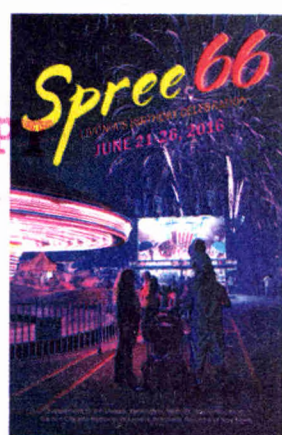


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Pistol safety class set

In honor of Father's Day, the Novi Police Department is offering men an opportunity to take the Civilian Pistol Safety Class this Saturday for half-price.

Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (\$75 for men), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

The course takes place 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile Road. It fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a concealed pistol license.

Participants must be at least 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, go to cityofnovi.org or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-348-7100.

Brakes slammed on Novi Road project, funding in jeopardy

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

A long-planned \$1.7 million road construction project that was about to begin has stalled.

At its June 6 meeting, the Novi City Council deadlocked, 3-3, in a vote on approving a cost participation agreement for rehabilitation of Novi Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads.

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt was absent.

The tie vote means the project, for which the council approved moving forward with engineering design back in September, is in danger of losing nearly \$700,000 in federal grant funding. Total cost of the project is roughly \$1.7 million. The city was prepared to pick up the remainder of the cost.

"This project has been before city council a couple times and now we're ready to pull the trigger so we can get it done in this construction season," City Manager Pete Auger said prior to the vote. "It's a different project than we've ever done. We're removing the center turn lane where it's not needed."

Design plans called for the center turn lane to be replaced

with a swale, essentially an approximately 9- to 12-inch depressed median in which water run-off from the road will be collected before being treated. It is this aspect of the project that drew pause from council members concerned over safety and aesthetics.

"I can't support this without

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With a hug and a smile, Parkview Elementary School student Audra Sexsmith welcomes back Principal Jennifer Michos to the school Friday. Michos has been on a medical leave for the past two months, but she promised to be back at the school on 11 Mile Road next fall "at 100 percent." Michos took time that day to thank the staff, students and parents who kept her on the road to health with care packages, flowers and gift baskets every week she was away from school.

Parkview principal returns to say 'thank you' on Appreciation Day

James Mitchell
Correspondent

Gratitude was a two-way street on a day designed to give thanks to volunteer parents, community supporters and student leaders of Parkview Elementary School. The assembly Friday included a surprise visit

from Principal Jenifer Michos, who dropped by to show her own appreciation.

"It's a spectacular day filled with a lot of love," Michos said of the Parents and Teachers for an Outstanding Parkview's volunteer appreciation event. "It was a gift to see everything running smoothly."

Michos had been away from her beloved school for more than a month since taking a leave of absence in late April to undergo surgery that proved successful. Although still "on the mend," she couldn't let the school year end without seeing the students, staff and teachers. It was a chance to say goodbye

to departing students and assure her younger charges that she'll be back in September.

Michos' return visit was consistent with the participation she's seen in her 15 years with the district.

"This school wouldn't be what

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Class divide: A lesson in inequality

Education gap widens between city, suburbs

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Mitzi Davis faces many challenges as a second-grade teacher in Detroit, but the one she dislikes the most is a small, seemingly unobtrusive box that sits at the front of her classroom.

On the outside of the box are the words, "Mrs. Davis, I need ..." Inside, the contents can loom large.

The teacher at Thirkell Elementary-Middle School checks the box every day. Sometimes it is empty, sometimes there's a message from a student.

"I've had students ask for

clothes, students ask for food," Davis said. "I don't know what is going to fix that box."

City, suburbs unequal

In an urban school district where more than 95 percent of students qualify for free or reduced lunch, students who are already poverty-stricken are also being short-changed by a public school system that fails to provide the basics in the classroom, she said.

In suburban districts like Novi, where Davis lives, multi-million-dollar bonds passed by voters pay for school improvements or new facilities, like a fitness room or early childhood

center, new furniture, ever-changing technology such as new Chromebooks, new desktop computers and new iPads.

Those things are dreams in Detroit. In Davis' classroom of 23 students, there are three computers. Two of them aren't working. There are no hand-held devices. The entire school, which houses preschool through eighth grade, shares one iPad cart with 30 iPads.

On a recent 80-degree day, a pair of fans were all that kept air circulating in a room in which the heat is stifling. Children drink bottled water because the fountains in the building are shut down due to copper

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SUSAN BROMLEY

Mitzi Davis of Novi instructs Sakaria Smith, a second-grade student at Thirkell Elementary-Middle School in Detroit.

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Several dates mentioned for possible reopening of southbound I-275 lanes

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

When will southbound Interstate 275 reopen for traffic? It seems a few dates have been thrown out as possibilities.

In a video posted by the city of Novi on Facebook, Rob Hayes, the city's engineer and public services director, said the project spanning from the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange to Five Mile can expect to see southbound open for traffic by the beginning of July.

"Currently, the contractor projects that that closure will be in place through the first of July or thereabouts," he said in the posted video. "Then, the shift will oc-

cur and he'll begin working on northbound I-275."

But Diane Cross, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said the official reopening date will most likely be closer to July 15, especially if weather doesn't cooperate. July 15 is the date MDOT believes is when work on southbound I-275 will be completed by, she said.

"We feel pretty comfortable with that," she said.

She said several dates have been proposed and said the department couldn't confirm southbound would be open before the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Opening closer to the middle

of the month, she said, is something MDOT was shooting for and is still timely.

"The 15th, that's only five weeks away," she said. "And we'll be done with half the freeway."

MDOT and its contractor, Toebe Construction out of Wixom, are in the middle of a \$75 million construction project along I-275 where new concrete is being laid along the several-mile stretch in western Wayne and Oakland counties, among other improvements. The southbound stretched closed in early May and will remain closed until crews finish work on that side of the freeway. After it's complete, the northbound side from Five Mile to the interchange will then be shut down.

What's still being determined is how the switchover will take place, Cross said. It's possible there could be a short time period when both southbound and northbound are open while crews begin the transition, which includes moving construction barrels and changing signage across the region.

"Is it possible? Maybe,



FILE PHOTO

Several dates have been floated as a possibility for reopening the southbound side of I-275, but MDOT says it will most likely take place around July 15.

but I doubt it," Cross said.

She said while she was not sure if that would happen, if it were to, the dual opening could be for as short as a few hours to a few days before northbound closes.

Other work surrounding the I-275 project also continues in the area. Northbound I-275 from Ann Arbor Road to I-96/M-14 will have only one lane open starting the night of Friday, June 10, and going through the following Monday morning.

Work is also expected this weekend with closures set for westbound M-5 under the interchange. Motorists will be detoured to northbound M-5 to 13 Mile, where they'll be able to turn around there, Cross said.

Wrap-up dates

In the same video posted to the city of Novi's Facebook page, Hayes said if conditions are right, work on the entire I-275 project could be complete by the Labor Day holiday.

"Overall, the project is

to be completed by mid-September, with a possibility if we have good weather, could be completed as early as Labor Day," he said.

Cross said MDOT is sticking to its original anticipated wrap-up date, which falls several weeks later.

"I feel much more comfortable saying mid- to late September," she said.

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it is without the efforts of parent leadership, teacher leadership, board members and the administration all coming together," Michos said. "When you model for the students how to say 'thank you' and how to live with gratitude, it creates a special energy." PTO president Jason Smith said the assembly

and concert paid tribute to the 300 or so volunteers who have given their time to after-school events and helped raise about \$60,000 to fund assemblies, two books for each student and author visits during the school year, among other projects. The visit by the principal was, he said, icing on the day's cake.

"It was a very pleasant surprise for the students," Smith said. "It was a good chance for her to say 'thank you' and

she'll be back in September ready to go."

The assembly has become part-reunion with returning students, parents and former board members dropping by.

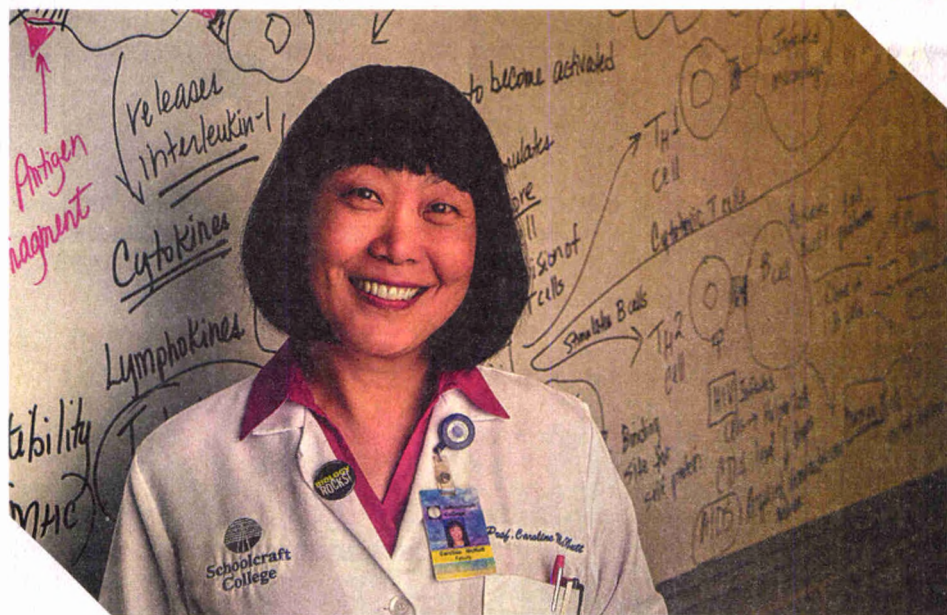
"Even parents who don't have students there any more come back to help," Michos said. "They believe in our mission. Everyone understands it and this was just another snapshot of that."

It was also, Michos noted, the perfect oppor-

tunity for her to say thank you for the overwhelming support and love she's been shown while on leave. Letters and emails, countless cards and a thousand origami paper cranes to bring good luck and health were each warmly received by the principal, as were crocheted blankets.

"To wrap up it, like a big hug. A lot of love has come my way," Michos said. "I'm very appreciative."

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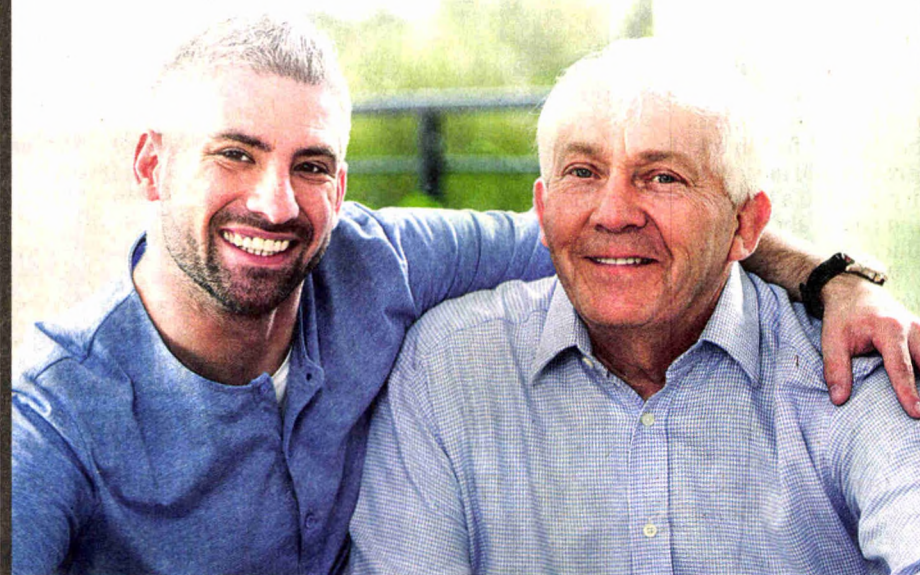
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asking MDOT if there is an opportunity to redesign this project," said council member Andrew Mutch, who was joined by council members Laura Marie Casey and Gwen Markham in voting no. "If the answer is 'no,' I'll hold my nose and vote for it, but not until we ask that question. It's not attractive, won't function well and I feel it will come back in a year or two, because everyone will say, 'That was a mistake.' Most of our projects we do a good job, but we dropped the ball on this one."



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Road near 12 Mile is cracked and pot-holed.

Markham agreed in her remarks, adding that proposed "markers" in the winter so motorists would know where the swale was would be unattractive and resemble popsicle sticks.

The city was awarded \$689,300 in Surface Transportation Program

federal grant money for the rehabilitation of Novi Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile, including the depressed median and improvements to the existing curbs and sidewalk ramps. The total project cost is \$1,722,200, of which \$1,032,900 was to be paid for by the city.

The Michigan Department of Transportation, which requires a cost participation agreement from the city, opened bids for the project June 3, expecting to award the project later this month, with construction beginning by early July.

Rob Hayes, director of public services and city engineer, said Friday he was working with staff to repackage the design of the project to appease some of the concerns, specifically addressing safety, aesthetics and environmental concerns, all in the vein of it being a cost-effective project with the grant funding available.

The city had to compete with other communi-

ties in Oakland County back in March 2013 to get the federal funding, however, and won the nearly \$700,000 for this fiscal year. Now the clock is ticking. The federal funding expires Sept. 30 and even before then, other communities that have "change orders" with additional costs on their projects could take funding meant for Novi if the city does not have work begun.

"We're trying to address the concerns council raised without having to do a complete redesign," said Hayes, who believes the proposed design is both safe and aesthetically pleasing, with bushes and other landscaping planned. "If

it is a major redesign effort, the train is going to leave the station for the federal funding; it's only available on a first-come, first-served basis. ... We'd have to reapply and we might not see that money for at least three years."

If the rehabilitation project does not take place, he added, the city would have to spend "a lot more maintenance dollars" in order to keep the road in good enough shape for vehicles to travel. Hayes rates that stretch of road as a 2 or 3 on a scale of 10, with 1 being the worst. About 13,000 vehicles per day travel Novi Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile.

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in the pipes.

Drywall is crumbling at the baseboards, mold is growing, ceiling tiles are missing. While eating lunch in a staff room a week ago, Davis watched a mouse tumble out of a vent and into a garbage can.

Physical fitness is a sporadic activity at Thirkell because the gym instructor also functions as a substitute teacher when needed. There is no longer an art class because there simply aren't enough teachers. Asked about music, Davis laughs wryly and shakes her head.

"Oh, no," she said. "I've been in only one school — in 1999 — that had music. For a minute we had a band here — we had a teacher, part time, and it was the upper students with a few old instruments from the closet somewhere. It lasted maybe half a year."

Teachers are interviewed for jobs in Detroit, but the low starting salary, less than \$40,000 per year, deters many from joining the staff. Those who venture in often don't stay. Two young teachers arrived in 2015 to the school and lasted just four months.

"It's the pay, the condition of schools and the lack of materials with which to teach," Davis said. "No one wants to be in that environment."

Someone to care

Yet that is the environment in which Davis, 53, has been for 18 years and for which she left a 14-year lucrative engineering career with General Dynamics in Connecticut.

Davis has spent all of her years as a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. She has taught first, third, sixth and seventh grades in addition to the second-graders she now instructs. Thirkell is the fourth building she has taught in. Two previous schools closed and a third turned into a charter school.

Davis moved to Michigan shortly after earning her education degree from the University of New Haven in Connecticut. Her husband, a Southfield native, accepted a job as a broadcast engineer with WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and their four children attended school in the Farmington Hills and Walled Lake districts, but Davis knew she could have a bigger impact in Detroit.

"We've always lived in pretty affluent neighborhoods and I wanted to give back to children who didn't have much," she said. "I felt like kids here needed an opportunity to have a teacher who cared about their education."

While she cares and wants what is in the best interest of the students in Detroit, she feels that state legislators and Gov. Rick Snyder do not, particularly when the district doesn't even have the textbooks needed to teach students the curriculum.

"At this point, the district is \$500 million in debt, we've had four emergency managers since I've been here and, with each one of them, we go deeper in debt,"

Davis said. "The worst thing is, instead of the government helping us fix schools, they punish the teachers and cut our pay like we are the reason our school system is the way it is."

Help wanted

There is no easy fix, but Davis believes a start would be repairing the buildings and increasing teacher salaries to not only attract, but retain, quality teachers. She notes most teachers in the district are working second jobs to pay their own financial obligations.

"Our pay and our buildings — if they fix those two things, it's most of the battle," she said. "Right now, we're functioning without materials. It's a struggle, but doable. When things are piled on top of each other, it becomes depressing. The teachers still in this district are the ones who want to be

here."

The overwhelming debt, as well as scandals in which several DPS administrators are alleged to have accepted thousands of dollars in kick-backs from a school supplies vendor, including a former Thirkell principal, has crippled the district and widened a seemingly endless chasm between the suburban haves and the urban have nots.

Davis participated in May "sick-outs" in which DPS teachers called in ill to work, protesting over projections the state would not have enough money to pay DPS teacher salaries. She said the actions technically were lock-outs because, if she had come in to teach, she would have been working for free. The teachers have since been told they will continue to receive the pay due them.

"They think teachers are some kinds of fairies, but we have mortgages

and bills to pay," she said. "If you keep cutting our paychecks, we don't have money to support our own families and we're already spending a portion of our own check to cover things in our classrooms that we don't get from the district."

Those are things like field trips — to the zoo, to a play, to the apple orchard, to science and art museums — so students can have experiences they otherwise wouldn't.

These trips also give students an opportunity to see diversity in people, another area that is lacking at Thirkell. In Davis' second-grade classroom, all of the children are black. She recounts a trip to the Detroit Zoo, where some of her students were staring at white children as if they'd never seen them before in their lives.

Equal ability

It frustrates Davis that her students are

believed to be of lower academic ability because they come from low-income homes. She never "dumbs things down" or uses a simpler vocabulary because she knows her kids are smart even as they lack the opportunities, technology, books and more of their suburban counterparts.

"My husband keeps saying, 'Apply to another district,' but if I applied for a suburban district, I would betray these kids, even though my mortgage payment is due," Davis said with a laugh. "I want these kids to have the same opportunity that the children in the suburbs have. I want them to experience going out to different places, to do a research paper on the computer."

She perks up when asked about the rewards of her career and what keeps her in Detroit. The proud teacher shares how one of her students had artwork displayed at

the Charles H. Wright Museum, while another did well in an essay contest for the NAACP. She loves when a middle school math teacher regularly pops in and asks her students questions about multiplication and they start spewing answers and she knows they've been listening or when she can see the light bulb go on in a child's face when they make a connection and gain understanding.

This day, her students were learning about money and using rulers to measure. When a visitor asked if they like reading, the class responded in unison, "Yes!" When asked if they love their teacher, the volume went up as they cheered, "YES!!" Their smiles were wide, their enthusiasm clear and their teacher's love for them is mutual.

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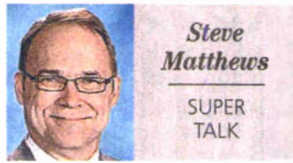
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Learning doesn't stop over summer, it just changes

By noon June 17, the school year will officially be over for students in the Novi Community School District. Most students will be happy; most parents will not.

The ironic thing for our students is that even though the school year has ended and school is out, learning will continue.

