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Township honors public safety heroes

Officials recognize tops in police, fire departments

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Northville Township officials May 14 recognized those who protect the community, but behind the stories of heroism, lifesaving and persistent detective work was a simple concept: caring.

That's how Todd Mutchler, the township's public safety director, summed up the motivation of police and fire de-

partment employees, whom he said are "at our best in the service of others."

The public safety Recognition of Excellence ceremony at the Northville High School auditorium was the township's first combined awards program for the police and fire departments and attended by police officers and firefighters, their family members and local elected officials.

"Within each of our stories lies a common bond: I care," said Mutchler,

who took over as public safety director in December 2016 upon the retirement of John Werth.

"We embrace the responsibility of ensuring a safe community in an otherwise unsafe world," Mutchler added.

Mutchler, Fire Chief Brent Siegel and police Lts. Paul Tennies and Mike Burrough presented dozens of awards during the ceremony, to police officers who broke major cases, paramedics, officers and dispatchers who helped save lives

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Officer Jonathan Huerta, a detective, is Northville Township's police officer of the year. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Behind the curtain



Chuck Alkazian talks history of music at Pearl Sound. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton recording studio features A-list clientele

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If the steely gray two-story structure that sits near the Canton Township intersection of Ford and Beck roads was any more discreet, it would be invisible to the 40,000-plus motorists who cruise past it daily.

A former truck-repair facility that

persevered through Canton's pre-strip mall/fast food restaurant days, the cinder block building's exterior features are plain and simple, assuring that it attracts far fewer glances than the fancy-in-comparison farm market located directly across the street.

But there's a method to the madness of Pearl Sound Studios — at least on the inside.

A magical space

If the building's interior walls could talk, they'd probably sing, because the space they envelope is a legendary breeding ground for musical magic.

Once invited visitors cross the threshold through the royal blue front door, they join a star-studded guest

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Oakland County leader in state for affluence

New study puts it near top of nation's counties

Bill Laitner
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

A new nationwide ranking of family income, education level and other factors not only shows Oakland County sharing company with the nation's 20 most affluent counties.

It also gives fresh evidence that Oakland far outstrips all other counties in Michigan, notwithstanding abundant signs of local economies rebounding elsewhere in southeast Michigan, according to a new analysis done for the Free Press by University of Michigan economists.

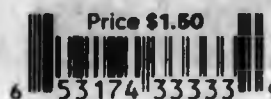
The ranking puts Oakland's current affluence and its "prospects for future prosperity" at 19th overall among the nation's 109 largest counties — those with 600,000 or more residents.

Oakland received a high rating in part because of its high median family income, pegged at more than \$96,000 a year, after U-M experts adjusted it for local cost of living. That was done so as to compare it — apples to apples — with other counties on both U.S. coasts, where housing and other costs are much higher. Oakland's family in-

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Heroes

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and employees of varying job titles who took on extra duties, furthered their education and improved strategies for responding to medical emergencies or active threats.

Officer Jonathan Huerta, a detective, was honored as police officer of the year.

A 17-year department veteran, Huerta has received more than 700 hours of specialized training in obtaining data from cellular phones, laptops and other computer devices suspected to have

been used in crimes. He is the department's go-to guy when it comes to computer forensics, using those skills to investigate crimes like child pornography and online threats to schools.

He is also a member of the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which stems from a broader program run by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"I'm very honored. It's quite unexpected," Huerta said of the award. He was also presented with a police unit citation and two commendations.

What keeps Huerta motivated on the job?

"Just trying to do the best I can to

leave this department better than I found it," he said.

Fire Department Capt. Chris Madzik was named firefighter of the year and also won a lifesaving award.

Madzik has a commitment to continuing education, is a member of Wayne County's hazardous materials response team and regularly accepts extra duties, Siegel said.

Madzik said later that the award could've easily gone to any of the department's other firefighters. "We all take on a lot of different tasks," he said.

A 23-year department veteran, 20 of that as a full-timer, Madzik says he's motivated by being part of team.

"It sounds corny, but it's the other guys," he said. "I love the guys I work with."

The other honors handed out during the ceremony included:

Civilian employee of the year: William Barent, a lieutenant in the police reserves and a township code enforcement officer.

Police department

Lifesaving award: Officers Patrick Reinke, Justin Norlock, Christopher Rowley, Tyler Schmittou and Christopher Bachand; Sabatino Ciavaglia, a reserve officer; and clerk/dispatchers Keith Bingham, Jennifer Garcia and Steve Przybyla.

Unit citation: Officers Rowley, Reinke, Norlock, Bachand, Schmittou, Benjamin Sellenraad (two), Christopher Schwarzenberger, Jonathan Cozzi III and Daniel MacArthur; Sgts. Christopher Cox and David Roberts; and clerk/dispatchers Garcia and Laura Samkowiak.

Commendation: Officers Sellenraad, Reinke, MacArthur (three), Rowley, Douglas Scoggins, Caroline Czelada and Joshua Pike; Sgt. Daniel Jones; and clerk/dispatcher Samkowiak.

Departmental citation: Officers Reinke and MacArthur; Sgt. Roberts; and Elizabeth McCormick, communications system coordinator.

Certificate of merit: Officers Rowley and Bachand and clerk/dispatcher Samkowiak.

Community service: Sgts. Cox and Jones; Brian Spitzbergen, the communications director at Growth Works; and Officer Czelada.

Fire department

Meritorious service: Firefighters Michael Mandziuk, Kyle Susewitz, Jeffrey Darby, David DeSloover, Kyle Lewis, Michael Obermiller, Jeffrey Sims and William Caruso and Battalion Chief Christopher Koth.

Departmental citation: Firefighters Sims, Lewis, Darby (two), DeSloover, Susewitz, Arthur Spolsky, Hugh Jordan, David Micallef, Steve Leach (two) and Jason Raschke (two); Fire Marshal Tom Hughes; Capt. Phil Sutherland; Lts. Adam Burton (two) and Brent Muller; and Battalion Chief Brad Neuhart.

Lifesaving: Firefighters DeSloover (two), Darby (two), Leach, Raschke, Lewis, Jordan, Spolsky, Finley Molina, Greg Ryan and Robert McAllister; Lts. Burton and Muller; and Battalion Chief Brian Siriani.

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Northville Township's finest and bravest gather to honor the work of the police and fire departments. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Firefighter of the year Capt. Christopher Madzik and 8-year-old son Reed, after the ceremony. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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City of Novi
Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **June 12, 2018 at 7:00PM** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ18-0019 (Signature Remodeling, LLC) 905 South Lake Drive, East of West Park Drive and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel # 50-22-03-451-014. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a total side yard aggregate of 17 feet 10 inches setback for a proposed 11 feet, 8 inches and 6 feet 2 inch side yards, 25 feet minimum total allowed by code, a rear yard reduction of 14 feet for a proposed 21 foot setback, 35 feet minimum allowed by code, a lot coverage increase to 27%, 25% allowed by code. Section 4.19 a proposed garage square footage of 966 square foot, 850 square allowed by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ18-0021 (Scott Leibovits) 25125 Regency Dr, West of Haggerty Road and North of Grand River Avenue, Parcel # 50-22-24-278-020. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 4.19.2 to install an accessory structure in the side yard, accessory structures are required to be located in the rear yard by code. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

PZ18-0022 (Scott A. Lang) 25565 Clark Ave, West of Novi Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel # 50-22-22-201-016. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 4.19(e), 1 for a 573 square foot variance to build a 1423 square foot structure. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ18-0024 (Aver Sign) 45501 Twelve Mile Rd, East of Beck Road and South of Twelve Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-16-226-019. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Sections 28-5(a) for one additional sign, 28-5b 2a for additional square footage and 28-7(b)2 for an oversized driveway sign, one 250 square foot sign allowed by code. This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

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Gunman in 2017 home invasion sent to prison

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Deamo L. Lately, who last month pleaded guilty to three felony charges in connection with a violent 2017 home invasion in Northville Township, was sentenced May 15 to a maximum of 39½ years in prison.

In Wayne County Circuit Judge Wanda Evans sentenced Lately to between 270 months and 450 months in prison for armed robbery, plus an identical sentence for home invasion, plus an additional two years for using a gun during a felony, according to court records. The armed robbery and home invasion sentences are concurrent, but the felony firearms sentence is consecutive, meaning Lately could spend up to 474

months, or 39½ years, in prison.

Lately pleaded guilty April 30, the day his trial was scheduled to begin, to one count of armed robbery, one count of first-degree home invasion and one count of using a gun during a felony. In return, 15 other charges, including carjacking, unlawful imprisonment and additional gun charges, were dismissed.

The judge also assessed Lately \$2,034 in fines and costs and gave him credit for 218 days served in jail since his arrest.

Lately was arrested in October in connection with a home invasion and robbery that occurred in area of Five Mile and Bradner during the early morning hours of April 30, 2017.

One victim, Candace Holiday, testified in November, during Lately's preliminary examination, that she returned



Lately

from a night of club-hopping to find two gunmen at her home, one of whom fired a rifle. She identified the man who fired the shot as Lately.

Holiday testified that she found her boyfriend, who had not accompanied her to the clubs, being forced by a second man with a gun to lie on a bedroom floor. Lately, the woman said, stripped off her clothes and forced her into a closet, which was barricaded with furniture. Her boyfriend, she said, called police after the gunmen left.

No one was injured during the incident, but shoes, purses, cash, a Rolex watch and two vehicles, a Chevrolet Corvette and Lexus RX 350, were among the things reported stolen. The Corvette

was later recovered.

Lately has a criminal record that includes guilty pleas to charges of larceny from a person and attempted receiving and concealing stolen property.

At its police and fire awards presentation May 14, Northville Township honored three detectives involved in the Lately case, Jonathan Huerta, Daniel MacArthur and Patrick Reinke, for their work on it. Todd Mutchler, the township's public safety director, spoke about how the case against Lately was developed over several months.

Police have not made a second arrest in the case.

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Northville District Library is at 212 W. Cady Street. Call 248-348-5001 or go to northvillelibrary.org for more information.

Michigan War Dog Memorial

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 29
Details: This is a tribute to the hundreds of dogs who died in the line of service to this country from World War II and all the wars since. Register.

Hooray for LEGO Day

When: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 30
Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized superhero LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30 attendees. Register.

Music of the War Years

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 4
Details: Local historian Stu Johnson with an engaging presentation on music from girl singers of the big bands and songs closely associated with World War II, concluding with a tribute to the military and the ever-favorite "God Bless America."

Books & Brews Book Group

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 5
Details: Join us at The Wagon Wheel for a fun discussion of "Let's Pretend This Never Happened: A Mostly True Memoir," by Jenny Lawson. Books available at the library. For ages 21 and over.

Coloring for Grownups

When: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 6
Details: Explore creative relaxation. A variety of coloring pages and art supplies provided. No registration required, just drop in.

One-on-one tech help

When: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesday; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursday
Details: Free one-hour session with our Digital Services librarian to help you navigate our downloading services, help with email, Facebook, DropBox and more. Not for computer repair or configuration questions. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

ESL Conversation Group

When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday
Details: Join us for informal conversation to help improve your English.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings will re-open 1-4 p.m. each Sunday starting June 10. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 2:15-4:15 p.m. Friday, May 18; 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 2:15-4:15 p.m. Saturday, May 19; and 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday, May 26.

Grounds closed for private party: 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 8.

General info

Website:
www.millracenorthville.org

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

Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.

Donations: Archives donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Archives: The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

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"Responses were quick and she made all aspects easy to understand." DG

Studio

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list that includes everyone from Soundgarden to Pop Evil and Eminem — celebrities who appreciate the privacy Pearl Sound offers while craving the high-tech recording genius owners Chuck Alkazian and Patrick Harwood use to electrify their clients' work.

"Crazy energy happens here," Alkazian said, gesturing toward the studio in which several Grammy Award-winning albums have been produced and recorded, including Ted Nugent's infamous hunting anthem "Fred Bear."

"Most of the work we do here revolves around larger recording label artists, but we also like to bring in younger artists and, for lack of a better term, mentor them and offer them industry guidance. I think some of the younger bands are a little intimidated by this place because of its history. But once they are here, we do our best to make them feel cozy and right at home, engaging them in our historic process."

The studio has been an international major player in the music industry since the late '70s, when its original owner, Ben Grosse, purchased the inconspicuous building.

And that's where the history begins.

A unique sound

It's difficult for guests not to feel an aura of greatness once they step into the building's lobby, which features a classic Asteroids arcade game that's been played by Lord knows how many musical legends.

Less than 10 strides inside Pearl Sound rests the most significant room in the building: the live room, which features polished hardwood floors, a grand piano, drums and a series of strategically built walls that are non-parallel for acoustical reasons.

"The walls were designed so that they deflect and reflect acoustics in a special way," Alkazian said. "The sound waves do not bounce into one another in here, which is pretty cool. The acoustics are designed so that we can position any sound in any position we want in the room. The sonic precision in here is truly amazing."

"If the artist wants more or less ambience, we can adjust the positioning for that."



The interior of Pearl Sound Studios is much more appealing than its exterior.

When pressed to reel off a roster of famous artists whose music their iconic studio has helped fine-tune recently, Alkazian and Harwood revealed a diverse list of superstars, including Soundgarden (with the late Chris Cornell), Royce da 5'9" and classic rock legends Robert Plant and Jimmy Page.

"Chris Cornell ... God, what a sweetheart that guy was," Alkazian said, just barely above a whisper. "Artists come here because they want to raise their musical bar. With social media these days, there are a lot of ways you can make music yourself. But if you want it done right, most people engage in recording with us based on our experience and history."

"There's definitely a lot of magic and energy that you muster up to come to a recording facility like ours."

Plenty of visitors

While Alkazian and Harwood make the outside of their building as inconspicuous as possible, people still find out what goes on inside its 30-plus-year-old walls.

Maybe it's the top-end vehicles that are parked in the gravel parking lot that sits just east of the studio — or the occasional tour buses that squeeze between west-bound Ford Road traffic and the starting point of the Rouge River tributary a few yards north of the lot — that

let the proverbial cat out of the bag.

Or maybe it's the intangible buzz that is generated by the building's major musical landmark status.

"Not a day goes by that somebody doesn't start pounding on our front door, wanting to get in and see the place ... or to meet the people who are recording," Alkazian said, chuckling under his breath. "We've had people camping out in the woods, trying to get a peek at who's working there, trying to get an autograph or feel a part of the action."

"Thanks to a lot of help from the best law enforcement agency in Wayne County (the Canton Police Department) and to some pretty high-tech security, this place is as secure as it can be," Alkazian said. "I can be over the (Atlantic Ocean) or in L.A. and I can still see and interact with the inside of this place in real time."

"I understand the lure of the music business and the facilities thereof. People always want to interact with the unknown or famous artist. The clientele who come here to record are very nice when they are approached by polite fans."

Music in his blood

A native of Farmington Hills, Alkazian said music has been in his blood for as long as he can remember.

"I still have memories of going to a



The nondescript concrete block building on the northeast corner of Ford Road and Beck Road is a mystery to many. What's inside? BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

KISS concert at the Michigan Palace with my uncle when I was 4 or 5 years old," he said. "I remember all the second-hand smoke and laying in the back of an old Monte Carlo."

"I skipped my senior prom to work on one of my first major label records. I've always loved music — all genres of music."

Alkazian's multi-flavored musical tastes are reflected in the diverse number of albums he has produced and recorded over the years.

"I remember a Wings song playing as I was getting out of my mom's convertible in the driveway of our house, the sky was a greenish color, like it is just before a big storm hits, and all the trees were swaying from the wind," he said. "Every time I hear that song, it takes me right back."

"The power of music is truly a wonderful thing."

Working long hours in a nondescript building with a gravel parking lot isn't always glamorous, Alkazian admitted, but there's nothing else he'd rather be doing.

"The music business requires very thick skin and a ridiculous amount of work ethic," he said. "Having this space that draws such passionate people to this corner in Canton, Michigan, to help others experience their musical dream defines this special place."

And with that, he gently played a melody on the grand piano, sending beautiful notes bouncing magically off their studio's historic unparalleled walls.

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Oakland

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come figure was ranked 14th highest in the nation by the U-M experts.

Rated second for affluence in Michigan is Kent County, which surrounds Grand Rapids. Kent earns a ranking of No. 61 when U-M compares it with other large counties nationwide.

Rated third for affluence in Michigan is Macomb County, with an adjusted median family income at just more than \$75,000 a year, giving Macomb a nationwide ranking of 74th for overall affluence.

And despite the much-publicized employment gains in Detroit, Wayne County came in fourth in Michigan — last among all big Michigan counties — for overall affluence, with a median family income just more than \$59,000. That, when combined with other factors, gives Wayne a nationwide ranking of 103rd, which puts Wayne in a tie with Fresno County, Calif.

The Free Press discussed Oakland's new ranking, well atop Michigan's other counties and dozens of others nationwide, May 17 with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, moments after Patterson addressed a crowd of 200 employees and company officials at a research and development center



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (second from left) and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson join dignitaries May 17 in Auburn Hills. BILL LAITNER | DETROIT FREE PRESS

opened by Toronto-based auto supplier Martinrea International in Auburn Hills. Also present were Gov. Rick Snyder, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and Auburn Hills Mayor Kevin McDaniel. Patterson later helped cut a ribbon.

After Snyder handed company officials a framed proclamation from the state, Patterson drew laughs when he said: "I, too, have a plaque, and mine is bigger than yours, governor!"

He welcomed the 156 employees who work at the gleaming new R&D facility. "We create about 30 percent of all the new jobs in Michigan and we're going to continue to do that," he said.

Some workers moved there from the company's former site in Troy, so the new site actually added about 60 new jobs to Michigan, officials said. Nonetheless, those are high-paying, high-tech jobs for the most part, which enabled the company to obtain significant government incentives.

The building project was supported by a \$420,000 "performance-based grant" from the state of Michigan and an eight-year property tax abatement valued at \$852,000 from the city of Auburn Hills, a company spokeswoman said in a statement.

Patterson told the crowd that al-

though Oakland County was still rebuilding its job base from the losses in the Great Recession of 2008-12, the new facility and its potential for expansion adds momentum to Oakland's soaring job market. Less than two years ago, the site of the new facility — overlooking I-75 and roughly halfway between Pontiac and the Oakland University campus — was vacant property, formerly occupied by a defunct Showcase Cinema movie complex.

The new U-M rankings of counties nationwide was more proof that Oakland County is Michigan's economic driver, Patterson said after the speeches.

