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Attendees will enjoy dance demonstrations, see the dance studio and meet the instructors. Princess Ballet/Tap & Toes (for ages 3-6) will be demonstrated at 1 p.m. and México Lindo Ballet Folkórico (for ages 6-adult) at 2 p.m.

Additional classes available this fall include BollyFit Kids (for ages 7-14), Barre & Conditioning (for ages 16 and older) and Hawaiian and Polynesian (for all ages).

Registration for fall dance classes is going on now online at www.cityofnovi.org or in person at Novi Parks office (45175 10 Mile Road). To learn more, call 248-347-0400.

Novi's ZIP code sizzles

Realtor.com ranks 48375 fifth in country

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Summer's heat may be winding down in the 48375 ZIP code, but Novi is one of the hottest housing markets in the country, according to realtor.com.

In fact, there are only four U.S. ZIP codes ranked higher (see the complete list in the sidebar) from January through June this year.

"Each locale on this list is emblematic of the key trends driving housing this year — healthy local economics, job opportunities and affordability,"

said Jonathan Smoke, chief economist of realtor.com.

The communities' listings on the website are viewed three to eight times more often than overall U.S. listings — an average of 2.3 times more often than their respective metro areas, according to realtor.com.

"For first-time home buyers," Smoke said, "these communities provide great opportunities to enter the housing market, build a career and raise a family; older generations are able to build wealth and enjoy a variety



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Novi's 48375 ZIP code has been ranked fifth highest in the country by realtor.com.

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With an intense smile on her face, Stella Gurelki whips around a corner in a go-kart at Novi's Paradise Park. The entertainment center, located on Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck, is celebrating its 10th year of operation. See the full story on page B5.

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School district's immunization policy changing

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

If you're the parent of a school-age child and haven't heard yet — there have been changes to immunization policies which could affect whether or not your student can go to school Sept. 8.

"Parents used to be able to opt out of immunizations, but the law changed," said Carol Diglio, assistant superintendent of human resources for the Novi school district. "The Oakland County Health Department has to give a certificate to opt out."

Students will not be able to start school in Novi without immunizations, said Diglio.

"That's a strong recommendation from the OCHD," she said.

According to Kathy Forzley, manager/health officer with OCHD, on Dec. 11, 2014, an administrative rule was passed by

Michigan Department of Community Health requiring any parent/guardian wanting to waive vaccine/vaccines for non-medical reasons

to receive vaccine education from their local health department. This rule applies to children entering childcare, kindergarten, and seventh grade or newly enrolled in the school district after Jan. 1, 2015.

The OCHD provides education for county residents at no cost, but appointments are required. The 30-minute education session includes information on the risks of not receiving vaccines and the benefits of vaccination to the individual



Diglio

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Independent filmmaker takes on sex-trafficking

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The film *Paid in Full* proves three things: sex-trafficking is a big issue, minorities and women are more than capable of playing lead roles in movies and Novi has its own creative, independent filmmaker.

Nipa Shah, a Novi resident, is the producer of this new film that was made entirely in Michigan with some help from Hollywood talent.

Shah said *Paid in Full* presents a unique look into sex-trafficking, which is a global, multibillion-dollar industry. It's a crime drama about two sisters, a beat-up cop and the struggles these characters find themselves in with the massive criminal sex-trafficking ring.

"The film takes a serious look into some subject matter that is disturbing and in which more awareness has to be raised," Shah said.

The underlying message in

the film is that girls as young as 12-14 are victimized right here in the United States, many due to isolation and loneliness, Shah said.

According to her, Michigan is said to be No. 2 in the country for sex-trafficking activity. Raising awareness about this has become an important cause for Shah. Some of the profits from the film will go to help organizations taking on the issues of sex-trafficking.

This is also a film that Shah has put her all into. As an Indian-American woman, Shah said she faced some big challenges in getting the film done, from financing to people taking her seriously as a filmmaker.

"People need to know that minorities and woman can make important things happen. I hope this film is a reminder of that,"



Shah

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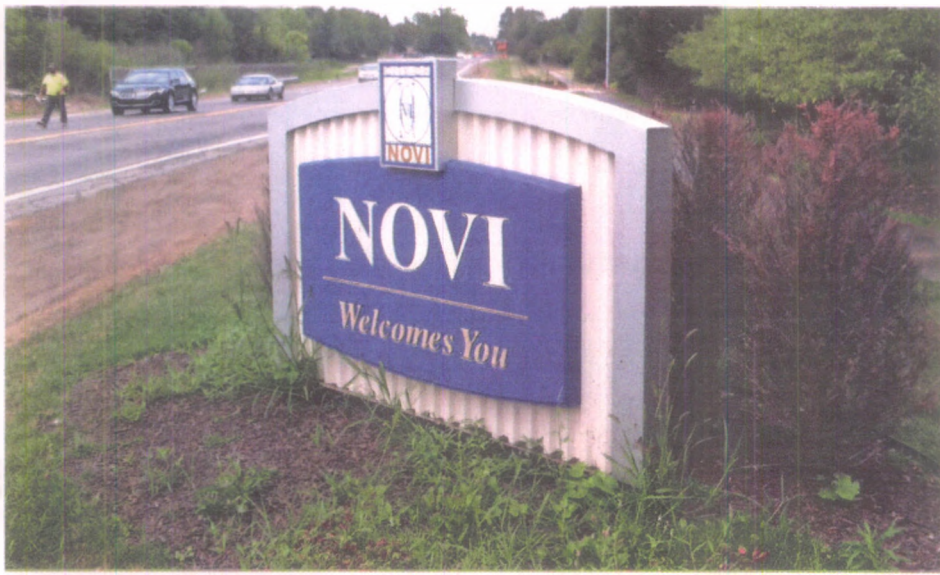
of lifestyles.”

High incomes, low unemployment

The strong housing markets in these top ZIP codes are driven by income. The median household income, at \$71,000, is 20 percent higher than their surrounding metropolitan areas. It's also 32 percent higher than the national average, \$54,000.

According to realtor.com, 32 percent of the households have income of \$100,000 or higher, which is 22 percent higher than their respective markets and one-third higher than the national average.

The median income of these ZIP codes' 25- to 34-year-olds – the millennials – is 26 percent higher than their respective



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Fil Superfisky, with the Novi Real Estate One office, said the local housing inventory is one of the best balanced in the metropolitan area. Prices range from around \$100,000 to well over \$2 million, with homes in every price point in between.

metro areas and 50 percent higher than the national average. Novi's millennials earn a median income of \$80,000. Novi, along with

Crestwood, Mo., and Worthington, Ohio, were ranked high in affordability by realtor.com. The median households in those three communities are able to afford 60 to 70 percent of their markets' homes.

Low unemployment rates are also a key indicator in the hottest ZIP codes, having dropped five times quicker than other metropolitan areas this past year. Novi's unemployment is 57 percent lower than in the rest of the metro area.

In its descriptions of the hottest ZIP codes, Novi is noted for being centrally located and easy access to Metro Airport, downtown Detroit and highways. Novi is also home to large health care systems and it's near three key auto industry facilities – the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, the General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford and the Ford headquarters in Dearborn.

“Choosing a neighborhood to call home is not just a product of economic factors; it's an intensely personal decision,” Smoke said. “Non-economic ‘it’ factors – such as strong school systems, short commutes

and access to public transportation, as well as close proximity to shopping and restaurants – also play an integral role in each market's popularity.”

Consistently recognized as one of the best in the state, the Novi Community School District was also identified as a major draw for this ZIP code.

“Those of us who work and live here in Novi know that it is a great community,” Superintendent Steve Matthews said. “One of the reasons is that the staff of the Novi Community School District works hard to create a wonderful learning environment for students. We want all students to learn every day. We work hard to ensure that our focus is on meeting the needs of the students who come to school and supporting the families who live in our community. We have great staff, students and families and wonderful facilities, multiple opportunities for students and great community support for our schools. Taken together, we have a winning formula for success.”

TOP 10

These are Realtor.com's hottest ZIP codes for the first six months of this year.

1. 02176 – Melrose, Mass.
2. 43085 – Worthington, Ohio
3. 80122 – Centennial, Colo.
4. 75023 – Plano, Texas
5. 48375 – Novi
6. 78247 – San Antonio, Texas
7. 63126 – Crestwood, Mo.
8. 78729 – Austin, Texas
9. 58103 – Fargo, N.D.
10. 92010 – Carlsbad, Calif.

Ranking for this list is based on realtor.com's Combined Hotness Index for January through June 2015. The index scores all ZIPs with 14-plus active listings and ranks them on the basis of realtor.com listing views (to assess demand) and median age of inventory (to assess supply). Each of these metrics is equally weighted and averaged out over the six-month period. For more about this ranking, go to <http://www.realtor.com/news/trends/top-10-hottest-zip-codes-in-america/>.

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No surprise here

The fact that Novi's ZIP code has been listed as one of the five hottest real estate ZIP codes in the entire country is not surprising to Mayor Bob Gatt.

“Novi has it all,” he said. “The greatest public services, shopping, entertainment, the finest schools (both public and private), great parks, low taxes and we are close to everything.”

He said the quality of life in Novi is second to none.

“We have the finest police and fire departments anywhere in the entire U.S.A.!” he said. “And shopping? Oh, my! I have always said, ‘If you can't find it in Novi, then you probably don't need it!’”

But the No. 1 reason why Gatt feels Novi's ZIP code is in the top five of the entire country is the people.

“Novi is a unique community that recognizes the dignity and worth of

all people,” he said. “I'm so very proud to be the mayor of this great city. I've been part of its past, present and will always be a most proud part of Novi's future!”

Fil Superfisky, with the Novi Real Estate One office, said the local housing inventory is one of the best balanced in the metropolitan area. Prices range from around \$100,000 to well over \$2 million, with homes in every price point in between.

“Throughout my 40 years selling homes in Novi, I have seen the community grow into a melting pot with diversity in both ethnicity and socio-economic backgrounds,” Superfisky said. “We have a fiscally responsible government, great schools, shopping, dining and a very well-balanced business-to-resident ratio, providing valuable resources for quality of life.”

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Seven-year-old boy flies high

Airport offers a chance to navigate a less traveled frontier

By Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

When it comes to sharing stories on what you did over the summer, Evan Harper has a doozy.

The 7-year-old flew a single-engine plane in the perfect blue skies above New Hudson last week.

That's right, he's only 7. Evan took the controls for a few minutes in flight with his instructor Nate Pedersen at his side and his uncle Matt Raby in the back seat filming every move.

If the Novi resident continues with instruction, when he's 16 he can fly solo. At 17, he would be eligible to get a private pilot's license. There's no age limit – young or old – to take lessons.

In fact, there's been a surge in flying interest at Oakland Southwest Airport on Pontiac Trail in



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Evan Harper, 7, gets ready for a small plane ride Aug. 12 out of Oakland Southwest Airport in New Hudson. His flight instructor, Nate Pedersen, prepares to take up the single-engine airplane.

New Hudson, said Jeff Franks, American Aces Aviation manager. When the economy went sour during the Great Recession around 2008, the flight school took a hit. Now that money is flowing again, Franks said, people are coming back in droves.

"We are probably 30 percent up in instruction and the number of students this year from last year was also up," Franks said.

The majority of his

customers are private and commercial pilots, but most of the activity is in flight training for a wide range of would-be pilots. And they are starting as young as Evan up to those who have harbored lifelong dreams of navigating the skies. Another big chunk of the business is hangar rental fees from recreation and business pilots in the area.

Other customers just want to go up for a tour, maybe to celebrate a

special occasion or to do a fly by of their house or other area landmarks.

Last week, the airport was the backdrop for a never-to-forget experience for young Evan, who on the ground appeared a bit shy. His grandmother Nancy Raby gave him his first chance to leave the ground and get a perspective he wouldn't know otherwise.

"She took our two boys out when they were younger and she always wanted to take the grandkids up," Harper's grandfather Scott Raby said. He waited with Harper's mom, Angie Harper, on the ground while Evan was in the plane. "He said he wanted to do it." "I told him he'll see things he never saw before and a lot of people will never get to see," Angie Harper said.

For more information about flight training or other airport services, call Franks at 248-446-9734 or go to www.americanacesaviation.com.

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FILM

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Shah said.

After a career in marketing, it was her daughter's desire to be an actress that led her to take on such a big project as producing an independent film. She wanted to help her daughter, because she believed in her talents as an actress.

"I thought, let's make one ourselves," Shah said.

The film is a noire crime thriller packed with action and drama. The story begins when a young girl dies under mysterious circumstances and the police are unhelpful in finding the culprits. Her older sister takes matters into her own hands and takes revenge against a gang of sex-traffickers.

The synopsis for the film: Rani and Mili are sisters and best friends. While Rani is busy with her life, Mili becomes isolated and lonely and unwittingly becomes a victim to a charming sex-trafficker, Sam (Dumb & Dumber fame, Zen Gesner). Mili dies at the hands of one of Sam's clients. Rani is

The film poster for "Paid in Full," a movie about sex trafficking.



devastated and seeks to avenge her sister's death. Enter Jack (Mean Girls fame, Jonathan Bennett), an ex-cop and someone who is facing his own demons. Rani's search leads her to John Desmond (Django Unchained fame, James Russo), a ruthless sex trafficker. Rani's journey also becomes Jack's and together they avenge Mili's death and, in the process, also uncover a sex-trafficking ring operating in their midst.

The film is funded almost entirely by Shah, with some help from fundraising. It's ready for distribution and is being submitted to Toronto, London, Raindance, New York and Chicago film festivals.

Its Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/stopgirltraffickingnow.

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and the community.

"This will allow parents to make an educated, informed choice for their child," states Forzley. "Parents/guardians deciding to immunize their child will be able to do so after the education session at the OCHD clinic or their own doctor."

If the parent still wants to waive one or more vaccines, OCHD staff will provide a certified waiver, which parents will be required to provide to their child's school.