In the not too distant past, many adults viewed summer as a time when children, not engaged in the process of formal education, learned little. Riding their bike, playing with friends, sleeping over at each other's house, catching bugs, inventing new games — all of this was seen as fun, but not overly important in the grand scheme of things.



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

What we know now is that these summer activities are actually quite important in the learning process and help tremendously as children develop into young adults and responsible, capable citizens.

Learning, in the age that we live in, is no longer controlled by the school or by the teachers who work at the school. Learning, if it ever was true, is certainly no longer confined to the school house and to the school calendar. Learning happens everywhere and at almost any time. With students connected

through phones and tablets and computers, students have access to information and ideas unlike any time in our history.

Our connected students also use multi-player games and simulations to develop skills in problem-solving, collaboration and creativity. These games played on computers, hand-held devices and phones help our students develop the ability both to support each other and compete with each other.

In the summer, our students can and do explore personal interests and passions that, unfortunately, they sometimes do not get to explore in school. In doing so, our students figure out how to gather information, how to create

prototypes, how to modify and improve projects and how to experiment and iterate. These explorations could be in music or mechanics or design or construction or any number of other areas of interest.

The key is that students are given the opportunity to think about and think through how to solve problems in meaningful and interesting ways. I believe that our students use many of the skills that they have learned in school outside of school to fuel their passions.

As we look forward to the next school year, the Novi Community School District will continue to improve our ability to connect what we do in school to the ideas and interests of our students.

We understand that what goes on inside our school doors is important, but that we also need to connect school to the larger world.

In the Novi Community School District, we are continuing to explore project-based learning and how it can help our students see the "why" of learning. We have placed 3-D printers in each of our K-4 buildings and Meadows so that our students can explore and create. We are in the process of building maker spaces in our buildings. We are increasing the number of technology devices that we have in school so that students have ready access when needed to find information and publish their ideas. We already help our high school students

explore medical careers. Next year, we are building the capacity for our students to more intentionally explore careers in computer science, engineering and robotics.

Summer has finally arrived for students in our school district. What I am confident in is that learning will still continue over the summer, powered by the passion of our students, and that when our students return this fall, they will find teachers eager to engage them once again in meaningful and important lessons.

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Feed the Need grows, serves more kids at more locations

Susan Bromley
 Staff Writer

Feed the Need is growing and needs more help.

In its second year, the Novi Rotary Club's program that aims to provide lunches to area low-income children during the summer has expanded days, locations, services and the number of children to be served.

Last year, with the help of the school district, business sponsors, community organizations and individuals, about 1,700 lunches were served over the course of 11 weeks at three locations — and that was only one day a week. This year, three locations will be offering lunch every day, while two additional sites will be offering lunch once a week.

"That's a lot of kids,"



The Novi Rotary Club's Feed the Need program runs from June 20 through Sept. 2, offering free lunches to low-income children while school is out.

said Tia Marie Sanders, program coordinator. "We serve as many kids

as we can, but it's disheartening to see so many kids that are hungry and

not just for food. We really want to see the child whole in every possible way."

Toward that end, Village Oaks Elementary, the "main" location for Feed the Need, will offer tutoring for children on certain days, as well as crafts, games and other programming. Three field trips — to the library, Tollgate Farms and Paradise Park — are also planned.

Sanders said about 8 percent of the student population in Novi has "food insecurities" and is currently eligible for free or reduced lunch. The number is significant, because in order to receive government funding for Feed the Need or any other food assistance program, the district would need to have 50 percent of students eligible.

Feed the Need is

reaching out to all of these families, all over the city, with the program that runs June 20 to Sept. 2.

At Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook, hot lunches are served, but there are also bagged lunches offered five days a week at Novi Ridge Apartments, 23640 Chipmunk Trail, and Oakland Glens Homes, 41875 Carousel St.

Bagged lunches are also available each Tuesday at Country Cousins Homes, 26855 Haggerty, and for residents only of Novi Meadows Homes, 26250 Virginia Ave., each Thursday.

All lunches are served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At Village Oaks, the program extends to 1:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday, when there is tutoring, and each Wednesday for programs. Transportation is offered

from satellite locations for select programs.

Feed the Need was selected by voters to receive \$10,000 last month in the Thumbs Up for Charity program sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union.

So far, about \$30,000 has been donated to run this year's program. Besides the credit union and the Rotary Club, other sponsors include the library, Providence Park Hospital, Kroger, the National Food Group and Guernsey Farm Dairy. Individual donations and volunteers also help the program become a reality.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

No prom, graduation walk after liquor smuggling

A high school senior who attempted to smuggle liquor into prom instead found herself banished from the event, as well as graduation.

Novi Police were called at 8 p.m. June 3 to Suburban Collection Showplace for a minor in possession complaint. They met with a Plymouth-Canton Schools resource officer, who said his sergeant found a pint of Smirnoff liquor in a bag on the bus on which students arrived to prom. When he asked to whom it belonged, a girl stepped forward and stated it was hers and further advised there were two more vodka pints inside her bag.

All three pints, one watermelon and two fruit punch, were unopened. She was advised she was not allowed to return to prom and that she would not be allowed to walk at her graduation ceremony. She was booked at the Novi Police Department and issued a citation for minor in possession.

Teenage drinker

A 17-year-old male seen vomiting initially told Novi Police he had the flu, but ultimately confessed he'd been drinking for the first time.

A witness observed the teen hanging out an open Chevy door, vomiting on the ground, at about 8:24 p.m. June 3 on Florence Drive, south of Bellagio.

When police arrived, the vehicle was still running and the officer saw a puddle of vomit on the ground next to the driver's side door. He asked the driver if he was OK and the teen told the officer he was fine. He said he left a pool party on Bellagio Drive and parked on Florence to wait for his friend to pick him up. He said he had been throwing up all day due to the flu. The officer asked if he had anything to drink and he said no, adding that he is 17.

The officer could smell alcohol and a breath test showed the teen had a blood-alcohol content of 0.128 percent. A round container of chewing tobacco was also found in his front pocket.

The teen said he was sorry for lying and this was the first time he drank. He said he consumed or five bottles of Bud Light and drove down Bellagio and turned right on Florence and then drove roughly 50 feet on Florence before parking his car to wait for his friend.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and possession of tobacco by a minor.

Pooch parked at ER

A dog whose owner was admitted to the hospital had to be rescued from her van in the parking lot by police.

An officer was called at 8:09 p.m. June 2 to Providence Park Hospital after the woman left her dog in her vehicle while she was in the emergency room. Hospital security was unable to locate someone to pick up the dog and did not want to leave the woman's van running in the parking lot.

The officer picked up the dog and transported it to the Department of Public Works. Not long after, a friend of the woman agreed to take the dog, which was transported back to the hospital and turned over to her.

Marijuana

A man stopped for a burned out headlight allegedly was found to have been burning marijuana without a medical marijuana card.

A Novi Police officer stopped at driver at about 1:15 a.m. June 4 on Haggerty Road, south of Eight Mile Road, and could smell marijuana.

Asked if there was any marijuana in the vehicle, the driver said there was not and said he smoked a small amount several hours before being stopped.

While searching the vehicle, the officer found a safe behind the passenger seat that contained marijuana in medical marijuana containers and bags, marijuana seeds, a prescription drug, 17 assorted medical marijuana containers, a digital scale and roller.

The man said he had a medical marijuana car and then stated the paperwork was in the vehicle, but officers were unable to locate it. The man then said he completed the medical marijuana forms in late January or early February but had not yet received his card. He said a friend was going to mail the paperwork and take care of the final steps in order to receive the card.

He was arrested for possession of marijuana.

— By Susan Bromley

O'Reilly's event to benefit Novi Lions Club

Need a part for your car or truck? O'Reilly Auto Parts is now open in Novi.

The store, located at 43131 Grand River Avenue, will host an ongoing grand opening celebration June 15-28.

This Saturday, 3-5 p.m., patrons can stop by during Customer Appreciation Day as store manager Pat Yeary presents a \$200 check on behalf of the company to the Novi Lions Club.

"O'Reilly Auto Parts is honored to be a part of such a worthwhile organization," said a press release from the organization.

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
O'Reilly's manager Pat Yeary checks out some of his inventory June 8 at the automotive supply store at 43131 Grand River Ave. The store will have a grand opening celebration June 18-25. Yeary worked for 25 years with the building's previous tenant, Novi Auto Parts.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 28, 2016, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., at Hillside Middle School, 775 Center St., Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2016-2017 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016-2017 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2016-2017 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 501 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan.

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

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Democratic clubs celebrate at spring gala

More than 200 guests attended the seventh annual spring gala for the Democratic clubs of Northville, Plymouth, Canton and West Oakland, May 21 at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

Attendees included U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-13th District; state Rep. Christine Greig, D-37th District; state Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-21st District, state Rep. Julie Plawecki, D-11th District, state Rep. Gretchen Driskell, D-52nd District; Cathy Garrett, Wayne County clerk; and Benny Napoleon, Wayne County sheriff, as well as several elected officials from Wayne and Oakland counties and area cities, school boards and townships.

The keynote speaker was U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-12th District. Introducing her was Dana Nessel, the Plymouth attorney who spearheaded the precedent-setting case *DeBoer v. Snyder*, which challenged the bans on adoption and marriage for same-sex couples in Michigan.

Dingell spoke passionately about the needs to protect civil rights, voting rights and rebuild our infrastructure and clean our environment, including the issues of protecting clean water in Flint and all of Michigan.

Attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner and music for dancing was available later in the evening, though it seemed everyone had too much fun talking to actually start dancing.



Dr. Anil Kumar and U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell.



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U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell speaks at the recent Democratic clubs gala.

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In the wake of tragedy, bicyclists share concerns

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Dwayne Gillmore commutes 32 miles round trip for work — by bicycle.

The Berkley resident, an employee of Performance Bicycle in Novi, doesn't own a vehicle, but shares the road with many. In the wake of the horrifying tragedy in Kalamazoo in which five bicyclists were killed and four were injured last week, he is thinking again about his safety.

"I worry about getting hit all the time," said Gillmore, 44, who rides a bike equipped with a headlight and tail light and dons safety gear, including a helmet and reflective clothing. "I've had a few close calls. Typically, it's people pulling out from cross-roads that aren't looking for me or sitting at a light, texting, and folks who don't give me clearance and the lane I need. There's been numerous times I've had to run into the shoulder to prevent getting hit or being sucked into the momentum of their vehicle."

Gillmore moved here in January from Georgia, a state where he notes motorists are required to give three feet of clearance, although he admitted that isn't always observed.

Novi Police Lt. John Nelson said motorists should slow down for bicyclists, who have the same rights to the road as those driving vehicles, and as a general rule of thumb, give a bicyclist at least three feet of distance on the front, back and side.

"When you are pulling around and passing a bike, give distance," he said. "You have to be ready for a biker's possible movement to avoid potholes and they sway side to side as they ride. Give them distance for



SUSAN BROMLEY
Dwayne Gillmore speaks with Lisa Hurley about her recent purchase at Performance Bicycle in Novi. Gillmore commutes 16 miles by bike to the shop, traveling main roads. Hurley avoids biking on roads due to fear of distracted drivers.

reaction time." Nelson said car vs. bike accidents happen in the city on average once every two or three years. Fortunately, he has not been on a call to a fatality as a result of a bike-car accident in a nearly 30-year career as a police officer.

"In a way, we're lucky in Novi, because traffic is heavy and moves slower, but in the case of an accident, you would still have a 3,000-pound-plus object hitting a bike that in some cases you can lift with two fingers," he said.

Because of that concern, Christian Mooradian, 42, was at Lakeshore Park in Novi to ride his bike one recent sunny afternoon. He drives to the park from his home in Allen Park with his bike mounted on the back of his vehicle two or three times a week when it's not rain-

ing so he can ride the trails. He has rode in the Tour De Troit, but otherwise avoids the roads.

"Trails are more fun; I'd rather dodge trees and deer than cars," said the Spirit Airlines pilot, adding that he can't trust other drivers to use their turn signals, let alone not hit him. "It's bad enough dealing with other drivers when I'm in a vehicle."

Back in the '90s, Lisa Hurley, 45, biked main roads in Ann Arbor with her uncle and brother and never felt threatened. Motorists slowed down, were courteous and left "a good distance." She never had any near misses. She stopped bicycling when she had kids and later took up running.

On Friday, the Novi resident stopped in to Performance Bicycle to pick up her new bike, getting into the hobby

again after a long hiatus out of a desire to cross train for the Chicago Marathon she will run this fall. But she plans to ride the new bike only on trails this time around.

"I will not bike the roads; too many people text and drive, they don't pay attention," she said. "I know a lot of people who have been hit or nicked by a car. People get annoyed with bikers. They don't want to share the road and they get upset bikers are on the

road. As a motorist, I slow way down for bikers. They have the right to the road, too."

Gillmore has no plans to change his route to work, which takes him straight up 12 Mile Road to Meadowbrook Road, then to 11 Mile Road, before he turns into the shopping center, which is located on Crescent Boulevard. His commute takes an hour to an hour and 15 minutes one way, depending on which way the wind blows.

He has had drivers yell at him, lay on their horn and he's even crashed after slamming on his brakes when he wasn't given the right of way on the sidewalk.

"I just want motorists to be aware of their surroundings and look out for the other guy," Gillmore said. "Slow down and you'll still get where you're going."

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Barritt honored as outgoing foundation chief

The Northville Board of Education recently recognized and thanked Eric Barritt for his dedication to the students of Northville and his nine years of leading the Northville Educational Foundation as its president.

Barritt began volunteering for NEF as a board director in 2006 because he believes a strong school district is a tremendous asset to the community. He lives in Northville with his wife Erin and daughters Layney and Lexi, who both attend Northville Public Schools.

His fellow board members quickly noticed that Barritt brought with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in fundraising and nonprofit management. In October 2007, he was elected president.

In his professional life, Barritt has raised funds for organizations such as the Detroit Medical Center, U-M, Oakwood Healthcare System and Oakland University. He now serves as associate vice president and chief development officer for University of Michigan Health System. Many of the major donations to the foundation can be attributed to Barritt's extensive experience, along with a little bit of luck and good timing.

"Eric stepped up to lead the foundation during a time when the school district literally had the rug pulled out from underneath us from a school funding perspective," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "The district was holding 'Managing Our Future' community forums, which led to over \$10 million in cost saving actions that in-



Eric Barritt is congratulated by Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher and school board member Cyndy Jankowski.

cluded sacrifices on the part of our teachers, staff, parents and families.

"We would not have been able to add programming to uphold Northville's longstanding tradition of excellence during a time of such significant reductions without Northville Educational Foundation's commitment to attract, manage and distribute charitable gifts to provide educational opportunities that enhance Northville Public Schools' commitment to educational excellence."

During his tenure as president, along with support from a strong NEF Board of Directors, staff and the Northville Public Schools district, Barritt grew the foundation's average annual revenue to 19 times the average prior to his appointment.

In addition, since 2007, NEF has granted more than \$2.3 million to Northville Public Schools to support some of the

districts' most noteworthy programs and projects that advance a culture of learning and leadership (The Leader In Me and International Baccalaureate); re-imagining curriculum and instruction (Northville STEAM Fair, Innovative Teacher Grants and The Village Workshop partnership); provide excellence in athletics and the arts; and assist with needed facility improvements (renovations to Tom Holzer Ford Field and Cooke School playground, library and vocational kitchen).

Although Barritt is stepping down as president at the end of June, he will continue to serve on its board. Mark Knoth, who has been serving as NEF's secretary, was recently elected to serve as its president beginning July 1.

For more information about Northville Educational Foundation, go to www.NorthvilleEducationalFoundation.org or call 248-344-3503.

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CycleBar coming to Northville

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The CycleBar will open in August on Haggerty in Northville.

indoor cycling workout that will blow the mind of both new and experienced riders."

CycleBar will provide luxury amenities, including free cycling shoes that clip in to the bike pedals, aromatherapy, water bottles, fresh towels,

digital lockers, healthy snacks and more. All amenities are included in the contract-free, no membership program. As part of the grand opening this August, CycleBar Northville is giving away 5,000 free indoor cycling rides to the public.

Barn sale to stop landfill expansion set for June 16-18

The group Stop Arbor Hills Landfill Expansion will host a barn sale from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 16-17, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at Thayer's Corner Nature Preserve Barn, 8250 Napier Road, just north of Six Mile. Fill a bag discounts apply after 11 a.m. Saturday.

The group is composed of Salem and Northville Township residents who want to stop the landfill from expanding to the 240-acre site north of Six Mile across from its current location.

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"Daunis' work can be minimal to extraordinarily complex, yet it can be personalized at the same time," said Orin Mazzoni Jr., president of Orin Jewelers.

"I've been creating jewelry for over 25 years and I just love the design challenge of taking a client's older, no longer worn pieces and creating something special that she will cherish for a very, very long time," Daunis said.

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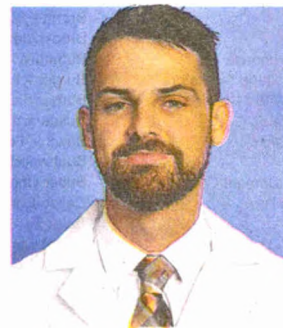
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AUSSICKER



RALPH GORDON 83, of Kalkaska, passed away Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Cherry Hill Haven of Kalkaska. Ralph was born in Detroit to the late Arthur and Bertha (Young) Aussicker on February 6, 1933. Ralph served in the U.S. Air Force, and during this time he married Lavonne (Flath) on October 10, 1953. Ralph worked as a Technical Illustrator for Diamond Automation for many years and in his spare time enjoyed designing and working on projects at home, church or anywhere he might be needed. He also had a love for music and enjoyed singing. Ralph had a deep, lifelong faith that he carried with him always. He dearly loved his family and is survived by his son David (Darcy) Aussicker of Holly, MI and daughter Brenda (Steve) Storey of Highland, MI, grandchildren: Kirsten, Krista, Jon, Aaron, Russell, and Eric; great-grandchildren Andrew, Curtis, Morgandy, and Kailani; and his sister Gloria Trevanna of Butte, Montana. He was preceded in death by his wife Lavonne Aussicker in April 2016, his parents, infant daughter Susan Elizabeth, and brother Richard Aussicker. Visitation took place at the Kalkaska Funeral Home 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, on Monday, June 13th from 2-8 p.m. The Funeral Service was at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15th at Grace Church, 220 Bogie Lake Rd., White Lake, MI. Ralph will be laid to rest alongside his wife Lavonne at Highland Township Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

BETZLER

LARRY B. Age 69, died June 5, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. Larry was born January 19, 1947 in Detroit, the son of Roy, Sr. and Edna (Gable) Betzler. He was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam era and retired in 2009 from St. Jude Medical Company as a Regional Sales Manager. Larry is survived by his wife, Colleen Kilpatrick; 2 daughters: Bri (Mike) Ryan and Bethany Betzler (Kumar Raj); 2 grandchildren: Avery and Braden; brothers: Roy Jr. (Rose) Betzler and Dennis "Bucky" (Jo) Betzler; sisters-in-law: Betty and Julie Betzler; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers: his twin, Gary, Ralph and Thomas. Larry wanted a Colorful Celebration of Life, so wearing colorful attire, friends and family visited last Thursday while sharing food and drinks at the Epic Life Church in White Lake. Colorful Celebration Services were held on Friday at the church. Cremation followed the services. Please visit Larry's personal web page at www.lifestorynet.com, where you can archive a favorite memory or photo of him and sign his online guestbook. Memorial contributions may be made to Beagle Open, Covenant House of Michigan, Epic Life Church, Mercy Corps or Salvation Army. Arrangements by Life Story Funeral Homes, Betzler - Kalamazoo (800) 822-7594.

