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Musician tunes up for academy

Novi middle schooler plays six instruments

Those who know Nadia Morman-Williams aren't surprised by her terrific ear for music.

The Novi Middle School student has been playing musical instruments since she was 2 years old.

An eighth-grader who plays six instruments, Nadia has been invited to participate in a prestigious music program in Chicago this summer. She will attend the Sphinx Performance Academy at Roosevelt University, a full-scholarship intensive chamber music and solo performance program designed to boost the skills of black and Latino string players between the ages of 12 and 17.

"This is really a dream come true, because it's everyone coming from around the world to play music together," said Nadia, who started out playing piano. "It's really great. Then when I found it's in Chicago, I was really excited. I've never been to Chicago before so this is an exciting experience, being somewhere new and making new friends."

An accomplished cello player, Nadia competed last fall in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association middle school solo and ensemble contests, receiving a first-division rating for her cello solo.

"Musically, Nadia has a great natural ear," said Sam Hickey, a music teacher at Novi Middle School. "She is particular about intonation and can hear when



Cello player Nadia Morman-Williams, an eighth-grader at Novi Middle School, will be attending the Sphinx Performance Academy in Chicago this summer.

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Novi celebrates Memorial Day



Novi paid tribute to the sacrifices of this country's service men and women with its Memorial Day activities Monday. For more photos from local Memorial Day ceremonies, see page A6.

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Wixom teacher tops Applebee's contest

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, a Livonia-based family-owned restaurant group and its 65 Applebee's restaurants, recognized Amber Thoelcke, a teacher at Wixom Christian School, with the "Applebee's Teacher of the Year" award at the school's kindergarten graduation program on Friday, May 19.

TSFR Director of Marketing Barb Pasciak made the announcement.

"We recognize that teachers play a large role in paving the way for the success of future generations, and as a company committed to giving back to our communities, we wanted to find a way to show how much we appreciate their hard work," said

Pasciak. "The 'Applebee's Teacher of the Year' award is our way of honoring the unsung heroes in our neighborhoods, and we're happy to have received such a great response to this initiative."

Applebee's created the inaugural "Applebee's Teacher of the Year" award in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. TSFR ran a campaign statewide within the school districts where its 65 Applebee's restaurants are located and asked community members to nominate teachers who they feel have continually served as great role models and encouraged a positive learning environment.



Amber Thoelcke, a teacher at Wixom Christian School, accepts the "Applebee's Teacher of the Year" award from Director of Marketing Barb Pasciak.

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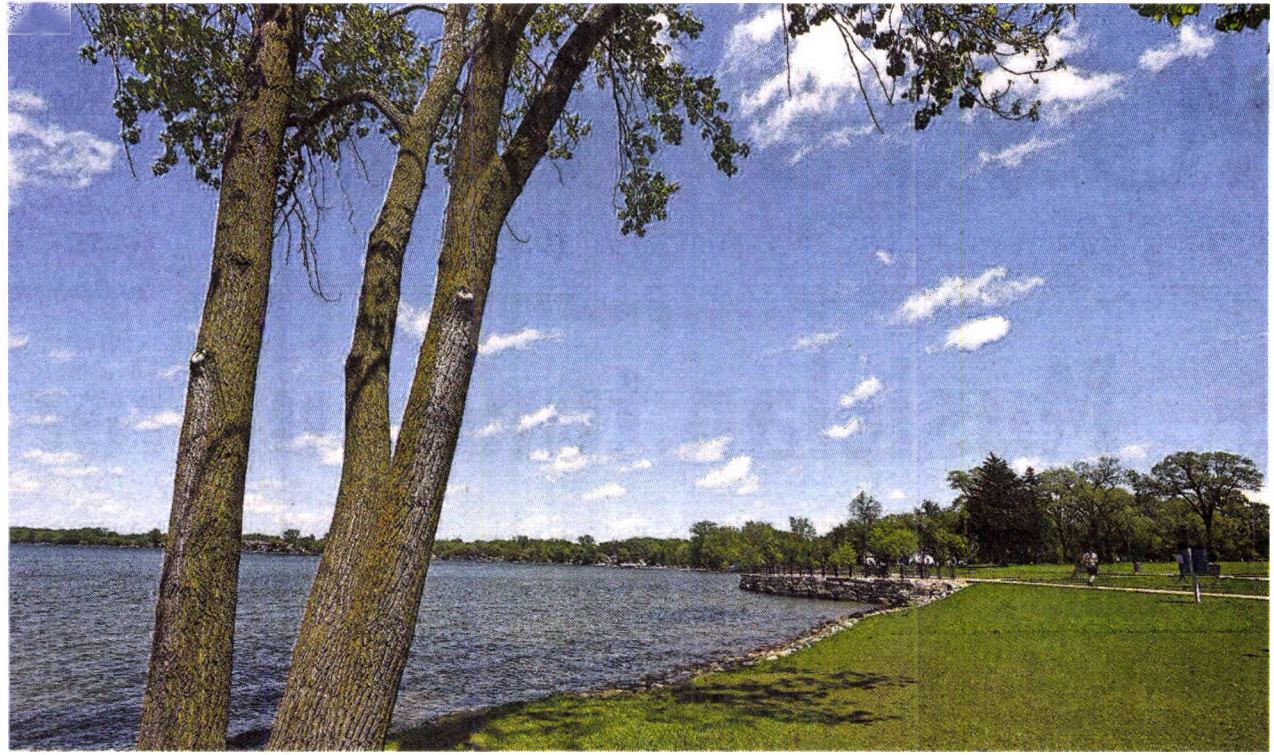
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Jerry Boeke jumps on his bike and hits the trail again on May 22 at Novi's Pavilion Shore Park. The Walled Lake resident was beginning to train for fundraiser bike-a-thons that he'll do this summer.

Lovely spring day at Pavilion Shore Park



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Novi's Pavilion Shore Park on May 22. The park has seen many upgrades since it opened two years ago and now has a picnic shelter and bathrooms for its visitors.

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her instrument is just slightly out of tune, which makes her an incredibly accurate player. Nadia is also very driven in regards to music. She works hard to advance herself independently on her instrument and challenges herself whenever she can."

It's not unusual for Nadia to practice the cello at home for 30 minutes, or sometimes an hour, seven days a week.

She is tutored by cellist David LeDoux, who plays in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"It's really hard work and dedication," said Nadia, who carries a 3.5 grade-point average. "You really have to put in the work because they only take the people who are going to work hard and achieve their goals."

To apply for Sphinx program, students must write a letter expressing a personal desire to attend the academy; submit two separate videos, one containing a three-

octave scale, and another with a two- or three-minute piece from a concerto or etude; and create a repertoire list.

Nadia will travel for the program to Roosevelt, where she will spend two weeks taking private lessons and working in small groups with world-class musicians who regularly perform across the country and work with students at prominent music conservatories such as The Juilliard School.

Hickey describes Nadia as humble and a natural leader in the

orchestra classroom.

"Her peers respect her knowledge and musical opinions on her instrument and the music that we play in class," Hickey said. "She never flaunts her advanced playing abilities or knowledge in front of the other students, but always allows herself to be a resource and helps her peers when they ask. I am honored to have had Nadia as a student this year and am very excited to see the doors that being accepted into the Sphinx Performance Academy open for her."

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Hundreds of nominations were received before the final five winners were selected. Thoelecke was awarded

with a commemorative award and certificate, along with \$100 in Applebee's Gift Cards, \$100 in Visa gift cards and other surprises, all totaling \$400 in value.

"Teaching is my passion, and I am dedicated to ensuring that time

spent in my classroom is highly creative with unique activities for my students," Thoelecke said. "I am extremely grateful to have been nominated and chosen for this award. It is an honor when the community and organizations like TEAM

Schostak Family Restaurants support local school districts, and can't I thank their team enough for this recognition."

For more information on TSFR and a complete list of upcoming community programs, visit www.teamschostak.com.

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STEVE FECHT

The Tipping Point Theatre production of "The Ladies Foursome," runs through June 24. The play stars Angela Kay Miller, MaryJo Cuppone, Sonja Marquis and Amy Morrisey.

It's the ladies turn to step up to the tee in Norm Foster's sequel to last season's box office hit, "The Foursome." With a completely different story, "The Ladies Foursome" follows Connie, Tate, Margot and new-found friend Dory as they play a round of golf in honor of their pal Catherine. Secrets and confessions come to the surface as the group discusses life, love, men, sex, children, careers ... everything but golf. Watch as the ladies seek and find comfort and life lessons in this fun-filled, fast-paced and heart-warming round of golf. "One of the best parts of this production is that I get to work with these incredible actresses and explore their characters, longtime friendships, and learn with them how far a friendship can bend before it breaks," Director Lynn Wilde Concanon said. "Norm Foster has a great way of writing a script with lots of humor that is also heart-

warming at the same time. Our audience can expect to see a very funny and poignant show about these ladies' relationships, the good and the bad, and enjoy many humorous moments." Sponsored by Edward Jones financial planner David J. Boyd, "The Ladies Foursome" runs June 24, with a special event at Walnut Creek Country Club on June 25. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Special matinee performance has been added 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 14. Tipping Point Theatre is at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$40 for adults, \$28 to \$33 for college students and senior citizens. High school students with a valid ID may purchase a ticket to any performance for \$10. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.

Police: Suspect admits to stealing money clip, not jacket

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

A shoplifting suspect admitted May 20 that he had stolen a \$75 money clip from a Novi department store, but claimed he thought he had paid for an \$85 jacket that police say he'd hidden under his own jacket, according to a police report.

The man, 28, was arrested after a security worker at Nordstrom, at Twelve Oaks Mall, confronted him as he left the store just before noon May 20, a Novi Police

Department report said. The money clip and the North Face jacket were reportedly recovered.

The employee told police she had recognized the man from a previous incident and watched on closed-circuit television as he took off his jacket, put on the North Face jacket and then put his own jacket back on. He then picked up a money clip and put it in a pocket of the shorts he was wearing, purchased a pair of pants and left the store, the employee said. That's when she confronted

him.

The salesman who rang up the pants purchase did not recall a money clip or a jacket, the security employee said.

Police said security video corroborated the security employee's version of events, and also showed the suspect taking price tags off the jacket and money clip.

At the police station, the suspect told an officer that a salesperson had been with him when he tried on the jacket and that that person had taken the tag and an anti-

theft device off of it, the report said.

He reportedly said he believed he had been charged for the jacket when he paid for the pants, but that he had not taken it off to be rung up.

The man admitted to stealing the money clip, saying he had lost his own within the previous week, police said.

He was released on bond with a citation for third-degree retail fraud and a court date.

Corvette tire slashed

A tire on a Chevrolet Corvette was found slashed May 23. The car was parked in the driveway of a home on Carousell Street at the time.

Police said there were four punctures in the sidewall of the right front tire. The complainant, who was not able to find witnesses, told police the vandalism occurred between 10 p.m. May 22 and 8 a.m. May 23.

Copper theft

Ten rolls of copper wire, worth a total of \$5,000, were reported stolen May 22 from a job site on Cabot Drive.

The copper had been taken between the afternoon of May 20 and about 7 a.m. May 22, a police report said. It had been stored in a locked room at the site; police found no signs of forced entry.

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Northville students take honors at Academic Games

The Northville Public Schools' academic games team continued a tradition of excellence at the 52nd annual Academic Games National Tournament, which took place from April 28 to May 2 in Wheeling, W.Va.

Fifty Northville students qualified in the state tournament earlier this year and represented the district at the national tournament. The four-day competition was fierce, with playoffs lasting late into the night.

Students earned honors for the district, including four national team champion titles and two national individual champion titles. They had been practicing and preparing for the tournament at least twice weekly since September.

The Northville team is comprised of students from elementary to the high school level, and competes in mathematics, English, logic and history games.

The games Equations, On-Sets, Wff'N Proof and Linguistik are played by groups of three students who must show knowledge of the concepts and the ability to creatively apply them. The Propaganda and Presidents games consist of questions with various



The Northville Public Schools academic team and its coaches.

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degrees of difficulty and require not only knowledge but critical thinking.

Northville's eighth-grade Meads Mill Middle School team of Andy Jiang, Ahmad Raayan, Oliver Wu, Jeffrey Zhang and Jeffrey Yang was the middle school Equations champion; the seventh-grade Hillside Middle School team of Bianca Brie, Dillan Lau, Joshua Chacko, Sambhav Gupta and Winston Wong

won the middle school Wff'N Proof championship; and the sixth-grade team from Meads Mill of Rajeev Budaraju, Vansh Kapoor, Tanmay Kundapur, Jivin Yalamachili and Lucas Kim won the elementary-level championship in both Wff'N Proof and On-Sets.

In addition, Jeffrey Zhang, an eighth-grader, was an individual champion in Equations, and Andy Jiang, also in

eight grade, was a national champion in Propaganda.

A student may favor or be passionate about one or more games, but an overall win requires well-rounded performance in all categories.

