



Child care returns to campus

After more than a 20-year hiatus, a childcare center returned to campus this fall, offering student parents both convenience and peace of mind.

The NMC Children’s Learning Center is operated by Munson Healthcare at the Oleson Center. Munson, which enrolls more than 600 children at daycare sites all around northern Michigan, emerged as a partner when the Student Government Association began pushing for on-campus childcare earlier this year.

“SGA did a great job promoting it and speaking to the need,” said past president Ryan Byers, a parent himself. “It’s very exciting, it’s a very positive direction that NMC has moved in to support this population of students.”

NMC’s chief goal is that the childcare center enable student parents to complete their studies.

“The whole reasoning is because students were seeing this as a barrier to graduating,” said Brigid Wilson, director of childcare for Munson. “I think it will really be a game-changer.”

Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., the NMC center can accommodate up to 48 children ages 3 to 5. Both full and part-time child care slots are available and state and federal funds are available to reduce costs.

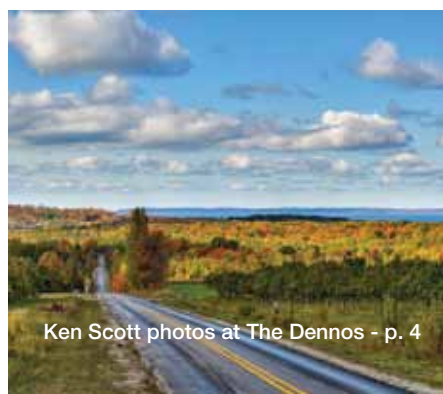
“We’re trying to give the majority of people some money,” Wilson said.

The Center utilizes a curriculum that promotes the developmental growth of the whole child, including social, emotional, cognitive and small and gross motor skills

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NMC Children’s Learning Center assistant teacher Ruth Bovard works with Everett Petkus in the new childcare center on main campus.



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From the President

Forging community fortunes collectively



Timothy J. Nelson

Often when you hear people talk about a “town and gown” relationship, it’s not in a positive light. I’m happy to say here in Traverse City, town and gown folks realize our fortunes are intertwined, and are working together

to meet some of the most important needs in our community.

Three of our stories in this issue are examples of our college community and our local community both living by the credo, “It’s not about me, it’s about we.”

NMC, along with many other organizations in our region, is grappling with issues relating to childcare and early childhood education. Five to One, a regional early childhood partnership we participate in along with the Chamber of Commerce, TBAISD and others, brought to light the opportunity to establish a childcare program on our campus, something our Student Government Association also supported. This summer, the NMC Board of Trustees unanimously approved dedicating a part of the Oleson Center for our new center, which you read about on the cover. It is managed by Munson Healthcare

and employs a number of our students and graduates.

Another growing local need is affordable housing. The page 3 story about Commitment Scholarship program students volunteering in a Habitat for Humanity build that will benefit one of their peers is fantastic. Our construction trades program has participated in these projects in recent years as well.

Lastly, helping to move people out of poverty and homelessness is a growing challenge. The NMC Foundation’s funding of homelessness writing workshops led by our Communications faculty on campus (Speak Up TC project, p. 7) is just the most recent example of NMC’s involvement. The many years NMC, faculty, staff and students have engaged in the programs of the regional Poverty Reduction Initiative demonstrate an ongoing commitment to this issue.

What lessons do these teach us? No one is alone. We have to work together and keep trying. Wherever you are, engage within your communities. Celebrate small steps toward success. And remember, “It’s not about me, it’s about we.”

As always, please contact me with any questions or comments at tnelson@nmc.edu.

NMC Children’s Learning Center

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with an emphasis on play. Children also get outdoor play time behind the Oleson Center and at nearby East Bay Park.



“NMC is such a beautiful campus. We are going to be talking walks and really enjoying a lot of it,” she said.

The Center also creates an employment option for students in NMC’s child development certificate program, like graduate Ruth Bovard, now an assistant teacher. Growing up in a missionary home in Kenya she was always surrounded by children, so the career choice felt natural.

“I love it,” said Bovard, who now lives in Kingsley. “There’s a lot of (students) at NMC that have kids. It was the best idea for Munson to come here and start a program.”

