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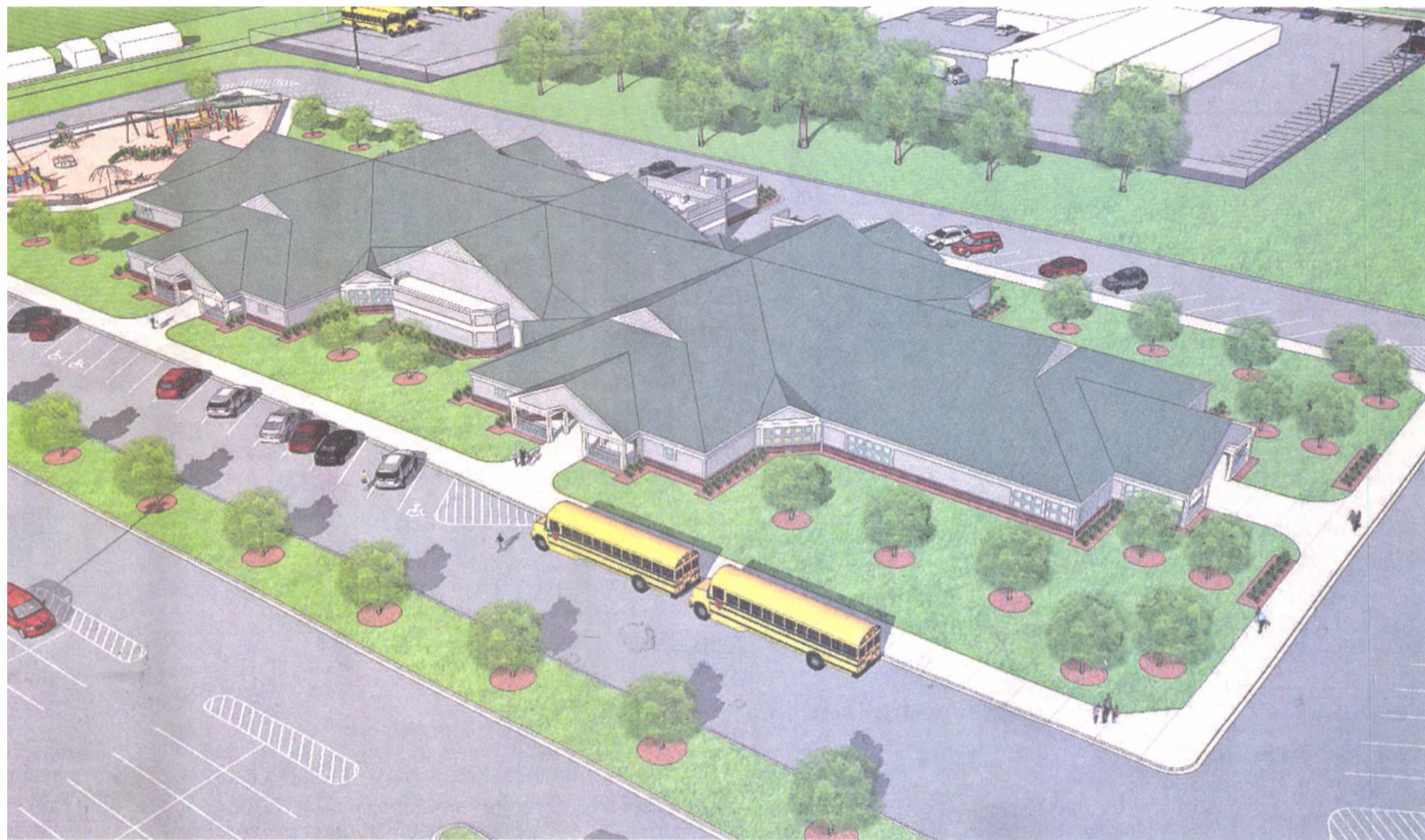
Farmers market changes

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

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

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

"The combined efforts of the city of Novi and the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm are providing greater opportunities for citizens to take part in a farmers market experience," said RoseAna Twitchell, Novi All Seasons Market manager. "Hosting twice-a-week markets will maximize the benefits of Michigan's growing season."



Groundbreaking for Novi's new Early Childhood Education Center, on the west side of Taft Road, south of 11 Mile Road, will be held June 10. The community is invited to attend

'SIGNATURE' PROJECT SET TO BEGIN

Novi district breaking ground on new Early Childhood Education Center June 10

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The biggest project of the \$71 million school bond Novi voters overwhelmingly supported last May will begin with a groundbreaking ceremony for the community at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10.

Construction of the district's new Early Childhood Education Center, to be located just north-east of Novi Meadows (where three tennis courts are currently) will begin in July and completed in August 2016.

"It's exciting," said Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business and operations for Novi Community Schools. "It's going to make a big difference for our kids and the community."

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, the center will

serve 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds and young 5s with tuition-based preschool-type programs. Early childhood classrooms for students with special needs will be housed in the ECEC, along with the Great Start Readiness program for 4-year-olds, offering high-quality preschool, state-funded, for lower-income families.

"This is an expansion of our current programming," Barr said, adding that the new center will bring together programming that is now spread among the ITC building, in Novi Meadows, in portable classrooms behind Meadows, Novi High School and Orchard Hills Elementary into one dedicated building.

"This will bring it all together, plus we're expanding availability with a number of new seats," Barr said.

Novi currently has more than 300 students, some half-day and some full-day, enrolled in these programs, but will be able to handle more than 350.

"There is always a waiting list to get into Novi's preschool program," Barr said. "For this September, we're already at 94-percent capacity."

The district opened bids for the project three weeks ago and is in the midst of presenting the bids to the Board of Education. The board will review all bids for contract awards by June 18.

Construction alone will cost approximately \$9 million; all costs included will bring it to between \$10 million and \$11 million, according to Barr.

It'll have 18 classrooms; one latch-key CARE program; the community education and preschool offices; gross motor skills areas inside and outside; a fully-

functioning cafeteria; and a large playground that will be open to the community after school hours.

"We think the playground is an integral part of this whole program," Barr said. "The way this is all designed is to enhance teaching and learning for our kids with so many elements that are great."

Every classroom will include a restroom, as opposed to students having to go down the hall. That's just one instance of classroom instructional time increasing.

Other bond projects

Accounting for 14 percent of the \$71 million bond, the new Early Childhood Education Center is the "signature" project, Barr noted. But work has been

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Couple found dead in Novi apartment in apparent case of murder-suicide

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

A Facebook post led the Novi Police last Friday to an apartment at The Springs, where officers found a couple dead from an apparent murder-suicide.

Inside the apartment were a 40-year-old man and a 36-year-old woman, who are unidentified at this point, who appeared as if they had been shot. Novi Police responded to the location in the The Springs after a person, a high school friend of one the deceased, called out of concern.

According to Novi's Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart, at 2:19 p.m. May 29, the Novi Police Department was asked to conduct a welfare check on a couple living in the 31000 block of Shorecrest Drive.

"The caller, a longtime friend of the 40-year-old male resident, read a Facebook post



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The Springs are located south of West Pontiac Trail and west of West Park Drive in Novi.

which alarmed him and alluded to the imminent death of not only the male, but his 36-year-old wife," Hart said. "Once officers determined the exact address of the couple, they entered the apartment with the assistance of management shortly before 3 p.m."

Upon entry, Hart said officers located the unresponsive

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Novi special ed teacher's right-to-work case appealed

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Novi special education teacher Susan Bank wanted to opt out of her union in 2013 and wound up taking her battle into the court system.

The Mackinac Center Legal Foundation filed a 58-page appeal May 26 with the Michigan Court of Appeals after Oakland County Circuit Court said it does not have jurisdiction over two of Bank's claims - the new employee right to resign and the duty to inform. The circuit court wanted to send the former claim to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, while it dismissed the latter claim.

The MCLF in February 2014 filed the original case in Oakland County Circuit Court.

"The judge in the Oakland County Circuit Court dismissed the case and we think she got



Bank

that right," said David Crim, Michigan Education Association spokesperson. "She found that the court did not have jurisdiction."

Bank, a 40-year educator, wanted to exercise her right-to-work freedom and opt out of the MEA in September 2013, saying she was not impressed with the union's representation.

But she was told she missed the "August window" period.

"I have paid over \$10,000 in the last 11 years to the union," she said, "and I felt that they should have informed me."

Crim said the window has been in effect for more than 40 years and it was affirmed about 10 years ago, when the MCLF filed a case against the East Lansing-based union challenging it.

"The Michigan Employee Relations Commission upheld our window period," said Crim, whose organization includes approximately 112,000 active members. "Then right-to-work

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Novi planners favor more residential at 13 Mile, Novi roads

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

The city of Novi is moving forward on revisiting the consent judgment for the 13 Mile Road property designated for commercial development. A recent Novi Planning Commission decision recommends that it become more of a residential plan.

At its May 27 meeting, the Novi Planning Commission considered two alternatives to the 170,000-square-foot retail center that is permitted on the site.

Option 1: Multiple-family residential with a density of up to nine dwelling units per acre on up to 18 acres. The remaining three acres, located near the road frontages, could be mixed-use with ground floor retail/restaurant. Up to two additional floors could offer residential dwelling units.

Option 2: Multiple-family residential with a density of up to nine dwelling units per acre on the entire 21-acre parcel. At least one public amenity should be included.



The land is located east of Novi Road and south of 13 Mile Road in Novi.

Residential plan

The planning commission recommended to the Novi City Council that the residential approach be considered versus a bigger commercial development.

"We felt it best fit the existing character of the area and that the demand for large-scale commercial just isn't in demand currently," Planning

Commissioner Mark Pehrson said.

This decision comes after input was sought from the community.

According to city planners, the owner of the property, Manchester 13 Mile Road LLC, is interested in developing the vacant property located on the south side of

13 Mile Road and east side of Novi Road for multiple-family use. The developer would like to construct 189 multiple-family units in a stacked-ranch style on approximately 21 acres.

However, city officials said the use of this property is subject to the terms of a consent judgment placed on the property as a result of litigation from the early 2000s, which specifies the land

will be used for a commercial development up to 170,000 square feet. The proposed multiple-family development would require city council's approval of modifications to the existing consent judgment.

In order to make an informed decision on the proposed modifications, Clearzoning Inc., on behalf of the city, undertook a land use study to review alternatives to

the approved uses for the property.

An open house was held April 13 to share information about the applicant's proposal and to seek public comment on the land use study. The study includes a history of the subject property, existing conditions, a market assessment and supplemental information about current trends in multiple-family developments,

including the needs for housing for empty-nesters and millennials.

"We did like the idea of utilizing a small piece of the frontage to potentially develop a mixed-use concept that could contain small businesses that would act as a meeting place for the residents. Place making is something that would seem to be attractive and give people in the area the opportunity to walk or ride their bike to," Pehrson said.

According to city planners, some of the rationale for the support of the change from large-scale commercial to residential uses and to the two alternatives that came from the study was: "The market assessment suggests that the existing number of households in the area could support 20,000 to 25,000 square feet of commercial uses. In addition, the subject parcel might also offer other amenities that could be used by adjacent residents either free or for a fee, such as a community room, playground, sport court, fitness facility or co-working space."

Pehrson said the commission believes the study and plan was put together very well and had significant input from the residents. He said the city will keep residents informed and continue to make them a part of the decision process.

The planning commission's recommendation will now go before city council.

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CORRECTION

Last week's story, "Under the sea: Marine archaeologist shares stories of shipwrecks across globe," should have indicated that the event was part of the Livonia Town Hall series.

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ongoing elsewhere throughout the district.

"We have 14 new classrooms being constructed for the 2015-16 school year," Barr said. "We're also replacing roofs, upgrading technology, renovating various

interior spaces, athletic fields and courts."

An addition to the high school, expanding the current weight room will make for an all-encompassing fitness room for all 2,000-plus high school students. It's currently in the schematic design stage and the opening is targeted for August 2016. Many other high school improvements are tenta-

tively planned for 2016, including auditorium upgrades.

The school board will have approved almost \$23 million in projects by June 18.

"We're pushing hard because we promised programs to the community and we're going to do them as soon as possible," Barr said. "These projects are only pos-

sible because of the extremely supportive Novi community."

Updates are always available on the district's website (<http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/bond/>) as well. Barr also posts project updates through his Twitter (@businessbarr).

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COUPLE

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couple in the same room, both with apparent gunshot wounds. The couple did not have children; it's believed there were no other people involved.

"Investigators later located a handgun registered to the male subject at the scene. The investigation has revealed there was no one else involved in the incident which appears to have stemmed from a domestic dispute," according to Hart.

The Oakland County Medical Examiners Office completed autopsies on May 30 and Novi Police have preliminarily ruled the incident a murder-suicide.

"Investigators will continue to work with family members to determine the events lead-

ing up to the incident and will review evidence collected from the scene," Hart said of the next steps in the case.

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APPEAL

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passed and the Mackinac Center filed again." Bank's suit challenges whether the window is

legal and whether the union had a duty to inform her of it before she asked to opt out. Her suit also challenges whether a form that newly hired employees sign sufficiently informs them of union bylaws and the dues structure. "The MEA has a duty of fair representation, yet it intentionally did

not inform teachers of their rights," said Patrick Wright, vice president of legal affairs for the MCLF.

He said the union should not be able to place unnecessary procedural hurdles in front of public employees who are attempting to exercise their legal rights. The MCLF expects

oral argument to occur on this matter later this year.

"Each time they appeal, we will present our case," Crim said. Bank did leave the union in 2014.

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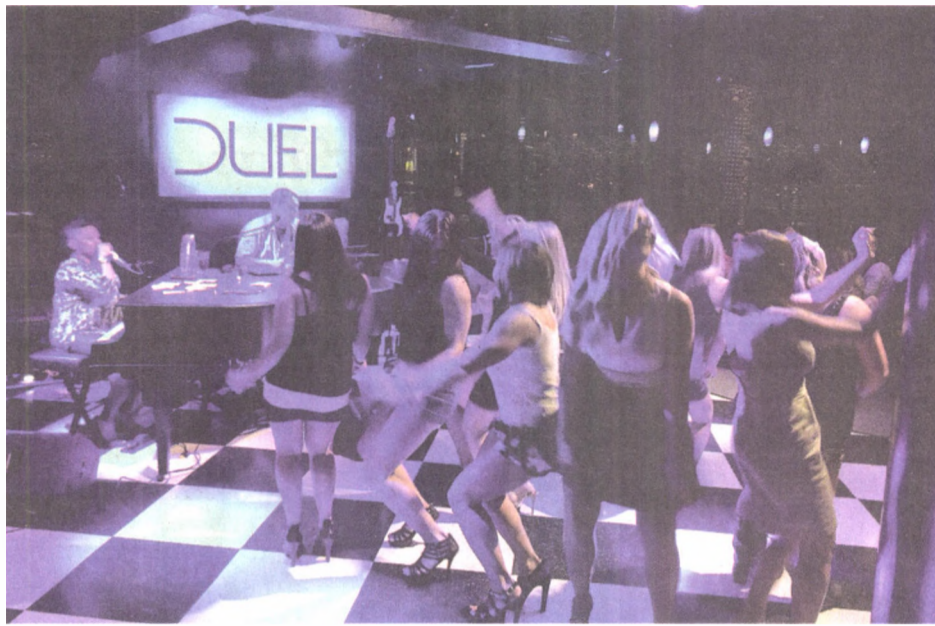
Dueling pianos bar and eatery opens in Fountain Walk

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Novi's nightlife gets a new charge with the grand opening celebration this weekend of Duel Novi in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk complex.

