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NPS uses \$1.05 million from surplus to balance budget

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools is seeing a slight increase in per pupil funding in its newly approved budget, but the district still has to borrow just over \$1 million from its surplus to cover the imbalance between costs and revenue.

The budget was approved by the Northville Board of Education late in June with total revenues set at \$70,719,754 and costs at \$71,765,865. To balance the budget, a total of \$1,046,111 had to be used out of the fund bal-

This is an increase compared to last year's budget in which the costs were \$3 million lower. One factor in the increasing costs from the previous budget is that the district has added five additional teachers.

The district expects to see the total enrollment go down by 40 students from 7,055 to 7,015. It was thought it was going to be more, but some new enrollees tempered the forecasts. However, this will be a loss in revenue of at least \$326,000.

An increase in overall per pupil funding statewide is just part of the story, school administration said. The \$70 increase for NPS is on the lower end compared to some other dis-

Over the last seven years,

NPS has had to overcome the challenges of seeing a decrease in its per pupil funding, which is distributed by the state. The district continued its steady growth in the early 2000s only to be hit by state cuts in funding when the recession hit in 2007-

District administration believe the slight increase is sort of deceiving and that some other

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The Northville Barbers on Seven Mile is celebrating its 50th year. From left are employees Jeff Wicklander, Larry Carpenter and Isaac Ilkanayev. Seated are Kevin

Barbershop hits 50th year, sees new styles, old favorites

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By Julie Brown mer stay-at-home dad with six children who lives in Plymouth Staff Writer Township. The two men sat Jeff Wicklander has been down in their four-chair, threeowner of Northville Barbers TV shop on a recent afternoon to

talk shop. "I hear confessions every day. I just can't give absolution," said Brighton resident Wicklander, who'll work as a barber part time while in seminary. He's

active at Our Lady of Good

Counsel parish of Plymouth Township, but leaves his final

vocation up to God. "He may just want me to evangelize right here from my chair," Wicklander said.

"Nick Zander opened it. He's still alive," Wicklander said of the 1965 opening of Northville Barbers, which has reached 50 years. Zander is in the Hamburg, Mich., area, and in his day there wasn't much on the Seven Mile site between Northville and Sheldon roads or nearby.

Zander entered real estate, so Tom Sorrentino took over. "Tom was a barber in Detroit at Seven Mile and Plainview" near Greenfield, Wicklander said. The Northville shop still occasionally gets his mail.

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Northville approves agreement on General Oil Site

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

since age 22. Now 39, he's enter-

Wicklander is now former

owner and still business partner

with Larry Carpenter, 50, a for-

ing Sacred Heart Major Semi-

nary in Detroit this fall with

plans to become a priest.

The city of Northville has entered into an agreement that will officially put in place a plan to keep on addressing a historic mess that was no fault of the

The agreement is with the General Oil Northville Site

Group, which includes the Big Three auto companies, and it would most likely keep a piece of city land a park and keep in place the current process to prevent any further oil contami-

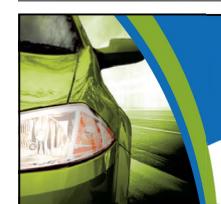
On Monday, the Northville City Council approved the General Oil Remedial Action Plan which includes a Reimbursement Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenant.

Historic mess, cleanup and plan

"Years ago a site on the east side of the city of Northville was used to process and dispose of used oil from various different companies throughout the state," said Northville's Public

Works Director Jim Gallogly to council. "This site, which is more recently referred to as the 'General Oil Site' became contaminated and is currently undergoing enforcement action under Part 201 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. A group

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF **PHOTOGRAPHER** Miss Liberty, a.k.a. Kelly Wallace, rides Saturday in the Northville Fourth of July parade.



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Neyessa Gill was part of an effort by the Northville Garden Club to publicize its upcoming Garden Walk.



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Ryan Koczara, 8, rides in the bike parade.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kids march with Northville's Preservation Dental float.

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An eagle mascot from the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth Township greets parade watchers.

Parade judges select-**Best Crowd Pleaser**

ed winning entries for 10 categories in the 2015 Northville Independence Day Parade, sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hos-

Best Theme Entry 'American Memories"

First Place: First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Second Place: Northville Historical Society Third Place: Eclipse Baseball Team **Best Float**

First Place: The Village Workshop Second Place: Gold-

fish Swim School Third Place: Browndog Creamery

First Place: Fire trucks from the city of Northville and Northville Township fire departments

Second Place: Zap Zone Family Fun Center Third Place: Polish

Centennial Dancers **Best Musical Entry**

First Place: Shawn Riley Band

Second Place: Great Lakes Taiko Center Drum Band

Third Place: Northville High School Summer Marching Band **Best Entry-Church** Group

First Place: Ward

Church

Second Place: Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Third Place: North-

ville Christian School & Church **Best Vehicles-Most Nos-**

talgic First Place: Bob and

Lorraine Haas, Coca-Cola

Second Place: Thomas Moga, 1914 Model T Tour-Third Place: Roger

Khami, 1930 Model A Ford Deluxe Coupe **Best Vehicles-Crowd**

Pleaser First Place: Preserva-

tion Dental

bra Manresa Caravan Third Place: Lady Liberty

Best Vehicles-Most Unique

First Place: Joe Sedgewick

Second Place: Northville Downs & Michigan Harness Racing Horse-

Third Place: Redford Township Unicycle Club **Best Vehicles-Best Holly-**

wood Car First Place: Grigg Espinoza, "Batman Car" Second Place: Katrina Kudron, "Ghostbusters'

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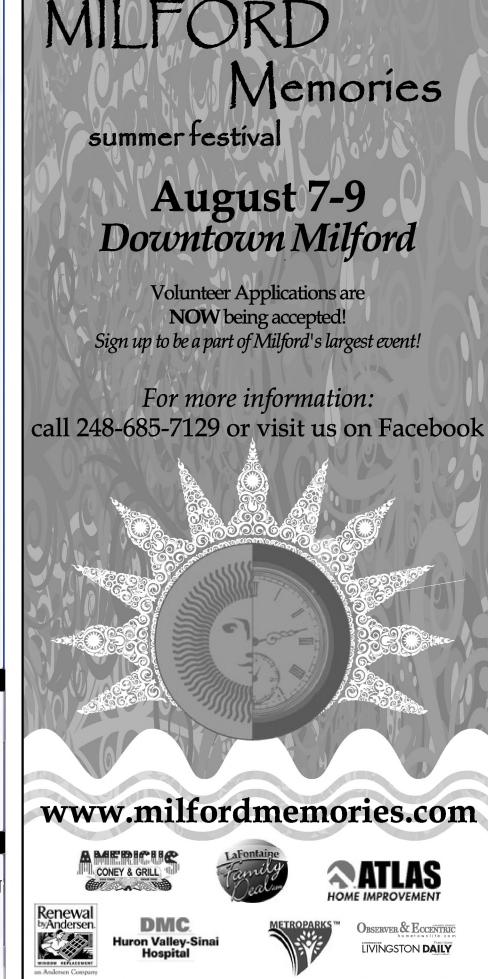
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of responsible parties have agreed to cover the cost for the necessary

remediation of the con-

tamination on this site. The area in question for the city is the pond and park area on E. Main at the old Ford Valve Plant or Water Wheel Factory, and is now the home of Planet Fitness and various office spaces. The rest of the contaminated area being addressed is located on the site of Doheny Supplies. Both areas have measures in place that are cleaning and preventing oil from doing a further migration into other

Decades ago the spot where Doheny sits was



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An agreement is being put in place for the park and pond near the Water Wheel Factory. The site has had problems with oil leaking into the pond from the land at left.

used as the place for old motor oil to be dumped. City officials said at that time the oil was actually placed into an open pit. Over the years this oil obviously moved into the surrounding soil and eventually some of it went into the pond and a portion of the soil behind

the old Ford plant.

The cleanup of this contamination has been going for at least 20 years, but now the measures have reached a level of acceptability and now it's necessary to put certain specifications in place, one being the city land will only be used as

a park. The remediation measures that were in place years ago were observation wells placed in the park property and a small ground water treatment facility as well as the city connecting the Rotary well to city water.

However, if the area was going to be used as something else, like a residential development, another level of cleanup measures would be nec-

As part of the General Oil Remedial Action Plan (RAP), Gallogly said there is a "Restrictive Covenant" proposed to be placed on the General Oil

"This is necessary because the RAP anticipates that this contamination will remain in the ground for years, with the possibility that some of this contamination

may never be totally extracted. As such restrictions on its future use and activities, on, in, or under will need to be taken," he said.

The city, in all likelihood, will not use the area for anything else other than a park because of this agreement.

Gallogly said in order for the proposed RAP to be approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) the city of Northville needed to approve the same Restrictive Covenant placing restrictions on a portion of Ford Field East Park, which is the location in question.

This action is necessary to prevent exposure of contaminants to humans and other living things using the park," he

Future costs

Another part of the agreement includes any reimbursement to the city for any potential

Gallogly said "in the event the city incurs some costs in the future, some of which could be significant, a 'Reimbursement Agreement' has been negotiated with the General Oil Northville Group whereby the City of Northville will be reimbursed for any costs that it incurs as a result of having to comply with site restrictions due to the RAP."

This could happen in the future if the city has to go digging around the site to replace any infrastructure there.

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"Tom was looking for a change of scene and came out here. I bought it in '98," Wicklander said. "They built a very successful, strong business. It was definitely easy to come into when I was 22." His grandfather helped him with the financing.

Sorrentino, an avid golfer, retired to Florida. 'The guys in front of me really made it easy for me," Wicklander said. "I really give them a lot of credit. The city of Northville made it easy for me, great people."

Fresh face

Carpenter said, "He's got the barbering expertise, but he needed more time with what he's got coming with the seminary." Carpenter, who came on board in May, will attend barber college in Lansing this fall, being near to the couple's son, 20, at Michigan State University.

Wicklander recalled being nervous at first cutting young children's hair, but got used to it. Customers now are as young as 8 months up to a gentleman 102 who notes his declining eyesight. "Every time he sits down." I tell him my eyes don't work either," Wicklander said with a smile

He's cut young children's hair who are now finishing high school. As haircut chains opened nearby, the business became more competitive. "Over the years,

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districts will get more back than they put in. In the past, the Northville school board has called itself a "donor district," meaning it puts in a lot of tax dollars but doesn't get back what it should while those dollars are sent to other districts.

The new challenge is the "2x formula."

"The 2x formula is where the Legislature has intentionally tried to minimize the funding gap between higher funded districts and lower funded districts, and they've done that by giving the lower funded districts a larger increase. They've done this over the last few years," said Mike Zopf, NPS assistant superintendent for finance and operations.

NPS's \$70 increase will be offset by the district losing some other funding it had last year. Because of changes in the state plan, NPS is losing \$50 per pupil for best practices and \$100 per pupil in performance-based funding. Both have been eliminat-

Zopf said going forward there are some "watch points" for NPS and they include declining enrollment, the continuation of the "2x formula," retirement costs and further competition from other educational opportunities.

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more and more places have popped up," Wick-

lander said. They cut some women's hair back in the more unisex 1970s, when long hair needed scant maintenance. Both men praise Northville Barbers cleanliness and the hardworking and professional barbers. "With Larry coming in, it's been nice," Wicklander said, adding he got to see his dad in Illinois a while back.

"We've got a great crew." Carpenter said, "The real straight, tight cuts are back in style." Wicklander recalled around five years ago when middle school students took a cue from Justin Bieber and Harry Potter with their longer hair.

"I would say our kid business suffered," Wicklander said.

Now, the TV show Mad Men of 1960s New York advertising executives has brought new styles. "It was just a trend," Wicklander said. "Trends, they come and

A place for guys

At Northville Barbers, the aim is to make an extension of a man's living room or "man cave." "They like the comfort of knowing they can come in here," Carpenter said. "It's almost become like a man's boutique. You can hang out and feel safe." Wicklander uses the word "camaraderie."

The nearby Genitti's restaurant owner, a friend of Wicklander's, has been bringing chili each college football Saturday to Northville Barbers, a big hit. "The whole family has always been very supportive of me," said Wicklander,

who appreciates all of Northville's support.

Men's grooming has changed, with some groomsmen coming in for shaves on wedding days. "It's a man's way to pamper himself," Car-

penter said. Their barbers have noted suspicious skin growths that have been cancerous and encourage customers to be healthy. "Prostate cancer gets mentioned in here a lot," said Wicklander, who's lost customers to cancer and wants to make men aware of their health.

