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July 4 parade

The Northville Community Foundation will host the 2016 Northville Independence Day Parade at 10 a.m. Monday in downtown Northville.

This year's theme is Cheers for Team USA! The parade will feature more than 120 entries that celebrate the 2016 Summer Olympics. It will include military veterans, Northville High School Marching Band, vintage, classic, and Hollywood cars, floats, dance teams, Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, Redford Township Unicycle Club, Oscar Meyer Wienermobile, Detroit Tiger's PAWS, clowns and characters. At 10 a.m. sharp, listen for the National Anthem performed by the Ward Church brass band and look above for a flyover from the Civil Air Patrol.

The parade route begins at the corner of Griswold and Main. Judges will then select a winner for Best Decorated Girls Bike and Best Decorated Boys Bike. Each winner will receive a \$50 gift card to the Northville Meijer.



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Northville Township Code Enforcement Officer Bill Barent helped design the police department's Ford Explorer that won first place in the Michigan Association Of Police Chief's Vehicle of the Year Award. Barent, a retired Ford designer, worked on the car's graphics and made sure to incorporate some cool carbon fiber in the body panels.

Northville Twp. police nab Vehicle of the Year design

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

As luck would have it, Northville Township Code Enforcement Officer Bill Barent is a former Ford Motor Co. designer. That came in real handy when the police department entered its Ford Explorer in the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police competition.

"It's beautiful," said Todd Mutchler, deputy director of police services.

By the way, Northville Township won Vehicle of the Year in the association's fifth annual contest. They nabbed the award out of more than 50 contestants.

"The director (John Werth) wanted to do something a little different — combining tradition and the future," Mutchler said.

A new design is fitting because in 2017 the Northville



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Northville Township Code Enforcement Officer Bill Barent worked on designing the graphics of the department's award-winning vehicle.

Police Department will celebrate its 50th year. Thanks to Barent and his

design skills, and the help from Fast Signs and Winder Police Equipment, a new design for the

2016 Ford Explorer was developed that includes an old-style police badge and new carbon fiber designs on the door panel.

Other technical pieces were also added to the interior of the Explorer, which is an Interceptor Police Package.

"I thought we stood a good chance," Mutchler said of the competition. "It's like art. Some like it, others might not. It appeals across the board. It's subtle and not over the top."

Meanwhile, public safety officials are considering how to celebrate the 50th anniversary, which might include using the new design on the rest of the police fleet. "We are trying to do it in a cost-effective manner," Mutchler said.

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Township residents bid goodbye to favorite mailman

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Staff Writer

To Jim Wright, delivering the mail isn't a job. It's a labor of love.

Over the past 40 years, Wright has logged more than a million miles for the U.S. Postal Service, delivering packages, letters, and friendly greetings to the almost 500 households on his route in Northville Township. He's watched people come and go. He's seen their kids grow up and leave for college.

Now, it's Wright who will be leaving. His last route before retirement was Friday, July 1.

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Northville postal carrier Jim Wright will soon load his van for the last time as he'll retire after 40 years delivering mail in the area.

'Somewhere in Time'

Country Garden Club of Northville hosts 23rd annual Garden Walk on July 13

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Lew Tillman says he was never the gardener in the family. But when the 23rd annual Northville Garden Walk opens at 9 a.m. July 13 visitors will be treated to his hosta menagerie of more than 200 plants.

"I'm just small potatoes," said Tillman, whose garden is among six on the tour. "There are 1,500 types of hostas."

Tillman and his wife, Laura, brought 50 of the plants from their previous home at Eight


Mile and Beck and moved them to their current home on Lake Street in 2003. That was just the beginning. And as Tillman explained, "I just wasn't a plant person." Laura Tillman, however, took care of that and got him interested.

Why hostas? "They are hard to kill," Tillman said. "There's not a lot of disease. We have to water them and get rid of the slugs." But he uses cocoa mulch that helps reduce the slug population.

Aside from that, Tillman said hostas are just plain interesting. "Every one is different."

When garden walk visitors stop at the Tillmans, they will get a chance to get up close to


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Financial pro: Brexit vote ‘inconsequential to the average local person’

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

As president and CEO of Sigma Investment Counselors in Southfield, Robert Bilkie Jr. has fielded some questions on the recent “Brexit” vote of the United Kingdom to leave the European

Union. “Cheaper vacations to England,” Northville resident Bilkie said June 25 following the vote two days earlier, when asked its local impact. “And their 401(k) may have taken a hit. It really is inconsequential to the average local person.”


