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Runners holding car wash

The Northville High School Boys Cross Country team hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontist building, corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads. The car wash is a fundraiser for the team.

Pond tour

Michigan Koi and Pond Club hosts a self-guided tour of Northville water gardens 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, July 16. The tour starts at The Village Workshop in Northville, at 455 E. Cady St.

Participants will receive a wristband and a tour booklet with addresses for all participating homes, which will be marked by a sign at the front of each host's property. Homeowners will be on hand to answer questions, give directions, and share insight about their ponds and gardens.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 5-15 and may be purchased either on the day of the event at The Village Workshop or in advance by calling John Rae at 248-767-1066.

Northville Strings kicks off new curriculum petition drive

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Every Tuesday through Labor Day members of Northville Strings Students will be downtown — likely at the post office — to gather signatures on a new petition to make orchestra a legitimate academic program in the school district.

"Fifteen hundred signatures are our goal. We are reaching out to residents and talking to them," organizer Lynda Fulgenzi said.

Fulgenzi and Melissa Hirn formed the Northville Strings some three years ago to give students interested in string instruments an opportunity to learn and perform. The students rehearse at our Lady of Victory

and perform throughout the community.

Hirn, Fulgenzi and a group of parents have previously petitioned the Northville Board of Education to make orchestra part of the district curriculum. "They said there is no interest in Northville for orchestra and no funding," Fulgenzi said.

Students in February, 2015, attended the school board and performed. At one meeting, about five parents — of 18-20 parents who attended — were allowed to speak. Fulgenzi said school officials were provided with information showing the need and how orchestra could be included in the curriculum.

Earlier this year, the orches-



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See STRINGS, Page A4 Northville Strings Students perform and petition the community for support.



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Village Workshop member Sean Bodrie works on sharpening some lawnmower blades using a grinder at the Northville business on June 6. Bodrie works for the area's Lawn Pro landscaping business.

Village Workshop keeps expanding its offerings

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

The Maker Movement exists to connect people back to vocations, technologies and the spirit of do-it-yourself invention.

Although only open for a little over a year, The Village Workshop in Northville has already become a well-known "Maker Space" not only to Northville residents but also to those who live in surrounding communities.

Founded by Dennis Engerer, Chris McDonald and Brian Donovan, The Village Workshop is a member-based community work space dedicated to creativity, learning, entrepreneurship and prototype services. After only opening in March 2015, there are already over 300 members in a 1,000-capacity building.

"Many of our members come in with project ideas, but



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Engineer Tim Larson works in a COW (cubicle on wheels) at the Village Workshop on June 6.

once they start working, they become inspired by someone else," The Village Workshop Operations Manager Tracey Wormsbacher said.

The Village Workshop Community Relations and Market-

ing Director Carter Guider added that this is due to the fact that there are so many "talented and brilliant people involved" in the facility.

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Colbeck heads to Republican convention July 18

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Patrick Colbeck of Canton and Ronna Romney McDaniel of Northville are among the Michigan delegates heading to Cleveland, Ohio, for the 2016 Republican National Convention at the Quicken Loans Arena on July 18-21.

Approximately 2,470 delegates from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five territories will attend.

The Michigan delegation is made of 59 representatives. Donald Trump, who won 36.5 percent of votes cast in Michigan's March 8 Republican presidential primary, received 25 delegates. Second-place and third-place finishers Ted Cruz and John Kasich each received 17 delegates. All are bound to support their candidate in the first round of voting.

Colbeck is attending the convention as a delegate for Cruz. He was the state chair for the Cruz campaign in Michigan, and he's currently serving his second term as a state senator for Michigan's 7th District in Wayne County, which includes Canton, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, and Wayne.

Cruz dropped out of the race in early May, after a major loss to Trump in Indiana, but he's still entitled to Colbeck's delegate vote on the first ballot. (On a hypothetical second ballot, delegates would be able to vote for whichever candidate they wanted.)

So far, Colbeck has been noncommittal in his support of the presumptive nominee, saying that he will back whoever has the best chance of keeping

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One does not have to be a member to take a class at The Village Workshop. There are computer lab, cooking, craft studio, electronic shop, machine shop, metal shop, sewing studio, woodshop and even kids classes available to the public.

“We have everything from traditional to the newest state of the art technology,” Guider said. “For a Maker Space, it’s pretty unusual.”

In addition to holding classes and events for members and non-members, the Workshop also works closely with the community.

For example, in addition to several other schools and even Schoolcraft College, The Village Workshop partnered with Northville High School this past school year to not only provide schol-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Carter Guider of Northville's Village Workshop, shows a tool caddy made by members of the business using metal fabrication machines.

arship opportunities but also give the CAD ENG II and CAD ARCH II students experience with hands-on, project-based learning.

Previously, these classes would use computers to create complex designs; however, through this partnership, the students not only modeled simple pieces of furniture on the computers, but they also had the opportunity to “bring them to life.”

“This provided them with the rendering on the computer based off the original specifications, and then the opportunity to get trained and complete the tooling necessary to build the furniture,” NHS Applied Technology and Robotics Lead

Teacher Julie Fisette said.

Fisette added that the students treasured the experience and enjoyed the class because they were able to learn the manufacturing process needed to create something from a drawing, the value of machine safety and the excitement in creating and manufacturing.

“The students had the opportunity to experience something more than theoretical learning,” Guider said. “It’s not just vocational learning, not just for the 10

percent who do not attend college. It’s for all students since everyone gets something out of it. It’s really been a neat initiative.”

Also, scheduled for later in the summer, The Village Workshop is in the midst of planning a veteran initiative where veterans will have the chance to try out a variety of tools and equipment.

“Our hope is that we can work to enhance their skills for future job opportunities,” Guider said.

Besides the machine shop, woodshop and metal shop, the first floor of The Village Workshop also has a café, which not only houses culinary instructor Mary Spencer’s cooking classes but also Northville’s very own Tuscan Café, which is currently there four days a week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with plans of increased hours down the road.

In addition to the sewing and craft studios, as well as the computer and multi-use labs, half of the second floor is dedicated to carts on wheels, which Guider said, laughing, has been dubbed the “COW Pasture.”

For \$225 a month, people not only have the opportunity to rent a COW to work, but they also receive free internet and access to the entire facility, which, for many,

is the main reason why they selected the space they did since not only are the tools and equipment in-house, but so are people with backgrounds and expertise in a variety of areas.

In addition to the businesses renting COWs, there are also two permanent tenants: Martone Design Studio and TES-PO.

“It’s really become like a huge house,” Wormsbacher said. “It’s crazy to think about this building just sitting vacant for six years. Look what it is now! What they (Engerer, McDonald and Donovan) visualized and hoped would happen, happened. Even those who were here when we first opened owe it to themselves to see what’s here now, and how the partners’ dream is alive and well.”

Guider added that this success has occurred because the three partners “listen to membership” and “constantly think creatively to do more.”

The Village Workshop is at 455 E. Cady St. in Northville; it is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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the Democrats out of the White House. “He (Trump) has been moving in the right direction — he’s starting to look more like someone I could get behind,” Colbert said, although he stopped shy of endorsing Trump outright: “To the extent that he can beat Hillary Clinton, that’s the extent that he gets my vote.”

McDaniel, chairwoman of the Michigan Re-

publican Party, is attending the convention as a Trump delegate. Despite the hype surrounding the convention, she expects the 2016 event to be similar to past conventions: “a good kickoff to election season” that helps Republicans unite behind their ticket.

Trump secured the 1,237 delegates necessary for nomination in late May, putting to rest rumors of a contested convention. Grassroots efforts in the anti-Trump faction are now focused on changing the convention rules to let Trump

delegates vote for someone else on the first ballot.

McDaniel has come out in opposition to the “Dump Trump” movement, saying that it would disenfranchise voters. But she thinks the reaction is typical: Regardless of the choices made, there’s always some type of opposition. “We had 17 candidates,” she said. “People are passionate and really engaged behind the candidate of their choice.”

And she’s not too worried about the outcome.

“I don’t foresee the ‘Dump Trump’ movement going far, based on the people elected to the rules committee,” she predicts.

Once the dust settles after the convention and Republicans have had a chance to talk about it, she thinks they’ll unite around Trump as their presidential candidate. “I’ve already seen it in my state,” she said. “I run into people every day who are coming around — who recognize the importance of getting a Republican in the White House.”

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Northville activist Barbara Strong O'Brien remembered

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Remarkable, tenacious and passionate are words family and friends are using to describe Northville community icon and activist Barbara Strong O'Brien, who passed away July 5 at 87 years of age.

"She had always been devoted to making the town and people better," said her son, Jerry O'Brien.

As word of her passing spread throughout Northville on Tuesday, township Supervisor Chip Snider put in place plans to have a police motorcade accompany her funeral procession Saturday to Rural Hill Cemetery.

While many new to the community may associate O'Brien with the Northville Garden Club and beautification, she dove into local politics when she was elected as a township trustee from 1992 to 1996. By then she had already served as a planning commissioner and member of the Eco-



Ms. O'Brien

nomics Development Corporation. She was also a founding member of the Northville Beautification Commission, a group for which she served until the end.

"We became fast friends," said township Clerk Sue Hillebrand, who was elected the same year as O'Brien. "I thought she was a remarkable woman. She had history here. She always had the township at heart."

O'Brien's son, Jerry, called his mother "indomitable." In her 30s as a wife and mother of Judi, James and Julie, O'Brien's husband, Jim Murphy, passed away. She then decided to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to earn a bachelor of science degree.

Her brother and best friend, Truman Strong, meanwhile, introduced her to Edgar Gerald

O'Brien — Jerry — a Ford Motor Co. executive. They married and later had a son, also named Jerry. Some 20 years ago, O'Brien again became a widow when Edgar Gerald O'Brien passed away.

Born in 1929, O'Brien's early childhood was shaped by the Depression. Her son Jerry said she considered herself an "FDR Democrat," but was elected to the Northville Township Board of Trustees by winning the Republican primary and then running unopposed in the general election.

"She loved FDR. She would say, 'if he was Catholic he should have been sainted,'" her son said.

A woman of stamina and conviction, O'Brien was always worried about others and remained devoted to her community, friends, and family," Jerry O'Brien said.

Another of her loves was the Northville Garden Club. Just last month, accompanied by her daughter, Julie Man-

tay, O'Brien attended the club's 80th anniversary celebration. She was still the chair of its publicity committee. She maintained a strong voice in the garden club and beautification commission, which has been responsible for brick sidewalks, flower planters, clock on main street and the fountain at Allen Terrace.

"She was very organized," Hillebrand said. "She was tenacious and passionate about the community."

Township trustee Marv Gans would agree. "When Barbara got something in her head she was insistent and followed it through. She didn't back off from much."

By 1984, O'Brien decided to try her hand in real estate, a career she worked for 17 years. "She met more and more people in town," her son said, adding it seemed like his mother knew everybody.

Family friend Bruce Weintraub, a former "Northville Record" reporter in his youth, got

to know O'Brien's son, Jerry, through work. Jerry O'Brien worked in advertising as an intern at the paper. They became lifelong friends.

"She was simply an extraordinary woman. The community of Northville was so lucky to have her as a resident, parent, and dedicated volunteer, as she brought joy and happiness to everyone with whom she came in contact," Weintraub said.

And if she wasn't busy enough, O'Brien also served as a member of the Friends of Northville Recreation, chaired a joint committee of the city and township sesquicentennial committee and served on the Blue Ribbon Committee for Northville Public Schools.

"She did a great job for us," Hillebrand said.

But O'Brien, who had heart problems, also stepped outside of the Northville boundaries. In 2011, she was featured in a Beaumont Hospital publication. The story was about her comeback following treatment in

2011 with a Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement. The procedure allowed physicians to replace a high-risk patient's heart valve through a catheter without open-heart surgery.

In addition to her children, O'Brien is survived by grandchildren Brian Pejsa, James M. O'Brien II, Lauren Cruz, Michael M. (Sara) O'Brien, Christopher and Kevin Mantay, Grace O'Brien, E. Gerald O'Brien III and John Joseph "Jack" O'Brien and great-grandchildren Maritza, Luke, Michael and Conor.

The family received visitors at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop Sassaman Chapel, 19091 Northville Road at Seven Mile Road, on Friday, July 8.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 9, at Our Lady of Victory Church. The motorcycle procession accompanied her to the Rural Hill Cemetery for interment.

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Attorney Michele Kelly starts Northville Stands With Detroit

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As a divorce attorney, Michele Kelly of Northville's Kelly & Kelly, P.C. law firm knew firsthand the agony of lives torn apart. Now, instead of dismantling lives, she's rebuilding them — one house, one school, one neighborhood at a time.

The new group she's spearheading, Northville Stands With Detroit, is a partnership with a Detroit nonprofit called Life Remodeled. Founded in 2011 by Chris Lambert, it was inspired in part by the ABC television show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." Its premise was simple: that improving an area through blight removal, neighborhood beautification



Kelly

and community networking would increase its likelihood of making sustainable changes.

The first Life Remodeled project was a single-family home for a single mother with four daughters in Westland. Five hundred volunteers built it from the ground in six days.

Since then, Lambert and his team have focused on one large-scale improvement per year. Last year's project was a makeover of the Osborn neighborhood, a Detroit Public Schools-based community on the city's

east side. Osborn High School and Pulaski Elementary-Middle School received upgrades, and 9,500 volunteers fanned out across the 4.5-square-mile community, clearing debris from more than 300 blocks and boarding up 472 houses.

Michele Kelly was one of those volunteers. At the time, Kelly had just finished a high-conflict child custody case, and she needed time to regroup. Constant anxiety had taken its toll, causing her physical pain — and leading her to take a sabbatical from her law practice.

Kelly volunteered for two days with Life Remodeled, doing blight removal and painting in Osborn High. After the project was over, she

wanted to do more — and she thought others in the Northville community might enjoy it, too. "People want to get involved; they want to help," she said. But many, she felt, were at a loss as to what they could do.

Kelly had heard that businesses and churches were working with Life Remodeled. But her idea went further: opening up the opportunity to an entire community via suburban city partnerships.

She took the concept to Lambert, the CEO of Life Remodeled, and Northville Stands With Detroit was born. Soon, her enthusiasm spread to the Rotary Club of North-

ville, who agreed to help support Life Remodeled's 2016 project: the Denby neighborhood on Detroit's northeastern side.

Cleaning up the neighborhood is a two-part process, Kelly said. One part involves bringing volunteers to Denby for six days in August, where they'll be boarding up 300 vacant houses and beautifying 300 city blocks. The other part is building a \$1.5 million park adjacent to Denby High and remodeling 50 homes — three of which have been adopted by Kelly's Northville nonprofit.

All three houses are in critical need of repair. On June 23, a crew of about 60 Northville volunteers

arrived to rebuild walls, repair kitchens and bathrooms, and replace dangerous steps and porches. Much of the work is being volunteered by local Northville businesses, including Mike Miller Building, Longs Plumbing, and Imagine Design and Landscaping.

Repainting a garage fell to students from Northville High and Catholic Central, who worked with youth from Denby High and Hillman Recreation Center. The garage ended up taupe — as did the teens. But there were big smiles all around, said Kelly.

For more information, email Kelly at michele@liferemodeled.com.

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Options sought: Old Village, Main Street schools

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Northville school officials are preparing a Request for Proposals for the best use of the historic Old Village School and Main Street School, which houses Board of Education offices.

The decision to seek options for the historic buildings comes after school and city officials decided to forgo any attempts to combine their operations in one building. The expense of an estimated \$9 million or more put the kibosh on any joint operations, Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said.

“I think while it would have been a good project and would have re-purposed the building, it was a big expense,” Sullivan said.

The estimated cost was prohibitive, considering the city is also faced with finding a way to improve its roadways, Sullivan added.

While Northville Historic Society leaders have kept their eyes on the Old Village and Main Street schools, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said, “there is no intention to demolish. We are seeking an option in the best interests of the district.”

The proposed RFP is ex-

pected to be completed and ready for review by the board of education in mid-to-late August. Plans also consider researching cost-effective options for the potential relocation of the board of education offices and early childhood program, Gallagher said.

Residential use of the Old Village School would comply with the city’s master land use plan, Sullivan said. “If it ever wasn’t used for school purposes, we see some type of residential use.”

That would fall in line with the need for additional residential offerings in the downtown, as suggested also by the Downtown Development Au-

thority’s plans.

“While there may be several options to explore in either a restoration or re-purpose project, it is imperative that we work closely with the school district, as current owner of this structure, to assist them with a plan to proceed with the best interest of the community and the district while pursuing the preservation of this structure,” said Leanie Bayly, president of the Northville Historical Society.

Old Village School is in the heart of the Northville Historic District, just as the Historic Central Business District adjoins the Residential Historic District. The building opened

in 1937 as Northville Grade School. It is an early example of Mid-Century Modern Architecture. It also was featured in several national architectural magazines and won an award from Pittsburg Glass Company.

Because both buildings are in the city’s historic district, any attempts to significantly change or demolish the buildings would have to be reviewed by the Historic District Commission, Sullivan said.

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STRINGS

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tra organizers again submitted a petition with 100 signatures, asking the school board to revisit an orchestra program and to engage in a meaningful discussion.

“They wrote a nice letter. But it was, ‘no, we will not revisit,’” Fulgenzi said.

Fulgenzi, Hirn and students are hoping this latest petition and educating the public will have an impact on Northville school officials.

But Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher recently told the “Northville Record” that the start-up costs and continuing costs of a district orchestra program are prohibitive. Gallagher also pointed to the lack of facilities to house an orchestra program.

Fulgenzi, however, points to the district’s existing band and choir programs, which are part of the curriculum and financed through the general fund. Hirn and Fulgenzi have suggested to the district that a pilot program be established with students starting orchestra in middle school.

Hirn and Fulgenzi estimate that about 45 students have come through their program with 18 kids now performing. In a March 2015 memo,



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The Northville Strings Students perform.