Carpenter's wife, Dr. Cheryl Johnstone, is a physician at Medical Clinic of Northville, where she's been 15 years. That nearby business is turning 40 and Carpenter found his career move a natural. He's eager to get to business working with Wicklander and others on the transi-

"It's a great thing going," Carpenter said. 'We're just building on

All four chairs are being refurbished; the business has Wi-Fi which allows men to stay connected and check markets or weather. Some customers are talkers, some are stressed and seeking quiet. The barbers take their cue, "let him kind of have control of where the conversation goes," Wicklander

They have a website at www.northvillebar bers.com and use Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Yelp. The hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, closed Sunday. The phone is 248-349-2780.

"But we are open Mon-

day, which is not standard in this business, Carpenter said. His and Johnstone's children are helping their dad at the business, the oldest son at MSU with marketing and younger siblings with cleaning, curtains and setup.

Carpenter is adding some antique furnishings and is eager to work "and use my business skills again. It's a dynamic business. It doesn't feel like work.

Customer Keifer Wells, 25, of Northville got a haircut at Northville Barbers recently. "It's great," Wells said. "I've come here a couple times before. I like it because it's a local shop and it's been around a while. They do great work.'

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Walled Lake summer camps host culminating experiences

Some 200 Walled Lake Schools' elementary students attended three June summer camps hosted by the district. Recently the three camps hosted culminating events for parents and the community. The events highlighted the work students accomplished in their two-week camp experience.

Visual Arts

The Visual Arts Camp hosted 111 fourth- and fifth-grade students, with students from all 12 of the district's elementary schools. The camp's goal was to create works of art using a variety of media, such as drawing, painting, sculpting and digital photography that fit into the camp's theme. Students were involved in independent, small-group and whole-group learning and creating. Students learned many techniques that they will carry with them as they grow as

artists. This year's camp theme was Art On The Move. Campers experienced creating works of art that involved moving their bodies, or creating artwork that was, itself, in motion. Artists and techniques were studied that fit into the theme and students left camp having created drawings, paintings, sculptures and digital "light drawings" that encompassed the theme of Art On The Move.

'This camp is a high-energy, fast-paced nine-day camp that enriches a student's creativity and allows them to grow as



Shown at the Performing Music Camp are (front row, from left) Anita Arslanian, Addison Geistler, Matthew Amidon, Kady Cornelius, Joey Rachiele, Maria Endrasik and Dan Bowyer and (back row, from left) Marc Meyers and Matt Horn.

young artists," said Jessica Rohrhoff, Walled Lake art teacher. "Over the course of camp, students are challenged to use their talents in new ways, whether it is with using new art materials or problemsolving to come up with a solution to a new problem. Seeing the new ideas students come up with is always exciting!'

Creating Music

The Creating Music Camp hosted 22 upper elementary students with the goal of helping them to express themselves in music by creating it themselves. This year's camp theme was C is for Create. Campers learned to work and play together as an ensemble, to give and take musical ideas in order to create a piece of music, to make chords fit with a song.

"A great deal of emphasis is put on children performing music when they study it in school," said Diane Raymond, Walled Lake music teacher. "Creating Music Camp allows each campers inner composer to come out of hiding and find an honored place in the world. I love that CMC offers young creative musicians an opportunity to express themselves in this expressive medium."

Performing Music

The Performing Music Camp hosted 64 students with a



Shown at the Creating Music Camp are (front row, from left) Delaney Muncy, Maddie Toby, Megan Iwick, Nathan Kashat and Cameron Ripple and (back row, from left) Cassie Boyd and Diane Raymond.

passion for performing arts. This year's camp theme was Somewhere in the World...RIGHT NOW!, which was inspired by a children's book of the same title by Stacey Schuett.

The focus on the camp was performing music and putting on the best show possible for family and community members with just nine days to rehearse and get the show ready. The productions include singing, dancing and playing percussion instruments mixed with a whole lot of fun. The camp is a chance for student performers from each elementary school to come together and be challenged to take their musical abilities to an

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Vandenberg. Wixom: Allan

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thew Neyens, Russell Klimc-

zak, Sarah Stasilowicz, Erin-

and Trista Schuman. Walled

Lynn Salazar, Kelly Gottschall

Hannah Workman and Lauren

even higher level.

"Performing Music Camp is the best experience that a talented musician could want at this age," said Marc Meyers, Walled Lake music teacher. "It is an opportunity for our Walled Lake fourth- and fifthgrade students who are passionate about performing to take their abilities to a higher

Walled Lake Schools has a plethora of summer academic and recreational camps, classes and programs available for families. Log onto the district website at www.wlcsd.org to access programs or call Walled Lake Schools Community Education at 248-956-5003 to learn more.

Michigan Technological University

The dean's aist for the 2015 spring semester includes the following local students: Scott Klein of Northville and Kevin Courtney, Lucia Li, Mason Pew, Mark Schlax and David Valo, all of Novi. To be included, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

Western Michigan University

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade-point average (on a scale of 4.0) in at least 12 hours of graded class work. The following local students were named to the spring 2015 dean's list:

Novi: Samantha Macy, Elizabeth Mena, Alanna Mur-

die, Alyssa Murray, Jacob Schipper, Matthew Zielesch, Michael Carnarvon, Mary Favorite, Matthew VanZoest, Kyle Leffert, Alexandra Mcdonald, Shannon Rouston,

Zachary Bock, Thomas Fletcher, Sara Oleary, Samantha Carrier, Caleb Foerg, and Jennifer Tosto. Northville: Hannah Sims, Alexander Bern-

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Novi's Kyle Andrew Gassel made the honor list for the spring 2015 semester. To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade-point average of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

ON CAMPUS Megan Ashley, Brittney Four-nier, Lauren Petty, Emily Ra-

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Novi Parks Foundation hosting Pour on the Shore, new fundraiser scheduled for July 31

For a number of years, the Novi Parks Foundation has hosted a golf outing as its major fundraising event. The foundation supports the city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department by providing resources used to assist with capital improvements in the park system, the purchase of parkland and community art, trail development and enabling youth in financial need to participate in recreation programs.

This year, the foundation has decided to add a new flavor to fundraising efforts by focusing on an event featuring local beer and wine tasting, refreshments and entertainment - Pour on the Shore, scheduled for 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, July 31, at Pavilion Shore Park (43390 13 Mile). Guests will sample craft beers and wines, enjoy light refreshments, dance the night away to the festive music, including big band-era favorites and



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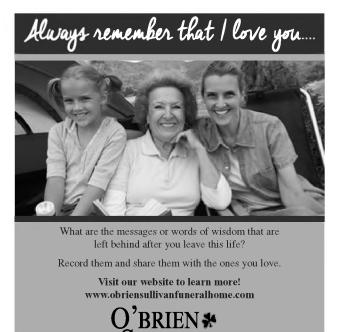
Also at the event will be popular speed painter Dave Santia, who brings a unique form of entertainment with his speed paintings and

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Tickets (\$40 and limited to 300) are available city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office. Each ticket includes eight pours of craft beer or wine, food and entertainment. Payment can be made by check, cash, credit card or online via Pay Pal at www.noviparksfoundation.org.

who has worked with numerous charities and foundations. He will paint three paintings (likely Detroit sports-themed) and the opening bid for each painting will be

The event will be held rain or shine underneath tents. Shuttle buses will depart from Vibe Credit Union on 12 Mile Road (located next to Fountain Walk) beginning at 6:15 p.m. The shuttle will run continuously throughout the eve-



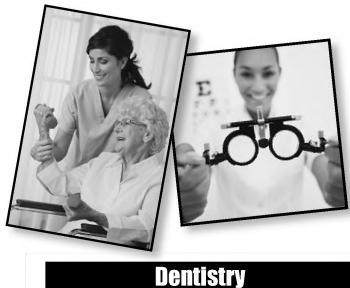
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The next UBS is the first weekend of October. The leader would be mentored/trained by the present UBS manager and all procedures/tasks are completely documented. There are also many willing volunteers who staff the event. Needed is an adult who desires community service and /or more leadership experience for their resume (someone who also loves books, too!). After the fall sale, the new leader would take over as UBS manager for future sales (twice per

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Go to www.novitown center.com for more information.

Legion names DeMars commander

Gary DeMars was elected and installed as the new American Legion Post 147 commander. A four-year U.S. Air Force veteran who served active duty in Vietnam and Thailand, he has also served as the post's webmaster and adjutant.

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization, with 2.4 million members in nearly 14,000 posts in nearly every community in America. The Legion, established by an act of Congress in 1919, was instrumental in getting the original GI Bill through Congress and the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Today, the organization is active throughout the United States, supporting current military personnel and veterans, sponsoring American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Oratorical Contests and other activities for youth and pushing for the adoption of a constitutional amendment to prohibit desecration of the U.S. flag.

DeMars can be reached at commander@americanlegionpost147michigan.org.

Northville sailor in Race to Mackinac

More than 3,000 sailors aboard 324 sailboats will embark on the 333mile voyage from Chicago to Mackinac Island for the 107th Race to Mackinac, presented by Wintrust, July 10-11.

Northville resident Brian Thorpe is a first time Mac racer and will be a crew member aboard USA 70 Big

At 333 miles (289.4 nautical miles), the Race to Mackinac is the oldest annual freshwater distance race in the world. It starts at the Chicago Lighthouse just east of Navy Pier and continues to Mackinac Island. Participation in the race is by invitation only. Joining the race this year will be 42 first-time boats.

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Will Oltman entertained a gathering June 23 at the Northville District Library with juggling and, pictured here, balancing acts.

and the full schedule of events, go to cycracetomackinac.com

Palette & Brush Club display

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

More than 20 metro Detroit artists will display their pieces, ranging from oil and watercolor to glass and mixed media as part of the exhibit. Pieces from the exhibit will be available for purchase through the Novi Parks' office

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

NoviParksRX will promote active lifestyles

In its second season, the NoviParksRX program promotes healthy, active lifestyles for community members and

> Concerts Magician

visitors by allowing health care and recreation professionals to write a "prescription" for activities in Novi's parks and on the Providence Park Hospital Campus. The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with St. John Providence Health System to offer the program through Sept. 30

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

activity prescriptions. **Shredding Days**

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month at Corrigan Record Storage, 45200 Grand River Avenue. The fee for Novi residents is \$5 up to 300 pounds.

Novi Choralaires

The Novi Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the 2015 season, September through December, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and 15 in the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile Road at Wixom Road).

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, go to www.novichoralalires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Cars & Coffee

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

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Safety Town teaches children good habits, safe practices



Harold Geis, 5, carefully maneuvers his car around Safety Town inside Northville's St. Paul's Lutheran School on June 22. Geis and other kids were there to learn how to be safe both in By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Safety Town has become a summer tradition for many Northville-area kids to learn about safety rules and lessons.

The first session of this Northville Parks and Recreation program just ended, but there are three more to come. Safety Town is an early childhood safety education program designed to teach children about safety in a fun and interactive learning environment. This program is specifically for children ages 4-5 years old and entering kindergarten in fall 2015.

"We teach many of the same things parents teach their children. However, we have a lot of professionals and opportunities in which the kids can hear and experience things they might not have the

chance to at home," program coordinator Jennifer Oldani said.

Activities include safety lessons taught through art projects, videos, games and guest speakers like police officers, firefighters and a lot more. Each day is devoted to a different topic.

Oldani said participants will encounter various professions such as Northville City Police teaching them about gun safety and stranger danger and a Northville Township Police officer and D&D Bicycles teaching them about bike safety and the proper safety equipment to wear while riding a bike. In addition, she said the Northville City Fire Department will bring an ambulance for the children to see and inform them about emergencies and how to call 9-1-1.

The children will also

learn about bus safety followed by a ride on a bus to the Northville Township Fire Station, where they will learn about having an escape plan and what to do if there is ever a fire in their home," she said.

On another day, lifeguards from Northville Parks and Recreation aquatics staff will instruct the children regarding being safe while swimming or near water.

