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Plan to fix White Pines Drive should also slow down drivers

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The car ride along White Pines Drive should be smoother and slower once a rehabilitation project is completed this fall.

The Novi City Council approved Monday a construction contract as one part of the 2015 Neighborhood Road Program for the White Pines Drive project. It was awarded to Fiore Enterprises, LLC, in the amount of \$871,629.

Council members Laura Marie Casey and Gwen Markham said this will be a big fix.

"It's a badly needed improvement," Markham said.

According to Brian Coburn, Novi's engineering manager, the White Pines Drive contract involves rehabilitation and partial reconstruction of White Pines Drive from Beck Road to Arden Glen Court.

"The section of White Pines has required a significant amount of maintenance over the past few years and has continued to deteriorate further," Coburn said in his recommendation to council.

As far as traffic speeds, he said, "this project presented the opportunity to introduce traffic-calming measures."



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The city of Novi will be working on improving the potholes and cracked pavement of Novi's White Pines Drive this summer. It will be creating traffic-calming devices, too, for drivers through the sub.

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The Feed the Need committee members (front, from left): Bruce Hinkle, Bryan Berent, June Marshall-Smith and Pam Janson and (back, from left) Mark Pehrson, Evol Gazzarato, Darby Hoppenstedt, the Rev. Ann Webber and Tia Marie Sanders.

FEED THE NEED

Novi community rallies together to provide summer lunch program

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

More than three in 10 children in Michigan rely on an assistance program to meet their nutritional needs.

But most people probably don't realize that within the affluent Novi school district, 9 percent of the students receive a free or reduced-cost lunch.

While that number may be shocking, a

new community project is focusing on some 250 families whose children may not have access to a hot lunch when the school year ends June 12.

Feed the Need Summer Lunch Program, according to Novi Rotarian Bryan Berent, was the brainchild of Darby Hoppenstedt, who is an intervention specialist for Novi schools. She brought it up in a Rotary planning session and the club got behind it.

It bloomed into a community-wide col-

laboration between the Rotarians, Novi Interfaith Network, Novi Public Library, local businesses and staff from the Novi school district, with members from each forming the planning committee.

"There are linkages to healthy eating, nutrition, performance and development," Berent said. "We said, 'Let's form a program to feed these kids during the sum-

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Novi Education Foundation delivers \$20,000 in grants

Preparing for key fundraiser, which is June 18 golf outing

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The Novi Education Foundation supports the Leader in Me initiative, as well as innovative ideas from teachers, and it backed that up this year by handing out more than \$20,000

in grants to teachers.

"We could not distribute these grants without the support we receive for the Green Gala," Ellen Hulverson, NEF administrative coordinator, said of the annual event.

Several 'Cum Laude' sponsors made the event a huge success this year: ITC, Community EMS, McCarthy & Smith Construction, Smith & Associates Ameriprise, Emagine Theaters

and Renaissance Learning, each kicking in \$2,500.

"We would like the community to see that we put this money right back into the district to support kids," Hulverson said. "For the first time, this year we are joining forces with the district by doing a \$5,000 matching grant to supply Sensory Integration equipment to our special education students K-8."

The grant process opens in

January, with teachers submitting an application showing how their ideas fit the curriculum and support the mission of the Novi Community School District.

The Leader in Me program began as a teacher grant at Novi Woods about five years ago and has since grown into a district-wide initiative. At that time,

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The existing road is 36 feet wide, which tends to promote higher speeds with drivers than a narrower road. Coburn said Novi's Department of Public Services and Public Safety staff has received numerous complaints about speeding.

The city's engineering staff worked with other city departments and its consultant to incorporate five median islands and one traffic circle along this section of White Pines to narrow the road in key locations and decrease speeds.

"In order to reduce speeds, the perception of the driver must be changed by either narrowing the road, creating vertical diversions (such as speed tables) or by making horizontal diversions (such as traffic circles, chokers or chicanes)," Coburn and

Ben Croy, Novi's civil engineer, said in their traffic calming proposal.

City staff has studied the surrounding homeowner associations of the upcoming road improvements and said representatives from the Autumn Park and Arden Glen subdivisions have indicated they support the proposed traffic-calming measures. They have also expressed their desire to include landscaping in the median islands and have agreed to maintain the landscaping once the project is complete.

It is anticipated that this project will be completed by fall. Two more contracts, one for asphalt streets and one for other concrete streets, for the 2015 Neighborhood Road Program are currently in design and will be awarded this summer.

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Novi Teen Center is a fun summer option

Novi Youth Assistance will once again be offering the Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center as an option for fun this summer for students entering grades 6-10.

The program runs from June 15 to July 30 at Novi Middle School. The program is held from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

"Many of the students look forward to this program every year," said Tom Swieboda of NYA. "Some have

even become staff!"

Students are invited to enjoy arts and crafts, community service projects, swimming and outdoor games. Field trips are available (for an additional fee) to Greenfield Village, Detroit Institute of Arts, Paradise Park, Zap Zone, Joe Dumars Field House, Novi Bowl, Imagine Theatre, Kensington Water Park and BonaVenture.

Registration fee is \$130. The complete schedule can be found at cityofnovi.org under



The Novi Teen Center is a great place for local kids to spend their summer days.

Youth Services. "Novi Youth Assistance feels the Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center is a safe, fun and

enriching option for students during the summer months," Swieboda said.

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Hulverson was an NEF trustee; she was hired two years ago to be the foundation's administrator when Bob Schram retired.

"The grants allow teachers to do something new and exciting, not something the district should provide," Hulverson said. "This is over and above what should be paid for by the district. We don't want to buy textbooks, uniforms and things you'd need to operate every day. We want the programs and initiatives that make Novi an extra-special place."

For instance, teacher Myla Lee got a \$2,500 grant increase to cover all of Novi Meadows' Maker Space program.

"It's a big movement in education now that allows kids to be creative and just make things," Hulverson said.

New NEF chairperson Tom Smith recently visited schools in the district and handed out the grants. He took the position in October 2014 and helped raise \$55,000, which was \$10,000 more



The Healthy Eating Club at Novi Meadows was started with NEF grant money for this school year.

than has ever been raised in the annual Green Gala event's nine years.

The NEF has given more than \$350,000 in grants since 1996. The foundation tries to give 50 percent of funds raised right back into the district via the Leader in Me program or teacher grants.

Golf outing

While the Green Gala is the NEF's signature fundraiser, its annual

charity golf scramble is another key source of revenue.

Approximately 85-100 golfers participate each year in the event which features, food, raffles and contests (hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin and putting are just a few) that reward the skills of the participants.

Corporate sponsors and private donations assist in the success of this event. All proceeds go to the NEF to support

the Novi school district's mission to develop each student's potential with a world-class education by funding program enhancements and additional educational opportunities for Novi students.

This year's scramble will be held June 18 at the Links of Novi. Go to [http://www.novi.edu/foundation.org/](http://www.novi.edu/foundation) for details.

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mer.' We know we can't do everything when we start up, so let's start small, prove it and then build from there."

The Novi program is modeled after South Lyon's, which began offering hot lunches at one location, one day a week and has now expanded to serve more than 1,800 students twice a week in the summer.

"The difference between their program and ours is they simply provide lunches. What we thought we'd do is feed not only the stomach, but the mind and spirit of each child," Berent said.

How it works

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday, beginning June 17, hot lunches will be served, along with activities like basic games and crafts.

"In addition, we'll have a different program every week," Berent said. "One day it might be an occupation day where they learn about different jobs. Another day will be outdoor Olympics. Another day we will have motivational speakers - just different things to give them insights and build them up. We hope to add mentoring as we grow, too. We've got them for nine weeks."

The core program will take place at Village Oaks Elementary, but bag lunches will also be provided to an area in the Orchard Hills Elementary community.

Feed the Need is open to anyone who wants their child to come and get a lunch and participate in the programs; they do not have to be "in need." The school system has shared program information to all fam-

ilies via district listservs. There's no need to sign up; just register when arriving.

"There are other cities that have a bigger population of economically challenged, but 9 percent is still significant," Berent said. "This program is something I really expect to be long term and grow into multiple days and locations. We expect it's going to be an even more robust program next year and want to include tutoring and mentoring."

Support

Berent said it was easy and quick to get support behind the concept because, "it makes sense and the resources are there."

Funding for Feed the Need is from organizations, local businesses and individual donors. Guernsey Dairy is stepping up and donating the milk for the entire summer; Providence Park Hospital is going to prepare bag lunches that will be picked up and distributed; and Novi Rotary is in discussions with a couple of local corporations to be the program's major sponsor.

A program coordinator and food service staff member will be responsible for the management of food preparation and activities.

"We don't know if we're going to get 30 or 100 kids the first day," Berent said. "But we have lots of support within the community. I'm certain the program will be a resounding success."

For more information, to contribute or to volunteer, contact the Feed the Need coordinator at feednovi children@gmail.com or 248-449-1200, ext. 2015.

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CC crowned national academic team champion

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The Detroit Catholic Central High School Academic Team was crowned national champion this past weekend at the PACE National Scholastic Championship tournament held in Reston, Va., taking home the top spot in a field of 96.

The team finished the tournament with an 18-1 record and won in the finals against last year's champion, Liberal Arts and Science Academy from Austin, Texas.

"I couldn't be prouder of everything this team has accomplished this season. Winning a national championship against the toughest competition in the nation in a dominating fashion is beyond anything (the coaches) and I could have ever dreamed," said Christopher Gismondi, a CC English teacher and the Academic Team head coach.



Pictured (from left) are CC coach Anthony Cornish, Conner Reynolds, Coach Benjamin Herman, Jack Watts (captain), Austin Foss, Joshua Cantie and Coach Christopher Gismondi.

Senior captain Jack Watts was named to the tournament all-star team. It's also the first time Detroit Catholic Central has won the PACE National Scholastic Championship tournament. It is

the first team from Michigan to do so, as well.

Going into the tournament, the team was ranked first in the nation, but came up a bit short at the NAQT tournament in Chicago, which features more questions on popular culture that are shorter, while the PACE National Scholastic

Championship tournament is completely on academic subject matter and has longer questions.

The school has three teams and all were ranked in the top 50, a big accomplishment in itself as most schools didn't achieve this level. The 'B' team was also in the top 10 in the country.

The team put in a lot of time preparing for the big championship tournaments by going over old questions, studying and practicing.

"We're all excited," Watts said before the tournaments.

This year, the team also broke the school record with 218 wins. It truly was a team effort with each member contributing in their own way.

"All year long, we believed we had the best team in the nation and winning PACE NSC validates our belief in this team and their belief in each other," Gismondi said.

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Hard work and dedication lead to best GPA ever at CC

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Andrius Gobis, now a 2015 Detroit Catholic Central High School graduate, has no big secret to his academic success. Setting a goal and working hard helped him break one of the school's sacred records as he finished his high school career with the highest cumulative grade-point average in school history.

His final Catholic Central High GPA was 5.060, beating the record of Kevin Pilkiewicz, a 2001 grad with a 5.049 GPA.

This GPA is different than the traditional 4.0, which Gobis also earned.

It's scored on a different scale based on the "weight" of certain courses. Some courses (such as honors courses and advanced placement) are calculated on a weighted 5.0 scale.

Any secret he has to achieving such a high GPA is found in his time of studying and staying dedicated to the classwork on a daily basis. He said he would go home most days after school and relax first rather than getting right back at the books.

In the fall, he's going to the University of Michigan, where he wants to continue learning about science and the different topics involved with medical research.

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New school aid budget creates challenges for Novi

The headlines last week stated that every school in Michigan would receive between a \$70 and \$140 per-pupil increase in the 2015-16 state budget.

While that sounds good, it is not true.

In the 2014-15 school aid budget from the state of Michigan, the Novi Community School District received \$50 per pupil for meeting the best practice standards identified by the Legislature. Our district also received \$70 per pupil in pupil performance funding, a result of our students meeting certain performance thresholds identified by the state.

In the 2015-16 state budget, those two categories of funding are eliminated. As a result, the Novi Community



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

School District loses \$120 per pupil for next year.

Because the Novi Community School District is a well-funded district – above what the state identifies as its maximum per-pupil funded district – Novi was slated to receive only a \$70 per-pupil funding increase for next school year. When you add the plus \$70 per pupil and subtract the \$120 per pupil, Novi was slated to actually receive less money next year than we received this year.

However, the state Legislature put in a one-time fix of

\$75 per pupil for districts like Novi, so that every district in the state would receive at least a \$25 per-pupil increase for the next school year.

The final budget bill sent to the governor for signature shows that Novi will receive a \$25 per-pupil increase for the 2015-16 school year. In our district, that amounts to an increase in revenue of about \$160,000.

The increase in revenue is appreciated.

However, a 1-percent raise for all staff in Novi would cost the district approximately \$530,000. Our step increases and longevity increases that historically have been in the contract cost the district \$1.1 million.

So while a \$25 per-pupil increase is welcome news, it

does not provide our district with much flexibility in budgeting.

School funding in Michigan is difficult. For example, there is at-risk funding given to districts that have high at-risk student populations. Novi is excluded from receiving any of this at-risk funding because our free and reduced lunch student population is so low. Even though we have at-risk students in Novi, our district cannot participate in this funding stream.

Another example is the best practice and pupil performance funding streams of the last several years. This year, those funding streams were eliminated. As a result, \$120 per pupil was removed from Novi's total allocation. Other districts did not

receive revenue from these categories in the past because they did not meet the best practice criteria or their students did not meet the pupil performance benchmarks. As a result, those districts did not have any money subtracted from their per-pupil allocation before the new state budget was finalized.

Novi is a community that continues to grow and thrive. Our schools continue to provide a high-quality education for our students. But our state education funding system creates challenges for Novi.

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Book swap



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Parkview Elementary School third-grader Mia Ross gathers up a bunch of books to read over the summer June 8 during the school's Book Swap. The swap, organized by the school's media specialist Jennifer Kramer, allows kids to bring in books they've already enjoyed and swap them for other titles their classmates have finished with the hope that kids will keep reading throughout the summer.

Novi Meadows students Turn Around for the best

By Lonnie Huhman
 Staff Writer

Seven students at Novi Meadows Elementary School are on the right path for tomorrow after putting in hard work over the last year.

Called the Turn Around Program, each year Novi Meadows recognizes students who have made significant, positive changes over the past school year. The program is an opportunity to recognize and reward the efforts and successes of students who may not otherwise have an avenue of recognition.

Donathan Donley, Dionisio McFalda, Alicia Path, Yuhi Sato, Koki Tamura, Sai Vardhineedi and Jacob Yarberry were each honored for their hard work and strides forward this past year.

"I felt like doing better," Donathan said of his motivation this year.

According to Novi Meadows Sixth-Grade Principal Lisa Fenchel, all staff is encouraged to nominate students who they have observed to have a challenge that they have overcome.



LONNIE HUHMANN

Donathan Donley, Sai Vardhineedi, Jacob Yarberry, Dionisio McFalda, Yuhi Sato, Alicia Path and Koki Tamura were honored as this year's Turn Around students at Novi Meadows.

"This is a big deal for us to honor such hard work and dedication," Meadows Fifth-Grade Principal John Brickey said.

The two principals endorsed nominations and the students were honored at a luncheon Monday as a special guest, along with keynote speaker Bryan Finnerty, state Rep. Kathy Crawford, their parents, the recommending staff member and administration.

Each student overcame challenges ranging from difficulty with communication to challenges with their school work.

Sai, Yuhi and Koki are English

Language Learner students and are relatively new to Novi and the United States. Their teachers said all three have improved so much that they have become great examples of student leadership.

They all thanked their parents and teachers for the help and support as they stood at the luncheon to accept their honor.

Both Finnerty and Crawford related their own stories from childhood and how they overcame personal challenges to succeed. Finnerty said, for the Turn Around students, this is just the first step – but it's a big one.



Senior All Night Party Committee Northville High School Class of 2015 Wishes to Thank All Those Involved in Making This Year's Party a Huge Success

To the committee members who worked so hard over the past year, to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy, to the community who supported us, and to all the many who contributed to ensure that the graduating class of 2015 had a night to remember we express our sincere gratitude.

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WLCSD thanks 54 retirees for 1,235 years of service

Two administrators, 38 teachers and 14 support staff members are retiring from Walled Lake this June, taking with them more than 1,235 years of dedicated service and memories.

