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Northville Republicans Club hosts candidate forum

The Northville Republicans Club will host a “Meet The Candidates” forum at 7 p.m. June 20. The purpose is to give the residents of the 20th Michigan House District (Northville, Plymouth and the I-275 corridor portion of Canton) a chance to get to know the three candidates running for state Representative in the Aug. 2 Republican Primary.

Jeffrey Neilson, Jeff Noble and Chris Roosen will each make brief introductory remarks. Then there will be a 90-minute question-and-answer period. Each candidate will conclude short closing remarks.

The candidates are seeking the seat that will be vacated this year by term-limited state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth. He is seeking election as Plymouth Township supervisor.

The forum will be held at the Livonia GOP Victory Center, 33462 W. Seven Mile Road Livonia.

New rental policy for N’ville’s Ford Field comes under fire

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

When major events — such as the 2015 Rib Roast — reserve Ford Field, the adjacent Northville Historical Society’s Mill Race has had to close, potentially losing earnings from its own events, including weddings.

To offset the Mill Race earnings loss, the Northville City Council on Monday night considered — and later approved

with amended language — a policy that will charge major event planners \$2,200 to use Ford Field and, consequently, close Mill Race.

But Dan Ferrara, owner of the Northville Gallery and a chamber of commerce board member, took exception with the process used to develop the policy and the precedent that could be set by offsetting the Mill Race dollar loss when Ford Field is in use for major events.

“Does this mean the Art House should be able to ask for a fee every time a parade stages in front of their building and prevents them from holding classes?” Ferrara asked the council. “Should I, as a business owner, be able to ask for a subsidy any time an event results in my sales being lower than average for a day? Should a restaurant owner ask for compensation when an event brings in food trucks, hot dog stands or a

high school students selling water or cans of coke?”

Ferrara charged that the policy is unfair and requires more consideration, particularly for other nonprofits, such as the chamber of commerce. According to the policy, nonprofits will not be affected by the new rules and fee until 2017. Ferrara told the council that on Thursday the chamber board of directors will

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Director of Community Outreach and Professional Development at Wayne State University’s Institute of Gerontology and Northville resident Donna MacDonald and her daughter, Anna, pause their work at an event to smile for a photo. Anna, a student at Wayne, works in her mother’s department.

Livonia boy raises money for local VFW

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

For many, Memorial Day Weekend included barbecues, yard work and outdoor activities with friends and family.

However, 8-year-old Jackson Sholler of Livonia spent the majority of his weekend selling homemade poppies in his front yard.

“He had a soccer tournament in Canton, but in between games, he would sit at his stand he built himself and try to flag down people in order to raise money for veterans,” former Northville resident and Jackson’s mother Becca Zeppa-Sholler said.

Prior to Memorial Day Weekend, Jackson was shown a film on the history of poppies in second-grade teacher Jane Germaine’s classroom at Kennedy Elementary School in Livonia.

The poppy — “the little red flower” that symbolizes the bloodshed in World War I by millions of Allied soldiers in defense of freedom — was originally distributed with the hope of raising funds to provide relief for the people of war-devastated France. Beginning right before Memorial Day in 1922, the distribution of poppies has raised funds that have directly benefited thousands of disabled and down-and-out American veterans.

After learning about the poppy, Jackson decided to start an art project using paper, a blue marker, red and green crayons

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Resident dedicated to improving lives of elderly

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

Having a mother who was an administrator of a nursing home, Northville resident Donna MacDonald said she was basically raised in one.

“I had about 80 different grandparents growing up,” MacDonald said, laughing.

MacDonald, who now holds the title of Director of Community Outreach and Professional Development at Wayne State University’s Institute of Gerontology, oversees the training of more than 8,000 professionals (nurses, aides, social workers, nursing home administrators

and doctors) each year who work with older adults.

“Donna brings in outstanding experts to provide this continuing education to make sure professionals are well-versed in the best ways to care for older adults and caregivers,” said Cheryl Deep, a colleague of Donna’s within the Institute of Gerontology and also a Northville resident.

Additionally, MacDonald hosts several conferences and workshops for older adults (many of which are in the Northville community), such as Issues in Aging, a two-day national conference where the “best-of-the-best” speakers

come to discuss health-related topics; Art of Aging Successfully, a for-senior-by-senior conference focusing on creative aging; and BrainStorm: A Workout for the Mind, which teaches and shows ways to keep brains healthy as people age.

“Donna’s first love has always been helping older adults,” Deep said. “Donna’s husband, Tim, jokes that his biggest competition for Donna’s affections is anyone over the age of 75.”

MacDonald’s father lived at her family’s home for over 20 years after her mother passed

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Northville High School students stand at attention at the playing of the national anthem at the start of their 2016 commencement exercises June 5 in Plymouth Township at the USA Hockey Arena. Turn to page A3 for more graduation photos.




Eight-year-old Jackson Sholler of Livonia spent his Memorial Day Weekend selling homemade poppies in order to raise money for VFW Post 4012.



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The Summer Reading programs at the Northville District Library are designed to advance literacy and foster lifelong readers, while also encouraging reading for fun. Participating in the summer reading program is an excellent way for students to avoid the summer slide and help maintain their reading and comprehension levels. Preschoolers can learn early literacy skills, and adults can model the joy of reading to their children.

Northville District Library’s Summer Reading programs for youth, teen and adults begin Friday, June 17. Children can register for the “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” program, which offers reading games, weekly prize drawings and educational and fun programs for all kids up through those entering fifth grade. Teens entering sixth grade through Spring ‘16 high school graduates can register for the “Get in the Game: Read” program. Teens can complete reading and activity logs, and attend special teen programs to earn prizes and enter the Grand Prize drawing.

“Our goal is to help foster a love of reading for children and teens through our summer library programs and activities,” said Julie Herrin, library director. “We want to encourage them to become lifelong library users.”

For more information, visit www.northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020.



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Director of Community Outreach and Professional Development at Wayne State University’s Institute of Gerontology and Northville resident Donna MacDonald spends the majority of her time overseeing training of professionals who work with older adults; however, she also hosts several conferences and workshops for adults like “Art of Aging Successfully” (pictured above), a for-senior-by-senior conference on creative aging.

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away; he died about one year ago.

“I just love giving back to the community, and this is my way of

doing that,” MacDonald said. “I actually started out pursuing nursing, but I just became too emotional with my mom and switched over to the administrative route, which was a good move for me.”

MacDonald has four

children, all of whom attended or are currently attending Northville Public Schools. She keeps busy volunteering in the PTA and also with her children’s sports teams.

“Not one of my children failed to have the opportunity to help out at

conferences several times a year,” MacDonald said. “They also have had many chances to sit down one-on-one with an older adult.”

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consider their response to the policy, including moving their events.

Ferrara also told the council that the recent Flower Sale in downtown Northville affected his business sales that week-end. “Should I be compensated?”

Toni Genitti of Genitti’s Hole-in-the-Wall on Main Street cautioned the city council that “this is going to open a whole lot of Pandora’s boxes.” Events, such as the Rib Fest, bring people to the community and it is just as easy — with a \$2,200 fee — for the city to lose to other communities.

In the end, the council removed policy language that referred to the non-refundable \$2,200 fee as a “Mill Race Closure Fee.”

The change came after Ferrara and Genitti’s comments, as well as councilman Sam Ekong who said that while he supports the policy, he

was concerned that specifying Mill Race could “come back to bite us.”

Prior to the vote, however, Mayor Ken Roth took issue with some comments. The policy, Roth said, does not favor one charity over the other, but the fact remains Mill Race has to close when a major event is at Ford Field.

In reference to a request to handle the rental of Ford Field case-by-case, Roth said that has been tried, consumes a lot of administrative time and has been difficult to manage.

Though only three major events to date are scheduled to use Ford Field, Roth added, “it’s conceivable Ford Field could be shut every weekend.”

Roth checked with surrounding areas that rent recreation areas for profit-making events. In Plymouth, renting the



Roth



Darga

bandshell costs \$750 a day or \$2,200 for a week-end. At the Stoney Creek Metro Park, the tab is \$800 per day or \$2,400.

“I couldn’t find anything analogous to Ford Field,” Roth added.

Councilwoman Nancy Darga, who requested a committee to study the issue, said the existing rental system was not working because Mill Race could not honor its contracts for weddings, for example, when Ford Field was in full use. “It’s not like they can operate when these guys take over.”

“I’m proud of the committee that came together. I think they wanted to make a win-win,” Darga added. “This process invited everyone to give a viewpoint. It’s an evolving issue.”

But Ekong asked what would happen — considering the new policy — if

a dentist could not operate because of the business was blocked while a downtown event is underway. Roth said these issues could be addressed during the special permit review.

“It looks like we are favoring Mill Race,” Ekong responded. “I’m a little concerned someone else will come up.”

Darga, however, said unlike Mill Race, other businesses do not have to close for special events. “They (Mill Race) have to survive to keep that place open to the public.”

Ferrara suggested that when Ford Field is rented for a large event, Mill Race could be included as a package deal.

But City Manager Patrick Sullivan said the historical society already has the lease on Mill Race and, therefore, the city cannot lease it.

“I don’t think we are going to craft anything that will make everyone happy,” Roth added.

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You may also call the Suburban Collection Showplace at (248) 348-5600 during regular business hours to obtain more information.

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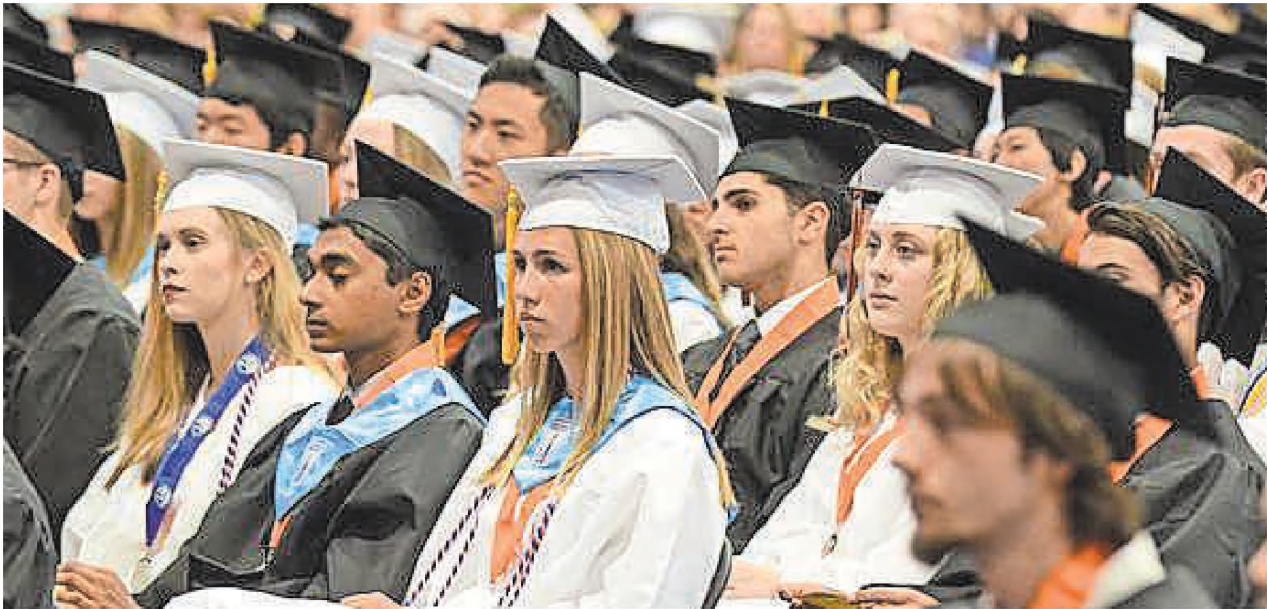
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Northville High Class of 2016 member Sunanda Adibhatla receives her diploma and a handshake from Principal Tony Koski.



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Amber Hydel crosses the stage at USA Hockey Arena on June 5 as she graduates from Northville High.



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Northville High Class of 2016 listens to a speaker at their graduation ceremony.



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Andrew Straky addresses the Class of 2016.



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Class vice-president Jocelyn Tucker addresses the class of 2016.

CRIME WATCH

Shoes missing

Northville police reportedly have video showing two women in a downtown store concealing and walking out without paying for a new pair of shoes in mid-May. The store owner contacted police days later after an employee opened the box for the \$119 shoes to use as a window display and found them missing. The employee told the owner that she conducted an inventory May 12 and the shoes were not missing.

The owner checked the store security video and saw two women walk into the store about 11:30 a.m. May 13. Both women carried black shoulder bags. One of the women picked up a shoe and showed it to her friend. The woman returned it to the display and continued shopping. Some time later, one of the women returned to the pair of shoes. She allegedly took one from the box and put it in her friend's bag and later one in her bag. Both stayed in the store for a

short time and then left. The owner spoke to other business owners in the vicinity to see if they remembered either woman. **Open intoxicants** An unidentified woman faces a charge on open intoxicants after Northville police were dispatched to a property damage accident May 24 at Allen Drive and Novi Road. When police arrived at the accident they saw a black Ford F-150 parked near the curb facing

west, while a Hyundai Sonata was parked across the road facing north. The Hyundai had significant front end damage and was leaking oil. The Ford was damaged in the middle of the passenger side. According to the report, the driver of the Hyundai failed to yield as she left the Hamlet's Pizza lot. The woman reportedly drove into the side of the Ford as it headed westbound on

Allen, past the driveway. The officer spoke to both drivers and noticed a faint odor of intoxicants on the woman. The officer conducted several sobriety tests and determined the woman driver was not intoxicated. The officer, however, noticed a pizza box flipped upside down on the front passenger floor. A bag containing cranberry juice and a sealed bottle of vodka was on the passenger seat. After

obtaining permission to search the woman's car, the officer also found an uncorked bottle of wine on the floor of the rear passenger seat. The woman told the officer she was unaware the bottle was there or how it got there. The woman was cited for open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and for failing to yield from a private driveway.

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Eight-year-old Jackson Sholler of Livonia raised over \$100 for VFW Post 4012.

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and a pair of scissors.
“He came downstairs that Friday evening and said, ‘Look what I made!’” Zeppa-Sholler said. “He then told my husband Jeremy, a former marine, and me that he wanted to sell them and donate the money raised.”
Formerly his play fort, Jackson’s “Poppy Stand” soon became surrounded with homemade signs encouraging poppy purchases for five cents each and also mere monetary and canned good donations.
On Memorial Day, Jackson and his parents attended Northville’s parade and raised even more money there.
“He collected over 100 dollars,” VFW Post 4012 Commander Scott Vandeven said in an email to the Northville Record. “I am blown away.”

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N’ville High graduates first IB Diploma students

When members of the Northville High School Class of 2016 walked across the stage at the USA Hockey Arena on Sunday, among them were the 19 seniors who comprised the school’s first-ever class of International Baccalaureate Diploma Program graduates.

IB Diploma Program graduates from the Northville High School Class of 2016 included Andrea Bartlett, Molly Bis, Alexander Breuhan, Hannah Craig, Anna Mae Crowley, Oliver Daniel, Zahra Dawson, Ramya Erasala, Lauren Fokken, Neha Gandra, Divya Gumudavelly, Deanna Handley, Jonathan Hines, Reeshma Kumar, Jun-Sok Felix Lee, Zachary Pozsar, Sarah Ptashnik, Abhishek Sreekanth and Camille Tish.

The IB Diploma Program, for motivated high school juniors and seniors, is a demanding two-year curriculum that works in an interconnected and cross-discipline manner and leads to final examinations and qualifications for students that are recognized by leading colleges and universities across the country and around the world. The innovative program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who will help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

“These ‘risk-takers’ have shown what it takes to be committed to a two-year, intensive academic program,” NHS IB Diploma Program Coordinator Dr. James Davis said. “But the real distinction of this group is that they have learned how to learn together, despite their differences, unique views, varying interests and future plans. They have succeeded as a group who cares about each other and through their hard work, both individually and together. We are most proud of these students for this accomplishment and the futures that await them.”

The Diploma Program is a holistic approach to learning



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that requires participating students to take six rigorous courses — three higher-level and three standard-level — in Language and Literature (English), Language Acquisition (world languages), Individuals and Societies (social sciences), Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Students can select their sixth subjects from among the Arts or choose a second course from one of the five categories. In addition, students must complete a Theory of Knowledge course; participate in 150 hours of activities focused on creativity, action and service (called CAS); and research and write a 4,000-word extended essay.

The Diploma Program is unique because students can choose which subjects they want to study in greater depth. They also get recognized academically for service and personal growth initiatives they complete.

“I pursued the IB Diploma Program path because I knew that the program was known as the most rigorous program that a high school student can take,” NHS IB Diploma student Lauren Fokken said. “I knew I would have to work at any class I would be taking and, therefore, chose to persevere within the IB Diploma Program for my last two years of high school.”

Fokken, who will be majoring in biochemistry with hopes of pursuing the pre-medical track at the University of Michigan in the fall, said she feels the program helped her enormously with college applications and acceptances; she applied to 21 schools and was accepted to 19 of them.

In addition to the 19 IB Diploma Program graduates this year, more than 30 students from the NHS Class of 2017 are currently fully enrolled in the Diploma Program. At the same time, more than 300 additional 11th- and 12th-graders are scheduled to take one or more Diploma Program class in the 2016-17 school year, up from 55 students just two years ago.

In order to earn an IB Diploma Program diploma (formally called a Diploma Program Certificate) students must take and pass summative exams, scored by external IB examiners, in all six of their subject areas in the spring of their senior year. In addition, these students must successfully complete the Theory of Knowledge course, extended essay and CAS requirements.

NHS, along with Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools, were fully authorized as IB World Schools in 2014, offering the IB Middle Years

Program for all sixth- through 10th-graders, along with the IB Diploma Program. The IB Middle Years Program is designed for all learners.