► To enroll a child or for more information, call (231) 342-7861.



At left, Jenni Wagner, in dark sunglasses, mother of NMC Commitment Scholar Crysta Wierman, in clear safety goggles, pause during one of the first days of construction on their new Habitat for Humanity home in Traverse City's Depot Neighborhood. At right, the future homeowners stand with other Commitment Scholars, who pitched in with construction.

Commitment Scholars pitch in on Habitat home for one of their own

There's no place like home for the holidays – and Jenni Wagner is so close, she can practically taste the Thanksgiving turkey.

The Traverse City resident is awaiting completion of her Habitat for Humanity home in the new Depot Neighborhood, near the main Traverse City library branch. She and her daughters, including 16-year-old Crysta Wierman, a Commitment Scholar at NMC, will be moving from her parents' basement on the southeast edge of town to the neighborhood just minutes away from Wagner's job at Munson Medical Center and Crysta's classes at Traverse City Central.

"It was supposed to be temporary, but I think we're going on three years now,"

Wagner said of the basement arrangement. A technologist in Munson's MRI department, she was approved for a Habitat home shortly after that. But bureaucratic snags stalled the Depot project until this spring, when ground was finally broken.

By that time, Crysta had been offered NMC's Commitment Scholarship, a program offered to promising first-generation college students in ninth grade. As a cohort from around northern Michigan, Commitment Scholars meet throughout their high school years to encourage and support each other on the road to graduation and NMC enrollment. They decided to help one of their own – Crysta and her mom – as a service project.

They were on hand for wall-raising back in May. Habitat age requirements limited the extent to which the Scholars could do actual construction, but they'll be back this fall for finishing touches like painting and cleaning before Wagner and Crysta, now a junior, move in. A home dedication is scheduled for later this month.

"It was great. It was nice to have people there that we knew that were able to help," Wagner said.

Besides gathering her family around her own table this holiday season, Wagner is most looking forward to not having to scrape her windshield this winter.

"Parking in the garage," will be a highlight, she said.

Home sweet Hawk's Nest

NMC opened its first new student housing in 40 years this semester, with the conversion of a former motel adjacent to campus into student housing.

Named for NMC's new Hawk Owl mascot, the Hawk's Nest houses 28 students. Robert Arnone, a Maritime student from St. Clair Shores, is one of them. He lived in East Hall last year and doesn't hesitate to name the biggest improvement.

"We have A.C.," he said. Queen-size beds and a private bathroom also garner high marks from residents, as does the dedicated parking lot.

Residents must be 21 years old and apply

through NMC's Housing office. Like Arnone, many Hawk's Nest residents come from outside Traverse City to enroll in NMC's specialized programs, like Maritime, Culinary and Aviation. With East Hall, NMC's on-campus residence hall, filled to its 230-student capacity, a waiting list for the college's 36 apartments, and a lack of affordable housing within the city limits, NMC entered a year-long lease agreement for the former motel, said Vicki Cook, vice president for finance and administration.

The Hawk's Nest offers residents a resident assistant. He's Cory Lewis, a former East Hall RA and Criminal Justice student.

"I like it a lot," Lewis said.

With the Hawk's Nest, East Hall and the 36 NMC apartments, NMC can now house about 300 students

► For more information on student housing, visit nmc.edu/housing or call (231) 995-1400.