The Northville team strives to provide an environment that encourages learning and promotes integrity and sportsmanship in students while offering opportunities to meet

peers from other schools in monthly competitions. Northville students compete on the state level in the Michigan League of Academic Games, and on the national level in the Academic Games Leagues of America.

The team is coached and supported by parents and volunteers. One of this year's coaches, Simona Marincean, received the Outstanding Educator award from the state organization.

The other coaches are Kanni Subramanian, Krishna Budaraju, Madhur Malhotra, Senay Tascioglu, Shubha Rao, Sri Mangipudi and Yang Yang. The team is coordinated by Karla Calderon, Ning Zhang and Yanli Zhao, and many parent volunteers assisted during weekly practices and tournaments.

For more information about the Academic Games program, visit mlagonline.com.

Alert officer halts auto dealer wheel thefts, suspects flee, police say

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

An alert police officer patrolling near two Plymouth Township auto dealerships halted a crime in progress as suspects were stealing wheels off vehicles, Police Chief Tom Tiderington said.

"This is the crime of the ages right now," he said. "It's happening everywhere."

An officer had turned off his patrol car headlights and was approaching Hines Park Lincoln, on Ann Arbor Road west of I-275, when he noticed a Mercedes-Benz SUV and a Dodge Caravan

with occupants.

Two men spotted the officer and ran toward a wooded area to escape as the incident unfolded about 3:15 a.m. May 16, a police report said.

As the officer approached the Mercedes, occupied by at least one man, the driver swerved around the patrol car and

over the curb before fleeing the scene at a high rate of speed, the report said.

The officer went to the Dodge Caravan, which police learned was stolen out of Southfield, but found no one in it. However, police found

four Cadillac XT5 silver wheels and tires inside the vehicle.

Police then went to the nearby Suburban Cadillac dealership and found a Cadillac XT5 on landscaping blocks with all four wheels missing. Officers found another

Cadillac XT5 being held up by a jack, with two tires leaning against it.

According to a police report, at least three vehicles were either missing wheels or had been tampered with before authorities arrived.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by previous resolution adopted following a public hearing, the Novi City Council has determined to proceed with this improvement project, and has specified the properties to be included in the district to be specially assessed for the costs of the project. On Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Novi City Hall, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, the City Council shall meet for the purpose of hearing comments and objections from interested persons regarding the proposed special assessment roll for this project, known as Holmes Road, Hemingway Drive, and Brownstone Drive within the Vistas of Novi Planned Unit Development, Special Assessment District NO. 179.

The proposed improvement is a pavement repair and rehabilitation which is intended to specially benefit the properties described on the roll, the Special Assessment District. The cost for the Project as approved by the Council following the first public hearing has not increased by five (5%) per cent or more.

A copy of the Special Assessment Roll for this Project is on file at the City Clerk's Offices, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours. Additional information is also available on the cityofnovi.org homepage under "Novi Today".

Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

Cortney Hanson, CMC, CMMC
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DAN DEAN

Joel Leik, a U.S. Navy veteran, salutes during the playing of taps at the Northville Memorial Day service at Rural Hill Cemetery.

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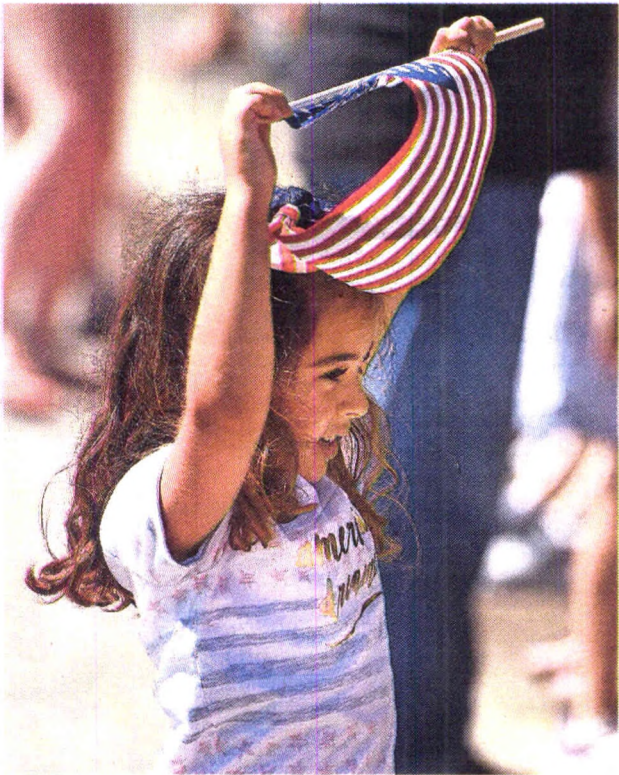
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Northville Memorial Day service at Rural Hill Cemetery.



KELLY DOBSON

Plenty of color adorned the Novi Memorial Day parade.



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Andi Walsh waits for the Milford Memorial Day parade to start with an American flag.



JERRY REA

The marching band provided music for the South Lyon parade.



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A child approaches a veteran to hand him an American flag during the Milford Memorial Day parade.



JERRY REA

Various groups like the scouts joined in Monday's South Lyon Memorial Day parade.



DAN DEAN

Rita and Mark Magdowski of Garden City watch and listen to the Northville Memorial Day service at Rural Hill Cemetery. Mark served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1976-97.



KELLY DOBSON

Fans of all ages turned out to pay respects to military service men and women at Novi's Memorial Day parade Monday.

NEWS BRIEFS

Postal food drive a success

Active Faith Community Services in South Lyon received more than 14,000 pounds of donated food as a result of the recent Postal Service Food Drive. That level of donation is a record-breaking amount, according to Maryann Mihalic, Active Faith's executive director.

"The South Lyon and New Hudson communities were extremely generous for this food drive. Many families will benefit from our fully stocked shelves and our ability to offer them assistance in their time of need. We are pleased to be able to continue to serve the South Lyon school district in such a blessed way," Mihalic said.

Satisfying criminal law attorney

The American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys has recognized the performance of Michigan's Criminal Law Attorney David J. Kramer as two Years 10 Best Criminal Law Attorneys for client satisfaction.

The American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys is a third-party attorney rating organization that publishes an annual list of the Top 10 Criminal Law attorneys in each state. Attorneys who are selected to the "10 Best" list must pass AIOCLA's selection process, which is based on client and/or peer nominations, research and AIOCLA's independent evaluation. AIOCLA's annual list was created to be used as a resource for clients during the attorney selection process.

Kramer's office is at 42400 Grand River Ave., Novi; 248-348-7400 or www.novilaw.com.

Make dad a Father's Day bowtie

The Novi Rockler Woodworking and Hardware Store is offering free, hands-on "Make & Take" Bow Tie project classes throughout the day on Saturday, June 10. Participants can learn basic woodworking skills while handcrafting a custom bow tie using hardwoods. No experience or tools are needed and the class — including

materials — is free. Instruction will be provided by the store's expert woodworkers and teachers.

Make Dad a custom bow tie using beautiful hardwoods and other materials. Rockler Woodworking and Hardware will be offering these complimentary classes throughout the day on Saturday, June 10. All instruction and materials are included.

For more information and to watch the video, go to www.rockler.com/makeandtake. Classes are at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The store is at 26160 Ingersol Drive, Novi.

Go take a walk

Starting this week, Novi Path Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Wildlife Woods Park, 26442 Wixom Road, and will walk the ITC Corridor Trail to the Providence Park Hospital Campus and back. The walk is two miles and is a no-drop walk; the group will remain together. Due to the holiday, the group will not meet July 4.

To learn more about Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services offerings, go to cityofnovi.org or call Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Help shape Novi's future

The dedication of Novi residents is essential for maintaining a vibrant community for the 55 & Better population. If you, or a loved one, are part of the older adult community, your feedback is needed. A five-minute survey is designed to help the city understand what programs and services, communication avenues and transportation options meet needs and wants. Responses will provide guidance to the Older Adult Services staff in creating a five-year strategic plan.

In appreciation of your input, provided on or before June 7, your name will be entered in a drawing for a gift basket. For questions, call Novi Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414 or email Karen Kapchonic at kkapchonic@cityofnovi.org. Share your thoughts by clicking on the link at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TAKE5futureofNovi.

Michigan Philharmonic 2017/18 season celebrates local artists and diversity

The Michigan Philharmonic will begin its 72nd season with "A Bit of Beethoven and Blue Jeans."

The season opener is set for Saturday, Sept. 30, at The Village Theatre. It has become an annual tradition for the symphony to perform different compositions each year wearing blue jeans.

Enjoy Beethoven's masterpieces "King Stephen Overture in E-flat Major" and "Romance for Violin and Orchestra No.1 in G, Op. 40" as well as colorful compositions by Alberto Ginastera, and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsako.

The concert also features music by visiting composer Mary Watkins. This year's overall season theme will be — Arts Advocacy, with a focus on promoting diversity and community engagement. Mary Watkins, embodies both powerful women in music and an influential force in promoting diversity.

The second concert this season is set for Oct. 21 in the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC). Bring your entire family as the Michigan Philharmonic collaborates with all of PARC to create a "Philharmonic Thriller."

Walk through haunted hallways, to see the performance even your kids will enjoy as the orchestra features, "Bella's Lullaby" from "Twilight," music from "The Chronicles of Narnia-The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," along with Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and music from "Harry Potter." This concert will also highlight the "scary classics" with pieces by J.S. Bach, John Williams, Steven Schwartz and last season's featured composer Alice Gomez.

On Nov. 10, the timely concert "Hail to the Veterans" will personify the importance of collaboration and community, as the Michigan Philharmonic invites the Detroit Children's Choir, Main Street Opera Theater Children's Chorus, Plymouth Counselors Youth Chorale and MPYO Sinfonia to join them in paying homage to our veterans. This concert features side-by-side performances of compositions by Gustav

Holst and Samuel A. Ward/ Katharine Lee Bates as well as commemorative compositions written by Aaron Copland, Michel Legrand, and John Williams.

Contrasting the musical salutes to American heroes, the annual "Holiday Pops with the Phil" concert will include lively music to get you into the holiday spirit. On Dec. 14 at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth the Michigan Phil celebrates the holidays with music from many traditions featuring, "The Eight Candle: Prayer and Dance for Hanukkah" by Steve Reister, and "African Noel." This concert will also include sing-alongs well as excerpts from Tchaikovsky's masterpiece, "The Nutcracker" and "The Polar Express Suite" by Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard. Additionally, two pieces by Leroy Anderson, "Sleigh Ride" and "The Typewriter" will be performed. Using the sounds of a typewriter as a focal point in Anderson's composition, "The Typewriter" is recognized as one of, "the wittiest and most clever pieces in orchestral repertoire."

For tickets and more information or to volunteer, call 734 451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.

About the Michigan Philharmonic

Celebrating its 72nd season, the Michigan Philharmonic (or "Michigan Phil") is one of the most innovative and dynamic professional orchestras in Southeast Michigan. Nan Washburn, Music Director and Conductor since 1999, has won 19 ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music from the League of American Orchestras. In 2016 the Michigan Philharmonic received First Place in the American Prize for the Performance of American Music.

The orchestra performs in an ever-expanding roster of Michigan communities; including Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia, Brighton, Downtown Detroit, and many others.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING JUNE 21, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider the following variance requests:

- Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 3.1.C., General Use Provisions (One Principal Structure per Single Family Lot) for a residence at 47873 7 Mile Road (Parcel ID#77-029-99-0017-000).
- Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 18.1, Schedule of Regulations, (Lot Coverage) for a residence at 16931 Franklin Road (Parcel ID#77-054-01-0023-000).

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

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

Published: June 1, 2017

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 133 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of amendments to Ordinance Chapter 133 (Peddling and Soliciting) at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The amendment is to section 133-11 to include paragraph (B) *No peddler or solicitor shall enter into property which has posted a "No Solicitation", "No Trespassing", "No Peddlers or Agents", "No Advertisements" sign or its equivalent, posted in a conspicuous and prominent location.* The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2017.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 18th day of May, 2017.

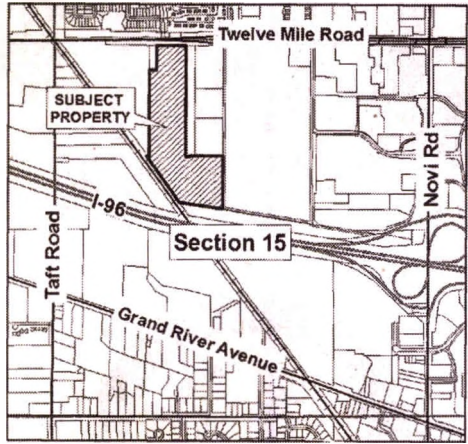
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **A123 SYSTEMS JSP 17-21 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PARCEL IS LOCATED IN SECTION 15, WEST OF CABARET DRIVE AND SOUTH OF TWELVE MILE ROAD AND IS ZONED OST (OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY).** The subject parcel is approximately 31.25 acres. The applicant is proposing to build two buildings one office/lab space of 128,936 square feet and another assembly building of 53,469 square feet including associated site improvements of parking and landscaping.



Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-15-126-016

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 14, 2017.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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SYNOPSIS May 18, 2017 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, May 18, 2017
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Symantha Heath, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
ABSENT: Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** - Approved
 - Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Alexandre Nathan Jund - Eagle Scout Rank - Approved
 - Mary Jo Blasius - Beautification reappointment - Approved
 - Fred Shadko - EDC Board Liaison appointment - Approved
 - Water & Sewer Rate Presentation - Joe Heffernan - Presented
 - ISO rating - Public Safety - Fire - Presented
 - Worker's Compensation Award - Presented
 - Public Hearing:** None
 - Brief Public Comments:** None
 - New Business:**
 - Public Services - Water & Sewer Rates - Approved
 - Meadowbrook Country Club - Fireworks Permit - Approved
 - Clerk's - Election Equipment Grant Agreement - Approved
 - Temporary Sign Request - Seventh Day Adventist Church - Approved
 - Unfinished Business:** None
 - Ordinances:**
 - Amendments to §97-1, §67-34 & §67-62 - Hunting and Weapons - Approved
 - Amendments to Chapter §133 - Peddling and Soliciting - Approved
 - Amendments to Chapter §67-42, 43, 44 & 45 - Fireworks - Introduced
 - Amendments to Chapter §79-2, 5, & 6 - Fire Prevention - Introduced
 - Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$1,502,855.89 for the period of 4/8/17 to 5/5/17 - Approved
 - Board Communication & Reports:**
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
 - Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
 - ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available May 31, 2017.
Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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I am an American We are One Nation

STRESSING WHAT WE HAVE IN COMMON

Cincinnati Islamic leader honored to join national Muslim-Jewish council

CHRIS GRAVES
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onation.usatoday.com.

CINCINNATI - Shakila Ahmad doesn't really shake your hand, she embraces it.

She shakes with one hand, while placing her other hand on top of yours as a kind of hand-hug.

It's the kind of greeting that puts strangers immediately at ease.

Ahmad is a Muslim-American woman who has spent much of her life drawing people in from various communities, religions and political persuasions to help educate others about Islam.

And that is why Bob Silverman, the U.S. director of Muslim-Jewish Relations for the American Jewish Committee, invited her to join the national Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council last year.

The council was launched by the AJC and the Islamic Society of North America in November to advocate on shared national issues and concerns.

Ahmad is one of 31 Muslim and Jewish leaders who will serve on the council, designed to fight Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.

Her work at the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati in West Chester, Ohio, for more than 20 years made her a natural for inclusion on the council.

"She's a sparkling individual," Silverman said. "She's been a real force for good."

Ahmad said she was both honored and a bit reluctant to take on the role, given her local commitments. She is president and board chair of the Cincinnati center.

"If Jewish Americans are reaching out and I have the opportunity to make a positive impact, then I'm being selfish for saying I don't have time," she said.

Ahmad was the first woman and the youngest to serve on the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati's board. She creat-



CARA OWSLEY/USA TODAY NETWORK

Shakila Ahmad, board chair and president of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati in West Chester, Ohio, has agreed to serve on the national Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council.

ed its Tours and Talks program to educate law enforcement officers, business leaders, nonprofit groups, schools and communities about Islam. She was the founding member of the center's Muslim Mothers Against Violence initiative.

She has learned through her work that most of us want to learn about what binds us and not focus on what divides us.

"Whatever I can do to make a difference," she said, "I try and do."

Shakila Ahmad

Profession: President and chair of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati board. Director of business management at Allergy & Asthma Specialty Center.

Age: 56

Home: Evendale, Ohio

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Q&A WITH SHAKILA AHMAD

What does it mean to you to be an American?

Being an American is an incredible privilege. The freedoms this country affords are incredible: freedom of religion, freedom of expression, education. The opportunities are tremendous.

What moment touched and motivated you to become involved in this effort?

I have been committed to interfaith work for two decades. We did a women of interfaith program on Fountain Square (in Cincinnati) in 2016, and there were 300 women who came forward to stand together, to establish relationships. It was moving. And so when the national coalition asked me to be involved — to stand up again discrimination, to speak up and to speak out for each other and to look at domestic policy issues — I had to say yes. I believe in this work. The possibility of positive impact and positive change is the number one reason I said yes.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

What gives me hope is the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council and the work we will do to serve our country. What gives me hope is the women's interfaith community and that people show up in the hundreds to get to know their neighbors. What gives me hope is that all fellow Americans are able to stand shoulder to shoulder regardless if we are Muslim Americans or Jewish Americans or Christian Americans. We are all Americans.

What concerns me is when we don't take time to understand our similarities and our differences. When we chastise each other, we are cut off from one another. That is deeply, deeply concerning to me and deeply un-American.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to really empower one another with our diverse voice. As a nation ... we have tremendous values, and I hope to celebrate that and contribute to that work. I am hopeful we can build relationships with each other and our political leaders so the message is: We are your constituents, the voters, and we are the people you want to help make our government listen to us. I also hope we will advocate in order to decrease these unfounded fears and the disenfranchisement and bigotry that we have seen across the country and in our own region.

Students join Shred-it event

SUBMITTED

Area high school students provided assistance to the 214 motorists who lined up to have identity-sensitive documents shredded on-site at Northville Township Hall on May 20. The event was sponsored by the Northville Township Beautification Commission. The students were (left to right): Christian Graham and Adam Hillebrand (Livonia Stevenson), Lisa Cui, Gilliam Croteau, Logan Ross, Hao Tian Jiang and Connor Hart (Northville High School). Also assisting were NHS students Lucas Buccellato and Stephen Freeman. Beautification commissioners said this project greatly benefited from the help of these students. The Shred-it project is conducted every two years by the commission.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crazy week for Trump

In no particular order let's recap: So it turns out when House Intelligence Committee (oxymoron) chair Devin Nunes was sneaking around the White House for Trump making unauthorized disclosures of classified materials, it was to delay fired AG Sally Yates from telling her story to Congress (and what a story she told) and then served up the Susan Rice unmasking story to serve as a smokescreen to that. Details of Comrade Trump's private meeting with two top Russians where he gave them the highest level of classified materials and bragged of firing "nut job" Comey to ease pressure from the Russian investigation while allowing only Russian state media into the white house.

Then, H.R. McMaster, one of only two Trump officials with any credibility totally trashes his credibility by playing word games and lying about what happened, and Trump throws him under the bus the next morning. Trump admits, during the Lester Holt interview to firing Comey, not to defend Hillary's honor as originally stated, but because of the fake Russian thing. Trump was blindsided by the deputy AG bringing a special investigator to probe this "witch hunt."

Flynn admitted he told the Trump transition team he was under investigation for the Russia thing weeks before the inauguration. AG Sessions didn't really recuse himself from the Russia thing.

Did I miss anything? Trump bowed before the Saudi king and called it an honor, but he said it was a disgrace when Obama did it. And he accepted a large donation from them but when Hillary did the same he called it criminal and pay to play. During the campaign he took such relish, such childlike glee in using the phrase "radical Islamic terrorism" but not once did those words cross his lips while addressing a conference of 50 Islamic nations.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

On differing political opinions

Love, tolerate or despise him, our President has been the subject of unceasing vitriol and attacks from the new axis of anti-Trumpism: establishment Republicans, Democrat party save a few, most of academia, entertainment industry, most of the self-admitted and proud anti-Trump media and, most frighteningly, the deep state of career intelligence officials.

Most of the latter are indeed American patriots who serve their nation with dedication, there are a few rogue actors that must be found and exposed. There's little more dangerous than rogue intelligence personnel with an ax to grind in weaponizing intelligence data for political purposes.

While Director of National Intelligence James Clapper recently stated that our institutions are under assault by President Trump, he also has said most clearly there is no evidence linking Trump to Russian collusion. The former assertion is parodied as fact by this new axis while the latter is ignored as irrelevant though it is indeed the latter that is factual and very troubling to the media.

We all desire to leave this earth a better place than when we arrived. But by what means and values? Animosity of all things Republican because their candidate lost? This is what I'm seeing in this section of the paper almost every week. And yes, that civility cuts both ways.

Let's face it. If your beliefs are pro-choice, bigger federal government, open borders, more taxes to fund social programs, gender redefinition so you can supposedly re-create your gender through hormones and surgery, intolerance toward those with whom you disagree, deconstruction of the First Amendment to selectively champion free speech for the press while removing its equal elevation of religious freedom, contempt for the Second Amendment and its right

to keep and bear arms, and the wholesale abandonment of Amendment's IX and X, then it is natural for you to despise our President.

I get it. I do not despise you because you believe in the things I find anathema to American exceptionalism. I am saddened that you did not learn the foundational principles that made this nation such a beautiful place to live in and where millions have sacrificed dearly to come here in past decades and centuries to build a better America. Ironically, the most militant atheist, the most virulent leftist and the current axis against Trump all enjoy their freedom here because of conservatism, not in spite of it.

That gift of freedom and our free will give us the choice to choose wisely or poorly.

Joe Edwards
Novi

Gun control needed

While watching the news, a story came on that had me shaking my head. It seems another two-bit punk got his hands on a pistol and opened fire on a house, wounding a mother and her newborn baby.

Many moons ago, when I was a deputy sheriff on patrol, practically the only criminals who carried a gun, were hit men and armed robbers. Now, it seems, every wannabe thug can get his hands on a semi-automatic weapon, and then use it without any regard for the mayhem they cause.

You would think that our lawmakers would be trying to close loopholes in current laws and shutting down shady gun dealers. But, come on, both Lansing and D.C. are teeming with politicians who are no more than pimps and shills for the NRA and gun makers.

Case in point are two bills pending in our State Capital. The first would do away with the requirement that a person must have a license to carry a concealed pistol. The second would end the requirement that pistols must be registered with the State of Michigan. Both sponsored by Re-

publican politicians.

If these bills become law, any adult could go in the local Walmart, buy a handgun, slip it in the waistband and go about their business. No pesky background investigation, no training and no fingerprint checking.

I am sure the mother mentioned above will feel safer if these bills are put in place. Again, nothing but pandering to the NRA and right-wing nut jobs.

James Huddleston
Canton

New health plan is bad

The bi-partisan Congressional Budget Office, an arm of Congress, just scored the new version of Trump-care passed by the GOP-controlled House. After seven years of "repeal and replace" constant rhetoric and after 55 House votes to repeal the AHCA, the House current version would terminate the coverage of 23 million Americans. Currently, over 90% of Americans have health coverage, the highest percent in American history, as a direct result of the AHCA.

The largest segment of those 23 million who will lose coverage are the old, very young, women and any of us who have preexisting conditions. Drastic cuts in Medicaid will ensure that the poor will not be covered by health care. Trump care would destroy any semblance of health care coverage for those se-

lected 23 million. GOP Republicans soothe there cruel conscience by essentially saying the Senate will straighten out there cruel mess. A massive political gamble using sick US citizens as a GOP slot machine tokens.

Trump care does not cover routine mammograms and pap smear but does cover prostate cancer screening. We must wonder why?

Why terminate health care for 23 million? Simple. Neither Trump or the GOP-controlled US House, has any interest in health care coverage. There singular goal is to "create" savings for a massive tax cut for the already wealthy which is Trump and his cronies.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Trott untrustworthy

Congressman Dave Trott has demonstrated that he demands constant constituent supervision and can never be trusted to do what normally should be expected of an honest, ethical, public-minded legislator.

Trott votes for and supports policies that would result in tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths per year for lack of health coverage, cause a dramatic increase in out of pocket health care costs for most Americans, dramatically cut Medicaid which would result in millions of middle and working class families having to render long

term care in their own homes to aged parents and jeopardize the solvency of Medicare reducing care and exploding costs to retirees all so that the top 1% of the wealth holders and wage earners can enjoy substantial tax cuts.

Shamefully, Trott is also down with sacking environmental regulations (societal protections) that would prevent the fouling of the environment with life and health threatening toxins from numerous sources and of course the proliferation of green house gases that would render the planet uninhabitable, again all so that corporations can expand profits despite the fact that corporate profits are at or near an all time high as a share of GDP.

Now Trott has helped help to vote out of committee a bill that would almost guarantee a future economic crash by repealing the Volker rule which restricts banks from co-mingling commercial and investment functions and cuts restrictions on the mortgage industry returning us to the same lax regulatory environment that precipitated the inflation of a housing bubble that spelled financial disaster for millions of Americans all to increase profits and again in spite of the fact that the banks and Wall Street are raking in record profits.

Mitch Smith
Canton

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE §79-2, 5 AND 6 - FIRE PREVENTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance §79-2, 5 and 6 (Fire Prevention) at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustees meeting of May 18, 2017.

The proposed amendment will include the adoption of the 2015 Fire Code and appendix chapters to ensure compliance with current safety standards.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE § 67-34 - Weapons

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of amendments to Ordinance §67-34 (Weapons) at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

The amendment is to section 67-34 paragraphs (C) and (D) to include "This paragraph shall not apply to the extent open carry of a firearm is permitted under the laws of the State of Michigan." The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2017.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 18th day of May, 2017.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

At its regular meeting on June 19, 2017, City Council will introduce for first reading proposed text amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance.