The program emphasizes intellectual, physical, social and emotional growth through all domains of knowledge and prompts students to understand how they learn and to connect and apply that learning. It also provides a framework of academic challenge that encourages students to embrace and to understand the connection between traditional school subjects and the real world and to become reflective thinkers.

“This unique and innovative approach to learning through the IB Diploma Program — supported by the work of the Middle Years Program — means both our students and our teachers benefit from being part of an unparalleled global network,” Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. “We are truly fortunate to have a team of exceptionally talented and devoted educators and school district leaders who work tirelessly to bring the IB philosophy and framework alive for our students.”

Gallagher added that NPS is also grateful to the Northville Educational Foundation for providing more than \$287,000 in IB program funding, along with the high school and middle school PTAs and Mothers’ Club of Northville for their generous support as the district works to advance its “Tradition of Excellence and open A World of Possibilities for all students.”

The International Baccalaureate is a nonprofit foundation, which offers high-quality and challenging educational programs worldwide.

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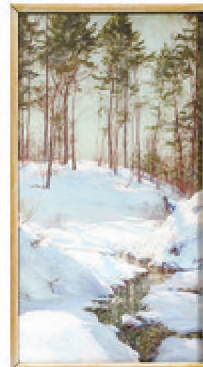
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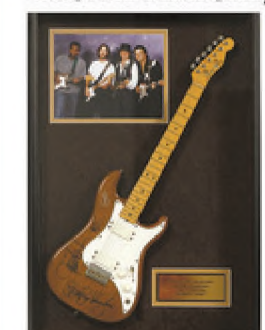
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Walled Lake Western graduates recognized



Walled Lake Western 2016 graduates with a 4.0 or better (first row, from left): John Hamilton, Nareh Vartanian, Michelle Halagian, Meghan Mesojedec, Katerina Meidanis, Akhila Manu, Kaitlin McGarry, Cathleen Huang, Allison Norton and Isabella Wilson; (second row, from left): Megan Dykstra, Romi Yun, Mackenzie Abele, Mollie McGorisk, Tulsi Sadasivan, Sabrina Shingleton, Angelina Midea, Hayley Midea, Jimin Ha, Lauren Beagle, Mariyam Batool, Audra Crawford and Sruthi Talluri; (third row, from left): Avery Dykman, Lara Elmsblad, Emily Neag, Emily Rafalko, Jake Holscher, Mara Michalski, Prachi Gokhale, Miranda Sattam, Emily Furstenberg, Daniel Hagan, Taichi Suzuki and Jordan Czarnecki; and (fourth row, from left): Gerta Hysa, Lindsay Gubow, Nicholas Anderson, Jackson Bleibtrey, John Camilleri, Brendon Michaelian, Kyle Crawford, Bianca Ganaway, Michaela Rochow, Noah Christie, Isabel Taylor, Robert Spiess, Raymond Kethledge. Also among the group are Maria Berishaj, Madison Davies, Sydney McKinstry, Layla Noormarji and Sydney SanJuan.



Walled Lake Western IB 2016 graduates with a 4.0 or better (first row, from left): Smriti Srinivasan, Erica Humphrey, Hope Drogmiller, Shams Azzawi, Chloe Weipert and Florencia Herradon; (second row, from left): Allison Norton, Aarishell Talley, Kallie Niemiec, Sonja Allen, Kristian Williams; and (third row, from left): Olivia Svenson, Jacob Namovich, Kyle Crawford, Jordan Czarnecki, Lindsay Gubow, Margaret LaPointe. Also among the group are Sydney McKinstry, Emma Murphy and Claire Sjogren.

Nearly 1,200 students recently graduated from Walled Lake Schools.

Among the graduates are 152 seniors who rank at the top of their class with grade-point averages of 4.0 or better. Students enrolled in college-level advanced placement courses can achieve better than a 4.0 grade-point average due to the weighted 5.0 points for an A available in AP courses.

There are 53 Walled Lake Central highest honors graduates, 46 Walled Lake Northern highest honors graduates and 53 Walled Lake Western highest honors graduates who were recognized June 5 during ceremonies at Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.

Plymouth Scout receives Eagle rank

Paul Kremer, a member of the Boy Scout Troop 777 and a resident of Plymouth, has earned the honor of Eagle Scout, the highest rank that the Boy Scouts offers. Only 3-4 percent of Boy Scout members attain this prestigious honor.

Kremer, 18, of Detroit Catholic Central, achieved the 21 merit badges required to receive the Eagle Scout award. For his final project, he painted the insides of all of the lockers and also painted the posts on the benches in the women's and men's locker rooms at the new Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

"I would like to thank my parents and all my friends and family who came out and helped me along in completing my Eagle project. I would also like to thank Plymouth Arts and Recreation for making it possible to do my eagle project," Kremer said.

A ceremony honoring Kremer for his achievements was held in May at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Troop 777 provides adventures where boys learn, lead and serve. Meetings are 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday at First United Methodist Church on Eight Mile in Northville. For more information, go to www.troop777northville.org.

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One month in, work on schedule for I-275

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

It's been about a month since motorists needed to find a new route after southbound Interstate 275 shut down in Livonia, Farmington Hills and Novi. And the project, which has displaced thousands of vehicles every day, appears to be moving along well with little issues.

"We're progressing pretty well on the southbound side," said Diane Cross, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation. "It looks like we're actually doing pretty well."

The state shut down the southbound side from the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange in Oakland County to Five Mile in Livonia on May 2 for a major construction project that involves repaving that entire stretch of freeway. The southbound



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Work on I-275 is going as planned, but drivers are still going to see plenty of signs like this over the summer.

portion remains inaccessible until sometime in July, when crews finish that stretch of road. Then, the northbound side will close along the same stretch and the southbound side will

reopen.

Cross said a recent update meeting with MDOT officials and the contractor, Wixom-based Toebe Construction, revealed there is some pavement along the road-

way from the interchange with I-96 and M-5 that goes as far south as Six Mile, though lots more concrete needs to be taken care of. Cross also said there haven't been any problems with any

bridges along the road, which helps keep the project moving forward.

"No surprises on any of them," she said. "Our bridges are in good shape."

The \$75 million project is expected to run until September, when both sides of the freeway are completed.

Motorists who have found alternate routes the past few weeks will need to do some preparation if they plan on using I-275 southbound between Ann Arbor Road and M-14, as well as westbound I-696 from Lahser to I-275.

The westbound portion of I-696 from Lahser to I-275 was shut down completely this past weekend for maintenance work. That is expected will be the second and final shutdown of that stretch of I-696: MDOT closed it for similar repairs the weekend of May 20-22. Once

northbound I-275 is closed later this summer, a similar pair of weekend closures will take place along the eastbound portion of I-696.

Cross said while most of the work is being done in the western portion of I-696, traffic needs to get off the freeway earlier because of a lack of other locations to exit. Because of the infrastructure near Lahser, with Telegraph and Northwestern Highway being available detour routes, it made more sense to send traffic there as opposed to the next western exit, Orchard Lake.

"That interchange can't handle that volume," Cross said. "You can't have tens of thousands of vehicles exit there. It's just not feasible."

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Can't get no satisfaction: Police called on return policy

Is the customer always right? In this case, a judge would have to make the call.

Novi Police were called at 8:58 p.m. May 31 to the Brookstone store at Twelve Oaks mall after a dispute between a customer and store employees over the merchandise return/exchange policy.

The customer purchased a projector and airframe April 14 at a total cost of \$286.14 and then returned the merchandise May 4. During the exchange, the cus-

tomer decided to purchase a wireless projector for about \$400, as well as three snap bands.

The total was \$352.72 after a promotional discount. When he wanted to return all the merchandise purchased May 4, he was told he would receive \$90 cash and the remaining amount as store credit per store policy since it originated from April 14 and fell outside the 30-day return policy. He wanted the full amount returned in cash.

The customer was told it was a civil matter.

Impulsive

Nothing gets between you and your Calvin

Kleins, except those who catch you trying to steal.

Two women caught allegedly trying to shoplift at 4:04 p.m. May 28 at Macy's said it was an "impulse."

Store loss prevention officers saw the women leave the store without paying for Calvin Klein underwear tops and bottoms, as well as Nike clothing items.

The women both said they had gone to the store without the intent to steal and it was "an impulse decision" to conceal the clothing in bags and leave without paying. They stated they knew what they did was wrong, according to a

police report. Both were cited for retail fraud, third degree.

Not OK

A driver who was pulled over by Novi police after she was seen nearly hitting the curb several times said she did not feel drunk.

The officer made the traffic stop at 2:46 a.m. May 28 on Addington Drive after watching the woman swerve on West Pontiac Trail.

The woman said she had just left the bar, where she said she drank a 20-ounce beer and a 14-ounce beer. She smelled of intoxicants, failed field sobriety tests and a breath test showed she had a blood-alcohol content of 0.10 percent.

She said she did not feel drunk and she was "OK" to drive. She was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Owner's manual

A 2008 Ford Edge owner's manual was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle, along with \$50 in cash and two inactive credit cards.

The owner discovered the theft May 28 after her car was parked in her driveway on Adorne overnight. She was advised to always lock her vehicle and not leave any valuables inside.

Rims and tires

Wheels and tires were reported stolen off a 2016 Ford Explorer parked in a driveway overnight

May 26-27 on English Way.

The vehicle's owner discovered the theft about 7:21 a.m., when he found the vehicle placed on landscape stones. His golf bag with 14 clubs in it was also taken from the unlocked vehicle.

Not so easy

A woman caught stealing cosmetics told police her friends said it was easy.

The failed theft occurred shortly after 5 p.m. May 27 at JC Penney at Twelve Oaks mall. Ten cosmetic items were recovered, with a total value of \$190. The woman was arrested for retail fraud.

— By Susan Bromley

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BABEL



ILA JANE 80, passed peacefully from this life the morning of June 2, 2016. She was visited and loved by several family members during her last days of life. Ila Jane was born January 12, 1936 in Arc City, KS, was a resident of Zionsville, IN, and Northville, MI. She was a graduate of Zionsville High School where she played clarinet in the band and was President of the Sunshine Club. Ila Jane also graduated from Detroit Business School. She was an executive secretary for Bendix Corporation. She enjoyed listening to Elvis, knitting afghans, solving puzzles, collecting Beanie Babies and Cabbage Patch Kids, and cooking. She enjoyed her summer vacations at her cabins in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where she visited with family and friends. Ila Jane is survived by her children: Jeff (Michele Gietzen-Kaufer) Weber, Ken (Barb) Weber, Mike Weber, Amy (Gary) Wuelfel; fourteen grandchildren: Jennifer (Scott), Samantha, Neil, Kayla, Ian, Trevor (Megan), Jack, Calvin, Paige, Kendall, Mitchell, Fiona, Noah, Adia; and one sister. She is preceded in death by: her parents Calvin and Loy Hawes, her husband Bernard Babel, and her son Mark Weber. A funeral service was held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. She was laid to rest with her husband at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

BACHE



DALE RONALD 84, of Brighton, MI passed away on June 5th due to complications from heart and kidney failure. Dale was born March 15th, 1932 in Detroit, MI and graduated from Redford High School. He enlisted in the army with his best friend in 1952 and served as a helicopter mechanic during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, Dale married Alice Sweetman on September 11, 1954 and then began a lengthy career in the automotive industry, while simultaneously pursuing his engineering degree from Lawrence Institute of Technology. Dale and Alice celebrated their 61st anniversary last fall, a marriage that resulted in four children: Dale (Kathy), Brad, Linda (Yvette) and Lance (Kendra), and five grandchildren: Kelly, Bradley, Matt, Michelle and Madison. Dale always said his greatest pleasure in life was playing with the children and attending their sporting events. Dale retired from Ford in 1996 and he and Alice enjoyed an active second life of travel, senior volleyball, euchre leagues and family parties, in addition to their life-long involvement in bowling leagues. Dale also continued his childhood love of fishing (usually with the kids or his brother Bob) and in mid-life also developed an affection for golf. Dale was preceded in death by his parents Hilda (Greilich) and Albert Bache, and siblings Albert, Bob, Norma, and grandson Bradley. A memorial service will be held at the Upper Peninsula Club on Sunday June 12th from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Address is 10770 Calumet Road in Whitmore Lake. In lieu of flowers those wishing to make a donation can send to Special Olympics Michigan, Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, MI 48859 and please note on check 'in memoriam of Dale Bache'.

A loving tribute

BYSZKOWSKI

RICHARD M. 65 of Venice, Florida passed away on Friday, June 3, 2016 at Venice Regional Bayfront Health Hospital, Venice, Florida. He was born on March 31, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan to Walter E. & Theresa (Buchhaas) Byszkowski. He married Jane (Frohmler) on December 16, 1974 in Gaylord, Michigan. Richard is survived by his wife, Jane; parents, Walter & Theresa; daughter, Autumn (Devin) Johnson; son, Richard of Tampa, Florida; brothers, Paul of Delaware, Ohio and Mark of Rochester Hills, Michigan; three grandchildren, Kendall, Zakary, and Jakub. He is a retired Business Manager from Owens-Illinois Glass Co./Kimble Glass/ Gerresheimer. Richard loved golf, fishing, spending time with his grandchildren and was a devoted fan of the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers. Friends may call at the Toale Brothers-Ewing place at the Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Florida on Wednesday, June 8 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. A scripture prayer service will be held at 8:00 p.m. with his brother-in-law, Deacon Richard Frohmler officiating. Burial after cremation will take place at the Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association or Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Arrangements are under the care of Baldauff Family Funeral Home & Crematory, Orange City, Florida.

SAJA



EMILY 92, of Northville, passed away May 30, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Devoted mother of Sharon (Jean) Captain, Connie Lane, Ron (John Herrera) Saja, and Allan (Ron Harris) Saja. Dear sister of Chester (Dolores) Smalarz and Estelle Borowski. Loving grandmother of Mark (Sherr) Manns, Jennifer (Mark) Bradwin, and Jeff Lane. Great-grandmother of James Bradwin. Emily was laid to rest next to Edward at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Memorial tributes suggested to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen (Development Office, 1820 Mt. Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207). heaney-sundquist.com

Novi caregiver among those awarded

A caregiver for people with disabilities who became blind six months ago and her daughter with autism were greeted by a cheering, clapping, crying crowd of 900 caregivers last month as they modeled in the MORC Caregiver Fashion Show, part of the 34th annual Macomb-Oakland Regional Center Caregiver Appreciation Day.

Kristina Blarek, 25, of Warren, a caregiver for seven years, suddenly became blind while driving to her caregiving job in November 2015. While Blarek survived several surgeries for a rare, often misdiagnosed disease, she remained blind. Blarek did not become paralyzed, as doctors predicted.

"I felt the emotion of the crowd. I heard a lot of screaming, clapping and my name being yelled," said Blarek, who with her daughter Kyleigh, 8, who has autism, were each assisted on the runway by their caregivers. "I felt inspired that I made an impact on other's lives to not give up. At least 30 people stopped me on-stage to take pictures; even in the parking lot, they stopped me.

"I'm just hoping that caregivers can take my story and be an inspiration to other people. That even though you have a disability you can go out there and do the same



Caregiver Lalita Clegg of Novi receives an MORC Caregiver Angel Award at the MORC Caregiver Appreciation Day.

thing just in a different way and still care for other people," added Blarek, who wanted to let people know how hard she is trying to become a caregiver again.

The MORC Caregiver Fashion Show, Detroit's biggest fashion show because of the number of models, nearly 100, and size of the audience, almost 900, perhaps may be Detroit's most inspirational fashion show as well. Many caregivers identify with Blarek and the people with disabilities they support because they also face the challenges of disability. Other caregivers with disabilities participated onstage and many were in the audience. Past caregiver fashion shows

can be found on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZL1aXqhW9Ns>.

MORC recognized caregivers with the 10th annual MORC Angels Awards, sponsored by Dr. Arthur Woehrlen, a dentist with Redwood Dental Center in Warren: Demitra Bond, Pontiac; Alisha Williams, Detroit; Lalita Clegg, Novi; Elena Fugate, Flint; Kimberly Johnson-Nance; Eastpointe; Monique Holliday, Auburn Hills; Sandy Hawley, Hazel Park; Deborah O'Leary, Royal Oak; Danielle Nowicki, Harrison Township; Jessica Cowan, Waterford; Ashley Jennings, Grand Blanc; Takeisha Eatman-Carter, Eastpointe; and Todd Nevels, Detroit.

Eight Mile bridge repair ahead of schedule

Jennifer Eberbach
Michigan.com

The end of a lengthy, annoying bridge closure is in sight — coming much, much sooner than expected — for drivers in the Whitmore Lake area. The replacement of the Eight Mile Road overpass over northbound US-23 is way ahead of schedule.

It was expected to reopen to traffic Wednesday morning, which is about three weeks ahead

of schedule.

The original goal had been to reopen no later than the July 4 holiday.

The busy road over the freeway has been closed since early March, when a semi-truck's oversize load struck the bridge causing severe damage to the bridge beams.

An emergency demolition followed.

"Crews repaired the Eight Mile Road span using an expedited contracting process," ac-

cording to a Michigan Department of Transportation announcement.

The replacement bridge is a temporary fix, which was estimated at around \$400,000.

It was already set to be replaced as part of a larger road and bridge project along the US-23 corridor in Washtenaw County.

MDOT is seeking reimbursement from the trucking company for 100 percent of the cost of the temporary replacement.

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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-plus. Register online at

www.northvillelibrary.org or phone 248-349-3020.

Folk Concert with Andy and Judy Daigle

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

Mario Kart Tournament for Teens

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

must check in by 11:50 a.m. to compete. Register online, by phone or in person.

Teen Event: Make Your Own Sock Monkey

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Monday, June 27
Details: Teens entering sixth grade through spring '16 high school graduates, choose from original Rockford red-heel socks in various colors to make your own sock monkey. No prior sewing experience needed. Instructions and materials provided. Register online, phone or in person.

