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Northville Senior Fest is June 8

Northville Senior Services will host the annual Senior Fest from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 8 at the Northville Community Center Gymnasium.

Join in for a picnic lunch, entertainment and prizes galore. Tickets are \$8 per person and must be purchased in advance.

For more information, contact Senior Services at 248-305-2851 or register in person at Northville Community Center Senior Services, 303 W. Main St., Northville.

Divas on the Go event

The public is invited to shop with some 30 vendors, while sipping on premium wines from Wines for Humanity from 1-5 p.m. Aug. 6, at the American Legion Post 147, 100 W. Dunlap, Northville.

The indoor-outdoor event is hosted by The Direct Selling Divas on the Go.

Township to use forfeiture funds for police facility rehab

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Northville Township will use federal drug forfeiture funds to make some \$720,000 improvements to its police facility on Six Mile Road.

The township has state and federal drug forfeiture revenue of approximately \$1.3 million, most of which is in federal funds. The U.S. Department of Justice in April approved the township's request to use the money to make building and site improvements at the police building.

"This is one of the best things that has happened to us in the last several months," Supervisor Robert Nix said. "This is one that helps us with capital improvements."

The township board May 19 approved a maximum \$50,000 contract with AKT Peerless Environmental and Energy services to provide design, oversight and help with bid specifications for the improvements.

Repairs at the police facility

were identified in a capital improvements assessment completed in May 2015, said Marina Neumaier, finance director. The report lays out a 20-year maintenance and repair plan for township facilities and infrastructure improvements. The plan led trustees late last year

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Northville maintains current tax rate

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

Northville property owners will not see an increase in the city's 13.5-mill property tax rate for the new 2016-17 budget year. "We ended up being higher

"We ended up being higher than the Consumer Price Index (inflation)," City Manager Patrick Sullivan said.

The city council May 16 approved the millage rate and adopted 2016-17's \$7.08 million budget, which represents a 5.8percent increase over the previous year.

At 13.5 mills, the owner of a home with a state equalized value of \$350,000 and a taxable value of \$150,000, will pay \$2,037.96 in taxes for the city, excluding taxes levied by other jurisdictions.

With an increase in the city's overall property values, the la.5-mill property tax rate al-lows the city to capture an addi-tional \$145,000 in general operating revenue. Of that increase, \$80,000 is dedicated for additional pension and retiree health care trust fund contributions. Approximately \$32,000 of the \$145,000 is expected to go into the city's fund balance. But it's the future that is concerning as the city is expected to reach the Headlee limitation within the next two years. Headlee requires a local unit of government to reduce its millage when annual growth on existing property is greater than the rate of inflation. "We are within one-third of a mill," Sullivan said, referring to the maximum levy allowed under the Headlee Amendment. The 2016 tax roll has a rollback factor of 0.9872, which reduced the maximum city millage rate from 14.0902 to 13.9098. That is likely to mean a request to the public to override the Headlee Amendment to allow the city to continue levying its current operating rate for the future. The charter maximum millage limit is 20 mills, which under the Headlee amendment, is unlikely to ever occur. While property value increases may show an economic improvement, the uptick doesn't necessarily translate to a financial boon for city coffers. "This is not a windfall for the city," Mayor Ken Roth said. Trustee Nancy Darga added, "we're getting penalized," referring to the limit on capturing property value growth. "Just remember Headlee never rolls up.'



A wreath is laid at the tomb of a veteran at Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery on Memorial Day.

A day of honoring and remembering

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Parade, ceremonies held on Memorial Day

Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer

After several days of sticky heat, Monday's milder temperatures formed the perfect backdrop for the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremonies at two local cemeteries.

Thanks to the Northville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012, the community has enjoyed the annual parade since 1944.

"I feel blessed we are in this community," said Joanne Bandoni, a member of the Northville Arts Commission Board. "Even when we didn't live here, we came here."

Her husband, Kurt Menhart — with their chihuahua Bella on his lap — considered the importance of Memorial Day. "We have these freedoms be-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER The parade and its spectators march up the road to Northville's Rural Hill

cause of these people (military). I am concerned that younger generations don't understand the importance of these parades."

Cemetery for a Memorial Day ceremony.

The parade was all about remembering those who gave

their lives for the United States and freedom. Grand Marshals were U.S. Navy veterans Don Rodda, who is about to turn 90, and Clare Hein, 99, and still a

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N'ville fire promotes 4 to lieutenant rank

been with the department since 2001, where he has

served as a Firefighter/

EMT and has headed up

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holds an associate degree

in fire science, and represents the department as a

member of the Western

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resents the department

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Firefighter/Paramedic

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service experience and a

background in electrical

Incident Safety Officer

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Addressing the liability

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Lt. Robert Weiland is a

nical Rescue team.

Coordinator.

to department's public

The Northville City Fire Department, which serves the cities of Northville and Plymouth, announced this week the promotion of four members to the rank of lieutenant. The promotions come as the result of a promotional process that included applications, interviews with the fire chief and an interview with an oral board comprised of lieutenants and captains from neighboring communities.

Sixteen department personnel applied for the four positions, two of which are replacements

for retiring members and two of which are newly authorized positions.

Members who have been promoted reflect the breadth of talent and experience of the department's personnel, Fire Chief Stephen Ott said.

Lt. Brian Bohnet is a Firefighter/EMT with the department, where he has served for 13 years. He is also one of the department's Fire Inspectors, and a Fire Instructor through the state of Michigan. Lt. Bohnet will serve as the department's Training Officer.

Lt. John Lapenta has

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Wayne Fire Department Mutual Aid Association's Technical Rescue team. Lt. Lapenta will work as the department's EMS Lt. Matthew Samhat has served the department as a Firefighter/ EMT since graduating from an in-house fire academy in 2012. He holds a bachelor of arts in criminal justice. Like

> and a Health and Safety Officer. Lt. Weiland will serve as Quartermaster, with responsibility for the department's equipment.

> Fire Department provides fire suppression, basic life support (BLS) EMS, Fire Prevention and Inspection Services

for retiree health care

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The city's unfunded

\$8 million, and this year's

includes a contribution of

\$80,000 into the defined

benefit pension plan and

pension liability is some

and Public Education for the cities of Northville and Plymouth. The combined department operates out of three stations. Between the two cit-

the retiree healthcare trust fund.

fund is the largest of its funds and relies on 68 percent of its revenue from property taxes. It covers the city's operations, including police, fire, public works, administration and debt service, for example.

street, drainage and sidewalk improvement fund, as well as major street fund, local street fund and a host of smaller funds, such as the Down-





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From left are Robert Weiland, Matthew Samhat, John Lapenta and Brian Bohnet. The four Northville Fire Department members have been promoted to lieutenant.

The Northville City

The department is staffed by a full-time chief and 55 part-time and paid on-call firefighters and EMS responders.

The city's general

The city also has a

ies, the department serves an area of 4.5 square miles and a residential population of 15,000. The department responds to approximately 1,600 calls for service each year.

For more information, contact Chief Steve Ott at 248-449-9920 or sott@ci.northville.mi.us.

town Development Authority, public improvements, police equipment replacement, housing commission and its debt retirement fund and capital outlay fund.

Other highlights of the 2016-17 budget include:

» Staffing: No fulltime staffing changes are anticipated in the 2016-17 budget. Full-time staffing was reduced from 41 to 40 in the current budget year. A full-time parks position was eliminated the previous year. Since 2005, full-time staffing has been reduced by 31 percent while maintaining service levels.

» The Capital Improvement Program with \$1.1 million in physical improvements. Projects include South Wing Street and Water Main Improvements, \$325,000; Beck Road Street Improvements, \$70,000; Walnut Street and Water Main Improvements, \$240,000; Paving of two parking lots, \$63,000; Phase II of Rural Hill Cemetery development, \$105,000; 800 MHz radios for Police Department. \$31,000; Two Police Vehicles, \$80,000; Allen Terrace Apartment Bathroom Remodels, \$205,000; Pickup Truck, \$38,000; Wood Chipper, \$55,000; Downtown Wayfinding, \$22,000. » Water and sewer: City officials expect to schedule a meeting to discuss new water and sewer rates. The Great Lakes Water Authority, formerly the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department, has approved a water increase of 5.9 percent, while Wayne County is expected to levy an 8.5-percent increase. Due to the decrease in sewer capital improvements this year the city, however, is proposing to maintain the rate of \$5.83 per unit for another year. » Trash and recycling: The residential program rate is proposed to increase from \$36 to \$39.02 bimonthly. This \$3.02 bimonthly increase is due to increased contractor costs, the new brush chipping program, which began in April 2015, and other inflationary adjustments. » Downtown Development Authority: The DDA, in cooperation with the city, will undertake the development of a new Strategic Plan for Downtown Northville. The previous Strategic Plan was completed in 2006, and the majority of projects and programs outlined in it have been successfully implemented. The seven-month planning initiative will kick off in April 2016, and will include an extensive public participation effort. The updated plan, when completed, will serve as a blueprint to help guide the future growth and development of Downtown Northville. The General Fund will contribute approximately 36 percent of this cost.

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Northville's Memorial Day weekend Flower Sale took over Main Street from Friday, May 27 through Saturday, May 28.

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motorcyclist.

As representatives of the community's veterans, including World War II, Korean, Vietnam and the Gulf conflicts, marched passed the crowds along Main Street, all were at attention, some clapping, others saluting.

As the parade wound to its end, many families followed the entourage first to Oakwood Cemetery — for a prayer and gun salute — and then on to the Rural Hill Cemetery for prayers, patriotic songs and a commemoration of all who have given their lives to protect America and its freedoms.

VFW member and longtime Northville resi-

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Members of the Ladies' VFW Auxillary and Cub Scouts bow their heads in prayer during the Northville Memorial Day ceremony at Rural Hill Cemetery.

dent Jay Sugrue emceed the ceremony that took place right behind the headstone of Lloyd Green, the only Northville soldier killed in action during World War I. American Legion Post 146 is named after Green.

The Northville High School band provided the patriotic music for the ceremony. Prayers were said, led by Raymond Rodriquez, American Legion Post 147 chaplain. commander Gary De-Mars to place a wreath on Green's grave. Talking about the men

Rodriquez joined Post

and women who answer "yes" when called to defend their country, Northville Mayor Ken Roth told families gathered at Rural Hill that they do so "fully recognizing what the consequences might be."

Guest speaker retired U.S. Navy Capt. Howard Rundell of Northville reminded guests what Memorial Day signifies: remembering and honoring military personnel who gave their lives in the call of duty. He urged all to learn and understand the country's history.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, "because they thought they could get away with it." The Japa-

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jmaliszews@hometownlife.com 248-396-6620 Twitter: @jmaliszews Download our free apps for iPhone, iPad or Android! nese, Rundell said, considered Americans as lacking moral resolve to pose any danger in retaliation. But just four months later Capt. Jimmy Doolittle and his crew attacked Toyko. "They did very little physical damage. But they did a huge amount of psychological damage." Six months after the

Flower sale kicks off

N'ville's holiday weekend

Six months after the Pearl Harbor destruction, American forces trounced Japan at the Battle of Midway, turning the tide of the war. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hannah Giaier, with Stah's Nursery, displays a hanging basket on May 27 during Northville's Memorial Day Weekend Flower Sale. The sale, which took over Main Street between Wing and Dunlap, consisted of flowers, plants and vegetable starter packs.



"It is my belief we as a nation ... we spend too much time apologizing to who knows for who knows what," Rundell added.

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to agree to set aside \$130,000 annually from the budget's general fund for those projects. The use of forfeiture funds for police building improvements is considered a boon for the township. The police department was built in 1978 and in 2003 was expanded while part of the older portion of the building was improved. "We identified critical needs for the police department," Neumaier said.

It's uncertain when work will begin on the police building. "We'll have a better idea when we go out for bids," NeuPlanned improvements include: » Parking lot resurfac-

maier said.

ing, including curb and gutter, site lighting and landscape irrigation — \$350,000.

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Classmates celebrate at NHS prom 2016



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville High School students are in their finest as they get ready to celebrate their high school years.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Sarah Greenspan is ready for the prom.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Students gather as the Northville High School prom begins.



Two young ladies pose for a photographer's camera at Northville High's 2016 prom.



Silvio Porco arrives at the May 26 Northville High School prom at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

Special-needs enrichment center hosts open house Saturday

Northville's Living & Learning Enrichment Center invites the public to stop in for its Open House on Saturday, June 4 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Open House visitors can check out information regarding activities, groups, summer courses and camps. Living & Learning works with kids with ADHD, anxiety, school phobia, Asperger's, Autism and other special needs. It provides services for youth, teens and young adults who struggle socially, academically and emotionally in reaching their full potential. Northville resident and founder of Living & Learning Rachelle Vartanian said her mission is to assist all people in reaching their own personal best.

"Your child has specific strengths and weaknesses that are unique and make them who they are. We believe in order to increase 'desirable qualities' and 'enrich one's life,' it can only be done by knowing your child first as that individual," Vartanian said.

Living & Learning is located at 150 Mary Alexander Court in Northville. There will be a prize raffle including one free summer art course for children, teens and tweens.

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Police arrest man at Twelve Oaks

A drunken man who allegedly refused to leave the mall and was belligerent with police found himself in jail.

The man and two of his friends were allegedly harassing employees and causing a disturbance at about 7:30 p.m. May 23 at Twelve Oaks mall

Novi police were called and made contact with three subjects that mall security were following. Officers asked the men why they were causing problems and refusing to leave and one of the subjects immediately became loud and argumentative, according to a police report.

They stated they knew their rights and didn't have to leave or talk with the police and then two of the subjects got their phones out and began recording the officers. They were advised that was fine, but they still needed to follow directions. Police said the suspects were told they were now considered trespassing on Twelve Oaks mall property and became aggressive and were asked several times to step back.

The men finally agreed to leave and were escorted to their parked vehicle, where one of the subjects continued to tell officers they were going to be sued and demanded all their badge numbers. He was advised multiple times that if he did not leave, he was going to be arrested.

His companion attempted to get his friend to leave, but he refused to get in the car. He was then advised he was under arrest for trespassing and as he was escorted to a patrol car, continued to yell and use profanities, the report continued. He was asked to watch his language in front of other mall patrons, but ignored the request.

He smelled of alcohol and when asked how much he had to drink he said it didn't matter because he was not in a vehicle. He stated he was 19 years old and that his handcuffs were too tight and "wrong" and he should be chained to the pole on the wall. He claimed he was studying law at MSU and knew how he should be handcuffed.

Police told the man he would have to be kept for 12 hours due to his amount of alcohol use. He was issued misdemeanor citations for criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct and minor in possession of alcohol

Drunken, broke hotel guest

A drunken woman who allegedly refused to pay her hotel and bar tab was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper.

Novi police were called at about 7 p.m. May 22 to the Sheraton Hotel on Haggerty Road after the woman allegedly refused to pay her bill for the previous night's stay. She had checked in the night before and used a credit card to reserve the room only. At 1 p.m., she was refusing to leave the room and still had a \$123.17 balance, a police report stated.

The woman appeared intoxicated and began harassing staff and guests. Employees were able to get her out of the room and down to the lobby, where she began drinking again, they told police. She was given four additional hours to come up with the payment and was unable to do so. All of the cards she provided were declined.

She became increasingly hostile toward staff and guests and believed she had paid for the room by reserving it. She told police she was in Michigan visiting a man after she broke up with her boyfriend and the man never showed up. She told officers she was leaving the next day to fly back to Florida and had no one to contact to pay for the room and her bar tab.

She was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper and taken to jail. A preliminary Breathalyzer test showed she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.335 percent.

Captain caught

Two women learned they didn't have super powers when they allegedly tried to steal Captain America shorts from Kohl's

Novi police responded to the store at about 5 p.m. May 23 after loss prevention personnel said they saw one of the women removing a De-

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troit Tigers tank top from a hanger and putting it in her purse which she was attempting to conceal by pushing up against the rack. She then selected a pair of Captain America workout shorts and put those in her purse.

The other woman selected two pairs of Captain America shorts and went into the fitting room. The women then left the store without paying for anything and the loss prevention officer escorted them back into the store, where one of the women took off the shorts she had put on under her dress. The other woman also removed Captain America shorts and the Tigers tank top from under her dress

Both were cited for retail fraud, third degree.

Birthday fail

A woman who reportedly was caught stealing two dresses, two Calvin Klein blouses, a pair of Lucky jeans and a Marilyn Monroe denim from Macy's at Twelve Oaks mall said they were birthday presents.

Novi police officers responded to the store at about 4:41 p.m. May 23 after loss prevention staff got the woman back in the store with a struggle after she failed to pay for the items. She said her husband lost his job two years ago and she stole the items to surprise her daughter for her birthday and didn't have the money to pay for the items. She was arrested on a retail fraud charge and her husband paid her \$100 bond. She was told she is not allowed to return to Macy's.

Drunken driving

A woman who rearended another vehicle stopped at a traffic light at 3:14 p.m. May 22 on eastbound Grand River at Beck Road was found to be intoxicated, police allege.

The victim told Novi police she was stopped for the red light when a woman in an Explorer struck her. After being checked by medics, the complainant was cleared to leave the scene

after 2 a.m. May 22 on westbound West Pontiac Trail, east of Beck Road. The vehicle slowed as it approached the officer's car and the officer watched the suspect vehicle cross the center line, then veer right to the fog line before a sharp turn left on Wellington, where the officer stopped him.