The dueling pianos bar is located in the space formerly occupied by the Rojo restaurant. In fact, Duel Novi owners Dan Linnen and Kyle Rowe have been partners in Rojo Mexico Bistro for about a year. That eatery relocated to downtown Novi's Main Street in the former Gus O'Connor's space in February after separating from the Andiamo restaurant group. The two are partners in the Sterling Heights Rojo as well.

"We pretty much did a full remodel inside with



Duel Novi's grand opening celebration will be held June 4-6.

two separate bars," Rowe said of Duel Novi. "The concept is something we had been talking about for a while. It was intriguing to us and the space in Fountain Walk was definitely calling for

something unique and niche – not a standard nightclub. This is a little outside the box and it's fun."

Duel Novi will be open from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday through Sat-

urday. The piano shows (and \$5 cover charge) kick off at 8 p.m. Thursday and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"It's about a 4½-hour show," Rowe said. "These are professional piano

players that travel the country. So every weekend, we'll have a new roster of talent, which keeps it fresh and unique."

Each Thursday is ladies night, with free admission for women and specials like half off bottles of wine and \$5 martinis.

Capacity is 220, with plans to open an outdoor patio in the near future. The space will be available for rent for corporate events, private parties, bar and bat mitzvahs, etc., Sunday through Wednesday, too. Full catering is available, as well as projector screens for presentations.

"And we can incorporate live talent right into your package," Rowe said, "so you could have a full day of work, lunch and an open bar. It's an all-inclusive space."

For food, Duel Novi will offer a full menu of shareable, higher-end small plates, ideal for

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parties of four – like filet mignon sliders, seared ahi tuna, coconut shrimp and desserts.

Rowe said they expect to attract the after-restaurant crowd.

"The foot traffic is what makes Fountain Walk attractive," he said. "We're right next door to Black Rock Bar & Grill and Buffalo Wild Wings, which are great restaurants to be near. It's a good little area to be part of."

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Getting ready



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City of Novi seasonal worker Tim Wohlfert and a crew get the city's Lakeshore Park ready for visitors during a May 19 workday. The park, located on the south end of Walled Lake, is open every day from the Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The workers added sand to its beach that day and cut the park's grass to get it ready for a busy season of swimmers and sunbathers.

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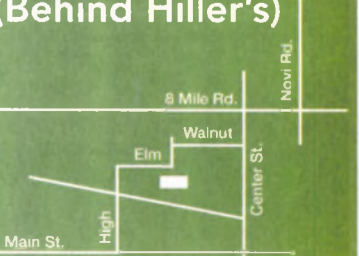
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Class of 2015 will need to continue to learn and grow

There are "firsts" in life.

Your first step.
 Your first word.
 Your first day of kindergarten.

Another "first" is high school graduation.

High school graduation represents a figurative step from childhood to adulthood. High school graduates are now seen as capable of making decisions and being responsible for the direction of their own life.

Those of us who have children who have graduated from high school know this is not true. Our high school seniors are the same the day after graduation as they were to day before graduation.

One minute they are very responsible, the next minute they are not.

One minute they appear focused and seem to understand what they need to do to achieve their goals and dreams, the next minute they don't seem to have goals at all.

The true first of high school graduation is that it marks the end of compulsory education. No longer are students required to attend school. As a result, students have decisions to make.

In the past, the most logical choice to make was to go to college. A four-year degree represented the surest way to secure the future.

Now that appears to be changing.

What is certainly truer now than in the past is that high school graduates need to continue learning. Learning is the new currency.



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

The jobs of the future are as unsettled now as they have ever been. The jobs that provided security seem to be disappearing. What is needed now is not only someone who has knowledge and skill, but someone who is willing to continue developing knowledge and skill.

Our Novi High School Class of 2015 graduated May 30. Graduates were excited. There were smiles from parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Speeches were given that celebrated their accomplishments.

And our Novi High School Class of 2015 can be proud of what they have accomplished at Novi High School. They have worked hard in their four years at the school.

But what I hope for the Class of 2015 is that we have helped them understand that learning is something that they will need to engage in for the rest of their lives. No longer do we live in a world that will allow a person to rest comfortably where they are at.

No, we now have a world that demands that a person continues to learn and grow. That is the new "first."

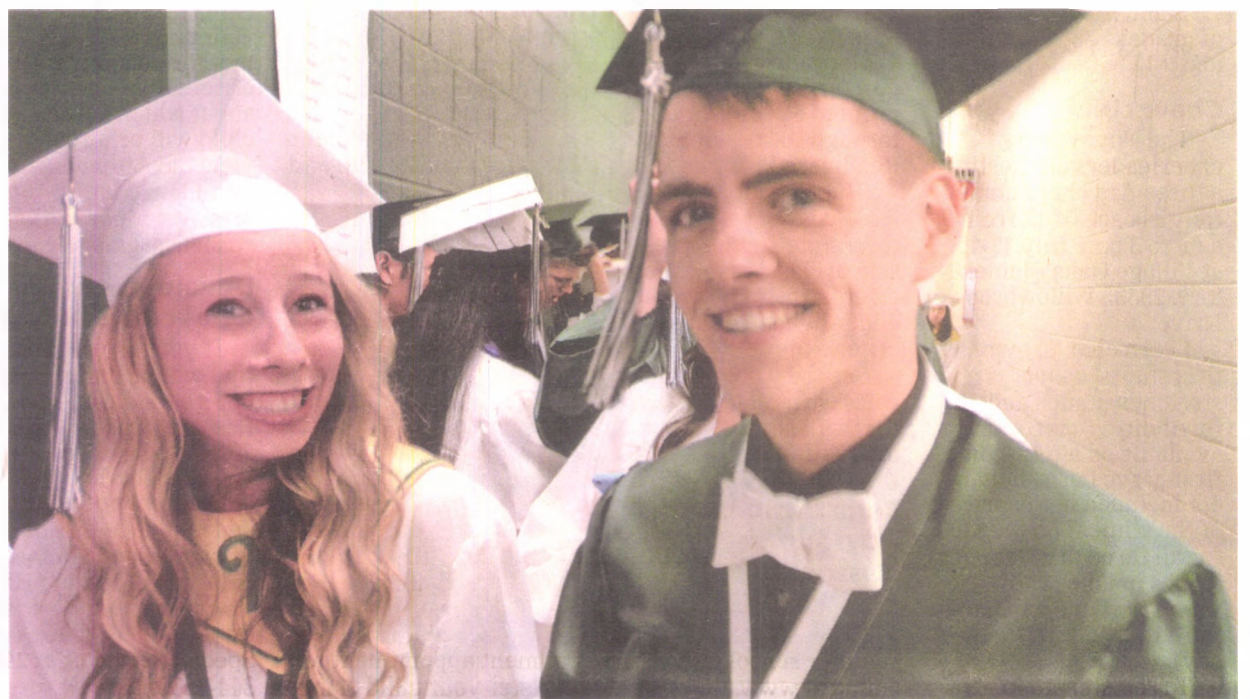
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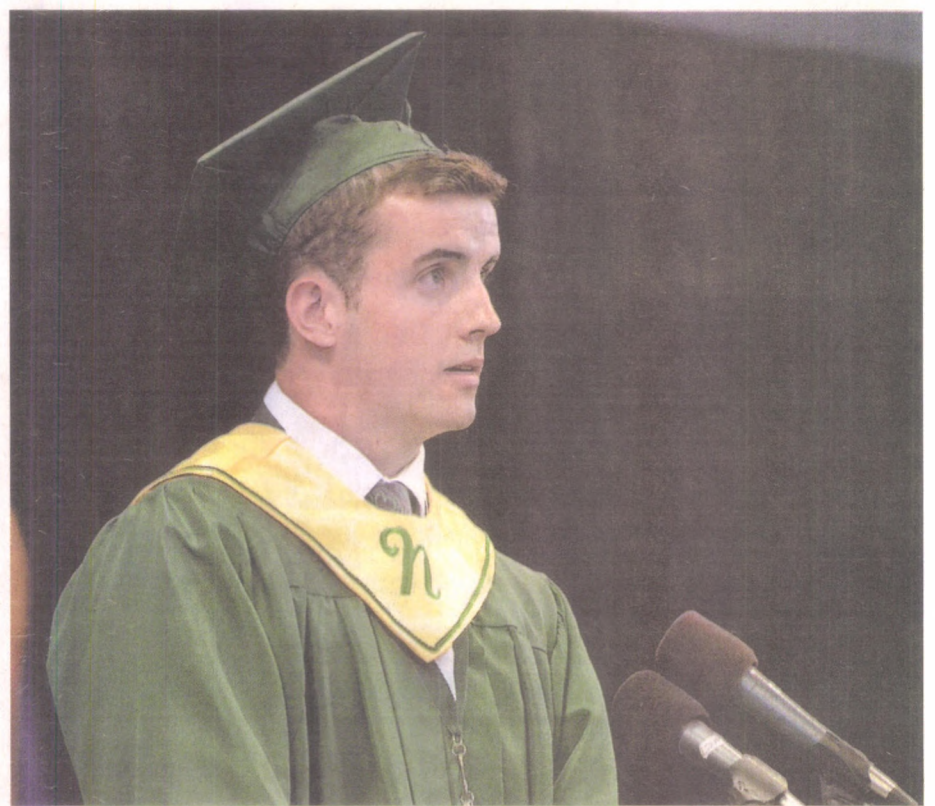
The class of 2015 files into EMU's Convocation Center as Novi High's graduation gets underway Saturday.

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Morgan Statezny and Joshua Statler hang out in the hallway of EMU's Convocation Center before the graduation ceremony.

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Thomas McMaster, senior class president, delivers the Reflection Address.

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Retired generals link childhood obesity, national security problems

Noting that obesity and poor educational achievement are two of the primary reasons why most young people in Michigan cannot join the military, retired generals from Michigan saluted state lawmakers for declaring May Childhood Obesity Awareness Month and also urged lawmakers to do more by passing provisions in this year's state budget



Stump

to improve third grade reading proficiency. Department of Defense data shows that 71 percent of young adults in both Michigan and nationwide are unable to join the military. They are lacking in even the basic prerequisites for military service, such as adequate education, a healthy weight and no serious criminal record. Maj. Gen. Errol Gordon Stump, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), of Novi said: "To help kids get on track early to achieve the best possible outcomes, high-quality home visiting/parent-

education programs, preschool and child care are a wise investment. The governor's plan for third grade reading proficiency contains important elements that we urge lawmakers to support." House Resolution 70, sponsored by state Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing, notes that Michigan has the 10th-highest adult obesity rates in the nation, with approximately 31 percent of the total Michigan adult population considered obese. That is up from 13 percent in 1990, according to Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention data highlighted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. As a result of these trends, nearly one in three young adults nationwide is now too overweight to qualify for military service. The retired generals pointed to a long-term study of the Abecedarian program, a high-quality early education program that produced strong results in education, employment and health into adulthood including: » Children who participated were four times more likely to earn a

four-year college degree » They were 42 percent more likely to be consistently employed by age 30 » The boys who participated were nearly four times as likely to report exercising regularly as young adults » They also had fewer risk factors for heart disease, stroke and dia-

betes in their mid-30s The retired generals are members of Mission: Readiness-Michigan, part of the non-partisan national security organization of more than 500 retired admirals, generals and other retired senior military leaders calling for smart investments in America's children.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Robotics meeting

Learn about the FIRST Robotics progression of programs and how your student can be involved at an informational meeting hosted by Novi High School FRC Team 503, Frog Force, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

FIRST Robotics is a program that teaches valuable technical, business and life skills to kids of grades K-3; 4-6; 7-8; and 9-12.

Cheer clinic

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

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

To register, go to

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

Preschool programs

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

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

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

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

Registration for Novi summer school classes opens

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

[communityed.org](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/).

High School students and parents may view the courses online, download the forms for verification and fax or email them to the Community Education Office after they process their online selection and payment. The verification/registration form must be signed by the student's school counselor. All verification/registration forms need to be sent to the Community Education office for the registration process to be complete.

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

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

Northville accepting early kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using

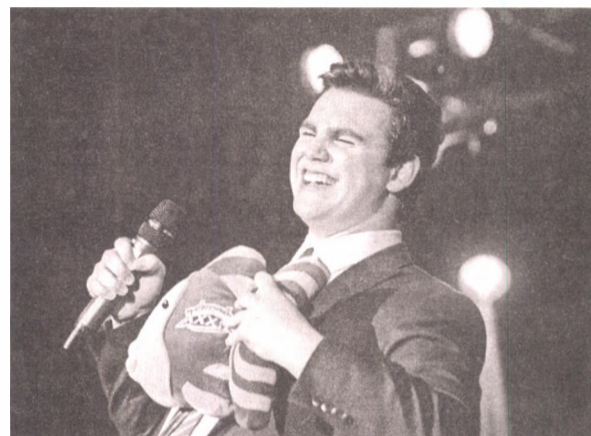
the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

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

Developmentally delayed students

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

Bass or bass?



CURTIS DROGMILLER

The audience enjoyed Walled Lake Western High School junior Sam Bloch's version of "All About That Bass" with several laughs during the performance over the lyrics and his animated faces he made in his Jim Carrey-style solo act during Western's annual Pop Concert May 28-29.

Pop Concert



CURTIS DROGMILLER

Walled Lake Western High School choirs held their annual end of the year Pop Concert May 28-29. All of the various choir groups performed, including group choirs, soloists and small group. Pictured are seniors Emma Hollinger and Aaron Sanjuan.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

West Road construction

Construction for West Road, from the Novi city limits to West Park Drive, began June 1. The project includes concrete pavement repairs and replacement; sidewalk and ramps; hot mix asphalt repairs and resurfacing; and pavement markings.

Completion is anticipated in 30 days from the start, weather permitting.

The work at the entrance of Hudson Drive will be done in two stages, with traffic maintained through one side of the entrance as the contractor works on the other side.

On West Road, traffic will be maintained in one lane in each direction during the work.

West Road is scheduled to be completely closed at 5 p.m. Friday, June 19, for that weekend and will reopen Monday, June 22. Should weather not permit that closure date, it will take place Friday, June 26.

Novi Library celebrating five years in new building

The year was 1960 and the Novi Library opened its doors in a former bank building with approximately 150 donated books. As the years passed, the library saw more circulation of materials and expansion projects leading up to a grand opening in the new building June 1, 2010. The library is now celebrating five years in the new facility and would like to recognize this day with the community.

To celebrate this milestone, the library encourages the public to join in on this fun-filled event sponsored by Vibe Credit Union, taking place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 6. The day will consist of cupcake decorating for children, games and fun with balloon animals.

For more information or to register, go to www.novilibrary.org or call 248-349-0720.

Social Security: A Strategy to Maximize

Thrivent Financial is hosting a free educational event to help attendees start to develop a strategy to maximize social security benefits. The 60-minute event will be held at the Northville Public Library (212 W. Cady) first at 5 p.m. and repeated at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4. The events are presented by Jeffrey S. Long CFP®, FIC a Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial in Plymouth.

The event is available to the public but space is limited. To register for this free event, call The Huron Valley Group at 734-455-9272, email huronvalleygroup@thrivent.com or go to www.thrivent.com/finda-workshop.

Northville concerts

Music will fill the air all summer long when the Friday Night Concert Series returns downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square 7-9 p.m. each Friday, presented by Tom Holzer Ford and managed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. All concerts in the series are free to attend. Early arrival for the concerts is suggested and guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. The next show is **June 5: Robin Horlock**.

Music can also be heard in Town Square during other scheduled downtown Northville annual events happening in June, including: Saturday, June 6: Talent for the Title.

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

Gardens wanted

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

Novi All Seasons Market expands

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

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

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

"The combined efforts of the city of Novi and the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm are providing greater opportunities for citizens to take part in a farmers market experience, which is unique and community-based," said Roseana Twitchell, Novi All Seasons Market manager. "Hosting twice-a-week markets will maximize the benefits of Michigan's growing season."