Deanna Barash, assistant superintendent for instructional services, indicated that requests for a string program go back to 2005, predating the Northville Strings Students. At that time, Barash said, it was determined that the costs and building needs were prohibitive. An after-school program, however, was created in 2005 with an adviser, whose district stipend was eliminated in 2007 due to budgetary constraints, according to the memo.

“She (adviser) continued to work with the students and the strings club was moved to Northville High School. The club has been in existence for nearly a decade and participation has remained virtually unchanged with approximately 20 students choosing to participate each year,” Barash in-

dicated in the memo.

Fulgenzi and Hirn disagree with the Northville’s district’s researched start-up costs for a curriculum orchestra program at Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools. The district claims more than \$111,000, while the Northville Strings Students organizers claim about \$22,500, plus the costs of a teacher bringing the total to about \$51,000. Fulgenzi has contacted other school districts with curriculum orchestra programs, such as Grand Blanc, where she claims start-up costs were close to her estimates.

But Northville schools officials disagree, citing the program at the Bloomfield-Birmingham schools and maintain just the instrument start-up costs are over \$111,000.

In an April 2015 letter to Fulgenzi, Gallagher documented the research conducted the feasibility of a high school-level program, including input from the district’s music department. Gallagher said the decision was made not to pursue a program.

“The start-up costs, facility implications and long-term operational costs associated with an orchestra program factored into the decision, along with current district goals, and the fact that, while our financial stability has improved, our operational budget remains tight.”

Gallagher also pointed to the district’s vocal and instrumental music programs, as well as a “Strings and Things” Club in which in 2015 some 12 students participated. Gallagher added that students and parents are encouraged to start strings clubs in the middle schools.

Fulgenzi and Hirn also contacted the Northville Educational Foundation for a grant but was told direction from the school board would be required.

Fulgenzi said parents have contacted her about the need for a curriculum orchestra program. In fact, she said, parents who want to move into the Northville community have resisted because of the lack of a program.

In an email to Fulgenzi, a Troy parent, who with her husband have considered moving to Northville, offered her opinion. “The sticking point has always been the lack of an orchestra program. We have such a fabulous one in Troy. Furthermore, I grew up in Saline, attended Saline High School, and played second chair viola in the Saline High School Chamber Orchestra under Bob Phillips,” Kimberly Majeske said.

“Everyone around Northville has a strings program — Novi, Plymouth, Livonia. I’d expect a community of Northville’s caliber to nurture the fine arts, of which the orchestra is the highest example. It’s incongruent, really. For us, this has contributed heavily to our decision to stay in the Troy High School attendance area.”

With the goal of 1,500 signatures on the newest petition and plans to again approach the Northville schools, Fulgenzi said she is not giving up.

“They have more than 7,000 students in the district who don’t have the opportunity,” Fulgenzi said. “Put a violin in their hands and see what they do.”

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Northville man charged with indecent exposure

A 73-year-old Northville man pleaded not guilty to aggravated indecent exposure following an incident July 4 at the Highland Lakes community pool.

Paul Hanksnecht was arraigned July 6 on the charge, a two-year misdemeanor, before Judge Ronald Lowe in 35th District Court in Plymouth. A cash bond of \$10,000/10 percent was set with an additional condition of home confinement, monitored by an electronic tether. Due to a reported ongoing history of repetitive and compulsive acts, the charge was enhanced to a felony of indecent exposure by a sexually delinquent person. The felony charge carries a sentence of up to life in prison and registration on the Sex Offender Registry, according to the Northville Township police.

Hanksnecht is scheduled to appear July 15 in 35th District Court for a probable cause conference.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. July 4, the Northville Township Police Department responded to a report of a man masturbating. This incident occurred in the area of the Highland Lakes neighborhood community pool, which was occupied by children and adults. A man reportedly fled the area before police arrived, but officers were able to identify him and went to his house thanks to a witness who obtained his license plate number, police said.



Hanksnecht

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Fireworks violations spark concerns, police response

Novi police officers responded to at least 27 calls across the city between June 30 and July 6 for violations of the fireworks ordinance.

Callers reported fireworks being set off in very late and early morning hours (in some cases, between 1 and 4 a.m.), as well as in close proximity to homes and businesses, sparking concerns.

According to city ordinance, consumer fireworks may be discharged only on the day before, the day of and the day after a national holiday, but only between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight, except on New Year's Day, which allows an additional hour between midnight and 1 a.m.

Additionally, "consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used on public, school, church or private property of another without the express written permission from the person or entity legally in possession and control of that property to undertake such action."

Dogs left in car

A woman who left her four dogs in a car without the windows cracked told police she was taking into consideration others who

may not have wanted to hear barking.

Novi police were called about 10:19 p.m. July 1 to a hotel on Providence Parkway after a guest reported to the front desk there were dogs in a Toyota Prius in the parking lot.

The owner of the Prius and dogs said she was out for a couple of hours and did not want her dogs to be barking and keeping other guests awake. She stated that she did not think it was going to be a problem due to the fact that the temperature was cooler that night.

Do not knock

A woman representing AT&T and going door to door in Novi was advised by police not to knock on doors that are on the "Do Not Knock" registry.

A man called police at 4:09 p.m. July 1 to Antler Drive after the AT&T employee knocked on his door, which had a "Do Not Knock" sticker. The owner said he has Bright House service, not AT&T.

The woman told the officer she has a list of residences where she is going to advise residents that AT&T is upgrading existing fiber optics. She said she wasn't selling new services, only telling residents work is being done in the area. The officer told her if she was soliciting new ser-

vices, she needed a permit from the city to do so and asked her to skip homes with the "Do Not Knock" stickers to avoid further complaints.

Lost and found bike

A bicycle stolen from a Westgate Apartments carport during the overnight hours of June 30 and July 1 was located in the same complex, with a broken chain and padlock.

The bike owner said her husband recently gave her the \$300 bike as a birthday present and she had chained and padlocked it to the carport.

The dumped bike was also seen by officers around 4:33 a.m. July 1 as they investigated a complaint in the complex of three subjects, two females and a male, attempting to get inside vehicles on the north side of Wilshire Court. They did not gain access. They subjects were not found.

Stolen tablet

A woman who left her Samsung tablet on a Walmart shopping cart in the parking lot is now short a tablet.

The woman left it on the cart shortly before 4 p.m. July 5 at the store on Ingersol Drive. When she returned for it an hour later, it was gone.

— By Susan Bromley

Yoga time



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi librarian Linda Brewin hisses like a snake to demonstrate the cobra yoga pose during a Yoga Storytelling Time gathering June 24. After a brief warm-up, the kids got to try various poses from a yoga book as they enjoyed some fun exercise. The library has a variety of storytime and other programs for young and old. Go to novilibrary.org to learn more.

Beating the heat at Kensington

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

Josh Sebring was all smiles after sliding down the water slide at Kensington Metropark's Splash 'n' Blast on July 6.

"I'm going to go again," he said, running back over to the stairs for another slide down.

The 10-year-old's mom, Sue Sebring, said coming to Kent Lake was a perfect way to cool off a bit on a day when temperatures rose past 90 degrees.

Kensington, the biggest of the Huron-Clinton metroparks, stretches across nearly 5,000 acres in west Oakland County and is centered by Kent Lake. Along the eastern shore is Martindale

Beach, where the popular Splash 'n' Blast can be found.

It features a pair of 250-foot twisted water slides, as well as the spray ground with palm trees, serpents and cannons that spray water.

Kensington requires water slide users to be at least 42 inches tall. The spray area is open to all ages. There is an admission fee to the water park, but the beach area itself is free. A vehicle entry pass is required, as well, to enter the park.

Splash 'n' Blast is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Labor Day. With forecasts calling for continued hot weather, the park will continue to be one way people look to beat the heat.



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Sophia Castelli is nearly lost in a shower of cooling water during a July 6 visit to Kensington Metropark's Splash 'n' Blast.

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Northville firefighters donate for Kids Camp

New Hope Center for Grief Support has received a \$1,500 donation from the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund to support a two-day Kids Camp for children grieving the loss of a loved one.

The camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Aug. 3-4 at Mill Race Village in Northville and is free of charge and open for children ages 4-12. It is requested that 4-year-olds be accompanied by an adult.

"We are excited to partner with the Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund," said Rick Guttersohn, fundraising and events manager at New Hope. "Both organizations have a passion to serve the children and families of this community, so working together through this camp to bring hope to children who have lost a loved one is an incredible privilege. We are so grateful for their generosity and look forward to future collaborations."

The camp will include music, games, crafts and science activities from the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. A ceremony will take place at the end of camp, during which children will be able to plant rocks they have decorated in memory of their lost loved one in New Hope's backyard garden. Lunch will be included.

"At camp, our goal is to provide a safe place for kids to share their story and find comfort and support from other children going through their own grief," said Elaine Dzwonkowski, KIDZ/Teen Group Director at New Hope. "They learn it's OK to still have fun. Activities emphasize building resiliency skills and ways to get through difficult situations. They learn that, in time, they will be OK."

To register, call New Hope's office at 248-348-0115.

New Hope's Kids Camp is one of the multiple services it offers to grieving children and teens. The ongoing support group, New Hope for Kids and Teens, divides children into appropriate age groups, which are facilitated by trained, compassionate facilitators. Contact Dzwonkowski at elaine@newhopecenter.net for more information on this group.



New Hope officials receive a \$1,500 donation from Northville firefighters.

Having fun at the teen center



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Zach Abdulnour, 14, plays a video game July 6 at the Novi Teen Center. The center, located this summer at Novi Middle School, is open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and staffed by Novi Youth Assistance counselors. It features lots for kids to do throughout the summer with games at the center and field trips. Call 248-349-0410 for more information.

Scholarships available for juniors, seniors

A group created to stop distracted driving is offering scholarships in the name of a student killed in a cellphone-related crash in 2010.

The 2016 Kelsey's Law Scholarship: Stop Distracted Driving Contest is seeking submissions from Michigan students through the end of August. In October, during National Teen Driver Safety Week, the winners will be announced.

The contest, which will award up to \$5,000 in scholarships, is sponsored by Michigan Auto Law and is open to Michigan high school juniors and seniors.

Students are asked to submit persuasive video or commentary that would influence the way teens drive. Submissions may be a 30-second YouTube video, a graphic or tweet.

More information and



Raffaele

application details can be found online at: www.michiganautolaw.com/kelseys-law-scholarship.

Kelsey's Law was passed in 2013 to reduce teen car accident deaths related to cellphone use in Michigan.

It is named for Kelsey Raffaele, 17, who was killed in a crash while talking on her cellphone in Sault Ste. Marie.

The law prohibits Michigan's Level 1 and Level 2 drivers from using a mobile phone while driving.

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Academic All-Stars honorees awarded unexpected scholarships

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

What's better than awarding one of the area's top students an academic scholarship? Awarding nine of them.

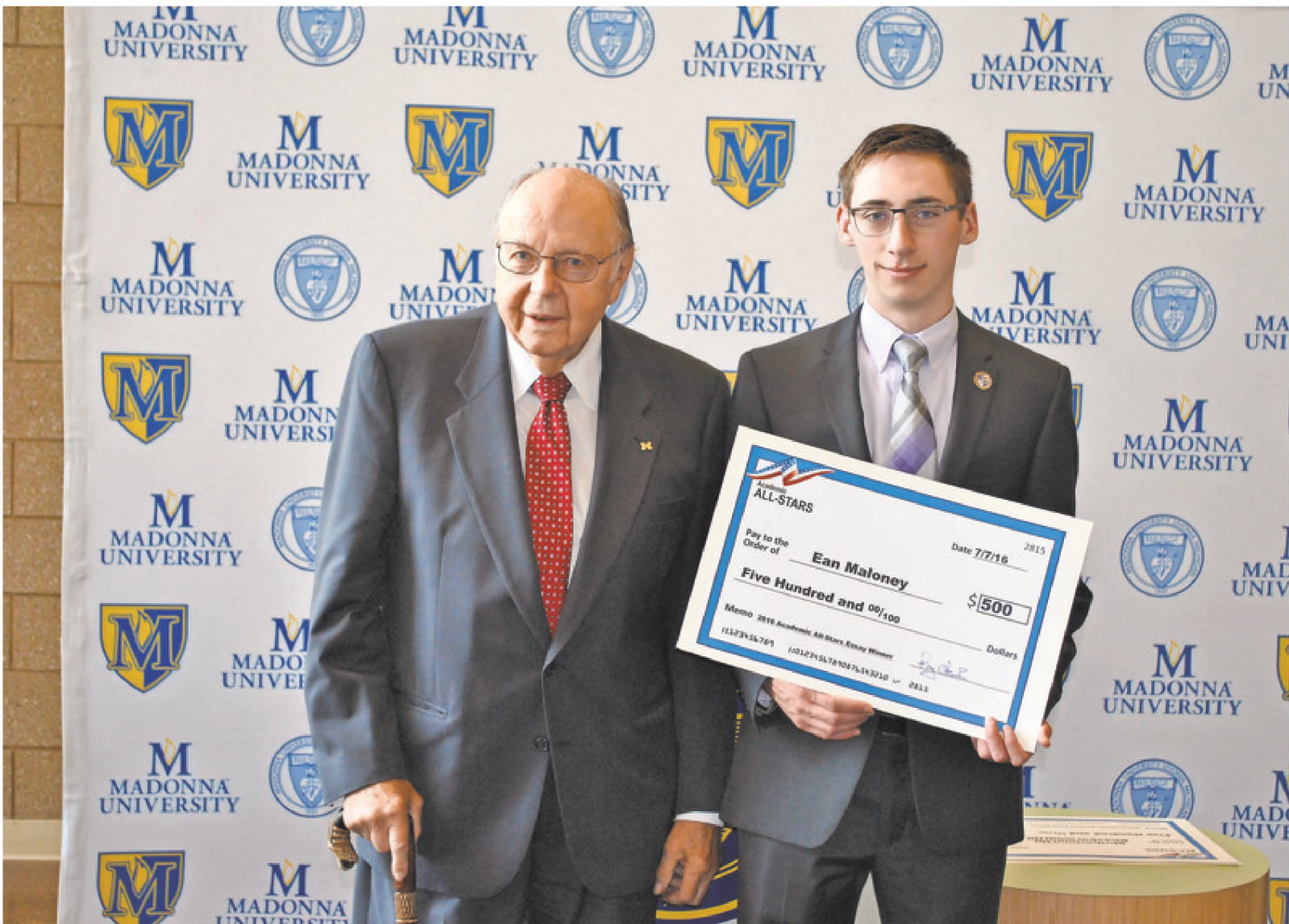
That's what Ray Okonski thought when he saw the special section published in May by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Star Team annually recognizes the brightest and best in Oakland and western Wayne counties and represents the most accomplished students from public, private and parochial schools.

For the past five years, one of the all-stars has been awarded a \$500 scholarship awarded by Parkside Credit Union for an essay on financial responsibility. Paul Chamberlain, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, was this year's recipient.

"I saw one kid got a \$500 scholarship. The others got a pat on the back," Okonski said last week. He was so impressed by the talent represented in this year's all-star team, he contacted Madonna University, which partnered with the Observer & Eccentric in the all-stars program, to see what he could do to honor these students even more. So another eight graduates were awarded \$500 scholarships by Okonski himself. The all-star members met Okonski and representatives from Madonna University and the Observer & Eccentric July 7 for a second awards ceremony to receive their scholarship.

At the ceremony,



Ray Okonski and Ean Maloney.

KAREN SANBORN

Madonna President Dr. Michael A. Grandillo encouraged the award winners to remember their roots and return to southeast Michigan once their post-secondary studies are complete to make a difference in the region where they grew up.

The award winners are:

Ean Maloney of Canton is a Catholic Central High School graduate.

Maloney will attend the University of Notre Dame this fall. His essay was on saving and growing sources of income.

Shriharimurthi Bhaskaramurthi of Farmington Hills is a Farmington High School graduate. Bhaskaramurthi will attend the University of Michigan this fall. His essay was on managing expenses.

Jhuree Hong of Bloomfield Hills is a

Bloomfield Hills High School graduate. She will attend the University of Michigan this fall. Her essay was on being financially responsible in college.

John Dolan of Beverly Hills is a Groves High School graduate. He will be attending the University of Michigan this fall. His essay was on self-awareness: saving and spending wisely.

Maggie Kondek of

Farmington Hills is a graduate of Harrison High School. She will be attending the University of Michigan this fall. She wrote her essay on earning and saving money.

Zain Khera of Canton Township is a Canton High School graduate. He will be attending Vanderbilt University this fall. He wrote his essay on cautionary finances: saving and spending advice.

Claire Wang of Farmington Hills graduated from Country Day School. She will be attending Stanford University. She wrote her essay on financial management: tips and tricks

Daniel Evans of Birmingham graduated from Seaholm High School. He will be attending the University of Michigan. He wrote an essay on avoiding college's financial pitfalls.

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Photographer hits the road to follow passion

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Behind each of the 67 photographs is a story and Norm Powell. Here is an old ice machine that stands by the road in the middle of seemingly nowhere in Marblehead, Ohio, and for which he made an unplanned stay in a motel in order to capture it in the correct light. Over there are two CSX train box cars Powell found in Munising and which to him encapsulate the Upper Peninsula. A striking view of the Grand Canyon invokes a memory as where he lost the foot of his tripod, which was later recovered. “Pictures are supposed to tell stories, but they’re not always obvious to people,” said Powell, a Novi resident whose photography exhibit, “American Landscapes,” is on display at the Novi Civic Center through the end of this month. “There is always a story to me.” A close-up angle on a windmill at Greenfield Village signifies the beginning of Powell’s foray into serious photography.