The most significant change is who is able to certify the waivers, said Diglio. Previously, parents who wanted to opt their children out of immunizations simply filled out the waiver form and signed it; they were not certified.

"Today," said Diglio, "parents who want to opt their children out of required immunizations must go through the county health department (non-medical) or their physician (a true contraindication or precaution) to officially certify their waivers."

During the Aug. 6 school board meeting, the members took a first of two looks at updating the district's immunization policy (#53-20). Novi uses the services of NEOLA to create policies, and that firm's provided policy did not line up with the state of Michigan's.

"Novi has done a lot of work to inform our parents," said Diglio, noting green arrows on the district's website pointing to immunization info (<http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscommunity/>)

WAIVER CIRCUMSTANCES

Since 1978, Michigan law has required children to be up-to-date with required immunizations on or before the first day of school/child care. A child who fails to meet this requirement will not be admitted to school/child care. The following circumstances allow a required vaccine to be waived or delayed:

1. A valid medical contraindication exists, preventing the child from receiving the vaccine at this time. A medical waiver should be completed and signed by the child's physician and should state the contraindication, vaccine involved and time period during which the child is prevented from receiving the vaccine.

2. The parents/caregivers have valid religious or philosophical beliefs which prevent receipt of a vaccination. Waivers should not be taken lightly. A child who is not fully vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases could be a risk to others and for contracting the disease.

Source: Oakland County Health Department

health); mass mailings; Listserv email blasts; and schools reaching out to parents.

The policy change, which the board will revisit and most likely approve at its next meeting, eliminates a few forms no longer needed by the district and states that certification must now be through the county.

Although Diglio said there has not been any pushback from parents.

However, she does have a concern.

"We met with the county nurse, and we don't want to dip below 95 percent in this category," she said.

Diglio noted that there has always been a period of time where students without immunizations are no longer allowed to come to school, which used to be October. But the OCHD is recommending not to let them even start the school year,

"and we're going with that," said Diglio.

"It's quiet right now," she said, "but I fear there is going to be a couple denied entrance because they have not fulfilled that immunization obligation."

State law changed in January, and Diglio's office has been pushing it out to the district buildings, sometimes weekly, to get the word out.

"It's different and new," said Diglio. "There

may be a challenge at the beginning of the year."

One of the challenges is language barriers and helping those parents understand that their native country's immunizations may not be the same as Michigan's.

"Some cultures medically define the vaccination process differently than we do," said George Kortlandt, school board president. "Here, there are different requirements. This is the system

we have."

Oakland County, said Diglio, is worried about people waiting until the last minute to get vaccinations.

"They can only take so many at once," she said. "That's why we've reached out early."

The county offers immunizations in Pontiac, but Diglio said she would see if a clinic could be hosted in Novi.

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Board approves new Silver Springs principal

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

In seven years of teaching in the Wayne-Westland school district, Katie Booth has developed a reputation for engaging students while keeping a laser vision on academic achievement.

Booth, who served as principal at Hamilton Elementary School the last two years, was hired this week to fill the same role at Northville's Silver Springs Elementary School.

The Northville Board of Education approved Booth's hiring unanimously at its meeting Tuesday night.

Northville officials called Booth a "strong educational leader with experience as an

intervention specialist." She succeeds Melissa Hunt, who resigned in June when her husband was transferred by his employer to Washington, D.C.

Mutual respect

"(Booth) is supportive of giving kids opportunities, but not at the expense of academic achievement," said Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville's superintendent. "She is a compassionate and collaborative leader who seeks input, listens, and works with others to gain mutual respect and learn from other perspectives. Katie will build on the positive and cooperative culture that already exists among the students, teachers, staff and families at Silver Springs."

Booth was one of three finalists for the job, and one of two interviewed (the third finalist withdrew after taking a job in another district). Dave Rodgers, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources, said the interviewing panel was very impressed with both candidates.

"Certainly the response was, 'we have our next principal,'" Rodgers said. "In reference checking, we heard a lot of positive support for (Booth)."

Positive change

In her seven years with Wayne-Westland schools, Booth also served as an intervention specialist, district elementary math content leader, and a fourth- and fifth-

grade classroom teacher.

In her tenure at Hamilton Elementary School, Booth and her staff made significant gains in student achievement, moving the school off the Michigan Department of Education "Priority" status list in just two years, and bringing positive change to the school's culture and climate. She also has extensive experience in The Leader in Me innovative school-wide model for leadership and learning.

"(Booth's) strengths and experiences as a building principal and instructional leader are exceptional," Gallagher said.

Booth has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Studies from the University of Michigan; a Bachelor of Arts in

Elementary Education from Saginaw Valley State University; and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership: K-12 Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

"As a member of the Silver Springs team, I will aspire to continue to build on the productive learning environment that already exists among students, teachers, staff and families, with the goal of fostering student achievement," Booth said. "I seek to promote a school culture that works in partnership with families and the community to ensure that we make a difference in each of our student's lives."

Booth lives in Novi with her husband, Robert, and their two children, Robert, 9 and Hadley, 8.

District launches new website

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Parents, students and other users who weren't necessarily fond of the Northville Public Schools website should now be much happier.

The district launched a newer, updated version of the site over the weekend. It's a new design months in the making, according to Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

Gallagher said district officials have been working with Edlio, a California-based Web designer, on constructing the new website. The mobile-friendly site, she said, will offer users up-to-the-minute information from the school district, as well as the district's 11 individual schools and programs.

Individual schools will continue to have their own new individual pages with news and information specific to their students, families and staff. Gallagher



A screen capture of the mobile version of the new Northville schools' website.

said the new website offers a "current and flexible format for delivering information to parents, students, staff and community mem-

bers." "A considerable amount of work has been put into transitioning content from the old website to the new one," Gallagher told Board of Education members last week. "We hope folks will find it more visually appealing, and more user-friendly, as well."

The new site features more photographs, graphic elements and includes a parent portal, something Gallagher said parents have been asking about.

After viewing the site under construction at last week's board meeting, trustees had good things to say about the conversion.

"It's definitely a lot fresher-looking," board Secretary Jim Mazurek said.

Gallagher said the district's website was last updated four years ago. Users can find the new site at www.northvilleschools.org

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Vying for playground

Running through Sept. 30, schools located throughout Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin are eligible to compete for a new playground made completely of recycled material by joining TerraCycle's Oral Care Brigade program. Currently, Novi Woods Elementary is in the top 15.

Schools will earn one Playground Credit for each shipment of empty toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, and floss containers sent to TerraCycle.

The winning school with the most Playground Credits will be announced mid October and the playground will be installed in the spring of 2016.

The first and second runner-up schools, as well as six honorable mention participants, will be awarded various prizes and Meijer gift cards.

For instructions on how to participate in the Recycled Playground Challenge, please visit www.terracycle.com/en-US/contests/colgate-meijer-giveaway.html or your local Meijer retailer.

Northville 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 are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>.

Developmentally delayed students

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

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Send calendar information to cstone@hometownlife.com by noon Monday to be included in Thursday's publication.

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Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org

Celebrate Recovery

Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847
Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

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

Dominion Church

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

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345
Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600
Web: www.dfnazarene.org

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: 248-348-2380
Bible Study: Thursdays at 6 a.m. -- Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study;

First Free Will Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville
Contact: 248-349-0911
Web: www.fpcnorthville.org

First Presbyterian Church

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

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144
Web: www.fumcnorthville.org

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: 810-599-7392
Web: www.FrankTurner.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi

Novi

Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com
Web: www.holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743
Web: www.livoniachurch.net

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Minister: Mark McGilvrey
Web: www.5milechurch.org

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030
Web: www.ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children;

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year -- children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-2652
Web: www.umcnovi.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi
Contact: 248-982-4041
Web: www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-926-6584
Web: www.orchardgrove.org

Road commission to hold public hearing tonight on 2016 budget

The Road Commission's Board of Road Commissioners will hold a public hearing on its proposed fiscal year 2016 budget at 6:30 p.m. today, Aug. 20, at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac.

includes plans for about \$20 million worth of road improvement projects such as road widening, reconstruction, resurfacing or gravel road paving or work toward future road-improvement projects; nearly \$20.3 million for road maintenance efforts such as pothole patching, gravel road grading and salting and

plowing in the winter; and nearly \$10.2 million for maintaining traffic signs, signals, pavement markings and guardrails, among other activities. This proposed budget represents an increase of about \$4 million compared to the \$100.7 million 2015 budget adopted in September of last year. The 2016 proposed

budget increased primarily due to an anticipated slight increase in state and federal road funding. The RCOG fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Final approval of the 2016 budget will take place in September. Local projects include: Gravel road paving

of Clyde Road, from Tipsico Lake Road to Hickory Ridge Road, in Highland Township. Cost is \$4 million. Simple resurfacing of Maple Road, from Pontiac Trail to Welch, in Commerce Township. Cost is \$600,000. Find the complete budget online at www.rcocweb.org.

WEDDING

Pawlik-Herzog

Emily Elizabeth Pawlik and Joshua Michael Herzog were married May 30 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia. The wedding Mass was celebrated by the Rev. James Scheick and Deacon Ric Misiak.

The bride is the daughter of Pat and Larry Pawlik of Northville. She is a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia and the University of Michigan. The groom is the son of Barb and Art Herzog of Flushing. He is a graduate of Flushing High School and the University of Michigan. Emily works as a regional recruiter for the University of Wisconsin-Colleges, while Josh is a doctoral engineering student at the University of Wisconsin.

The bride's attendants were maid of



Emily Pawlik and Michael Herzog

honor Rebecca Pawlik, Jasmine Dubauskas, Jiselle Macalaguin, Mary McGovern and Sarah McGovern. The groom's attendants were best man Christopher Herzog, Joseph Pawlik and Benjamin Porter.

A reception was held at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth. The couple honeymooned on Mackinac Island and northern Michigan before returning home to Madison, Wis.

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



ARMSTRONG, WM. HOWARD

Of Highland, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2015 surrounded by his family. He was 91 years old. Founder of Armstrong Millworks and a fixture in West Highland, where he lived his long and abundantly blessed life on the south side of W. Highland Road, Howard Armstrong was guided by sure faith, bold hope, love of God and neighbors, and family. Hard work, honest dealings, good humor and integrity were values he lived by. He traveled the world and captured the sights through the lens of his camera which he shared with everyone. He thanked God ceaselessly. Howard is survived by his beloved wife, Thelma; sons, Thomas (Lois) and Dennis (Susan); grandchildren, Abbey (Jayson) Moore, Adam (Rachel), Mark (Anne) and Monica (Rustin) Phillips; great-grandchildren, Owen, Avery, Mallory, Eli, Ezra, Kellen, Grady, Layton, Grayson, Emmerson and Conner; sister, Loris (Gamer d. 2015) Sherwood. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Funeral Service will be held from West Highland Baptist Church, 1116 S. Hickory Ridge Rd, Highland, MI on Monday, August 24 at 11 a.m. Pastor Tom Roberts to officiate. Burial West Highland Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Saturday 2-9 p.m. and Sunday 1-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to West Highland Baptist Church and Highland Historical Society. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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BAHL, KELLY MARIE

Age 45. Died peacefully on August 10, 2015. Loving daughter of Gordon and Joan Bahl. Dear sister of Kerry (Sean) Doyle, Mary Patricia (Matthew) Simpson, and Erin (Paul) Mersino. Amazing aunt to Grace, Luke, Morgan, JT, Lila, Colin, Justin and Charlotte. Kelly was a 1988 graduate of Northville High School and a 1993 graduate of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Kelly was a tremendous spirit who defied all obstacles. She was an insulin dependent diabetic since the age of 4, beat Stage IV Lymphoma, and was a kidney transplant survivor and amputee. But Kelly never let health problems define her. She dealt with life's difficulties with grace and a smile. Kelly loved winning at Bingo, watching Jeopardy, singing in the choir, and making beautiful works of art. She always sent birthday cards and thank you notes, and never missed a party. A true friend and the most generous of souls. Kelly will be dearly missed. Visitation was held at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Services were held Friday at Our Lady of Victory in Northville. Online condolences to www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

O'BRIEN SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME

KROLL, BARBARA June 15, 1929 - August 17, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

LaCHANCE, ROXANNE SECREST Age 65 of Novi, August 13, 2015. Obit and Condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

LAMERATO, TONY July 31, 1921 - August 12, 2015. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel

PUMPHREY, BERNICE "BONNIE" June 5, 1919 - August 16, 2015. Arrangements by: Kaul Funeral Home. kaulfuneralhome.com

RONK, THELMA E. Age 90 of White Lake formerly of Plymouth, passed away 8/13/2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com



SMALLWOOD, PERRY D.

Age 62, passed away August 12, 2015. He is survived by his wife Kitty, sons Perry Jr. and Ryan, step-daughters Loren and Taryn Bulmon, grandchildren: Shane, Rachele, Christa, Tyler and Calloway, sisters Beverly Clayton and Monavee May. He is also survived by many Aunts, Uncles, Nieces and Nephews. Perry is preceded in death by his mother Maggie and brother Gerald. Visitation will be held Monday, August 17th from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. The Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, August 18th, 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES

STROCHINE, DONALD C. Sept. 29, 1924-Aug. 12, 2015 L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel.

YERKES, ERIC J. Age 52, of Northville passed away August 11, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

Mistake #2 Emotional Overspending. WHEN SOMEONE DIES Six mistakes that make it cost and hurt more. At a time of loss some families spend more than they can afford on memorialization. Get our FREE online Special Report glenedenmemorialpark.org/pages/EdenCh.html

Ford Field Festival rolls Aug. 22 into Northville

A day of food, drinks, music and fun is on tap 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the third annual Ford Field Festival in downtown Northville.

Hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and presented by Dick Scott Automotive Group, the festival will



be held at Ford Field Park (150 Griswold, north of Main Street).

Parking is available at the north end of the Northville Downs lot, off Cady Street (south of Main Street).