"I'm glad that came from U-M. Nobody can accuse me of fudging the numbers," he said. The experts' analysis is fresh proof that Oakland County does not need Detroit to be successful, Patterson added.

"I've always said, much to the chagrin of our neighbors to the south (in Detroit and Wayne County), we are a stand-alone economy," he said. "People used to say, as Detroit goes, so goes Michigan. I think that was true 40 or 50 years ago. It's just not true anymore and hasn't been for some time."

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Washington, D.C., trip helps students learn about sacrifices



Super Talk
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More than 300 Novi Middle School eighth-grade students and a brave band of chaperones had just spent a rather sleepless night on buses traveling from Novi to Washington, D.C. Arriving just as the sun was rising, the group stopped for a quick breakfast and then returned to the buses to begin a full day of sight-seeing in and around the nation's capital.

The first stop for my bus was Arlington National Cemetery.

As we pulled into the parking lot, I began to wonder if this was a good idea. Taking 40 eighth-graders any place together is always kind of a risk. Taking them when they are tired and restless to

a sacred and historical place seemed especially problematic.

While Novi Middle School has great kids, 13-year-olds are still finding their way. Would they, I wondered, recognize the importance of Arlington National Cemetery?

I should not have worried.

The power of Arlington National Cemetery makes an impression even on eighth-grade boys and girls. The students seemed to understand that this place is special.

Arlington National Cemetery is an amazing and humbling place. Upon entering, all one can see are thousands of marble headstones. Each headstone represents a life lost, a life given in the service of our country.

Our guides led us through the cemetery. The John F. Kennedy gravesite. A view of Arlington House, where Robert E. Lee lived. The tomb of the Unknown

Soldier. Plus thousands more graves, each honoring a life.

As we walked through the cemetery, the students continually turned their heads to see the vast rolling hills covered with marble headstones. They snapped pictures, talked in hushed tones.

Arlington National Cemetery honors those who sacrificed for us. Each headstone represents a man or a woman we do not know who, through his or her life, created a foundation that allows us to build our lives.

Memorial Day is once again upon us. Most of us will be busy. We will work in the yard and relax. Perhaps we will take a walk or ride a bike.

Monday, May 28, many of us will have the opportunity to sleep in. Some of us will participate in or watch our Novi Memorial Day Parade.

Amidst this long weekend, it would

be appropriate for us to take time to remember those who sacrificed for this nation and for us.

Chaperoning our eighth-grade students as they visit Washington, D.C., gives me faith that our country will continue to be strong. These eighth-grade students may not completely understand what those marble headstones represent and the sacrifices made, but those eighth-grade students do understand that Arlington National Cemetery represents something special. These students are learning about the sacrifices that built our country.

That is a lesson well worth learning.

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Friends of the Rouge relocating to Plymouth

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In a few months, speaking in hushed tones will no longer be a requirement in Plymouth's former Central Middle School library.

On Sept. 1, the century-old book-holding sanctuary in the current Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will officially become the new home of Friends of the Rouge, an organization that encourages everyone within its 48-community coverage area to speak loud and clear about protecting the environment.

Perfect fit

The convergence of the two nonprofits — the PARC is a 501(c)3 organization, as is its newest tenant — is a match made in heaven, er, Plymouth for lessor and lessee.

"Our current location (on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus) is nice, with a beautiful wooded area nearby, but we have outgrown the office," Friends of the Rouge executive director Marie McCormick said. "Due to our growth, we have more staff than desks."

Once the decision was made to relocate to a more spacious headquarters, the Friends of the Rouge staff checked out 15 potential sites, all within the the Rouge River Watershed's 467 square miles.

"After comparing all the locations, we narrowed it down to three finalists and finally decided on the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex," McCormick said. "Our new office on the second floor is 2,760 square feet, which means we will be increasing our space by 1,300 square feet."

"Additionally, we will have a conference room, a copy room, a lab and a break room — none of which we have at our current location. We fit right in with the PARC's mission, too, which focuses on enhancing education, arts and recreation."

The PARC and the Friends of the Rouge agreed on a five-year lease that kicks in Sept. 1, adding another level of diversity to the downtown Plymouth landmark, which already houses 28 tenants that range from the Z Spot Fitness Studio to the Main Street Opera Theatre.

"I'd say we're a little ahead of where we thought we'd be at this point," PARC executive director Gail Grieger said, when asked about the facility's number of tenants. "Organizations love our downtown Plymouth location, where they're just a short walk from several shops and restaurants. Plus, we're relatively close to both Ann Arbor and Detroit and we have a lot of parking."

"Another nice thing about the PARC is that our tenants work collaboratively with one another, because they share a lot of the same visions. It's really a neat place to work with all of the different organizations. There's a lot of energy in this place on a daily basis."



With all new windows, this is how the front of PARC would look after a massive renovation project. PARC



The former Central Middle School library is being remodeled in anticipation of the Friends of the Rouge's arrival Sept. 1.

Grieger said the PARC still has a few vacant rooms to rent on the second floor and that she receives calls on a weekly basis from organizations showing interest in jumping on board the successful model as it's grown.

"We've gotten calls from people as far away as Toronto and Cleveland, wanting to find out how we've been able to do this," Grieger said. "I think the key is, we don't run the organizations that move in, they run themselves."

Grieger said the organizations are responsible for their own renovations to the rooms they rent.

Room to grow

This year's move will allow the FOTR to spread its wings and the services it can provide to the residents of its 48 communities, McCormick said.

"This space will allow Friends of the Rouge to further develop our programs, making a greater impact on the environment and on the quality of life for our community," she said. "We hope to hire additional employees once we move to our new space."

FOTR was founded in 1986 to raise awareness about the need to clean up the Rouge River in southeast Michigan, according to its website, which states, "We envision a future where a clean and vibrant Rouge River is the center of our community. Individual and community actions protect and improve the health of the Rouge River, assuring that its natural, economic and recreational value enhances the quality of life in the Rouge River ecosystem."



Dave Comiskey (left) and John Weak pull debris from the river during a 2015 Friends of the Rouge clean up. FILE PHOTO

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Student exhibit at Art House

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will present the work of students from Northville Public Schools who participated in this year's National PTA Reflections program. Each year, the national PTA offers local, regional, state and national opportunities for young artists to be recognized for their creativity based on a specific theme in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and the visual arts.

The National PTA Reflections exhibition runs through Friday, May 25. A free public reception will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

United Methodist rummage sale

The Milford United Methodist Women are holding their annual rummage sale at 1200 Atlantic Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 24-25, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 26. Funds raised support many local and worldwide missions.

Memorial Day Parade

Novi Youth Assistance invites all children ages 6-12 years to join the Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28. Children can decorate trikes, bikes, scooters, wagons, strollers to ride in the parade. Riders meet at the parking lot of Huntington Bank, 43200 10 Mile Road.

Decorate your wheeled vehicles at home or get assistance and free supplies in the assembly area. Bike riders are required to wear a helmet and be escorted by a parent or designated guardian during the parade.

Tollgate Farm spring classes

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi will host spring classes for gardeners of all levels. Regional experts will be in the Conference Center to help solve problems in the garden. The schedule includes:

■ Thursday, May 31 — Farm manager Roy Prentice offers a glimpse into the history of Tollgate Farm

■ Thursday, June 14 — Mary Gerstenberger leads a class on water

Advance registration is required and space is limited. The cost of each class is just \$20 and supports further adult education programming at Tollgate Farm. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/events/evenings-in-the-garden>.

VFAA exhibits at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, will exhibit its member artwork in the library community room, 330 Family Drive. The winners of the 26th annual Poetry Art Night competition will be on display throughout the month of May. PAN is a juried show in which artwork submitted for consideration is accompanied by a poem that is the inspiration for, or was inspired by the piece.

The first-place art award went to Linda Pelowski for her pastel "Autumn Day." The first place in poetry went to Geri Ryan-Harden for her poem "Two," which accompanied her mixed media collage "Down by the Tracks." First place in the humorous poetry category was bestowed on Nancy Ebert for "Circus Train," which narrates her oil painting of the same name.

The VFAA also has a rotating exhibit of its member artwork in the library community room. The current exhibit features the artwork of Cindy Rashid. Her artwork will be displayed until the end of May, after which another artist will have a turn. Artists interested in participating should contact Linda Onderko of the VFAA at 248-842-6789.

Beginning the first week in June, the exhibit will feature artwork by Mary Bajcz. She uses fabric as her medium and is well-known for her beautiful quilts, as well as her beautiful handbags and other works.

Both exhibits will be open during regular library hours, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

Centennial Farm sale

The Centennial Farm co-op will host its annual garage sale Thursday through Saturday, May 31 and June 1-2, with its book and bake sale running Thursday and Friday. Hours all three days are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Centennial Farm is located at 10 Mile and Rushton roads in Green Oak Township.

Community Sharing golf outing

A charity golf outing to benefit Community Sharing is scheduled for Friday, June 1, at Dunham Hills Golf Club, 13561 Dunham Drive, in Hartland. All proceeds benefit Community Sharing, a nonprofit 501(c)3 outreach center located in Highland that serves those in need within the Huron Valley School District.

The cost is \$100 per player for 18 holes of golf (scramble format) with cart and also includes a continental breakfast, with a luncheon following. Registration begins at 8:04 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 9:29 a.m. Some additional features include cash prizes, raffles, auction items, a "chuck-a-putt" game and individual contests (longest drive and closest to the pin).

Participants may register as an individual or as a team. Register online at www.community-sharing.org. To be a sponsor or for additional information, contact Community Sharing at 248-889-0347 or email info@community-sharing.org.

Spring plant sale

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi will hold a spring plant sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 2. Wander through rows of healthy, beautiful plants grown exclusively for Tollgate and get expert help from MSU Extension master gardeners. Cash, check, MasterCard or Visa will be accepted.

Health lecture at Milford library

Providence Park Hospital in Novi will present a lecture titled "Exercise — Cheap and Easy," 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the Milford Public Library, 30 Family Drive. Attendees will learn about ways to fit exercise and physical activity into their daily life, including some easy exercises to safely do at home.

Presenter is Michael J Slesinski, D.O. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

NPS schools of choice

The Northville Public Schools district is accepting schools of choice applications under Section 105 and 105(c) of the Michigan School Aid Act for the 2018-19 school year. The availability is limited to five openings in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Northville High School. This application process is limited to incoming juniors who are applying for the full IB Diploma Program. Applications will be accepted through 4 p.m. June 8.

The application is available through the Office of Human Resources. Completed applications, including all forms and recommendations, must be mailed or hand delivered to the Northville Public Schools Human Resources Department, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, by 4 p.m. June 8. The district is unable to accept electronic applications.

Send-off for NHS teacher Pryce

Mary Kay Pryce has taught in the Northville Public Schools district for 40 years. She came for the 1977-78 academic year and found her home at the high school in 1982. A celebration of her career is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Saturday June 9, in the NHS auditorium. She encourages current and former students as well as colleagues and friends to join her for an evening of music and memories. Current and former BackBeat members can contact Ken Slesloff at kslesloff@gmail.com or 248-719-4002. Likewise, interested TrebleMakers can contact Beth Patterson at egpatterson@yahoo.com.

For more information, email MKP retirement@gmail.com or Beth Richert at richerbe@northvilleschools.org.

K. of C. golf outing

The Knights of Columbus Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 will sponsor its 34th annual Frank A. Urban charity golf outing Saturday, June 23. The event is a four-person scramble at Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road. Registration is at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$95 per player, including 18 holes of golf (with cart), lunch at the turn, goodie bag for each player and a dinner following the competition. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the competition.

Register by June 13. Contact Andy Kudwa, golf outing chairman, at 734-709-3349 or email andykudwa@gmail.com.

Historic tour of Salem

The Salem Area Historical Society will be conducting a tour of historic structures in Salem Township beginning 11 a.m. Thursday, June 14. The tour will start from the South Salem Stone School, at the northeast corner of Curtis and North Territorial roads. Particip-

pants will car pool from there to various historic structures in Salem. Stops will include houses, schools, churches and businesses.

The last stop on the tour will be at Salem's historic Karl's Cabin (Rusceak's Rustic Tavern), where those that are interested can have lunch. For more information, go to www.SAHShistory.org. If you want to see and learn some history about Salem Township, send an email request to Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

Dinner to benefit Wismer

The Knights of Columbus Council 7444 of Milford will host a benefit dinner to help Ryan Wismer go to college at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at St. Mary's Hall, 1955 E. Commerce Road, in Milford. Wismer, a senior at Lakeland High School, lost his mom when his parents were involved in a motorcycle accident last summer.

Tickets are \$30 and the menu includes salad, roast beef, roast pork, baked and mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. For tickets, call 248-714-5353 or visit Milford Pharmacy. Donations can be made via check to John Rogers, 3101 Sands Court, Milford, MI 48380. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #7444 with a note "Ryan's Dream."

Milford Garden Club events

The Milford Garden Club will hold its 23rd annual garden walk and market sale 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, rain or shine. Featured on this year's walk will be many unique and diverse residential gardens in Milford and the surrounding areas.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10 beginning in May at www.themilfordgardenclub.org. Tickets may also be purchased at one of the following downtown Milford locations: Clothing Cove, Acorn Farms, Blossoms on Main Street, Milford Gardens on South Milford Road or The Pond Place in Highland.

Proceeds will benefit scholarships to local high school seniors. For more information, email Janie Cryderman at www.themilfordgardenclub.org.

'Northern Aggression' at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville will present "Northern Aggression" by Michigan playwright Joseph Zettelmaier through Sunday, June 24. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, with a special performance scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 30.

Tickets are \$30 to \$46. Seniors (ages 62 or older) receive a \$2 discount off their ticket. Preview performances (May 17-18) are \$25 and include a talk back with director Matt Foss and producing artistic director James R. Kuhl.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003 or go to www.TippingPointTheatre.com. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances.

South Lyon H.S. reunion

The South Lyon High School Class of 1963 is having its 55th reunion Saturday, July 28, at the South Lyon Hotel, 201 N. Lafayette Street. Interested parties can call Barbara Cook at 248-349-5982.

Grow a row for Active Faith

Active Faith invites all gardeners to consider growing an extra row of crops this year to benefit the needy in the community. Anyone with an interest is also welcome to help maintain the garden that Active Faith has on site at its warehouse at 401 Washington Street in South Lyon. Watering plants daily during the summer months is the biggest need. Those interested can contact Emily at activefaithgarden@yahoo.com or call Active Faith at 248-437-9790.

Any fresh produce donation is welcome and can be dropped off to Active Faith from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Milford Community Garden

Plots are available for the 2018 growing season at the Growing Greens Milford Community Garden. A 15-by-15-foot plot is \$35; a slightly larger plot is \$40. There is a one-time, per plot, cleanup deposit fee of \$20. For more information, go to www.growinggreensmilford.org or email info@growinggreensmilford.org.

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Detroit Catholic Central hosts commencement

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Tradition took center stage at Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor as Detroit Catholic Central held its 90th commencement.

Robert Rosowski, a 1958 DCC graduate, gave the address to 250 Catholic Central graduates. Michael Nunu gave the valedictory address. Nunu, the recipient of eight scholarships, also received the Rev. Daniel J. Dillion, CSB Award for Academic Excellence and the Rev. Richard A. Ranalletti, CSB Award for Outstanding Christian Character. Rory Cox received the Rev. James H. Whelan, CSB Scholar-Athlete Award.

DCC grads received 101 academic scholarships, while 25 athletic scholarships were awarded to the class of 2018.

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Awarding of diplomas at the 90th annual Detroit Catholic Central commencement held at Hill Auditorium. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Michael Nunu gives the valedictory address during the 90th Annual Detroit Catholic Central commencement held at Hill Auditorium Sunday, May 20, 2018. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

B2 offers good deals, helps youth groups

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B2 Outlet Stores, a retailer that donates at least 51 percent of its profits to youth organizations, has chosen Canton for its first location in metro Detroit.

Store officials say business has been steady since B2, short for Benefit Twice Outlet Stores, made its debut on the east side of the state April 26 at the Centre Village shopping center, southwest of Ford and Canton Center roads.

One recent sunny afternoon, Kathleen Kunkle used her lunch break from Westbrook Salon in Canton to stop by B2 and browse the women's clothing section. She quickly found a multi-colored skirt she said she could wear with most any top.

"They've got some great deals here," Kunkle said, adding that she "absolutely" would come back.

Jonathan Norder, B2's director of marketing, explained the Benefit Twice concept. It benefits customers with discounted prices on new, overstocked, name-brand merchandise. And it benefits youth organizations, which can earn money two ways.

Under the Shop2Give option, the groups can steer customers to the B2 store using fliers, Facebook posts, email blasts, church announcements and websites. They earn 10 percent of the money those customers spend during a four-day period.

Customers need only to bring in a flier or documentation of the youth effort.

Under the Prepared 2 Serve option, youth organizations can arrange to have volunteers work at the B2 store and earn \$10 for every hour on the job as they bag merchandise for cashiers, hang clothes on racks and clean the store, among other duties. Youth groups also can set up an informational booth inside the store during the same four-day period.

Norder said youth groups may apply for the programs at <http://www.b2outlets.com>. He said youth organizations typically can earn \$600 to \$2,000 from the Shop2Give effort and up to \$1,600 from the volunteer option.



Store manager Angel Moran and assistant manager Brianna Youschuk stand near the women's clothing section. DARRELL CLEM



Customers line up at the counter. DARRELL CLEM

Norder said B2 also sells merchandise through an online auction at <http://www.bid-2-benefit-youth.com>,

where the company focuses on liquidating merchandise.

Canton's B2 stocks clothing, toys,

furniture, refrigerators, pet food, diapers, chocolates and other merchandise. The company is based in Zeeland and has nine stores in Michigan, mostly on the west side of the state. It also has stores in Tulare, Calif., and Shorewood, Ill.

A Christian organization, B2 was started by a former youth pastor, Duane Smith, and his son Matt. The aim is to have a successful business while helping youngsters and young adults become responsible and productive in their communities.

Canton store manager Angel Moran said initial steps already have been taken for B2 to work with The B.L.O.C.K. youth center in Canton and a North-Ridge Church youth group.

The store's assistant manager, Brianna Youschuk, said that business has been good during the first few days. A line formed at the counter not long after her remarks.

"The customers are very friendly and super into the programs we have," Youschuk said, adding that B2 also is a good place to work. "We're not just employees. We are family."

