:

» Always wear long pants and closed-toed shoes.

» Wear a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear.

» Obey all traffic laws and be properly licensed.

» Use hand and turn signals at every lane change or turn.

» Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective tape to increase visibility.

» Ride in the middle of the lane where you will be more visible to drivers.

» Never ride distracted or impaired.

Everyone can play a part in getting those motorcycle accident numbers to stabilize and, hopefully, decrease. Awareness is the first step.



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Milford resident Vince Consiglio is president of American Bikers Aiming Toward Education, or ABATE, of Michigan.

LETTERS

Listen up, Lansing

The editorial about funding road repairs in the May 21 edition of this newspaper was right on target. It should be required reading by all of our elected "leaders" in Lansing.

Barbara Hogan
Northville

Opportunities missed

Recently, we saw the bipartisan passage of House Bill 2 (H.R. 2) by both Houses of Congress and signed by the president. This bill was positive in several regards, but negative from at least two others.

Some of the positives included fixing the doctor reimbursement problem, adding incentives based on performance, making electronic medical record a priority, putting prosthetics and orthodontics out for bid, making identity theft Medicare fraud harder and increased payments to rural, Medicare dependent hospitals. Cost increases were covered by projected savings and Medicare Part B premium increases.

Looking forward we hear of initiatives to cut Medicare benefits to "save it" and to even further privatize Medicare through a voucher system. The fight to preserve Medicare is just warming up.

To most citizens, Medicare is one of the best government programs ever and all steps that would preserve it should be taken. There are measures initiated in the Senate that would save Medicare tens of billions of dollars per year that were not even addressed in H.R. 2.

The first bill is Senate Bill 31 (S. 31) Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2015. The VA is already doing it, saving billions of dollars per year. The savings per a recent Congressional Budget Office report would be \$121 billion over the next 10 years.

The second bill is Senate Bill 122 (S. 122) Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act. It would allow importation of 90 days supplies of prescribed drugs from FDA approved sources in Canada where the same brand drugs often are less than 50 percent of U.S. prices. This would not only help seniors, but all citizens with estimated savings running as high as \$240 billion over the next 10 years.

Congress should pass these bills before other major changes to Medicare are considered.

Donald Boyer
Plymouth Township

Supports insurance reform

When it comes to auto insurance in Michigan, all sides agree on one thing: It costs too much. Michigan drivers pay among the highest premiums in the country, driven by escalating medical costs that have put auto insurance out of reach for too many

drivers. We enjoy generous benefits in Michigan, but without effective reform, our no-fault system will ultimately fail.

Legislation to address this issue has been passed by the state Senate and will soon be considered on the floor of the Michigan House. The bills include several provisions that we believe will succeed in helping contain costs without reducing benefits. Most importantly, the legislators are attempting to reduce the disparity in costs paid for medical procedures between auto insurers and everyone else.

Under the current system, Michigan residents pay up to three times more for medical services when their auto insurance pays the bill instead of their health insurance. These costs are eventually passed on to drivers in the form of higher auto insurance premiums. The legislation also includes provisions for identifying and eliminating fraud and setting guidelines for in-home care reimbursement.

So what will happen to the money that is saved? AAA will pass the savings on to our insurance customers in the form of lower premiums. If it costs AAA less, it will cost you less. Period.

Our legislators have a historic opportunity to make the best auto insurance in the country more affordable for more drivers. We applaud Lansing for tackling this important issue, and we urge the Legislature to pass this bill and the governor to sign it into law. This is effective reform that will help make auto insurance more affordable. AAA has a long heritage of advocating for Michigan drivers, and we will continue to play our part in making affordable auto insurance available to all.

Steve Wagner
president,
AAA Michigan

Make cancer top state priority

Recently, I joined cancer patients, survivors and caregivers from across Michigan to urge the Legislature to make cancer a top state priority. I asked lawmakers to increase funding for comprehensive cancer control and the state's tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

I'm grateful to Rep. Laura Cox for taking the time to meet with me. She was well-prepared for our meeting, and showed great support for and interest in these issues. I hope she will prioritize Michigan's cancer patients and survivors throughout the year.