Food trucks scheduled to attend 2-8 p.m. include The Pita Post, Buffy's Boulevard Burgers, the Chicken Coupe, Shimmy Shack, The

Rolling Stoves, Concrete Cuisine, Rollin' Stone Pizza, Mystic Kettle, Go!Sy Thai, Time2Chill Gelato and Smoky Rhodes BBQ.

Each truck will carry a variety of menu options. Beverage selections at the beer garden will include beer, wine

and hard cider.

Admission to the festival is free, but there is a charge for food and beverages. Wristbands (\$2) will be required to purchase alcohol after 5 p.m. and can be purchased at the beer garden.

Bring lawn chairs and

enjoy a whole day at the festival. Live music performers are Steve Taylor (2-4 p.m.), Gia Warner (4-6 p.m.) and Magic Bus (7-9 p.m.).

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

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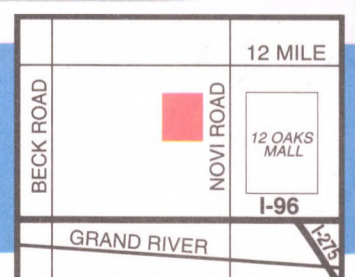
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Recognition



A celebratory dinner was held Aug. 10 for Novi's Fox Run retirement community staff members who have achieved 10, 15 and 20 years of service. Combined, these employees have 215 years of service. 10 years: Rebecca Bowles, Bethany Brieden, Nicole Mansfield, Brandy Knudson, Bill Mitton, Armand Pirgu, Ray Rivera, Calvin Butler IV, Kevin Cunningham, Corrine Schwanik, Rojxhi Tuxhari and Lindsay Ash. 15 years: Doina Badau. 20 years: Rodica Russ, Shawn Valenti, Ann Martella and Mike McCormick.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Solid Waste committee seeks member

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is seeking interested citizens to volunteer to serve the community through appointment to the Solid Waste Planning Committee. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners seeks one individual to serve on the Solid Waste Planning Committee for a two-year term from Oct. 12, 2015, through Oct. 11, 2017. The individual selected will fill the General Public vacancy.

The Solid Waste Planning Committee assists in the preparation of the Solid Waste Management Plan. To apply or receive more information about this position, submit an application, no later than Thursday, Sept. 3. To obtain an application, go to www.oakgov.com/boc and click on the Apply to Serve on Boards, Commissions and Committees link. Click on the application form and print out the form or call 248-858-0101 to request an application.

Mail completed application forms to: Oakland County Board of Commissioners; Attn: Tracy Stolzenfeld; 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 470; Pontiac, MI 48341 or fax to 248-858-1572.

NoviParksRX will promote active lifestyles

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

tem to offer the program through Sept. 30.

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

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.

Cars & Coffee

Lingenfelter's North Engine Build Facility in Wixom opens its doors and parking to the public for the Cars & Coffee series 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.

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 volun-

teer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

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

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

Crafters sought for Bizarre Bazaar

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

For more information, go to <http://www.fumc-northville.org/biz-bazaar-banking/>. To reserve a space, email fumcbazaar@gmail.com.

Northville Farmers Market

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

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

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

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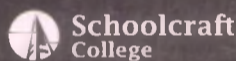
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Three initiatives receive approval for signatures

By Kathleen Gray
Michigan.com

2016 is shaping up to be a big year for ballot proposals.

Last week, the state Board of Canvassers approved the form of three more citizen-driven initiatives that could appear on the November 2016 ballot. With the three new petitions, there could be a total of eight groups in the field collecting signatures for ballot proposals.

The three latest proposals:

» **The Earned Sick Time Act** would require employers to allow employees to earn sick time to deal with health, personal or family issues. Employees of small businesses could earn an hour for every 30 worked up to 40 hours of paid sick leave a year. All other employees would earn one hour for every 30 worked up to 72 hours in a year.

The Legislature passed a law this year that prohibits communities from passing ordinances that dictate wages and benefits, such as paid sick leave, for employers in their towns. The citizen-initiated proposal is the response to that law.

» **The Corporate Fair Share Taxes Act** would increase the state's corporate income tax from 6 percent to 11 percent and earmark that money toward fixing Michigan's roads.

After voters defeated a proposal May 5 that would have raised the sales tax, in part, to fix Michigan's roads, the Legislature has been unable to come up with a solution for the state's crumbling infrastructure. Democrats in the House have proposed raising the corporate income tax from 6 percent to 9 percent to raise money for roads, but Republicans have said that proposal is a non-starter. Senate Republicans have proposed raising the gas tax by 15 cents a gallon over three years to raise money for roads, but the House hasn't taken a vote on the proposal yet.

» **Let's Vote, Michigan** would amend the state constitution to establish voting by mail for all Michigan elections. Three states - Oregon, Colorado and Washington - have vote-by-mail options.

In the first two proposals, groups organizing the petition drives would have to gather at least 252,523 valid signatures to put the issue to the Legislature, which could either vote to approve the initiative and it would immediately become law, or the Legislature could offer an alternative or do nothing and the matters would go to the statewide ballot for voters to decide. The vote-by-mail initiative is a constitutional amendment that requires at least 315,654 valid signatures and would go straight to the ballot.

The business tax hike for roads is the most controversial and attracted a big crowd to the canvassers meeting. The initiative is being led by unions representing carpenters, laborers and operating engineers.

The Board of Canvassers has already approved the form of five other citizen initiatives that would have to go the Legislature first if the 252,523 valid signatures are approved.

The organizers of the proposals are given 180 days to collect the needed signatures before the canvassers rule on the validity of the petitions.

St. Patrick's principal releases new children's book, 'Pancakes with Papa'

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia resident Dena Jayson began the process for her first book more than 15 years ago.

Shortly after her father John Alberg died in 1999, she saw the reactions in her children as they mourned the loss of their grandfather. She wrote down some ideas for a book for children on how to deal with the loss of a close loved one through the five senses. After another death in the family, Jayson began looking at her ideas and took some time to finish writing her debut book, *Pancakes with Papa*.

"Grandparents, I feel, can be important to children. So when



PHOTOGRAPHER
Dena Jayson is the author of a new children's book, inspired by her late father.

you lose them, you need to find a way to explain the loss if the child is young," she said. "When my father passed away, my kids were young. So I wanted to explain that void."

Jayson, principal of St. Patrick's Catholic School in White Lake, published the book earlier this year

and has won several awards and distinctions for her work.

The story tells the tale of a boy named Johnny who longs to see his grandfather, who has recently died. Speaking with his grandmother, Johnny explores how to remember his papa through the five senses.

It's a story, Jayson said, that's unique and a concept she hasn't seen before.

"What are your memories? The way they smell, the way they look? That's what this is about," she said. "The five senses and how you connect with them."

The book has won several awards, including a Mom's Choice Award Gold Medal, took first place at the Purple Dragonfly Book Awards and was a finalist in the International Book Awards.

The Rev. Tom Meagher

of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in White Lake, whom Jayson works closely with, said *Pancakes with Papa* is a great way for families to discuss the idea of losing a loved one.

"It's a good discussion starter with life and death realities in the family," said Meagher, who has been at St. Patrick's for about 30 years. "I think it's a way for parents to open up discussion with loss and grief in a natural way in the family."

Jayson said her children have shown her a lot of support through writing and publishing the book.

"They're proud of

mom," she said. "It's a reverse feeling: You're always proud of your kids."

Pancakes with Papa can be found at The Books Connection and My Hobby Place and Toy in Livonia; Max and Izzy's Boutique in Milford; The Book Beat in Oak Park; and Tre's Hallmark in Commerce Township. It's also available online at barnesandnoble.com, amazon.com and denajayson.com, as well as the Livonia and Northville libraries, according to her website.

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Air Museum rededicates former bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Randy Hotton was in his element.

Standing inside the gutted shell of a 144,000-square-foot section of the former Willow Run Bomber Plant, the Canton resident pointed out features of the original plant that were uncovered during the cleanup of the building that's destined to become the National Museum of Aviation and Technology.

"It had wooden blocks for a floor so it wouldn't be damaged if the workers dropped tools," Hotton said. "The factory had a wooden floor up to where the planes were fueled before leaving."

Hotton, board member and treasurer of the Yankee Air Museum, Yankee Air Museum founder Dennis Norton and Save the Bomber Plant Campaign co-chair Bob Lutz were among a group of special guests who gathered recently to rededicate the former bomber plant.

Built by the Ford Mo-



State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, waits with the Tribute Rosies for the unveiling of the relocated historical marker.

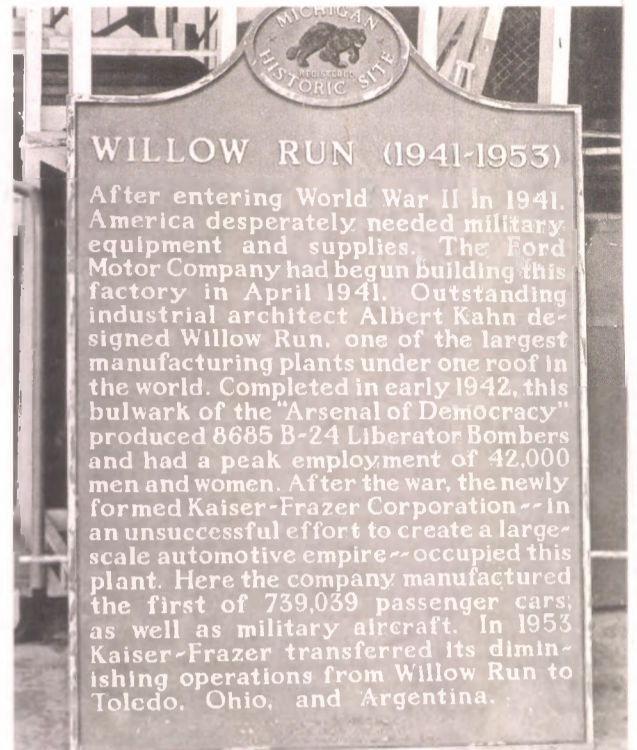
tor Co., the plant used Henry Ford's mass-production technology to build B-24 bomber planes for World War II. More than 8,600 B-24s had been built at Willow Run; by 1944 it was producing

one plane every hour.

The unveiling of a marker designating Willow Run as a Michigan Historic Site served as the groundbreaking ceremony for the museum.

The marker isn't new. It was moved to the plant and placed on a temporary stand for the ceremony.

"Many of you weren't here the day after the



The Yankee Air Museum plans to locate the historical marker at the portion of the Willow Run Bomber Plant that is the future National Museum of Aviation and Technology.

fire, many of you weren't here the night of the fire," said Kevin Walsh, the museum's executive director. "It wasn't a matter of if, it was a matter of how we would rebuild. There was never an if spoken. Ten years later, we have found the perfect place for the museum."

After the fire

Walsh was talking about a devastating fire in October 2004 that destroyed the hangar that had been the museum's home. Volunteers were able to save the B-25, the Yankee Warrior, the B-17, the Yankee Lady and a C-47 troop transport plane, the Yankee Doodle Dandy.

Volunteers regrouped and the museum reopened in 2010. But since the fire, it has moved three times and is currently spread out over four locations at Willow Run Airport.

"We can't maximize our potential, but with this 144,000 square feet, we can," Walsh said. "Coming back to one location will show what this location is capable of doing."

"This is a very important day to all of us in the museum who have been working on this for four years now," Norton said.

"Today is like a homecoming for us and this will be home in two-three years," said Ray Hunter, YAM board chairman. "When Dennis Norton started the Yankee Air Museum 30 years ago, his plan was to bring home a Ford-built B-24. There are only four Ford-built bombers left — one in Canada, one in Mississippi and two in England. If the planets and the stars line up and we have a benevolent sponsor, we'll bring one back to Willow Run."

State Sen. Patrick



Yankee Air Museum executive director Kevin Walsh tells guests there was never a question of if the museum would reopen following a 2004 fire that destroyed more than 35,000 artifacts and machinery.

Colbeck, R-Canton, who was instrumental in getting the remaining money needed to buy the plant from RACER Trust, said the museum is representative of the "candor" spirit and the "sizzle" that's coming to Michigan with the growth of the aerospace industry.

"I remember the first time I looked at the building and we talked about what's next," he said. "I looked at what was going on at the plant and your 'we-can-do-it' spirit. I thought it was impossible, but you did it."

Getting started

Work has already started to enclose and prepare the building. The new museum will be located in what was the tail end of the former assembly line. According to Hotton — who is writing a book about Willow Run for Arcadia Press — the future museum is only 3 percent of the original factory.

"When it was built, it was the largest plant under a single roof in the world," he said. "It was so immense."

According to Hotton, the government gave Henry Ford \$200 million "for a project that was designed on the back of hotel stationary." Ford needed 3,200 feet for the assembly line. In cleaning up the building in advance of the work to turn it into a museum, the original track used to pull the planes down the assembly line was uncovered.

Hotton has more than the YAM connection to the plant. His father, a tool-and-die maker, went to work there in 1941.

"All my life, he'd come here and say, 'I worked here,'" Hotton said. "I've been fascinated with it since my first exposure to it. I'm so excited to save the place. It's a story that needs to be told."

YAM already has raised \$8 million to purchase and enclose the building. It is now in the process of raising another \$5 million to build the interior facilities and exhibits. Information on how to make donations can be found at www.savethebomberplant.org.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 09, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BEACON HILL JSP 15-08 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.710 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO RM-1 (LOW DENSITY, LOW-RISE MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) OR ANY APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO).** The subject property is approximately 21.13-acres and is located on the northeast corner of Twelve Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road (Section 12). The applicant is proposing a 42 unit single family residential development with frontage on and access to Meadowbrook Road, up to 22,000 square feet of commercial space with frontage and two access drives on 12 Mile Road, and an open space/park area at the corner of the intersection.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 09, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission
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Heritage Park a splashing good time this summer

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Humidity and temperatures are soaring, making the splash pad at Heritage Park one of the coolest places to be in Farmington Hills.

With its shooting streams, dumping buckets, giant guns, twirling contraptions, drizzling arches and more — each giving a refreshing dose of H2O — the splash pad is a popular draw for families seeking relief from steamy weather at a well-kept spot not far from home.