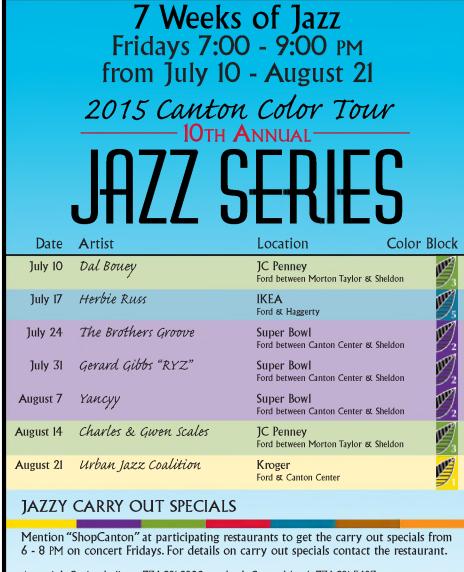
Safety Town is held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, located at 201 Elm Street, near downtown Northville. To learn more about it or to sign up for the next session, call Northville Parks and Recreation at 248-349-0203 or go to http://www. northvilleparksandrec. org/YouthPrograms/ SafetyTown.htm.

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Northville woman celebrates 100 years

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

Ruby Albertson celebrated her 100th birthday last month with her favorite meal - fried chicken

A resident at Northville Senior Living, Albertson hit the century mark June 3 and celebrated with her friends and fellow residents. "I feel wonderful," she

said before blowing the candles.

Originally from Redford, Albertson moved to Northville in 2010. Her husband died years ago, but she still has her three sons, who visit whenever they can. She's very de-

voted to her family. Looking back at her life, she said she was glad that she got to see the world and travel, going to places like Africa, France and London. She has slowed down recently, but still has fun playing bingo, doing crossword puzzles and going outside to enjoy the sunshine and smell the flowers.

"I love being with my friends here," she said. Having a sweet tooth, her party ended with a

big cake. Happy birthday, Ru-

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Northville concerts

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 10; Sinjon Smith; July 17: Howling Diablos; July 24: Randy Brock; July 31: The Twistin' Tarantulas; Aug. 7: Steve King & The Dittilies; Aug. 14: Karin Elizabeth & the Remedy Band; Aug. 21: Ford Field Festival (Northville Chamber of Commerce Event, www.northville.org); Aug. 28: Shawn Riley Band.

Details: Music will fill the air all summer long at the Friday Night Concert Series in downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square, presented by Tom Holzer Ford and managed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. All concerts in the series are free to attend. Early arrival for the concerts is suggested and guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

For more information, contact the Northville Parks and Recreation department at 248-349-0203 or go to www.downtownnorthville.com or

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CHAMPION. JAMES FREDERICK

Age 78, longtime and proud resident of Milford, MI, left this life July 4, 2015 to join his Lord in Paradise. He leaves behind his beloved wife of nearly 54 years, Lynda Genthe Champion, his brother Robert W. Champion, his adoring children, daughter Laura Lynn Champion, son James Kelley (Marsha Lea Herrmann) and daughter Anne Marie (Todd Richard) Perry and grandchildren, Aidan Champion, and Luke, Brooke and Cole Perry. He also leaves behind his lifelong best friend, Jackie Skorna. ames Kelly an Marie Champion on February 10th, 1937, in Detroit, Jim would spend the rest of his life recalling his happy childhood riding the streetcars, as well as his bike, all over the City, in its majestic heyday. He was a very proud student of McFarlane Grade School and later Mackenzie High School, where he was the Homecoming King. The highlight of his youth a summer-long trip to Europe, sailing the Atlantic aboard the MS Gripsolm with his parents and "Brother Bob", and returning home on the RMS Queen Elizabeth. Jim went on to earn his B.A., M.B.A, and Law Degree from the University of Michigan, where he was the Commander of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. While in Ann Arbor, he met the love of his life, Lynda. After serving in the Army, his business career would take him and his family to Newark and Minneapolis, and finally back to Detroit, with several companies, most notably in Executive positions with Prudential and Frank's Nursery and Crafts. In 1981, Jim founded Champion Auto Parts in New Hudson, later selling the company in 1991. He was one of the most optimistic and friendliest person anyone could ever meet. "Hope springs eternal" and "You always feel better after you eat" were words to live by in his household, where he instilled the lesson that "If you don't have something nice to say about a person, you shouldn't say anything at all." It can honestly be said that Jim never "Willfully put a thorn in another man's side." A Memorial Service celebrating his life will be held Thursday July 16th at the Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 9455, Hilton



Road, Brighton, MI with a visita-

tion at 10 a.m, followed by a

service at 11 and then a

luncheon. Jim wished for his

body to be donated to the U of M

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RACHEL LYNN

Surrounded by her closest family and friends and caring nurses John, Kristen, Rachel peacefully passed away Friday, June 26, 2015 at Bronson Hospital. Rachel was born April 10, 1990 in Pucheon, Kyunggi-Do, Korea. She was welcomed by loving parents, Bob and Terri Drafta, on December 28, 1990. Rachel was a lifelong resident of Michigan. She is Portage, survived by her brother, Bill (Emily) Drafta of Grand Rapids, grandparents Gene and Mary Drafta of Novi, grandmother, Evelyn Evans of Portage and many aunts, uncles cousins and friends. Rachel was a graduate of Michigan State University and worked as the marketing coordinator for Kal-Blue in Kalamazoo. A service to celebrate Rachel's life was held. The family had requested attendees wear Tiger's apparel in honor of Rachel's favorite team. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Rachel's Family Fund on www.gofundme.com. www.langelands.com

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MATTESON, MARJORIE E.

Of Highland, passed away July 1, 2015 at 80 years of age. Loving wife of Gordon for 63 years. Dear mother of Denise E. (Jeff) Blair, Sharlene K. (Gaetano) Pacitto and Bruce G. Matteson, Grandmother of George (Trista) Hixson, Kurt (Ryan) Boesen, Christina Bierschbach and Ashley Maurer. Great-grandmother of Ryouga, Alexis, Eva and Louella. Sister of Nancy (Rick) Lage, Cremation has taken place and private family services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to the Highland chapel of the ELTON BLACK & SON FUNERAL HOME www.eltonblackandson.com

MORROCCO, JAMES Age 71, of Northville, passed

away July 2, 2015. Share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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RANKIN, GEORGE January 2, 1933 - July 3, 2015. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. www.phillipsfuneral.com

RICE, MARIE T.

Age 97, of Novi, passed away June 29, 2015. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

ROBERTS, LINDA C.

Age 70, passed away June 29, 2015. She was born December 31, 1944, daughter of the late Clarence Ivy Staton. Linda was a longtime real estate agent in the South Lyon area. She was a lover of all animals and spent 50 years living on her farm. Linda will be fondly remembered for being consistently late to everything and for her unique personality. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She is survived by her children: Roy Roberts and Sherie (David) Monroe; three grandchildren: James, Spencer, Morgan; her brother, Lynn (Anna) Staton and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her former husband, Don (Bonnie) Roberts. Linda was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Don Visitation will be held Sunday, July 12 from 1:00p.m.-9:00p.m. with a funeral service being held on Monday, July 13 at 11:00a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. She will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery.

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GEORGE November 29, 1931 - June 20, 2015 www.obriensullivanfuneral

home.com STANKO, LUCILLE July 11, 1922 - June 15, 2015





STONE, SANDRA ANN

a resident of South Lyon and former resident of Milford, died on June 29, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. She was 70 years old. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ronald D. Stone in 2004, and is survived by her daughter, Robbin (Jim) Outlaw; her son, Jim (Donna) Stone: grandchildren, Jason Joshua (Meghan) Banfield, Banfield, Corey, Megan, and Lauren Stone; brother, Robert (Marilyn) Scott and sister-inlaw, Sue (Don) Leidal. She was a long time member of the Eastern Star, Redford, Michigan and deeply loved her work over the past four years with her Walmart family in New Hudson. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty Street, Milford, on Friday, July 3. Burial was at Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to Angela Hospice. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneral

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Art in the Gardens Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3

p.m. July 18 **Details:** Tollgate Gar-

den Volunteers present Art in the Gardens, a free walking tour featuring 20 plant specific gardens (many in full bloom and all centered around the farm buildings), informal presentations in the gardens and hayrides to see the grounds. There will be working artists, musicians and vendors attending; free admission and complementary refreshments.

The MSU Tollgate Educational Center is located on the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads in Novi. Go to www.msue. msu.edu/tollgate for more information.

Colbeck office hours

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. Friday, July 10

Details: State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and District Manager Penny Crider will hold his monthly office hours for July in Northville at the George's Senate Coney Island (39430 Dun Rovin Drive) and will be open to the public. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary. Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information or to contact Colbeck, go to www.SenatorPatrickColbeck-.com or call 517-373-5713.

Youth Police & Fire Leadership **Academy**

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. July 13-17

Details: The Youth Police & Fire Academy was created to provide area teens with an inside look at local law enforcement and fire prevention. Participants must be ages 13-18 and a Novi resident or attend school in Novi. The academy will meet at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 W. 10 Mile Road) with the exception of a single day that will meet at Fire Station No. 4 (10 Mile Road at Wixom Road).

Space is limited. All are welcome to apply, but preference will be given to residents of Novi and students who have not attended a prior academy. For more information or to register your student, contact Det. Jon Zabick at 248-347-0548

jzabick@cityofnovi.org.

Novi Summer Luau

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16

Details: Oakland County Parks and Recreation will hold the Novi Summer Luau for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Center (45175 W. 10 Mile). The event will include Hawaiian pizza, music, dancing and a limbo contest

The cost is \$8; no charge for caregiver. Participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid by July 10. Contact 248-424-7081 or adaptive@oakgov.com

for more information. Registration form is available at DestinationOakland.com

Rock Hard Film Fest Time/Date: 7 p.m. July

Details: Fans of local music, film and live performance are in for a treat as the second annual Rock Hard Film Fest rolls into Detroit's Tangent Gallery (715 Milwaukee).

The festival, founded by

Northville resident Lisa Meinzinger-Abraham in 2013 and directed by Kathi J. Moore, is a celebration of the art of music video making. The event features two blocks of music video screenings and a performance by the Orbitsuns featuring Vinnie Dombroski, well known as the lead vocalist and songwriter for the band

Sponge. Tickets are \$10 at the door and include both blocks of screenings. Pre-sale tickets are available at Eventbrite. For more information, go to http://www.rock hardfilmfast.com; http://www.facebook. com/rockhardfilmfast or http://www.twitter.com/ rockhardfilm.

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16

Details: Join in on a Taste of Music - a program of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra that includes a small ensemble performance and an Instrument Petting Zoo at the Northville Farmers Market with an ensemble performance at 11 a.m. The market is located corner of Seven Mile and Center Street.

The A2SO Instrument Petting Zoo will be held for the duration of the market. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to try out real violins, cellos, trumpets and clarinets. Childsized instruments, along with trained "zookeepers," ensure that even the smallest child will have a successful first instrumental experience.

Civilian Pistol Safety Class

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18

Details: The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 10 Mile Road). The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting Michigan Concealed Pistol License. Registration forms are available online at www.cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order) may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a per-

sonal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend. For more information,

contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or 248-921-9843.

Rockin' Under the Stars **Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m.

Saturdya, July 25 **Details:** Fifty Amp

Fuse will headline Rockin' Under the Stars, presented by the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, on the grounds of the Multi-Lakes Conservation Association in Commerce. Power Play will open the show at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person; free for children ages 12 and under. Those attending should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Food, beer, wine and soft drink concessions will be available throughout the event. No coolers or

carry-ins will be permitted. Event participants are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food and personal care products to be donated to the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford.

Additional information on the event can be found at www.LakesAreaChamber.com or by calling 248-624-2826.

52/1 Specialty Court **Golf Outing**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Thursday, July 30

Details: The 52-1 Specialty Court's ninth annual golf outing will be at Brentwood Golf Club, White Lake. The fourperson scramble cost \$100 per player (\$350 per foursome) and includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, dinner and chance to win various prizes.

Make all checks payable to Sobriety Court Advisory. To register, contact Justin Barnett, P.O. Box 1235, Clarkston, MI 48347 (jbarnettlaw@ hotmail.com). Event and sponsorship money must be in by July 17. Please be advised that this is a sober event.

KIDZ KAMP

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m Aug. 3-4 Details: A camp for

children who have lost a

loved one will be held at

Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Street, Northville. It is for children, ages 4-12; 4-year-olds need to be accompanied by a parent during the camp. Lunch will be provided. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum will provide interesting and fun activities. "Our goal is to provide a safe place for kids to share their story and find comfort and support from other children going through their own grief, as well as learning it's OK to still have fun, said Elaine Dzwonkowski, KIDZ/Teen Group director at New Hope Center for Grief Support. "Activities emphasize building resiliency skills and ways to get through difficult situations. They learn that, in time, they will be OK." The camp is free but space is limited; register

Novi Older Adult Services

at 248-348-0115. Go to

for more information.

www.newhopecenter.net

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m.Thursday, Aug. 20 -'Celebrating 85 Years and Beyond" Birthday Celebration; Meadowbrook Activity Center; no cost for participants 85-plus years old (preregistration still required); \$3 for Novi residents and \$4 for non-residents; deadline is Aug. 14. Birthday celebrants are asked to submit a personal history form that will be compiled into a keepsake booklet. Forms are due by Aug. 6.