"Students are the absolute priority for Walled Lake Schools' staff," Superintendent Kenneth Gutman said. "They give of their time, energy, expertise and resources to help our children. They care about the academic, emotional and social well-being of our students. They live our district philosophy of every child, every day. We wish each of them well as they move into the new phase of their lives."

Following is a list of the 2014-15 retirees, position and years (as of May 28):



Shown (from left) are Linda Day, Walled Lake Elementary School principal; Kenneth Gutman, superintendent; Diane Raymond, M.H. Guest Elementary music teacher; and Zuzana Morelli, teacher, sharing a moment at the recent Walled Lake Schools retiree reception.

Commerce Elementary: Francine Hufferd, teacher, 16 years; Donna Loveland, Prime Time Care, 15; Christine Kozicki, teacher, 29.5.

Dublin Elementary: Beverly Currie, teacher, 17; Donna Schwartz, teacher, 24.

Hickory Woods Elementary: Terri Alcocer, teacher, 20; Elizabeth Daniels, teacher, 15; Kimberly Glotzhober, Paraeducator, 23.6.

Keith Elementary: Anita Arslanian, teacher, 20; Paul Herber, teacher, 22; Pam Horrall, Secretary, 18.8; Ellen White, teacher, 18.

MH Guest Elementary: Marsha Giroux, teacher, 26; Diane Raymond, teacher, 20.

Meadowbrook Elementary: Deborah Sherman, teacher, 14.3.

Oakley Park Elementary: Mary Mandeville, teacher, 39; Cynthia O'Hanlon, Paraeducator, 36.9.

Pleasant Lake Elementary: Debbie Conti-Newman, teacher, 24; Deborah Schulte, preschool paraeducator, 27.2; Lillian Shallal, bilingual paraeducator, 22.9; Deborah Shuster, playground Paraeducator, 21.5.

Pleasant Lake/Meadowbrook Elementary: Carol Trembath, teacher, 17.

Walled Lake Elementary: Linda Day, principal, 21.5; Maria Haaseth, teacher, 28; Patti Walters, Teacher, 17.

Geisler Elementary: Linda LaChance, teacher, 21; Zuzana Morelli, teacher, 21.

Sarah Banks Middle School: Elaine Augustine, teacher, 19.5; Susan Carlson, teacher, 26 years; Marjorie Marks, teacher, 24; Patricia Marra, food service, 13; Carol Murer, paraeducator, 15.11.

Walnut Creek Middle School: Barbara Fiorini, teacher, 26; Julia Gidcumb, teacher, 29.5; Jan Lamb, teacher, 40.

WL Central High School: Jenny Griffith, teacher, 26.5; Raymond Weston, teacher, 42; Dennis Wisinski, assistant

principal, 39.5. WL Northern High School: Mark Grattan, teacher, 24.5; Jean Pocket, teacher, 10; Doreen Shirey, teacher, 10; Sally Swanson, teacher, 15; Jeannee Yakel, teacher, 25.

WL Western High School: Debra Talley, hall monitor, 23.2; Karen Cohen, teacher, 19; David Sherman, teacher, 20.5; Ida Teverbaugh, counselor, 11; Kathy Lancaster, food service, 14.10.

Community Education Center: Melissa Zewatsky, secretary, 29.7.

Educational Services Center: Barbara Sprunk, secretary, 22.9.

Operations: Clayton Pethers, electrician, 13.5.

Special Services: Leslie Corneau, social worker, 30; Susan Karwacki, teacher, 43.5; Dennis Vanni, teacher consultant, 25.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Cheer clinic

The Novi varsity 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, go to <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.

Zonta Club scholarships

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County has established scholarship funds to empower women to get the education necessary to enter the workplace and reach their educational goals. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and reside in one of our service areas which are Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville. The scholarship is open to all women without regard to race, ethnic origin, disability or age.

To request an application, email Leigh at Lei717@gmail.com. Applications must be received by June 30. Scholarship will be awarded in July with money available for the fall 2015 semester.

To request an application, email rsrand521@sbcglobal.net. Applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by Oct. 22.

WLCSD offers summer meal program

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in the Summer Food Service Program from Monday, June 22, through Friday, Aug. 21 (except July 3). This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge. Young adults ages 19-26 are also eligible if they're enrolled in programs for the mentally or physically disabled. These programs must be recognized by a state or local public agency.

Breakfast will be served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday

at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail.

For more information, call 248-956-3080.

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>.

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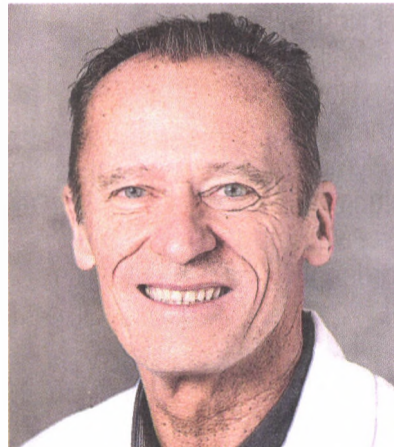
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Third-graders gain valuable lesson (and some free pizzas)

Doug Blair, a representative from Tony Sacco's, came to Deerfield Elementary School's Leadership Day when various businesses and the general public were invited to see and hear how the K-4 students are learning about the seven habits and being leaders every day.

While Blair was visiting teacher Nanci Dutkiewicz's classroom, he saw the students' graph for reading Accelerated Reading books on the wall. He asked about it and offered a pizza party for the 21 third-grade students in order to help them achieve their goal to read 105 books in two months.

"They surpassed the goal with 153 books read!" Dutkiewicz said. "They made the minimum of three books per student, but came up with the idea that if one student is reading a large



Doug Blair of the Novi Tony Sacco's pizza eatery, with Nanci Dutkiewicz's third-graders at Deerfield Elementary.

er book like Harry Potter, then they could have a minimum of two books. My students also came

up with the idea that some students would read more than three just in case any one per-

son didn't meet that three-book minimum." Additionally, her third-graders felt they

wanted to open up the challenge to all third-graders at Deerfield. All four classrooms then had

their goals in place in order to earn the pizza party.

"It was a great success," Dutkiewicz said. "All four classrooms managed to meet their goals and we celebrated with a pizza party on May 22. We had several pizzas delivered and the children really appreciated it. Because the third-graders just ended their economics unit of study, they really understood the concept of good customer relations from this experience, too."

The students gave the poster that they made to Blair, who said he'd try and find a special spot for it at the restaurant for the kids to see when they came in to get pizza.

"It was a fantastic experience all the way around," Dutkiewicz said. "We can't thank Tony Sacco's enough!"

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Jazz ensemble returning to festival after earning honors

By Katy Baetz-Matthews
Correspondent

For the 39th time, the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble will perform on the highly coveted stage at the Detroit Jazz Festival. This is quite an honor for an event that attracts critically acclaimed international artists and discriminating jazz enthusiasts. It is the world's largest free jazz festival,

held in downtown Detroit over Labor Day weekend.

"Look for us on the riverfront stage at 1 o'clock on Labor Day," Director Mike Rumbell said.

The Detroit Jazz Festival invitation is yet another high note in an impressive year of performance and achievement by the entire NHS instrumental music program, under the direc-

tion of Rumbell and Johanne Ray-Hepp. The 21-member jazz ensemble performed at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Jazz Ensemble Festival. It was awarded first division ratings from all three adjudicators, earning the group the title of state champion. Special all-state honorable mention awards were earned by trombonists Maddie Rainey and Sean Hen-

nessy and trumpeters Jake Luikart and Andrew Lewis.

In May, Symphonic Band 10 and Symphonic Band 11-12 stormed the MSBOA State Band and Orchestra Festival. They were joined by Hillside Middle School's eighth-grade band, also directed by Rumbell. In an extremely rare occurrence, all three bands earned unanimous first divisions from all four judges,

which made all three state champions.

"These groups have been great to work with this year," Rumbell said. "They are deserving of all of these awards. This puts them among the best bands in the entire state. They're in the top half percent. Bravo bands!"

Not only is the NHS instrumental music program one of the state's most honored, with 252

members in the 2014-15 group, it's also one of the state's largest.

The jazz ensemble kicked off the summer concert series May 29 in Northville's town square. The community's next chance to see the marching band is at Northville's July 4 parade. As the parade winds its way through town, the band will again set a lively red, white and blue tone with patriotic favorites.

Northville resident Taylor graduates from West Point

Cadet Zachary Troy Taylor, son of Troy and Danette Taylor of Northville, graduated with honors May 23 from the U.S. Military Academy.

Taylor graduated from Northville High School in 2011. At West Point, he majored in environmental engineering. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the engineers branch and will report to Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, for his first assignment after completing additional training at Fort Leonard Wood (Mo.), Airborne School and Ranger School.

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of duty, honor, country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the United States Army.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is a four-year, co-educational, federal, liberal arts



Taylor

college located 50 miles north of New York City. It was founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering and continues today as one of our nation's premier leader-development institutions, consistently ranked among top colleges in the country.

Helping hands



MARSHA VALENTI

Boy Scout Troop 755 of Northville, under the direction of Evan Masters, did a spring cleanup May 16 at Meads Mill Middle School. The Scouts did weeding, edging and spread mulch around the school.

Field day



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A falling-down Trey Brinker and Jack Tattoni try their best to keep battling June 3 during a tug-of-war game at the Ridgewood Elementary field day.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dems discussing climate change

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11
Details: The Northville Democratic Club is sponsoring a town hall meeting, Carbon Fee & Dividend - An effective policy to address climate change, at the Northville District Library (212 W. Cady Street).

Historical Society/Girl Scout Garage Sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through June 12
Details: The annual garage sale that benefits both the Northville Historical Society and the Mackinac Island Honor Girl Scouts will be held at 218 W. Dunlap Street. Tax receipts will be available.

Northville concerts

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 12, Rusty Wright
Details: Music will fill the air all summer long when the Friday Night Concert Series returns downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square, 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.
 For more information, contact the Northville Parks and Recreation department at 248-349-0203 or go to www.downtown-northville.com or www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Dementia workshops

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays through July 23 (no class July 2)
Details: The Area Agency on Aging 1-8 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 at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile). Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes in order to complete the

National Trails Day



REI and the Friends of Maybury sponsored National Trails Day at Maybury State Park on June 6. About 45 volunteers worked on trail maintenance, cleaning garbage from the pond area, abandoning of renegade trails and picking invasive garlic mustard. REI provided T-shirts to all volunteers.

training. All materials, fliers, and training books are provided by the AAA 1-8 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 care, call the Area Agency on Aging 1-8 at 800-852-7795.

Electronics recycling drop-off

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13
Details: The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County will help residents properly recycle electronic waste at its E-Waste collection event being held at 20000 W. Eight Mile Road in Southfield. This is the last electronic waste event until September. This free e-waste collection event is sponsored by the Recycling Authority, in partnership with Vintage Tech Recyclers (www.vintagetechrecyclers.com) and is open to all Michigan residents, schools and businesses.
 Acceptable items include: desktop computers, laptops, computer related equipment, televisions, printers, fax machines, telephones, gaming systems, cameras, holiday light strings, microwave ovens, small appliances. Basically, it is most items with a plug. Items not accepted at e-waste events include large household appliances, air conditioners and dehumidifiers.

For more information, go to www.rrrasoc.org or call 248-208-2270.

Business mixer

Time/Date: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 16
Details: Bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and surrounding areas during the Just Business 2 Business Mixer at The Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, Northville.
 Go to www.Business2BusinessMixer.com for more information.

Summer heats up with Novi's Sizzling Summer Art Series

Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is turning up the heat with family friendly entertainment all summer long. Eleven events are scheduled throughout the summer at Fuest Park. Spend each Wednesday morning enjoying free children's entertainment and select Friday nights with a family-friendly band and movie. The Sizzling Summer Arts Series is presented in partnership with Community Financial Credit Union and sponsored in part by St. John Providence Health System, Novi Public Library, Michigan State Fair, Town and Country Eyecare, Novi Youth Assistance and Menchie's Frozen Yogurt.
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 17 - Gemini (music

duo).
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 26, Eric Engblade and Friends (band), *Rio 2* (movie). Fuest Park is located at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads. In the case of inclement weather, call the Novi Parks hotline at 248-347-0473 for updates. For more information about the Sizzling Summer Art Series and family-friendly summer happenings, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

Free health care lecture

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16
Details: Hip and Joint Pain, a free lecture, will be presented by Marvin Jenter, D.O., orthopedic surgeon, 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.

Novi Older Adult Services

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 18 - "Happy Trails" Summer Luncheon; noon to 2 p.m., Meadowbrook Activity Center; \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents; deadline is 3 p.m. **June 15.**
Details: Join Novi Older Adult Services to stay active, celebrate and socialize with friends at a variety of special events designed especially for those 55 years and above. Tickets are required and are available now at the Older Adult Services Office, 45175 10 Mile Road, and the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. For more information or to learn about additional older adult social and educational programs, call 248-347-0414 or go to www.cityofnovi.org.

Northville's Arts & Acts Festival

Dates: June 19-21
Details: The Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout the region when the annual Arts and Acts Festival returns for the sixth consecutive year in historic downtown Northville. The festival includes the 27th annual juried fine art show, Art in the Sun, featuring more than 70 talented artists; the Reel Michigan Film Festival at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the Sandbox Play Festival, produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the Short on Words literary contest; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians; children's activities; the second annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and a large variety of festival food and drink.
 Hours are 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 19; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 21. All proceeds of Arts & Acts will benefit the Northville Art House.
 For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org or call the Northville Art House at 248 344-0497.

Veterans benefits raffle

Date: Sunday, June 21
Details: The American Legion Post 147 will hold its second annual Veterans Benefits Raffle drawing at the Northville Hall (100 W. Dunlap Street). Proceeds

benefit local veterans programs. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20 and are available from the post bartender or by calling 248-349-1060. The grand prize is a Samsung H5500 40-inch 1080p Smart TV. One need not be present to win
 The Lloyd Green American Legion Post 147 in Northville is a registered 501(c)3 charity providing programs to benefit the veterans of America's wars and their families.

Northville Chamber golf outing

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 24
Details: The Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Classic Outing 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

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, June 25
Details: Dean Bakopoulos, the author of *Please Don't Come Back from the Moon* and *My American Unhappiness* will visit Barnes & Noble Northville. 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.

Unexpected comedy at Northville's Tipping Point

Dates: Through June 28
A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur, by Tennessee Williams, is a lovely summer comedy for all ages at Northville's Tipping Point Theater. It's set in a cramped St. Louis apartment in the mid-1930s, where Dorothea, a high school civics teacher, rooms with Bodey, a plain but caring and kind-hearted German-American spinster. Dorothea, a hopeless romantic, dreams of marriage with the principal of the school, while her protective roommate, hopes to match Dorothea up with her fat, cigar-smoking twin brother, Buddy.
 The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. **Wednesday, June 17.**
 The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available at the box office at 248-347-0003.

Garden Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8
Details: All are invited to enjoy the Country Garden Club of Northville's 22nd annual Garden Walk, featuring seven private gardens in and around the city of Northville and Northville Township. Included in the ticket price are the options to experience a garden market, live music, a member plant sale and a stroll through the 19th century village setting at the Historic Mill Race Village. Non-refundable tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Gardenviews Garden Gallery (117 E. Main Street) and on the day of the walk at the gate at Mill Race Village.

Proceeds from this major fundraising event will go toward supporting local and national organizations that promote environmental and horticultural causes and to scholarships for local high school seniors who will be going into college science careers.

Grub Crawl

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 21
Details: The Northville Chamber presents the 10th annual Northville Grub Crawl. Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Participating restaurants include Brann's Sizzlin' Steaks & Sports Grill, Claddagh Irish Pub, Edward's Café & Caterers, George's Senate Restaurant, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Tavern and Village Workshop, with more to come. A grand prize drawing for a barbecue gas grill is courtesy of Home Depot.
 Tickets are \$30 (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. New this year - submit a ticket order form and the chamber will mail you your tickets. The order form is available on the chamber website at www.northville.org.

Wildcats of '95 reunite

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

Youth Police & Fire Leadership Academy

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. July 13-17
Details: The Youth Police & Fire Academy was created to provide area teens with an inside look at local law enforcement and fire prevention. Participants must be ages 13-18 and a Novi resident or attend school in Novi. The academy will meet at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 W. 10 Mile Road) with the exception of a single day that will meet at Fire Station 4 (10 Mile Road at Wixom Road). Space is limited. All are welcome to apply, but preference will be given to residents of Novi and students who have not attended a prior academy. For more information or to register your student, contact Det. Jon Zabick at 248-347-0548 or jzabick@cityofnovi.org.

