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The Northville Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for the 2015 “John Genittii Citizen of the Year Award.”

The award, named for local resident and businessman (and former winner) John Genittii, celebrates the “dedication and commitment of community members who commit their time, energy and talent” to make Northville a special place, according to chamber officials.

The honor is announced at the chamber’s annual meeting. The winner receives a place of honor in the Holiday Lighted Parade (2015), the Victorian Festival parade (2016) and, with assistance of the Northville Community Foundation, the Independence Day Parade (2016). Last year’s winner was Ken Roth.

Nominations should include the name of the individual and a brief outline of the reasons they qualify for Citizen of the Year status.

Return nominations to the chamber office, 195 S. Main, by Sept. 11.

Township hosts water rate meeting

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Northville Township residents have been wondering what happened to raise their water rates so high.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, township officials are hosting a town hall-style meeting to try and explain it to them.

Despite a significant drop in consumption, water rates in the township skyrocketed this year (the board set the rates in De-

cember) largely because of a new formula and a decision to increase the amount of fixed costs the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department decided to pass on to its suburban customers.

At the meeting – 7 p.m. in the community room at township hall – officials are bringing in an expert in an effort to lay out the reasons for the new rates.

The meeting features guest speaker Vyto Kaunelis of OHM Advisors, a practice leader for

OHM’s Water Resources Group. He’s a technical advisor for clients like Oakland and Wayne counties and, according to information on the firm’s website, spent a decade with the Wayne County Department of Environment.

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said Kaunelis will provide residents with solid information.

“We thought it would be good

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WATER MEETING

What: Town hall-style meeting to explain large increase in Northville Township water rates.

When: Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

Where: Northville Township Hall Community Room, 44405 Six Mile.

Who: Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix is encouraging all residents to attend.

Details: The meeting features guest speaker Vyto Kaunelis of OHM Advisors, a practice leader for OHM’s Water Resources Group.



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World War II veteran John Kennard looks at a photo of the USS Ranger, a ship he served on in San Diego during the war. The Northville native and current Plymouth Township resident has been a 69-year member of the American Legion.

Legionnaire lifer

Northville member signs up for 69th straight year

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When American Legion Commander Gary DeMars, who handles the membership responsibilities for the post, went to get John Kennard’s membership card for his 2016 renewal, he discovered it certainly wasn’t Kennard’s first time.

To his amazement, DeMars discovered Kennard has been an American Legion member for 69 years running.

“I couldn’t believe it,” Demars said. “I called and checked the national data base just to make sure. It’s amazing.”

Demars couldn’t believe it, but it’s true. Kennard, who spent 26 months (1944-1946) as an electrician-third-class in the U.S. Navy, joined the American Legion post in Ann Arbor, located at the time near Michigan Stadium.

Drafted from Daisy

“I wanted to drink a beer,” said the 89-year-old Kennard with a laugh, pointing out that Ann Arbor was “dry” at the time. “It was a wonderful place to belong to. You had access to the stadium, and it was just a nice location.”



SUBMITTED

Gary DeMars (left), the commander of Northville Post 147, presents John Kennard his 2016 membership card and a certificate of American Legion Continuous Membership. Kennard is starting his 69th year of American Legion Membership.

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Students: No shots, no school

County waiver must be filed before school starts

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

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

The law, which changed in 2014 and became effective in January, requires all students to have either an updated immunization record or an immunization waiver from the county Health Department before the start of school.

Children who don’t have one or the other on file in the school office before the start of school won’t be able to start at all. According to Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher, school districts are no longer permitted to distribute waiver forms; those forms must come directly from the health department.

“While being mindful of the various perspectives on immunizations, the underlying intent of the legislation is in the interest of the health and safety of all students,” Gallagher said. “We’ve tried to keep parents up to date on the changes with communications last year, on our website for all new registrants, school-level notices and reminders.”

Gallagher urged parents who haven’t already done so to contact their child’s medical provider immediately to arrange for any needed immunizations or with the health department to arrange an appointment for the educational session required to obtain the waiver.

To schedule an appointment in Wayne County call 734-727-7078. For Oakland County call 1-800-848-5533.

For more information about the new state immunization requirements, visit the district website at www.northvilleschools.org/node/584 and scroll to the bottom of the page to click on the “Important Immunization Information” link.

“The most important thing is communication, making sure parents know the guidelines,” Gallagher said. “Ultimately, the law makes our schools safer.”

Health officials pointed out that, on Dec. 11, 2014, an administrative rule was passed by Michi-

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WATER

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for (residents) to hear from someone outside the (township) building,” Snider said. “(Kaunelis) is an expert, and I think residents need to hear from an expert.”

According to Tom Casari, the township’s director of public services, those answers likely lie with a combination of three things: A drop in consumption, a change in how DWSD is computing the rate it charges the township,

and a jump in the percentage of the department’s fixed costs it passes on to its customers.

Formula change

In past years, DWSD charged the township based on the amount of water it estimated it would use. That number, in past years, was around 170,000 MCF (million-cubic-feet) per year. However, that consumption has dropped to around 130,000 MCF.

With the distinct drop in consumption costing DWSD revenue, the department decided to

charge based on the actual consumption, which lifted rates higher in Northville Township. When the DWSD decided to pass on 60 percent of its fixed costs (rather than the 40-percent it passed on last year), rates in the township skyrocketed.

According to Casari, the rate jumped to \$10.01 per 1,000 gallons, plus more than \$28 bi-monthly in fixed-rate costs. That’s an increase from just over \$20 last year.

“The change in how DWSD charges caused us to pass through the increase (to residents)

sooner than we want to,” Casari said, noting the township has absorbed at least portions of similar increases in the past. “We’re still getting billed that fixed rate, even when our usage is down. We have to balance that somehow.”

No offset

Snider said the township used to absorb at least some of the increase knowing it could offset any loss in revenue with tap-in fees in a growing community. For instance, in 2010, the township saw 123 new tap-ins to its system. At

more than \$12,000 per tap-in, replacing some of that lost revenue came easily.

However, by 2014, tap-ins had dropped to only 57, and projections are for fewer than that in 2015 (there’ve been just 27 through June 30, according to Snider).

“The connection charges have helped us offset the (rate) increases,” Snider explained. “This year we wouldn’t have generated enough revenue to offset the increase.”

Northville Township residents had been pushing to hold the meeting in

August, but township Supervisor Bob Nix decided to wait until September in an attempt to draw a large audience, avoiding end-of-summer family vacations and the like.

And Snider said with the size of the rate hike it was important to try and get information to as many people as possible.

“There has been a recent extraordinary increase that demanded a public meeting,” said Snider. “(Residents) might not like the answers, but we want to make sure they have the answers.”

69 YEARS

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Kennard, who lives in Plymouth Township with his wife of 15 years, Jean, was drafted into service out of Northville High School in 1944 after registering for the draft at the Daisy Air Rifle plant

in Plymouth.

Kennard earned a varsity letter in baseball and also played some football at Northville High School, left for boot camp in Virginia, then went through electrician training in Maryland before being assigned to San Diego, Calif.

After spending his 26-month naval stint in

San Diego, Kennard came back and was graduated from Ann Arbor High School. In addition to Ann Arbor, he’s belonged to American Legion posts in Grand Rapids (where he was a sales manager for Hekman Biscuit), Saline (from where his second wife hailed) and Northville.

“felt more of a connection.”

Mark Sutton of the Michigan American Legion said Kennard’s length of continuous membership isn’t unheard of, though it doesn’t happen much.

Sutton said of the 80,000 Legionnaires in Michigan, only 431 have been members for 65 years or longer (three people have been members for 74 years).

“It is rare,” Sutton said of the long memberships. “I think they understand the value of the American Legion, what it stands for and what it does for veterans nationwide.”

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A photo of John Kennard during his years of service in the Navy in World War II. Kennard was an electrician and based in San Diego.

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Post choices

He and Jean – whom he called “out of the blue” after not having talked to her in 50 years – eventually married. The couple have nine children between them. Kennard said he joined the Northville post in 2002, rather than the Plymouth post because, with family having been here, he

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gan Department of Community Health requiring any parent/guardian wanting to waive vaccine/vaccines for nonmedical reasons to receive vaccine education from their local health department.

This rule applies to children entering child-care, kindergarten, and seventh grade or newly enrolled in the school district after Jan. 1, 2015.

According to Lloyd Jackson, Communications and Community

Outreach Director for the county’s Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness, parents may opt out of immunizations for medical, religious or personal reasons, but must fill out the waiver.

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

To fill out a waiver form, the parent or

guardian must make an appointment at the local health department, where the waiver form is filled out, reviewed, and certified by a public health nurse.

The required vaccines include Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Haemophilus influenza type B, Pneumococcal Conjugate, Chicken Pox, and Meningococcal.

County officials stress the importance of immunizations.

“Not vaccinating a child makes that child more susceptible to dis-

eases that a vaccine offers protection against,” Jackson said. “Not vaccinating a child places the child and others at risk of serious illness of contracting a disease that could have been prevented through proper vaccination.”

To make an appointment at the Wayne County Health Department for a vaccination waiver, during regular business hours, residents may call 734-727-7078.

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Businesses honored for beautification efforts

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Businesses in Northville and Northville Township like to look sharp.

That hard work is rewarded each year with beautification awards given jointly for city of Northville and Northville Township businesses.

"It's been going on for at least 20 years, maybe longer," said Marie Barr, chair of the Northville Township Beautification Commission and a Northville Township resident.

"We have criteria we follow," Barr said of the teams that review business sites. A letter is sent each year to all Northville and Northville Township businesses.

"We like to have something a little above and beyond," she explained of the businesses, which are recognized at a luncheon, generally held the last Tuesday in September.

The awards are given, "because we love the township and we want it to look nice," Barr said. "We want a beautiful

place for people to live in."

Businesses of all sizes and types are recognized for beautification efforts. The business owners and managers beam with pride at the September luncheon, Barr said.

"Oh, yes, definitely. They love to have that sign out front," Barr said. "They're very happy to get that award."