Robert Bilkie Jr.

are political.” That includes reformulating

Great Britain’s government, as well as Prime Minister David Cameron’s quick resignation. Bilkie noted the British Parliament had been opposed to the departure from the European Union, comparing that in some ways to 2008 elections here going heavily Republican.

“Then you’re talking about real political dislocation,” Bilkie said. “But that’s more impact on the Brits than the Americans. This has more geopolitical impact than economic.” He agreed no hasty financial decisions should be made by U.S. investors based solely

on the Brexit vote. Sigma Investment Counselors has served clients since 1973, expanding beyond Michigan to serve individuals and businesses from its Ohio and Florida locations as well.

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MAILMAN

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Wright moved to Michigan in 1973 after meeting his future wife Karen. At Oakland Community College, a classmate mentioned that the post office was hiring, and Wright put in his application. He ended up with a position in downtown Northville. Wright started in April 1976. A few years later, he transferred to a route in Northville Township’s Highland Lakes condominiums. At one point, he put in a bid for a new assignment. But when one of his customers — a retired schoolteacher — heard that he was leaving, she held his hands and cried. That was too much for Wright. He got on a pay phone and called the postmaster. “Throw out my bid,” he said. “I’m not switching routes. I’m staying here.” Wright worked there for 16 years. His next route, the Edenderry subdivision, lasted the rest of his career. On both routes, Wright came to know his cus-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Wright will be missed by residents along his route and coworkers, as well including, his Northville Post Office “adopted daughters” Jennifer Curtis, left, and Beth Maliszewski.

tomers like family. “I’m attached to my people,” he said, “and they’re attached to me. Their problem is my problem.” Wright’s customers know he’ll get their mail right — to the point that one woman calls him, not the post office, to put her mail on hold. “Jim is a really nice guy,” said Betty Kar-

sten, one of Wright’s co-workers. “He would go above and beyond for his customers.” Once, he rescued a man whose ladder had fallen and left him stranded on the roof. He’s stopped by on his days off to repair garbage disposals, sinks and toilets. He keeps an eye on the neighborhood, too. If

something looks off, he’ll call the police. More than once, an overstuffed mailbox has tipped him off to a health emergency and saved a life. His customers appreciate his dedication. Many send him Christmas cards, postcards and souvenirs. One woman tried to bring him a pineapple from Hawaii. He’s even been invited to their kids’ graduation parties. Wright is living proof that knowing your customers pays off. Once, he had to deliver a letter with no address: just a last name and a hand-drawn map. Another time, he had to deliver a frozen package of Alaskan king crab, and no one answered the door. It was a hot day, and the package was melting, so Wright decided to deliver it to one of their friends. He knocked on two different doors — no response. Finally, friend number three answered the door and saved the crab. After that, Wright found someone in the neighborhood to help him scrub out his truck. Even with the package gone, it still smelled like fish. Frozen crab wasn’t the strangest package Wright’s seen. He’s taken two bumpers for a Camry to an engineer rebuilding a car for his daughter. Three or four months ago, he delivered a potato. It had a stamp and an address label taped on, and it managed to make it without being squished. About 10 years ago, Wright received an award for a million miles of safe driving. He’s never been in an accident, and he babies his truck like it’s his own. Still, it’s not that comfortable: It lacks air conditioning, and Wright calls it his “oven on wheels.” That’s one reason he’s leaving. Plus, with election year coming up, he doesn’t feel like delivering political ads. And the mail itself is changing, too: fewer letters and more packages, as online shopping continues to grow. Wright tried to keep his retirement plans under the radar, but word got out. Emails have been flying around the neighborhood about his departure, and he’s been flooded with phone calls and cards. Judy Caroselli of Northville Township, one of Wright’s longtime customers, calls Wright the “throwback mail carrier” from a generation gone by. He once rescued her when she had a flat tire — the “damsel in distress,” she laughed — and the two have become good friends. “It brought me to tears when I heard he was going to retire,” she said. “I’ll always think of him in his USPS truck, how he’d stop and chat, looking at you with his glasses down on his nose ... He will be sorely, sorely missed.” After he retires, Wright wants to travel. He’ll also have more time for antique furniture restoration projects, and he’s looking forward to spending time with Karen at their home in Brighton. Last week, Wright paid a visit to his old boss, Elmer Balko, and thanked him for the hire. “I’ve had a really super-duper blast working for the post office,” Wright reflected. “Like they say, if you love your work, it’s not work ... and it isn’t.”

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BMW celebrates anniversary with donation

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

John and Dawn Horner, owners of BMW Motorcycles in Plymouth Township — formerly in Canton Township — wanted to do something special to celebrate the dealership's 10th anniversary. An open house was sort of a given. But customers had long suggested that the dealership give away a bike.