52/1 Specialty Court Golf Outing

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thursday, July 30
Details: The 52-1 Specialty Court's ninth annual golf outing will be 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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2015-2016 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2015-2016 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 16, 2015, a copy of the 2015-2016 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Tracey Cadwell, Secretary
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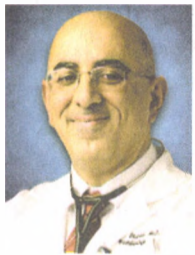
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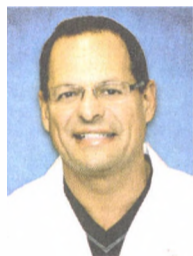
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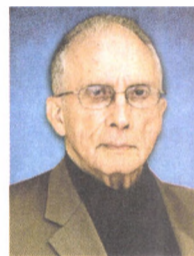
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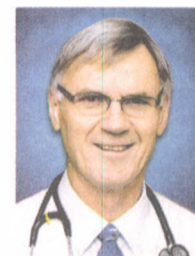
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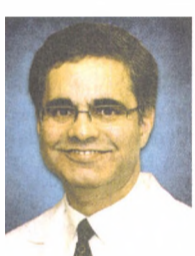
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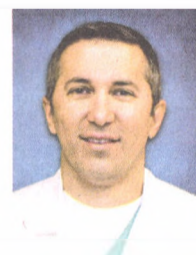
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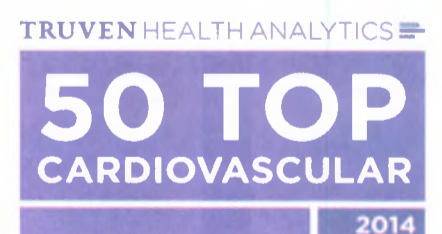
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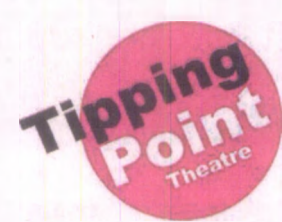
Sandbox Festival: Play's the thing for Tipping Point Theater at Genitti's

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

For the sixth year in a row, Tipping Point Theatre will be joining the Arts & Acts fun for its annual playwriting competition as part of the festival.

"It all started when we were approached by the Art House," James Kuhl, producing artistic director for Tipping Point Theatre, said of this summer's Sandbox Play Festival. "From there, we wanted to include as many artistic avenues as possible."

Organizers of the Sandbox Play Festival put out the call for 10-minute plays, with a TPT staff panel reviewing them. "From there, we mini produce them and put them up," said Kuhl, a Farmington resident.



"We get actors and perform them."

For the past several years, the Sandbox Play Festival has taken place at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, with this year's performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 19-20, at Genitti's. "It's been wonderful. It's a lovely venue," he said of Genitti's.

Kuhl, in his sixth season at TPT, noted Northville has three operating theaters - his, the Marquis and Genitti's dinner theater - which makes for a "remarkable theater district," he said.

SANDBOX PLAY FESTIVAL

Location: Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main Street, Northville

Performances: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 19-20
Small Talk by David MacGregor - A couple goes to therapy to iron out a small problem, only to find out that they might not be as perfect together as they thought.

Alone Together by Kim Carney - Sometimes your true love is so close, yet so far as Mike and Pat experience ... if they would only turn around.

Passing the Buck by Erin Osgood - A classic tale of gold-digging at its finest.

Out of Thin Air by Dave Davies - A reporter is on the brink of solving one of the greatest conspiracies in U.S. history, but the missing piece of the puzzle could be his undoing.

ter district," he said.

For Sandbox, "We get all sorts of different play forms. We get a myriad," ranging from farcical to drama, he said.

He described the 10-minute play as "kind of like the haiku version of theater. It's simple and it's small." He credits playwrights who find

a theme or topic in that time span.

Playwrights vie for first and second place, with prize money, as well as honorable mention or the audience favorite. Often, but not always, the audience favorite will line up with the top panel choice, Kuhl said. For Sandbox, TPT

hires new directors and actors, "those individuals who are looking for that foot in the door. We have plenty of very talented and inspiring performers in the metro Detroit area," said Kuhl, who doesn't bring people in from places like New York City.

Organizers accept submissions of 10-minute plays for the Sandbox Play Festival. The spirit behind the festival is to encourage and increase exposure for Michigan theater artists.

Tipping Point Theatre's box office is at 361 E. Cady Street in Northville; phone 248-347-0003. Its website, where tickets can also be purchased, is www.tippingpointtheatre.com. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Sandbox

tickets are \$15 with a reservation, \$20 at the door.

Kuhl agreed if you don't care for a show you won't be waiting long. "It's one of the great things about a 10-minute play festival," he said. "You get to start a brand new play in less than 10 minutes."

He and others at Tipping Point Theatre are proud of Sandbox and their other offerings of professional theater for adults. Kuhl urges a visit to Arts & Acts - even if you don't care for theater.

"There is a ton of different things happening that weekend," he said. "It's well worth the trip to Northville."

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Arts and Acts Puts Spotlight on Talent, Community

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, talent and cultural diversity of artists when the annual Arts and Acts Festival returns June 19-21 to downtown Northville.

The festival originated years ago with fine arts, and expanded six years back to include other art forms.

"Before that, it was simply the fine art portion," Liz Carter, special events coordinator for the Northville Art House, said of the 27th juried fine art fair. This is the sixth year for the addition of film, theater and literature. Art in the Sun, with artists taking to the streets, is the fine arts portion still.

"It continues to grow and change," said Northville resident Carter of the summer festival. "It is how the Art House is able to keep its doors open. It definitely helps us stay open. It's a very important fundraiser for us."

The festival includes the 27th annual juried fine art show Art in the Sun, featuring over 70 artists; the Reel Michigan Film Festival at Northville's Marquis Theatre; the Sandbox Play Festival produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the Short on Words Literary Contest; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians; Children's Activities; the Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and food and drink.

It will run 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 19; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 21, around Main and Center streets in downtown Northville.

Carter, who's both a staffer and Art House volunteer, tips her hat to the Friends of the Northville Art House, which supports the Children's Activities and Chalk Festival. "We also have fantastic sponsors from the community," she said. "It's always nice to have community sponsors behind us as well."

She also noted the fantastic group of volunteers who support the artists and musicians.

"We depend heavily on our volunteers," she said. "Without our volunteers, the weekend would not happen."

The 74-some artists are from Michigan, some local, and elsewhere. "We do have some coming from out of state as well," Carter said. Organizers increased prize money this year, and are very pleased with quality of art, including photography, painting, pottery, mixed media, drawing and jewelry.

"There's really something for everyone," she said. "It's a really fine quality small art fair." That means no stressing over parking, she noted.

"Of course, we have fantastic music this year," pretty much throughout the festival, she said. Information, including a list of artists, is at www.northvillearthouse.org.

"I think the community is very supportive of Arts and Acts," she said. "The community's happy to see how it's grown every year." There's a \$5 fee for the Chalk Festival, she added, but most everything else is free.

"It really gets the community out there for the weekend and participating," she said. "I just think it's an important part of community activities. People who wouldn't necessarily walk into a gallery get to be surrounded by art."

Arts and Acts is the largest



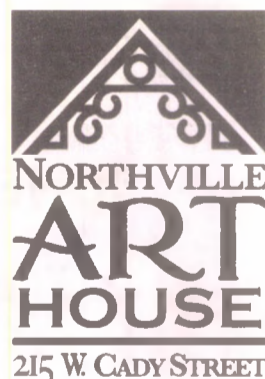
Northville Art House

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 10 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. Summer art classes and workshops are available online for children, teens and adults at www.northvillearthouse.org. Register early as classes fill quickly. Art House hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 1-9 p.m. First Fridays only; 248-344-0497.

Store: Visit the Art House Store which features art and gift items by local Michigan artists. It's stocked with pottery and make-a-mosaic kits, painted glassware, soft sculpture, fiber, felting, alcohol painting on tile and paper (a new summer class!), basketry, collage, encaustics, jewelry (fine and fun), handmade soaps and toiletries, wood pens and tiles, hand-painted silk scarves, paintings in watercolor, oil, acrylic and more.

Volunteers: Volunteers are the heart of the Art House - call if you're interested in getting involved. One can also offer support through an annual membership which supports Art House activities and gives members a discount on store items and classes. Be a pART of it!

Metro Beverage Company: hamburgers, Philly cheese steak, hot dogs
Time 2 Chill Gelato: Palazzolo's gelato and sorbet
Hot Papi's Empanadas: beef empanadas and bean empanadas
Almonds R Nuts: cinnamon roasted almonds, pecans, cashews
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The Northville Masonic Lodge No. 186: Italian sausage, hot dogs
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fundraiser of the year for the Northville Art House. With the exception of the tickets for the Film, Play and Chalk Festivals which are a nominal fee, Arts and Acts is free. The Art House makes its money through sponsorships and artist booth fees.

"We start planning in September," said Carter, with Arts and Acts planning essentially all year long.

The three days of Arts and Acts are helpful in the weather department, too. "We've always had a perfect two out of three days," when she's worked on the event. Carter said. "A little rain never hurt anyone. We can lock down fairly quickly."

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Reel Michigan screens creative films at Marquis

The Reel Michigan Film Festival brings films of many genres to Arts & Acts. Lisa Meinzing-Abraham is the director for the fifth annual Reel Michigan.

The films will be shown Saturday, June 20, at the Marquis Theatre on Main Street in downtown Northville. This is the third year films have been screened at the Marquis.

"Reel Michigan is a celebration of Michigan films and filmmakers. Reel Michigan brings a ton of added interest to the Arts & Acts Festival," Meinzing-Abraham wrote in an email. "We have such a talented pool of filmmakers this year. Some are student films, but I bet you can't tell the difference. There is something for everyone this year!"

For ticket information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/. Tickets are \$10.

Reel Michigan features Michigan-made or



Reel Michigan attendees hit the red carpet for photo opportunities during the 2014 festival.



Michigan-themed short films, less than 20 minutes, as a part of Northville's Arts & Acts.

Reel Michigan welcomes all genres, from student films to the experimental. An after-party at Le George gives attendees a chance to

mingle with local filmmakers and actors and watch as awards are given out for the best films in several categories. The after-party will immediately follow the final film's screening.

— By Julie Brown

REEL MICHIGAN LINEUP

5 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 20

1. *Tiny Town Hall* (animation/comedy) by Dan Eichholtz (4:10) – Small-town democracy in action.
2. *Take a Penny* (drama) by Michael McCallum (18:49) – Live or die.
3. *Asphyxia* (experimental) by Ashray Draavidian (11:15) – Charlotte Ban, wife of a Nazi commander, thinks that she is the reason behind the death of her child, but her subconscious is thinking and projecting something else.
4. *Beer Run* (comedy) by Patrick Neff (7:30) – A routine trip to the grocery store turns into something a little more for two longtime friends.
5. *The Persistence of Time* (experimental) by Kelsy Juddo (6:30) – A daily cycle of the American landscape presented in altered states of time.

7 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 20

6. *Hitting Hard* (comedy) by Scott Galeski – A part of the Hit series takes you further into organized crime in

- America.
7. *Chuckles Mulrooney Attorney for the Damned* (animation/horror) by Dan Eichholtz (19:30) – A deal with the devil requires legal representation.
8. *Kenny's Odd Jobs* (drama) by Jim Borovsky (6:16) – A story of an extremely motivated 16-year-old who owns and operates his own business.
9. *Within* (drama) by Robert

- Joseph Butler (21:00) – A drama about Jacob, a hopeless Detroit romantic looking for love in the digital era.
10. *Reflux* (comedy) by Phil Rossi (16:48) – A comedy about a deadened office worker who discovers rap music as a cathartic outlet for his anxiety and anger toward the world, only to find that it drives away everyone he loves.

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- Whitney McClellan

- Lisa Meinzing-Abraham
- Cal Stone
- Sue Taylor

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- Margaret Aden - jewelry
- Joseph Aldini - photography
- Jeremy Ashcraft - photography
- C.W. Banfield - photography
- Mitch Billeter - clay
- Lisa Boesch - fiber
- Christine Borowski - jewelry
- Connie Borrie - clay
- Angela Carson - photography
- Alexa Caskey - painting
- Amanda Claus - clay
- Nancy Connors - drawing
- Nancy Cooper - jewelry
- Robert Copeland - photography
- Kevin Cragg - wood
- Amy Crisler - mixed media
- Hanna de Volska - jewelry
- Christine Dregalla - mixed media
- Luciano Duse - photography
- Jessica Earegood - fiber
- Kathy Eaton - clay
- Dan Finerman - wood
- Cheryl Grabski - fiber
- Valerie Hector - jewelry
- Vaibhav Jaguste - drawing
- Henry and Ann Jalsa - jewelry
- David James - photography
- Beth Jones - jewelry
- Julie Kaleel - jewelry
- Tracy Kehr - glass
- Mary Kernahan - jewelry
- Donald Keyes - drawing
- Tiffany Kimmet - photography
- Carol King - wood
- Jeremy Kuivanen - wood
- Elaine Lanoue - painting
- Guiteau Lanoue - fiber
- Georgie Lehoop - mixed-media
- Michelle Maddux - jewelry
- Melissa Meadows - mixed media
- Aaron Miller - mixed media
- Dee Miller - wood
- Inty Muenala - mixed media
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- Angie Nichols - fiber
- Joyce Nolan - jewelry
- Darlin Nothnagel - clay
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Musicians will make their mark on Arts & Acts

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Five main music acts will take over the Town Square stage for this year's Arts & Acts festival, but solo and duo acts will also perform on the street during all three days.

The headliner, appearing at 7 p.m. Saturday, is Ben Sharkey, who was scheduled for last year's event, but had to cancel due to rain.

"We just had to bring him back so Northville could see and hear what he's all about," said Whitney McClellan of 2StonesEvents, booking agent for the festival's music. "This is a perfect venue and audience for him to perform. Ben played a festival in Brighton for us two years ago and leveled the crowd. He probably sold 50 CDs after."

According to his website, Sharkey "has been delighting fans worldwide with his romantic style and velvet vocals on old swing and jazz standards that would make old Blue Eyes himself

green with envy. His original compositions bear his soul and tug at the listener's heart strings. Ben Sharkey's striking good looks and impassioned music makes him a creative tour de force."

Prior to Sharkey's performance, the Beatles tribute band Toppermost will play at 3 p.m., reviving the hits of John, Paul, George and Ringo.

Friday's headliner is The Blueflowers, led by the husband/wife songwriting duo of singer Kate Hinote and guitarist/producer Tony Hamera. The six-piece group evokes "a noir-drenched never land of Western-rock and strutting bubblegum pop clouded by a surreal, cinematic haze of reverb," according to their website.

"They sound like the soundtrack to *Twins Look or Blue Velvet* - and look like they could've been in that TV show," McClellan said. "The Blueflowers are definitely one of the most unique and talented bands in metro Detroit. Well, for that matter,

anywhere!"

The Blueflowers will play two sets and in between will be the duo of Carrie Shepard and Lawrence Daversa, better known as The Whiskey Charmers. Their original sound is hard to classify, but falls into the realm of country noir/gothic Americana.

Brett Callwood of the *Detroit Metro Times* said, "The Whiskey Charmers truly create the aural equivalent of crying into a tumbler filled with bourbon, bemoaning a lost love. There's no ice added."

They have just released their self-produced debut album, *The Whiskey Charmers*, and will certainly have copies for sale.

"They're a great fit with The Blueflowers, who also have a new CD," McClellan said. "Both these acts will provide for a very hip evening of music for Northville, unlike anything else you'll hear on Friday nights in the Town Square."

The main stage portion

of the Arts & Acts wraps up Sunday afternoon with Those Delta Rhythm Kings, a little big band blasting tunes from the 1940s and beyond. The jump-blues outfit formed in 1988 and is based in Lansing; they've opened for numerous blues greats over the years.

"Sunday afternoon might not seem like the typical time to party, but this band will change that - trust me," McClellan said. "Many folks in this area aren't hip to the great musicians playing around our state capital, so it'll be a treat to unleash Those Delta Rhythm Kings on Northville. Get ready to dance!"

In addition to the main stage, the following musicians will perform throughout the downtown area Friday through Sunday: Rachel & Alex, Chris Brantley, Tracy Kash, Carly Bins, Julie Haven, Alison Albrecht, Nicole Dalia, The Good Son - Jon Cervi, Reeds & Steel and Trey McLaughlin

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Arts & Acts features a full three days of live music in downtown Northville.