Barr encourages township residents to join her on the Beautification Commission, with information online at www.twp.northville.mi.us. She's more of an administrator for the commission as a volunteer for about 20 years, although many others involved are gardeners.

On a recent Sunday afternoon, the plantings outside Papa Vino's restaurant at Six Mile and Haggerty also had a sign for the award. Papa Vino's has been recognized for beautification in many past years.

"If I'm sitting at the front door, they'll say, 'Congratulations on the award,'" said Carolyn Malzone, a Papa Vino's



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The Northville Beautification Committee gathered at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street to award it the Best in Town for its improved landscaping efforts. Front row, from left: township beautification committee's Marie Barr and Laura Cash, the city's beautification committee's Jacque and Doug Bingham, Karen Smith, Sandy Tanner, and Liz Murgfeldt. Back row, from left: landscape architects Jeff Fiege, Jim Murgfeldt, and Charlie Smith.

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Northville Township winners included Achieving Health Chiropractic Clinic, Aisin World & Aisin Technical Corp. of America, Applebee's Restaurant, Cantoro's Market, Community Choice Credit Union, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Griffin Funeral Home, Haggerty Dental Associates, Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, Moose Lodge, Noah Properties, Northville Brighton Gardens, Oakmont of Northville, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Papa Vino's Restaurant, Sunrise Assisted Living, Top of the Cone and Z. F. Group.

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Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20
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A Century of Jazz in Song
Time/Date: 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27
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Total Hip Replacement
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Details: Learn all about this medical procedure to relieve hip pain, and regain range of motion, physical ability and quality of life. Presented by Dr. Marrat, University of Michigan Northville Health Center. Registration required.

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Board approves new Silver Springs principal

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

Mutual respect

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

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

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

Positive change

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

grade classroom teacher.

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

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

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

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

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

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

District launches new website

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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



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

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

bers."

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

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

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

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

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

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Vying for playground

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

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

The winning school with the most Playground Credits will be announced mid October and the playground will be installed in the spring of 2016. The first and second runner-up schools, as well as six honorable mention participants, will be awarded various prizes and Meijer gift cards.

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

Northville registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

Enrollment forms and information are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>.

Developmentally delayed students

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



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Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relations with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847
Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com
Web: www.DW3C.org

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

Dominion Church

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

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Monday – "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton
Adult Bible Class: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday – "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345
Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: 9 a.m. Sunday - "Christianity - The First Three Centuries"
Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600
Web: www.dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study — the Books of Ruth and Esther
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth- and sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age
Sunday Services: 9:30 (classic) and 11 a.m. (contemporary)
Sunday School: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Children and Teen Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.
Bible Study: Thursdays at 6 a.m. -- Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study; and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (through the summer) in Room 300.

First Free Will Baptist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville
Contact: 248-349-0911
Web: www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

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

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: 810-599-7392
Web: www.FrankTurner.org
Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

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

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile,

Novi

Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com
Web: www.holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665
Web: www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743
Web: www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

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

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

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Minister: Mark McGilvrey
Web: www.5milechurch.org
Contact: 734-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

NorthRidge Church

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

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030
Web: www.ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbi@novijewishcenter.com
Web: www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-2652
Web: www.umcnovi.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday
Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

OakPointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (groups meet weekly)
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Oakland Baptist Church

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

Orchard Grove Community Church

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

Road commission to hold public hearing tonight on 2016 budget

The Road Commission for Oakland County's Board of Road Commissioners will hold a public hearing on its proposed fiscal year 2016 budget at 6:30 p.m. today, Aug. 20, at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac.
The proposed 2016 budget, at \$104.7 million,

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

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

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

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

WEDDING

Pawlik-Herzog

Emily Elizabeth Pawlik and Joshua Michael Herzog were married May 30 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia. The wedding Mass was celebrated by the Rev. James Scheick and Deacon Ric Misiak.
The bride is the daughter of Pat and Larry Pawlik of Northville. She is a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia and the University of Michigan. The groom is the son of Barb and Art Herzog of Flushing. He is a graduate of Flushing High School and the University of Michigan.
Emily works as a regional recruiter for the University of Wisconsin-Colleges, while Josh is a doctoral engineering student at the University of Wisconsin.
The bride's attendants were maid of



Emily Pawlik and Michael Herzog

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

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

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

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

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

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



LAMERATO, TONY
July 31, 1921 - August 12, 2015
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PUMPHREY, BERNICE "BONNIE"
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Arrangements by: Kaul Funeral Home. kaulfuneralhome.com

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



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

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

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

Ford Field Festival rolls Aug. 22 into Northville

A day of food, drinks, music and fun is on tap 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the third annual Ford Field Festival in downtown Northville. Hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and presented by Dick Scott Automotive Group, the festival will



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

Parking is available at the north end of the Northville Downs lot, off Cady Street (south of Main Street). Food trucks scheduled to attend 2-8 p.m. include The Pita Post, Buffy's Boulevard Burgers, Chicken Coupe, Shimmy Shack, The

Rolling Stoves, Concrete Cuisine, Rollin' Stone Pizza, Mystic Kettle, Go!Sy Thai, Time2Chill Gelato and Smoky Rhodes BBQ. Each truck will carry a variety of menu options. Beverage selections at the beer garden will include beer, wine

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

enjoy a whole day at the festival. Live music performers are Steve Taylor (2-4 p.m.), Gia Warner (4-6 p.m.) and Magic Bus (7-9 p.m.). For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

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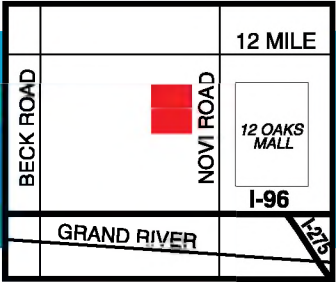
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The Solid Waste Planning Committee assists in the preparation of the Solid Waste Management Plan. To apply or receive more information about this position, submit an application, no later than Thursday, Sept. 3. To obtain an application, go to www.oakgov.com/boc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

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

NoviParksRX will promote active lifestyles

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

tem to offer the program through Sept. 30.

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

Novi Choralaires

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

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

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

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

Crafters sought for Bizarre Bazaar

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

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

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Three initiatives receive approval for signatures

By Kathleen Gray
Michigan.com

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

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

The three latest proposals:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

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

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

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



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

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

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

and has won several awards and distinctions for her work.

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

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

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

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

The Rev. Tom Meagher

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

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

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

"They're proud of

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

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

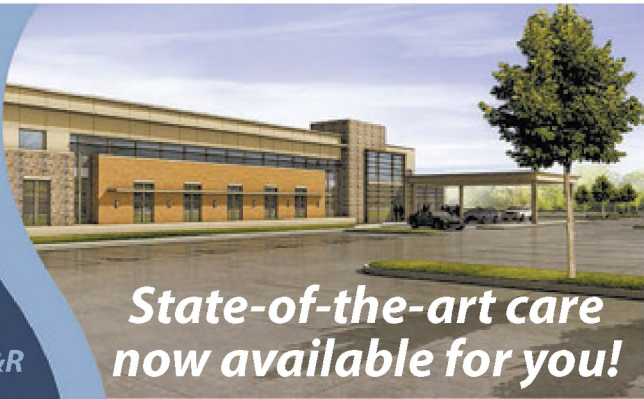
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Air Museum rededicates former bomber plant

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Randy Hotton was in his element.

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

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

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

Built by the Ford Mo-



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

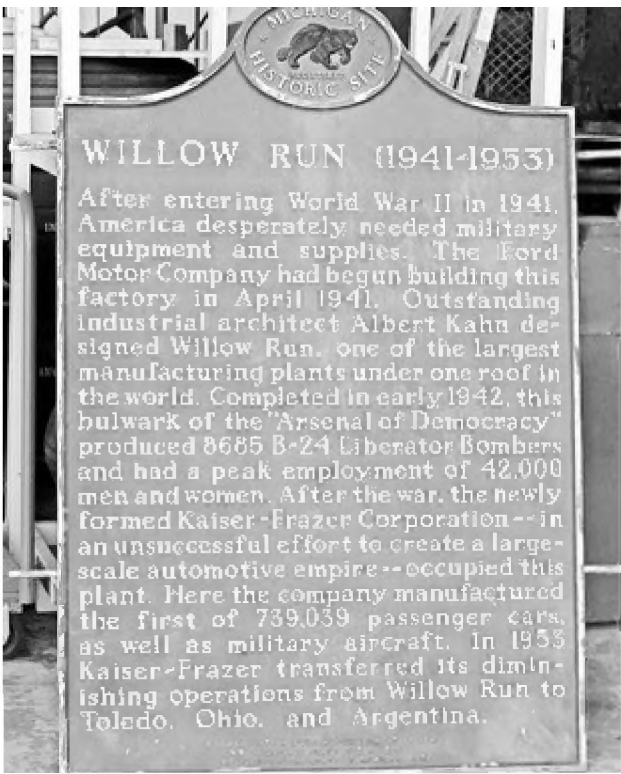
tor Co., the plant used Henry Ford's mass-production technology to build B-24 bomber planes for World War II. More than 8,600 B-24s had been built at Willow Run; by 1944 it was producing

one plane every hour.

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

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

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



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

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

After the fire

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

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

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

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

"Today is like a homecoming for us and this will be home in two-three years," said Ray Hunter, YAM board chairman.

"When Dennis Norton started the Yankee Air Museum 30 years ago, his plan was to bring home a Ford-built B-24. There are only four Ford-built bombers left — one in Canada, one in Mississippi and two in England. If the planets and the stars line up and we have a benevolent sponsor, we'll bring one back to Willow Run."

State Sen. Patrick



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

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

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

Getting started

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Heritage Park a splashing good time this summer

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



AILEEN WINGBLAD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

Published: August 20, 2015

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

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

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

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

CIVIL NO. ST-14-CV-382

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

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

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

ESTRELLA H. GEORGE
Acting Clerk of the Court

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

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Wayne County board: Consent agreement best option right now

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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



FILE PHOTOS

Commissioners Diane Webb and Terry Marecki.

longer time under emergency control.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING September 16, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

Published: August 20, 2015

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan

ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2015
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY.