Articles 15, 17, 19, and 26: proposed text amendments would require front open space on a residential lot, prohibit parking on an unpaved surface in the front yard of a residential district or across a public sidewalk, and clarify that the driveway width requirement in Section 19.05 does not apply to single-family or two-family residential lots.

Article 19: proposed text amendments would clarify when Planning Commission review or minor site plan review is required, and the site plan review process.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for June 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

CRAIG STRONG, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE §67-42, 43, 44 & 45 - FIREWORKS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to Ordinance §67-42, 43, 44 & 45 (Fireworks) at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustees meeting of May 18, 2017.

The proposed amendments will bring the ordinance into compliance with current law regulating fireworks within the State of Michigan and provides clarity for the residents regarding the sale, display, storage, transportation and discharge of consumer grade fireworks within the Township boundaries in accordance with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act No. 256 of 2011 (MCL 28.451, et seq.) as amended.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
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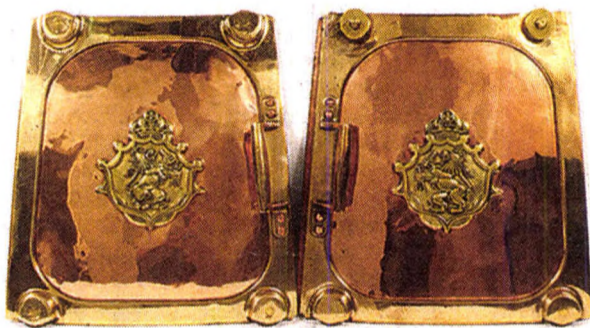
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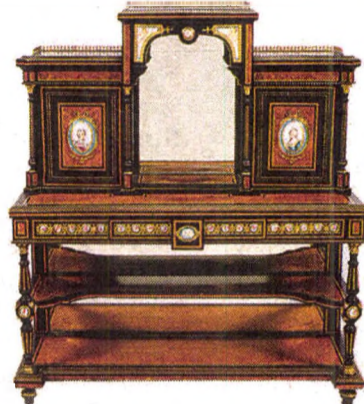
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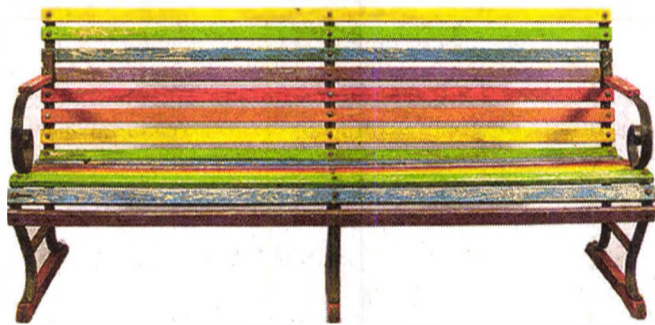
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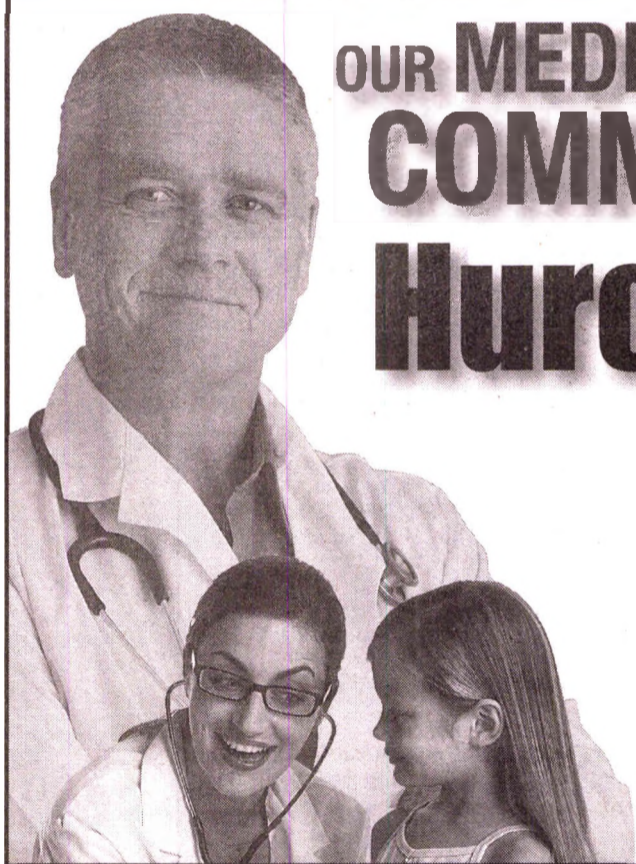


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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Inside life of Sparty: ex-mascot tells all

Novi High grad Halley had a blast during his three-year reign

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Harrison Halley's true identity can now be revealed. The 2013 Novi High grad secretly spent the past three years as Michigan State's official mascot, better known as Sparty.

Halley, who recently graduated from MSU with a degree in communications and music, checked off all the boxes, and more, on his personal bucket list.

He appeared on "Good Morning America" and as

Halley said, "That was cool getting to know Ryan Seacrest, I took some pictures with him."

Or how about that commercial shoot with late night TV host Jimmy Kimmel?

"I was with Ken Jeong from the movie 'The Hangover,' singer Robin Thicke, and the guy from Men's Warehouse who says, 'You're going to like the way you look, I guarantee it.' For a commercial he measures me as Sparty," Halley said.

Of course, there was an appearance on ESPN's "Game Day for College Football" on the MSU campus where he met the anchors Kirk Herbstreit, Lee Corso and Chris Fowler, not to mention his numerous trips representing

Sparty at games around the country.

In one year, Sparty will make over 500 appearances, including "football, basketball, pretty much every sport, hockey, volleyball, tennis matches," according to Halley.

Busy schedule

"Summer is our busiest season, so I was all over the state of Michigan," Halley said. "Got to go to L.A. a couple of times, Pebble Beach, shot commercial shoots with ESPN in L.A. with people like Jimmy Kimmel and some other big stars. Been to New York a couple of times, been to a bunch of different Big



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Sparty shakes hands with Erin O'Donovan, 18, of Troy, during the MSU Homecoming Parade in 2015.

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BOYS LACROSSE

MUSTANGS STOP NOVI TO RIDE INTO REGIONAL FINAL

Top seed Shamrocks also advance with 21-9 win

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All Northville face-off specialist Spencer Gonda was looking for was a little redemption in Wednesday's MHSAA Division 1-Region 4 semifinal matchup against rival Novi.

When the two teams met on May 10, Northville got the victory over the Wildcats 14-8, but Novi junior Chase Sparling had the distinct upper hand, winning draws against Gonda, a senior who is headed to play at NCAA Division III Aurora University.

"The key was just figure out this guy," Gonda said of Sparling. "I had some issues with him in the past, but I just figured him out. Just drive my right hand harder and get that ball clamped down quickly. Last time we played he had my number. I probably won way less than 50 percent."

Watching film and working the draws a little harder, Gonda went a respectable 12-of-22 (54.5 percent) in the circle against his nemesis as the Mustang prevailed again, 13-6, in a match played at North Farmington High School.

With the victory, second seed Northville (14-3) was set to face top seed Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-5) for the Region 4 crown at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at North Farmington.

"I think the big difference was Spence, he played great this week," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "I kind of really got in his head a little bit about it and I said, 'Hey, you can do it.' He's been in a little bit of a lull, but he really turned it up today. Sparling is one of the better guys we've gone against all year and I think the last time he went against Spencer he dominated, but Spence got the better of him today. He did awesome."

Although Northville got off to a slow start leading only 2-1 one period, the Mustangs turned it up a notch during the



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Even though he's wrapped up pretty well by Novi's Chase Sparling, Northville's Anthony Salamone managed to get a shot off on goal on this play.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Brighton girls unseat Novi as KLA A champ on last-minute goal

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If somebody had put up a road sign for Wednesday night's KLA A Association girls soccer championship final between host Novi and Brighton it would have simply read: "Caution, slippery when wet."

The score was knotted at 1-1 and all signs pointed toward overtime during the waning moments of regulation time in a game played in the pouring rain at Meadows Stadium.

But in a last-ditch attempt, Brighton's Alexis Shatrau fired a shot from 25 yards out that skidded off the wet grass and past Novi goalkeeper Callie Rich for the game-winner with only 1:01 remaining.

"It hit the ground right between her legs and that's why it was hard to catch," said Shatrau, a junior midfielder. "The ground definitely gave me an advantage. It was the last minute and the coach kept telling us to shoot. With this weather your chances are just the best, and to get it and be successful ..."

It was Shatrau's fifth goal of the season and none was bigger as No. 2-ranked Brighton (14-1-3) captured its first Association final since 2009.

"Alexis just beat the outside back that she was going at and she just took a chance," Brighton coach Chris Stevanovic said. "It took a fortunate skip for us with the wet weather and the goalkeeper couldn't handle it. Sometimes in a championship game like this you need to put it on net and hope for the best and that's what Alexis did. It wasn't the prettiest of goals, but we're not complaining by any means."

This one hurt in more ways than one for the No. 11 Wildcats (10-5-3), who were going for back-to-back Association titles.

It wasn't an ending that anybody could foresee, especially from Novi's view.

"I mean it was a great game and you hate to see it end like that," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "They created the opportunity, the opportunity happens, so credit to them."

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second period outscoring the Wildcats by a 5-1 margin to take a 7-2 halftime lead.

"I've got to give credit to their face-off guy (Gonda)," Novi coach Chris Johnson said. "He was key for them today. Last time Chase (Sparling) maybe had a career game and today their guy did really, really well in the circle."

After falling behind 9-3, Novi tried to make things interesting with just under four minutes to play in the third period getting back-to-back goals within a 16-second span from Anthony Zugaro and Anthony D'Annibale to trim the deficit to 9-5.

But that was as close as the Wildcats would get.

Northville outscored Novi 4-1 in the final period to put it out of reach as senior attack Zach Tardich finished the game with a team-best four goals and two assists.

"We struggled offensively today," Johnson said. "I've got to give credit to their defense. They did a good job. They keyed on some of our key players and I would have hoped for a better result."

Other top point-getters for Northville included Cole Gingell (two goals, four assists), Jacob Murphy (two goals), Anthony Salamone (two goals), Ty Kilar (one goal), Jack Harrigan (one goal), Gannon Henke (one goal) and Ryan Figueroa (one assist).

"They controlled the ball," Durham said of Novi. "They did exactly what they wanted to do. They want to slow it down. They had two- or three-minute possessions early in the game and I said, 'OK, we've got to get the ball, maybe pressure a little bit.' But we kind of stay within our game and once we got the ball, we just tried to run our offense the best we could."

Northville sophomore goalie Jeff Varner made 11 saves, while senior Nate Czarnota paced the defense with five ground balls.

"Varner made some real big saves there at the end," Durham said. "He made three or four saves that kept us in it. But the defense played great and we've been working really hard on playing really good body and that was the key. Nate Czarnota has been awesome. He's been our 'd-middie' and he's had an unbelievable year. He's our lock guy. He just plays fantastic and he's done it all year."

Johnson, meanwhile, tried to tweak a couple of things offensively and



Northville goalie Jeff Varner (right) is pressured and gets stripped by Novi's Anthony Zugaro in Wednesday's Division 1-Region 4 semifinal.



Catholic Central's Ethan Pattinson (left) tries to squeeze by a Walled Lake Northern defender.

defensively entering the rematch.

D'Annibale finished with two goals and one assist, while Zugaro also added two goals. Nayan Makim and Sparling also contributed goal each, but it wasn't enough.

"We keyed 21 (Gingell) in the second half," the Novi coach said. "We felt like if we could reduce his opportunities, his creation, that we could potentially get more possessions, which potentially could turn into more goals for us. It worked for a little bit. We started to get some more possessions and their defense took some time to figure out what we were doing, and it

resulted in some possession, but we couldn't necessarily convert on what we had."

Novi ended its season 10-9 overall in Johnson's second year.

"The real goal is to make these guys better young men overall and I felt they grew as people," the Novi coach said, "and that's all you can really ask for."

Northville, meanwhile, has eight days off before playing its next state tournament game on May 31. The Mustangs are expected to have Nate Holloway, a versatile senior midfielder, back in the lineup after suffering a dislocated elbow.

Shamrocks romp

Joey Kamish, Ryan Sullivan and Pete Thompson each recorded hat tricks Thursday as top seed Novi Detroit Catholic Central (12-5) rolled to a 21-9 Division 1-Region 4 semifinal win over fourth seed Walled Lake Northern (12-3) at North Farmington.

CC coach Dave Wilson emptied his bench early after his team jumped out to a 14-3 halftime advantage.

Nick Capatina and Ethan Pattinson also chipped in with two goals apiece for the Shamrocks.

Ryan Lemanski of the Knights had four goals.