Time for a Declutter

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 28
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Oakland County intersection has most crashes in state

Eric D. Lawrence
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The intersections with the most crashes in the state are in southeast Michigan and Oakland and Macomb counties claim the top five spots on that list for 2015.

In fact, all but one of the top 20 intersections for crashes were in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Washtenaw was the only other county represented.

The information, compiled by the Michigan State Police Traffic Crash Reporting Unit and released by the Michigan Auto Law firm, lists Pontiac Trail and M-5/Martin Parkway in Commerce Township, a large roundabout, as the intersection with the most crashes, 186, in 2015.

The intersections of Telegraph Road and 12 Mile Road in Southfield came in at No. 2, with 132 crashes, and 11 Mile Road and Van Dyke Avenue in Warren and Center Line was No. 3, with 131 crashes.

According to a news release from the firm, almost “30 percent of all Michigan car crashes and a staggering 26 percent



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Commerce Township-s Martin Parkway roundabout is often accident-prone.

of fatalities are stemming from just 20 intersections.”

“As we’ve seen over the years, areas with high traffic volumes inherently see higher crash volumes than less busy intersections. Pontiac Trail and M-5/Martin Parkway in Commerce Township also experienced a significant increase in traffic volume in 2015 while neighboring Haggerty Road was

closed all summer from Pontiac Trail to Richardson Road for construction. This resulted in considerably heavier traffic, as vehicles used the M-5 roundabout as a detour,” according to the release, which described the intersections as the “most dangerous” in the state.

But Craig Bryson, a spokesman for the Road Commission for Oakland County, pushed back

against characterizing the intersections as dangerous.

“Any time anyone puts a list together, there will inevitably be a ‘No. 1.’ That doesn’t necessarily mean that intersection is ‘dangerous.’ It just means it has slightly more crashes than other intersections. Essentially, this is a list of the busiest intersections in the state. It simply makes sense that the intersections

TOP 20

Intersections with the most crashes in Michigan in 2015

- » Pontiac Trail and M-5/ Martin Parkway, Commerce Township, Oakland County (186)
- » Telegraph Road and 12 Mile Road, Southfield, Oakland County (132)
- » 11 Mile Road and Van Dyke Avenue, Warren/Center Line, Macomb County (131)
- » 18½ Mile Road and Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights, Macomb County (124)
- » I-75 and Big Beaver Road, Troy, Oakland County (124)
- » Ford Road and Haggerty Road, Canton Township, Wayne County (116)
- » State Road and Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor/Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County (114)
- » Hall Road and Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Macomb County (111)
- » Metropolitan Parkway and Mound Road, Sterling Heights, Macomb County (102)
- » Southfield Road and 11 Mile Road, Lathrup Village, Oakland County (102)

- » Hall Road and Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township/Macomb, Macomb County (94)
- » Orchard Lake Road and Maple Road, West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County (92)
- » Big Beaver Road and Rochester Road, Troy, Oakland County (92)
- » Ford Road and Lilley Road, Canton Township, Wayne County (89)
- » 11 Mile Road and Gratiot Avenue, Roseville, Macomb County (88)
- » Metropolitan Parkway and Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights, Macomb County (84)
- » Farmington Road and Maple Road, West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County (84)
- » 12 Mile Road and Mound Road, Warren, Macomb County (83)
- » Garfield Road and Hall Road, Clinton Township, Macomb County (82)
- » Dix Highway and M-39/ Southfield Freeway, Lincoln Park, Wayne County (80)

Source: Michigan State Police Traffic Crash Reporting Unit via Michigan Auto Law firm

with the most traffic will have the most crashes,” Bryson said in an email.

He said a more useful calculation is crash rate, which considers the number of crashes compared to traffic volume.

“For example, if an intersection that carries 100,000 vehicles per day has 100 crashes per year, it may not be as ‘dangerous’ as an intersection that carries 5,000 cars per day but has 50 crashes a year. The second intersection has fewer total crashes, but the

likelihood of getting in a crash at the intersection is far greater,” Bryson said, noting that crash severity is also an important consideration. “For example, I believe every one of the crashes at Pontiac Trail/M-5 was a property damage only (fender-bender crash). From our perspective, that is a lot less dangerous than an intersection that had 25 serious-injury crashes.”

The list defines intersection as “any road with a traffic signal, four-way stop or roundabout.”

One interesting point about the list is that no Detroit locations were included.

“It is likely due to several factors, although safer drivers in the city of Detroit is not one of them. What is more likely is that there continues to be under-reporting of car accidents, especially with approximately 50 percent of Detroiters driving without mandatory auto insurance. It also is likely due to overall lower traffic volumes, especially compared to more congested areas such as those listed in Canton and lower speed limits in more urban areas,” the release said.

Carmine Palombo, deputy executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, acknowledged that southeast Michigan has a higher number of crashes.

“There are more crashes in general in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties than other counties in the state,” he said in an email. “Traffic volume is certainly an issue at many of these locations, but not necessarily at each location.”

Palombo forwarded a SEMCOG news release from last month showing that the number of fatal traffic crashes in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties has increased for five years in a row, with 387 traffic fatalities in 2015. The 138,710 total crashes in the region in 2015 — the third year that number has increased — led to 1,913 severe injuries, the SEMCOG release said.

That release pointed to increases in the number of fatalities involving alcohol (115, up 22 percent from 2014), drugs (78, up 47 percent), motorcyclists (63, up 34 percent) and bicyclists (15, up 25 percent). It also said the 1,308 crashes involving pedestrians, included a 14-percent jump in fatalities.

Kathleen Lomako, executive director of SEMCOG, said that “to stem the needless loss of life in our region, we must take a broad approach to improving the safety of our transportation system and to making small but potentially life-saving changes to our personal behavior.”

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Unfolding saga

I've been following the unfolding saga over the termination of the Fire Department's Fire Chief in the Northville Record, and three questions are suggested:

» Does our Township have written policies governing ethical conduct by its administrators and officials, especially as relates to contracts with, and purchases from entities where the administrator/official, or a member of their family has a financial interest in that entity?

» Do the above standards require official notification of the Township Manager or the Board of any possible conflict of interest?

» If so, did Richard Marinucci violate any of the Township's ethical standards?

If the Board of Trustees has no written ethics policies, shame on them! It's a given that the two, six-figure men, Mr. (John) Werth at \$125,000, Mr. (Chip) Snider at \$148,000, will not pay for their mistakes; the taxpayers of the township will.

Daniel Biedzen
Northville Township

Help for patients

Although the care my brother received as a patient at Ashley Court Livonia just a few years ago appeared to be good I'm thankful all of patients recently being cared for there are no longer in harm's way.

Most of us probably assume these sort of facilities are occasionally scrutinized. I'm relieved to actually know, at least in this case, our government is doing its number one job which is to "protect its citizens" as opposed to "running the country like a business." I'm grateful for this example that, unlike most corporations today, a top priority of our government is to protect human rights.

Until the owners of care health care facilities become more committed to providing quality care and less concerned about their profit margins and until insurance companies are taken out of the equation, patients will continue to suffer. The common practice of paying dedicated care givers employed by long-term care facilities low wages to perform tasks most of us would never be willing to do must also be stopped. Just think, when my great-grandparents were being cared for in a nursing facility in the early 1960s the staff consisted of orderlies carefully supervised by registered nurses who received directions from on-site physicians. Of course that was also a time when the owners of such facilities received earnings not much higher than the living wages they paid to their top employees, and they were able to sleep well at night. Then again, greedy corporate owners who monger unreason-

ably high profits today seem to have no trouble sleeping at night either.

It is certain all of patients who had to leave Ashley Court Livonia and their families and advocates will struggle to find the affordable quality care they deserve. Lets not only keep all of them in our thoughts. Let's learn what we can do to help ensure the rights of all patients are protected and what can be done to make certain long term care facilities provide better care to all those who cannot help themselves.

I'm relieved my beloved brother, Gary, was not subject to the recent events at Ashley Court Livonia. May his soul rest in peace forever.

Gail Wodowski
Northville

Power hungry

Let us go over what our fine feathered friends in Lansing have been up to. These right-wingers have been pitching two potential amendments to our state constitution.

House Speaker Kevin Cotter appears to be in favor of the old spoils system that was in effect before Civil Service Commissions were enacted throughout our country. Prior to the CSC Acts, incoming politicians were free to fire any worker without cause and replace them with their cronies. Under Cotter's proposal, bosses, including emergency managers, would be able to ignore CSC safeguards and fire at will. This shouldn't be a problem considering how fair working people have been treated for over five years by Cotter and his ilk. Right?

At the state level the Republicans control every office but one, that

being the State Board of Education. Thus the next proposed amendment comes into play. These people want to abolish the elected board and replace it with Snyder's appointees.

I don't believe that either of these items would survive a state-wide vote, but I bring it up to show just how power hungry and low down these people truly are.

Ironically, the last Republican who served our area and actually looked out for all of the people, is running for a seat on the Board they would abolish. John Stewart is now a member of the Democratic Party and deserves our vote. He left the other side when he found out that there was no room for a moderate.

James Huddleston
Canton

Plenty of blame

I'm almost at a loss for words to describe my utter disgust at the comedy of errors that occurred at the Ashley Court facility in late May.

Yes, we had several of our city officials give a press conference where they all stood around with stern looks on their faces, but that's just pure PR pap with no substance.

I also can't understand why this whole situation wasn't handled better — what a complete and utter cluster botch-up. The owners of Ashley Court, the patients and their relatives should've been given more warning of the violations and the looming possible shut-down.

Since the fire department cited Ashley Court on several occasions, why didn't they warn them that the place could end up getting shut down? Why didn't the

fire department inform the mayor about this combustible situation?

Even though this whole tawdry incident was a public embarrassment for Livonia, the truth is that this could have happened anywhere in this country when you consider how glibly the elderly are treated by society (especially by the medical community.)

Whether you're talking about nurses, doctors, hospitals, insurance providers or hospice care, no one really gives a flying hoot about the elderly but really only view them and their money and insurance as cash cows to be milked and bilked.

Leo Weber
Livonia

No long-term solution for DPS

Gov. Snyder says citizens want a "commitment to open, honest and ethical government." He says they're "tired of midnight deals, closed door meetings, lobbyists and special interests standing in the way of long-term solutions." I think we all agree with him. Yet, the Michigan House passed a group of bills to "bail out" the Detroit Public Schools at 4:30 a.m., behind closed doors with no public debate.

Detroit Mayor Duggan opposes the House plan, as do most organizations looking for a long-term educational solution for the kids of Detroit.

The House plan differs from the Senate's by allowing un-certified teachers to teach, authorizing any district to outsource all non-educational functions, and does not include establishing the Detroit Education Commission. The DEC would restore local

control over DPS and is supported by the mayor, Detroit legislators, and the educational community. Not surprisingly, charter school operators vehemently oppose the DEC because it would bring oversight of charter schools and slow down their plan to privatize and profitize all public schools.

The bills passed with almost exclusive support by out-state Republican representatives, along with a few southeast Michigan reps, including Novi's Kathy Crawford, Livonia's Laura Cox, and Plymouth/Northville's Kurt Heise. They must know something about Detroit's kids that the rest of the House missed.

It can't be a partisan issue because the representatives from Birmingham/Bloomfield, Troy, Walled Lake, Canton, Ann Arbor and Grosse Pointe are a mix of parties and they said "no." Maybe they think it's good policy to allow un-certified teachers in the classroom or that control of schools is better coming from Lansing than the people who actually live in the community. Maybe they think eliminating support for public teachers will make the teachers more effective and make the lower pay at charter schools the new norm.

It would be helpful if school boards from Novi, South Lyon, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton invited them to a board meeting to explain their support of school policies widely thought to be detrimental to learning and to school stability. As a constituent and parent, I'd like to hear.

Kathleen Hood
Novi

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Forage for wild greens in your own backyard

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Dinner's ready. It's in your lawn, at a nearby park and on the forest floor. You just need to look and know what you're looking for, before you bring out the salad tongs.

Lucky for you, Rachel Mifsud of Grass Lake, Minjung Godfrey of Detroit and other experienced members of Will Forage for Food are happy to share their knowledge of living off the land.

Mifsud maintains a website, Facebook page and Meetup.com presence, while offering opportunities to members of all experience levels and ages to share and practice skills in foraging for edible wild plants, making traditional crafts, fermenting foods and beverages, making cheese, cooking wild foods, cultivating mushrooms and more. The Meetup.com group has Ann Arbor/Brighton, Lansing/Jackson and Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo chapters. Mifsud is considering a new chapter in Livonia and held a free nature walk, led by God-



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The mayapple produces a fruit that is toxic when green, but becomes edible when yellow.

frey, last week in Rotary Park.

"I started the Meetup because I was thinking, oh yeah, other people forage and we'll meet to forage together," said Mifsud, who organized the group with the hopes of building a foraging community. "It turned out almost all of them were coming to see if they could learn something. Nobody else knew what to do.

"So, literally, it turned from a hobby into this quasi-business on its own."



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Minjung Godfrey shows the flower of the garlic mustard plant.

Free classes

Mifsud teaches biological sciences at the University of Michigan and leads a mix of Will Forage for Food activities, some free and some with fees.

"On the Meetup group, we have several partners. If you're going to post on our Meetup, you have to post free events once in a while. We want to make sure we're including everyone in the community."

A seven-class series,



Minjung Godfrey holds plantain leaves.

"Foraging 101," introduces novice foragers to plants and mushrooms through lecture, readings and hands-on nature walks. Classes are \$25 each or \$150 for the series, which is currently held in Fenton, Fruitport and Chelsea.

The session at Rotary Park in Livonia drew a handful of newcomers and a few Will Forage for Food regulars.

"You learn a little something every time," said Kathy Morris-Stilwell, a Livonia resident and practicing veterinarian in Redford. She has attended several Will Forage for Food events the past few months.

"I forage in my own yard. I could spend hours. The garlic mustard, I could feed the



Rachel Mifsud with wild grape.

world on the garlic mustard and plantain," she said, with a laugh. "I just made a macaroni salad with garlic mustard. I chopped it up. I added about a quarter of a cup.

It adds a little bit of a crunch. You can eat the flower, too."

Your yard

Godfrey found garlic mustard and several other edible plants within a few yards of the entrance to the park's nature trail. Although garlic mustard is high in nutrients, it's an invasive plant and the focus of spring cleanups in parks and nature preserves.

"My main goal was to cover what's in season, something you could find in your yard," Godfrey told the group.

She showed tiny leaves from the plantago (plantain) plant that taste similar to mushrooms and demonstrated the medicinal use of its larger leaves as a rub on bug bites and scratches.

"That's really abundant and you should see it in your yard," she said. "Another is dandelion. Dandelion is edible almost at any time, but after flowering, it gets bitter." Yellow flower petals add color to salads and the plant's root can be used as a coffee substitute, Godfrey said. Make an oil infusion with its flowers and grape-seed oil or sunflower oil for a muscle rub.

She pointed out sorrel leaves, a seasonal delicacy, and lambs quarter, which tastes similar to spinach.

Along the trail, the group tasted the intense lemon-flavored tendrils of a wild grape vine. They sniffed aromatic spice bush leaves and found a patch of mayapple. Godfrey described the mayapple fruit as fragrant with a tropical flavor. The green fruit "has a bit of toxicity," but can be picked when it ripens to a pale yellow.

Morris-Stilwell hopes the group will offer more programs in Livonia. She routinely drives to Chelsea, Ann Arbor and Fenton to attend Will Forage for Food events.

"This," she said, "is wonderful."

Check out the "Woodland Grocery Specials" on willforageforfood.com for ideas on using wild edible plants. The site also lists upcoming classes and events.

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Brewing technology graduates seek diverse positions in state’s growing beer industry

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Elizabeth Elliott of Livonia wants to brew beer.

Mica Bolinger of Novi would rather promote it.

And although Matthew Kuehn of West Bloomfield is the pub brewer at Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth, he sees himself in the business and management side of the craft beer industry some day.

They’re among the first six students to graduate from Schoolcraft College’s Brewing and Distillation Technology program this year. They all acquired the 24 credits needed for a certificate. They all took classes in brewing science, beer styles and flavors, brewhouse operations, marketing and management. They all love to drink beer — Bolinger calls herself “a beer nerd” — but they’re headed on diverse career paths into the same industry.

Tom Block isn’t surprised.

“I don’t think we knew what to expect, what people would do after they take the classes,” said Block, the brewer who runs the Schoolcraft College program, which began last fall. “There is more to having a brewery than making beer. I like to see all those aspects.

“There is marketing. Bell’s and Founder’s have CFOs and executive directors of sale and they have their team of brewers in the brewery. All of those jobs are available in the market.”

With Michigan ranked sixth nationwide in number of breweries — 205 according to a 2015 Brewers Association

ranking and some 20 more are planned in the state according to the Michigan Brewers Guild — job prospects are promising for brew program grads.

“The industry is popular and people are interested in craft beer,” Block said. “The market is still growing.”

Another 13 Schoolcraft students likely will be eligible for certificates in December and the introductory class for the fall semester is close to reaching its limit of 24 students.

Signing up

Kuehn, 30, who has a bachelor’s degree in finance from Western Michigan University, was in California for a cousin’s wedding when a friend texted him about the program last year. He registered by phone before returning home.

“I was always interested in getting into the industry, but thought it was hard to get a foot in the door,” he said. “I knew how popular craft beer is in Michigan and how important it is to the economy. I said I can’t drag my feet on it.”

Bolinger, 43, a single mother of two sons, had some experience tending bar at the now defunct Bonfire Bistro & Brewery in Northville, where she occasionally helped out in the brewery cleaning tanks. She’s a server at Poole’s Tavern in Northville and is working her way toward an associate’s degree in marketing and applied management at Schoolcraft. She figured the brewing and distillation experience would help focus her marketing skills in an industry she loves.

Through hands-on



Matthew Kuehn holds a Liberty One Porter.

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Elizabeth Elliott of Livonia wants to open her own brew pub, pairing craft beer and food.