Retirement venture

While he has fond memories of taking pictures with his father, an amateur photographer who had a dark room, and spent a lot of time behind the camera taking photos of his children, Nicky and Kevin, while they were growing up, it wasn’t until Powell retired in 2008 as an information technology manager after 30 years of service with Chrysler that he turned his eye to spending many more hours pursuing his hobby. “People who are suc-



NORM POWELL

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising is part of Norm Powell’s photography exhibit “American Landscapes” at the Novi Civic Center through the end of July.

cessful at retirement have a plan and know what they are going to do,” Powell said. “My plan was to do photography, but that really meant learning how things worked. ... It’s all about light and seeing, as well as the equipment. What is your style? Your specialty? It isn’t like I’ve figured it out, but I’ve narrowed it down.” He doesn’t do portraiture and doesn’t often include people in his photos, although if he thinks a scene calls for it, he will sit and wait for what he calls “the stage

and the actors,” whether that is tourists at the Grand Tetons or pedestrians walking by an Ann Arbor mural featuring Woody Allen. What Powell is more commonly drawn to, as evidenced in the Novi Civic Center exhibit, is nature, architecture and the rare vehicle, such as what he thought was a 1948 Chevy, but which he learned was actually a 1949 after a visitor to the exhibit made the correction on the accompanying label.

Road tripping

Powell isn’t a huge car aficionado, except as a means of getting to the next place he wants to photograph. He and wife Nancy, who retired last year from GM and whom he fondly calls his “wheel man,” take a lot of road trips. “I’ve learned it’s better for him not to look off to the left while driving,” Nancy said with a laugh. She drives and happily goes along on the jaunts without complaint, always bringing something to read. “Wherever we go, I have a book and I know it will be beautiful. The only thing I don’t like is if I can’t see him and there are water or cliffs.”

Powell sometimes goes alone or Nancy flies to a rendezvous point, but he has seldom run into trouble, save for the time in 2010 when he was on the Lincoln Highway on a trip out west by himself and decided to detour up a dirt road in western Nebraska, where a guidebook instructed that covered wagons from the frontier days had dug grooves in the side of hills and there was a plaque describing the history.

Unfortunately for Powell, it had been raining and his vehicle became hopelessly stuck in the mud. With the help of good service from both Verizon and AAA, Powell was able to get out of the predicament, with the car clinging, clanging and throwing mud through the air for about five miles.

Other than that, he adds, the last seven years have been lucky, with no flat tires or breakdowns and perhaps, at worst, a hotel that didn’t meet expectations. Sometimes he bypasses even that by staying in the back of his Jeep, although the 61-year-old notes he might be getting kind of old for that.

Slow down, take it in

Along his routes, there are lots of stops and pauses. At the Grand Canyon, where he shot a street light bizarrely out of

place in the majestic natural landscape, he also wandered the rim of the canyon and sat for long periods of time, watching people work their way in or out or watching the sun come up.

“It is best when you can just sit there, waiting to see. You don’t know what will happen, but something will happen and it will be cool,” Powell said. “We were there two or three days and I did it every morning.”

What he has also found is that, while it may seem the direction from which to take a photograph is obvious, it is best to train yourself to look elsewhere, because the best angle is not always what you think.

He also suffers on occasion from “the one that got away syndrome,” fearing he missed something or wishing he would have captured a moment, such as the time back in the 1970s or perhaps 1980s, when he still recalls going from Houghton to Hancock and seeing a man in a brown uniform sitting out front of an old-time Shell gas station.

“He was right out of central casting and I saw him and didn’t take a picture and it haunts me to this day,” Powell said. “I wondered later if it was a figment of my imagination and I went back and the building is still there, but not the station. That is what drives me to make sure one didn’t get away. It was a great lesson.”

He seemingly doesn’t miss much, carefully planning his photo shoots based on weather and time of day. On a trip to Pictured Rocks in the U.P., he had a choice of two days for a cruise and picked the perfect day for weather, as well as the right time of afternoon. The resulting photo in the exhibit confirms the right choice was made for sun, camera settings and what was in the frame, even as he had to click fast. He notes that to capture the right image, there may be five minutes or five seconds.

The self-described “wanderer” also takes a

camera with him wherever he goes. On casual forays, he carries a Fuji in his pocket. For specific locales, he uses a Canon 5D MIII.

Road less traveled

“I am always looking when I am out — for geometric patterns or relationships of things to others,” Powell said. “With natural landscapes, it’s the sheer beauty. It’s there and you’re lucky enough to see it in a way meaningful to you.”

Locally, he enjoys going to Nichols Arboretum and has been there once a month for more than a year, as well as Maybury State Park, where he lately is trying to get pictures with fog.

Among Powell’s favorite places to photograph nationally have been Mt. Rushmore, which he calls “large defacement of a mountain, but a very special, very American place,” and Devil’s Tower. While these are tourist attractions, he generally is not drawn to crowded places and has yet to go to Yosemite National Park, although he likely will one day and find the photos no one else is shooting.

He likes to take the road less traveled, like the one that led to one of his most challenging photos, the Quartzite Falls, an 8- to 10-mile two-track road in the U.P., where there was no cellphone service if something were to happen. Fortunately for him, what happened was a stunning photograph, also in the exhibit.

Powell’s photos in the “American Landscapes” exhibit are available for sale, but profit in photography is not his primary goal.

“Trying to get better is the biggest goal,” he said. “The best pic is like prosperity, it’s just around the corner. Mostly, I just want to give people an idea of what they can go see, maybe give them an idea of something they’ve overlooked and will look for a little harder next time.”

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BAGGETT



OTHAL “BIM” A. age 88, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away July 3, 2016. He was born on October 28, 1927; son of Vermer E. and Ila (nee Osborne) Baggett. He proudly served in the United States Army during World War II. Bim, as everyone called him, was united in marriage to Bernice A. Lute on August 8, 1948; next month would have marked their 68th wedding anniversary. Bim owned and operated Baggett Roofing and Siding, Co. for 47 years; he was a great man to work for because he treated his employees like family. He built many houses in the Northville area, was always busy and enjoyed working. Bim’s hobbies included, buying cars and trucks at auctions and the challenge of cleaning and fixing them to sell. He was known for always having a smile and being a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He is survived by his wife Bernice; his children, Darlene (the late Bruce) Anderson, Ronald Baggett, Shirlee (Michael) Murphy, Terrie Johnson, and Kristine (Kim Short) Baggett; 7 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Louise Dowlin, and his brothers Oliver and Delbert Baggett. A funeral service was held Thursday, July 7, 2016 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Pastor Christopher Fairbairn with St. Paul’s Lutheran Church officiated the service. Bim was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 or a charity of the giver’s choice.



HOUSMAN

DAVID W. age 49, of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on July 7, 2016. He was born February 13, 1967 in Washington, Pennsylvania, son of Diana and the late Alfred Housman. He is survived by his beloved wife of 17 years, Katherine; his loving daughters, Reeves and Anya; his mother, Diana Housman; his sister, Allison, PhD. (Kelsey, M.D.) Logan; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, George and Louisa Rise; and by many relatives and friends. Dave made life a joy by seeking happiness in all he did. Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 13 from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, July 14 at 11:00 AM at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 40700 W 10 Mile Rd, Novi, MI. Dave will be laid to rest beside his father in Hingham Center Cemetery in Hingham, Massachusetts. www.phillipsfuneral.com

McFARLANE



BENARD a resident of Grand Blanc, former resident of Aus Gres, native of Milford, and General Motors Proving Ground retiree, died at home on July 3, 2016 in the care of his family. He was 82 years old. He is survived by his daughter, Terese (Mike) Smith of Grand Blanc; his favorite grandson, Michael Bernard Smith; his sisters, Frances (Howard) Rabideau and Florence (the late Fred) VanGordon; his brother, Jerry (Janet) McFarlane and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Mathilda Gaffka McFarlane, brothers, John (Thelma), Larry, and Donald McFarlane and Terese’s mother, Joan McFarlane. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Milford, on Friday, July 8, 2016 Memorials may be made in his name to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. For further information please contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

PETIT

EDDIE loyal son of Chris and Skip Petit, adoring brother to Kris Parottino and Kim Brink and loving, steadfast husband to Mary Petit, died July 4th of natural causes at the age of 43. Funny, stubborn, wickedly smart and never without an opinion, the man with the heart of gold loved nothing more than fishing in Pentwater with his soul mate and first mate, Mary, who completed his life and made him so happy. Uncle Eddie served as a proud role model and confidant to his nephews Toey and Stephen and a physical and emotional pillar of strength to his nieces Heather and Biz. A compassionate lover of animals, his 4-legged buddy, Otto, was his right hand man, and Eddie simply lived in his cat Jumper’s world as he liked to say. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his many life-long Northville High School and U of M buddies, who dearly miss “the best friend a guy could ever want”. A graduate of the University of Michigan and a loyal fan of the Red Wings and the Wolverines, he now leans on his Gramma Minnie, in a more peaceful place, laughing and telling stories with that big grin and sideways glance. Never one for formality, a private gathering will be held to celebrate Eddie’s life and, although he would never ask, we know he would love for a donation to be made to the Huron Valley Humane Society. Thank you Eddie for every day we were blessed to know you and thank you for showing us the true meaning of unconditional love. You will be remembered every single day of our lives and our hearts will be filled with the many memories and laughs we shared. There was truly no one like you. Sans Peur.



SUSAN BROMLEY
Norm Powell with “Pictured Rocks” one of the many photographs currently in his “American Landscapes” exhibit this month at the Novi Civic Center.

GARDEN AND NATURE CALENDAR

Butterflies

Carol Sohoza, president of Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association will talk about raising butterflies in the garden at 7 p.m. July 20 at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Cost is \$3 for non-members. For more information, call 734-223-5510 or go to www.sembabutterfly.org.

English Gardens

» Learn about hydrangeas at a

free seminar at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16, at all stores.
» Becky Menger of English Gardens will explain how to make smart gardening choices that will save garden plants from becoming a deer buffet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at the Royal Oak store, located on Coolidge Highway, just north of 14 Mile.
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» Learn trends in landscape design that could help increase the value of your home at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at all stores.
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MSU Tollgate Farm

Cheryl English, an advanced master gardener of Wane County, presents "Pollinator Preservation Strategies for the

Home Garden: Native Plants and Their Unique Relationship with Beneficial Insects," 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 19 at the farm, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. She'll explain how to help native pollinators and other beneficial insects through plant selection, garden design and maintenance protocols. Cost is \$25. RSVP by emailing newtons5@msu.edu or call 248-327-0269, ext. 229.



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Time/Date: 11 a.m. to noon, 2-3 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 19
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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, July 18
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GUEST COLUMN

What makes U.S. great? Citizens who embrace everyone

Ewa Omahen
Guest Columnist

The Fourth of July happens to be my favorite holiday. I was a teenager when my family emigrated to the United States from Poland, in summer 1981. During those days, my country struggled to redefine itself after years of existence under communist rule. We left in the midst of political turmoil and opted to stay after marital law was declared and uncertainty about the future prevailed. Life was difficult for us as newcomers. We did not speak English and experienced culture shock trying to ease into the American way of life. To me, the Fourth of



Ewa Omahen's son Patrick.

July epitomizes the opportunities and freedom this great nation has afforded me and my family, as well as so many other immigrants who came before and after us. This holiday has just gained a new significance for me as a mom of a child with autism. I

had to run out and do last-minute grocery shopping at our local Meijer store on Grand River in Wixom. Typically, stores are off-limits for my son, as the temptations are too great for him to run off or grab and consume foods he is severely allergic to. It usually takes two adults to have a safe outing to a grocery store. That evening, I decided to take a chance and go shopping with Patrick by myself. My heart raced a little faster as soon as I parked the car and we entered the store. Patrick was pushing the cart and I had my arms around him, with a safe grip on the handle. As soon as he saw the items on the shelves, he be-

came very vocal and excited. I grabbed the few items I needed and rushed to the checkout lane – the shortest one I could find. Patrick attempted to grab candy and gum off the shelves. I used bribery and promised him a reward after we were done. Still, the temptation was too great. His vocalizations only got louder and his attempts to break free – from my grip – and grab the desirable items even more persistent. To my relief and surprise, everyone in the checkout lane was extremely supportive and understanding. A man behind us kept assuring me, “It will be OK. Your son will be fine.” The

lady in front of us said, “God bless. I am a mom, too.” Finally, the cashier went out of her way to greet my son and compliment him: “I like your shirt. You seem like such a nice young man.” As we exited Meijer, everyone we encountered smiled, greeted us or said encouraging words. By the time we made it back to the car, I was in tears. I felt relieved that we made it through the experience without any major issues. More importantly, I was so touched by everyone's kindness and understanding. That day, in the checkout line at Meijer, I experienced freedom and liberty first-hand. On the eve of the great Amer-

ican holiday, my fellow Americans showed compassion, tolerance and understanding for my differently abled son. I no longer needed to watch fireworks or the parade to get in the spirit of this great holiday. Memories of that day will always remind me of what makes this country so great – the citizens who do not look the other way, but welcome and embrace everyone, including someone like my son. Ewa Omahen is a Novi resident and mother of a 14-year-old son with autism who attends Northville Public Schools. She may be reached at ewa.omahen10@gmail.com.

LETTERS

Support Jeff Noble

When my son, Thomas, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2007, Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense gave a commencement speech that I shall never forget. In it, he discussed basic tenets of leadership: “A further quality of leadership is courage: the courage to do what is right and not just what is popular; the courage to stand alone; the courage to act; the courage as a military officer to “speak truth to power.”

In most academic curricula today, and in most business, government, and military training programs, there is great emphasis on team building, on working together, on building consensus, on group dynamics. You have heard a lot about that. But, for everyone who would become a leader, the time comes when he or she must stand alone and say, “This is wrong” or “I disagree with all of you and, because I have the responsibility, this is what we will do.” Don't

kid yourself — that takes courage.” We are incredibly lucky to have Sen. Patrick Colbeck as our state senator. He has had to stand alone and defend that which is right so many times. The time has come for you and I to help Sen. Colbeck in his never ending fight to stand up for that which is right. He has asked for our help in electing Jeff Noble as the state representative of the 20th District. I call upon all true patriots to rally around Jeff Noble in whatever mode that you are able. Please go to his website (<http://votejeffnoble.com/>) and donate your time and your treasure as you are able. We do this for our own collective best interests and to support good and worthy men that are fighting

for us. **Bob Cushman**
Northville Township

Protecting Clinton

Bill Clinton jump-started Loretta Lynch's career in 1999 appointing her U.S. Attorney for the eastern district of New York. She returned to private practice in 2001 until Barack Obama re-appointed her U.S. Attorney in New York in 2010. She then became U.S. Attorney General in 2015 thanks to Obama. James Comey became director of the FBI in 2013 thanks to Obama. Obama wants Hillary Clinton to be president. Lynch and Comey owe their careers to Clinton or Obama. So, they give Clinton a get out of jail free card for compromising state secrets. The moral of the story is that laws are only for

little people and if you help the big people stay out jail you'll be rewarded with high paying careers in public service fighting crime. **Jack Belisle**
South Lyon

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inflated salaries, contracts and appointees are problematic. With Wayne County's fiscal problems, it makes sense to: » Change the County Charter to make the Register of Deeds an appointee of the County Clerk » Reduce the \$116,000 salary of the Register of Deeds » Reduce the number of appointees in the Deeds office » Audit contracts and spending of the Deeds office For Wayne County to be respected in Michigan and the United States, we have to begin to do things right. Making the Register of Deeds an appointed position is something we all can agree upon. **Ricardo R. Moore**
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Newspaperman vs. the Mississippi River

Former editor to tackle legendary U.S. waterway in a kayak

Wayne Peal
Michigan.com

For years, Mike Malott spent his time navigating through political headwinds as a newspaper editor and Lansing-based political reporter. This summer, he'll spend his time floating down the Mississippi River in a kayak.

It's a long way from his days as editor of the Livingston Daily, Malott said. Still, it's a challenge he's more than ready to meet.

"This is the first time I've ever had enough time to do something like this," Malott said.

An early retirement package from Gannett Co. Inc., parent company of the Livingston Daily, gave him the time. His family helped provide the inspiration.

The project came about after a family meeting in Malott's Hartland Township living room. A whitewater rafting excursion was one suggestion; a hike along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail was another.

"We kicked around a few ideas, but the Mississippi was the one that really clicked," he said.

Malott has been kayaking for about three years, but acknowledged that he isn't an Olympic-style expert.

"The thing about the Mississippi, though, is that it doesn't have a whole lot of whitewater. In that sense, it's somewhat of an easy river to navigate," he said.

He won't be traveling alone on his planned 2,350-mile journey. He'll be accompanied by Dave Randolph of Clinton, Ill., a new friend and experienced kayaker he met via the Internet.



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Former Livingston Daily managing editor Mike Malott, now sporting a beard he's grown since retirement, prepares for a kayak ride down the Mississippi River this summer.

"They say you shouldn't go alone, so I was looking for someone just as crazy as I was," Malott said.

With an expected departure date of Aug. 1, the two plan to make their way from the river's headwaters in northern Minnesota, all the way to the Gulf of Mexico, passing the major port cities of St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans as their two-month journey unfolds.

From Mark Twain to Creedence Clearwater Revival, the big river has inspired generations of American writers and musicians. It's also inspired generations of explorers and adventurers.

Malott and Randolph are among nearly 30 kayakers taking an extended trip down the river this year, according to statistics compiled on the Mississippi River

Paddlers Facebook page. More than 50 took the journey last year.

Yet the Mississippi is home to more than just the picturesque paddle wheel riverboats beloved by tourists. It remains one of the most heavily traversed commercial waterways in the world, an aquatic north-south superhighway that cuts the United States in two.

The river's big barges don't scare Malott a bit.

"We'll be staying pretty close to the banks and out of their way," he said.

Fundraiser

The two men aren't doing it just for themselves. Both hope to use the trip to raise money for a pair of charitable organizations.

They are raising money for Key Development Center of Brighton and the Hope Center of Lexington, Ky., in memory of substance abuse counsel-

or Colin Crumm, who died last year after overcoming his own longtime battle against alcohol addiction.

"Although we have few details, Colin is credited with talking about a dozen men — hardcore, live-in-the-woods alcoholics — into starting rehabilitation in order to restart their lives," Malott said. "I consider that heroic."

Donors can pledge per mile or make a single donation at the trip's blog site, silveroutsider.com.

Getting ready

The adventurous spirit isn't the only thing that's new about the veteran newspaperman.