“We come here once a week,” said Morgan Battle of Novi, who arrived with her daughters Hannah, 4, and Abigail, 1, when it opened at 10 a.m. “This is the most beautiful park in the area and the splash pad is big enough that you can easily see (the kids playing) and you can relax here.”

Another regular is Jessica Dawson with her kids, Isabella, 7, and Lucas, 5. “This is our weekly summer vacation stop,” she said. “It’s an easy place for parents to watch their kids, while the kids can have fun and we can just sit and watch.”

Dawson, who recently moved to Wixom from Farmington Hills, said she and her kids have been coming to the splash pad for the past three summers. “We bring our lunch and we’re good to go,” she said.

Lucas simply said the splash pad is “a lot of fun” and shooting the water guns is his favorite thing to do.

Ten-year-old Tatiana Matthews of Southfield was giddy as she and 8-year-old Skyler Sykes inside a spiral of water-spraying hoops. “You



Sisters Abigail and Hannah Battle spent plenty of time filling up cups as they played at the splash park.

can dunk people, get them wet — it’s a time to be free!” Tatiana said, laughing.

Skyler said being drenched by bucketfuls of water tipping overhead was “the best.”

“It’s really, really fun getting wet. I like the water,” she said, grinning.

The splash pad is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day, weather permitting, through Labor Day. There’s no fee.

Southfield resident Jasmine Posante, mom to Ethan, 2, said she’s been to Heritage Park many times, but it wasn’t until recently that she learned about the splash pad.

“I think it’s really nice and there are a lot of different things for both the bigger kids and the little kids,” she said.

And Jillian Rzeznik came from White Lake to give her 16-month-old daughter Ella some cooling off fun.

“She’s having a great time,” Rzeznik said. “This is totally age-appropriate, especially for someone not old enough to swim in a pool. And it’s easy to keep an eye on her.”

A free special event, Splash Bash, featuring a bouncer and fun on the splash pad, takes place 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24. There will also be an outdoor presentation of the movie *Big Hero 6* at 8:30 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

Heritage Park is off Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

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Wayne County board: Consent agreement best option right now

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Moving Wayne County forward with a consent agreement with the state is the right move.

That’s the message the two county commissioners representing Livonia, Redford and Northville Township have said after the commission voted to accept the consent agreement to help curtail a \$52 million structural deficit.

“It was really the only viable option,” said Commissioner Diane Webb, a Democrat who represents Redford, Dearborn Heights and a portion of Livonia. “So I supported it for that reason.”

The county commission was brought four options to handle the county’s struggling finances and decided early on that approving an emergency manager or exploring the possibility of bankruptcy was not the way to go. The other options included the consent agreement or mediation.

The complete consent agreement was released Aug. 11 and details the parameters of the agreement with the state. The county commission still needs to approve it. After that approval, the county has 30 days to negotiate with bargaining units before the county executive can implement the terms of employment.

Republican Commissioner Terry Marecki, who represents Northville, Northville Township and most of Livonia, said there are questions over whether the county is eligible for bankruptcy and that appointing an emergency manager at this point may lead to a



Commissioners Diane Webb and Terry Marecki.

longer time under emergency control.

“It may take years to get out of something like that,” she said. “My thoughts are that this was the best out of the four options.”

Both Marecki and Webb voted in favor of moving forward with a consent agreement.

Webb said she’s a supporter in the labor unions, but increased costs and declining property values make it difficult to continue paying the same amount for services with significant less revenue.

“I am not happy with the idea that we had to do a consent agreement, but there was no other option,” she said. “I never want to be somebody who goes around collective bargaining.”

“You can’t pay 30 percent less in taxes and have the same level of services.”

County Executive Warren Evans released a statement after the commission voted to move forward with a consent agreement, saying he hopes to reach agreements with the unions.

“As we finalize the terms of the consent agreement with the state treasurer, we will continue in our commitment to negotiate in good-faith with our unions,” he said.

“Although a consent agreement will eventually give the county the ability to set the terms of employment, our preference is to reach agreements at the bargaining table.”

With the agreement, those elected to the commission will still retain voting power and will still have a say in how things are ran. That, Marecki said, is a positive, knowing that residents will still have representation under the consent agreement.

“Our duties are not being taken away with this consent agreement,” she said. “There’s a comfort level there that we’re still going to be representing the people who voted for us.”

Coupled with the consent agreement is a mass exodus of Wayne County employees, Webb said. Many workers have begun putting in their paperwork to leave their posts, she said, and that means the knowledge those employees have in their jobs will be leaving as well.

“We’re going to lose a ton of collective intelligence,” she said. “I don’t see a lot of experienced people banging our door down.”

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING

September 16, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 77-2 H., Fences, to consider a chain link fence for residential property located at 15710 Maxwell, Plymouth, MI 48170 (Parcel ID# 77-051-99-0088-000).

Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 27th day of August, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carlo Meeting Room of the Northville District Library, Northville, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Northville District Library for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the Northville District Library District, comprised of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

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 Trustees of the Northville District Library, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan.

ROBERT SOCHACKI
SECRETARY
NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Julie Herrin, Library Director, at 248-349-3020, Extension 206.

To obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact Julie Herrin, Library Director, at 248-349-3020, Extension 206.

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OAKLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO ENLARGE THE TRIBUTE DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Jim Nash, Water Resources Commissioner for the County of Oakland, Michigan, acting for and on behalf of the TRIBUTE DRAIN Drainage District, has received a request to add 7.08 acres to the existing TRIBUTE DRAIN Drainage District.

The TRIBUTE DRAIN Drainage District at present contains approximately 118 acres. There is capacity in the existing TRIBUTE Drain to serve the lands to be added without detriment to or diminution to the TRIBUTE DRAIN Drainage District.

Proceedings have been undertaken according to the provisions of Section 433, Chapter 18 of Act No. 40 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, to enlarge the TRIBUTE DRAIN Drainage District.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the TRIBUTE DRAIN Drainage District to enter into an agreement providing for the addition of the following described lands to the TRIBUTE DRAIN Drainage District.

Parcel ID No. 17-32-301-037

Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 32, T-2-N., R-8-E., City of Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan; described as: Commencing at the West ¼ corner of Section 32, T-2-N., R-8-E., City of Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan; Thence S.88°13'57"E., 868.00 Feet along the East-West ¼ line to the point of beginning; Thence continuing along said line S.88°13'57"E., 158.44 Feet; Thence S.01°47'04"E., 40.00 Feet; Thence S.88°13'57"E., 300.00 Feet to a point on the west line of "Supervisor's Plat No.5" as recorded in Liber 54, Page 50 of Plats, Oakland County Records; Thence S.01°47'04"W., 583.50 Feet along said west line; Thence N.88°16'11"W., 550.00 Feet; Thence N.01°47'04"E., 380.12 Feet to a point on the extension of the south line of Maport Subdivision (as monumented), recorded in Liber 86, Page 24 of Plats, Oakland County Records; Thence S.88°02'49"E., 92.25 Feet along said south line; Thence N.01°37'18"E., 244.03 Feet to the point of beginning and containing 7.08 Acres.

Subject to the rights of the public in Maple Road.

This notice is given by order of Jim Nash, Water Resources Commissioner for the County of Oakland, Michigan.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 15-184

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-184 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 16, "GARBAGE AND REFUSE," TO ADD ARTICLE IV, "COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL," TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE FROM RESIDENTIAL PREMISES PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT WITH A DESIGNATED WASTE HAULER, TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A SOLID WASTE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 10, 2015 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 15-183

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-183 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 21, "NUISANCES," ARTICLE II, "RELATED TO PROPERTY," DIVISION 8, "REFUSE COLLECTION," IN ORDER TO FURTHER LIMIT THE HOURS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED DISTRICTS AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 21-147, STATING THAT THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE DIVISION SHALL BE A CIVIL INFRACTION, RATHER THAN A MISDEMEANOR.

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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SUMMONS

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DIVISION OF ST. THOMAS AND ST. JOHN

Captain's Command at Bluebeard's Beach Club Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
vs.
William Bethune, et al.
Defendant

CIVIL NO. ST-14-CV-382

TO: Christopher J. Bezaire, 2115E Glen Haven Cir., Northville, MI 48167

Within the time limited by law (see below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the first amended complaint; judgment will be entered against you for DEBT AND FORECLOSURE OF LIENS.

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 5th day of August, 2014.

ESTRELLA H. GEORGE
Acting Clerk of the Court

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NOTE: If served by publication the defendant is required to file his/her answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service outside of the jurisdiction.

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OUR VIEW

Don't be a crime victim by not protecting yourself

There's nothing worse than going on a nice long summer vacation — or even taking a quick weekend trip up north — and returning home to find your house has been broken into or your vehicle on blocks.

Unfortunately, those instances are far too common in the summer months as criminals seek to prey on victims when they are away.

This region has had its fair share of home invasions and larceny from automobiles the past few months, putting a damper on summer for many people.

And while there is no sure-

fire way to prevent these crimes from happening, there is a lot residents can do to protect themselves.

First, it starts with their mindset. Too often, people read about crime in the newspaper or see it on television and think that it won't happen to them because they live in a safe neighborhood and lock their doors most of the time.

There's no doubt that this area is a safe place to call home, but it doesn't mean people should be negligent when it comes to protecting themselves. It always seems like the one time you don't do some-

thing, it happens — so it is imperative you have a safety checklist, like the one created by the Novi Police Department, to help prevent slip-ups.

A lot of the items on the checklist are common sense, but the list itself, if followed, can go a long way to ensure your safety. The list can be found online at the link below, which will take you to a page that has the city's security survey information. On the right hand side of the page is a PDF which has all the items for residents and business members to review: <http://cityofnovi.org/City-Services/Public-Safety/>

Police/Community-Programs/Residential-and-Commercial-Security-Survey.aspx

The key is don't be a target. Don't let the mail and newspapers pile up when you head out of town, install timed lights inside and outside, make sure the landscaping is kept up and don't leave the garage door open — even when you are home.

The smart criminal (if there really is such a thing) tends to keep an eye out for these things, especially the open garage door that tends to serve as a showroom for a later visit.

Another helpful tactic is en-

listing the eyes and ears of your neighborhood. There tends to be success in numbers, so having a group of people looking out for each other is a critical element of having a safe neighborhood.

And, most importantly, be vigilant. If you see someone or something suspicious, do not hesitate to call the police. That is what they are there for, so let them be the ones to determine whether the suspicious person or scenario warrants action.

Summer is one of the best times of the year. Don't let it be ruined by not doing your part to protect against crime.

LETTERS

KISS road plan

Remember the saying: Keep It Simple Stupid? As our legislators in Lansing "work" on a solution to fix our roads, we can only hope that they remember how complicated Proposal 1 was. Keeping it simple should be the best approach. We can also hope that it is remembered that everybody will benefit from better roads, in varying degrees, not just those who may own a car and buy gasoline.

The Mackinac Center has stated that an increase of sales tax and use taxes from 6 percent to 7 percent would generate \$1.427 billion extra income. Unfortunately, the Michigan Constitution requires that any change to the sales tax law requires a public vote. The attempt to do that with the last complicated proposal failed and cost the tax payers millions of dollars.

Our Legislature has the authority to pass a tax bill that could increase revenue earmarked for road repair. This process has been implemented many times in the past, as an "excise" tax on: cigarettes, gasoline, diesel fuel, beer, wine, airline tickets, tires, etc., all applied in addition to an existing sales tax.

Income taxes, value added taxes, sales taxes and transfer taxes are examples of other "excise" taxes, but are typically not called excise taxes.

To avoid another complicated plan, the Michigan House should take a simple approach that does not disrupt or cut any current programs. Authorize a 1-percent excise tax to those transactions that are now at 6 percent and earmark the additional 1 percent for road repairs. However, in my view the 1-percent add-on should expire in four years and be subject to a renewal allowing for an evaluation and review by the Legislature. All proposals thus far have not included a period for review or an end date.

Jim Brenner
Redford

Look at man-made changes

With regards to the assertion that it is egotistical to think that man can affect the world's climate, I offer another perspective. I respectfully suggest that anyone who doubts man's affect on the planet be sure to nab a window seat on their next daylight plane flight and observe the landscape that passes beneath them.

While doing so, keep in mind that what used to be there was essentially a highly evolved system that grew out of natural checks and balances throughout eons of evolution. That system can be likened to what mechanical engineers thoughtfully design for the heating/cooling/air conditioning/ventilation/plumbing systems of our buildings.

Anyone familiar with sustainable design knows about the commissioning of buildings after they are built. Commissioning is a process that helps make sure the many integrated systems work as they are designed to work.

What commissioning agents know, especially in older buildings, is that it doesn't take much tinkering by untrained, untrained, unaware albeit well-intentioned installers/users/occupants to mess up the works.

Parts that were integral to the correct operation of our weather system have been methodically removed, broken, relocated, blocked up, re-routed, revved up, soiled, burned up, covered up, supplemented ... and more.

Just look out your plane window and use your analytical mind. How can you think that what you see vs. what was there before does not have an effect on how the system was designed to work?

It's not about ego, it is about physics, and there is no denying the role of physics in how things work.

Susan D. Gollon
Milford

Helping hand



Magician Tom Plunkard clowns it up a bit as he entertains a July 29 gathering for Wonderful Wednesdays at Fuerst Park. He got lots of help from his young audience members, as he did here in working through some magic ring problems.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

No need

Our astute lawmakers in Lansing continue to pass or propose laws that we are told will attract an influx of tourists from other states. Thus we have the fireworks law that allows incendiary aficionados to purchase professional-grade Roman candles, cherry bombs, missiles and artillery shells. We are told that the relaxation of the requirements to purchase fireworks will discourage Michigan residents from traveling to nearby states to make a purchase and will attract those from other states to satisfy their explosive fix here in Pure Michigan. What it has done is increase the number of injuries as amateurs attempt to ignite explosives that are regularly seen at the downtown Detroit annual event and handled by professionals.