Chalk it up!



With the Northville Art House Chalk Festival addition to the Arts & Acts Festival, artists of all ages will transform Center Street into Northville's vibrant community chalk festival. The registration fee is \$5 per five-foot by five-foot square. The Northville Art House will provide each individual or group with one box of chalk. Check-in will take place at the corner of Center and Main streets beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, and judging will take place at 4 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Registrar at <https://northvillearthouse.org/special-events/chalk-festival/>. Chalk Festival is sponsored by Renewal by Andersen and the Friends of the Chalk House. For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org, call the Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or email events@northvillearthouse.org.

Carnival returns



Fun, food and exciting rides return June 18-21 to Northville when Family Fun Tyme Amusements brings back the Northville Summer Carnival to the parking lot of Northville Downs race track at Seven Mile Road and Center Street, including popular thrill rides for all ages and kiddie rides for the younger crowd. Individual ride tickets or ride-all-day passes are available. Hours are 4-11 p.m. Thursday; 3-11 p.m. Friday; 1-11 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. For more information, go to www.northville.org.

'Every Picture Tells a Story ... Don't It?'

The fourth annual Short on Words competition - the literature arm of Northville's Arts & Acts Festival - will feature a reception at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 19, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall to honor all the authors. Selected readings will be presented and winners will be announced at the reception, hosted by Preservation Dental.

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

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

"As in the past, I tried to select photos that have a story all their



own," the Northville dentist said. "Of course, creative minds will tell a much more lively tale than I can imagine. Every year, the clever interpretations amaze me. Rod Stewart got it right - every picture tells a story, don't it?"

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

Writers took a look at the photos (choosing one or more) in the appropriate age category (18 and older or 17 and younger) and wrote a short story or a poem in 1,500 words or less that addressed the photo of choice.

Aspiring authors could get a closer look at

the photos (larger in size) on display at Preservation Dental, as well as several other Northville businesses - Starring the Gallery, Northville Art Gallery, Van Dam's and Stampedder. They were also available for viewing at the Northville Art House and the Northville Library.

There was a \$10 entry fee. The cash awards for this year are \$100 each for first place in both categories; \$50 for second place in both age categories; and \$25 for third place in both age categories. There will be additional prizes awarded at the discretion of the judges.

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Four locals Boy Scouts achieve coveted Eagle status

Three young men from South Lyon and one from Novi were awarded May 26 with the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor bestowed by Boy Scouts of America.

Braeton Edwards, Dallin Tanner and Drew Thompson of South Lyon and Bridger Joy of Novi, all of Troop 1826, celebrated together at a Court of Honor held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Livonia.

Families, friends and Scout leaders joined the quartet to witness the culmination of achieving the honor.

"The Scout program has prepared these young men for life," said Matt Edwards, troop youth leader and father of Braeton Edwards.

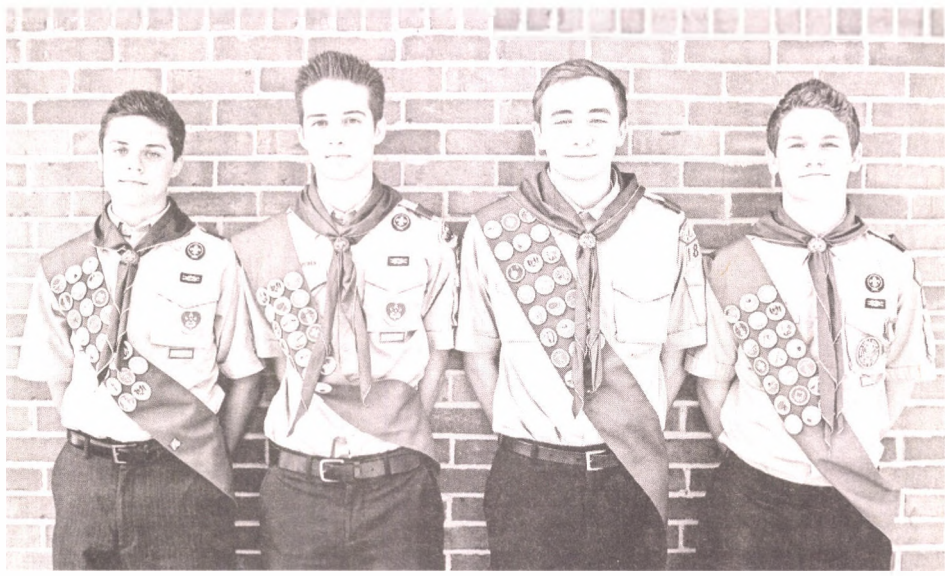
Quoting Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement, Edwards said the new

Eagle Scouts are now "ready for flight into life."

"Their persistent and dedicated efforts in achieving Eagle rank, along with their volunteer service and promise to live the principles outlined in the Scout Oath, have prepared them to live a life of service to God, country and their fellow men and women," Edwards said.

Eagle rank requirements include earning a number of merit badges and demonstrating Scout spirit, service and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

Service projects performed by the Scouts included landscaping and beautification activities at McHattie Park in South Lyon, installation of pavers at the Salem-



Scouts Dallin Tanner (from left), Braeton Edwards, Bridger Joy and Drew Thompson of Troop 1826 recently earned the rank of Eagle, Boy Scouts of America's highest honor.

South Lyon District Library amphitheater and improvements to the pathways at the MSU Tollgate Education Con-

ference Center in Novi. When reflecting on what they learned most from the Scouting programs, the Scouts cited

service to others, leadership and life skills, becoming more mature and the responsibility to give back more than received.

Scoutmaster Scott Malan awarded the Eagle medals and challenged the Scouts to give a life of service. "Be a positive influence in your home and communities and live your life by applying the principles of the Scout Oath daily," he said.

Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2.3 million young men, but represents only 2 percent of all those involved in Scouting programs.

The new Eagles now qualify to be numbered with other great Eagle Scouts, including Neil Armstrong, Steven Spielberg, Hank Aaron, Sam Walton and Michigan native Gerald Ford.

The title of Eagle Scout is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

ANNIVERSARY



Emmett and Marjorie Lippe

The Lippes

Dr. Emmett Lippe and Marjorie (Frisch) Lippe of Harrison on Friday will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married June 12, 1965, in Huntington, Ind.

Their three children are in Michigan - Marc (Mary Ann) Lippe of Williamston, Matthew Lippe of Harrison and Justin (Wendy) Lippem

of Williamston; they have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Lippes spent 13 years in this area (1992-2005) and Dr. Lippe was superintendent for the Novi Community Schools district. His wife was a teacher in the Okemos school district.

They plan to celebrate with family on an Alaskan cruise this summer.

ENGAGEMENT



Colleen Wagner and Matthew Harkreader

Wagner-Harkreader

Colleen Wagner of Novi and Matthew Harkreader of Southfield are engaged to be married in August in Clarkston.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mark and Kim Wagner of Novi. She is a 2008 graduate of Novi High School, a 2011 graduate of University of Michigan and is attending

medical school at Wayne State as part of the School of Medicine Class of 2016

The groom-elect is the son of Larry and Sue Harkreader of Lafayette, Colo. He is a 2008 graduate of Pomona High School in Arvada, Colo., a 2012 graduate of University of Michigan (chemical engineering) and works for Chrysler Industries in Plymouth.



Joe Posby and Rebecca Doyle of Rodgers Chevrolet join Kristen Lingenfelter (center) in front of Kristen's yellow Corvette Z06.

Cars & Coffee weekly series off and running

The season's first Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee event took place May 30 at Lingenfelter Performance Engineering and hundreds of car enthusiasts gathered to show off their unique autos or just came to view what others have done.

From 8-10 a.m. each Saturday morning through Aug. 22, Lingenfelter's North Engine Build Facility in Wixom (47451 Avante Drive) will open its doors and parking to the public. Car lovers from near and far are welcome to stop by and enjoy the company of others and to see the latest performance cars from Lingenfelter Perfor-

mance Engineering.

There is no fee to participate in the weekly events and refreshments are available. Updates on weekend special activities and featured cars from the Lingenfelter Collection will be posted on its Facebook page and website (www.lingenfelter.com).

Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee will be held rain or shine. Events include June 20 - special guests Motor City Harley-Davidson and Brighton Harley-Davidson; Aug. 1- Motor City Heat Car Show sponsored by Detroit 5th Gen Camaro Club; and Aug. 22 - Battle of the Brands to end the series.

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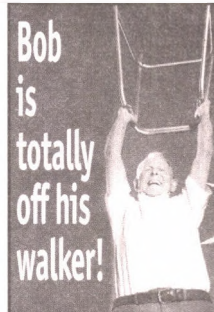


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Ebola: Area man helps contain virus

'For me, it was one of the highlights of my military career'

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Naval reserve officer Dan Miller is ready at a moment's notice to hop on a plane and jump into an unfolding crisis.

In this instance, the crisis was Ebola. The Birmingham resident was called back to active duty last October to assist U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany. The joint military command was charged with containing the deadly virus outbreak that continued to spread throughout West Africa.

"For me, it was one of the highlights of my military career," said Miller, 48, a solution architect with SAP software solutions in Southfield. "We were able to rapidly help a lot of people from dying."

Miller was assigned as a logistics planner to a 25-member crisis team that was involved in setting up Ebola testing labs in Liberia. He spent



Miller

45 days in Germany, working 14-hour days as the team scrambled to move supplies into the infected region.

"They had been working on the planning for two months before I arrived," he said. "The initial deployed military forces had been in Liberia for about a month, but the virus was growing and getting out of hand. We had reports of panic."

By the time Miller arrived in Germany, more than 8,000 people were infected and 2,000 had died in the three outbreak zones: Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. In the past, the virus typically flared up in

rural areas around Central Africa. This time it moved into the populated zones along the West Coast, leaving local government agencies unprepared with how to contain it.

Miller's naval reserve unit is attached to U.S. Africa Command, which has approximately 3,600 assigned personnel and is responsible for all U.S. Department of Defense operations and military exercises on the African continent and surrounding waters. Miller was previously in Liberia in 2007 and 2010, working with Naval Forces Africa to help train Liberian armed forces.

"For U.S. Africa Command, this was their biggest foreign humanitarian assistance event," Miller said. "The U.S. military has been involved in a number of major relief efforts, including the tsunamis that hit Japan and Indonesia — the military had significant involvement in those instances. Haiti is another example."

"But this was different than a natural disaster — this was a disease outbreak."

Moving mountains

As a logistics planner on the crisis team, Miller's job was figuring out the most efficient way to move supplies.

"So when someone says they need four more helicopters, I would say, 'You need four helicopters, here's the stuff that has to happen: fuel, basing, how do we get them there, how do we feed the crews? Or how do you move material donations from another country? They'll give it to us, but we need to figure out how to get it there,'" he said.

His team supported the purchasing and delivery of 1.4 million Tyvek Suits that helped protect medical personnel from being exposed to the virus. The team also was responsible for supporting the establishment of eight Ebola testing labs in West Africa.

"We saw the testing labs made a bigger difference," Miller said. "The first month we started doing the tests, half the people who came in did not have Ebola and we could give them a clean bill of health. Before the

labs were set up, those same people would have been quarantined and exposed to people who did have Ebola. We were seeing 60-percent death rates, so you can imagine the difference those labs made."

But setting up the labs and shipping other supplies to the region proved difficult. The virus broke out during the rainy season in West Africa, turning many of the dirt roads into pools of mud and making them almost impossible to navigate. Another concern was whether the virus would overtake the civilian airport.

"At the time when they started the planning in August, a lot of people weren't sure where the Ebola virus was going to go or how rapidly it would expand," Miller said. "There were a lot of unknowns."

At the peak of Operation United Assistance, the U.S. military had 3,000 assigned personnel in Liberia.

Call to action

In 2011, Miller served for 30 days as an operations officer aboard the USS Mt. Whitney com-

mand ship as part of NATO's Operation Odyssey Dawn task force to restrict former Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi from killing civilians during the country's civil war. Miller also spent a year in the Republic of Djibouti as an operations planner.

"It's an interesting transition between civilian life and active duty," he said. "I got called on a Sunday, I was deployed Monday and 18 hours later I was on a ship in the Mediterranean Sea."

Miller grew up in New Rochelle, N.Y., and was on active duty with the Navy after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989. He has served as a Naval Reserve officer since 1993 and moved to Michigan in 1994 after taking a job with General Motors as a maintenance supervisor. A few years later he joined SAP.

"I always liked ships and I grew up on the water," he said. "I figured if you're going to do something, do it well — and that's the Navy."

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Fire safety



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

As a few kids reach out to connect with his protective gear, Northville Township firefighter Tom Hughes crawls around a kindergarten room at Moraine Elementary during a safety visit June 4. Students learned a bit about how to react should a fire occur in their homes; where to go; to keep low; how firefighters look with all their cumbersome gear on; and even how their respirators can make them sound like Darth Vader.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Possession of Adderall and marijuana

A man was caught stealing from JC Penney and then also arrested for possessing non-prescribed Adderall pills and marijuana.

Novi Police were called May 9 to the location on Novi Road after store security nabbed the man for pocketing pieces of jewelry. He was spotted on store surveillance taking two rings out and putting them in his pocket. Police searched the man and found the illegal drugs on him.

Tools and trailer stolen

At least \$8,500 in equipment was stolen from the Sidock Group's pole barn, located off of Grand River Avenue.

The theft occurred sometime the weekend of May 9-11. A 15-foot trailer was taken, along with chain saws, an air compressor and a number of other tools. An employee found the property gone that Monday morning.

There were no signs of forced entry and police suspect a truck had to have been used to haul away the items.

There are no suspects at this time.

Vehicle theft

A Novi man had his 2004 GMC Yukon stolen May 8 while it was parked at his residence.

The man told Novi Police his vehicle was locked and he had the keys in his possession. There was no evidence found at the scene. The man found it missing the next morning. The case is closed until the vehicle is found or more information on a suspect is gathered.

ID theft

A Novi man had his Social Security number stolen and used by someone who then acquired a credit card and two cell phones.

The man told Novi Police that he was notified by Chase Bank that someone had used his SSN to get a card and then was called by Verizon, who said someone had used it to get two phone lines. The man is unsure how it was stolen, but he told police he would take measures to prevent it from happening again.

He said he would like to prosecute if a suspect is found.

— By Lonnie Huhman

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Tires stolen

A Northville man had his wheels/tires stolen from his company vehicle while it was parked at his home.

The theft happened May 26 at a residence on Whitegate Drive. It was discovered by the owner when he took his dog out in the middle of the night. The car was found

on landscaping blocks with the tires missing.

No evidence was found to specifically indicate a suspect, but a jacket was used to cover a landscaping light.

Suspended license

A Pinckney woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license after Northville City Police recognized her

from a previous traffic stop.

The arrest came May 27 when a police officer spotted the woman and ran a check on her current license status. It came back with a suspension. Police stopped the 23-year-old woman at the Northville Downs parking lot.

She claimed the suspension had been cleared

up, but was unable to show any documentation proving that.

iPad found

A driver went into the Northville Township Police Department to hand over an iPad he saw thrown from a car window.

The man told police he observed a person throw the device onto the road

near Six Mile and Beck roads. He stopped to pick it up. It's described as a silver iPad with a broken screen. Police have been unable to access it to find out a possible owner.

Warrant arrest

A man was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant after Northville Township Police found him trespassing near Doheny Supplies, fishing

on the pond there. A person saw the man and a woman walking on the business' property. Upon making contact with the man, police found he had two warrants out for his arrest out of Belleville and Wayne County.

Police later found the woman back at the vehicle the two came in, but she was not cited.

— By Lonnie Huhman

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OUR VIEW

A rapid transit system here? Plan on it

The Regional Transit Authority is only three years old – and you may not yet have even heard of it – but it's working on something that will have an impact on the entire southeast Michigan region.

The RTA, created by the state Legislature in 2012, is charged with planning and coordinating public transportation in the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw. The board of 10 is appointed for three-year terms by the county executives of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb, the governor, Detroit's mayor and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners chair.

Transit providers must apply for state and federal funds through the RTA, which then allocates those monies. The RTA is empowered to put funding questions on the ballot for public vote.

Part of the RTA's charge is to develop a regional master transit plan linking these four counties and, for the first time, make rapid transit a reality here.

And that – the Building Equitable Sustainable Transit plan – is something that should intrigue and excite any reader of this newspaper.