Florence Bascom of Belleville is part of that family. Hanging clothes on a rack, she said she volunteers at the Canton store about eight hours a week after her pastor mentioned it to her.

Bascom said customers can buy two boxes of breakfast cereal for the price they would pay for one box at a regular grocery store.

"Everybody has said the prices are great," she said. "Everybody is looking for a bargain."

Norder said B2 has been in business just over four years. He said Canton seemed the right place to enter the metro Detroit market, because it is centrally located near other communities such as Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Plymouth.

"We felt like Canton was a good crossroads for metro Detroit," he said.

For more information, call the Canton store at 734-404-6451 or go to <http://www.b2outlets.com>.

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Bentivolio sues campaign rival for \$10M

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A former congressman who is running for a chance at getting his old job back is suing a rival for \$10 million, claiming the other candidate has defamed him by suggesting his military record is fake.

Through his lawyer, former U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, R-Milford, filed the civil suit in Oakland County Circuit Court last week, saying A. Rocky Raczowski has for years "engaged in a malicious defamation campaign ... telling multiple third parties that Bentivolio's military record is fraudulent and fake."

Both men are candidates for the Republican nomination in the 11th District

in Oakland and western Wayne counties. U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, is stepping down from the seat after two terms.

Bentivolio's lawyer, Raczowski commentator and author Debbie Schlusel, said she has statements from people documenting that Raczowski, a former state representative and retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, has made false claims about Bentivolio's record and several medals his military record shows he received. Bentivolio served in the U.S. Army and later in the National Guard.

Raczowski denied the accusation. But he said he has publicly questioned



Bentivolio

what he said were comments Bentivolio made to him in 2012 that the former congressman had received a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts for his service. "Yeah, I questioned that," Raczowski told the Free Press.

Schlusel said Bentivolio - who did receive a Vietnam Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars for his service in the army in the 1970s - never made those claims.

"Rocky is a liar," Schlusel said.

"I have brought it up lately because he demeaned my military service," Raczowski said of Bentivolio. He added that the lawsuit was served on him at a debate May 14 at the Imagine Novi

theater by a retired military man in uniform. Military rules prohibit the wearing of uniforms to political events, even by retired personnel.

The initial filing in Oakland County asked for \$100 million, but Schlusel said that was in error.

Even so, winning a defamation case for actions alleged amid a political campaign could be difficult. Generally speaking, claims made about politicians and candidates - especially by other candidates - are often considered protected political speech, though in the lawsuit, Bentivolio and Schlusel say statements made were "not privileged, not opinion, not truthful and wholly unjustified."

Parades, ceremonies planned for Memorial Day

Ed Wright
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Memorial Day ceremonies will be available in full force May 28 around southeast Michigan, providing residents with an opportunity to pay their respects to those who died while defending our country.

Following is a rundown of local celebrations, some somber in nature, others fun, but respectful.

South Lyon

On May 28, the annual South Lyon Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lovewell Hall, will again weave its way from the starting point at Bartlett Elementary School (Warren and Second streets) along 10 Mile Road to Reynold Sweet Parkway, down to Stryker Street and, ultimately, into the South Lyon Cemetery for a memorial ceremony.

The lineup begins at 8 a.m. and the parade commences at 9 a.m.

In addition to the various floats, vehicles and walkers, the parade will include the South Lyon High School marching band, under the direction of Kevin Court, and the South Lyon East marching band, under the direction of Matthew Smith.

At the end of the parade during the memorial service in the cemetery, both bands will join together to play a traditional song from each of the five branches of the military - army, air force, navy, marines and coast guard - and a combined version of the military musical piece "Taps."

The ceremony will also include several speakers, including South Lyon Mayor Daniel Pelchat.

Also, people interested in having



The Milford Memorial Day Parade draws large crowds.

their own American flags properly retired will find members of a local Boy Scout troop in place to accept the flags at points along the parade route, though the actual retirement ceremony will take place at a later time.

Milford

Milford's celebration annually draws thousands of people to its downtown streets, thanks to a patriotic parade, military flyovers and a series of special events.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the American Legion Hall on Commerce Road and end in Central Park on Main

Street.

Nearly 1,000 veterans, representing generations of military service, are expected to march in the parade.

The flyover will include A-10 jets, a B-25 bomber and more.

Other highlights include a static display of a hawk missile launcher, along with other military vehicles.

Novi

The Novi Memorial Day Parade will

be begin at 10 a.m. and run along 10 Mile Road to Karim Boulevard.

The event is scheduled to take two hours.

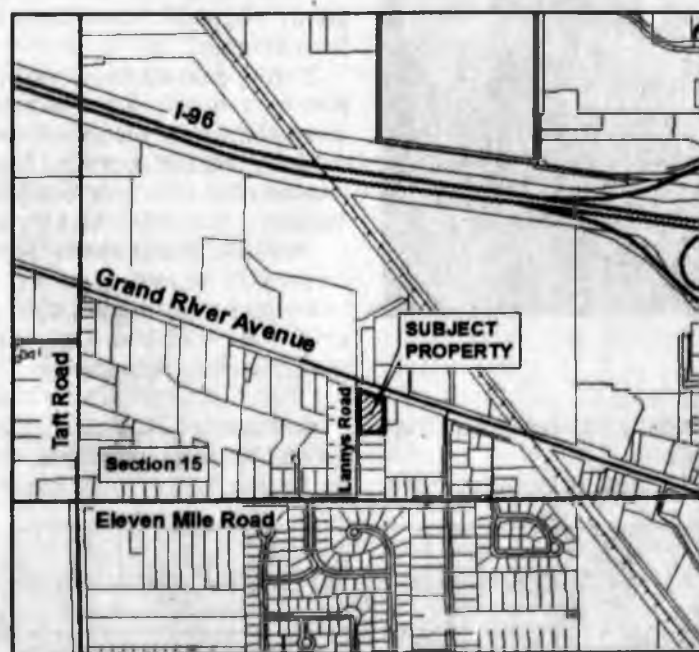
Northville

The annual Northville Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10 a.m. and run through the heart of downtown.

Contact Ed Wright at 517-375-1113.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **June 13, 2018** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **IOVAN GLASS JSP 18-25, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 15, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND EAST SIDE OF LANNYS ROAD, IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (I-1) DISTRICT.** The applicant is proposing to place two shipping containers in the rear yard for storage of materials related to the existing glass supply business. No changes to the existing building are being proposed at this time. A Special Land Use Permit is required for outdoor storage in the Light Industrial district (Sec. 3.14). The parcel address is 44455 Grand River Avenue. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-15-378-001

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **June 13, 2018.**

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Michael Lynch, Secretary

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where's the humanity?

Reflecting upon what people have said and written, I realize that America is losing its humanity! Peterson and Seligman in Character Strengths and Virtues identified humanity ("tending and befriending others") as a core virtue characterized by love and kindness. While love means "being close to people," kindness refers to "generosity, nurturance, care, compassion, [and] altruistic love."

Two basic principles in the Bible are to love one another and to treat others as you want to be treated. In Micah Chapter 6 (NIV) footnote 6.8, we are expected to "love kindness (i.e., not only perform acts of kindness but delight in mercy and rejoice in every opportunity to do mercy." According to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "a great nation is a compassionate nation."

The Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution emphasize humanity. While the former considers "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" to be "unalienable Rights, the latter seeks to "insure domestic tranquility ... and [to] promote the general welfare."

Americans know what humanity means. The only question is do we have the will to exemplify this core virtue on both a personal and governmental level.

Denise "Chip" Black
Milford

Time to speak up for country

Vitriolic, is one way to describe the writings of Lee Weber and I, for one, am exhausted by his racist, homophobic, hate-filled attacks. Yes, the First Amendment gives both of us to right to express ourselves in a public forum and he's been doing that for quite some time. Edmund Burke (among others)

said "The only thing necessary for triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

It's time for those of us who are law abiding, hardworking, taxpaying citizens, who deeply love our country, to speak up.

My family left England in the 1600s because of religious persecution, I was raised to believe that the separation of Church and State is of the utmost importance. I grew up in a Republican home and attended the First Baptist Church in my town but my integrity, my honesty, my ethics, my principles were learned from my parents.

The right to privacy is paramount in my beliefs and is a basic principle in the founding of our country. When Ronald Reagan added abortion and gay rights to the Republican party platform in 1980, I left the Republican party. These are social issues, not political issues and go against everything this country stands for, it's a basic right to privacy.

My district is so gerrymandered that I no longer have a voice at any level and I know this has to be unconstitutional. My state is being torn apart by special interests, public education, the cornerstone of our democracy, is being destroyed. If a person can't read then they cannot succeed, never mind math and science, the three R's are reading, reading, reading. The illiteracy rate in this state is staggering, if you can read then teach someone who can't.

I was so moved by Barbara Bush's funeral, she was a person who made a difference, in life and in death. I saw Republicans and Democrats sitting next to each other being nice, why is this so strange? Life is to short for me to feel all this stress, I want my country back.

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State champion coach Cottrill resigns

Wildcats' coach cites family commitments after six-year run

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The coach and architect of the one of the most successful runs in MHSAA Class A volleyball history has stepped down.

Novi's Jennifer Cottrill, who guided Novi to the last three state titles (2015-



Cottrill

17), along with a runner-up finish (2014), turned in her resignation last week to Novi athletic director Brian Gordon.

Cottrill posted a 286-24-2 overall record in six seasons with the Wildcats while leading them to four straight Kensington Lakes Activities Association division, conference and association crowns, along with four consecutive district and regional titles.

Cottrill currently coaches and is a di-

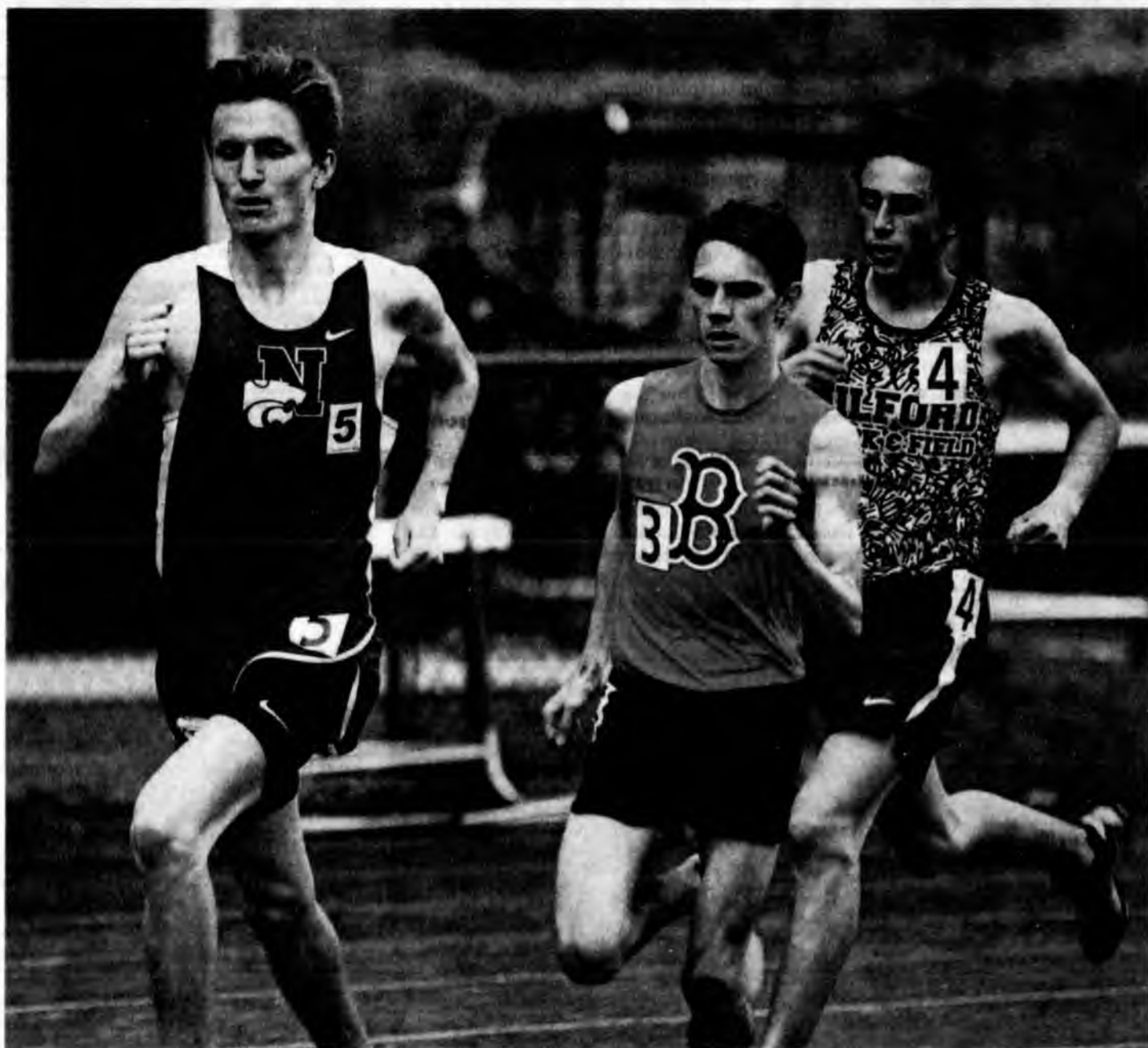
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Novi volleyball coach Jen Cottrill won three straight Class A state titles. FILE PHOTO

PREP TRACK

On to state finals



Novi senior Gabriel Mudel (left) won the 3,200-meter run ahead of Brighton's Zach Steward (middle) and Milford's Evan White. WILLIAM KHAN

Northville girls, Novi boys capture regional championships

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Northville's girls team continued its impressive streak of track and field regional championships and Novi's boys team appears to be starting a run of its own.

The Mustangs captured their seventh straight Division 1 regional title Friday at Milford High School by winning

six different events, including all four relays, to register a whopping 177 points. According to meet officials, it was the most points scored at the regional in 10 years.

Brighton's girls were a distant second with 58.5 points, while Hartland (56), Lakeland (50.5) and Walled Lake Western (46) rounded out the top five.

"Our girls team was phenomenal across the board. We have a lot of kids going to to the state finals," said North-

ville head coach Tim Dalton, who also praised his boys team for its sterling third-place finish. "In our conversation every year, we tell the kids not to take it for granted. There are a lot of kids who run for four years and never get the chance (to go to states) and there are lot of coaches who have coached for a long time and who have never won a regional championship.

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BOYS TRACK

Rocks roll to third straight regional crown

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It didn't rain, it didn't storm for a change, but Salem unleashed its own version of "Thunder and Lightning" during Friday's Division 1 boys track and field regional meet at Canton.

The Rocks, led by seniors Andrew Davis and Sharriff Dyer, repeated as champions by scoring a meet-best 125½ points to lead a one-two-three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park finish.

Plymouth was runner-up with 92, while Canton placed third with 78. Livonia Churchill (72½) and Westland John Glenn (64) rounded out the top five.

Dyer, an individual state placer last year in the 300-meter hurdles, proved to be lightning quick on his feet as he bettered his own P-CEP record in his specialty event with a time of 38.61.

And this time it occurred in conditions that were pretty ideal.

Although it was overcast, temperatures hovered near the 70-degree mark with a slight wind. It was a far cry from the previous week, when temps dipped into the low 40s coupled with torrential rains during the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet May 11 at Canton.

"I think just the weather ... the weather has been good and last week we had a lot of rain," said Dyer, who figured in three first-place finishes. "And also just practicing through the week and I really felt my stamina is getting better."

Dyer was also a member of the Rocks' first-place 800 relay team, along with John Paul DeLa Cruz, Jason Warras and Andrew Davis (1:29.45).

Davis, bound for Northwood University to play football, provided the thunder in the Rocks' potent lineup as he teamed with Jason Warras, Julius



Dyer

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GIRLS TRACK

Salem brings home Division 1 regional crown

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They scored a little bit here and little bit there.

And before the night had ended, it all added up to a resounding victory for Salem in the MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field regional meet Friday at Canton.

The Rocks, scoring a meet-best 138½ points, ran away with the team championship for the first time since 2013, with Plymouth runner-up with 86½. Canton and Livonia Churchill tied for third with 80 each, while Westland John Glenn, led by senior sprinter Alona Olshevska, placed fifth with 72.

"We scored in every single event today, all 17, and I think that speaks to the depth that we have as program this year and I think that's our strength," fourth-year Salem coach Pat Ignagni said. "We keep grinding, we keep fighting, we keep battling for points and those points add up. Occasionally, you have a race like the 3,200, where you score 21 points, and it's great. But every kid that gets an eighth place, a seventh place, a sixth place ... those points matter. And that's what we've been trying to build for years. And if everybody fights and everybody battles, good things happen. And we did that."

Senior Haven Essien was the individual catalyst for the Rocks, sweeping the 100- and 300-meter hurdles with impressive times of 14.53 and 46.57, respectively.

Salem's other individual win came from freshman Micayla Harris in the high jump (5 feet, 4 inches), while the 3,200 relay team of Olivia Millen, Hallie Younglas, Sophie Jeffers and Hannah Jeffers also won in 9:45.54.

"I thought the athletes that we expected to do well — Reagan Justice in the mile and two mile, Lyniah Wilson in the shot put, our 4 by 800 relay — I think they all kind of did what we expected them to do," Ignagni said. "What was gratifying to see was we had two very young high jumpers, Micayla Harris and Micayla Ward, who went first and second and PR today. And it was wonderful to watch today those young athletes step up and rise to the occasion and earn themselves a trip to states. That was a bit of a surprise."

There were several other unsung heroes for the Rocks as well.

"I thought Madison Grieb and Sophie Jeffers going five-six in the 400 ... wasn't sure what we were going to get in that particular race," Ignagni said. "I got to say my sprinters — Maddie Kernahan,



Salem's Haven Essien took third in the long jump and was first in the 100- and 300-meter meter hurdles. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



Plymouth's Paige Sanders was regional champ in the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 4½ inches. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Autumn Smith, Mari Westley — they all made it to the finals. And those weren't necessarily points I was counting on, because it's a pretty good sprint field. But again, they're battling, they're

grinding and they're pulled together four or five points at a time and that's what makes a great day like today."

Plymouth had two individual winners: senior long jumper Paige Sanders, who soared to 18-4½, and Victoria Faber in the pole vault (11-9).

Canton's individual winners included Morgan Dodds in the discus (103-11) and Jada Sabir in the 400 (58.69). The Chiefs' 1,600 relay team of Jada Sabir, Jada Sabir, Bruchnak, Faber took home another first in 4:03.22.