The driver smelled of intoxicants and said he and his passenger consumed wine over dinner in Waterford, as well as a Jager bomb. He said his last drink was an hour and a half prior. A preliminary Breathalyzer test indicated he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.137 percent.

The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and jailed until sober. The passenger was taken home by a police officer.

Pot and phone

A man who allegedly had been smoking marijuana and looking at an app on his phone while driving was pulled over by a Novi police officer at about 1 a.m. May 26 on Haggerty Road, south of Nine Mile Road.

The officer made the traffic stop after watching the vehicle cross the center lane. During the traffic stop, the officer stated he saw the man had his cellphone on his lap with an application running. The driver said he was looking down at his phone and did not realize he drove out of his lane.

The officer noted he could smell marijuana inside the vehicle and asked if the driver had smoked recently. The driver reportedly admitted to smoking the previous evening and that there may be some near the center console. The officer found a small bag hidden in a sunglasses case.

The man was arrested on a possession of marijuana charge.

Friend to the birds

Police were called at about 7:50 a.m. May 21 to Jimmy John's on Beck Road for a suspicious person.

An employee of the usiness said a man fre quently takes bread from its dumpster and feeds the birds. The employee said the subject is a black male, in his 20s or 30s, with a thin, unkept beard and mentally disabled. She said he has been in the area as long as 12 hours and has frequented the area since last August. He has been seen in the winter without a coat. The officer advised he would keep an eye out for the subject and that if he could be identified, the police might be able to check on his living conditions or notify the Department of Human Services. She was told to call back if she sees him again.

"Stayin' Alive" on Twelve Mile Road for a report of customer trouble.

The manager said the customers were refusing to leave after not meeting the dress code requirements.

One of the customers said she and several friends were allowed to enter the club by a security guard after paying the cover fee at the door, but after entering she and her friends were approached by management and asked to leave because they did not meet dress code requirements. She said she was not going to leave until she received a full refund from the bar for five Patron margaritas they never received and the cover charge.

The manager said he would only refund the cover fee and drinks that were not consumed that totaled \$76. The woman was not satisfied with the refund and said it should be more based on drinks they never received. She eventually agreed to leave with the \$76 refund. She was banned from returning to the establishment.

Garage sale theft

A woman hosting a garage sale on Byrne Drive called Novi police at about 12:11 p.m. May 20 after an elderly woman driving a pickup truck allegedly stopped and took some black plastic lawn edging without paying for it.

The complainant attempted to get the driver's attention, but the suspect threw it in the back of her truck and drove off without acknowledging the homeowner, she said. The victim said it was only worth a few dollars and she doesn't want to file a larceny complaint, but she noticed other items in the truck and thought the woman is driving around stealing from yard sales.

Hotel theft

A guest at the Hyatt Hotel on Grand River Avenue reported at about 11 p.m. May 19 his Ralph Lauren prescription eyeglasses, as well as a Gucci belt, were missing from his room. He said he checked into the hotel May 15. At 10 p.m. May 19, when he was packing his bag, he discovered his extra pair of glasses, valued at \$670 were missing, as well as the \$325 belt.



EVA DAWN 94, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died peacefully on May 25, 2016, eleven days after suffering a serious stroke. She was born in Cleveland. Ohio, and grew up in Highland Park, Michigan. She attended Highland Park High School. In July 1944 she married Ernie Aruffo, to whom she was married for nearly 72 years. They lived in and around Detroit, Michigan, where they raised two daughters, Sylvia and Patricia, and worked together in the family's custom floor covering store. In October 2015, they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Eva Dawn was an excellent seamstress who made suits, shirts, jackets, sweaters, and dresses for herself and family members. An accomplished and sought-after calligrapher, she taught calligraphy at Schoolcraft College in Michigan. For many years Eva Dawn was an active member of Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, where she was President of the Women's Society and applied her artistic talents to enhance numerous church-related events. From 2003 to 2014, Eva Dawn and Ernie volunteered as guides at Novi's district court. Dressed in their Sunday best, they would help people-often, young people in an unfamiliar and intimidating environment-find the appropriate courtroom, office, or even nearby restaurant. As Eva Dawn said in a story about their volunteer work, "It's wonderful to be as old as we are and still get around. I believe you ought to do something that will help other people." One of her happiest memories was seeing Ernie step off the plane that brought him home from World War II. Her proudest accomplishment was raising two beautiful girls. And her advice was to forget the aches and pains and find something to do for someone else." Eva Dawn is survived by her husband, Ernie; two daughters, Sylvia, who lives in Highland Park, Illinois with her husband Fred Orkin, and Patricia, who lives in Albuquerque with her husband, William Balassi; and two grandchildren, Donald Smith, who lives with his wife Kembra Howdeshell in Greenboro, North Carolina, and Christopher Aruffo, who lives in Evanston. Illinois A Memorial Service and celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, June 17, at 3:00 p.m. at Brookdale Senior Center, 300 Valencia Drive SE Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87108

our Lord's open arms to be reunited with her husband, Louis and son, Danny. She quietly passed this earthy life on her own terms and was surrounded by loved ones. Born in Kingston, Ontario, Canada and at a very young age her family moved to the United States and made Michigan their home. She graduated from Mackenzie High and worked as a Bookkeeper. Betty married Louis LaCroix on September 5, 1953. They were married 52 years and had three children. Denise, Michael, and Danny. She enjoyed an active life as a lifetime member of the American Legion Stitt Post 232 Aux. She loved to dance, bowl, play cards, golf and was a fabulous cook whom was most comfortable in the kitchen. Her favorite book was the dictionary and scrabble was her favorite game. Later renamed "Betty Wins." She and Louie made their life in South Lyon where they raised their family for 47 years. They then went on to become members of the Upper Peninsula Club in Whitmore Lake. Betty was preceded in death by her son, Danny in 1980 and her husband, Louie in 2005. She is survived by her daughter, Denise, and son, Michael; her grandson, Danny; and her sister, Janet O'Neil (Len); sisters-in-law, Doreen Young and Judy LaCroix; and brother in-law CeCe LaCroix: many cousins, nieces and nephews. Her quick wit personality made her the life of the party. She was loved by all and will be missed by all. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, June 1 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. A celebration of her life was held at Upper Peninsula Club, Whitmore Lake. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, www.phillipsfuneral.com.





ARTHUR Age 79, May 28, 2016. Beloved husband of Alice Anne. Dear father of Nancy Bergner (Mario) and Dave Pearce (Shannon). Loving grandfather of Justin, Joy, Christopher, Isaac and Elijah Bergner; Nickolas, Lauren and Annelise Pearce. Brother of Esther Williams, Funeral Service was held Wednesday 11 a.m. at Dunning Park Bible Chapel, Redford, Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Dunning Park Kids Camp Fund or Providence Hospital Foundation. Please leave the family cherished memories and condolences at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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The driver who rearended the woman reportedly had slurred speech and said she had a couple of drinks at a nearby establishment and was driving home. She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary Breathalyzer test indicated she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.196 percent. In Michigan, a BAC of 0.08 percent or more is considered drunk. She was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Drunken driving II

A man who had wine over dinner and followed it up with a Jager bomb was arrested on a drunken driving charge.

A Novi police officer saw the man driving a vehicle at about 58 mph in a 45 mph zone shortly

Stayin' Alive

Novi police officers responded at 12:46 a.m. to

Embezzlement

A Macy's employee who allegedly stole three cosmetics items, each valued at \$20, is facing an embezzlement charge.

Novi police responded May 22 to the store at Twelve Oaks mall after the employee reportedly admitted she had taken the items from the makeup counter without paying for them.

— By Susan Bromley

NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

Man charged for driving under influence

A man was transported to the hospital May 21 after he made suicidal threats, following his arrest by Northville police on charges of driving under the influence.

An officer on patrol at about 1:30 a.m. saw a man in a 2015 Ford Fusion speeding on eastbound Main, just east of Center. The man reportedly also drove in the middle of the southbound lanes.

When the officer pulled over the man, he reported he could smell intoxicants and had slurred speech. The man told the officer he had driven from Farmington. The officer had the man perform sobriety tasks.

According to the report, the officer also saw fresh damage to the front of the man's car. It appeared as though he had struck a grass embankment as grass was found

under the car's front grill.

In a sobriety test, the man also tested above the state alcohol limit. When he was placed in the officer's patrol car, the man began yelling and lunged at the officer, who was trying to read him his Miranda rights. On further investigation, the officer discovered that the man had a previous driving while impaired charge. The man's license plates were confiscated and destroyed and the car impounded for forfeiture. The car reportedly is owned by the man's parents.

Marijuana possession

Northville police followed an orange Econoline van shortly after 8 p.m. May 21 after discovering that the driver had a felony warrant on dangerous drugs from Oakland County. The officer saw the van then stop at the Good Time Party

Store on Seven Mile.

While the officer parked out of sight, he called for backup as a large crowed was gathered outside the store. While there, the officer saw a woman leave the store and get into the passenger side of the van

The officer and a backup unit followed the van eastbound on Seven Mile. The officer then stopped the van on Seven Mile, near Gerald, and they pulled into the Highland Lakes shopping center. The man was handcuffed as police found that he was driving on an expired license and had outstanding warrants for driving on a suspended license. The man was also charged for possession of marijuana after they found it in a plastic bag. The man told police it was his and the woman in the van con firmed that.

Northville celebrates with annual Arts and Acts Festival

The Northville Art House shines a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout the region when the annual Arts and Acts Festival returns for the seventh consecutive year June 17-19 in historic downtown

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Northville. The festival includes the 28th annual juried fine art show Art in the Sun, featuring more than 70 talented artists; the Sandbox Play Festival

produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the Short on Words Literary Contest; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians; children's activities; the annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and a large variety of food and

drink.

Arts and Acts brings together the community to celebrate the local arts. With the exception of the tickets for the Sandbox Play Festival and a recommended donation for the chalk festival, Arts and Acts is a free event. It is also a

major fundraiser for the Northville Art House. The funds raised allow NAH to bring quality art exhibits and art education to Northville and the surrounding communities.

Arts and Acts will run 3-8 p.m. Friday, June 17, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 18, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19. Activities will be centered around Main and Center streets in downtown Northville.

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Novi split on approving business tax breaks

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

A difference in philosophy was behind the Novi City Council's split vote May 23 in granting tax abatements to two businesses.

On one side of the literal coin were proponents who argued tax abatements provide economic growth incentives. On the flip side, opponents charged tax abatements provide unnecessary corporate welfare.

Ultimately, the council approved in two 5-2 votes "industrial facilities exemption certificates" and related agreements for tax abatements for Stoneridge Inc. and BoCo Enterprises Inc., a.k.a. Suburban Collection Showplace.

Mayor Bob Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Dave Staudt and council members Brian Burke, Laura Marie Casey and Wayne Wrobel voted yes. Council members Gwen Markham and Andrew Mutch voted no.

In public hearings just prior to the votes, some city residents voiced their objections.

'Corporate welfare'

We have a company here that wants to rent a facility in Novi and is asking in a 65-page document for a three-year tax abatement of \$14,442.44 and yet they claim they are bringing 50 new jobs with an average salary of \$130,000," John Kuenzel said, referring to Stoneridge. "Just what is going on here? The people of the city of Novi deserve time to look at this giveaway of the taxpayer money to a company that should be wealthy enough to cover a \$14,000 tab. What you and your council majority are proposing to do in the Stoneridge case may be legal, but it's not completely honest and fair."

Kuenzel also objected



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A tax break for Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River Avenue was approved earlier this month by city council as its owner plans to expand.

to the wording of a public notice issued five days before the meeting, challenging whether citizens would actually understand what consideration of an exemption certificate under PA 198 of 1974 as amended for BoCo Enterprises Inc. meant.

In background information provided to council members in their agenda packets for both the Stoneridge and BoCo agreements and available for viewing at the cityofnovi.org, it is explained that Public Act 198 "provides a tax incentive to manufacturers to enable renovation and expansion of aging facilities, assist in the building of new facilities and to promote the establishment of high-tech facilities. An Industrial Development District (IDD) or a Plant Rehabilitation District (PRD) must be created before an exemption from taxes can be granted. An Industrial Facilities Exemption (IFE) certificate entitles the facility to exemption from ad valorem real and/or personal property taxes for a term of 1-12 years."

BoCo Enterprises Inc. requested the exemption and tax abatement for what is described as a \$10 million investment, a 176,000-square-foot expansion of the Suburban Collection Showplace at 41600 Grand River Ave. The incentive is an approximately 50-percent abatement of local taxes for 12 years on the expansion.

"The owner of Suburban Collection Showplace wants to avoid paying \$780,000 in taxes that are much needed by Oakland Community College, the Oakland Intermediate School District, Oakland County, Novi Community Schools and the city of Novi itself over the next 12 years, Kuenzel said, adding that Suburban had been called the most profitable privately-owned convention center in the country by the mayor. "The owner just doesn't want to pay his fair share of taxes. He doesn't need corporate welfare."

Novi resident Michael Salemi agreed.

"The city of Novi is on a destructive path by continuing to entertain and issue tax abatements," he said. "Sadly, many of council's actions have benefits to the few at the expense of many."

Salemi said that multiple academic institutions have conducted studies on the effects of tax abatements over four decades and results show these tax breaks don't achieve the desired positive effect, with incentives working 10 percent of the time and "a waste of money 90 percent of the rest of the time."

"It's unfair to make



Suburban Collection 'unique'

Blair Bowman, representing Suburban Collection Showplace, responded that his company was there on behalf of the 10 percent with a positive effect and he understood the opinions expressed.

We have a unique circumstance. Our competitors, almost to the nth degree, both inside and outside the state, are wholly subsidized by taxpayers. ... We have worked together with this city and grown the facility. ... Hundreds of events, hundreds of millions (of attendees), happening within our borders and this state. We are in position of growing, yes, successful, yes, but profitability is a whole other thing.'

He continued by adding that if the abatement were not approved, the convention center would lose at least one major event it hosts and could lose more, potentially stalling an economic engine in the region and causing the loss of thousands of related jobs instead of having a positive impact on growth. He noted the convention center has also paid \$3.1 million in tax revenue to the community.

"People say it costs taxpayers money," said Mayor Bob Gatt, who noted that Novi is competing for businesses that are willing to relocate to other cities where tax breaks are offered. "You can look at it in different ways, but if there is a vacant piece of property and the city was getting no taxes and a building appears there and we get half the amount of taxes we would normally get for any amount of time, how does that cost the city money? It doesn't make sense to me."

The Suburban Collection Showplace, which received a tax abatement State Fair, Outdoorama, Comic Con, a motorcycle show, women's show and golf show.

The events attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area and the potential for thousands of dollars spent at local restaurants and hotels, but council member Markham noted the influx presents its own problems, too, with additional traffic congestion and wear and tear on roads for which taxpayers fund repairs and improvements.

Transportation issues

Markham noted the Metro Detroit Regional Transit Authority is likely to request a millage this fall for public transit and that one of the proposed bus lines goes along Grand River to Beck Road, putting Suburban Collection Showplace on the route. She suggested that if Bowman and BoCo truly wanted a partnership with the city, they would take a role in supporting the transportation initiatives.

"Your facility has a big traffic impact," she said. "I would like you to help build infrastructure. ... That kind of commitment is the only reason to grant tax relief to a business that is established and successful."

Mutch followed her comments with his own wish for an improvement of development and the aesthetics in general of the Grand River corridor, noting that if that was the only area convention visitors saw, it wouldn't present the city in the best light. He requested that Bowman work toward that development.

Bowman said he wouldn't be making the additional expansion and investment if he didn't believe brighter days were ahead. He said he would encourage the community to consider "real world" development scenarios and what could occur in that corridor and that it would benefit from comprehensive planning and perspective.

He agreed to consider

Stoneridge tax abatement

Stoneridge, Inc., a global designer and manufacturer of highly engineered electrical and electronic components, modules and systems for the commercial vehicle, automotive, off-highway and agricultural vehicle markets, will be moving its headquarters from Ohio to Mackenzie Drive in Novi after being approved for the tax abatement.

The company will invest \$5.2 million in a 38,000-square-foot facility that is currently in "shell" form and the abatement will apply to roughly \$1.5 million in improvements. It has been approved for three years of tax abatement on a sliding scale, with a 40-percent tax abatement the first year, 30 percent the second and 20 percent the third year. In total, with a \$5.2 million investment, they will receive an abatement of \$14,442.42.

'This is a discussion we've had the last few years and some of us philosophically disagree," Staudt said. "One of the past objections is we weren't considering smaller businesses, that you had to be a very large business and make a very large investment in the community. In this situation, it's a much larger business making a smaller investment, but they are moving their headquarters here and this is a different type of abatement than ever before. This is a good example of a company moving from another state to Novi, because of better opportunity and the amount of investment far exceeds the tax we would have received.'

Previous abatements

The two tax abatements approved May 23 by council bring to nine the total number granted by the city in its history. The first was a 12-year abatement granted in 1986 to Delwal, which later was bought out by Caparo, a company that left the city in 2013.



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putting a public stop on his property for regional transit, but noted that Uber and driverless taxis and ride-sharing would alter transportation in the next five to 10 years.



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completed in 2005. In the past six years, five more abatements were granted-to Ecco Tool Co. in 2010 for eight years with no investment but under a special tool and die provision; a 100percent abatement for Hyatt Place Hotel in 2012 on a \$12 million investment for six years; Tognum America, now MTU, in 2011 on a \$5.4 million investment for eight years; Harman Becker in 2014 for eight years on a \$37 million investment; and Magna International in 2015 for 12 years on a \$48 million investment.