As a follow-up to this ridiculous law, which has prompted

local communities to enact restrictions on the use of the explosives because of numerous complaints from residents, we were subjected to the helmet-less law. This allows motorcyclists to drive their "hogs" sans helmet. Once again we were told this will attract riders from other states, but frankly we have seen a tremendous influx of riders with out-state plates? I think not. What it has done though is increase the number of injuries, hospital admissions, and deaths.

Now comes another attempt to attract tourists thanks to Michigan Rep. Pete Pettalia of Presque Isle, who has introduced SB 165-166 which would allow party-goers to imbibe on pedal pubs as they wander through various towns in search of adult beverages on their late-night cruising. A pedal pub is a saloon on wheels, a bicycle-type contrap-

tion that allows multiple people to sit on and pedal the bikes while the owner steers and brakes. It transports revelers to various drinking establishments. Pettalia states that "this bill is another way to improve our tourism in Michigan. It not only allows folks to enjoy their favorite cold beverage, it allows the industry to take these vehicles on tours. It's a great way to enjoy pure Michigan."

Frankly, I see this as a way to encourage more imbibing. Revelers will now be able to enjoy their Budweiser on the way to enjoying more Budweisers at their destination.

We can only hope that our dilapidated roads will have an adverse impact on the pedal pub as it encounters one of Pure Michigan's special tourist attractions — potholes!

Bill Kalmar
Lake Orion

GUEST COLUMN

Invisible disabilities are just as real as those you can see

I have read many posts and articles about children with special needs. They always focus on people staring and being rude. I get that, I totally do, but what about the people who look normal, but are unable to form a full thought or take forever to get a sentence out? How about those who prefer younger toys than their same-aged peers? They are considered weird.

When you tell others what invisible disabilities the child has, they say, "But there is nothing wrong with her." They say, "You are wrong and need to stop thinking that way." I have lived both scenarios, with visible and invisible disabilities, and neither is fair or right.

When my daughter was very young, she was diagnosed with mild cerebral palsy. She presented in curling hands and had to wear braces to keep her



Sarah
Thorn
GUEST
COLUMNIST

hands straight. One time at the store, she and her 4-year-old brother were in the shopping cart. My son was using American Sign Language to communicate with her, since she did not yet talk. A woman in the store came up to my son and said it would be his fault if she did not talk. She then asked what happened to my daughter's hands. I told her they were braces and she accused me of lying, insinuating that I did something to her.

I was trying to walk away from the woman when my 4-year-old said, "She has CP; you may ask questions." I was so proud of him because he knew it was OK for people to

ask us about her, but we did not like staring and gawking. I just walked away, completely appalled with this lady. That was when my daughter was presenting physical and visible symptoms of the condition. She is now 10 and does not present physically.

At age 2, my daughter was diagnosed with epilepsy as well. Epilepsy has been our main focus since then, because it has been the ailment that has given us the most issues. Most people recognize epilepsy as seizures that make you fall and shake. There are several other types of epilepsy. My daughter has two of the other types. She has absence seizures, which are also known as staring seizures. During these seizures, she stares off into space and you cannot get her attention. She also has myoclonic seizures. Those present as shivers like a cold chill and last a few seconds. You would think, "No big deal, right? Just a few seconds and done." Not the case for my daughter. They last just a few short seconds each time they occur, however they happen constantly all day, every day. They are so short, even I have a difficult time seeing them happen all the time. Sometimes they are only visible on an EEG. When we do see them, unfortunately, there

is very little we can do for them.

Since they happen so often, upward of several hundred times a day, she is cognitively behind. These constant seizures make her daily living very difficult. Things we take for granted like conversation can be very difficult for her because she cannot form a complete thought. She tries to plan things and forgets. Some things that are simple for others are hard for her, like following directions. She still is a little young in the mind and loves to play with dolls and watch television shows for younger children. People do not understand why she still likes Doc McStuffins or why she can't understand something simple. When I explain, I am often told, "Well she looks fine." I also have been told, "She looks normal; are you babying her?" She has had adults and kids tell her things like, "You're not a baby," "You should like this" or other mean things.

I am not sure how to make people understand that just because someone looks normal on the outside does not mean anything. Also, just because they act younger than their actual age doesn't mean you can't interact or play with them. I understand sometimes

it is frustrating to sit and wait for my daughter to finish a thought or to get out what she is trying to say, but if you do sit, wait, and listen, you would be amazed by her ideas and thoughts.

In third grade, she was doing kindergarten work. We have made great strides using a special diet, medications and surgery. She is now going into fifth grade and doing third-grade work. She loves art and is very crafty. She has great ideas and can come up with things I would never think of. She also plays with a huge, beautiful imagination and wants to be friends with anyone who will be nice to her. Her speech has improved and she is a wonderful kid.

Since the surgery, her personality has really blossomed. She will tell people about her CP and how they can help her. She is not afraid of questions and welcomes them. If she cannot answer them she will come to one of us for help. She will hopefully catch up with her peers completely — but, if not, who cares? She is still a person and, most importantly, she is my daughter.

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Craig DeRoche — ‘Highly Functional’ ... alcoholism and all

It is not how many times you get knocked down in life, but how many times you get back up. I learned that as a junior golden gloves champ early in life.

For Craig DeRoche, a two-term Novi city council member who rose to be a powerful speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, the lesson was a bit harder to grasp.

DeRoche has been knocked down, but has risen and has found ways to bring meaning to his and others lives.

Redemption

DeRoche was “born the day Janis Joplin died” of a drug overdose, Oct. 4, 1970. She was a hard-drinking, soulful singer who many said that neither her voice nor her health could stand the demands she made upon them, on stage and off. Her answer: “I think you can destroy your now worrying about tomorrow.”

The former speaker of the House drank because it was his solution for problems — not the problem itself. He told me: “I didn’t know how to digest and work through fear, anger, pride, shame and other problems. I learned at an early age that drinking helped me ‘solve’ the problems in a temporary way. As with any substitute solution, it didn’t work and grew into a permanent problem of its own.”

DeRoche could have left the world as Joplin did, in a contradiction — alone, addicted, successful, powerful and dead. He has not only survived, he has thrived and written a gripping book, *Highly Functional*, to share his story.

It is a story worth sharing, as addiction to alcohol and drugs destroys lives, yet with hope and support, recov-



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

ery is possible.

DeRoche and I became unlikely friends in the early 1990s as part of the inaugural cohort of the MPLP (Michigan Political Leadership Program). He was an up-and-coming young Republican and I was a Democrat just booted from my appointed job as state mental health director as Gov. Jim Blanchard lost his re-election bid to Senate Majority Leader John Engler.

Alcoholism is by its nature a sneaky disease. It hides in plain sight. Seeing DeRoche operate, you would never know he had consumed a fifth of vodka or more only eight to 10 hours earlier. Like others with this disease, he hid his alcohol problem from his family, friends, colleagues — even himself — for years.

Yet, alcohol has a way of catching up with the bodies it inhabits.

DeRoche left the Legislature in 2009 to re-enter the business world. He was arrested twice in 2010 — the first time for suspicion of drunken driving in Saline and the second for possession of a firearm while intoxicated. He pleaded no contest to the first and contested the second. The second charge was dismissed in January 2011 and appealed by the prosecutor twice. He won both appeals and the dismissal is now case law in Michigan.

He held onto his loving wife Stacie and three beautiful daughters during his trials and tribulations and humbly sought forgiveness and redemption. He was asked by a friend to give a speech on

addiction and criminal justice in our nation’s capital in summer 2011. He was soon thereafter introduced to Chuck Colson of Watergate shame.

Colson was an evangelical Christian leader who founded Prison Fellowship after being released from prison for his part of the Watergate scandal. He served as special counsel to President Richard Nixon from 1969-73.

Colson, seeing past DeRoche’s alcoholism, arrests and humiliation, put him to work where he rose to become the executive director of Justice Fellowship, helping to advance criminal justice reform in America.

Redemption on steroids

Since 2012, DeRoche has worked to create a political movement across the spectrum of ideologies, political parties and demographics to reform criminal justice so communities, victims and those who cause the crimes can be restored. This movement is now taking hold and we are generating momentum from the strongest “base” constituencies in politics today. The Christian social conservatives, fiscal conservatives, tea party, progressives, civil libertarians and liberals are joining forces to advance these values at the federal, state and local level. His mission is to “change the way America talks, thinks and acts on addiction and criminal justice.”

When he was a drunk, even he was amazed about how he juggled his convoluted life.

“People ask how I maintained my day job and performed at a high level,” he said. “The real answer is, I was like a frog in a pot of water slowly boiling. I drank to

“People ask how I maintained my day job and performed at a high level. The real answer is, I was like a frog in a pot of water slowly boiling. I drank to excess most days for nearly my entire adult life ...”

CRAIG DEROCHE
former state representative

excess most days for nearly my entire adult life, so everything I did and accomplished was done by juggling the task alongside how much and when I could drink alcohol. It was a slavery, of sorts. Yes, I could work hard and get things done, but later that night, I would drink more than anyone should on any day in their life.”

What keeps him sober today? Besides his wife and children, he tells me he has found a different

solution for problems. “I still have problems,” DeRoche said. “The problems didn’t go away, but now I can deal with them in a healthy way. For me, this is a spiritual solution. God has done for me what I could not do for myself. It is not a theory for me — I have lived it and seen it in a very practical way. I try to share this with others because, for me it is a miracle.”

DeRoche is an alcoholic. He is also a bright,

capable, decent man with a wonderful family who has turned his tragedy into opportunity for himself and others.

He knows sobriety is one day at a time. He is sober today and adding value and making a difference — one day at a time

His book, *Highly Functional*, can be found at Amazon, iTunes, Christianbooks.com and other retailers.

Need help with addiction? Call 800 241-4949. The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority is there to help.

Northville resident Tom Watkins is the president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com). He has served as state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. Follow Watkins on Twitter: @tdwatkins88.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Northville concerts

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Aug. 21: Ford Field Festival (Northville Chamber of Commerce Event, www.northville.org)
Details: Music fills the air all summer at the Friday Night Concert Series in 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 concert is suggested and guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

'Invasive Species' play

Dates: Through Aug. 23
Details: Joseph Zettelmaier's *Invasive Species*, starring Aral Gribble and Melynee Saunders Warren, makes its world premiere at Northville's Tipping Point Theater (361 E. Cady Street). The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Summer BBQ in Northville

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22
Details: The annual Summer Barbecue and Fundraiser for the Northville Democratic Club will be at the home of Tom and Janet Hess, 399 Rayson, Northville, with fun, food, drinks and the opportunity to meet local and statewide representatives and candidates. The newly elected chairperson for the Michigan Democratic Party, Brandon Dillon, will be attending. Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett will be attending, as well as Kristy Pagan, state representative for the 21st District. Candidate for mayor of Novi, John Markham, will also be joining the festivities. A \$30 donation is suggested. Go to www.northville Dems.com for more information; register directly at https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/ndcbbq; or contact Jina Sawani at jinasawani@gmail.com to RSVP or to volunteer to help.

King of Cabs event

Date: Aug. 26
Details: Bottiz is hosting Nils Venge, owner and winemaker of Sadelback Cellars in Napa, for a wine dinner. The "King of Cabs" is the first American winemaker to produce a 100-point wine. He will personally be presenting his latest wine lineup paired with a five-course dinner by chef Tom Batayeh. Seating is limited to 80-90 people and about one-third of the tickets have already been sold. Bottiz is located at 31260 Wakefield (south side of 14 Mile Road, just east of Novi Road). For more information, call 248-519-4444 or go to http://www.bottiz-novi.com/Files/nils_venge.pdf.

Wildcats '95 reunion

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/.

Mustangs '90 reunion

Time/Date: 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22
Details: The Northville High School Class of 1990 will have its 25-year reunion at Genitti's Hole-in-the-wall (108 E. Main Street, Northville). Buy tickets early for an accurate count. Ticket covers food, space and

New Horizons exhibit

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through Aug. 29
Details: As a life-long landscape artist in the Midwest, Barbra White tells a story with her works to reveal images that flow through the composition. New Horizons, a solo exhibit by White, is open during Art House business hours. In addition, White will hold a Plein Air Workshop at the Art House; go to www.northvillearthhouse.org for more information. The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public. For more information, call 248-344-0497.

Century of jazz

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27
Details: The vocal jazz stylings of Leslie Mason, backed up by her husband, guitarist Jesse Lee

Administrative costs.

Tickets will be priced higher at the door. For more information, go to www.nhs1990.org.

Mason, will be presented at the Northville Community Center.

The duo will perform jazz and pop classic such as *Lullaby of Birdland*, *How High the Moon?*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *Take the A Train*, *Have You Met Miss Jones?*, *Green Dolphin Streets* and *One More for the Road* in a program they call "A Century of Jazz Song." This program is sponsored jointly by the Community Center, the Maple Manor Rehab Center of Novi and the Friends of the Northville District Library. The Community Center is located on Main Street, next to the Northville District Library. The concert is free, but space is limited. RSVP by calling the library at 248-349-3020.

Detroit Mackenzie reunion

Time/Date: Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29
Details: The fifth annual picnic for those who attended Mackenzie High School in the '50s and '60s will be held at Nankin Mills Pavilion in Hines Park, at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive (near Farmington Road). Music, memorabilia, great camaraderie. Bring your own picnic or purchase Michigan made hot dogs, chips, pop, water and ice cream. Also available are T-shirts, sweatshirts and music CDs. New this year will be coffee mugs, steins, glasses, baseball hats and coolers. Seating available under the shelter or bring your own chairs and pop-ups. No need to pre-register. For more information, call Janet Cable at 734-377-4009; email mackenzie50s-60s@hotmail.com or go to http://www.classcreator.com/Detroit-MI-Mackenzie-1960.