Churchill rode the legs of senior Gabrielle Swider, who swept the 800 and 1,600 runs in 2:16.48 and 5:05.93, respectively. She also helped the Chargers earn state qualifying spots with second in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

But the meet's individual standout was Saginaw Valley State-bound Alona Olshevska of John Glenn, who accounted for 25 of her team's points with first in the 100 (12.15) and 200 (25.10), while also anchoring the Rockets to victories in both the 400 and 800 relays in 48.97 and 1:43.89, respectively.

Wayne Memorial junior Ashley Micheaux threw a meet-best 39-7½ to cap-

ture the shot put.

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MHSAA DIVISION 1 REGIONAL
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 18 at Canton, N.J.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 138½ points; 2. Plymouth, 86½; 3. (tie) Canton and Livonia Churchill, 80 each; 4. Westland John Glenn, 72; 5. Livonia Franklin, 48; 6. Wayne Memorial, 39; 7. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 38; 8. Allen Park, 32; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 23; 11. Garden City, 11; 12. Dearborn Fordson, 8; 13. Lincoln Park, 5; 14. Dearborn, 2.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Ashley Micheaux (Wayne), 39 feet, 7½ inches; 2. Lyniah Wilson (Salem), 38-4½; 3. Madison Hamilton (Wyan.), 35-1; 4. Diana Saleh (DF), 33-11; 5. Sydney McCaig (Phy.), 32-10½; 6. Anna Lauber (Franklin), 31-7½; 7. Morgan Dodds (Canton), 31-6; 8. Natalia Lewandowski (Salem), 30-11.

Discus: 1. Dodds (Canton), 103-11; 2. Michelle Robinson (Wyan.), 103-6; 3. Hamilton (Wyan.), 102-3; 4. Vanessa Romero (Glenn), 100-0; 5. Mya McKinney (Churchill), 95-15; 6. Jenna Ammar (Phy.), 95-10; 7. Jenna Sydlowski (Salem), 95-6; 8. Rebecca Hallman (Glenn), 93-8.

High jump: 1. Micayla Harris (Salem), 5-4; 2. Makayla Ward (Churchill), 5-3; 3. Alana Micheaux (Wayne), 5-0; 4. Cheyenne Herron (Glenn), 5-0; 5. Gabby Chounard (Phy.), 5-0; 6. Lauryn Hardy (Glenn), 4-10; 7. Jessica Maladecki (Churchill), 4-10; 8. Shantynae Atwater-Boyd (Wyan.), 4-8.

Long jump: 1. Paige Sanders (Phy.), 18-4½; 2. Jamani Moutrie (Churchill), 17-4½; 3. Haven Essien (Salem), 17-3½ (AQ); 4. Jessica Huddleston (Franklin), 16-8½; 5. Amanda Radtke (Phy.), 16-8½; 6. Josie Ransley (Franklin), 16-8; 7. Taylor Watkins (Glenn), 16-3½; 8. Iyana Moore (Franklin), 16-3.

Pole vault: 1. Victoria Faber (Phy.), 11-9; 2. (tie) Cate Visscher (Churchill) and Emily Caragay (Phy.), 11-3 each; 4. Natalie Yurgil (Churchill), 10-3; 5. Cloe Longeway (Salem) and Tara Cerny (Phy.), 9-9 each; 7. Antiquique Kirksey (Phy.), 9-3; 8. Kaitlyn Gray (GC), 8-9.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Essien (Salem), 14.53; 2. Lyric Spears (AP), 14.89; 3. Ashley Micheaux (Wayne), 15.93; 4. Olivia Johnson (Wyan.), 16.22; 5. Sydney Romps (Phy.), 16.68; 6. Kelly Peyton (Franklin), 17.17; 7. Kate Mann (AP), 17.95; 8. Sydney Lazarek (Wyan.), 18.06.

300 hurdles: 1. Essien (Salem), 46.57; 2. Spears (AP), 47.16; 3. Johnson (Wyan.), 48.25; 4. Romps (Phy.), 48.26; 5. Peyton (Franklin), 49.33; 6. Dominique Binguet (Salem), 51.20; 7. Tiara Rembert (Glenn), 51.55; 8. Bryttan Barloff (Dbn.), 51.80.

400 meter: 1. Alona Olshevska (Glenn), 58.69; 2. BreeAna Bates (Edsel), 12.25; 3. Reagan Draper (Phy.), 12.28 (AQ); 4. Jada Sabir (Canton), 12.41; 5. Josie Ransley (Franklin), 13.10; 6. Autumn Smith (Salem), 13.20; 7. Brooke Gietzen (Franklin), 13.30; 8. Gabrielle Neal (Wayne), 13.33.

800: 1. Olshevska (Glenn), 2:10; 2. Jada Sabir (Canton), 2:10; 3. Draper (Phy.), 2:15 (AQ); 4. Bates (Edsel), 2:19 (AQ); 5. Jada Sabir (Canton), 2:24; 6. Madeline Kernahan (Salem), 2:27; 7. Shantynae Atwater-Boyd (Wyan.), 2:31; 8. Marilou Westley (Salem), 2:42.

1,600: 1. Jada Sabir (Canton), 5:05.93; 2. Watkins (Glenn), 5:06.60; 3. Reem Dami (Edsel), 5:06.63; 4. Reanna Brown-Deacon (Wayne), 5:07.45; 5. Sophie Jeffers (Salem), 5:07.07; 6. Madison Grieb (Salem), 5:08.84; 7. Faith Wofford (GC), 5:04.61; 8. Erin Moran (Dbn.), 5:04.68.

3,200: 1. Gabrielle Swider (Churchill), 12:44.38; 2. Carmen Bruchnak (Canton), 2:20.48; 3. Olivia Millen (Salem), 2:22.09; 4. Emily Esker (Franklin), 2:25.14; 5. Megan Mathews (AP), 2:25.30; 6. Hannah Jeffers (Salem), 2:27.39; 7. Jessica Leigh (Wayne), 2:28.49; 8. Ana White (Phy.), 2:30.71.

1,000: 1. Swider (Churchill), 5:05.93; 2. Reagan Justice (Salem), 5:20.49; 3. Anna Nagelhout (Salem), 5:33.33; 4. Jessica Hughes (Salem), 5:39.67; 5. Savanna Pierson (LP), 5:46.80; 6. Chloe Bateman (AP), 5:47.16; 7. Lola Merrill (Phy.), 5:48.47; 8. Jasmine Harnas (DF), 5:54.73.

3,200: 1. Justice (Salem), 11:26.77; 2. Londyn Swanson (Phy.), 11:34.14; 3. Kiersten McBride (Salem), 11:58.74; 4. Bridget Nelson (Salem), 12:04.66; 5. Sierra Greener (Churchill), 12:05.87; 6. Lauren Marshall (GC), 12:38.67; 7. Erin Trombly (Phy.), 12:42.75; 8. Hailey Kutrakis (Franklin), 12:44.38.

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Watkins, Kyanna Strubling, Nikole Gipson, Olshevska), 48.97; 2. Plymouth (Sanders, Spitzer, Brennan, Draper), 49.30; 3. Franklin (Iyana Moore, Gietzen, Ransley, Alaina Herrera), 50.49 (AQ); 4. Churchill, 50.65; 5. Allen Park, 51.31; 6. Salem, 51.85; 7. Wayne, 53.02; 8. Canton, 53.95.

800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Watkins, Strubling, Gipson, Olshevska), 1:43.89; 2. Churchill (Maladecki, Julia Eversic, Moutrie, Melissa Meadows), 1:46.50; 3. Canton, 1:47.17; 4. Salem, 1:47.99; 5. Edsel Ford, 1:49.09; 6. Wayne, 1:49.81; 7. Franklin, 1:50.69; 8. Plymouth, 1:50.83.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Jada Sabir, Jada Sabir, Bruchnak, Faber), 4:03.22; 2. Churchill (Maladecki, Victoria Pereyra, Swider, Moutrie), 4:03.34; 3. John Glenn, 4:07.88; 4. Franklin, 4:07.90; 5. Wayne, 4:20.49; 6. Wyandotte, 4:21.68; 7. Salem, 4:22.72; 8. Plymouth, 4:28.56.

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Millen, Hallie Younglas, Jeffers, Jeffers), 9:45.54; 2. Churchill (Sierra Greener, Pereyra, Grace Vaeth, Swider), 9:52.80; 3. Plymouth, 9:57.70; 4. Garden City, 10:55.43; 5. Franklin, 10:56.45; 6. Allen Park, 11:03.14; 7. Fordson, 11:07.57; 8. Lincoln Park, 11:19.95.

(AQ): additional state qualifier.

Regional

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"We just have great kids who buy into the team effort. We ask a lot of the kids, running multiple events and relays and individuals," he added. "It's pretty impressive to score as many points as we did and it probably has to rank right up there with one of the top two or three best teams we've ever had."

Novi, the undefeated Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys champion, had a strong start by winning the first five track events and used that momentum to finish with 110 points. Second-place Brighton won three events and placed second with 98 points, just 12 points behind the Wildcats. Northville was third with 74 points, while Walled Lake Central took fourth with 68.5 points and Fenton fifth with 62.

"The boys did a nice job today," said Marsha Reid, the co-head coach with Cindy Kuhn. "We won the regional for the first time in, like, 30 years last year and I don't know if we've ever won back-to-back regional titles in our history, so this was nice. I'm honestly not sure if we expected this today, but the boys stepped up and knew exactly what had to be done."

"I think one of the things we are probably the most proud of is our all-around team scoring. And honestly, the 4 by 800 (relay) set the pace by winning. They totally set the tone and that team has done it all year. And we got points here and there the whole meet."

"We couldn't be prouder of our boys," she added. "They did a really nice job today of staying focused and peaking at the right time."

Mustangs relays on fire

On the girls side, Northville's individual winners were junior Olivia Harp in



Northville's Nicholas Couyoumjian wins the 800-meter run at the Milford regional. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

the 1,600 (5:01.92) and sophomore Clare McNamara in the 400 (57.28).

The undefeated Mustangs (6-0) were outstanding in the relays.

Northville's foursome of Ana Barrott, Emily Gordon, Harp and Yasmine Mansi won the opening 3,200 in 9:23.97, nearly four seconds better than Milford's crew of Regan Lobodzinski, Abby Hilpakka, Paige Salz and Victoria Heiligenthal, who crossed in 9:27.74.

The Mustangs also took the 800 (Savannah Manley, Erin McCallum, Yasmine Affes and McNamara) in 1:43.72, the 400 (Claire Wan, Melanie Sarafian, Lauren Marshall and McCallum) in 49.17 and the 1,600 (Abby Dunn, Manley, Affes and McNamara) in 4:00.22.

Northville's depth showed with runner-up finishes by Sarafian (100), McCallum (200 and long jump), Mansi (1,600) and senior Barbara Davis (shot put). Barrott placed third in the 1,600-meter run, which gave Northville a sweep of the top three spots in that event.



Milford junior Victoria Heiligenthal won the 800-meter run regional title with a time of 2:15.11. WILLIAM KHAN

Lakeland's highly-recruited junior Grace Stark had an outstanding meet by winning the 100-meter dash (12.12) and the 100-meter hurdles (13.58). Milford's Heiligenthal won the 800-meter run (2:15.11), while Novi senior Hannah Hood-Blaxill won the high jump (5 feet, 4 inches).

Pitcher paces Wildcats

The Novi boys were paced by senior Sean Pitcher, who won the 100-meter dash (11.11) and anchored the two winning sprint relays (400 and 800). He would have won a fourth, but was disqualified in the 200-meter dash.

"It was a pretty good day. The 200 wasn't my best performance because I bumped into the next guy," Pitcher said. "I was hoping to make it to states in all four events, but I'll take three of the four. I'm proud of that."

"The year has been pretty good. I've been running low 11s for the 100, but my

PR is 10.99 and I'm pretty happy about that," he added. "I'm satisfied with what I did today at the regional and going to states is a good way to end my senior year."

The Wildcats' 3,200-meter relay (Matt Gustitus, Blake Maday, Gabriel Mudel and Nate Wood) opened the meet win a nice one-second victory over runner-up Lakeland. Novi finished in 7:57.17, while Lakeland was second in 7:58.86.

Sophomore Brian You took the 100-meter hurdles (15.80) and junior Nisarg Dharja won the 200-meter dash (22.17). Brandon Kearney was second in that event with a time of 22.38. Mudel, a senior, won the 3,200 run in 9:24.58.

Novi's winning 400 relay (Chen, You, Dharja and Pitcher) won in 43.20 and the 800 foursome (Chen, Ireland, Dharja and Pitcher) crossed first in 1:29.91.

Milford had a pair of individual winners — junior Gunnar Gustafson in the 400-meter run in a school-record time of 49.16 and junior Carson Jensen in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 39.63. Gustafson broke the old record of 49.60, which had stood for 50 years.

"Me and my coach have been working on getting that record for the past three or four meets and I never got it," said Gustafson, a first-time individual state qualifier. "I was always just a little off. But today, I had it and it felt good. Me and my coach definitely thought I could do it. He put me through a lot of workouts and it hurt every single day."

"My goal was to come out here and get that record and qualify for states," he added. "So it's very satisfying to go to states and it was a good night."

The top two individuals and others meeting event qualifying standards will head to the Division 1 state championship meet, scheduled for June 2 at East Kentwood High School.

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GIRLS TENNIS

Kumar leads Northville to fifth straight regional title

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All the stars were aligned Friday as Northville captured all eight flights to earn its fifth straight Division 1 girls tennis regional championship.

The Mustangs scored 24 out of a possible 24 points by sweeping all four singles and all four doubles flights in straight sets, while host Novi also advanced to the state finals Friday and Saturday, June 1-2, at Midland by finishing runner-up with 14 points.

Northville, a state co-champion last year with Midland Dow, D-1 runner-up in 2016 and state champion in 2015, seems poised for another title run.

"It's going to be anybody's trophy to win with Ann Arbor Huron's singles and Midland Dow and Northville's doubles all ready to do battle," Northville coach Linda Jones said. "I'm stressed out, but can't wait to get to it."

Northville's No. 1 singles player Shanoli Kumar currently owns a 22-1 overall record after defeating Novi's Jamie Fu in the regional final, 6-1, 6-1. Her lone loss this season is against Ann Arbor Skyline's Suki Mandair, which she later avenged, 6-3, 6-1.

Kumar was a state quarterfinalist last year at No. 1 singles, while also earning runner-up honors at No. 2 in 2016. She was a state champion at No. 2 singles in 2015.

Kumar was recently named the 2018 Helen Shockley Award winner, which recognizes the outstanding 16- or 18-and-under age division female player from the U.S. Tennis Association's Midwest Section for the highest standards of tennis accomplishments, character, conduct, sportsmanship and amateurism.

Carrying a 3.98 grade-point average, Kumar was also the recipient of the MHSAA Academic All-State Award (2015-17) and the USTA Southeastern Michigan District's Jean and Jerry Hoxie Memorial Award, which recognizes sportsmanship and achievements on and off the court.

She has also been involved in Cheer for Kids Club, which decorates cards for children in hospitals, and as a member of KIND (Kids Influenced by Noble Deeds), she volunteers at local retirement homes and food banks. She also is a member of the National Honor Society and serves on the Northville High Mus-



The Northville girls tennis team won the Division 1 regional title for the fifth year in a row.

tang Leadership Council.

Meanwhile, Northville's other top singles players Tori Mady (No. 2), a sophomore; Renee Torres (No. 3), a junior; and Maya Mulchandani (No. 4), all captured regional titles in straight sets.

Mady improved to 23-2 overall with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Walled Lake Central's Rebecca Elias. Mady has a win this season against Dow and a loss to Huron.

Torres improved to 20-3 with a 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Novi's Ashley Zhou. One of her three losses this year is against Huron.

Mulchandani, also 20-3 overall, was tied 4-4 against Novi's Hiraku Ishibashi in the first set before posting a 6-4, 6-0 victory in the regional final. Two of her three losses this season have come against Huron and Dow.

The Mustangs' top seeded doubles team of Serena Wang, a senior, and Sophie Zhuang, a junior, have posted a 25-1 record at No. 1, with their only loss coming against Division 2 Birmingham Seaholm.

And after a 6-1, 6-0 win over Novi's Katie Xie and Katie Valade in the region-

al final, Wang and Zhuang should be poised to earn a top seed in Midland.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs' No. 2 doubles team of senior Neha Chava and junior Andrea Nam found themselves down 5-2 in the first set to Novi's Brittany O'Connell and Michelle Wang, but rallied for a 7-5, 6-1 regional final victory to improve to 24-0 overall and secure a top seed for the state finals.

At No. 3 doubles, Northville's Madison DeYoung, a junior, and Michelle Tong, a freshman, made it 22-2 on the year with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Novi's Scarlett Chen and Raveena Joshi.

And at No. 4, the Northville duo of junior Connie Gao and freshman Sneha Ganan improved to 16-1 overall with a 6-2, 6-0 triumph over Walled Lake Northern's Mackenzie Stevens and Kadie Bernstein.

Both DeYoung and Tong, along with Gao and Ganan, will likely be second seeds entering the state finals after both suffering defeats against Dow.

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Northville senior Shanoli Kumar is 22-1 overall after winning the Novi regional at No. 1 singles. FILE PHOTO

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGIONAL 2
GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

May 18 at Novi H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 2 qualify for state finals): 1. Northville, 24 points; 2. Novi, 14; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 9; 4. Walled Lake Central, 5; 5. Brighton, 4; 6. (tie) Hartland, Howell and White Lake Lakeside, 0 each.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Shanoli Kumar (N'ville) defeated Jamie Fu (Novi), 6-1, 6-1; **semifinals:** Kumar def. Maria Raneses (Brighton), 6-0, 6-0; Fu defeated Adiya Young (WLN), 6-1, 6-3.

No. 2: Tori Mady (N'ville) def. Rebecca Elias (WLC), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Mady def. Kylie Strange (WLN), 6-0, 6-0; Elias (WLC) won by default.

No. 3: Renee Torres (N'ville) def. Ashley Zhou (Novi), 6-0, 6-2; **semifinals:** Torres def. Anastasia Gusikmin (WLN), 6-0, 6-1; Zhou def. Mila Mihajlovski (WLC), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Maya Mulchandani (N'ville) def. Hikaru Ishibashi (Novi), 6-4, 6-0; **semifinals:** Mulchandani def. Jacen Dehate (Brighton), 6-1, 6-2; Ishibashi def. Ashley Gilbert (WLN), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Katie Xie-Katie Valade (Novi), 6-1, 6-0; **semifinals:** Wang-Zhuang def. Hailey Kaplansky-Taylor Coleman (WLC), 6-0, 6-0; Xie-Valade def. Kaylin Fueling-Heidi Grooman (WLN), 6-2, 6-3.