CARTER

STEVEN C. June 7, 2016 Age 64 of Northville. Beloved husband of Kathy. Loving father of Sara (Jeff) Bridges, Zachary (Cara) and Tyler. Cherished grandfather of Brooke Bridges. Dear son of Ruth (the late Charles, Jr.) Carter. A memorial visitation was held June 13th at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, Northville - (248)348-1233. Memorial contributions may be made to COTS, 26 Peterboro St., Detroit, MI 48301. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

HASKETT

NANCY May 17, 1948 - May 26, 2016. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

HOCK



VERA MAE 79, of Kingston, died following her second battle with lung cancer Friday, June 10, 2016 in United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center, Marlette. She was born September 13, 1936 in Montrose, Kansas the second of three daughters born to Clarence Thomas and Velma May (McDaniel) Stevenson. Vera moved with her family from Kansas to South Lyon when she was two years old. She graduated from South Lyon High School in 1954. Vera has always worked as a waitress, bartender or hostess at various locations including Mazures Corral in Mt. Clemens, Wolverine Golf Course in Sterling Heights, Romeo Country Club and Golf Course in Romeo, Bello Woods Golf Course in Macomb, McGuires Golf Course in Cadillac, Cadillac Country Club in Cadillac, Northwood Inn in Cadillac, Apple Orchard Inn in Romeo and Beagios Restaurant in Kingston. Vera loved to shop, she loved to eat out, she loved to go. She was a kind hearted, giving woman. She always wanted to do for others. Vera enjoyed many different crafts over the years. She was a wonderful cook and became known as the cheesecake lady because of the over 40 different flavor cheesecakes she made. Vera is survived by her daughters, Debra (James) Kranz of Cass City, Wendy Haley of Cleveland, Tennessee, and Lisa Nelson of Cadillac; grandchildren, Angela (Stuart) Ridpath, Adam Kranz, Lydia Haley, Audrey Haley, Melissa Haley, Kathryn Haley, and Brandon (Veronica) Nelson; great-grandchildren, Grace, Jack, Owen, Haidyn, and Scarlet; sisters, Mary Ann Gaffka of South Lyon, Ellen Joyce (Charles) Maltese of Woodland, California; many nephews, nieces, and their families. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother-in-law, Anthony Gaffka. Funeral service held 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2016 in Kranz Funeral Home Cass City with Brad Speirs of Novesta Church of Christ officiating. Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City. Memorials may be made to Kingston Fire and Rescue or United Hospice of Marlette. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Visitation 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 2016 in Kranz Funeral Home - Cass City. Arrangements by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, Michigan, Debra L. Kranz, 989-872-2195.

MATTSON



GORDON "GORDY" HENRY, JR. Passed away suddenly on June 8, 2016 at the age of 55. In addition to Karen, his beloved wife of 28 years, Gordy is survived by his son, Connor Henry; parents, Gordon "Hank" and Carole Mattson; siblings, Cheryl (Dan) Dirmeyer and Jillian (Dennis) Peck; brothers, and sisters-in-law, Eric (Shelley) Gustafson, Julie (Rowan Davis) Painter, and Margo (Dan) Hellem; as well as many aunts and uncles, beloved nieces and nephews, along with extended family and friends. Preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Fred and Laurie Gustafson. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Thursday, June 16 at 11 a.m. Mr. Scott Armstrong to officiate. Following Thursday's Memorial Service friends and family are all welcome to gather at 59 West for a luncheon prepared in Gordy's memory. Donations can be directed to Milford High School Athletics in memory of "Sweet" Gordy Mattson. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645.

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ROSSITER



AGNES LOUISE passed away June 12, 2016 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Loving mother of MaryCarol (Mark) Hunter, Susan (Evan) Gerish, Charles E. Rossiter, Jr., Mark (Lisa) Rossiter, Julie (David) Nanna, and Alison (David) Domzalski. Cherished grandmother of Kelly (Michael) Chabala, Hilary Rossiter, Michael Rossiter, Cory (Cory) Doiron, Colleen (Kellen) Miglio, Brooke (Joshua) Kenny, Rachel Domzalski, and Alexis Domzalski. Great-grandmother of Gabrielle, Emma, and Charlie. Sister of Richard (Joanne) Johnson, Alice (Gregory) Zang, and Stella (the late Don) Duffy. Agnes is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, June 16 from 4-8pm with prayer service at 6:30pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Funeral Mass Friday, June 17 at 10am (in state at 9:30am) at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church 133 Orchard Drive in Northville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Ave Maria Radio, 990 AM. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

SWIENCKOWSKI



CAROL LEE Age 73, of Haverford, Pennsylvania and Northville, Michigan died on Wednesday, June 8th, 2016. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Dr. John J. Swienkowski; son Scott Swienkowski and his wife, Cindy of Lee's Summit, Missouri; daughter Suzanne (Swienkowski) Smith and her husband, Justin, of Wynnewood, PA, and grandchildren Annellee and Holden. A graduate of North East Missouri State Teacher's College in Nursing, she practiced nursing until leaving the profession to transition into a full time mother and homemaker. She also was an active member of the Northville Jaycettes and later was part owner and proprietor of the Art Gallery, Inc. in Plymouth, MI. During her life, Carol immersed herself in the lives of her children being team manager for Scott's hockey and baseball teams and Suzanne's soccer and horseback riding-including a memorable stint driving horses in the show ring. Following the birth of her grandchildren, Carol continued to attend and support all of their sporting events and extra-curricular activities. She derived her greatest pleasure from her grandchildren often telling them that she "loved them to the moon and back." Along with her husband John, the love of her life, she traveled extensively and visited 36 countries around the world. Adored by her family and friends, she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date to allow family and friends to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations to the National Emphysema Foundation or COPD Foundation in her memory are welcome.

TALASKI

DORIS MARIE Of Milford, passed away in the loving care of her family on June 9, 2016 at the age of 81. In addition to Carl, her beloved husband of 59 years, Doris is survived by her children, Laura (Steve) Sikkenga, Douglas (Terry) Talaski, Lynn Allan, Nancy (James) Webb, and Diane (Gary) DeAngelis; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; siblings Kenneth Holz, Carol Bowron, Robert Holz, Susan Czewski, John Holz, and Kathy Karg; as well as extended family and friends. Mass of the Resurrection was held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, Milford on June 13. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials encouraged to American Heart Association. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645, or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

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LOIS May 21, 1945 - May 25, 2016. www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



Nearly 100 residents enjoyed free classes facilitated by the Fox Run Fitness staff.

Fox Run showcases health, wellness programs at expo

Fox Run held its annual Senior Health and Fitness Expo, a day-long event that showcased the many health and wellness programs available at the retirement community. The expo was sponsored by the Falls Intervention Team. Presenters June 1

included the Ancillary Health Departments of Fox Run, the Fitness Department and the Fox Run Medical Center. Other presenters were the Novi Library, the American Diabetes Association, the Wayne State SOAR Program and the American Heart Associa-

tion. Dentists, audiologists, dietitians and massage therapists also presented.

Nearly 100 residents enjoyed free classes facilitated by the fitness staff. They received balance screens, massages, healthy snacks and free giveaways.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library will be closed on each Sunday during the summer.

Summer Reading Programs for All Ages

Time/Date: Friday, June 17 through Aug. 13
Details: Kids, teens and adults! Register in person to receive reading/activity guides and reading logs. Read and earn prizes. Enter to win prize drawings. Parents, read to your little ones and help your students maintain reading skills over the summer. Details for all programs can be found at northvillelibrary.org > Summer Reading.

One-on-One Tech Help

Time/Date: 5 or 6 p.m. Wednesday at 1 or 2 p.m. Thursday
Details: Get a free, one-hour session with our tech librarian for your computer and device questions. Register online at northvillelibrary.org, by phone at 248-349-3020 or in person.

Folk Concert with Andy and Judy Daigle

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, June 20
Details: Lively performance of many different genres of folk music from "old-timey" traditional songs through folk music stalwarts such as John Prine and Bob Dylan. Register online at www.northvillelibrary.org or by phone at 248-349-3020.

Juggler Crazy Craig!

Time/Date: 2-2:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 21
Details: Wildly entertaining juggling show! 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk 10 minutes prior to program. Due to space limitations, no special groups please.

Drop-in Craft: Fabulous Foam Visors

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 23
Details: Children of all ages drop in to decorate a visor. No ticket required. Due to space limitations, no special groups please.

Mario Kart Tournament for Teens

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 25
Details: Teens entering sixth grade through spring '16 high school graduates, compete for prizes in our Mario Kart Tournament. Free play/check-in at 11:30 a.m.; tournament begins at noon. Must check in by 11:50 a.m. to compete. Register.

Foreign Film: 'Valentin'

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 27
Details: Join us for a Spanish film about a precocious 8-year-old who tries to solve all the problems in his family and the world around him. English subtitles. 83 minutes. Drop in.

Time for a De-Clutter

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 28
Details: Organizing projects can feel overwhelming. Fun presentation by Soo Porter with tips on how to reach your organizing goals. Register.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Buildings open to the public: 1-4 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 16. One exception: No open hours June 26 due to festival at Ford Field.
Grounds closed for weddings: 1:15-3:15 p.m. and 4:15-6:15 p.m. June 17

and noon to 7 p.m. June 18.

4th of July activities: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us for activities and building tours after the parade! Demonstrations by the Civil War Shooters Association.

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org
Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with

school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

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

Donations: Accepted only 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org.

Hospital honors teen volunteers

Providence Park Hospital, Novi campus, recognized 13 teen volunteers May 16 with a celebration hosted by the Providence Park League at the hospital.

In addition to the financial awards given, competitive scholarships were awarded to six of the high school seniors who had worked more than 100 hours in this past year. This rich tradition was started in 2009 by the league.



Teen volunteers include (front, from left) Jade Foster, Aaron Edillo, Kiersten George, Kaori Ishil, Mike Manning and Blair Cha and (back, from left) Larissa Dean, Sarosh Irani, Maino Nakane, Reina Okada, Amanda Csiccia, Maheen Irani and Raisa Zahir.

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ART HOUSE HAPPENINGS

The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady Street in historic downtown Northville and is celebrating 11 years of providing art enrichment and education to the community through classes, art shows and public art. Online registration is now available for summer classes and workshops for artists, children, teens and adults at www.northvillearthhouse.org. Register early as classes fill quickly. Art House hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through

Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-9 p.m. First Fridays. Call 248-344-0497.

Upcoming events

The annual Arts and Acts Festival returns this weekend, June 17-19, in historic downtown Northville. This Festival includes the 28th annual juried fine art show, Art in the Sun, featuring over 70 talented artists; the Sandbox Play Festival produced by Tipping Point Theater; the Short on Words

Literary Contest; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians; children's activities; the annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and a large variety of food and drink. Art, music, theatre, and food all in one weekend in downtown Northville!

Currently on exhibit until June 25 is "Head to Head: Three Artists Interpret the Portrait Model". Janet Kondziela, Nina Ashraf Asmi and Mary Step are award winning, metro Detroit area artists who meet weekly to paint the hu-

man form. This exhibition showcases their diverse artistic styles as they capture portraits of their subjects. Admission to this exhibit is free and open to the public during regular Art House hours.

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OUR VIEW

Boating safety advice bears repeating

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is a big fan of boating safety courses.

"Anyone and everyone can benefit from a boater class. It's a good thing for virtually anybody," Bouchard said in a county podcast.

He noted some 63 percent of drownings occur with someone who didn't intend to be in the water, such as falling overboard. "Having a personal flotation device under the seat is not going to save your life," Bouchard said, as you may be unconscious or in a large lake where your voice won't be heard on shore.

"If you're drowning, that's literally suffocating in the water. You may not be able to summon help," he said.

Bouchard used the analogy of law enforcement personnel who retrain on a firing range. Boaters, too, need safety courses to keep their skills and knowledge current. And with so many lakes in west Oakland County, as well as all popular weekend trips to northern Michigan, a lot of local residents spend time on the water.

The sheriff also reminds boaters to avoid alcohol, which impairs judgment just as it does for motorists. Use of a personal watercraft requires wearing a personal flotation device; he noted laws for boats and a personal flotation device vary by age, with the classes offering detail.

Children younger than the age of 6 must wear a Type I or Type II personal flotation device while on the open deck of a vessel.

"We hope people have a great, great summer," said Bouchard, who also encourages a boat safety inspection including the engine, belts and other parts. "Have



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Remembering a few safety tips will make for a better time on the water for all.

a fun day in the sun and everybody come home."

Information on Oakland County boating safety courses is online at www.oakgov.com. Bouchard also has other safety advice on varied topics at www.oaklandsheriff.com. The Wayne County Sheriff's Office also lists boating safety course information at sheriffconnect.com.

Other advice to heed this summer on lakes includes:

- » Be weather wise, checking the forecast before you head out on the water.
- » Bring extra gear you may need.
- » Tell someone where you're going, who is with you and how long you'll be away.
- » Ventilate after fueling. Check for fuel smells.

» Check bilge for gas or oil. Correct all flammable liquid problems before starting your engine or operating electrical devices.

» Fire extinguishers are required when carrying fuel or flammable liquids on board. They must be U.S. Coast Guard-approved and fully charged. Check the gauge or use of small test button to check the pressure.

» Stay dry and warm.

» Anchor from bow, not stern

» Be ready for trouble when a powerboat passes you in a narrow channel.

» When changing seats, stay low and near center line of a small boat.

» Always carry distress signals on board your boat.

» Consider carrying "tools" you may need, such as a cellphone and flashlight, as well as having a first aid kit on board.

» Where required by law, ensure that the operator has a state of Michigan Boater Safety Certificate on board.

» Be sure to have enough fuel to provide a reasonable margin for safe return.

» Visual distress signals are required on federal waters. Have accessible flares and day signals stored in a dry location.

» Lights are required between the hours of sunset and sunrise (red and green navigation lights, with white stern and/or anchor light).

» Have a horn or portable device, like a whistle or air horn, capable of producing a four-second blast that can be heard for at least a half-mile.

Bill would hinder ability of county road agencies to do needed work

While Michigan road agencies have yet to see any new revenue from the road-funding package enacted late in 2015 by the state Legislature, there are already forces

at work in the Legislature that seem to want to use some of those funds to subsidize the telecommunications industry.

One such effort is Senate Bill 399. This bill would further hamper



Dennis Kolar

GUEST COLUMNIST

road agencies' ability to maintain the roads.

The bill seeks to amend state road laws to significantly reduce county road agencies' ability to charge adequate fees and collect adequate bonds from telecommunications companies that wish to install their service lines and other hardware in road rights of way.

In effect, this bill would force county road agencies, including the Road Commission for Oakland County, to subsidize the telecommunications industry with Michigan road funds. We oppose this bill for several reasons, which were spelled out by the leaders of the County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Townships Association and the Michigan Association of Counties.

As legal guardians of the road rights of way, county road agencies must ensure work performed in the rights of way is done safely, does not damage the road infrastructure or sidewalks, driveways and other utility infrastruc-

ture and meets engineering and road-agency standards, along with all other applicable local, state and federal requirements — all of which takes significant staff time.

County road agencies do not profit by issuing permits, but simply cover the costs of issuing those permits, inspecting the site and work and performing related tasks. When the project is completed, funds are reconciled with the permit holder.

Senate Bill 399 would limit the fee to \$300 per permit or \$1,000 per project. Such a one-size-fits-all fee does not account for the type of work planned, nor does it consider the risks a project

may pose. The bill supplants engineering-based right of way management with a "cookie-cutter" approach that puts public resources and workers at risk.

Senate Bill 399 also would limit a performance bond to \$20,000, regardless of potential risk and damage beyond that amount and requires that bonds be returned within 60 days after a project is complete.

This bill is a move in the wrong direction for Michigan and we strongly oppose it. I urge our legislators to do the same.

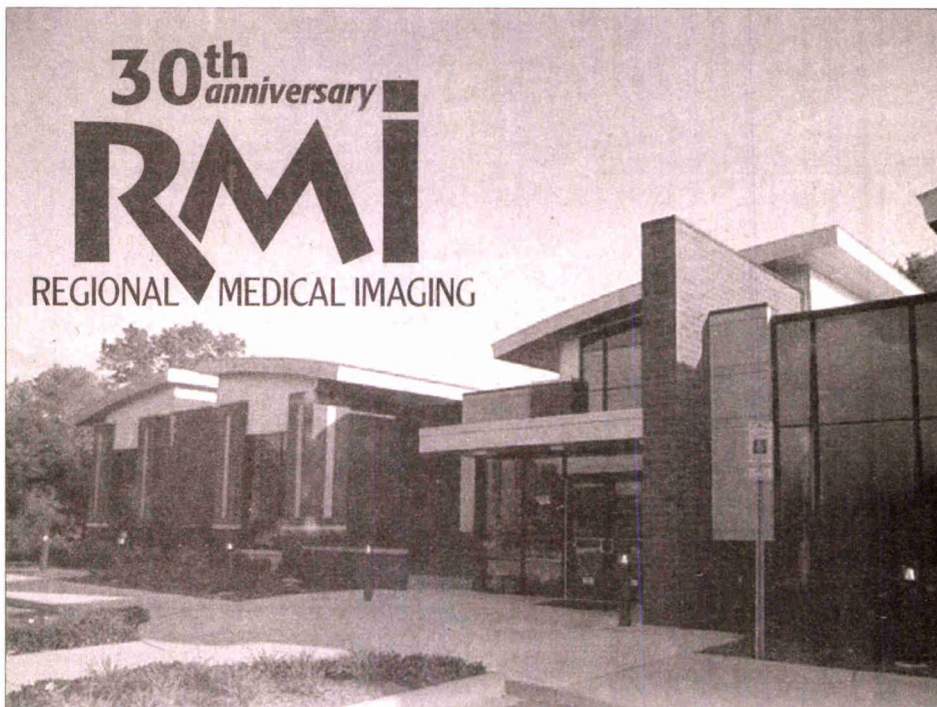
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner of 523 W. Dunlap St., Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant is seeking a variance to erect a new eight (8) foot tall fence along the rear property line on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-002-02-0406-000. The City's Building Official has determined that a height variance of 1.5 feet is needed from Section 18.09 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of an eight (8) foot tall fence along the rear property line.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday July 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

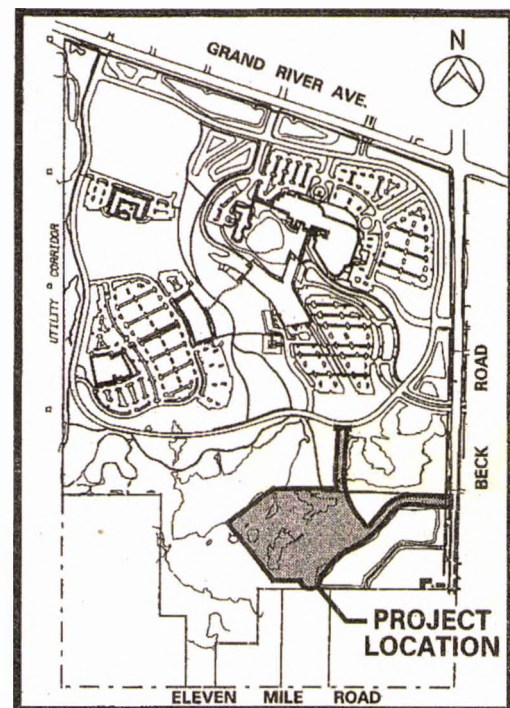
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ROSE SENIOR LIVING AT PROVIDENCE SITE PLAN NUMBER 13-81, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF BECK ROAD NORTH OF ELEVEN MILE ROAD FOR REVISED CONCEPT PLAN APPROVAL AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL.** The applicant is proposing to add a seven-bay garage building to the west side of the development which consists of 182 unit senior living facility with both congregate care and assisted living accommodations. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic 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 22, 2016.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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ENGAGEMENT



Lindsey Jean Cook and Kyle Dean Reinford

Cook-Reinford

Lindsey Jean Cook and Kyle Dean Reinford are excited to announce they will marry Friday.