Mica Bolinger of Novi hopes to work in marketing and management within the craft beer industry.

classes held at Liberty Street Brewing Co. and Block Brewing Co. in Howell, Bolinger learned just how “wet” and “dirty” the brewing process can be.

“I was washing a keg once and got showered with porter. I didn’t have a change of clothes,” she said. “You have goggles, a flashlight, boots. There are chemicals you have to deal with.”

Kuehn figures he spends about 90 percent of his time as pub brew-

er making sure “everything is clean.”

He said the Schoolcraft program made him think critically and helped him to understand how individual components — everything from the brewing process to marketing and sales — work together to form “the big picture” in the craft beer industry. He considers his current work essential if he moves into the business side of brewing in the future.

“You need to know how your product is made. You have to know what your employees do,” he said.

Pairing beer, food

Elliott, 22, who graduated from Schoolcraft’s culinary arts program, worked at Granite City Food & Brewery in Northville and offered to “scrub floors, do whatever” it took to also learn the brewery side of the business. She had been looking for jobs at breweries in northern Michigan when she heard about the Schoolcraft program and “dropped everything” to sign up.

“I’m glad I did,” she said. “I am in love with the brewing process.”

She worked three part-time jobs while taking classes and currently is a server at The Sardine Room in Plymouth. She’s studying for her cicerone certification — cicerones are the sommeliers of the beer world — and hopes to soon start home brewing

and find a full time position in a brewery.

Elliott, who used to serve her father plastic play food from her toy kitchen as a preschooler, had always wanted to become a chef. Now she wants to brew while her boyfriend, an executive chef, makes food to go with her beer.

While on a tour of 22 breweries, they noticed most brew pubs served generic bar food or snacks. Elliott wants to kick it up a few notches by combining their culinary and brewing skills.

“Ultimately, my goal is to open a brew pub and have food and beer that rotates in and out based on ingredients available locally. The hops you can get locally. You can give back the spent grain (to the farmer),” she said.

One day, she may be able to tell her customers that their pork dinner from “that pig, ate the grain that brewed your beer.”

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Irish Fest ready to start new chapter at Greenmead Park

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

With a bigger space comes more opportunities for the Motor City Irish Fest.

The annual event will take place June 17-19 at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh. It's the first time the festival will be held in Livonia. It has taken place in Detroit and Redford, most recently at Western Graham Field near St. Valentine's Catholic Church, but it outgrew that space.

With the new location, the event is seeing interest it didn't have before, co-chairman Charlie French said.

"We're getting people who are calling to be vendors. We've never had that before," he said. "They know we're in a new area, they know we're in a growth posi-

IF YOU GO

What: Motor City Irish Fest
When: June 17-19
Where: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia

tion now."

The festival decided to move last year and received approval from the Livonia City Council on hosting the event in Livonia last fall. It's a move the festival hopes attracts more people.

With more space comes more activities and events, including a culture tent, loads of vendors and other fun activities.

"We're having Irish football matches this year that we never had the space for," said Kevin Murphy, a co-chairman of the event and a Livonia resident. "We're having a corn hole competi-



Organizers of the Motor City Irish Fest — Kevin Murphy, Joan O'Halloran, Peggy Gray and Charlie French — at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall in Redford.

tion. It's anything to get people active."

Returning this year are several Irish dance groups and bands, including 24 Irish bands and some pipe and drum bands. Whiskey tasting will take place in the pub tent and foods being served include tradition-

beer tent will be constructed to represent the old pub, which Murphy said was the first to bring Guinness to Michigan.

"We're going to build some walls and we're going to fill them up with knickknacks and goodies from the Tipperary Pub," Murphy said. "The interest in that has been mammoth. It was a premier Irish pub for 25 years."

Activities for children will be abundant as well during the festival. A kilted magician, storytelling, beginning Irish dance lessons and other activities will be available for youngsters.

A traditional Irish Mass will take place at noon Sunday before the festival opens.

The festival will be open 5-11 p.m. June 17, noon to 11 p.m. June 18 and 1-8 p.m. June 19.

Despite major construction taking place just west of Greenmead on I-275, organizer Joan O'Halloran said she doesn't think it will be too much of a detriment to festival goers.

"I don't think that's going to be a concern," she said.

The organizers are anxiously excited to try a new space for the festival they hold so dearly. They plan on learning as they go to adjust to the new space at Greenmead, but said they've had great relations working with the city the last few months in preparation.

"The city of Livonia has embraced us, too," French said. "They've decided they really want to be on board with this."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Send Novi items to pallmen@hometownlife.com and Northville items to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com by 9 a.m. Monday for consideration for the Thursday edition.

Outdoor yoga
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. each Saturday and 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday, June 15 to July 30 or June 28 to Aug. 2
Details: Classes will take place at Pavilion Shore Park near the shore of Walled Lake. Class will move through a series of dynamic and static yoga postures that are intelligently sequenced to increase strength, flexibility and balance, while decreasing stress. Cost is \$48. To learn more, go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414.

Summer meal program
Time/Date: Monday, June 20, through Friday, Aug. 19
Details: Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in the Summer Food Service Program. This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge. Young adults from ages 19-26 are also eligible if they're enrolled in programs for the mentally or physically disabled. These programs must be recognized by a state or local public agency. Adults may purchase a meal for \$2.
Breakfast will be served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. each weekday at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled

Lake. Call 248-956-3080.

Golf outing
Time/Date: June 20
Details: Walled Lake Schools Foundation for Excellence seventh annual golf scramble at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township. \$125 per golfer and includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, barbecue lunch at the turn, gifts, auction and plated dinner. Dinner-only option for \$50. Register by June 15 at www.wlcsd.org/foundation.cfm.

Summer camp
Time/Date: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, June 27, to Friday, Aug. 19
Details: Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Camp (formerly C.A.R.E.) is now open for all children ages preschool to eighth grade.

New this year it the program now offers weekly scheduling. Students will be placed in age appropriate groups. Children will participate in weekly field trips, arts and crafts and engage in new activities and experiences.

Children are to bring a sack lunch and drink. Snacks provided. This year's location will be at Deerfield Elementary school at 26500 Wixom Road. Registration and daily fees are online at www.novi.k12.mi.us, under Community Education. Call 248-449-1706 for more information.

Family Yoga at Fuerst Park
Time/Date: 10 a.m. each Tuesday, July 12 to Aug. 2
Details: Adults and kids will have a blast getting physical while learning about body

awareness, focus and balance during this 45-minute class. Children ages 3-10. Cost is \$48. To learn more, go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414.

5K prep
Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday, Aug. 1 to Sept. 21
Details: 5K Prep is an eight-week training program to help you prepare for a 5K run. Classes will consist of short group runs, yoga and strength training to help you reach the finish line feeling good and energized. Cost is \$90. To learn more, go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414.

Walk Our Way walkers
Time/Date: 9 a.m. each Tuesday, through Aug. 30

Details: Walk your way to a healthier you and reap the benefits of a regular walking routine by lifting your mood, strengthening your bones and maintaining a healthier weight. Walks range from 15-30 minutes. Walkers meet at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

Keep rolling biking
Time/Date: 9 a.m. each Saturday
Details: Novi is partnering with Performance Bicycle of Novi to give everyone (all ages welcome) a chance to ride with a group. Free morning rides are available each Saturday and travel approximately 10 miles. The group rides at a leisurely pace with a "No Rider Left Behind" commitment. Call 248-347-5985 for more information.



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\$4.6B transit plan would connect Detroit, four counties

Eric Lawrence
Michigan.com

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan says a truly regional public transportation system for the Detroit area will cost the average homeowner about \$95 per year.

The RTA unveiled its long-awaited master plan last week at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Voters in the four-county RTA region — Macomb, Oakland, Wash-tenaw and Wayne — are expected to vote in No-vember on a 1.2-mill, 20-year property tax millage to fund new bus rapid transit lines, ex-press service to Detroit Metro Airport and com-muter rail and improve-ments to local bus, para-transit and other mobil-ity options. Before the \$4.6 billion plan can go to voters, the RTA board needs to formally ap-prove it, most likely at the board's July 21 meet-ing.

RTA Chief Executive Officer Michael Ford called it "a very sub-stantive plan that meets the needs" of the region.

"What we are bringing forward is a plan that connects the region, the four-county region and, in order to do that, we need to build on the exist-ing system to make it more effective, more efficient and to ... ex-pand services and in-troduce new levels of service as well," Ford said during a meeting at the Detroit Free Press last week.

The plan is an aggres-sive response to the more than two dozen failed attempts to create a vi-brant regional public transportation system in a long underserved area, which invests a fraction of what other regions do.

"Southeast Michigan is the only major urban area in the country with-



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A rendering shows how bus rapid transit lines might appear in Detroit's Eastern Market area looking northbound on Gratiot.

out a viable, coordinated public transit system. If we are going to be com-petitive in a 21st century global economy, devel-oping a transit system that meets the needs of a changing world is abso-lutely essential," RTA chair Paul Hillegonds said in a news release.

The RTA's master plan is designed to address many of the significant gaps in the Detroit area's regional transportation network. As reported previously, the plan calls for bus rapid transit, described as light rail on wheels, along Woodward, Gratiot and Michigan avenues (a separate line would connect Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor) and a commuter rail between Ann Arbor and the Am-trak station in Detroit's

New Center.

But a plethora of ex-panded and other new services are also planned. Many local ser-vice improvements would happen in the first five years. Other ser-vices, such as bus rapid transit and commuter rail, would happen from 2022-26.

Because there are no opt-out communities under the RTA, as is the case with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, metro Detroit's suburban bus service, the RTA can coordinate bus service to so-called opt-out areas of Wayne and Oakland counties.

Under the plan, 11 cross-county connector routes along major thor-oughfares, such as Van

Dyke, Fort Street, Grand River, Greenfield, Ply-mouth, Jefferson/Harper and numerous mile roads, would build on existing SMART and Detroit Department of Transportation networks but provide buses in some cases every 15 minutes and eliminate the hassle of transfers between DDOT and SMART.

Four commuter ex-press routes — Ann Ar-bor-Plymouth-Livonia, Canton Express, I-75 and M-59 — would provide weekday express rush hour service to and from job centers.

Five premium airport express routes would connect Ann Arbor, Troy, Novi, Macomb County and Detroit to Metro Airport.

Local bus service would be expanded in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti areas and other exten-sions would, according to a draft map, add service to the Livonia, Northville, Canton, Utica, Farming-ton Hills and Rochester Hills areas. A Groesbeck Highway route would be added in Macomb County and Detroit and another extension would connect Pontiac to Oakland Coun-ty International Airport.

Transit center and maintenance facility upgrades would be in the works as would a unified fare card for the various transit providers.

If passed, the millage would start in 2017. It's expected to raise about \$150 million per year and cost the owner of a home assessed at \$78,856 — the average in southeast Michigan, according to the RTA — about \$95 per year. For homes with an assessed value of \$100,000 (\$200,000 mar-ket value), the cost would be about \$120 per year.

The millage would be on top of the millages for property owners in areas served by SMART and the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.

The RTA, which was created by the Legisla-ture in 2012, is an um-brella organization charged with coordinat-ing DDOT, SMART, AAA-TA and the Detroit Peo-ple Mover. In 2024, it will also take over responsi-bility for the QLINE, the streetcar line being built on Woodward Avenue in Detroit, which is expect-ed to be operational next year.

Regarding the differ-ence between this at-tempt at regional transit and all the previous un-successful efforts, Ford noted that he reports to a 10-member board with two representatives from each of the counties and members representing the governor and the city of Detroit and that the real focus is to ensure regional cooperation and coordination through the

existing providers. The RTA projects that the plan would have a \$6-billion economic devel-opment impact.

The likelihood of the millage's passage is un-known at this point. The RTA cites polling the organization did showing a majority of 800 respon-dents support such a plan — 53% before informa-tion was provided and 65% afterward — and experts say transit mill-age requests tend to do well. While transit ad-vocates and groups like the Detroit Regional Chamber are supporting the effort, some promi-nent public officials, including Oakland Coun-ty Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel have so-far de-clared to endorse the millage request, saying it will be up to voters.

Although the plan would significantly boost transit spending in the region, southeast Michi-gan would still lag other parts of the country. Regions like New York (\$886), San Francisco (\$615) and Washington, D.C. (\$435), invest far more, according to feder-al data of operating ex-penditures per capita provided by the South-east Michigan Council of Governments.

Staff writer Kristi Tanner contributed to this report.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE FEES, FINES, AND PENALTIES SCHEDULE

At the regular meeting of the Northville City Council held on Monday, May 16, 2016, the City Council adopted a resolution amending the Fees, Fines, and Penalties Schedule for various City of Northville services, licenses, permits, and violations, **effective on July 1, 2016.**

A complete copy of the amended fee schedule is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300, during normal business hours or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 30, 2016, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2016-2017 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2016-2017 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 28, 2016, a copy of the 2016-2017 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

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

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Tracey Cadwell, Secretary
Novi Community School District Board of Education

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Headlines can mislead; make sure to get all the facts

As investors, it's always important to look beyond the headlines to understand what is happening. A perfect example is the most recent unemployment numbers. The headlines on an article I just read pointed out that the unemployment rate had plummeted to 4.7 percent. That is a wonderful number, within the range many experts would say is full employment. If our economy is at a point of full employment, which means everyone who wants a job can get a job, it is obviously good news. However, if you went beyond the headlines, you would realize that the May unemployment report was not considered good news for the U.S. economy.

If the unemployment rate has dropped and we're at virtual full employment, why would that not be good news for



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the U.S. economy? The reason is that the unemployment rate drop was not because more people are working, but because more and more unemployed Americans were frustrated in their job search and just gave up. Because they gave up and are no longer looking for jobs, they're not considered unemployed. In addition, when you dig deeper into the numbers, you realize that the participation rate, which is the percentage of working-age Americans who are actually working, is at a four-decade low. Clearly, that is not good news.

It is important that as investors we don't just pay attention to the head-

lines, but dig deeper. This doesn't just apply to the unemployment numbers; it applies to all numbers when it comes to the economy. For example, when people see that the Dow Jones Industrial Average has risen, most people make the assumption that the entire stock market has moved forward. Unfortunately, that is not the case. After all, the Dow Jones Industrial Average only represents 30 stocks. The way it is calculated, the majority of stocks within the index may have lost money and only a handful of stocks made money; but the entire index ended in positive territory. Therefore, it's possible that an index such as the Dow Jones or the S&P 500 moved forward, but your portfolio declined. That doesn't mean you have a bad portfolio or that your portfolio needs adjustment. After all, the re-

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verse is possible, where the index has gone down, but your portfolio has risen. As an investor, your goal is not to necessarily match an index and duplicate its results. The purpose of your portfolio is to achieve your individual goals and objectives. That is the goal that you need to be focused on.

On a weekly basis, we are inundated with financial numbers. Like most numbers, they can be interpreted in a variety of ways, depending upon the spin you want to put on something. That is why I always tell investors they have to read

beyond the headlines. In addition, before you make an investment decision based upon economic numbers, it is important that you understand how the numbers are calculated and what they mean. In addition, it is always important to remember that with so much economic data being released, the numbers can seem contradictory. Some reports will suggest that the economy is strong and growing, while others suggest the economy is weak. The key to investors is to understand what you're looking at and, when you make a

decision, make sure that you're not making a rash decision based upon one set of numbers, rather you're looking at a variety of numbers over a period of time.

As someone who manages money, I never make a decision based upon one economic number. I try to look for trends and base decisions on a variety of numbers over a period of time. My recommendation is that you do the same. If you make a decision on your portfolio based upon one economic number, I think you'll be making a mistake that that will cost you over the long run.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Holocaust Memorial Center's new exhibit opens June 15

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills will present the exhibition, "Holocaust by Bullets, Yahad-In Unum — 10 Years of Investigations," June 15 through Dec. 30.

Based on 10 years of research and investigation by the French organization Yahad-In Unum and its founder, the Rev. Patrick Desbois, the exhibit chronicles the lesser-known side of the Holocaust through eyewitness testimonies, photographs and maps.

To commemorate the launch of the exhibition, the center will host an opening event at 7 p.m. June 14 featuring YIU director Marco Gonzalez, who will speak on "learning from the past to fight genocide and mass killing today." There will be



"Holocaust by Bullets, Yahad-In Unum — 10 Years of Investigations," runs June 15 through Dec. 30.

a dessert reception following the presentation.

Known as "Holocaust by Bullets," the systematic killing of all Jews and Roma started before the creation of concentration camps and took place throughout the former Soviet Union, continuing until the end of World War II. The form of genocide de-

tailed by the exhibit is believed to be unlike any other study of genocidal activity ever conducted and presented.

In "Holocaust by Bullets," which will be available in both English and Spanish, visitors will follow YIU's identification of the dehumanizing steps that took place almost systematically for

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REV. PATRICK DESBOIS
founder, Yahad-In Unum

every mass killing throughout Eastern Europe. Along with the installation, extended video of eyewitness testimonies will be available.

"In this exhibit, the visitor becomes a 'witness' to the heinous crimes of the Nazi death squads," Desbois said. "Some of the images are, of course, disturbing, but we tried to present them

in a thoughtful and discreet fashion. However, it is important for everyone to experience and learn from these crimes because the world is still consumed with the disease of genocide."

In Cambodia, Rwanda, Darfur, the Balkans and Syria, such mass killings are modeled after what Desbois calls the archetype of these horrors — the village-by-village, on-site massacres perpetrated by the Nazis and their collaborators in Eastern Europe.

"We are honored to host such an important and thought-provoking exhibition at the Holocaust Memorial Center," said Cheryl Guyer, interim executive director, Holocaust Memorial Center. "The 'Holocaust by Bullets' exhibit allows our visitors to reflect on

what has happened, and at the same time learn from the past so that we can prevent future tragedies from occurring."