No. 2: Neha Chava-Andrea Nam (N'ville) def. Brittany O'Connell-Michelle Wang (Novi), 7-5, 6-1; **semifinals:** Chava-Nam def. Libby Daberk-Paige Osgood (Brighton), 6-1, 6-0; O'Connell-Wang def. Morgan Hitch-Alexandra Gusikmin (WLN), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3: Madison DeYoung-Michelle Tong (N'ville) def. Scarlett Chen-Raveena Joshi (Novi), 6-0, 6-0; **semifinals:** DeYoung-Tong def. Lauren Ginster-Claire Ureste (WLN), 6-0, 6-2; Chen-Joshi def. Holly Wikman-Olivia Wuensch (Brighton), 6-3, 6-3.

No. 4: Connie Gao-Sneha Ganan (N'ville) def. Mackenzie Stevens-Kadie Bernstein (WLN), 6-2, 6-0; **semifinals:** Gao-Ganan def. Aleena Ali-Melissa Dickson (WLC), 6-1, 6-0; Stevens-Bernstein def. Alexis Felcher-Catherine Xu (Novi), 4-6, 1-6, 6-4.

MHSAA DIVISION 1-REGION 4
BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 18 at Canton H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Salem, 125½ points; 2. Plymouth, 92; 3. Canton, 79; 4. Livonia Churchill, 72½; 5. Westland John Glenn, 64; 6. Wyandotte, 54; 7. Allen Park, 42; 8. Garden City, 37; 9. Wayne Memorial, 32; 10. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 18; 11. Lincoln Park, 14; 12. Dearborn Fordson, 13; 13. Livonia Franklin, 11; 14. Dearborn, 7½; 15. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 1.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

(top two automatic state qualifiers)

Shot put: 1. Alex Howie (Salem), 52 feet, 6½ inches; 2. Reggie Micheaux (WM), 48-5¼; 3. Darius Robinson (Canton), 47-0; 4. Jesus Plasencia (Wyan.), 45-¾; 5. Jalen Jackson (Glenn), 45-11; 6. Donald Farris (Glenn), 44-4; 7. Luke Fisher (Phy.), 44-¾; 8. Michael Parrish (Churchill), 43-9½.

Discus: 1. James Deese (Canton), 146-5; 2. Howie (Salem), 145-8; 3. Parrish (Churchill), 132-3; 4. Thomas Kirby (Wyan.), 128-6; 5. Joseph Grove (GC), 120-8; 6. Ian Wallman (Canton), 119-9; 7. Luke Fisher (Phy.), 117-4; 8. J. Plasencia (Wyan.), 115-7.

High jump: 1. Rothus Stewart (Glenn), 6-7; 2. Taj Hall (Churchill), 6-5; 3. Demetrius Davis (LP), 6-3; 4. Cameron Knight (Phy.), 6-3; 5. Kaleb Smith (Phy.), 6-3; 6. Jamar Williams (LP), 6-1; 7. Chris Brown (Churchill), 6-1; 8. Noa Rosales (AP), 5-10.

Long jump: 1. Martell Dooley (Churchill), 21-6½; 2. Taj Hall (Churchill), 21-5½; 3. Stewart (Glenn), 21-5½ (AQ); 4. Caden Domzalski (Canton), 21-5½ (AQ); 5. Jafar Atalaqany (DF), 20-5½; 6. David Graham (Glenn), 20-2½; 7. Michael Mathias (Phy.), 20-9; 8. Mo Tolko (DHC), 19-9½.

Pole vault: 1. Chuck Carey (Canton), 13-0; 2. Logan Collins (AP), 13-0; 3. (tie) Jonathan Bilko (Salem) and Jackson Ramsay (Churchill), 12-6 each; 5. Evan Carter (Canton), 12-6; 6. (tie) Zachary Alabekoff (Dbn.) and Emilio Plasencia (Wyan.), 11-0 each.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Michael Bates (Edsel), 14.99; 2. Bruce Lipe (AP), 15.44; 3. John Paul DeLa Cruz (Salem), 15.45; 4. Marcus Martin (Franklin), 15.52; 5. Travis Pitt (Wyan.), 16.02; 6. Jacob Smith (Phy.), 16.26; 7. Tyress Jones (LP), 16.46; 8. Xavier Loggins (Churchill), 16.55.

200 hurdles: 1. Sharrif Dyer (Salem), 38.61; 2. DeLa Cruz (Salem), 39.77; 3. Hall (Churchill), 40.24; 4. Lipe (AP), 40.46; 5. Brandon Mehl (Canton), 40.80; 6. Malcolm Caldwell (Phy.), 41.30; 7. Travis Pitt (Wyan.), 41.98; 8. Donovan King (Canton), 42.17.

100 dash: 1. Graham (Glenn), 10.94; 2. Andrew Davis (Salem), 10.96; 3. Eian Castonguay (GC), 11.04 (AQ); 4. Jeremiah Alfred (AP), 11.10 (AQ); 5. Abraham Jaafar (DF), 11.18; 6. Michael Mathias (Phy.), 11.27; 7. Darius Benson (GC), 11.33; 8. Deon Pitchford (Churchill), 11.64.

200: 1. Naythan Haslam (Wyan.), 22.09; 2. E. Castonguay (GC), 22.18; 3. Graham (Glenn), 22.23 (AQ); 4. Alfred (SP), 22.48 (AQ); 5. Jared Tarrance (Glenn), 22.56 (AQ); 6. Benson (GC), 22.75; 7. Jaafar (DF), 23.08; 8. Emmanuel Lloyd (Phy.), 23.50.

400: 1. Tarrance (Glenn), 49.21; 2. Haslam (Wyan.), 49.42; 3. Josh McMeyer (Churchill), 50.44 (AQ); 4. Kirk Thornhill (Canton), 50.83; 5. Raymon White (Wayne), 51.0; 6. Srikar Komanduri (Canton), 51.38; 7. Christian Neff (LP), 51.68; 8. Jordan Kurdi (Wyan.), 51.87.

800: 1. Patrick Brynes (Phy.), 1:57.97; 2. Abdullah Nasser (Edsel), 1:58.57; 3. Berry Matthews (Salem), 1:59.54; 4. Josh Pohl (Salem), 2:01.25; 5. John Gatton (Wayne), 2:02.11; 6. Alex Poe (Canton), 2:05.97; 7. Trent Griffith (Wayne), 2:03.40; 8. Daniel Carr (Canton), 2:04.12.

1,600: 1. Ethan Byrnes (Phy.), 4:28.87; 2. Carter Solomon (Phy.), 4:27.05; 3. Rocco Jelsomemo (Wyan.), 4:29.77; 4. Christo Jeffers (Salem), 4:32.20; 5. Will Henry (Churchill), 4:33.20; 6. Andrew Beyer (Salem), 4:33.23; 7. Charles Frank (Dbn.), 4:38.87; 8. Grant Hoffmeyer (Canton), 4:41.64.

3,200: 1. E. Byrnes (Phy.), 9:47.12; 2. Solomon (Phy.), 9:47.46; 3. Ryan Exell (Salem), 9:57.60; 4. Luke Haran (Salem), 10:06.50; 5. Eric Pensari (Churchill), 10:15.36; 6. Muad Abulaziz (Dbn.), 10:16.16; 7. Nolan Teodori (Salem), 10:16.35; 8. Jim Vega (LP), 10:16.42.

480 relay: 1. Salem (Jason Warras, Julius Nelson, Jaelin Burge, Davis), 43.53; 2. Garden City (Brandon Washington, Benson, Jay Castonguay, E. Castonguay), 43.88; 3. Allen Park, 44.16; 4. Canton, 44.31; 5. Plymouth, 44.63; 6. Wayne, 45.52; 7. Fordson, 46.08; 8. Wyandotte, 46.09.

800 relay: 1. Salem (DeLa Cruz, Dyer, Warras, Davis), 1:29.45; 2. John Glenn (Tarrance, Stewart, Romero, Graham), 1:30.00; 3. Garden City (Washington, Benson, J. Castonguay, E. Castonguay), 1:30.09 (AQ); 4. Canton (Domzalski, Brandon Mehl, Sam Pennock, Juvuan Frazier), 1:30.64 (AQ); 5. Plymouth, 1:33.91; 6. Wyandotte, 1:35.65; 7. Wayne, 1:36.32; 8. Fordson, 1:38.35.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Matthews, Hezekiah Williams, Davis, Dyer), 3:23.97; 2. Churchill (Justin Carter, Henry, Hall, McMeyer), 3:28.02; 3. Canton, 3:27.01; 4. Wyandotte, 3:30.09; 5. Wayne, 3:31.06; 6. Plymouth, 3:37.09; 7. Franklin, 3:42.30; 8. Allen Park, 3:46.37.

3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth (Byrnes, Solomon, Brandon Boyd, Brynes), 8:02.29; 2. Salem (Teodori, Hezekiah Williams, Pohl, Matthews), 8:10.64; 3. Canton, 8:12.98; 4. Wayne, 8:20.08; 5. Franklin, 8:37.6; 6. Allen Park, 8:37.68; 7. Wyandotte, 8:50.79.

(AQ): additional state qualifier.



The Salem Rocks were solid, winning their third consecutive Division 1 boys track and field regional title. BRAD EMONS

Rocks

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Nelson, Jaelin Burge for first in the 400 relay (43.53). Davis also contributed a runner-up finish in the open 100 (10.96).

"(Davis) is just a hammer when it comes to those relays," first-year Salem coach Jim Crabill said. "He makes an impact. He's just fast, an awesome guy and has been a leader on this team the last four years now."

Meanwhile, the foursome of Berry Matthews, Hezekiah Williams, Davis and Dyer also capped off the night with a victory in the 1,600 relay (3:23.91).

"Shariff ran really well in the 4 by 200, he's dominant in the 300 hurdles and I don't think he's lost yet this year," Crabill said. "He ran a great leg on the 4 by 400, which was a great race and a great time."

Salem senior Alex Howie placed first in the shot put (52 feet, 6½ inches), while also finishing runner-up in the discus (141-8).

"Everybody performed, everybody had a great night and we did our job," Davis said. "It's Michigan (weather), it's on-and-off. We had a perfect day today, a little windy, but it was great and we

came out here and we performed."

Crabill said everything went according to script for the Rocks, who will graduate a talented senior class that has gone 25-2 in KLAA dual meets the past three seasons while winning three straight division and regional titles.

"We were very surprised how well the plan went today. Everything worked out the way we wanted it to, for the most part," Crabill said. "It was nice to see John Paul De La Cruz take second in the 300 hurdles. He peaked at the right time and that was a big one. Our relays did well and Alex Howie did what he was supposed to do in the throws, but I'd probably say John Paul in the 300 hurdles was a very nice surprise."

Plymouth, meanwhile, dominated the distance events by scoring 56 of its total points between the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 individual races, along with winning the 3,200 relay.

The Wildcats were led by senior Ethan Byrnes, who swept the 1,600 and 3,200 in 4:27.05 and 9:47.12, respectively. Sophomore Carter Solomon was runner-up in both events, while Patrick Brynes, a freshman, captured the 800 (1:57.97).

The Byrnes brothers, Solomon and Brandon Boyd were the 3,200 relay champs in 8:02.29.

Canton, meanwhile, got field event victories from junior James Deese (discus, 146-5) and senior Chuck Carey (pole vault, 13-0).

Other individual winners included Churchill's Martell Dooley, long jump (21-6½), while Glenn got wins from senior Rothus Stewart (high jump, 6-7), senior David Graham (100 dash, 10.94) and junior Jared Tarrance (400, 49.21).

Dearborn Edsel Ford's Michael Bates took the 110 hurdles (14.99), while Wyandotte Roosevelt's Naythan Haslam captured the 200 (22.09) to round out the individual regional champions.

The top two finishers in each event, along with additional state qualifiers from the regional, now advance to the Division 1 state finals Saturday, June 2, at East Kentwood.

"Expectations are to win in a variety of events, 4 by 200, the 300 (hurdles) and also the 4 by 400," Dyer said. "Just do our best and try and win."

And Salem's sprint standout Davis is geared up, too, for the state meet.

"We looking to do some damage, we're going to place and we hope we win. That's what our goal is — win," he said.

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PREP BASEBALL

MSU-bound Seipenko stands tall as Salem's ace

Right-hander one of 12 recruits for Spartans' 2019 baseball class

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Salem baseball coach John Wright will be the first to tell you that you can never go wrong when Jacob Seipenko takes his turn on the mound.

That's because the senior right-hander and four-year varsity player, who signed last November with Michigan State, brings the complete package to the table day in and day out for the Rocks.

"He is one of those kids you don't see every day, that's for sure," said Wright, in his first season as Salem's varsity coach. "For me, he's a leader. He's been a captain since his junior year. They just follow him. Whatever he says, they just kind of listen to, but he's also a lead-by-example guy. He's not going to do anything or ask them to do anything that he won't do himself."

After 22 games this season, Seipenko is 4-1 with a 2.00 earned-run average while hitting .357.

A two-time all-district and all-KLAA honoree as a junior, Seipenko posted six wins with a 2.20 ERA with 50 strikeouts on the mound, while posting a .361 average with 18 RBIs with one homer.

During his sophomore year, he won five games with a 1.70 ERA with 33 Ks, while hitting for a .255 average with 17 RBIs.

When he's not pitching, Seipenko plays primarily first base and a little outfield while batting third in the Rocks' lineup.

But pitching is his future calling card. "My best pitch is my change-up, probably my two-seam fastball ... my curve ball is probably my third best pitch and I'm still working on that one, so definitely my fastball and change-up are my best pitches," Seipenko said.

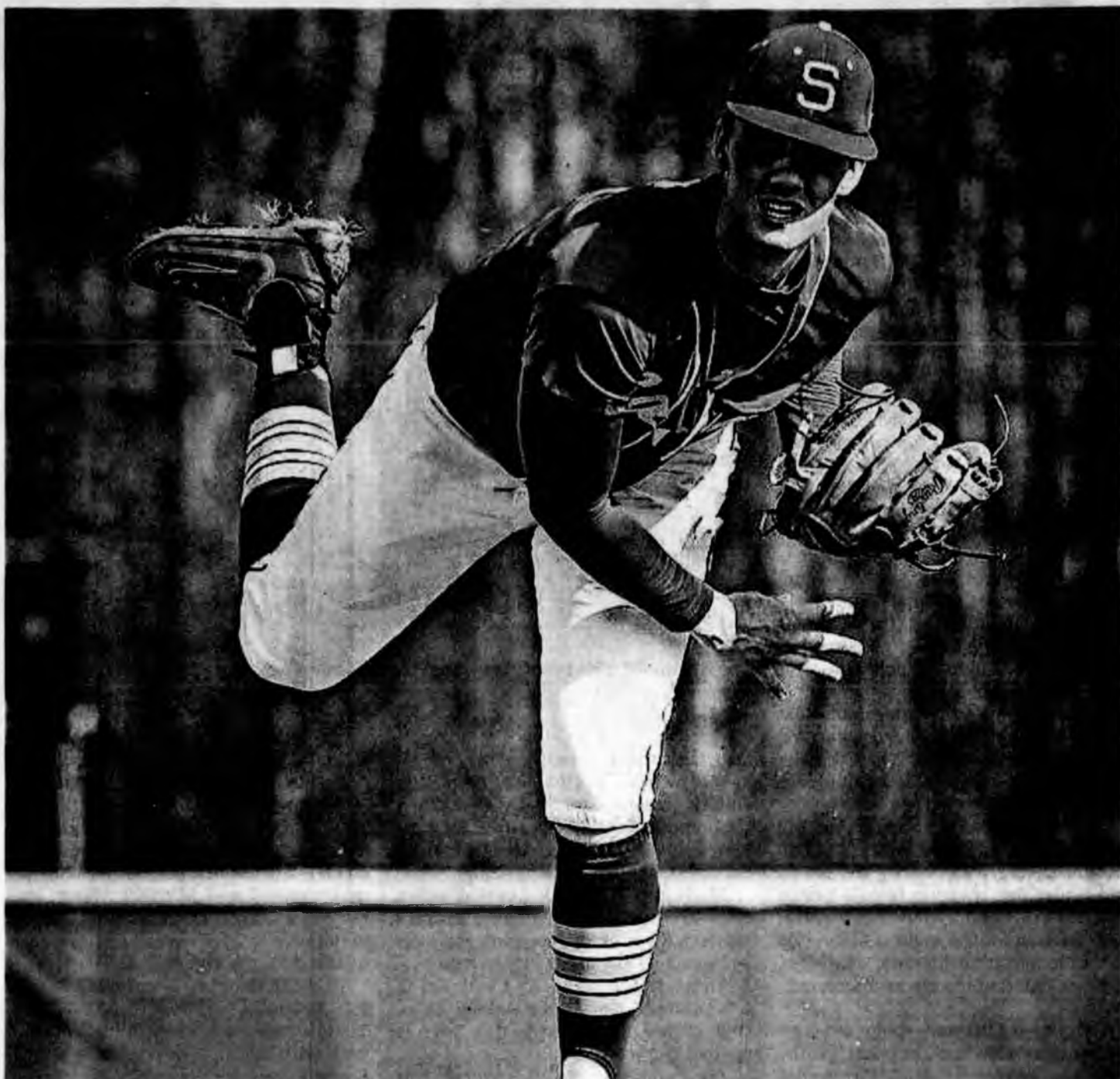
The Salem ace said former Tigers pitcher and World Series hero Justin Verlander of the Houston Astros has been big inspiration throughout his childhood.

"He's usually somebody I tried to pattern myself after and be like him at times, but he's probably better than me," Seipenko said with a grin. "I'm like him where when he's, like, in the ninth inning and throwing 100 mph ... when it gets later in the game, I probably throw a little bit harder. Maybe I am a little bit like him, yeah."

The Michigan State coaching staff became interested in the 6-foot-6, 225-pound right-hander toward the end of his junior year. They also followed him throughout summer 2017 with the Metro Detroit Athletics, then invited him to MSU's camp and eventually offered him.

And after a couple of visits to the campus, Seipenko committed and eventually signed an NCAA letter of intent after turning down offers from Mid-American Conference schools Northern Illinois, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan. Big Ten schools Purdue and Michigan also showed interest.