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

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

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan.

ROBERT SOCHACKI
SECRETARY
NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parcel ID No. 17-32-301-037

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

Subject to the rights of the public in Maple Road.

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

Published: August 20 & 27, 2015

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Board smooth in passing replacement process

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When oversight becomes busy work

Over at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, folks have studied the impact of the many mandated reports and found many unneeded. They calculate that it takes the equivalent of one full-time employee working more than eight months to

No one is suggesting that lawmakers abandon their oversight role. But requiring reports that have no useful purpose is not meaningful oversight.

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

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

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

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

Redemption

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

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

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

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



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

ery is possible.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Redemption on steroids

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

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

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

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

CRAIG DEROCHE
former state representative

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

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

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

DeRoche is an alcoholic. He is also a bright,

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

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

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

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

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Northville concerts

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Aug. 21: Ford Field Festival (Northville Chamber of Commerce Event, www.northville.org)

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

Summer BBQ in Northville

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22

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

Wildcats '95 reunion

Date: Saturday, Aug. 22

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

Mustangs '90 reunion

Time/Date: 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22

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

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

'Invasive Species' play

Dates: Through Aug. 23

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

King of Cabs event

Date: Aug. 26

Details: Bottlz is hosting Nils Venge, owner and winemaker of Sadelback Cellars in Napa, for a wine dinner. The "King of Cabs" is the first American winemaker to produce a 100-point wine. He will personally be presenting his latest wine lineup paired with a five-course dinner by chef Tom Batayeh.

Seating is limited to 80-90 people and about one-third of the tickets have already been sold. Bottlz is located at 31260 Wakefield (south side of 14 Mile Road, just east of Novi Road). For more information, call 248-519-4444 or go to http://www.bottlz-novi.com/Files/nils_venge.pdf.

New Horizons exhibit

Time/Date: Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through Aug. 29

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

Century of jazz

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27

Details: The vocal jazz stylings of Leslie Mason, backed up by her husband, guitarist Jesse Lee

Mason, will be presented at the Northville Community Center. The duo will perform jazz and pop classic such as *Lullaby of Birdland*, *How High the Moon?*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *Take the A Train*, *Have You Met Miss Jones?*, *Green Dolphin Streets* and *One More for the Road* in a program they call "A Century of Jazz Song." This program is sponsored jointly by the Community Center, the Maple Manor Rehab Center of Novi and the Friends of the Northville District Library.

The Community Center is located on Main Street, next to the Northville District Library. The concert is free, but space is limited. RSVP by calling the library at 248-349-3020.

Detroit Mackenzie reunion

Time/Date: Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29

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

Maybury anniversary

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30

Details: Maybury State Park friends and neighbors are invited to a community open house 40th anniversary celebration (use the Eight Mile entrance, west of Beck Road). Games and activities for all ages will include a scavenger hunt, history games, cake and ice cream (with a cake-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m.). The first 100 guests to visit the Friends table will receive a new Friends of Maybury patch.

A recreation passport is required for entry. For more information, call 248-349-8390.

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Mustangs banking on dual-threat QB Zimbo

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

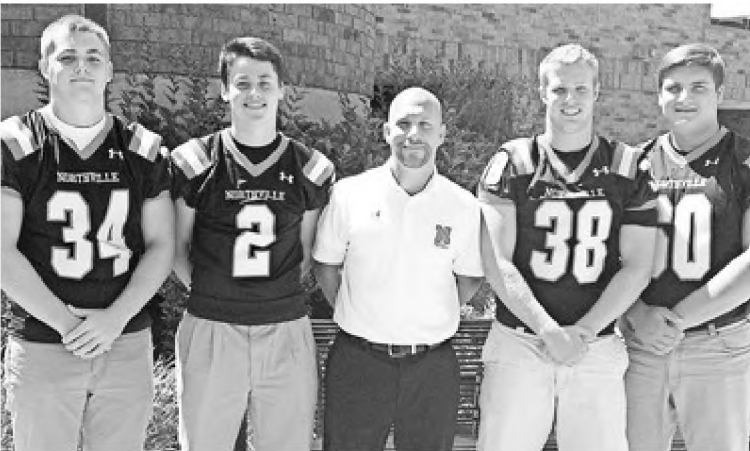
If the football is going to start in anybody's hands, then the guy the Northville will turn to once again this season is quarterback Justin Zimbo. The 5-foot-11, 191-pound senior is the Mustangs' All-state insurance policy after accounting for more than 2,000 yards passing and rushing a year ago.

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

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

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

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



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

guard Max Steilen (6-0, 301). Junior Zach Marks (5-8, 204) will take the reigns at center. "Obviously, losing two Division I guys is going to be very difficult to replace, but we do have big, strong guys coming back and we anticipate we're really going to be good up front," Ladach said.

Angeles, who recently set a team bench press record of 350 pounds, will be the anchor. "He's played every position on the offensive line," Ladach said. "He'll likely play right tackle, but can play anywhere. I'm really surprised that he hasn't gotten a handful of Division I offers already, but he's

going to play in college next year."

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

Senior Alec Coppock (6-0, 218), a third-year varsity player, returns at fullback. "I think we have two dynamic kids, Ghabra and Prystash, who are a little bit different, but they're going to be very productive for us," Ladach said. "Our play selection may be a little bit different. We might use a fullback a

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

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

Prystash will also play the slot-back position and catch passes out of the backfield in Northville's spread attack. "We've got good work at receiver," Ladach said. "Our guys are competing hard. We've had a good summer in terms of our camps and our seven-on-sevens, so we'll be fine."

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

The linebacking group includes senior Mike Minick (6-2, 230), senior Mason Pitt (6-0, 224) and Coppock. "Mason Pitt is a good vocal leader; he's a tough-nosed kid," Ladach said. "He's a guy that really brings out the best in his teammates. Komorous and Metrusias are both returners on the D-line. Those guys always lead by example."

Junior safety Jack Burke (6-0, 184), who got considerable playing time as a sophomore, will start at start at safety, flanked by Prystash. "In the secondary, we have some young kids, but with

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

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

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

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

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

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Novi's defense gets makeover

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

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Offense wasn't the issue last season, as Novi's football team averaged 30.1 points per game. But on the flip side, the Wildcats gave up 30.8 per outing and it all added up to a second straight 4-5 season.

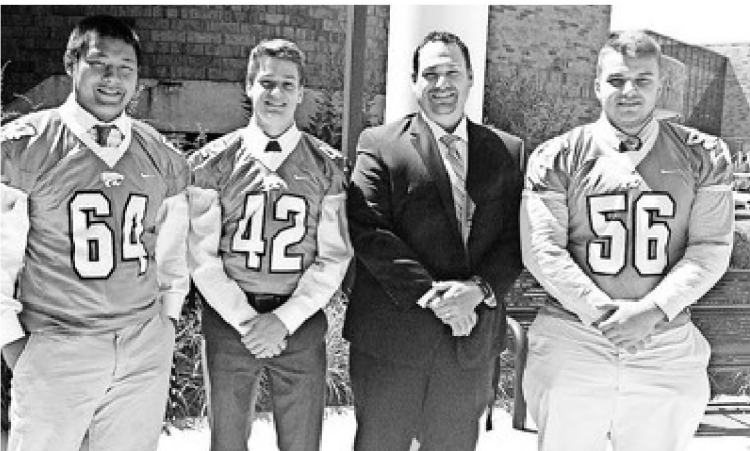
Novi, which last qualified for the MHSAA playoffs in 2008, is putting a heavy emphasis during the preseason on defense – starting with the fundamentals.

And third-year coach Jeff Burnside isn't just a spectator when it comes to practice. Trying to set the right example, Burnside jumped into the fray numerous times, running toward to the ball carrier as a would-be tackler during the opening week practice without pads.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATE GOLF

White goes extra holes to nip Johnson at GAM

By Greg Johnson
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JACKSON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"P.J. Fleck (WMU's head coach) is a great guy," Jackson said. "When I went there, it felt like home. Everybody welcomed me with open arms."

It's Jackson's versatility, which gives him a variety of options at the next level.

"As far as position, we'll see how defense is this year," Jackson said, "and if I really like defense, offense, or wide re-

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

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

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

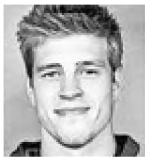
PRO HOCKEY

Novi's Valleau signs with Stanley Cup champs

Defenseman headed to Chicago's training camp

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

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



Valleau

sity, has signed an NHL entry level contract with the Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks. Valleau played for the Winnipeg Jets and with Chicago during their respective prospect development camps this summer. The Blackhawks' primary

minor league affiliate is the Rockford (Ill.) IceHogs of the American Hockey League. As a red-shirt freshman, the 6-foot-1, 181-pound Valleau scored two goals and added 17 assists for the Falcons (23-11-5) while playing on the second-ranked penalty kill unit in the NCAA. The undrafted free agent also ranked seventh in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association and seventh among NCAA freshman defenseman in points. Valleau was third on the team in blocked shots (37) and was named to the WCHA All-Rookie Team. During the 2012-13 season, Valleau tallied eight points (three goals, five assists) for the Chicago Steel and 18 points (five goals, 13 assists) for the Des Moines Buccaneers, both

of the U.S. Hockey League. Valleau played hockey and lacrosse at Novi, helping the Wildcats to the 2011 MHSAA Division I boys hockey state title. As a senior and junior, he earned Division 1 all-state honors. He accumulated 72 goals and 114 assists (187 points) in 115 career games as a four-year varsity player for the Wildcats.