Since leaving the Livingston Daily, the once clean-shaven Malott has grown a full beard. ("Everyone likes it — except for my mom," he noted.)

He's also taken time to sharpen his water skills.

His long, blue kayak came secondhand.

"I didn't see the need to buy a brand-new one," Malott said. "It's going to take a beating anyway."

However, the kayak has an ample hold, big enough to store all the supplies Malott says are necessary for the trip.

"I'll be packing pretty much what I bring when I'm backpacking," he said.

That includes his bedroll. He'll sleep on the ground each night before heading back out to the river.

While it's a no-luxury trip, Malott did allow himself one indulgence. His new paddle is state-of-the-art and feather-light.

"I figured if I was going to be paddling all day, I'd need something like this," he said.

He's been practicing with it along the Tittabawassee River near Sagi-

naw and, occasionally, at Kensington Metropark.

At 60, Malott can look back over a newspaper career of nearly 40 years, a good portion of it spent covering state, regional and national politics.

That's something he doesn't miss.

"This year? Are you kidding me?" he said of the contentious presidential race between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Politics, then, will be the furthest thing from his mind as summer turns to fall.

Newspaperman that he is, however, Malott couldn't resist the idea of creating his own headline to describe the upcoming trip.

Noting his age, and that of his 66-year-old partner, he came up with this: "Two old men challenge Old Man River."

That could work.

A few apps to make life easier

Angry Birds, Candy Crush, the WatchESPN app. These are all great tools to help entertain and improve quality of life. But the real MVPs are the productivity apps that simply make life much easier. Whether you have an Android, iPhone or even a Windows or BlackBerry device, there are countless apps that will help you save time, money or simply organize your life better.

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Woman on crusade for accessible websites

Lori Higgins
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School districts across the U.S., be warned: If your websites aren't accessible to people with disabilities, Marcie Lipsitt is ready to take action.

Lipsitt, a Franklin resident and an outspoken special-education advocate, has been on a one-woman crusade, filing hundreds of federal complaints against schools, school districts, state education departments and other public agencies nationwide if she finds their websites aren't accessible to people with vision and hearing disabilities.

Common problems include websites missing text that describes images to blind or visually impaired people who use special software, content that can only be used by people who have a mouse and videos that aren't captioned or aren't accurately captioned.

"I will file as long as I need to file," Lipsitt said. "I'm hoping my efforts will inspire others to file these complaints. If one person files in every school district, wow, we'd have tens of thousands of accessible school districts."

Her crusade is getting action: Of the 400 complaints Lipsitt has filed — most of them within the last six months — the federal Office of Civil Rights that is part of the U.S. Department of Education has opened investigations into about 175.

And so far, the federal office has entered into resolution agreements with nearly 20 schools, school districts and education departments.

Eleven of those were highlighted in a news release last week from the education department, which praised them for voluntarily entering into an agreement.

"As schools, school districts, states and territories turn to the Internet as a way to provide relevant and up-to-date information to their audiences in a cost-effective manner, they must make sure they are not inadvertently excluding people with disabilities from their online programs, services and activities," Catherine Lhamon, assistant secretary for civil rights, said in the news release.

Lipsitt has filed complaints against the largest school districts in the nation, as well as every state education department. The civil rights

office has opened an investigation into Detroit Public Schools. And it has entered into resolution agreements with the Macomb and Oakland intermediate school districts.

Lipsitt's crusade is getting attention around the nation. She regularly receives messages from parents or advocates in other states asking her to file complaints against their school districts or look into whether their websites are accessible.

Among them was Cheryl Poe of Virginia Beach, Va. Poe is president and founder of Advocating 4 Kids, which provides advocacy services to the parents of children who receive special-education services. When she heard about Lipsitt's efforts, she asked her for help.

"Marcie taught me how to file a website complaint," Poe said. "I'm just proud of her efforts."

Lipsitt said what is particularly disappointing is that some schools that cater to students with visual and/or hearing disabilities have non-compliant websites. One of the recent resolution agreements was with the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

"Those are the most

outrageous to me," Lipsitt said. "Think about it. You have children who are blind or visually impaired and deaf or hard of hearing. And the websites for these children are inaccessible?"

She blames, in large part, companies that design websites for schools.

"The hope is that superintendents will band together and boycott these web designers that have put them into this out-of-compliance predicament," Lipsitt said. "The problem is I can't file complaints against web designers and the OCR can't go after them."

Lipsitt's effort began with the Michigan Department of Education. More than a year ago, the MDE entered into a resolution agreement with the federal office, thanks to a complaint Lipsitt filed in February 2014.

Lipsitt praised the MDE for its response.

"They have been working diligently at making their website accessible," she said. "They are taking this very, very seriously."

"At the end of the day, I know what I'm doing is a drop in a leaking ocean," she added. "I want people to think about the fact that we have civil rights."

REUNIONS

CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion is 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Kicker's Allstar Bar & Grill, in Canton. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/Crestwood76>.

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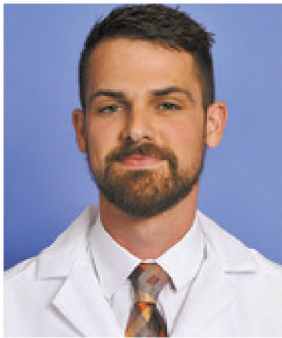
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Lockwood ‘locked in’ on motocross racing



Logan Lockwood can be seen practicing on his home track on the family property in South Lyon.

MARCEY LOCKWOOD

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Even at age 9, South Lyon’s Logan Lockwood is “all in” when it comes to motocross racing. And it’s been that way since he was 5, when he took part in his first dirt bike race. “Him getting into the sport was totally driven by him,” said Marcey Lockwood, Logan’s mother. “We weren’t into it previously. It’s in his blood; (I) don’t know where it came from.” Four years later, Logan realized a dream as he earned one of the 42 qualifying positions in the 7-9 age division in the limited 65cc amateur class, where he’ll compete against the best motocross racers from across Canada in the 25th annual Parts Canada TransCan Canadian Motocross Grand National Championship at Walton Raceway (Ontario).

Lockwood is just one of the hundreds of racers from

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MARCEY LOCKWOOD

South Lyon’s Logan Lockwood is a standout in the youth amateur motocross circuit.

JUNIOR TENNIS



JEFF JOHNSTON

Recent Northville High graduate Connor Johnston teamed with David Horneffer (Brookfield, Wis.) to win the USTA Midwest Closed Boys 18 doubles title.

Johnston wins doubles title at USTA tournament

Northville graduate also
reaches singles quarters

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Connor Johnston’s junior tennis career is winding down, but the recent Northville High graduate and Novi native continues to add to an already impressive resume. Johnston, bound for the University of Michigan this fall, teamed last week with David Horneffer of Brookfield, Wis., to capture the Boys 18 doubles championship at the U.S. Tennis Association Midwest Section Closed Junior Championship, held June 25-30 in Indianapolis, Ind. Johnston and Horneffer, seeded eighth, won all five of their matches, capped by a 3-6, 6-4 (10-5 super-breaker) win over seventh seeds Lukas Greif (Evansville, Ind.) and Jonathan Small (Zionsville, Ind.) in the finals. “The key was staying calm and not thinking about it too much,” Johnston said. “In the finals, we were down 65-70 percent of the match and brought it back and eventually won ... just not get too down on ourselves and stay positive.”

‘Get to the net’

In the semifinals, Johnston and Horneffer ousted 10th seeds Brandon Ancona (Belvidere, Ill.) and Tytus Metzler (Rockford, Ill.), 6-1, 6-2, after a convincing 6-0, 6-0 quarterfinal win over third seeds T.J. Oosterbaan (Kalamazoo) and Mark Wu (Evansville, Ind.) Other victories came against Kweisi Kenyatte (Detroit) and Jack Winkler (Birmingham), 6-3, 6-2, and Hunter Li (Grand Blanc) and Michael Szabo (Midland), 6-1, 6-3. “We just get to the net as quick as possible,” Johnston said. “That’s how

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MARTY BUDNER

Farmington outfielder Alex Manasa, playing in his first game at Comerica, was the only two-hit performer for the East.

PREP BASEBALL

East beats West, but Comerica Park rules

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Karl Kauffmann has now played baseball five times at Comerica Park. Mitchell Tyranski and Alex Darden have both played there four times. By contrast, Alex Manasa had never played in the downtown stadium the Detroit Tigers call home prior to July 7. The four 2016 high school graduates — Kauffmann and Tyranski from Brother Rice, Darden from North Far-

mington and Manasa from Farmington — were members of the East Squad in the 35th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Classic held July 7 at Comerica Park. The West rallied to defeat the East, 8-3, in the nine-inning game played before an appreciative Comerica crowd that consisted mostly of family and friends. The score, though, was secondary to the experience. All four players agreed it is a special feeling to share the same turf

where Tigers stars Justin Verlander, Miguel Cabrera and Victor Martinez display their skills. ‘Really cool’ For Kauffmann, Thursday’s result marked the first time he’s lost at Comerica. The Warriors won four straight Catholic League championships during his varsity career and each game was played during the afternoon. So the evening start time offered a different

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks vault into first place with 1-0 win over Derby City

Goldsmith's goal wraps up record PDL playoff berth

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

David Goldsmith's late game-winner enabled the Michigan Bucks to defeat the Derby City Rovers, 1-0, and sew up its record 19th Premier Development League playoff berth in 21 seasons Saturday night at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Ann Arbor/Western Michigan University) recorded his seventh win and fifth shutout in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference as the Bucks (10-2-0, 30 points) leapfrogged Kitchener-Waterloo United (9-2-1, 28 points) for first place.

Both teams have secured the two division playoff spots and will represent the Great Lakes for the third consecutive season. The Bucks won the 2014 PDL North American championship, while K-W knocked the Bucks from last year's playoffs en route to winning the 2015 national title.

"Beating Derby City two out of three games this season was an accomplishment," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said of the third-place Rovers (5-5-2, 17 points). "But now it is just us and K-W fighting for the division title and we control our own destiny."

The Bucks dominated play from the opening whistle as they have all season long to try to get an early goal and take some pressure off the home side.

In the game's first half-hour, the Bucks had several excellent scoring chances, the best of which came from the "Man of the Match" defender Lalas Abubaker (Ghana/University of Dayton).

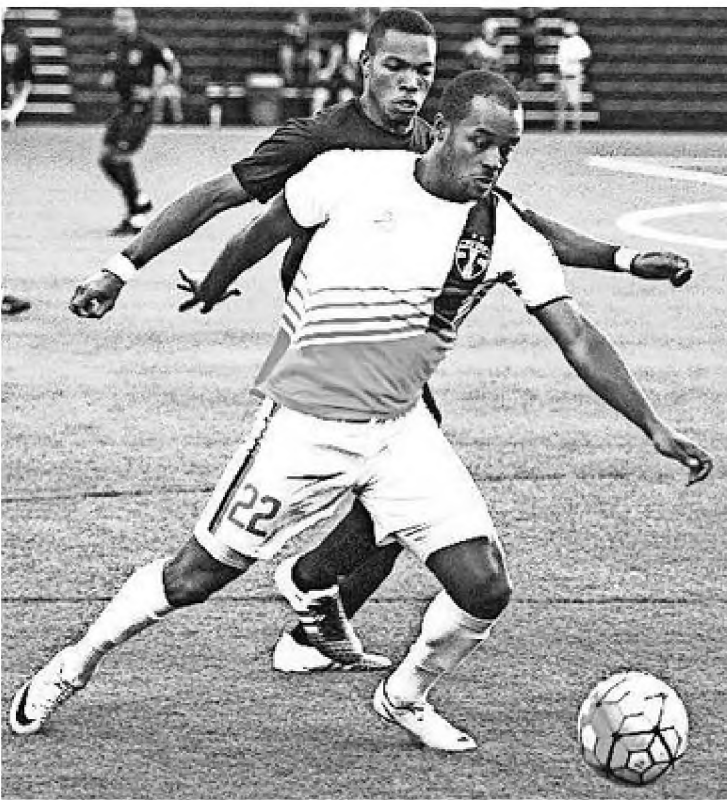
Abubaker made several stellar defensive breakups of Rovers counterattacks and had four headers saved or just missed while trying to get the game's first goal.

Shepherd had to stay sharp against the dangerous attack of Derby City. He made a stellar diving save in the 30th minute and then made a spectacular save off a close-range header from Rovers midfielder Serge Gomis.

Bucks leading scorer Ben Fitzpatrick (Hilliard, Ohio/Urbana University) and Goldsmith (England/Butler University) then entered the match and created three terrific chances during the next three minutes of action.

In the 68th minute, the Bucks had three rapid fire shots from close range, all saved by Rovers keeper Brandon Eagle, but the home crowd could feel the game-winner was on its way.

Adam Najem (Clifton, N.J./Akron University) then played a ball past the back line and Goldsmith, in only his fourth game of the year, made no mistake with a shot low far post in the 83rd minute for his second game-winner of the year.



JAY DUNWELL

The Bucks' Andre Landell (front) fends off a Derby City defender during Saturday's 1-0 PDL win.



JAY DUNWELL

The Bucks' Goncalo Soares (left) keeps the ball away from a Derby City Rovers defender during Saturday's 1-0 win.

"Beating Derby City two out of three games this season was an accomplishment, but now it is just us and K-W fighting for the division title and we control our own destiny."

DEMIR MUFTARI,
coach of the Michigan Bucks

The Bucks have managed to win several close games this year thanks to a stingy defensive corps that has blanked eight of 12 opponents on the season. The team has also yielded only seven goals, ranking second in the 67-team PDL.

The Bucks, defending Great Lakes champs, will play their regular-season home finale at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Ultimate Soccer Arenas against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds.

"We want to stay at home and host playoff games for as long as possible and the way to do that is to accumulate the best record over a long sea-

son," Muftari said.

Scenarios for hosting playoffs July 22-24 will all be discussed this week at USL league offices in Florida and will be based on the results of this upcoming week's games.

For Bucks ticket information, go to www.bucksoccer.com.

BUCKS 3, DUTCH LIONS 0: In a PDL Great Lakes Division match July 7 at Withrow High School in Cincinnati, the Bucks blanked the host Cincinnati Dutch Lions (1-7-3, 6 points) for the third time this season as Shepherd made three saves to post the shutout.

Fitzpatrick scored what proved to be the game-winner in the 23rd minute, off an assist from Landell.

The Bucks added second-half goals by Russell Cicerone (Birmingham Brother Rice/Bufalo University) from Bradley Dunwell in the 56th minute, followed by Goldsmith's goal from Najem in the 69th minute.

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coast to coast that spent the last three months attempting to qualify for the TransCan.

Standing 4 feet, 6 inches and weighing only 65 pounds, the Michigan State Championship Series District 14 points leader takes a simple approach to racing.

Loves competing

"Go fast in the corners and try and hit the jumps that's possible on that bike that you have," the fourth-grader said. "Don't let people pass you. Pass the next one in front of you."

Lockwood captured two championships last year and competes nearly every weekend at AMA D14 motocross series, as well as Loretta Lynn regional series events.

And someday, Logan wants to be a pro like Ryan Dungey (Belle Plaine, Minn.), who he's witnessed in person.

"He's fast and he wins a lot of championships," said Logan, who turns 10 in September. "Saw him race the Monster Energy Supercross at Ford Field."

Logan's father Jason, a registered nurse, had a background in bikes, but never raced. He serves as crew chief.

"Just got a new bike, sent it out and got it all dialed in," Jason said of the KTM 65cc model. "So far I've done all my own maintenance. (I) sent some suspension stuff out, that's a little more involved. I have a machine background. I worked on vehicles with my dad, tore bikes apart when I was younger with motors and things. Some of it is learn as you go."

Making the leap

When racing, Logan will hit speeds upward of 40-45 mph and make jumps as high as 30 feet while being suspended in mid-air for another 100 feet.

Logan practices a couple of times per week on the family property.

"We have a small track at home and hit different tracks in Michigan," Marcey said. "We've gone south in the winter time to practice in the off-season."

Logan takes all the necessary precautions, learning to make the correct jumps while practicing the best form as possible.

"I work on corners, go through corners, try and go as fast as you can," Logan said.

Ironically, Logan was "all in" even before he started competing as a 5-year-old.

"When I was trying to potty train him when he was little, he loved motorcycles so I put a little toy motorcycle on the back on the potty and from there he said, 'Hey, mom, I want a real motorcycle,'" Marcey said. "We said, 'No, Logan, not until you can ride a pedal bike.' Interestingly enough, he had a little pedal bike with training wheels on it and he marched out to the barn, tried to get his training wheels off his pedal bike because he wanted he wanted a real dirt bike. My husband went out and took the training wheels off. We said, 'Once you can ride without the training wheels, we'll think about getting you a dirt bike.' A week or two later, he was riding his pedal bike without training wheels. Then we got him his first dirt bike and (he) started riding at home and started racing."

Motocross reigns

Marcey tried to get him involved in other sports, but motocross remains his No. 1 passion. Logan's favorite class in school is gym.

"We've done soccer, we've done baseball, swimming and he said, 'Mom, I don't want to do all these things. I want to put all my time into motocross and I want to focus,'" Marcey said. "He wants get to Loretta's next year and go to the Canadian Nationals. He works out a couple times a week at home to make sure he stays in shape. But either he's working out or riding his dirt bike."

Meanwhile, Logan's younger brother Landon, 8, is taking a different route.

"Landon is the best cheerleader. He cheers his brother on when he's on the track," Marcey said. "He tried it, but is not interested. He's more into swimming, fishing, things like that."

"I was hoping they'd get into horses, because I show horses. To date, (I) don't have any horse articles left. It's called motocross and more motocross. That's what he's driven for and that's what we do now. It's pretty fun."

Logan was coming off a 10th-place finish at the North Central Regional, just four places away from a qualifying spot for the prestigious Rocky Mountain ATV/MC AMA Amateur National Motocross Championship, Aug. 1-6 at Loretta Lynn's in Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

Future schedule

"He's certainly gung-ho and gunning to make that next year," Marcey said. "In November, he's going to the mini Olympics in Florida, a national-type race. In September, he's going to the Baja Brawl in Frankenmuth. He's all over the map."