Cook, originally from Novi, is a 2001 graduate of Novi High School and 2005 graduate of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. She worked in the music industry for 10-plus years, doing A&R for record labels. She now works as a holistic health coach.

Reinford, originally from Goshen, Ind., grad-

uated in 2006 from Goshen College. He works as a professional photographer in the music industry.

Cook is the daughter of Cherie LaLonde of Novi and Bill Cook and Tracy Cook of San Francisco, Calif. She is sister to Ryan and Collin Cook.

Reinford is the son of Lorraine and Glenn Reinford of Goshen, Ind.

The couple met in Brooklyn, N.Y., and now reside in Nashville, Tenn. They plan to honeymoon in Turkey and Croatia.

Fox Run recognizes staff for efforts

Fox Run retirement community has named its 2016 WOW Award recipients. The annual WOW Awards honor outstanding staff and department work performance.

This is Fox Run's version of the Academy Awards and is marked by a luncheon with entertainment and a recognition ceremony.

» **Antoinette Davenport, assisted living care associate - "Best of the Best"**

Davenport lives out the Erickson Way Values and consistently raises the bar for creating exceptional resident experiences. She displays compassion, empathy, friendliness and a strong work ethic while providing person centered service to residents, families and co-workers. Her genuine approach and positive attitude sets the tone for



Fox Run executive director Michael McCormick is with Maria Munteanu (left) and Antoinette Davenport following WOW Awards luncheon.

those around her. Her attention to detail provides proactive solutions to resident health concerns.

A resident recently said, "My day is always brighter when she is here, she cares about me as a person." A family member said, "Sometimes I think she knows my mother better than I do!" Davenport is a dedicated and talented employee and a ray of light to those she serves and works with each day.

» **Maria Munteanu, home support aide - "Erickson Living Values"**

Munteanu lives out the Erickson Living Values of respect and caring, friendliness and enthusiasm, teamwork, integrity, responsibility, excellence and diversity at Fox Run. Munteanu was the first employee in Fox Run's Home Health Agency 12 years ago. Munteanu is a team player and is always thinking of co-workers and other departments. She routinely goes the extra mile to help her customers and does whatever it takes.

Munteanu always demonstrates a caring, positive attitude and volunteers for the most challenging tasks. She gives out hugs wherever

she goes to residents and co-workers. Munteanu comes to work with a smile on her face and is always ready to help others.

» **Mike Bootz, executive chef - "Manager of the Year"**

Bootz started as a cook with Fox Run in 2004 and now guides the culinary experience at the Signatures Restaurant, as well as the Pub and catering. Bootz has a unique culinary flare and is always looking for new ways to WOW his residents with interesting dishes.

The resident satisfaction results in the Signatures Restaurant are some of the highest in the Erickson enterprise. Bootz loves to teach and leads a dedicated and high performing team toward greater success. Residents frequently comment on Bootz's caring spirit, customer focus and love of food.

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 - » Whatever it Takes - Home Support
 - » Best in Class - Erickson Advantage
 - » Sky's the Limit - Fireside & Signatures
 - » Make it Happen - Midnight Nursing
 - » Raise the Bar - Jockey Pub
 - » WOW Award - Rose Court Chorus
- Fox Run, which has 1,200 residents, is managed by Erickson Living.

Messy victory



CURTIS DROGMILLER

Heather Gregory of Novi was one of three winners in the pie eating contest at the Wixom Founders Day festival last month.

BIRTH

Ava Katherine Sowers

Ava Katherine Sowers was born April 20, 2016, at Novi Providence Park Hospital.

Proud parents are Jason and Erica Sowers, and big brother Liam of Novi.

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ENGAGEMENT

Scott-Langston

Katie Scott and Hunter Langston announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Jim and Angela Scott of Northville, graduated in 2005 from Northville High School and in 2009 from Grand Valley State University. She is employed by the American Heart Association.

Her fiancé, son of Linda Marino of Northville and the late David Langston, graduated in 1999 from Northville High School and in 2005 from Grand Valley State University. He is owner and president of Hunter Langston Designs, a graphic design firm.

A September 2016 wedding is planned.



Katie Scott and Hunter Langston

REUNIONS

CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Kickers Allstar Bar & Grill, in Canton. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/Crestwood76>.

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1966

50-year reunion planned for Sept. 10 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information, go to cody-class1966@groups.facebook.com or call Joe Evans at 313-421-5448 or Barbara (Doherty) Kalinski at 734-320-6545.

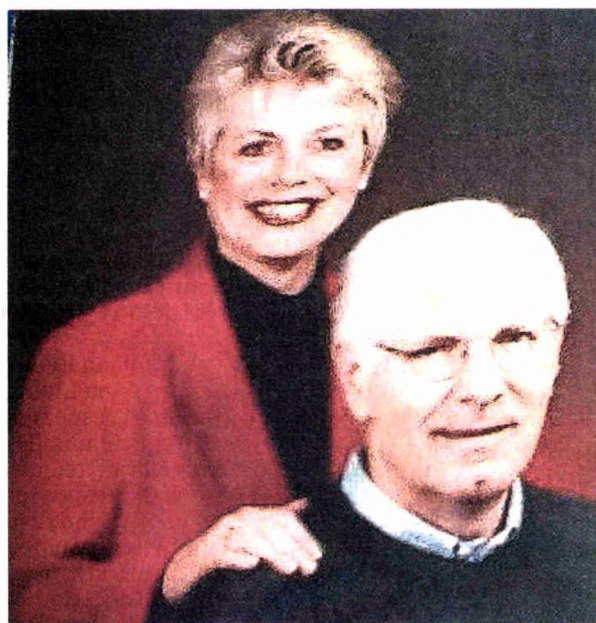
FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1981

The 35-year reunion is set for Saturday, July 16, at the Holiday Inn in Farmington. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Jeri Martin Stam at 734-895-9026 or go to Farmington High class of '81 on Facebook.

GARDEN CITY HIGH EAST AND WEST CLASS OF 1966

The 50th reunion will be held Sept. 10. Find more event information on the G.C.H.S. class of 1966 East & West Facebook page.

ANNIVERSARY



Nancy and Jack Trainor of Northville

Trainors

Jack and Nancy Trainor of Northville will mark their 50th wedding anniversary June 25.

They were married in 1966 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

The Trainors are the proud parents of two sons, Christopher (Shelley) of Novi and Daniel (Claudia) of Chicago, Ill.

They have five grandchildren: Jack, Jeffrey, Lauren, Alexis and Ryan.

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Try a berry vinegar, free burgers at anniversary events

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

McClary Bros. Drinking Vinegars will release a new flavor this month, just in time for saskatoon berry season.

Michigan Saskatoon, the second in the Farmington-based company's "Forgotten Flavors" line of drinking vinegars, will debut at the company's tasting room during a special event marking the company's third anniversary.

What's a saskatoon berry?
"It's like a rich blueberry with a hint of apple," said Jess Sanchez McClary, business owner. "It's like blueberry to the extreme. It has more (nutritional benefits) in it than blueberry has, including antioxidants. From a growing standpoint it's more like apple."

McClary bought berries for the new flavor from a farmer in Northport, on the Leelenau Peninsula. The company makes vinegars that can be added to cocktails and non-alcoholic beverages, are mixed into marinades and dressings and are used in cooking. The Forgotten Flavors line features unusual, hard to grow or uncommon fruit. Its first flavor, paw paw, was released last fall and sold out fast.

"Saskatoon is a cold weather berry. It's more common in Canada than in the U.S.," McClary said. "It came across my radar from our label company in Grand Rapids. Someone in their organization was part of a saskatoon berry growing organization."

Michigan growers cultivate saskatoon berries in the northern half of state and in the Upper Peninsula. According to the Saskatoon Berry Institute of North America, the berries ripen in late June, have a sweet,

almond flavor and are high in fiber, protein and antioxidants.

McClary's Michigan Saskatoon drinking vinegar costs \$22 a bottle and is available from the tasting room, 32621 Grand River Ave., online and at stores. Meijer sells several McClary flavors in its mixer and vinegar aisles. Taste it during the third anniversary celebration, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the tasting room. A portion of Michigan Saskatoon sales will benefit FoodLab Detroit, an organization that helps food business startups grow.

"FoodLab has been so supportive and so helpful," McClary said. "Our story is not just ours alone. We want to showcase how wide the (FoodLab) network is and how important it is."

Other FoodLab members, Simple Supple Foods, Motor City Popcorn, the Detroit Pop Shop, Norma G.'s Food Truck, Beau Bien Fine Foods, Scotty O'Hotty Sauces, Neu Kombucha and Living 4 Life Wellness, will be on hand to give out samples, demonstrate and sell their products. The Gabriel Brass Band will perform and children's activities will include face painting, balloon animals and crafts.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," McClary said.

Burgers and more

Northville — Keith Bernek, Canton resident and franchisee for BurgerFi, 18801 Traditions Drive, near Seven Mile and Haggerty, will celebrate the restaurant's one-year anniversary with giveaways Friday through Sunday, June 17-19.

Customers can get a free order of fries with burger purchase starting at 11 a.m. Friday. The Bud Light Team will be



Jess Sanchez McClary will launch a new drinking vinegar flavor — saskatoon berry — during her company's third anniversary celebration.

on hand 7-8 p.m. with beer samples for adults, 21 and over, and free swag.

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vorite burger," Bernek said.

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The free event will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will include music by John Rush and Once United, smoothies by Crushed and food from Chive Kitchen in Farmington and Shimmy Shack in South Lyon. Ben & Jerry's will serve non-dairy ice creams and other food vendors will have sweets, Indian cuisine, dairy-free cheese, juices and more.

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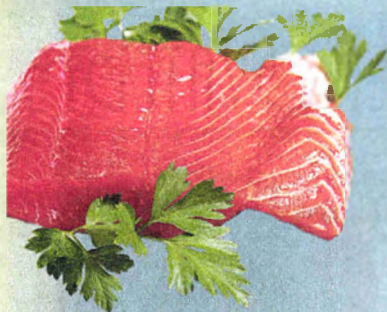


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BOYS GOLF



JIMMY DEWLING

Novi Detroit Catholic Central earned its second straight MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state title at Grand Valley State's The Meadows.

SHAMROCKS REPEAT AS STATE CHAMPIONS

Catholic Central holds off Grosse Pointe South for crown

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central took a page out of a John Wayne movie Saturday to earn its second straight MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state championship.

After winning last year's crown by a record 31 strokes, the Shamrocks showed "True Grit" by holding off a stiff challenge from Grosse Pointe South with an eight-stroke victory at Grand Valley State's challenging The Meadows.

CC's two-day total was 299-298—597, while South finished 302-303—605. Grand Blanc (617), Warren DeLaSalle (300) and Midland (620) rounded out the top five. Northville was 12th with 313-337—650.

It was the Shamrocks' fourth golf state title in school history.

In Friday's opening round, CC led Warren DeLaSalle by only one shot

for the lead, 299-300, while eight other teams were within 11 strokes.

"The team was not happy with the results on the first day," CC assistant coach Jimmy Dewling said. "I think they all knew they could improve but, at the same time, I think they understood what the conditions were and nobody hit the panic button last night. Nobody got too stressed out about where we finished or what they shot. I think everybody knew they had to take care of business today."

Juniors James Piot and Ben Smith both paced CC with a two-day total of 148 to tie for fifth overall.

Piot led CC Friday with an opening-round 71 and carded 77 Saturday.

"All the way through, our guys are just tough," Dewling said. "They never get too far ahead of themselves. James is a great player, verbally committed to Michigan State. His short game, he pitches the ball really well. In the tough conditions,

he was able to kind of make something out of a round that wasn't too much out there besides Andrew Walker's 68."

Meanwhile, Smith, the team's top scorer all season long, bounced back from an uncharacteristic 78 Friday to lead CC with a second-round 70, the low score Saturday.

"All of our players understand that every day depends on the next," Dewling said. "It just goes to show you what Ben thinks about his own golf game, bouncing back from 78 to 70. It really says a lot about his confidence and it shows just the ability he has as a player to understand that one day isn't going to determine the next. He got a good, clean start (Saturday) and I think that's all he needed for his confidence to know he was going to have a good day."

The Shamrocks' lone senior, Max

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BOYS LACROSSE

Brother Rice averts upset bid against Shamrocks

Catholic Central puts up strong fight before falling in D1 final

Wright Wilson
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Novi Detroit Catholic Central put up a fight but, in the end, the lacrosse world still belongs to Birmingham Brother Rice.

The Warriors – the only team in history to win the Division 1 state title – extended their championship streak to 12 by turning back CC, 10-8, in Saturday's championship at Howell Parker Middle School.

It's the third straight year that Rice (20-2) has beaten CC in the final, though the Shamrocks have gotten closer each time. The 2014 game was a 16-goal blowout, while last year's differential was nine.

"Two years ago, it was 23-7 and now it's only a two-goal game; that speaks to the expansion of lacrosse in Michigan and I think that's great for everyone," said Brother Rice captain Morgan Macko, who scored once and had four assists.

"They came in, they were inspired, they fought hard. CC's going to play hard against Rice every time they come in. We expected it," Brother Rice coach Ajay Chawla said. "Coach (Dave) Wilson did a nice job getting these guys ready. At the end of the day, we knew we were going to have a dogfight on our hands."

For much of Saturday's contest, there were indications that this one might have gone either way. The Shamrocks (17-5) scored first and there were five ties, until Rice

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Brother Rice defenders pursue Catholic Central's Peter Thompson during the second half of the MHSAA Division 1 boys lacrosse state final.

GIRLS SOCCER

Novi works overtime magic again, makes semifinals

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

As Novi girls soccer coach Todd Pheiffer stopped to talk to the press June 9 after his team's 3-2 overtime win against Brighton in an MHSAA Division 1 regional final, he asked if his hair had turned gray.

The Wildcats had gone to extra time two nights earlier to beat another KLAA member in Grand Blanc and just finished playing their fifth match in 10 days.

Luckily for Pheiffer, his close-cropped hairdo still sported a blond hue as he stood on the sidelines at host Bloomfield Hills, soaking up the moment while expanding upon his thoughts in full stream-of-consciousness mode.

If anything resembled a touch of gray, it most certainly wasn't in Pheiffer's mane, but rather the positive, effusive vibes emanating from his silver-tongue.

"Everyone we've played up until now is someone we've played against, except for them," said Pheiffer, whose team met host Rochester Stoney Creek in the state semifinals. "I've watched Brighton play three or four times this year and they are a very good team that's very



The Novi girls soccer team celebrates its first Division 1 regional title since 2013. KRISTYNE KOOMEN

well-coached."

Although Novi (15-1-6) sported a 2-1 lead at intermission, it did find itself in a "hairy" situation due to a relentless attack from the Bulldogs to kick off the second half.

The constant pressure from Brighton

(18-2-3) finally came to a head in the 53rd minute, as senior Delaney Bussey wowed the crowd – as well as the Novi players – with her flip kick off a backward volley from junior Emma Shinsky to make it 2-2.

"Delaney had just got on the field for

30 seconds and I told her that when she got her chance to cut in and shoot," Bulldogs coach Chris Stevanovic said. "She got her chance and scored, so it gave us some momentum for the second half.

The KLAA is the best conference for soccer for a reason, because we had three teams left in the tournament today. It's great for the conference to have so many teams going as far as we did."

While Brighton had momentum in its favor to finish regulation, it was the Wildcats who controlled both pace and possession in both overtime periods.

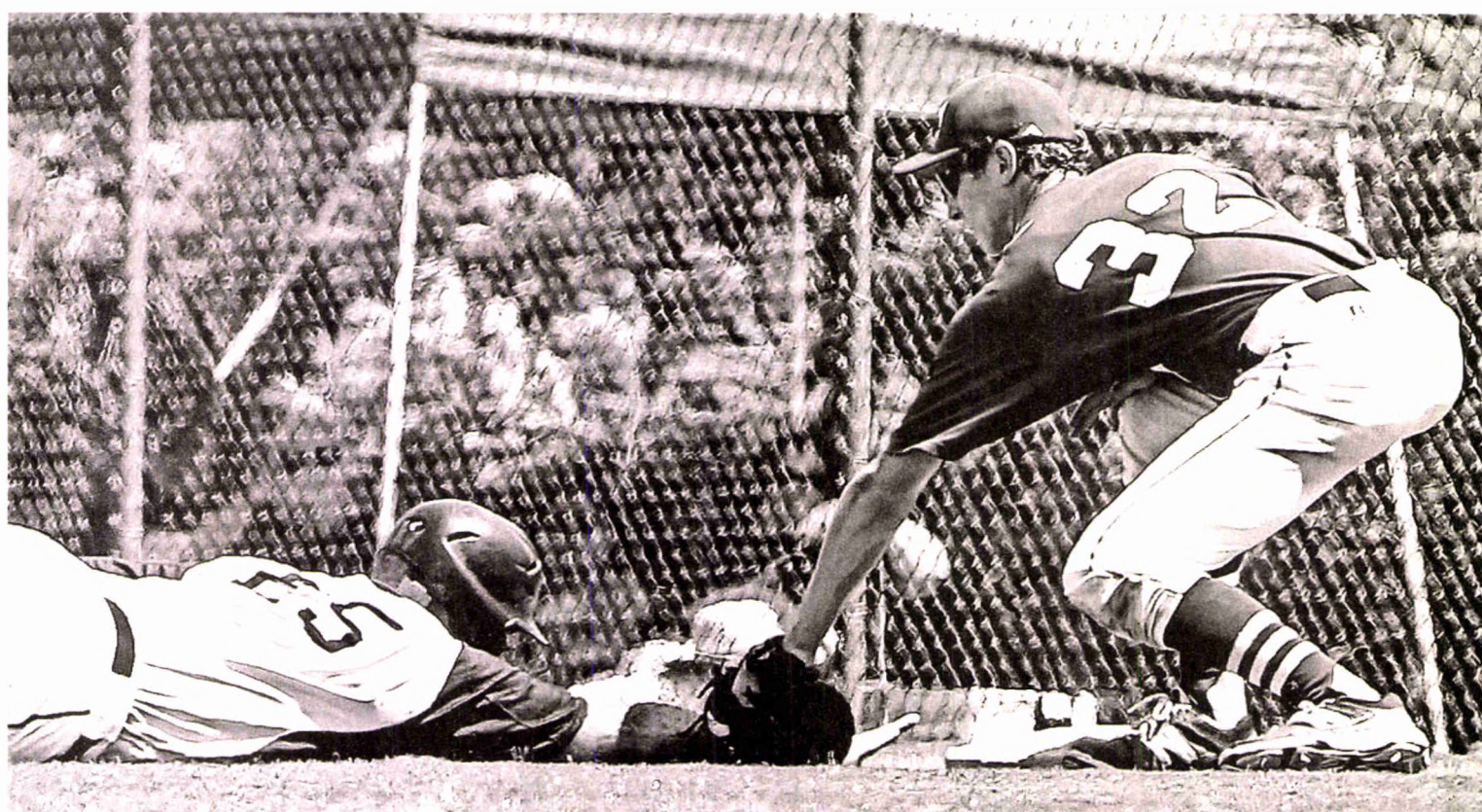
A foul on Novi senior forward Chloe Allen from just outside the penalty area resulted in a free kick with 2:12 elapsed in the first extra session.