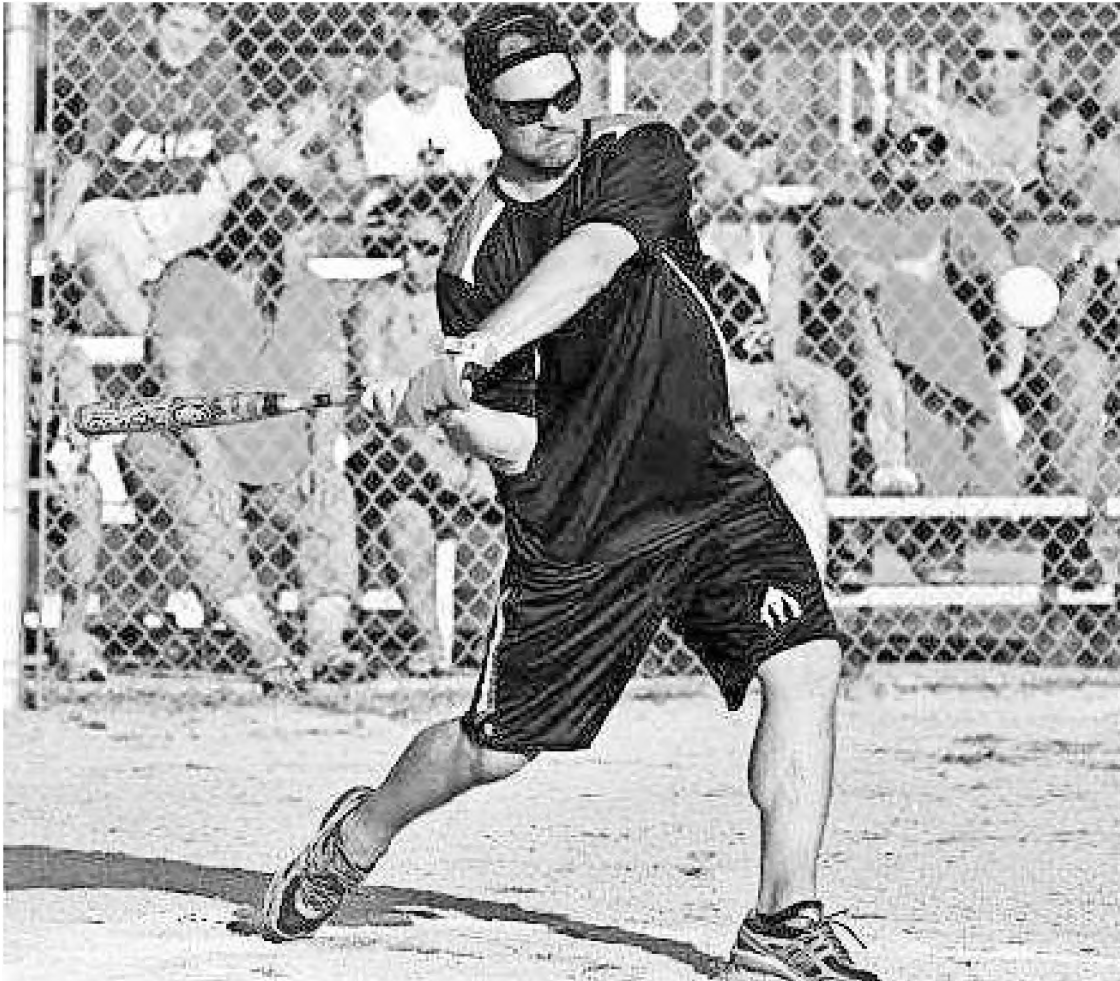
CHARITY GAME

Kocur Softball Classic is Saturday in Highland

Former Wings players set for seventh annual event

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The 2015 Joe Kocur Foundation for Children Softball Classic will be Saturday, Aug. 22, at Duck Lake Pines Park, 1241 N. Duck Lake Road, Highland. The day is sponsored by Pepsi Co. and Meijer and will consist of three softball games. Games times are at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will include local law enforcement and firefighters from Milford, Highland and White Lake playing against the celebrity team. Gates open at 10:30 a.m., with the opening ceremonies featuring a special guest singing the national anthem and accompanied by the U.S. Color Guard. Scheduled participants (subject to change) include the Detroit Red Wings Alumni group and Detroit-area sports and entertainment celebrities. Among the former Red Wings and NHL players and coaches listed to appear or play are Kocur, Ted Lindsay, Darren McCarty, Chris Osgood, Jiri Fischer, Dave Lewis, Pat Peake, Bryan Smolinski, Wayne Presley, Jeff Blashill, Luke Glendening, Kevin Miller, Al Iafate, Dino Ciccarelli, Jimmy Howard, Manny LeGace, Eddie Mio, Kirk Maltby and Mickey Redmond. Former Atlanta Braves pitcher Steve Avery is also listed, along with Amy Andrew of WJBK-TV (Channel 2), actor Dave Coulier and actress Erin Cummings. Proceeds will benefit 17-year-old cancer patient Spencer Hale, Wings of Mercy East Michigan, F.A.R. Therapeutic



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

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tank. Raffle prizes will also be awarded during the games, while fans can join in on the silent auction filled with items to bid on, including signed sports memorabilia, golf packages and gift certificates to local restaurants, spas and services. Between games, free autographs will be available. Various viewing bleachers and tents will be set up along the path near all four diamonds for fans (lawn chairs encour-

aged). Tickets can purchased in advance at \$10 per person (children under 10 are free). All tickets purchased will go into a drawing for the raffle prizes that will be awarded throughout the day. For more information, go to joekocurfoundation.org. You can also use Twitter@kocurfoundation or link onto to Facebook at the The Joe Kocur Foudation. bemons@hometownlife.com

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and get people in the right spots and run the offense, which is an option offense," Thomas said. Skupin's favorite target last year, Joe Newman (25 catches for 461 yards and eight TDs), also graduated, but waiting in the wings is senior wide receiver Nick Pagano (6-2, 180), who has opened some eyes in early camp. Senior Chris Morgan (5-10, 150) also lends depth at wide receiver. The offensive line needs to

be revamped, but will be anchored by senior tackle Brennen McMann (6-1, 255), senior center Spencer Magee (5-10, 230) and senior guard John Lay (5-11, 260). "We could be OK offensively. We just got to get the offensive line together," Thomas said. "That's the key with these other guys." In 10 games last season, South Lyon's defense allowed 16 points or less in nine of them. "We're a bend, but don't break, defense and we've been pretty successful," said Thomas, who has coached for 37 years. "We've tried to keep it

simple and we try not to make mistakes. We can understand we can make physical mistakes, but it's the mental mistakes that we can't have. We work hard on that." Tank will lead the way on defensive, joined by shutdown cornerback Braxton Blackwell, a 5-11, 180-pound junior, and Jeff Gill, a 6-3, 240-pound lineman who made all-KLAA. Junior safety Mike Maher (6-1, 170) also returns. The Lions yielded just 15.2 points per game because they became a sure-tackling team. "We still should be good; we work pretty heavily on that," Thomas said. "We make sure

we tackle and get 11 hats to the ball. We've preached that a lot during practice. It's a team game and we need everybody." South Lyon will gunning for its 18th playoff appearance. Thomas' biggest challenge is getting the new players up to speed at varsity level with a "bring your lunch pail to work" attitude despite the heavy graduation losses. Thomas envisions the upcoming KLAA Central Division race as another dogfight. "It's a tough league," he said. "I think it's pretty open." bemons@hometownlife.com

MAVERICKS

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led by three-year starter Jackson Hale (6-3, 230), a defensive tackle who finished 2014 with 35 tackles, including two sacks and two blocked kicks, in only five games. Other senior defensive returnees include senior linebacker Adam Stebbins (6-0, 220), who had 53 tackles, including five for loss and two sacks, and senior tackle Blake Peterson (6-3, 275). "Defensively, it's very interesting," Gough said. "We have quite a decent group in our front seven. We (have) without a doubt bigger, stronger, faster players up front with our front seven than we were last year. Our secondary is going to be made up of two corners and two safeties who did not start." Junior outside linebacker Derek Horne (6-3, 195), who broke his leg early during the 2014 season, should also give the Mavericks a boost. "A complete question mark in the off-season until he got on the field and he's shown some really, really nice things," Gough said of Horne. "But again, no varsity game experience and not seen a



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

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practice in pads." The secondary will be relatively green, with senior safety Troy Woodrow (5-11, 170) the only player back with varsity experience. "The other two corners and safety are juniors with no varsity experience," Gough said. Meanwhile, Gough said junior Zack Jones (5-11, 160), who earned his first start in

last year's season finale against rival Lakeland, has emerged as the starting quarterback. "We do a lot of run-pass option stuff," Gough said. "We kind of let the defense determine whether we're going to run the ball or throw the ball. Our biggest thing is complete the high-percentage passes that we're trying to throw and don't get behind schedule as

much as we did last year." Zack Jones will be taking snaps from his older brother Jacob Jones (5-10, 240), who returns at center. Also hoping to make an impact in the backfield are juniors Joe Bravo (5-10, 185), Conner Jensen (5-11, 180) and utility man Joe Larson (5-11, 145), who can play tailback, wide-out and even quarterback. Gough's wide receiver corps is deep, led by junior Mitchell Appleton (6-4, 185), junior Evan Johnson (6-3, 185), senior Logan Kahl (5-10, 165) and senior Dylan Allen (6-3, 190), who can also play some linebacker. Gough, who coached at his alma mater Albion College as well as Jackson High before moving to Milford, would like to see his offense, which averaged only 15 points per game a year ago, show some consistency. "We had a lot of second-and-longs instead of second-and-shorts," he said. "The other problem is that we couldn't establish a drive. We had way too many three-and-outs as opposed to getting those 10-, 11-, 12-, 13-play drives." Milford opens its season Thursday, Aug. 27, at Livonia Churchill.