The city currently levies 9.95 mills, but council unanimously agreed in April to place a request for an additional 1 mill on the August ballot to be used for capital improvement projects. If the request is approved, the additional 1 mill would be levied for 10 years, beginning in 2017.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to update the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance regarding residential driveways.

- Section 26.02: Proposed language clarifies the definitions of a "driveway" and "common driveway."
- Section 17.01.10: Proposed language to prohibit parking on the lawn in the front yard or across a public sidewalk.
- Section 18.18: Proposed language requiring residential driveways be paved, be located in front of the garage, be a maximum of 18-feet in width, and allowing up to 35% of the required front yard to be paved.

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on June 21, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments may be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on the City's website at <u>www.ci.northville.mi.us</u> (go to Services/Building Department/Planning Commission). Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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OPINION

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Memorial Day: Remember its true meaning

love pancakes, espe-cially at the International House of Pancakes. However, when I sat down recently at my friendly neighborhood IHOP, I was barraged at the table with the message that I should "celebrate Memorial Day" by buying red, white and blue pancakes. My stomach ached instead of hungered. We should honor Memorial Day, not cheapen it with pretty pancakes.

Of course, IHOP is hardly an outlier. Look around, the crass commercialism of Memorial Day is overwhelming. Overstock.com asserts that "it wouldn't be Memorial Day without a sale on your favorite home goods and summertime apparel."

Bonkers. On May 5, 1868, Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, promulgated General Order No. 11, which was the first official promulgation of



Memorial Day. General Order No. 11 provided that flowers be placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers on May 30, 1868. Logan's order declared: "Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic." Indeed.

In a Memorial Day speech in 1884, Oliver Wendell Holmes answered "the indifferent inquirer who asks why Memorial Day is still kept up" by explaining that "it celebrates and solemnly reaffirms from year to year a national act of enthusiasm and faith. It embodies in the most impressive form our belief that to act with enthusiasm and faith is the condition of acting greatly. ... We can hardly share the emotions that make this day to us the most sacred day of the year, and embody them in ceremonial pomp, without in some degree imparting them to those who come after us.²

President Ronald Reagan remarked one Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery that the holiday "is the day we put aside to remember fallen heroes and to pray that no heroes will ever have to die for us again. It's a day of thanks for the valor of others, a day to remember the splendor of America and those of her children who rest in this cemetery and others." Reflecting on the soldiers of the Vietnam War who had given their last full measure of devotion, he said: "They chose to be faithful. They chose to reject the fashionable skepticism of their time. They chose to believe and answer the

call of duty. ... They seized certainty from the heart of an ambivalent age; they stood for something." He also remarked that "we owe them something, those boys ... a promise to look at the world with a steady gaze and, perhaps, a resigned toughness, know that we have adversaries in the world and challenges and the only way to meet them and maintain the peace is by staying strong.'

In his order, Logan reflected he hoped the Memorial Day would become an annual tradition, and it has. With World War I, that tradition expanded to include all war dead; eventually it became a recognized holiday, celebrated each May 30.

Unfortunately, the "ravages of time" have vielded not only neglect, but forgetfulness. In 1971, the fatal error occurred - the Uniform Monday Holiday Act fixed the celebration of

Memorial Day to the last Monday of May. Congress, botching up its own creation, corrupted it with a three-day weekend. The "most sacred day of the year" was perverted into an empty excuse for barbecues, sales and mini-vacations.

To hope that Memorial Day will ever entirely recover its original meaning for most is a hopeless cause - the commercialization and habits of generations have undermined it too much. That is why my daughter Leah and I created Patriot Week with the hope of establishing a new civic calendar to renew the spirit of America.

Patriot Week celebrates the first principles, Founding Fathers and other patriots, vital documents and speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. It is a grassroots effort that has taken off in Michigan and elsewhere

Like Memorial Day, most of our current civic holidays have become overly commercialized and lost their deeper meaning. We need to invigorate our appreciation and understanding of America's spirit. Anchored by the key dates of Sept. 11 (the anniversary of the terrorists attacks) and Sept. 17 (Constitution Day, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution), Patriot Week does just that. Patriot Week is a grassroots effort that has taken off in Michigan and elsewhere.

Without such a civic renewal, we are doomed to forget what makes America unique and lose ourselves in the process a fate too terrible to contemplate. America needs your help. To learn more, go to

www.PatriotWeek.org.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Michael Warren is author of "America's Survival Guide" and co-creator of Patriot Week.

LETTERS

Irresponsible actions

I am outraged and dismayed by the senseless firing of Fire Chief Rich Marinucci by Township Manager Chip Snider in March. Chief Marinucci is a highly decorated fire service veteran with more than 39 years of unblemished

service in the industry, including serving as president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

We were so fortunate to have a man of his stature and credentials lead our fire department only to have it abruptly and unjustifiably come to an end by Snider's kneejerk, irrational and irresponsible actions on March 17.

Marinucci is suing township officials, and rightfully so.

Snider and township officials completely mishandled the circumstances surrounding Marinucci's termination and we will unfortunately pay the price for their poor decisions. Supervisor Nix and our trustees need to step up and take responsibility for Snider's rogue actions and dismiss him immediately. Marty Testasecca Northville

Senseless edict On a foray to the Netherlands years ago, I

pas of failing to correctly apprehend the Dutch word Vrouwen and unwittingly entered a women's restroom. When I emerged from a stall, a woman who spotted me nearly went ballistic with outrage. I tried to explain my honest mistake, but she refused to believe my trespass was not deliberate.

made the egregious faux

I wonder how such a gaffe would play out in today's brave new world? Despite the fact that my birth certificate says male, maybe I identify more with the opposite sex, and women I encounter behind what used to be a sacrosanct

barrier against male intrusion should be accepting of this, and unquestioningly allow me to rub elbows with them? Were they to react like the incensed woman in Amsterdam, they run the risk of political incorrectness by defying the president's recent edict that bathrooms be made gender-neutral so as to avoid appearing prejudicial to transgenders. Federal funding, the decree admonishes, could be punitively withheld from schools that fail to comply. Lawsuits are also implied.

Will Northville Public Schools similarly refuse to kowtow to the moral

ambiguity coming out of Washington, D.C., or will signs proclaiming "Gender Neutral" displace the "Boys" and "Girls" and "Men" and "Women" society has historically considered the practicable and proper norm?

I recognize the need to accommodate persons whose sense of sexual identity lies outside the mainstream. But at the expense of decency? At the expense of childhood innocence?

Am I glad I no longer have a school-age daughter who has to wade into this mess? You bet I am. Ken Kilpatrick Northville



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Township firefighters, Beaumont offer heart checks

Northville Township firefighters want to give back to their community and help before tragedy strikes, so they are volunteering to assist June 11 with the upcoming Beaumont Student Heart Check.

The heart screening is for students ages 13-18. Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in young athletes. Screenings will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the high school, 45700 Six Mile Road.

The free student heart screening takes about an hour and will include a medical history, blood pressure check, an electrocardiogram or ECG and a "quick-look" echocardiogram, an ultrasound image of the heart.

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ly conditions like hypertrophic cardiomyopathy," said Tom Hughes, Northville Township firefighter. During the Student Heart Check, you will see many of our members volunteering their time to teach CPR to both students and parents and also providing education on other fire and life safety topics."

Although there is no charge to participate, registration is required. Go to beaumont.edu/ student-screening to register.

Beaumont created the Student Heart Check screening program in May 2007. Since then, Beaumont has screened 13,296 Michigan high school students. Of those students, 174 were told to stop sports and follow up with a cardiologist due to heart abnormalities and

seven were diagnosed with HCM.

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy is the most common cause of death among U.S. athletes. Nearly 4,000 of these deaths are among young people and one in 200,000 prep athletes will die suddenly.

The Student Heart Check program is supported by Max and Debra Ernst through the Ernst Cardiovascular Center at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Children's Miracle Network Hospitals; the Charlie Sanders Foundation; the LiveLikeMax Foundation; Jersey Mike's: the fundraising efforts of 97.1 FM The Ticket; and others in the community. Find out more at beaumont.edu/ student-screening.

Northville District Library, Village Workshop partner for classes

The Northville District Library and The Village Workshop have partnered to provide all library cardholders a 50-percent discount on adult classes at The Village Workshop.

The Village Workshop has the tools, technology and education to make ideas come to life. The vision is to allow everyone in the community a place to connect to vocations, entrepreneurship and the spirit of do-it-yourself invention. Materials are a separate fee.

"We offer classes on embroidery, long-arm quilting, wood turning, AutoCad, machining and many more. Anyone can

take a class to learn hands-on skills in anything from sewing to welding, all under one roof," said Tracey Wormsbacher, operations manager for The Village Workshop.

Library director Julie Herrin added, "We are very pleased with this partnership for many reasons. The Maker movement is gaining in popularity across the country and although the library offers numerous print and online resources, as well as programs for DIY projects and adult learners, we simply do not have the space to offer machines like a 3D printer. We hope our joint venture with

The Village Workshop will benefit both our library patrons and Village Workshop members with this special discount on classes, in tandem with our library resources."

The Village Workshop is at 455 E. Cady St. in a newly renovated building, originally built in 1876, and the former home of Globe furniture and Belanger Inc.

Those who show their Northville District Library card receive the discount. To get a free library card, stop in the library anytime with proof of residency.

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LOCAL NEWS

Northville Science Olympiad teams bring home accolades from national competition

Danielle Alexander Staff Writer

After both placing first in April's statewide competition, Northville High School and Meads Mill Middle School recently attended the Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

This national competition is the "pinnacle of achievement for 120 of the country's best Science Olympiad teams, representing more than 2,000 students." Meads Mill finished in third and NHS placed eighth, both earning the schools' best rankings yet.

Meads Mill came in sixth place or higher, thus receiving medals in the Elastic Launch Glider, Scrambler, Anatomy & Physiology, Meteorology, Mission Possible, Food Science, Air Trajectory and Invasive Species categories.

The students from Meads Mill who attended the national competition



Meads Mill Middle School recently came in third place at the Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

include Aarvi S., Akshaya K., Amanda Z., Anish P., Ankith A., Arthur Z., Dana C., Keerthana D., Matthew X., Oliver W., Pranav R., Rohan K., Rohith K., Sanjana D., Tejas K., Matthew W., Rohan D. and Dharshini S.

Meads Mill Principal Brad O'Neill said this was a tremendous accomplishment for these students, their coach Diane Xu, as well as the school. "They have shown

great preparation, com-

mitment, practice and terrific teamwork throughout the year," O'Neill said. "Students are involved in Science Olympiad because of the passion they have for learning Science and the hands-on experience it provides. They also learn about teamwork and how to problem-solve. We are very proud of this year's team and coach.'

Coached by Janeen Crittenden, the NHS Science Olympiad Team is composed of 14 mem-



Northville High School placed eighth at the Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

bers: Allie Pierce (team captain), Prakash Kumar (team captain), Robert Hong (team captain), Parth Shah, Eric Tao, Austin Xie, Nicholas Remington, Carolyn Wu, Amy Zhao, Larry Zhao, Sahil Tolia, Sanjana Kannikeswaran, Krithik Vallem and Bhavya Kadiri. The high school stu-

dents received medals in the categories of Experimental Design, Disease Detectives, Wright Stuff, Forensics, It's About Time and Invasive Species.

"We are so proud of our Science Olympiad Team," NHS Principal Tony Koski said. "This group and these students are certainly fine representatives of NHS and our entire community."

According to www.soinc.org, Science Olympiad is a Chicagoarea-based national nonprofit organization founded in 1984 and dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science, technology, engineering and

math (STEM) education, increasing student interest in science, creating a technologically literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers. More than 225,000 students on 7,600 teams from all 50 states competed in 400 regional, state and national Science Olympiad tournaments last year.

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Plymouth Township's Station No. 2 to reopen temporarily

Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Plymouth Township's Fire Station No. 2, closed in March 2012 after layoffs in the fire department, will be temporarily staffed this summer by an ambulance and crew from the Northville Township Fire Department.

Supervisor Shannon Price announced the plan last week, saying it will provide Northville Township first responders better access to the southeast area of that community during road

construction projects this spring and summer, plus offer a closer base of operations for backup emergency response in northeast Plymouth Township.

Station No. 2 is on Wilcox Road, near Schoolcraft. "Northville Township is the perfect partner for this," Price said

Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said the current plan is to staff the station around the clock with two Northville Township firefighters and an ambulance, though no firm date has

been set for that to begin.

Northville Township's fire and emergency medical response, from its station on Six Mile between Beck and Sheldon, will be affected by the lane closures on Six Mile in particular, Phillips said. Six Mile is to be rebuilt between Haggerty and the railroad tracks just east of Northville Road, a project that is expected to take between four and six months.

The start of the locating personnel at the station will coincide with the start of the Six Mile project, Phillips said, and that is projected for some time between mid-June and early July. The arrangement is expected to last for the duration of the project.

Northville Township will also be affected by the closure of southbound I-275 for freeway work, Phillips said, though that is thought to be less of a factor than the Six Mile closures.

Mutual aid

Phillips said the arrangement won't change the mutual aid agreement the townships' fire department have with

each other, but will provide a closer base for an ambulance crew in case medial mutual aid is needed in northeast Plymouth Township.

Northville Township will reimburse Plymouth Township for any costs incurred in staffing the station, Phillips said, such as for utilities.

The chief said the arrangement will be similar to the one entered into a few years ago by the city of Northville, which has a fire department that serves the city of Plymouth, after the fire station next to Plymouth City Hall was closed for repairs after being damaged in a fire.

Price said he hopes the arrangement will set the pattern for a more permanent staffing of Station No. 2 by Northville Township personnel. "I'm hopeful that Northville Township will see the benefits," he said. John Werth, North-

ville Township's public safety director, could not be reached Friday.

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Northville U-M alumni club hosts Bernstein

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The evening will feature a dinner and a silent

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Sally Lorimer slorimer10@gmail.com. If you wish to be seated with other guests who are registering separately, email Mahnoush St. Clair at mstclair@mi.rr.com.

The group is in need of items such as merchandise, services, hotel/ overnight stays, tickets, team memorabilia and gift certificates for the silent auction. To donate items to help provide scholarships for local U-M students, contact Colleen Williams at mcolwil2@gmail.com. All donations are tax-deductible at the declared value. Note, I-275 South will be closed. Leave extra travel time and plan an alternate route.

"Every year, we work tirelessly to make certain our annual event raises the funds needed to provide scholarships to local

area students going to the University of Michigan each fall. We are honored to have Justice Bernstein speak at our event this year and are excited to make available all of the exclusive items at the silent auction,' Board of Governors President David Rice said.

Founded in 1990, the U-M Club of Greater Northville hosts social, cultural, athletic and community service events and programs.

The club is a part of a network of regional clubs within the U.S. that are affiliated with the Alumni Association. Membership extends well beyond Northville to include alumni from Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth and many other communities throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

To help organize an event for the club, attend a board meeting or to learn more, contact NorthvilleClub@umich.edu, at 800-847-4764, http://clubs.alumni.umich.edu/northville or P.O. Box 453, Northville, MI 48167.

Northville High students honored at annual convocation

Northville High School held its annual Honors Convocation on May 23 with remarks by Jenna Manske, 2016 class president, Superintendent Mary Kay Gallager and Principal Tony Koski. Below is a portion of the honors. The Northville Record will publish more in the June 9 edition.

National Merit honors

The PSAT is the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Approximately 16,000 juniors eventually become National Merit Finalists, after completing extensive written applications with their counselors. Finalists represent onehalf of one percent of U.S. graduating seniors.

National Merit finalists: Jonathan Bi, Yannis Bi, Karl Finkbeiner, Neha Gandra, Robert Hong, Neha Kishore, Prakash Kumar, Samantha Lu, Peter Martin, Ashwath Muruganand, Karthik Pittala, Katherine Robertson. Sidharth Sawhney, Parth Shah, Ryan Shanahan, Rhea Singh, Jean Tyan, James Xue and Connie You.

National Merit semifinalist: Himanshu Zambare

National Merit commended: Alexis Aulepp, Haley Clafton, Ramya Erasala, Aashima Gulati, Divya Gumudavelly, Reeshma Kumar, Karen Li, Daniel Liu, Erica Meister, Saurab Nooguri, Grace Yang and Vickie Zhang.

Local scholarship recipients

Claude N. Ely Award:Camille Tish; American Association of University Women: Zahra Dawson; University of Michigan Alumni Club of Northville: Anna Dazy; Orin J. Mazzoni, Sr. Memorial Scholarship: Matthew Provagna; Northville Garden Club, Branch of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association: Alexander Reddy and Connor O'Meara; Ms. Polly Kelly Scholarship, Branch of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association: Nicholas Peck-Dimit; The Charlie Stilec Leadership Scholarship: Molly Bis and Amanda Minniear; The National Honor Society Scholarship: Clara Kim and Camille Tish; Irene

Audra McMinn Scholarship:Sarah Greenspan.

Northville Baseball & Softball Scholarship, Ken Dominique Scholarship Award: Samuel Bradley, David Dillon, Jeffrey Humble and Alexander Putman; Northville Mothers' Club - Life Members: Haley Galindo, Djordie Jaksic, Jillian Moraitis and Rachita Puri: Northville Woman's Club Grant in Aid: Shae Bradley and Sophia Thanoi; Northville Rotary Scholarships, Élroy Ellison Scholarship: Rachita Puri; Phillip Ogilvie Scholarship: Michael Dazy; Northville Com-munity Foundation: Shae Bradley, Kaleigh Carlone, Matthew Fuller, Clara Kim and Kevin Pullukat; Country Garden Club of Northville, Branch of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association: Michael Dazy and Allyson Wonfor; Kristen and Susan Warnke Memorial Scholarship:Jenna Manske.

