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The Business Technology and Research Park on the Parkview Campus is thriving, according to a survey completed May 20.

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“Seeking Shelter From the Storm: Architecture in Archaeological Perspective” is the focus of four free public lectures that will offer the views of top scholars in a series of Wednesday evening presentations at the Niles District Library, 620 East Main St. in Niles.

All four Wednesday lectures begin at 7 p.m. The presentation dates, speakers and topics are:

• June 3, Ian Kuijt, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, “Hearing Voices, Finding Houses: The Archaeology of 18th-20th Century Irish Architecture.”
• June 10, Jan Braslher, Department of Anthropology, Grand Valley State University, “Structures for the Living and the Dead: The Archaeology of Pre-Columbian Architecture in Michigan.”
• June 17, Kevin Finney, executive director of the Jijak Foundation, Gun Lake Band of Potawatomi, “Neshnabe Architecture”;
• June 24, Michael S. Nassaney, Department of Anthropology, WMU, “French Colonial Architecture.”

The series is sponsored by the city of Niles, the Niles District Library, the Joseph L. Peyser Endowment for the Study of New France, the Conference on Michigan Archaeology and WMU’s 2015 Archaeological Field School and Cultural Events Committee.

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A family-friendly pre-Kalamazo Pride event, the Bowling Extravaganza will feature unlimited bowling as well as music and raffle prizes that include a grand prize trip to Chicago. Call (269) 349-4344 to preregister by Friday, May 29, and save $3. Visit pride.kgrel.org/pre-pride-events for cost and other details.

Center to be represented at Art Hop
The work of artists in the Center for Disability Services’ Creative Abilities Art Studio will be featured Friday, June 5, during the Kalamazo Art Hop. Their abstract landscape paintings, mixed media and garden art will be on display from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Sanwox Gallery in the Park Trades Building, 326 W. Kalamazo Ave.

Soccer teams hosting summer camp
The men’s and women’s soccer teams will be hosting a youth soccer camp for kids age 3 through 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday through Thursday, June 15-18, at the WMU Soccer Complex. All members of the men’s and women’s coaching staff will be present during the camp, which will focus on basic skills, fundamentals of the game and having fun.

Visit wmich.edu/admissions/camps for details about the soccer camps and many other activities taking place across the campus this summer.

Doctors Without Borders official to present talk
A board member of Doctors Without Borders will present the next talk in the Mercantile speaker Series.

Martha Huckabee, vice president of the organization’s board, will discuss “From Average to Extraordinary and Unexpected Life” at 8 a.m. Friday, May 29, in 212 Schneider Hall. The event is free and open to the public and begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made at wmich.edu/business/mercantile-rsvp or by calling (269) 387-6125.

Doctors Without Borders began amid the Parisian upheavals of May 1968. A group of young doctors set out to assist victims of wars and major disasters. The organization was officially founded in December 1971 and at the time consisted of 300 volunteers. Today, it has offices in 28 countries and employs more than 30,000 people across the world.

Huckabee began working for Doctors Without Borders more than 20 years ago. She spent 13 years in the field, working primarily in conflict zones that have included Somalia, South Sudan, Bosnia and Sierra Leone.

Huckabee also has administrative experience with the group. She served on the board of directors for Doctors Without Borders USA for six years and spent one year at the Doctors Without Borders headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, before returning to the United States.

For more information or to register, contact the Haworth College of Business at (269) 387-6059.

Jobs
Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources website at wmich.edu/hr/jobs. Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.
Dining hall project to close part of Ring Road; groundbreaking set

Utilities work associated with construction of the new Valley Dining Hall will result in closure of a key portion of the Ring Road for five to six weeks this summer. Full details about the closure were not available by Western News press time. But they were expected to be announced soon after a scheduled meeting May 27, between Facilities Management officials and representatives of campus units most affected by the closure.

Discussions to date have centered on closing all of the Goldsworth Drive portion of the Ring Road from Monday, June 1, to Tuesday, July 7. Fencing already is up around the main construction area, which consists of the parking lots in front of the Valley halls overlooking the Goldsworth Valley Pond.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new dining hall is set for 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the construction site in the parking lot off of Rankin Avenue north of the pond. During the closure period, the Valley II and III halls will be affected only for short periods—one to two days. The Valley Hall, the location for orientation, as well as the intramural field and its adjacent parking lot, will be accessible throughout.

Traffic is expected to be allowed to enter campus from Howard Street at Valley Drive, but it would only be allowed to move south—counter clockwise—on Rankin. Travel to the Shindecsue Health Center and Goldsworth Valley Apartments would not be affected.

Conn Macomber, construction, says the closure is needed so crews can relocate all utilities for the Valley residence halls.

WMU inventors win Lemelson-MIT "Cure it!" prize

A WMU senior and a May graduate are the winners of a prestigious national prize for inventing NeoVent, a life-saving, low-cost respiratory support device designed to treat critically ill infants in developing nations.

Babies born preterm sometimes have underdeveloped lungs and need some degree of respiratory life support. But, due to expense, ventilation equipment commonly available in developed nations is not always readily available in medical centers in underserved parts of the world. They estimate that in the minimum required time," Macomber says. "We recognize that this is a major disruption to the University. We've delayed this closure to the extent possible and still be able to build our new $30 million dining facility in 13 months—a challenge even in the best of conditions."