"Consumers visit farmers markets for a myriad of reasons; from wanting the freshest possible produce to having a relationship with the farmer that grew the food. Shopping at local farmers market reduces environmental impact, cost and shortens the food chain; patrons can literally purchase food at its source," added Alan Jaros, education director at the MSU Tollgate Farm.

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

Summer Sizzle

Summer Sizzle, a fundraiser sponsored by the Northville-Novu Branch of the American Association of University Women and Bill and Rod's Appliance, will be

held 6-8 p.m. Friday, **June 5**, at Bill and Rod's Appliance, 15870 Middlebelt Road, in Livonia.

There will be a light strolling dinner, a live auction, a silent auction and information stations which will include grilling, Kitchen Aide mixer attachment demonstrations, Chef Rick Raimondo and Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor.

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

Plant sale

Looking for perennials at dirt cheap prices? Come to the Volunteers Annual Plant Sale at MSU Tollgate Education Center (Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **June 6**.

A wide variety of perennial plants have been selected for their beauty and low maintenance. Master gardeners will be available to help with selection and care advice. Gardener volunteers will help you carry and load your plants.

For more information, phone 248-347-3860 or go to www.tollgate.msu.edu.

Free dance clinic

Experience a day of dance from award-winning intensive dance students 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday, **June 7**, at The Piazza Dance Co. (16807 Ridge Road, Northville)

Clinic attendees (ages 6-8 and 9-11) will participate in two back-to-back dance sessions in jazz and hip-hop. Students will learn choreography and technique in a fun, energetic environment. All are welcome for a fun afternoon of dance.

Classes are free with a donation of a non-perishable food item or paper product for Northville's Civic Concern. Registration will remain open until the clinic fills. Waivers must be signed by the parent or guardian at or prior to the event. Email registration forms to pdcfreeclinic@gmail.com or place in the drop box at Piazza.

Northville Chamber golf outing

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

The 18-hole, four-person scramble play outing begins at 9 a.m. with registration at 8

a.m. There will teams of men, women and coed; a Bloody Mary reception at the turn; two beverage tickets for the post-golf buffet dinner; door prizes and contests; a skins game (\$20 per foursome); have-a-pro-hit-your-drive for \$5; and a putting contest.

Grub Crawl

The Northville Chamber presents the 10th annual Northville Grub Crawl, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. Tickets go on sale **June 11**.

Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Participating restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for crawlers. Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation, courtesy of Millennium Limousines and Huron Valley Ambulance, to each restaurant or crawl on their own.

Participating restaurants include Brann's Sizzlin' Steaks & Sports Grill, Claddagh Irish Pub, Edward's Cafe & Caterers, George's Senate Restaurant, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern, Rusty Bucket Tavern and Village Workshop, with more to come. A grand prize drawing for a barbecue gas grill is courtesy of Home Depot.

Tickets are \$30 (must be 21 or over) and are now available at Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. New this year - submit a ticket order form and the chamber will mail you your tickets. The order form is available on the chamber website at www.northville.org.

The Northville Grub Crawl is sponsored by: Gardenviews, Good Time Party Store, Home Depot and Remerica Hometown One-Patti Mullen & Associates.

Dementia workshops

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

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

Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes in order to com-

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

To register for the CCC training program, as well as on-site respite care, call the Area Agency on Aging 1-B at 800-852-7795.

Dems discussing climate change

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

Donate blood in honor of World Blood Donor Day

The American Red Cross seeks eligible donors to give blood in honor of World Blood Donor Day, June 14, and throughout the summer to help ensure a sufficient blood supply for patients in need. Those who come to donate blood with the Red Cross June 8-14 will receive a limited-edition Nexcare give bandage in one of eight global-inspired designs in honor of World Blood Donor Day. Donors of all blood types - especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative - are needed.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include 7 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. **June 12** at Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River, Novi.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Summer heats up with Novi's Sizzling Summer Art Series

Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is turning up the heat with family friendly entertainment all summer long. Eleven events are scheduled throughout the summer at Fuerst Park. Spend each Wednesday morning enjoying free children's entertainment and select Friday nights with a family-friendly band and movie.

The Sizzling Summer Arts Series is presented in partnership with Community Financial Credit Union and sponsored in

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to consider amendments to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations; Article 19, Public Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS); Article 22, Nonconforming Uses, Buildings and Structures; Article 23, Tree and Woodlands Replacement; Article 24, Landscape Standards; Article 26, Off-Street Parking and Loading; Article 27, Access Management; Article 28, Private Roads; Article 30, Special Land Use Standards and Procedures; Article 32, Impact Assessment; Article 33, Site Plan Review; Article 34, Land Division, Combination or Reconfiguration; Article 35, Site Condominiums; and Article 37, Temporary Uses, Events, Structures and Buildings. A full set of the articles with the proposed amendments can be viewed at the Northville Township municipal office building during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Timothy Zawodny, Chair

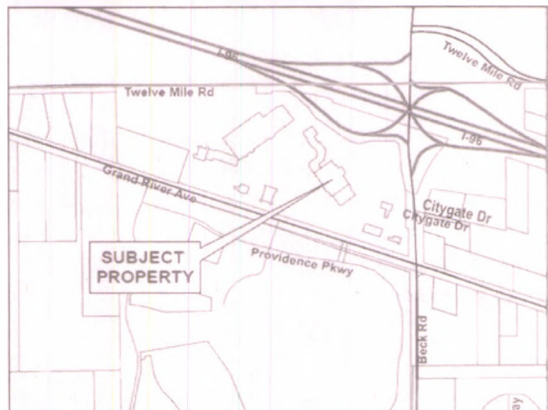
Planning Commission

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **KROGER D632 RETAIL FUEL CENTER, SITE PLAN NUMBER JSP 15-27, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE, SITE PLAN AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 17, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE BETWEEN BECK AND WIXOM ROADS, IN THE B-2, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT.** The subject property is approximately 8 acres and the applicant is proposing to construct a retail fuel center consisting of one 5,418 square foot canopy, one 198 square foot kiosk building and seven dispenser islands within West Market Shopping Center.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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SYNOPSIS May 21, 2015 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CLOSED SESSION: As permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.268, Section 8 (d) to consult with the attorney and consider the purchase agreement or lease of real property, Section 8 (e). REDICO purchase agreement. Approved

1. **Agendas: Approved**
 - A. Approve the Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items:
 1. Minutes - Board of Trustees - April 16, 2015
 2. Minutes - Historic District Commission - March 26, 2015
 3. Minutes - Historic District Commission - April 23, 2015
 4. Fish Hatchery Park Resolution
 5. Northville Youth Assistance Program Report
 6. Certificate of Environmental Accomplishment
 7. Water and Sewer Financial Policies
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - A. Public Safety Presentation
3. **Public Hearing: None**
4. **Brief Public Comments: None**
5. **New Business:**
 - A. Forest Edge Non-Motorized Path Resolution - Approved
 - B. Seven Mile Road Property - Contract Payment No. 1 - Approved
 - C. Temporary Sign Request - Country Garden Club of Northville - Approved
 - D. Change Time of Regular BOT Meetings, Planning & ZBA - Approved
 - E. Meadowbrook Fireworks Permit - Approved
6. **Unfinished Business: None**
7. **Ordinances: None**
8. **Check Registry:**
 - A. In the amount of \$2,063,540.86. - Approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
 - A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:**
 1. REDICO Purchase Agreement - Approved
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A draft of the complete minutes will be available June 7, 2015.
Respectfully submitted: Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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part by St. John Providence Health System, Novi Public Library, Michigan State Fair, Town and Country Eye-care, Novi Youth Assistance and Menchie's Frozen Yogurt.

Wonderful Wednesdays - 10:30 a.m. at Fuerst Park: **June 17**, Gemini (music duo); **June 23**, "Jo Jo the Fish" Puppet Show (The Amazing Clark); **July 8**, Crazy Craig (juggler); **July 15**, Cupcakeasaurus (music duo); **July 22**, The Laugh Factory (Scheer Genius); **July 29**, Tom Plunkard (magician); **Aug 5**, The Merry Music Maker (musical entertainment); **Aug 12**, The Music Lady (Beverly Meyer).

Friday Family Fun - 6:30 p.m. at Fuerst Park: **June 26**, Eric Engblade and Friends (band), *Rio 2* (movie); **July 24**, '80s Night, Sinjon Smith (band), *The Land Before Time* (movie); **Aug. 14**, Third Coast Kings (band), *Big Hero 6* (movie).

Fuerst Park is located at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads. In the case of inclement weather, call the Novi Parks hotline at 248-347-0473 for updates. For more information about the Sizzling Summer Art Series and family-friendly summer happenings, go to www.cityofnovi.org.

Free health care lecture

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

Northville's Arts & Acts Festival

The Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout the region when the annual Arts and Acts Festival returns for the sixth consecutive year **June 19-21** in historic downtown Northville.

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

Hours are 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 19; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 21. All proceeds of Arts and Acts will benefit the Northville Art House.

For more information, visit www.northvillearthouse.org or call the Northville Art House at 248 344-0497. Look for more information in the June 11 edition of this newspaper.

Arts & Acts Chalk Festival

With the Northville Art House Chalk Festival addition to the Arts and Acts Festival, artists of all ages will transform Center Street into Northville's vibrant community chalk festival. The registration fee is \$5 per five-inch by five-inch square. The Northville Art House will provide each individual or group with one box of artist chalk.

Check-in will take place at the corner of Center and Main streets beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, **June 20**, and judging will take place at 4

p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Registrater at <https://northvillearthouse.org/special-events/chalk-festival/>.

Chalk Festival is sponsored by Renewal by Andersen and the Friends of the Northville Art House. For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org, call the Northville Art House at 248-344-0497 or email events@northvillearthouse.org.

Northville Chamber golf outing

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

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

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

Author visits B&N

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

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

Unexpected comedy at Northville's Tipping Point

A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur, by Tennessee Williams, is a lovely summer comedy for all ages at Northville's Tipping Point Theater through **June 28**.

It's set in a cramped St. Louis apartment in the mid-1930s, where Dorothea, a high school civics teacher, rooms with Bodey, a plain but caring and kind-hearted German-American spinster. Dorothea, a hopeless romantic, dreams of marriage with the principal of the school, while her protective roommate, hopes to match Dorothea up with her fat, cigar-smoking twin brother, Buddy.

Bodey tries to persuade Dorothea to join them for a picnic at Creve Coeur, a nearby amusement park. Their departure is delayed by the arrival of Helena, a snobbish, tart-tongued art teacher, who wants Dorothea to share an apartment with her in a better part of town. Inevitably, a struggle evolves between Bodey and Helena, with Dorothea, lost in her dream world, caught between these two strong women.

The play stars Hallie B. Bard, Lydia Hiller, Sarah Winkler and Sarah Catheryn Wolf. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 17.

The theater is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$29 to \$32 for adults and \$27 to \$30 for students and senior citizens and are available at the box office at 248-347-0003.

Wildcats of '95 reunite

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



James Petri was congratulated on the baseball field by PAWS and awarded a certificate.

Youth who 'provides hope' is first PAWS for Applause winner

Helping seniors with meals, exercise and engaging them by playing board games are just a few of the special acts of kindness that James Petri, 13, an eighth-grade Fowlerville student, shares with others.

"James Petri is the type of young man who provides me with hope for the future," Mark Robinson, executive director of Livingston County Catholic Charities, wrote in a letter to the *Observer & Eccentric* nominating James for the PAWS for Applause recognition award.

"James has been a regular volunteer with the Be Our Guest - Adult Day Service program," said Robinson, a Novi resident. "During the school year, he volunteers an average of once per month and volunteers weekly during his summer vacation. James helps provide activities for older adults with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia."

"James is the only consistent program volunteer under the age of 18 years and the

older adults very much appreciate his youth, patience and enthusiasm. The staff members describe James as the perfect gentleman," Robinson wrote in his nominating letter.

In addition, James also volunteers at other nonprofits, helps with food baskets to ship to hungry families overseas and does all of this while being a student-athlete on the football, track and basketball teams while caring a 4.0 GPA.

The *Observer & Eccentric* proudly recognizes James Petri as the season's first winner of PAWS for Applause, a partnership of the *Observer & Eccentric* and the Detroit Tigers to honor extraordinary young people who have made a difference in our community.

Petri won four tickets to the Detroit Tigers game May 24, a Little Caesars value certificate and an autographed baseball from the Detroit Tigers. Additionally, he was congratulated on the baseball field by PAWS and awarded a certificate.



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Unique graduation for these students

18 seniors complete The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints seminary

By Amanda Ordaz
Correspondent

The alarm clock sounds at 5:30 a.m. By 5:50 a.m., high school students from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are at the church or home of their teacher to participate in a 50-minute course called seminary, a worldwide, four-year religious educational program for youth ages 14-18.

Eighteen high school seniors from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville and Riverview were awarded their certificate of completion at the Westland Stake Seminary Graduation held May 21 at the Westland Stake Center.

Students from the Northville Ward live in surrounding cities: Bridger Joy (Novi), Emily Goetz (Novi), Drew Thompson (South Lyon) and Harrison Tanner (South Lyon).

In seminary, students



MORGAN BEAUCHAMP

Students and teachers of the Westland Stake Institute of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints welcome new seminary graduates (back row, from left) Eric Mlynar of Canton, Sarina Burnside of Canton, Jesse Nelson of Canton, Masashi Burnside of Canton, Larry Budge of Plymouth and Morgan Beauchamp of Redford and (front row, from left) Angelisa Hassan of Canton, Mary Bertrand of Canton, Linda Budge of Plymouth and Isaac Shulan of Canton into their class.

and their teachers meet each weekday during the school year to study scripture. The curriculum is organized in a sequential or chapter by chapter manner. Instruction concentrates on a different volume of scripture each year, rotating between four courses: Old Testament, New Testament, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants and Church History. By the time students graduate

from seminary, they have completed the study of all of the standard works of scripture.

Sarina Burnside and Jesse Nelson, both of Canton, were two of the graduating seniors. They both agreed that waking up was the hardest thing to do, especially with late night bedtimes. However, they also agreed on the benefits of always being on time to school and starting the day out

their fellow students fell asleep or arrived late for their first hour high school class, Sarina and Jesse had already been studying for an hour.

Kaitlyn Hall of Livonia is graduating from Churchill High School's CAPA program. She managed to fit seminary attendance and reading assignments into her busy schedule of after school and evening dance rehearsals that ended at 10 p.m. each night.

"I would pull up the scriptures on my phone and read during silent reading in school or read right after school before dance practice," Hall said.

'Something you do'

Attending seminary is "just something you do" and it also helped her gain admission into Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, a four-year college owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where Hall will attend this fall.

"There were many days I missed seminary and I could tell the difference," she said. "When I went to seminary, my day went better and smoother. Everyone is quiet at 6 a.m., as opposed to Sundays when everyone is excited to see each other. I was able to feel the Spirit in the morning and carry it with me throughout my day.

"My testimony grew and I was able to study the scriptures more than I would have on my own," Hall added.

Autumn Belt of Rockwood is one of the volunteer teachers from the local Church unit in Riverview. Her daughter,

Jazlynn Belt, also graduated from seminary this year. Autumn has three children younger than Jazlynn, but was able to juggle getting everyone off to school and work when she arrived home from teaching at 7:10 a.m. each school day.

Dave Shultz of Livonia currently teaches an early morning Seminary class of 15 students from Livonia, Redford, Farmington Hills and Garden City. His day begins at 4:40 a.m. so he can be out of the bathroom by 5 a.m. before his wife and high school-aged daughter take their turns. After breakfast and lunch making, they hold family prayer at 5:35 a.m. and are out the door by 5:40 a.m. in order to be ready for the students to arrive at the church at 5:50 a.m.