Todd Schoenheide Memorial Schol-arship: Alec Coppock; Lisa Christensen Memorial Scholarship: Lexa Barrott, Molly Bis, David Dillon and Justin Gibbons; Northville High School PTSA Scholarship: Nicholas Peck-Dimit, Matthew Fuller and Kathleen Webster; Oak Pointe Church Higher Ground Scholarship: Noah Burrell; Douglas B. Lyon Memorial Scholarship: Alissa Moore; Grandpa Steve Memorial Scholarship: Claire Matthews; Conrad Langefield Memorial Scholarship Mr. Michael Rumbell and Catherine Butler; Northville High School Robostangs Team 548 Schol-arship, Business Scholarship: Allison Chang, STEM Scholarship: Jake Anderson; The Village Workshop Scholarship: Andrea Dossi and Zach Shaw

Nancy J. Soper Memorial Scholarship: Jillian Stacer; Main Street League Scholarship: Ellie Anderson, Noah Burrell and Kaleigh Carlone; Northville Masonic Lodge No. 186 F. & A. M., The Grand Lodge: Madeline Blomberg and Nicholas Peck-Dimit; Northville Marathon Bridge Group: Sophia Thanoi; Robert J. Reganhardt Jr. Memorial Scholarship: Conner Elliott and Claire O'Meara.



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



Upcoming events Grounds closed for weddings: 4-6:30 p.m. June 3 and 1:15-3:15 p.m. and 4:15-6:15 p.m. June 4. **Members preview**

party: 6-9 p.m. June 10. Become a member today!

Buildings open to the public: 1-4 p.m. each Sunday beginning June 12.

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Website: www.millracenorthville.org Volunteers: The Northville Historical

Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

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LOCAL NEWS

Quadcopter racing added to Lyon Township Kite Festival

Sue Buck Staff Writer

Quadcopter racing is a new feature at this year's Kite Festival in Lyon Township.

Quadcopter is a term that flying enthusiasts prefer because for some, the word "drones" sound too predatory.

Some say drones conjure up images of predator drones used in war.

Quadcopters, unmanned helicopters with four rotors, are quick and buzz through the sky. Owners can put them together from kits or buy them assembled. They can spend more money for add-ons, including still and video cameras.

"We have had people asking about it," said James Chuck, one of the organizers for the annual Kite Festival.

The planners listened to ideas and wishes from visitors and participants, prompting the additional attraction this year.

Chuck added that this is also the second year that the Kite Festival spans two days.

The eighth annual Lyon Township Kite Festival will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at James Atchison Park, 58000 Grand River. The Park is adjacent to Lyon Township Hall and can be accessed via I-96, exit 155A. Admission is \$5 per vehicle.



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Brandon Lang flies a Phantom 3 Advance remote-control quadcopter, which he uses for his business. Quadcopters will be a featured part of this weekend's Lyon Township Kite Festival.

Hosting the kiteflying professionals from all over the world is John Trennepohl, owner of Kites & Fun Things in Plymouth.

He and other kite teams will showcase their award-winning skills and techniques, choreographed to music.

The main event

At 3 p.m. Saturday, be a part of the Mass Ascension, where a countdown leads to hundreds of kites in the air, taking flight together. Kids get a free kite,

while supplies last, to

customize with their own decorations. Everyone will enjoy professional kite fliers shows, festival food, live entertainment, a magician, kids games and crafts, toddler bouncers, live animal presentations, com on display.

tions, cars on display and face painting. There will also be business and nonprofit booths. Active Faith is accepting non-perish-

able foods for charity during the event "This festival has always been about pro-

viding our community with a wonderful outdoor venue for families to enjoy," Chuck said. "We have felt successful and grateful for all the help through the years. We are now the largest Kite Festival event in Southeastern Michigan." The Lyon Township Events Organization is the nonprofit organization which pulls it all together. For more information, go to

www.lyonevents.org, email info@lyonevents.org or call 248-437-2240.

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ENGAGEMENT



Maria Schneider and Carlos Pons Siepermann.

Schneider-Pons Siepermann

Tom and Ann Schneider of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Schneider, to Carlos Pons Siepermann, son of Jose and Carmen Pons of Caracas, Venezuela.

Schneider is a 2008 graduate of Northville High School and a 2013 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in construction management. She is employed as an engineer with Tocci Building Corp. in Boston. Pons Sienermann is a

Pons Siepermann is a 2013 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in chemical engineering practice from MIT. He is a current Ph.D. candidate at MIT, in Boston.

The couple is planning an August 2016 wedding in Ann Arbor.

LIBRARY LINES

One-on-One Tech Help

Time/Date: 5 or 6 p.m. Wednesday or 1 or 2 p.m. Thursday.

Details: Get a free, one-hour session with our Tech Librarian for your computer and device questions. Register online or call 248-349-3020.

Pottery Painting with The Bee's Knees

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15

Details: Try a new painting technique on pottery in this hands-on workshop. Choose a bowl, box or mug as your project, then apply a watercolor sponge background and a silk screen image of your choice painted over the top. For ages 16 and older. Register online at www.northvillelibrary.org or phone 248-349-3020.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, June 13 Details: Join us for a lively discussion of Jeanne Marie Laskas' "Concussion," the story of Dr. Bennet Omalu, the pathologist who made one of the most significant medical discoveries of the 21st century, which put him in the crosshairs of the powerful NFL.

Folk Concert with Andy and Judy Daigle

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For more information, please contact: The Jewish Family Service Resource Center at **248-592-2671**.

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, June 20 **Details:** Lively performance of many different genres of folk music from "old-timey" traditional songs through folk music stalwarts such as John Prine and Bob Dylan. Register.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum Presents "Star Lab" for Tweens

Time/Date: 2-2:50 p.m. Wednesday, June 22

Details: Just for Tweens ages 9-12. Explore the universe with hands-on science inside an inflatable planetarium known as StarLab. Registration required. Limit 30.

Facebook Basics

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 Details: Ready to connect with family and friends on Facebook? Learn how to get started and sign up for an account, find friends, share posts and how to set privacy settings. This is not a hands-on class. Register.

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Youth Summer Reading Program

Time/Date: June 17 through Aug. 13

Details: Northville kids up through those entering fifth grade, join the Summer Reading Program. Read, attend fun free events, and win prizes. Parents, read to your little ones and help students maintain and improve important reading skills over the summer. Register in person at the library to receive your reading/activity guide beginning Friday, June 17. For details, go to www.northvillelibrary.org

* *** * Thank you * * ***

In celebration of Novelis Employee Appreciation Week, we'd like to recognize our employees in the Novi community for your daily contributions to our business. The success we have collectively achieved is a direct result of your

hard work.

We appreciate you and your families for your service and dedication.



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SPORTS

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GIRLS SOCCER



The Novi girls soccer team celebrates its 2016 KLAA Association championship after a 5-2 win over host Grand Blanc.

BRAD EMONS

Brad Emons Staff Writer

If the second half was any indication, the KLAA Association girls soccer championship trophy clearly belonged in Novi's possession.

Despite being down 2-1 at halftime, the Wildcats ended a five-year drought May 25 by scoring four unan-



swered goals to beat host Grand Blanc, 5-2, for its first Association title since 2011. Bolstered by the return of senior mid-

fielder Megan Riley (from a knee injury)

Halmaghi

and the late season goal-scoring surge by senior forward Jessie Halmaghi, Novi erased any doubt which was the top team among the 24-member Kensington Lakes Activities Association schools.

"It's honestly an unreal feeling," said Halmaghi, who notched her seventh and eighth goals of the season

Novi back in winner's circle

Halmaghi's two goals beat Grand Blanc, give Wildcats KLAA Association crown

during the second half. "It's my last season playing. I've been playing 14 years, so at the beginning of the season, I was just determined to put the work in to make this a special one and a season to remember. It's so nice seeing all of our hard work pay off. We hustle really hard at practice and

we're so much of a team that has a lot of determination and passion for the game. And it feels great.'

Novi improved to 10-1-6 overall, while the Bobcats slipped to 14-2-6.

"I knew it was going to be tough, they're a very good team," Grand Blanc coach Greg Kehler said of Novi. "And they gave us all kinds of prob-lems, especially their forwards up top, (Chloe Allen) and (Halmaghi) ... they're very strong. I knew they played well off each other."

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Grand Blanc struck first with 29:37 left in the first half on what appeared to be a harmless shot by Morgan Metzger just inside the right post that seemed to handcuff and surprise Novi goalie Aastha Dharia.

But the Wildcats tied it with 9:49 to go until intermission, when Julia Stadtherr beat Grand Blanc keeper Amy Puidokas on a feed from Allen.

But with 3:31 remaining until half-time, Grand Blanc's Paige Webber was taken down inside the box by Novi defender Riley Schultz, setting up Chelsea Clark's penalty kick conversion to make it a one-goal differential again.

But despite being down at the half, the Wildcats did not panic.

"We felt at halftime that we just gave them two goals," Novi coach

BOYS GOLF

Smith's 67 leads CC district tourney win

Brad Emons Staff Writer

How low can Novi Detroit Catholic Central's golf team go?

The defending MHSAA Division 1 state champions posted another eye-popping number May 25 by shooting a four-player total of 283 to capture the district title by a whopping 46 strokes at Chemung Hills Golf Club in Howell

Runner-up Pinckney (329), Hartland (332), the host High-landers (336), White Lake Lakeland (336) and Brighton (339), also advanced by making the top six and will play Thursday in the regional at Dunham Hills in Hartland.

CC's dominance was demonstrated by taking the first four individual places, led by junior Ben Smith, who took medalist honors with 67.

Rounding out the Shamrocks' and the tournament's top four were junior James



Smith

Sooch was seventh overall with 78. "It was really neat for us. We had a good day at the course," CC assistant coach Jimmy Dewling said. "Ben Smith had a lot of birdies out there. Unfortunately, he hit

it out-of-bounds on one hole by a couple of feet or else he'd be way lower. He really played phenomenal, had a lot of strong golf flight. He had a lot of birdies out of the gate. He had a good start and managed to finish strong, too, being as confident a player as he is."

The Shamrocks were only three strokes off their school record, set when they shot back-to-back scores of 280 during Southern Swing, held

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Keady relishes his shot at national title

Northville graduate eyes trip to finals in Colorado

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

The word Patrick Keady would use is "pinnacle" when asked what this Sunday's USA Rugby Union Division II National Championship game means to him.

The 25-year-old Keady, a 2009 Northville High grad who played four years of club rugby at Central Michigan University, is a starter for the Detroit Tradesmen, who will be in Glendale, Colo., to face the Tempe (Ariz.) Old Devils for the coveted title.

"This club has been close a couple of times, but this is the first time in our club's history that we've been this far and we're ready to grab it," Keady said. "There are guys who have been playing a long time that are deserving. A lot of guys have been playing for a long time. This is it for a lot of them."

Even though Keady has been playing club rugby since high school, when he got his start with the Northville Knights, it's his first full sea-



Northville's Patrick Keady was a two-time captain of the Central Michigan University club rugby team.

son with the Tradesmen.

Keady played last year for the Orlando Griffins, the Florida state champs who reached the round of 16 in 2015. But a job transfer to Michigan with

Sunbelt Rentals, a construction rental equipment company in Sterling Heights, landed him a spot back with the

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Novi runs strong second at Oakland County meet

LOCAL SPORTS

Plaetinck sets meet record in 3,200 run

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Hot and muggy conditions Friday night couldn't stop the Novi boys track and field team from earning runner-up honors in the 57th annual Oakland County Championships held at

Waterford Mott. Oak Park, paced by Cameron Cooper, captured the team title with 87 points, while the



Plaetinck

Day was third with 44. Cooper swept the 800- and 1,600-meter runs in 1:52.61 and

Wildcats took second with 54. Beverly Hills

4:18.27, respectively. He was also a member of the Knights' first-place 1,600 and 3,200 relays that posted times of 3:19.73 and 7:55.45, respectively.

Novi boasted a pair of county champions, led by senior Joost Plaetinck, who set a meet record with a full-automated time of 9:15.01 in the 3,200 run. Plaetinck ran a 62-second final lap to eclipse the mark set last year by Mott's Ryan Robinson.

Meanwhile, Novi senior Scott Sawyer captured the high jump (6 feet, 4 inches) and also placed second in the pole vault (13-0).

Other scorers (top eight) for Novi included junior Anthony D'Annibale, third, 400 (49:98); Scott MacPherson, third, 1,600 (4:21.96); Nathan Hankerson, fourth, 100 (11.06); Hunter Joy, sixth, 300 hurdles (41.46); and Aric Landy, sixth, 3,200 (9:42.4).

The Wildcats also were seventh in the 400 relay (44.93)

South Lyon's 1,600 relay team of Kevin Schopa, Steve Hartlep, Travis Starr and Jerrod Allen teamed for third in the 1,600 relay (3:25.89). Starr also took fourth in the pole

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD



Novi's Scott MacPherson (second from left) duels with Lakeland's Drew Wenger (left) and Walled Lake Western's John Petruno in the 1,600-meter run.

vault (12-0).

White Lake Lakeland got third from Zach Confer in the discus (147-0) and Jackson Grzymkowski in the 800 (1:53.9).

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's top finisher was Chris Bradbury, who took third in the shot put (50-5.5) and fourth in the discus (144-10).

South Lyon East senior Josh Smith emerged as county champion in the 400 (49.47)

Dakota Giles paced Milford with seventh in the 1,600 (4:27.31), along with a being a member of the seventh-place 3,200 relay (8:21.68).

OAKLAND COUNTY BOYS TRACK MEET

BOYS TRACK MEET May 27 at Waterford Mott TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Oak Park, 87 points; 2. Novi, 54; 3. Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 44; 4. Oxford, 33; 5. North Farmington, 31; 6. (tie) Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Kettering and Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep, 28 each; 9. Walled Lake Western, 24; 10. (tie) Rochester Adams and Southfield, 22 each; 14. South Lure, 19, 5: 15. South Lyon, 19.5; 15. White Lake Lakeland, 19; 18. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 15; 21. South Lyon East, 14.25; 31. Milford, 4 (38 schools

FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Connor Bandel (Oxford), 67 feet, 2.5

inches; 3. Chris Bradbury (CC), 50-5.5; 4. Zach Confer (Lakeland), 50-1.5; discus; 1. Bandel (Oxford), 192-0; 3. Confer (Lakeland), 147-0; 4. Bradbury (CC), 144-10; high jump: 1. Scott Sawyer (Novi), 6-4; 7. Chase Respond (Lakeland), 6-0; lorng jump: 1. Ryan Beltz (Holly), 21-6-75; pole vault: 1. Jacob Lewinski (Oxford), 14-0; 2. Sawyer (Novi), 13-0; 4. (tie) Travis Starr (South Lyon), 12-0; 7. Andrew Wolschleger (East), 11-6; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Sharmond Dabney (OLSM), 14.35; 5. Steve Hartlep (South Lyon), 15.29; 8. Kevin Schopa (South Lyon), 15.4; 300 hurdles: 1. Lorenzo Hampton (Bradford Academy), 39.38; 5. Schopa (South Lyon), 40.49; 6. Hunter Joy (Novi), 41.45; 100 dash: 1. Miles Daniel (Oak Park), 0.74; 4. Nathan Hankerson (Novi), 11.06; 200: 1. inches; 3. Chris Bradbury (CC), 50-5.5; 4. Zach Confer (Novi), 41.45; 100 dash: 1. Miles Daniel (Oak Park), 10.74; 4. Nathan Hankerson (Novi), 11.06; 200: 1. Delan Wynn (Southfield), 21.53; 4000: 1. Jash Smith (East), 49.47; 3. Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 49.98; 8. Zack Satawa (East), 51.86; 800: 1. Cameron Cooper (Oak Park), 1:52.6; 3. Jackson Grzymkowski (Lakeland), 1:53.9; 1,600: 1. Cooper (Oak Park), 4:18.27; 3. Scott MacPherson (Novi), 4:21.96; 6. Avery Felty (CC), 4:25.73; 7. Dakta Giles (Wilford), 4:26.72; 8. Mark Borek (CC), 4:27.31; 3,200: 1. loost Plaetinck (Novi), 9:15.01; 6. Aric Landy (Novi), 9:42.4; 8. Adam Caruso (East), 9:46.11.
400 relay: 1. Oak Park (Keveon Clark, Daniel, Keshawn Jackson, Dwight Smith, I.1), 42.9; 7. Novi (Iohn Stefan, Matthew Bednarski, Hankerson, Sean Pitcher), 44.93; 800 relay: 1. St. Mary Prep (Richard)

(John Stefan, Matthew Bednarski, Hankerson, Sean Pitcher), 44.93; **800 relay**: 1. St. Mary Prep (Richard Bowens, John Pearson, Ky Ren Cunningham, Kahlee Hamler), 1:27.47, **1,600 relay**: 1. Oak Park (Dewan Hawthorne, Cooper, Kekaryea Freeman, Ahmarri Kidd), 3:19.73; 3. South Lyon (Schopa, Hartlep, Starr, Jerod Allen), 3:25.89; 8. Novi (Joy, D'Annibale, Josh Holcomb, Nathaniel Wood), 3:30.47; **3,200 relay**: 1. Oak Park (Hawthorne, Cooper, Freeman, Javonne Kirksey), 7:55.45; 7. Milford (Josh Deradoorian, Jack Aman, Luke Sakkinen, Giles), 8:21.68.