Signage along the ring road will address visitor needs, directing them to travel counterclockwise. Maps have been developed and will be posted at wmich.edu/visit.

For more closure details, contact Ma-

conn.macomber@wmich.edu or (269) 387-8671.

For information about the Valley Dining Hall, including a video showing renderings of what the facility's exterior and interior will look like, visit wmich.edu/dining/locations/halls/valley.

WMU selects "Maus I" for 2015-16 common read

The University is turning the spotlight on Art Spiegelman's graphic novel "Maus I: A Survivor's Tale," which in 1992 became the first graphic novel to win a Pulitzer Prize.

WMU has selected the work, subtitled "My Father Bleeds History," as the 2015-16 University Common Read. It is part one of the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Polish Jew who survived Hitler's Europe, and Art Spiegelman, Vladek's cartoonist son and the novel's author.

All first-year students are expected to read the book. Members of the Kalamazoo community as well as all WMU students and employees are encouraged to read it this summer and participate in public activities that are being planned for the fall.

Details about the book, reading kits and upcoming events will be posted at http://libguides.wmich.edu/wmucommonread2015-16 as they become available.

Questions about "Maus I" and sponsoring related events should be directed to Toni Woolf-Barnes at toni.woolf-barnes@wmich.edu or (269) 387-2301.
On Campus with Drew Martin

Growing up in a family of tennis players, Drew Martin picked up a racket at an early age and, predictably, became competitive with his three older brothers.

His love of the game grew as he went to school and eventually played for Methodist University in North Carolina. Today, he’s director of junior tennis at WMU’s West Hills Athletic Club, instructing about 60 students of all levels from ages 4 to 18, as well as coaching four women’s adult teams.

Martin was drawn to WMU and the Kalamazoo area because of the community’s tennis reputation, gained in part through the city’s summer hosting the U.S. Tennis Association’s boys national championship for the past 71 years.

“I really like the community and the people and, hopefully, I can shape my students’ perspective of the game,” he says. Martin credits his parents, who also played tennis, with signing him up for lessons at age 9 and his brothers with encouraging him to get better over the years.

“If you can imagine, there was a lot of competition in our family,” he says, smiling. “They wouldn’t let me play against them until I got better, and that was my goal.”

For his students, though, he aims to not only help them improve, but also to help them enjoy the game and stay active.

Martin came to West Hills in 2013 after teaching tennis in Virginia and Chicago following his graduation from Methodist University.

He met his wife, Rachel, in Chicago; and the two live in Kalamazoo with their dog. They are new homeowners so, “There is always something to do with the house or a new project now,” he says. Martin also enjoys fishing, recently trying his hand at fly fishing, as well as playing sports and spending time with his family.

Auditorium adds new shows

Miller Auditorium has added three additional shows to its recently announced Lake Michigan Mailers Spotlight Series: The Piano Guys, Gold Company’s “Anything You Can Sing, We Can Swing Better!” and Daniel Tiger’s “Neighborhood Live!”

Tickets are now available as part of season subscription packages from the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office at (269) 387-2300 and (800) 228-9858. Additional season events will be announced as they are confirmed.

To view Miller’s schedule of upcoming shows and keep up to date on additions, visit millerauditorium.com.

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Miller notes that FAiST is the type of firm the park was designed for—one that fits into the park’s profile and one that plans to be actively engaged with the University’s academic programs and students.

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The company has just moved into a suite in the Southwest Michigan Innovation Center, a business incubator for startups in the life sciences. Applied IE is a management and consulting firm focused on helping organizations use industrial engineering technology to optimize their operations. It has had clients ranging from Dell Computers and La-Z-Boy to Stryker and Pfizer, but Gatmaitan says about 60 percent of his company’s business is in the health care industry.

The following faculty and staff members are recognized for 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 and five years of service during May.

30 Years—Alan J. Hovestadt, counselor education and counseling psychology, and Linda L. Wallace, public safety.

25 Years—David W. Dakin II, planning; Jodie Laraway, student financial aid and scholarships; and Ryan N. McGregor, public safety.

20 Years—Julie Hayward, University Libraries; Leesa Jaquays, geography; and Dominic Nicolai, College of Aviation.

15 Years—Helen J. Beck, College of Health and Human Services; Beverly A.

Green, building custodial and support services; Jodie S. Grimm, building custodial and support services; Ronica D. Hamilton, Center for Fostering Success; Stephanie L. Johnson, building custodial and support services; and Sherry A. Peake, building custodial and support services.

10 Years—Arthur R. Priest, power plant, and Lisa C. Youzy, marketing.

Five Years—Jamie L. Bennett, Center for Fostering Success; Jane Blyth, Haenicke Institute; Anthony P. Helms, Lee Honors College; and Mary Sue Wilson, blindness and low vision studies.

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1691 to 1781 along the city of St. Joseph River in what is now the city of Niles. Since 1998, WMU faculty researchers and students have been working to identify, investigate and interpret the physical remains of the fort, one of the most important colonial outposts in the western Great Lakes.

WMU has conducted its annual archaeological field school at the site for 11 of the past 13 years, in partnership with the city of Niles, the Fort St. Joseph Museum and Support the Fort, a nonprofit organization focused on preserving the fort’s history. Researchers are back in the field this year after taking a brief hiatus to allow Nassaney, the field school’s director, a sabbatical leave after taking a brief hiatus to allow Nassaney, the field school’s director, a sabbatical leave.