Taking the shot from that angle for me shooting," Koomen said. "I knew that was an amazing opportunity that I wasn't sure would come again during overtime. It was a crucial moment that we needed to score and I was happy to

"We practiced from that angle for me shooting," Koomen said. "I knew that was an amazing opportunity that I wasn't sure would come again during overtime. It was a crucial moment that we needed to score and I was happy to

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PREP BASEBALL



Catholic Central first baseman Nick Sykes (right) makes the tag on a pick-off attempt against Hartland runner John Baker during Saturday's Division 1 regional final at Novi.

Hartland lefty Lohmeier handcuffs Shamrocks in D1 regional repeat

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was 93 degrees and Hartland pitcher Nathan Lohmeier was doing post-game laps back and forth in the outfield grass along the warning track at Novi High's baseball field.

The senior left-hander had just pitched a gem Saturday for the defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions in the regional final, allowing two hits by Novi Detroit Catholic Central in a 3-1 victory.

It was only a year ago when Lohmeier, covering first base on a bunt late in last year's regional final against the Shamrocks, had his world come down in a collision that resulted in a devastating knee injury.

Almost 12 months to the day, Lohmeier (headed to Bowling Green State University) felt redemption as he struck out seven and allowed just one run without a walk in going all seven innings.

Tears flowed after he got the final out in the top of the seventh.

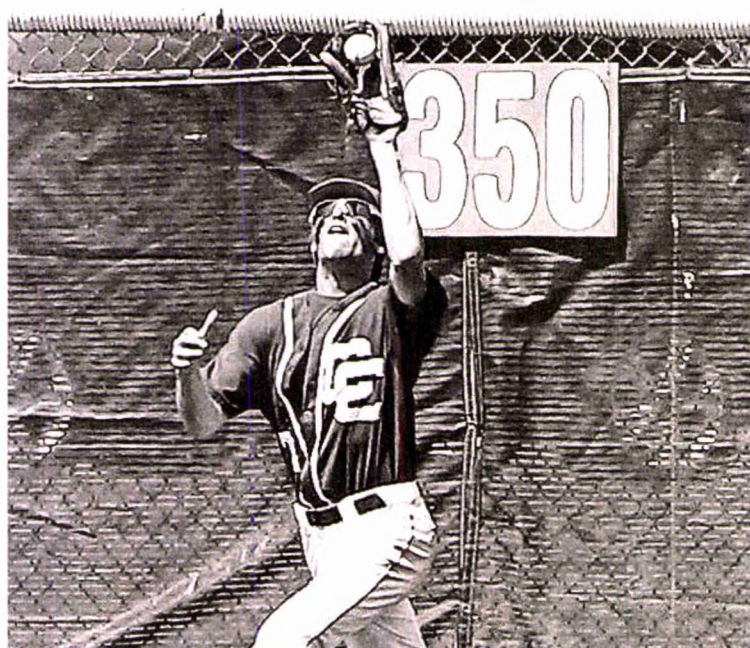
"I'm on a mission every time to win, but I was crying after the game," Lohmeier said. "Coach (Brian Morrison) was crying. I wanted this one bad. No way I was going to come out of that game."

CC's only run CC came in the top of the fourth inning, when Dante Toppi led off with a single, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Joey Merucci and took third on a fielder's choice before racing home on Jaret Robson's single.

But Hartland (35-5-1) responded with three runs of its own in the bottom of the fourth and it proved to be more than enough for Lohmeier.

Alex Vydick started the rally with a single and Jack Salvin reached base safely on a bunt that dribbled along the first base line.

Hunter DeLanoy then drew a walk from CC ace Grant Hartwig to load the bases and Justin Baker's deep fly to cen-



Catholic Central center fielder Luke Hargis makes the catch on a fourth-inning sacrifice fly off the bat of Hartland's John Baker.

ter scored Vydick from third to even the game at 1-1.

Max Hendricks then delivered the key blow when he doubled up the gap, bringing home two more runs.

In the top of the fifth, Hartwig reached base on an infield error, but the next hitter, Nick Sykes, blasted a screaming line drive to Baker at first base, who doubled off courtesy runner Matt Harding for a double play.

Lohmeier then did the rest, setting down the final seven CC hitters in order to close out the victory.

"It was very personal for me," Lohmeier said. "It was the happiest moment of my life. ACL, MCL, meniscus last year ... didn't walk for two months, grueling rehab, workouts, sprint work, five days a week, two to four hours a day. It wasn't easy. I'm glad it happened, because I'm in the best shape of my life."

Lohmeier came into the game with a 0.49 earned-run average. With the win, he improved to 10-0 on the season.

"He blew out his knee pretty good," Morrison said of Lohmeier's injury. "When he was doing all that work to rehab that thing all by himself, all summer long when everybody else is in the pool and in the lake ... for him to have a day like that, he deserves it."

Hartwig, a 6-foot-4 right-hander headed to Miami (Ohio), was impressive in defeat as he allowed just three hits over six innings to go along with seven strikeouts.

"We played great defense all day and were able to get on top the first game (11-0 win over Livonia Stevenson)," Morrison said. "The second game, I knew it was going to be a lot harder. We were seeing a great pitcher (Hartwig) and we were really able to battle him, especially in that inning where we took the lead after they had taken the lead. It was a good baseball game. We were just able to get a couple more than they were."

Catholic Central managed just three base runners against Lohmeier.

"I tip my hat to him, I knew he got hurt here last year and he got emotional after the game," Michaels said of Lohmeier. "It was a good baseball game. Maybe we gave them an extra out or two we shouldn't have, but I thought it was a relatively clean game. Our guy pitched great, their guy pitched great. The game took an hour and 20 minutes. I proud of the guys, because we were right there with them. My team has nothing to hold their heads down about. They can hold their heads high. Good team across the way."

It was the off-speed pitches of Lohmeier that threw off the timing of the CC batting lineup.

"I told Grant (Lohmeier) throws high 80s (mph), sometimes 90 and I still think his change-up is his best pitch," Michaels said. "I think he's going to be phenomenal in college next year. He's just going to get better."

The Shamrocks ended their season at 26-15.

"I was hoping to play another week and another couple of games," Michaels said. "It was a good season. You always want to do well in the Catholic League, as well. Sweet 16 two years in a row and we're going hammer and tong with these guys and they won it last year. Can't complain. Obviously, you want to keep winning, but the boys can keep their heads high."

DETROIT CC 12, W.L. NORTHERN 2: Senior Dante Toppi allowed only two runs on four hits over five innings as the Shamrocks (26-14) cruised to regional semifinal mercy rule win over Walled Lake Northern (22-20).

Toppi struck out four and walked only one. Toppi is a three-year starter, been here all three years. CC coach Dan Michaels said. "He's a salt of the earth kid and I wouldn't have anybody pitch that (Northern) game than him and then (Grant Hartwig) in the nightcap. They've been our horses for three years. We're going to miss them dearly."

CC got a run in the first when Toppi's fly ball was lost in the sun and turned into a double. He came home on Matt Stinebiser's ground out. The Shamrocks, sending 12 batters to the plate, then scored nine times in the second to chase Northern starter Zach Northcott.

Anthony Esser ripped a three-run double, while Stinebiser contributed a two-run single. Others knocking in runs during the inning included Toppi, Joey Merucci and Cody Kanclerz.

CC put the game away with two runs in the bottom of the fourth on RBI singles by Marcus Cipriano and Toppi.

PREP BASEBALL

Warriors downed in D4 region title game

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was an end of an era of sorts for the Novi Franklin Road Christian baseball program Saturday at Ottawa Lake Whiteford.

The Warriors, ousted in the MHSAA Division 4 regional final by Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 12-3, finished 17-8-1 and will miss seven senior starters who helped capture three straight district titles and one regional crown (2015).

Parkway (20-11-1), avenging a 1-0 loss to the Warriors in last year's regional final, got a three-run homer from Montana Essian and three hits from Pierce Banks.

Winning pitcher Andrew Manier worked the first six innings, striking out 10, before Austin Fuller came on to close out the victory in the seventh.

Parkway now advances to its second state quarterfinal berth in three years against Unionville-Sebewaing.

Losing pitcher Shaun Moore allowed four earned runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Gavin Harris and Nick Suchezky both collected an RBI single in the setback, while other hits came from Matt Lorey, Daniel Weaver and Evan Lorey.

In the regional semifinal, Harris belted a solo homer to break a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning and the Warriors went on to oust host Whiteford, 5-2.

Harris, the winning pitcher, scattered seven hits and one walk to go along with a strikeout over seven innings.

Evan Lorey went 2-for-4, including a pair of doubles and one RBI, while Paul Alex was 2-for-4 with a double and RBI.

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GOLF

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Palmer, carded back-to-back scores of 75 for a 150 total.

"I like to think how Palmer goes is the way the team goes," Dewling said. "Being the senior, you couldn't ask for a better character kid. Really mature, really knows how to handle situations. Can't ask for much more."

And Palmer came through late in the clutch with a birdie.

"Max puts it in there within a foot on his final hole," Dewling said. "It just gave you the chills. He's a senior. He's playing his last hole of high school golf and we need a big shot from him and he hits it within a foot, taps in and finishes."

CC's fourth scorer was junior Sean Niles, who shot 75-76—151. CC's non-scorer was Sean Sooch (79-83—162).

"Niles is a good player," Dewling said. "I think he surprised a lot of people. He's worked really hard on his game. He's coming along nice and we expect big things from him next year, too."

The course set-up at The Meadows was tough, to say the least.

"When the wind kicks up out at The Meadows, the ball seems to find the fescue grass a little easier when they're in the air," Dewling said. "The course gets a little tighter, basically, when the wind kicks up for everybody. It gave us a little bit of trouble. It gave the whole field trouble and scores all the way through."

And the finish was nerve-racking, compared to a year ago, when the Shamrocks romped to the title.

"We didn't really know where we stood," Dewling said. "We knew it was really tight. We actually thought it was tighter on the course with only a few shot lead coming down the stretch."

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BOYS GOLF

Northville settles for 12th place at state meet

Mustangs have trouble on second day of finals

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville couldn't duplicate Friday's competitive round Saturday and wound up 12th overall out of 15 schools in the MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state finals held at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central shot 299-298—597 to repeat as state champion, while Grosse Pointe South was runner-up with a 304-313—605, followed by Grand Blanc in third with a 304-313—617.

Northville shot a respectable 313 the first day, but stumbled to 337 the second and finished with a 350 total.

"Overall, I thought our finish was consistent with our performances all season," first-year Northville coach

Chris Cronin said. "Friday, we played some of our best golf and Saturday we struggled to find the fairway. Through it all, I give this team credit, they don't give up."

Sophomore Abhi Alluri paced the Mustangs individually with 77-83—160.

"Abhi's iron play has been getting better and better," Cronin said. "A lot of that is simply hard work in practice and on the range. His irons, when they are going well, put him in a position to score."

Fellow sophomore Jimmy Dales was next for the Mustangs with a 78-84—162 total. He was paired with the top two players in the field as Battle Creek Lakeview's Andrew Walker, who shot 68-75—143, took individual medalist honors in a one-hole playoff over Plymouth's Jack Boczar, who carded 71-72—143.

"I know Jimmy, he is such a fierce competitor that not being able to keep pace was more than frustrating," Cronin

said. "Jimmy doesn't surrender and I'm sure he tried to make shots that simply weren't there Saturday."

Northville's other two-day scorers were juniors Aaron Youmans (78-84—162) and Drew Kearis (84-86—170).

"Aaron has the ability to pick up birdies in bunches and he did that on Friday," Cronin said. "Unfortunately, the pin placements were a little tighter on Saturday and the course didn't yield too many opportunities. Though it all, Aaron maintained a level attitude and finished the tournament strong. This is Youmans' second trip to the finals and, as a senior, that experience will be invaluable next season."

"I thought Drew gave us a chance (today). He has a solid game and, when his putting is on, he can shoot a low number. Unfortunately, the course's heather swallowed a few of Drew's shots and a low number wasn't in the cards."

Friday, senior Joey Auty

was Northville's third-best scorer with 80, while junior Dominic Marselese carded 95 Saturday.

"Joey has been steady all season and Friday he went out and executed the plan," Cronin said of the academic all-stater. "I couldn't be happier for Joey. He got a chance this season and really stepped up."

Five of Northville's top six players return next season. "Making it to the state finals is a significant accomplishment, but I know this team and they have very high expectations," Cronin said. "To a player, 12th feels a little short of satisfying. We're young and this team will have opportunities in the future. I think the struggle at times this season is part of the process. I'm confident that this group will take something from this experience and be even better for it in the end."

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PREP SOFTBALL

W.L. Northern spoils Novi's comeback effort, 7-3

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As temperatures soared into the 90s Saturday, host Novi did its best to put the heat on favorite Walled Lake Northern in the Division 1 softball regional semifinal.

The Wildcats dug themselves a 5-0 hole, but rallied for three runs in the bottom of the fifth to cut the deficit to two, only to have the Knights find some shade of their own with two runs in the top of the sixth before going on for a 7-3 victory.

With the win, Northern improved to 30-12, but the Knights lost in the regional final later in the day to Farmington Hills Mercy, 11-1, after the Marlins had eliminated White Lake Lakeland in the other regional semifinal, 3-0.

Novi, meanwhile, ended its season at 26-13.

"I thought we had a great game plan coming in," Novi coach Bruce Lenington said. "We had them well-scouted. We just didn't execute as well as we can in some spots. You got to tip your hat. (Northern) did a great job. They're a great hitting team. They've got something like 34 home runs on the season. I'm really proud of the way our kids battled and kind of took some blows and hung in there."

Northern didn't clear the fence against Novi starter Madison Budde, but out-hit the Wildcats, 11-10.

The Knights got a run in the first on Ashley Komosinski's

RBI single and loaded the bases in the second, only be thwarted on a diving two-out stop by left-handed second baseman Maddy Brandenstein, who wheeled to first for the putout to get Courtney Callahan.

But Northern scored three times in the third on an RBI double by Komosinski, a sacrifice fly by Ariana Chretien and an RBI single by McKenzie Knight to make it 4-0.

In the fourth, a one-out Novi infield error, coupled with a walk to Komosinski followed by a Casey Maybrier RBI single, upped the Knights' lead to 5-0.

But after Northern starting pitcher Cassie Frankowiak kept the Wildcats off the board for the first four innings on four hits, the Wildcats made one of their patented come-from-behind moves in the bottom of the fifth.

Allison Purtell led off with a single and courtesy runner Riley Jones came home on Madison Budde's RBI double. Ireland Whelan then followed with an RBI single.

Brandenstein followed with a sacrifice bunt, but Whelan alertly scored all the way from second after the Knights were caught sleeping getting the ball back to Frankowiak.

"I can't tell you how much we spend in base running, but that's that kid's read," Lenington said of Whelan's heads-up play. "That's not signed by me. If I'm telling a kid to go, it may be too late. That kid ... I think she's an all-state base runner,



Novi second baseman Maddy Brandenstein wheels to make the putout at first base during Saturday's regional game against Walled Lake Northern.

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for sure. Great read she did it twice in that inning and certainly coming home was such a huge deal. That fires you up. That was big time."

After Frankowiak got a fly out, Ashley Yarberry singled. Hope Kapelanski also singled, but the inning ended when

Yarberry got picked off second base.

In the sixth, Northern got two runs to increase their advantage to four.

Michaela Olsen singled and eventually scored on a Novi infield error. Callahan was intentionally walked with one

out and scored on Budde wild pitch.

"When we came back and made it 5-3, I really thought at the momentum was with us," Lenington said. "Then, obviously, when they got two cheapies the next inning, that kind of let some of the air out of the balloon a little bit for us."

Frankowiak allowed just one hit over the final two innings to close out the game.

"That's Cassie," Northern coach Kristen Woodard said. "She can dial it in when she needs to and she weathered the storm there and was able to come back strong the last two innings."

"I knew that they're a well-coached team and I knew they were going to be scrappy. I was a little worried about it, but I knew we had the defense. We just had to get the pitches to make the outs."

It was only a week earlier that Novi rallied from a late 6-1 deficit to beat South Lyon in the district final, 7-6.

"I'm extremely proud of our kids," Lenington said. "We've come a long way in three years. Again, I got to tip my hat to our kids and their intensity. We absolutely play for each other. That's not something they get when they step off the bus on day one. That's something they've learned. They got great chemistry; they care for each other."

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BOYS LACROSSE

Shamrocks suffocate Yellowjackets in state semifinal, 13-5

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Detroit Catholic Central certainly chose an excellent time to deliver one of its best performances.

The Shamrocks, behind an opportunistic offense and a super zone defense, defeated Country Day, 13-5, in a Division 1 boys lacrosse state semifinal match June 8 at Birmingham Seaholm.

"This was one of our top five games of the season, absolutely," said Catholic Central head coach Dave Wilson, whose team hiked its record to 17-4. "Country Day is a great program and they're exceptionally well-coached. They've really been ripping some teams lately, so we're really happy to beat a team of that caliber in a game of this size and that magnitude."

Country Day, which had defeated CC earlier in the season by seven goals, had a strong first half, but went scoreless in the second. The Shamrocks held a slim 6-5 lead at halftime and simply packed it in around their own net in a suffocating defensive effort over the final two quarters.

When the Yellowjackets did



Catholic Central's Alex Jarzebowski (right) goes for the face-off win against Country Day's Brett Barr in Wednesday's state semifinal.

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break through for some scoring opportunities, Catholic Central senior goalie Hunter Braun was there to snuff them out. Country Day outshot CC by a 47-32 margin. Braun was a big difference, as he made 19 saves.

"They have a very, very

good goalie and he sees the ball well," DCD head coach Michael Cappelletti said. "They played a very, very packed in zone which — and I don't know when they started — they've been doing for a few weeks now. I think we had eight or nine pipes.

"But they just got us in transition tonight," he added. "They got us on a couple of those and they got the momentum. They're a very, very athletic team and they exposed us a little bit tonight."