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JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Novi's Nathan Hankerson (right) runs against North Farmington's Noah Zalapi in the 100-meter dash.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Oak Park runs away with Oakland crown

Eaglets gain second straight league title

Host Shamrocks place third in A-B Division (4:33.22).

Lakeland runner-up; Milford places third

Brad Emons

Staff Writer

Oak Park captured three relays and four individual running events to repeat as Oakland County champion Friday at Waterford Mott.

The defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Knights scored 125 points, while White Lake Lakeland and Milford made strong showings by placing second and third with 64 and 37, respectively.

"This is our highest finish at this meet," Lakeland coach John Kababik said. "It is a meet with very high standards to be able to enter. Our girls rose to the occasion and performed at the highest levels."

Oak Park senior Anna Jefferson figured in four firstplace finishes, taking the 100-meter hurdles (14.1) and 400 dash (54.93). She was also a member of the Knights' first-place 400 and 800 relay teams that posted times of 47.78 and 1:37.84, respectively.

Other Knights individual winners included Brianna Holloway in the 300 hurdles (43.61) and Tamea McKelvy in the 200 (24.21). Oak Park's other first came in the 1,600 relay (3:53.2).

Meanwhile, Lakeland freshman Grace Stark enjoyed a stellar day, winning the 100 dash (11.82), the fastest time recorded in the state this year, while also taking third in the 100 hurdles (15.02).

Stark also teamed with Haley Rathwell, Marisa Sailus and Isabel Fairbanks for second in the 400 relay (50.07).

'This was the first time we put these four in this relay and we ran our fastest time of the year," Kababik said.

The Eagles' other county champion was senior Emma Neumann in the pole vault (11-3)

Other top Lakeland fin-

ishers included Madeline Rehm, second, 3,200 (11:27.24) and fourth, 1,600 (5:07.46); Reina Troxell, third, shot put (37 feet, 7.5 inches) and fifth, discus (117-9); Olvia Clymer, fifth, 3,200 (11:30.65); and Sailus, sixth, 200 (25.98).

"This is hopefully an indication of good things to happen for us at the state meet this upcoming weekend," Kababik said of the MHSAA Division 1 state finals Saturday at Hudsonville.

Milford's county champions were junior Mallory Barrett in the 1,600 (5:02.39) and sophomore Regan Lobodzinski in the 3,200 (11:23.55).

Barrett, Victoria Heiligenthal, Sarah Ausum and Abby Knapp were also runner-up in the 1,600 relay (3:56.37).

Heiligenthal was also runner-up to Barrett in the 1,600 (5:04.13).

OAKLAND COUNTY GIRLS TRACK MEET May 27 at Waterford Mott

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Oak Park, 125 points; 2. White Lake Lakeland, 64; 3. Milford, 37; 4. Waterford Mott, 34; 5. Farmington, 30; 6. North Farmington, 28; 7. Bloomfield Hills, 27; 8. Clarkston, 25; 9. Lake 20, 7 blochning 27, 30 Orion), 22, 33; 10. Walled Lake Western, 21; 15. Novi, 15.33; 32. South Lyon East, 3; 36. South Lyon, 2. FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Amanda Sape (Bloomfield Hills), 41 feet, 1 inch; 3. Reina Troxell (Lakeland), 37-7.5; 7. Emma Hammelef (Novi), 35-3; **discus**: 1. Taylor Eaton (Lake Orion), 122-10; 5. Troxell (Lakeland), 117-9; 6. Jessalyn Smith (East), 114-0; 8. Hammelef (Novi), 111-0; high jump: 1. Alexandria Robinson (Walled Lake Western), 5-4; 8. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-0; **long jump:** 1. Akwia Tilton (Roeper), 17-4; 5. Kate Prisby (Novi), 16-3.25; **pole vault:** 1. Emma Neumann (Lakeland), 11-3; 7. Hammelef (Novi), 9-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Anna Lefferson (Oak Park) 141:3. Grace Stark (Lakeland) Jefferson (Oak Park), 14.1; 3. Grace Stark (Lakeland), 15.02; 7. Karenna Roest (Novi), 16.12; 8. Elexa Cary (Milford), 16.65; **300 hurdles:** 1. Brianna (Milford), 16.65; **300 hurdles:** 1. Brianna Holloway (0ak Park), 43.61; 7. Danielle Booth (South Lyon), 47.29; **100 dash:** 1. Stark (Lakeland), 11.82; **200:** 1. Tamea McKelvy (0ak Park), 24.21; 6. Marisa Sailus (Lakeland), 25.68; **400:** 1. Jefferson (0ak Park), 54.93; **300:** 1. Doriann Coleman (0ak Park), 21.3.2; **1,600:** 1. Mallory Barrett (Milford), 5:02.39; 2. Victoria Heiligenthal (Milford), 5:04.13; 4. Madeline Rehm (Lakeland), 5:07.46; **3,200:** 1. Regan Lobodzinski (Milford), 11:23.55; 2. Rehm (Lakeland), 11:27.24; 5. Olivia Clymer (Lakeland). (Lakeland), 11:27.24; 5. Olivia Clymer (Lakeland), 11:30.65

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400 relay: 1. Oak Park (Janae Barksdale, Holloway, Jefferson, McKelvy), 47.78; 2. Lakeland (Stark, Haley Rathwell, Isabel Fairbanks, Sailus), 50.07; 7. Novi (Kayla Savage, Chelsea Collier, Ciarra Davis, Alexandra Pringle), 50.93; 800 relay: 1. Oak Park (Barksdale, Holloway, Jefferson, McKelvy), 1:38.74; 7. Novi (Pringle, Collier, Lauren Miesowicz, Savage), 1:48.12; 1,600 relay: 1. Oak Park (Barksdale, Doriann Coleman, Drew Coleman, Carlita Taylor), 3:53.2; 2. Milford (Heiligenthal, Ausum, Barrett, Abby Knapp), 3:56.37; 3,200 relay: 1. Mott (Morgan Fuerst, Rylee Robinson, Alexis Munley, Katie Osika), 9:15.22.

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Orchard Lake St. Mary's scored 110 points May 24 to repeat as Catholic League A-B Division boys track and field champion in an eight-school meet hosted by Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Eaglets, who captured five individual events and two relays, were shadowed by runner-up Warren DeLaSalle (94).

Rounding out the field were host Catholic Central (76), Birmingham Brother Rice (66). Pontiac Notre Dame (48), Dearborn Divine Child (47), University of Detroit-Jesuit (37.5) and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (25)

St. Mary's got first places from Trey Bryan, long jump (20 feet, 11.5 inches); Shermond Dabney, 110-meter hurdles (14.6); Kahlee Hunter, 100 dash (11.6); Ky'ren Cunningham, 200 (22.17); and Augustine Lau, 400 (51.22). The Eaglets also swept the

400 and 800 relays in 43.1 and 1:33.0, respectively. The meet's lone individual double winner was Gabriel Richard's Jacob Donnellon, in the shot put (53-3.5) and discus

(154-6).

Other individual champions included Divine Child's Luke Ciarelli, high jump (6-6); DeLa-Salle's Allen Stritzinger, 300 hurdles (39.78); Notre Dame Prep's Nathan Mylenek, 800 (1:55.2); U-D's Sean English, 1,600 (4:29.27); and Notre Dame Prep's Brendan Fraser. 3,200 (9:31.94).

DeLSalle took the 1,600 relay (3:28.79), while Divine Child finished first in the 3,200 relay (8:14.84).

CC's top finishers included Chris Bradbury, second, shot put (50-0.5); Andrew Levens, second, 300 hurdles (41.75); Haden Kasdorf, third, 110 hurdles (43.02) and 300 hurdles (43.02); and Avery Felty, 1,600

CATHOLIC LEAGUE

A-B DIVISION BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 24 at Detroit Catholic Central TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 10 points; 2. Waren DeLaSalle, 94; 3. Novi Detroit 110 points; 2. Warren DeLaballe, 94; 3. NOVi Detroit Catholic Central, 76; 4. Birmingham Brother Rice, 66.5; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 48; 6. Dearborn Divine Child, 47; 7. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 37.5; 8. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 25. FINAL EVENT RESULTS Shot put: 1. Jacob Donnellon (Gab. Richard), 53 feet, 3.5 inches; 2. Chris Bradbury (CC), 50-0.5; 6. Prince Workshapper, (CC), 42-0.5; feitures 11.

feet, 3.5 inches; 2. Cnris Bradbury (CC), 50-0.5; 6. Ryan Woebkenberg (CC), 43-0.5; discus; 1. Donnellon (Gab. Richard), 154-6; 5. Bradbury (CC), 133-4; high jump: 1. Luke Ciarelli (DC), 6-6; long jump: 1. Trey Bryan (OLSM), 20-11.5; 8. Brendan Smith (CC), 19-1; 110-meter hurdles: 1. Shermond Determ (OLSM), 146: 2. Hadea Kardorf (CC), 15.83; 4. Smith (CC), 19-1; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Shermond Dabney (0LSM), 14.6; 3. Haden Kasdorf (CC), 15.82; 4. Zack Chops (CC), 16.51; 7. Brandon Martinez (CC), 71.15; **300 hurdles:** 1. Allen Stritzinger (DLS), 39.78; 2. Andrew Levens (CC), 41.75; 3. Kasdorf (CC), 43.02; 6. Chops (CC), 43.58; **100 dash:** 1. Kahlee Hunter (OLSM), 11.16; 6. Trevor Wilson (CC), 11.64; **200:** 1. Ky/Ren Cunningham (OLSM), 22.17; 7. Kyle Kish (CC), 24.83; **400:** 1. Augustine Lau (OLSM), 51.22; 7. Nick Gessler (CC), 53.72; 8. Quinn Smolinski (CC), 53.72; **800:** 1. Nathan Mylenek (NDP), 1:55.2; 5. Shane Saxton (CC), 2:03.43; 7. Ben Racine (CC), 2:08.37; **1,600:** 1. Sean English (U-D), 4:29.27; 3. Avery Felty (CC), 4:33.22; 4. Mark Borek (CC), 4:33.57; 7. Scott Smith (CC), 4:36.66; **3,200:** 1. Brendan Fraser (NDP), 9:31.94; 5. Ty Buckley (CC), 10:10.05; 6. Felty (CC), 10:17.54; 8. Smith (CC), 10:32.11. 10:32.11

10:32.11. 400 relay: 1. St. Mary's, 43.1; 800 relay: 1. St. Mary's, 1:30.0; 5. Detroit CC, 1:33.9; 1,600 relay: 1. DeLaSalle, 3:28.79; 4. Detroit CC, 3:33.16; 3,200 relay: 1. Divine Child, 8:14.84; 2. Detroit CC, 8:31.82.

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College-bound Wildcats



BRIAN GORDON

Among the spring Novi High School student-athletes recognized recently to commit or sign letters of intent to play collegiate sports next season include (from left): Adam Ditri, Albion College (cross country and track); Sydney Cantin, Central Michigan (cheer); Paulina lacobelli, Bowling Green (volleyball); Victoria lacobelli, Bowling Green (volleyball); and Matt Kigar, Hope College (lacrosse).

PDL SOCCER

GIRLS LACROSSE Northville slips by Wildcats in regional

Tom Morelli

Correspondent

As she gracefully lifted her stick to unwind a shot with 46 seconds left, little did Northville's Charlotte Beaudoin know that she was, in essence, about to the net the gamewinning goal.

Beaudoin has been a bit of a dream-weaver for this Mustangs team, having also come through in the clutch just nine days earlier in a 9-8 decision over Brighton to secure the KLAA Association girls lacrosse crown.

This time, the stakes were even higher as the sophomore did it again in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 1 regional as the host Mustangs held off Plymouth, 10-9, at Tom Holzer Field.

While Beaudoin downplayed the importance of her play afterward, Northville coach Amanda Asher and teammate Sarah Chase couldn't help but gush about the web of excitement that this particular Charlotte had sewn.

"She's just been a clutch player for us," said Asher, whose team improved to 15-2 overall and is currently riding an 11-game winning streak.

"You can always rely on Charlotte," said Chase, who led Northville with three goals.

Up until that magical moment, Plymouth had been in hot pursuit, having trailed 9-6 before adding a trio of goals within a six-minute span.

A shot from the top of the outer crease by Natalie Nowicki (three goals) after a penalty restart got momentum tilted back in the Wildcats' favor with 7:29 remaining.

But Nowicki wasn't done yet, as she forced turnovers in the Mustangs' defensive zone on two separate occasions to set up a pair of goals for Cathryn VandenBosch.

Plymouth coach Jake Wieloch talked about the impact



Northville's Charlotte Beaudoin (left) goes on the attack against Plymouth's Regan Woodward.

Nowicki had in igniting the team's offensive spark.

'Natalie's a four-year starter who's always hustling out there and working hard," he said. "She has a lot of speed and a high lacrosse IQ

Down by a 7-4 margin at halftime, the Wildcats (16-3) managed to cut it close right out of the gates in the second half, with Nowicki finding the back of the net from five yards out with 1:34 elapsed.

Marissa Cirino centered a picture perfect pass from the side of the net to a streaking Cierra Steiner shortly thereafter to make it a one-goal game.

The Mustangs' Erin Scott took the pressure off temporarily, courtesy of an unassisted goal with 16:17 left, before Kendall Wasik provided a dump feed to Chase less than six minutes later.

Chase set the tone right from the get-go, having won the opening face-off before charging downfield to put Northville on the board just 10 seconds into the contest.

Following an equalizer from

Mustangs, Shamrocks roll in regional openers

VandenBosch (three goals), the Mustangs responded by finding the back of the net four straight times.

Jessica Tardich fought off a loose-ball scramble to the left of the net to restore the lead back to Northville, which was complimented by Emma Dietrich's laser from the top of the crease off a foul a minute later.

A nifty pass from behind the net by Tardich to Wasik made it 4-1 with 14:11 left in the half, before team captain and **Central Michigan University** commit Chase scored off the ensuing face-off.

Chase sets the tone for us and is a leader on the field," Asher said. "She executes plays, has a will to win and is someone who not only sees the field, but sees her teammates and plays with confidence."

Plymouth scored the next two on contributions from Cirino and a power-play goal by Steiner.

A rebound off a shot from Chase allowed for Alethia Blough to tilt the scoreboard back in Northville's favor, as she scooped up the loose ball and made a mad dash toward the net.

Chase's cradle-to-cradle pass to Tardich allowed for a one-on-one situation with her and goaltender Elizabeth Elliot, in which Tardich prevailed with 1:31 to go.

With intermission looming, Nowicki executed an impressive wraparound to sneak the ball past goaltender Madison Caffee just 43 seconds later.

'Our girls fought all year; we brought the fight to this Northville team," Wieloch said. "I'm so proud of our team and we left it all on the field.'

The Mustangs outshout their counterparts, 19-16, with 13 coming in the first half.

Elliot recorded nine saves, compared to Caffee's seven.

NOVI 11, SALINE 10: Gina Salemi had four goals and one assist May 24 to carry the host Wildcats (7-11) to a Division 1 regional first-round victory over the Hornets. Mya Brown and Katie McMaster scored two goals apiece, while Katie Novell, Lauren Chapman and Emma Hixson each added for Novi. Rachel Bayer and Chapman also draw assists whil

Rachel Bayer and Chapman also drew assists, while goalie Mariah Smythe posted a .600 save percentage as the Wildcats advanced to the regional semifinals

June 1 to face South Lyon Unified.

Canton's tourney just right for Bucks

Squad posts 3-0 win in annual appearance

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

A strong second half Saturday afternoon catapulted the Michigan Bucks to a 3-0 victory over the Cincinnati Dutch Lions before an enthusiastic Canton Cup crowd of about 1,500 at Independence Park.

The Bucks' Alexi Souahy scored about 15 minutes into the Premier Development League contest, followed by Marco Charalambous and Andre Landell, who added goals within five minutes of one another midway during the second half.

And for Bucks players with local ties — such as 2014 Novi Detroit Catholic Central graduate Zach Bock, a Shamrocks football allstater who played club soccer for the Michigan Jaguars — the Canton Cup game is a highlight of the season.

'This is the second year playing here for me," said Bock, a defender who helped stymie the Dutch Lions with a steady possession game in the back. "It's the biggest tournament in Michigan, arguably, and being able to come out and play in front of hometown fans is incredible, it's awesome.'

Bock, who remembered playing in similar tournaments as a teenager, echoed the sentiments of Bucks owner Dan Duggan and head coach Demir Muftari. Namely, being part of of the Canton Cup lineup (Saturday was the team's ninth straight appearance) is something they relish year in and year out.

"It's one of the things we look forward to as we do our scheduling every December," Duggan said. "This is the first game we put on the calendar. This is our ninth year. This is one of the most professionally run tournaments anywhere in the country These people (Canton Soccer Club) are just wonderful hosts; they get it. "So for them to make the investment to bring this game here every year, for all the youth people for free, it just shows their support of soccer."





STEPHANIE JANCZAK

Northville's Jacob Accardo (middle) takes aim against Saline in the regional first-round match.

ment with a 12-2 first-round win May 24 over visiting Saline at Tom Holzer Field.

Brad Emons

Staff Writer

Northville got off to a solid

start in the MHSAA Division 1

boys lacrosse regional tourna-

The fourth-seeded Mustangs (11-7) were tied at 2-2 after one quarter, but scored 10 unanswered goals the rest of the match to advance to the regional semfinals June 1 against second seed Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

Freshman goalie Jeff Varner proved to be the player of the match for the Mustangs, as he made 12 saves.