Michigan's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program reduces the burden of cancer through early detection, better treatment and enhanced survivorship. But funding for the program dramatically decreased over the past decade. Increased state dollars would be used to

promote cancer-control strategies supported by scientific experts and research, including the Michigan Cancer Registry.

Additionally, Michigan's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program remains underfunded, despite successfully reducing youth smoking and helping smokers quit across the state. Michigan brings in more than \$1 billion each year through tobacco taxes and the Master Settlement Agreement, but the state only spends \$1.5 million annually on tobacco prevention efforts. Increasing funding to this crucial program could save our state millions of dollars in healthcare costs.

By increasing funding for cancer control and tobacco prevention, we could see fewer cancer diagnoses and deaths in our state. So let's get moving.

Amanda Holm
Livonia

Keep Off Until Dry

It's that time of year when it seems every third house has a lawn service and the technician leaves a little sign with a stick figure picture of an adult, child and dog with the slash through it indicating keep off. The sign also states "Pesticides Applied. Keep Off Until Dry. Homeowner please remove 24 hours after application."

Well this is fine, except there is no point of time reference. Were the pesticides applied five minutes ago? Five hours? Five days? Without the time of application indicated on the sign, who's to know? Here little Billy, Susie and puppy, go roll in the grass and see if you come up all wet with dangerous pesticides. I assume the pesticide companies do not place the exact same sign out through the goodness of their hearts, so our brilliant government must have regulated the signs be placed warning the public of the potential chemical danger. So why not go all the way and require the companies indicate the time of application? That would take about 15 seconds and the cost of a Sharpie marker; hardly a bottom line killer.

Maybe the government required the time/date be indicated, but pure laziness of the lawn companies and zero enforcement led to the status quo. The lawn companies will probably indicate they don't have to time stamp because it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove after 24 hours. The signs do curl up a bit after a few days, but that still doesn't help much. Maybe a class-action lawsuit might force the time of application reference. Any lawyers interested? Any comments from lawn companies?

Keith Costello
Farmington Hills

GUEST COLUMN

Top cop at home is Mom and we owe her thanks

This article is dedicated to the No. 1 law enforcement officers in the country.

I am not talking about the FBI, Secret Service, State Police, Sheriff's Department, city or local municipalities. I am not talking about Wyatt Earp, Batt Masterson or Elliot Ness.

I am talking about the one person who truly knows what's going on before the questions are asked. The one person who can locate any mischief, evaluate the situation and administer swift justice. This person is also a master planner, financier, paramedic, counselor and chef.

How can one person be so many things? It seems impossible, right? Well, these people do exist.

They are, of course, mothers.

When you really think about it, they do all of the above and more. How many times has your mother been there when you were feeling down, listening to you? The countless scrapes, bumps, bruises, cuts she has tended. The bandages she has applied and, of course, the hugs that would follow. The many meals she has prepared, as well.

However, those skills do not compare to her law enforcement abilities. The only reason there are great law enforcement offi-



Sgt. Michael Sura
ASK A TROOPER

cers is because they learned from their mothers.

Mothers are experts in crime-scene analysis. They can identify who spilled what, even when you tried to frame your best friend for knocking over the paint can in the garage. Mothers are experts in interrogation tactics and getting to the heart of the matter quickly. Believe me when I say mothers know the answer to the question before they ask it. In fact, I learned that if my mother was asking the question, it was better just to come clean.

She is also your greatest defense attorney. She would never let you plead guilty for a crime you didn't commit. I really did not knock over our neighbor's bird bath.

She is your most formidable prosecutor. She makes sure to produce all the facts of the case – like the time she compared your shoe prints to the ones on the carpet and how the mud contoured perfectly to your shoe design.

She is the judge, who listens to everyone before making a decision, especially when you and seven friends were playing soccer and kicked the ball through the basement window. It really was an accident. She will give you a chance to confess and apologize before administering sentencing, like the Star Wars action figure "you borrowed" from your friend's house. I mean, he never really played with it anyway.

Mothers are also good at adjusting sentences after you have been good for a while. One of my sentences was reduced from two days with no Nintendo to raking the leaves in the yard – a deal well worth it.

There are some top-notch agencies out there. There have been some famous law enforcement officers, as well, but make no mistake – none of them would have succeeded without their mothers.

So in honor of Mother's Day earlier this month, I dedicate this column to every mother out there, especially mine.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.