The goal, according to Michael Ford, the RTA's chief executive officer, is to create a regional public transportation system that meets the needs of every resident.

Ambitious, to say the least, but the RTA began reaching out for public engagement with a series of meetings May 18-21 in each of the counties. Everyone was invited to share their thoughts and ideas. In addition, a focused session for elected officials and one for members of the business community was held at each meeting.

More meetings are being planned.

It is ironic that an area that developed the most widely used form of transportation, the automobile, is one of this country's few major urban areas lacking a public transit system that's viable and coordinated.

So it's critical to the future of this region to develop a system "that better connects residents to jobs, schools, basic services and the recreational and cultural assets we are blessed with," said Paul Hillegonds, RTA chair (and the governor's appointee, which is non-voting).

But there are many questions the RTA must first get answered in order to develop an effective plan:

What are the region's transit needs and priorities? What level of public transit will be required to meet those needs? What level of investment is required? What economic development impact will effective public transit have on the region? What can we actually afford? What happens if we do nothing?

Once the plan is finalized, it will coordinate service with transit providers already in place (the Detroit Department of Transportation, the Detroit People Mover, the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) and one being constructed (the Woodward M-1 Rail line in downtown Detroit).

Incorporated into the overall master plan for the region will be separate studies of a trio of routes:

- » Gratiot Avenue, from M-59 to downtown Detroit
- » Michigan Avenue, from Ann Arbor to Detroit (which includes a connection to Metro Airport);
- » Woodward Avenue, from Pontiac to Detroit

These individual route studies will be conducted at the same time as the master planning process and findings will be incorporated into the regional public transportation plan.

Of course, with a project of this magnitude, the planning process requires a variety of committees (Financial Task Force, Citizens Advisory, Transit Providers Advisory and Planning and Service Coordination), but one of the keys to ensuring that the end result is exactly what we all want and need is participation – your participation. It doesn't matter if you're a user or not, because it will impact you one way or another.

If you don't want to wait for the next round of public meetings, you can give the RTA your thoughts online at <http://www.rtamichigan.org/>. Click on the BEST Projects tab.



DAN DEAN

Metro Detroit is one of the country's few major urban areas lacking a public transit system that's viable and coordinated.

LETTERS

Keep it a priority

Last week, Michigan state legislators approved a budget that restored \$500,000 to cancer prevention programming and keeps tobacco prevention funding at its current levels.

As a member and volunteer at American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, I would like to thank the Michigan state legislators for making cancer prevention and tobacco prevention a priority in the Michigan state budget.

Lori Troher
Novi

Parade kudos

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012, along with the American Legion Northville Post 147, would like to thank everyone who made the 2015 Memorial Day Parade a big success. The weather that day was overcast with a strong potential for rain, but yet again we had another great turnout.

As always, the city of Northville employees are very efficient in all that they do to help make the parade a successful and safe event. The road crews, along with the police and fire departments, are always on top of things to help make the parade a smooth-flowing operation. And for that we thank them immensely.

We also want to give a special thanks to the people of Northville for all their monetary donations throughout the year that allow us to keep our cemetery a clean and inviting home for family and loved ones to visit with their fallen heroes.

We can't begin to express what it means to us and all veterans to see Northville residents and visitors lining the streets waving and sometimes saluting, thanking us for our service. It is, and has been, our honor.

Thank you everyone for joining us on this year's Memorial Day to pay tribute to our veterans past and present for all that they have done for our country and us. May we never forget.

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Applause

The White House Pollinator Health Task Force, charged last June with developing a coordinated response to protect bees, birds, bats and other pollinators, has just released its long-awaited final report.

We applaud the Obama administration for undertaking this Herculean effort to protect the nation's pollinators. The first sentence of the Executive Summary raised our hopes: "Wherever flowering plants flourish, pollinating bees, birds, butterflies, bats and other animals are hard at work, providing vital but often unnoticed services."

Unfortunately, the rest of the document takes a more myopic view. While there are positive aspects to the strategy – who could be against planting more wildflowers? – the plan tiptoes around the role of neonicotinoid

insecticides, an insidious class of chemicals that has the potential to derail these new U.S. efforts on behalf of pollinators.

Hundreds of recent studies detail the worrisome effects of neonicotinoid pesticides, not just on honeybees but on birds, bats, butterflies, earthworms and a wide range of terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates.

The federal strategy downplays this enormous body of research. In our view, what is most urgently needed is a comprehensive plan to address the neonicotinoid coatings used on agricultural seeds. These pesticides are applied to nearly all corn seeds and to many other crops, as well. Many farmers have no choice but to use neonic-treated seeds, even if there is no pest to be found within 100 miles.

In addition to direct harm to wildlife, the elevated levels of these chemicals in many waterways may already be high enough to kill the aquatic invertebrate life on which so many birds, bats and other pollinators depend.

By killing off pollinators and native pest control agents like birds and butterflies, neonicotinoids are sabotaging entire ecosystems. Instead of wrestling with these problems head-on, the White House strategy suggests such fixes as long-term research on bee biology, revised pesticide application schedules to avoid directly spraying the bees when plants are in bloom and the development of technologies to make the pesticides better adhere to the seeds.

These steps are important, but they do little for managed bees and nothing for birds, bats, and other wild pollinators – essential providers of the "vital but often unnoticed services" that support production of food for people everywhere.

Cynthia Palmer
director,
Pesticides Science and Regulation
American Bird Conservancy

Who will go to bat for state road tax?

Good question, but only because of the cowards in the GOP-controlled Legislature who required us to vote on this issue. This unnecessary vote and expense, went down easily just two months ago.

The GOP-controlled House sneaked out of town, before Christmas to avoid voting on the Senate passed bill. Why? Because they lacked courage, are tax increase panicked and, foremost, because they are cowards.

We send these clown to Lansing to make tough decisions. If they are going to throw these decisions back to us, why do we even have them at all? More importantly, why do we pay them if they are just going to avoid making decisions?

This Republican-controlled House has the audacity and arrogance to circumvent local control and push for legislation that forbids local communities from passing so called living

wages ordinances. Where communities have already done this, this legislation would forbid it.

This arrogance is simply avoidance of the No. 1 problem expressed by Michigan citizens over and over – the crumbling infrastructure of our roads and bridges. This cowardly neglect by our Legislature has caused death to citizens and forced business to use unsafe roads. People and business are leaving Michigan due to the deplorable conditions of our roads allowed to deteriorate by the cowards in our Legislature.

When will this fact sink in? Legislate a permanent fix to our infra-structure now and quite avoiding this fact with frivolous legislation inaction.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

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 US 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

GUEST COLUMN

Dad is just another name for ...

Right off the bat, I'm going to start by stating the obvious: Father's Day is the proverbial holiday season.

C'mon. You know I'm right. Tell me that it doesn't take a backseat to the perennial favorite, Mother's Day, and the bevy of graduation parties that follow in its wake?

The truth is, Dad deserves a little more. More than the obligatory greeting card, a set of power tools or – if he's lucky – that stainless steel gas grill he's had an eye on at the local home improvement store.

Let's be honest. Dads are the bee's knees and we know that we – sons, daughters, wives – don't say thank you nearly as often as we should.

But we know your worth is invaluable, Dad.

We know this because we watch you and we see every single thing you do for us.

We see all the hats you wear. We see the time you put in.

And we know that for a title that packs three tiny letters, the name dad signifies much, much more.

Dad is just another name for Steward of the Honey-Do List: You change light bulbs in the garage, get the dents out of Radio-Flyer wagons and make sure



Courtney
Conover
GUEST
COLUMNIST

the family vehicle has windshield wiper fluid.

Dad is just another name for the Disciplinarian: Because "Wait until your father gets home" isn't just a catch phrase – and your expression of disapproval stings far more than your sons and daughters will ever let on. And, just so you know, this will probably ring true until your children turn 80.

Dad is just another name for Bedtime Monster Chaser: That tall, purple monster with craters in his fur? The one that looks like he could be the cousin of Muno from Yo Gabba Gabba? You know, the one that rears his one-eyed head every night, just before your young daughter drifts off into REM sleep? Yeah, that one. You are the only one who can make him disappear.

Dad is just another name for the Backbone: Whether you spend your days in a corner office, a cubicle, a warehouse lifting heavy machinery or an 18-wheeler driving across the country, the bottom line is that you do what you do so that we can live how we live.

Dad is just another name for Mr. Mom: We are grateful for the time you take to get dinner on the table in a pinch and we are most appreciative of your tolerance of kiddie music during carpools.

Dad can also serve as another name for the Coach: You are not just the guy who shows up to the field every weekday at 3 p.m. on the dot – rain or shine – to supervise practice and then lead from the sidelines during games. You are also the guy who believes in the long shot; the guy who personifies perseverance in everything he does; the guy who once bought a bag of groceries for the family of one of his players during a rough patch and never told a soul about it.

But, by far, the biggest gift given by any dad is his presence.

You are there for us, and you show up day after day after day.

And for that reason – above all else – we thank you.

Wayne resident Courtney Conover is a mom of two, the wife of former Detroit Lions offensive lineman Scott Conover and a certified yoga instructor. When she's not on her yoga mat, she's blogging at www.thebrowngirlwithlonghair.com and oversharing on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thebrowngirlwithlonghair and on Instagram at instagram.com/officialcourtneyconover.

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Stabenow expands mental health care

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., has been a champion for quality mental health care throughout her political career – and her efforts paid off for the one-in-four Americans impacted by a serious mental illness with the passage of the Excellence in Mental Health Act.

Thank you, Ms. Stabenow, for adding value and helping to make a difference.

Her efforts are personal and professional. Her father struggled from bipolar disorder and went undiagnosed for nearly a decade when she was growing up. That drove her passion to seek change. Her dad didn't get the treatment he needed for years and it affected her entire family.

Like the senator's father, far too many people who need treatment don't receive it. We know with proper diagnosis, treatment and support, people with serious mental illnesses can recover and thrive. It is critical that as a nation we do more to help people with serious mental illness and their families.

Last April, President Barack Obama signed into law Stabenow's Excellence in Mental Health Act, which was cosponsored by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. This new legislation is one of the most significant steps forward in community mental health funding in decades.

The Excellence in Mental Health Act will increase Americans' access to community mental health and substance use treatment services, while improving Medicaid reimbursement for these services. This new legislation will provide assistance for so many deserving people.

"Mental illness touches every family in some way," Stabenow said. "We need to treat illnesses



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

above the neck the same as we treat illnesses below the neck. This is the first concrete step in decades to change the tide and make sure communities in Michigan and across the country have the resources they need to help individuals living with mental illness."

The Excellence in Mental Health Act provides \$25 million in funding that will be available to states as planning grants to develop applications to participate in the two-year pilot program. Only states that have received a planning grant will be eligible to apply to participate in the pilot program. Eight states will be selected to participate in the two-year pilot program. Michigan plans to compete aggressively to be one of the states selected.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board, staff and provider network are excited to partner with the state of Michigan to apply for these new federal funds to help create a better life for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Opening minds, ending stigma

We need to stop stigmatizing people who seek mental health care. There is still a stigma attached to seeking treatment for mental illness. The National Institute of Mental Health describes "depressive illness" as a "disorder of the brain" — not a personal weakness. We need to break down the stigma of seeking treatment for mental disorders, get people the treatment they need and support them in their road to recovery.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority

partnered with the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation in producing *Opening Minds – Ending Stigma*. This 30-minute documentary shown on CBS shines a light on the treatable nature of mental illness, which ranges from major depression to bipolar and obsessive compulsive disorders. It addresses the challenges faced by those with mental illness, which impacts every ZIP code, race and socio-economic status, yet unfairly carries stigma and shame as a barrier to treatment.

Stabenow is featured in this documentary, along with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, First Lady Michelle Obama and Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Nick Lyons. View the video at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VhWkdo03z74>

A champion

I have known and have worked with Stabenow for more than 30 years. If you look up the words "tenacious," "persistence," "determination" and "decency" in the dictionary, you will find a picture of her. We collectively commend her for making the Excellence in Mental Health Act possible and seeking ways to expand health care to all Americans.

For more information about Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's programs and services and statewide efforts in the Excellence in Mental Health Act, go to www.dwmha.com

If you or someone you know is in a mental health crisis, contact the DWMHA 24-Hour crisis helpline at 800-241-4949.

Northville resident Tom Watkins is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com). He has served the residents of Michigan as state superintendent of schools and state mental health director.



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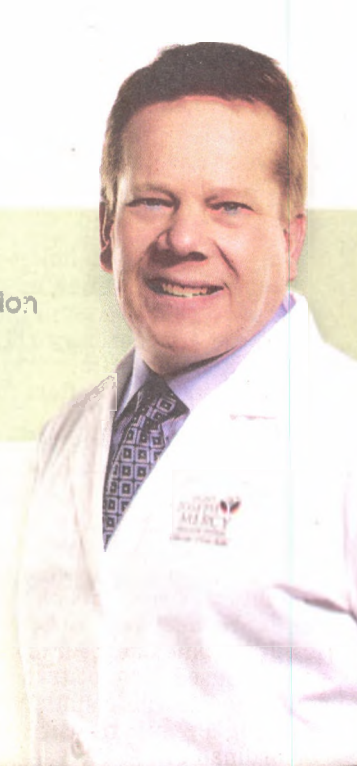
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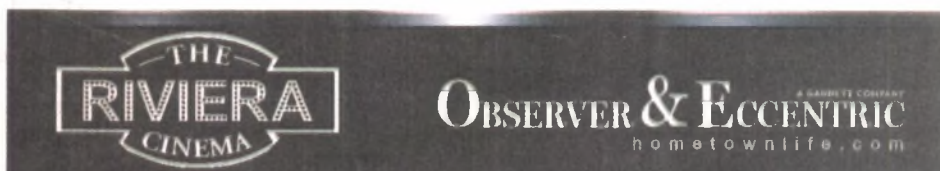
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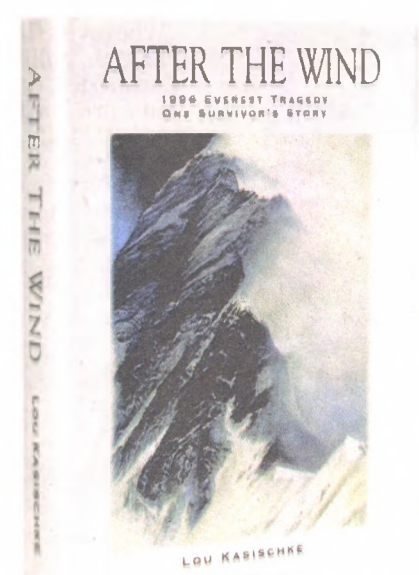
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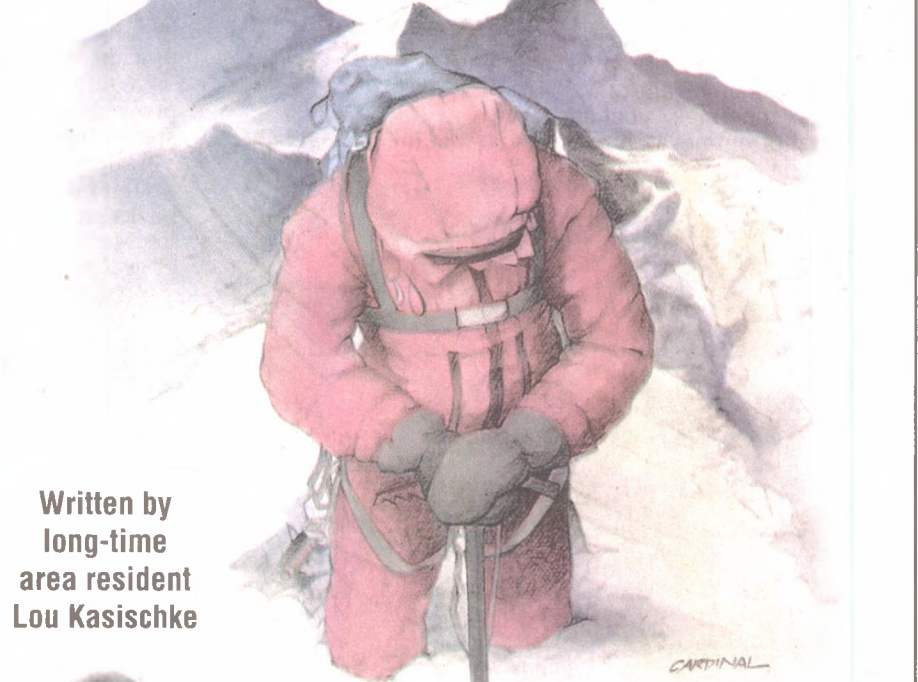


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Novi road work

Novi will be extending the existing right turn lane of westbound Grand River Avenue at Beck Road by another 300 feet. The right through lane is now open to traffic, but motorists may experience some minor intermittent closures during the day. The contractor is continuing to pour concrete curb sections along the new extended right turn lane, as well as the Chase Bank driveway. The new extended right turn lane is expected to be fully open to traffic in the next couple of weeks.