Maybury anniversary

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30
Details: Maybury State Park friends and neighbors are invited to a community open house 40th anniversary celebration (use the Eight Mile entrance, west of Beck Road). Games and activities for all ages will include a scavenger hunt, history games, cake and ice cream (with a cake-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m.). The first 100 guests to visit the Friends table will receive a new Friends of Maybury patch. A recreation passport is required for entry. For more information, call 248-349-8390.

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Big junior class gives Mavericks hope for season

Second-year coach Gough trying to eliminate two-way players

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Second-year Milford football coach Tim Gough hopes a large junior class will produce its fair share of diamonds in the rough entering the 2015 season.

The Mavericks are coming off back-to-back 1-8 seasons, including a 0-5 mark in the KLAA's West Division in 2014.

Gough is trying to build some depth while trying to eliminate two-way players. The current junior class numbers 34.

"It's not experience, but a solid class," Gough said. "We had too many two-way players last year. Last year was difficult, because we were not consistent in every part of the game."

It was only the second day of official practice (Aug. 11) with non-contact drills, but Gough seemed encouraged.

"Today was by far our best practice since I've been at Milford High School," he said. "And with that being said, it was on hand shields and with guys that have never played in a varsity football game, so it's

all taken with a grain of salt. But it's definitely a good feeling to be making good decisions and executing the things the way you're supposed to, even though it's on guys with hand shields and not guys with pads. The hope now is that it translates to the game."

Last year, the Mavericks gave up an average of 43.4 points per game, but this year's defense hopes to be much improved.

Gough will still rely on his senior class to pave the way,

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Second-year Milford coach Tim Gough will rely on senior returnees (from left) Jackson Hale, Joe Larson and Dylan Allen.

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South Lyon coach Mark Thomas will rely on holdovers (from left) Brennen McMann, Jeff Gill and Trevor Tank.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Jackson's workload increases this year

Novi's standout tailback is full-time with defense

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Unlike last season, Novi's Emanuel Jackson may never come off the field in 2015.

The speedy, fourth-year all-purpose tailback wiped out most of the Wildcats' offensive record records during his junior year as the All-Area Player of the Year rushed for 1,061 yards and 16 touchdowns, while also catching 43 passes for 629 yards and five TDs.

Two of his biggest games came against playoff teams.

He finished with 410 all-purpose yards in a 50-33 victory over Kensington Conference and KLAA Central co-champ South Lyon, while adding 358 total yards and three TDs in loss to playoff qualifier Westland John Glenn. Jackson also proved to be a dangerous punt and kickoff returner, averaging 34.7 yards per return, including two TDs.

But this season, Novi coach Jeff Burnside has an expanded role for "Action Jackson," who will also play full time in the secondary.

"He's a special talent," the third-year coach said. "We only have him for one season left, so we're going to use him. He'll leave nothing behind."

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Novi senior Emanuel Jackson will be the key cog in the Wildcats' 2015 season.

BRAD EMONS

LIONS HOPE TO BE IN THICK OF RACE

Senior linebacker-back Tank leads returning cast for South Lyon

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A lot of good things happened last year for the South Lyon football team.

And the Lions certainly lived up to their tradition of playing "11 Mile and Pontiac Trail Rock' em, Sock' em football" by going 8-2, claiming a share of the KLAA Central Division title with Livonia Stevenson and capturing the Kensington Conference championship against perennial KLAA power Canton.

The season ended with a first-round 14-13 playoff loss to Walled Lake Western, but don't be surprised if the Lions, despite returning only three starters on offense and three on defense, will be title contenders once again.

Senior linebacker and running back

"He's a hard worker, takes criticism well, a great leader. He's not afraid to do the little things to make it better. And he's a great specimen, there's no doubt."

SOUTH LYON COACH JOE THOMAS
about senior linebacker and running back Trevor Tank

Trevor Tank will certainly be the straw that stirs the South Lyon drink entering the 2015 season opener Thursday, Aug. 27, at home against Pinckney.

The 6-foot-3, 240-pound Tank earned

all-KLAA and all-area honors, finishing with 74 solo tackles, including three sacks, to go along with 52 assists. He also ran for 491 yards and four touchdowns.

"He's a hard worker, takes criticism well, a great leader," coach Joe Thomas said of Tank. "He's not afraid to do the little things to make it better. And he's a great specimen, there's no doubt."

Tank will be joined in the backfield by Connor McGee, a 6-0, 180-pound senior, while junior Carlo Zoratti (6-2, 175) takes the reigns at quarterback for the graduated Anton Skupin, who threw for 1,358 yards and 16 TDs.

"We run the pistol (formation), so (Zoratti) has to be able to take command

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Mustangs banking on dual-threat QB Zimbo

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If the football is going to start in anybody's hands, then the guy the Northville will turn to once again this season is quarterback Justin Zimbo.

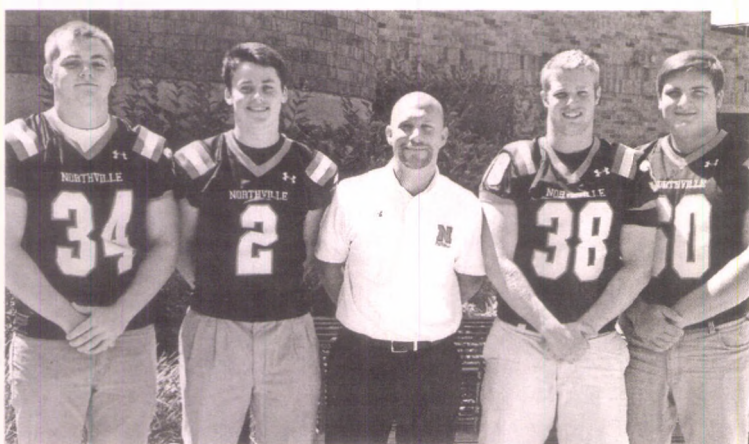
The 5-foot-11, 191-pound senior is the Mustangs' All-state insurance policy after accounting for more than 2,000 yards passing and rushing a year ago.

Zimbo threw for 1,068 yards (80-of-162) and 12 touchdowns, while running for 980 yards and 10 TDs as the Mustangs finished 6-4 and earned their fifth MHSAA Division 1 playoff berth in six years, including their 11th in school history.

"He was very productive as a junior," Northville seventh-year coach Matt Ladach said of his signal-caller. "He's a guy that we can rely on and depend on. He's a gamer. If you watched him play over the last couple of years, he knows when to show up."

Northville's offensive line took a big hit with the graduation of all-state tackle David Moorman (Wisconsin) and Zach Graham (Northwood University), along with tight end Ryan Roberts (Northern Illinois).

But the cupboard is far from bare as three-year starter Alex Angeles (6-2, 315) returns, along with senior left



Among the key senior returnees this season for Northville coach Matt Ladach (middle) are (from left) Alec Coppock, Justin Zimbo, Michael Minick and Alex Angeles.

guard Max Steilen (6-0, 301). Junior Zach Marks (5-8, 204) will take the reigns at center.

"Obviously, losing two Division I guys is going to be very difficult to replace, but we do have big, strong guys coming back and we anticipate we're really going to be good up front," Ladach said.

Angeles, who recently set a team bench press record of 350 pounds, will be the anchor.

"He's played every position on the offensive line," Ladach said. "He'll likely play right tackle, but can play anywhere. I'm really surprised that he hasn't gotten a handful of Division I offers already, but he's

going to play in college next year."

The team's leading rusher, P.J. Schepp (Grand Valley State), graduated, but expecting to get the bulk of the carries are seniors Zach Prystash (5-6, 150) and Adam Ghabra (5-10, 168).

Senior Alec Coppock (6-0, 218), a third-year varsity player, returns at fullback.

"I think we have two dynamic kids, Ghabra and Prystash, who are a little bit different, but they're going to be very productive for us," Ladach said. "Our play selection may be a little bit different. We might use a fullback a

little more than we have in the past, but our system is still intact."

Northville's receiving corps includes junior returnees Terrell Cunningham (5-10, 155) and Jack Peterson (6-1, 164).

Prystash will also play the slot-back position and catch passes out of the backfield in Northville's spread attack.

"We've got good work at receiver," Ladach said. "Our guys are competing hard. We've had a good summer in terms of our camps and our seven-on-sevens, so we'll be fine."

On the defensive line, seniors Matt Komorous (6-2, 295), who power cleans 325 pounds, and George Metrusias (5-8, 237), who parallel squats 585, both return.

The linebacking group includes senior Mike Minick (6-2, 230), senior Mason Pitt (6-0, 224) and Coppock.

"Mason Pitt is a good vocal leader; he's a tough-nosed kid," Ladach said. "He's a guy that really brings out the best in his teammates. Komorous and Metrusias are both returners on the D-line. Those guys always lead by example."

Junior safety Jack Burke (6-0, 184), who got considerable playing time as a sophomore, will start at start at safety, flanked by Prystash.

"In the secondary, we have some young kids, but with

Prystash and Burke coming back, that's a solid group coming back there as well," Ladach said.

Another good sign for the Mustangs heading into their Friday, Aug. 28, season opener at Lakeland is the return of sophomore kicker Jake Moody (5-10, 152) and senior punter Christian Field (5-9, 189).

"I wouldn't say anything surprised me, but one thing that I think is important to point out is just our players' work ethic," Ladach said. "They've really been working hard. They always do everything we ask, but they're really going above and beyond. They're pushing each other and we've had a good first few days of camp."

South Lyon and Livonia Stevenson shared the KLA Central Division title last season with 4-1 records – a game ahead of both Northville and Novi. All signs are pointing to another highly competitive race.

"Our division is tough," Ladach said. "Anybody could win our division. I'll say this – there's not a team on our schedule that we cannot beat. We expect to go into every game with a chance to win and we expect to win. But if we don't play well, any team in our division could beat us."

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Novi's defense gets makeover

Wildcats look to improve on last year's 4-5 record

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Offense wasn't the issue last season, as Novi's football team averaged 30.1 points per game.

But on the flip side, the Wildcats gave up 30.8 per outing and it all added up to a second straight 4-5 season.

Novi, which last qualified for the MHSAA playoffs in 2008, is putting a heavy emphasis during the preseason on defense – starting with the fundamentals.

And third-year coach Jeff Burnside isn't just a spectator when it comes to practice.

Trying to set the right example, Burnside jumped into the fray numerous times, running toward to the ball carrier as a would-be tackler during the opening week practice without pads.

"If anything, we're going to run to the ball," Burnside said. "We just have to make sure we do a better job of tackling once we get there. We tackle every day and it's a big point of emphasis, like it should be every year. But this year, I think there's a lot more intensity into that tackling, even if it's a quick, no-shoulder-pad drill. There's more intensity into those tackling drills now."

Two seniors, Brent George, a 5-foot-10, 180-pound linebacker, and Spencer VanKirk, a 5-5, 150-pound safety, have laid the groundwork thus far during the preseason.

"Brent really does a good job of getting our guys lined up and ready to go," Burnside said. "He's kind of the signal-caller, getting everybody where they need to be. Spencer is pretty good at being vocal in the secondary. Those two guys are probably the guys that get everybody lined up and then (they) let rest of those guys run."

Other returnees on defense include senior tackle Dylan Haggard (6-0, 280), senior nose guard Cooper Smith (5-11, 225), junior linebacker Ian Patterson (5-11, 190) and senior defensive back Nick Sabo (6-0, 175).

Star senior tailback Emanuel Jackson (6-2, 175) will get full-time reps in the secondary and will be joined by junior newcomers Anthony D'Annibale (6-1, 185), a linebacker; Andrew White (5-11, 170), a defensive back; and Conner Moore (5-9, 185), a linebacker.



Novi's football fortunes for coach Jeff Burnside will rest on (from left) Cooper Smith, Brent George and Dyland Haggard.

Meanwhile, Novi's offense should remain potent with the return of the speedy Jackson, a recent Western Michigan University commit who amassed 1,061 yards rushing and added 43 catches for 629 yards.

The 2014 All-Area Player of the Year scored a total of 23 touchdowns, including two on kickoff returns.

"Last year, we were in kind of a new offense where we put everything in and everything was kind of evolving around him," Burnside said. "But this year, he knows everything. He knows what we're doing and we're adding some things for him. But he has a good handle on the offense now and he'll handle it on the defense."

Junior quarterback Alec Bageris (6-3, 173) also returns after starting the final eight games. He passed for 800 yards and eight TDs.

Burnside said he has seen a more seasoned and confident Bageris in training camp.

"He brings leadership and really brings control to our offense," Burnside said. "Guys are really starting to listen to him. He's really starting to step up and make calls, make changes. The way we do things is that we put a lot of pressure on him to make the right decisions – and he's really doing a better job of it. He's got a stronger arm. He's stronger all the way around and has done a phenomenal job of taking care of his body and getting ready to go."

George, D'Annibale, Moore and White will all get time at wide receiver, while junior Ahmad Jenkins (5-6, 185) will play tailback.

The biggest issue facing Burnside this season is getting an inexperienced offensive line up to speed after losing all

five starters from a year ago.

"That was a strength of the team and what people don't realize is that our center (Jarred Engebretson) was phenomenal because he could snap and pull," Burnside said. "He was very athletic and strong to the attack, but could pull and move and be in space. (Steve) Davis was just brute power and strength and Joe Haddad played angry. Replacing those guys is what the tough part is."

Junior Johnny Davis (6-3, 255), a tackle, along with Haggard and Smith, both guards, hope to fill the void left by the talented graduated trio.

"Davis has a great size and frame," Burnside said. "Dylan is strong with great quickness off the ball and difficult to block."

While South Lyon and Livonia Stevenson shared the KLA Central title last year at 4-1, Novi was right behind in second place, tied with rival Northville at 3-2.

"I think the division is going to be very competitive," Burnside said. "I think we (KLA Central) do a good job when we play outside our division. I think the Central gets knocked a little bit."

The Wildcats open their season Friday, Aug. 28, at Brighton.

"There's no easy game," Burnside said. "There's no, 'Oh, we'll just take a break and roll through these guys and we'll look towards next week.' There's nobody to do that with, which is good and that's that way it should be. It should ramped up. You're only guaranteed nine of these and you're only guaranteed 36 in your career, so you got to make every one count and every one special."