Details: Join Novi Older Adult Services to stay active, celebrate and socialize with friends at a variety of special events designed especially for those 55 years and above. Tickets are required and are available now at the Older Adult Services Office, 45175 10 Mile Road, and the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. For more information or to learn about additional older adult social and educational programs, call 248-347-0414 or go to www.cityofnovi.org.

Wildcats '95 reunion

Date: Saturday, Aug.

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

Observer & Eccentric is now part of the new Gannett

Parent company completes its split

> By J.C. Reindl Michigan.com

Gannett, the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric and USA TODAY, was officially spun off June 29 as a new publicly traded company with a sharper focus on digital growth and innovation as a nextgeneration media compa-

The old Gannett split into two distinct publicly traded companies: TEG-NA, which holds more

than 40 traditional broadcasting properties and several purely digital enterprises such as Cars.com. The new Gannett has news organizations that publish on print and digital platforms in 92 U.S. markets. It also owns 17 daily publications in the U.K.

Gannett's properties in Michigan also include the Detroit Free Press, Battle Creek Enquirer, Lansing State Journal, Livingston Co. Press & Argus and Port Huron Times Herald.

"Great journalism, great storytelling and focus on community - including helping businesses grow — is really at the core of the new Gannett," said Joyce Jenereaux, president and publisher of the Detroit Free Press. "We are excited to be part of this beginning.

The new Gannett is starting out with minimal debt and a strong cash flow and it plans to acquire more media assets in the U.S. to boost local advertising and marketing revenue. It also seeks to enhance coordination among journalists at its news outlets across the nation and place greater emphasis

on social and mobile news distribution, according to executives and company memos.

Gannett recently purchased 11 media properties in New Mexico, Texas and Pennsylvania. On the first day of

trading, TEGNA closed at \$31.63, up \$1.52, or about 5 percent. The new Gannett closed at \$14.13, down 77 cents, or about 5.1 percent.

The new Gannett is a next-generation media company that exists to empower community," Bob Dickey, president and CEO of Gannett, said in a recent call with analysts and investors. "We do this, in part, by informing the communities we serve, but also in new innovative ways to help those communities connect, act and thrive."

The old Gannett company has been renamed TEGNA and is keeping ownership or control of 46 TV stations nationwide, as well as Cars.com and CareerBuilder.com. The TEGNA name was derived from letters in Gannett.

Plans for Monday's split of the company were first announced last August. Both Gannett and TEGNA share a headquarters in McLean,

Executives laid out a vision this month to expand the company's roster of media properties and continue the transformation as a digitalfirst operation.

The company will shop for media properties that serve markets with a population between 500,000 and 3 mil-

The new Gannett will pay an annual cash dividend of 64 cents per share and launch a \$150 million share buyback program.

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OUR VIEW

Inspiring words settle fight over same-sex marriage

The ink was barely dry on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling June 26 in Obergefell v. Hodges when reactionaries were beginning to hyperventi-

The justices were accused of "judicial activism." Several contenders for the next year's presidential contest claimed the ruling was the work of five "unelected and unaccountable" justices. One candidate called the ruling "judicial tyr-

Both political and religious leaders vowed that the fight was not over.

Really, it should be. The Supreme Court, appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, did exactly what it was supposed to do. The justices looked at the law, in this case, Michigan's voted amendment in the state constitution banning same-sex marriage, as well as other state bans, to see if they pass muster with the U.S. Constitution.

And the court concluded they just did not. The 14th Amendment and its equal protection clause make it very clear, the court said, that you cannot use the law or even state constitutions to block gays or lesbians from participating in this tradition.

The court also made it clear that religions may still disapprove of same-sex marriage – and that's fine. But government, by law, has to recognize same-sex marriage.

Here's what the majority said: "Finally, it must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned.

The First Amendment ensures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths, and to their own deep aspirations to continue the family structure they have long revered.

The same is true of those who oppose same-sex marriage for other reasons. In turn, those who believe allowing same-sex marriage is proper or indeed essential, whether as a matter of religious conviction or secular belief, may engage those who disagree with their view in an open and searching debate.

"The Constitution, however, does not permit the State to bar same-sex couples from marriage on the same terms as accorded to couples of the opposite sex.'

The justices did hear all the arguments that have been made both for and against same-sex marriage. They simply concluded that there is no good argument for not allowing gays and lesbians to get married in the same way that heterosexual couples do.

Here's how they put it: "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family.

"In forming a marital union,

two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death.

"It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions.

They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right.'

Inspiring words - ones which should settle this particular argument.

LETTERS

Staking the parade

Chairs on the Northville Parade route the day before July 4th? Driving through my hometown early this evening left me wondering why there were so many chairs along the main streets. Then I remembered the annual Fourth of July parade.

It's been 15 years since I lived in Northville, but almost every year I return for the parade. When did it become OK to claim prime real estate for the parade up to a day ahead of time? At first I was surprised at the nerve of people, but then I became a bit annoyed. Arriving early the morning of the parade, choosing a place to sit and visiting with neighbors and friends seemed to be the norm during the 30 or so years I lived in Northville.

Is anyone else bothered by this show of entitlement, or is it just me?

Kristin Anderson

Sen. Biden's joke unnecessary

Last month, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas made his first ever visit to Michigan. Cruz was at a Republican dinner in Howell in front of some 600 Republicans for a GOP fundraiser.

During his keynote speech, ruz felt compelled to jokes about Vice President Joe Biden. This was before Biden's deceased son, Beau, was even buried. These jokes seem not only very poor taste, but also completely unnecessary. Biden is not running for anything.

Cruz's purpose in such obnoxious behavior can not be fathomed. His chief Michigan apologist, Saul Anuzis, admits the timing could have been

better. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, another Cruz apologist, says Cruz was using "old

I guess our question would be when is it ever timely and proper to tell "old jokes" about a vice president who has just lost his son to brain cancer?

If Cruz is marketing himself to appeal to Christian evangelicals, this seems to be a strange strategy. We cannot see how such tasteless and arrogant rhetoric will help Cruz in his "crusade to build a grassroots army across Michigan.'

Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills

Raise Alzheimer's **Awareness**

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. We often don't think about our brain health, but we should. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United Sates, and the only one in the top 10 causes of death that cannot be prevented, cured or slowed. The Alzheimer's Association estimates there are more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's and 15.7 million Alzheimer's caregivers.

Families of Alzheimer's patients need support! Care planning following diagnosis is critical, especially if the everincreasing needs of the Alz-However, for a number of reasons, physicians and other health care providers are often unable to help with this planning. That is why I'm asking Senator Gary Peters to join other Michigan legislators, including Sen. Stabenow, and Reps. Candice Miller, Dan Benishek, John Conyers and Dan Kildee to co-sponsor the HOPE for Alzheimer's Act

Safer access



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Work continued on May 26 for the pedestrian path near Maybury State Park's northeast corner at Eight Mile and Beck roads. When completed, the path will give safer, better access to the park for visitors entering on foot. The project is jointly funded and organized by Wayne County, Northville and Northville Township.

(H.R.1559/S. 857), which will support families by giving health care providers the time and tools they need to provide care planning.

Alzheimer's is a devastating disease. Without a cure or treatment we must do everything to support families facing Alz-

Join me this month in taking the pledge to raise Alzheimer's Awareness by visiting www.alz.org/purplepledge.

Lindsay Brieschke Okemos

Reap what you sow

I see where the Republican politicians in Lansing are continuing their assault on the working people of this state.

The latest attack occurred when the Senate approved a bill to abolish the prevailing wage law. The PWL assures that workers on public projects receive a livable wage.

The backers of the recently passed bill say it will save government bodies money. These out liars. In my opinion, most fall in the latter category.

The corporations that work on these projects will not drop their bids by one centavo. The difference being that the workers' wallets will be lighter and the company coffers fatter.

Since Gov. Snyder has stated that he wants to keep the PWL on the books (true or not), the rich and powerful honchos are

making a back-door run to make sure the bill they paid for is veto-proof. They are hiring circulators to gather signatures in the Republican districts. Once they have a small portion of the total number of our state voters sign, they present it to Lansing and, presto, no veto. sure its bill is safe from being placed on the ballot by adding a couple of dollars and calling it an appropriation bill.

All this evil coming from those hallowed halls is mainly due to moderates and Democrats deciding to sit out the last election. You reap what you

James Huddleston

GUEST COLUMN

Judgment imposes levy without taxpayer consent

against a municipality awards money, the municipality has two choices: Pay whoever filed suit directly or pass it on to taxpayers by levying a special property tax. It's called a "judgment levy" and is required by law, if the municipality doesn't pay the bill with existing or surplus

Most dramatically, the city of Inkster recently agreed to pay \$1.38 million to a man who had been beaten by a police officer during a traffic stop. Inkster doesn't have that kind of money to pay out, so the judgment will be put on Inkster's summer tax bills, costing the owner of a home worth \$100,000 about \$180.

Every taxpayer in Wayne County may face a similarly unexpected and imposed property tax this summer under the same mechanism, the judgment levy.

Whether it is a judgment for payment on a catastrophic accident involving a county vehicle or, as it is in this case,



Gary Woronchak **GUEST** COLUMNIST

over a required payment not made to the county pension system, the point is, there is a judgment against the county. At issue is whether the county will pay from available funds or let the bill be paid directly by taxpayers.

At the risk of further diverting from that bottom line, but in order to clarify points that are distracting on this matter, let's review how we got here. The county did not make a required \$32 million payment to the pension system in 2010. The county had limited the bonus check program for retirees and instead credited \$32 million that was already in that fund as the county's payment.

To avoid layoffs

Rear-view mirrors aside, that was during the height of the property value decline that

was crippling the county's finances. That move with the pension system was to avoid 500 layoffs. The county believed it was on firm legal ground and, in fact, the move was upheld initially by the court, but overturned on appeal. In December, the state Supreme Court declared the county owes the pension system \$32 million plus lost earnings to be determined by the local court. On May 29, the circuit court entered a judgment that the county owes \$49 million.

Wayne County's dismal fiscal condition is well-known and \$49 million is a big bill. However, there is \$78 million in a fund that has not yet been allocated, though it had been expected that it would go toward reducing the county's accumulated budget deficit.

That's where a majority of the Wayne County Commission disagreed with County Executive Warren Evans. The executive believes that \$78 million should be allocated to paying down the county's deficit. A majority of commissioners voted to move \$49 million of that money anyway, believing that money could go to avoiding the judgment levy

Of course, we realize that would be \$49 million less toward the county's recovery. But the basic right-wrong of this is whether taxpayers should be forced to pay on this summer's tax bills when there is another way, even if it would keep the county in a financial hole a while longer.

I'm surprised at how some, including in the news media, think this is just something the taxpayers should eat. It was suggested this is the price they pay for poor performance of the people they elect. First, how does that twisted logic apply to those who voted over the years against the previous administration? Plus, are we blaming the housing market crash that had a hand in this case on elected officials?

As the legislative branch of county government, the Wayne County Commission is elected to directly represent the taxpayers of their district. For me, that means protecting the taxpayers – and their wallets – if there's another way to pay the bill.

Show no respect

Letting this money be taken, without permission, from the pockets of residents this summer would not be keeping faith with, or showing respect to, our taxpayers. If we want taxpayers to assist in Wayne County's financial recovery, to share in the sacrifice, we should ask them. We should convince them that it's necessary and we've done all we can on our end. It should not be imposed on them.

Proponents of the tax levy point out the big picture, the long-term consequences of using existing money, saying taxpayers will pay more later

if they don't pay it now. I suggest that message be put in each tax bill mailed this summer; shall we guess how much better that will make the owner of a \$100,000 house feel when they pay an extra \$50 this summer?

Less facetiously, an imposed tax this summer will make it all the more difficult to convince taxpayers down the line to renew the voter-approved taxes that are expiring or to authorize new ones to be true and willing partners in Wayne County's recovery.

I understand and respect the county executive's position on this. None of this is easy. I'm not claiming he's taking lightly the imposition of a judgment levy on taxpayers. I'm certain he's not. Nor are commissioners taking lightly the long-term effects on county finances.