All ditching and storm sewer work for the Hagerty Road widening project, from Shorebrook Boulevard, was completed last fall, but colder weather set in before the contractor could reasonably perform the pavement work. The widening is now complete and the roadway is now fully open to traffic. There may be intermittent closures expected next week for punch list work, which includes

fixing some low areas in the new asphalt.

Novi will be milling and placing an asphalt overlay on West Road, from West Park Drive to the CSX Railroad tracks, and also reconstructing the concrete entrance to the Beck North Corporate Park (Hudson Drive). The contractor is currently removing concrete from the Hudson Drive entrance and replacing with concrete, half width at a time.

Palette & Brush Club display

City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services presents the works of the Palette & Brush Club in the Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery, 45175 10 Mile Road, through July 31.

More than 20 metro Detroit artists will display their pieces, ranging from oil and watercolor to glass and mixed media as part of the exhibit. A public opening reception is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 11. Pieces from the exhibit will be available for purchase through the Novi Parks' office.

For more information about the upcoming show, contact Rochelle Vallance, recreation supervisor-cultural arts, at 248-347-0509.

Novi Choralaires

The Novi Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 season, September through December, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 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.

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.

Cars & Coffee

For the second year, Lingenfelter Performance Engineering will host a Saturday morning Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee series.

Lingenfelter's North Engine Build Facility in Wixom will open its doors and parking to the public 8-10 a.m. each Saturday through Aug. 22. Car lovers are welcome to stop by and enjoy the company of others and to see the latest and greatest in performance cars.

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. Attendees will have the

opportunity to show off their personalized cars and meet other car buffs from the community and neighboring states. Updates on weekend special activities and featured cars from the Lingenfelter Collection will be posted on its Facebook page and at www.lingenfelter.com.

Art classes for older adults

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

Pre-registration is completed 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

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

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

In memory of



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The Northville Garden Club pergola at the Northville District Library commemorates a past president of the organization, Geraldine Kohns.

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 free parking. The Northville Farmers Market is managed by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford. Additional contributions are provided by Remerica Hometown One Real Estate-Patrick 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.

Novi All Seasons Market

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm announce their partnership to host two farmers markets per week at two locations.

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

Road).

The mid-week market at the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm will be 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday, beginning June 17 through Oct. 21. The farm is located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road.

For more information regarding the Novi All Seasons Market, visit or sponsor opportunities call 248-347-0588, email rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org or go to facebook.com/NoviFarmersMarket.

Crafter sought for Bizarre Bazaar

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

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BOYS LACROSSE

Shamrocks can't derail Rice's title streak

Warriors topple CC for 11th straight crown, 16-7

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Brother Rice simply refuses to let it go.

The Warriors systematically raced to their 11th straight Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 boys lacrosse state championship with a convincing 16-7 victory Saturday over arch-rival Novi Detroit Catholic Central at Troy Athens High School.

Rice remains the only program to have won the D-1 state crown since the MHSAA began sponsoring the sport in 2005. It marks the fifth time Rice has defeated Catholic Central in the state championship game, including last

year's lopsided 23-7 triumph.

"We have a hard work ethic here and we ask a lot of the kids and we ask for dedication and passion," said Rice second-year head coach Ajay Chawla, whose team finished the year with a 19-4 record. "And they gave it to us this year. That's the reason why Rice wins championships. There's no secret short cut or no secret to success."

"Today, we just played solid defense. We didn't put in any special schemes. We have a very good core defense and we did a very good job of letting them play their game."

CC coach Dave Wilson said the Shamrocks were ready, but were plagued by turn-

"I give a lot of credit to the kids for their hard work, conditioning and prepping that they did to get to this game, but it just seemed like we turned it over a lot," Wilson said. "That's never helpful."

The Shamrocks opened the scoring three minutes into the game on a goal by senior attack Rocco Mularoni. However, Rice responded with eight straight goals over the next nine minutes.

At that point, the Shamrocks showed some life with three goals in a 35-second span to cut Rice's lead in half at 8-4. The Warriors again rebounded, scoring twice before halftime to take a 10-4 lead into the break.

Rice scored the opening



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Catholic Central goalie Hunter Braun makes a point-blank save on Brother Rice's John Lockwood during Saturday's Division 1 boys lacrosse final.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Northville title repeat hopes end in regional

Grand Blanc's Walker scores 2 in 3-1 victory

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Annie has been a long-running Broadway musical and Grand Blanc has a lead actress when it comes to its girls soccer team as well.

Senior Annie Walker was the major reason defending MHSAA Division 1 champion Northville is out of the state tournament as she scored a pair of first-half goals June 4 in a 3-1 regional final victory at Novi's Meadows Stadium.

The long, pig-tailed Walker, bound for Rice University, proved to be a handful for Northville's stingy defense, which had allowed just one goal in its previous six games.

It also catapulted the Bobcats (16-5-5) to their first state semifinal appearance since 2005.

"Annie showed her stuff today," said Northville coach Eric Brucker, whose team bowed out with a 16-4-5 record. "They worked through her. She's an outstanding player. I have always admired the way Greg (Kehler) coaches. He keeps his kids and has them play to their potential and they played well."

Walker scored the game's first goal just 11:57 into the match, when her shot caromed

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Northville's Erica Gumkowski (right) battles with Grand Blanc's Madison Jewell for the ball during the regional final at Novi.

MHSAA BOYS GOLF



MHSAA

Members of Catholic Central's Division 1 state championship boys golf team include (from left) head coach Mike Anderson, James Piot, Glenn Piot, Will Coffman, Max Palmer, Ben Smith and assistant coach Rick Williams.

State champs: CC wins golf's ultimate prize

Sophomore Smith leads dominating Division 1 finals showing

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

You'd have to dig deep in the archives of the Michigan High School Athletic Association to find a more dominating state finals tournament performance by a boys golf team.

But after losing last year's Division 1 final by a mere stroke and placing third in 2013, Novi Detroit Catholic Central made no mistake Saturday, capturing its third state championship in school history by a whopping 31-stroke margin at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course in

Big Rapids.

The Shamrocks, who shot 294 during Friday's opening round to take a healthy nine-stroke advantage, finished with a total of 591 after posting a four-player total of 297 Saturday.

Battle Creek Lakeview, led by individual medalist Andrew Walker, took runner-up honors at 622, with Canton (624), Hartland (625) and Rockford (633) rounding out the top five.

Northville, meanwhile, moved up from 15th Friday to 11th Saturday with a 334-316-650 total.

"The guys played like this most of the year," CC coach Mike Anderson said. "The conditions were difficult and we were really patient. Today was an interesting day, because I really didn't know what to expect. The conditions were difficult, the wind was blowing. They had the pins in tough positions and we got off to a really good start and the rest of the field was going the other way."

After just five holes Saturday, the Shamrocks had already increased their lead to 26 strokes.

"I think the guys kind of

got the sense and conveyed to the guys we just needed to relax, have fun and enjoy the day," Anderson said. "And that's what they did. They played great."

"We knew that if we just kept doing what we were doing that we had a pretty comfortable lead. Barring any major hiccups, the guys were comfortable. I think it was helpful, because they kind of got that sense early in the round. There may have been some anxiety right out of the gate, but they just came out of the gate making birdies. After six holes, everybody kind of

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DIVISION 4 BASEBALL REGIONAL

Franklin Road brings home regional crown

First in school history as Warriors win, 1-0

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Franklin Road Christian's baseball team seized the school's first regional championship in any sport Saturday when it defeated host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 1-0.

The Warriors, who improved to 18-8, were scheduled to make their first-ever Division 4 state quarterfinal appearance Tuesday at Flint Kearsley against Ubyly.

After out-slugging Plymouth Christian Academy, 9-6, earlier in the day in one semifinal, the Warriors completed their regional conquest thanks to the three-hit pitching of Shaun Moore, who struck out one and walked only one in going all seven innings.

Parkway, the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division co-champion, had beaten Franklin Road twice during the regular season in a pair of one-run games. The Eagles ended their season at 21-8.

"It was perseverance," Franklin Road coach Mike Harris said. "The first game was hitting, the championship game



MIKE HARRIS

Novi Franklin Road Christian players celebrate their first regional baseball title in school history.

was just great defense. We came up huge. (Parkway) actually had a guy on third in the top of the seventh with nobody out and we were able to get out of it. We threw a guy out at the plate, got another guy out on a rundown

trying to score. (Moore) had only one strikeout, so the defense, which has been our Achilles' heel all year, stepped up for us and made plays today."

Franklin Road scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth,

when Kyle Harris led off with a double to the right-center field gap off Parkway starter Andrew Manner. Matt Lorey then brought Harris home with a single off Eagles reliever Mike Bautista. Moore also went 2-

for-3 to pace Franklin Road's seven-hit attack. "We're definitely on cloud nine," Mike Harris said. "Nobody expected us to come out of there with the 'W.'"

In the semifinal win over PCA, Nick Hanley

went 3-for-3 with an RBI and three runs scored to pace the Warriors. Matt Lorey added two hits and two RBIs, while Kyle Harris also knocked in a run.

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DIVISION 1 BASEBALL REGIONAL



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Catholic Central players celebrate after teammate Dante Toppi scored a run in Saturday's 8-4 win over Stevenson.

Catholic Central eliminates Stevenson in regional, 8-4

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central collected a modest six hits, but made most of them count Saturday en route to an 8-4 Division 1 regional semifinal baseball victory over Livonia Stevenson at Novi.

The victorious Shamrocks, who improved their record to 21-18, got an RBI double from Jordan Jenkins in the first inning and a big three-run double from winning pitcher Grant Hartwig in the third to build a 4-1 advantage.

CC then scored two more times in the fourth without the benefit of a hit as Anthony Esser drew a lead-off walk and eventually scored on an infield error. Nick Marcon, who had reached base on the same error, then came home on a wild pitch.

Stevenson starter Jack Ferguson, one of only two seniors on the team, gave up six runs (four earned) on four hits in 3 1/2 innings. Dan Bos went the next 2 1/2 innings before Gordon Ferguson finished up.

"They didn't out-hit us by that much, we just didn't pitch well," said Stevenson coach Rick Berryman, whose team bowed out at 24-15. "All of our pitchers threw tentative. A couple of walks here and a couple of key hits is what hurt us. And to his credit, (Hartwig) threw aggressively and threw well."

The trio of Stevenson pitchers gave up a total of six walks to go along with a hit batter, which proved costly.

CC added two more runs in the sixth on an RBI double by Marcon and an RBI ground out by Dante Toppi.

"We were throwing a lot," Berryman said. "My pitcher (Ferguson), by the fourth inning, was at 78 pitches. We're behind in the count. We throw better than what we showed today. We hung in there, we battled and didn't give up. But hey, give the pitcher from CC (Hartwig) credit. He threw well."

Hartwig, a senior right-hander, threw just 90 pitches during his seven innings to pick up the victory. He scattered six hits, struck out four and walked three.

The only Stevenson hitter Hartwig was unable to solve was Jack Ferguson, who belted a solo homer in the first inning, followed by a three-run shot - both of which cleared the left field fence.

"Jack's been an excellent hitter for us all year," Berryman said. "He's hitting .470 this year. He's got a chance at all-state as an outfielder-hitter."

Hartland, meanwhile, won the other regional semifinal against West Bloomfield, 3-2, before going on to claim the regional title with a 3-2 triumph over Catholic Central.

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DIVISION 1 BASEBALL REGIONAL

Hartland ends CC's season, 3-2

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was a roller-coaster ride of emotions featuring a plot that had more twists and turns than an Alfred Hitchcock movie during the late innings of Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 baseball regional final at Novi.

But when the smoke cleared, Hartland emerged the victor with a spellbinding 3-2 triumph over Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, advancing to its first state quarterfinal berth since 2011.

The Eagles (25-16-1) were scheduled to face Troy Athletics, which advanced with a 4-1 regional final victory over Utica Eisenhower, in a Tuesday quarterfinal on the same Novi field.

"All year we've been playing in low-scoring, tight games and I just think it all came to help us in games like this," said Hartland coach Brian Morrison, whose team also pulled out a 3-2 regional semifinal win earlier in the day over West Bloomfield. "Our last three games have been one-run games like that."

Hartland, with junior left-hander Nathan Lohmeier cruising on the mound, carried a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning, scoring its lone run in the first off CC starter Dante Toppi when Gary Turnbull walked and scored on Max Cadman's double.

But the Shamrocks received a lifeboat in the sixth, when Justin Green legged out a single after he hit a chopper between the pitcher's mound and first base. Green collided with Lohmeier on a bang-bang play at the bag as both players went down.

After several minutes being attended to by a trainer, Lohmeier was unable to continue after handcuffing the Shamrocks on just four hits with eight strikeouts and no walks in 5 1/2 innings.

"It looked like they just hit knee-to-knee," Morrison said. "I don't know if it was just

that contact or if they twisted or something. We just had to wait, but there was no way (Lohmeier) could put enough weight there to pitch, let alone play a position. So that kind of got everything scrambled, because we were kind of rolling along there."

Toppi then came up and also reached base on a similar play as Hartland reliever Justin Baker, who came on for Thomas Rivet after he threw just four pitches for a 2-2 count, was unable to secure his foot on the bag in time while covering first.

With CC runners at second and third with two outs following a wild pitch, Mike Scott then ripped a single to center, scoring courtesy runner Jarod Luomala and Toppi, to give the Shamrocks a 2-1 lead.

Toppi, a junior right-hander, was cruising himself as he entered the top of the seventh with the one-run lead.

But Maximilian Hendricks led off with a double and moved to third base on a wild pitch. With the infield drawn in, Toppi fanned Richard Borle, but Hendricks scored from third on a wild pitch in the dirt on what turned out to be a botched suicide squeeze attempt to make it 2-2.

"We didn't get a great pitch," Morrison said. "If (Oliver) had gotten a better pitch, he probably lays it down. All I was thinking was tying the game because he's a good bunter, tie the game and put the run at second even if they had thrown us out at first. That was the thinking behind it. We execute it with certain guys that can do it and it kind of called for it. And it kind of worked out for us."

After an intentional walk to Baker, who was pinch-hitting, CC coach Dan Michaels brought in catcher Grant Hartwig to pitch. (The junior right-hander had beaten Livonia Stevenson with a complete-game performance on the mound in the other regional semifinal, 8-4.)

With CC at double-play

depth, Hartwig struck out Brett Oliver, but the third strike eluded Scott at the plate and Oliver made it safely to first. The No. 9 batter, Jack Slavin, then hit a grounder to CC shortstop Nick Marcon, who stepped on the bag to get the force, but his throw to first went awry and courtesy runner Cade Martin scored from third with the go-ahead run.

"We wanted to get a double play and win the game," Michaels said. "That's what we wanted to do. We figured with one out, put the guy on and get a double play and win the game. I think we actually had one strike on the guy when he did the bunt, so we could have gotten a ground ball and maybe win the game. We were playing to win, that's all."

Baker then retired CC in order in the bottom of the seventh with a pair of ground outs and a strikeout.

"What can you say?" Michaels said. "Both teams battled. We battled back with two runs in the sixth and then get the double and then after that I don't think the ball left the infield, but they scratched out the runs. And little things are going to win. It hurts. The boys, I couldn't be more proud of."

The Shamrocks, meanwhile, bowed out with a 21-19 overall record and will return their top two junior pitchers next year in Hartwig and Toppi.

"They're both one and one-A for us," Michaels said. "They carried us. Those two guys have been awesome. But (Hartwig) is kind of our horse and Dante had kind of shut them down for about five innings. I wanted to start and see if (Toppi) could finish, then once they got the guy (Hendricks) on base, I thought I'd give (Hartwig) a shot and see if he could close it out. After the double, the ball didn't leave the infield and we're down 3-2. Give them credit for scratching out the runs."