Country Day actually started strong by taking a 2-0 lead seven minutes into the game on goals by seniors Cooper Belanger and Owen Sappington. CC tied it a 2-2 after the opening quarter on goals less than two minutes apart by Nicholas Capatina and Peter Thompson.

The teams traded goals over the first seven minutes of the second quarter and were tied 4-4 when CC's Brennan Kamish and Collin Burgin scored to make it 6-4. Country Day senior defenseman Jonathan Boos long-sticked one home with eight seconds remaining in the second quarter to account for the one-goal halftime deficit.

Catholic Central just took over the second half.

The Shamrocks scored twice in the third quarter for an 8-5 advantage. CC then mustered five goals over the game's final seven minutes to put it out of reach.

"The guys really bought

into the whole thing," Wilson said. "Defensively, we got on the same page and we had to shut them down. We basically just wanted to keep up the good work in the second half."

"They have a lot of great players, so we knew some of them would go in. But that doesn't mean you have to abandon anything," he added. "We just kind of played true to what we've been working on."

Thompson and Rocco Mularoni both scored three goals to lead CC. Capatina and Burgin had two goals apiece, while Justin Baker, Kamish and Patrick Brandemihl accounted for the other Shamrocks goals.

Country Day's other scorers were Tim Stebbins and Cameron Barr.

"The levee just broke for us there at the end," said Cappelletti, whose team ended the season with a 14-8 record. "It is what it is. I don't think we played one of our best games today, which is unfortunate. But CC had a lot to do with that."

"Give credit to them. They played very well," he added. "They're as excited about their win as we are sad about our loss. It's called sports, it's not called winning."

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scored three times within a 150-second span in the third quarter — with each play set up by Macko — to get some breathing room.

"We needed to put two or three goals together to snap their backs and we did that," Chawla said. "That helped us a lot and we kept that two-goal lead, even when they answered. I'm proud of the way the boys played."

Macko fed junior Nick Dudley for two goals, viewing the play from behind the cage and passing to Dudley at the top of the crease. Macko said it was similar to last year's final, when he benefited and scored five goals.

"If you look at those past couple of games, the past two state championships, there wasn't much individual efforts on those goals, it was all teammates getting me up and I was in the right place at the right time," said the Bellarmine (Ky.) University commit. "I wasn't really benefiting me today, it was Nick Dudley in the right place at the right time and that was huge for us today."

Dudley — the smallest player on the field at 5-5, 120 — scored four times.

"His vision is amazing. It was him," Dudley said of his senior teammate. "Catholic Central's a good team and



Catholic Central's Justin Baker controls the ball Saturday during second-half action against Brother Rice in the Division 1 state final.

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we've just got to keep working hard and make sure that close score doesn't happen again."

Wilson said his Shamrocks were confident and that confidence increased by scoring early and keeping pace with the Warriors, but turning over the ball 18 times was a factor.

Still, he said, someone is bound to knock off Brother Rice eventually.

"From our perspective, it's not a matter of 'if,' it's a matter of 'when,'" he said. "We feel confident in that and we are working very hard. My hat's

off to Brother Rice; they played a phenomenal game and they're a fantastic team, but we will carry on."

Likewise, the Warriors are motivated each year by not wanting to be the team that sees the championship streak end.

"Definitely, the stakes are raised," Macko said. "We just came out here and wanted to beat these guys and keep the streak alive. There's pressure every single day. We don't want to break the chain."

PREP SOFTBALL

Tourney road ends for Warriors

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The tournament road for Novi Franklin Road Christian ended Saturday in the MHSAA Division 4 softball regional at Ottawa Lake Whiteford.

The Warriors managed just one hit in six innings as the host Bobcats rolled to a 10-0 semifinal victory.

Whiteford (24-13), featuring six freshmen in the starting lineup, went on to defeat Southfield Christian, 2-0, in the regional final to advance to the state quarterfinals against defending D4 champion Unionville-Sebewaing.

The tone was set early as Franklin Road's Danielle Fusco was thrown out at third trying to stretch out a double in the opening inning.

And that would be the only hit the Warriors would get against Whiteford starting pitcher Lindsey Walker, who earned the victory by going the first four innings. Reliever Victoria VanBrandt came on to close out the win as the ninth-grade pair combined for seven strikeouts and only one walk.

"If we had scored, we might have had a chance, but they (Whiteford) are a real good team and they have three good freshmen pitchers," Franklin Road coach Kim Sivyver said. "They're going to be real good

for three more years."

The Bobcats scored six times in the first inning, keyed by Erin Manley's two-run double and Walker's RBI double. They added three more in the fourth and one in the sixth to invoke the 10-run mercy rule.

Karsyn Berns-Moore went 2-for-4, while Walker finished with three RBIs.

Whiteford had eight hits off Franklin Road starter Kayla Nannoshi, who was the victim of four errors. Nannoshi struck out two and walked one.

Franklin Road finished the season 14-5.

"It's the best season I've had record-wise, conference-wise," said Sivyver, who just finished his 13th season. "I feel great because our girls beat two Class C schools, we beat three teams in the upper division of the MIAC (Blue), we had a nine-game winning streak, won our first conference (MIAC Red) championship and won districts. I had a blast and I couldn't be more proud of my girls."

The Warriors lose only two seniors to graduation, Hannah Rayburn and Alex Swaffield.

"Hannah Rayburn just can't be replaced," Sivyver said. "That leaves a hole that will never be filled."

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks' Bock returns to old CC stomping grounds

Ex-football standout makes successful transition to soccer

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The last time Zach Bock stepped on Catholic Central's football field, he was wearing a different kind of jersey.

Three years later, Bock will not only be wearing a different jersey, but minus the helmet and shoulder pads when he suits up for the Michigan Bucks of the U.S. Soccer League's Premier Development League. They will be taking on the Cincinnati Dutch Lions at 7 p.m. Thursday at CC's Father Elmer Stadium.

"The only time I was on that field was for football, never got to play soccer there," said Bock, a starting defender with the Bucks. "It's definitely exciting. My older brother (Andrew) was on the soccer team at Catholic Central and I went to a lot of his games to support him and his team there, but being able to play just again on the Catholic Central field is going to be exciting, whether it's football or soccer."

On the gridiron, Bock was a standout kick returner, cornerback and running back for the Shamrocks, who reached the 2013 MHSAA Division 1 state finals. As a senior, he was named to the 22-member Detroit Free Press Dream Team.

But during the winters, springs and summers, Bock was suiting up for the Michigan Jaguars and that would eventually land him a soccer scholarship to Western Michigan University.

"I definitely had an aspiration to play college football," said Bock, who has a younger brother Alex headed to Ferris State this fall on a football scholarship. "I attended a lot of camps and things of that nature, but I think about early in my junior year I decided I'd like to play soccer after my youth team made it to the national championship game in Rock Hill, S.C."

During the U.S. Youth National Championship run with the U-16 Jaguars in 2012, Bock took home the Golden Ball as the tournament MVP.

"I just really love soccer," Bock said. "And as much as I



Catholic Central alum Zach Bock (left, shown at the recent Canton Cup) has been a mainstay on the back line for the Michigan Bucks.

loved football, I just thought it was time to give it up after my senior year.

"My parents started me in soccer when I was like 3 years

old and it's just something I've stuck with my whole life. Now having the opportunity to play with Western Michigan and the Michigan Bucks, it's an awe-

some experience for me."

Converting over from football to soccer, however, was an adjustment, to say the least, while the Novi native was at

CC.

"It was definitely a weird combination," Bock said. "I was doing a lot of different conditioning for each sport. When football ended in late November, around Thanksgiving, it was definitely a month-and-a-half of hard work transitioning from football shape into soccer shape and getting my touch back. But I wouldn't have traded it for anything. I loved playing football at Catholic Central, but I loved playing soccer."

As a freshman and full-time soccer player at WMU, Bock started 15 games on the back line and had three goals and two assists. As a sophomore, Bock started all 19 matches, leading the Broncos to an 11-4-4 overall record and a 3-1-1 mark in the Mid-American Conference.

But a potential NCAA tournament bid eluded the Broncos last fall, when a former Catholic League rival from none other than Birmingham Brother Rice scored the game-winning goal.

"We had a bit of a disappointing end to the season, getting knocked out in the semifinals of the MAC," said Bock, who carries a 4.0-grade point average while majoring in business. "Actually, a kid on the Bucks team (Russell Cicerone of Buffalo) scored on us in overtime to knock us out."

This summer, the second-place Bucks are off to a 3-1 start in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference. They are coming off a 1-0 loss to the Dayton Dutch Lions, but have outscored their opponents, 12-1.

"We've had a lot of success as a defense and, going forward, we have aspirations of winning the PDL and, hopefully, not allowing any goals this Thursday," said Bock, who was a Bucks part-time starter last year.

Tickets for the Bucks-Cincinnati game are available at the gate for \$10 (adults) and \$7 (15-and-under).

Pre-sale tickets for all ages can be purchased online for only \$6 at www.bucksoccer.com. Group packages (20 or more) are also available by calling Bucks director of operations Kelly Haapala at 248-521-2179.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Novi wins in OT, gains regional final

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With apologies to LL Cool J, the only way to describe Novi's 3-2 win in overtime over Grand Blanc would be to call it what it was — a comeback.

The Wildcats were down 2-0 at halftime in the MHSAA Division 1 girls soccer regional semifinal June 7 at Bloomfield Hills, before senior forward Chloe Allen helped ignite a resurgence in the 66th minute.

The play began when classmate Katrina Koomen sent the ball in off a free kick and, after seeing it bounce around in the midst of a brief scrum, Allen scored on a direct hit from close range.

In what would be a recurring theme for the remainder of regulation, Koomen would continue to send over a series of long balls to help set up the attack.

Her efforts finally paid off with just over a minute left in regulation, as she sent a free kick into the box, where sophomore Emmie Takada weaved her way in and put just enough snap on the ball to find the back of the net to make it 2-2.

"The first one was pretty far out, so I knew I couldn't shoot it and I was hoping a teammate would get on the end of the ball," Koomen said. "We had countless opportunities that we just weren't putting away, so I was really proud of my teammates for finishing the ball in that crucial of a moment."

That sort of tenacity set the precedent during overtime, as Allen answered the call once more with a highlight reel move in the second OT to register the game-winning goal. Taking the feed from freshman Julia Stadtherr, Allen played off the shoulder of a Bobcats defender, before faking out goalkeeper Amy Puldokas for an impressive strike from left of the net.



Novi's Jessie Halmaghi (left) takes on Grand Blanc's Chelsea Clark.

"Chloe put the team on her back and went one-on-one with the goalkeeper," said Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer, whose team improved to 14-1-6. "She could have easily under pressure rushed her shot, but she had the composure. She treated the goalkeeper like any other player by putting a move on her and taking it to the net for the finish."

Putting together a comeback has been a recurring theme for Novi, which just 13 days prior went through a similar situation against Grand Blanc in the KLAA Association final. Down by a 2-1 margin, the Wildcats found their groove in the second half en route to a 5-2 victory and their first Association title since 2011.

Momentum favored the Bobcats (17-3-6) in the beginning, as freshman forward Paige Weber played a crossing pass that bounced off a Novi

defender in the 14th minute to take a 1-0 lead.

It wasn't long before Weber struck again, this time on a rocket from the top of the box that was sent in courtesy of sophomore Ashton Cassel in the 28th minute.

"Paige has been such a great player for us as a freshman," Grand Blanc coach Greg Kehler said. "We knew we had a couple players coming back that were capable of scoring, but we just had to find somebody to fill that gap and she's been the one."

Puldokas made seven saves, while Aastha Dharria had four for the Wildcats.

"I think our team has overcome so much and we've come back many times from where we're down two or three goals and it just shows how much we want it," Koomen said. "We put it all out on the line because we want to play another day."

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be able to do that for my team."

Looking to protect its lead, Novi switched its formation following the goal and dropped Allen further back to play the role of central defender. Utilizing a look that had four, sometimes five players on the back line, the Wildcats did not allow Brighton to register a shot on net in either OT period.

Pfeiffer talked about Allen's willingness to switch positions and offer a new dynamic to the squad.

"Everyone talks about how offensive she is because she has 26 goals this year, but she's a great defender, too," he said. "She knows how to read the situation, knows how to position her body to win balls for us and her ability to keep everyone organized."

"When we came off after the first overtime, the first thing she said to me was, 'Let's keep everything to way it is and I'm going to keep back here and keep everyone organized.' I told her, 'Chloe, that's great. You get back there, put the

team on your shoulders right now and let's bring this thing home."

Novi began its charge in the first half by challenging Brighton defenders in the early going, despite being outnumbered on a couple of scoring opportunities.

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to put together a successful drive, thanks to a well-timed pass by freshman Julia Stadtherr to fellow midfielder Megan Riley in the fourth minute.

Setting the precedent right off the bat was something that Novi looked to do, after having to play from behind in its previous match.

"We knew we had a lot of things to fix from the last game, because it wasn't our best performance," said Riley, a senior. "We always say in our huddle that we need to get a goal in the first five minutes and we made it happen."

A free kick by the Wildcats helped set up their next goal in the 21st minute, as Koomen assisted sophomore forward Laine Fenchel.

Both Gould and Novi senior goalkeeper Aastha Dharria made six saves.



Novi's Katrina Koomen (right) looks to get past Brighton's Emma Shinsky.

ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Abbott made track at Northville her personal lab

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Nobody could argue that Chloe Abbott leaves Northville High as the most decorated runner in school history.

The senior, headed to Purdue University, put an exclamation point on her career with a memorable performance in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals June 4 at Hudsonville.

Abbott broke an all-class MHSAA record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.1 and came back to win the 200 in 24.03.

"It is easy to say natural talent equals success, but most people do not get the chance to watch Chloe practice," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "Her achievements are a direct result of her commitment and attention to detail. She will be greatly missed next year."

Abbott also teamed with Morgan Kloosterman, Yasmine Affes and Lindsay Walters for a victory in the 1,600 relay (3:50.58) and helped the Mustangs to fourth in the 800 relay (1:41.31).

"She came to us and said, 'Coach, I want to run the relays. I'm not just about being a state champion individually, I want the team to be a state champion,'" Dalton said. "I think she really set the tone, not only for talent, but how to be a great teammate and how to represent Northville athletics."

Abbott also sparkled at the Milford regional last month, figuring in four first-place finishes, taking the 200 (24.34) and 400 (54.95), as well as anchoring the victorious 800 (1:42.87) and 1,600 (3:52.37) relays.

At the Kensington Conference meet, Abbott set new individual records in the 200 (24.32) and 400 (55.18), as well as anchoring the Mustangs to meet records in the 800 relay (1:42.57) and 1,600 relay (3:53.81).

"I remember as a sophomore, I finally said, 'Chloe, you've got these long legs, you don't have the acceleration out of the blocks, you're going to run the 400 for us,'" Dalton said. "She actually cried a little bit, but I think the results speak for themselves, not only on the track and her times, but being a great teammate."

First team

Lexa Barrott, Sr., Northville: She earned Division 1 all-state recognition in two events, taking fifth in both the 1,600 and 3,200 runs in 4:58.27 and 10:47.91, respectively. She was also a member of the Mustangs' fourth-place 3,200 relay (9:20.65).

Bound for Indiana University, Barrott also was regional champion in the 1,600 (4:57.33) and 3,200 (10:52.47). She was the Kensington Conference champion in three events: the 1,600 (5:00.63), 3,200 (11:12.1) and 3,200 relay (9:36.73).

Barrott also ran in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions at Ohio Wesleyan University, representing Michigan with a fifth-place finish in the 1,600 (4:59.55).

"Lexa has done everything we asked of her during her track career at Northville," Dalton said. "Since joining us as a sophomore, she has been a mainstay in the 4 by 800 relay, 1600 and 3,200. Lexa has a plethora of personal achievements, but always put the team first. Her positive attitude and leadership will be missed."

Mallory Barrett, Jr., Milford: She junior earned Division 1 all-state with



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Northville senior sprinter Chloe Abbott was named All-Area Girls Track Athlete of the Year.

fourth in the 800 run (2:12.46) and helped the Mavericks place third in the 3,200 relay (9:18.94).

At the regional, Barrott took first in the 800 (2:15.61), while also taking Lakes Conference titles in the 800 (2:16.95) and 1,600 (5:06.26). She was the Oakland County champ in the 1,600 (5:02.39).

"Mallory possesses a cool calm in chaos, an extremely rare diamond under pressure that has shown some wondrous flashes of brilliance," Milford coach John Fundukian said. "When she decides to let out all that is inside of her, she will become pre-eminent."

Reina Troxell, Sr., Lakeland: She captured all-state honors in the Division 1 discus with a throw of 126-10 after taking third at the regional (116-8).

Troxell also placed third at the regional in the shot put (34-8.5) and was discus champ in the Lakes Conference (120-4). She was also third in the shot put at the Lakes and Oakland County meets. She was fifth in the discus in the county (117-9).

"Reina had to take last year off due to surgery for ligament damage in her knee," Lakeland coach John Kababik said. "This year, she took her throws to a whole new level in spite of wearing a huge brace on her knee. She is Lakeland's best thrower ever."

Grace Stark, Fr., Lakeland: She placed seventh in the Division 1 100 hurdles (15.51) and was ninth overall in the 100 dash (12.78).

Stark was regional champion in the 100 (12.09) and runner-up in the 100 hurdles (school record 14.64). She was also Lakes Conference champion in both events. At Oakland County, she won the 100 (12.05) and took third in the 300 hurdles.

"Grace is the fastest girl in Lakeland history and I've seen them all," Kababik said. "Outdoor, she was undefeated in dual meets in the 100 and 100 hurdles. She recorded the fastest 100 time in Michigan in athletic.net (11.84). If this is what Grace can do as a freshman, only great accomplishments await her the next three years."

Victoria Heiligenthal, Fr., Milford: She made Division 1 all-state with seventh place in the 1,600 run (4:59.31) and was also a member of the Mavericks' third-place 3,200 relay (9:18.94).

At the regional, Heiligenthal was runner-up in the 1,600 (4:58.78) and was a member of Milford's runner-up 3,200 relay (9:22.5). She also took third in the 800 (2:18.73) and second in the 1,600 (5:06.63) at the Lakes Conference meet. She was second in the 1,600 (5:04.13) at Oakland County.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Chloe Abbott, Sr., Northville

FIRST TEAM

- Lexa Barrott, Sr., Northville
- Mallory Barrett, Jr., Milford
- Reina Troxell, Sr., Lakeland
- Grace Stark, Fr., Lakeland
- Victoria Heiligenthal, Fr., Milford
- Ana Barrott, Soph., Northville

SECOND TEAM

- Madeline Rehm, Fr., Lakeland
- Emma Neumann, Sr., Lakeland
- Erin Keller, Sr., Lakeland
- Lindsay Walters, Sr., Northville
- Brynne Gustafson, Sr., Milford
- Cayla Eckenroth, Jr., Northville
- Hannah Hood-Blaxill, Soph., Novi
- Jessalyn Smith, South Lyon East
- Kate Prisby, Jr., Novi
- Haley Rathwell, Jr., Lakeland
- Marisa Sailus, Jr., Lakeland

HONORABLE MENTION

- Milford:** Sarah Ausum, Sr.; Abby Knapp, Fr.; Eve Hemingway, Sr.;
- Northville:** Morgan Kloosterman, Soph.; Yasmine Affes, Soph.; Erin McCallum, Soph.; Olivia Harp, Fr.; Savannah Manley, Fr.; Emma Herrmann, Sr.;
- South Lyon East:** Tiffanie Hollingsworth, Fr.; Brooke Willenborg, Fr.