However this matter ends up, I remain concerned that the judgment levy could be viewed as a tool for extracting money from taxpayers. If it goes forward now, I fear it will be less difficult to swallow the next time. And the taxpayers who used to believe they had a say in their property tax rates will realize that, under certain circumstances, they do not.

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USTA TOURNEY

Mother-son duo give tennis opponents kick in the grass

Crosby doubles tandem team up for national title

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Marsha Crosby got to celebrate Mother's Day this year a second time with her son Bra-

The duo from South Lyon teamed to capture the 2015 U.S. Tennis Association Mother Son National Grass Court Championship held at the newly constructed Wessen Lawn Tennis Club in Pontiac.

Marsha Crosby, 63, and Brady, 30, were seeded third, but dominated all three of their matches in the nine-team field, capped by 6-2, 6-2 victory in the finals against Jacob Jensen (Northridge, Calif.) and Nancy Jensen (Salt Lake City, Utah).

"It was pretty exciting," said Marsha, a retired school teacher from West Bloomfield. "It was a really good memory to form with him. At my age, I was kind of surprised really to win that, but he's such a really good player. That always helps."

Brady Crosby, a teaching pro at the Novi Sports Club, was an accomplished three-sport athlete at Livonia Stevenson High School, where he made all-state in tennis. He was the MHSAA Division 1 No. 1 singles runner-up in 2003.

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Marsha and
Brady Crosby
teamed to win
the USTA
Mother Son
Grass Court
National Tennis
Championship
in Pontiac. He is
a Livonia
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JUNIOR HOCKEY



Cooper Zech will be following his brother Zach to the NAHL Odessa (Texas) Jackalopes.

Zech brothers taking hockey dreams to west Texas outpost

South Lyon natives to team up for North American Hockey League team

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

Friday Night Lights was a 2004 sports drama film about a west Texas town obsessed with its high school football team while it made a run toward the state championship.

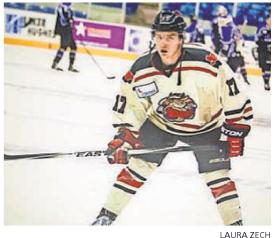
That same town, Odessa, Texas, appears to be an unlikely outpost for two brothers from South Lyon, Zach and Cooper Zech, who are pursuing their long-term hockey dreams

Perhaps a sequel to hockey's version of the book, on which the football story was based – Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream by H.G. Bissinger – might be in the

Zach Zech, a 19-year-old center, played his final 16 games with the Odessa Jackalopes of the 22-team North American Hockey League after being traded just two days prior to the trade deadline by the Johnstown (Pa.) Tomahawks.

Zach also played two games last season during a weekend call-up for the USHL Muskegon Lumberjacks before going back to

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South Lyon native Zach Zech has a season under his belt with the NAHL Odessa (Texas) Jackalopes.

Northville's Alashe fitting in nicely with San Jose



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Northville High grad Fatai Alashe is making an impact in his rookie season with the MLS San Jose Earthquakes.

Ex-Northville standout enjoying banner rookie season

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

It may be only the mid-point of his rookie season, but Northville's Fatai Alashe is making quite an impact already in Major League Soccer.

The San Jose Earthquakes midfielder, who was a first-round selection (No. 4 overall) out of Michigan State in the 2015 Super Draft, could be challenging No. 1 overall pick Cyle Larin of the expansion Orlando City FC for MLS Rookie of the Year honors before it's all said and done.

The 6-foot, 170-pound Alashe not only has made an impression in 14 MLS appearances for the Quakes, but also gained valuable international experience during the spring with the U.S. Under-23 National Team.

"I think it's going well," Alashe said. "Obviously, getting a chance to play is a big deal. So anytime you're in there and you're playing, it's big for you because not all the rookies get that opportunity and plus I've been given chances. Even though I've been given the opportunity, obviously, my game still has a lot of room to grow. And hopefully

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ALASHE

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I'll continue to progress." Alashe, who has one goal, plays more a holding midfielder role, with the Quakes under coach Dominic Kinnear.

But as a member so far with the Under-23 squad, he's more of an attacking midfielder.

Overseas trip

Last month in the Toulon Tournament in France, Alashe helped the U.S. Under-23 team place third with a 3-2 record. He played in four of the five games, starting three, and scored a goal in a 2-1 loss to Costa

"I think overall the time that I played it went well for



Alashe

Alashe, who also appeared in international matches April 22 vs. Mexico in Carson, Calf.; March 31 in Copen-

me," said

hagen, Denmark; and March 27 in Bosnia 27 (scoring a goal). "It's definitely a little bit different," Alashe said of his international role. "With the Quakes, I play a holder-mid (fielder); it's more of a sit role. You definitely have a little more freedom play-

ing on the national team. I think it's something that obviously is different, but I still enjoy playing different roles. You're able to expand your game a little bit and see what you can do attacking-wise, where as here (San Jose) you don't really do that as much.'

Alashe has adjusted quickly to the MLS style of play and the lifestyle of being a full-time professional.

"Obviously, one of the biggest things is that it's a much faster-paced game," Alashe said. "The training habits are a lot

different. It's your job and everything revolves around soccer. There's not school or anything else. It's just soccer all the time. That's something that's unique and you have to eat right and get the right amount of sleep every night so you can train well and give yourself a better opportunity to play. That's definitely the biggest adjustment from college, is the lifestyle around it."

Spartans career

At MSU, Alashe appeared in 85 games, scoring 14 goals and adding 15 assists. As a senior, he helped the Spartans reach the elite eight of the NCAA tournament while earning NSCAA All-America second team and all-Midwest Region honors.

Alashe comes from a soccer family. His brother Latif played four seasons at Michigan and has continued his career for Detroit FC of the National Premier Soccer League.

Alashe played club soccer for the Under-17 and Under-18 Vardar Academy teams, which captured the 2010 Development Academy championship. He was an All-Area, all-KLAA, alldistrict, all-region and all-state player, both as a junior and senior, at Northville High.

But even though he had an accomplished club, prep and collegiate career, Alashe might be considered a late bloom-

"People come up at different points," Alashe said. "Kind of like my senior year in high school and then going into college, I was able to pick up a little more while others sometimes they peak at 14 and stuff like that. It's different for everyone. It's tough to say later or early. I'd would say you kind of grow as a player when you go through different experiences and I think going to college definitely helped me out a little

USSSA state champs

LOCAL SPORTS



The Michigan Stix finished with a 3-1 record June 26-28 en route to the Michigan Fastpitch USSSA 18-and-under title at the Canton Softball Center. The Stix captured the title with an 11-7 win over the Anchor Bay Angels. Members of the Stix, who will compete in the upcoming USSSA World Series include (front): Kasie Pawlowski, Milford High/Oakland University; (middle row, from left) Ally Carlisle, Milford; Emily White, Milford/Tusculum College; Amelia Hayes, Milford/Grand Valley State; Amy Petrillo, Milford/ Saginaw Valley State; Hannah Rayburn, Novi Franklin Road Christian; Hannah Hasley, Milford/Central Michigan University; Paige Dean, Fenton/Siena Heights University; and Aubrey Long, Milford/Oakland Community College; and (back row, from left) coaches Lance Long and Jeff Petrillo.

bit."

Rivalry match

Although the Quakes lost their U.S. Open Cup round of 16 match Wednesday night at home against MLS rival L.A. Galaxy, 1-0, just three days earlier (June 27) San Jose defeated the same defending MLS champions, 3-1, in the California Clasico before 50,000 fans at Stanford University.

The Quakes normally play their home matches in the brand new Avaya Stadium, which seats

18,000.

"That was crazy and definitely really exciting," Alashe said of the Clasico. "It was a packed stadium. Our fans are great out here, very passionate about the game, very passionate about the team. Obviously, we got the result, which was big for us as well. It was definitely an exciting game, a tough 90 minutes because, obviously, L.A. is a really good team and we were happy with the result."

Following a 1-0 loss Sunday night at Portland, San Jose is 7-6-4 in the Western Conference of the MLS and stands in seventh place with 25 points.

"We're playing well, I think," Alashe said. "We're starting to get used to each other. We're starting to play together as a team. We're picking up some results and we've got a tough stretch of games coming up in July. It's going to be a big month for us and, hopefully, we can get a few wins out of it."

Alashe has taken a liking to his new soccer environment.

"The thing I like the most is probably the weather," he said. "Coming from Michigan, obviously, you have the tough winters and the really hot summers, whereas here it's pretty mild throughout the year. It's just a beautiful place. I'm really enjoying it so far. California is a nice state to live in, it's a great team and a brand new stadium, so there's not more that I can ask

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ALL-AREA BASEBALL

Lowe goes sky-high for Northville baseball

Mustangs third baseman All-Area Player of Year

> **By Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Tyler Lowe produced a season of highs for the 2015 Northville High baseball team.

The senior third baseman was instrumental in the stateranked Mustangs going 28-3 overall, while earning the KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference KLAA Association championships.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Lowe, who will play next sea-



Lowe

son at Elgin (Ill.) Community College, batted .450, going 49of-122 at the plate with a team-high 44 RBIs and 13 doubles. He also recorded an on-base average

of .492 and a .587 slugging percentage.

"Tyler was a tremendous leader on and off the field and one of the hardest working players I have ever had the pleasure of coaching," Northville coach John Kostrzewa

Lowe, named All-Area Player of the Year, earned Division 1 first team all-state, as well as all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors. He was also named team MVP.

'Tyler played a great third base and hit in the three hole for us," Kostrzewa said. "He fell just one hit shy of tying our school record of 50 hits. Tyler was also tremendous in the clutch.'

First team **Evan Flohr** Northville

The senior left-hander, who will play next year at Cypress (Calif.) Community College, finished 8-1 with a 1.26 earnedrun average. He struck out 69 in 49% innings with only 16 walks. He had a three-year varsity record of 19-5.

Evan led our team in strikeouts (49) and wins (eight) and was dominant virtually every time he took the mound,' Kostzewa said of the all-KLAA and all-district pick. "He pitched a great game in our conference championship win over Plymouth.'

Ian Borthwick Northville

The senior right-hander, an all-district and all-KLAA choice, went 7-0 with two saves and a 1.09 ERA in 511/3 innings. He pitched a complete game in a 3-1 Association championship win over Brighton.

'Ian was fantastic at the art of pitching and a great competitor," Kostzewa said. 'He was a strike thrower. His ability to throw quality strikes with all three pitches and his consistency made him very unique. When Ian needed to make a quality pitch, he had a great ability to do so no matter what the circumstance."

Grant Hartwig Detroit CC

The junior catcher batted 375 with two homers and 25 RBIs for the district champions. As a pitcher, the 6-4 righthander also went 5-5 with a 1.44 ERA and a near 3:1 strikeout-to-walk ratio in 73½ innings as he earned all-Catholic League and all-district honors.

Grant was a leader on the mound, at the plate and also as a catcher," CC coach Dan Michaels said. "Grant's arm behind the plate pretty much stops any running game. Offensively, the numbers don't tell the story of the numerous clutch hits throughout the season. Also, with little to no support in a large number of games on the mound, Grant still played a part in 50 percent of the team's wins."

Kyle Harris Franklin Road

The senior third baseman earned Division 4 first team all-state honors, as well as making the all-district, allregion and first team all-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference teams. He paced the Warriors in all offensive categories, including batting average (.519), RBIs (46), runs (37), homers (six, including two grand slams), doubles (six) and triples (two).

'Kyle was our top player," Franklin Road Christian coach Mike Harris said. "Next season he'll be joining his brother Nick at Spring Arbor College." **Dugan Darnell**

Northville The all-KLAA and all-district shortstop, headed to Adrian College, batted .384 with an on-base average of .593. The senior also broke the school

record with 20 hit by pitches,

ALL-AREA BASEBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Tyler Lowe, Northville

FIRST TEAM

Evan Flohr, Northville Ian Borthwick, Northville Grant Hartwig, Detroit CC Kyle Harris, Franklin Road Dugan Darnell, Northville Scott Reaton, Novi Gavin Harris, Franklin Road Adam Szymanski, Lakeland Connor Young, Milford

SECOND TEAM

Dante Toppi, Detroit CC Brendan Wexler, Novi Jordan Jenkins, Detroit CC Adam Tobias, Novi Kyle Valden, Milford Erich Stephenson, South Lyon Grant Smith, Lakeland Zach Prystash, Northville Evan Lorey, Franklin Road

HONORABLE MENTION Northville: Chris Dunn, jr.; Kevin Morrissey, soph.; Connor Walters, sr.; Novi: Joey Carn, jr.; Jac Colliau, jr.; Catholic Central: Mike Scott, sr.; Justin Green, sr.; Franklin Road Christian: Matt Lorey, jr.; Paul Alex, soph.; Shaun Moore, jr.; South Lyon: Tyler Magee, sr., Alex Super, jr.; South Lyon East: Evan Fischer, sr.; Lakeland: Nolan Johnson, sr.; Cass Phillips, fr.; Brian Thickstun, jr.; Tyler Cleasby, jr.; Ty Yakel, sr.; Connor Snell, fr.; Milford: Keegan Matthews, sr; Conner Jensen, soph.; Brendan Perrett, soph.

falling short of he state record by only four.