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Investment fees matter, so make sure to check them out

I came across an article recently about pension plans and fees that hedge funds and other investment companies charge to manage them that had me shaking my head.



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

According to the article, the fees that pension plan participants think they pay is less than half of what they actually pay. The article quoted the treasurer who oversees about \$30 billion in pension investments.

"It's a mammoth undertaking to understand the complexity of these costs, especially in private equity," he said. "We've hired a third-party administrator to try to validate fees and expenses and, after more than a year-and-a-half, they don't have a handle on them all."

I don't know about you, but to me, something doesn't make sense. If you hire a private com-

pany to analyze fees and after a year-and-a-half it doesn't have a handle on all the fees you are paying, it's a sure sign that you should invest elsewhere.

Why should it be so difficult to understand what fees you are paying? As an investor, your return is directly affected by fees and that is why it is important to understand what you are paying.

In addition, if you're hiring a company to invest your money and it intentionally hides fees and try to deceive you, why would you invest with it? In any investment relationship, trust and confidence are key. Therefore, how can you

trust someone if they're not upfront and transparent when it comes to how they charge?

One of my golden rules for investors is to understand all fees. Not only what it costs to buy an investment, but also what it costs to hold and sell. Every independent survey I've read regarding fees always reaches the same conclusion, low fees equal high returns. Why would anyone invest in a company that has high fees?

My general view is people invest in those companies because they don't understand the fees they are paying.

Whether it is state treasurers or other public officials who invest public pension monies, it's not their money and they don't care as much as they should. When it comes to your money and how you invest it, you should care.

Fees do matter. If you want to increase your return, one of the fastest ways of doing it is lowering fees and costs.

I believe if you retain a professional to help manage your money, he or she should be transparent with fees. They should be able to explain what fees you are paying in a very simple and straightforward manner.

When you hear an investment adviser say don't worry about fees or they deflect the question and change the topic or my favorite - when they tell you that you don't pay them, the company does, it is a sure sign that you're paying too much in fees.

When it comes to public pension plans, managers should be good stewards with the money. The reality is something different. When they make mistakes, the people in charge of the pen-

sion plan don't suffer any consequences. That is not the case when it comes to your money.

My advice regarding every investment is make sure the costs involved and check them out independently. If you can't find independent information about the costs, I can almost guarantee your costs are too high.

The bottom line is, if you want to keep more

money in your pocket, don't be like the pension fund trustees, be smarter. Fees do matter and the less fees that you pay, the more money that ends up in your pocket. Good luck.

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Scottish American Society of Michigan suspends operation, becomes dinner club

After six years, the Scottish American Society of Michigan has disbanded as a 501(c)7 organization and has reorganized into more of a social group. The group meets once a month at various restaurants to share a meal, talk about Scottish things and hear the great Highland pipes.

Scheduled dinners for those interested will be posted on the website at www.scotsofmichigan.com and at www.facebook.com/scotsofmichigan.

While operating as a 501(c)7, the Scottish American Society accomplished such things as donating to various Michigan charities, supporting Alma College through donations and presenting the college with Michigan's official Tartan Day Stone, designing, registering and hand weaving its own Tartan.

It also published a *Scottish American Cookbook* with recipes

that haven't been in decades, worked on the Michigan Tartan project, established itself as the official host of Michigan's Tartan Day Celebration and hosted Scottish festivals at Canterbury Village, hosting one of the area's best Robert Burns Suppers and various Ceilidhs.

"It was quite a lot of fun while it lasted and quite a few friendships were formed," said Franklin Dohanyos, founder of SASM. "We were able to accomplish more things than anyone thought possible. You could say we had our William Wallace moment. But like every group, politics sometimes gets in the way of the fun and that did not fit in with our mission statement. We will still have fun at our dinners out and everyone is welcome."

"I want to sincerely thank all of those who helped us out along the way, especially those that stayed with us the entire six years, and invite them to attend our dinners



Franklin and Jean Dohanyos at the Alma College President's Reception.

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Talent, fun: These carvers have a way with wood

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Senior Woodcarvers have been around in Plymouth more than 15 years, having started under the tutelage of the late George Hanosh.