The exhibit, which is free with museum admission or membership, is supported by Nancy and James Grosfeld, Sue and Nelson Hersh, Michael Liebowitz, Martina Venter and Frithjof Oldorff, Dorothy and Hershel Sandberg, Susan Malinowski and Gary Shapiro, Anita and Kenneth Volk, Henrietta and Alvin Weisberg, Stacey and Marc Wittenberg, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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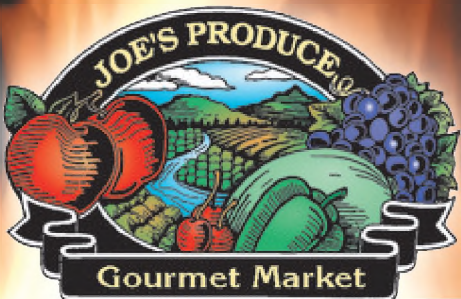
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BRAD EMONS

Novi Detroit Catholic Central earned the Division 1 baseball district title with a 1-0 win over Northville.

HARTWIG LIFTS CC TO TITLE

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Grant Hartwig proved to be the chief cook and bottle washer in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 baseball district tournament at Northville. The 6-foot-4 senior right-hander from Novi Detroit Catholic Central pitched a total of nine scoreless innings, getting a save in a 6-4 district semifinal victory over Livonia Churchill followed by a two-hit shutout and the win in a 1-0 triumph over the host Mustangs in the final.



Hartwig

The victory propels the Shamrocks (23-14), who repeated as district champs, into the regional semifinals at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Novi, where they will face Walled Lake Northern.

Senior factors in both victories to pace Shamrocks against Churchill, Northville

"Phenomenal," CC coach Dan Michaels said of Hartwig. "He had to come in and close the first game out. He threw seven innings (second game) and he said, 'Coach, you're not taking me out, I've got this.' Unbelievable ... (we) jumped on his shoulders and he got the big hit." Hartwig struck out nine and walked only one in going all seven innings to blank the Mustangs (28-7), the KLAAs Central Division and Kensington Conference champs. "My fastball was real strong today and my curve ball I got over the last few innings, a couple of change-ups that got the lefties to roll over real nice," said Hartwig, who is headed next year to Miami (Ohio). "The pitch-

es worked well in the situations they needed to." Hartwig also doubled in the fifth inning and score the game-winning run on Anthony Esser's double to chase Northville junior left-hander Zach Prystash, who stood out as well on the mound, allowing just five hits and the lone run in 4½ innings before coming out in favor of Chris Dunn, who blanked Novi in a 7-0 district semifinal win. "(Prystash) left a change-up over heart of the plate and I was already out on my front foot, just kept my hands back and just ripped it," Hartwig said. Sophomore Jack Sargent collected two hits, but base runners were few

and far between for the Mustangs, who were unable to even manufacture a run. "Honestly, we didn't put enough balls in play on the ground like we do," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "A lot of fly ball easy outs. I think that was the big problem. We didn't put a lot of pressure on them. That's usually what we do real well and we weren't able to do that in that game." But he tipped his cap to Hartwig. "I think once we got in the middle innings, he was able to throw his breaking ball for a strike early in the count and double it up in some cases with a strike," Kostrzewa said. "So being able to throw pretty as he does and being able to throw a breaking ball for a strike that was pretty good. I think that was the difference. "It was kind of a one-man show, got

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GIRLS TENNIS

Mustangs close, but finish second

Midland Dow finishes off Northville in finals, 33-30

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville's bid for a second consecutive MHSAA Division 1 girls tennis state championship came up three points short Saturday at the Midland Tennis Center. Last year's state runner-up, Midland Dow, captured four out of six head-to-head encounters in the finals to score a meet-best 33 points, while Northville wound up with 30. Grosse Pointe South and Ann Arbor Pioneer were a distant third and fourth with 18 and 17, respectively, while Novi was 14th in the 20-school field with four. It was first team title since 2009 for the Chemics, who fell five points shy when the Mustangs won their first state championship in school history last year, 33-28. "If you really look at it, Midland Dow came back with their same team from last year," Northville coach Linda Jones said. "We came back with all different players. We have freshmen out there playing that had never played



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Northville girls tennis team finished runner-up in the Division 1 state finals last weekend in Midland.

before. For Northville to come out and be that competitive with all these new players, it was a remarkable season. There was nothing to be ashamed about taking second place at all." Dow got singles titles from its top seeds at No. 2 (Caroline Szabo) and No. 3 (Sarah Ismail). Szabo defeated Northville sophomore Shanoli Kumar in the finals, 6-2, 6-3, while Ismail avenged a loss in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational to

junior Joanne Gao, 6-1, 6-3, to clinch the team victory. Kumar finished the year with a 26-3 record, while Gao was 27-3. In doubles, Dow captured the first two flights, while Northville took the next two. Afu Ofori-Darko and Karmryn Matthews, the top seeds at No. 1, upended second seeds Serena Wang and Maya Mulchandani, 6-0, 6-1, while Meghan Killmaster and Kel-

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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Northville's Abbott aces test at state finals meet

Mick McCabe
Michigan.com

It was the 200-meter finals and who was making a move on the field but Rachel Berry. Rachel Berry? From the TV show "Glee?" OK, it wasn't Rachel Berry. It was Chloe Abbott, the senior from Northville, who just might end up on television someday. But back to the 200 in Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field state finals. It was less than an hour after Abbott had set a state record by winning the 400 meters (53.12) that she found herself in the race of her life against a tremendous field that included three-time defending state champ Sekayi Bracey of East Kentwood, who already had won the 100 meters for the fourth time and the long jump for the third time. "I never even dreamed of beating Sekayi," Abbott said. "I know how great she was. She hasn't had a lot of competition all season, so I was thinking she was going to come out today and really push it because



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Northville's Chloe Abbott (middle) was the winner in the 200- and 400-meter dashes at the Division 1 state finals in Hudsonville.

she finally has competition. I was a little nervous about that." Abbott had never beaten Bracey in a race and they will be racing a lot together over the next four years after they both enroll at Purdue this fall. That is why Abbott had to play mind games with herself after winning the 400. "I talked to my friends,

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BOYS LACROSSE

Catholic Central impresses in regional final, 17-3

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It was a dominating performance in the regional, to say the least, for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys lacrosse squad.

The top-seeded Shamrocks outscored their three opponents by an aggregate of 56-6, capped by a convincing 17-3 win Friday over Birmingham United in the MHSAA Division 1 regional championship held at Troy Athens.

It was CC's third straight regional title and seventh since the MHSAA tournament began in 2005.

CC, which improved to 16-4 overall, was led by senior attack Rocco Mularoni, who pumped in five goals and added two assists.

Four of those goals came in the opening half as the Shamrocks jumped out to an 11-2 advantage.

"I thought we just played really well as a team," Mularoni said. "We've been practicing well lately. We've just really implemented what we've been working on in the game tonight and that's why we had success."

The second-seeded Bulldogs couldn't generate much offense and, when they did, they were repelled by CC's 6-foot-2, 230-pound junior goalie Hunter Braun, who made seven saves.

Although CC's offense slowed down somewhat in the third quarter, the Shamrocks increased their advantage to 13-3 and invoked a running clock in the final quarter by building 12-goal advantage.

"They're an extremely athletic team," Birmingham coach Peter Hoffman said of the Shamrocks. "There aren't many times this season when we've come across a team where we're not the most athletic team on the field and today was one of them. They're athletic, but also extremely skilled. They've got some great shooters and they really make the most of their opportunities when they get their shots."

Junior Peter Thompson added three goals, while Drew



Catholic Central's Rocco Mularoni (left) looks for an opening against Birmingham's Zach Johnson.

Gilhooly added two for the Shamrocks.

Other points were produced by Cole Gingell (one goal, three assists); Kevin Conder and Justin Baker (one goal, one assist each); Ethan Pattinson and Brennan Kamish (one goal each); and Alex Jarzembowski and Nicholas Capatina (one assist each).

Charlie Schiefer tallied a goal and assist, while Daniel Rebock and Ryan Flaherty had the other goals for Birmingham.

"I thought a lot of their schemes were very solid," CC coach Dave Wilson said of the Bulldogs. "We could see what they were doing, but they made it difficult for us and we were able to handle the pressure. We got a couple of breaks

that led to goals. On the sideline, it seemed it took a long time when we were really having to pound through the process. From my perspective, it felt a lot tighter than that."

Mularoni scored a goal in every quarter and proved to be an offensive force.

"He has a really odd delivery system and sneaks stuff in where other people cannot get them," Wilson said. "It's unorthodox, but he shoots it hard and it's usually in a pretty good spot."

DETROIT CC 18, EISENHOWER 2: Alex Jarzembowski and Kyle Gaines successfully combined on 21 out of 24 draws to lead Novi Detroit Catholic Central (15-4) to a regional semifinal victory June 2 over Utica Eisenhower (8-11) at Troy Athens.

The top-seeded Shamrocks, who subbed early and liberally throughout the match, got three goals from Collin Burgin, while Rocco Mularoni, Nick Capatina and Ethan Pattinson added two each.



Catholic Central's Ethan Pattinson (left) takes on Birmingham's Ryan Salter in Friday's regional final.

BOYS LACROSSE

Country Day's second-half surge stymies Northville, 10-3

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

The way that Detroit Country Day flocked to the net to begin the second half of the MHSAA Division 1 boys lacrosse regional semifinal against Northville, it was almost like watching a video game.

Deadlocked 3-3 at halftime, the Yellowjackets (13-7) grabbed hold of the reins by using the same set play of centering the ball from behind the net on a seemingly endless loop to score four goals en route to a 10-3 victory June 1 at North Farmington.

After seeing Country Day sophomore Tim Stebbins score three of his four goals in the third quarter alone, there was a huge sigh of relief for coach Michael Cappalletti, who felt his team was overmatched up until that point.

"The first half was just Northville out-competing us everywhere on the field," Cappalletti said. "We talked at halftime a lot about effort and our attitudes and I think that was the difference in the second half. We had a little bit more of a spark and a little bit more of a fire under us and it's just like anything else – you make one good, tough play and that turns into two and turns into three. It's a momentum sport and that's what we took advantage of."

The fourth-seeded Mustangs (11-8) came out firing on



Northville's Antonio Corsi (right) moves the ball up the field against Country Day's Cooper Belanger.

all cylinders to begin the match, scoring a pair of scores within a five-minute span.

Senior defenseman Antonio Corsi came streaking in on the left side, where he unleashed a bullet from the top of the crease to beat goalkeeper Jackson White.

Sophomore attacker Anthony Salmons followed with a

goal after finishing off a centering pass from senior Connor Sweeney with 4:57 left in the opening quarter.

The Yellowjackets got on the board before the horn, thanks to a feed from Cooper Belanger (three assists) to Quinton Sappington to cut the deficit in half.

Belanger became the all-

time points leader with his assist on their first goal to give him 308 career points, though he would add three more before the end of the game.

Momentum carried into the ensuing quarter as DCD scored twice in exactly 60 seconds.

Junior Brendan Dolan watched the action unfold from behind the net, as he patiently

waited for Stebbins to go in for the kill shot inside the opening minute.

An unassisted goal by senior midfielder Walker Cooney made 3-2, but Corsi responded with 23 seconds left to give a much-needed momentum boost to the Mustangs.

"Antonio was great," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "Both were great goals, one I don't know if it was fluky or not, but it just fell out of his stick. The other one was a great play and it really got the bench fired up."

Top-seeded Country Day poured it on in the final quarter, beginning with Cooney finding the back of the net for a second time 36 seconds in on a blast from the left side.

A turnover by the goalkeeper accounted for the Yellowjackets' next score, as they scooped up the loose ball near midfield and used a pair of long passes to get downfield in a hurry. Stebbins executed a picture perfect stick-to-stick pass to Dolan, who provided an equally impressive finish.

Country Day made it seven unanswered goals with 2:05 left in regulation, courtesy of Belanger's goal from just outside the crease.

Ball possession was overwhelmingly in favor of the Yellowjackets, who outshot their counterparts 23-7.

Freshman goaltender Jeff Varner made 13 saves for the Mustangs, compared to four by White.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Novi claims first district title since 2001

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Novi softball team used a “Yogism” Saturday. “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over” was the Wildcats’ battle cry as they captured their first MHSAA Division 1 district title since 2001 with a stunning come-from-behind 7-6 win over South Lyon in the final at Northville.

Novi, which improved to 26-12, trailed 6-1 after four innings before rallying for two runs in the bottom of the fifth and four more in the sixth to advance into the regional semifinals beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at home against Walled Lake Northern.

“We’ve been taking a step closer every year and I can’t be more happy for these kids, especially for our seniors,” third-year Novi coach Bruce Lenington said. “The first year we got 24 wins, last year we had 23 and this year 26, but more importantly than that, the kids are believing in each other. We played a tough schedule to get us ready and we knew we were facing a really good thrower today in the final. We were just kind of hoping to stick around and get something going. Can’t be more proud of our kids.”

South Lyon (21-14) jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Janie Mitchell’s solo homer in the first inning. The Lions then added three more in the top of the third, highlighted by RBI singles from Megan Jawor and Natalie Perrone, who had three hits on the day.

Novi got a run back in bottom of the third on Maddy Brandenstein’s RBI single, but the Lions answered with two more runs in the fourth on a single by Mitchell, a walk to Brandon, a Novi infield error and an RBI single by Jamie Conrad.

Brandon, the South Lyon starter, was touched for two Novi runs in the bottom of the fifth as courtesy runner Maria Gustitus and Ireland Whalen both came home on wild pitches after singles by Allison Purtell, Whalen and Brandenstein.

But the tide turned in the bottom of the sixth, when the Wildcats loaded the bases without the benefit of a hit.

With not outs, Jamie Gustitus came through with a bloop single that cleared the bases. Winning pitcher Madison



Novi's Megan Medendorp (left) is greeted at home plate by Hope Kapelanski after beating the tag by South Lyon pitcher Lindsay Brandon. Novi's Allison Purtell (right) also celebrates on the play.



Novi senior Madison Budde got the win in both district games.

Budde followed with the go-ahead sacrifice fly.

“Basically, I had a good read on the ball,” said Lenington, who gave the go sign right away to his runners while coaching third base. “It was down and it had one of those weird kicks. It kind of kicked away from their left fielder and gave us another opportunity, then we snuck one in. When that kid (Lindsay Brandon) is throwing as well as she is, you have to gamble once in a while.”

Budde then closed the door in the top of the seventh with

three ground outs as Novi beat South Lyon for the third time this season.

“This is the third time we played them and we know them real well, just as well as they know us,” Lenington said. “They were very well-scouted. That’s the tough thing with playing somebody in our division in districts.”

While Novi made a total of seven errors, South Lyon committed six.

“We made a couple of errors and Novi is a good team; they like to wreak havoc on the bases,” South Lyon coach Dan DePaulis said. “But whenever you give them base runners, they’re going to try and do some damage with it. Just one too many.”

Brandon, a right-hander going to Siena Heights, allowed six hits, walked three and hit one batter to go along with three strikeouts. She got the victory in the first district semifinal as the Lions rallied for a 4-3 win over the host Mustangs.

“She’s gone back-to-back before,” DePaulis said of the double starts. “With those two knee injuries, we wanted to keep her fresh all year. We knew at the end of the year she was going to be the person that we were going to ride. She was

excited and wanted to be out there. As a senior, she earned that right to pitch both games.”

Brandon is only one of two graduating seniors for the Lions. The other is Jamie Conrad, who will play at Indiana Tech.

“We had our ups and downs this year, but through the hard times, they really battled,” DePaulis said. “We’re only losing two players, but I’m excited about the future as well.”

NOVI 11, CHURCHILL 2: Senior Madison Budde threw a five-hitter to lead the Wildcats (25-12) to a district semifinal win Saturday over Livonia Churchill (16-20).

Budde struck out four and walked four in going all seven innings, while Churchill starter Paige Hanson took the loss as she allowed 12 hits and two walks in six innings.

Offensively, Ireland Whalen went 2-for-3 with three RBIs, while Nicole Ireland added two hits and two RBIs. Ashley Yarberry also added two hits and an RBI.

Elyse Baumgardner and Regan Peyton both had two hits for the Chargers.

SOUTH LYON 4, NORTHVILLE 3: The Lions (21-13) rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh Saturday to stun the host Mustangs (17-13) in the first district semifinal.

Winning pitcher Lindsay Brandon had an RBI single and Megan Jawor followed with an RBI sacrifice fly to knot the score at 3-3. The game-winning run came home on a Northville infield error.

Brandon allowed four hits, walked three, hit two batters and struck out six, while losing pitcher Allison Zwarka gave up eight hits, walked five and struck out eight.

Jamie Brandon and Lindsay Brandon both had two hits and an RBI, while Natalie Perrone added two hits.

Emma Canedo went 2-for-3 and scored two runs, while Alexis Koehler contributed two RBIs for the Mustangs, who also lost June 2 to Howell, 6-5, after defeating Garden City, 14-2, on June 1.

PREP SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Franklin Road captures district, MIAC Red titles

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

On the heels of their first-ever division title, the Novi Franklin Road Christian softball team made a little more history Friday, marching into the MHSAA Division 4 regionals.

Danielle Fusco went 2-for-3, including a two-run homer and three RBIs, while leading the Warriors to a 13-0 five-inning victory over host Plymouth Christian Academy for its first district title in school history.

The Warriors (14-4) also got offensive production from Hannah Rayburn (3-for-4, three RBIs); Bethany Bause (3-for-3, two RBIs); and Haley Thrift (2-for-3, two RBIs).

Winning pitcher Kayla Nannoshi threw all five innings, striking out five and not allowing a walk in posting the shutout.

The Warriors will play at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, at Ottawa Lake Whiteford against the



Novi Franklin Road Christian claimed its first-ever division title June 1 with a 16-4 win at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Petersburg Summerfield district champion.