"Dugan solidified the shortstop position for us and had a great knack for getting on base in every way," Kostrzewa said. "His willingness to do whatever it took to get on base gives you a glimpse of the type of player he is. He can do so many things offensively. The combination of his defense and offense made him extremely valuable to our team."

Scott Beaton

The junior shortstop-pitcher was named the Wildcats' MVP and Hardest Working player after batting .351 with 19 runs and 15 RBIs hitting in the No. 2 slot. Beaton struck out only seven times in 132 at-bats and made just five errors in 144

"On the mound, Scott was our best relief pitchers with three saves and 2-1 record," Novi coach Rick Green said of the all-KLAA pick. "Scott is a 3.65 student and is a great role model for all underclassmen at Novi on and off the playing field.

Gavis Harris Franklin Road

The junior pitcher and second baseman made Division 4 first team all-state, as well as all-region, all-district and all-MIAC after hitting .465 with 37 runs, 22 RBIs, six doubles and one homer. Harris also stole 22

"Gavin is getting college interest from (NCAA) Division I, Division II and NAIA schools and should have his choice of several schools when all is said and done," coach Mike Harris said.

Adam Szymanski Lakeland

The senior left-hander went 7-1 on the mound, including three complete games, to go along with a 2.90 earned-run average in 58 innings en route to all-district and all-KLAA honors. As a center fielder. Szymanski batted .300.

'Adam was our go-to guy on the mound." Lakeland coach Todd Miller said. "He was very reliable.

Connor Young Milford

The senior center fielder, headed to Kalamazoo College, batted .404 with a .520 on-base percentage to go along with 30 runs. He was also successful on 29-of-32 stolen base attempts.

As a pitcher, Young posted an ERA of 1.99 with a WHIP of 1.12. In 59⅓ innings, he struck out 43 and walked just 10 while yielding two earned runs or less in nine of his 11 starts.

"On the mound, Connor consistently dominated," Milford coach Rob Hamilton said. "Connor also made several incredible catches in center field, including a diving catch deep in left center field with the bases loaded to preserve a win against (state champion) Hartland."

Second team **Dante Toppi Detroit CC**

The junior posted a 9-2 record with a 2.10 ERA and a 1.10 WHIP in 62½ innings. He had a near 6:1 strikeout-to-walk ratio. The team's lead-off batter also hit .331 with 23 RBIs. The all-Catholic League and all-district pick outfielder did not commit an error in the outfield.

Brendan Wexler

Novi

The assistant captain and senior catcher stood out defensively with 41 assists and 126 put-outs. Wexler also batted .297 while striking out just five times in 124 plate appearances. Jordan Jenkins **Detroit CC**

The senior first baseman batted .333 with three homers and 32 RBIs while striking out only 15 times in 132 at-bats for the district champions.

Adam Tobias

The senior first baseman and outfielder earned team offensive MVP honors by batting .360 with five homers, 17 RBIs and 22 runs scored. Tobias also had an on-base average of .433 and made just three errors in 103 chances.

Kyle Valden Milford

The senior first baseman was Milford's best power hitter, consistently driving the ball to all fields and finishing with a .385 batting average and .578 slugging percentage, including 12 doubles, three triples and a homer. During his three-year career, he hit .361 with nine homers.

Erich Stephenson South Lyon

The senior shortstop, a fouryear varsity starter, batted .305 from the lead-off spot and excelled on the defensive side en route to all-KLAA honors. **Grant Smith**

Lakeland

The sophomore third baseman and pitcher sported a team-low ERA while earning all-KLAA honors.

Zach Prystash Northville

The junior outfielder was the Mustangs' lead-off man. hitting .418 with an on-base percentage of .535. Prystash also went 5-0 on the mound while earning all-KLAA and all-district honors.

Evan Lorey Franklin Road

The sophomore center fielder batted .400 with 22 RBIs and 22 runs while earning Division 4 second team all-state, as well as all-region, all-district and all-MIAC recognition.

COLLEGE LACROSSE

Clark goalie ranks best among in all of NCAA men's lacrosse

Northville native Drew Riopelle-Tyrrell, a sophomore for the Clark (Mass.) University men's lacrosse team, finished first among all NCAA Division III goalies, turning back 65.4 percent of the shots during his first full season.

The Hill (Ontario) Academy product not only led all of Division III, but held the highest save percentage for all three NCAA divisions - exactly one-tenth of a percentage point ahead of Division II leader Alex Krawec of Le-Moyne (N.Y.) College.

This is a tremendous honor for Drew," Clark University head coach Jeff Cohen said. "He stepped right into the program and the starting role and excelled beyond what any of us could have hoped for."

Riopelle-Tyrrell transferred to Clark after one season at Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology and became arguably the best goaltender in the New England Women's And Men's Athletic Conference.

He earned first team allconference honors after finishing first in the NEWMAC in goals allowed (7.30) and save percentage (65.4), along with ranking third in total goals

allowed (92) and saves made

Riopelle-Tyrrell earned league player of the week accolades after the first three games of the season, which included a record 20 saves in one match and 19 in another.

Playing in 14 of the team's 15 games, Riopelle-Tyrrell made 10 or more saves in 10 of those, including a four-game stretch where he averaged 18 stops per contest.

Riopelle-Tyrrell helped the Cougars (8-7) to their third straight winning season as they tied the school-record for wins in a season.



Northville native Drew Riopelle-Tyrrell of Clark (Mass.) University was the top goalie statistically in all of NCAA men's lacrosse.

PDL SOCCER

Michigan Bucks triumph at FC London

The Michigan Bucks felt like they relocated to Canada with three games in the past week north of the border and came away from their toughest stretch of the season with a 2-1 record to climb back on top of the Great Lakes Division standings in the Central Conference of the Premier Development League.

Saturday's 3-0 triumph at FC London leaves the Bucks (9-1-1, 28 points) tied with K-W United (9-2-1, 28 points), with a game in hand.

The Bucks rebounded from their only loss of the season July 1 when they fell to Kitchener-Waterloo United, 3-1, as Tom Owens scored the team's only goal on a penalty

Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd recorded earned his sixth win and fifth shutout of the season in London by stopping all 10 of the home team's shots on goal. Although the game was even for much of the match, the Bucks managed 15 shots at London keeper Mark Haynes.

Sean Sepe opened the scoring when he took a pass from Francis DeVries and chipped his shot over Haynes for a 1-0 Bucks lead in the 67th minute.

Calvin Rezende recorded his PDL-leading eighth assist when he put Russell Cicerone in for his team leading sixth goal of the year and the Bucks doubled their advantage in the 77th min-

Gerald Ben would get on the score sheet for the first time in a Bucks uniform this season when he collected a long ball over the top, sprinted through the defense and laid a ball off for Sebastian Wladyko, who notched his third goal of the season in the game's closing minutes. "I was happy with the

way we responded in London," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "They are as tough a team to play against as we will see all year and to come away with a season sweep is hard to do. Now we have to focus on the final two game road trip with week, which will also require total focus. We are back in the driver's seat with three matches to go. That is all you can ask for at this point so we are happy to be where we are.'

The Bucks continue their five-game road trip this week with games Thursday at Louisville, Ky., and Saturday at Dayton, Ohio.

The defending PDL

champions close out the

regular season schedule Saturday, July 18, with a home match against the Dayton Dutch Lions at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Muftari was ready to get back to the U.S. to celebrate what was left of the July 4 weekend after the game.

"As much as I love Canada, I have seen enough of the place this week with three hardfought battles against quality opponents," he said. "We know we may see these teams again down the road, but we really hope that the next game is played at home, which means we won the Great Lakes Division. We got outplayed on Wednesday in Kitchener and we didn't want the same on Saturday. Sometimes a defeat can be demoralizing and other times

you use it to build on."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

South Lyon cheer

The South Lyon High School cheerleaders will stage a stunt and skills camp from 8 a.m. until noon Monday, July 13, at the high school, 1000 N. Lafayette, South Lyon.

The cost is \$40 per person, which includes T-shirt, snack and performing with the South Lyon cheerleaders during a varsity football game Sept. 18. (Make checks payable to South Lyon Cheer Boosters.)

For more information, email Erika Koenigsknecht at Ekoenigsknecht@gmail.com.

Novi cheer clinic

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

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

To register, go to www.novi.k12.mi.us. For more informa-

tion, email coach Ashley Karinen at AKarinen07@gmail.com.

Eagles golf outing

The second annual Lakeland Eagles football golf outing fundraiser, with proceeds going to the Lakeland High School football, will be Sunday, Aug. 2, at Brentwood Country Club.

Check-in for the fourperson scramble is 7:30 a.m., followed by a 8:30 a.m. start. Included in the \$85 cost is golf (with cart), lunch at the turn, buffet dinner and door prizes. Dinner only is

For more information, call Kathie Schwartz at 248-840-2755 or email ekschwartz@comcast.net.

BROTHERS

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On the move

Johnstown.

"Getting traded was kind of a shock," said Zach, who played a total of 49 NAHL games last year, scoring seven goals and 18 assists. "The (Johnstown) G.M. just pulled me into his office and said me and another kid on the team were going to Texas. We looked at each other and we're going like, 'Hmm, go play junior hockey in Texas? Sounds like a plan.' It wasn't bad. I loved it."

And now Cooper Zech, a 16-year-old defenseman who played last season for Major Midget AAA Victory Honda of the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League, will be joining his older brother this season in Odessa as well after going in the third round (58th overall) in the NAHL Draft.

Cooper, who scored two goals and added 13 assists in 31 regular season games, helped second-place Victory Honda to a 23-6-3 record and a second-place finish in Tier 1. (Victory Honda was ousted in both the league and Michigan Amateur Hockey Association playoffs.)

'It should be a lot of fun," said Cooper, who just returned from a five-day USA Hockey Under-18 evaluation camp in Amherst, N.Y. "I've never played with (Zach) before. I'm excited. It's tough. It's an older league (NAHL) and there's just a lot of big, strong, fast kids. He just told me to 'play your game and keep your head up because there are some big kids down there."

Standing tall

Cooper, who measures 5 feet, 7 inches and weighs 140 pounds, knows the knock on him is his lack of size. And although he did not earn



Brothers Zach (left) and Cooper Zech of South Lyon will be reunited as teammates for the NAHL Odessa Jackalopes.

a spot on the USA's 23member Five Nations Cup team that will play later this summer in the Czech Republic, he tried to make an impression among the 180 players invited to the camp.

"I'd say it was just a good opportunity to play with guys my age that were bigger, faster and stronger than anyone else," said Cooper, who played five games for Team Forest Green. "I felt had a very good camp. What I bring to the table is making smart plays with the puck and my slap shot.'

Zach, meanwhile, is one of Cooper's biggest supporters.

'He's one of the most skilled kids I've seen play the game," Zach said. "He's got the best hockey smarts I've ever seen. He knows where to go and what to do in every situation. You never see him not know what to do when he's playing against bigger, stronger and older kids. He'll fit in. I think he'll be really good on our power play. He's more of an offensive defenseman. He's going to generate a lot of offense."

Similar style

Zach compares Cooper's style of play and stature to a young Torey Krug, a Livonia native who went on to star at Michigan State and is now a defenseman for the NHL's Boston Bruins.

'That is exactly what I say he is every single day," Zach said. 'It's exactly who he plays like."

The Zech brothers hope to elevate the Jackalopes from the bottom of the NAHL's South Division, where they finished with a 15-38-7

The 5-9, 185-pound Zach has listed several goals entering the 2015-16 season.

"I want to get deep into the playoffs with the team," he said. "More than anything, I want to the team to be successful. Odessa really hasn't made the playoffs that many times. I want to go

"It should be a lot of fun. I've never played with (Zach) before. I'm excited. It's tough. It's an older league ..." **COOPER ZECH** younger brother of Zach Zech

deep into the playoffs and hopefully win it, of course. On an individual note, I want to get commitment to a (college) scholarship."