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Through Oct. 26

Leelanau Conservancy Legacy through the Lens of Ken Scott

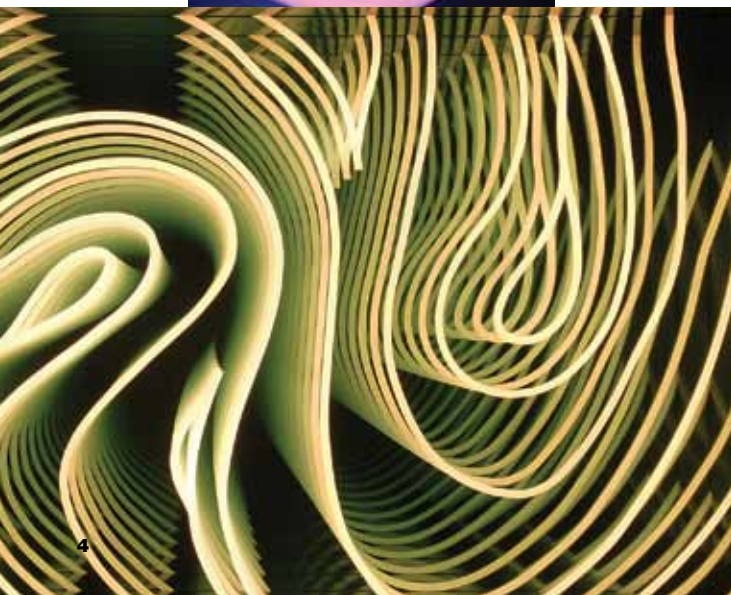
In celebration of its 25th anniversary, the Leelanau Conservancy commissioned landscape photographer Ken Scott to take pictures of natural areas and farm land it has preserved. Scott, a self-taught photographer and Leelanau resident, has captured natural images for more than twenty years. His delight and amazement in his subject are contagious. Fully attuned to his surroundings and exercising great patience, he waits for the perfect moment and then captures the unique qualities of the place. Each of the photographs selected for the exhibition invites viewers to look closely, engage their senses, and, like the photographer, savor the experience.

Through January 4

Infinite Space

Korean artist Chul Hyun Ahn creates portals of infinite space by manipulating the viewer's perspective with light and mirrors. Utilizing light, color, and illusion, his sculptures are physical representations of the investigation of infinite space which informs his work. Ahn's interest in the gap between the conscious and subconscious compels him to construct environments of illusion, which provide a space for viewer contemplation.

Ahn's formal studies included master's level work at Eastern Michigan University in the 1990s. He now maintains a studio in Baltimore.





dennosmuseum.org

Through January 4
Stacked & Folded: Paper As Sculpture

East meets West in this dramatic exhibition of two artists utilizing paper as a sculptural medium. Li Hongbo from Beijing, above, stacks and glues thousands of sheets of paper together in a honeycomb pattern, using pressure to hold them together. He then saws, cuts, and shapes the paper mass, shaving in details and adding minute touches with sandpaper.

A former book editor and publisher, Li has long been fascinated with paper. After more than a decade developing his techniques, the results are sculptural forms of everything from a portrait bust of a person to a tree trunk. Each sculpture can stretch, twist, elongate and retract as if it were a giant slinky.

Matt Shlian from Ann Arbor, right, works within the increasingly nebulous space between art and engineering. As a paper engineer, Shlian's work is rooted in print media, book arts, and commercial design, though he frequently finds himself collaborating with a cadre of scientists and researchers who are just now recognizing the practical connections between paper folding and folding at microscopic and nanoscopic scales.



News digest

Scholarship Open breaks record

Golfers, sponsors, and donors contributed a record-setting \$117,090 at the 2014 Scholarship Open, held in August at the Grand Traverse Resort. The event benefits NMC's merit scholarship programs, including Honors, Founder's, Presidential and Academic Area recipients.

The Scholarship Open is one of the oldest tournaments of its kind and has raised more than \$1.4 million for scholarships since it began in 1980. The 2015 tournament is set for Aug. 6, 2015.

Veterans Day Nov. 11

More than 5 percent of NMC students are veterans. NMC will again honor that service this Veterans Day with a breakfast for all student and employee veterans, followed by a 9:30 a.m. Walk of Honor from West Hall to main campus flag poles.

Below, campus veterans salute as the colors are presented at the 2013 event.



In memoriam: Lyle Bradford



Emeritus faculty member Lyle Bradford died at his home in Grawn Sept. 13, 2014 at the age of 80.

Bradford was an NMC alumnus who went on to earn degrees from the University of Michigan and University of

Illinois. He taught mathematics at NMC for 20 years, from 1968-88, and won the Imogene Wise Faculty Excellence Award in 1985.

Longtime math faculty colleague Stephen Drake called Bradford a "fantastic and influential teacher."