When asked about his new role on defense, Jackson simply said: "Yes, sir, and I'm happy about that."

"I'm going to have to step up and be a leader," he added. "I've learned that it's hard and it's not easy going to both ways."

While there was an emphasis in the off-season weight lifting program to get the wry

Jackson even stronger, there was also a mental side of learning the defense.

"Coach Burnside and I went over a lot of (chalk) board work and in the gym a little bit," Jackson said. "I want to get better, help others and be a great teammate."

Jackson said he is committed to play at Western Michigan University.

STATE GOLF

White goes extra holes to nip Johnson at GAM

By Greg Johnson
Correspondent

Muskegon's Mitchell White rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a three-golfer playoff Aug. 11 to win the 94th Golf Association of Michigan championship at Country Club of Lansing.

The event was presented by Miles of Golf/Kendall Academy/Titleist.

White, 18, a graduate of Mona Shores High School headed to Grand Valley State, topped defending champion and reigning Michigan Amateur champion Ryan Johnson of Novi and Indiana University golfer Max Kollin of Farmington in the playoff.

The trio just missed birdie putts on No. 18, the first hole of the sudden-death playoff, but White didn't miss when he got his chance for another birdie on No. 16, the second playoff hole.

"I tend to like left to right putts and it was uphill, so I could be more aggressive, and I made a good stroke and it went in," said White, the youngest winner since 2004. "I'm in shock. There are so many great players in this field, guys I used to caddy for when I was younger. Honestly, this is a dream come true to win this tournament."

The first round of what was scheduled as a 54-hole event was suspended Aug. 10 by heavy rain and flooding in the Lansing area. It was continued Aug. 11 and the tournament was trimmed to 36 holes.

White finished his first round with a 68 and then birdied his last hole in the second round for a 69 and 137. It tied Johnson, a 30-year-old golf club fitter for Carl's Golfand, who had raced out front with a 65 and followed it with a 72, and Kollin, who like White shot 68-69.

Four golfers finished at 138, one out of the playoff. They were Joe Hooks of Commerce Township, who shot 70 to close, Eastern Michigan University golfer Kyle Rodes of Plymouth, who shot 70, Michigan State assistant golf coach Dan Ellis of Traverse City and Michigan State golfer Josh Heinze of Canton, who each shot 71.

Mitchell said he had a second place in the Kent County Amateur, but missed

the cut at the Michigan Amateur and lost in the first round of match play in the Michigan Junior Amateur.

"I finally have a big GAM win under my belt," White said. "The GAM always runs the best tournaments on great courses. I'm so happy to finally win one."

White admitted he was a bit intimidated when the playoff started.

"I had my high school bag and there was a guy with an Indiana bag and Ryan Johnson, the best player in the state the last year," he said. "I hit good shots, though. I'm so happy about that. I couldn't have done it without my coaches, parents and everybody supporting me. It's great to win for all of them, too."

Kollin, a sweet 16 golfer in the Michigan Amateur in 2014 at Belvedere, took summer classes this year and said his game is just starting to come together a little bit.

"I made a couple of mental errors today that ultimately cost me, but I stayed with it, got in the playoff and then (White) hit a really good putt to win it," said Kollin, a North Farmington High grad. "I'm happy for him. He played well this week."

Johnson, looking to be the first since Jimmy Chestnut in 2008 to win the Michigan Amateur and the GAM in the same season, said he felt great after posting a 65 in the morning, but struggled in the afternoon.

"I had a chance in the playoff and burned the edge on that last putt," he said. "Even on the first playoff hole, we all had good looks, but you need a birdie and (White) got one."

Other area finishers included: Casey Baker (Novi), tied for 23rd (69-75-144); Dominic Mancinelli (Novi Detroit Catholic Central), tied for 30th (72-73-145); Jake Kneen (Lakeland/Oakland University), tied for 42nd (74-73-147); Garret Buckley (Novi/Loyola, Ill.), tied for 52nd (75-74-149); and Will Coffman (Novi Detroit CC), tied for 63rd (76-75-151).

The 37-year-old Baker was the 2010 GAM champ, while Kneen is off to the U.S. Amateur Championship this week at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club.

I've been wanting to play defense. I love (returning kicks), too."

In his third year on the varsity, Jackson wants to put it all on the line for the sake of the team. The Wildcats are seeking their first MHSAA playoff berth since 2008.

"We're real young, but we're going to get after it," Jackson said.

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ing in the tank every Friday night, so we got to use him everywhere. He's too talented to not use him down there and he makes plays in the secondary that we haven't had in that type of playmaker."

PRO HOCKEY

Novi's Valleau signs with Stanley Cup champs

Defenseman headed to Chicago's training camp

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Various Chicago media outlets reported Monday that Novi High grad Nolan Valleau, a 22-year-old defenseman from Bowling Green State Univer-



Valleau

played for the Winnipeg Jets and with Chicago during their respective prospect development camps this summer. The Blackhawks' primary

sity, has signed an NHL entry level contract with the Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks.

minor league affiliate is the Rockford (Ill.) IceHogs of the American Hockey League.

As a red-shirt freshman, the 6-foot-1, 181-pound Valleau scored two goals and added 17 assists for the Falcons (23-11-5) while playing on the second-ranked penalty kill unit in the NCAA.

The undrafted free agent also ranked seventh in the Western Collegiate Hockey

Association and seventh among NCAA freshman defenseman in points.

Valleau was third on the team in blocked shots (37) and was named to the WCHA All-Rookie Team.

During the 2012-13 season, Valleau tallied eight points (three goals, five assists) for the Chicago Steel and 18 points (five goals, 13 assists) for the Des Moines Buccaneers, both

of the U.S. Hockey League.

Valleau played hockey and lacrosse at Novi, helping the Wildcats to the 2011 MHSAA Division I boys hockey state title.

As a senior and junior, he earned Division 1 all-state honors. He accumulated 72 goals and 114 assists (187 points) in 115 career games as a four-year varsity player for the Wildcats.

CHARITY GAME

Kocur Softball Classic is Saturday in Highland

Former Wings players set for seventh annual event

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The 2015 Joe Kocur Foundation for Children Softball Classic will be Saturday, Aug. 22, at Duck Lake Pines Park, 1241 N. Duck Lake Road, Highland.

The day is sponsored by Pepsi Co. and Meijer and will consist of three softball games. Games times are at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will include local law enforcement and firefighters from Milford, Highland and White Lake playing against the celebrity team.

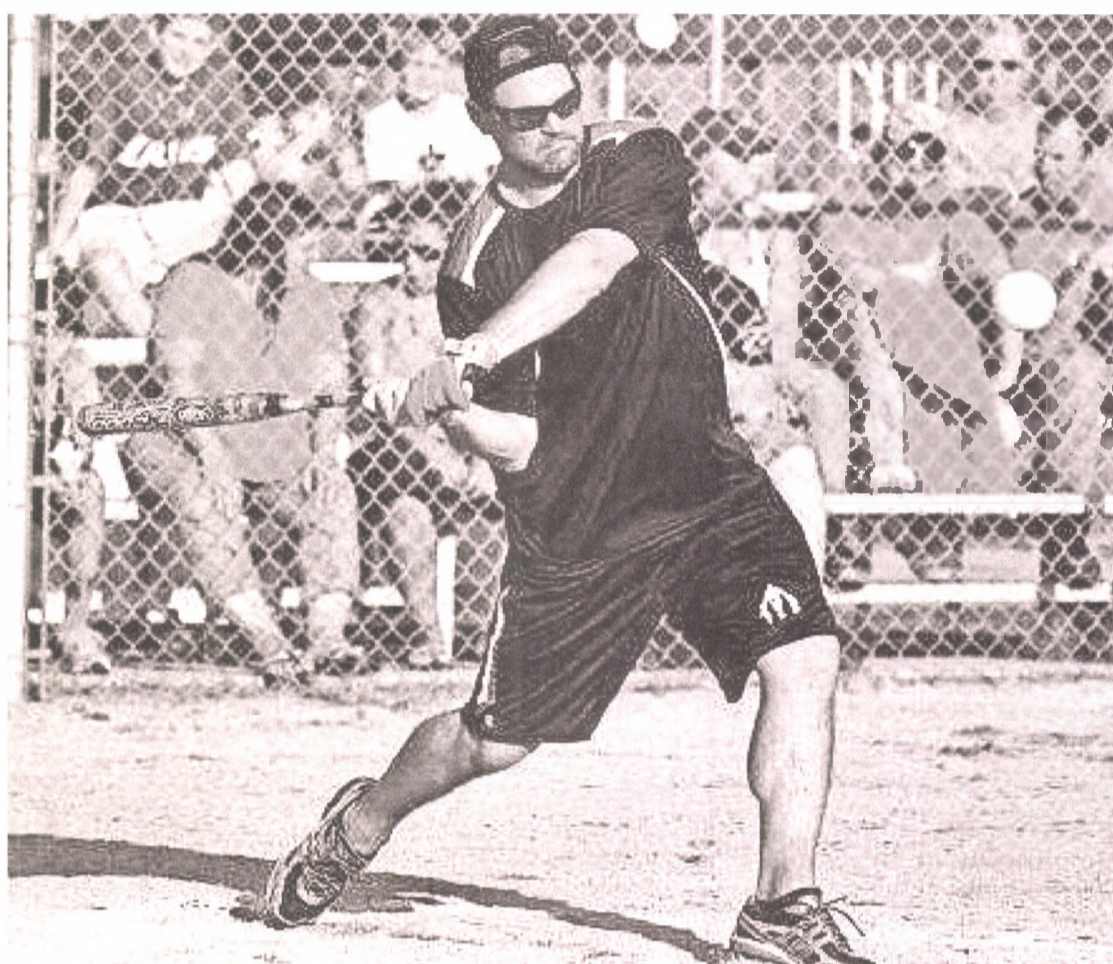
Gates open at 10:30 a.m., with the opening ceremonies featuring a special guest singing the national anthem and accompanied by the U.S. Color Guard.

Scheduled participants (subject to change) include the Detroit Red Wings Alumni group and Detroit-area sports and entertainment celebrities.

Among the former Red Wings and NHL players and coaches listed to appear or play are Kocur, Ted Lindsay, Darren McCarty, Chris Osgood, Jiri Fischer, Dave Lewis, Pat Peake, Bryan Smolinski, Wayne Presley, Jeff Blashill, Luke Glendening, Kevin Miller, Al Iafate, Dino Ciccarelli, Jimmy Howard, Manny Legace, Eddie Mio, Kirk Maltby and Mickey Redmond.

Former Atlanta Braves pitcher Steve Avery is also listed, along with Amy Andrew of WJBK-TV (Channel 2), actor Dave Coulier and actress Erin Cummings.

Proceeds will benefit 17-year-old cancer patient Spencer Hale, Wings of Mercy East Michigan, F.A.R. Therapeutic



JOE KOCUR FOUNDATION

Ex-Red Wings player Joe Kocur will hold his seventh annual charity softball classic in Highland.

Arts and Recreation, Huron Valley Special Olympics, Play Like Jackson Foundation, Team Kendal Kidz and the Lakeland High School Shannon Gaber Silverthorn Public Service Scholarship.

Food and beverages will be provided by Little Caesars, Leo's Coney of White Lake and the Rochester Mills Beer Co.

Children can also enjoy the Millwrights 1102 Midway, which is filled with fun events and attractions, from rides and bounce houses to the dunk

tank. Raffle prizes will also be awarded during the games, while fans can join in on the silent auction filled with items to bid on, including signed sports memorabilia, golf packages and gift certificates to local restaurants, spas and services.

Between games, free autographs will be available. Various viewing bleachers and tents will be set up along the path near all four diamonds for fans (lawn chairs encour-

aged). Tickets can purchased in advance at \$10 per person (children under 10 are free). All tickets purchased will go into a drawing for the raffle prizes that will be awarded throughout the day.

For more information, go to joekocurfoundation.org. You can also use Twitter@kocurfoundation or link onto to Facebook at the The Joe Kocur Foudation.

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COMMUNITY

RRCA group recognizes Milford for run support

National award honors area as 'Runner Friendly'

The Road Runners Club of America recently announced that Milford, along with Ann Arbor, has been designated as a Runner Friendly Community for 2015.

Milford, with a population of 6,280 and a central business district for approximately 25,000 in the surrounding areas, demonstrated it met the RRCA's criteria, which include community infrastructure, community support and local government support for running.

According to the RRCA, the top communities have demonstrated an infrastructure that can foster physical activity in a safe environment. They also have a proven track record that organizations and businesses work together to promote running as a healthy exercise and sport, with the most important criterion fostering positive relationships between the running community and local government.

In May 2009, the 3.6-mile Milford Trail, which connects the downtown YMCA and Kensington Metropark, officially opened.

Kensington itself covers 4,481 acres of both hilly and flat scenic terrain. The park also contains multiple trails, including a three-mile loop in its center, which crosses the Huron River. Another trail splits off from there, heading south for 4.75 miles, traversing wooded areas, wetlands and prairie along the river.

Milford offers rolling hills and extensive natural areas that make for ideal conditions for both beginning and more experienced runners.

Milford also helps sponsor the Labor Day 30K festival of races, the town's biggest running event that has served many times as the RRCA state championship.

Additionally, Milford has stable of pedestrian networks throughout the town, complete with water fountains, streetlights, accessible bathrooms and ample parking.

The Huron Valley Athletic Club, the RRCA member which submitted the application, is the largest running club in Milford. It puts on 13-24 events per year, highlighted by the Labor Day 30K.

HVAC also promotes running through healthy living by donating money to various organizations, including the Milford track team, community sharing and swim and dive team among others.

Running store Feets Sake also sponsors and hosts several races in the community, while the Huron Valley Recreation Authority provides indoor tracks, pools and fitness centers.