BOYS GOLF

Northville fifth in KLA Association tourney

Novi winds up eighth in 24-school field

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The boys golf season is heading for the home stretch and the learning curve continues.

With the MHSAA regionals right around the corner, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association held its final tournament on May 24 at Bay Pointe G.C. with Hartland emerging as the overall champion of the 24-school field.

Hartland, Grand Blanc and Howell all shot 313s, but the Eagles prevailed on the fifth-player tiebreaker score.

Meanwhile, Kensington Conference champion Plymouth (33 points) and Northville (29 points) finished fourth and fifth, respectively, with 315 and 321.

Rounding out the top 10 was Pinckney (322), Livonia Stevenson (325), Novi (331), Walled Lake Northern (332) and Livonia Franklin (332), which was led by individual medalist Jacob Kenward, who shot a low round of the day with an even-par 71.

Northville was led by Drew Kearis, who tied for 12th with a 78, along with Saahith Mummadi, who tied for 17th with a 79.

"We knew the Association tournament would be a tough road without our No. 1 player, Jimmy Dalés, but the team has been playing better of late, and we felt if we could put together four quality rounds, we would make some noise," said Northville coach Chris Cronin, whose team finished second overall in the KLA point system based on a formula which included dual matches, the Kensington Conference pre-conference tourney and the Association tourney finish.

Water hazards come into play at Bay Pointe on 14 of the 18 holes.

"Bay Pointe is a tricky course with a lot of water; therefore, we felt the winning team would likely post a number around 310," Cronin said. "Early on, we got solid play from Drew Kearis, who started out with two birdies, and he was making great decisions. Saahith has been one of most consistent scorers all season and when he shoots a 79 like he did Tuesday, he makes us a strong scoring team."

The back nine proved to be challenging to say the least for the Mustangs as Aaron Youmans (82) and Abhi Alluri (83) had major difficulties finishing out the holes.

"We have relied on these two all year to help carry us, and today we needed to support them, and that didn't happen," Cronin said.

Junior Nick Wever carded an 82 to figure in Northville's team scoring, while Maston Heid finished with an 89.

"Nick's had a terrific season," Cronin said. "He has a knack for playing solid golf in big tournaments."

Novi's top finisher was Michael Ulle, who tied for 17th with a 79.

The Wildcats' other three scorers included Jason Wenner (83), Derek DuBois (83) and Trevor Angell (86). Aaskash Jajoo and Chris Fisher shot 88 and 87, respectively.

White Lake Lakeland (340), which finished 12th in the team standings, was led by Ben Cohen, who tied for seventh individually with a 77.

Other scorers for the Eagles included Spencer Sienkiewicz (86), Austin Gogola (88) and Jesse Smothers (89). Jacob Brown and Justin Reinhardt shot 92 and 102, respectively.

Milford (342) placed 14th led by Chase Tabor and Christian Golich, each carding an 84. Jack Chaldecott contributed an 85, while Owen Zamaira and Joey Vernier each carded 89s to figure in the Mavericks' scoring. Balley Hess was the non-scorer with a 99.

South Lyon East (360), wound up 18th overall led by A.J. Clark and Jason Zobl with 84 and 85, respectively. Other scorers for the Cougars included Nick Ruschak (92), Jacob Miller (99) and Max Hoorn (99). Gavin McPherson added a 112.

South Lyon (360), which placed 19th, was led by Zach VanBoven (88) followed by Nate Campbell (89), Daniel McDermott (91), Evan Monteith (92) and Gabe Campbell (92). The Lions' non-scorer was Peter Brinch (97).

Two-time defending Division 1 champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central will be the odds-on favorite to win the Region 3 tourney, which will held on Thursday, June 1 at Dunham Hills.

Also in the field will be Hartland, Brighton, Northville, Novi, Lakeland, Milford and South Lyon.

Meanwhile, South Lyon East will play in the Division 2-Region 12 tourney Thursday, June 1, at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

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With a minute left we're thinking OK, we're already thinking about overtime, two 10-minute overtimes and we're also thinking ahead to the state tournament."

Both teams took time to adjust to the slippery surface, but the first half ended in a scoreless draw.

Brighton's best opportunity came when Emma Gould's direct free kick from 25 yards out rang off the crossbar with 27:30 left. Novi also threatened after getting off to a slow start, but couldn't penetrate into the final third of the field or get in deep against Bulldogs goalkeeper Hannah Swanson.

"I thought the first half we did a great job possessing," Pheiffer said. "We had a couple of scoring opportunities the

first half that we didn't capitalize on, but we did a good job of limiting them to scoring opportunities. Brighton is a very good team and by far their forwards are the best players on their team. They're fast, they're quick, they're very skilled. We knew that coming in and I thought my defenders did a great job of limiting those opportunities, especially the first half."

With 31:26 left in regulation, the scoreless deadlock was broken by Brighton's Sarah Caldwell, who poked home a rebound that Rich couldn't secure after her initial save with Emma Shinsky drawing the assist.

But the script flipped shortly after as Novi began to apply more pressure in a desperate attempt to tally the equalizer. The Wildcats nearly scored with 15:20 to play when Julia Stadtherr's header was

snagged by Swanson at point-blank range following a corner kick that was headed into box.

But just 41 seconds later, Novi's Jessie Bandy directed an attempt from just beyond 20 yards out on a shot that eluded Swanson to knot the count at 1-all. (Lexi Whalen was credited with the assist.)

"I thought we sat back too much and let Novi take it to us possession-wise a little bit," Stevanovic said. "And after they scored their goal we panicked. They were on their home field, they were used to this environment and our girls panicked a little bit. We didn't stop playing. We changed our formation and got more players on the counter attack, and fortunate enough for us, we got the goal before overtime, which was big time."

It was Brighton's first KLA Association title since 2009. Depth has

been a key for the KLA North Division and Lakes Conference champs this season.

"I can put any player on the field and we don't skip a beat," Stevanovic said. "And I've never had this as a head coach before. I've always had some very, very talented players and individuals, but overall our team is extremely deep. We utilized everybody tonight and everyone stepped up. A lot of our bench players stepped up and played a lot tonight."

Although Shatrau's goal might have been considered "fluky," it still goes down on the scoresheet as the game-winner.

"We know it, under these conditions anything can happen," Pheiffer said. "The ball skips, especially on the grass and it's been raining all day. And it's just pressure in those situations. Tight game there, anything can happen any

time. Callie has made some great saves the entire year. She's done an incredible job ... she made some great saves today. It's just unfortunate it short-hopped her, skipped on by her."

After making a run last year to the MHSAA Division 1 semifinals, Novi seems poised to make another run if it can get through a tough Northville district tournament which also includes state-ranked Livonia Stevenson, Farmington Hills Mercy, North Farmington, South Lyon and the always tough host Mustangs.

The KLA Central Division and Kensington Conference champions have played a demanding schedule in and outside the Association.

"We're battle tested, we're ready for the state tournament and we've got bigger goals," Pheiffer said. "The Association is a great goal, but we've got bigger goals. We've

got districts starting Tuesday with South Lyon. Our goal is a district championship and move on from there."

Despite the heart-breaking setback, Pheiffer likes the fight his team has displayed throughout the year.

"That's one great thing about this team is that they never give up," he said. "It's happened a couple of times this year. It happened at (Rochester) Stoney Creek. We're down 2-1, come back and score two goals to win 3-2. We were down early to (Livonia) Stevenson this year 1-0, we come back and win 3-1. This team definitely has a no-die mentality to the end. We just got to make sure we keep that mentality the whole time. We can't wait to get behind and start playing like that."

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Northville student-athletes ready for next step

Seventeen girls student-athletes are college-bound

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Highlighted by a power point presentation, Northville recognized a total of 24 college-bound athletes in a ceremony held at the high school cafeteria.

Seventeen of the 24 were girls student-athletes led by NCAA Division I commits Sydney Schembri (Xavier University) and Abby Willener (Central Michigan University), soccer; Erin Szara (Michigan State) and Kelsey Maccadino (Purdue), swimming; Cayla Eckenroth (Ball State) and Katie Chevoor (Eastern Michigan), track and cross country; Sarah Chase (CMU), lacrosse; Emily Martin (Oakland University), volleyball; Maggie Ritch-



A total of 24 Northville student-athletes were recognized recently as college-bound athletes.

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ie (MSU), pom; and Christina Molnar (Michigan), cheer.

Among the girls student-athletes set to com-

pete at NCAA Division II schools include Joanne Gao (Saginaw Valley State), tennis, and Caitlin Ferrand (Grand Valley

State), cheer.

NCAA Division III-bound Northville female athletes include: Jessica Moorman (Hope Col-

lege), basketball; Laura Westphal (Williams College, Mass.), swimming; Kiera Borthwick (Washington & Lee, Va. Univer-

sity), volleyball; and Makenzie Kamm (Adrian College), hockey.

Liz Karkoski will track and cross country for Madonna University, an NAIA member.

Among the boys athletes committed or already enrolled in NCAA Division I programs included Trenton Guthrie (Minnesota), football; Ben Cracraft (Naval Academy), track and cross country; and Chase Kent (UMass), swimming.

NCAA Division II commits include Connor Ziparo (Albion College), baseball; and Spencer Gonda (Aurora University, Ill.), lacrosse.

Meanwhile, lacrosse players Connor Wright and Ty Kilar will remain teammates at Madonna University.

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SPARTY

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Ten football stadiums. Whenever the football team travels, I'd travel. We don't travel with the basketball team unless it's at a tournament. I went to Madison Square Garden to watch the Michigan State basketball team play. We go all over the country. Arizona, Las Vegas."

Check, check, check all the boxes... but only problem is that he had to retain his anonymity for three years.

"What was difficult is that although you're always meeting these people, you're in the suit the whole time and you can't get the picture with just yourself, you're a Sparty," Halley said. "But it was still awesome to see them and get to talk to them."

And while Halley had a blast during his three-year stint, there was another major drawback.

"If it's a 75-degree day, then add 30 degrees, it's about 105 in the suit," Halley said. "It weighs about 30 pounds. You sweat a lot. Every single time you're getting out basically you're dying. Like for weddings or stuff when you're constantly dancing on the dance floor, you pretty much push yourself to the point of overheating and exhaustion every single time."

Job hazards

It was an appearance during an on-campus event called Sparty's Bar Mitzvah that Halley would like to forget while wearing the stylized Greek athlete/warrior costume.

"It was for the Jewish groups on campus and there were so many people packed into this one venue and everybody was dancing," Halley recalled. "By 30 minutes I was crawling literally from booth to booth trying to catch my breath to get some sort of breather. It was so hot with the amount of people and the body heat that was being put off. By the end of the hour I literally had to be carried back to where I was changing. I was so dead."

But whether it's a campus or off-campus activity, Sparty had to retain his core values throughout his term.

"You've got to do it to keep the character," Halley said. "Sparty can't be dead or like lazy, or not animated, so you have to keep going until the end of the hour.



Harrison Halley of Novi was the Spartan mascot for three years.

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But for that reason we only do hour appearances. The longest we can be in is an hour. If you want to be in longer than an hour then you have to pay for two events."

Halley did numerous community events, including 5K races, birthday parties, fundraisers, weddings and hospital visits.

"We literally do everything," Halley said. "There's a wide arrange of things that we do besides sports, which is 10 percent of the job and the rest of it is in the community."

Sparty is an unpaid volunteer position, but it does have its perks.

Always on call

"As long as there is a Spartan and they're willing pay for us to go out and sponsor us, we'll make the trip," Halley said. "The only compensation that we get is that we'll get some free MSU gear so we'll look official on the sidelines. It's strictly voluntary, so people don't do it for the wrong reasons. So you don't get kids (students) say, 'I get paid to be Sparty.' It's to get the right candidates to do it for the right reasons."

Halley seemed destined to be Sparty coming out of Novi High where he excelled in music and was a member of the marching band. He was also voted Homecoming King, participated in two sports (skiing and tennis), acted and served in student government. He also learned to unicycle.

He joined the MSU marching band as a freshman. He also was a member of the Spartan Discords serving as its cappella director for two years. Halley is also an accomplished piano and saxophone player.

And while he was a member of the MSU marching band, he got the idea that he'd like to give Sparty a shot.

Aces the test

"They have tryouts every year and I contacted someone who was involved with the program and kind of shadowed for a little bit," Halley said.

In early 2015, Halley went through the tryout process and made the final cut.

"It's pretty rigorous," he said. "Went through a couple of interviews, couple of physical activities, then you finally

actually get in and they'll tell you to do things, live improv, games, and see how you react. Found out in about March that I made it on."

One of the job requirements is to interact with the opposing school's mascots, put on a show, while upholding your school's pride.

"Sparty... he's always the best," Halley said. "When he's faced with another mascot Sparty is always on top so whether it's a push-off contest or a dance off, Sparty is always the one that's going to come out on top. Between mascots you kind of know there's going to be competition, but in the end you know it's going to be playful. We're never going to get too heated because there (are) rivalries between schools, but you can't have mascots seen punching each other. But in the end of the day you know it's a friendly competition and we all love each other. I know the mascot from OSU, Minnesota, Wisconsin... pretty much every mascot in the Big Ten, we're great friends. We only meet a few times so we share this thing in common."