"Jacob was a kid we saw multiple times in the summer and he just kept



Salem's Jacob Seipenko, bound for Michigan State, is an imposing figure at 6-6 on the mound. MICHAEL VASILNEK



Salem's Jacob Seipenko is all smiles after homering during a game earlier this season. MICHAEL VASILNEK

performing better and better each time," MSU assistant coach Mark VanAmeyde said on the school's athletic website. "His size strikes you first time you see him, but his ability to pitch with his change-up is very advanced for a high school right-handed pitcher. He can run

the fastball up to 91 (mph) already and there is way more in the tank. He's going to remind a lot of people of current Spartan Mike Mokma."

In a recent game against Livonia Franklin, Seipenko was touching 90 mph on multiple occasions.

"Hopefully this year and the summer, I can get up to 91-92-93, then hopefully, when I get to Michigan State, I'll keep on rising," Seipenko said.

As a youth, Seipenko tried other sports before making the Salem varsity baseball team as a ninth-grader.

"When I was about 10 years old, my soccer team decided to make a rec baseball team, so I played in rec league for a little bit, played two years," he said. "Then I was pretty good, so then I moved up to travel ball, went higher and higher up. Then I was, like, 'OK, this is kind of what I'd like to do my entire life. Even though I didn't start playing it as a young kid right away, this was my calling.'"

Seipenko also played basketball his freshman and sophomore years at Salem before deciding to go all-in with baseball.

"I said, 'What am I wasting my time for?'" Seipenko said. "Baseball is where I want to be, so why focus my time on basketball when I can focus on baseball?"

Seipenko, who carries a 4.2 grade-point average, plans to study either business management or supply chain management. Among his outside interests are cars.

Salem is off to a solid 16-6 start and the Rocks are 12-5 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"He usually has one bad start and we had one about two weeks ago (vs. Plymouth), so we're hoping that was the bad start and here we go," Wright said of Seipenko. "The velocity was really good this week, arm feels good ... but to me he's more of a great kid and a great leader. And I think moving forward at Michigan State, that's going to help him more than his talent. Obviously, with his size and strength, he's got talent. Him being such a great person, great student and great kid ... that's the most important."

Meanwhile, Seipenko would like none other to make a deep run in the MHSAA Division 1 state tournament.

"I have no complaints right now," Seipenko said. "Our team has been the best hitting team Salem has had in a long, long time. But hopefully, we can keep it going. We've got a month until districts and, hopefully, it will go well, too."

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Cottrill

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rector for the Legacy Volleyball Club, which is based in Novi. She and her husband Ricky, who was her assistant coach at Novi, have three children.

"It was basically a family decision," Cottrill said. "Because Ricky and I coach together — we have a 6-year-old, a 4-year-old and a 2-year-old — it was not easy to manage, the homework ... our kids go to school all day and we're gone all night, so we didn't see our kids very often because they're at school all day. If it wasn't for that group of seniors that we had last year, we probably could have resigned earlier. It's very difficult to have a husband-wife coaching team coach high school and have three kids at home. Basically, it was just time to put our kids first, take a step back and let someone else give 100 percent to the program. I felt I was trying to balance too many hats."

The Essex, Ontario native, who played volleyball at Eastern Michigan University (2000-03), was hired by Novi in summer 2012. The former Jennifer Nyswander had previous coaching

stops at White Lake Lakeland, Pinckney and Ypsilanti Lincoln.

In 15 total seasons, she compiled an overall record of 524-137-31. Only Jack Magelssen of Portage Northern has won more consecutive Class A state titles with four (1992-95). He also won three in a row (1985-87), which was duplicated last season by Cottrill.

"There were so many relationships that Ricky and I were able to build and grow over time with siblings ... we had some families for all six years that we were there," Cottrill said of Novi. "The administration was so wonderful when we were there, from Brian Gordon all the way up to the Superintendent Dr. (Steve) Matthews, who was at many of our games. There were board members at our games for support. Just the people and the relationships we're going to miss tremendously."

This past season, Cottrill was named Coach of the Year by Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

"What I think I'm going to miss the most is the leadership that she provides, not only for her program, but she certainly did that by setting a positive example for other programs in our district as well," Gordon said. "She is truly what is right when it comes to educational

athletics. She's very much about teaching life lessons to kids. And it's exactly what we want in a coach because, even though she won most of her matches, and three state championships and a state runner-up, our goal is to get beyond the championships and develop young girls into young women, so that they are leaders in their community and positive role models for everybody. Certainly that is what Jen preaches each and every day."

In January, Cottrill was announced as one of eight finalists for National Coach of the Year for volleyball. She will be recognized at the annual awards banquet, which will be June 27 at the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's national convention in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Cottrill, however, will not be able to attend because of her commitment to Legacy's U-16 and U-18 Elite teams playing in the AAU nationals.

Seven of Cottrill's former Novi players competed last season in college volleyball. Next fall, three Wildcats from the 2017 state championship team have earned NCAA Division I scholarships: Miss Volleyball and Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year Erin O'Leary (Michigan), Abryanna Cannon (Northwestern) and Kathryn Ellison (Kent State).

"It's one thing to be talented, but it's another to be able to get everybody to work together and check their egos at the door and to work together as a team," Gordon said. "That's the one thing Jen was very good at and that was managing kids and families, so that everybody was going in the same direction and that's what was best for the program and for the kids."

Between coaching at the high school and club volleyball level, 16 of Cottrill's former players have earned all-state honors.

Meanwhile, Cottrill's job has been posted and a search for her replacement is underway.

"It's her ability to pay attention to detail, to the finest little points, that make a difference in winning and losing and winning and losing in life," Gordon said. "That's what we're going to miss the most. As I told her before, certainly she is leaving Novi in a far better place than what it was when she arrived and so we're very much going to be thankful. I wish her well."

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Northville makes Armed Forces Day rousing success

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The Northville High baseball program knocked it out of the park once again Saturday as it capped off its annual Armed Forces Day.

Prior to Saturday's varsity games against Trenton and Woodhaven, Northville varsity players and coaches held a ceremony recognizing not only past veterans like Digger O'Dell, who was one of three to throw out the first pitch, but also the families of both fallen and injured vets.

Also throwing out the first pitch was Sgt. Michael Gower of Middleville, who was severely injured Aug. 2, 2007, while serving in Baghdad on his second deployment when the vehicle transporting him rolled over a two-ton, subsurface improvised explosive device.

The subsequent blast killed several of Gower's teammates and injured eight others. Gower was pinned in the vehicle, critically injuring his back and fracturing both his feet, tibia and fibula. He also sustained a severe traumatic brain injury.

Medically retired in January 2009, Gower underwent numerous limb salvage surgeries over the years to aid in his recovery.

But now there is hope for Gower and other vets like him, as all proceeds from Northville's Armed Forces Day go toward Homes for Our Troops, an organization that builds specialty adapted homes.

It will allow Gower to have full wheelchair access and independence while alleviating the challenges of living on a hill with a steep driveway, which will be eliminated once he moves into his newly customized home.

"This new home will improve my quality of life, because I will be able to get in and out of my house," Gower said on the Homes for Our Troops website. "It will also make my wife and son's life better since they won't have to watch me struggle."

The Armed Forces Day activities



Sgt. Michael Gower and his son (front) were part of Armed Forces Day at Northville H.S., along with assistant Bill Flohr (left), son Billy, a catcher, and head coach John Kostrzewa. BRAD EMONS

started with a charity softball game May 17 between the military personnel and Northville police and fire departments.

Meanwhile, a concert Friday night at Northville's Ford Field featuring the band The Killer Flamingos also raised funds for the Homes for Our Troops.

"We raised \$40,000 before the concert last night," Northville assistant baseball coach and event organizer Bill Flohr said. "I ran through 14 half-barrels of beer. The American Legion donated all the money back to us. So it's going all to Homes for Our Troops. We could hit \$50,000 or \$60,000 that we raised for this organization and 100 percent goes to them."

Yet another fundraiser was held Saturday morning with the Armed Forces

Day 5K, which featured more than 100 runners and walkers.

Meanwhile, several local business, with the help of Northville baseball parents, handed out food, water and beverages to spectators during the Mustangs' two games.

Local radio personality Tony Ortiz was the emcee for the pregame ceremonies, which recognized the families of veterans killed in action.

"They love meeting the families and they love to wear the names on their backs," Flohr said of the Northville varsity players. "Every coach, every player, has the name of a military family on



Remembering Our Fallen, a traveling exhibit, was on display last weekend in front of Northville High School. BRAD EMONS

their back. They presented them with a certificate of appreciation, along with an additional (Northville) jersey, just like they're wearing."

Over the four days, a traveling exhibit titled Remembering Our Fallen was on display 24 hours in front Northville High School.

The memorial included 31 Tribute Towers with military and personal photos of almost 5,000 of our nation's fallen since Sept. 11, 2001. This memorial was unveiled nationally Sept. 7, 2017, at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Its legacy will be that these men and women will be remembered and their names will be spoken, while helping to lessen the grief of their families.

"It's a brand new memorial, first time ever in Michigan," Flohr said. "It's only been shown in 15 places across America."

Another to throw out the first pitch was Noala Fritz, whose son Jacob was taken as a prisoner of war and executed in Iraq in 2007.

"She travels with the wall all across the country," Flohr said.

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Obituaries

Peggy Lynn Allen

BYRON - Age 67, of Byron, died Thursday, May 17, 2018. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Peggy was born May 13, 1951 in Pontiac, the daughter of Russell Lloyd and Violet Ruth (Moore) Beadle. She married Dwayne F. Allen October 10, 1940 in Milford; he preceded her in death on November 5, 2012. Peggy has finally found her husband and joined him for a second chance at being together forever to celebrate their reunion. Their children: Shawna, Billy, and Tim along with 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, family and friends will light a candle and sing the song "Together Again". There will be no tears, only laughter because some of them can sing. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



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James A. Shaw

MILFORD - age 73, died May 13, 2018. Beloved husband of 19 years to Jennine (née Boswell, Palizzi); loving father of Kimberly (Matthew) Tice, Kristin (Brent Novak) Shaw, and Kathryn (Adam) Madigan; devoted grandfather of Kyle, Krista, Kevin and Konor Tice, Taylor, Tanner and Tucker Shaw Novak, and Jackson, Alexander and Brooke Madigan; and "Grandpa Jim/Jimbo" to the children of Julie (Gary) Abeska and Steven (Lisa) Palizzi: Joe, Kellie and Alex Abeska, and Nick, Noah and Sophie Palizzi. Sadly, Jim was preceded in death by siblings, Charlotte Leesburg, Lawrence, Shirley Belin, Glenn, and Jean Dupart. The Shaw family will receive guests at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, (between 9-10 Mile Roads, just north of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200), on Saturday, June 2, from 10 am-1 pm, concluded by a 1 pm ceremony. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to either the Salvation Army, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the National Parks Conservation Association. heeney-sundquist.com



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What to do when your boss steals your ideas

 BY ERIC TITNER
THEJOBNETWORK.COM

There are lots of potentially difficult situations that arise in most workplaces. But one of the most challenging is a boss who is constantly stealing your ideas or taking credit for your work, leaving you in the dust with nothing to show for your efforts.

Hopefully this doesn't sound familiar or hit too close to home for you — but if it does, we know how difficult it can be. The last thing any of us want is to be put in an adversarial situation with our managers, so there's a real impulse not to say or do anything about it. That can quietly "signal" your boss that you're OK with their bad behavior — or at the very least not going to rock the boat.

How can you handle the situation delicately enough so that you don't make things unbearable for yourself, yet firmly and decisively enough to send a clear message that you're not willing to put up with this?

"Entrepreneur" magazine published an article that highlights strategies for dealing with a boss who takes credit for your ideas.

Use the following tips to help guide you through the tough spot you're in:



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Evaluate the situation

If you get the feeling that your boss is taking credit for your ideas, your first step should not be to unleash your fury on the powers that be. Instead, take a step back and evaluate the situation. Is your boss really stealing your ideas or just aggregating and presenting the work of his or her team? Are you

absolutely certain that you're not getting credit for your work? Just because you may not receive instant adulation doesn't mean that your efforts are going unnoticed. Perhaps your boss is not the overly effusive sort, but is appreciative of your contributions and is giving credit where it's due in a subtle way. Bottom line: Make sure you know for sure

that your boss is stealing your ideas before taking things any further.

Get a second opinion

If you're fairly certain that your boss is indeed taking credit for your work, the next best step is to get a second opinion to serve as a witness to the situation.

Without a witness, unless you have absolutely irrefutable evidence, it's basically your word versus your boss' word, and in this scenario the boss often wins. Choose a credible and reliable co-worker, preferably someone with a little clout at your workplace, and bolster your case by having that person in your corner. It could make all the difference if you decide to take things further.

Document your case

A strong story and credible witness will go a long way toward supporting your claim of idea theft, but nothing beats a solid "paper trail." Wherever feasible, have some ironclad evidence that documents the onerous events — anything from emails to recorded instances of theft and written proof that the ideas were indeed yours will serve to substantiate your claim. Nothing is more disheartening than making a bold claim of theft that you're unable to prove.

Not only will your work situation not improve, it will likely become even more uncomfortable.

Communicate with your boss

If you politely discuss the situation with your boss, he or she may be able to capably explain why you're mistaken about what has transpired. Or maybe your boss will realize he or she has failed to properly give you the credit you're due and are willing to make amends.

Often, the path of least resistance is the best one to take first. Hopefully your boss is reasonable, provided your approach is free from hostility and you're open to compromise.

If you think your boss might be proffing from your ideas without sharing the credit, don't just do nothing — but don't do anything rash, either. Take a breath, assess the situation and make your way through measured and professional steps to come to a resolution that gives you the credit you deserve.

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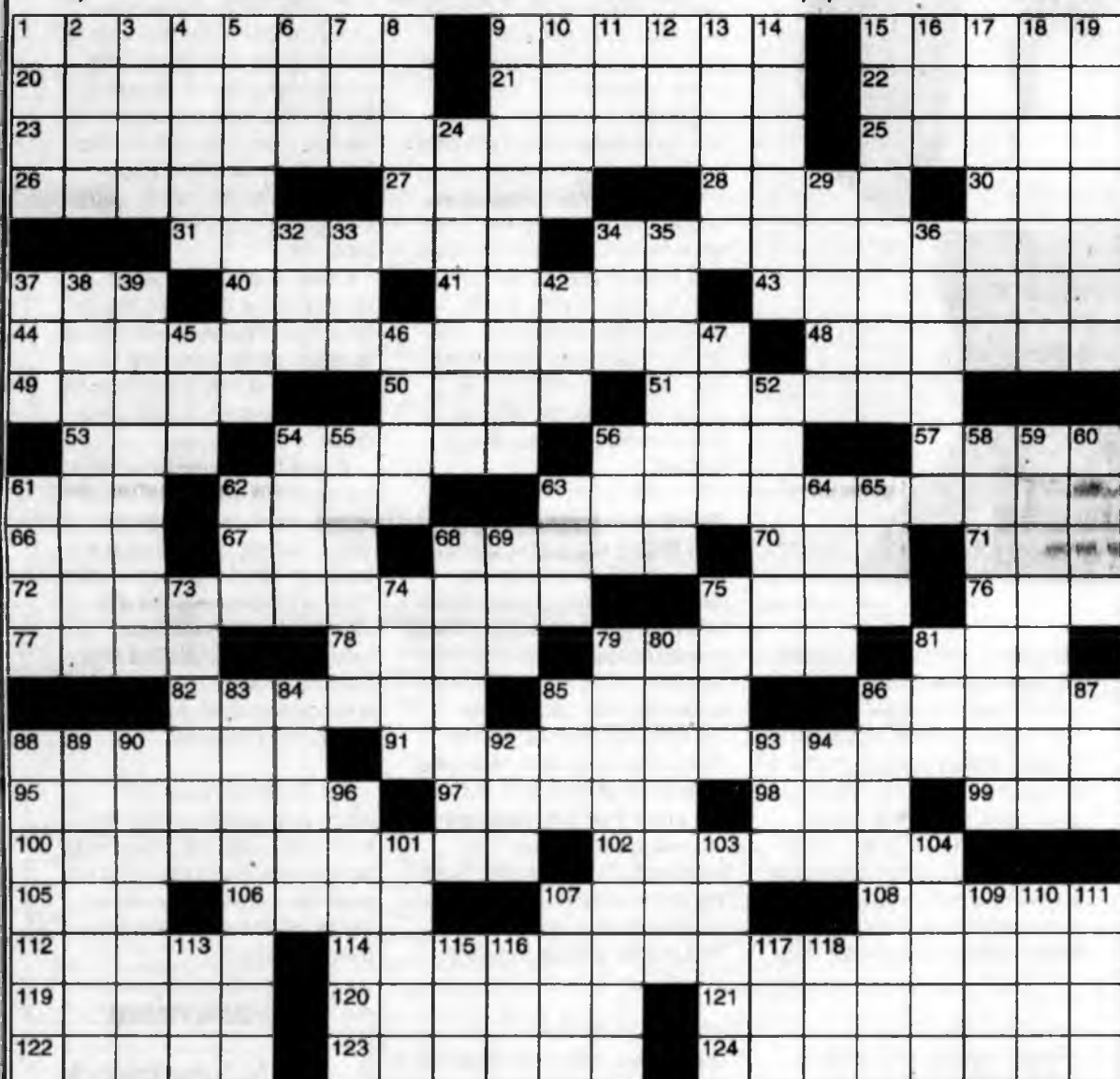
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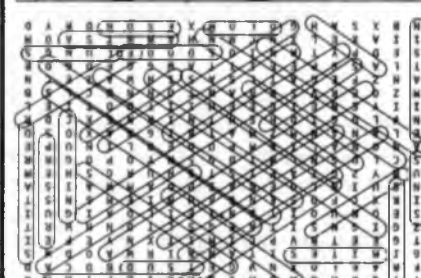
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By Dale Buss

Hyundai has been adjusting on the fly to the rapidly changing dynamics of the U.S. auto market. Not only is the market flattening but also there's an accelerating shift by American consumers in favor of utility vehicles and away from sedans, which is the auto body style that made Hyundai a key player in America.

The good news—Hyundai has new SUVs and crossovers on the way to augment its lineup of sedans and its award-winning reputation for quality that remains at the top of consumer evaluations. Another key focus for Hyundai is differentiating the customer's experience with the brand and its

dealerships.