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RRCA group recognizes Milford for run support

National award honors area as 'Runner Friendly'

The Road Runners Club of America recently announced that Milford, along with Ann Arbor, has been designated as a Runner Friendly Community for 2015. Milford, with a population of 6,280 and a central business district for approximately 25,000 in the surrounding areas, demonstrated it met the RRCA's criteria, which include community infrastructure, community support and local government support for running. According to the RRCA, the top communities have demonstrated an infrastructure that can foster physical activity in a safe environment. They also have a proven track record that organizations and businesses work together to promote running as a healthy exercise and sport, with the most important criterion fostering positive relationships between the running community and local government. In May 2009, the 3.6-mile Milford Trail, which connects the downtown YMCA and Kensington Metropark, officially opened. Kensington itself covers 4,481 acres of both hilly and flat scenic terrain. The park also contains multiple trails, including a three-mile loop in its center, which crosses the Huron River. Another trail splits off from there, heading south for 4.75 miles, traversing wooded areas, wetlands and prairie along the river. Milford offers rolling hills and extensive natural areas that make for ideal conditions for both beginning and more experienced runners. Milford also helps sponsor the Labor Day 30K festival of races, the town's biggest running event that has served many times as the RRCA state championship. Additionally, Milford has stable of pedestrian networks throughout the town, complete with water fountains, streetlights, accessible bathrooms and ample parking. The Huron Valley Athletic Club, the RRCA member which submitted the application, is the largest running club in Milford. It puts on 13-24 events per year, highlighted by the Labor Day 30K. HVAC also promotes running through healthy living by donating money to various organizations, including the Milford track team, community sharing and swim and dive team among others. Running store Feets Sake also sponsors and hosts several races in the community, while the Huron Valley Recreation Authority provides indoor tracks, pools and fitness centers. "The Huron Valley region is a very active area and it's easy to see why, because there is so much offered in every direction you go," said Shannon Loso, Huron Valley director of recreation and community education. "We will continue to grow our offerings and are starting to put our resources in the right areas so we can focus both on the enrichment and recreational opportunities for our community." Other community leaders providing support and letters of recommendation included Jennifer Barret, Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce; Doug Klingensmith, HVAC club president; Jerry Aubry, Milford village president; Bartholomew D. Reed, executive director of the Carls Family YMCA; and HVAC's Mark Cryderman.

BOYS SOCCER OUTLOOK

Mustangs hope to take it one step further after tourney run

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The final area boys soccer team standing in last year's MHSA Division 1 state tourney was Northville.

And the Mustangs were on the precipice of a state championship run, only to lose in a 3-2 shootout on penalty kicks in the regional final against eventual state champion Canton.

Although Northville lost some key performers off last year's 14-6-3 squad, coach Henry Klimes has high expectations again with the return of first team all-area senior forward Johnny Rodriguez, who had seven goals and seven assists, along with first team defender Garret Weaver.

Goalkeeper Alec Melucci also graduated, but JV goalie Evan Treiber is waiting in the wings.

"It's really promising, all the skill that we have," said Klimes, entering his 25th season as varsity coach. "Hopefully we can reproduce that team chemistry that we had last year. But in overall talent and skill, I think this team is stronger in than last year in that regard."

Novi (13-4-3), one of Northville's chief rivals in the KLAA's tough Central Division, was hard hit by graduation as 20th-year coach Brian O'Leary has added Rachel Kain to his staff to serve as a co-coach.

The most notable loss was All-Area Player of the Year Ryan Kobakof, who is now at the University of Michigan.

The only two starters returning for the Wildcats are senior midfielder Connor O'Leary and senior defender Roy Spencer.

"Overall, the group works hard and is very coachable," coach O'Leary said. "We will take some lumps early because of our inexperience, but hopefully we will get better as the season goes and have a quality product by the end of the season."

Both South Lyon (5-11-4) and South Lyon East (1-17) hope to make a jump in the KLAA Central.

Senior forward Owen Jarl, senior defender Justin Roeland and junior Michael Martinez, the Lions' tri-captains, will lead the way.

"We play in arguably the most challenging league in the state of Michigan (KLAA Central)," South Lyon coach Brian Elliott said, "so we are going to have to battle every game to earn respect and to continue to build our program moving forward."

East, under third-year coach Jon Cadwallader, will bank on senior returnees Brent Weakland, a center midfielder; Zach Satawa, a central defender; Andrew Wolschleger, a senior forward; and Connor Bollenbacher, a senior defender.

Nick Ruschak, a junior midfielder, also looks to make an impact for the Cougars.

"We're going to be better than we were and, hopefully, that translates into a couple of more wins and just be a little bit more competitive," Cadwallader said.

Expectations are also higher for Lakeland (9-9) under Anthony Ibrahim, who enters his first season for the Eagles after being an



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Senior forward Eduardo DeOliveira is one of seven returnees for Novi.

assistant.

Ibrahim believes Lakeland can contend in the KLAA North despite the loss of top scorer Roddy Green, a first team all-area performer who pumped in 19 goals last year as a junior before opting to play for the Michigan Wolves, a club academy team.

Among the chief returnees for the Eagles are junior central-midfielder Tyler Green, junior midfielder Andrew Long, senior defender Brent Peterson, senior forward Eric and senior midfielder Tyler Laurer.

"I had 63 kids that tried out and to cut it down for 19 for varsity and 23 for JV, so I've got a pretty good squad," said Ibrahim, who replaced Robert Kroezen. "I'm excited."

Meanwhile, rival Milford (9-7-2) also has a new coach in Thomas Hipple, who returns his two leading scorers in first team all-area pick David Bonhard (14 goals, six assists) and second team selection Brayden Stephan (13 goals, seven assists). Both are senior forwards.

"Our team goals are to challenge for the (KLAA) West and win the district," Hipple said. "Milford will have a freshman team. It's the first time in program history."

Meanwhile, Novi Detroit Catholic Central (14-5-4) enjoyed a break-out season, winning its first Catholic League A-B Division title in 22 years while reaching the district final against Northville.

The Shamrocks, who posted eight shutouts last year while outscoring their opponents 37-18, return three stalwarts from a year ago – senior goalkeeper Peter Kirouac, a second team all-area pick, senior defender Justin Murray and senior midfielder Ben Sargent.

"Our future is bright this year," fourth-year coach Gene Pulice said. "We have added numbers and depth to our squad. Last year was a season of lessons. This year, we expect the fruits of our labor. Our Catholic Central faith and brotherhood runs deep in our veins."

Novi Franklin Road Christian (12-5), a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division, has been plagued during the preseason by a lack of numbers and the defection of two players.

First team all-area selection Micah Charlick (22 goals, 22 assists), an honorable mention all-state choice, and Tanner Spires (26 goals, 10 assists), the team's leading scorer, have both transferred to Brighton for their senior seasons.

"They'll be tough to replace because they did a lot for us, but I think we'll be more of a team and play as a team and I think we'll play pretty well as a team," second-year coach Paul Coombs said. "We can't rely on Micah to bail us out."

Senior goalkeeper Daniel Weaver should give the Warriors a boost, while junior Paul Alex will anchor the defense.

Senior forward Gavin Harris and the Lorey brothers, Matt, a senior midfielder, and Evan, a junior midfielder, hope to transition back onto the team after being in summer baseball mode, which left Coombs with only seven available players in the first three days of preseason practice..

"Hopefully, they'll be back," Coombs said. "I'm working on the baseball players. I've touched base with three out of the four."

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BOYS SOCCER CAPSULE OUTLOOK

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Henry Klimes, 25th season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at home vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer.
Last year's overall record: 14-6-3.
Titles won last year: Division 1 district.
Notable losses to graduation: Grant Tyburski (first team all-area), Alec Morgan (second team all-area), Dan Baldwin (second team all-area), Alec Melucci.
Leading returnees: Johnny Rodriguez, Sr. F (first team all-area, 7 goals, 7 assists); Garret Weaver, Sr. Def. (first team all-area), Bobby Lubisco, Sr. Def., Jake Reitzloff, Sr. F; Nick Toupin, Sr. MF; Mario Plachta, Jr. MF; Matt Mitchell, Sr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Jordan Martindale, Sr. Def.; Evan Treiber, Jr. GK; Owen Marshall, Soph. MF; Felipe McCarthy, Soph. F; Andrew Mitchell, Soph. MF; Collin Neal, Soph. Def.; Brandon Kemp, Jr. MF-F; Tyler Balanger, Jr. MF; Ben McCauley, Jr. F; Alex Braesher, Jr. Def.; Nick Porter, Jr. Def.

Klimes' 2015 outlook: "It's really promising all the skill that we have. Hopefully we can reproduce that team chemistry that we had last year. But in overall talent and skill, I think this team is stronger in than last year in that regard. I think we have a great opportunity after suffering that tough defeat (3-2 regional final shootout loss to Canton), especially for the guys that are coming back. They know how to compete at that level. We have Evan (Treiber) that came up from JV last year. We have one goalie at this time."

NOVI

Co-head coaches: Brian O'Leary, 20th season; Rachel Kain, first season.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at home vs. Plymouth.
Last year's overall record: 13-4-3.
Notable losses to graduation: Ryan Kobakof (All-Area Player of the Year), Kent Maidens (first team all-area); Jake Geary (second team all-area), Amossi Kajinake, Sean Dallas, Tommy McMaster, Alan Rajkovic and Ian Hanley.
Leading returnees: Connor O'Leary, Sr. MF; Roy Spencer, Sr. Def.; Matt Netter, Sr. Def.; Kyle Bandyk, Jr. Def.; Sam Sheeran, Sr. GK; Eduardo DeOliveira, Sr. F; Shion Maidens, Jr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Luke McDonald, Soph. GK; Eric Rice, Jr. Def.; Ben Houd, Jr. F; Adam Dellavecchia, Soph. F; Hernan Brarda, Jr. MF; Amossi Bujaga, Jr. MF.

O'Leary's 2015 outlook: "With only two returning starters (O'Leary and Spencer), we are obviously inexperienced. We do not have that go-to player that other teams will have to focus their game plan around, but we do have lots of kids that will be able to contribute. We will have a very deep bench and I can easily see going 20 players deep in any game."