Traveling to motocross events can be pricey, to say the least.

But with the help of sponsors such as Dunlop Tires, Acerbis, Matrix Concepts, Bell Helmets, Bentley Graphics, 100%, Leatt Neck Braces, ANSR MX, Twin Air, ProTaper and PR2 Suspensions, the Lockwoods are able to help defray some of the expenses as Logan pursues a life-long dream.

"It's definitely costly," Marcey said. "He's got several sponsors that are helping to support him through getting parts or suspension work, all the graphics ... things like that. There are bike parts and components that continually have to be replaced."

Meanwhile, Logan looks forward to going to Walton Raceway, which is known as "Motocross Town," a track that contains a variety of jumps, corners and other obstacles designed to test the skills and stamina of the racers.

"I want to try and win that, go up on the podium," he said. "I like the competition."

And according to Logan, there is nothing better than competing and traveling on the motocross circuit.

"Going to races, winning and having fun" is what he enjoys. As far as the drawbacks, Logan will only say: "Not doing good in a race and your bike breaks down."

And how has his season gone so far?

"I think I'm doing good. (I) almost made it to the nationals," Logan said.

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville High freshman squad posts strong campaign

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The Northville High freshman baseball team capped a banner 2016 spring with a 26-10-2 overall record, including 21 victories in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"Once again, we were a very strong defensive team," Northville freshman coach Tim Cain said. "Our pitching was solid and, when the other team was able to put the ball in play, our defense made the routine plays. Sturdy defense almost always translates into a successful high school season."

The pitching staff was led by Steven Morrissey, Ryan Pumper, Jake Delcampo, Sean Sullivan and Matt Crain. The season was highlighted by back-to-back no-hitters and six one-hitters.

"Our pitchers threw as many strikeouts as our batter struck out," Cain said. "When you make the other teams' defense handle the ball, you end up getting on on base a lot

at the freshman level."

Offensive standouts included Morrissey and Will Howe.

The infield lineup consisted of first basemen Josh Anderson, Crain and Pumper; second basemen Andy Maciejewski, Evan Redwin and Kam Unger; shortstops Spencer Ziparo, Delcampo and Morrissey; and third baseman Saaz Malhotra and Unger.

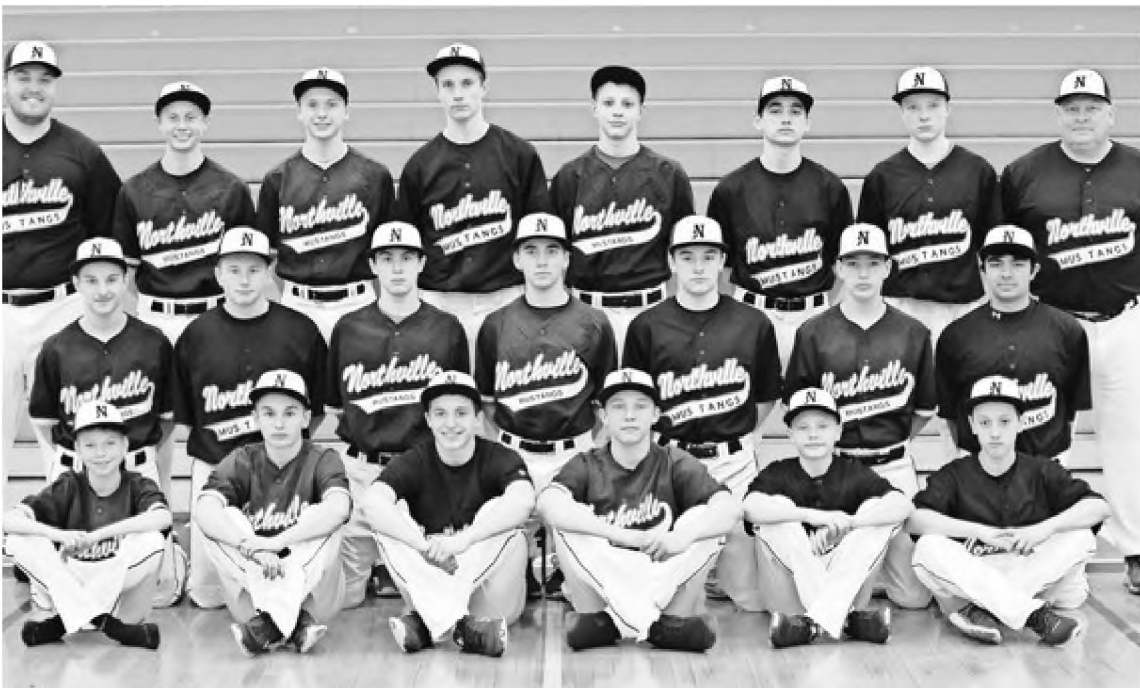
Handling the catching duties were Jack Lutz, Zach Maccoux, Brendan Murrell and Howe.

Outfield personnel included Seth Cain, Ian Danaher, Joe Jankowski and Brian Politi.

Cain was assisted on the bench this spring by 2014 graduate and former Northville standout Zack Wilds.

"Having a coach that went through the program, was a leader here and is close in age to these players really helps with instilling the philosophies of our program," Cain said.

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TIM CAIN

Members of the Northville freshman baseball team include (front row, from left) Seth Cain, Andy Maciejewski, Brian Politi, Jake Delcampo, Evan Redwine and Kam Unger; (second row, from left) Ian Danaher, Brendan Murrell, Spencer Ziparo, Matt Crain, Jack Lutz, Josh Anderson and Saaz Malhotra; and (back row, from left) assistant coach Zack Wilds, Will Howe, Sean Sullivan, Steven Morrissey, Ryan Pumper, Joe Jankowski, Zach Maccoux and head coach Tim Cain.

ALL-AREA BASEBALL

Hartwig loomed large for Shamrocks this season

Catholic Central ace named All-Area Player of the Year

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Standing 6 feet, 4 inches and weighing 230 pounds, Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Grant Hartwig proved to be an imposing figure on the mound.

And the statistics backed up the CC senior during the 2016 baseball season as he went 7-2 with a pair of saves as the Shamrocks reached the MHSAA Division 1 regional final.

Hartwig, bound for Miami (Ohio) University, recorded 102 strikeouts and 27 walks in 78½ innings with a 1.10 earned-run average and a WHIP of 0.84. Eight of his 13 earned runs allowed came in just two innings, five in one game and three in another game.

"If I take those two innings out, Grant threw 76½ innings allowing five earned runs for an ERA of 0.46," CC coach Dan Michaels said. "Grant is an absolute ace on the mound. He threw complete games, he closed games out for us, he did whatever was needed."

Named All-Area Player of the Year, Hartwig made just 76 pitches in 10 innings of a Catholic League Central Division game against Division 1 state champion Warren DeLaSalle. And in the district final against Northville, Hartwig pitched a two-hit shutout in a 1-0 win.

Hartwig was also named all-Catholic, all-district and all-region.

"That was one of the best pitched games, no doubt, in the entire state all year," Michaels said of the district final. "Grant wants the ball in all situations and is a fierce competitor."

First team

Chris Dunn, Sr. P, Northville: The left-hander went 9-0 with a 0.65 ERA en route to Division 1 second team all-state, all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors.

Dunn, who will walk on at Michigan State, struck out 53 and walked 18 in 64 innings. He is 15-0-2 overall two seasons.

"Chris' numbers speak for themselves," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "An outstanding competitor that had the great ability to make a pitch or get an out when he needed it most, no matter what team he was facing. He will certainly be missed next season. Knowing you only have to score one to two runs and you will win is very comforting to an offense. Certainly, one of the best pitchers to ever wear the Mustangs uniform."

Grant Smith, Jr. P, Lakeland: The right-hander, who made all-KLAA and all-district, went 6-3 as the No. 1 starter with an ERA of 2.33 for the KLAA North Division champs.

Smith struck out 51 batters in 57 innings. He batted .289 while drawing 22 walks.

"He controlled every game he pitched," Lakeland coach Todd Miller said. "At one point, he had three straight shutouts down the stretch to help us win the division. He was in command of every game he was on the mound."

Jac Colliau, Sr. P-3B, Novi: The right-hander, named all-district and all-region, went 8-2 with a 1.31 ERA and a 0.99 WHIP for the Wildcats.

The assistant captain, who also played third base, hit .324 with 15 RBIs.

"Jac was simply outstanding on the mound this season," Novi coach Rick Green said. "He gave us a chance to win, no matter who we played. Jac got injured the day before our district game at Northville, which seemed to deflate our momentum going into the playoffs. His competitiveness on the mound will be truly missed next spring at Novi."

Alec Bageris, Jr. 1B-P, Novi: He was named all-KLAA, all-district and all-region after batting .370 with an area-best 39 RBIs.



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Detroit Catholic Central senior pitcher Grant Hartwig, bound for Miami (Ohio) University, was named All-Area Baseball Player of the Year.

Bageris boasted a .419 on-base average and as a pitcher finished 4-3 with a 2.90 ERA.

"Alec was outstanding in the clutch and had a nice season on the mound," Green said. "He is truly a fierce competitor. He is a very coachable, a determined player who is very admired by his teammates and coaching staff. Next year will make Alec the first four-year varsity player at Novi in my tenure since 2000."

Aram Sharighian, Jr. 1B, Northville: Named all-KLAA and all-district, he hit .387 with 22 RBIs and 21 runs scored with an on-base average of .519.

"Aram had a great first season at the varsity level," Kostrzewa said. "He made a great transition to first base, which really helped our lineup overall. He was one of the guys that stepped up and really made an impact as a first-year player. Extremely tough out."

Gavin Harris, Sr. 2B-P, Franklin Road: The five-year varsity player, headed to Spring Arbor University, is a two-time Division 4 all-state and all-region selection, as well as a four-time all-district and all-MIAC pick.

Harris, who holds five career school records, batted .441, including two homers, one triple and five doubles with 16 RBIs and 24 runs scored for the regional finalists. The right-hander also pitched 35 innings, with 33 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.62 as the No. 1 starter.

"Gavin provided leadership on and off the field and brought a bulldog mentality with him each game," Franklin Road coach Mike Harris said. "He pitched a complete game in our regional semifinal (6-2) win over Whiteford. Gavin also hit a solo homer in the top of the fifth to break a 2-2 tie and put the Warriors in the lead for good."

Tyler Cleasby, Sr. SS, Lakeland: An all-KLAA and all-district pick, he batted .317 with 22 stolen bases and an on-base average of .395.

At shortstop, Cleasby made 49 putouts with 85 assists and nine errors.

"Tyler was just phenomenal defensively with a .971 fielding percentage," Miller said. "He covers a lot of ground because he can get to so many balls that most people don't get to. Anything that was hit to our left side of the infield, it was an automatic out with him."

Scott Beaton, Sr. SS, Novi: The captain, named all-KLAA, all-district and all-region, made just one error in 156 chances at shortstop while hitting .391 with an on-base percentage of .485.

Beaton collected 43 hits, scored 26 runs and had 19 RBIs.

"Scott was one of, if not the best, defensive players we have ever had at Novi," Green said. "He has only made a handful of errors in three years as a starter. Scott was a coach on the field who was blessed with a great baseball IQ, as well as tremendous work ethic. Scott is a coach's dream."

Nate Wixon, Jr. Inf., Northville: Wixon, who earned all-KLAA, all-district and all-region honors, posted team bests among starters in batting average (.411) and on-base percentage (.534).

Wixon also recorded a team-best 25 RBIs and scored 27 runs.

"Nate was our most consistent hitter all season and always could be counted on to put together a quality at-bat," Kostrzewa said. "He played third and second this season for us and has become a very good defensive player. He seemed to always be in the middle of everything offensively and I'm looking forward to his continued improvement going into next season."

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Grant Hartwig, Sr. P, Detroit CC

FIRST TEAM

Chris Dunn, Sr. P, Northville
Grant Smith, Jr. P, Lakeland
Jac Colliau, Sr. P-3B, Novi
Alec Bageris, Jr. 1B-P, Novi
Aram Sharighian, Jr. 1B, Northville
Gavin Harris, Sr. 2B-P, Franklin Road
Tyler Cleasby, Sr. SS, Lakeland
Scott Beaton, Sr. SS, Novi
Nate Wixon, Jr. Inf., Northville

SECOND TEAM

David Dillon, Sr. P-Inf., Northville
Dante Toppi, Sr. P, Detroit CC
Brendan Perrett, Jr. C, Milford
Joey Merucci, Jr. 2B, Detroit CC
Kyle Ziegler, Sr. SS-P, South Lyon East
Alex Superczynski, Sr. SS, South Lyon
Connor Jensen, Jr. CF, Milford
Connor Snell, Soph. OF-P, Lakeland
Zach Prystash, Sr. OF-P, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION

Detroit CC: Jaret Robson, Sr. C; Nick Sykes, Jr. 1B; Matt Stinebiser, Soph. UT; Marcus Cipriano, Jr. OF-Inf.; **Northville:** Jack Sargent, Soph. OF; Kevin Morrissey, Jr. SS; Zac Osaer, Sr. C; Andrew Blazo, Sr. P-OF; John Michalak, Soph. P; **Novi:** Joey Carn, Sr. 2B; Spencer VanKirk, Sr. CF; **Milford:** Sammy Lee, Sr. 3B; **Franklin Road Christian:** Paul Alex, Jr. C-Inf.; Evan Lorey, Jr. P-Inf.; Matt Lorey, Sr. SS; **Lakeland:** Cass Phillips, Soph. P-1B; Jake Spry, Sr. 2B-P; Bret Lingenfelter, Soph. 3B; **South Lyon East:** Jack Palo, Jr. OF; Hayden Harrigan, Soph UT; **South Lyon:** Mike Maher, Jr. C; Kent Katsuda, Jr. P.

Second team

David Dillon, Sr. P-Inf., Northville: The all-KLAA and all-academic district selection fought off nagging injuries to go 6-2 with an ERA of 2.82. In 39½ innings, the right-hander walked only eight and struck out 25.

Dante Toppi, Sr. P, Detroit CC: The right-hander went 7-1 with a 3.50 ERA and 44 strikeouts in 54 innings. The all-league and all-district pick batted .305 with 24 RBIs, 30 runs and two homers. He also stole 15 bases.

Brendan Perrett, Jr. C, Milford: The durable Perrett, who normally caught both ends of a doubleheader, played in every game, batting .333 with an on-base percentage of .450. He had three homers, 15 doubles and scored 19 runs.

Joey Merucci, Jr. 2B, Detroit CC: He bounced back from an early-season injury that kept him out the first three weeks to hit .322 with a .413 on-base average. He struck out only eight times in 87 at-bats.

Kyle Ziegler, Sr. SS-P, South Lyon East: Headed to Northwood University, he missed eight games due to a left arm labrum injury, but bounced back to earn all-KLAA and Division 2 all-district honors. Ziegler hit .381 with 13 RBIs and 20 runs.

Alex Superczynski, Sr. SS, South Lyon: An all-KLAA choice and four-year varsity starter, he batted a team-best .347 with an on-base average of .412. The honor roll student also scored 15 runs.

Connor Jensen, Jr. CF, Milford: The speedy Jensen, who made all-KLAA, started every game and hit .340 with three homers, two triples, 27 RBIs and 28 runs scored. Jensen was also 12-of-12 on stolen bases.

Connor Snell, Soph. OF-P, Lakeland: An all-KLAA and all-district pick, he batted .314 with seven doubles, 18 RBIs and 22 runs scored. He also pitched 26 innings, going 1-2 with two saves and an ERA of 3.50.

Zach Prystash, Sr. OF-P, Northville: An all-KLAA and all-district pick, he proved to be a valuable commodity on the mound, going 5-3 with a 1.35 ERA in 46½ innings. He also stood out defensively in center field and hit .282 while scoring 26 runs.

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ALL-STARS

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perspective.

"This is really cool. It's a different experience for me this time, because it's a night game," said Kauffmann, who will play college baseball at Michigan. "I mean, you get to see the downtown area all lit up and everything about it."

Kauffmann started on the mound for the East and pitched a scoreless inning. He had a single in two plate appearances and scored the game's first run as the East took an early lead. Kauffmann played third base for a couple of innings later in the game.

"This was my fourth time pitching out here and it's really cool just to get out there and take it all in," he said. "My whole summer team is out here and most of them are on the West team, so it was a great time."

All the way

Manasa was one of the few players who played all nine innings. He played center field and had an outstanding night at



MARTY BUONER

North Farmington's Alex Darden pitched one inning July 7 at Comerica Park.

the plate with a double and single and was the only East player with more than one hit. He also had four putouts in the outfield.

Manasa, who will play collegiately at Oakland University, couldn't have been more grateful to play in the all-star game.

"I was looking forward to this so much," Manasa said while signing a few autographs in the visitors' dugout following the game. "This has been on my calendar for two months now. It was everything I had hoped for and more."

"It was an unbelievable experience. It loved it ... every

bit of it. I was definitely a little nervous, coming out seeing this great park and seeing all the great players here."

Tyranski pitched the second inning without allowing a run.

"It is fun and it's a special experience every single time," Tyranski said. "It's great playing with such a great group of guys and it's a special event that I'll always remember. You can't ever take it for granted, because a lot of people don't get to do something like this."

Darden's three previous games at Comerica were with the Raiders in non-league games against Midland Bull-ock Creek.

A pitcher/outfielder at North Farmington, Darden managed to play both positions against the West. Darden started in right field, where he played five innings. In the ninth inning, Darden, a lanky lefty who will play college baseball at Cincinnati, took the mound and did not allow a run.

"It's funny how amazed you get every time you play here," said Darden, who made a special effort to connect with players from his first Little League team — the Southfield Indians — who attended the

game. "This is the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of. Just looking up and soaking it all up is amazing."