Shultz said "it's simply awesome" to be a Seminary teacher. The institute is open to all young adults ages 18-30 interested in studying Jesus Christ and His teachings. It meets 7:30-9 p.m. each Thursday at the Westland Stake Center 7575 Hix, north of Warren Road, Westland. For more information, contact Linda Budge at lindabudge@comcast.net.

Leah's legacy: Children's book honors girl who fought cancer

Leah James loved the color purple, Nemo and storybooks. She was also well-known for her contagious smile and the phrase "my heart is happy," even when she was fighting cancer at age 4.

Nearly 10 years after the Livonia preschooler lost her battle to an inoperable brain tumor, she has inspired a children's book designed to help other families like hers cope with a cancer diagnosis at the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Wings of Courage, produced by U-M's Department of Neurosurgery, will be given to all pediatric cancer patients at Mott and is also available on Amazon, with proceeds funding the book's redistribution at the hospital. *Wings of Courage* was created thanks to a \$15,000 donation from the Livonia-based foundation created in Leah's memory, Leah's Happy Hearts.

"One of the hardest parts about having your child diagnosed with an

illness is feeling isolated," said Karen James, Leah's mother. "You tend to notice all the healthy families and children around you and feel like you are the only one going through something like this.

"We hope this book inspires hope in children fighting cancer as well as their families and helps them feel less alone. Even through radiation treatments, Leah expressed joy and showed far more courage than we could have

ever imagined. We hope to share her beautiful, cheerful, kind spirit through this story and that it helps other children find courage, too."

While the book is fictional and not Leah's story, she inspired the main character "Leah," who is learning to be strong and brave while fighting a brain tumor. When her butterfly at school seems scared to fly away, she shares the story of how she finds courage when she is scared, helping the butterfly spread its wings and take flight for the journey ahead. The book was written by Northville third-grade teacher Sue Beth Balash, who has had students with cancer in her classes.

Former U-M School of Art and Design student Ellen Nelson created the illustrations in *Wings of Courage* and the book was published by U-M Publishing. It will be sold at a retail value of



Family photo from 2004 with mom Karen, dad Phil, Leah and sister Kylie.

\$9.99.

"The innocence and honesty of children are only matched by their resilience and ability to thrive even under the most adverse of circumstances," says Karin Muraszko, M.D., F.A.C.S., chair of the U-M Medical School's Department of Neurosurgery. "*Wings of Courage* will help children, parents, family members and caregivers

have a meaningful dialogue about how to support a child who is battling a serious illness. It will confirm the amazing optimism within children and inspire hope for tomorrow."

Wings of Courage went on sale May 28. For more about *Wings of Courage*, go to mottchildren.org/wingsofcourage.

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City of Northville
Proposed Amendments to Chapter 1 General Provisions
City of Northville Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on June 15, 2015, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 1 General Provisions in the Code of Ordinances.

The proposed ordinance amendment would amend Section 1-26 Same--List of Violations; Schedule of Fines to add (26) Prohibited Use Of Consumer Fireworks (Section 233(a), (b), (c)) to the list of fine payments accepted by the violations bureau.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for June 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

MICHAEL CARLSON, POLICE CHIEF
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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a Special Land Use Request from Meijer to construct a drive thru addition at the south end of the existing building located at 20104 Haggerty Road.

The public is invited to attend this hearing, provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair
Planning Commission

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City of Northville
Proposed Ordinance Amendment
Chapter 2 Administration
Article V Finance, Division 1 Generally
City of Northville Code of Ordinances

At its regular meeting on June 15, 2015, the Northville City Council will consider introducing for first reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Administration, Article V Finance, Division 1 Generally in the Code of Ordinances, to add the following amendment:

Section 2-165 Limitation On The Use of Mills Approved by Voters In August 4, 2015 Special Election The revenues collected within the fifteen (15) year time period from the 2.25 mills increase approved by the voters in the August 4, 2015, special election, may only be exclusively used for purposes of road and street improvements.

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Tom + Chee opens new Northville location

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Tom + Chee started out in a food tent in Cincinnati and then was a pitch by its founders on ABC's *Shark Tank*. Now it's finally come to metro Detroit with the opening of a new location in Northville Township.

"We are excited to bring a fun, fresh and amazing new eating experience for all ages to enjoy to the metro Detroit area," local franchisees James Cox and Paul Cox said. "With all of the unique and fresh ingredients, build-your-own options and vegan, vegetarian and even gluten-free offerings, we have something for everyone."

Specializing in tomato soup and grilled cheese, Tom + Chee is known for its fresh ingredients and quirky takes on comfort food classics.

The Cox brothers grew up and still live in metro Detroit. They've brought together an experienced team, with Rob Cardenas as general manager and Kirk Hume in charge of the kitchen; both have a ton of experience in other area restaurants.

Cardenas, who lives in



Owners and operators of Northville Township's Tom + Chee pose for a quick photo May 27 in their soup and sandwich shop: (from left) Rob Cardenas, brothers Jim and Paul Cox and Kirk Hume.

Northville, believes this new restaurant will be a good addition to the thriving and growing business corridor along Haggerty Road. When first approached about the opportunity to open a new restaurant, he first had to test Tom + Chee. He made a trip with his family to the Toledo location and had a taste test. It went well – so much so that his son said

it was the best grilled cheese he had ever had. "Tom + Chee builds off its goal of using nothing but fresh ingredients. I think that's what makes them so good," he said. With such selections as the vegetarian Hippy + Chee to the off-beat Grilled Cheese Donut, it offers more than 20 grilled cheese sandwiches, plus fresh salads, three versions of tomato

soup and an endless array of specials. Cox said the entire menu is made fresh, with no fryers, freezers or microwaves, and offers a variety of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. The chain was co-founded by former restaurant manager Trew Quackenbush, his wife Jennifer and entrepreneur Corey Ward and his wife Jenny Rachford.



Northville Township Tom + Chee manager Kirk Hume grills up the sandwich shop's grilled cheese specialty.

It's become an innovative new restaurant chain based off the classic meal of grilled cheese and tomato soup. From the small tent next to an ice skating rink in Cincinnati's Fountain Square, the founders taken the idea to new heights. They've also been featured on *The Chew*, *The Travel Channel's Man vs. Food Nation* and *Amazing Eats*. *The Today Show* named its Grilled Cheese Donut one of the Best Sand-

wiches in America. The Northville Township location opens June 5. The 84-seat, 2,700-square-foot restaurant is located at 18875 Traditions Drive. For more information, go to www.tomandchee.com, or connect on Twitter at @TomandChee or Facebook at facebook.com/tomandcheenorthville.
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Michigan State Fair going high-tech with new mobile app

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair has forged a partnership with Marvel Apps of Royal Oak and its new free Carrot Pass mobile app for iPhone and Android.

The groundbreaking new product utilizes beacon technology to offer financial rewards for living an active lifestyle and allows participating businesses to reward patrons for the number of steps they take each day. Marvel



Apps were very recently named one of the "50 Michigan Companies to watch for 2015" by Gov. Rick Snyder, sponsored by the Michigan Celebrates Small Business coalition. The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair,

Sept. 4-7 at the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River in Novi) will employ the Carrot Pass app to communicate with fair patrons this Labor Day weekend and offer special incentives for those who log various levels of steps at the fairgrounds. The Carrot Pass app beacons placed throughout the fairgrounds will be able to ping fair-goers with educational information about various exhibits at the state fair

and send alerts when popular performances or elements of the fair are about to begin. "We view this technology as a revolutionary opportunity to communicate with event patrons while they are on site enjoying the state fair," executive director Steve Masters said. "From the moment they arrive in the parking area, we can share with them all of the exciting attractions happening in the moment,

beginning with an invitation to purchase fair tickets through the Carrot Pass and enter through a designated gate that will allow them to bypass box office lines." It can also offer fun and engaging background information about animals and exhibitors at the fair, as well as fairground map and navigation tools, contests and special offers that reward them for every step they take.

"We believe this is a terrific new way to help all who attend maximize their fun and enjoyment of the state fair and a very interesting new application of technology for all those who produce fairs, festivals and events across the nation," Masters said. Complete information about the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair is available at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com.

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Learn to prepare your home to prevent injury
Speakers: Maurice Cox, RN, CCE-MT-P/IC, Injury Prevention Specialist; and Michelle Moccia, DNP, ANP-BC, CCRN, Program Director, Senior ER

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Speaker: Alisa Kwang, Attorney, Law Offices of Alisa Kwang, PLLC

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Speaker: Allison Spitzley, CDM

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Speaker: Mary Jane Favo, MSN, GNP-BC, Gerontology Nurse Practitioner

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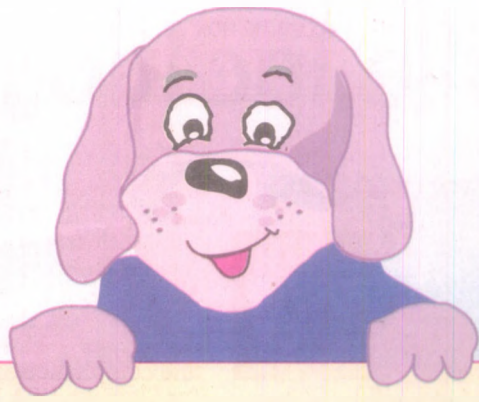
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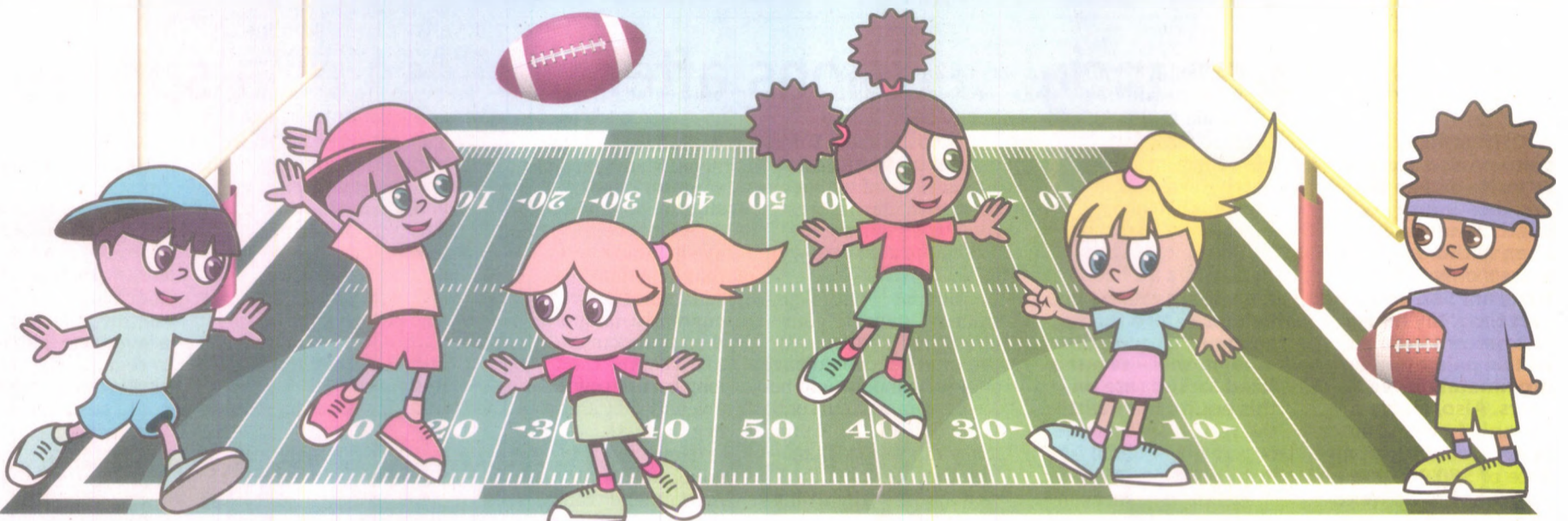
In 50 words or less tell Scoop why you want to attend the camp. Have your parents email a photo of you, along with your name, age, community of residence, and phone number to cbjordan@michigan.com with the subject line "Football Camp Contest".
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WORD PLAY

Ready for some fun? Use the hints to find words that rhyme with these common football terms. Look for words that rhyme with...

	Hints	Answers
Block	You do this before walking into someone's house	Knock
Zone	If you stomp your toe you might do this	Grain
Field	Drivers do this when approaching a school crossing zone	Yield
Goal	Many eat cereal out of this container	Bowl
Fumble	It means to trip	Stumble
Holding	To be reprimanded	Scolding
Interception	To be tricked or betrayed	Deception
Scrimmage	Just look in a mirror	Image
Punt	Opposite of back	Front
Rush	Be Quiet!	Hush
Scrambling	Talks too much	Rambling
Receiver	Word for someone who reaches their goal	Achiever

GOT GAME?

Test your knowledge about football and the Detroit Lions.

What are the Detroit Lions team colors?
 Honolulu Blue, Silver, Black, White

Who is the mascot for the Detroit Lions?
 Roary the Lion

What is the Detroit Lions stadium called?
 Ford Field

How many seats are in Detroit Lions stadium?
 65,000

How many points does a team get for a field goal?
 3 Points

In the Kitchen with Scoop:

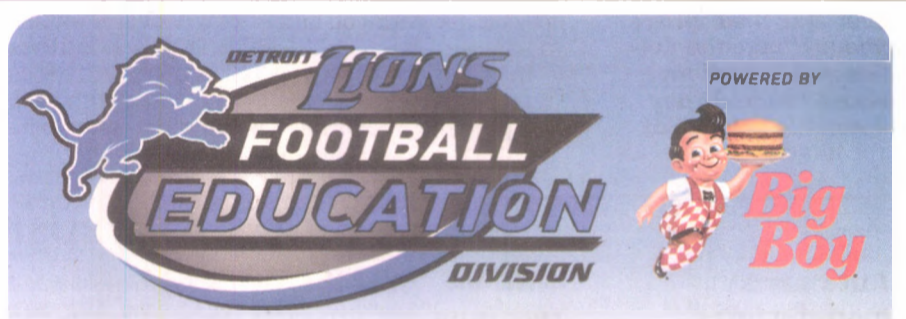
A fun recipe to make with your parents!

Peanut Butter Balls

- 1 Cup of Peanut Butter
- 2 cups of Rice Krispies
- 1 cup Powder Sugar
- 1 Tsp Vanilla
- 1 package of Candiquik or Chocolate Almond Bark

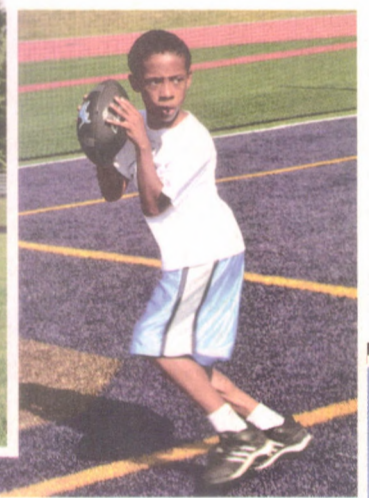
Mix peanut butter, Rice Krispies, powder sugar and vanilla together in a large bowl. Shape into balls. Heat Candiquik until it begins melt. Remove from heat (do not overheat or boil). Using a fork, carefully dip balls into melted chocolate completely covering the ball. Remove from fork and place the chocolate coated ball on a piece of waxed paper. Let cool to harden about 10- 15 minutes. ENJOY

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June 22

NEWSMAKERS

von Arx honored

John von Arx, director of sales, NetShape Technologies, Inc., Novi, received the Distinguished Service to Powder Metallurgy award from the Metal Powder Industries Federation for his career achievements.