"There's a new competitive playing field," Dean Evans, CMO for Hyundai Motor America, told me.

"A lot of times we focus on engineering great mobility and the product, the car. But we have another product, which is how the consumer is buying it and [owning the car] and, hopefully, some day coming back and buying again." He told me more about how Hyundai and its dealers are improving the customer experience and dealing with today's market dynamics in a Q&A:

How are you approaching and evolving Hyundai's customer experience?

Today the cars are all getting pretty good, so how do you compete? And Amazon is sitting in the middle of a room like an elephant and saying consumers want their goods differently. So we're looking at the buying and owning experience. We think that's



Hyundai's U.S. CMO, Dean Evans

going to be a competitive advantage for us and is now and will be in the future.

What does this mean for customers?

More consumers tell us they want us to respect their time and that even in some big retailers' cases, like Walmart, time is becoming first over price. We've got Shopper Assurance, a program that addresses some of the most painful or friction-ridden parts of the process, and we think we're smoothing them out working with retailers in this new kind of world. It's our north star.

Respecting people's time more and giving them more transparent pricing and giving them a worry-free guarantee that says if you're not happy you can come back and make sure you're happy. No other brand new car has an offering like that. It's conquering at the brand level dramatically. We launched it about five months ago.

Since launching, we've surveyed customers who've been through the process and one of the questions we asked is: Did this experience play a role in their decision to ultimately purchase

a Hyundai over a competitor? 61% of them are saying yes and 65 to 70% of our volume these days is conquest. That's a pretty good indicator. And there's the work that retailers are putting in to make sure that what the marketing program says is really what's happening in the field.

How are consumers experiencing the Hyundai brand through the purchase process, service and so on?

We have four pillars. One is **transparent pricing**. Not just MSRP and "call me" on the website, but they're filing with MSRP minus any rebates and minus any dealer discount: There's your price (not all cars are priced the same); there are variables. But now this transaction price lines up with what legitimate third parties are saying for the most part, or we're really close. There's a legitimacy.

The second pillar is **streamlined purchase**. Now dealers that are Shopper Assurance dealers have this functionality and tech on their website that allows them to do credit apps, approvals, lease payments, get hard trade values—all of those things—so when you do come into

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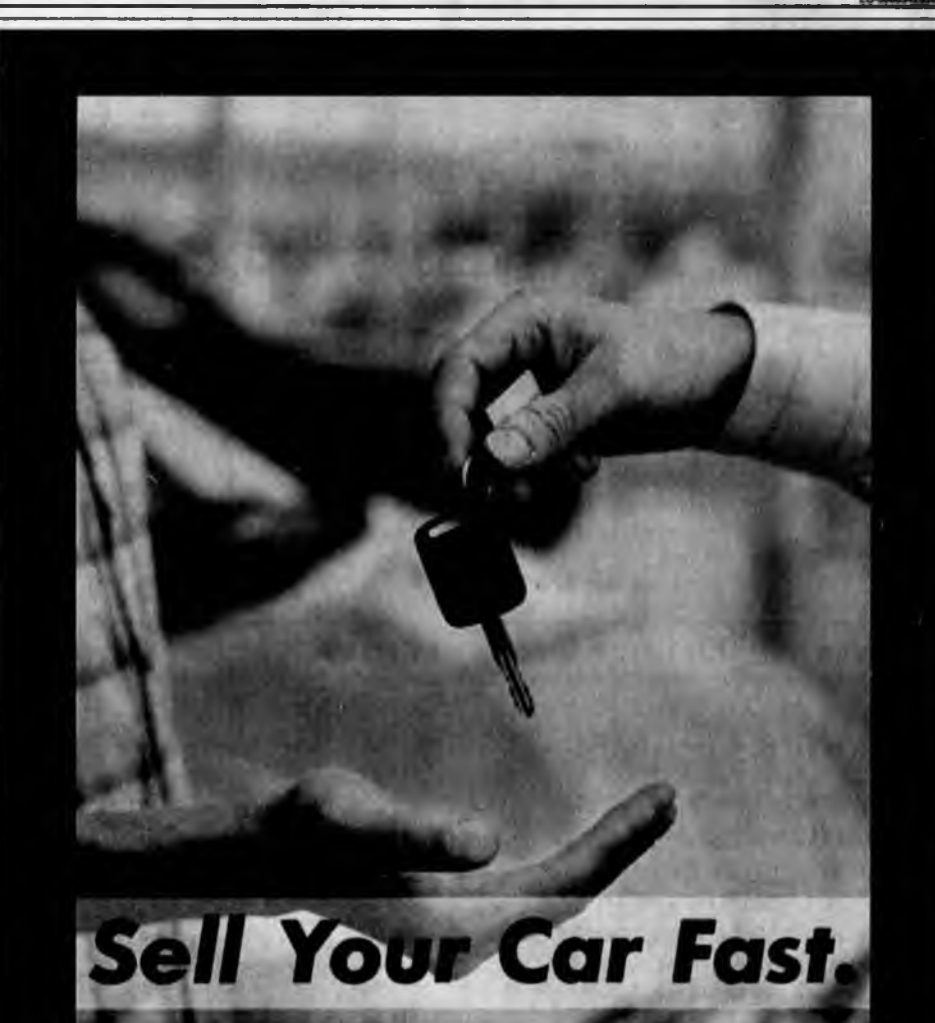
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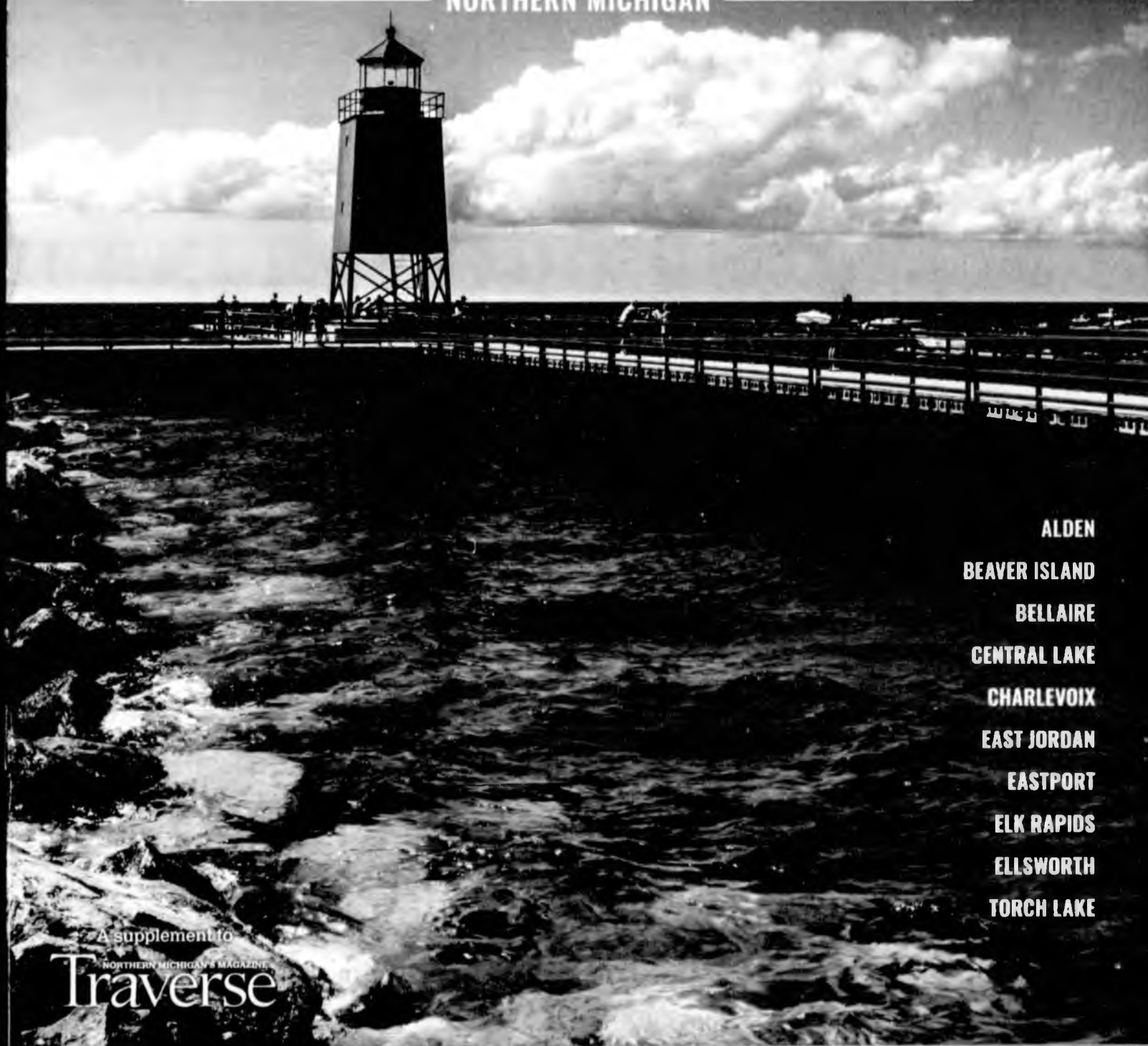
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TRAILS

Grass River Natural Area: Hike and kayak through this 1,400-acre wetland and uplands along the Chain of Lakes. Find a wheelchair-accessible pathway and an interpretive center that offers classes and guided hikes. grassriver.org.

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GOLF

Shanty Creek: This four-season resort boasts four courses. The Legend was designed by Arnold Palmer, Cedar River by Tom Weiskopf, Summit by William Diddell and the Schuss Mountain course. shantycreek.com

The Farm Golf Course: 18-hole public course on scenic rolling farmland. centennialfarmgolfclub.com

Hawk's Eye Golf Resort: Stay at this Bellaire golf resort, which offers full hotel accommodations onsite and an 18-hole championship layout course. golfbellaire.com.

Classic Bellaire

The **12 Days of Summer Festival** launches with the Antrim County fair August 9–11 and continues on with more fun. bellairechamber.com.

Get your lucky duck and race it against other quacks on the Bellaire River at the **Rubber Ducky Festival**, August 18. bellairechamber.com.



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» TORCH LAKE

EASTPORT

This tiny town sits at the northern tip of big and famously beautiful Torch Lake. Besides the burg's beautiful beaches on Lake Michigan and Torch Lake, it also hosts the newly opened Torch Lake Café—great food, libations and music.

Classic Eastport

Skip a stone at the **Petoskey Stone Festival**, a celebration of Michigan's state rock at Barnes Park, the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. petoskeystonefestival.com.

Spread a blanket at **Barnes Park**, where you'll find a big, sandy beach on Grand Traverse Bay, wooded campsites, a play area, and a network of hiking and biking trails. antrimcounty.org/barnespark.asp.

Dip into Torch Lake at **Torch Lake Township Day Park** with its pavilions, picnic tables, restrooms, a boat launch and swimming area. Public Dock Road, Kewadin.

Rent a ski boat or pontoon for a day on Torch Lake at Torch River Marine, 231.322.4495, torchrivermarine.com. Also at Dewitt Marine, 231.377.6611, dewittmarine.com.



» DOWNTOWN CENTRAL LAKE



» ELLSWORTH DAY PARK

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth might be small but it is mighty in natural beauty and civic pride. Situated on the northernmost point of the Chain of Lakes, this sweet village on Ellsworth Lake has a lovely public park with a fishing pier, labyrinth garden and Michigan's largest public outdoor archery range. This winter, the town won a renaissance award for the renovation of its town hall and the creation of an adjacent town square that is outfitted with a gazebo.

GOLF

Antrim Dells Golf Course: Catch views of Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay as you play these Jerry Matthews-designed 18 holes. Enjoy après-golf cocktails and a bite to eat in the club. a-ga-ming.com/courses/antrim-dells.

Classic Ellsworth

Everyone in town comes out for the Pig Roast the third Saturday in June each year, a festivity that ends with full bellies and a magnificent fireworks display over Six Mile Lake. villageofellsworth.com.

Sit elbow-to-elbow at the **Front Porch Café** with neighbors for fellowship and home cooking in a 1954 Ellsworth icon decorated with more than 100 antique toasters.

Take a photo in the **giant Adirondack chair** in the town square.

Spend the day at **Ellsworth Community Park**, with its sandy beach on quiet Ellsworth Lake, outdoor archery range, pavilion and playground, fishing and boat pier, and labyrinth garden. villageofellsworth.com.

CENTRAL LAKE

With the recent addition of Mammoth Distillery to this town, Central Lake claims its fame as the smallest town in Michigan to have its own distillery right downtown. What does that mean to you? A hand-hewn whiskey on the rocks is just the topper for a day paddling the quiet Upper Chain of Lakes, which runs north from here. Other Central Lake treasures include Adams Madams gift shop and King Orchard Farm Market. Kids will love the old log cabin (that houses the chamber of commerce) and its adjacent museum of antique children's toys and clothing—and they won't want to miss the penny candy counter at Bachmann's, in business since 1942. central-lake.com.

Classic Central Lake

The **Fourth of July** kicks off with a pancake breakfast and then moves on to a strawberry social, BBQ chicken dinner and fireworks; come on July 3rd to catch the boat parade on Intermediate Lake. centrallakechamber.com.

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Classic Alden

Alden Evening Stroll: Live music, local farmers market and more. Thursday evenings, 6:30–8:30, June 21–August 23.

Alden Harbor: The sandy-bottomed swimming area on Torch Lake is adjacent to the boat launch in downtown Alden. Find it at the sharp dogleg on South East Torch Lake Drive (County Highway 593).

Alden Depot Park and Museum: A former train depot (with restored railcars on the grounds) is home to a museum and a public beach (with a playground) on Torch Lake. visitalden.com

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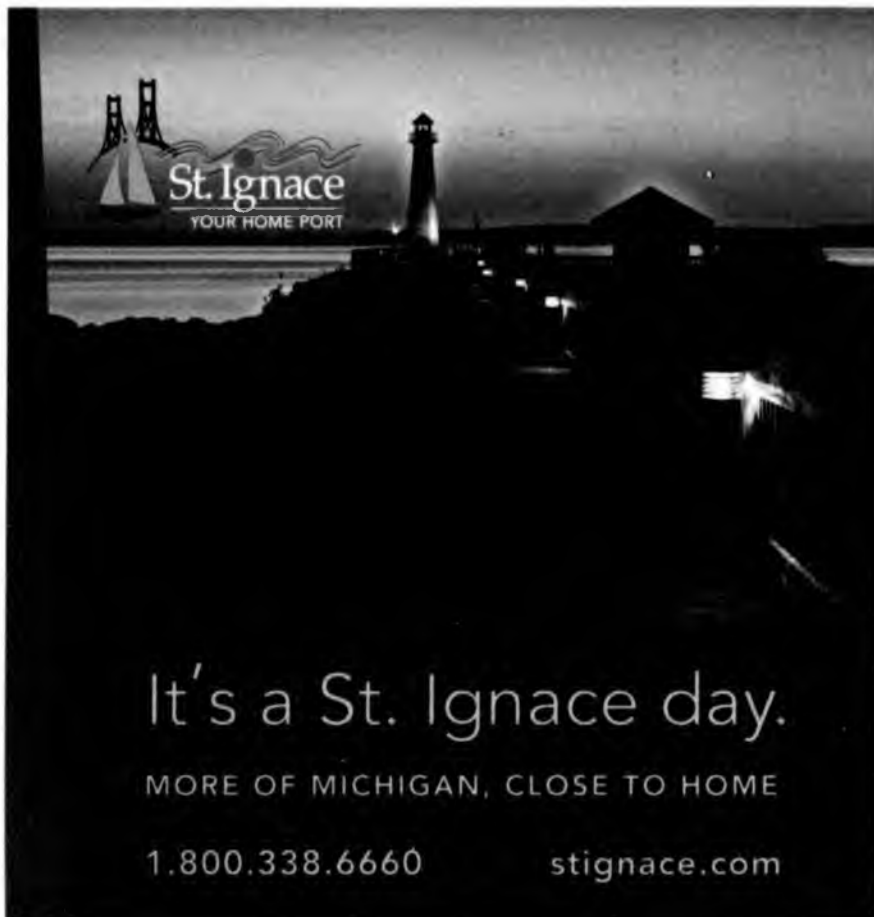




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Round-trip fares to Beaver Island run approximately \$60 on the ferry and \$100 by plane. For details, check out the transportation companies.

Beaver Island Boat Company: bibco.com. Fresh Air Aviation: freshairaviation.net. Island Airways: islandairways.com.

More on lodging, camping, restaurants, golf, bike, kayak and car rentals, boat charters and scenic bi-plane rides. beaverisland.org.

Classic Beaver Island

Beaver Island Music Festival: July 19–21, is a three-day outdoor event that features music of all traditions and an art fair. Camping is available. beaverislandmusicfestival.com.

Professional musicians from all over the country gather to perform classical music during **Baroque on Beaver**, July 27–August 4, baroqueonbeaver.org.

Beaver Island's history is one of the Great Lakes' greatest stories. In the mid-1800s, a renegade Mormon leader and self-anointed prophet named James Strang led 300 devotees to the island, where he ruled over his independent Mormon "kingdom" until his assassination by followers in 1856. Following Strang's death, Irish immigrants established a new enclave on the island. Relics of both the Mormon and Irish communities still survive today including the Mormon colony's former **print shop, now a museum**, and the island's **Irish pubs**.

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BEACHES

Ferry Beach: Sandy beach on Lake Charlevoix with playground, pavilions, grills, concession, volleyball and basketball courts, restrooms and boat launch. M66 to Stover Road and head east. 224 Ferry Ave.

Depot Beach: On Lake Charlevoix, located next to the town's renovated train depot (now a historical museum). Lifeguards on duty during the summer, restrooms and a playground. charlevoix.org.

Fisherman's Island State Park: Seven miles of Lake Michigan beach (and 75 campsites). Located south of Charlevoix off US31. michigandnr.com.

Michigan Beach Park: Just west of downtown, outfitted with lifeguards, concession stands, restrooms, picnic areas. 95 Grant St.

Mt. McSaubia: A pristine Lake Michigan beach waiting for your towel. 210 State Street. 231.547.3267.

BIKING

Little Traverse Wheelway: Stretching nearly 26 miles from Charlevoix to Harbor Springs, the trail passes more than a half-dozen roadside parks and occasional beaches with direct access to the water. Find the Charlevoix trailhead at Charlevoix Township Hall 12491 Waller Road, trailscouncil.org.