"The Huron Valley region is a very active area and it's easy to see why, because there is so much offered in every direction you go," said Shannon Loso, Huron Valley director of recreation and community education. "We will continue to grow our offerings and are starting to put our resources in the right areas so we can focus both on the enrichment and recreational opportunities for our community."

Other community leaders providing support and letters of recommendation included Jennifer Barret, Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce; Doug Klingensmith, HVAC club president; Jerry Aubry, Miford village president; Bartholomew D. Reed, executive director of the Carls Family YMCA; and HVAC's Mark Cryderman.

LIONS

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and get people in the right spots and run the offense, which is an option offense," Thomas said.

Skupin's favorite target last year, Joe Newman (25 catches for 461 yards and eight TDs), also graduated, but waiting in the wings is senior wide receiver Nick Pagano (6-2, 180), who has opened some eyes in early camp. Senior Chris Morgan (5-10, 150) also lends depth at wide receiver.

The offensive line needs to

be revamped, but will be anchored by senior tackle Brennen McMann (6-1, 255), senior center Spencer Magee (5-10, 230) and senior guard John Lay (5-11, 260).

"We could be OK offensively. We just got to get the offensive line together," Thomas said. "That's the key with these other guys."

In 10 games last season, South Lyon's defense allowed 16 points or less in nine of them.

"We're a bend, but don't break, defense and we've been pretty successful," said Thomas, who has coached for 37 years. "We've tried to keep it

simple and we try not to make mistakes. We can understand we can make physical mistakes, but it's the mental mistakes that we can't have. We work hard on that."

Tank will lead the way on defensive, joined by shutdown cornerback Braxton Blackwell, a 5-11, 180-pound junior, and Jeff Gill, a 6-3, 240-pound lineman who made all-KLAA. Junior safety Mike Maher (6-1, 170) also returns.

The Lions yielded just 15.2 points per game because they became a sure-tackling team.

"We still should be good; we work pretty heavily on that," Thomas said. "We make sure

we tackle and get 11 hats to the ball. We've preached that a lot during practice. It's a team game and we need everybody."

South Lyon will gunning for its 18th playoff appearance.

Thomas' biggest challenge is getting the new players up to speed at varsity level with a "bring your lunch pail to work" attitude despite the heavy graduation losses.

Thomas envisions the upcoming KLAA Central Division race as another dogfight.

"It's a tough league," he said. "I think it's pretty open."

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MAVERICKS

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led by three-year starter Jackson Hale (6-3, 230), a defensive tackle who finished 2014 with 35 tackles, including two sacks and two blocked kicks, in only five games.

Other senior defensive returnees include senior linebacker Adam Stebbins (6-0, 220), who had 53 tackles, including five for loss and two sacks, and senior tackle Blake Peterson (6-3, 275).

"Defensively, it's very interesting," Gough said. "We have quite a decent group in our front seven. We (have) without a doubt bigger, stronger, faster players up front with our front seven than we were last year. Our secondary is going to be made up of two corners and two safeties who did not start."

Junior outside linebacker Derek Horne (6-3, 195), who broke his leg early during the 2014 season, should also give the Mavericks a boost.

"A complete question mark in the off-season until he got on the field and he's shown some really, really nice things," Gough said of Horne. "But again, no varsity game experience and not seen a



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Milford players go through their running paces Aug. 17 during practice.

practice in pads."

The secondary will be relatively green, with senior safety Troy Woodrow (5-11, 170) the only player back with varsity experience.

"The other two corners and safety are juniors with no varsity experience," Gough said.

Meanwhile, Gough said junior Zack Jones (5-11, 160), who earned his first start in

last year's season finale against rival Lakeland, has emerged as the starting quarterback.

"We do a lot of run-pass option stuff," Gough said. "We kind of let the defense determine whether we're going to run the ball or throw the ball. Our biggest thing is complete the high-percentage passes that we're trying to throw and don't get behind schedule as

much as we did last year."

Zack Jones will be taking snaps from his older brother Jacob Jones (5-10, 240), who returns at center.

Also hoping to make an impact in the backfield are juniors Joe Bravo (5-10, 185), Conner Jensen (5-11, 180) and utility man Joe Larson (5-11, 145), who can play tailback, wide-out and even quarterback.

Gough's wide receiver corps is deep, led by junior Mitchell Appleton (6-4, 185), junior Evan Johnson (6-3, 185), senior Logan Kahl (5-10, 165) and senior Dylan Allen (6-3, 190), who can also play some linebacker.

Gough, who coached at his alma mater Albion College as well as Jackson High before moving to Milford, would like to see his offense, which averaged only 15 points per game a year ago, show some consistency.

"We had a lot of second-and-longs instead of second-and-shorts," he said. "The other problem is that we couldn't establish a drive. We had way too many three-and-outs as opposed to getting those 10-, 11-, 12-, 13-play drives."

Milford opens its season Thursday, Aug. 27, at Livonia Churchill.

Paradise Park owners proud of milestone, laud Novi community

If go-karts and much more are your thing, consider a visit to Novi's family-owned Paradise Park, on Grand River Avenue, celebrating its 10th anniversary in business. The *Novi News* asked owners Theresa and Jeff Wainwright about their years in business in Novi.

How will you celebrate this milestone?

Our corporate anniversary is the perfect opportunity to thank our employees, which are the best ambassadors of Paradise Park. We would like to also thank our longtime loyal park guests, who've helped us reach this 10-year milestone. Every year, we add many new members to the Paradise Park family. We want to celebrate with all the people who helped us create the perfect Paradise and the guests who keep coming back year after year. We hope to be celebrating with you and making wonderful memories for a long time to come.

Here is a sneak preview of some of the festivities Aug. 28, our big anniversary bash – 10 percent off all venues all day; face painters; henna tattoos artists; story time with Mother Goose (from the Novi Public Library); outdoor BBQ dinner buffet; and Dancing under the Stars with renowned DJ Jamez (of Cloud Nine) for the remainder of the evening. Also, we will have 10 days of special deals, daily surprises and fun contests through Aug 27.

Why did you choose

Novi for your business?

Novi has excellent family demographics, a very strong commerce base and, in our opinion, it's the best-managed city in the state of Michigan.

What is your business name, address, phone, email, website, fax and Facebook?

Paradise Park, 45799 Grand River Ave., phone 248-735-1050, fax 248-735-1051, Facebook www.facebook.com/paradiseparknovi.

What are your hours?

Summer hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Winter hours are 4-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday 4-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Open year-round.

What goods or services do you provide?

Paradise Park is known as the "Party Capital" and hosts thousand of events each year. From huge corporate events with thousand of guests, to family birthday parties, bar/bat mitzvahs, first communions, political fundraisers, school end of year parties, All Night Lock-in, graduation parties, youth groups, rehearsal dinners and adult events of all kinds. The Park features the famous hand-tossed Perky's Pizza, with a wide variety of excellent food options from our restaurant or outdoor grilling picnic by one of the park's chefs. The Paradise Cove Bar features some incredible

signature cocktails, high-end wines and both local and national beers on tap. The Park features 10 major attractions: there are two go-kart tracks – a world-class Formula Race Track and a junior track – an award-winning miniature golf course, European trampoline center, four-sided 26-foot climbing wall, automated soccer cages, a 44-seat spaceship simulator ride, interactive laser tag, AMF Route 66 mini-bowling and an incredible arcade for all ages. Paradise Park is a 10-acre indoor/outdoor entertainment complex.

How has Novi been as a business community?

Novi has an extraordinary business community that is well-connected by a supportive and highly active city government, a tremendous library with a wealth of programs for all ages and a school system that excels in every category.

Do you have an amusing anecdote from your business to share?

All of our birthday parties have private hostesses that do everything from start to finish. A mother recently called and said she was upset and frantic about her upcoming party reservation. She explained she just didn't have time to get the plates, napkins, silverware, decorations, balloons, get a cake made and shop for items for the goodie bags – she just wanted to give up and cancel the party. Our nine-year event manager convinced the mom to catch her breath and



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Joey Broughton, 9, and Kalie Cannon, 10, play a round of miniature golf at Novi's Paradise Park.

relax because everything she was worried about is included in the package and all she has to do is just show up, enjoy a glass of wine and let the party pro do it all. Happy moms makes happy families.

How have you been able to succeed in business?

Paradise Park is very fortunate to have steady-

ly grown its business and to have earned a positive reputation within our community. The Park makes a concerted effort to be heavily involved in city of Novi and its school programs. From programs such as the Math Boot Camp, Library Summer Reading Programs and providing a day of fun for the Rotary's Feed the Need

program, Paradise Park and its owners genuinely care about the community and the people residing within it.

Who is your target customer?

Paradise Park is designed and set up to fulfill the entertainment needs of families, churches, youth groups, schools and corporate groups.

NEWSMAKERS

Northville resident joins firm

Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller, P.C. announced the addition of Northville resident Danielle M. Spehar to its Executive Committee.



Spehar

"Since the day Danielle joined our firm, she has taken up a leadership role – not just by what she says, but by what she does and how she does it," President/CEO Steven Sallen said. "Danielle quietly and consistently leads by example. We are excited to further tap her leadership potential as a member of our Executive

Committee."

A shareholder of the firm, Spehar serves as co-head of the firm's Real Estate Practice Group and is a member of the firm's Recruiting Committee. Concentrating her practice in the areas of commercial real estate transactions, corporate and business law, she has particular expertise in the acquisition, financing and sale of multifamily housing developments, including HUD financing.

Spehar graduated summa cum laude from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science in business administration, earned a master of science in business administration from Wayne State University, graduating sum-

ma cum laude, and earned her juris doctor, magna cum laude, in 1998 from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

Farrell among honored attorneys

Eleven attorneys, including Novi resident Clayton F. Farrell (Product Liability Litigation-Defendants), at Collins Einhorn Farrell PC have been named to the 2016 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Since it was first published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* is cited as "the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice" by *Corporate Counsel* magazine. *Best Lawyers* has since partnered with U.S. News to rank law firms in the United States.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Refreshed Gander Mountain

The Gander Mountain in the West Oaks shopping center (west side of Novi Road, north of I-96) is celebrating its store remodel with a three-day event featuring some notable friends of the brand.

The Aug. 21-23 event will feature fun, educational events for kids, free fishing line winding, giveaways and special appearances by elite Bassmaster anglers such as Kendall Ulsh, Matt Herren, Cliff Pace, Fletcher Shryock and Jason Christie. Troy Landry, star of History Channel's *Swamp People*, and Nick Mundt, host of Outdoor Channel's *Bone Collector*, will both be in the store Saturday.

The store is located at 43825 W. Oaks Drive; phone is 248-380-4000.

Novi approves temporary sign ordinance

The Novi City Council

has approved a temporary promotional sign ordinance waiver allowing businesses in Novi to post one additional promotional sign during the Michigan State Fair. From Monday Aug. 31, to Monday Sept. 7, registered businesses can take advantage of the increased traffic from the fair by posting one additional sign. Signage must be placed on private property, must be temporary and cannot exceed 24 square feet in area and six feet in height.

In order to be eligible, applications must be submitted by Aug. 31. Applications can be submitted in person at the Community Development Counter at the Novi Civic Center or can be mailed to Ordinance Division, Community Development Department, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

Rusty Bucket recognized

Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern, which

recently added a restaurant in Northville, was recently honored with three national accolades for top performance by leading restaurant industry trade publications.

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You arrive at work, ready for a productive day. You start with a quick check of the top news, followed by a skim of your Facebook page. Next, you open your email inbox and sort/reply/delete. Then a co-worker stops by and you chat about last night's TV shows. Before you know it, the clock says 9:30 a.m. and you have yet to touch a single item on your to-do list.

With so many opportunities for distraction, it's understandable why workdays aren't always as productive as they should be. So, how do you make sure you're getting the most out of each day in the office? Here are some tips:

Set goals first

Many workers get into the office and before doing any work, they check their email. It seems like a logical first step, but it's one that could end up causing you to waste precious time better spent mapping out your day.

Chris Bryant, creative director and principal of Empire Studios, a full-service video production company based in New York, suggests that before even opening your email, you set goals and tackle any pressing items. "By checking email first thing, it's extremely easy — and all too common — to get distracted with things that will 'only take a minute,' and the next time you look at the clock it's time to break for lunch. Get the critical things done first."



THINKSTOCK

Unplug from distractions

You may be completely focused on a project, that is, until you hear the tantalizing "ding" of an email arriving in your inbox or see the flash of an instant message. Suddenly, your productivity is derailed. That's why Ron Bockstahler, CEO of office suites provider Amata Office Solutions, says the best thing to do is unplug from distractions. "Working on a tight deadline? Turn off your phone, set up an out-of-office reply and turn your Web browser to offline mode," he says. "If you absolutely have to look something up, go directly to a search engine or site you've already book-

marked, locate the information you need and log back off."

Be respectful of your own time

"If you are constantly being interrupted by issues not related to work, asked to do someone else's job or have interruptions from co-workers that are non-essential — in other words, they could have sent you an email requesting you take action and waited for the response rather than interrupting your flow to say, 'Hey, we need to order new pens in the near future' — then it's imperative to speak up and show others how to treat you," says Alison Kero, professional orga-

nizer, productivity expert and owner of ACK Organizing. "Otherwise you've just spent your day making everyone else look effective and productive while completely overextending and exhausting yourself."

Have an end-of-day ritual

When the workday is finally over, it's tempting to want to leave the office as soon as possible and not worry about tomorrow until, well, tomorrow. Yet, you could be setting yourself up for another day of unproductivity if you don't at least think about what you have on your plate. "At the end of the day, I feel it's really important to quickly scan over what my schedule looks like the following day so I can mentally prepare," Kero says. "I also feel it's really important to clear out the clutter in my office or on my desk ... so when I walk in my office space in the morning, I do not feel overwhelmed before I've even begun my day."

Take breaks

One last piece of advice: Take periodic breaks throughout the day. While this might seem counterintuitive, getting away from your desk for a short time can help you re-energize and refocus, so when you do get back to work, you are ready to be productive.

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