An early lead

The East took a 3-0 lead in the top of the second after Kauffmann led off with a single and later scored on a single by Andrew Szalkowski (Utica Eisenhower), which also scored Devin Dudal (Sterling Heights Stevenson). Two batters later, Szalkowski scored an unearned run on an error.

Those would be the East's only runs.

The West did not have a hit until Gunner Rainey's (Adrian Madison) fifth-inning single scored Drew Devine (Marshall). The West then exploded for four fifth-inning runs to take a lead it would never relinquish. The eventual game-winning RBI came on a double off the left field wall by Tyler Trowinger (Muskegon Mona Shores).

The West took command by scoring three eighth-inning insurance runs.

Caleb Scores (Gull Lake) was the winning pitcher. Lake Orion's Cameron Miller suffered the loss.

ALL-AREA SOFTBALL

Herrington the set table for big Milford season

Junior pitcher is named All-Area Player of the Year

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

There were many reasons for Milford's breakthrough softball season. The Mavericks, 21-11, captured their first-ever KLAA Lakes Conference crown following a West Division title conquest.

And even though Milford lost 5-4 to Canton in a heartbreaking Association final, followed by a painful 7-6 setback to rival White Lake Lakeland in the Division 1 district final – both in walk-off fashion – opponents won't soon forget Mavericks junior Natalie Herrington.

Named All-Area Player of the Year, Herrington was an all-KLAA, all-district and all-region honoree who could beat you with her bat and stymie you with her arm.

In 87 plate appearances this season, Herrington batted .529 with 10 homers, 35 RBIs and 30 runs scored. As a testament to her prowess at the plate, she walked 20 times and struck out only twice.

Herrington was also the Mavs' ace, going 14-4 with a pair of saves and a 2.02 earned-run average. In 114⅓ innings, Herrington struck out 103 and walked only 31. She held opponents to a .257 batting average and posted a .938 fielding average.

"Our team went as Natalie went," first-year Milford coach Tom Firman said. "She carried us the whole season, on both offense and defense. A true team captain and just a great kid."

First team

Teresa Menzel, Jr. P, Lakeland: Facing some of the top teams in the state, including Division 1 state champion Farmington Hills Mercy and runner-up Macomb Dakota, the right-hander went 25-9 with a 2.91 earned run average.

In 204 innings, Menzel had 149 strikeouts. She also batted .338 with three homers and 22 RBIs.

"Teresa is a 4.0 student-athlete who is involved in many school activities and volunteers her time in the community," Lakeland coach Joe Alsup said. "She is a great player and continues to be our ace on the mound. If she wasn't pitching, she was still in the lineup because of her power and consistency as a hitter."

Lindsay Brandon, Sr. P-UT, South Lyon: An all-KLAA, all-district and all-region pick headed to Siena Heights, she batted .590 with 12 doubles, six triples and two homers to go along with 27 RBIs and a .690 on-base average.

On the mound, Brandon finished 14-8 with a 1.83 earned-run average and 153 strikeouts in 133 innings despite knee issues.

"Lindsay is the type of kid that does whatever you ask of her," South Lyon coach Dan DePaulis said. "She goes out on the mound, even when she's not 100 percent, and tried to get a win for the team. Her teammates really respect her."

Audrey Petoskey, Jr. C, Milford: An all-KLAA selection, she batted .474 and clubbed a team-high 10 homers to go along with 34 RBIs and 31 runs scored.

Petoskey struck out just eight times and had a fielding average of .973.

"Audrey was strong defensively," Firman said with an exclamation point. "At the plate, she was a threat to hit it out on any swing. She has the ability to change a game."

Chase Schultz, Jr. 3B, Lakeland: Already committed to Northwood University, she made all-KLAA, all-district and all-region after batting .347 with 35 RBIs and 43 runs scored.

Schultz also had an on-base average of .474 and a .960 fielding average.

"Chase is a leader, bulldog, fierce competitor and (had) a no-quit attitude," Alsup said of the three-year varsity starter and honor roll student. "She is a pure hitter in the No. 3 slot



BRAD EMONS

Milford's Natalie Herrington was named Area Girls Softball Player of the Year.

that attacks the ball and will do great things at the next level. Chase has committed to working on all areas of her game as she continues to be a natural at the third base position."

Elizabeth Langley, Fr. SS, Lakeland: Langley, who made all-KLAA and all-district, batted .330 with an on-base average of .500 (drawing 21 walks).

She also collected 22 RBIs and scored 36 runs to go along with a .981 fielding average.

"Elizabeth was a great player for us," Alsup said of the honor roll student.

"She has a great bat and and great glove with range and she was a vacuum for us at shortstop. She will be definitely one to watch in the near future and will be among the top shortstops in the state and will end up being one of the best shortstops that has ever played here at Lakeland."

Sara Moos, Sr. SS, Northville: She made all-KLAA and all-district after hitting .491 with 12 doubles, 36 RBIs and 33 runs scored.

Moos also sported a slugging percentage of .620 and a .517 on-base average.

"Sara carried the team with her hitting and fielding," Northville coach Rebecca Quinn said. "She was a game-changer."

Bailee Taylor, Sr. SS-P, South Lyon East: Headed to Siena Heights, she made all-KLAA and all-district after racking up 61 hits, including 17 doubles, four triples and 10 homers, for a .526 average.

"Bailee's consistency without a doubt was the best factor that she brought to the table," East coach Paul Nieto said. "She provided much more power this season, which was needed in our lineup because we had some base hitters coming up behind her."

Lauren Castellon, Jr. OF, Lakeland: Already committed to Northwood, she made all-region and is a two-time all-KLAA and all-district selection.

Castellon batted .442 with 10 doubles, eight triples and a homer to go along with 39 RBIs and 28 runs. She also had eight sacrifices.

"She is talented and is one of our leaders on our team on and off the field," Alsup said of the 3.9 GPA student and three-sport athlete. "Lauren works extremely hard at her game all year-round and is constantly working to enhance her speed, agility and strength. She is one of the best outfielders in the state that can go get the ball and has an outstanding arm. She has a great attitude and great work ethic."

Julia Stevenson, Sr. OF, Milford: She was a four-year varsity player who made all-KLAA, all-district and all-region after batting .448 with 41 runs scored.

Stevenson struck out only six times and boasted a fielding average of .980.

Julia was an outstanding outfielder," Firman said. "Not blessed with speed, but (she) more then made up for it with a great eye and jump on the ball. If it was in the air, she would catch it. Great attitude and work ethic. Give me a whole team like this kid."

Ashley Yarberry, Jr. OF, Novi: She hit .411 with five homers, four triples and 15 doubles to go along with 37 RBIs and 43 runs scored.

"She is probably a kid that improved the most over one full calendar year," Novi coach Bruce Lenington said of the all-KLAA, all-district and all-region pick. "She put in a lot of time over the summer and that carried over to her high school season. She was a kid most defenses tried to pitch around at the end of our season. She was really a force offensively."

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Natalie Herrington, Jr. P, Milford

FIRST TEAM

Teresa Menzel, Jr. P, Lakeland
Lindsay Brandon, Sr. P-UT, South Lyon
Audrey Petoskey, Jr. C, Milford
Chase Schultz, Jr. 3B, Lakeland
Elizabeth Langley, Fr. SS, Lakeland
Sara Moos, Soph. SS, Northville
Bailee Taylor, Sr. SS-P, South Lyon East
Lauren Castellon, Jr. OF, Lakeland
Julia Stevenson, Sr. OF, Milford
Ashley Yarberry, Jr. OF, Novi

SECOND TEAM

Madison Budde, Jr. P, Novi
Danielle Fusco, Jr. C, Franklin Road
Carly Petri, Sr. C, South Lyon East
Madeline Langdon, Soph. 1B, Lakeland
Maddy Brandenstein, Sr. 2B, Novi
Koryn Pennebaker, Soph. SS, Milford
Hannah Rayburn, Sr. SS, Franklin Road
Jamie Conrad, Sr. 3B, South Lyon
Morgan Bowen, Jr. 3B, South Lyon East
Janie Mitchell, Soph. OF-DP, South Lyon

HONORABLE MENTION

Novi: Hope Kapelanski, Sr. C; Nicole Ireland, Sr. OF; **Northville:** Allison Zwaraka, Sr. P-Utility; Brianna Nayh, Sr. 3B; Abby Tolstyka, Soph. 2B; **Franklin Road Christian:** Kayla Nannoshi, Soph. P; **South Lyon:** Megan Jawor, Soph. OF; Emma Sawicki, Jr. SS; **South Lyon East:** Maggie Dolan, Sr. 1B; Sydney Kist, Jr. P; **Milford:** Gianna Seets, Sr. OF; Katrina Hancock, Soph. 2B; **Lakeland:** Rianna Koteles, Jr. C; Brooke Beale, Sr. 2B; Mary Zimmerman, Jr. OF.

Second team

Madison Budde, Jr. P, Novi: Budde, who made All-KLAA and all-district, stepped into the No. 1 starter's role, going 21-9 with 118 strikeouts and 48 walks in 194⅓ innings. Budde also batted .363.

Danielle Fusco, Jr. C, Franklin Road: A Division 4 honorable mention all-state selection who struck out only once all season, she batted .670 with three homers, 26 RBIs and 32 runs scored. Fusco was an all-region and all-MIAC Red pick.

Carly Petri, Sr. C, South Lyon East: An all-KLAA and all-district selection, she batted .376 with 38 hits, including 14 doubles, two triples and two homers, to go along with 26 RBIs.

Madeline Langdon, Soph. 1B, Lakeland: She batted .330, including 15 doubles, two triples and a homer, to go along with 26 RBIs and 22 runs scored. Langdon's fielding average was .988.

Maddy Brandenstein, Sr. 2B, Novi: An all-KLAA and all-district choice, she led the Wildcats with 21 steals to go along with a .460 batting average and 23 RBIs.

Koryn Pennebaker, Soph. SS, Milford: She made all-KLAA after batting .459 with five homers, 43 RBIs and 26 runs scored. Pennebaker also fielded at a .912 clip with her aggressive and consistent play.

Hannah Rayburn, Sr. SS, Franklin Road: Headed to Concordia University, she was a five-year varsity player who batted a whopping .656 with 25 RBIs while making only five errors as a senior. She made Division 4 all-region and first team all-MIAC Blue for the district champs.

Jamie Conrad, Sr. 3B, South Lyon: Headed to Indiana Tech, she batted .486 with six doubles, a homer and 30 RBIs. The all-district pick struck out only five times and had an on-base percentage of .517.

Morgan Bowen, Jr. 3B, South Lyon East: An all-KLAA selection, she finished with a .504 batting average on 58 hits, including 14 doubles, one triple and 33 RBIs, in 124 plate appearances.

Janie Mitchell, Soph. OF-DP, South Lyon: An all-district pick, she enjoyed a productive offensive season by hitting .511 with six homers, five triples, four doubles and 36 RBIs to go along with 49 runs scored.

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JOHNSTON

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you win in doubles. It's a race to the net, pretty much."

Third doubles title

Johnston and Horneffer were reunited in doubles after playing together in a USTA National Level 1 tournament, where they took the bronze ball in 2014.

For Johnston, it was his third Midwest Closed age group doubles title, duplicating his feat in both the Boys 16s and 14s.

"I like doubles because of the quick back and forth at the net, just the reaction volleys," Johnston said. "It's a lot of fun. It's more aggressive."

Johnston's strong doubles play at the junior level should bode well heading into his freshman season at Michigan.

"Doubles is really important in college, just because the first (team) point is decided from doubles when you go into the singles," he said. "You're either up or down a point."



BRAD EMONS

Novi's Marybeth Hurley reached the round of 16 in the Midwest Closed, held June 25-30 in Indianapolis.

Singles results

In singles, the sixth-seeded Johnston reached the quarterfinals before falling to Small, the fourth seed, 6-1, 6-4.

Johnston, who was the MHSAA Division 1 top flight singles state champion in 2015 after finishing runner-up to Novi's Tim Wang (Columbia University) in 2015 and 2014,

outlasted Kenyatte, the 13th seed, in the round of 16 in three sets, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

That came after a strenuous 7-6 (9-7), 6-4 win over Brett Meyers (Naperville, Ill.).

"We both threw up," Johnston said. "It was almost a three-hour match."

Johnston defeated Luke Ford (Otsego), 6-0, 6-0, and Fletcher Koehrsen (East Peo-

ria, Ill.), 6-2, 6-1, in his opening two matches.

"I won my first four rounds in singles, but I had two tough rounds to get there," Johnston said. "In the quarterfinals, I got down really early. I had a poor start. I brought it back in the second set, but (Small) was really good. He's ranked seventh in the country."

Johnston, who was the Midwest Closed Boys 16 singles runner-up in 2014, is currently ranked No. 50 nationally by tennisrecruiting.net. He is also ranked fourth in the Great Lakes region and first in Michigan.

His goal is to return to the USTA Boys 18 Nationals next month in Kalamazoo.

"The endorsement list is coming out and I should, hopefully, be on it," Johnston said.

Also in the Boys 18 singles draw, recent Novi graduate Maxx Anderson finished 2-2 in singles and 1-1 in doubles. Novi's Sidharth Amarnath, competing in the Boys 16 singles, finished 1-2.

Hurley in 18s

Novi's Marybeth Hurley, the 14th seed, fell in the round of

16 to second seed Alyvia Jones (Midland) in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, at the Midwest Closed Girls 18s singles tournament in Indianapolis.

Hurley, ranked No. 46 nationally by tennisrecruiting.net, won her first three rounds, defeating No. 30 seed Mackenzie Myers (Evansville, Ind.), 6-0, 6-1; Sarah Benoy (Stoughton, Wis.), 6-2, 6-2; and Carly Sickinger (Miamisburg, Ohio), 6-3, 6-3.

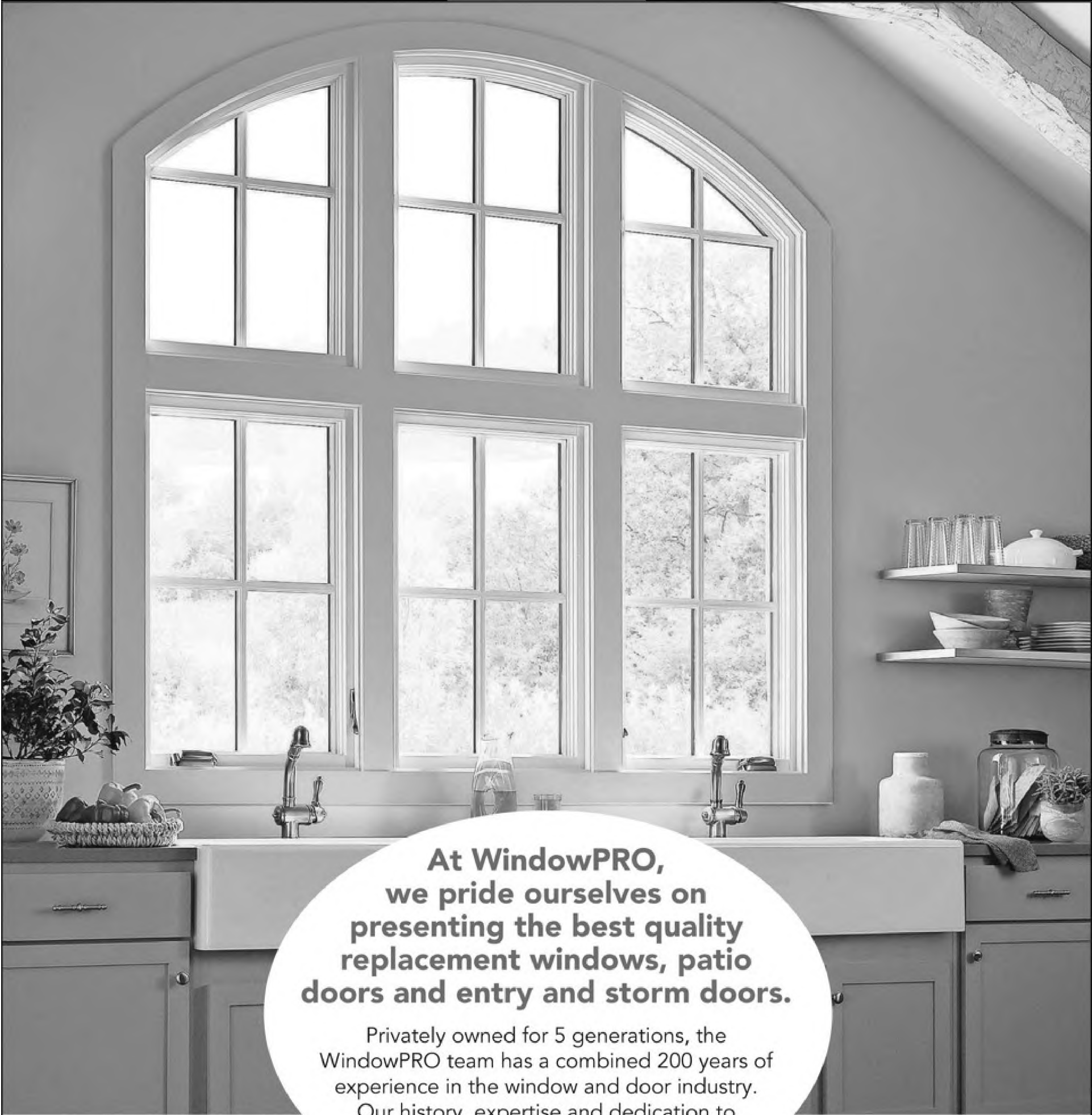
Hurley also lost in the consolation back draw in three sets to 21st seed Molly Sandberg (Hudson, Ohio), 6-7 (4-7), 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles, Hurley finished 1-1 with partner Sasha Hartje (Bloomfield Hills).

Meanwhile, Northville's Joanne Gao finished 0-2 in the Girls 18 singles, as did Northville's Renee Torres in the Girls 16s.