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» DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX



» LAKE MICHIGAN

Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail: Phase I, from Boyne City through Young State Park (3 miles), of this brand new trail is complete. This year, Phase II opens: look for a spur off the Little Traverse Wheelway north of Charlevoix, cross US31 and head toward Boyne City ending at the Pine Point Subdivision. Follow Eastern Avenue and find a public Lake Charlevoix beach. trailscouncil.org.

Rentals at Revolution Bike & Boards: revolutionbandb.webs.com.

GOLF

Dunmaglas: A challenging course inspired by the spirit of the great Scottish links, with views overlooking both Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan. dunmaglas.com.

Belvedere Club: This challenging, minimalist course, opened in 1927, has hosted the Michigan Amateur Championships 40 times. belvederegolfclub.com.

Charlevoix Golf Club: This city-run, nine-hole course offers some of the most laid-back and inexpensive golfing in the region. charlevoixgolfclub.com.

Charlevoix Golf & Fitness: Reserve your tee time at this challenging public course—and make time to tour the completely renovated clubhouse. 231.547.9796, chxcountryclub.com.

TAKE THE KIDS

Kids splash and play in the **Charlevoix Fountain of Youth**, an interactive, heated fountain in Charlevoix's downtown waterfront East Park. The

fountain is open for play every day between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.; there's a nightly display at 9:30 p.m., when the water is programmed to "dance" to a music and light show.

Skateboarders, inline skaters and BMX bikers are all welcome at the **Community Skate Park** 401 W. Carpenter Avenue.

At **Charlevoix Community Pool** kids (and their parents and grandparents) can take lessons, exercise classes or just splash around in open swims. charlevoixpool.org.

GET ON THE WATER!

Schulman Paddleworks: Kayak or stand-up paddleboard access to Lake Charlevoix or tiny Round Lake to the west. Located at Depot Beach on Lake Charlevoix. schulmanpaddleworks.com.

Ward Brother Charterboats: Charter fishing, powerboats, pontoons. wardbrothersboats.com.

Summertime Rentals: Jet skis, ski boats, pontoons, paddle sports, water trampolines and more. summertime-rentals.com.

Sunshine Charters: Private sails, groups and daily tours aboard the catamaran *The Sunshine II*. Headquartered at the kiosk on Bridge Street. sunshinecharters.com.

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► DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

Classic Charlevoix

Venetian Festival: July 21–28. This 88th year of the festival promises to be as spectacular as always, with live music, kids games, a boat parade on Round Lake, a local battle of the bands, a midway, two nights of fireworks, and the AquaPalooza boating party.

A wide variety of musicians perform at East Park Performance Pavilion for the **Charlevoix Summer Concert Series**. Thursdays, 7 p.m., June 28–August 23.

Board the open-air GEM car for the **Earl Young House** tour. These whimsical stone buildings (some folks think they resemble mushrooms) were designed by Earl Young in the early 1900s. mushroomhousetours.com.

Spend a day at the chateau-style **Castle Farms**. Built in 1918, this landmark is a fabulous place to spend a day. Play lawn chess, see the largest outdoor railroad in Michigan, wander the gardens and much more. castlefarms.com.

The hub of all things creative in Charlevoix, the **Charlevoix Circle of Art** offers exhibits, classes in art, dance and music, and enlightening events. charlevoixcircle.org.

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EAST JORDAN

Spend the day on Lake Charlevoix, paddle the Jordan River, and hike the Jordan Valley in and around this water-friendly town located where the Jordan River meets the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Blend those experiences browsing the downtown, with its boutiques, gift shop and three excellent upcycled/antique home décor shops. Dining runs from homey to new and trendy, at the Southern-inspired Blue Smoke restaurant and the freshly renovated The Landing—a restaurant you can boat up to. Whatever your style, finish off your day with an old-fashioned ice cream treat at Sodalicious. ejchamber.org.

BEACHES

Elm Pointe Beach and Picnic: Sweet Monroe Creek winds its way to Lake Charlevoix. areaeastjordancity.org.

East Jordan City Tourist Park: Find 500 feet of Lake Charlevoix frontage, marked swim area, pavilion, beach volleyball court and campsites downtown. eastjordancity.org.

FESTIVALS

Freedom Festival: June 26–30. Friday night block party, carnival and parades. eastjordanfreedomfestival.org.

South Arm Classics: July 14. Classic cars and boats show. ejchamber.org.

Portside Arts Fair: August 3–5. Check out works by Michigan artists at this juried fine arts fair. portsideartsfair.org.

Music in the Park: 7 p.m. Fridays, mid-June through mid-August at Memorial Park on Lake Charlevoix.

BOATING ON LAKE CHARLEVOIX

East Jordan Municipal Marina and Memorial Park: With 27 seasonal, 27 transient and several day slips, this marina on Lake Charlevoix's South Arm is situated within walking distance of the shopping and eating district. Lovely Memorial Park, outfitted with picnic tables, grills and a band shell (Friday evening concerts in the summer) is adjacent to the marina. eastjordancity.org.

Summertime Rentals: Jet skis, ski boats, pontoons, paddle sports, water trampolines and more. summertime-rentals.com.

GOLF

Mallard Golf Club: A laid-back nine-hole course featuring casual dining with a Friday night fish fry. mallardgolf.com.

Ye Nyne Olde Holles: Features Old English spirit with thick rough, hilly terrain, and the philosophy that enjoyment of nature is part of the experience. 231.582.7609, FB.

TAKE THE KIDS

Raven Hill Discovery Center: Kids can explore a music garden, wetlands boardwalk, labyrinth and accessible treehouse; indoor attractions include a fiber studio, print shop, one-room schoolhouse and even a live animal room for learning about native wildlife. August 11–September 23, check out the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit. ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org.

Disc Golf Course: East Jordan Community Park. 805 Maple St., East Jordan.

East Jordan Rotary Skate Park: State St., East Jordan.

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Classic East Jordan

Bring a lawn chair to the East Jordan Bandshell in Memorial Park for Friday night concerts.

East Jordan Portside Art and Historical Museum is located at beautiful Elm Pointe Park. Find one-of-a-kind local memorabilia and then browse the adjacent **Cygrid Riley Art Gallery** with its collection of work from the Portside Art Fairs dating from 1971. You'll find more local history at the **It's History Museum** in the East Jordan City Hall. eastjordancity.org.

Check out the **Jordan River Arts Council**, headquartered in the old Carnegie Library building for schedule of exhibits, workshops and other events. jordanriverarts.com.

It's worth the trip just to take the historic **Ironton Ferry**, a four-car cable ferry that takes just 10 minutes to cross the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix at one of its narrowest points. \$3 per car, a buck if you're on a bike, 50 cents for pedestrians. Where Ferry Road crosses South Arm, six miles south of Charlevoix and six miles north of East Jordan.

The rugged 18-mile-long **Jordan River Pathway** threads through the scenic **Jordan River Valley**. Great destination for an easy weekend backpacking trip; stay overnight at the rustic, hike-in Piney Bridge Campground. Day hikers can do the three-mile Deadman's Loop; main trailhead off Deadman's Hill Road, six miles north of Alba on US131. michigandnr.com.

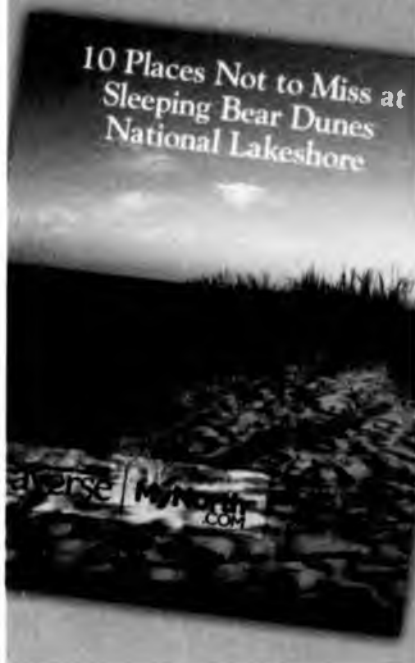
The **Rogers Family Homestead/ Dressel/ Jordan River Nature Preserve** has a 1.5-mile hiking trail and 2 miles of Jordan River shoreline located just downstream from a public boat launch. landtrust.org.

The current on the bluff-lined **Jordan River** ranges from placid to swift.

Canoe and kayak rentals: Jordan Valley Outfitters, jvoutfitters.com. Swiss Hideaway, 1953 Graves Crossing, Mancelona, 231.536.2341, jordanriverfun.com.

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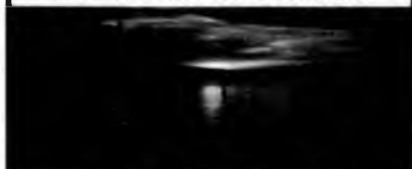
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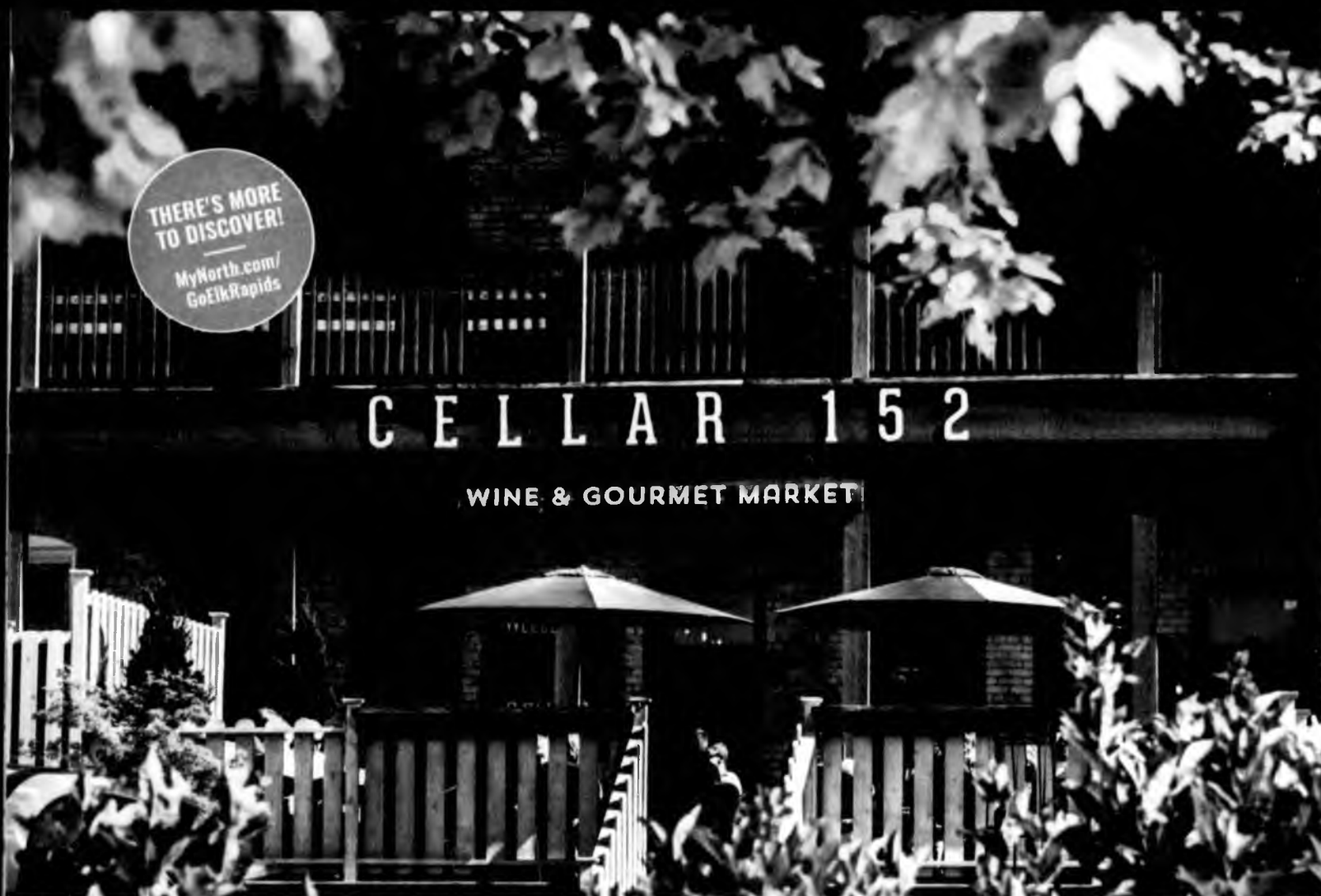
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BEACHES

Veterans Memorial Park: Elk Rapids' in-town oasis on Lake Michigan's East Grand Traverse Bay. Basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic tables, grills and a playground round out a perfect beach day. On River Street in downtown Elk Rapids.

Elk Rapids Dam Beach: A sweet little in-town spit of sand (perfect for soaking your feet after shopping!) on East Grand Traverse Bay and next to the Elk Rapids Dam. Find it off Dexter St.

Elk Rapids Day Park: Lovely quarter-mile-long beach on Lake Michigan's East Grand Traverse Bay with bathhouse, pavilion, grills and picnic tables.

The park is also the site of **Walk of Art**, an outdoor sculpture park with some 30 sculptures. S. Bayshore Rd., on the south side of town. artrapids.org.

Wilcox-Palmer-Shah Nature Preserve: Lake Michigan beach protected by the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and open to the public. Find it three miles north of town on North Bayshore Rd. gtrlc.org.

GOLF

Elk Rapids Golf Club: Historic 9-hole course on the shores of Elk Lake offers spectacular views of scenic Elk Lake. golfelkrapids.com.

A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort: 72 holes located in three locations between Torch Lake and Lake Michigan. a-ga-ming.com.

GET ON THE WATER

Elk Rapids Harbor: The downtown harbor on Lake Michigan's East Grand Traverse Bay is outfitted with top-flight amenities, including shuttle service to restaurants and shopping. Seasonal, transient and short-term docking. Boat ramps on to East Grand Traverse Bay and into Elk River and the Chain of Lakes.

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» VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

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Enjoy **Art Rapids**, June 9–23, an art competition and exhibition held throughout the village. artrapid.org.

On summer Wednesdays the downtown hosts music, kids games and food from area restaurants at **Evenings on River Street**, June 20–August 1. elkrapidchamber.org.

Harbor Days, August 1–4, is Elk Rapids' big summer festival featuring live music, parades, a carnival, sandcastle building, fireworks on Saturday night and other fun. elkrapidsharbordays.org.

Shoot the sluice on the Elk River, in downtown Elk Rapids. This is free, old-fashioned fun that you don't find much anymore. Wear water-shoes. elkrapidchamber.org.

Little anglers will love tossing a line into Elk Rapids' family-friendly **Kids Pond** for panfish and bass. Off Dexter Street just below the spillway. elkrapidchamber.org.

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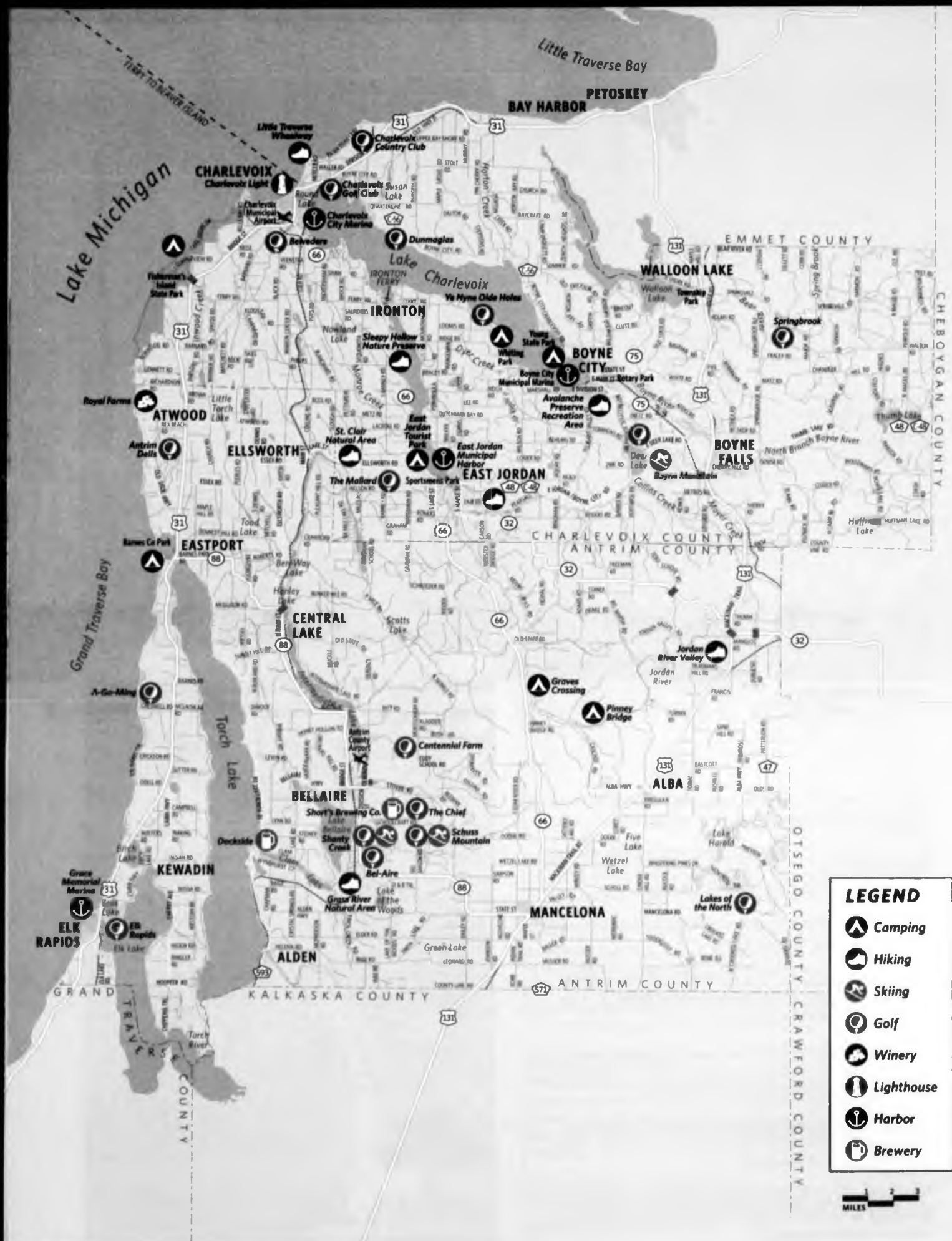
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