Offensively, Connor Sweeney led the way with four goals and one assist, while Harry Dyson chipped in two goals and two assists.

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Other point-getters for

ley (two goals, one assist);

Brendan Hicks (two goals);

one assist); Jacob Accardo

Anthony Salamone (one goal,

Northville included Josh Bent-

Meanwhile, defensive midfielder Kyle Condino came up with four ground balls.

'We played pretty well," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "We got off to a slow start, but then we got it rolling.

The Hornets ended their season at 11-7 overall.

DETROIT CC 21, S.H. STEVENSON 1: Top seed Novi Detroit Catholic Central (14-4) sprinted out to a 7-0 lead and emptied its bench early May 26 en To the order of the end of the en match.

CC advanced to the regional semifinals June 1 at Troy Athens to face Utica Eisenhower.

missed Novi's first 15 games, has given the team a lateseason boost.

'She just brings vision that other players don't and there's that senior leadership,' Pheiffer said of the Central Michigan University signee. "She's been here before, fouryear starter. A lot of people that come back from a a knee injury, you get worried that they may be a little hesitant out there, especially at center mid, and she's not hesitant at all. Ít's great. It's her second game back and she doesn't even hesitate."

The Bobcats, defending Association champs, could see Novi again in a potential regional tournament match-up.

I thought my defenders played well," Kehler said. "We just had other areas they kind of took it to us. Their midfield was very strong. When they're running at defenders all game, that makes it tough. I thought we gave up some soft goals, but we got one, too. So it kind of evened out there.

"It was a good lesson, though. It was nice to get this far. I told the girls, I said, 'Hey, there are 22 other (KLAA) teams that didn't make it here.' We didn't play great, but (Novi) were the cause of that. They're a tough team. They've got a lot of speed and they're strong in the air.'

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Community link

Concurring was Muftari, whose team composed of college-age players improved to 3-0 this season. He noted a group of players from a Canton Celtic Under-10 boys team that worked the Bucks game, retrieving balls that went out of bounds.

"Canton Cup kids, we talk to them, it's great," Muftari said. "As you can see now, the guys are signing autographs for the boys. That's what we want this to be about.

"It's just the community and letting the young players look up and see a better level, something for them to keep aspiring to and keep growing and learning. That's what we want, is people to love the game and keep playing.'

Those youngsters and other fans who stopped by Independence Field No. 3 to catch all or part of Saturday's fast-paced, 90-minute game were treated to plenty of precision passing, physical plays and frantic pace.

Yet the Bucks only enjoyed a 1-0 edge at the break, thanks to the Souahy goal (set up by Nicolas Jeausserann).

Rematch at CC

Meanwhile, the Bucks, who play their home games at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac, get another chance to square off against Cincinnati when the teams play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16.

That game will take place at Catholic Central, on the same turf field where Bock starred as a football player.

For more info about the June 16 game, go to buckssoccer.com or call 800-925-2160. Tickets are \$6 if purchased in advance.

Mustangs fall vs. Brighton in tourney tune-up, 5-2

GIRLS SOCCER

Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Brighton girls soccer team proved to have quickstrike capabilities May 24 as the host Bulldogs rolled to a 5-2 KLAA crossover victory over Northville at Sloan Field.

Brighton (15-1-2) scored twice in the final 10 minutes of the opening half to take a 2-0 advantage before the Mustangs' Sarah Park answered with a goal in the 44th minute off a corner kick from Kelsey Estes

Brighton then scored in the 52nd minute to make it 3-1 and added two more goals in the 71st and 76th minutes to take a commanding 4-1 advantage.

Northville (8-7-5) got a di-rect free kick goal with 2:31 left when Megan Williams scored from 25 yards out.

Goalie Carlie Castiglione made four saves in the loss.

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Todd Pheiffer said. "The first one maybe (we) thought the shot was going wide and Aastha wasn't ready for it. And the second one is a penalty kick, which it was a foul in the box. You hate to give up those kind of goals." It was all Novi in the sec-

ond half as Halmaghi scored the equalizer just 6:01 in when she got free on a through ball.

"I think it hit off of one of the other players. It was kind of a deflection and I just ran onto it and went straight for the goal," Halmaghi said.

Novi's Annie Fischer then scored the go-ahead goal with 18:12 remaining on a shot from difficult angle that caught the inside right post on a shot that squeaked past Puidokas.

"This is kind of a pattern for us," Pheiffer said. "We were down versus Canton 1-0 at half and come back and scored three goals in the second half.'

Novi added two more goals in the final 13 minutes, with Riley perfectly timing a header off a corner kick from Katrina Koomenn, followed by Halmaghi's second of the game to make it a three-goal cushion with only 6:51 to go.

'I was coming off an injury at the beginning of the season," Halmaghi said. "Once I



KRISTYNE KOOMEN Novi's Megan Riley (right) takes control in the midfield against Grand Blanc's Sydney Elias.

kind of overcame that, I was like, 'I need to start scoring." Grand Blanc's best two

scoring chances in the second half were thwarted when Dharia leaped high to take away a shot headed just under the crossbar with 23:33 remaining, while Schultz covered for Dharia with 19:55 to play when she booted away a ball headed into the net.

Meanwhile, the return to the lineup of Riley, who

BOYS GOLF

Northville advances into D1 regional

Plymouth shoots 283 to rule district tournament

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Survive and advance.

That's the approach the Northville boys golf team has taken after garnering a fifth-place finish May 26 in the MHSAA Division 1 district tournament held at Fox Hills G.C. in Plymouth.

The Mustangs, posting a four-player total of 310, are moving on to the regional tournament that was scheduled for Wednesday at Ypsilanti's Pine View Golf Course along with district champion Plymouth (283), runner-up Ann Arbor Skyline (292), third-place Ann Arbor Huron (294), fourth-place Saline (305) and sixth-place Canton (315)

Clearly, it's nice to have taken another step towards our goal as a team, but to a man, we know we left a few strokes out on the course yesterday," first-year Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "At the regional, we won't

have that luxury. We'll need our 'A' game.'

Plymouth junior Jack Boczar took individual medalist honors with a sizzling 6-under 64. The Wildcats' three other scorers included Kyle Kozler, sixth (71), and Justin Kapke and James Baldwin, tied for ninth (74 each).

Sophomore Jimmy Dales and junior Aaron Youmans finished tied for seventh and ninth, respectively, with 72 and 74, for Northville.

The Mustangs other two scorers were junior Drew Kearis, who tied for 20th with 80, along with junior Max Antilla, who placed 32nd with 84. Sophomore Abhi Alluri was Northville's non-scorer in 40th with 89

Dales got the Mustangs off to a strong start by firing a 2-under 33 on the front nine.

"As a big hitter, Fox Hills doesn't allow Jimmy to showcase all of his talents, but yesterday, Dales had his irons and putter working early," Cronin said. "As a coach, it's great to have a number one who you can count on to go out and compete with the best in the field. Jimmy has been that player all

season."

Youmans, meanwhile, finished evenpar over the last 12 holes to shoot 4over 74.

'Aaron is playing some of his best golf of the season and it couldn't come at a better time for the junior," Cronin said. "Aaron had a great start to the season, earning medalist honors at the Farmington Invite, but then his game hit a rough patch. After a pedestrian start to his round Thursday, Aaron's a perfectionist and he visibly thrives on the challenge that each hole presents."

Missing regional cut (top six) were Salem (338), Ann Arbor Pioneer (339), Belleville (342), Ypsilanti Lincoln (391), Westland John Glenn (415) and Wayne Memorial (448).

But moving on as additional regional individual qualifiers were Lincoln's Jeremy Gould (77), Pioneer's Andrew Carey (80), Wayne's Andrew Aigeltinger (80), Belleville's Ryan York (80), Salem's Havden Winch (81) and Pioneer's Jack Margolis (82).

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Northville's Aaron Youmans earned a ninth-place finish with 4-over 74 at the district tourney at Fox Hills G.C.

HIGH SCHOOL ROWING



DEB WILLIAMS

Among those winning state medals for the Northville Rowing Club were (front row, from left) Maya Sankaran, Jackie Cole, Zoe King and Bethany Holub and (back row, from left) Kylie VanLoo, Belle Cureton, Jake Gourd and Ashwath Muruganand.

Northville club rowers earn three state titles

Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Northville Rowing Club came away with three first-place medals at the 2016 Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan Championship, held May 21 at Riverark in Grand Rapids side P

Aaron Schute, along with freshman Mitchell Encelewski and coxswain Bhandari, took third in their opening heat (6:01.45).

Meanwhile, the men's junior 8-plus team took third in the opening heat (5:30.02). The team consisted of Quentin Baur, Andrew Robinson and Yosef Mansi, all juniors; Ryan Gourd, Zach MacKinnon and Somerville, all sophomores; and freshmen Nick Cemalovic and Elyssa Daguanno (coxswain).

GOLF

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April 15-16 at Locust Hills G.C. in Springfield, Ohio.

We just got a bunch of guys who are mentally tough," Dewling said. "They really fought off some bad holes today and posted some impressive numbers. James Piot is a great player. Max Palmer and Sean Niles have really had a great year as well.'

Chemung Hills proved to be challenging, to say the least as, CC was the only team to break 300.

"You've got to place the ball off the tee, be smarter around the greens, because they do have some undulations," Dewling said. "It was obviously a really good day for us, 5-under with our score. Wherever you go, five guys got to get the ball in the hole. At 5-under, we're satisfied as coaches, but we know we have regionals coming up and we know Dunham Hills is going to be just as tough. We're really looking forward to playing next Thursday."

Meanwhile, Lakeland also advanced led by senior Justin LaFrance, who finished seventh with 78. Other scorers for the Eagles included Adam Kleckner, 18th (84); Ben Cohen, 21st (85); and Blake Kocsis, 34th (89)

"Our team play has been inconsistent this year, but we played well enough to advance," Lakeland coach Hugh Felt said. "Our best this year was a 315. It will take a much better score to make it out. Individually, it will take a 74 or better.'

Novi, which placed seventh with 343, missed the regional cut by four strokes.

But the Wildcats had two individual regional qualifiers, as juniors Ryan Welch and Mike Ulle finished with scores of 78 and 82, respectively.

"I'm proud of them both and thought they both played well," first-year Novi coach Jason Delo said. "The course was very challenging and both had to learn to work through some difficulties on the course. They have carried our team this season in our KLAA matches. And while it is disappointing that we could not make it to

Northville High and Michigan State alum, provided a huge lift off the bench.

'That's one of the most exciting games I've ever played in, was in the final fours," Keady said of the OT victory. "It

regionals as a team, I'm happy that they were both able to go as individuals."

The other four individual regional qualifiers were Milford junior Christian Golich (86), Walled Lake Central junior Alex Sooch (84), Walled Lake Northern senior Tyler Fracassi (85) and Central senior David Lawless (86).

MHSAA DIVISION 1-DISTRICT 7 BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT May 25 at Chemung Hills TEAM STANDINGS (top six advance to regiona): 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 283 strokes; 2. Pinckney, 329; 3. Hartland, 332; 4. Howell, 336; 5. White Lake Lakeland, 336; 6. Brighton, 339; 7. Novi, 343; 8. Walled Lake Central, 346; 9. Walled Lake Northern, 350; 10. Milford, 362; 11. South Lyon, 366; 12. Walled Lake Western, 367. Individual medalist: Ben Smith (Detroit CC), Individual medalist: Ben Smith (Detroit CC),

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decided to wrestle. Northville's wrestling program really helped me get in shape and worked on my balance a lot. That's probably one of the most helpful things I've ever done for my rugby career."

RUGBY

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Tradesmen. "The Detroit Tradesmen being here was an added bonus," Keady said. "I've been a starter since the second game. We have a lot of talented guvs. but this the first time all throughout the year where we've been positive with each other instead of being blunt when we made mistakes and just kind of believed in the system that our coach (Jed Elley) put together. And we're just playing as a team really, really well." During the regular season, Keady played the position called tight head prop, but moved to the blind side flanker spot for the playoffs. "The team is made up of two components - forwards and backs," Keady said. "As forwards, we do a lot of the same thing, but in set pieces the props are the strong point where he's fully focused on the set piece, while the blind side flanker is keeping an eye on the outside in case you need to get the ball out quickly. In the East National Regional semifinals May 22 at Founder's Field in Pittsburgh, Pa., the Tradesmen rallied for a dramatic 55-31 overtime win over the Village Lions of NYC. That came after a convincing 44-10 quarterfinal victory over Charlotte (N.C.) Rugby as the versatile Todd Else, a 2011

On the banks of the Grand River, NRC senior Ashwath Muruganand captured the men's varsity singles title in 6:23.65 and also teamed with junior Jake Gourd to win the men's varsity doubles in 5:37.4

Muruganand then competed Friday in the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championship Regatta in men's varsity singles at Dillon State Park in Nashport, Ohio, where he took fourth in his heat with a time of 5:46.531

Meanwhile, junior Jackie Cole was first for the NRC in the SRA of Michigan Championship women's varsity singles (7:11.6).

Another podium finish for Northville was recorded by the women's junior 4-plus crew of juniors Zoe King and Maya Sankaran, sophomore Belle Cureton and Freshman Kylie VanLoo, along with junior coxswain Bethany Holub (6:41.6).

Northville's women's varsity doubles team of Sankaran and Cureton also recorded a third-place finish in 6:55.42.

The men's junior 4-plus team of sophomores Brett Somerville, C.J. Daniels and

The men's lightweight 4-plus team of juniors Frank Williams, J.T. Kerns and Camden Esposito, along with sophomore Connor Hart and freshman coxswain Jordi Brownlow, placed fifth in its first-round heat (5:59.29).

The NRC's women's junior 8-plus finished sixth in its opening heat (6:41.62), led by juniors Melissa Pearson, Kate Westphal and Shivani Vishwanath; sophomores Katie Sturtz, Audrey Schikora, Maddie Ozog and Sophie DeClue (coxswain); and freshman Sara Bennett.

"It's been a phenomenal season," NRC coach Katie Larder said. "We did extremely well today. We probably would have medaled in the men's junior 4-plus if they hadn't been assigned to the first heat. But that's the luck of the draw. I hope to see everybody this summer at our scully or preseason camps."

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was an absolute mud pit. Both teams were playing really, really tough against each other. Luckily, we were able to rally at the end. They were up two scores with three minutes left and we were able to tie it up and run away with it in overtime.'

As a youth, Keady was involved in a lot of sports, but found his niche with the Knights, an affiliate team of the Tradesmen.

"I was just like everyone else, playing baseball," Keadv said. "I was kind of falling out of love with it. In the school announcements. I heard there was rugby practice. I was interested, plus the practice field was a bike ride away from my house. I went to the first practice and I just kept coming back and fell in love with it."

Keady continued with other sports as well during high school, where he was Northville's football captain playing both as a linebacker and on the defensive line.

"It was a good thing for aggression, but they are two different things," Keady said of the two sports. "One of the things I also did was my freshman and sophomore year I was on the swim team, which really helped with my conditioning. And then my senior year, I

There are no pads used in rugby with (soft) helmets being optional.

'I've definitely had a lot of aches and bruises, not a lot of serious injuries," Keady said. "Kind of had pinched a nerve before, had a knee swell up, but a lot of the sport is about staying in shape and with good fitness. On of the biggest components in our game is proper tackling and good technique, because your know you're not playing with pads or protection other than how you got into a hit. It's not as physically tolling as one would imagine. It's no walk in the park, but it's a matter of staying in shape and playing the right way.

The longevity of a tough and demanding sport like rugby is surprising as evidenced by Livonia's Benjamin Wendt who, at 40, remains a key performer for the Tradesmen.

Keady sees a long future for himself in the sport as well.

"I'm going to keep playing until I can't," he said. "I don't have any plans to end it. I haven't thought about it."

Sunday's championship game will be live streamed on USARugbyTV.

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MHSAA PREP BASEBALL TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 at NORTHVILLE

Saturday, June 4: Livonia Churchill vs. Novi Detroit Catholic Central-South Lyon predistrict winner, 10 a.m.; Northville vs. Novi, noon; Championship final: 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Novi vs. Waterford Kettering district champion.)

at HARTLAND Saturday, June 4: Hartland vs. Lakeland-Fenton predistrict winner, 10 a.m.; Milford vs. Holly, noon; Championship final: 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Novi vs. Livonia Stevenson district champion.)

district champion.) DIVISION 2 at LIVONIA'S FORD FIELD Saturday, June 4: South Lyon East vs. Redford Union, 10 a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, noon; Championship final: 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Chelsea vs. Flat Rock district champion.)

DIVISION 4 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN

Saturday, June 4: Novi Franklin Road Christian vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 10 a.m.; West Bloomfield Frankel Academy vs. Brighton Stockwell Academy, noon; Championship

final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, noon Saturday, June 11, at Ottawa Lake Whiteford vs. Petersburg-Summerfield district champion.)

MHSAA PREP SOFTBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1 at NORTHVILLE

Saturday, June 4: Northville vs. South Lyon, 10 a.m.; Novi vs. Livonia Churchill, noon; Champi-onship final: 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Novi vs. Waterford Kettering district champion.) at HARTLAND

Saturday, June 4: Holly vs. Fenton, 4 p.m.; Hartland vs. White Lake Lakeland-Fenton predistric winner, noon; Championship final: 2:30 p.m. district (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Novi vs. Waterford Kettering district champion).

district champion). DIVISION 2 at LIVONIA LAD YWOOD Saturday, June 4: Redford Union vs. South Lyon East-Livonia Ladywood predistrict winner, 10 .m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel a.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, noon; **Championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 12:15 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Chelsea vs. Flat Rock district champion.)