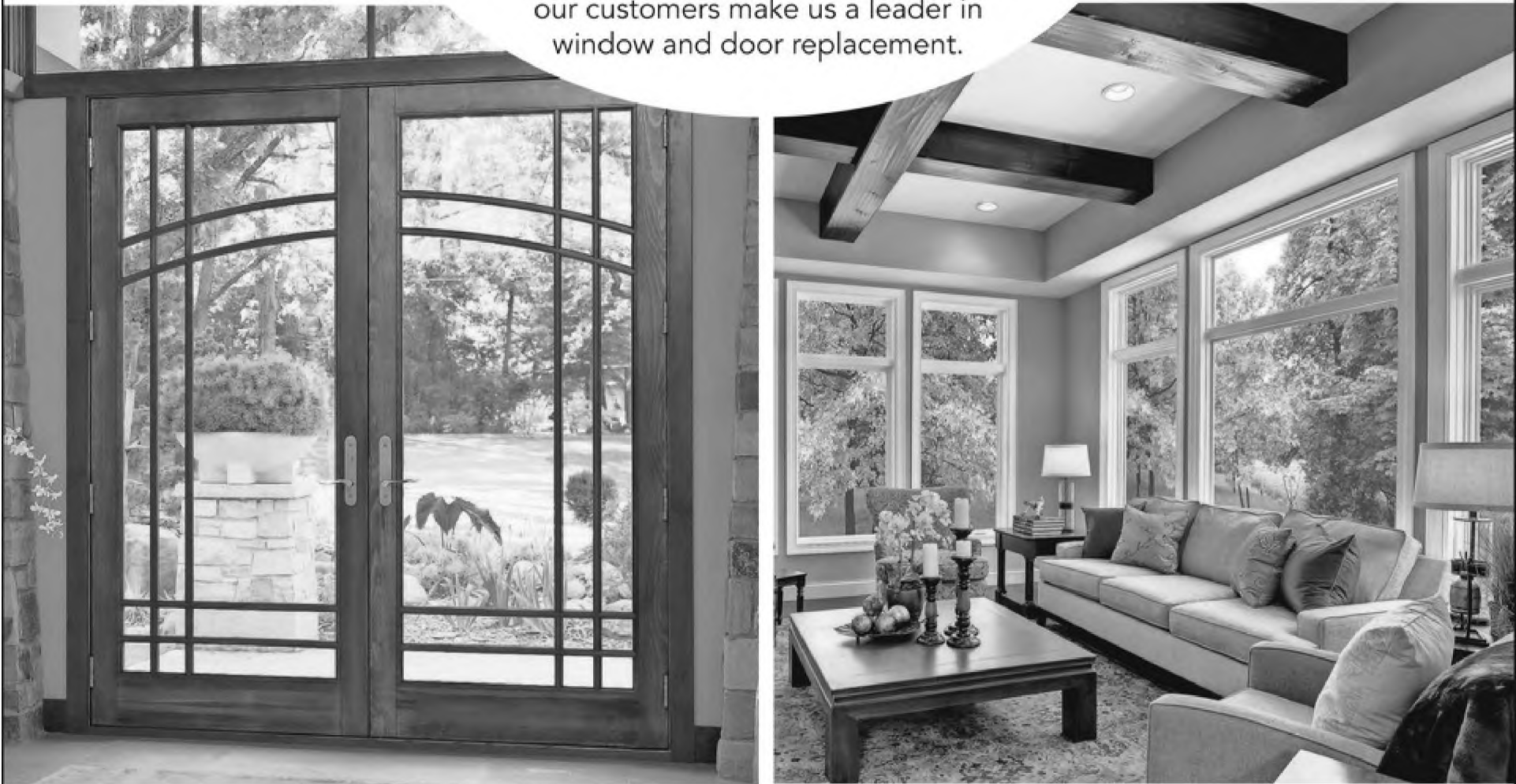
Novi's Shanoli Kumar, who plays No. 2 singles at Northville, finished 2-1 in doubles and 1-1 in singles in the Girls 16s.

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Woman turns jam, jelly into sweet business

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Melissa Pauley-Geimer cans 82 different kinds of handmade jams and jellies.

The Garden City woman has been known to display 50 flavors — such as apple pie jam, apricot ginger jam and banana nut jam — simultaneously at her farmers market vendor display.

Such enthusiasm has earned her the title, “crazy jam lady,” from other vendors and fellow “jammers.”

“I embrace that. I am very proud of being a crazy jam lady,” said Pauley-Geimer, who has made and sold her products for more than five years under the name Lula Bre’s Sweet Eats. Michigan’s cottage food law allows home cooks, like Pauley-Geimer, to produce certain foods — jams and jellies are among them — from their home kitchens for direct sale to customers at farmers markets and other events.

“At one point last year, I had from here all the way down, it was all jam,” she said, while working her three-table display recently at the Lathrup Village farmers market. “I had 50 jams on my table. I’ve calmed down so far this season, but then I get that itch ...”

That itch, a desire to experiment with flavors

and fruits, keeps her busy creating in the kitchen two solid days a week and some at night or early mornings if she runs low on a popular flavor. She sells her products, which include fruit bars, fudge and caramel sauces, Wednesday through Sunday at farmers markets. The weekly lineup is Lathrup Village, Westland, Dixboro, Plymouth and Canton.

Brookellen Swope, Westland Chamber of Commerce president, said vendors at the Westland Farmers & Artisans Market “split into two groups and there is no in between.” Those who view their product as a hobby might sell at one, maybe two markets a week. If the product is a business, they’ll attend multiple markets.

“It’s a lot, but it’s in line with others,” Swope said, considering Pauley-Geimer’s five-day market schedule. “What shocks me is that she has three kids. I don’t know how she does it.”

It’s all a matter of juggling schedules, being married to a supportive husband and loving the jam-making process.

After taking her daughters, ages 5 and 6, and son, 14, to school, she works on her food products from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At night, after dinner and her children’s activities, there’s more jam making if she’s not too tired.



Melissa Pauley-Geimer of Garden City displays 30 flavors of jams and jellies at the Lathrup Village Farmers Market. She sometimes has as many as 50 of her 82 flavors on hand.

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“It is very calming,” she said. “When I’m making jam and jelly, that’s all that matters.”

From pastry to jam

Pauley-Geimer spent 11 years working in the automotive industry and, after taking culinary classes at the Art Institute of Michigan in Novi, took a job in the pastry department at Motor City Casino.

Her interest in jam and jelly started when she made jams as Father’s Day gifts six years ago for her husband and her father.

“My dad likes raspberry jam and my husband is a strawberry guy,” she said. “So I made them strawberry

and raspberry jam and I got addicted to it. It wasn’t the fact that it was good, it was, ‘What would happen if I did this?’ It was, ‘Let me try this and that. We’ll see how it comes out.’

“By July, my husband looked at me and said, ‘You need to quit making it. There are 12 cases of jam sitting on the coffee table. We can’t even use our coffee table any more because there is so much jam.’ That’s when I started going to the farmers markets.”

She moved some of her production into a licensed kitchen when she developed hot pepper jams, which are not allowed under the cottage food regulations.

“They have to be done in a licensed kitchen because of the ph levels,” she said, adding that improper processing could lead to bacteria growth and, ultimately, to botulism. “They (recipes) are tested by the state and they have to say if they’re good to go.”

She produces her most popular fruit jams and all of her pepper products in the licensed kitchen each Monday and works in her home kitchen Tuesday.

“My recipes are really simple,” she said. “There are so many different fruits out there you can throw together and see how it turns out. If it doesn’t turn out, I can add it to the fruit bars.”

Business strategy

Pauley-Geimer buys as much of her fruit as she can from local farmers or picks her own.

“I’m a firm believer that fresher is better. I’d rather have you open a jar of jam I just made just a couple of weeks ago,” she said.

When the local fruit season ends, she focuses on making fudge, caramel apples, fruit bars and dessert sauces. She revamped her table display and food jar labels last winter and has begun to work with the Michigan State University Product Center. With the center’s help, she hopes to transition from a cottage industry to a licensed food processor that can sell products to retail stores.

“I have to get the UPC labels,” she said. “I’m going through the Product Center, which is where everything has been tested. If I have a question, I just give them a call or shoot them an email.”

Lula Bre’s Sweet Eats jams and jellies are sold in 14-ounce glass jars and cost \$7.50 each or two for \$13. Fudge and caramel sauces in nine-ounce jars cost \$6 each or two for \$11.

Go to Lula Bre’s Sweet Eats on Facebook for a list of upcoming events.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a variance requested by the property owner at 816 Carpenter Avenue, Northville, Michigan, 48167. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new privacy fence ahead of the front building line along Eight Mile Road, on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, parcel number 48-22-34-453-006. The City’s Building Official has determined that a front-yard variance of 6.67 feet is needed from Section 18.09 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow construction of the privacy fence ahead of the front building line.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday August 3, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING August 10, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, for property located at 46150 Neeson Street, Parcel ID#77-016-02-0017-000 (Article 18, Schedule of Regulations) and for Thayer’s Cemetery, Parcel ID#77-027-99-0005-000, located at 6 Mile and Ridge Road (Article 31, Fences).

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

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE UNDER ACT P.A. 198 OF 1974, AS AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that Daifuku North America Holding Company has submitted a request to the City of Novi for the establishment of an Industrial Development District under the “Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Act P.A. 198 of 1974,” And an application for issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

The proposed project is part of Parcel ID No. 50-22-01-400-036, located at 30100 Cabot Drive, described as follows:

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Pursuant to Section 4 (4) of said Act, a public hearing shall be held for the establishment of an Industrial Development District on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Novi City Council Chambers, located at 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during which any property owner within the proposed Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Development District.

Following the public hearing and approval to establish an Industrial Development District, pursuant to Section 5 (2) of said Act, a hearing shall be held for the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, during which any property owner within the Industrial Development District, and any resident or taxpayer of the City of Novi may appear and be heard in relation to the consideration of the aforementioned Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing to the City Clerk’s office or at the public hearing.

Cortney Hanson, CMC
City Clerk

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Back from the brink, Olga’s Kitchen is ready to expand

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Under new ownership and seven months out of bankruptcy, Olga’s Kitchen is bringing back classic recipes and preparing to expand after a period of retrenchment at the beloved Michigan restaurant chain.

“Olga’s Kitchen deserves to be a bigger chain,” said Mark Schostak, executive chairman of Livonia-based Team Schostak Family Restaurants, which bought Olga’s from bankruptcy in December. “This is a great brand with a lot of great people and it just deserves better and more.”

The Schostak company is looking to open 10-12 new Olga’s Kitchens in addition to the 25 current locations. Prior to last year’s Chapter 11 filing and the subsequent culling of underperforming restaurants, there were 35 Olga’s restaurants. Schostak said all but one new location will be in Michigan; the other would open in Toledo, a market that has been without an Olga’s since a mall spot closed. Other recent closures included the former Sterling Heights, Twelve Oaks mall and downtown Detroit locations.

On the food front, Olga’s employees are receiving new training to better standardize the quality of the iconic Olga’s bread at every restaurant.

And several once-popular Olga’s dishes, including the spinach and cheese pies and orange cream coolers, are now being made from the original recipes of restaurant namesake Olga Loizon, who opened the first Olga’s in 1970 and is now 90 years old. She is still with the restaurant chain, although no longer in the kitchen on a regular basis.

Customers are said to prefer the taste of the classic recipes over the concoctions of more recent years, which in some cases were created to save money on ingredients. But that strategy backfired for the restaurant chain’s previous



Run organizers, Bill Hill (left) and Susan Arlin, with Jason Hendricks and Jason Schlaff, owners of Farmington Brewing Co.

owner, according to Kenneth Dalto, who was Olga’s Kitchen’s court-appointed receiver during bankruptcy and owns a Bingham Farms-based management and consulting firm.

“It was trying to cut costs,” Dalto said of the previous strategy, which also involved smaller portion sizes.

“If you could buy in bulk a feta cheese which was cheaper and was not the same tasting or not as good, you’d say, ‘Well, people are never going to realize’ and you mix it with other things,” he said. “But they did realize.”

Other big changes are slated for Olga’s Kitchen’s restaurant design and brand logo.

The firm is working with a designer to create a new image that will roll out to most Olga’s locations in the next two to three years, Schostak said. A new Olga’s Kitchen logo is also being designed and could be unveiled with the renovations. The logo will consolidate and replace the six or seven different Olga’s logos that have been in use at various restaurant locations.

The overarching goal of all the changes is to reconnect with Olga’s Kitchen customers and return the chain to the prominence it once had, especially in southeast Michigan.

“It’s almost a part of our cultural right of passage to go to Olga’s Kitchen,” Schostak said.

But Olga’s arguably faces greater challenges in today’s food industry than during its heyday in the 1980s through early

2000s. So-called fast casual chains where people order while standing up have expanded and grown popular with younger demographics. Examples include Panera Bread and Chipotle.

Most Olga’s restaurants have traditional sit-down service. Schostak said they will remain so for at least the near future because that is a proven business model.

Dalto said it makes sense for Olga’s to stick with sit-down service, because its restaurants must appeal to a wide variety of customers and ages. “To move to all fast casual, a lot of older people wouldn’t like that — they’d rather sit down,” Dalto said.

Team Schostak Family Restaurants acquired Olga’s Kitchen in a bankruptcy auction last fall with a bid equal to about \$11.25 million for the Troy-based chain.

Olga’s had been owned for decades by California businessman Robert Solomon. In 2004, he and the Schostak company struck an agreement to go 50/50 on 15 proposed new Olga’s locations, although only 11 were built. Their relationship soured as money was siphoned out of the partnership to prop up the money-losing Olga’s locations that Solomon owned.

Olga’s Kitchen filed for bankruptcy in June 2015 after years of losses. The chain’s many mall locations were particularly hard hit by the decline in mall shopping that accelerated in the last recession.

Fire Protection Association pros tout sprinkler use, debunk myths

Fires in the home pose one of the biggest threats to the people of your community. An average of 367,000 home fires occur each year, killing 2,500 people. Home fire sprinklers are a proven way to protect lives and property against fires at home.

Home fire sprinklers respond quickly and effectively to the presence of a nearby fire. When sprinklers are present, they save lives.

» If you have a reported fire in your home, the risk of dying decreases by about 80 percent when sprinklers are present.

» People in homes with sprinklers are protected against significant property loss — sprinklers reduce direct property damage by about 70 percent per fire.

» Home sprinkler systems respond quickly to reduce the heat, flames, and smoke from a fire, giving families valuable time to get to safety.

» Roughly 85 percent of the time, just one sprinkler operates.

» Each individual sprinkler is designed and calibrated to go off when it senses a significant heat change.

» Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire.

Model safety codes now require the use of home fire sprinklers in new one- and two-family homes. These requirements offer the highest level of safety to protect the people of your community.

When considering home fire sprinkler requirements for your community, it is important to address key myths often raised by sprinkler opponents. The fact is, because automatic sprinkler systems have been commonly used in structures for many years, the evidence is clear that such systems are a proven way to protect lives and property against fires. Sprinklers also respond quickly and effectively to the presence of a nearby fire, and function well, without creating problems for homeowners.

Home fire sprinkler myths

» “A smoke alarm provides enough protection.”

» “Newer homes are safer homes; the fire and death problem is limited to older homes.”

» “Home fire sprinklers are expensive and will make housing unaffordable, especially for first-time buyers moving to our area.”

» “We don’t need sprinkler mandates; they can be installed in homes voluntarily.”

» “Home fire sprinklers often leak or activate accidentally.”

» “If you want your home fire sprinklers to be reliable, they will need frequent, expensive maintenance.”

» “When a fire occurs, every sprinkler will activate and everything in the house will be ruined.”

» “The water damage caused by the sprinkler system will be more extensive than fire damage.”

» “Home fire sprinklers are not practical in colder climates, as the pipes will freeze and cause water damage.”

» “Home fire sprinklers are unattractive and will ruin the aesthetics of our residents’ homes.”

» “Any time a smoke alarm goes off it will activate the home fire sprinklers.”

MYTH: “A smoke alarm provides enough protection.”

Matt Klaus, NFPA’s principal fire protection engineer, counters this popular myth.

FACT: Smoke alarms alert occupants to the presence of danger, but do nothing to extinguish the fire. Home fire sprinkler systems respond quickly to reduce heat, flames and smoke from a fire, giving residents valuable time to get out safely. Smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying if a home fire occurs by about one-third. If you have a reported fire in your home, the risk of dying decreases by about 80 percent when sprinklers are present.

Fire sprinkler opponents have been using a statistic of 99.45 percent to illustrate the effectiveness of smoke alarms in reducing home fire deaths. This NFPA statistic estimates the likelihood of surviving a



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Fire sprinklers are part of an integrated water piping system designed for life and fire safety.

home fire when a working smoke alarm is present.

A 100 percent chance of dying would mean that every fire is fatal, or, roughly, 100 deaths per 100 fires. Fortunately, that is not the case. The chances of surviving a reported home fire when working smoke alarms are present is 99.45 percent (100 minus 0.55) vs. 98.87 percent (100 minus 1.13) in home fires with no working smoke alarms. The first number is barely higher than the second.

The 99.45 percent vs. 98.87 percent statistic is based on “chances of survival” which is not the same thing as “risk of fire death” based on total number of reported fires. Chances of survival don’t have much bearing in the discussion; preventing home fire death and reducing home fire death risk is the goal.

Consider this:

» Each year, over 2,300 home fire deaths occur in more than 365,000 reported structure fires. Therefore, the likelihood of surviving a home fire is approximately 99% without regard to the presence of smoke alarms or any other fire safety provisions. Does that mean 2,300 deaths are acceptable? Most people would say no.

» Each year, there are an estimated 12,000 deaths due to falls in homes and an estimated 11 million fall injuries in the home. The likelihood of surviving a fall is therefore 99.9 percent. Does that mean 12,000 deaths are acceptable? Most people would say no.

» Each year, there are an estimated 42,000 deaths due to motor vehicle crashes and an estimated 6 million reported motor vehicle crashes. The likelihood of surviving a motor vehicle crash is 99 percent. Does that mean 42,000 deaths are acceptable? Most people would say no.

MYTH: “Newer homes are safer homes; the fire and death problem is limited to older homes.”