Established in 1968, the award was presented by MPIF President Richard Pfingstler at POWDERMET2015, the International Conference on Powder Metallurgy & Particulate Materials in San Diego. MPIF is the trade association for the North American metal powder and particulate materials producing and

consuming industries.

The award recognizes professionals who have devoted a major part of their careers to one or more segments of the powder metallurgy industry and whose contributions and achievements deserve special recognition.

NetShape Technologies, Inc., is a PM parts producing business. Von Arx has been with the firm for eight years. Prior to joining NetShape, he was employed



von Arx

by Mitsubishi Materials' Diamet Corp. as vice president of sales and as a key account manager for Pennsylvania Pressed Metals. He holds an associate degree in business management from ACS & Stratford. He was chairman of MPIF's Industry Development Board and led the development of the *PM Touches Your Life* video. A Program Committee member for MPIF's annual technical conference for over 20 years, von Arx helped develop many special interest programs and co-chaired the Powder-Met 2006 conference in San Diego. He served as a director for the Powder

Metallurgy Parts Association and chaired SAE International's PM Committee.

Novi man inducted into LTU Hall of Fame

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to their professions and society, four Lawrence Technological University alumni from metro Detroit, including George J. Fadool of Novi, were inducted into LTU's College of Engineering Hall of Fame.

Fadool started his career in construction as a field engineer and quality control technician and earned his degree in civil engineering at LTU in

1981. He worked for a construction company with offices in Michigan and Colorado that was acquired by Skanska in 1999.

He held many positions, including project engineer, estimator, project manager and vice president, in addition to being responsible for national pre-construction services and information technology.

He served as co-chief operating officer for Skanska USA Building



Fadool

Inc., with responsibility for the Midwest and Texas regions.

Since 2009, Fadool has served as the chief ethics and compliance officer for Skanska USA Inc. He served as the leader of the Skanska team that developed an industry-leading ethics Road map. The road map provides the means for a business to practically assess its ethical position through the lenses of culture and behavior.

The other three inductees are Ronald P. Knockart of Clarkston, James P. Ryan of Birmingham and Ian W. Schonscheck of South Lyon.

Making financial decisions after the loss of a spouse

Q: Dear Rick: My husband passed away in 2014. He had an IRA variable annuity with death benefits. He had been withdrawing, so there's only \$20,000 left. I am 58½ and work part time. My house (5.2 percent interest), will be paid off in approximately three years. Also, I have a variable home equity home loan with a balance of \$80,000. I'm not sure what to do next. Should I put the annuity in my name, roll it over and, if so, where? Should I take the dollars and pay off my house? Should I pay down the balance of



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

the variable home equity loan before the repayment period starts in July? Should I put a fixed locked rate on this equity loan with the repayment period or put the \$20,000 in a Roth IRA?

A: I'm very sorry to hear about your husband. My thoughts and my prayers are with you and your family.

In reviewing your situation, it makes sense to lock in the rate of the

home equity loan. Sometime in the not-too-distant future we will begin to have higher interest rates and your home equity interest rate will rise.

You may want to consider refinancing your mortgage. The interest rate that you would have on a refinance would be lower than you currently are paying on your primary mortgage. Take into consideration the cost and fees regarding the refinance.

With regard to the IRA, variable annuities don't belong in IRAs. There are hefty fees associated with variable annuities and you have

limited investment options. Many variable annuities also have substantial penalty periods.

As to where the money should be invested, that depends on a variety of factors. If income is currently not a problem, then it may make sense to invest the money for long-term growth. You are only 58½ and you need growth.

However, if income is going to be a problem, I recommend transferring the money into an IRA and then withdrawing that money over time to pay down your mortgage. It is important to remember that when the money comes out of the

IRA, it will be taxed to you. Withdraw only enough to keep you in your same tax bracket.

If you do not need the money and you can invest for growth, then consider converting the money into a Roth IRA.

The keys to converting the money into a Roth are:

» You have the money to pay the tax. That \$20,000 would be taxed to you as ordinary income.

» Transferring the money into a Roth IRA will not put you into a higher tax bracket.

» By transferring into a Roth IRA, you can leave the money there

for at least five years.

If you meet these three criteria, then a Roth IRA makes sense.

One last note. Don't allow anyone to pressure you into making any decision until you feel comfortable. After losing a loved one, it takes time to regain your bearings. I always encourage people not to rush into making any decisions.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Auto parts manufacturer executives indicted

A Detroit federal grand jury returned a one-count indictment against two executives of a Japanese automotive parts manufacturer for their participation in a conspiracy to fix prices and rig bids of automotive parts.

The indictment, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, charges Norio Teranishi, formerly of NGK Spark Plug Co. Ltd., and Hisashi Nakanishi of NGK Spark Plug with conspiring to fix the prices of spark plugs, standard oxygen sensors and air fuel ratio sensors sold to DaimlerChrysler AG, Ford Motor Co., Fuji Heavy Industries (Subaru), General Motors Corp., Honda Motor Co. Ltd., Nissan Motor Co. Ltd., Toyota Motor Corp. and certain of their U.S. subsidiaries.

Teranishi is the former general manager of sales and vice head of the Automotive Component Group at NGK Spark Plug. During the alleged conspiracy, Nakanishi served as the managing director of NGK Spark Plug Europe.

The indictment alleges, among other things, that beginning at least as early as January 2000 and continuing until at least July 2011, Teranishi and Nakanishi and their co-conspirators participated in and directed, authorized or consented to the participation of subordinate employees in meetings with co-conspirators and reached collusive agreements to rig bids, allocate the supply and fix the price of spark plugs, standard oxygen sensors and air fuel ratio sensors sold to certain automobile manufacturers in the United States and elsewhere.

Novi Jazzercise ribbon-cutting

A new business, Novi Jazzercise (24289 Novi Road, near 10 Mile), owned by Jackie Glebe, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon Thursday, June 4. There will also be a 45-minute outdoor class; babysitting will be available.

INNO-VATOR of the Year nominations open

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

The award, now in its fourth year, recognizes a Michigan business or organization that has created a device, technology or process which significantly impacts the medical device, biotech or life science fields, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said.

The award will be presented on Sept. 16 during Medical Main Street's INNO-VENTION Reception at Petruzzello's Banquet Hall in Troy. The deadline to submit an entry is Aug. 31. Application instructions and reception registration can be found at MedicalMainStreet.com.

Medical Main Street, powered by Oakland County, is a collaboration of world-renowned hospitals, universities and health care and life science companies in southeast Michigan. Patterson created the initiative in 2008 to harness the strength of the area's health care, life science, research and development, education and manufacturing assets.

Credit unions grant deadline nears

The deadline is nearing for nonprofit organizations to apply for grants of up to \$2,500 from the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions. Grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded to support local community improvement activities in Wayne or Washtenaw counties. This year, the chapter will award a total of at least \$15,000.

Nonprofit organizations that wish to apply must complete an online application at <http://metrowest.mcul.org/2015-charity-grant-application> by June 15. Any questions may be emailed to metrowestchapter@umcu.org.

Grant recipients will be notified by July 31. Top recipients will be

invited to attend and be recognized Aug. 20 at the Metro West Chapter charity golf outing.

The mission of the Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is to support the educational needs, community improvement and political advocacy for credit unions in the Metro West Chapter.

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Building Michigan's creative economy

Fostering a positive perception of Michigan as a place of unparalleled innovation in design and the arts while increasing jobs in the state's creative industries are top priorities for the Michigan Film Office.

The key focus areas are revealed in the newly published Michigan Film Office Strategic Plan, a series of action steps drawn from an extensive three-month survey of

policymakers, industry partners along with film and creative industry stakeholders on the state and national level.

In addition, the plan calls for improving col-

laborations with the state's educational community, including high schools, colleges and arts programs as part of a broader job-retention strategy.

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WEDDING

Raymond-Pike

Andrea Marie Raymond and Joshua Thomas Pike were married May 9, 2015, in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Peggy Raymond of Northville. Her attendants were Melissa Bullion and Melissa Andes.

The groom is the son of Lisa Pike of Garden City. His attendants were Michael Andes and Jeffrey Andes.



Andrea Marie Raymond and Joshua Thomas Pike

ENGAGEMENT

Booth-Baxter

Hannah Booth and Bryce Baxter are engaged to be married Oct. 10, 2015, in Livonia.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Peter and Doris Booth of Northville. She is a Grand Valley State University graduate. She serves on staff with JESUS film media, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ, in Orlando Fla., and she will be transferring to campus ministry at GVSU in the fall.

The groom-elect is the son of Teg and Deb Baxter of Zeeland. He is also a GVSU grad and



Hannah Booth and Bryce Baxter

serves on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ at GVSU.

The couple will reside in Grand Rapids.

ENGAGEMENT

Mueller-McKinney

Margaret Loretta Mueller and Kevin W. McKinney are engaged to be married June 27, 2015, at St. Mary Student Parish, Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John and Claire Mueller of Westland. She graduated from Ladywood High School in Livonia. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biomedical engineering from the University of Michigan.

The groom-elect is the son of Dennis and Cheryl McKinney of Mentor,



Margaret L. Mueller and Kevin W. McKinney

Ohio. A graduate of Mentor High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in music/saxophone performance from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in jazz performance from the University of Nevada-Reno. He performs and teaches music locally and is proficient in saxophone, piano, clarinet and guitar.

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OUR VIEW

Today's graduates are well-prepared for the future

One hundred years ago, not many people — even those richly successful — could say they were high school or college graduates. Today, it is not only an expected rite of passage for our younger generation as it marches toward adulthood, but a necessity for sustainably employment and a financially sound future.

Certainly education, public and private, has also changed in the past 100 years, just as have teens and young adults. It's not enough to be able to read, write and do arithmetic. The world is complicated and education remains the best vehicle to maneuver today's society and changing job market.

And today's graduates know that. From the resumes of high school students, such as the *Observer & Eccentric's* Academic All-Stars, it is evident this younger generation — certainly more than their parents' era — is aware of, and prepared for, the competitive job market and the need for a thorough, high-tech education.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the younger generation's recognized need for education



is clearly evident. In 2011-12, the national average for freshman high school students graduating within four years topped 81 percent. In 1990-91, that average was 74 percent.

Graduates of the class of 2015 at the high schools of Novi, Northville, Detroit Catholic Central, Franklin Road Christian School and St. Catherine of Siena Academy play a role in that national increase and de-

mand for strong education that will arm them for the future. Pressure and stress have become a part of these kids' educational lives. And they have done well and deserve a hearty congratulations and wishes for a strong future.

Our graduates are also part of that new generation that is more prepared for a global, high-tech economy than were their parents' and grandpar-

ents' generations. Say what you will about iPhones, texting, streaming and the like, this generation of high school and college graduates already has a strong grip on the changing world. Technology in all its forms is as common and adaptable as reading and writing was for their grandparents.

Today's graduates already know a general education is just the tip of the iceberg if they want good, sustainable jobs. A peek into graduates' plans shows certainly a variety of career goals, but ones that are increasingly targeting engineering, medicine, physics, biology and all things science and math.

As this younger generation moves from high school to college, or college to career, it is armed not only with a willingness to learn, but a willingness to volunteer and to be involved in the society in which they plan to make a mark.

Graduates today know it's not enough to have good grades, but volunteerism and extracurricular activities are part of the map that leads to a good college education and a good career. These kids know

probably better than past generations how to work strategically, what they need to know and how to plot a path to success.

According to Accenture, a global management consulting firm, 75 percent of those who graduated in 2014 took into account the availability of jobs in their field before deciding their major, compared to 70 percent of 2013 graduates and 65 percent of those in the class of 2012.

Also according to Accenture, of the 13 percent of 2012 and 2013 grads who have been unemployed since graduation, 41 percent believe their job prospects would have been enhanced had they chosen a different major and 72 percent expect to go back to school within the next five years.

Politicians, statisticians and others in leadership roles will continue to debate the accuracy and usefulness of mandated tests, as well as the resulting roller-coaster scores. But parents, teachers and school administrators should take heart that today's graduates are well-prepared for their future.

LETTERS

Noodles for Nepal thanks

Northville Rotary thanks the Northville community for its assistance in purchasing three shelter boxes for the victims of the Nepal earthquake. Last Friday night at the Noodles for Nepal dinner at Genitti's, 115 meals were served and more than \$1,000 was raised for the purchase of shelter boxes, which provide subsistence for a family of four for 30 days.

Laura Genitti was a gracious host and served a delicious meal of salad, pasta and delicious Genitti brownies.

A shelter box was on display in front of the Marquis Theater and one Northville family was so moved that they purchased a shelter box on their own to send to Nepal.

Thanks to the *Northville Record*, a local Nepalese family with close relatives in the earthquake-torn town learned of the Noodles for Nepal event and attended the dinner. They spoke out on how deeply moved they were that a community like Northville — so far away from Nepal — could muster a community fundraiser for people so far away.

It is wonderful events like this that we can be proud of as a community and Northville Rotary sincerely appreciates the support it received from Genitti's, the *Northville Record* and in the Northville community.

John P. Kelly
Northville Rotary

Abortion is selfish act

What is really sad and absurd is that millions of babies have been killed in the name of selfishness.

In this day and age, a woman has complete control over her body. If she does not want to become pregnant, she does not need to. Planned Parenthood receives millions of tax dollars. Their role is to render abortions to all under any circumstances. I wonder how much of this money goes to lobbyists and administration?

Right to Life receives no tax dollars. In fact, donations are not even tax-deductible. The funds from the sale of these Right to Life license plates will be used for education purposes. I'm sorry for those who feel that issue is an unimportant issue. This is also very sad and extremely absurd.

Eileen Alholinna
Howell

Insurance legislation flashback

In response to Steve Wagner, president of AAA Michigan, concerning the legislation in front of the Michigan House of Representatives, I would like to make a few points.

This legislation is all about eliminating the MCCA. What is the MCCA, you ask? Michigan is the only state that offers unlimited personal injury protection benefits. These benefits are offered through no-fault auto insurance policies. The Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association reimburses no-

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fault auto insurers for amounts paid in excess of \$545,000 per claim. The MCCA was created by the Legislature as a means of spreading the cost of providing these unique, unlimited benefits across all Michigan auto insurers. Although created by statute, the MCCA is a private, nonprofit association. All of its dealings are with insurance companies, not the general public.

Insurance companies have been trying to get rid of the MCCA for years. Back in 1994, AAA Michigan, by the way, sponsored a ballot proposal to do basically what the Michigan Legislature is trying to do. The Michigan Auto Insurance Referendum, also known as Proposal C, was a veto referendum on the Nov. 8, 1994 ballot in Michigan, where it was defeated 61 percent to 39 percent.

Proposal C would have reduced auto insurance rates; placed limits on personal injury benefits, fees paid to health care providers and the right to sue; and allowed rate reduction for accident-free driving. Sound familiar?

The legislation before the Michigan House is going to eliminate this unlimited personal injury benefit. It is that simple. Since Michigan has elected a Republican majority in the Senate, House and governor's office, they are going to do what the citizens of Michigan rejected 20 years ago. With all due respect to the insurance company, 'Pass the saving on to you.' When have you ever heard that one before?

Jim Kastely
Northville

Mackinac conference useless

Another Mackinac Policy conference has come to a conclusion and it is time to pack up the balloons, the party puffs, the togas and cheese curls. For a week, we heard talk about Detroit schools, roads, race relations, presidential aspirations or the lack thereof, the Wayne County budget struggle, the future of the automobile industry in Michigan and something called "recalibrating how our government works."

If you surmised that not attending this yearly boondoggle was a good decision on your part, give yourself a pat on the back.