"He was our instructor for four or five years before he died" in 2003, said Ron Nikolits of Plymouth Township. The group meets from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, on a walk-in basis.

On a recent Monday, Bob Fogoros of Canton was working on a crucifix carving of Mary, mother of Jesus. Fogoros has been carving 12 years and is a semi-retired part-time contract engineer at Daimler.

"I've always been interested in woodworking," Fogoros said, setting aside his tools for a moment. "I built a home. I wanted to get more into the woodworking end of it. It takes me a long time," he said of the work, due to his employment "and traveling and kids and grandkids. I just enjoy the personalities. I tend to get pretty focused on what I'm doing."

Fogoros has given away work, including to hospitals.

"This is a relief carving I'm doing, the last stages of it," said Jerry Valentine of Livonia, a retired engineer at Pilot Industries in Dexter. "It's a mill scene."

Valentine began to carve in 2001 and is now president of the Livonia Woodcarvers Club. Livonia hosts woodcarving 6-9 p.m. each Tuesday and 9 a.m. to noon each Thursday at the Civic Park Senior Center.

"It's satisfaction," Valentine said. "It gives me something to do. I take my work to woodcarving shows and sell



Bill Rojewski of Northville (left) and Ron Nikolits of Plymouth Township work on their projects.

quite a bit of it. I also paint, I'm a painter."

He's also in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and the Three Cities Art Club, as well as playing the recorder at the Pittsfield Senior Center.

"Oh, yeah," said Valentine, who retired in 1999. "They're all good people. A lot of us are from the same profession, too."

Encouragement, friendship

Each Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, participants pay \$1.50 for the coffee and use of the city facility. Nikolits noted a corps of original members, emphasizing newcomers are also welcome.

"We don't have a formal class, but we try to help them get started. We pretty much leave it up to the individual to guide himself or herself," said Nikolits, a Ford Motor Co. retired engineer. "Everybody is more than willing to help out."

Most are retirees, although some work part time and come on a day off, he said. Nikolits, who retired in 1997, has carved since 1995, when his brother-in-law and sister started in Livonia. Ron's son wanted to learn.

"He quit going, but I stayed with my brother-in-law and sister. We had some really good carvers," Nikolits said.

Bill Rojewski of Northville Township retired in 2002 as an engineer with Daykin Electric and began to carve at his wife's encouragement. "That's how I started doing this stuff," he said. "I get enjoyment out of it. We do a variety of things. We do carving in the round, relief carving."

He was working on a humorous carving, "trying to figure out what all these things are and get them at different levels." He likes to add details.

"Then you start getting a lot of satisfaction

out of it," Rojewski said. "We have a good group. We critique each other's work."

Lots of opportunities

Keith Moyer of Canton participates in the Plymouth group, as well as the Canton one (Summit on the Park, 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday) and the Thursday Livonia group.

Moyer, a retired chemist, likes the "friendship, camaraderie. And we solve the world's problems once in a while when we start talking politics."

Plymouth Township resident Chris Theos is a newcomer of a few months who joined "to give me something to do. To work with my hands a little bit. It keeps me busy."

Nikolits described the carvers as "close-knit. A lot of communication between the various people. It's kind of a nice network of communica-



Frank Skyner of Wixom works on a carving.



Bill Rojewski of Northville carved this Pinocchio marionette.

most of my life as a hobby," Mills said of woodcarving. He's a retired machine shop supervisor.

"It's a nice thing to come out and associate with people," he added.

Carol and Bill Dodt of Westland were the sole husband and wife team at the Cultural Center on a recent Monday morning. "He's been carving for a long, long time," said Carol, a homemaker. Bill had been a toolmaker.

She got involved "because of him" and noted a couple of other women also join in. "Doing the relief carving and stuff. And the socializing with people," she said of what she likes.

"I enjoy doing it," Bill Dodt said. "I started when I was still working. It worked out really well for that. We each do our own."

Carol was working on an "ol' barn road" scene, Bill both a relief work to hang on a wall and a fan bird.

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Northville senior right-hander Ian Borthwick fires a pitch toward the plate in the KLAA Association final win over Brighton.