Matt Klaus, NFPA’s principal fire protection engineer, counters this popular myth.

FACT: Age of housing is a poor predictor of fire death rates. When older housing is associated with higher rates, it usually is because older housing tends to have a disproportionate share of poorer, less educated households. Statistically, the only fire safety issue that is relevant to the age of the home is outdated electrical wiring. Beyond that, age of the home has little to nothing to do with fire safety. A fire at 2 a.m. is just as deadly in a new home as it is in an older home.

New methods of construction negatively impact occupant and firefighter life safety under fire conditions. The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) tested the performance of unprotected floor assemblies exposed to fire. The findings of the study, The Performance of Unprotected Floor Assemblies in Basement Fire Scenarios, assert that these structures are prone to catastrophic collapse as early as six minutes from the onset of fire.

In 2008, Underwriters Laboratories® (UL) conducted a study to identify the danger to firefighters created by the use of lightweight wood trusses and engineered lumber in residential roof and floor designs. The findings of the report, Structural Stability of

Engineered Lumber in Fire Conditions, point to the failure of lightweight engineered wood systems when exposed to fire. Firefighters expecting thirty minutes of structural integrity with dimensional wood structures face higher peril in lightweight structures.

The same UL study found that the synthetic construction of today’s home furnishings add to the increased risk by providing a greater fuel load. Larger homes, open spaces, increased fuel loads, void spaces, and changing building materials contribute to: faster fire propagation; shorter time to flashover; rapid changes in fire dynamics; shorter escape time; shorter time to collapse.

Lightweight construction has been variously estimated to be used in one-half to two-thirds of all new one- and two-family homes, excluding manufactured homes. Fire sprinklers can offset the increased dangers posed by lightweight construction and create a safer fire environment for firefighters.

FREE PRESENTATION: “The Dangers of Lightweight Construction.” NFPA has updated its popular Power-Point® presentation aimed at educating community’s decision makers and the public about the dangers of lightweight construction materials under fire conditions.

MYTH: “Home fire sprinklers are expensive and will make housing unaffordable, especially for first-time buyers moving to our area.”

Matt Klaus, NFPA’s principal fire protection engineer, counters this popular myth.

FACT: The fact is that home fire sprinklers are affordable. In 2013, the Fire Protection Research Foundation issued its updated Home Fire Sprinkler Cost Assessment report, which revealed that the cost of installing home fire sprinklers averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot for new construction. That’s down from \$1.61 per sprinklered square foot that was in the Foundation’s 2008 report. To put the cost of a sprinkler system into perspective, many people pay similar amounts for carpet upgrades, a paving stone driveway, or a whirlpool bath. Sales in many U.S. communities where sprinkler systems are available show that, not only are consumers requesting this feature, but also that houses with sprinkler systems are selling faster than those without. Installing home fire sprinklers can help residents: significantly reduce property loss in the event of fire; cut homeowner insurance premiums; help qualify home for a tax rebate; and help support local fire service efforts.

MYTH: “We don’t need sprinkler mandates; they can be installed in homes voluntarily.”

FACT: Mandating sprinklers in new one- and two-family homes provides a greater overall level of safety in communities. By requiring these life-saving devices in new homes you are ensuring that a large number of residents can enjoy the same level of safety found in many offices, schools, apartments, and public buildings.

Beyond the life safety benefits of home sprinklers, there are other incentives for jurisdictions that mandate

sprinklers in new homes. By mandating sprinkler requirements, cities and towns can reduce the strain on fire service personnel, limit damage to property, and help conserve municipal water resources by reducing the amount of water needed to fight fires (fire-fighting hoses use more than eight times the amount of water used by automatic fire sprinklers).

MYTH: “Home fire sprinklers often leak or activate accidentally.”

FACT: Leaks from automatic sprinkler systems are very rare, and no more likely than leaks from any part of a home’s plumbing system. It is also rare for a damaged sprinkler system to release water, and when it happens, it is almost never an accident. Vandalism or misuse are typically involved. Furthermore, a sprinkler will not activate from exposure to a burning match or any likely event in the house other than a significant, unwanted fire.

MYTH: “If you want your home fire sprinklers to be reliable, they will need frequent, expensive maintenance.”

FACT: The standard design for home fire sprinklers is much simpler than the design for more traditional sprinklers like the ones used in commercial buildings. If you install a home fire sprinkler system, the only “inspection and maintenance” you will need is to (a) walk around your home and make sure the sprinklers are not obstructed by something that would block the water coming out, and (b) avoid turning off the main control valve, which you don’t normally operate anyway.

MYTH: “When a fire occurs, every sprinkler will activate and everything in the house will be ruined.”

FACT: In the event of a fire, typically, only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire, leaving the rest of the house dry and secure. Roughly 85 percent of the time, just one sprinkler operates.

MYTH: “The water damage caused by the sprinkler system will be more extensive than fire damage.”

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FACT: Home fire sprinklers can significantly reduce property loss and damage due to a fire. The sprinkler will quickly control the heat and smoke from the fire, limiting damage to other areas of the house, giving residents valuable time to get out safely. Any resulting water damage from the sprinkler will be much less severe than the damage caused by water from fire-fighting hose lines. Fire departments use up to 10 times as much water to extinguish a home fire as fire sprinklers would use to extinguish the same fire.

MYTH: “Home fire sprinkler systems are not practical in colder climates, as the pipes will freeze and cause water damage.”

Matt Klaus, NFPA’s principal fire protection engineer, counters this popular myth.

FACT: With proper installation, home sprinkler systems will not freeze in cold settings. NFPA13D sets forth guidelines on proper insulation to avoid pipes freezing. The Chicago area is a great example of a cold weather region where many jurisdictions have passed sprinkler mandates for new homes with limited to no problems with systems freezing.

MYTH: “Home fire sprinkler systems are unattractive and will ruin the aesthetics of our residents’ homes.”

FACT: New home fire sprinkler models are very unobtrusive, can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings, and can be concealed behind decorative covers.

MYTH: “Any time a smoke alarm goes off it will activate the home fire sprinklers.”

FACT: Each individual sprinkler is designed and calibrated to activate when it senses a significant heat change. They do not operate in response to smoke, burned toast, cooking vapors, steam, or an activating smoke alarm.

Call condo board meeting, discuss concerns promptly

Q: Our condo association has been taken over by a group of people who want to undo everything that has occurred at our condominium, including our administrator, our legal counsel and any contractors with whom we are dealing. What can we do to stop this?

A: Assuming that you are correct in that the members of the board are not leading the association in the right direction, you should immediately gather



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a petition to remove the Board of Directors by having a special meeting called to do so presumably in accordance with your condominium by-laws. Another option is for the co-owners to file a legal proceeding in Circuit Court to remove the directors from office. Generally, this action requires at least 10 percent of the co-owners to sign a petition to bring the action. For removal to be successful, the court will need to find that the directors engaged in fraudulent, illegal, or dishonest conduct, or gross abuse of authority or discretion, and that removal is in the best interest of the association. In any event, you should make it clear by retaining an attorney to advise the existing board of their failures and potential liability for mismanagement of the condominium.

Q: We own some property that was foreclosed upon and our lawyer is telling us to tender payment in order to redeem the property within the six month period. I feel somewhat uncomfortable about that. Do you have any comments?

A: Yes, you probably need a new lawyer, because the relevant statute provides that a sheriff’s deed obtained at a sheriff’s sale is void if the property is redeemed by paying the amount required within the applicable time limit prescribed to the purchaser or the purchaser’s representative or assigns or to the register of deeds in whose office the deed is deposited for the benefit of the purchaser. Simply stated, actual payment of the funds is required and your lawyer’s assertions that you can properly tender the funds will not satisfy the state statute’s payment requirement.

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Be prepared for a tough work evaluation

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If there's one thing most people can agree on, it's this: Performance reviews are the worst. But much like taxes and death, performance reviews are unavoidable. As stressful as they can be, they're even more anxiety-inducing if you think you're going to receive a negative one.

When that's the case, take comfort in knowing that almost everyone has had a bad performance review at some point. But it doesn't have to be your undoing. The key to survival is preparing yourself well ahead of time. Use these expert tips to go into your next performance review confident and ready.

Try to stay objective. Ask yourself why you're expecting a bad review. "Often, perfectionists and high achievers are more critical of their own work than their managers are, which sets them up to be unnecessarily stressed and anxious about the conversation," says Jared Simmons of Outlast Consulting. He recommends asking peers for feedback beforehand to see if they've noticed any behaviors worthy of a poor evaluation.

Stick to the facts. During the discussion, try to keep the



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conversation as fact-based as possible on both sides, Simmons says. If your boss brings up the subject of poor performance, ask for specific situations when he or she observed such behavior. If you disagree with your boss's assessment, have examples ready to show why.

Own your mistakes. If you know you performed poorly, avoid making excuses or

denying it, says Nancy Cattle, a consultant and career coach with 30 years of experience. Instead, try to explain, which will show that you are self-aware and know what it takes to move forward. "The manager wants you to see why the work was poor and wants to hear that you are committed to improve," Cattle says.

Have a plan. "The single most important tool you can

bring (to a review) is a plan for improvement," says Erica McCurdy, a certified business coach and managing member of McCurdy Life Coach. If you know you made mistakes or were less productive than normal during the evaluation period, come armed with solutions to help you do better. "This shows that you recognize that there are issues and are actively working to make positive changes."

Ask for regular feedback. Make performance part of an ongoing dialogue with your manager. Start having regular check-ins that are independent of the formal review. "That way, there are no surprises, and you can get the feedback you need to demonstrate improvement before the manager has to begin the formal review process," Simmons says. Not only will that ensure a better review the next time around, it will establish trust and build a stronger relationship with your boss overall.

Don't take it personally. Remember that nobody is perfect. "We all have items that we need to work on, so don't take it personally when yours surface during a review," says Mike Solow, CEO of Idea Harvest, which helps entrepreneurs build their businesses. Instead of viewing a bad evaluation as a setback, look at it as an opportunity to regroup and start fresh. "Own your mistakes and opportunities to improve just as you would own your victories. Then focus on how to improve," he says.

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ACROSS

1 Another name for Jesus
9 Utterly failed
15 Abounds
20 Flatfish
21 Sall with element #53
22 Dot in the drink
23 French president who never wore color-coordinated clothes?
25 Being tried in law
26 Ship wood
27 Not on a single line
28 Advanced
30 Wheat
31 Director Van Sant
33 Caught a three-time Best Actor red-handed?
38 Purplish red
42 Ana, usually
43 Analyzes, as syntax
44 Frequent co-star of Humphrey Bogart who was fantastic?
47 Gospel group
49 Musk of Tesla Motors
50 Slippery
51 "Eureka!"
52 Phil of folk
56 Enumerates
58 Campaign
59 "Die Hard" star dicing vegetables?
63 Avenues: Abbr.
64 Exude slowly
66 Pure delight
67 Tie together
68 Issued an alert to a knighted composer of musicals?
73 Evening
75 Hankarings
76 Italian for "it"
77 Little devil
80 Reclusive
82 "Bonanza" star?
83 Tolkien
84 Put on hold
86 Last name of Buffalo Bill
87 Consents to
88 Try to cure
90 Boy, in Baja
91 Weight unit
94 Legendary hockey player who's a native New Zealander?
97 Harmonize
100 Pal of Spot or Rover
101 Consulate
102 Promote the growth of the star of "The Last King of Scotland"?
107 Gp. that lobbies
108 Comic Buzz
109 Unway of "Network"
110 Class book
112 That woman
115 Wading bird
117 1954
118 Literature Nobel
119 Underscore
124 Salt plant
125 Revere
126 Talked up
127 Scraped
128 Fed eagerly
1 "Behold!" to Cicero
2 It needs
3 Sir's counterpart
4 "Six-pack" on a bodybuilder
5 "Really not"
6 Forks, e.g.
7 To be, to
8 Proust
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9 With 120-
Down,
Wrigley's gum brand
10 Mauna —
11 U. URL and
12 "I'm on it"
13 Plan in park
14 Pop singer — Marie
15 — Maria
16 She played the mom on "Good Times"
17 Arm joints
18 Nasty sort
19 Underscore
24 Bit of history
29 Bin of errands
31 Belgian city
32 N.A. nation
34 Author
35 IM guffaw
36 Em preceder
37 Chou En —
38 Coal and oil
39 Dark
40 Danger when landing a plane
41 Flamingo
45 Gave succor
46 IV amounts
47 Comrade of Fidel
48 Laugh half
51 Not up yet
52 Eurcladales
54 Sound from a souse
55 Seattle-oo- Reno dir.
57 More achy
59 Carbon copy
60 190s on the road
61 Fly traps
62 On the outs (with)
65 Blood type, for short
66 Hidden valley
69 "Hello, hello?"
70 Caustic cleansers
71 "— to do it all over again ..."
72 Musical run with four sharps
73 Utah's capital, for short
74 Hugs on cards
76 Café lists
79 Official substitute
81 Flier of myth
82 Scratch (out)
83 Former Babin Bobby
85 Seminal '40s computer
88 Received
89 Enticing
92 French for "a"
93 Brand of spony balls
94 Sch. in Cambridge
95 Org. on a toothpaste box
96 Dubya's dog.
97 From the top
98 Stumper (Var.)
99 High-heel feature
100 Nasty sorts
103 Desert rarity
104 Spotted scavenger
105 Afr. republic
106 Christopher of films
111 Comic book mutants
112 Pirates' loot
113 Not like a bid
114 Gazed at
116 Film director
118 Drink slowly
119 Cain's mom
120 Sea 9-Down
121 Con opener?
122 Dog's threat

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Car Report

So Far, So Good: Americans Buy New Chrysler Pacifica As They Embrace “Dad Brand” Campaign That Hits the Mark



By Dale Buss

If Olivier Francois weren't so good at deciphering American pop culture even though he's a Frenchman working for an Italian company, Fiat Chrysler, Louis C.K. may have been flacking the new Pacifica minivan instead of fellow comic Jim Gaffigan. And that wouldn't have been a good thing.

Instead of Gaffigan and his wholesome reputation highlighting some of the 100-plus new features in the crucial Chrysler people mover -- with his actual wife and five children as good-natured sidekicks to his family-centered humor -- Francois considered other comics to become the “Pacifica

dad.” C.K. is “another guy I really loved” after Francois auditioned a series of comedians via their videos on YouTube to select a spokesman for the model, the FCA chief marketing officer told me.

But after watching one or two of the Pacifica commercials starring Gaffigan and his brood, it's easy to see that Francois made the right choice. Gaffigan cleverly advances his “Dad Brand” in the ads that show him taking advantage of Pacifica offerings such as self-parking and HD video screens for the kids.

Yet Gaffigan wears his ego on his heart, and there are no hard edges to the man who rose to B-list fame with routines about Hot Pockets and with a persona as “the clean comic,” before his career took off recently with his own sitcom on TV Land and a star turn as Colonel Sanders in the KFC ads.

Jim Gaffigan doing standup.

With Louis C.K., who similarly starred in an eponymous show, Louie on FX, viewers of Pacifica commercials would have been distracted by trying to figure out why FCA hired the ribald and often raunchy standup artist to pitch a minivan to them, and by wondering whether they were going to witness a C.K. putdown of the soccer moms who legendarily drive the vehicles that created this segment.

“I wasn't really familiar” with Gaffigan in the beginning, Francois said. But after his YouTube viewing binge, “I said, ‘Gaffigan is my man.’”

“And that was before I realized he happened to be the father of five kids, all of whom are young, from three to 12 years old, which is typical of minivan buyers. He and his wife are partners in life and in business, and if you count them that's seven seats. They have to have a minivan even if they don't buy mine.”

Of course, it's not the first time Francois's reading of the American zeitgeist has paid dividends for FCA and its brands. It was his idea, for example, to feature in the now-iconic “Born of Fire” ad by Chrysler during the Super Bowl in 2011; and Bob Dylan appeared in one of the company's subsequent Big Game ads.

Francois also blessed the idea of using an old recording of legendary radio man Paul Harvey in yet another successful Super Bowl ad, “The Farmer,” for Ram trucks, and he nodded to harnessing the zany comedic talents of Will Ferrell in



The all-new Chrysler Pacifica minivan.

a series of ads for a new version of the Dodge Durango a couple of years ago.

But marketing Pacifica posed a unique challenge. “Americans have a lot of temptations these days when it comes to vehicles with three rows,” Francois observed. “And we realized that we were not going to sell our new minivan based just on emotions or on timeless truths about families. We were going to win the pitch based on features. We needed a twist and to be engaging, as well as credible and relevant.”

So Francois concluded that FCA needed to “be real, using real live language, real families, and a real dad or mom -- but maybe a dad, because he would be more intriguing by challenging the old paradigm of the soccer mom and the minivan.”

When FCA's agency suggested recruiting Gaffigan for the role, Francois “wasn't really familiar with him.” But then the CMO did his YouTube homework and came away believing that “there's nothing more real than the Gaffigan family.”

In fact, Gaffigan offered up the idea of using his own family in the commercials “before we even had to ask,” Francois said.

Authenticity would be crucial to positioning Pacifica as a new kind of minivan that should be considered even by those who otherwise would be inclined to turn up their noses at the entire segment.

It was important for Francois to have a wide variety of winning moments from Gaffigan in part, he said, because FCA has been flooding the airwaves with ads for the model. “This is a really important launch,” the CMO said.

So far, so good: Pacifica notched 7,200 sales in June, beating out the Town & Country model that it soon will replace.

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SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said City and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said City for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, for so long as said Commission or its successors has the authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said City. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said City, acting by its City Council, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said City.

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SECTION 10. SALE, ASSIGNMENT, AND TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE. Grantee shall not sell, assign, sublet, or transfer this Franchise without the written consent of the City, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 11. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 23, 1986 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CITY OF SOUTH LYON, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the later of ten (10) days after adoption or upon publication thereof, provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty (30) days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the City Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said City and said Grantee.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the City Council of the CITY OF SOUTH LYON, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 11th day of July, 2016.

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