The media gushing and the pseudo exuberance of the at-

tendees will last as long as the party marauders enter I-75 south and pass Exit 326 in Cheboygan, where one can witness the Man Killing Giant Clam in Sea Shell City!

Search for some measurable action plans with due dates and the names of the people championing the goals would be tantamount to going on a snipe hunt where a person embarks on an impossible search. Come to think of it, that might be more fun and productive than hanging out at The Grand Hotel in the Cupola Bar, where banter evolves late into the evening with no chance of anyone solving any of Michigan's problems.

There will be media reports of how the so-called movers and shakers met and discussed mutual problems but, as usual, fixes will not be part of the conversation. A successful conference or meeting has measurable results that are quantified and given completion time frames, along with weekly or monthly updates.

Let's hope the Detroit Chamber, the sponsor of the event, comes up with such a plan and then publishes it for the attendees and all of us who did not attend the conference. Of course, that would be a stretch and it would be more productive and fun to just stop at Exit 326 and wrestle with the clam!

Bill Kalmr
Lake Orion

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GUEST COLUMN

Mayors need to be part of conversation to fix roads

As state leaders struggle to find a Plan B for how to fix Michigan roads, they need to bring to the table those people residents trust most and are looking for solutions — the mayors.

There are many successes happening on the city levels, from the revitalization in Detroit and everything Mayor Mike Duggan has been doing to Warren Mayor Jim Fouts touting the \$1 billion investment from General Motors that will surely spur economic development.

Many mayors beyond Detroit and Warren are celebrating successes. They run deep and wide; just look at Romulus, Southgate, Flat Rock, Taylor, Woodhaven, Livonia, Dearborn and so many other cities that are moving forward with cre-



William Wild
GUEST COLUMNIST

ative leaders at the helm.

Because cities are where people live, work and play, our state leaders need to engage the mayors in the conversation on issues that affect the state's population.

Our roads are one of those major issues. As mayors, we grapple with larger issues more and more as residents turn to us to be pragmatic problem solvers.

When I talk about cities, I often point to a U.S. Conference of Mayors/Zogby poll, which shows that while Amer-

ican trust in elected leaders has declined, mayors rank higher than the president, their governor, Congress and their state Legislature.

Mayors have trust

We do have the trust of the residents. As mayors, we live in the communities in which we serve and so we bump into people at the grocery store, movie theater and while out to dinner. We are approached on a regular basis about all kinds of issues and concerns, including roads.

Not only do residents express concerns, but they also often suggest solutions. We need to raise those conversations up the political chain and to the state level as problems are discussed.

If the state wants to know why voters kicked statewide Proposal 1 to the curb, you just need to ask the mayors. We have been told all the reasons coming directly from the voters' mouths.

As mayors, we are responsible for fixing our own roads with limited funding and we have been successful in many of our cities, despite challenges.

The measure that was sup-

posed to raise the sales tax to 7 percent — as well as auto registration tax — fell 78 percent to 22 percent because not everyone who needed to be solving the problem was invited to do so. Let's make that Plan B. Invite the mayors to the table as the next proposal is crafted.

I supported the proposal because I saw value with good schools, roads, extensions in the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income families in addition to state shared revenue for the communities and supported it truly based on the facts that we needed to fix the road and it was the best plan presented thus far.

However, I underestimate there was significant failure rate largely because you can't sell a plan to the people when you did not have local leaders helping to craft the proposal or engaging them before you rolled out the plan.

Part of solution

Residents look to mayors for direction, support and for answers and we need to be able to help solve problems in order to confidently present solutions to our residents.

We need to be coming up with solutions from the beginning and not just asked to sup-

port a plan that was created solely at the state level.

These issues will not be limited to roads. We, as mayors, should be talking with state leaders on talent retention, job creation, economic development, education, shared revenue and global competition.

If we permit regional cooperation and state success, elected leaders at all levels of government need to be collaborating and conversing on a regular basis. This is not about political wins and bipartisan successes; this is about creating communities, counties, regions and a state where people want to work, raise their families and retire.

This is about attracting business and creating jobs. We can't do that when our roads are crumbling and residents won't vote to support a plan to fix them.

If we want to make changes and improvements in the state, then seek ideas from the mayors. We are on the ground, on the front lines — working every day with residents who will ultimately vote on the plans proposed at the state level.

William R. Wild is mayor of the city of Westland.

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OUR VIEW

Police must treat citizens with respect to gain trust

President Barack Obama recently announced he will ban the federal transfers of certain types of military-style gear to local police departments.

The president is responding to numerous incidents that have frayed trust in police departments. The banned items include tracked armored vehicles, bayonets, grenade launchers and some types of camouflage uniforms.

It's a step in the right direction, but we believe the root of the problem is something else.

Citizens won't trust a police department if its officers don't respect them. Citizens will have a hard time trusting offi-

cers if there's not a relationship between the two groups.

The U.S. Department of Justice investigation of the Ferguson Police Department detailed numerous incidents showing how police treated citizens, in particularly African Americans, with a complete lack of respect. The 102-page report (it's a must-read to understand what happened there) concluded Ferguson residents distrusted their police department due to its approach to law enforcement, which included aggressive and, at times, unlawful policing, racial bias and using policing to raise revenues.

The following de-

scribes an exchange between a lieutenant and an African-American man sitting at a bus stop.

According to the man, an FPD patrol car abruptly pulled up in front of him. The officer inside, a patrol lieutenant, rolled down his window and addressed the man.

Lieutenant: Get over here.

Bus patron: Me?

Lieutenant: Get the f*** over here. Yeah, you.

Bus patron: Why? What did I do?

Lieutenant: Give me your ID.

Bus patron: Why?

Lieutenant: Stop being a smart ass and give me your ID.

According to the report, the lieutenant ran the man's name for warrants, found none and returned the identification and said, "Get the hell out of my face."

The report details other despicable incidents. Combine that with the fatal shooting of Michael Brown and is it really that surprising there were riots in Ferguson?

The report provided details about unconstitutional stops and arrests and how discrimination was a key factor. African Americans accounted for 95 percent of "manner of walking in roadway" charges and 94 percent of failure to comply charges. It should be not-

ed that blacks account for 67 percent of Ferguson's population.

We recognize some people will see this criticism as an attack on all police departments. That couldn't be further from the truth. We recognize and applaud people who go into law enforcement because they want to help others and improve their communities. Many do exactly that.

However, recent incidents show some departments have lost sight of their mission.

Police departments need to cultivate a relationship with the community they serve. Only by establishing those ties can citizens trust

and respect their police officers.

And if a community's population changes, then police chiefs must make every effort to reach out to those new residents if they happen to be African American, Latino or other people of color.

We recognize efforts to establish community relations won't make headlines. A police chief holding community meetings and reaching out to local churches will be considered mundane and an everyday responsibility.

But it's those efforts that will create trust and relationships in the community and, hopefully, keep the community out of the headlines.

LETTERS

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A big thanks

On behalf of The Salvation Army, I would like to share our sincerest thanks to all that participating in the 23rd annual NALC Post Office Food Drive. Each year, our mail carriers go above and beyond in promoting this food drive for this community. Since 2006, the Plymouth and Canton communities have donated more than 350,000 pounds of food to The Salvation Army food pantry — food that comes from this community goes right back into the community.

To the postal carriers, we say thank you for allowing us to be the recipients of this food drive. To the volunteers that helped collect and sort the food — we couldn't have done it without you. A special thank you to Greg Stachura (GSA International

LTD), Eric Joy and Chris Gamble (Christensen's Plant Center) for donating the semi trucks and driving them.

The food has been sorted and is now in our food pantry. Each month we see more seniors, couples without children and single individuals, both working and retired, coming to our food pantry. Summer will soon be here and the kids will be home without access to free/reduced breakfast and lunch programs school. This post office food drive ensures that food will be available for them. We thank you.

Laurie Aren
The Salvation Army,
Plymouth

Experience overrated

Gov. Chris Christie says governors make the best presidents. They've run a state. They have experience. Jimmy Carter had experience running a state, didn't help much.

Political experience is overrated. I'll take com-

mon sense, truthfulness, the innate ability to lead and inspire others and smart enough to surround yourself with advisers to shore up your weaknesses. It took a non-car guy with those traits to rescue Ford. It'll take someone similar to rescue the country.

Selling influence to the highest bidder is endemic to the ruling class, stacking the deck in favor of the wealthy. You and I mean nothing to most of them and never will. I want someone who hasn't been bought and paid for, willing to return power to the states and the people where it was intended. You'll know who they are. They're the ones most feared by the establishment of both parties, the ones they'll try to destroy by any means necessary.

With luck, one of them will end up a choice for president. Then it's up to us. We have to recognize the divisiveness in the country just didn't happen. It's been created. You need conflict to impose restraints on our

freedoms. It's soft tyranny couched as political correctness. It'll only get worse if we keep our heads buried in the sand.

I'm tired of hearing about "hope and change," "prosperity and progress," "putting people first" and other nebulous campaign slogans that do nothing but blow smoke up our backsides. In the 1976 movie *Network*, newsman Howard Beale described a government far less threatening to its citizens than today and told his listeners to open a window and shout "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore." Now, that's a campaign slogan I could embrace.

Jack Belisle
South Lyon

Deja vu — again

I see where the U.S. Senate passed the new Asian Free Trade bill (AFT), over the objections of our Sens. Stabenow and Peters. Unbelievably, President Obama is on board with this monstrosity. I love the

man but he is 100 percent wrong on this matter.

Reading about this bill gave me a case of deja vu all over again. Former President Clinton, at the behest of business leaders and Republicans, signed off on the North America Free Trade Act. NAFTA turned out to be the worst trade bill signed in modern history. Ross Perot, at the time, said that "The great sucking sound you hear will be our manufacturing jobs leaving this country." That is what happened when hundreds of plants closed and reopened south of the border.

Now, incredibly, this AFT bill will have the same effect. One section refers to providing money to help our workers after they lose their jobs. They know what the bill will do to our labor force and still pass it. Corporate money sure buys a lot of votes.

I once heard that a country that makes nothing — is nothing. Sadly, that's where we are headed.

But on the bright side, when we finally go to war with China, they can make the armament our troops need at a cheap price.

James Huddleston
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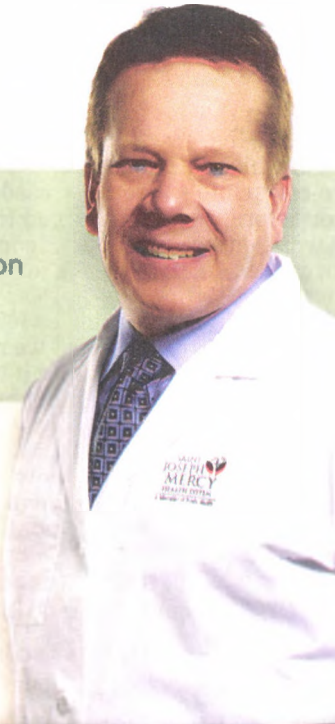
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Cipriano Classic continues to aid Farmington Hills family's recovery

Lace up your shoes and get ready June 5 for the fourth annual Cipriano Classic 5K Fun Run and Walk to support the Cipriano Children's Trust.

The event, which takes place at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Family YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, supports the continuing medical recovery and the daily living needs of the Cipriano children.

Salvatore Cipriano and his mother Rose were severely injured in an attack by Tucker Cipriano — Rose's son and Sal's brother — and Tucker's friend, Mitchell Young, at their Farmington Hills home in 2012. Bob Cipriano, Rose's husband and the children's father, was killed. The two assailants are serving life sentences.

The event is similar to the last three years and includes a fun, high-energy warmup at 6:40 p.m., followed by a few announcements and a message from the Cipriano family. The race will begin at 7 p.m. and winds through the neighborhood surrounding the Y. Post-race refreshments will be provided.

"We are incredibly grateful to Farmington Hills and surrounding communities for supporting the Ciprianos and this fantastic event for a fourth straight year," said Jenny Birmelin, Cipriano Classic race director. "This Friday night race is a community and family bonding event for everyone. You can walk, run or jog the 5K or just complete a portion of the beautiful

course. Last year, we even saw dogs in costume. The best part, though, was watching Sal (Cipriano) walk across the finish line."

The race has raised more than \$160,000 for the Cipriano Children's Trust in the last three years. Entry fees are \$35 starting June 1.

Registration is available online at www.ciprianoclassic.com or in person at the Farmington Family Y until race time June 5.

There is also a new sponsor involved this year, as Attendance on Demand is Walking for Wellness this May and helping the Cipriano Children's Trust with every step they take. The company has purchased Pivotal Living Trackers for all of its employees and, for each mile tracked, the company is donating \$10 to the Cipriano Children's Trust. Its goal is to reach 1,000,000 steps or 50 miles.

Beth Baerman, director of communications, has been involved in the Cipriano Classic each year as a participant or course volunteer. "It's heartwarming to see how the community has continued to support the Cipriano family. Their need doesn't end when the story is no longer front page," she said.

Those unable to attend the Cipriano Classic 5K and who wish to make a donation to the Cipriano Children's Trust can do so at the event's registration page www.active.com/donate/ciprianoclassic5k.



Hundreds of runners will toe the starting line June 5 for the fourth annual Cipriano Classic.



Tanner and Salvatore Cipriano were on hand at the 2014 Cipriano Classic at the Farmington Y.



Salvatore Cipriano (third from left) crossed the finish line at the Cipriano Classic last year with the help of friends and family.

Special-needs children score big in TOPPS soccer

By Ewa Omahen
Correspondent

A group of children with special needs, their parents and the organizers held a celebration May 31 to end another season of TOPPS soccer, a nonprofit and non-competitive league for kids with disabilities. In spite of the rain and cold weather, the smiling kids and their proud parents enjoyed delicious pizza and treats and shared team spirit. Every child was handed a special trophy for participation and walked away feeling like a true soccer star.

It was the very first

trophy our 13-year-old son with autism ever received and a new experience for us as a family to participate in team sports. For the past several Sundays, 19 kids, three girls and 16 boys, ages 4-17, got to play soccer on the East Field in Hines Park. Families who participated live in local communities, including Northville, Novi, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton.

Some of the young players needed one-on-one assistance from their devoted parents and the coaches, while some learned the rules of the game with more

independence. Some scored goals, while some kept missing the net. In the end, all walked away winners enriched by this experience and the new friendships made on a soccer field.

The parents came together these Sundays, cheering not only for their sons and daughters, but encouraging all the kids on the field to perhaps run little faster, kick the ball little harder and aim for the net. Every child who participated felt appreciated and embraced. Everyone, parents included, got the taste of what it is like to be a part of a team.

Brooke Kreza and Brandon Ferguson have coached TOPPS soccer for the last few years. Brooke got involved and fell in love with the team for special-needs initiative while watching her own sister with autism participate in TOPPS soccer starting in 2003. Brooke shared that her parents coached the team for a few years. Eventually, she took over that responsibility on a voluntary basis in 2012, seeing the amazing outcomes for her sister and other participants. Brooke is studying at Eastern Michigan University to be a special



Brooke Kreza and Brandon Ferguson hand Patrick Omahen a trophy.

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education teacher. She emphasized that the focus is not only on teaching kids the game of soccer, but also "things like patience, sharing, teamwork and a sense of accomplishment."

We are thankful for the experience and hope to add more trophies to the one our son received this past Sunday. TOPPS soccer is a worthy initiative that brings kids and families together in team spirit and sharing a one-

of-a-kind experience. Brooke and Brandon embody the meaning of giving, sharing and contributing to make our community more inclusive for children with special needs and their families. TOPPS soccer is alive and well. We look forward to more goals, sharing and celebrations during the upcoming fall season.