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DIVISION 1 SOFTBALL REGIONAL

Northville battles No. 5 Marlins to the end

Mercy scores late to oust Mustangs, 4-0

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

For six innings Saturday, Allison Zwarka gave Northville a chance to win with her pitching against one of the state's top softball teams.

Farmington Hills Mercy eventually broke through in the seventh inning to claim a 4-0 victory in a Division 1 regional semifinal game at Novi High School.

Zwarka held the Marlins and their potent lineup to five hits through six scoreless innings, striking out two and walking two.

"It's the best game Allison has pitched all year," Northville coach Jim Ritz said. "She kept us in the game. She did a phenomenal job."

"It was a hell of a game. Nobody thought we'd hang with them and even come close."

Mercy loaded the bases with nobody out in the seventh with two hits and a walk. The fourth batter that inning, Anna Kiafoulis, followed with a three-run triple. She was pinch-hitting for the No.



Northville left fielder Emma Canedo goes flat-out for a diving catch in the fifth inning of Saturday's Division 1 regional semifinal against Mercy.

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9 batter.

"We needed somebody to drive the ball at that moment instead of somebody who puts it on the ground and runs fast," Mercy coach Alec Lesko said. "And that's what Anna does. She fouled off a few and then she got inside of one and hit it in the gap."

Shannon Gibbons, who re-entered for Kiafoulis, scored the fourth run on a wild pitch. The Marlins (26-3) finished with eight hits off Zwarka, who had

them off-balance and hitting mostly pop flies for easy outs until the last inning.

"I think it was probably them adjusting to her pitching," Ritz said. "Experience does that for you, too."

"We finally stopped chasing the ball that was high," Lesko said. "When she had to bring it down in the zone, we were able to put more balls in play. That young lady had the ball coming in, coming up. She handcuffed us a

few times. I thought we might have over-swung a few times and put the ball in the air."

"They're kids; they're at a point they can get very nervous. I thought we started out in that first game with a lot of jitters. I thought we calmed down throughout the day and made the plays that we had to make."

The Mustangs (24-12) had a great opportunity to take an early lead, loading the bases with

none out in the second inning. Zwarka and McKenzie Kamm had back-to-back singles and Emma Canedo drew a walk to fill the bases.

Mercy got out of the jam with a force out at the plate, a fly out to center field and a perfect throw by Molly Murphy for another putout at the plate on a courtesy runner.

"We couldn't get a key hit when we needed it," Ritz said. "We missed a big opportunity there, no

doubt about it. But we're a young team; we'll be back next year."

Northville had four hits, including singles by Sara Moos and Ashley Schiffer. The Mustangs, who had won 14 straight games, started four freshmen; they lose two seniors.

"I'm super-proud of what the girls did today," Ritz said. "That team is ranked No. 5 in the state. They beat the No. 1-ranked team (Portage Central) a couple weeks ago. For us to play like we did today, I can't tell you how proud I am of the girls."

"It was just a great season. All I asked them to do was to come focused every day to practice, get better every day and forget about your record. That will take care of itself. Let's get ready for the postseason and they were."

"We were ready for today. I hope they have their heads held high, because they should."

Mercy won the regional later Saturday afternoon with an eight-inning 3-2 win over Waterford Kettering and was scheduled to play Clarkston in a state quarterfinal game Tuesday at Novi.

State Cup champs



JOHN SAVONA

Canton Celtic '99 Black, coached by Pete Alexander, became the first team in club history to win the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association under-16 State Cup with a 1-0 victory over the Grand Rapids Crew Juniors in the finals May 31 at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex. Celtic went 7-0 during its tourney run, highlighted by a 4-1 semifinal victory over the Michigan Wolves '99 Black and a 2-1 win over the Michigan Wolves in the quarterfinals. Members of Celtic, which advances to the U.S. Youth Soccer Midwest Region II championships June 20-24, in Fox Cities, Wis., include: Cade Kozlowski and Justin Savona, Novi Detroit Catholic Central; Ryen O'Meara, Steven Page and Matthew Rockafellow, Canton; Matthew Weiner and Anthony Iacopelli, Plymouth; Austin Andres and Brian Schlientz, Plymouth Christian; Jason Figueroa, Dylan Stephens and Maxwell Tanau, Ann Arbor Pioneer; Sebastian Iniquez, Robert Rust, Christian Kotila and Sevrin Williams, Ann Arbor Huron; David Rubin, Ann Arbor Greenhills; and Riley Alexander, Pinckney. The team manager is Mike Rockafellow.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hole-in-one club

Among the aces reported recently at Tanglewood Golf Course (North Course):

» Jose Ortiz of Novi used an 8-iron on the 128-yard, No. 8 hole May 22.

» Cheryl Holmberg of Northville on the 127-yard, No. 8 hole May 21.

Girls hoop camp

The Novi Lady Wildcats basketball camp (grades 2-9) will be from 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday, June 15-19, at the Novi High Performance Gym and Field House.

The registration fee is \$120.

All registration will be done online through the Novi Athletics website at <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics> (click on summer camps).

For more information, email Novi varsity

girls coach Bill Kelp at bkelp@novischools.net.

Novi cheer clinic

The Novi High varsity cheerleaders will stage a three-day summer cheer clinic (girls ages 5-12) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, July 13-15, at Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Drive, Novi.

The \$100 fee includes all three days, including lunches and snacks. (Cost does not include T-shirt).

To register, go to www.novi.k12.mi.us (click on athletics tab and select sports camp).

For more information, email coach Ashley Karinen at AKarinen07@gmail.com.

CC hoop camps

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central High basketball camps will be offered to incoming grades 5-7 from 9 a.m. until noon Monday

through Thursday, June 22-25 and July 13-16, along with grades 8-9, 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 22-25 and July 13-16.

The cost is \$125. The June camps' deadline registration deadline is June 8, while the July camps' registration deadline is June 29.

For more information, go to catholiccentral.net or email CC coach Bill Dyer at bill.dyer@southredford.org. You can also call 734-679-6773.

MU volleyball

Madonna University will stage a series of summer volleyball camps: Advanced (elite) and general all-skills - Monday through Thursday, June 22-25; setters and hitters (session 1) - June 29 through July 2; hitters (session 2) and defensive - July 6-9.

For more information, call 734-432-5612 (office) or 734-748-3128.

DIVISION 1 GIRLS SOCCER REGIONAL

Mustangs win shootout, 2-1

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Another shootout, another victory in the books for the defending Division 1 state champion Northville girls soccer team.

A very determined Hartland squad was the latest victim June 2 in the regional semifinal at Novi's Meadows Stadium as the Mustangs notched their third tournament victory via penalty kicks with a double-overtime 2-1 triumph.

Northville, which improved to 15-3-5, faced Grand Blanc (16-5-5), which upset top-ranked Rochester Stoney Creek in the other regional semifinal, 3-2, in the regional title game. (See related story.)

The Mustangs, who had scored only three goals in regulation (or in overtime) during a six-game span dating back to the KLAA tournament, struck first with 23:25 left in the match, when junior Sarah Park perfectly timed a header just inside the box off a corner kick from Morgan Gozdor.

"I'm not really sure what happened on that one, but it certainly looked like something like we just weren't tracking it and (Park) got open," Hartland coach Andrew Kartsounes said. "Kudos to her to getting her head down low and somehow that ball had eyes. I'm not sure how it got through everybody and found the corner of the goal."

But Hartland (18-3-3), applying the pressure, scored the equalizer to force a pair of 10-minute OTs when Alex Rigonan took a feed from Maddie Pogarch and one-timed a shot past Northville goalkeeper Emily Maresh with only 15:18 remaining to make it 1-1.

"We are who we are,"



JOHN PAWLOSKI

Northville goalie Emily Maresh makes a save in the shootout against Hartland.

Northville coach Eric Brucker said. "We actually got a goal in regulation, but we couldn't let it stick. That was a great goal by (Rigonan); she was patient. Hartland is a great team. They had by far the best all-around individual foot skill of any team we played so far this year. We know it. (Pogarch) is an outstanding player and that's why we had to mark her. She still got the assist."

After 20 minutes of overtime, the two teams were still deadlock to force yet another shootout.

In the PK round, Northville made good on its first three tries, getting scores from Kelsey Estes, Abby Henzi and Erica Gumkowski.

Hartland made its first two as Pogarch and Kennedy Kuhlman found the back of the net, but Maresh denied Brenna Seaman on the Eagles' third PK attempt.

Both teams misfired during the fourth round, but Northville's Alissa Moore beat Hartland keeper Christine Bowen for the game-winner to keep the Mustangs alive (and well) in the tournament.

"(Maresh) made a nice

save on that one and we put one wide," Kartsounes said "We just got to finish our chances."

Brucker, meanwhile, was making no apologies for another shootout victory.

"But this is our routine," he said. "People don't want to get to that point. We're starting to make people nervous, because we're used to it now. It's not what we want to do, but if that's what happens, we're definitely prepared for it."

Hartland won the shots-on-goal battle by a sizable margin, 14-6, but couldn't come away with the victory against the defensive-minded Mustangs.

"They obviously had a game plan and their game plan was to try and keep us from scoring and they did a pretty good job of it," Kartsounes said. "I've seen them play before and it was the same kind of game. You could see that we had a lot more shots on goal, a lot more shots in general, a lot more of the ball. But sometimes that's what happens in this game. You got to put them on and you got to put them in when you get those chances."

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SOCCER

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off the right post and into the net behind Northville's standout senior goalkeeper Emily Maresh.

"It was like a cut inside and then a left foot inside off the post, but that goalie (Maresh) is so good," Walker said. "She made one save over there and I don't know how she got there. She arose out of nowhere. We knew we had to score inside the box, because we knew we weren't going to score far out on her. So it was like more working the

ball inside off crosses and on the ground and just sliding it to the side of the net. Their defensive line and their goalie are so good."

But Grand Blanc was able to penetrate Northville's first and second line of defense, getting another goal from freshman Lara Wheeler with 16:02 left in the half off an assist from Morgen Metzger to make it 2-0.

Northville answered just 1:27 later, when Morgan Gozdor's corner kick was bobbled by Grand Blanc's 6-0 keeper Amy Puidokas, which eventually found the foot of the Mustangs junior Kelsey Estes, who made no mis-

take on her shot inside the box to cut the deficit to 2-1.

But the killer play came with only 1:21 remaining in the half, when a Northville defender was called for a handball in the box.

Walker, the hero in a regional semifinal shootout victory over top-ranked Rochester Stoney Creek, took the penalty kick and slid a shot along the turf just inside the post for a two-goal advantage.

"Our first touch on our side killed us today and they took advantage of their first touch," Brucker said. "The first 10 minutes, for whatever

reason, we were kind of flat. That put us behind the eight-ball and we're not a team that reacts well to that stuff. The second goal - fine, it happens. When it was 2-1, we were really in the game. The third one was a little deflating."

The Bobcats enjoyed a 9-2 shots-on-goal advantage for the match. It was the first time all season that Northville had allowed three goals in a game.

"They're defending state champs and KLAA champs and I'm always keeping track of who is playing who and everything," Grand Blanc coach Greg Kehler said

of the Mustangs. "They just don't give up any goals. When Annie got that first one, it was a great boost for us. Then we got in a couple more times and scored three goals, although not feeling comfortable with it. We'd like to have one more and I'd feel more comfortable maybe, but we'll take the 3-1 win."

Although the Mustangs couldn't duplicate last year's 23-0 state title run, it was a banner season nonetheless as they captured the KLAA Central Division (co-champs with Novi), Kensington Conference, KLAA Association and district titles.

"We had a good run,"

Brucker said. "These girls should be proud of what they accomplished this year. These guys set their team goals and they kept having to come up with new ones because they kept achieving them. I'm proud of their effort. Definitely, the strangest style of play I've ever had to coach with, but it was working. We kept trying to react to the opponents that we had and tonight we didn't have it. Kudos to Grand Blanc. Great team and I think they have a great shot if they keep working as hard as they did tonight."

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MHSAA BOYS GOLF FINALS

Dales lifts Northville to bounce-back finish

Mustangs wind up 11th as freshman makes top 10

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville bounced back from a tough opening round Friday to leapfrog four places and finish 11th overall in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state finals held at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course in Big Rapids.

While Novi Detroit Catholic Central captured the coveted title by a record-setting 31 strokes with a four-player total of 591, the Mustangs wound up deadlocked at 650 with Plymouth after posting a last-place 334 during the first round, followed by 316 (fifth best among the 15-school field for the day).

"I know the boys were disappointed in the way we played Friday," Northville coach Jeff Balagna said. "We were making mistakes we hadn't made in a long time and doing things that were out of the ordinary. We had some down time Friday night and talked about our goal of not finishing in 15th. We really wanted to crack the top 10.

"Saturday was a different Mustang golf team. It was the team I had seen over the past two months. I think the biggest fear we had was people seeing our scores and saying it was a fluke that we made it to the finals, but Saturday showed we belong and can compete with the best in the state. I also think Saturday's performance makes Friday's round sting a little more because we started asking, 'What if?'"

After shooting 77 Friday, Northville freshman Jimmy Dales carded a final-round 74 for a 151 total to place 10th overall.

"Jimmy played probably his best tournament of the year," Balagna said. "I was not sure what to expect out of the young kid. The pressure at this level is a little greater. Jimmy kept his composure and played outstanding. He was hitting the ball beautifully and one thing that helped his game was his approach shots. He was giving himself a lot of birdie chances and that is important on a course like Katke. I cannot say enough about this kind and his ability on the course. He has put together just an amazing fresh-



Northville freshman Jimmy Dales earned a top 10 finish at the MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state finals in Big Rapids.

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man season."

Other Northville scorers included freshman Abhi Alluri, 84-77-161; senior Akhil Alluri, 85-79-164; sophomore Aaron Youmans, 88-86-174; and senior Jacob Pierce, 90-91-181.

"I had a nice meeting with the team after the

round and reminded them that there are about 120 teams that start at the district level and only 15 get to the point we were at," Balagna said. "They should not hang their heads because there are a lot of other schools that would have loved to be playing this weekend."

The usually reliable Pierce, meanwhile, was battling a virus leading up to the event.

"I know he was feeling the effects during the round, but he battled and never gave up," Balagna said. "It is a bittersweet end for him, as he played one of his best compet-

itive rounds at regionals, to then get sick and not be 100 percent at the state finals. I know he was disappointed, because this was not how it was supposed to end for him. He is sure going to miss; he is leaving some big shoes to fill in our lineup."

Akhil Alluri is the other graduating senior for the Mustangs.

"I know he was disappointed with Friday's result and wanted to improve drastically," Balagna said. "His short game on Saturday was outstanding, the best I had see all season, and that saved the him and the team numerous strokes. I'm sad to see him go, but I know that helped to fulfill his goal this season of playing in the state finals."

Meanwhile, Abhi Alluri, Youmans and Dales all return next season.

"Having two freshmen and one sophomore in the lineup says a lot for the future," Balagna said. "We have the ability and talent to compete for many years now. There were only five freshmen in the field and two of them were Mustangs."

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BOYS LACROSSE



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Nick Capatina (left) shields off Country Day's Matt MacLean.

CC nips DCD to reach finals

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If there's a will, then there's a way when it comes to this current edition of the Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys lacrosse squad.

The host Shamrocks trailed Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day in a MHSAA Division 1 state semifinal June 3 for almost 44 of the 48 minutes, but CC came up big in the final quarter, getting the game-winning goal from junior Rocco Mularoni with only 1:19 left to oust last year's Division 2 state champion, 14-13.

"We just kept working and things just started to go our way," said Mularoni, who finished with five goals and two assists. "We just kept working hard all game and eventually things just started to come to us. Our team has just been playing well lately, so it just helps when you don't get broken down all game when you're down by one goal. You just keep fighting."

The victory put CC (16-5) in its fifth title game in school history against Catholic League rival and state juggernaut Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Anytime you can get to the state finals, it's a fantastic feeling," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "One, it's so great because we get to go on and represent our school at the highest level. And two, we only have six seniors, so the kids that have stuck with it so long and worked this hard ... we've made a lot of sacrifices."

CC trailed 7-6 at halftime, but pulled even at 11-11 with 6:00 to go in the third quarter on Mularoni's goal from Justin Baker.

But the Yellowjackets (15-7) got a goal from Devon Callaghan with 5:05 left in the same quarter and another by the senior midfielder with 1:10 left in the match to go up 13-11.

But that would be the last goal Country Day would get as 6-0, 230-pound sophomore goalie Hunter Braun came up with several critical saves down the stretch.