And if there was a favorite athletic moment for Halley, it came on Oct. 17, 2015, at Michigan Stadium when MSU stunned the host Wolverines, 27-23, on Jalen Watts-Jackson's 38-yard fumble return on the final play of the game.

Signature game

"Everybody lost all hope, but once that play happened, it was just how crazy the stadium erupted and the feeling on the field with the players and all the cheerleaders, and the band," Halley said. "And getting to go back to the locker room with the team and celebrate was probably the best celebration we had, or that I got to be a part of as the mascot."

Despite all the weekends, hours and events, Halley wouldn't have changed anything.

"It was great and I'm glad that I did it," he said. "And really seeing the people's smiles that have never seen Sparty or you'll get seniors coming up to you and saying, 'I've been here four years and was never able to get a picture with you, can I take a picture?' Everyone from older to younger genera-

tions you're really the grand ambassador for Michigan State. It really makes it worthwhile when you're literally like a celebrity from a time when you're in the suit and being Sparty."

Young children, meanwhile, seemed to be the most mesmerized during their encounters.

"You'll get babies that are so fascinated with you or they just cry immensely at the sight of you," Halley said.

"You'll get the ages where they either know you're the guy in the suit or they'll still believe you're Sparty. It's fun to see how kids react to Sparty."

Passing the torch

Halley recently moved to Chicago and is interviewing for jobs. He wants to continue to pursue his musical endeavors, whether it's playing piano for a church or for a choir, or teaching piano lessons.

He's entertained thoughts of working at Disney "and being one of those guys, like Mickey or Goofy,"

"We'll see what happens," Halley said. "Maybe do it a year or two and just have fun."

But the memories Halley has as Sparty he'll cherish forever, including one campus event where he took center stage with MSU basketball coach Tom Izzo and school president Lou Anna K. Simon.

"Coach Izzo waited and talked with me," Halley said. "It was the three biggest faces of MSU in the same room. That was pretty cool."

"You're literally a celebrity on campus. You'll never see more people smile, get high-fives or hugs from anybody. The opportunities that I had and the things that I was able to do I would have never been able to do if I wasn't Sparty."

And now it's time for Halley to pass the torch to the next Sparty, who will remain anonymous for the coming year.

"I couldn't tell anybody that I was Sparty until I graduated," Halley said. "A quote I like is, 'It wasn't kept from you, it was kept for you.' It's like, I'm not keeping the secret because I want to from someone, I'm keeping it because the magic of Sparty is going to be there when they see Sparty. It's not like, 'Oh, that's Harrison,' it's that Sparty. It was an awesome thing to be a part of the last three years."

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PREP BASEBALL

Schmidt's shutout gives Northville split with Saline

Novi beats Pinckney on walk-off balk, 5-4

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The much anticipated baseball double-header between top-ranked Saline and No. 20 Northville came down to an arms race.

The visiting Hornets, ranked No. 1 in Division 1 and last year's state runner-up, took the opener, 3-0, as Cole Daniels held the Mustangs to two hits and three walks while striking out three over six innings.

Reliever Justin Flanagan threw a scoreless seventh to pick up the save.

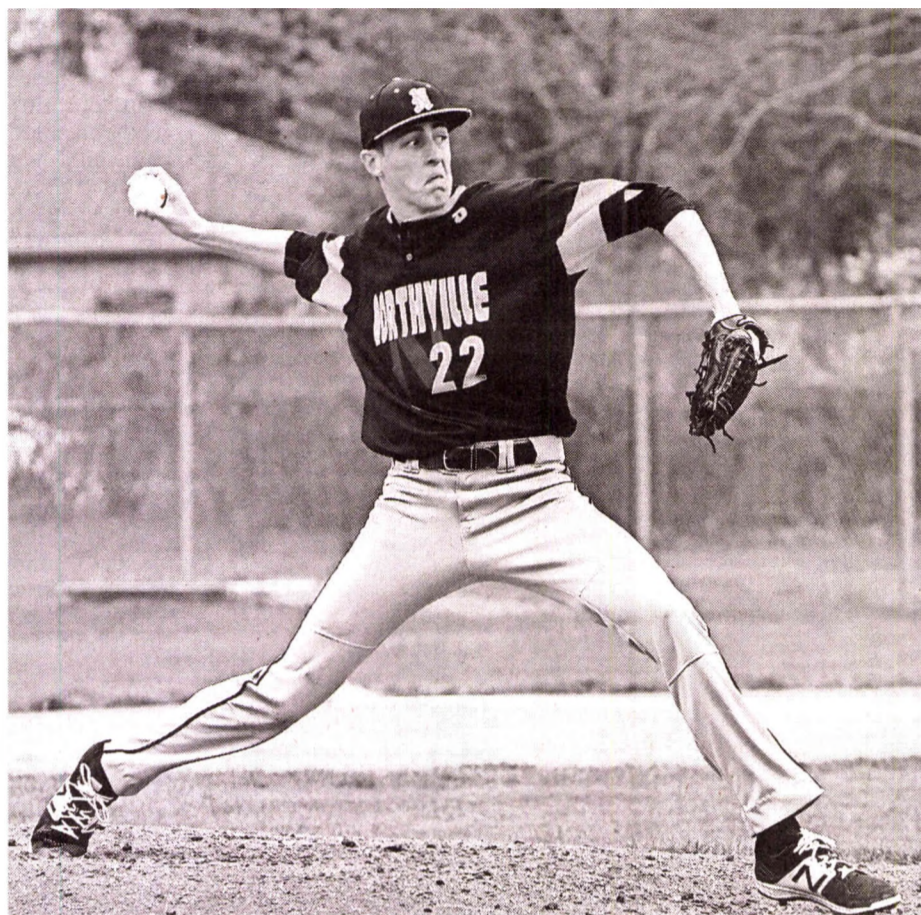
Daniels also knocked in a pair of runs, while Sean O'Keefe and Ethan Collick each added two hits for Saline.

Losing pitcher Connor Ziparo went six innings, allowing two earned runs on eight hits and a walk. He struck out four before Tyler Troyer came on to pitch a scoreless seventh.

Nick Prystash and Jake Moody recorded the lone hits for the Mustangs.

Northville, however, came back to win the nightcap, 2-0, as Ben Schmidt pitched a complete-game, two-hitter. He struck out two and did not allow a walk.

Freshman outfielder Christian Williams and senior shortstop Kevin Morrissey each had a hit and RBI in the win



MARTHA MICHALAK

Ben Schmidt threw a four-hit shutout in a 2-0 win over No. 1 Saline to earn a split of a non-conference twinbill.

as Northville improved to 20-9 overall.

Daniel Weidmayer took the loss for Saline (30-3) as he pitched all six innings allowing two earned runs on six hits and a walk, while fanning three.

"Well pitched games by both teams," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Ben Schmidt did an outstanding job against a very good lineup. Connor Ziparo pitched well in the first

game, and after a tough first inning, he really settled down. We just didn't have an answer for their lefty Daniels. The chances we had he did a nice job getting an out when he needed it. Just two very well played, well pitched competitive games by both teams."

NOVI 5, PINCKNEY 4: Mitch Lys pitched the final two innings in relief to pick up the win Wednesday as the host Wildcats (16-18-1) edged the Pirates (11-16-1) in a KLAAs crossover game. Novi's Mike Hit scored the game-winning run on a balk after reaching base

on a walk. He went to second on Johnny Bean's sacrifice bunt and advanced to third when Tyler VanKirk successfully laid down his second bunt single of the game.

Novi starter Grant Pytel worked the first five innings allowing three earned runs on four hits and two walks, while striking out four. Lys gave up two hits and a walk, while fanning two.

Evan Yokie (double) and Alec Bageris each had an RBI for the Wildcats.

John Manney knocked in two runs for Pinckney, while Dalton Knightley took the loss.

The second game was suspended by rain with two outs and nobody on with Pinckney batting in the top of the fourth and leading 6-5. The game will be resumed as a date yet to be determined.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Northville girls cruise into regional semifinal

Novi also advances with 13-11 win over Salem

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Northville showed little, if any rust in demolishing Farmington High, 23-2, in the MHSAA Division 1-Regional 2 lacrosse opener Thursday at Tom Holzer Field.

The Mustangs (12-4), who jumped out to a 14-2 halftime lead, were led by Charlotte Beaudoin, Emma Dietrich and Sarah Chase with four goals and one assist apiece, while Kendall Wasik finished with three goals and four assists.

"Our girls came out really excited to play after a week off," said Northville coach Dan Madigan, whose team was coming off a 13-12 non-conference loss on May 17 to Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day. "Midfielders Sarah (Chase), Emma (Dietrich), Charlotte (Beaudoin) and Ally (Blough) did a great job winning draws giving us a lot of possessions. We controlled 23 of the 27 draws and got quality possessions."

Others chipping in offensively for the victorious Mustangs included Jessica Tardich (three goals, one assist), Ally Blough (three goals), Ella Tarasi (one goal, two assists) and Olivia Lesh (one goal).

"We were very patient offensively looking for the best shot possible," Madigan said. "We had great teamwork moving the ball very well. Ken-

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DAN MADIGAN
Northville coach

dall (Wasik) and Jessica (Tardich) did a great job offensively tonight moving the ball and creating great opportunities for their teammates."

Goalie Kat Weissert had to make just three saves as the Mustangs earned a spot in the regional semifinals beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at Novi (10-7).

NOVI 13, SALEM 11: Sophomores figured prominently in the scoring on May 24 as the host Wildcats (11-8) downed the Rocks (11-7) in a first-round MHSAA Division 1-Regional 2 playoff game.

"This was just a great game of lacrosse," Novi coach Kaitlyn West said. "It was exhilarating to watch. Salem played an excellent game and it was constantly back and forth between goals and having the lead or being down by one."

Leading the way offensively were 10th-graders Katie Novell (four goals, two assists), sophomore Emily Pringle (three goals, one assist) and Alexa Cotter (three goals).

Senior captain Katie McMaster also added one goal and two assists, while Hannah Richardson scored the other Novi goal.

Senior captain and goalie Mariah Smythe posted a 63 percent save average, while Cotter added two interceptions.

"The girls pulled through with many flawless transitions and great use of possession," West said. "Their defense was strong and constantly pressuring the other team. Even through our own turnovers, the attack and middies were working to play defense all the way back to the opposite restraining area. This is a proud coaching moment for me and I am so excited for the girls and their continued growth and success."

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SOFTBALL



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The Northville varsity girls softball team hosted the Northville 10-and-under Broncos, who took part in the pre-game introductions.

Northville takes two from Ladywood

Franklin Road earns share of MIAC Red crown

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Northville continued its tune-up for the upcoming MHSAA Division 1 district girls softball tournament by sweeping a double-header May 23 at home against Livonia Ladywood.

The Mustangs, who improved to 22-9 overall, used three pitchers to combine on a shutout in the Blazers in the opener, 10-0.

The Mustang varsity also hosted the North-

ville Broncos 10-and-under girls team, which took part in the pre-game festivities.

Starters Hannah Laurin earned the win as she worked the first three innings, allowing just one hit and a walk while striking out two. Relievers Maggie Petix and Connie Krizmanich each threw a scoreless inning in the run-rule win.

Northville scored five runs in third inning to break the game wide open as Makenzie Kamm, Emma Bell and Madi Esposito each had RBI singles, while Megan Swart also knocked in a run with a fielders choice.

In Game 2, Northville

came away with a 9-4 triumph as Sara Moos singled in a 3-1 count in the first inning to stake her team to an early lead.

The Mustangs added four more runs in the third inning highlighted by Sarah Hige's two-run double with Esposito and Natalie Turner also driving in runs.

Swart, Moos and Hige each collected two hits in the victory.

The Mustangs return to action Tuesday, May 30 at home against Walled Lake Northern and Wednesday, May 31 at home against Hartland. They open district play at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3 at home against

Walled Lake Western.

FRANKLIN ROAD 11, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 10: On May 22, junior second baseman Gabrielle McKeever went 4-for-5 with two RBI as Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-3, 9-1) earned a share of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division title with win over host Lutheran High Westland.

Junior Audrey Govan also drove in two runs Franklin Road. Junior pitcher Kayla Nannoshi went all seven innings and struck out six.

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BOYS TRACK

Shamrocks runner-up in league meet

DeLaSalle earns first A-B Division title since 1996

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Individual double winners Allen Stritzinger and Kevin Lee propelled Warren DeLaSalle to its first Catholic League A-B Division boys track and field title since 1996 in a meet held May 23 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Stritzinger swept the 110- and 300-meter hurdles with times of 15.18 and 39.48, respectively, while Lee took the 100- and 200 dashes in 11.18 and 22.29 as the Pilots scored a team-best 113 points.

The host Shamrocks, who captured the Central Division title with a 5-0 record and were seeking their first A-B crown since 2011, took runner-up honors with 97.