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GIRLS TENNIS STATE FINALS

Mustangs 'queens' of Division 1 girls tennis

Northville holds off Midland Dow for title, 33-29

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville is sitting on Cloud 9 after capturing its first girls tennis MHSAA Division 1

state championship in school history Saturday afternoon in Midland.

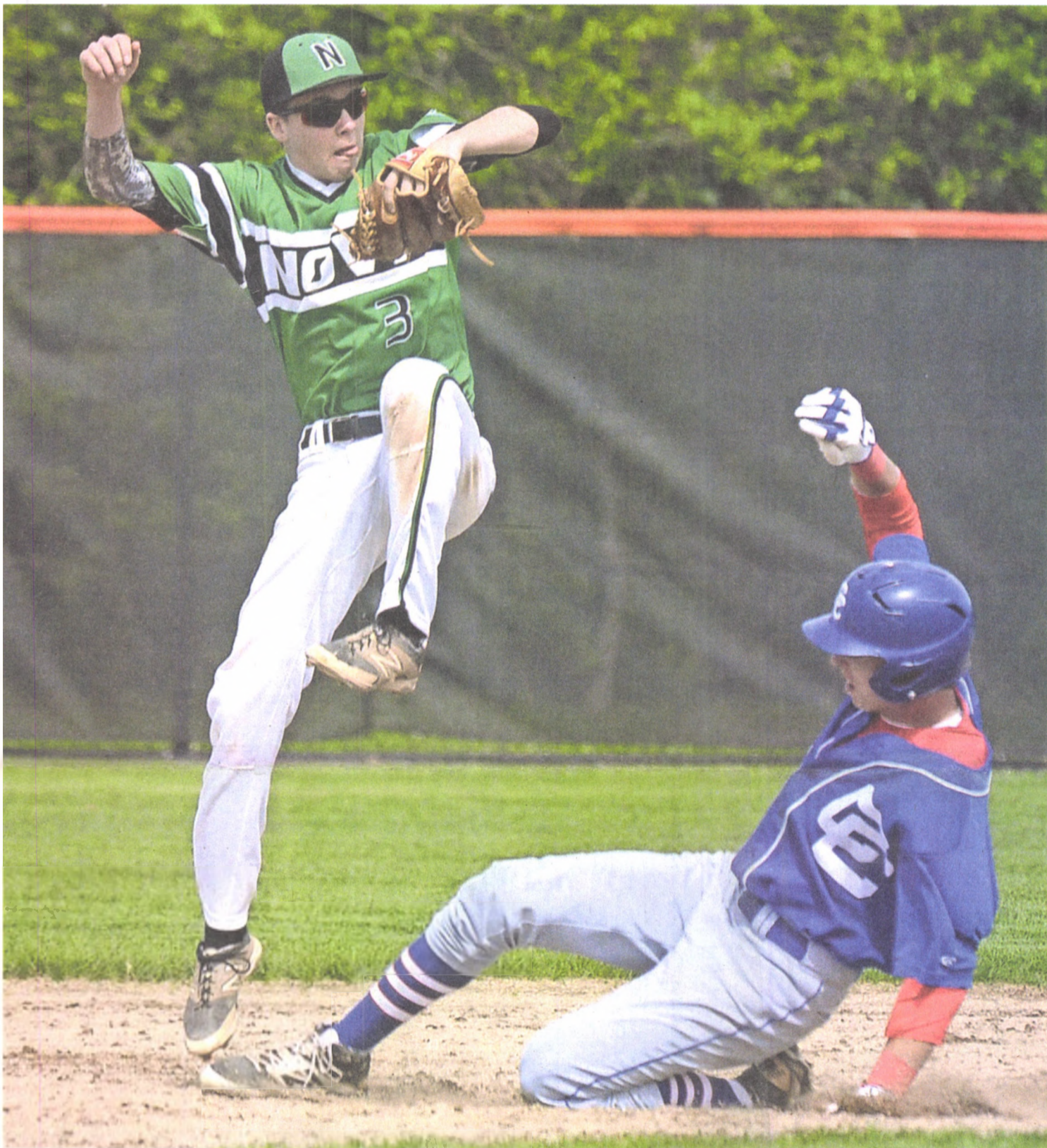
The Mustangs won a pair of singles titles and reached the finals in all four doubles

flights, taking three, to score 33 points and hold off runner-up Midland Dow, which tallied 29. Novi tied for eighth with eight points.

Earning singles crowns for

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PREP BASEBALL



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Novi second baseman Joey Carn (left) leaps into the air to try to snag a throw from home, but Catholic Central's Anthony Esser was safe.

CC's Hartwig handcuffs Wildcats in district final

Junior right-hander tosses 4-hitter in 4-1 win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

On the heels of a huge upset Saturday over host Brighton, Novi's baseball team came back to Earth Monday and found its final resting place - in Grant's Tomb.

Grant Hartwig, an imposing 6-foot-4, 225-pound right-hander from Novi Detroit

Catholic Central, buried the Wildcats with a four-hit, 10-strikeout performance as the Shamrocks garnered their first Division 1 district title since 2011 with a 4-1 victory.

CC, which improved to 20-18, moves into the regional semifinals beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Novi to face Livonia Stevenson (24-12).

After Novi had upset state-

ranked Brighton, 5-3, while CC had disposed of South Lyon, 7-1, the two winners were set to play the championship game Saturday, only to be postponed because of a pair of rain delays.

With his scheduled start pushed back two days, Hartwig was raring to go Monday.

"I felt great on Saturday, kind of disappointed that we

didn't finish there," the CC junior said. "I felt I was better that day, but it felt great to be finally back where the school should have been the last few years. It's been too long. It feels great having these seniors go out on a good note, but we still have more work to do."

Hartwig, who walked only one, allowed his only run in the third inning, when Novi's

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GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT

Mustangs go 2 OTs to repeat in district

Schembri's late goal gives Northville 1-0 victory vs. Brighton

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was the shot of the night and, ironically, the only shot of the night for the Northville girls soccer team.

It came from sophomore Sydney Schembri, a no-doubt blast from the right flank from 25 yards out, and the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Mustangs were able to pull out a 1-0 victory over nemesis Brighton for the district championship Friday at North Farmington.

It was just nine days earlier that Northville also defeated the Bulldogs for the KLA Association title, which also went to a scoreless, double-OT shootout, 1-0.

Schembri's goal came with 7:44 to go in the second 10-minute OT as the Mustangs (15-3-5) moved on to a regional semifinal match-up against Hartland at Novi.

Schembri came into the match with just three goals, but this one was her biggest of the season.

"At the very end, I was just thinking, 'We got to shoot, we got to shoot, shoot,'" Schembri said. "It just takes one good opportunity and that's the game, obviously. Right when it went off my foot, I knew."

It proved to be another

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JOHN PAWLOSKI

Northville sophomore Sydney Schembri tallied the game-winning goal in a 1-0 double-OT district final win over Brighton.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Northville seals the deal to win district, 6-4

Zwarka gets job done in rain-delayed final against rival Wildcats

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville and its junior pitcher Allison Zwarka proved over a three-day span that they could weather the storm.

The Mustangs started their journey Saturday and returned Monday to Brighton to complete their Division 1 district softball championship conquest with a 6-4 win over rival Novi.

Northville (24-11) moves into its first regional semifinal since 2012, where it will face Farmington Hills Mercy beginning at noon Saturday at Novi.

Last Saturday, Northville carried a 6-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth inning when the game was halted because of thunderstorms in the area.

Just before play stopped, Novi's Nicole Ireland had doubled home Jenny Lowney with the Wildcats' first run.

When played resumed Monday, Casey Lawler's RBI sacrifice fly scored Ireland to cut the deficit to 6-2, but a Wildcats' runner was caught stealing and Zwarka got out of the inning with a strike-out.

Zwarka held Novi off the board in the sixth, but gave up a one-out, two-run homer to Lawler in the seventh. Cummings then singled, but Zwarka got a pop out and ground out to seal the victory.

"It's how it works out sometimes," said Northville coach Jim Ritz, who lobbied to keep playing Saturday before Brighton athletic director John Thompson decided to call it for a day. "Got a little nervous in the seventh



Northville shortstop Samantha Moos (left) waits until the momentum of Novi's Sami DeLisle takes her beyond second base to apply the tag during the district final.



Northville starting pitcher Allison Zwarka won both games against South Lyon, 6-2, and rival Novi in the district final, 6-4.

with the home run. They've come a long way since the first probably 10 games of the season. They showed it today and played a good three innings."

Zwarka, a right-hander, allowed only five hits, but gave up six walks while striking out two in seven innings. Over the two district games, she issued a total of 15 walks.

"It's been interesting because we've been talk-

ing all year about (Zwarka) and the walks and the freebies and how it's hurt us sometimes and other times we've been able to play over it," Ritz said. "Somehow, she's managed how to figure out how to get it done more times than not and that's why I stuck with her today."

Northville jumped out to a 2-0 advantage in the second inning on RBI singles by Brianna Nayh and Alexis Koehler.

The Mustangs added two more in the third on a single by Sarah Hige, a double by Melissa Zwart, an RBI ground out by Zwarka followed by an RBI bloop single to center field by MaKenzie Kamm to chase Novi starting pitcher Ally Cummings.

In the fourth, Northville made it 6-0, getting a pair of runs off reliever Madison Budde thanks to an RBI single by Ashley Schiffer and a bases-

loaded walk to Hige. Northville out-hit the Wildcats, 11-5.

"Our bats have been really good," Ritz said. "We've only had one game in the last 20 where our bats haven't been going. And as long as I can keep those bats going, I like our chances next Saturday for sure."

Zwarka allowed just three hits through the first four innings before putting the first two batters aboard with no outs in the bottom of the fifth, when more thundershowers arrived.

The Wildcats rallied for three runs when they returned Monday, but came up two runs short.

"We ran out of innings, but I want to tip my hat off to Northville," Novi coach Bruce Lenington said. "They certainly won it on the field and deserved it. I'm proud of the way our kids fought. I knew we were going to fight today. I knew 6-1 wasn't going to be the final score. We've been doing it all season."

"I felt good about today and we prepared for to-

day even though we dug ourselves a little hole, for sure. I felt like we almost had half the game to play with three full (innings) of at-bats. We certainly had opportunities, just couldn't cash in on those opportunities."

Novi, which split with Northville during the regular season, finished 23-16, which included its first KLA Central Division title.

"We lose four very good seniors and we have some good kids coming up that we're going to try to teach them the game and our program," Lenington said. "Our season was a success. This was very disappointing. It's supposed to be when you fight this long and have aspirations to keep moving."

NORTHVILLE 6, SOUTH LYON 2: In the first game Saturday, the Mustangs (23-11) ousted the Lions (19-17) by erasing a 2-1 deficit with five runs in the top of the fifth thanks to a three-run triple by Melissa Zwart, who came all the way around to score after a Lions throwing error from right field.

Sarah Hige also contributed an RBI double in the third inning to get Northville on the board.

South Lyon then scored twice in the third, on an RBI sacrifice fly by Jamie Conrad and an RBI single by Kelsey McLaughlin.

But Allison Zwarka, the winning pitcher, shut down the Lions over the final four innings. She scattered four hits and nine walks while striking out nine.

South Lyon starter Lindsay Brandon suffered the loss as she allowed six hits without a walk and three strikeouts.

NOVI 5, BRIGHTON 4: In the second semifinal, the host Bulldogs (9-26) played spoiler for six innings, building a 4-1 advantage, before the Wildcats (22-15) rallied for four in the bottom of the seventh to earn the walk-off triumph.

Jenna Lowney's bloop single to right field scored two runs and Casey Lawler's two-out, two-run hit to right-center gave the Wildcats the victory.

The Bulldogs broke a scoreless tie in the top of the fourth inning.

Samantha Kelly led off with a double, followed by an infield single from Chloe Haskins. With two outs, Courtney Kramarz's chopper in front of the mound to Novi pitcher Ally Cummings was thrown away at first base, bringing both runners home.

Novi, however, got a run back in the bottom half of the inning on Lawler's RBI double.

But Brighton took a 4-1 advantage in the top of the sixth with two more runs thanks to a single by Kelly and a double by Haskins, followed by a single from Brianna Possorek coupled with a Novi infield throwing error.

Haskins, a freshman, started on the mound and went three scoreless innings, allowing just a pair of walks before Brighton coach Nikki Greathouse made a pitching change. She went to Kramarz, the junior, who worked the final 3 1/2 innings, allowing all five runs on nine hits, and was charged with the loss.

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MHSAA TRACK AND FIELD FINALS

Northville girls claim third place at Division 1 state championships

Mustangs boast four individual all-staters; CC high jumper 4th

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville boasted seven individual all-state performers along with earning a pair of top eight relay finishes en route to a third-place team showing Saturday in the MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field state finals held in Rockford.

Oak Park tallied 93 points to repeat as team champion, while East Kentwood was runner-up with 54.5. Northville (43), host Rockford (42) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (37) rounded out the top five.

Northville was runner-up to Oak Park in the 2014 finals.

Northville's top individual finisher was senior Lauren Rodriguez, who was runner-up to Farmington Hills Harrison's Maya Roberts in the 100-meter hurdles. Roberts ran 13.95, while Rodriguez, bound for the University of Michigan, clocked 13.38.

Rodriguez also was sixth in the 300 hurdles (45.2).

Junior distance runner Lexa Barrott enjoyed



Northville senior Lauren Rodriguez was runner-up in the MHSAA Division 1 100-meter hurdles.

a big day, contributing a pair of thirds in the 1,600 (4:55.23) and 3,200 (10:37.52), while teaming with Ana Barrott, Emma Herrmann and Cayla Eckenroth for sixth in the 3,200 relay (9:19.45).

Eckenroth, a sophomore, was also sixth in the individual 3,200 (10:42.72).

Junior sprinter Chloe Abbott contributed three all-state performances, taking third in the 400 (56.3) and seventh in the 200 (25.35 after ranking second in the prelims with 24.7). She also combined with Yasmin Affes, Gracie Goble and Lindsay Walters for a third-place finish in the 1,600

relay (4:00.98).

MORE AREA GIRLS FINISHERS
Long jump: 14, Kate Prisky (Novi), 15 feet, 11 inches; 17, Gracie Goble (Northville), 15-7.25; **300 hurdles:** 10, Karena Roest (Novi), 47.03; **400:** 11, Lindsay Walters (Northville), 57.75; **1,600:** 14, Hannah Loneragan (Novi), 5:07.94; **3,200:** 33, Emma Herrman (Northville), 11:27.47; **400 relay:** 11, Northville (Goble, Erin McCallum, Walters, Lauren Rodriguez), 9:25.94; **800 relay:** Northville (Mary Catherine McLaughlin, Walters, Goble, Chloe Abbott), disqualified.

CC's Yassay All-State

Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior Lance Yassay was the area's lone individual boys placer as he garnered all-state honors by tying for fourth in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 3 inches in the MHSAA Division 1 boys track and field state finals held Saturday in Rockford.

Saline captured the team title with 71 points, followed by runner-up East Kentwood (52.5). Monroe (36), Ypsilanti Lincoln (27) and Grand Blanc (25).

MORE AREA BOYS FINISHERS
Discus: 12, Mike Misiak (Detroit CC), 140 feet, 6 inches; **high jump:** Scott Sawyer (Novi) and John Hamilton (Northville), no height; **pole vault:** Sawyer (Novi), no height; **100 dash:** 19, Adam Ghabra (Northville), 11.36; **800:** 11, Jason Ferrante (Northville), 1:55.93; **1,600:** 15, Conor Naughton (Northville), 9:25.94; 19, Joost Plaetnick (Novi), 9:32.06; **1,600 relay:** 15, Northville (Ghabra, Alec Przybocki, Ferrante, Jacob Kamm), 3:29.44; **3,200 relay:** 19, Novi (Sahisnu Malapati, Collin Thomas, Scott MacPherson, Nathan Hall), 8:10.92.