And although the Zech brothers will be teammates, they'll be living apart with different host families, which proved to be a mutual decision.

Living quarters

"My coach called me and asked me if I wanted to live with him and I told him, 'No, not a chance," Zach said, laughing. "We lived together for 16 years and we both want our own junior experiences. I think he was shocked that I said that. You only get to do it once and me and Cooper want to have the same experiences, but we'll have our own separate ones, too.'

Added Cooper: "It's going to be different. The coach asked me if we wanted to live together, but we've lived together our whole lives. We thought we'd mix it up a little bit and get the whole experience.'

And although the city of Odessa is football crazy, the Jackalopes do have get their fair share of fan support, drawing upward of 1,500 to 2,000 a game.

But playing hockey in a desert-like climate like Odessa may be like no other.

"Our closest road trip is seven hours," Zach said. "We just get on a sleeper bus. We have a bunch of bunk beds and travel."

School time

Cooper said he will not attend the local Permian High School, which the Friday Night Lights book was based upon, but will take online courses instead to finish his high school requirements. He played for South Lyon Unified during his freshman year and would have been a junior this fall at South Lyon East H.S.

As an over-age NAHL player, Zach will concentrate strictly on hockey. Practices are held during the day, so the life of an NAHL player is unique when there's no school.

"In Johnstown, we'd hang out with some of the guys and play X-Box and that kind of stuff," Zach said. "In Odessa, you go over to somebody's house, lay out at the pool, go swimming and get a tan."

And playing along side his younger brother for the first time is something that could proved to be priceless.

"I think it's going to be an experience," Zach said. "I think it will be really cool."

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DOUBLES

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Three-sport star

In soccer, Crosby was an all-state player as well – scoring 30-plus goals – in addition to being an all-conference basketball player.

At end of his senior year at Stevenson, Brady was named the 2003 Tomorrow's Winner Award recipient as the Male High School Athlete of the Year by the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

He went to to play four seasons at Western Michigan University where he ranks fifth all-time in wins and was rated as high as No. 52 in singles and No. 21 in doubles in the NCAA Division I ranks while leading the Broncos to a Mid-American Confer-

ence championship. "He's been hitting with me about once a week for the last couple of months, but we hadn't played any doubles together whatsoever," Marsha Crosby said. "But we had a good strategy. He was going to cover as many balls as he could. If I had an overhead and he had enough time, he'd come in and take it. And he would because he could hit it because he's so much stronger. That strategy seemed to work pretty well."

Tough to return

Brady's left-handed, laser-like serves kept his doubles opponents on

their heels. "His serve is just amazing," Marsha said. "Even the best men we played couldn't return his serve. He was definitely the best male player in the tournament.

The Crosbys opened tourney play with a 6-0, 6-2 quarterfinal triumph over Julius and Nicole Stuhe of Ann Arbor, before ousting second seeds Parker and Lianna Jones of Decatur, Ga., 6-3, 6-4, in the semifinals

"The ones we played in the (semifinals) were very good players and I had a lot of trouble with that guy's serve," Marsha said. "Both of them had trouble with Brady's serve, so ... we were able to break that guy. I was able to get it back, but just couldn't get it back

The USTA stages four different mother-son national tournaments each year and this was

the first venture for the Crosbys.

New experience

"There's not too many opportunities to play other than a normal mixed doubles tournament, but even those are hard to come by," Brady said. "It's kind of a really cool idea. You really don't get the opportunity to play this type of tournament that often.

"It was kind of a mix of entrants in the tournament, too. There were quite a few younger kids with younger moms, then there were a couple of teams more like us where there was more of an experienced team. older son and older mom. It was a good mix of people in the tournament.

'This was also the first one close enough so we didn't have to travel for. There's a lot of people that travel for them, but we've never traveled for it, so when I found one, we decided to sign up and go and wound up winning it."

The Wessen Lawn Tennis Club is the first major grass court tennis club to be built in the U.S. in more than 100 years. It features 24 perennial rye grass courts, an Olympic-sized pool and a clubhouse.

Different surface

"It was really the first time I played on grass and it was quite an adjustment," said Marsha, who also remains active playing volleyball and softball. "I thought it was much more difficult than hard court, but it was an experience I was really good to have because the courts were in such really good shape. They were brand new and it was really cool because there's not many places in the United States that have grass courts."

Brady, meanwhile, had only hit once previously on grass, at the Philadelphia Cricket Club when, as a coach he took a junior player to a

tournament. The most we played on them was when they let us hit an hour before," Brady said of the Wessen Lawn Tennis Club. "But it's really a nice facility. Brand new last year. The courts were in really good shape. It was kind of cool, too, because it was hosted the weekend right before Wimbledon started. The bank of courts we played on was the first time anyone had played on those courts. It

was a cool experience.

There aren't many grass courts around." And despite having all

his junior and collegiate tennis experience, it was an adjustment for Brady as well.

'It's just getting used to the bounces," Brady said. "They give you some bad bounces just because it's not a completely flat surface. And the ball is a little faster and it tends to skid on the grass and stays a little lower. Then it's just getting used to movement on the grass. The grass is pretty short, so you can still get some good traction, but it's a lot different compared to your normal hard courts. where the traction is very good."

No issues

Marsha, who normally plays three times per week, said she was once a 5.0-minus player "and now I'm probably more like at 4.5 as I've gotten older." She was also recovering from an injury leading up to the tourney.

'I had shoulder surgery in December, had a couple of tears, a couple of pins," she said. "Then I had to have more surgery in April, too, because I had so much scarring in there because I wasn't getting my range of motion back. I didn't even know if I'd be ready for this tournament, but it felt pretty good. No pain. Didn't have quite my full range of motion, but almost. I feel like I can serve fullout and everything. It felt good."

Meanwhile, things went smoothly on the court for the Crosbys.

"This tournament, we played pretty well," Bra-dy said. "The matches weren't necessarily that close and it's easy to get along when your winning."

So will the Crosbys defend their title next

"I'm 63; I'm getting up there," Marsha said. "If the injuries hold off and Brady wants to ... it helped it was in Pontiac we didn't have to pay for traveling and he has a new baby, a new father as of January. It depends where it's at. We might, you never know.'

But at least Mother's Day II will leave a lasting impression on Mar-

"It was a really fun experience and I'm just so glad I didn't let Brady down," she said

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL



SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS

Waterford Mott catcher Rebekah Mathers was one of Schoolcraft coach Rey Linares' first recruits.

Maiden voyage: Schoolcraft eyes inaugural season

Former Melvindale coach Linares already recruiting area players for Ocelots' 1st women's softball team

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Building a softball program up from the ground is something Rey Linares already has a lot of success at.

The 51-year-old Linares turned a "perennial bottom feeder" at Melvindale High School - the team only had three wins combined the two seasons before he began coaching there - into a program that won six district championships in seven seasons after taking over the

And now, he looks to guide Schoolcraft College's first women's softball team, which begins play in the 2016 Michigan Community College Ath-

letic Association season. 'My goal and expectations are to establish and lay a solid foundation from the get-go that will begin the building of a winning tradition and competitive women's collegiate softball program," noted Linares in an e-mail to the Observ-

According to Linares, his connections over the past 20 vears as a coach with high school, college and fastpitch club teams has enabled him to get a leg up on filling the 2016 Schoolcraft roster.

With my history and background in the fastpitch softball community," he continued, "I am fortunate to know several of the area's high school head coaches.

They have been extremely supportive and pleased that another opportunity has presented itself to allow some of the area's skilled players to play collegiate ball while working toward their educational and career goals."

Linares already has signed a number of players just out of high school, as well as tapping the reservoir of current Schoolcraft students for additional softball talent.

ASA champions



The Madness '02 posted a 9-0 record to outlast a 31-team 12-and-under field over Fourth of July weekend to capture ASA Battle in the Burgh held in Pittsburgh, Pa. Madness '02, now 22-1 this summer with three straight tournament titles, won all five games Sunday, capped by a 12-3 victory over Team Pennsylvania in the finals. Team members include (front row, from left): Maggie Murphy, Grace Nieto, Cassidy Brendtke, Gaby Cummings and McKenna King and (back row, from left) Chelsea Collins, Sierra Kersten, Olivia Vitale, Abbey Barta, Kylie Millhorn and Angie Schmidt.

Local pipeline

In the former category are new recruits such as Kassidy Lipinski (Livonia Stevenson), Rosie Garvin (Livonia Churchill), Riley McCardle (Allen Park), Rebekah Mathers (Waterford Mott), Caitlin Fitzpatrick (Melvindale), Mariah Coleman (Dearborn Pioneer) and Savannah Mehi (Allen

Also joining the team will be five others who attended classes at the Livonia junior college in 2014-15 but did not have the softball opportunity as freshmen.

Those include Plymouth High School alum Elaine Gerou, Salem alum Megan Johnson, Garden City product Katlyn McIntosh, Shelby Shelton (Dearborn Heights Annapolis) and Ashley Sadowski (Dearborn Edsel Ford).

There are a few other players I have been in regular communication with that are still possibilities," Linares noted. "Additionally, I have been contacted by several other interested players who will be coming out for our open tryout this Sunday (10 a.m. at Melvindale High School).

Having another nearby college softball option is a plus for area high school players, veteran Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said.

'The great thing about Schoolcraft starting a softball program is that at (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) we have three excellent softball programs and very talented teams," she said. "This addition could afford many of the local softball players a chance to represent and fulfill their dreams.

"I think I can speak for all the coaches at the Park when I say we are very proud of our student-athletes and love to

see them succeed and play at the next level, no matter what sport or what college they may attend.'

The Schoolcraft softball program launches in 2016, as will a men's baseball team.

As of now, locations for a softball/baseball complex are being scouted by members of the college's athletic depart-

Regardless of where the games are played, Southerland sees nothing but positives coming out of Schoolcraft's new program.

"Participating in athletics is so valuable to the development of this generation, Southerland stressed. "If the opportunity is available, how can you not be excited about

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Magna Seating will build new headquarters in Novi, add 164 jobs

Magna Seating of America Inc.'s \$48 million investment to build a new headquarters in the city of Novi underscores how western Oakland County is becoming a corridor for companies looking to expand or relocate, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said.

The new investment is expected to create 164 new jobs.

"The I-96 corridor in western Oakland County is booming," Patterson said. "Magna is among

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many companies investing millions and creating hundreds of jobs and we still have room for growth."

Magna Seating will consolidate activities into a single facility to house its world headquarters, engineering, research and development and sales and marketing teams. The company will construct a 180,000-square-foot facility to house operations in Novi, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. announced last week.

The new facility will be located on Cabot Drive, north of 13 Mile Road, east of M-5, with construction expected to begin in the fourth quarter of this year.

'As a valued member of the Novi business community, we are proud Magna chose to continue to call Novi a 'home' in

southwest Oakland County," Novi Mayor Bob Gatt said. "We look forward to working with our friends at Magna and enhancing relationships throughout the community."

Magna International is a leading global automotive supplier with 316 manufacturing operations and 87 product development, engineering and sales centers in 29 countries. The company has approximately 133,000 employees. Its product capabilities include producing body,

chassis, interior, exterior, seating, power train, electronic, vision, closure and roof systems and modules, as well as complete vehicle engineering and contract manufacturing.

Less than a month ago, Magna International Inc. also announced plans to construct a \$56 million manufacturing facility in Lyon Township. The facility will supply under-body structural components to the auto industry. Combined with the July 2 announcement by Magna Seating, that's a total investment by Magna of \$104 million in western Oakland County, creating a total of 414 new jobs.

"We want to thank Magna for its confidence in Oakland County," Patterson said. "Building our future on the strength of companies such as Magna will enable Oakland County to continue to prosper.'

For career opportunities with Magna Seating, go to www.magna. com/careers.

Best float



The Village Workshop won first place for best float in the Northville Independence Day Parade, sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Parade judges selected winning entries in 10 categories.

NEWSMAKERS

Northville resident in Citizens TV ad

In tandem with its rebranding campaign, Citizens Bank also recently launched a mar-

keting campaign, "Ask a Citizen," featurin real-life Citizens bankers including Northville's



Michelle Powers - both at home managing their personal lives and at work helping Citizens customers manage their personal finances.

Powers has been with the bank for 10 years, currently as a branch manager at the Plymouth location. A single mother of a 4-year-old, Powers credits her divorce as a lesson in helping customers understand that they can start over after a financial hardship or change in marital status.