SOUTH LYON

Head coach: Brian Elliott, fourth year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at home vs. Hartland.
Last year's overall record: 5-11-4.
Notable losses to graduation: Alex Kopko (second team all-area), Dominic Perrin, Gabe Martinez, Erik Habkirk.
Leading returnees: Owen Jarl, Sr. F (captain); Justin Roeland, Sr. Def. (captain); Michael Martinez, Jr. MF (captain); Alex Koenig, Sr. Def.; Jack Dalzochio, Jr. GK.
Promising newcomers: Trenton Lach, Fr. MF; Thomas Chavez, Fr. Def.

Elliott's 2015 outlook: "We lost a lot of key players last year to graduation and to other sports, but the group of players that are on the team this year are extremely committed and passionate about the sport. I'm lucky to have the opportunity to coach such a great group of respectful and intelligent young men."

SOUTH LYON EAST

Head coach: Jon Cadwallader, third year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at home vs. Waterford Kettering.
Last year's overall record: 1-17.
Notable losses to graduation: Otto Johnson, Tyler Puschaver, Bryce Bizer.
Leading returnees: Brent Weakland, Sr. C-MF; Zach Satawa, Sr. C-Def.; Andrew Wolschleger, Sr. F; Connor Bollenbacher, Sr. Def.; Nick Ruschak, Jr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Ray Isuku, Soph. MF; Silvio Scappaticci, Soph. F.
Cadwallader's 2015 outlook: "I think everything is very positive. A lot of guys came in with a great attitude. We have a senior class of 12, so obviously they want to make it a big year. We're looking to build off last year. We're still up in the air on a goalkeeper, so we're kind of working out four guys right now and just see who is really going to come out on top. There's also an exchange student coming from Italy that we're waiting to see, so we're going to see how that works out."

LAKELAND

Head coach: Anthony Ibrahim, first year.
League affiliation: KLAA Lakes Conference (North Division).
Season opener: 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at Milford.
Last year's overall record: 9-9.
Notable losses to graduation: Jorge Martinez (second team all-area), Kyle Capstick (second team all-area).
Leading returnees: Tyler Green, Jr. C-MF; Andrew Long, Jr. MF; Brent Peterson, Sr. Def.; Eric Reider, Sr. F; Tyler Laurer, Sr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Ryo Miki, Fr. C-MF; Cody Tiedeman, Soph. Def.
Ibrahim's 2015 outlook: "With the team I have and the expectations I have, I really see us winning the (KLAA North) division, to be honest with you. Anything but that will really be a disappointment to me. I may be seeing teams that could be challenging that could maybe knock us off, possibly (Walled Lake) Northern and (Walled Lake) Central. I definitely think more than two (division) losses for us will be a big, big disappointment. We just had our alumni game, which we won 8-2, which was pretty good and we played all right."

MILFORD

Head coach: Thomas Hipple, first year.
League affiliation: KLAA Lakes Conference (West Division).
Season opener: 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at home vs. Lakeland.
Last year's overall record: 9-7-2.
Notable losses to graduation: Roland Gibson, Kiah Finley.
Leading returnees: David Bonhard, Sr. F (first team all-area, 14 goals, 6 assists); Brayden Stephan, Sr. F (second team all-area, 13 goals, 7 assists); Dante D'Aloisio, Jr. MF; Ethan Bresnay, Sr. Def.; Tyler Welch, Soph. Def.
Promising newcomers: Jack Taylor, Soph. Def.; Andrew Hinman, Soph. Def.
Hipple's 2015 outlook: "We're looking to improve from last year where we lost three key defenders to graduation, so we need to fill the holes in the back. We return our top two scorers from last year's team (Bonhard and Stephan). We finished fourth in the (KLAA) West. The top teams in the West are Grand Blanc and Brighton."

NOVI DETROIT CC

Head coach: Gene Pulice, fourth season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Season opener: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, at home vs. Garden City.
Last year's overall record: 15-5-4.
Titles won last year: Catholic League A-B Division.
Notable losses to graduation: Noah Kleedtke (first team all-area), Chad Quick (first team all-area), Paul Wiedmaier (first team all-area), Champ Kozlowski (second team all-area), Brendan Paul, Austin Smith.
Leading returnees: Peter Kirouac, Sr. GK (second team all-area); Justin Murray Sr. Def.; Ben Sargent, Sr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Charlie Travisen, Fr. F; Cade Kozlowski, Jr. MF; Ryan Pierson, Soph. F; Noah Walters, Jr. F.

Pulice's 2015 outlook: "After my fourth year as head coach all guys are steadfast and committed to team. We are team 37 at Catholic Central this year and we are looking forward to a very eventful year. At the end of the day, I think we'll compete and expect to win it. I think our guys have really jelled together. We just got back from a boot camp at Fort Custer and these guys are psyched already, which is totally different than what we've had in the past. In just two short days, we're a team."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Paul Coombs, second year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Season opener: 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at Taylor Baptist Park.
Last year's overall record: 12-5.
Notable losses to graduation: None.
Leading returnees: Gavin Harris, Sr. F; Paul Alex, Jr. sweeper; Matt Lorey, Sr. MF; Evan Lorey, Jr. MF; Daniel Weaver, Sr. GK.
Promising newcomers: Jamie Brockway, Sr. F; Jake Schinzinger, Fr. MF; Blake Johnson, Fr. Def.

Coombs' 2015 outlook: "We've had only six or seven out so far and that's it, but hopefully they'll be back. I'm working on the baseball players. I've touched base with three out of the four. We got Jamie Brockway from football after three years and he'll be one of our starting forwards. He has really good speed, good control and has a good shot with both feet. I tried to get him in to do soccer and football, but he ended up getting hurt halfway through the football season and missed the rest of the season anyway. There's some newcomers that I haven't seen yet because they're still on vacation. (Jake) Schinzinger is a very talented player and he should be starting this year. Blake Johnson will probably play on defense. They both played for club teams. They've been playing a while and they're going to help us out a lot."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Novi sports passes

All-sports passes are available through the Novi Athletic Boosters for the 2015-16 year during registration at Novi High School and Novi Middle School.

Passes provide entry into all high school and middle school regular home sporting events. Individual passes are \$60, while family passes (all family members living in one household) are \$180. Regular admission for high school events is \$5 and adult admission for middle school events is \$3.

All-sport passes are sold as a fundraiser for the Novi Athletic Boosters, a nonprofit organization with the sole purpose of providing gifts of equipment, uniforms and athletic training to all Novi high school and middle school athletes and teams.

Only by purchasing an all-sports pass can fans guarantee that all of the proceeds will be directed to Novi athletics. Regular gate admissions proceeds go to the Novi Community Schools general fund. Community members

and students who have not included passes on their registration vouchers may purchase passes by downloading a form from the www.noviathleticboosters.com website (under forms/links).

3-on-3 hoops

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department is offering a pair of new 3-on-3 basketball leagues, Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, at the Novi Community Schools.

The recreational high school league for boys and girls players is \$126 per team or \$42 per individual. The adult league for men and women is \$225 per team or \$75 per individual. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 28.

To register, go to cityofnovi.org or the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services office inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

For more information, call 248-347-0400.

Fall youth hoops

The South Lyon Area Recreation Authority if

offering its second season of co-ed instructional three-on-three (kindergarten-first grade) and four-on-four (grades 2-3) fall youth basketball leagues, beginning with practices the week of Sept. 21 at Hardy, Kent Lake and Sayre gyms.

Registration fees are \$87 (resident) and \$109 (non-resident) through Sept. 1. Late fees are an additional \$15. (T-shirts are not guaranteed after the deadline.).

Teams will play each Saturday, beginning Sept. 28 (eight sessions). A coaches meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at Centennial Middle School (main gym). The meeting includes basketball instruction. Coaches are also wanted.

For more information, call the recreation office at 248-437-8105 or email John Hines at www.slrec.net.

Dalmac riders

Several South Lyon residents are preparing to ride in the 45th annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw DALMAC bicycle tour early next month.

Michael VerHeek will ride his first DALMAC this year, while David Deinek, Samantha Deinek, Kevin Mead, Patricia Mead, Bob Michaels and David Shears are all veteran riders, with Patricia Mead returning for her 28th year.

Founded in 1971 by former state Sen. Dick Allen, DALMAC offers riders a choice of four routes, beginning either Wednesday, Sept. 2, or Thursday, Sept. 3, and ending Sunday, Sept. 6, in either Mackinaw City or Sault Ste. Marie, depending on the route chosen.

This year's routes range in distance from 295 to 511 miles. More than 1,600 riders are expected to participate.

Proceeds from the tour have enabled the DALMAC Fund to grant more than \$1.3 million to bicycling-related organizations and causes since 1985.

DALMAC is hosted by the Lansing-based Tri-County Bicycle Association, the largest local bicycling organization in Michigan with approximately 1,000 members.

For more information, go to www.biketcba.org.

Paradise Park owners proud of milestone, laud Novi community

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

How will you celebrate this milestone?

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

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

Why did you choose

Novi for your business?

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

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

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

What are your hours?

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

What goods or services do you provide?

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

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

How has Novi been as a business community?

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

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

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



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

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

How have you been able to succeed in business?

Paradise Park is very fortunate to have steady

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

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

Who is your target customer?

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

Northville resident joins firm

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



Spehar

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

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Committee."

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

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

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

Farrell among honored attorneys

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

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

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Refreshed Gander Mountain

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

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

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

Novi approves temporary sign ordinance

The Novi City Council

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

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

Rusty Bucket recognized

Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern, which

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

"It is a distinct privilege to have our brand recognized in these prestigious national reports," Gary Callicoat said. "Our goal at Rusty Bucket is to be America's favorite 'meet you there' neighborhood restaurant featuring the highest-quality fresh ingredients, served with our signature genuine hospitality. These accolades reaffirm our rising position in this industry and reflect the great commitment of our leadership team and our associates."

Among the achievements, Rusty Bucket for the first time has been recognized on Technomic's Top 500 Leading U.S. Chain Restaurants Report, which is the most comprehensive ranking, analysis and overview of the 2014 U.S. chain restaurant industry.