DIVISION 4 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN Saturday, June 4: Novi Franklin Road

THE WEEK AHEAD

Christian vs. Plymouth Christian Academy, 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Ottawa Lake Whiteford vs. Petersburg-Summerfield district champion)

MHSAA GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNEY DRAWS DIVISION 1

at CANTON (P-CEP) Thursday, June 2: Canton-Livonia Churchill winner vs. Plymouth-Northville winner, 5 p.m.; Westland John Glenn vs. Salem-Wayne Memorial winner, 7 p.m

Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at Saline vs. Ann Arbor Huron

district champion.) at NOVI (MEADOWS STADIUM) Thursday, June 2: Novi-South Lyon winner vs. Walled Lake Western-Farmington Harrison winner, 5 p.m.; Farmington Hills Mercy vs. Livonia Stevenson-North Farmington winner, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 3: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Bloomfield Hills vs. Oxford

district champion.) at HARTLAND Thursday, June 2: Walled Lake Northern-

Brighton winner vs. Howell-White Lake Lakeland winner, 5 p.m.; Hartland vs. Milford-Walled Lake Central winner, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 11 a.m.

(Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at Bloomfield Hills vs. Lake Orion district champion.)

Thursday, June 2: Ypsilanti Community-Redford Union winner vs. Redford Thurston-South Lyon East winner, 5 p.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs.

Saturday, June 4: Championship final, 5 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals, 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Berkley's Hurley Field vs.

MHSAA BOYS LACROSSE DIVISION 1 REGION 4 FINALS at TROY ATHENS

Friday, June 3: Novi Detroit Catholic Central winner vs. Birmingham Unified-Troy Athens winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals, Wednesday, June 8, at site to be determined vs. North Farmington regional champion.) REGION 3 FINALS

at NORTH FARMINGTON Friday, June 3: Northville-Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day winner vs. Brighton-Ann Arbor Pioneer

winner, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals, Wednesday, June 8, at site to be determined vs. Troy Athens regional champion.)

MHSAA GIRLS LACROSSE DIVISION 1 REGION 4 FINAL

Friday, June 3: Novi-South Lyon Unified winner vs. Northville-Ann Arbor Pioneer winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Troy Athens vs. West Bloomfield regional champion.)

MHSAA BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD FINALS **Saturday, June 4** Division 1 at Hudsonville, 10 a.m. Division 2 at Zeeland, 10 a.m.

MHSAA GIRLS TENNIS FINALS Friday-Saturday, June 3-4 Division 1 at Midland, 8 a.m. Division 2 at Holly, 8 a.m

MHSAA BOYS GOLF REGIONAL Thursday, June 2 Division 1 at Dunham Hills, 9 a.m. MHSAA BOYS GOLF FINALS Friday-Saturday, June 10-11 Division 1 at The Meadows, 9 a.m.

DIVISION 2 at FARMINGTON

Garden City-Farmington winner, 7 p.m.

Allen Park district champion.)

PREP BASEBALL

Mustangs sweep all three to claim title

Novi wins fourth straight by taking 2 vs. Marysville

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Northville added another tournament title to its 2016 baseball resume Saturday by sweeping all three games to win the Grosse Pointe South Tournament.

"Real good day all around," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, whose team improved to 26-6 overall. "All three teams have very competitive programs and to come out of the day winning all three was a great accomplishment. We were able to bang out nearly 30 hits in 18 innings.'

Northville won the opener against New Baltimore Anchor Bay, 3-2, as winning pitcher Zach Prystash pitched all six innings, allowing just four hits and no walks while striking out six

David Dillon, who went 2-for-2, collected an RBI along with Nate Wixon and Jack Sargent to pace Northville. Kevin Morrissey also went 2-for-3 with a run scored.

In Game 2, Morrissey went 3-for-3 with an RBI as Northville scored runs in the fifth and sixth innings to rally past Plymouth, 4-3.

Jon Michalak, who came on in the fourth for Dillon, the starter, pitched 21/3 innings of scoreless relief to earn the victory.

Zac Osaer had an RBI double, while Aram Shahrigian also knocked in a run for Northville.

In the tourney finale, Northville unloaded for 10 hits in a 12-3 win over the host Blue Devils as Wixon collected two hits and three RBIs.

Shahrigian and Osaer added two hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Chris Dunn went five innings, allowing one earned run on three hits and three walks. He struck out four

Dunn also helped his own cause with a two-run double and finished with three RBIs

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Members of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, including outfielder Miles Williams (left) and infielder D.J. Martinez, work through drills at Warriors Park during the first official day of practice for the United Shore Professional Baseball League.

Warriors Park buzzing with Beavers

Marty Budner Staff Writer

Brother Rice did not have a home game nor was it practicing inside its swanky stadium last week, but Warriors Park still was buzzing with baseball. Players donning T-shirts of

the three teams which comprise the United Shore Professional Baseball League - the new independent circuit founded by Bloomfield Hills resident Andy Appleby — swarmed the field under sunny skies and sanguine dreams of playing next-level baseball.

The Utica Unicorns, Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers and East Side Diamond Hopppers, in that order, sped through their expedited twohour practice sessions with major league intensity.

Managers, coaches and league executives feverishly surveyed the activity with emotions ranging from the anxiety of assembling competitive teams to the excitement of opening a new era of minor league baseball in the met-

vers manager Chris Newell said. "In my own saying, 'If you're early, you're on time; if you're on time, you're late.' I told them to be here by 9(a.m.)and they were here by 8:45, which is great. I love the energy and I love the passion that these guys showed today."

Newell and assistant coach Rich Donnelly, after scouring young baseball talent at tryouts and in a draft room the past couple of weeks, had their first official Beavers practice rolling right along. From the opening exercises to infield practice to batting practice to base-running lessons, players were zoned in on their responsibilities and took their session seriously.

A total of 35 players were out practicing with the Beavers and 23 ultimately were picked for the opening day roster.

In addition to some local Michigan talent, Birmingham-Bloomfield's hopefuls included players from all over the country — Florida, Texas, California and Georgia, to name a few. A couple of area players — Chris McDonald, a Livonia Stevenson graduate,

and Luke Ortes of Troy were hoping to make the Eastside Diamond Hoppers.

"I'm just looking for players who can compete," Newell. said "That's what Rich and I both want to see from these kids. Unfortunately, for the kids, there isn't whole lot of time

With that being said, we're all in the same boat — all three clubs," he said. "It is what it is. But the 23 guys who are the best players out there during that duration are going to make our roster.'

Alex Kinch, a pitcher from Ann Arbor, came to the Beavers camp fresh out of the Wayne State University program. The 6-foot-2, powerthrowing right-hander finished with an 8-5 overall record for WSU this past spring, including a 3.46 ERA and 97 strikeouts in 91 innings.

Kinch learned about the USPBL through former WSU teammate Cam Walker of Shelby Township. They are both hoping to continue playing the sport they love with the Beavers this summer at the brand-new Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

"As soon as our Wayne State season ended, my coach called me to the front of the bus and asked me if I wanted to play independent baseball," Kinch. 23 said following his first practice. "I said, 'sure." He helped set this up and here I am.

"Obviously, I'm excited to keep playing and continue the dream," he added. "I love baseball. I was worried I wasn't going to have a competitive outlet if I didn't have competitive baseball anymore. Luckily, my college coach helped find something for me.

The Beavers opened the USPBL season against the Unicorns.

The players are stressing out a bit, because they want to make the roster and Rich and I are stressing out, because we want to make the right decisions," Newell said. "You know, some dreams are going to kind of get shattered here, but we're going to do our best to bring Birmingham-Bloomfield the best 23 kids we can

"Pitching and defense were solid in all three games," Kostrzewa said. "We left a lot of runners on in the first two games and that's going to happen, but our approach at the plate was great. We had great approaches with two strikes and got several two-out hits that help extend innings on offense."

NOVI 2-8, MARYSVILLE 0-2: The host Wildcats (24-14) took a pair of non-conference games Saturday from the visiting Vikings as Jac Colliau pitched a three-hit shutout in the opener. Colliau, who improved to 8-2 overall with a team-best 1.30 earned run average, pitched all seven innings, striking out eight and walking only one. Losing pitcher Travis Disser allow just two hits and walked two over six innings. He struck out four

walked two over six innings. He struck out four. Scott Beaton had an RBI, while Joey Carn scored on a throwing error to account for the Novi runs.

In the nightcap, Novi won its fourth straight as Colliau went 2-for-4 with two RBIs, while Carn was 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Also chipping in offensively for the Wildcats were Spencer VanKirk (two runs), Andy Mizerowski (RBI) and Beaton (RBI).

Winning pitcher Jack Reilly went the first five innings, allowing no runs on two hits. He struck out six and hit two batters. Beaton and Shinyu Imamura finished up with an inning apiece. FRANKLIN ROAD 15, HURON VALLEY 3:

Winning pitcher Evan Lorey allowed just one hit over five innings May 26 as Novi Franklin Road Christian (15-7) rolled to a MIAC crossover win at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

Lorey, who allowed one earned run, struck out 11. Top hitters for Franklin Road included Gavin Harris (2-for-2, two RBIs); Paul Alex (double, triple); and

Matthew Lorey (2-for-2, RBI, run). Jake Schinzing and Isaiah Stockman both came off the bench to add two hits apiece. NOVI 6-7, MILFORD 4-6: The Wildcats (22-14)

took both ends of a doubleheader May 25 against the Mavericks (11-14).

the Mavericks (11-14). Despite being out-hit 11-6, Novi won the opener as Jack Reilly went 2-for-3 with a double and two-run homer in the fourth inning. Scott Beaton also went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while

Spencer VanKirk scored twice and walked twice. Joey Carn also had an RBI.

Winning pitcher Alec Bageris went the first five innings, allowing four runs (one earned) on nine hits. He struck out four and did not allow a walk. Cam Czapski pitched two scorless innings, allowing two hits and two walks to earn the save. Brendan Perrett went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, while

Joe Bravo was 2-for-4 with an RBI for Milford. Toni Biberaj and Sammy Lee also added two hits apiece. Losing pitcher Josh Johnston allowed six earned

runs on five hits and four walks in five innings. He struck out three. Novi also won the nightcap as Mitch Lys went

2-for-3, including a key two-run double in the fifth inning as the Wildcats scored five times. Jack Reilly added two hits, while Mike Hrit (double),

Bageris, Beaton and Carn all knocked in a run The Wildcats used three pitcher, with Shinyu Imamura throwing 2¹/₂ innings of scoreless relief to

pick up the win. He struck out three and allowed three hits.

Losing pitcher Seth Seelye gave up six runs before David Housel finished.

Top hitters for Milford included Nick Cielsielski (2-for-3, two RBIs); Josh Bravo (2-for-4, two runs); Connor Jensen (2-for-3, RBI) and Joe Bravo (two

DETROIT CC 10, LIGGETT 1: Matt Stinebiser went 4-for-4, including a homer and two RBIs, as Novi Detroit Catholic Central rolled to a victory May 24 at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (22-4).

Grant Hartwig also went 3-for-4 with a homer, while Dante Toppi also cleared the fence as CC improved to 16-14 overall.

Nick O'Dea threw a complete-game three-hitter while allowing just one run to go with 11 strikeouts and no walks against the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 3.

ropolitan area.

"First and foremost, I loved the energy of our guys," Beacome up with.

"But it's exciting and we're ready to go," he added.

PREP SOFTBALL ROUNDUP Franklin Road bats roar in 14-3 win over Huron Valley

Warriors beat Parkway Christian for the first time

> **Brad Emons** Staff Writer

Novi Franklin Road Christian unloaded for 18 hits in a lopsided six-inning 14-3 soft-

ball victory May 26 at Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

The Warriors, who improved to 11-4 overall, got three hits and three RBIs from both Danielle Fusco and Hannah Rayburn.

Haley Thrift and Alex Swaffield both contributed three hits as well, while winning pitcher Kayla Nannoshi knocked in three runs.

Nannoshi went all six innings, scattering 11 hits while striking out four.

HARTLAND 8, NOVI 1: Winning pitcher Madelin Skene threw a three-hitter and homered May 25, leading the Eagles (24-11) to a victory over the host Wildcats (23-10).

FRANKLIN ROAD 8, PARKWAY 7: Senior

shortstop Hannah Rayburn's sixth-inning bases-loaded triple proved to be the difference May 24 as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-4, 7-1) scored its first-ever win over Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. The Warriors, who out-hit the Eagles 12-11, were

led by junior catcher Danielle Fusco, who went 4-for-4 with two RBIs. Rayburn added two hits and four RBIs, while

senior Alex Swaffield also delivered a key two-run single in the fifth inning. Winning pitcher Kayla Nannoshi struck out nine.



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt threw out the first pitch May 14 as the Novi Youth Baseball League staged its 2016 opening day ceremonies at ITC Community Sports Park. The NYBL's season will run through July 16. The NYBL is a community based, nonprofit organization run by volunteers.

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Browndog to mix desserts, cocktails at store

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

You can have your cake and ice cream and drink it, too — at the new Browndog Dessert Bar opening next month in downtown Farmington.

Brian Scherle and Paul Gabriel, owners of Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar in Northville, will merge two concepts, craft cocktails and small-batch ice cream, at their new second location, 33314 Grand River Ave.

Alcohol-infused cakes and ice creams are nothing new at Browndog. The creamery, which opened in February 2015, has created such flavors as Irish Girl Scout, using creme de menthe and Bailey's ice cream, and Soco Toco, a Southern Comfort-infused ice cream with toasted coconut. But Scherle and Gabriel will take the concept a step further in Farmington by mixing unique cocktails made



Beer and ice cream go together like beer and pretzels.

with their desserts and ice creams.

"We may put blood orange cocoanut sorbet into a martini," said Scherle, whose current favorite cocktail includes gin with muddled strawberry, falernum and Strega liqueur. "Bourbon shakes, stout floats ... we're taking desserts and parlaying them into cocktails."

Beer, ice cream

The new location also gives Scherle and Gabri-



Paul Gabriel and Brian Scherle of Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar, Northville, are opening a second location in Farmington.

el a chance to pair plated desserts, such as their signature lava cake or Fruity Pebbles cannoli, with beer, wine, champagne and other beverages.

"Last month, Cowley's (Irish Pub in Farmington) asked us to come down and do a beer, ice cream pairing. Instead of beer being in the ice cream, it was truly a pairing," Scherle said. A representative from the Michigan Brewers Guild talked about beer and Browndog weighed in on the ice cream. "It was fun and magical."

Browndog also has participated in a scotch and ice cream pairing at a restaurant in Brighton and recently teamed with Detroit City Distillery for ice cream sampling and cocktails. Beverages included a float made from root beer, bourbon and ice cream; a cooler with ginger beer, vodka, lime and ice cream; and coffee infused with sweet vermouth, bourbon, bitters and ice cream.

The dessert bar will offer a limited menu of appetizers, "in case you want a savory before dessert," several plated desserts, ice cream and a walk-up area for customers who want to take their ice cream cone to go.

Scherle said the Farmington store will be the first dessert bar in Michigan.

"There's one in Washington state and San Francisco," he said. "There are other places. A lot of them are built on the soda fountain concept."

Scherle said opening day likely will be "around June 10." Health department and city inspections are set for next week. Browndog Dessert Bar also is in need of a pastry chef and mixologist. For more information, go to browndogcreamery.com.

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Brewery, distillery plans October opening

David Veselenak Staff Writer

First, Schoolcraft College prepares for a brewery in Livonia. Now, another company is looking to set up a brewpub at the site of a closed restaurant on Plymouth Road.

The Livonia Planning Commission recommended approval for a waiver use at the former Midtown Grill and Bar, 36685 Plymouth Road, for Supernatural Spirits and Brewery to move into the space. It now moves on to the city council for its

review and approval.

Ernie Pacsai, a Wixom resident and co-owner of the brewery, said he and his partners wanted to bring a brewery to Livonia, since the city doesn't currently have one. They went looking and discovered the zoning for the former restaurant on Plymouth Road, between Levan and Newburgh, was appropriate for such a brewery and are in the process of finalizing the purchase of the building.

"I know it's a great city for families and the kind of people who don't mind going out for a beer in the evening," said Pacsai, a Livonia native and Bentley High School graduate. "How can it be the 10thlargest city in Michigan and not have a brewpub?"

He said while some renovations would be made on the exterior of the building, including the removal of the brightly colored paneling that has adorned the facility for several years, the interior would remain essentially the same.

"There was quite a substantial renovation made on the building and it's quite nice inside," he said. "We would like to

keep that."

He said at least one wall would need to be removed inside in order to get brewing equipment into the building, which will also be showcased by adding a window to allow patrons to see the tanks that will store the beer. "Being a brownub, the

"Being a brewpub, the brew area is your showpiece," Pacsai said. "That is the equipment we'll be using to prepare the delicious brew."

Standards plus unique offerings

Pacsai said standard beers, like Scotch ale and wheat ale, would be brewed at the restaurant, though the facility plans on having rotating taps of more unique offerings, such as a ghost pepper stout. The partners plan on distilling such spirits as rum and whiskey as



DAVID VESELENAK The sight of the proposed brewery and distillery in Livonia.

their own signature twists to dishes. It would be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Pacsai said the plan is to open by October.