PREP BASEBALL

Mustangs beat Brighton in KLAA final

Borthwick gets job done in Association championship

By Tim Robinson
MICHIGAN.COM

With the postseason less than a week away, Northville pitcher Ian Borthwick had a stellar outing May 20, pitching the Mustangs to a 3-1 win over Brighton in the KLAA Association baseball championship game.

"He was absolutely fantastic, everything I hoped he

would be today," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said of Borthwick. "He was pitching to contact, he threw pitches where he was supposed to throw them. Couldn't ask for anything more."

Borthwick kept the Bulldogs at bay until the seventh inning, scattering eight hits and working out of trouble consistently. Senior left-hander Evan Flohr then came on to get the final two outs.

"He was keeping us off-balance, getting us to swing at bad pitches," losing pitcher

Colin McClelland said. "His defense played really well for him and that's a good combo."

It proved to be a winning combo for the Mustangs (26-2), who completed an undefeated season in KLAA play. Northville went 16-0 in the Kensington crossover games before beating Plymouth on May 18 for the conference title, 6-2.

McClelland pitched out of trouble all afternoon, but the Mustangs were helped by both the sun and their infield, while the Bulldogs (23-6-1) couldn't score until Tanner Hoard sin-

gled in Alexx Zielinski in the seventh.

Northville scored its first run in the third inning, when Tyler Lowe hit a ball high into the sky to right field, where Hoard was waiting.

"I saw it off the bat," Hoard said. "I was tracking it and I totally lost it."

The ball landed behind him, allowing Northville's Zach Prystash to score from second. In the fourth, Kevin Morrissey singled and, with one out,

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BOYS GOLF DISTRICT

Hartland surprises in district tourney

CC's Piot takes medalist; Shamrocks, Novi advance

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Hartland pulled off a mild surprise May 21, upstaging top-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the MHSAA Division 1 district boys golf tournament held at Dunham Hills G.C.

The Eagles, ranked No. 2 in the latest Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association Division 1 poll, placed four in the top eight to win by three strokes over the Shamrocks, 294-297.

Also making making the top six and moving on to the regional at Oak Pointe G.C. were Brighton (321), White Lake Lakeland (322), Novi (326) and Milford (336).

Missing the cut were Howell (343), Walled Lake Northern (348), Pinckney (350), Walled Lake Central (350), Walled Lake Western (351), South Lyon (352).

Catholic Central sophomore James Piot took individual

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GREGORY JOHNSON | GAM
Catholic Central sophomore James Piot was individual medalist with 70 at the Division 1 district boys golf tournament at Dunham Hills.

GIRLS SOCCER

Association title stays in Northville's hands



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Northville senior goalkeeper Emily Maresh punts the ball during first-half action in the KLAA Association championship match against Brighton.

Goalie Maresh stars in 1-0 shootout win vs. Brighton in final

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville goalkeeper Emily Maresh put up another clean sheet May 20 and it couldn't have come at a better time.

The senior all-state player kept an attacking Brighton team at bay through 80 minutes of regulation and a pair of 10-minute overtimes.

Maresh then made a critical save on the Bulldogs' Bailey Tuczak during the first round of the shootout and the host Mustangs went on to repeat as KLAA Association girls soccer champions, 1-0, at Tom Holzer Field.

Northville (13-3-4) converted on four of its five PK attempts, while Brighton (12-3-4) went scored on three in a battle of Division 1 state-ranked teams.

"She's a four-year varsity player," Northville coach Eric Brucker said of Maresh. "It's time for her to end her high school career on a high note. Trust me, the staff and her teammates have all confidence in what she's capable of. We make them work and she's going to clean up all the mess for us."

Brighton, the Lakes Conference champion and ranked No. 7 in Division 1, got the better of the scoring chances, including a shot by Emma Shinsky during the second OT that Maresh tipped away and grazed the crossbar.

She also denied Shinsky on a shot with 5:29 remaining in regulation, but the Bulldogs' best chance came at the 66-minute mark, when a bang-bang sequence of shots by Delaney Bussey and Emily Brown were turned away by Maresh and a Northville defender.

"We created more in over-

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BOYS LACROSSE

Heart check: Mustangs edges Skyline in OT

Melucci, Justice spark 13-12 regional victory

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville boys lacrosse coach Greg Durham admitted following his team's 13-12 overtime victory May 20 over Ann Arbor Skyline that "I need a defibrillator."