MIAC Red champs

The Warriors unloaded for 18 hits to claim a share of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference’s Red Division with a five-inning 16-4 victory June 1 at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Warriors finished 9-1 in the MIAC Red to tie Southfield Christian for the crown.

“It’s my 13th year coaching and I’m just ecstatic,” Franklin Road’s Kim Sivyier said. “Probably the best team that I’ve ever had and seem to gel at all the right times. I’m very proud of the girls and honored to be their coach.”

Fusco went 3-for-4 with three RBIs, while Thrift and Bause both contributed three hits and two RBIs as Franklin Road exploded for nine runs in the first inning and two more in the second to take an 11-4 lead.

The Warriors ended it with five more runs in the fifth inning.

Rayburn also added two hits and two RBIs, while Ally Broadright contributed two hits and an RBI.

Nannoshi, the winning pitcher, went all five innings, allowing nine hits and three walks with a strikeout. She also went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

FRANKLIN ROAD 4, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 0: Kayla Nannoshi threw a two-hit shutout May 31 as host Novi Franklin Road Christian (12-4, 8-1) blanked co-leader Southfield Christian (9-1 MIAC Red) in a battle for first place.

Nannoshi struck out five and walked only one in going all seven innings. She also helped her own cause with a two-run single in the first inning.

The Warriors added two more runs in the second on Danielle Fusco’s RBI single and Ally Broadright scoring on a wild pitch by Southfield Christian starter Emma Parynski, who gave up just three hits and three walks while striking out 11.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Novi’s Sawyer earns all-state honors in two field events

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi’s Scott Sawyer showed his versatility Saturday as he placed in two individual field events in MHSAA Division 1 boys track and field state finals held at Hudsonville.

The junior took fourth in the pole vault (14 feet) and tied for fifth in the high jump (6-6) as the Wildcats scored 12.5 points to finish 18th overall in the team standings.

Rockford’s Jonny De Haan won the pole vault by clearing 15 feet, while Mount Pleasant’s Kaleb Perry took the high jump at 6-7.

Novi senior Joost Plaetnick

also was fifth in the 3,200-meter run with a clocking of 9:13.51. Fenton’s Jacob Lee won the event in 9:07.72.

Northville, 19th overall with 11 points, boasted the area’s top finisher in senior John Hamilton, who cleared 6-6 to finish third in the high jump.

Fellow senior Adam Ghabra also earned all-state (top eight) with fourth in the 400 (49.12). Wayne Memorial’s Montel Hood won the event in 47.3.

One of the individual stars of the meet was Oxford thrower Connor Bandel, who swept the shot put (all-class record 67-5.75) and discus (198-11).

East Kentwood’s Khance

Meyers won the 100 and 200 dashes in 10.73 and 21.24, respectively, as well as being a member of the first-place 800 relay (1:26.27).

Oak Park captured its first state championship since 1972 with a meet-best 55 points, while Rockford and East Kentwood placed second and third with 46 and 37, respectively.

MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET June 4 at Hudsonville
TEAM STANDINGS (top 10): 1. Oak Park, 55 points; 2. Rockford, 46; 3. East Kentwood, 37; 4. Detroit Cass Tech, 24; 5. (tie) Oxford and Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 20; 7. Saline, 19; 8. (tie) Fraser and Walled Lake Western, 18 each; 10. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 16; **area schools:** 18. Novi, 12; 5; 10. Northville, 11.

FINAL EVENT WINNERS (including area finishers)

Shot put: 1. Connor Bandel (Oxford), 67 feet, 5.75 inches (all-class record); **discus:** 1. Bandel (Oxford), 198-11; **high jump:** 1. Kaleb Perry (Mount Pleasant), 6-7; 3. John Hamilton (N’ville), 6-6; 5. Scott Sawyer (Novi), 6-6; **long jump:** 1. Anthony Owens (Jackson), 24-1.25; 20. A.J. Abbott (N’ville), 20-0.5; **pole vault:** 1. Jonny De Haan (Rockford), 15-0; 4. Sawyer (Novi), 14-0; **110-meter hurdles:** 1. Kentre Patterson (East Kentwood), 14.03; **300 hurdles:** 1. Tshawn Kimbrough (Fraser), 38.25; 23. Hunter Joy (Novi), 45.66; **100 dash:** 1. Khance Meyers (E. Kentwood), 10.73; 26. Nathan Hankerson (Novi), 11.65; 33. Anthony D’Annibale (Novi), 12.0; **200:** 1. Meyers (E. Kentwood), 21.24; 20. Adam Ghabra (N’ville), 23.06; **400:** 1. Montel Hood (Wayne Memorial), 47.3; 4. Ghabra (N’ville), 49.12; 17. D’Annibale (Novi), 50.6; **800:** 1. Cameron Cooper (Oak Park), 1:51.68; 10. Thomas Smither (N’ville), 1:55.61; **1,600:** 1. Anthony Giannubile (Ann Arbor Skyline), 4:11.48; 15. Kenny Goolsby (N’ville), 4:27.01; **3,200:** 1. Jacob Lee (Fenton), 9:07.72; 5. Joost Plaetnick (Novi), 9:13.51; 16. Connor Naughton (N’ville), 9:27.56; 17. Ben Cracraft (N’ville), 9:27.67; 29. John Landy (Novi), 9:52.55.

400 relay: 1. Cass Tech, 42.26; **800 relay:** 1. East Kentwood, 1:26.27; **1,600 relay:** 1. Saline, 3:19.37; 15. Novi (Joy, Josh Holcomb, Nathaniel Wood, D’Annibale), 3:27.15; **3,200 relay:** 1. Rockford, 7:43.92; 20. Novi (Wood, Scott MacPherson, Blake Maday, Adam Ditt), 8:12.71.

ABBOTT

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relaxed myself a little bit, kind of numbed myself out of the 400 zone,” she said. “If you think about it for a long time, you think, ‘Oh, wow, I did so well in the 400.’ You get comfortable with it. I wanted to forget that I did that and focus on my next event, the 200.”

Abbott didn’t have a good start and, by starting in Lane 4, she had a bunch of runners ahead of her on the staggered start.

She does have a tremendous finishing kick from running the 400.

“I thought about it and I have a 400-meter kick and that’s something I kind of had over the girls,” she said. “I



Barrott

knew I could catch them as long as I keep my composure, stay relaxed.”

The challenge for Abbott was to stay close enough to Bracey and the others to make her kick work.

“I know I can do this,” she told herself. “I’ve just got to lift, reach and drive. At the international exchange zone, I will lift up, push through and that’s when my 400 comes in.”

That is when she noticed something of a triangle forming with the other runners and she shot to the top, concentrating on her form and breathing.

“It was very scary when I was coming through,” she said. “The pyramid was there. I was like, ‘What am I doing? Why am I doing this? But I can.’”

Yes, she can and, yes, she did, winning the race in 24.03. Her future teammate, Bracey, finished fourth.

The bubbly Abbott will not enroll at Purdue with “undecided” listed as her major. This young lady has big plans.

“I’m majoring in music and performing arts,” she said. “I’m a singer, an actor.”

Of course she is.

“Glee” was her favorite TV show and Rachel Berry was her favorite character on the show.

“I’m very upset it’s not on anymore,” she said. “I really loved that show.”

Abbott capped off her day by taking the baton in fifth place and making up 20 meters to give Northville the win in the 1,600 relay, teaming with sophomore Morgan Kloosterman and Yasmine Affes, along with senior Lindsay Walters (3:50.58).

That is why this was probably the best day of Abbott’s life.

“Right now, yes, because I am surprising myself and constantly doing everything that I’ve been practicing for,” said Abbott, who accounted for 23.75 points.

Mustangs get third

Northville duplicated last year’s third-place team finish, scoring 50 points, only behind state champion Oak Park (81.5), which repeated, and Ann Arbor Pioneer (64).

Abbott also teamed with Savannah Manley, Erin McCallum and Walters for fourth in the 800 relay (1:41.31).

Senior distance runner Lexa Barrott also figured prominently for the Mustangs, taking fifth in the both the 1,600 and 3,200 events in 4:58.27 and 10:47.91, respectively.

Lexa’s younger sister Ana, a sophomore, also made all-state (top eight) in both events with eighth-place times of 5:00.29 and 10:53.09, respectively.

Northville’s 3,200 relay team of the Barrott sisters, senior Emma Herrmann and junior Cayla Eckenroth also captured fourth (9:20.65) to make all-state.

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FINAL EVENT WINNERS (including area finishers)

Shot put: 1. Kayli Johnson (Grosse Pointe South), 44 feet, 7.75 inches; **discus:** 1. Quiera Wheeler (Grand Blanc), 136-2; **high jump:** 1. Kayla Dobies (Macomb Dakota), 5-7; 12. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 4-11; **long jump:** 1. Sekayi Bracey (E. Kentwood), 18-10; 15. Kate Prisby (Novi), 16-4.25; **pole vault:** 1. Landon Kemp (Greenville), 13-4; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Britten Bowen (Pioneer), 14.08; **300 hurdles:** 1. Brianna Holloway (Oak Park), 42.7; **400 dash:** 1. Bracey (E. Kentwood), 12.08; **200:** 1. Chloe Abbott (N’ville), 24.03; **400:** 1. Abbott (N’ville), 52.1; 10. Lindsay Walters (N’ville), 57.68; **1,600:** 1. Dorian Coleman (Oak Park), 2:10.2; **1,600:** 1. Rachel Bonner (Port Huron Northern), 4:49.29; 5. Lexa Barrott (N’ville), 4:58.27; 8. Ana Barrott (N’ville), 5:00.29; **3,200:** 1. Maddy Trevisan (Farm), 10:35.85; 5. L. Barrott (N’ville), 10:47.91; 8. A. Barrott (N’ville), 10:53.09; 12. Cayla Eckenroth (N’ville), 11:03.22; 25. Olivia Harp (N’ville), 11:17.09. **400 relay:** 1. Oak Park, 46.28; **800 relay:** 1. Oak Park, 1:36.68; 4. Northville (Savannah Manley, Erin McCallum, Walters, Abbott), 1:41.31; **1,600 relay:** 1. Northville (Morgan Kloosterman, Yasmine Affes, Walters, Abbott), 3:50.58; **3,200 relay:** 1. Pioneer, 8:56.52; 4. Northville (A. Barrott, Emma Herrmann, Eckenroth, L. Barrott), 9:20.65.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Novi completes season sweep against Stevenson

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Correspondent

When the Novi girls soccer team plays with its backs against the wall, it usually ends up working in its favor.

The Wildcats came from behind to beat Canton 3-1 in the Kensington Conference title game, then topped Grand Blanc, 5-2, to lay claim to the Association championship after getting off to a rough start.

So when the Wildcats scored first on their way to a 3-2 win over Livonia Stevenson in Friday's MHSAA Division 1 district final at Meadows Stadium, it was a strange feeling, to say the least.

Fortunately for Novi (13-1-6), it had gone face-to-face with its KLAA Central rivals twice during the regular season, beginning with a 4-3 come-back win at home April 21, followed by a 3-1 decision May 10.

"It's always hard to play a team three times, because they

know us really well and we know them very well," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "Stevenson's a very good team and they're very well-coached. Usually we're a second-half team. This is the first time that we got up and we got three goals in the first half on them."

Senior forward Jessie Halmaghi broke the cycle of monotony for the Wildcats in the second minute by finishing off a feed in front of the box that came courtesy of classmate and Central Michigan commit Megan Riley.

"When I saw Megan plotting that through ball, I just wanted to stay composed and run to the end of it and finish it," Halmaghi said. "Megan always knows what ball to play and it's always good to have another senior on the field, because all the underclassmen look up to her and she adds a nice soccer IQ to our team."

Just past the midway point of the half, Novi was able to bolster their lead, thanks to a long ball by senior defenseman



Novi celebrates after winning the Division 1 girls soccer district title Friday with a 3-2 win over Livonia Stevenson.

Katrina Koomen from 30 yards out that took a wicked bounce off the grass before ricocheting into the back of the net.

With four minutes left until halftime, Novi made it 3-0 after Laine Fenchel's shot rebounded off a Spartans defender and into the top of the penalty area, where an eager

Jessica Bandyk applied the finishing touch.

Stevenson (15-5-3) ended its scoring drought with 43 seconds remaining, as junior Megan Verant received a pass from Paige Ackman before executing a turn-and-gun move that caught the Wildcats' back line by surprise.

In the second half, the Spartans managed to cut the deficit to one goal, courtesy of a free kick in the 69th minute.

Before Novi could even establish positions, junior defender Yasmine Jaafar unleashed a bullet from 40 yards out with such cunning precision that it curled its way into the lower right corner of the net.

"Novi didn't look ready and they were organizing their wall," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Yasmine just ran up and smacked it and if you're going to put it in a spot, put it inside the net from midfield. She can hit a ball as well as anyone I coached."

Stevenson nearly tied the game in the final minutes on a free kick, but its scoring opportunity was knocked away by goalkeeper Aastha Dharia, before being cleared by a nearby defender.

The Wildcats held an 11-7 advantage in shots on goal, with seven of them coming in the first half.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Pioneer ends Mustangs' banner season

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Records can be deceiving and the Ann Arbor Pioneer girls lacrosse team just might be Exhibit A.

The Pioneers came into the Division 1 regional semifinal June 1 against KLAA Association champion Northville with a sub-.500 record, but walked out of Tom Holzer Field with a convincing 15-6 victory.

The loss ended Northville's most successful season in school history with a 15-3 record, while Pioneer (10-10) moved into the regional final against South Lyon Unified.

Pioneer asserted itself during the first half, building a 9-3 lead after getting three goals apiece from senior Clare Brush and junior Karleigh Marable.

Northville, outshot 13-5 in the first half, was unable to get closer than six the rest of the way.

"All their losses have come against top 10 contenders, so I knew they were going to be tough," second-year Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "They played spectacular tonight. They were seeded way to low. (Brush) was great and she won a majority of the draw controls to herself. And when she can win a majority of the draws, you usually win the game."

Brush created havoc for the Mustangs during the first half. She wound up with four total goals, as did Marable.

"She's the heart and soul of our team most of the time," Pioneer coach Zachary Maghes said. "We expect it from her."

Junior Helen Kulka and senior Laura Matney added three goals apiece, while Reagan Malcolm scored the other Pioneer goal.

"Besides winning the draws, they had some draws and dumps, but I thought we played them pretty tight once we were in the controlled setting," Asher said. "But they were a fast-paced team and



JANET DIETRICH
Northville's Sarah Chase (right) goes on the attack against Ann Arbor Pioneer's Clare Brush.

moved the ball well."

Goalie Falyynn Mayberry also played a strong game for Pioneer with seven saves.

"We're still growing as a team and we haven't played our best game yet, so we just continue to keep growing," Maghes said. "We've played a tough schedule, but really we're just preparing ourselves for this tournament here."

Sophomore midfielder Charlotte Beaudoin paced Northville with three goals, while

Emma Dietrich added a goal and assist. Ally Blough and Kendall Wasik both scored a goal, while Erin Scott contributed an assist.

"I've seen them play twice. I saw them in their league championship game and then a game earlier in the week," Maghes said of Northville. "But really, we're just trying to play at our highest level. It's us versus us and we're just trying to get better each week. We were aware of who they were."

Northville graduates just three seniors — twins Kelly and Shannon Leary, along with Scott.

"It's the best season in history, just another step forward, one step at a time," Asher said. "I told the girls, 'Remember how this feels and we'll be ready next year, keep growing.'"

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Northville eliminated in D1 district tournament

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The Northville girls soccer season came to a halt May 31 in the opening round of the MHSAA Division 1 district tourney against host Plymouth, 2-0.

The Wildcats, who improved to 10-6-5 overall, got a first-half goal in the 39th minute from Cassidy Pfeiffer after Northville came out strong with high pressure on Plymouth's back line, resulting in a pair of corner kicks that would touch the goal line, but not cross it.

In the 49th minute, Plymouth extended its lead on a corner kick by Olivia Janke, who played a high floating ball into the Northville penalty area as Rivers Smyth volleyed a cross beyond a scrum in front of the Mustangs' goal and under the crossbar.

With a two-goal lead, Plymouth packed it into its defensive third and played long ball until the clock ran out.

Charlie Castiglione made five saves as the Mustangs ended their season at 8-8-5 overall.

NOVI 3, W.L. WESTERN 0: Senior Katrina Koomen scored a pair of goals June 2 as the host Wildcats (13-1-6) blanked Walled Lake Western (6-9-3) in a Division 1 district semifinal at Meadows Stadium.

Julia Stadtherr added the other goal, while goaltender Aastha Dharia notched the shutout for Novi.

NOVI 9, SOUTH LYON 0: Senior Chloe Allen notched a hat trick May 31 as the host Wildcats (12-1-6) opened Division 1 district play with a mercy rule win over the Lions (5-11-3) at Meadows Stadium.

All nine Novi goals came during the first half as Cara Ninkovich's goal assisted by Laine Fenchel made it 8-0 with 5:45 left.

Leah Kiura's goal with 26 seconds remaining capped the scoring to end the match on the eight-goal mercy rule. The Lions were outshot, 15-0.

Allen scored just 22 seconds into the match, assisted by Julia Stadtherr. She scored again in the seventh minute from Megan Riley and in the 20th minute from Gracie Backus.

Other first-half goals came from Jessie Halmaghi, 13th minute (from Katrina Koomen); Fenchel, 25th minute (from Kiura); Halmaghi, 27th minute (from Koomen); and Jessie Bandyk, 29th minute (from Fenchel).

GIRLS LACROSSE

South Lyon Unified super sophomore keys regional semifinal triumph

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There's no so-called "sophomore jinx" that applies to South Lyon Unified's Maddie Allerton.

The 10th-grader tallied a personal-best five goals June 1 to catapult the Lions to a 13-7 MHSAA Division 1 girls lacrosse regional semifinal victory over Novi at Northville's Tom Holzer Field.

Allerton scored twice in the first half as SLU led 8-4 and added three more during the second half.