THE WEEK AHEAD

<p>PREP BASEBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS DIVISION 1 at NOVI Saturday, June 6: Hartland vs. West Bloomfield, 10 a.m.; Novi Detroit Catholic Central vs. Livonia Stevenson, 12:30 p.m.; Championship final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 at Novi vs. Rochester regional champion.)</p> <p>DIVISION 4 at STERLING HEIGHTS PARKWAY CHRISTIAN Saturday, June 6: Sterling Heights Parkway Christian vs. Petersburg-Summerfield, 11 a.m.; Novi Franklin Road Christian vs. Lutheran High</p>	<p>Westland district champion, 1 p.m.; Championship final: 3:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 at Flint Kearsley vs. Mayville regional champion.)</p> <p>PREP SOFTBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS DIVISION 1 at NOVI Saturday, June 6: Hartland vs. Waterford Kettering, 10 a.m.; Northville vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, noon; Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 at Novi vs. Rochester regional champion.)</p> <p>GIRLS SOCCER DIVISION 1 REGIONAL FINAL at NOVI MEADOWS STADIUM</p>	<p>Thursday, June 4: Northville-Hartland winner vs. Rochester Stoney Creek-Grand Blanc winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals, 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 at Rochester vs. Troy regional champion.)</p> <p>MHSAA BOYS LACROSSE FINALS Saturday, June 6 Division 1 at Howell, Troy Athens or East Grand Rapids, 2 p.m.</p> <p>MHSAA BOYS GOLF FINALS Friday and Saturday, June 5-6 Division 1 at Ferris State Univ. Katke Cousins G.C., 9 a.m.</p>
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PREP BASEBALL

Mustangs' dream season comes crashing down

Brighton plays spoiler in pre-district test, 6-0

By Tim Robinson
MICHIGAN.COM

Last week, the Brighton baseball team admitted that, while losing the KLA Association title game at Northville hurt, it would rather win the May 23 pre-district on its home field.

Which it did. The host Bulldogs, who struggled on offense in a 3-1 loss at Northville, got timely hits and shut down the Mustangs in a 6-0 victory in clash between two of the state's top-ranked teams in Division 1.

For second-ranked Northville (26-3), its season came to a sudden and premature end. Two of the Mustangs' losses came at the hands of the Bulldogs.

"I feel really bad for Northville," said Brighton coach Charlie Christner, whose team improved to 24-7-1. "They're a very good team. They've got very good coaches and very good players and they're a very good program. It's unfortunate the two of us did what we had to do

today."

Fortune, as it turned out, came in part in the form of left-hander Alexx Zielinski, who allowed just three hits and struck out eight in six innings of work.

"It seemed he was really hitting the outside corner and the umpire was giving it to him," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Credit him, because he went further and further out and he kept hitting his spots and umpires will give you a call if you're around the plate and he was around the plate. He did a fantastic job today."

The turning point came in the third inning.

Northville's Willie Yanagi reached on an error and the next hitter, Dugan Darnell, reached on a throwing error by Zielinski that put runners on second and third.

Tyler Lowe then hit a line drive right at Brighton second baseman Jerad Dokey, who caught the ball. After an intentional walk to load the bases, Zielinski then got a strikeout and a ground out to end the inning.

"That was a big situation," Christner said. "Their No. 3 hitter was up with guys on second

and third with no one out and hits a bullet to Jerad. That play was a big play."

In the bottom of the inning, Colin McClelland reached on a single. An errant pick-off throw sent him to second and a throwing error by first baseman Kevin Morrissey sent him to third.

McClelland scored on Alex Dixon's single and Dixon later scored on Zach Vitkuske's single.

In the fourth, the Bulldogs got a run when Carson Hopman scored on a wild pitch and three more when Alex Dixon cleared the bases on a line drive up the gap to left-center off Northville starter Evan Flohr.

"That was a big momentum shift," Zielinski said. "It was like a punch to the gut and we took the momentum away from them."

The Mustangs weren't on the ropes yet, though. In the fifth, Northville had runners on first and third with one out, but couldn't get them home.

"We had some chances," Kostrzewa said. "We didn't take advantage of their mistakes on defense and they took advantage of ours and that was the ballgame."



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Northville senior left-hander Evan Flohr fires a pitch toward the plate in the pre-district loss to Brighton.

PREP BASEBALL

Franklin Road repeats as D4 district champions

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Franklin Road Christian is regional-bound once again after capturing its second straight baseball Division 4 district title Friday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The Warriors improved their record to 16-8 by beating West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy in the final, 5-3, and will face the Lutheran High Westland district champion beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6, in the regional semifinals at Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

"Couldn't be prouder of a group of young men for how well they have played and how hard they have competed each and every game," Franklin Road coach Mike Harris said. "After a 17-year drought of not winning a district title, we have now won back-to-back district championships."

In the district final, winning pitcher Shaun Moore allowed just two earned runs on seven hits while striking out seven over six innings. Matt Lorey came on in the seventh to earn the save.

Kyle Harris belted a solo homer, drew a pair of intentional walks and had two RBIs to pace the



MIKE HARRIS

Novi Franklin Road Christian players celebrate Friday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist after winning their second straight baseball Division 4 district title.

Warriors' attack.

In the district semifinal earlier in the day, Gavin Harris pitched a two-hit shutout while fanning six without a issuing walk in a 12-0 six-inning mercy rule victory over host Inter-City Baptist.

"Gavin set the tone in Game 1 on the mound, keeping hitters off-balance all day, threw strikes, worked efficient and kept the defense into the game," Mike Harris said. "Our defense has been out Achilles' heel all season, but today came up huge when we needed

it."

Kyle Harris went 3-for-3, including a grand slam, with five RBIs and two runs scored. He is hitting .535 this season with six homers, including two grand slams, to go along with 44 RBIs in only 24 games.

"Our leader, Kyle Harris, put our offense on his back while playing with a sprained ankle," Mike Harris said. "I think he figured it wouldn't hurt as much running the bases if he were able to trot. We talked about how his injury forced him to not

try to do too much at the plate and take what the pitchers gave him."

Evan Lorey went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, while Nick Hanley was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

NOVI 9, MILFORD 0: Four different pitchers combined on a six-hit shutout May 24 as the host Wildcats (13-22-1) wrapped up their regular season with a victory over Milford (16-15-1).

Starter Jac Colliau, the winning pitcher, went the first two innings, allowing three hits and a walk, while Alec Bageris and Scott Beaton each pitched two before Adam Tobias finished up in the seventh. The quartet combined for three strikeouts and four walks.

Novi pounded out 10 hits, with Beaton going 2-for-3 with two RBIs, while Tobias was also 2-for-3 with an RBI. Bageris contributed a three-run double in the opening inning.

ahead, 4-1.

CC wound up out-hitting the Wildcats, 7-4.

"One run an inning, that's kind of what we were going after and we were able to scratch a few out," CC coach Dan Michaels said. "Their pitcher (Tobias) pitched a great game. He had us off-balance. He was getting ahead in the count. It was a good game and we got enough to survive."

The only other stress Hartwig faced came in the fifth, when the Wildcats put runners at second and third with one out.

"We had a great chance there, two good hitters back-to-back and made two easy outs — credit to him," Green said. "We had our opportunity, didn't make a couple of plays. If we had kept it to 2-1, there might have been more pressure on him (Hartwig) in that last inning. Having a three-run lead in the last inning was a big cushion for him."

Meanwhile, Michaels was getting good vibes from his starting pitcher before the game even started.

"He's just a work-horse," Michaels said. "He wanted to finish it from the minute he was in the bullpen. He said he was 'on' and he just pounded the zone. I'll go to battle with him any day."

Novi ended its season at 14-23-1.

"These guys have no reason to hang their heads," Green said. "They were sensational through this tournament. A couple of plays here and there and a great pitched game and, boom, we're out of the tournament."

Meanwhile, CC gets a chance to earn a regional title coming out of one of the toughest districts in the state, which featured No. 2-ranked Northville (26-3) and No. 4 Brighton (24-8-1).

"We know them from years past," Michaels said of regional semifinal foe Stevenson. "They're all good teams, so we're taking one game at a time. We'll enjoy this on the bus ride home and enjoy until tomorrow and get ready for Saturday."

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DIVISION 1 BASEBALL TOURNEY

Wildcats surprise Brighton, 5-3, in district semifinal

By Tim Robinson
Michigan.com

Was it or wasn't it? Fair or foul?

Justin Steele came up in the fifth inning of Saturday's baseball Division 1 district semifinal against Novi with the bases loaded and his team trailing, 5-1.

He got hold of a pitch by Novi's Jac Colliau and belted it high and well over the fence in right field.

But as he was trotting between first and second after hitting what he thought was a grand slam, he was stopped by the umpire working the bases.

The umpire at home had called it foul.

"It was fair," Steele said, emphasizing the last word. "I don't know. The fences are 300 feet. The ball probably went 380 and it curves when you turn on it. I don't know what he saw, but ... it landed fair on the other side of the road."

Instead of a grand slam and a tie game, Steele had to return to the plate, where he struck out, and the rally soon was over.

The state-ranked Bulldogs (24-8-1) did score twice in the sixth, but got no closer and lost 5-3, setting up a district final against Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which advanced with a 7-1 win over South Lyon.

The call brought forth a rare fit of anger from Brighton coach Charlie Christner, who heatedly argued the ball was fair, to no avail.

"I don't have any explanation as to what happened," Christner said. "I turned and looked at (the umpire), and the one person who had to make the decision ... made the decision."

Brighton loaded the bases again in the sixth and had runners on first and second in the seventh.

Jerad Dokey singled to left in the sixth, driving in one run, and center fielder Michael Mitchell mis-played the ball, leading to the second run.

"We needed one big

hit at two different times," Christner said. "We had a couple of chances to get it. We obviously thought we had it. It didn't work out. It was a tough day."

The Wildcats (14-22-1) pulled the upset with timely hitting and a dollop of small ball in a game that was put on hold for nearly two hours after a rain-storm drenched the diamond in the fifth.

Novi coach Rick Green decided to bunt early and often against Brighton starter Alexx Zielinski.

"We came here and saw we could bunt on him," Green said. "That was Northville's plan (Tuesday, in the pre-district) and it was ours after I saw it. We have some good bunters on our team and they executed pretty well."

The Wildcats had some good fortune, too. One bunt down the first base line stayed about two inches fair as it rolled about 20 feet. They also made the most of two Brighton errors and a balk by Zielinski that set up the first two Novi runs.

"I flinched a little bit," Zielinski said of the balk. "That and two misplays earlier in the inning really cost us."

Colliau had the Bulldogs firmly under control in the first four innings, but struggled after the break. After Brighton scored twice in the sixth, shortstop Scott Beaton came on and picked up the save.

Steele, meanwhile, was visibly upset after the game.

"You can't put it in the hands of the ump, I guess," he said. "We shouldn't have been in that situation in general."

DETROIT CC 7, SOUTH LYON 1: Junior Dante Toppi threw just 64 pitches and allowed just five hits as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (19-18) downed the Lions (14-17) in the other Division 1-District 31 semifinal at Brighton.

Toppi struck out three and did not allow a walk in going all seven innings. The Shamrocks got a pair of RBIs each from Jordan Jenkins and Nick Marcon. Jenkins had a solo homer in the second inning.

Mike Scott also went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Grant Hartwig also knocked in a run for CC.

George Miller had an RBI double, while starter Ethan Whitcomb took the loss for the Lions.

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Michael Mitchell scored Joey Carn from third base with an RBI single.

"The slider was going and the curve ball was on point today and the change-up, when we needed it, it was there," Hartwig said. "I had everything working and the fastball was good."

And there was no disagreement from the opposing bench.

"That guy was just dominating, Grant was unbelievable," Novi coach Rick Green said. "That's the best pitcher we've saw all year, by far. My hat is off to him."

CC, meanwhile nicked Novi starter Adam Tobias for a run each in the first four innings.

The Shamrocks' Justin Green reached base in the first inning on a Novi infield error, took third on a wild pitch and scored on Dante Toppi's sacrifice fly.

CC added another run in the second when Anthony Essser reached base on a walk, stole



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Catholic Central's Grant Hartwig threw a four-hitter and struck out 10 in a 4-1 district final victory over Novi.

second and scored on Jack Hintze's single.

After Novi got its run in the top of the third, CC answered again when Toppi singled, stole second and scored on Mike Scott's single to make it 3-1.

In the fourth, Jaret Robson singled, went to second on Esser's sacrifice bunt and took third on Hintze's single before coming home on a passed ball to put the Shamrocks

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EVEN IF THIS ISN'T THE JOB THAT YOU GREW UP WANTING, YOU CAN STILL ENJOY EACH DAY OF IT.

Economists Andrew Oswald, Eugenio Proto, and Daniel Sgroi from the Department of Economics at the University of Warwick recently researched how happiness affects employees and their productivity. The findings, to be published in the Journal of Labor Economics, reveal that happiness made people about 12 percent more productive.

"Companies like Google have invested more in employee support and employee satisfaction has risen as a result. For Google, it rose by 37 percent; they know what they are talking about. Under scientifically controlled conditions, making workers happier really pays off," says Oswald.

"The driving force seems to be that happier workers use the time they have more ef-

fectively, increasing the pace at which they can work without sacrificing quality," adds Sgroi.

Don't worry about trying to get a job at Google, though. There are plenty of simple ways you can invest in your own happiness on the job and boost your career at the same time.

Become a morning person

If your job requires you to get a start in the morning, you may have fallen victim to the "Groundhog Day Syndrome," stuck in a rut and repeating the same events over and over like Bill Murray's character in the holiday-named movie. You may dread the morning fight to board the subway, the never-

ending questions of what to wear for work that day or what to bring for lunch. Skip the daily dread, and instead become a morning person.

Lorena Prime, a productivity expert, says, "The successful habit I adopt before breakfast is to make things really easy for myself! I want the time after I wake until the time I eat breakfast and leave for work as stress-free as possible. This first hour is so important — if you start in a bad mood, it can affect your day. If you start in a good mood, it also affects your day! So I plan the night before: get the coffee pot ready, plan my lunch, set out my clothes, plan if I need to complete something for work just to make it super easy in the morning. This way I can start my day in a pleasant way, even if I'm not quite awake yet."



Work smarter, not harder

Sometimes the reason we feel unhappy or trapped in our jobs is because we're overwhelmed with the amount of work or the people who require it from us. But focusing on boosting your productivity will make your job much easier, which may make it more enjoyable for you.

"What I've found helpful is adhering to period of time that I call my power hours," says Nicholas Shum, co-founder of the apparel company Topwick. "I'm most effective in the mornings as opposed to the afternoons. Therefore, I typically schedule all my meetings and phone calls for the afternoon when I'm more mentally lax. This allows me to prioritize my most important tasks during this period of time with zero distractions like emails, Facebook or the news."

Also respect the boundaries you need to be a productive worker. Shum says, "It's incredibly important that an employee learns

to say no to tasks and activities that are unrelated to your main objectives and priorities. Co-workers will often ask for favors or bosses will pile on work without knowing what's on your plate. Also prioritize your projects and tasks for the week and evaluate at the end of every week. If you've made headway on the most important projects, you've done good work. It's important to recognize that business does not always equate to effectiveness. Effectiveness is placing your efforts in the right place."

Thriving in your job, feeling capable of performing your responsibilities and losing many of the sources of daily stress in your life can make a huge difference in your work day. Yes, the main reason you're probably at work is to earn a paycheck. But changing small areas of your life can also give you the perspective you need to see that you're also producing important work and are able to handle your day, and even enjoy it.

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