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The dealership has held the honor of highest volume sales dealer globally since 1997.* Varsity offers a newly remodeled showroom, indoor delivery area and service reception aisle. Varsity Lincoln works to make their customers feel number one.

This year Varsity Lincoln celebrated its 20th anniversary and won six prestigious automotive awards. They encompass the Triple Crown Award, Lincoln Leaders of Excellence, President's Award, Ford One Hundred Club, CPO Sales Leadership and Premier Club.

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- » 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22

"Certified Pre-Owned has a wonderful warran-

ty ... it goes up to 100,000 miles on the warranty," said long-time Varsity customer John Kilby.

Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln vehicles come with many benefits including:

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"To get a Certified Pre-Owned that comes with warranty, definitely get quality checked, that's important, especially with two girls in college," said five-time customer Julie Wilk.

"There are numerous benefits of purchasing a Certified Pre-Owned, including the outstanding warranty that comes with the vehicles," said Jere Law, Varsity Lincoln's General Sales Manager and Pre-Owned Director. "The 100,000-

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"The warranty is key. With Certified Pre-Owned, you get the best from Varsity Lincoln," Law said. Certified Pre-Owned financing is available for as low as 0.9% APR**.

"Leasing or buying from the number one dealer in the country gives you the best selection, price and service," Law said. "Our dealership is ready to assist customers with anything, whether it is special financing or a specific request. We can handle every unique situation."

"Loaded with features, a Lincoln will satisfy any

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"If you want a really nice experience with a dealership go to Varsity ... I see the difference," said first time customer Loretta Mackenroth.

This dealership provides The Varsity Lin-

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*Based on 6/2015 Total Certified Pre-Owned Lincoln Sales Report.

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Local Realtors buoyed by sales gains, price upswing

Existing-home sales increased in June to their highest pace in over eight years, while the cumulative effect of rising demand and limited supply helped push the national median sales price to an all-time high, according to the National Association of Realtors. All major regions experienced sales gains in June and have now risen above year-over-year levels for six consecutive months.

That's also true in metro Detroit.

"Oh, I would concur 100 percent," said Richard Eisiminger, broker of RichRealty of Plymouth. "The biggest is our auto industry. I would say that would be the biggest improvement considering perspectives in our area."

Canton resident Eisiminger points to strong auto sales, as well as Detroit emerging from bankruptcy. "All these things come into play. The main thing would be the auto sales, Detroit on the rebound and out of bankruptcy."

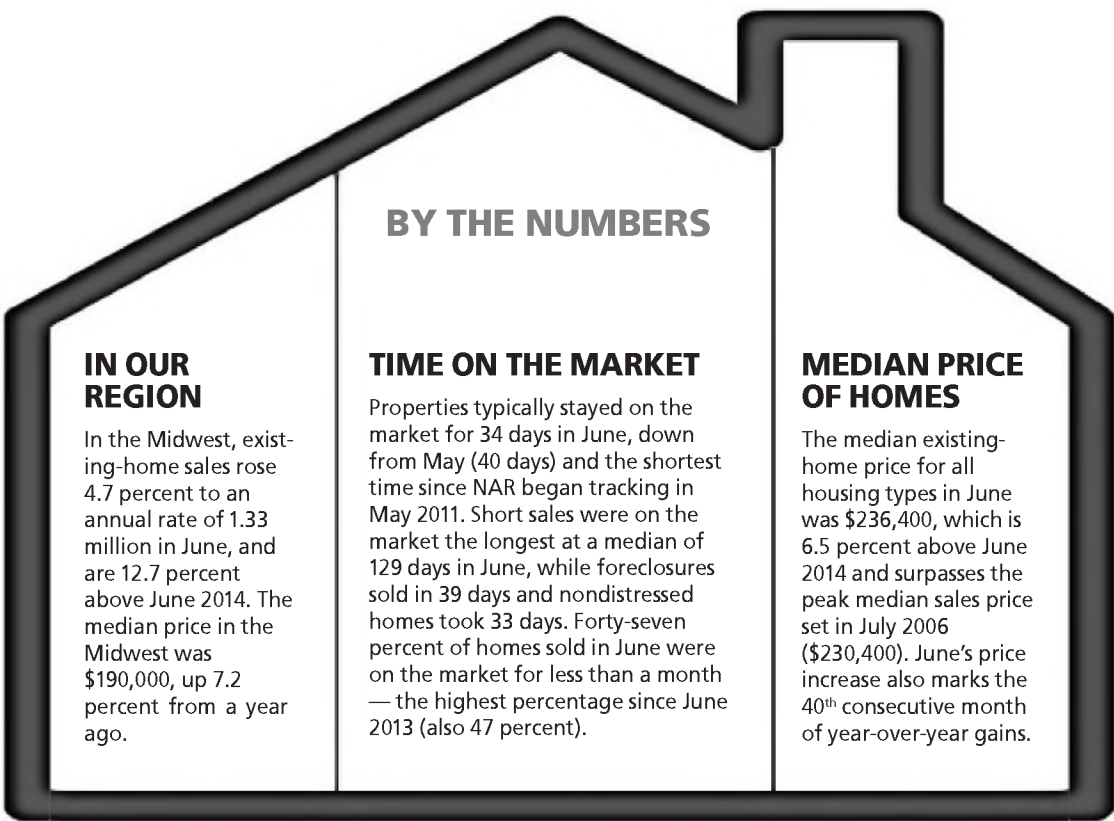
"There was such a pent-up demand that was just waiting to happen," Eisiminger added of the local housing market. "I believe that's happening now."

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, increased 3.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.49 million in June from a downwardly revised 5.32 million in May. Sales are now at their highest pace since February 2007 (5.79 million), have increased year-over-year for nine consecutive months and are 9.6 percent above a year ago (5.01 million).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says backed by June's solid gain in closings, this year's spring buying season has been the strongest since the downturn. "Buyers have come back in force, leading to the strongest past two months in sales since early 2007," he said. "This wave of demand is being fueled by a year-plus of steady job growth and an improving economy that's giving more households the financial wherewithal and incentive to buy."

Added Yun, "June sales were also likely propelled by the spring's initial phase of rising mortgage rates, which usually prods some prospective buyers to buy now rather than wait until later when borrowing costs could be higher."

The median existing-home price for all housing types in June was \$236,400, which is 6.5 percent above June 2014



and surpasses the peak median sales price set in July 2006 (\$230,400). June's price increase also marks the 40th consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of June inched 0.9 percent to 2.30 million existing homes available for sale, and is 0.4 percent higher than a year ago (2.29 million). Unsold inventory is at a 5.0-month supply at the current sales pace, down from 5.1 months in May.

RichRealty's Eisiminger noted Wayne County still faces challenges. "Hopefully, we are riding a wave of good times and get ourselves straightened out, too," he added of Wayne County.

The percent share of first-time buyers fell to 30 percent in June from 32 percent in May, but remained at or above 30 percent for the fourth consecutive month. A year ago, first-time buyers represented 28 percent of all buyers.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage rose in June to 3.98 from 3.84 percent in May, but remained just below 4.00 percent for the seventh straight month.

Properties typically stayed on the market for 34 days in June, down from May (40 days) and the shortest time since NAR began tracking in May 2011. Short sales were on the market the longest at a median of 129 days in June, while foreclosures sold in 39 days and nondistressed homes took 33 days. Forty-seven

percent of homes sold in June were on the market for less than a month — the highest percentage since June 2013 (also 47 percent).

Matching the lowest share since December 2009, all-cash sales were 22 percent of transactions in June, down from 24 percent in May and 32 percent a year ago. Individual investors, who account for many cash sales, purchased 12 percent of homes in June (14 percent in May) — the lowest since August 2014 (also 12 percent) and down from 16 percent in June 2014. Sixty-six percent of investors paid cash in June.

Distressed sales — foreclosures and short sales — fell to 8 percent in June (matching an August 2014 low) from 10 percent in May, and are below the 11 percent share a year ago. Six percent of June sales were foreclosures and 2 percent were short sales. Foreclosures sold for an average discount of 15 percent below market value in June (unchanged from May), while short sales were discounted 18 percent (16 percent in May).

Single-family home sales increased 2.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.84 million in June from 4.71 million in May, and are now 9.8 percent above the 4.41 million pace a year ago. The median existing single-family home price was \$237,700 in June, up 6.6 percent from June 2014 and surpassing the peak median sales price set in July 2006 (\$230,900).

Existing condominium and

co-op sales rose 6.6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 650,000 units in June from 610,000 units in May, up 8.3 percent from June 2014 (600,000 units) and the highest pace since May 2007 (680,000 units). The median existing condo price was \$226,500 in June, which is 5.5 percent above a year ago and the highest since August 2007 (\$229,200).

June existing-home sales in the Northeast climbed 4.3 percent to an annual rate of 720,000, and are now 12.5 percent above a year ago. The median price in the Northeast was \$281,200, which is 3.9 percent higher than June 2014.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales rose 4.7 percent to an annual rate of 1.33 million in June, and are 12.7 percent above June 2014. The median price in the Midwest was \$190,000, up 7.2 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the South increased 2.3 percent to an annual rate of 2.20 million in June, and are 7.3 percent above June 2014. The median price in the South was \$205,000, up 7.2 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the West rose 2.5 percent to an annual rate of 1.24 million in June, and are 8.8 percent above a year ago. The median price in the West was \$328,900, which is 9.9 percent above June 2014.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown and the NAR website contributed to this report.

Integrity wise in business dealings

Q: There seems to be a conspiracy between the management company and their law firm that is representing our association. We have asked our management company whether any other law firm works with them on any other project and they said no. I asked them why and they said that was the policy of the owner. Do you have any comment on that?

A: You should be suspect if the management company and the law firm do business in every project in which the management company is involved. I have seen that on numerous occasions. No doubt there may not be a fee agreement in place between the association and the attorney and there may be a tacit or explicit agreement on behalf of the law firm that it will not pursue the management company if there are any disputes between the association and the management company. You are best advised to consider a new management company and a new law firm since it appears that there is what has proverbially been called "sleeping with the enemy."