Other strong offensive efforts came from junior Caroline Perry (two goals, three assists); Jordan Hanner (three goals); Natalie Williams (two goals, one assist); and Gabrielle Larkin (one goal, one assist).

When Novi senior Gina Salemi, the Wildcats' all-time leading scorer with more than 200 career goals, notched her third of the first half with 5:24 left, it evened the score at 4-4.

Salemi's tying goal proved to



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South Lyon's Gabrielle Larkin (right) checks Novi's Gina Salemi (middle) during the Division 1 regional semifinal.

be a huge wake-up call for the Lions, who had romped past Novi in an April 27 meeting, 12-3.

But South Lyon ended the half with four straight to go up 8-4 and scored the first three of the second, two by Allerton and the other by Perry, to take command.

"I think we actually noticed we might not have a chance in this game and might actually lose, so we brought it right back," Allerton said. "I think we just started running more of the plays and moving the ball

around more. And I think that really helped us."

The seven-goal streak without a Novi answer certainly changed the momentum of the match.

"I don't know what it is with these group of girls, but they've always played better with their backs against the wall," said SLU coach Aaron Skomial, whose team improved to 14-3-1 overall. "So it's not surprising; it's been happening all year."

And the stellar offensive play of Allerton proved to be timely.

"She's a sophomore and does a heck of a job for us, kind of coming into her own at the right time," Skomial said. "She missed a couple of games early in the year due to injury, but she's coming into her own and doing the job we ask her to do."

Novi (7-12) never got closer than four goals the rest of the way.

"They got a couple of goals and that always helps momentum," Novi coach Amy Kilgore said of SLU. "But I think going into halftime, being four goals down, that was a hard recovery to make."

In addition to Salemi's three goals, the Wildcats got two goals and one assist from junior Katie McMaster, while senior Lauren Chapman and freshman Emily Pringle added one goal apiece.

"If you look at everything equal, (South Lyon is) the stronger team," Kilgore said. "They have a more skilled set of girls, but we really pulled together and had some great things happen for us, too."

For Novi, 14 of the 17 varsity players return, with the only graduates being Salemi, Chapman and Cecilia Hong.

"I'm incredibly proud of their growth," Kilgore said. "If you looked at it about a month ago, we couldn't get the ball in the net, we could never catch momentum, we never had possession. And to see their growth today, where it was neck-and-neck for a good portion of the first half, was a huge victory for us."

Alyssa Schams, who made nine saves, went all the way in goal for SLU, while Mariah Smythe, who made 60 percent of her stops, was in net for Novi.

Perry and Larkin also had three draw controls each, while Williams had three caused turnovers and two ground balls.

The victory propels SLU into the regional final against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

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BOYS GOLF

Smith medalist again as CC rules regional

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Ben Smith took medalist honors once again with a low round of 70, leading Novi Detroit Catholic Central to MHSAA Division 1 boys golf regional crown June 2 at Dunham Hills G.C. in Hartland.

The Shamrocks, defending state champions, shot a four-player total of 295 as Smith won by three strokes over senior teammate Max Palmer, who carded 73.

Smith was medalist at the district tourney the previous week at Howell's Chemung Hills.

Rounding out CC's scoring contingent were juniors Sean Niles (fourth, 75) and James Piot (10th, 77). Junior Sean Sooch added 79 to place 16th overall.

Last year, CC finished third in the regional, but went on to win the state title.

"We've struggled in regionals in the past, in general," Palmer told Freep.com. "So having us come out here and win today, especially on a tough course, was good for us. We knew our history at regionals, so I think we handled the pressure pretty well."

CC assistant coach Jimmy Dewling agreed.

"I think anyone would be (happy) grabbing the regional title," Dewling told Freep.com. "We've got a really good team this year. Great charac-



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Catholic Central's Sean Sooch uses a laser to calculate the distance of a hole at the Division 1 regional at Dunham Hills G.C.

ter kids and they handle themselves well.

"The conditions were tougher today than I think they expected. Tougher pins. The wind was up. But a team like this, especially Max Palmer with senior leadership and James (Piot) and Ben (Smith) know, when things get tough, they have to grind it out, as nothing comes easy. I think that's one advantage we have."

The other two teams advancing to the Division 1 finals Friday-Saturday, June

10-11, at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows included were runner-up Bloomfield Hills (310) and Birmingham Brother Rice (315), which won on a fifth-man tiebreaker against both host Hartland and Birmingham Seaholm.

Rounding out the 12-school regional field were Pinckney (326); Howell (331); Brighton (335); White Lake Lakeland (341); Livonia Stevenson, (345); Birmingham Groves (356); and Berkley (367).

LaFrance qualifies

Lakeland senior Justin LaFrance shot 75 and finished tied for fourth while earning an individual qualifying berth, along with Hartland's Brendan Ludwig and North Farmington's Nate Corley, both of whom shot 76.

On May 31, LaFrance played in the Michigan Open qualifier at the Country Club of Lansing and was medalist with 69.

"Justin had an amazing week," Lakeland coach Hugh Felt said. "Yesterday, he had a very gritty 75 to be low individual qualifier. Gritty? He called me out of the coaches' meeting to show me this rather large swollen finger. Paraphrasing, he said it hurt like heck ... not sure if it is broken or he iced it down, but (he) went out and played. He was not going to have his high school career end this way."

Lakeland's other three scorers were junior Ben Cohen, 38th (85); senior Adam Kleckner, 55th (90); and sophomore Blake Jackson, 56h (91). Senior Blake Kocsis added 94th to finish 64th.

Other individual regional qualifiers missing the state cut included Novi juniors Mike Ulle (80) and Ryan Welch (82) and Milford junior Christian Golich (89).

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BOYS GOLF

Northville squeezes into berth for state finals

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It wasn't easy, but Northville is moving on in the MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state tournament.

In the Division 1 regional tourney June 1 at Pine View G.C. in Ypsilanti, Plymouth captured the team title with 308, while Ann Arbor Skyline (318) and Northville (319) also made the qualifying cut by placing second and third, respectively.

It will be the Mustangs' second straight trip to the state finals.

"Pine View is a tough little golf course," first-year Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "The mature trees and tight fairways reward players who can keep the ball in the fairway. Players have to keep the driver in the bag on many holes and solid iron play is critical."

Ann Arbor Skyline's Tyler Copp shot 71 to take medalist honors, four strokes better than Plymouth's Justin Kapke.

Northville was led by junior

Aaron Youmans, who placed seventh with 78.

"Youmans is playing some of his best golf of the season and his contribution at the regional is one reason we advanced," Cronin said. "As a left-hand player, Aaron's ability to shape his shot off the tee often found him in position 'A' on his second shot into the green. When he has his full game, Aaron's one of the state's top golfers."

Meanwhile, sophomores Jimmy Dales and Abhinav Alluri tied for 12th with 80 each for the Mustangs.

"Jimmy didn't have a great round by his own standards, but his ability to make big shots time and time again was huge for us," Cronin said. "Jimmy is one of the fiercest competitors around. He never quits on a hole or a shot."

Alluri rebounded from a sub-par district tourney performance.

"Abhinav has so much game, but he had been playing so poorly, that I considered substituting for him at the regional," Cronin said. "I guess I

made the right call. When Abhinav is right, he can throw darts at the green. Today, he had it going and that's fun to watch."

Drew Kearis, who according to Cronin has "been firing on all cylinders lately," was Northville's fourth scorer, in 17th place with 81. Junior Dominic Marsalese was the Mustangs' non-scorer, in 48th with 92.

"Drew has a really nice game, but inconsistency has plagued him this season," Cronin said. "He's really finding a rhythm now and he should play a key role for us at The Meadows next week."

Northville hopes to improve upon last year's 11th-place finish at the state finals.

"This was our best round as a collective team all season. Aaron was low man for us at 78, but everyone played solid, steady golf and that's what got us through to the state finals," Cronin said. "One thing I've stressed since the start of this season with this team is steady, consistent scoring. We rely on every man to contribute and, at

the regional, we had that."

Northville earned the third and final team qualifying spot with two strokes to spare over fourth-place finisher Ann Arbor Huron (321).

"The shotgun start had us teeing off on the difficult back nine and the course was winning early," Cronin said. "The back nine is longer and tighter than the front. Subsequently, the guys knew they had to minimize the damage until they made the turn. On the front nine, the team gave away very few shots and we knew we had a shot."

Rounding out the regional field was Saline (325), Dearborn (342), Temperance Bedford (347), Canton (350), Livonia Churchill (354), Monroe (360), Garden City (376) and Wyandotte (399).

Additional individual state qualifiers from the Pine View regional included Monroe's Aaron Bitz (76) and Saline's Connor Learman (77).

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TENNIS

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ley Livingston pulled off a three-set 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 upset win in a battle of top seeds over seniors Molly Bis and Reeshma Kumar at No. 2.

Wang, a sophomore, and Mulchandani, a freshman, wound up 23-5 overall, while Kumar and Bis, both seniors, finished 23-1.

At No. 3, Northville's duo of Neha Chava, a sophomore, and Sophie Zhuang, a freshman, capped perfect 29-0 season with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) victory over Dow's Mina Fabiano and Tatum Matthews.

"They played such good tennis," Jones said. "They were playing college tennis. At the end of the match, my girls went to the net to shake their hands and my girls hugged them and congratulated them on a really good match. It was so cool. I've never seen that on the tennis court before. It was like they were old friends. They enjoyed the competition and they walked off the court as friends."

At No. 4, Northville's Brittanya Maccadino, a senior, and Alexandra Petix, a junior, also held their top-seeded status by defeating Dow's Maggie Schaller and Marie Marche, 6-3, 6-2, in the finals to finish with a 28-2 record.

At No. 1 singles, Northville senior Emma Worley (13-13) captured her first-round match before falling to season-long nemesis Jessica Braun of Plymouth, 6-3, 6-3, while No. 4 Renee Torres (23-3), a freshman, reached the semifinals before losing to Ann Arbor Huron's Micki Ota, the eventual champion, 6-4, 6-3.

"What I told the girls is that I don't need extraordinary, I just need you to go out and play like you've always played," Jones said. "So if you're a No. 2 seed and you end up losing to the No. 1 seed, that's OK because we have Nos. 2, 3 and 4 doubles (that) are No. 1 seeds that should beat them. I needed to have somebody come along to trip up the No. 1 singles from Dow, but as it turned out at the end of the first day (Friday) we were behind by one point."

The two teams have developed a friendly rivalry over the past two years.

"It was really good tennis," Jones said. "As I'm walking out of the Midland facility, I looked back at Garrett Turner, the Dow coach, I held my trophy in the air and I said, 'Next year, Garrett. I'm taking your trophy back.' And he just smiled. 'I said, 'Next year, buddy' and he said, 'OK' It's just good competition."

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

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NORTHVILLE SINGLES RESULTS
Emma Worley, No. 1: lost to Jessica Braun (Plymouth), 6-3, 6-3; defeated Sam Cyrus (Livonia Stevenson), 6-0, 6-0.

Shanoli Kumar, No. 2 (runner-up): lost to Caroline Szabo (Dow), 6-2, 6-3; def. Melissa Strome (West Bloomfield), 6-4, 6-7 (3-7); 6-4; def. Laurel Sullivan (G.P. South), 6-2, 6-1; def. Andrea Hartman (Port Huron Northern), 6-0, 6-0.

Joanne Gao, No. 3 (runner-up): lost to Sarah Ismail (Dow), 6-1, 6-3; def. Kara Dickinson (Pioneer), 6-1, 6-0; def. Pooja Natarajan (West Bloomfield), 6-1, 1-0 (retired); def. Karen Song (Troy), 6-2, 6-1.

Renee Torres, No. 4 (semifinalist): lost to Micki Ota (Ann Arbor Huron), 6-4, 6-3; def. Katie Xie (Novi), 6-0, 6-0; def. Sophia Ahmed (P.H. Northern), 6-1, 6-3.

NORTHVILLE DOUBLES RESULTS
Serena Wang-Maya Mulchandani, No. 1 (runner-up): lost to Afu Ofori-Kamryn Matthews (Dow), 6-0, 6-1; def. Isabel Lutz-Yana Becker (T.C. Central), 6-3, 6-4; def. Julia Georges-Karolina Lutzykowska (Utica Eisenhower), 6-1, 6-2; def. Sujin Lee-Haley Wrona (Rochester Stoney Creek), 6-0, 6-2.

Reeshma Kumar-Molly Bis, No. 2 (runner-up): lost to Meghan Killmaster-Kelly Livingston (Dow), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; def. Margaret Goldberg-Sophie Alphonso (Pioneer), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; def. Marie Baemen-Leah Daniels (Bloomfield Hills), 6-1, 6-2; def. Erica Friesen-Alexis Morse (Troy), 6-2, 6-0.

Neha Chava-Sophie Zhuang, No. 3 (champions): def. Mina Fabian-Tatum Matthews (Dow), 6-3, 7-6 (7-2); def. Layla Hak-Aditi Maahajan (Troy), 6-3, 6-2; def. Eve Robitshek-Sydney McCardell (T.C. Central), 6-2, 6-3; def. Brooke Coleman-Delany Devereaux (Eisenhower), 6-1, 6-1.

Brittany Maccadino-Alexandra Petix, No. 4 (champions): def. Maggie Schaller-Marie Marche (Dow), 6-3, 6-2; def. Nikita Abbaraju-Riley Dickinson (Pioneer), 6-1, 5-7, 7-5; def. Rasika Rao-Raagini Chandra (Troy), 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; def. Madison Mitchell-Kacey Westenbroek (Holland West Ottawa), 6-2, 6-2.

NOVI SINGLES RESULTS
Allison Lollo, No. 1: lost to Kathryn Dunleavy (Farmington Hills Mercy), 6-2, 6-2.

Jamie Fu, No. 2: lost to Miriam Grandham (A.A. Huron), 6-0, 6-1.

Jessica Lypka, No. 3: lost to Lauren Mireck (Rockford), 6-1, 6-1.

Katie Xie, No. 4: lost to Torres, 6-0, 6-0; def. Leigha Brown (Traverse City Center), 6-1, 6-3.

NOVI DOUBLES RESULTS
Youna Lee-Carolyn Zhang, No. 1: lost to Sarah Hinrichs-Abby Bush (Mercy), 6-3, 6-4.

Teja Mugasala-Michelle Wang, No. 2: lost to Lauren Somerville-Audrey Doherty (G.P. South), 6-2, 6-2.

Morgan Krupic-Alexis Macallery, No. 3: lost to Fabiane-Matthews (Dow), 6-1, 6-3; def. Hannah Ash-Murphy Vandervest (P.H. Northern), 6-2, 6-2.

Katie Telder-Katie Valade, No. 4: lost to Jade Sheperd-Kate Gavagan (G.P. South), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

It's official: KLAA suffers loss of 10 member schools

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Divorce proceedings have officially been finalized when it comes to area high school athletic leagues for the 2017-18 school year.

The 24-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association will shrink to 14 after nine high schools from four different Oakland County school districts will be forming their own conference, while another from Livingston County, Pinckney, has been accepted into the 12-member Southeastern Conference.

The new nine-school league will feature teams from Huron Valley's Milford and Lakeland; South Lyon and South Lyon East (the smallest school with 923); Waterford Kettering and Mott; and Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western.

Milford and Pinckney are current members of the KLAA West; South Lyon and East are members of the KLAA Central; and Lakeland, Northern, Western, Central, Kettering and Mott are all part of the KLAA North.

"We have very much appreciated our involvement within the KLAA, but we are excited about this new league and the possibilities that are there for our students and our communities," Huron Valley Superintendent Jim Baker said in a release. "With confidence, our collective boards of education, superintendents and building administrators from the participating districts feel our students would benefit from the new arrangement."

Among the schools remain-

ing in the KLAA are six from the South Division – Canton, Plymouth, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial; four from the Central – Livonia Stevenson, Salem, Novi and Northville; and four from the West – Brighton, Hartland, Howell and Grand Blanc (the largest enrollment with 2,727 students).

A press release sent out late Tuesday afternoon by Maureen E. Altermatt, assistant superintendent for administrative services for the South Lyon Community Schools, cited concerns about enrollment discrepancies and competitive equity across multiple sports between the 24 schools in the KLAA since the association was formed in 2008.

The statement also alluded to the fact that schools were interested in improving geographical proximity to assist in reducing transportation costs and minimizing student travel time that could impact academic responsibilities.

During the past few months, athletic directors and principals from the KLAA came up with several different realignment proposals to keep the four-division, two-conference association intact, including a proposal to address concerns regarding competitive balance in football alone.

But in the end, the departing 10 schools decided to go in a different direction.

Meanwhile, future plans for the existing 14 schools in the KLAA remain up for debate.

With Howell A.D. Dan Hutcheson leaving to take an administration position this summer with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Churchill's Marc Hage has assumed the lead role again as president of the KLAA.

"We meet last week and we knew this was going to happen," Hage said. "I think right now we're probably going in the direction that we tentatively decided on (which) was the remaining 14 schools to open up invitations to the outside and see what kind of interest there is. And depending on the interest we draw from outside schools – and it could be from an existing league or anybody – we'll kind of determine in the next few months where we're going. If we don't get schools that are geographically close enough for the remaining 14 schools, we might have to go in a different direction."

The biggest concern with the existing 14 KLAA schools will be travel. It's a 140-mile round trip from Wayne to Grand Blanc. From Northville to Grand Blanc is 53 miles each way.

Also, scheduling is now a concern as well. The KLAA could include two divisions of seven or possibly one six-school division and another with eight.

"When you have even numbers in a division, that works much better when you do double round-robins, otherwise one school has a bye," Hage said. "If we have 14 right now, that would put seven in a division. We'd be looking for

two maybe and that would make 16 or we'd go to possibly 10, which would make 20 (10 in each division). That just works better, but we'll make anything work if the teams and the schools are right."