It was certainly a heart-stopping MHSAA Division 1 regional semifinal victory for the host Mustangs, who ended the match in Cardiac Kids style when Brennan Sweeney set up All-America senior attacker Alec Melucci for the game-winning goal with only 1:30 remaining in the first four-minute sudden death period.

For nearly three quarters, it appeared the Mustangs would be going home, but they revived themselves during the final quarter to force overtime and advance to face regional top seed Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (13-6).

"We came out a little lethargic," said Durham, whose team trailed 10-7 at halftime. "I was yelling like, 'What are we doing?'"

Northville (14-6), however, pitched a shutout in the third quarter as the Eagles (12-5) began taking some costly penalties. Brendan Hicks' goal with 3:53 left in the quarter cut the deficit to two.

Northville goalie Alex Justice then came up with a big save on Skyline's Ethan Harding's point-blank shot at the



Northville players celebrate their regional semifinal win over Ann Arbor Skyline.

STEPHANIE JANCZAK

buzzer to keep it 10-8 entering the fourth.

"We made a couple of adjustments in the second half defensively, switched some guys around, put some different guys on different people," Durham said. "We just told the guys to keep patient, take some high-quality shots because they switched goalies."

"The boys played

hard. I told them, 'Hey, just keep busting and you'll get your shots, just keep taking the shots, just keep shooting,' because we didn't have many shots in the first half."

To start the fourth quarter, Skyline's Dan Lee was flagged for three minutes in the box for using an illegal stick. The Eagles then took two more penalties and found

themselves at one stage with three players in the box.

The Mustangs took advantage, pulling even on Melucci's goal with 9:41 remaining to make it 10-10. Josh Bentley followed with the go-ahead goal with 9:15 remaining on a six-on-three advantage.

But Skyline's Jack Fisher answered with 4:32 left to even it at 11-11

and, with 3:24 to play, Brennan Sweeney scored from Connor Sweeney to put Northville ahead again, 12-11.

But Skyline's Zach Schwartz, who dominated the face-off circle all night long, scored just six seconds later and the two teams each missed a chance to score during the final 3:18 of regulation.

In the overtime, Skyline won the face-off, but Justice made a critical save with 1:53 left and the Mustangs used their final timeout with 1:53 to set up Melucci's game-winner from Brennan Sweeney with only 1:30 remaining to end the suspense.

"We stepped it up the second half; it was a little rough the first, but we made it work," said Melucci, who finished with five goals and two assists. "I'm aware that they scored only two goals in the second half. I just think our 'D' just stepped it up, bodying them and just sticks up. We caused turnovers and got more chances to score."

And it was the sterling play of Justice during the second half that proved to be factor, as well.

"He stepped up huge, especially that overtime save, that was a very big save," Melucci said. "Our 'D' came out huge and we came up with the win."

Connor Sweeney and Bentley chipped in with two goals apiece, while Harry Dyson, Abe Khoury, Brennan Sweeney and Hicks each tallied one.

Even Justice, a senior,

chipped in a first-quarter assist when he carried the ball down up the field and hit Melucci on the fly.

"Justice played great," Durham said. "He struggled a little bit in the first half, but I think because we broke down a little defensively ... second half making some big saves. That one foot save right at the end there was huge. He played great and I'm really proud of the guys."

Grant Marshall, Schwartz and Lee each scored three goals, while Fisher added two for Skyline, which appeared in control of the match until the third quarter began and the flags started flying.

"We just came unglued a little bit," Skyline coach Jack Robenalt said. "The calls weren't going our way and we really didn't pull it together as much as we could."

"We kind of came unhinged a little bit. We didn't stay focused. The defense played well. We had nine minutes in penalties and only gave up a couple of goals, but we just didn't have the ball."

But the penalties changed the momentum starting in the fourth quarter.

"We did a pretty good job against Alec in the set-up game, but in transition they did well," Robenalt said of the Mustangs. "They scored when they had to. They were man-up a lot and they did well."