Midtown Grill and Bar closed about a year ago, leaving the building vacant since. Schoolcraft College, as

Schoolcraft College, as a part of its brewing and distillation program, is in the process of adding beer to its restaurant. production facility on Levan in Livonia last spring.

Pacsai said he and his partners are enthusiastic home brewers and decided they wanted to make a business out of their hobby. He said the Michigan craft beer community has been very supportive and he knows it will be difficult, but exciting.

"It's a little crazy, it's a little risky," he said. "We're a bunch of home brewers that have loved brewing at home for years and years."

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well.

Once open, the restaurant plans on serving traditional American pub fare in addition to the beer and spirits created on-site, though Pacsai said they hope to add The barrels for brewing at the college were delivered to the Livonia campus earlier this month.

While it doesn't sell beer on-site, Plymouthbased Liberty Street Brewing Co., opened a dveselenak@hometownlife.com 734-678-6728 Twitter: @DavidVeselenak

Prenup is part of any smart marriage

he other day, I read an article about a woman who balked at signing her prenuptial agreement. As a result, she decided to not get married. Since she had already paid for the reception, she decided to throw a party for the homeless. Obviously, this is someone who knows how to make the best out of a bad situation. I admire her for that, but I also admire her for refusing to sign a legal document she was not comfortable with. Unfortunately, too many people end up signing legal documents they're not comfortable with and they pay for it in the long run.

Unfortunately, there is still somewhat of a stigma with regard to prenuptial agreements and I believe there shouldn't be. Many people believe you get married for love and shouldn't need a prenuptial agreement. That would be true if we all lived in Ozzie and Harriet families, but we don't. In today's complex world, where blended families seem to be the norm, a prenuptial agreement can be an invaluable document to protect you and your family.

It is important to recognize what a prenuptial agreement is meant to accomplish. Generally, a prenuptial agreement will address two issues. The first and the one that most people are familiar with is what happens when the marriage does



not work. As opposed to spending years in court and spending substantial amounts of money on divorce attorneys, a prenuptial agreement sets forth terms if the marriage does not work. For a young couple with very little in assets, a prenuptial agreement may not be necessary. On the other hand, if someone is coming into the marriage with substantial assets they're looking at protecting, a prenuptial agreement can be effective. For example, through the effective use of a prenuptial, a small business owner can protect the business if there is a divorce.

Another effective use of prenuptial agreements is to protect assets or an individual upon your death. Many people think prenuptial agreements are only effective in divorce situations; that's not the case. Prenuptial agreements are also used to protect children from a previous marriage. For example, upon your death, you may want to have your assets go to the children of your first marriage without leaving anything to your new spouse. One of the most effective ways of accomplishing this is through a prenuptial agreement. My philosophy is that when someone gets married and they have substantial assets or children from a previous relationship they want to protect, a prenuptial agreement is effective to make sure that judges, courts and lawyers don't get involved with family affairs.

One of the mistakes people make with regard to a prenuptial agreement is they wait until the last second and, as a result, it causes all sorts of problems. You can't wait until the last second - the sooner you can put it behind you, the better. After all, if you can't discuss something as uncomfortable as a prenup, maybe it's a sign you should not be getting married.

I recognize the reason people get married is because they love each other. However, we all have to accept the reality that does not mean the marriage will necessarily work. A prenuptial agreement is the mature way to ensure that, if a relationship does not work, there is an orderly and systematic distribution of the property so that both parties can move forward without destroying each other in divorce proceedings.

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Realtor Scholarship Fund winners are eager to continue their post-secondary studies at a variety of colleges and universities.

Realtor Scholarship Fund Awards make students' futures brighter

Local high school graduates will have a helping hand with college costs, thanks to the 33rd annual Realtor Scholarship Fund Awards Ceremony May 10.

The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, assisted the Realtor Scholarship Fund in awarding 39 scholarships to local high school graduates. Nearly 100 students and guests attended the awards ceremony.

Recipients of the Dorothy McLachlan Awards are: Sarah Buhay, Bishop Foley High School, University of Detroit Mercy; Carly King, Dakota High School, Michigan State University; Natalie Strand, Berkley High School, Northern Michigan University; Christina Thomas, Eisenhower High School, University of Michigan.

Richards Maurice I Awards recipients are: Arsha Ali, Athens High School, Oakland University; Morgan Barbret, Roseville High School, Central Michigan University; Andrew Irons, Stoney Creek High School, Michigan State University; Harpreet Kalsi, International Academy East, University of Michigan; Molly Minamyer, Ferndale High School, Wayne State University; Alexandra Nowicki, Armada High School, College for Creative Studies; Kira Nowicki, Armada High School, Oakland University; Ashley Reece, Richmond High School, Saginaw Valley State University; Nicholas Riesterer, Dakota High School, University of Michigan; Muhammad Shafique, Adlai Stevenson High School, Michigan State University; Evan Stimp-

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son, Rochester High School, Western Michigan University; Trevor Tyle, Bishop Foley, Oakland University; Bailey Webb, Rochester High School, Grand Valley State Univer-sity; and Alex Wylie, Rochester High School, Oakland Community College. Jack Kesler Awards went

to: Anthony Cholagh, Adlai Stevenson High School, Oakland University; and Michael Kelley, Rochester High School, Michigan State University.

This v ear's Scholarship

High School, Michigan State University; Maya Davidson, Warren Mott High School, Western Michigan University; Angelica Ellis, Wylie Groves High School, Grand Valley State University; Diana Evans, Warren Woods Tower High School, Ferris State University; Samantha Glaza, Royal Oak High School, Adri-an College; Michaela Hampton, Royal Oak High School, Michigan State University; Darrius Hicks, Southfield High School, University of Michigan-Dearborn Andrew

and church service, work record and financial need. Each applicant must be a Michigan resident and a graduating senior from a high school within the Fund's jurisdiction.

Contributions are solicited from members of the real estate community, Realtors and affiliated companies and corporations. Awards are made from the annual income of the Fund only. Since 1983, the trustees have awarded 1,089 scholarships from those students interviewed.

Organizers thanked school superintendents, principals, teachers and staff members of the schools in the Scholarship Fund's area for their cooperation in making this public service program a success.

Also thanked were the ounselors and parents of the student applicants for their assistance and encouragement given during the application process. The Maurice L. Richards Award fund was established in 1993 to honor SOCBOR's retiring executive vice president of 24 years and the founder of the Fund. The B.F. Chamberlain Award fund was established in 2004 through a contribution by Realtor Bud Chamberlain. The Dorothy McLachlan Award was established in 2004 recognizing more than 30 years of contributions by Honorary Trustee Dorothy McLachlan. The Jack Kesler Award was established in 2009 to honor the contributions of Jack Kesler to the real estate industry and to the Fund.

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Check with lawyer on quit claim deed, sheriff's sale

Q: I am wondering whether, as the recipient of a quit claim deed as to certain real property, if I am also entitled to the proceeds of a sheriff's sale? Do you have any idea as to that?

A: In a recent case out of Mississippi, on similar facts, the court held that a quit claim deed transfers any and all interests a grantor has in the

property, including the right to equitable redemp tion and the right to any surplus that may have occurred at the bidding end of the



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sheriff's sale. Of course, to be sure, you should contact a knowledgeable real estate lawyer to confirm your situation.

Q: We live in a rural site condo and our neighbor is literally keeping hens in the back of his unit. I am on the Board and the Association informed him that this violated the Association Covenants which disallow animals, birds or poultry on resident's lots unless they are kept as a "recognized house-hold pet." We haven't been able to find a good communi-ty association lawyer in our area. Should we pursue the matter?

A: Yes, I think you should be 'chicken" about proceeding. Believe it or not, in a similar case on similar facts, the New Mexico Appellate Court ruled that a restrictive covenant does not disallow owners from keeping hens. The Appellate Court had reversed the trial court's decision. The ruling was that the "notions expressed in the covenants in maintaining the "pastoral" and "rural" nature of the area and the historical traditions of the region would appear to lend themselves to allowing animals, birds and poultry as recognized pets." The court also reasoned that if the community didn't want domes ticated chickens to be recognized as household pets, the residents could have removed the language that anticipates and permits them under the exception. Whether or not the same result would occur in a crowded city is another matter.

Awards winners are: Mari Dowling, International Academv East. Michigan State University; Emily Emerson, Lincoln High School, Grand Valley State University; Maxwell Fahrney, Richmond High School, Central Michigan University: Samantha Jabaoro, Regina High School, Oakland University; Kara Lamb, Regina High School, Grand Valley State University; Jessica McCleary, Marian High School, Michigan State University; Emma Perry, Richmond High School, Michigan State University; and Eryn VanderVlucht, Roseville High School, Olivet College.

B.F. Chamberlain Awards went to: Alexia Arthur, Detroit Country Day School, Western Michigan University: Zoe Crowe, Rochester Adams

Jaeger, Shrine Catholic High School, University of Michigan; Nicholas Marcopoli, Bishop Foley High School, University of Michigan; and Justin Pauken, DeLaSalle Collegiate, University of Michigan.

The Realtor Scholarship Fund, founded in 1973, provides scholarship awards to students deemed worthy and qualified by the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to encourage local high school seniors to continue their formal education at Michigan colleges, universities, community colleges, technical institutes, trade schools and other institutions of higher learning.

Scholarship awards are based on scholastic record, character and leadership, school activities, community

Suburban Collection in Novi site for State of Industry Breakfast on June 22

Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), American Institute of Architects Michigan (AIA) and Home Builders **Association of Southeastern** Michigan (HBA) have partnered to present the sixth annual Mid-Year Economic Forecast and State of the Industry Breakfast on Wednesday, June 22. The event will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi and will feature keynote speakers Kermit Baker, Ph.D., AIA Chief Economist.

The breakfast meeting will begin with a trade show and opportunity for guests to meet the speakers from 7:30-9 a.m., including networking and tabletop displays. This will be followed by a full family style breakfast and the program from 9-10:30 a.m.

Kevin Koehler, president of CAM noted, "With the addition of AIA Michigan as a partner in presenting this event, we have added a dimension that



struction the Stoskopf opportunity to convene to learn where the economy is head-

ing.' Michael Stoskopf, CEO of HBA, agrees and added, "This is the sixth year we are producing this event and we welcome the addition of AIA Michigan to make it an even more comprehensive program for our members. I look forward to hearing insights from Dr. Baker on the local, state and national levels."

Cathy Mosley, executive director of AIA, commented, "We are pleased to partner with CAM and HBA in presenting this important program. It is imperative that all of our members have informa-

tion targeted to the construction industry while planning for the remainder of 2016 and beyond.'

Registration fees for the event are \$50/person. For registration information, call HBA at 248-862-1016, CAM at 248-972-1000 or visit www.cam-online.com

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BY MARY LORENZ CAREERBUILDER

ick of the 9-to-5 grind? Aching to escape cubicle life? A freelance career may be for you. Millions of people work for themselves these days, and it's easy to see the attraction: Not only does self-employment offer the freedom to set your own hours, choose your own projects, be your own boss and work from wherever you want, you also have more income potential and can take advantage of tax deductions that salaried employees can't.

Of course, there are downsides to freelancing, too. Freelancers often have to find their own work, and because the workload varies from month to month, so does the pay. But for those who believe that the benefits outweigh the challenges, there are plenty of lucrative self-employment opportunities across a wide variety of industries.

Here are just a few of the occupations that have high levels of self-employment, pay \$15 an hour or more and are projected to grow over the next five years. (Salary and occupational growth information was supplied by EMSI, a CareerBuilder company that provides employment data and economic analysis.)



can boost your job prospects. Median hourly earnings: \$30.37

2. Applications software

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4. Interpreters and translators: Are you fluent in a second language?

While you typically need to have a bachelor's degree to be an interpreter or translator, the most important qualification is proficiency in both English and another language. Many translators complete job-specific training programs.

6. Interior designers: Is watching a "Love It or List It" marathon your idea of a perfect Sunday? There may be an interior designer in you waiting to come out. A bachelor's degree is usually required, along with classes in drawing and computer-aided design. Median hourly earnings: \$19.69

7. Web developers: Web developer jobs are projected to grow by more than 17 percent over the next five years, making it a smart field to enter. Most web developers have an associate's degree in web design or a related field, as well as working knowledge of both programming and graphic design. Median hourly earnings: \$19.37

8. Graphic designers: Got an eye for design and the computer skills to match? Use your degree in graphic design or a related field to enter one of several industries, from advertising to publishing to website design. Median hourly earnings: \$18.17

1. Management analysts: Also called management consultants, management analysts propose ways to improve an organization's efficiency, reduce costs and increase revenue. Most management analysts have at least a bachelor's degree, but becoming a Certified Management Consultant

developers: Got a bachelor's degree in computer science and strong computer programming skills? Consider work as an applications software developer, where you will develop, create and modify general computer software or specialized utility programs. Median hourly earnings: \$28.92

3. Marketing managers: Put your marketing degree to good use. Almost every company has a need for marketing managers, who are in charge of planning, directing and coordinating marketing campaigns and strategies for businesses.

Median hourly earnings: \$25.48

Median hourly earnings: \$20.34

5. Editors: Do you have a degree in communications, journalism or English and above-par editing skills? Being an editor gives you the flexibility of taking on a variety of roles - from publication assistant to executive editor - across several types of publications, such as books, newspapers, magazines and websites.

Median hourly earnings: \$20.29

9. Fitness trainers and aerobics

instructors: Is exercise your passion? If you're a certified fitness trainer or aerobics instructor who wants to make a living as your own boss, you'll be excited to know that these jobs are projected to grow a remarkable 15 percent over the next five years. Median hourly earnings: \$17.06

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Cadillac Unveils One Reason for Its Controversial Move to New York – Cadillac House – As It Rolls Out CT6, Then XT5



opening public of its yearold global headquarters in New York: House, 12,000-squarehighly

foot,

curated "design house" for coffee, art, fashion-and an occasional automobile—on the ground floor of its HQ at 330 Hudson Street in west SoHo.

traditional car dealership and the auto market. showroom, it's a platform to

Cadillac is brand and its "Dare Greatly" the marketing campaign focused on CMO Uwe Ellinghaus told me. "If part achievers in design and other highlevel pursuits who are "driving the world forward," Cadillac has been trying to persuade premium auto C a d i l l a c its stodgy traditions and become a and the creators, we have achieved a marque worthy of its products.

This has laid the groundwork for its most important product launches in many years: the all-new, flagship CT6 sedan, which is trickling into Cadillac dealerships right now, and the upcoming XT5, a mid-size crossover that replaces the SRX and comes along at a time when this Aiming beyond retail or the segment is dominating sales across

With Cadillac House opening its



Cadillac House: more sumptuous than a Starbucks

NORTHVILLE Sub Wide Sale Woodlands North Sub. NW corner of 6 Mile/Sheldon. June 3rd-4th, 9-4pm.

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communicate the heart, art and soul doors to the public on June 2, the goal of the GM-owned brand.

By controversially its headquarters from Detroit's and brand positioning championed Renaissance Center building to by the automaker's brain trust as its Manhattan last year, with its pivot playbook for reviving a venerable to positioning as a lifestyle luxury brand for a modern era.

is to underscore, in an understated

"Context still matters," Cadillac we can find a way to use the fact that we're in this very cool location in SoHo and become one of the many 'in' places to be for the curious consumers that it has broken with and the creative, the innovators something. And I think that this great location and the creative vibe that surrounds 330 Hudson is the perfect place to get to the creative class and crowd-but only if you offer the proper program."

At Cadillac House, the order of the day will be creative collaborations and programming, with a menu that includes art exhibits and even a signature "Cadillac" fragrance created for the space.

Yes, Cadillac will populate the spot with vintage car models and its new CT6 and XT5 models, but visitors can't purchase, or even order, a car. That's beside the point for this soft-sell lounge. "The people we will have there will be brand ambassadors, not sales executives," Ellinghaus noted.

I talked with Ellinghaus further: Q: Uwe, why open a brand experience center for Cadillac? Certainly this isn't a new idea, even among premium auto brands.

Ellinghaus: Sure, we're not the only brand with a brand experience moving but impactful way, the new attitude center. But we're not trying only to create a "Cadillac world" with a physical manifestation of our brand identity—but to create a reason to come to Cadillac. We really think



we need a carefully curated program As far as motivation in my new that goes all over the place, over the team is concerned, I couldn't have course of a year, to give people a wished for a better result. I hired reason to come.

underscore your brand, especially and New York helped a lot to attract with your target audience of cultural them. But we can only keep them creatives?

Ellinghaus: We want to demonstrate how serious we are about building a contemporary auto luxury brand and that we go our own and XT5? way, and walk the talk, and actually amount of risk involved in this. It's XT5. We have huge numbers of not easy to find your way in the art hand-raisers (expressing interest [we] have very good partners in the in CT6 is absolutely amazing and entire space, and that helps a lot.

Q: Are you getting what you hoped for a year or so after you left Detroit for New York, which was certainly a daring move?

world-class talent that, fortunately, Q: How does Cadillac House believed in the Cadillac missionpassionate and motivated if they realize we walk the talk.

> Q: How important are the upcoming launch campaigns for CT6

Ellinghaus: We are very "dare greatly." And there's a certain optimistic about both CT6 and and fashion scene in New York, but in purchasing). The public interest dealers are telling me they are seeing clientele in their showrooms who they haven't seen over the past decade-people who want or need cars larger than our ATS or CTS and Ellinghaus: It's difficult to judge. now are coming back to Cadillac.



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