Rounding out the nine-school field was defending A-B champion Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep (89), Birmingham Brother Rice (76), Dearborn Divine Child (60), University of Detroit Jesuit (35), Ann Arbor Christian (13), Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (10.66) and Macomb Lutheran North (2.33).

Stritzinger and Lee teamed up with Joshua DeBerry and Zachary Kendall for a victory in the 400 relay (43.56). Stritzinger made it four wins on the day when he teamed up with Brendan Zoltowski, Robert Kroll and Semaj Shelton for a win in the 1,600 relay (3:27.18).

Individual winners in the field events included Chris Bradbury (CC), shot put (48 feet, 2.25

inches); Octaveious Miles (Rice), discus (145-9); and Trey Bryan (St. Mary Prep), 21-2.

Other track winners included Alexander Petlichkoff, (Divine Child), 800 (2:00.87); Michael Tremonti (Rice), 4:27.19; Grant Davey (Rice), 9:35.03.

U-D Jesuit took the 800 relay (1:31.13), while St. Mary Prep won the 3,200 relay (8:06.70).

Second place finishers for CC included Ryan Woebkenberg, shot put (47-5.25); Bradbury, discus (142.7); Mark Borek, 1,600 (4:27.27); and Ty Buckley, 3,200 (9:46.92).

Among the Shamrocks adding thirds included Matthew Young, shot put (46-10.5); Woebkenberg, discus (132-10); and Isaiah Popp, long jump (20-3.75); Haden Kasdorf, 110 hurdles (16.34)

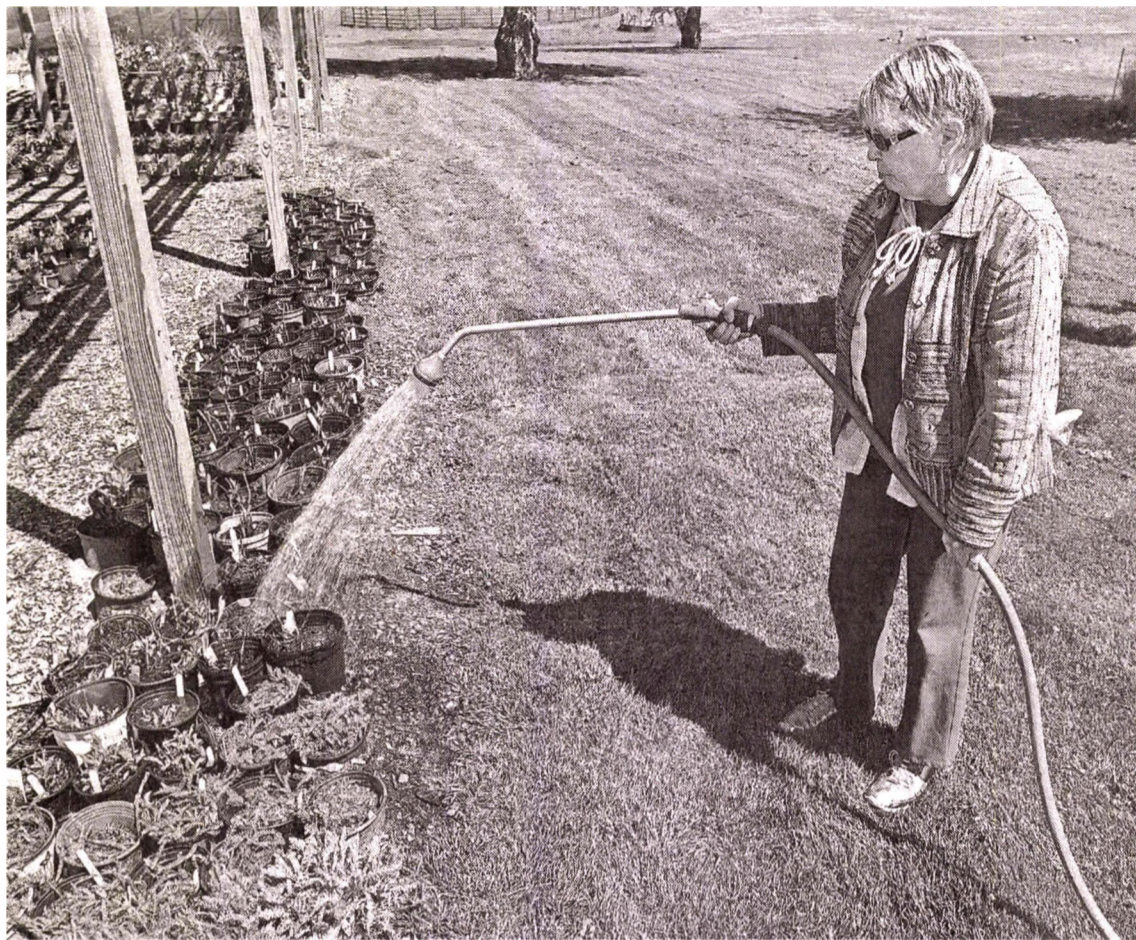
CC fourths went Sam Giese, shot put (45-10.75); Brendan Smith, long jump (19-9); Christian Kipp, 110 hurdles (16.44); Gavin Check, 300 hurdles (43.78).

Also scoring points were Kipp, fifth, 300 hurdles (43.86); Quinn Smolinski, sixth, 200 (53.37); Nicholas Gessler, sixth, 800 (2:05.80); Borek, sixth, 3,200 (9:57.52); Andres Andres, seventh, 100 (11.79); Robert Kinney, seventh, 400 (54.09); Young, eighth, discus (119-8); Matthew Diederich, 800 (2:07.01).

CC's best relay finished came in the 4 x 800. The Shamrocks added fifths in the 400 relay (Kasdorf, Andres, Popp, Kyle Lockhart), 45.59; 800 relay (Luke Thomas, Smolinski, Kinney, Lockhart), 1:33.92; and 1,600 relay (Kinney, Smolinski, Kipp, Lockhart), 3:30.59.

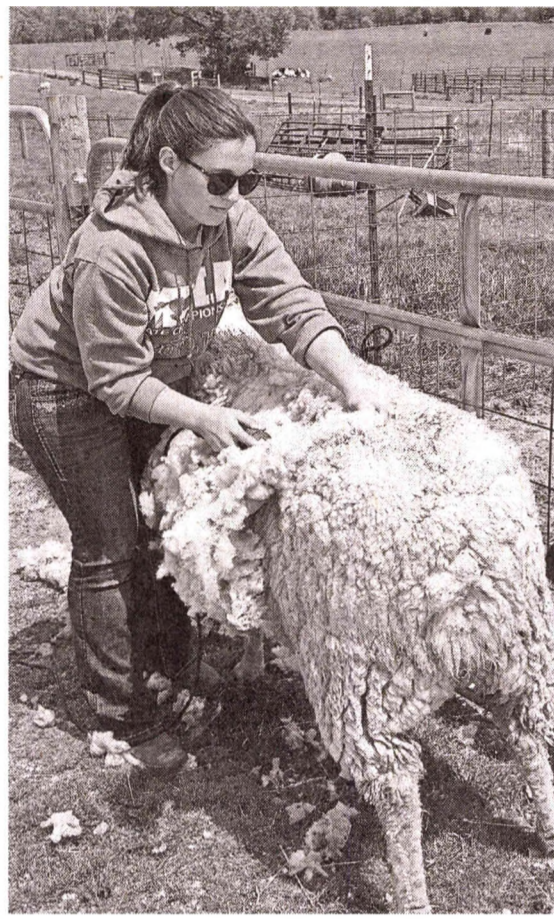
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SPRINGTIME AT TOLLGATE FARM



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Tollgate Farm volunteer Judy Poole waters some plants and flowers at the facility. Poole and others are getting ready for Tollgate's annual spring plant sale June 3. The sale helps to raise funds for the farm's gardens and facilities. Plants and flowers are donated by volunteers.



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Tollgate Farm employee Nicole Simmons shears a sheep for a visiting group from Franklin Road Christian School. Simmons told her visitors that sheep were sheared just once a year, usually in the spring.

Tollgate Farm, a Michigan State University education center, with its farm and gardens located at the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook in Novi, is open seven days a week for visitors and has classes, camps and festivals throughout the year. For more information, go to tollgate.msu.edu.

AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com.

Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center hosts its next spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, June 2, at the Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic St. in Milford.

Homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. \$7. Proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. Held the first Friday of the month through June.

For more information, call Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director, at 248-685-9008

Downtown First Friday

Celebrate the First Friday of the month 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 2, with the retailers and restaurants of downtown Northville. Many stores stay open late and feature refreshments, new merchandise, sales and visits from local artists. For more information, go to www.enjoynorthville.com.

Flag Day run

Pull out your running shoes and get in shape for the Flag Day 5K run/walk coming to Salem Township at 8 a.m. June 3. Before coming out to celebrate the parade and fireworks, get the morning started with some heart-pumping fun while you run or walk a 5K (3.1 miles) through Salem. This event is being presented by Salem PTO to benefit Salem Elementary school.

Registration is \$10 and is available race day starting at 7 a.m. or by mail to Salem Elementary PTO, 7806 Salem Road, Northville, MI 48168. For more information contact Amy Hartman at dougamyh@aol.com or 248-486-0933.

Northville Art House

The Northville Art House presents "Confluence: Mixed Media Fiber Art" by Jennifer Gould and Boisali Biswas. Confluence merges the talented world of two Michigan artists who weave their own observations, themes and conceptions into extraordinary fiber art using both traditional and contemporary materials and techniques.

Both artists have received numerous awards in exhibitions statewide and around the country as well as have extensive gallery representation.

Confluence opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 2, with a gallery talk at 7 p.m. The reception is sponsored by Holly Drouin of Luxury Home Sales and Rachel Wasserman of Caliber Home Loans. The exhibition runs through June 30 during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Summer concerts

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series - presented by Tom Holzer Ford - brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square (located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre) 7-9 p.m. each Friday from June 2 through Aug. 25. The schedule features everything from jazz to blues to rock 'n' roll. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

Tollgate Farm spring plant sale

MSU Tollgate Farm and Educational Center, at 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads in Novi, will host a spring plant sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3.

The master gardener volunteers

grow and maintain a huge outdoor nursery from which they sell native plants at their yearly sale. The plants are Michigan hardy perennials for sun and shade and are priced "dirt cheap." Shrubs, native seedlings, day lilies and a plethora of native plants are available to enhance your gardens.

Master gardeners will help with information and selection of plants. Help is available to cart and load your selections. For more information, go to www.tollgate.msu.edu.

Northville Senior All Night Party

The annual Northville High School Senior All Night Party Community Walkthrough is 3-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. Come check out "The Amazing Race" - Northville edition! The Walkthrough - a longstanding Northville tradition - is free and open to the general public.

A unique partnership between senior parents and local businesses (who generously support the annual event with food, decoration and prize donations), the All Night Party provides a safe, chaperoned way for graduates to celebrate this milestone with their classmates the night following graduation. Planning for the party takes an entire year, creating an event each year's graduates won't soon forget. So come check out how NHS has been transformed.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road. You must enter the Walkthrough via the school's west entrance (bus lot).

Milford summer concerts

The Milford Township Concert Committee presents the Summer Concert Series for 2017 at the Lafontaine Family Amphitheater in Central Park on Main Street in downtown Milford. Free concerts run 7-9 p.m. Thursdays.

» June 8: Doctor Pocket kicks off the season with horn-driven rhythm and blues.

» June 15: Lookin Back, Bob Seger Tribute Band is a Detroit band that delivers the classic rock of Bob Seger.

» June 22: 2XL is a metro Detroit band that performs the powerful rock and roll you know and love.

» June 29: Farmington Community Band allows you to enjoy an evening of patriotic music and marches in a special program that honors our veterans, active military and first responders.

» July 6: Steve King and the Dittlies will entertain you with their nostalgic rock 'n' roll.

» July 13: Kari Lynch is all the way from Nashville. Roots country, meets Americana, meets twangy pop rock.

» July 20: Persuasion thumps with their high energy hits from Motown to the Black Eyed Peas.

» July 27: Magic Bus mixes a psychedelic rock tribute with the Woodstock era.

» Aug. 3: Mr. Moody will rock the Amp with their classic rock, country rock, Motown, and everything in between.

Learn more at www.milfordtownship.com or email concerts@milfordtownship.com.

Sandbox Play Festival

The Sandbox Play Festival began to create more opportunities for local playwrights to have their work produced, for directors to gain experience, and for our very talented actors to work in a professional theatre setting. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17.

The Tipping Point Theatre received

more than 40 play submissions from playwrights across the country. The top four plays will perform during the "Arts & Acts Festival."

Tickets are \$15 each when reserved before June 16, \$20 each when reserved on or after June 16. Tickets are available at the TPT box office, or at the door before performances.

This year's performance will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Theater patrons should enter the church using the Hutton Street entrance on the southwest side of the building, adjacent to Mary Alexander Court.

Register for teen camp

Novi Youth Assistance announces that registration has begun for the Summer Teen Center. Camp begins June 19 and runs until Aug. 3 and is held at the Novi High School cafeteria.