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All-district pick



LOWELL MCGINNIS

Albion College senior co-captain Joe Silvestri (Novi/Detroit Catholic Central) was recently voted to the Capital One Academic all-district at-large team for the region that includes Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The long stick, who led all field players in ground balls and was second in caused turnovers, earned second team all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors this season for the MIAA champion Britons, who finished 13-6 while reaching the second round of the NCAA Division III tourney. Silvestri graduated summa cum laude and has been accepted into the University of Toledo Medical School. At Albion, he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi and received the endowed award in biological science. The U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association awarded him Scholar All-America status in 2014. "Joe made it his personal mission to ensure our team had a serious approach when it comes to academics," Albion coach Jacob DeCola said. "He helped create a culture of student-athletes doing quality work. Our program is proud of his dedication and we will carry his example for years to come."

GIRLS LACROSSE REGIONAL

Novi advances; Pioneer ends Northville's season

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Nine different players scored goals May 20 as host Novi rolled to a 20-8 MHSAA Division 1 regional girls lacrosse triumph over Canton.

The Wildcats, who improved to 13-4-1 overall, advance to the regional semifinals at home against Brighton.

Morgan Statetzny and Willow Guenther each scored four goals for the Wildcats, who led 11-4 at halftime.

Adding two goals apiece were Kaeli Lew-
is, Gina Salemi, Jenna Mikkelsen and Alanna Clark, while Katie McMaster, Rachel Bayer and Mya Davis added one each.

Mariah Smythe and

Sydney Davis divided the goaltending duties for Novi.

Canton finished its season with a 1-15 overall record.

PIONEER 17, NORTHVILLE 12: The Mustangs (16-2) generated plenty of offense, but not quite enough defensive stops in a Division 1 regional first-round setback at Ann Arbor Pioneer (9-9).

Juliette Killough scored five goals, while Karleigh Marable and Helen Kulka each added three for Pioneer.

"We had a great season and we lost to a very good team," said Northville coach Amanda Asher, whose team couldn't overcome an 11-8 halftime deficit. "For us to get 12 (goals) is really good. Pioneer won this regional last year and they were the state runner-up."

Grace Gulbord and Emma Dietrich each tallied three goals for the Mustangs, who captured the KLAAS Kensington Conference championship this season after winning only one match in 2014.

Audrey Tatge added two goals and two assists, while Sarah Chase contributed a goal and two assists. Also adding a goal each were Ally Blough and Liz Hansell.

"As a first-year coach, I feel very fortunate to have the group of girls that I had," Asher said. "I especially want to thank my seniors that helped turn this program around from 1-13 to 16-2. It was an awesome year for the Northville girls lacrosse program."

BOYS LACROSSE

Lengthy drought costs Wildcats; Catholic Central rolls in regional

Grosse Pointe South eliminates Novi, 13-6

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South scored eight unanswered goals to start the match and Novi was unable to recover May 20 as the host Wildcats exited the MHSAA Division 1 boys lacrosse state tourney with a 13-6 setback.

Third-seeded South led 3-0 after one quarter and 7-0 at intermission before the sixth-seeded Wildcats got on the board with three third-quarter goals, but still trailed 12-3 entering the fourth in the

first-round regional encounter.

"They're a good team and a bunch of nice players," Novi coach Eric Hoffman said of the Blue Devils (13-6). "We just couldn't get anything started offensively. We struggled clearing the ball and made a bunch of mental errors and they took advantage of them. They had a good game plan and took it to us. We really didn't start playing until the second half and, by that time, it was almost too late."

Sophomores Michael Leone and Ian Patterson each scored two goals for the Wildcats, while Griffin Sparling and Michael Werth

each added a goal and assist. Ryan Moore also chipped in an assist.

Novi senior goalie Dan Savela stood out in his final match with 18 saves, getting defensive help from Tommy McMaster, Jimmy Hole, Nick Meadors, Caleb Wright and Patrick Wojtylo.

The Wildcats finished the year 12-6.

"The season was kind of a question mark on where it was going to go or how it was going to be, because we lost a lot of offensive talent from last year," Hoffman said. "I think as a whole, the season was a success. A lot of players stepped up and a lot of players got experi-

ence playing positions they hadn't played.

There were young players getting a lot of playing time, roles that they're going to play in the future. We had high expectations and figured to go further in the playoffs, but at the same time we played well."

DETROIT CC 19, ROMEO 0: Junior Collin Burgin scored six goals May 21 to lift top-seeded Novi Detroit Catholic Central (13-5) past the Bulldogs (9-11) in Division 1 first-round regional match-up.