Lifelong Learning Campus Day Nov. 21

Learners 50 and older, create your own day of learning by selecting three sessions from options including current events, technology, area attractions and businesses, computer skills, wellness, travel, arts, energy topics and more.

Well-known community leaders and experts and NMC faculty present these insightful sessions. Visit nmc.edu/ees to choose from session offerings.

Nov. 21, 9:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m., University Center campus. \$20. Box lunch an additional \$9. Call (231) 995-1700 to register.

WNMC fall fundraiser

Oct. 11-19

NMC's campus radio station holds its annual fall fundraiser from Oct. 11-19. If you value locally-produced music and conversation, please consider a gift of support. WNMC was founded in 1967 and broadcasts from 90.7 FM and online at wnmc.org. Pledges may be called in during the fundraiser to (231) 995-1090 or made online at nmc.edu/supportwnmc.

Second dome at Rogers Observatory

This summer, Science and Math Department students installed a small (10-foot diameter) free-standing, fiberglass dome at NMC's Rogers Observatory. Funded by the NMC Foundation, it houses a Celestron C-14 telescope. Capable of serving nine students and one instructor per lab session, the new dome effectively doubles the number of objects students can observe per lab, said Jerry Dobek, NMC's astronomy instructor. Below, Dobek is pictured inside the dome with students during the first night class.



New Great Lakes Campus harbor

NMC will dedicate its new Great Lakes Campus harbor at a ceremony Oct. 19. Originally dedicated in 1972, the harbor was updated in 2005, as part of the Great Lakes Campus construction and to accommodate the *T/S State of Michigan*. The latest improvements, a \$2.6 million project overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, began in fall 2013. Dredged to a depth of 16 feet, the harbor is now useable by a variety of vessels. The old riprap breakwall was replaced by a concrete pier offering ten mooring cleats to accommodate training and research vessels. It is also accessible to pedestrians.

Before



After



Plan ahead...

October 16

International Affairs Forum lecture
“The Ukraine Crisis: Where Will It End?”
6 p.m., Milliken Auditorium. Tickets \$10,
(231) 995-1700

Oct. 18, 23, Nov. 7 & 15, Dec. 5

Public Viewing Nights
9-11 p.m., Rogers Observatory

Oct 23 only: 5-7:45 p.m. Partial solar
eclipse, only if clear. Suggested
donation \$2/person, \$5/family

Future dates: nmc.edu/rogersobservatory

October 23-26

Holiday Art Fair
Dennos Museum Center, free admission.
(231) 995-1587

October 25

NMC Concert Band fall concert*
7:30 p.m., Milliken Auditorium

November 5

Manufacturing Summit
Hagerty Center
nmc.edu/training

November 10

Mariners Memorial
Noon, Great Lakes Maritime Academy courtyard
nmc.edu/maritime

November 13, December 11

Community Cinema
Co-sponsored with WCMU Public Television.
7 p.m., Milliken Auditorium. Free, ongoing
second Thursday of the month.

Future dates and film summaries:
dennosmuseum.org

November 20

International Affairs Forum lecture
“Iraq: The New Home Base for Terror?”
6 p.m., Milliken Auditorium. Tickets \$10,
(231) 995-1700

November 21

Lifelong Learning Campus Day
Pick three options for a customized day of
learning at the University Center campus.
\$20, nmc.edu/ees, (231) 995-1700

November 23

NMC Children’s Choirs holiday concert
3 p.m. Lars Hockstad Auditorium
Tickets available through MyNorthTickets.com
and at the door. Info: (231) 995-1338

December 5

NMC Winter Jazz Ensemble Showcase*
7:30 p.m., Milliken Auditorium

December 9

**NMC Concert Band presents traditional
music of the holiday season***
7:30 p.m., Milliken Auditorium

*For all NMC music department concerts in
Milliken, tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 for seniors
62 and over and children 12 and under.
NMC students free with ID (231) 995-1553,
dennosmuseum.org

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Speak Up zine finds a writing home on campus

As full parking lots attest, NMC is a
commuter college. Students come to
campus for classes, then go home, right?