"Most freshman would be happy finishing second in the conference, regional and county in addition to being all-state in three events," Fundukian said, "but I have bad news for her competition. It's like they just woke up an angry bear, so you better run really fast, because she is coming to chase you down."

Ana Barrott, Soph., Northville: She was on the heels of her older sister Lexa all season, taking eighth place in both the 1,600 and 3,200 with times of 5:00.29 and 10:53.09, respectively, at the state meet. Barrott also helped the Mustangs to fourth in the 3,200 relay (9:20.65) at the Division 1 state finals.

At the regional, Barrott placed fourth in the 1,600 (5:03.58) and second in the 3,200 (10:53.32). She also took third in both events at the Kensington Conference meet, as well as being a member of the first-place 3,200 relay.

"We expected big things from Ana this year," Dalton said. "She showed great promise as a freshman and did not disappoint during her sophomore season. She, like her sister Lexa, helped solidify our 4 by 800 relay, 1,600 and 3,200. I'm excited to have Ana back for two more seasons and to work with her to achieve her goals."

Second team

Madeline Rehm, Fr., Lakeland: She just missed all-state honors in the 1,600 with a time of 5:04.96 at the Division 1 state finals after a third-place showing at the regional at Milford (school record 5:03.29). Rehm was also third in the Lakes Conference (5:09.81) at Oakland County. Rehm placed runner-up in the 3,200 (11:27.24) and fourth in the 1,600 (5:07.46).

Emma Neumann, Sr., Lakeland: She was right on the cusp of all-state honors in the pole vault with a ninth-place finish in Division 1 (11-0) following a regional title (11-3). Neumann was also Lakes Conference (11-0) and Oakland County (11-3) champion. She cleared 11-6 at the Saginaw Valley State Invitational indoor meet. She also cleared 11-6 to finish sixth at the recent Midwest Meet of Champions.

Erin Keller, Sr., Lakeland: She was one place removed from all-state after tying for ninth in the high jump (5-2) at the Division 1 state meet. Keller, who battled leg injuries, was runner-up at the regional (5-2). Keller was also fifth in the long jump at the Lakes Conference (16-0) meet.

Lindsay Walters, Sr., Northville: She was a pivotal member of the Mustangs'

first-place 1,600 relay (3:50.58) and fourth-place 800 relay (1:41.31), along with taking 10th in the individually in the 400 (57.68) at the Division 1 state meet. At the regional, Walters placed third in the 400 (57.78) and was a member of the first-place 800 and 1,600 relay teams. She was also fourth in the 400 at the Kensington meet.

Brynne Gustafson, Sr., Milford: She placed 10th in the discus (115-7) and 14th in the shot put (36-4.5) at the Division 1 state finals. At the regional, Gustafson placed first in the shot put (36-1) and fourth in the discus (114-6). She was also Lakes Conference champ in the shot put (36-4.5) and fourth in the discus (111-3).

Cayla Eckenroth, Jr., Northville: She stood out with 12th in the 3,200 run (11:03.22) and was a member of Northville's fourth-place 3,200 relay (9:20.65) at the Division 1 state meet. At the regional, Eckenroth took fifth in the 3,200 (11:08.33) and was conference runner-up in the same event (11:12.1).

Hannah Hood-Blaxill, Soph., Novi: She contributed a 12th-place finish in the high jump (4-11) at the Division 1 state finals after winning the regional (5-2) and Kensington Conference (5-2). She was also eighth at Oakland County. In the long jump, she took second in the conference.

Jessalyn Smith, Jr., South Lyon East: She placed 13th overall at the Division 2 state finals in the discus (113-3) along with fifth at the Kensington Conference meet. She was regional champion (117-0) and was sixth at Oakland County (114-0).

Kate Prisby, Jr., Novi: She finished 15th overall in the long jump at the Division 1 state finals (16-4.25) after taking fourth at the regional (16-11). Prisby was also the Kensington Conference champion and was fifth in Oakland County.

Haley Rathwell, Jr., Lakeland: She placed 16th at the Division 1 state finals in the 300 hurdles (47.07) and was third at the regional (47.11). Rathwell also placed fourth at the Lakes Conference meet. She was undefeated in dual meets in the 300 hurdles and was also a member of the school record 800 relay.

Marisa Sailus, Jr., Lakeland: She was a state qualifier in both the 200 (16th, 26.19) and 400 (22nd, 1:00.89) after finishing fourth in both events at the Division 1 regional with times of 25.65 and 58.14, respectively. Sailus was also sixth in the 200 (25.68) at Oakland County and is a member of the school record 800 relay.

GIRLS SOCCER

Marian stings Blazers to capture regional championship

Livonia Ladywood defeated 3-2 in bizarre fashion

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Bloomfield Hills Marian has never lost in the regional round of the girls soccer state tournament.

The Mustangs maintained that perfection June 9 with a crazy 3-2 victory over familiar Catholic League foe Livonia Ladywood in the Division 2 regional championship game played at Hurley Field in Berkeley.

The bizarre three-hour affair, which included an hour delay in the first half after the main on-field official was carted off with a knee injury, could be best described as a blowout that quickly turned into a nail-biter on the strength of one marvelous Ladywood shot.

"We've done well in the regional. I think we've been here 10 times and we've won 10 times," said veteran Marian head coach Barry Brodsky, whose team hiked its record to 16-2-2. "We've never got knocked out at the regional, but it's the next step that you want to take."

"This was a game where you just had to keep your focus, because things happen during the tournament. (Ladywood) got a big goal and nerves are frayed at this time of the year. And I think as coaches, maybe, we were a little too excited. I think that affected the girls, too."

"Anyone can be happy with

a 3-0 lead," he added. "We should have done a better job. Hopefully, we can learn from it."

51 minutes in control

Marian was in absolute control through the first 51 minutes. The Mustangs attacked relentlessly and played oppressive defense against a Blazers team they had tied (1-1) and defeated (2-1) in their previous two meetings this season.

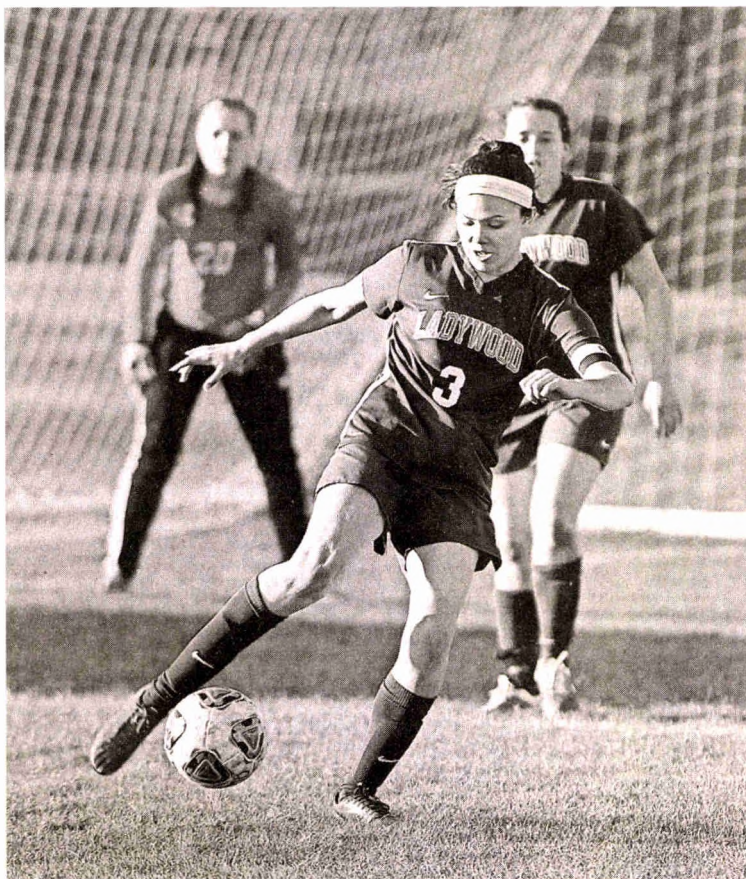
In the first half, Marian outshot Ladywood 11-1 and forced Blazers goalie Abbey Reppen to make a number of key saves. The first half's lone goal was deflected high into the net in off the left foot of Marian sophomore forward Haley Denha, off a crisp cross from junior forward Ellie DeConinck.

The Mustangs continued their assault with a pair of impressive goals just 10 minutes into the second half that put them up 3-0.

DeConinck scored the first at 38:16 on a sterling right-wing run, angling in toward the goal and blasting a ground shot into the far side of the net past the outstretched arms of a diving Reppen.

Just seven minutes later, freshman forward Jansen Eichenlaub deflected another brilliant cross from DeConinck into the middle of the net.

The Mustangs seemed to be headed to an easy decision and their first multi-goal win over



TOM BEAUDOIN

Ladywood senior defender Elisa Pollock is pictured clearing the ball during a game earlier this season.

the Blazers this season.

Then Ladywood got the spark it needed from senior midfielder Conner Huggins. At the 28:24 mark, Huggins smartly floated a perfect shot from 25 yards out into the far side of the Marian net just

over goalie Kaitlin Patouhas.

Seven minutes later, sophomore Amy Babon was taken down in the box after a dangerous run. Babon was awarded a penalty kick and cleanly sent it home.

Equalizer never came

All of a sudden, Ladywood regained momentum and was just one shot from tying the game. However, the equalizer never came in the intensely played final 20 minutes.

"Conner's goal really got us going but, unfortunately, we had a couple breakdowns in quick succession there which let us go 3-nil down, which I didn't think we deserved," said first-year Ladywood first-year head coach Joe Kelly, whose team finished 11-5-6. "But for the girls to fight that well and come back the way they did was good. The first goal put a little energy in us and they really, really pushed it."

"Well done to Marian, though. They played very well and played consistent all season," he added. "We've had tight games with Marian all year. All the games we've played could have gone either way. It's been a battle with them all season."

Brodsky said senior Amy Stroud, coming back from ACL surgery, and junior outside midfielder Elli Johnson played strong games. Junior goalie Isabel Hayes started and played the first half before Patouhas took over in the second.

Marian now advances to a Division 2 state semifinal against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep. The Mustangs never made it to the regional last year after losing to Prep in a district championship game.

ALL-AREA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Novi's Sawyer scaled new heights in 2016

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Adventures of Scott Sawyer with the Novi boys track and field program this season have almost become legendary.

It's something right out of a Mark Twain novel.

The junior made it a memorable spring as he earned all-state (top eight) honors in two events at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals June 4 at Hudsonville.

Sawyer captured fourth in both the high jump (6 feet, 6 inches) and pole vault (14-0), while also earning All-Area Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year honors.

"At the state meet, it was a really big testament to his focus and ability to step up as a gamer," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "They had dual pits, so high jump and pole vault were running concurrently. And the cadence of those are so completely different, so for him to keep his focus and do what he did and be all-state in both of those events were phenomenal."

During the regular season, Sawyer shattered the school high jump record that had stood since 1984 when he cleared 6-7/4. Early in the year, he also eclipsed the school pole vault record, going 13-9 before breaking his own mark again with 14-4.

Sawyer was regional champion in both events, while taking first in the high jump at the Oakland County meet and third in pole vault. At the Kensington Conference meet, he placed second in the high jump and third in the vault.

"He had the most points all season of any athlete on both the male and female side," Reid said. "He was invaluable on the field (event) side in both high jump and pole vault."

After registering no height in both events at the state meet in 2015, Sawyer came back "bigger, better and stronger," according to Reid.

"He's got some lofty goals and his future looks really bright in track and field," she said. "He loves the sport and he loves competing while keeping his focus all that time."

First team

John Hamilton, Sr., Northville: He soared 6-6 to finish third at the Division 1 state finals after tying for second at the regional and placing third at the Kensington Conference meet (both at 6-3).

Hamilton was also a long jumper for the Mustangs, posting a personal best of 19-9.

"John had his best jumps when it mattered most, hitting the state qualifying mark on his last attempt at the regional," Northville coach Brandon Langston said. "He hit his P.R. at the



Novi junior Scott Sawyer broke a 32-year-old school record in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 7 1/4 inches.

state meet when it mattered most. His preparation and hard work set the tone for his teammates and will keep him achieving high levels of success in the future."

Josh Smith, Sr., South Lyon East: He earned Division 2 all-state by placing third in the 400 (49.44) while helping the 1,600 relay team to ninth (3:26.31) and the 3,200 relay to 15th (8:15.62).

At the regional, Smith was runner-up (50.03) in the 400 and helped the Cougars' 1,600 relay team to first. He was the Oakland County 400 champion (49.47) as well.

"Josh has been a great leader on our track team for the past four years," East coach Joe Merlo said. "He showed up every day to practice and has worked hard to achieve the goals he has set for himself and the team. He has helped lay a good foundation of what we want our athletes to do during practices and meets here at East. He has been a great young man to coach and we are proud of him and all of his accomplishments as an athlete."

Jackson Grzymkowski, Sr., Lakeland: He went 1:53.43 in the 800 to finish fourth at the Division 1 state finals after capturing the Milford regional in 1:55.57.

Grzymkowski, headed to Belmont (Tenn.) University, also was a state qualifier in the 1,600 after placing second at the regional (4:19.21). Grzymkowski was runner-up in both the 800 and 1,600 at the Lakes Conference

meet. He was third in Oakland County in the 800 (1:53.9).

"Jackson was our school's top athlete of the year," Lakeland coach Sean Williamson said of the International Academy West student. "Jackson's demanding schedule and the outcome he was able to put forth every week was nothing short of amazing. His fourth-place finish in the 800 was a great way to go out and continue running in the future."

Adam Ghabra, Sr., Northville: He placed fourth in the 400 at the Division 1 state finals in a school record 49.12 after finishing runner-up at the regional (49.71) and fifth at the Kensington Conference meet (49.98).

Ghabra was also a state qualifier in the 200 (20th) after taking second at the regional (22.29) and conference (22.11) meets. He also posted 11.2 in the 100.

Ghabra also ran a leg on the first-place 4 x 400 Michigan team at the Midwest Meet of Champions (3:14.11).

"Our team wouldn't have been (Central) division champs if it wasn't for the contributions of Adam," Langston said. "He competed in four events in every dual meet, getting us points. He was the leader of our team, not just by his times, but by the examples he set in practice."

Joost Plaetinck, Sr., Novi: He went 9:13.51 to finish fifth in the 3,200 at the Division 1 state finals after placing fifth at the regional (9:27.0).

Plaetinck was also the Oakland County meet champion in the 3,200 (9:15.01) and represented Michigan on Saturday in the Midwest Meet of Champions at Ohio Wesleyan, where he placed seventh in the 1,600 (4:23.8).

"He did a really nice job this year and qualified for the state meet in a really hard distance regional," Reid said. "He was team captain and it was a really nice way cap his senior year progressing and getting a P.R. in the 3,200. He also gets a lot of credit for our 4 by 800 relay going 7:59 at the regional."

Zach Confer, Sr., Lakeland: The thrower earned all-state Division 1 honors in two events by placing sixth in the shot put (50-3.25) and seventh in the discus (152-6).

At the regional, Confer was runner-up in the shot put (50-5) and fourth in the discus (149-7.5). In the Lakes Conference meet, he was third in the shot put and fourth in the discus. At Oakland County, he was third in the discus and fourth in the shot.

"Zach was tremendous for us in the

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Scott Sawyer, Jr., Novi

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Josh Smith, Sr., South Lyon East
Jackson Grzymkowski, Sr., Lakeland
Adam Ghabra, Sr., Northville
Joost Plaetinck, Sr., Novi
Zach Confer, Sr., Lakeland

SECOND TEAM

Isaac Phillips, Jr., Milford
Thomas Smither, Sr., Northville
Kenny Goolsby, Sr., Northville
Conor Naughton, Sr., Northville
Ben Cracraft, Jr., Northville
Adam Caruso, Sr., South Lyon East
Anthony D'Annibale, Jr., Novi

HONORABLE MENTION

Novi: Hunter Joy, Jr.; Nathan Hankerson, Jr.; John Landy, Jr.; Josh Holcomb, Sr.; Nathaniel Wood, Soph.; Scott MacPherson, Jr.; Blake Maday, Fr.; Adam Ditri, Sr. **Northville:** A.J. Abbott, Soph.; **Milford:** Dakota Giles, Jr.; **Lakeland:** Drew Wenger, Soph.; Hunter Lukes, Jr.; Cody McComas, Soph.; **South Lyon East:** Andrew Wolschleger, Sr.; Ryan Leckner, Jr.; Jacob Waranauckas, Soph.; Zack Satawa, Sr.; J.D. Simon, Sr.

field events this year," Williamson said. "He was a kid on a mission and achieved his goals. Every one was exciting. My favorite moment was when he ran the 200 in the co-ed relays and he was swift like the wind."

Second team

Isaac Phillips, Jr., Milford: He placed 14th overall, seventh among underclassmen, at the Division 1 state finals in the 300 hurdles (40.38). He also finished fourth at the regional with a season-best 40.05 and was runner-up at the Lakes Conference meet (41.63).

Thomas Smither, Sr., Northville: He wound up 10th in Division 1 in the 800 (1:55.6) after taking fourth at the regional (1:57.54) and winning the Kensington Conference title (1:57.15).

Kenny Goolsby, Sr., Northville: Headed to Central Michigan University, he was Division 1 regional champion in the 1,600 (4:17.9) and took 15th at the state finals (4:27.02). He was also runner-up in the Kensington Conference (4:27.31) in the 1,600. Goolsby also competed at the Midwest Meet of Champions and finished ninth in the 1,600 (4:37.28).

Conor Naughton, Sr., Northville: Bound for CMU, he was 16th overall in Division 1 in the 3,200 (9:27.56) after taking runner-up honors at the Milford regional (9:20.9). Naughton was also Kensington champ (9:45.12) and represented Michigan at the Midwest Meet of Champions, where he finished fourth (9:33.56). His personal best this season was 9:17.8 at the Golden Triangle meet.

Ben Cracraft, Jr., Northville: He placed 17th overall in the 3,200 at the Division 1 state finals (9:27.6) after taking seventh at the regional (9:32.3) and fourth in the Kensington Conference (9:48.53). Cracraft also went a season-best 4:27 in the 1,600.

Adam Caruso, Sr., South Lyon East: He placed ninth at the Division 2 finals in the 3,200 (9:36.87) after finishing second at the regional. He also placed fifth in the 1,600 at the regional (4:34) and helped the Cougars to first in the 3,200 relay (8:15). He was also eighth in Oakland County in the 3,200 (9:46.11).

Anthony D'Annibale, Jr., Novi: He took 17th overall in the 400 at the Division 1 state finals (50.6) after winning the regional (49.47) and taking third in the Kensington Conference (49.48). D'Annibale was also regional runner-up in the 100 (11.32) and third in Oakland County in the 400 (49.98).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 896 Carpenter Avenue, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new house in the front-yard setback on Hill Street on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-22-34-453-001. The City's Building Official has determined that a front-yard variance of 13 feet is needed from Section 15.01 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of the house in the front yard.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday July 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

ROLLAND STAPLETON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CHAIRPERSON

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NOTICE to the voters of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION
For the Primary Election to be held on AUGUST 2, 2016

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that the DEADLINE to apply for an absentee ballot, to be mailed, is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 30, 2016. The township's Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016 for the purpose of issuing Absentee Ballots.