The Shamrocks dominated play from start to finish in posting the rare shutout.

"We won just about every face-off and we did it the right way and were in total control," said CC coach Dave Wilson, whose team led 12-0 at halftime.

DETROIT CC 11, SKYLARK 8: Rocco Mularoni scored four goals May 19 as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-5) downed visiting Ann Arbor Skyline (12-4) in the regular season finale.

Justin Baker and Zach Crawford each added two goals, while goalie Hunter Braun allowed just two second-half goals as the Shamrocks overcame a 6-6 halftime deadlock.

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time playing a little bit more aggressive," Brighton coach Chris Stevanovic said. "We didn't want to get to a shootout. We wanted to win the game now and we played like it. And we had a majority of the chances in overtime, I thought. But again, you've got to put the ball in the back of the net."

In the shootout, Northville converted on its first three PKs, by Maddy Westenberg, Kelsey Estes and Abby Henzi.

After Maresh stopped Tuczak's attempt, the Bulldogs responded with three in a row of their own, by Madison Wiljanen, Kasey Codd and McKenna Graham.

Northville missed its fourth attempt, but converted on its fifth by Alissa Moore. The next Brighton PK then sailed high over the bar, ending the match.

It all added up to frustrating night offensively for Brighton, which also got a clean sheet for 100 minutes from junior goalie Madison Gould.

"We had our chances, multiple chances," Steva-



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Northville's Nicole Skinner (left) beats a Brighton player to the ball during the KLAAS Association final.

novic said. "I tell you what, Northville has arguably the best goalkeeper in the state. Emily Maresh is extremely good and she proved it. It's one of those game. Both of us teams don't play on (synthetic) turf much, but we need to get used to it with districts coming up. We had our chances, but yes, this is what the playoffs and

championship time is all about. You got to finish your chances."

Northville's back line of defense had to keep an eye on Brighton's dangerous trio of forwards, led by senior Meghan Healy.

"Based on how I saw (Brighton) approach the first half, we talked at halftime and made a couple of adjustments,"

Brucker said. "We knew they were going to come and put pressure through the middle, which is what they did. We just had to be patient. We couldn't afford to lunge. We kept (Healy) from getting too close to us. Most of those shots were from distance and Emily takes care of most of those."

And it was a quality win for the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Mustangs, who came into the match ranked No. 10.

"Just looking at records and common opponents, we knew this was going to be close," said Brucker, whose team repeated this season as Central Division, Kensington Conference and Association champions. "I think this was the best front-to-back competition we played. We don't play pretty soccer, but we seem to be finding a way to make it happen. Great team effort. Again, we were able to get everybody in that wasn't completely, medically unable to play. It wasn't pretty. It was 0-0, but I've said from the beginning of the year we have the best goalkeeper in the state and she came up big in that round of PKs."

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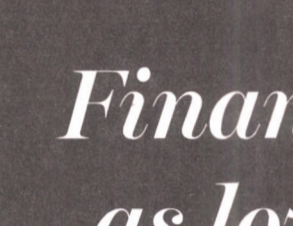
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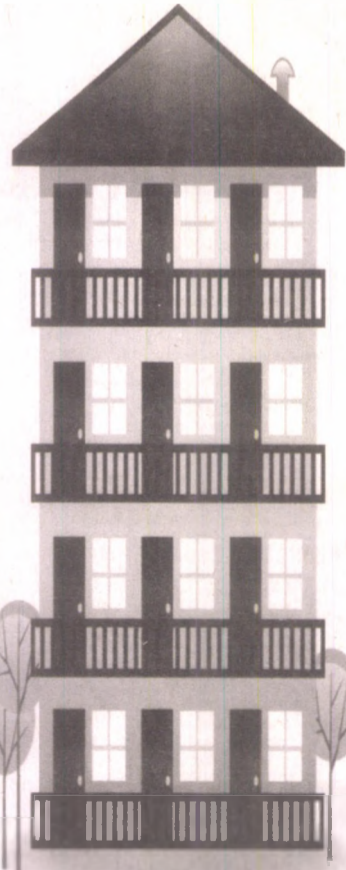
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