Actually, up to one in five students may
not, in fact, have a home to go to at some
point during their college career.

Last spring, sociology and communica-
tions students conducted an on-campus
survey that found 21 percent of students
had experienced homelessness at some
point in their lives. Another 22 percent
said they knew a student who had or
was experiencing homelessness. Some 26
percent knew a community member who
had or was.

Now three NMC faculty are helping those
individuals tell their stories through *Speak
Up*, a monthly street magazine, or “zine,”
that debuted in Traverse City in July.

Communications instructor Melissa
Sprenkle is on *Speak Up*’s advisory board
and spent part of her summer teaching
writing workshops to aspiring authors.
This fall, she and communications col-



From left, Melissa Sprenkle, Susan Odgers and
Michael Anderson review copies of *Speak Up*,
a zine about the experiences of homelessness.
The NMC faculty trio are conducting writing
workshops to help people write for the zine.

leagues Susan Odgers and Michael Ander-
son moved those workshops to campus.

Open to the public and supported by
an innovation grant from the NMC
foundation, the Tuesday evening work-
shops focus on writing the experiences
of homelessness.

“People are invited to listen to these
stories, and to think of them as individu-
als and as human,” said Sprenkle, whose
students also helped conduct the
homelessness survey.

Speak Up content includes poems and
essays – one submitted handwritten on
paper towels – photographs and draw-
ings. In addition to the content, the zine
is sold by local people who are or have
experienced homelessness, teaching entre-
preneurial skills in the process. Each sales
person purchases their own papers and
sells them for a donation. About 3,000
copies of the September issue were printed.

Traverse City’s *Speak Up* is a sister publica-
tion to one founded in Charlotte, N.C.
There’s another NMC connection, too:
Matt Shaw, the founder of the Charlotte
zine, is the grandson of longtime NMC
communications instructor William Shaw,
who taught from 1964-94. Matt’s parents,
Bill and Deborah Shaw, lead *Speak Up*
Traverse City.

Writing workshops are held every Tuesday
from 7-9 p.m. in Scholars Hall room 204.
Writing supplies, refreshments, BATA
passes and gas cards are available to
enable individuals to participate.

► To support *Speak Up*, contact Bill Shaw,
billshaw@speakupmag.org



Open for Lunch

Call (231) 995-3120 to reserve your table at Lobdell's, NMC's teaching restaurant.

Menu: nmc.edu/lobdells



From the Archives

Child care returned to campus this semester. It was last offered from 1984-1990 when the Center was located in the NMC apartments. This image is from the 1987-89 course catalog. If you can identify these tykes, please contact Ann Swaney in the NMC Archives: aswaney@nmc.edu, (231) 995-1016.

Who remembers the Shadowland? Prior to its current incarnation as student housing (see p. 3), the Shadowland served as a favorite campus watering hole. This photo is from the 1974 yearbook.



Richard and Diana Milock named NMC Fellows

Richard and Diana Milock are the 2014 recipients of NMC's highest honor, the NMC Fellow award.

Through both personal contributions and their Begonia Charitable Foundation, the couple have supported many programs and endeavors at NMC for several years. They combine their philanthropy with volunteerism. Diana Milock has been a member of the NMC Foundation Board since 2011 and serves on its major gifts committee. For her, the ultimate measurement of philanthropy is personal and internal.

"It's satisfying for me to know that I can do it, and I act on it," she said.



Diana and Richard Milock.

"Diana is remarkable. She always brings ideas and is as enthusiastic as she is thorough in terms of planning and executing them," said Rebecca Teahen, executive director of the NMC Foundation.

Early on, the Milocks' giving included

the Commitment Scholarship program and the Adopt a Student Scholarships. More recently, their support has focused primarily on the Dennos Museum Center and the Great Lakes Culinary Institute, including the Tasters' Guild Auction. The couple are "dedicated foodies," Diana Milock said.

Their support of a new sound system for Millken Auditorium was given with the purpose of also supporting NMC's Audio Technology program, making Milliken a classroom lab for concert sound instruction.

NMC has named Fellows each year since 1964 as a way of recognizing and thanking those individuals who have made special contributions to the college.