Registration fee is \$175 for seven weeks of camp. Students in grades 6-10 may attend. There are 13 field trips this year. Zap Zone, Paradise Park, AirTime, BonaVenture, Detroit Tiger game, Detroit Zoo, C.J. Barrymore's, Emagine, Novi Bowl, Kensington Park, Red Oaks Water Park. There will also be trips to the Novi Police Station, Novi Fire Station, Novi DPS and Novi Public Library.

Daily activities include, sports, games, arts and crafts, learning activities and tutoring.

Summer Teen Center has been around for over 30 years. This is an affordable day camp teens can come to during the day open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call Novi Youth Assistance for more information or to register at 248-347-0410.

Build A Better World!

The Northville District Library's youth summer reading program begins Friday, June 16 and runs through Aug. 12. Open to the littlest ones up through 2017 grads - join the Summer Reading or Teen Summer Reading Program and enjoy exciting free activities, crafts, storytimes, reading games, weekly prizes and more. Parents, read to young ones, and help your students maintain - and improve - important reading skills to prevent summer slide. Visit northvillelibrary.org for details.

Play Fore Education

The Northville Educational Foundation is excited to announce the third annual Play Fore Education Golf Classic on June 20 at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Presented by The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James, the PFE Golf Classic provides an opportunity to entertain friends, employees and clients while supporting the school district.

The golf outing will feature a four-person scramble. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Register to golf online at www.supportnef.org/Golf.html.

Proceeds will help the Northville Educational Foundation enrich the education of the over 7,300 students in the Northville Public Schools.

Tapped In The 'Ville

Tickets are on sale for Tapped in the 'Ville, Northville's inaugural craft beer festival. The festival will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Millennium Park. Tickets can be purchased at www.northville.org or at the chamber office. A limited number will be available the day of the event. The

festival will also include food trucks, live entertainment and a corn hole tournament.

The \$30 admission ticket includes 10 three-ounce tasting tickets, a 12-ounce festival mug and optional registration for the corn hole tournament.

Participating breweries include Arbor Brewing, Founders Brewing Co., Dragonmead Brewery, Great Lakes Brewing, North Center Brewing Co., Griffin Claw Brewing Co., Oskar Blues Brewing, Roak Brewing Co., Saugatuck Brewing Co. and Shiner Beers.

History of Rug Making

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, the Salem Area Historical Society will have a presentation by Phyllis Lindblade titled History of Rug Making. Lindblade is former proprietor of The Hamburg Store and a director at large for the Hooked Rug Museum of North America in Queensland, Nova Scotia. It will take place at Jarvis Stone, School, 7991 N. Territorial Road, Salem.

Lindblade will give a presentation and may even include a demonstration on the art of rug making. Admission is free for SAHS members and \$2 for non-members.

Active Faith Golf Outing

Active Faith Community Services is in the planning stages of its 20th annual Golf Outing, an event that raises funds to help those in the community that are struggling to provide food for their family. The Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, July 17, at Salem Hills Golf Course.

Interested golfers and corporate sponsors are needed to make the day a success. Contact Active Faith at 248-437-9790 for more information and to register.

4-H Family & Alumni Hoedown

The Oakland County Fair and 4-H are partnering to host the first ever public hoedown to honor 4-H Alumni in the Oakland County community.

The event will take place during the Oakland County Fair on Saturday, July 15 from 8-10:30 p.m. in the Meijer Pavilion located in Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Rd, Davisburg. The parking cost for the fair is \$12. This event is open to all ages.

No preregistration is necessary. For more information visit: www.oakfair.org, www.oakgov.com/msu4h, www.facebook.com/4hinoc, or contact Mary Blumka at blumka-ma@anr.msu.edu or 248-858-0890.

4-H is a youth development program for ages 5-19 that uses projects like robotics, archery, and animal science to teach life skills like leadership, record keeping and communication.

The Oakland County Fair runs from July 7 to July 16.

Vacation Bible School

Orchard Grove Community Church will hold a be sponsoring a Kids Camp (Vacation Bible School) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31-Aug. 3, for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade.

Kids Camp is Minion themed this year. It is all about fun, friends & faith. Each day kids will venture into the Minion Factory and experience fun through the daily themes: Waterpark Day, Adventure Day, Wild West Day and Gaming & Mad Science Day. Register online by July 16 at www.ogkidscamp.org. Orchard Grove Community Church is located at 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake.

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Make a strong case to land your next promotion

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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Looking for an exciting challenge in your professional life? Want to breathe new life into your career? Then it's time to become proactive in your career development and make the case for a promotion.

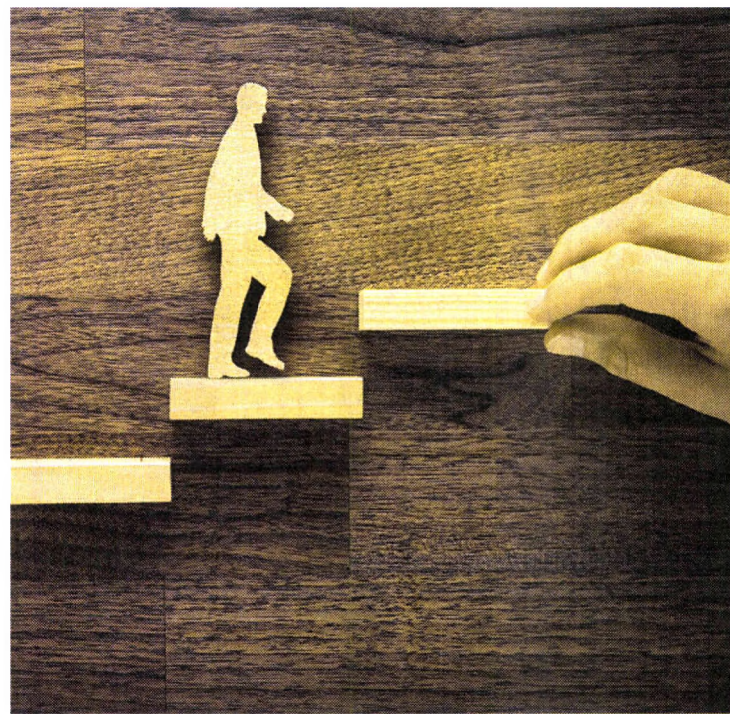
Start with these tips to take matters into your own hands and go get that promotion you deserve.

Start the conversation before you even accept a job.

During the hiring process, talk to your potential employer and ask about opportunities for growth and promotions, suggests Jyssica Schwartz, who is director of sales for publishing company Authors Unite and has more than four years of staffing and recruiting experience.

Be open to having honest conversations with your employer about a timeline for promotions, Schwartz says. That way, when a promotion opportunity opens up, you'll be in a position to sit down with your manager and walk through your accomplishments and achievements in your current role that have prepared you to step into the open position.

"Most importantly, make sure you are great at your cur-



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rent job and do well — you're punctual ... easy to work with, a good leader for other employees and you work well with the company culture," she says.

Have career development discussions. Does your boss know that you're ready to take the next step in your career? Don't take it for granted that he or she knows. It's also important to continue to map out what career pathing would look like in your company for your next role.

"Assuming we have some fluidity in staff turnover, then

I would hope that every staff member and every staff leader has already mapped out what is necessary in order to be considered ready for (a) promotion," says Jonathan Breeze, CEO of Aardvark Compare.com, a travel insurance marketplace. Breeze cautions that some companies are more prone to having opportunities open up while others are more static — and that's something to bear in mind.

Make the most of your performance review. Don't underestimate the power

of a great performance review. While it is a chance to look back at past accomplishments and areas of opportunity, it's also a good place to map out your future career path.

"Rather than do the minimum at your evaluation, try making a presentation for your manager that showcases your accomplishments — share with them the way your job has grown and how you'd like to continue to expand your role in the future," says Angela Copeland, career coach at Copeland Coaching.

Copeland also says to take note of how receptive your boss is. "If your boss is open to this conversation, presenting yourself this way can build a strong case. However, take note if your boss seems to turn away from this idea. If your company doesn't recognize your efforts or believe in your future success, it's time to look elsewhere."

Be prepared to show your expanding skills and value. "You want to be able to demonstrate that you have taken on additional responsibilities as well as provide specific details about your accomplishments," says Bradley Shaw, president of SEO Expert Brad, a provider of Internet marketing and SEO services. "Share examples of projects you

have completed and how they've positively impacted the business's bottom line. Was there an increase in revenue? These are not only good indicators of your contributions, but also of your future potential as a member of the company."

Look at the big picture — and make the case for executives, too. Managers probably need to make the case for a promotion to higher-ups in the organization, explains Antonella Pisani, CEO and founder of Eyeful Media, an e-commerce and digital marketing consultancy. So make it easy for your boss to highlight your accomplishments.

"The employee should back up their rationale for a promotion and increased responsibility with facts and figures, and show strategic thinking at a level that's commensurate with people operating at the level they believe they should be promoted to," Pisani says. "By providing a clear story to tell, they'll make their boss look prepared, which can in turn make it easier to get the promotion."

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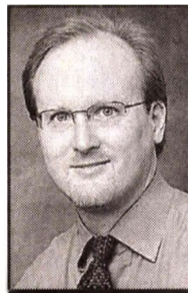


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NEW FORD CEO HACKETT MUST MOVE FORD INTO SELF-DRIVING FUTURE, BUT COMPANY'S TRUST LEGACY WILL HELP HIM OUT



By Dale Buss

The stunning dismissal of Ford CEO Mark Fields underscored the treacherous terrain that the auto industry has entered these days, with U.S. sales leveling off and the future arriving fast in the form of ride-sharing

services and, soon, self-driving cars. But as they prepare for epochal changes in their business, traditional automakers such as Ford may be able to take heart in how they've built brand equity with auto buyers that the digital wizards in Silicon Valley may not be able to match -- at least in the perceptions of non-American car buyers.

Ford's board, led by Executive Chairman Bill Ford Jr., booted Fields and turned for their new CEO instead to Jim Hackett, a former Ford board member who had been heading Ford's mobility-services unit -- and who, better still, had gained a reputation while CEO of furniture maker Steelcase for harnessing eras of

transformational change. Fields hired Hackett to be the company's mobility guru last year after Fields had made a strong about-face and committed the company to developing a critical mass in mobility services and self-driving technology in a relative hurry. Now, Hackett has outlasted his former boss at Ford and is extending his career in ways he hadn't anticipated after ending a 30-year stint at Steelcase -- including nearly 20 as its CEO -- in 2014.

"It wasn't in my plan to do something as intense as this after" serving as interim athletic director at the University of Michigan, where he fired Brady Hoke and hired the already-legendary Jim Harbaugh, Hackett told me earlier this year, about the job heading mobility services for Ford. "But when I was at Steelcase, the importance and intensity of the opportunity in big data was beckoning me. I was sharing all of that with [Fields and Ford Executive Chairman Ford] and they said, 'What if you come over and help us?'"

"It surprised me," Hackett continued. "And it's such an honor that they asked." But as he added, "You



New Ford CEO Jim Hackett and Executive Chairman Bill Ford Jr.

have to get ready again for the speed and complexity of a job like this. You can let it drift when you retire. Now I've got it back."

Hackett will have to rely on the sort of consumer goodwill that is suggested by a new survey by Inrix. It suggests that tech titans such as Apple and Google are trusted slightly more than automakers to build autonomous vehicles by American consumers, 27 percent to 23 percent, followed distantly by ride-sharing companies such as Uber, at 4 percent. And about 1.4 times as many Americans trust tech companies to secure their connected-car data than trust traditional automakers.

Across the pond, however, 1.5 times as many British drivers trust traditional carmakers with their data compared with Silicon Valley's tech giants. Nearly one-third of UK drivers trust traditional carmakers to build

autonomous vehicles, whereas less than one in five would trust established tech giants and only 3 percent trust ride-sharing companies. Inrix interviewed consumers in France, Italy and Germany as well.

"A new battleground is emerging between automakers, tech companies and ridesharing companies in the race to develop connected and autonomous vehicles," Bob Pixhue, senior economist at Inrix, said in a press release about the survey of more than 5,000 consumers in the five countries. "With hundreds of millions of connected cars expected to be on the roads within the next 15 years, the market share will be owned by companies that can educate drivers and gain consumer trust."

The results suggest trouble for Uber, Lyft and other companies that began as ride-sharing platforms as they attempt to build their own self-driving

propositions. They also underscore why Lyft may see promise in linking with Waymo, Google's autonomous-automobile unit.

Both the Inrix study and a new survey by Autolist.com underscored that demand for driverless cars will be driven by millennials and the even-younger Generation Z. And as the generations that have grown up trusting their smartphones and laptops for life guidance, it's no wonder they're willing to trust Apple and Google with their transportation needs too.



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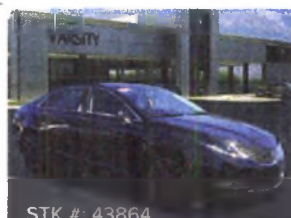
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