Q: Our condo project is planning on doing some major renovations. Most insurance companies require that a bond be in place before providing liability coverage for ongoing construction jobs. Does our management company have an obligation to see that a bond is in place during the construction process at a complex?

A: This is a very good question that is difficult to answer without more detailed facts. However, I can tell you that in California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals provided an interesting ruling in a recent decision regarding this issue. The court found that a bond exclusion provision in an insurance policy, which excluded coverage of any claims due to the management company's failure to maintain a bond, was deemed unambiguous and enforceable. As a result, the insurance company had no duty to defend or indemnify the management company due to its failure to keep the surety bonds in effect until construction was complete. There is a valuable lesson to learn here for managing entities that may be considering saving on bond costs before construction is completed, as it could pose a liability to the association in the event claims arise.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 30 to April 3, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
18880 Bedford St	\$455,000
17151 Beechwood Ave	\$252,000
32467 Evergreen Rd	\$375,000
16015 Kirkshire Ave	\$225,000
16991 Kirkshire Ave	\$255,000
15751 W 14 Mile Rd	\$100,000
31388 W Rutland St	\$242,000
BIRMINGHAM	
671 Bird Ave	\$635,000
2655 E Maple Rd # 11	\$56,000
1037 Floyd St	\$670,000
348 George St	\$308,000
512 Graten St	\$363,000
655 N Glenhurst Dr	\$728,000
1431 S Eton St	\$184,000
2031 Windemere Rd	\$326,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
2108 Park Ridge Dr	\$350,000
4596 Wabcek Forest Dr	\$649,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
3010 E Bradford Dr	\$275,000
2073 Eagle Pointe	\$215,000
1925 Forest Ln	\$420,000
224 Hadsell Dr	\$293,000

3701 Lakecrest Dr	\$1,600,000
2438 Lost Tree Way	\$369,000
1925 Pine Ridge Ln	\$200,000
4788 Quanton Rd	\$345,000
342 Roanoke Dr	\$825,000
600 Roanoke Dr	\$875,000
1870 Ward Rd	\$95,000
297 Wilshire Dr	\$1,375,000
2916 Woodcreek Way	\$510,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
395 Annison Dr	\$200,000
3710 Cheryl Dr	\$163,000
2020 Golfcrest Dr	\$285,000
6048 Strawberry Cir	\$325,000
9533 Trace Hollow Ct	\$286,000
1686 Union Cir	\$120,000
FARMINGTON	
31550 Lamar Dr	\$158,000
32319 Marblehead Rd	\$146,000
33125 Orchard St	\$109,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
22165 Averhill St	\$205,000
35173 Bunker Hill Dr	\$205,000
29257 Chateau Ct	\$542,000
25338 Crown Point Ct	\$230,000
28284 Golf Pointe Blvd	\$297,000
26105 La Muera St	\$257,000
29261 Laurel Dr	\$116,000
20915 Rockwell St	\$89,000
22396 Sheffield Ct	\$325,000
HIGHLAND	
516 Allen Dr	\$137,000
713 Benwick Ct	\$389,000
5211 Eagle Rd	\$97,000
1820 Lockwood	\$540,000

2900 Overbrook	\$325,000
2822 Rose Center Rd	\$164,000
3641 Tara Dr	\$183,000
MILFORD	
829 Duke	\$178,000
836 Friar Dr	\$153,000
525 Granda Vista Dr	\$165,000
406 River Oaks Dr	\$354,000
1581 S Creek Dr	\$223,000
NORTHVILLE	
41715 Broquet Dr	\$111,000
46926 Dunsany Rd	\$225,000
20864 E Glen Haven Cir	\$120,000
20931 E Glen Haven Cir	\$135,000
21890 Glenwild Dr	\$285,000
338 Sherrie Ln	\$175,000
20873 W Glen Haven Cir	\$129,000
NOVI	
40032 12 Oaks Crescent Dr # 5011	\$250,000
23757 Argyle St	\$466,000
24444 Cavendish Ave E	\$490,000
30915 Copper Ln	\$221,000
40054 Crosswinds	\$138,000
27980 Declaration Rd	\$145,000
25618 Gina Ct	\$635,000
41777 Independence Dr	\$139,000
42859 Ledgeview Dr	\$326,000
40757 Lenox Park Dr	\$285,000
154 Linhart St	\$173,000
27865 Middleton Dr	\$220,000
40610 Rock Hill St	\$189,000
30970 Seneca Ln	\$191,000
25940 Sierra Dr	\$200,000
23587 Stonehenge Blvd	\$106,000
24704 Venice Dr	\$310,000

145 Wainwright St	\$164,000
26019 Whipple	\$157,000
SOUTH LYON	
440 Cambridge Ave	\$149,000
24976 Carriage Ln	\$73,000
61180 Greenwood Dr	\$64,000
323 Harvard Ave	\$177,000
23378 Millwood	\$523,000
976 Oak Creek Dr	\$210,000
22858 Saint Andrews Dr	\$558,000
58640 Swing Beam Ct	\$450,000
58664 Winnowing Cir N	\$80,000
58491 Winnowing Cir S	\$76,000
24814 Winnowing Ct	\$93,000
SOUTHFIELD	
17340 Catalpa Dr	\$150,000
20120 Covington Pkwy	\$72,000
28100 Everett St	\$65,000
28086 Fairfax St	\$42,000
20175 Ledgestone St	\$87,000
17540 Melrose St	\$113,000
17240 Nadora St	\$205,000
15940 New Hampshire St	\$111,000
20169 Rodeo Ct	\$90,000
29435 Spring Hill Dr	\$114,000
30009 Spring River Dr	\$169,000
29323 Westbrook Pkwy	\$97,000
WHITE LAKE	
801 Cedar Bay Ct	\$166,000
169 Danforth St	\$518,000
1170 Fairview St	\$149,000
38645 Lakesview Dr	\$217,000
45 Myrick St	\$148,000
9743 Shelby Dr	\$210,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 20-24, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
43172 Appletwood Rd	\$230,000
739 Buchanan St	\$262,000
1440 Centennial Dr	\$490,000
196 Cherry Stone Dr	\$185,000
41817 Cornerwood Ct	\$286,000
1423 Copeland Cir	\$213,000
7145 Copper Creek Cir	\$140,000
4116 Coronet Ave	\$209,000
42327 Glencove Ct	\$207,000
50070 Grant St	\$216,000
49436 Great Falls Rd	\$75,000
46079 Hanford Rd	\$268,000
49232 Hawksbury Rd	\$307,000
50414 Jefferson St	\$291,000
8577 N Canton Center Rd	\$260,000
2866 River Meadow Cir	\$200,000
3359 Riverside Ct	\$229,000

2171 S Cavalier Dr	\$202,000
49651 Shire Ln	\$362,000
43850 Simsbury St	\$250,000
7424 Stonebrook Dr	\$390,000
4102 Wrenwood Ln	\$273,000
4136 Wrenwood Ln	\$267,000
4141 Wrenwood Ln	\$302,000
GARDEN CITY	
6824 Belton St	\$80,000
29045 Birchlawn St	\$55,000
6523 Fairfield St	\$114,000
33541 Florence St	\$97,000
1044 Helen St	\$65,000
6355 Merriman Rd	\$48,000
6355 Merriman Rd	\$100,000
30835 Pierce St	\$35,000
32731 Sheridan St	\$98,000
LIVONIA	
36676 Angeline Cir	\$161,000
20210 Antago St	\$34,000
15356 Bainbridge St	\$158,000
14891 Bassett St	\$145,000
27940 Bentley St	\$125,000
29831 Buckingham St	\$200,000
9183 Butwell St	\$140,000
14520 Fairlane St	\$283,000
17262 Fairway St	\$208,000

17980 Fairway St	\$180,000
18681 Gill Rd	\$218,000
17558 Golfview St	\$103,000
28863 Hathaway St	\$135,000
29137 Hathaway St	\$103,000
29757 Hillbrook St	\$146,000
15943 Huff St	\$240,000
37778 Ladywood St	\$275,000
17512 Levant St	\$165,000
15721 Loveland St	\$250,000
9933 Middlebelt Rd	\$57,000
29420 Minton St	\$55,000
19514 Norwich Rd	\$210,000
32339 Oakley St	\$120,000
34993 Parkdale St	\$175,000
19532 Parker St	\$153,000
19540 Pollyanna Ct	\$285,000
16219 Quakerstown Ln	\$238,000
NORTHVILLE	
45042 Broadmoor Cir S	\$451,000
44107 Deep Hollow Cir	\$60,000
19587 Northridge Dr	\$100,000
45208 Oak Forest Dr	\$615,000
42266 Waterfall Rd	\$380,000
PLYMOUTH	
49659 Draper Cir	\$160,000

15610 Denby	\$75,000
19975 Indian	\$85,000
18296 Lennane	\$62,000
15654 Wakenden	\$62,000
15654 Wakenden	\$116,000
20510 Wakenden	\$60,000
WAYNE	
4534 Niagara St	\$50,000
WESTLAND	
38476 Chestnut Ln	\$130,000
34950 College St	\$37,000
8320 Emerald Ln E	\$167,000
8702 Fremont St	\$113,000
32151 Harvard St	\$96,000
851 Judith St	\$120,000
28959 McDonald St	\$122,000
744 N Byfield St	\$105,000
5876 N Newburgh Rd	\$115,000
7859 Ritz Ave	\$137,000
32532 Sandra Ln	\$135,000
34606 Sansburn St	\$92,000
38645 Shelby Dr	\$235,000
1484 Shoemaker Dr	\$50,000
413 Surrey Hts	\$115,000
8221 Terri Dr	\$145,000

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

Set goals first

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

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



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

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

Be respectful of your own time

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

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

Have an end-of-day ritual

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

Take breaks

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

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