The APPLICATION to request an Absentee Ballot is available on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us under "Forms & Applications" on the home page and under the Clerk's Department. You may receive an application, upon request, at the township, or you can request an application be mailed to you. Absentee Ballots will be available by mail beginning June 24, 2016.

A sample of the Primary Election ballot is available at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2016

To the qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that Tuesday, July 5, 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

You may register to vote at any Secretary of State Branch Office or County Clerk's office during their normal business hours or at the Township Clerk's office; Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application, (forms are available at the local Clerk's office or the Secretary of State's website www.michigan.gov/sos).

Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in Michigan (MCL168.509t.). are at least 60 years of age, disabled as defined by law, or temporarily living overseas.

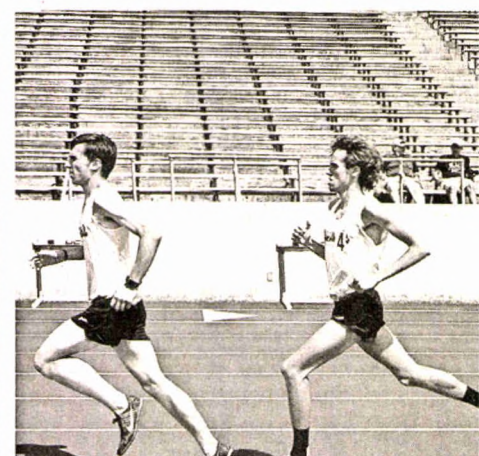
The full text and a sample of the August 2, 2016 Primary Election ballot may be obtained at the Northville Township's Clerk's department and a sample of the ballot can be found on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us. After June 17, 2016.

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Charter Township of Northville

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Midwest Meet of Champions



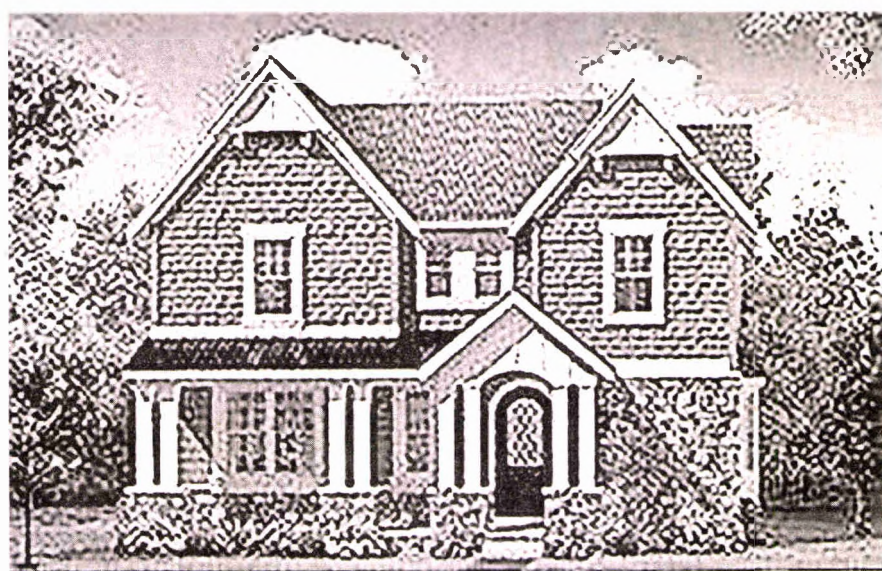
TIM DALTON

The Northville High boys and girls track teams were well-represented in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions held at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Among the participants were (from top left, clockwise): Adam Ghabra who ran a leg on the first-place 1,600-meter relay (3:14.1); Kenny Goolsby, ninth, 1,600 (4:37.28); Conor Naughton, fourth, 3,200 (9:33.56); and Lexa Barrott, fifth, 1,600 (4:59.55).

Parade of Homes blue ribbon winners show style, pizzazz



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BLUE RIBBON HOMES

- » **Attached Condominiums:** Glendale in Royal Oak by Robertson Brothers Homes
- » **Homes Base Priced Over \$250,000 and Under:** Columbia in Dundee by Soave Homes
- » **Homes Base Priced Over \$250,000 and Under \$275,000:** Keystone in Oxford Twp. by Silverado Custom Homes
- » **Homes Base Priced Over \$275,000 and under \$325,000:** Elderberry in White Lake Twp. by Heritage White Lake
- » **Homes Base Priced Over \$325,000 and under \$370,000:** The Barclay in Macomb Twp. by Lombardo Homes
- » **Homes Base Priced Over \$370,000 and under \$425,000:** The Palmer in Berkley by Mark Adler Homes
- » **Homes Base Priced Over \$425,000 and under \$525,000:** Logan in Oakland Twp. by MJC Companies
- » **Homes Base Priced Over \$525,000 and under \$700,000:** Fairground in Plymouth by HRS Communities
- » **Homes Base Priced Over \$700,000:** The Van Buren in Bloomfield Twp. by Paul Anthony Homes

The Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan announced the winners in its 27th annual Parade of Homes architectural judging. Parade of Homes is an exhibition of 78 new model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase takes place June 1-30. All 78 homes are featured at www.ParadeHBA.com. HBA, Bank of America Home Loans and James Hardie Building Materials sponsor the event.

In this year's architectural judging, blue ribbons were awarded to the model homes in nine categories. Winning homes were selected based on the following criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged in these categories, participating homes were divided into categories by price, with a separate category for attached condominiums.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes. Participating judges were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB, of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB, of Tiseo Architects Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA, of Moiseev/Gordon Associates and Paul Salloum of Bank of America Home Loans. The Parade of Homes models are located throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours or online at www.ParadeHBA.com after June 1.

Free Parade of Homes magazines are available at area Bank of America Home Loans locations and Kroger stores. Addresses for those locations are at www.ParadeHBA.com. For more information on the Parade of Homes, call 248-862-1016.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, HBA is a trade association representing more than 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single-family and multifamily residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

Millennials able to buy in some affordable U.S. markets

A flurry of financial obstacles and lifestyle choices are stalling the journey to homeownership for many young adults, but becoming a homeowner is currently more feasible in some less expensive metro areas with steady job growth and lower qualifying incomes needed to buy, according to new research by the National Association of Realtors.

NAR analyzed employment gains, population trends, income levels and housing conditions in the largest 100 metropolitan statistical areas across the country to identify the best purchase markets for millennial home buyers.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says although millennials have made up the largest share of buyers for three consecutive years, sales to first-time buyers and the homeownership rate for young adults under the age of 35 re-

MARKET INFORMATION

NAR's study found that the best purchase markets for millennials buyers currently are (listed alphabetically):

- » Austin, Texas
 - » Charleston, South Carolina
 - » Denver
 - » Minneapolis, Minnesota
 - » Ogden, Utah
 - » Portland, Oregon
 - » Raleigh, North Carolina
 - » Salt Lake City
 - » Seattle
 - » Washington, D.C.
- Other markets NAR identified for having promising potential for millennial home buyers include:
- » Boston
 - » Dallas
 - » Des Moines, Iowa
 - » Jacksonville, Florida
 - » Nashville, Tennessee

main depressed at levels not seen in decades. This is despite historically low mortgage rates, escalating rental costs

and low unemployment levels among those with a college education.

"Even with potentially higher incomes, prospective millennial home buyers residing in some of the most expensive cities in the country face the onerous task of paying steep rents while trying to save for an adequate down payment," he said. "However, for those currently living in or looking to move to a more affordable part of the country, there are metro areas right now with solid job growth and that offer a smoother path to homeownership."

The top 10 metro areas NAR identified were chosen for their above-average share of current millennial residents and recent movers, favorable employment opportunities and relatively low qualifying incomes needed to purchase a home.

According to Yun, during the early stages of the economic recovery some of the largest

metro areas — such as New York and parts of California — were attractive to millennials for their strong job markets, but their higher costs of living made it difficult to buy. Now that many more affordable, middle-tier cities have mostly recovered from the downturn and are once again experiencing robust job growth, millennials moving to some of these cities will likely realize they're earning enough to purchase their first home.

"An overwhelming majority of young renters recently said they eventually want to buy a home," added Yun. "As long as new and existing-home supply keeps up to meet demand and holds prices from rising too quickly, these identified areas are poised to lead the way in helping millennials realize their American Dream of becoming a homeowner."

Study market before investing in Rome's subway

Q: I understand that Rome is building a nice subway, but I am wondering whether or not that poses any potential benefit in investing near that subway line in the city.

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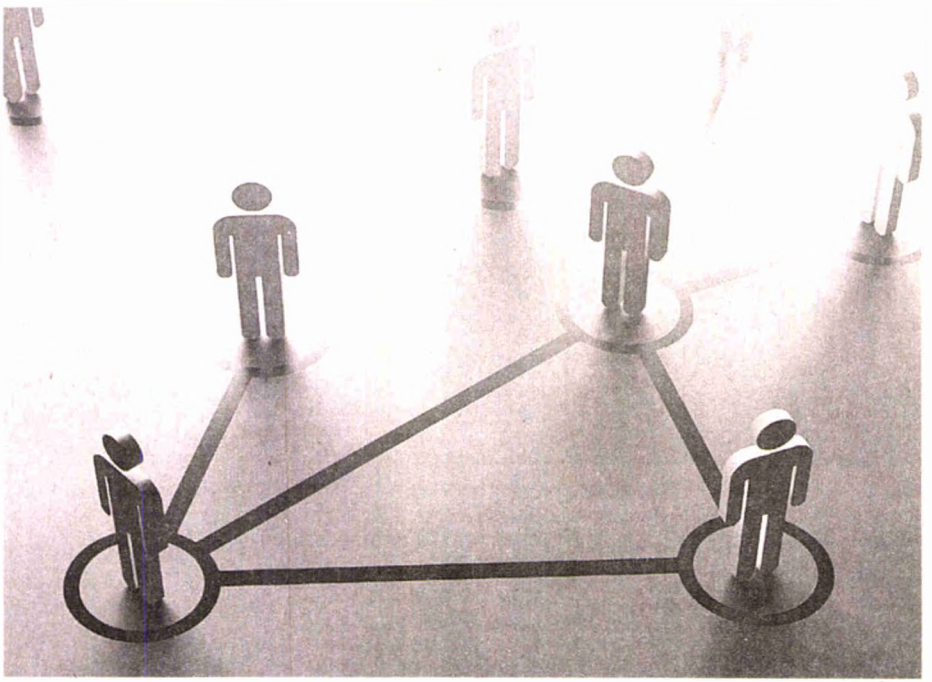
A lucky few may feel at home in a networking environment, but most dread it because it forces them outside their comfort zone. Here are five tips to make your networking efforts more aggressive and impactful while following protocol and maintaining etiquette.

Put yourself out there more. The first step toward successful networking is to be proactive about scheduling networking events and meetings on your calendar so it's on your radar.

"Going to events such as meetups in your area that relate to your field opens up dialogue without things getting too aggressive," says Alexis Sheehy, an online marketing specialist at Klara Technologies. "Building a relationship, even if it is as a result of sitting next to each other at a conference, is better than cold-calling or emailing. An aggressive approach would be to send a nice follow-up email after receiving a new business card from a networking event. If you're currently seeking a job, let that person know during the in-person conversation, casually."

Make your contact about building relationships. Approach your networking strategically, but don't try to bypass building relationships and take shortcuts — it will pay off in the long run.

"If you focus on a broader scope — a relationship, not just a singular social transaction — you're more likely to win over a contact," says April Masini,



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an author, relationship and etiquette expert, and popular media resource. "Job seekers, without realizing (it), can come across as grubby because they want a job. When you set yourself apart as someone who wants a relationship with a contact, not just a job, you're more likely to appear less desperate and smarter."

Be authentic. "When making industry friends, don't hide your true self to try to appear greater or smarter or richer than anyone," says Max Cron, creative strategy director for Online Optimism, a marketing agency. "Putting up this wall becomes apparent and can be a turnoff for many people."

Benjamin Luftman, one of the founding partners of the law firm Luftman, Heck & Associates, says he looks for job seekers who express a genuine interest.

"As a hiring manager, the qualities I look for when job seekers or potential employees are networking with me are authenticity and enthusiasm," he says.

"When someone is contrived, it shows. I think it's about striking the right balance between self-promotion and inquisitiveness. If you handle yourself in a way that shows you are confident, not cocky and desperate, and genuinely interested in the person you are speaking with, it goes a long way."

Showcase your subject-matter expertise. Consider writing a blog or creating a podcast or YouTube video on a subject that's relevant to your field of expertise, advises Matt Sweetwood, an author, speaker and social media and photography expert. Then, share it with the potential employers you meet at networking events.

Ask experts for their advice, not an interview. "People love to talk about their own experiences and answer smart questions," Masini says. "When you create a conversation by asking their advice with specific, smart questions, you're more likely to engage someone over the long run than the short run. This is a smart move in creating a relationship with someone you want to network with (because) it comes off as generous, not selfish."

Tap into experts at networking events by picking their brains about issues relevant to the industry or asking about their professional experiences.

"Good networking always requires an understanding of the prevailing standards and social codes for your industry, function and level," says Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "Always position your request as: 'If you were me, how would you approach this process?' (and) not: 'Do you have a job opening?'"

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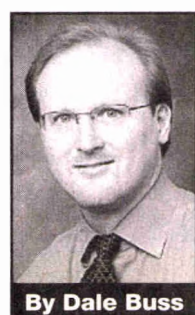
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Car Report

In One of Auto Industry's Most Aggressive Comparison-Ad Campaigns, Chevy Silverado Made the Bed for Ford F-150 To Lie In



By Dale Buss

Apparently it wasn't enough for General Motors to flog Ford with multiple TV ads, pre-movie cinema ads and online videos purporting to demonstrate the strength and durability deficit between

the Detroit Tigers play.

And then a few days later, on Sunday, June 12, Chevrolet hit Ford again, with another four pages of graphic insult wrapped around the week's largest edition of their home town's largest newspaper, the Detroit Free Press.

They were giddy at Chevy, perturbed at Ford. "It's a cheap shot," groused one Ford executive. "But we're the industry leader, so naturally they're going to come after us." Added another Ford executive: "GM is stuck with what they have for another few years, without a new truck version coming, so they have to do what they can."

Still, it was one thing, back in the day, for pickup brands to run comparison TV advertising that showed their trucks being able to pull bigger payloads than the other guys. And of course, there have been other out-re truck ads such as the campaign that Toyota ran a few years ago showing its Tundra



The Skid-Steer test with tumbling building blocks irked Ford and F-150 owners.

the steel bed of its Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck and the unconventional new military-grade aluminum bed of the Ford F-150.

Chevy's ballsy comparison advertising also assailed Ford executives by materializing in front of Ford suppliers and customers all over the Motor City in early June in a multi-media comparison-marketing blitz perhaps without precedent in the

in 2012 which showed the Chevrolet Silverado emerging from the rubble of a post-apocalyptic scene? It played on supposed predictions by the ancient Mayan calendar of the world's end in 2012, which became a popular media meme that year.

In the ad, only Chevy truck drivers made it to their rallying point, one of them holding a box of long-lived Twinkies. "Where's Dave?" one of the Silverado-driving survivors asked. He "didn't drive the longest-lasting, most dependable trucks on the road," another answered. "Dave ... drove a Ford."

But to the delight of Chevy mavens and the pique of Ford fans, this new Silverado campaign topped them all.

There was the launch of the major video-ad campaign, for starters.

Also, however, on the morning of that announcement, and a media webcast about it with Chevrolet executives, Chevy took out the first of the week's expensive, four-page wraparound advertisements for the

Silverado campaign that enveloped the Free Press as well as Wednesday's Detroit News and USA Today editions.

No doubt many executives of fleet customers and potential customers for Ford vehicles woke up in their Detroit-area hotels to find those newspapers at their feet. Ford happened to be hosting its annual fleet preview at Cobo Hall downtown and at its proving ground in nearby Dearborn, Mich., this week, where it was trying to wow government and commercial buyers with its newest vehicles.

Those vehicles included the first Super Duty versions of F Series trucks that were made with the type of aluminum bed which Chevy sullied in its ads. For the first time, this fall the heavy-duty F-250 through F-550 models will be based on the same types of aluminum beds which Ford introduced last year — in a tremendously high-stakes, and high-profile gamble — on the F-150.

Ford made an official statement about the Silverado ads and also pointed to the fact that F-150 buyers

simply aren't complaining about the durability of the aluminum bed. The company also said that most truck beds are covered by some form of liner that would have prevented the kind of punctures and bad dents that show up in F-150s under the duress of some of Chevrolet's televised tests.

And, Ford people noted, previously they produced their own video showing rocks being emptied into an F-150 bed — albeit not stones being dumped randomly into a truck from a few feet above the bed as in one of the Silverado ads. And the truck in the Ford video had a bed liner.

Ultimately, of course, Ford can point to the scoreboard: Sales of all Ford F-Series trucks through May were up by more than 7 percent compared with a year earlier, and up 9 percent in May. Meanwhile, sales of Silverado were up by only 1 percent for the period, though GM said that in May it experienced "the lowest incentive spend and the best-managed inventories in the segment.

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There's even specific precedent for Silverado picking on the F-150. Remember the Super Bowl TV ad



Chevrolet Silverado ads lit a fire in Detroit.

U.S. automotive industry, including big-bucks wraparound newspaper ads and, reportedly, Jumbotron stadium videos at Comerica Park while Ford's ad agency was seeing

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Spacious Lake Front Home!

- * Four bedroom, four and half bathrooms, on 1.25 Acres
- * Large deck overlooking lake
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- * Finished lower level with workshop, exercise room, with full kitchen and bath

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Charming Colonial!

- * Four bedroom, two and half bathroom on 10 acres
- * Rosewood floors, see through fireplace, Silstone Quartz counter tops
- * Two Outbuildings- One Pole Barn (32 x40)
- * A Must See!

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Beautiful Custom Colonial!

- * Three bedroom, over three bathrooms, on 4.25 acres
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- * Finished walkout basement with family room, bathroom and workshop
- * Located on a gorgeous private wooded lot

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Charming Colonial!

- * Four bedroom, two and half bathroom, Colonial
- * Master suite with crown molding
- * First floor laundry, two car garage
- * Inviting built in pool with slide

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Perfect Location!

- * Five bedroom, three and half bathroom Colonial in Milford
- * Large Master Suite with jetted tub
- * First Floor Laundry
- * New carpet and Oak floor throughout

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Beautifully Updated Cape Cod!

- * Three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, on 2.44 Acres
- * Kitchen with Granite and wood floors
- * First floor master suite and laundry
- * Finished walkout basement

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Exquisite Custom Built Brick Home!

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Gorgeous Colonial with Golf Course Views!

- * Four bedroom, two and half bathroom, Colonial
- * Master suite with crown molding
- * First floor laundry, two car garage
- * Inviting built in pool with slide

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Luxury Nestled in Over 2 Acres!

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