Whether there's any interest in the KLAA from members of the OAA, Southeastern or Western Wayne remains to be seen.

"We're also looking for schools that are the same size," Hage said. "A Class C or D school is just not going to work because of the enrollments. We're going to look for like communities, like districts, like size, like enrollments, those type of things. Programs are important, too. We're going to make sure everybody has freshman sports and all the offerings we have as well."

Per KLAA bylaws, schools are required to submit notice of intent to leave one year in advance. And with the announcement, the nine schools breaking from the KLAA can begin preparations for the establishment of the new league, which will include the involvement of student leadership groups at all schools to help name the league, create logos and plan future league-wide events such as charity fundraisers and community service opportunities.

Brian Swinehart, director of athletics for the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools district, has been named acting league formation coordinator for the new league.

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PREP BASEBALL

Warriors three-peat thanks to district championship

Franklin Road whips Frankel, PCA to win title

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Franklin Road Christian appears poised to make another deep run in the MHSAA Division 4 baseball state tournament.

The Warriors did it again Friday by capturing their third

straight district title with a 13-0 mercy-rule triumph over West Bloomfield Jewish Frankel Academy in the final at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Franklin Road, a state quarterfinalist a year ago, improved to 16-7-1 overall as Evan Lorey went 3-for-4 with a double and three runs scored,

while Paul Alex went 2-for-2, including a double, three runs and two stolen bases.

Winning pitcher Gavin Harris threw a two-hit shutout without allowing a walk and struck out nine. The senior also tripled, scored three runs and had two stolen bases.

In five-inning district semifinal, Franklin Road defeated host Plymouth Christian Academy, 13-3, as winning pitcher

Shaun Moore went the distance, scattering nine hits and no walks while striking out five.

The Warriors' Matt Lorey went 2-for-2 with a double and two walks, while Daniel Weaver also went 2-for-2 with a double. Nick Hanley also went 2-for-3 and scored three runs.

Franklin Road advances to the regional semifinals beginning at noon Saturday, June 11,

against host Ottawa Lake Whiteford.

FRANKLIN ROAD 0, W.L. CENTRAL 0: In a non-conference game May 31, Novi Franklin Road Christian (14-7-1) and host Walled Lake Central settled for a scoreless tie after seven innings.

Starter Nick Suchecky went all seven innings for the Warriors, as he allowed just four hits and one walk while striking out five.

The game ended in the bottom of the seventh, when Franklin Road pulled off a double play on an ill-fated Central suicide squeeze attempt.

Gavin Harris, Shaun Moore, Nick Hanley and Suchecky each collected a hit for Franklin Road.

PREP BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Catholic Central eliminates South Lyon in pre-district, 7-2

Shamrocks split duties between top two pitchers

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Novi Detroit Catholic Central took care of business in the pre-district round of the MHSAA Division 1 baseball state tournament May 30 with a 7-2 win over South Lyon in a game played at Northville.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 21-14, jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead and added two more runs in both the second and fourth innings to advance to the district semifinals against Livonia Churchill.

CC starting pitcher Grant Hartwig went the first four innings, retiring all 12 batters he faced with four strikeouts. Dante Toppi, who came on in the fifth, went the next two innings, allowing two unearned runs, to pick up the victory.

Reliever Luke Hargis then closed it out with a scoreless seventh.

"Between Grant, my No. 1 pitcher, and Dante, my No. 2, they both threw 38 pitches today," CC coach Dan Michaels said. "Kind of worked out pretty well. The 38 pitches is a strong workout, but not too taxing. Both will be considered at full strength for Saturday."

Jaret Robson collected two hits and two RBIs to lead CC's offensive attack. Hartwig also knocked in two runs, while



The glove goes flying off the hand of South Lyon catcher Mike Maher (right), who was called for a run-scoring interference play on Catholic Central batter Nick Sykes (left).

Anthony Esser and Nick Sykes both added an RBI.

Justin Goodenow and Alex Superczynski both scored in the sixth for the Lions (9-19-1) after Trevor Tank's grounder was misplayed, resulting in an

infield overthrow.

South Lyon starter Kent Katsuda was charged with the loss.

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HARTWIG

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the big hit, score the run and what he did on the mound was great. That's what you've got to do as a No. 1 pitcher like that, give your team a chance to win and that's what our guy (Prystash) did, too."

Between the two district games, Hartwig threw a total of 134 pitches. "It was a little bit of a warm-up," Hartwig said of Game 1. "We didn't plan on that happening, but you've got to survive and advance. We got the win and that's all that mattered. I felt very strong. The team we were coming up against, we watched them play after us. We knew what we had to do to win and we did it."

And, for the most part, CC played error-free.

"You've got to have good defense, which we did," Michaels said. "I think we had one error. We pretty much field-

ed everything and we got key hits, too. The pitching was phenomenal, but Esser got a key hit and (Jaret) Robson (two hits) stung the ball today. Hartwig with a key hit. All around, I'm so proud of the boys and happy for them."

NORTHVILLE 7, NOVI 0: In the second district semifinal Saturday, senior left-hander Chris Dunn pitched six strong innings, allowing just two hits, as the host Mustangs (28-6) ousted the rival Wildcats (24-15), who lost scheduled starter and ace Jac Colliau to a broken foot suffered in batting practice the previous day.

Dunn struck out four and walked before Andrew Blazo pitched a scoreless seventh to close out the win.

Zac Osaer had two hits and three RBIs, while Kevin Morrissey added two hits and an RBI to lead Northville.

Joey Carn and Mike Hrit had the only hits for the Wildcats, who committed five errors.

Starter Jack Reilly allowed four runs on two hits over 3½ innings before giving way to Alec Bageris, who allowed three runs on two hits in 1½. Cam Czapski finished up, allowing a run and hit.

DETROIT CC 6, CHURCHILL 4: Anthony Esser collected two hits and two RBIs Saturday as the Shamrocks (22-14) held off a late rally by Livonia Churchill (16-19) to earn a district semifinal win.

Matt Stinebiser also had two hits, while Grant Hartwig and Cody Kancierz both added an RBI as the Shamrocks led 6-0 after three innings before the Chargers scored three in the fourth and one in the seventh.

Senior Dante Toppi, the winning pitcher, went the first five innings before being lifted in the sixth in favor of Hartwig, who struck out three, walked one and allowed one hit.

James Rintala, the losing pitcher, collected three hits, while Brett Stern added two for Churchill.

Jon Hovermale pitched four scoreless innings of relief.

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Northville's David Dillon puts the tag on Catholic Central's Marcus Cipriano in Saturday's Division 1 district final.

THE WEEK AHEAD

**MHSAA BASEBALL
REGIONAL TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
at NOVI**
Saturday, June 11: Livonia Stevenson vs. Hartland, 10 a.m.; Novi Detroit Catholic Central, noon; **Championship final:** Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Wayne State University vs. Bloomfield Hills regional champion.)

**DIVISION 4
at OTTAWA LAKE WHITEFORD**
Saturday, June 11: Novi Franklin Road Christian vs. Ottawa Lake Whiteford, 10 a.m.; Southfield Christian vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, noon; **Championship final:** 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Battle Creek's Bailey Park vs. Kingston regional champion.)

**MHSAA GIRLS SOCCER
REGIONAL FINAL
DIVISION 1**
at BLOOMFIELD HILLS H.S.
Thursday, June 9: Novi-Grand Blanc winner vs. Rochester Adams-Brighton winner, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the state semifinals, 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Rochester Stoney Creek vs. Troy Athens regional champion.)

**MHSAA BOYS LACROSSE
DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
at HOWELL PARKER**
Saturday, June 11: Novi Detroit Catholic Central-Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day semifinal winner vs. Birmingham Brother Rice-Grosse Pointe South semifinal winner, 4:30 p.m.

**MHSAA SOFTBALL
REGIONAL TOURNEY DRAWS
DIVISION 1
at NOVI**
Saturday, June 11: Novi vs. Walled Lake Northern, 10 a.m.; White Lake Lakeland vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, noon; **Championship final:** 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Wayne State University vs. Bloomfield Hills regional champion.)

**MHSAA BOYS GOLF FINALS
Friday-Saturday, June 10-11**
Division 1 at The Meadows, 9 a.m.



Painting playground equipment was a key part of the volunteer effort May 21.

SUBMITTED

Saturday in the park: Realtors take the lead in park cleanup project

Over 40 Realtors, affiliate and staff members, along with family members, of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors joined together to begin the restoration process of Realtors Park in Royal Oak. GMAR is the Southfield-based association for the industry in Southeast

Michigan.

The park is located at Main and Sunnybrook. The group gathered Saturday, May 21. Starting at 8 a.m., the group removed trash, debris, dead and overgrown vegetation, made minor repairs to equipment, and put a fresh coat of paint on the equipment.

James Cristbrook, member of the GMAR Member Engagement Committee who planned the event, said that “this is just the first phase of the restoration process. Next we’ll upgrade the playground equipment, and then begin soliciting organizations to ‘adopt’ the park — meaning

they’ll take over maintenance of the park.”

The event was made possible by grants from the National Association of Realtors, Michigan Realtors, and GMAR. First American Title provided breakfast, and Shain Park Realtors provided lunch for the volunteers.



The project at the park in Royal Oak was headed up by the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, and also drew family members as volunteers.

SUBMITTED

Collecting assessments requires know-how, assertiveness

Q: Our condo Board asked the successor developer to pay assessments to the condominium association. He is claiming there is a provision in the documents that exempts the developer from paying assessments. Can we make him pay the assessments?

A: It is my opinion, based on cases in which I have been involved, that the successor developer, just like the original developer, has an obligation to pay the full assessment to the Association, notwithstanding provisions in the Master Deed created by the developer to the contrary. Many associations are confused about this and allow the developer and/or successor developer to get away with not paying their assessments at all, which is, in my opinion, inappropriate. The Association should engage counsel who is knowledgeable about the Condominium Act and is reasonably aggressive to assist the Board in collecting those assessments from the successor developer.

Q: Our condominium has a number of uncompleted condominium units, and the developer says that he does not have to pay on those units because they have not been constructed. What do you think?

A: Defining a unit in the Master Deed in such a fashion as to avoid paying assessments, as many developers do, is, in this writer’s opinion, contrary to the plain language of the Michigan Condominium Act. In short, there is nothing in the Michigan Condominium Act that indicates that payment of assessments is contingent on whether a unit is required to be built or that payment of assessments on a unit commences when the unit is actually built. As such, you have a good argument that attempting to redefine a unit in the Master Deed in a manner that is contrary to the Michigan Condominium Act is not a justification for either a developer or, for that matter, a successor developer, not to pay assessments.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m. each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

For more information, call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Detroit, Ann Arbor Township garner grants funded through Historic Preservation Fund

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority’s State Historic Preservation Office announced the awarding of Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants that will benefit the cities of Detroit, Allegan, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor Township.

The grants add up to \$122,022 and are funded through the federal Historic Preservation Fund.

The City of Detroit has been awarded two grants totaling nearly \$50,000: \$15,560 to conduct an above-ground historic resources survey and an archaeological survey in order to update the existing National Register of Historic Places nomination, and \$33,000 to rehabilitate a section of the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant roof. The Piquette plant is one of 40 National Historic Landmarks in Michigan.

“Historic preservation has its greatest impact when it begins at the local level. Historic resources and neighborhoods are assets that contribute to community character and stability and places where people want to be,” State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway said.

“In Michigan, 30 Certified Local Governments have demonstrated commitment on an ongoing basis to preserve their historic resources. We are pleased to assist them with grant funding.”

This year’s additional CLG grant awards are as follows:

» City of Allegan: \$45,644 to hire a single or multiple contractor(s) to rehabilitate the exterior masonry of the Griswold Memorial Auditorium by repairing/replacing deteriorated and damaged bricks and repointing mortar joints.

» City of Grand Rapids: \$21,000 to update the National Register of Historic Places nomination form for the Heritage Hill Historic District, which was listed in the register in 1971, and to complete a previously begun project to expand the existing National Register of Historic Places historic district boundaries for Heartside Historic District. The boundary expansion will include the entire area encompassed by the city’s current Heartside district, so that the boundaries of the National Register and local district will be the same.

» Washtenaw County: \$6,818 to conduct an intensive

historic resource survey, prepare a survey report and undertake the activities required to establish a local historic district for the Thornoaks Neighborhood in Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County.

Certified Local Governments are counties, townships or cities that partner with the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service to preserve their historic and cultural resources. CLGs demonstrate ongoing commitment to historic preservation through the enactment of a historic preservation ordinance, the formation of a historic district commission, the ongoing survey and designation of properties, and public education.

CLG grants are awarded annually on a competitive basis. All grants must be matched with local funds or donations and are available on a reimbursement basis only. Project activities must have measurable results. The State Historic Preservation Office welcomes innovative proposals that promote historic preservation. The intent of the CLG grant program is to augment rather than replace existing local financial commit-

ment to historic preservation activities. Grants are announced each May.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is financed in part by a grant from the National Park Service, Department of Interior.

The State Historic Preservation Office is part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), which provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA’s loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs. For more information, visit michigan.gov/mshda.

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Sick 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.)

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



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Median hourly earnings: \$30.37

2. Applications software 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

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.
Median hourly earnings: \$20.34

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By Popular Demand: Soul, and the Brand, Keep Rolling as Kia Brings Back the Musical, Animatronic Hamster Mascots



By Dale Buss

Kia continued the unlikely success of its Soul model last year, but a key element was missing: the hamsters.

Kia's U.S. dealers asked the brand to bring back the animatronic buzz-builders in its advertising, and so the company has done exactly that, in a new music-themed campaign that broke over Memorial Day weekend.

Soul has managed to climb from 35,000 sales in its first year, 2009, to 146,000 sold in the United States last year. And for this year to date through April, Soul sales were up by 6 percent over 2015 levels.



Soul is well-appointed inside for a small crossover.

But none of that seemed as fun without the hamsters, who made their first appearance with the launch of the all-new model seven years ago and were constant marketing companions

-- until last year.

"We didn't have a campaign with the hamsters in 2015, and our dealers said, 'Bring them back,'" Michael Sprague, chief operating officer and executive vice president of Kia Motors America, told me. "They bring people into the showroom. Or when they come in for service, they'll ask, 'When are you bringing them back?'" You see it in social media as well."

So while kids may tire of real-life hamsters after a couple of years, the Soul hamsters have plenty of life left in them. The new campaign called "The World Needs More Soul" -- which bowed on more than 34,000 movie screens across the country over Memorial Day weekend -- gives Soul a ride with an upbeat message of musical and cultural unity using a catchy new tune that transforms the classic "Dueling Banjos"

into an internationally inspired anthem. Nathaniel Rateliff, front man of roots sensation Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats, begins the spot by trading guitar licks with a banjo-



Kia's animatronic musical hamsters -- and bright colors -- help keep Soul sales rolling.

playing hamster who arrives on the scene -- in a Soul, of course. Then additional hamsters join the fray, and so do hundreds of humans (and other colors of Soul), all racing to a Central Park-like setting with their instruments, which range from classic western pieces such as a bass fiddle to an Indian sitar.

Indeed, the hamsters have generated more than 20 million online views in the process of spreading their furry brand of joy, Kia said, and were the stars of the "Automotive Ad of the Year" for two straight years.

Kia has managed to ride on top of the U.S. auto marketplace despite factors that have slowed down other brands lately, led by sales of Soul. Overall, Kia posted a 4-percent year-over-year increase in US sales from January through April even as sibling Hyundai posted a 2-percent dip.

Other automakers have struggled in a U.S. auto market that may be peaking

and where impressive fuel-economy figures no longer hold much sway with consumers who've gotten used to sub-\$3-a-gallon gasoline.

Sprague believes the mix of fresh product and marketing should get a lot of the credit, plus the fact that Kia and Hyundai now ride atop third-party ratings of product quality in the U.S. market, where they once resided near the bottom.

"So much of this business is about product, and since 2009 our brand has undergone a complete transformation of every vehicle, and we've introduced new ones," Sprague told me. "Plus we're raising awareness for the brand and making sure the brand is right."

I talked with him about Kia, Soul -- and the hamsters:

How do you manage to keep Soul rolling?

Sprague: We launched Soul and the hamsters with a campaign in 2009—and

you know, they've never been in the Super Bowl ads. The timing has never worked for it. We always have held our Soul campaign for late spring or early summer, particularly because we like to put the spots in cinema.

Soul is a phenomenal car, but the hamsters have played a role in terms of raising awareness of the vehicle in fun ways and not the ways that traditional auto advertising is done.

Soul sales have risen despite lower gasoline prices. How have you managed to keep Soul afloat, besides the hamsters?

Sprague: A lot of it is the product itself. Initially, we were targeting vehicles such as the Scion xB and Nissan Cube, and those vehicles since have gone away, partly because of the popularity of Soul. Also you're seeing the first true crossover in that segment. Others saw the growth we were experiencing, and Honda came up with HR-V, and Jeep with Renegade.

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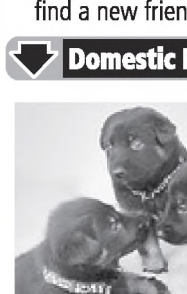


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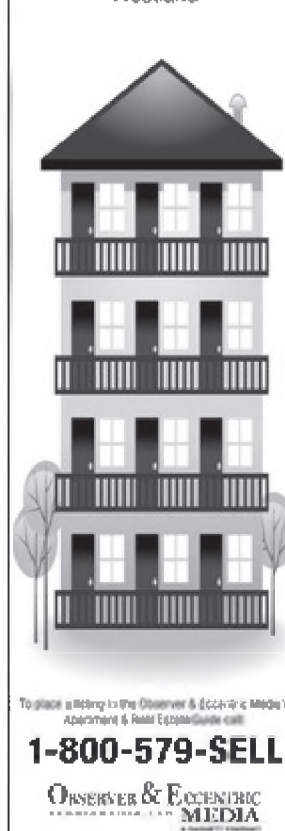
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