The campaign, which

underscores the shared life experiences and the relationships of trust between Citizens bankers and their customers, focuses on some of the core challenges consumers face today - saving for retirement, paying for college, paying down debt and managing a household budget that allows for unexpected expenses.

JRT welcomes Zemgulis

JRT continues to expand its IT team with the addition of Jason Zemgulis of Novi, who joins the marketing services firm as a senior .NET developer. Zemgulis will be responsible for developing and maintaining the company's internal intranet and will also work on additional inhouse application development projects.

Zemgulis has worked in the computer industry for more than 12 years. He comes to JRT from Second To None, Inc., where he was a senior .NET developer. Prior to

that, Zemgulis worked as an application developer at ISGN and

worked on Zemgulis projects

including custom web and Windows development and scalable database design, as well as performance monitoring, data analysis, mapping and reporting. His experience also includes a previous stint at JRT, from 2002-07, as a web developer.

Zemgulis was born and reared in northeast Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. He moved to Michigan in 2000 and he has a degree in computer information systems.

ITC hires new VP

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. announced that Matthew Dills has joined the company as vice president, human resources and chief human resources officer. Dills will lead all human

resources functions

"Matthew's knowledge across a number of industries aligns with our corporate culture of operational excellence and will be an invaluable resource at ITC," said Joseph Welch, chairman, president and CEO of ITC. "We are truly pleased that someone with his level of experience and skill has joined the

ITC team." Dills recently served as executive vice president of human resources and talent management at Hylant Inc., where he partnered with executive leadership to lead the human resource strategy and business partnership across the enterprise. Prior to that, he held several positions with First Solar, Inc., including vice president of human resources, talent, learning and organizational devel-

opment. Dills holds a juris doctor in law from the University of Toledo, College of Law, and a master of arts in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of New Haven. He also holds a bachelor of arts from Bowling Green State University.

Innovative technology without all the cords

hen people think about technology, they think about cords, batteries, circuit boards and other components of electrical devices. But many of today's interesting and useful tech innovations don't involve anything with wires.

Here are three unique and convenient tools, chargers and gadgets that don't come with a

» Pluck: This quirky egg-shaped kitchen utensil allows you to easily separate yolks from the egg whites. It's a device long overdue and, at \$4.99, a device everyone could put in their kitch-

» EGO power mowers and yard tools. Imagine cutting your lawn without having to buy gasoline or pulling cords. The EGO Power Mower is a fully-electric mower that operates with a 56-volt ithium battery. It offers 600 watts of powers, which is comparable to a gas mower experience, and can run for up to 45 minutes on a full charge.

The coolest feature of the mower, however, isn't even related to the battery. It has built-in LED lights so you can cut at night. And with 30 percent less noise than a conventional gas mower, you are less likely to annoy your neighbors.

Ego also offers a variety of cordless trimmers, edgers, leaf blowers and other lawn tools. Nothing is worse than unraveling and repositioning those orange extension cords when you are trying to spruce up the yard.

» LEGO Power Brick: Phone charging has reached the next level with power pads that can charge devices that are placed on top of them. With the LEGO Power Brick, you can also charge with a bit of nostalgia for your childhood tovs. The charger can be customized and changed with LEGO pieces that



are provided at purchase, but customers are encouraged to hit their basements or closets and add their own old LEGO pieces.

The Power Brick checks in at 20 amps, which is enough to charge an iPad, Kindle or other tablets or small electronics. It weighs 15 grams, which makes the charger ultra-portable, and retails for \$49.

If you want a more sophisticated charging set-up, you can buy a charging station from a top phone manufacturer like Samsung. Just be sure that your phone is compatible with the charger you select. But the technology is set for huge growth in the cor ing years, which means more options, better compatibility and, hopefully, lower prices.

Buyer beware

Not all wireless technologies are created equal. Recent research from Popular Mechanics uncovered lackluster components for the Beats By Dre line of headphones. Beats By Dre offers conventional and wireless headphones ranging from \$179 to more than \$340.

A dissection of the popular "Solo" headphone showed parts were glued together instead of being screwed and had non-functioning pieces of metal added to make the headphones appear stronger and more durable. The sound components also revealed to be standard and not in line with what the company portrays to be a premium product.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M. ON JULY 21, 2015

In accordance with PA 44 of 2010 and PA 276 of 2012, all city level candidate filing deadlines are now governed under State law. The Public Acts supersede the City of Northville's Code of Ordinances and City Charter deadlines for filing for local office. As such, the Code of Ordinances and City Charter's language pertaining to the deadline to file nominating petitions for Mayor and City Council is no longer applicable.

Per Michigan election law amendments, the non-partisan candidate filing deadline for the November 3, 2015 election (no primary) is 4:00 p.m., July 21, 2015. Candidate packets are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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City of Northville **Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance** Article 25 - Board of Zoning Appeals, Section 25.04 Powers and **Duties**

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2015, the Northville City Council will introduce for first reading proposed amendments to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would update the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 25 Board of Zoning Appeals. The proposed amendment will modify Section 25.04 Powers and Duties to reduce the number of criteria in the ordinance used by the Board of Zoning Appeals to evaluate a dimensional

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for July 20, 2015, at $7:30~\rm p.m.$ at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, $215~\rm W.$ Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time and on the city's website at www.ci.northville.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

If the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm, or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land or lots or any other non-subdivided parcel of land upon which any building or buildings have been erected shall fail, refuse, or neglect to comply with the above mentioned Code provisions, the city shall cause the weeds, grass, brush, deleterious, unhealthy growths, rubbish, to be cut down, destroyed, or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains or any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses shall be exempted from the provisions of such Code provisions. The expense incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction, or removal of same, together with an administrative charge established pursuant to resolution of City Council, will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Charles Boulard, Building Official

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Mike O'Brian, center, chief of the Brighton Area Fire Department, and chair of the Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition, attended the NFPA Fire Sprinkler Summit in Denver in May 2014. He is flanked by Joan Maisonneuve of Alberta and Brian Whitten of Ohio. Chief O'Brian joined fire service representatives and other safety advocates for the one-day home summit.

Firefighter coalition gets \$5,000 for sprinklers

The National Fire Protection Association's Fire Sprinkler Initiative has selected the Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition as one of the recipients of its Bringing Safety Home Grant. The funds will further local sprinkler advocacy and educational efforts in 2015. Visit the Fire Sprinkler Initiative blog throughout the year to read how sprinkler advocates in Michigan and elsewhere are using the grant. See more at: http://www.firesprinklerinitiative.org/state-coalitions/michi-

gan.aspx#sthash.4IPMIP-

The Michigan Fire Sprinkler Coalition is dedicated to promoting the installation of fire sprinklers in future generations of homes. The Coalition is a resource for information about home fire sprinklers and, through a cooperative effort with stakeholders, works to identify and overcome barriers to the acceptance of sprinklers as a critical component of home fire

In 2013, it is estimated that nearly 100 Michigan citizens died in non-sprinklered home fires. A key component of the Coalition has been to work to educate the code enforcement

In 2013, it is estimated that nearly 100 Michigan citizens died in non-sprinklered home fires. A key component of the Coalition has been to work to educate the code enforcement community on sprinklers in the Michigan Residential Code. This will help reduce the impact of fire on a community or meet the national standards for safety in homes.

community on sprinklers in impact of home fire sprinthe Michigan Residential Code. This will help reduce the impact of fire on a community or meet the national standards for safety in homes. Officials know that Michigan residents deserve the protection in their new homes and should be protected from fire

with residential sprinklers. For information, contact Coalition chair Chief Mike O'Brian, Brighton Area Fire Department. Coalition members are the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, Michigan Professional Firefighter's Union, Michigan State Firemen's Association, and Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

To further the life-saving

klers, NFPA's Fire Sprinkler Initiative awarded grants to sixteen organizations in 2015 to fund sprinkler advocacy campaigns across North

America. The Bringing Safety Home Grant Program will assist the recipients, comprised of U.S. state sprinkler coalitions and other North American safety advocates, in supporting activities that showcase the importance of requiring home fire sprinklers in new, oneand two-family homes.

"Sprinklers are gaining momentum as more residents and policy-makers understand the value of them in new homes. Home fire sprinklers can reduce home fire deaths

by about 80 percent and direct property damage by about 70 percent, according to NFPA research," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA

The grants will fund an array of sprinkler advocacy endeavors, including:

» local sprinkler summits that aim to bring together key stakeholders to work on the acceptance of home fire sprin-

» local advocacy programs to showcase the impact of home fire sprinklers at cor

munity events » outreach programs for local officials and policy-mak-

» efforts to assess a state's true cost of fire and how sprinklers can mitigate future

"The Fire Sprinkler Initiative's Grant Program set out to help sprinkler coalitions and other safety advocates implement strong ideas for sprinkler advocacy," said Carli. "The overall response to the program shows a great level of interest from organizations across North America that are working toward home fire sprinklers requirements to help save the lives of citizens and first responders."

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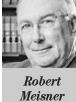
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Arizona rebounds; seek broker in the know

Q: I think Sedona and the Verde Valley of Arizona are beautiful and I am wondering what the market has been like there over the last

A: While the market there suffered during the recession, just as everyone did, things are slowly coming back. A threebedroom, three-bathroom, 2,256-square-foot home over-

looking a beautiful mountain in the West Sedona corridor is selling for an asking price of \$449,000, whereas a three-bedroom home bordering on a



national forest with great views is selling for \$1.490 million. In every place else, the cost of homes varies depending upon the location and the view. Generally speaking, I observed that the properties have not come back to their pre-2007 levels and many of the homes remain winter vacation homes for the many of the residents. There are a host of high-end real estate brokers that can help you navigate the real estate environment in the

Q: I can't make up my mind whether I want to settle in Vail, Breckenridge or Aspen/Snowmass as a winter retreat. What do you sug-

A: It all depends upon your socioeconomic situation. The gross amount of sales in Aspen/Snowmass have gone in the aggregate from \$200 million in 2011 to \$375 million in 2014 in the fourth quarter of both. It shows you that the price of housing around Aspen as well as the town itself is as expensive as any place in the country barring New York and San Francisco. Vail is more a ski resort where you can buy a condominium unit, but will not have that much of a town setting. Units tend to be more expensive there then would be the case in its adjoining communities. Breckenridge is bulging with popularity because of the uniqueness of the town setting as well as the skiing opportunities. Breckenridge is a hot community and you may expect to pay more per square foot then perhaps even in Vail. All of these communities have an abundance of real estate opportunities and the attendant real estate brokers and salespeople. I suggest that you get their brochures that outline the extent of the range of cost of residential availability of these units. However, beware of new construction because of potential defects and deficiencies which have amounted in many instances resulting in construction defect litigation.

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All work and no vacay: Are you taking time off this summer?

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School's out for summer (as my husband, who's a high-school teacher, has been singing all week), but it's business as usual for those of us who work in the corporate world. Research shows that American workers are among the worst when it comes to utilizing our paid time off — but the summer is a perfect time to take a break and plan a vacation or a staycation.

According to a CNN article last fall: "A ... study has found that U.S. workers forfeited \$52.4 billion in time-off benefits in 2013 and took less vacation time than at any point in the past four decades. American workers turned their backs on a total of 169 million days of paid time off, in effect 'providing free labor for their employers, at an average of \$504 per employee,' according to the study."

The problem is that all work and no vacay can lead you to serious burnout.

According to an article in Fortune: "Workers, on average, fail to use nearly five vacation days a year, the U.S. Travel Association found. As a result of all these unused days off, one study puts the liability taken on by U.S. businesses at \$224 billion, due to workers' rolling over unused paid time off. And that doesn't take into account the fact that when people don't take time off to reset, their resulting stress and burnout can be detrimental to both workers and their employers."

Interestingly, if you worked in Japan, tak-

ing time off may not be so much an option as an obligation. According to an article in Time: Japan has plans to legally require its workforce to take a break. ... it's meant as a workaholic intervention."

Crazy as it sounds, it just may work. Research has shown time and again that U.S. workers are among the most over-worked population in the entire world.

I have friends who live in places like Lon-

don and Auckland who enjoy what seems like countless paid vacation days designed for them to be able to travel and enjoy leisure activities they may not otherwise have time for.

It's been a while since I've personally taken time off, but I've got a week-long vacation to look forward to in July during which I'll be attending my best friend's wedding. Thankfully I love my job so much that, unlike a lot of people I know, I don't think of a break as an escape from the monotony of work — I just see it as a time to refresh and recharge.

And you should, too. You work hard and you've earned it!

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