"We came from behind before," Braun said. "We beat Brighton from behind. We knew we could do it riding on our seniors' back. Made a couple of big saves at the end. Our defense held them without a shot in the last 10 seconds. And our offense put the ball in the back of the net almost every possession."

CC had lost 13-10 to the Yellowjackets on March 25 and the game plan was to force the DCD to shoot

from the perimeter.

"We actually came in letting them shoot the far shots, knowing that we didn't want them getting inside shots, so they trusted me to take the outside saves, so that's what we did," Braun said.

While Country Day buzzed around the CC net during the final 2:26, Braun proved to be the brick wall the Shamrocks were looking for. One shot in particular appeared to be headed into the back of the net with CC clinging to a one-goal lead.

"I saw it go opposite side. I knew I couldn't get my stick there, so I just threw my arm in front of it and made the save," Braun said.

Mularoni had scored with 6:05 remaining to pull CC within one, 13-12, and Andrew Schertzer's goal with 2:52 left from Mularoni evened the score at 13-13.

Mularoni then tallied the game-winner off an assist from Zack Crawford.

"We just know everything has going to be all right," Mularoni said. "We've been there before and we just knew how to handle ourselves. We work on high-pressure situations in practice every day, so we knew how to handle it."

Crawford added three goals, while Joe Sullivan and Nick Capatina contributed two each for CC. Freshman Peter Thompson also had a goal, along with Schertzer.

Mularoni, meanwhile, scored all five of his goals in the second half.

"He had a tendency all year to kind of stop moving his feet and he kept moving his feet," Wilson said. "Anytime you shoot, you have a chance. He's given himself a chance by moving his feet and getting some shots off."

Emilio Sosa and Copper Belanger each scored four goals, while Callaghan added three for Country Day. David Pohl also chipped in two.

"We had a lot of shots," Country Day coach Michael Cappelletti said. "We had a lot of opportunities that we normally like to think we'd score. But I made a promise to myself a long time ago that I'd never stand here in one of these things and say, 'I wish we'd shot better,' because I think that's a cop-out as a coach.

"They went out there and got the ground balls, they did a better job than us. Man, (CC) competed and that's a credit to their kids and coaches."

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LACROSSE

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goal of the second half and gradually took control. CC went scoreless in the third quarter and was outscored 4-3 in the fourth quarter.

"I know they can score quick because they have a great face-off guy," Chawla said. "They got some quick goals, but I don't think we were ever worried. We just had to settle down a little bit. We know they play on streaks and

emotions.

"We got those two goals at the end of the half, which I thought were huge goals for us. That took a little of the momentum back. Then I told our guys getting the first goal of the second half was the biggest goal of the game."

Five players accounted for Rice's scoring, led by junior Morgan Macko with a team-high five goals. Seniors Bo Pickens and John Lockwood and junior Riley North all scored three times. Senior attack Brendan Kennedy scored

Rice's other two goals.

Mularoni netted five of Catholic Central's seven goals. Senior Zack Crawford and junior Justin Baker also scored for the Shamrocks.

"Mularoni is a very good player," Chawla said. "They have a lot of good players. I guess our main goal today was to shut down Baker and we did that. We were going to let other people score and we were going to try and take Baker out of the offense."

The Shamrocks finished their season 16-6.



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After a tough loss in the state final to Brother Rice, Catholic Central's Wyatt Engle hangs his head as his team is given its runner-up trophy.

CHAMPS

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just eased into their round."

The Shamrocks boasted three in the top 10, led by sophomore Ben Smith, who took third overall with a two-day total of 72-73-145. He was only behind Walker, who shot 70-72-142, and Canton's Donnie Trospier, the first day leader, who carded 67-77-144.

"Ben is special," Anderson said. "He had an incredible, incredible year. He had four or five wins. He was in a position to win it today. They did live scoring this year, so we kind of knew where everybody stood all the time and Ben was 1-under with four holes to play and Andrew (Walker) was 1-under with four holes to play. Andrew made a birdie coming in and Ben was forcing it. He three-putted his last two holes. But he had an incredible tournament and an incredible year. I can't say enough about Benny."

Meanwhile, fifth man Max Palmer (70-80-150), a junior, and James Piot (75-75-150), a sophomore, both tied for eighth.

Senior Will Coffman finished with 77-75-152, just two shots shy of the top 10, while fellow senior Glenn Piot bounced back from his opening-round 84 to shoot 74 and finished with 158.

Glenn Piot birdied four of his first six holes, while Coffman came out with a pair of birdies to start Saturday's second round.

"Max Palmer played great," Anderson said. "He makes a nine, quadruple-bogey on a par-5, but other than that he finishes in the top five in the tournament as well.

"At the beginning of the year, this was our goal. We felt like we had the best team in the state. When you can put all the pieces together when it matters most, like we did these last two days, it's pretty gratifying. These boys are really happy and I'm obviously happy for our captains, Will Coffman and

Glenn Piot, who are seniors, to have this experience. So it's pretty special."

And to see Glenn Piot, a Michigan State University signee who has struggled with driver this season, contribute on the second day was pleasing to Anderson, to say the least.

"We had three or four guys as backups that we could have plugged in and they've all played really well throughout the year as well," the CC coach said. "And so we practiced after our round yesterday and (Glenn Piot) came up to me and said, 'Coach, I'll be all right. I think he shot four or five rounds in the low 80s. And he comes out today with pressure of knowing that he's struggling and he birdies his first two holes. In my opinion, that was the round of the year for him. He was struggling off the tee all day today and he just found a way to make it work. It was really an incredible round by him."

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Novi, Suburban Arena Management extend ice arena pact

The experienced leadership team at the Novi Ice Arena will continue without interruption as Suburban Arena Management, LLC, and the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department have recently agreed upon a renewal of the management contract for the city-owned facility. The new three-year management contract, which also includes two mutually agreed upon one-year renewal options, will begin July 1.

Opened in September 1998, Suburban began management of the Novi Ice Arena in October 1999, after the facility experienced considerable losses in its first year of operation. Under Suburban management, the facility has operated profitably since 2002 and is considered one of the most successfully operated municipal facilities in the state of Michigan. This new contract could extend the working relationship between the city of Novi and Suburban to

SINCE 1999

For the past 15 years, the Novi Ice Arena has thrived in many areas under Suburban's direction:

- » The Novi Adult Hockey League, managed by the arena management staff, is consistently one of the largest adult hockey leagues in Michigan.
- » The Novi Ice Arena Learn to Skate program, which feeds all recreational and competitive skating and hockey activities in the facility, is regularly one of the largest programs in Michigan and nationally.
- » The facility is host to a variety of programs, including the Novi Youth Hockey Association, Skating Club of Novi and both Novi High School and Northville High School hockey teams.
- » The Novi Ice Arena is also the home rink for world-renowned ice dancing coach Igor Shpilband, who has trained his Olympic-bound ice dancers from multiple countries here since 2012.

the notable 20-year mark.

"Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services is pleased to continue working with Suburban Arena Management and their staff to provide quality programming and services at the Novi Ice Arena," said Jeff Muck, director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Service. "Their commitment to the ice

arena's success is evident in the way the arena is maintained and managed and we look forward to working collaboratively with them on future initiatives."

Kris Barnes, a Suburban team member who has served as general manager of the Novi Ice Arena since 2006, will continue to oversee the day-to-day operations of the rink and its staff.



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Barnes earned his B.A. in sports management and communications and M.A. in sports management from the University of Michigan.

"We are very honored to extend our relationship with the city of Novi and all the user groups and customers at the Novi Ice Arena," Barnes said. "We've built a strong history of performance and many relationships here and are

excited to continue it for as long as possible."

Suburban Arena Management is among a family of companies that makes up the Suburban Sports Group. Headquartered in Farmington Hills, the company was founded in 1974 in Dearborn as a summer hockey school program.

The firm also manages the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena in Rochester (since 1999) and the John

Lindell Ice Arena for the city of Royal Oak (since 2011), as well as operating three company-owned facilities – Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills (since 1997), Suburban Ice-Macomb and Suburban Ice-East Lansing (both since 2004).

The Novi Ice Arena is located at 42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive; phone 248-347-1010 or go to www.novoicearena.com for more information.

County's Emerging Sectors' investment tops \$3 billion

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced the Emerging Sectors business attraction and retention strategy he created in 2004 to diversify the county's economy has surpassed \$3 billion of total investment.

The strategy had five successes in May totaling \$60.4 million of new investment, resulting in more than 650 new and retained jobs. When added to figures since inception in 2004, the program has 337 business successes resulting in total investment of \$3.05 billion, 35,106 new jobs and 18,853 retained jobs. A success is a company that is either new to Oakland County or expanded here when it considered moving to another state or country.

"OMG – over \$3 billion inside of 11 years," Patterson said. "By anyone's yardstick, this is a great accomplishment for Oakland County and its crack economic development team. If it weren't against county rules, we'd be popping corks on the fifth floor."

The milestone was reached 11 years after Patterson introduced the program to diversify Oakland County's economy, which had been heavily dependent on the automotive industry. The strategy target-

ed international companies that expressed an interest in expanding operations into North America and North American companies that identified Oakland County as the right business location. The targeted sectors include advanced electronics, advanced materials, alternative energy, information technology/communications, aerospace and defense/homeland security.

The most successful sectors have been the health care/life science sector (Medical Main Street), at \$975 million of total investment, and IT/communications (Tech 248), at \$619 million of total investment. Patterson said the strategy is responsible for new investment in the county, on average, of \$750,000 every day for 11 years.

"If I've said it once, I've said it a thousand times: Oakland County is the economic engine that drives the Michigan economy," Patterson said.

Oakland County aggressively seeks international investment. In 2014, the county attracted \$171 million of direct foreign investment. There are 1,040 international firms from 39 countries with business locations in the county. Deputy County Exec-

utive Matthew Gibb left for China last week in an effort to attract more Chinese companies to Oakland County.

In 2008, Patterson hosted a celebration at the Cranbrook Institute of Science to honor the first 70 Emerging Sector companies whose total investment surpassed \$1 billion. With the Great Recession at its peak, it took until 2013 for the program to reach \$2 billion in total investment. More than 500 representatives from Emerging Sector companies and other guests were invited to a "What Goes into \$2 Billion?" celebration on the arena floor at The Palace of Auburn Hills held to thank the companies for their investment.

After only two more years, Patterson is planning a \$3 billion celebration to thank the companies responsible for this investment record.

"This is a testament to these companies – 337 of them," Patterson said. "They contributed (invested) to this huge success. I congratulate each and every one of those companies for helping rebuild Oakland County's economy after the Great Recession and along the way creating 35,000 new jobs in a completely diversified portfolio."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

INNO-VATOR of the Year nominations open

Michigan-based businesses and organizations have a chance at \$10,000 in cash and services as nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 Medical Main Street INNO-VATOR of the Year.

The deadline to submit an entry is Aug. 31. Application instructions and reception registration can be found at MedicalMainStreet.com.

Credit unions grant deadline nears

The deadline is nearing for nonprofit organizations to apply for grants of up to \$2,500 from the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions. Grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded to support local community improvement activities in Wayne or Washtenaw counties. This year, the chapter will award a total of at least \$15,000. Nonprofit organizations that wish to apply must complete an online application at <http://metrowest.mcul.org/2015-charity-grant-application> by June 15. Any questions may be emailed to metrowestchapter@umcu.org.

Buddy's Pizza supports Great Lakes, education

With 11 locations in the Great Lakes State, including Novi's in the Twelve Mile Crossing complex, Detroit original Buddy's Pizza is counting on the enduring popularity of its Made in Michigan Great Lakes Pizza Collection to help educate local students across

the metro area about the importance of protecting the area's greatest natural resource – its freshwater lakes.

Now through Labor Day 2015, anytime visitors order from the Great Lakes Pizza Collection, a portion of the money from that pizza will go directly to local schools toward the purchase of the Great Lakes in My World Curriculum, to support the Alliance for the Great Lakes.

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/>.

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.

Poll shows support for redirecting film subsidies to roads

Sixty-six percent of respondents to a joint poll conducted by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Mackinac Center for Public Policy said they would support redirecting Michigan's \$50 million annual film subsidy to fixing the roads. Forty-eight percent said they strongly support the idea, while only 25 percent said they were opposed.

When asked if Michigan's \$50 million film subsidy should be continued or stopped altogether, without regard to road funding, an overwhelming majority of respondents – 60 percent to 29 percent – said the state should end the program.

Avoid layoffs under Work Share program

Michigan's Work Share program, administered by the Unemployment Insurance Agency, offers businesses an alternative to layoffs. An employer can reduce the hours of at least two full-time employees, who can then collect partial unemployment benefits to replace a portion of their lost wages.

For more information about Work Share requirements and eligibility, contact 967-5747 or go to the UIA website at michigan.gov/uia. For more information about the Talent Investment Agency, go to www.michigan.gov/tia.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 05-18-15b FIREWORKS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 05-18-15b – an ordinance to amend Chapter 54 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions in the Code of Ordinances.

The ordinance amendment amends Chapter 54 by deleting Section 54-183 Fireworks and adds Division 3 Fireworks to Article IV Offenses Against Public Safety. The amendment includes definitions, restrictions and prohibitions on use of consumer fireworks, addresses display and articles pyrotechnic fireworks, and provides for penalties for violations.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on May 18, 2015 and was adopted by the City Council on June 1, 2015. The ordinance shall become effective on June 12, 2015. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

MICHAEL CARLSON, POLICE CHIEF

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 23, 2015, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Hillside Middle School, 775 Center St., Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2015-2016 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2015-2016 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2015-2016 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 501 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

James Mazurek, Secretary

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NOTICE – NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CISCO TELEPHONE, VOICEMAIL, & NETWORKING UPGRADE

Northville Township will receive sealed proposals for a Cisco Telephone, Voicemail, and Networking Upgrade according to the specifications of Northville Township. A copy of the requirements and specifications may be obtained from the Northville Township Clerk's Department or on the Northville Township website: <http://www.northvilleemich.com> located under the "In the Spotlight" section on the home page.

Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Thursday, June 25th, 2015, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
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All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED

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The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Northville Township.

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Last year, Pantene debuted an advertisement showing women apologizing in various situations, including at the office...

A study a few years back from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, also examined this issue and found that women do say they're sorry more often than men...

Whether it's a man or a woman saying it, if you're uttering "I'm sorry" all the time in a professional setting, it can negatively impact how you're viewed by your peers and superiors...

"I believe women - and oftentimes emotionally tuned-in men - fall into this trap of saying 'I'm sorry,' because they want everyone to be happy," says Heather Neisen, HR manager at TechnologyAdvice...

The pre-apology

It's one thing to apologize for genuine wrongdoing, but it's another to do it when you're afraid you're inconveniencing someone by asking a question or challenging an idea...

"I'm so sorry to take up so much of your time, but I have an idea."

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"The tragedy is that what often follows is a great idea or terrific work. However, it may not be viewed from this lens if you've already apologized for it being substandard," Hurt says.

The impact on your career

Neisen says that constantly apologizing can harm your career for several reasons. "Overall, this can negatively impact a career because it can cause either burnout (due to stress) or it could potentially cause an employee to make poor decisions based on emotions and what others prefer instead of what is best for him or her."

not sure of your decisions. Ultimately, this can weaken someone's ability to lead well."

Jenn DeWall, career and life coach and motivational speaker, agrees. "Saying sorry too much can negatively impact your perception and reputation as a strong leader. Your boss or peers may make assumptions that you do not have a backbone and aren't willing to stand up for your work or ideas."

Stopping the cycle of "I'm sorry"

Christopher G. Fox, founder of Kindness Communication, a new venture focusing on promoting kindness to achieve better results and greater focus in organizations, says that to stop the habit, you need to first be cognizant of it happening, and second, imagine yourself not saying it.

"If you know the topic of discussion in advance, rehearse stating your position without saying sorry a few times; say it out

loud to yourself in the mirror at home the night before," he suggests. "Finally, if you have a good ally in the mix often, ask her or him to be your 'sorry buddy' and point out to you after the fact that you've said it. It's not just useful feedback afterwards. It also helps you feel accountable in the moment."

DeWall recommends becoming more of an active listener. "Listen to the concerns that are being addressed and think about how they tie to the big picture. Respond strategically without personalizing the feedback or outcome to you, which forces the need to apologize. By doing this, you are able to process tense or stressful situations with a more calm approach and provide a logical solution that contributes to the resolution without assuming personal responsibility for something that was unrelated to you."

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