That sealed it. A decision was made not only to give away a motorcycle, but to do it for a good cause: The Thin Blue Line of Michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping and supporting families of injured or deceased law enforcement and public safety officers.

"This is a great charity," Dawn Horner said.

As hundreds walked into the dealership for the open house in late

May, each adult was asked to purchase one of the 326 available raffle tickets. "They all responded pretty well," Dawn Horner said. "If they didn't buy a ticket, they had to learn about the Thin Blue Line."

By the end of the day, the dealership had a \$3,650 donation from the Horners for the nonprofit that was started in 1999 by the late Laurie Reinacher, wife of Scott, who is president of the Thin Blue Line.

And yes, a motorcycle — specifically, an R9T — was given away to the customer with the winning ticket. And the winner was no stranger to the Horners or Scott Reinacher and Kelly Pigeon, also of the Thin Blue Line.

John Santomauro, former Canton Public Safety director, and his wife Laura held the winning ticket and were



JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
John Hoirner, owner of BMW Southeast Michigan, 14855 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth Township, presents a check for a donation to Scott Reinacher and Kelly Pigeon of the Thin Blue Line of Michigan.

handed the keys.

And the best part is that those who bought raffle tickets helped support public safety and law enforcement officers' families.

"My wife formed it. Her first husband, Byron, was killed in the line of duty," said Reinacher, a former Michigan state trooper. "Laurie realized there was a need. There are more sick and injured officers than those killed in the line of duty."

The Thin Blue Line

raises funds for affected families, helps obtain federal death benefits for officers killed in the line of duty, helps with workman's comp benefits and offers financial assistance — there's a 20-percent wage loss when officers are on injury leave.

"We are unique with what we do," Reinacher said. "We make sure there is a need. We don't just hand things out. We check every 30 days. We do a lot of following up. Our job is to keep them as whole as possible."

The Thin Blue Line has a number of fundraising events each year. Coming up Oct. 1 is the Fall Color Run at Maybury Park.

For the Horners, the raffle for the Thin Blue Line made sense. For some seven years, the couple had fundraisers for National Cerebral Palsy. And more than \$3,000 was raised to help the family of motorcycle state Trooper Chad Wolf, who died in 2015 after being struck by a trailer.

"I honestly believe the community doesn't do enough," John Horner said about support for injured officers and families of deceased officers.

While raising money for the Thin Blue Line, the Horners also put on a great event to celebrate their 10th anniversary. A big draw was stunt rider Chris "Teach" McNeil, as well as demo rides for guests and plenty of door prizes.

"Sometimes, motorcyclists get a bad rap," Horner said. "People who were here donating were doctors, lawyers, skilled trades people — you name it. They are from all walks of life."

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GARDENS

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the hostas — that are all labeled — and they will also see his dwarf conifer collection and Siberian weeping peach.

There will be plenty to see — and learn about — for participants in the garden club's annual walk that begins with the gardens at Mill Race Village.

The Country Garden Club of Northville, a branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association, will host the walk 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, for gardens in Northville and Northville township.

Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at Gardenviews Garden Gallery, 117 E. Main St., Northville, and at the gate on the day of the event at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St. The ticket allows participants 15 percent off items at Gardenviews the day of the walk.

The ticket includes an invitation to visit Cady Inn at Historic Mill Race Village, just north of Main Street. Garden club members will serve complimentary homemade light refreshments in the theme-decorated historic inn. Guests are invited to enjoy live music on the green and to shop the garden market featuring garden plants, arts and crafts and garden-related items on the village grounds.

In addition to the inn, the grounds include a blacksmith shop, a one-room schoolhouse, a church, several early 19th century Northville homes and a country store.

A lunch break between garden stops can also be enjoyed in any of the local restaurants or sandwich shops within walking distance in downtown Northville.

Proceeds support donations to nonprofit organizations at local, state and national levels and scholarships for high school students who want to major in environmental, horticultural, agricultural and other earth science related studies.

Garden club members remind all participants that strollers and wheelchairs are not allowed in the private gardens due to terrain and safety hazards. Pets are also not allowed.

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Lew and Laura Tillman and their dog, Kirby, walk through their Lake Street garden in Northville.



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The Tillmans have an assortment of miniature-sized hostas, too.



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Dear Friend,

As we celebrate the 240th Anniversary of our Nations Independence, it should be a special time to reflect on the profound words found in the early passages of the Declaration of Independence. As a people governed by the Rule of Law and not by the Rule of Men, the language and text enacted into laws by our legislature or imposed upon us by an activist judiciary has often departed from the guiding principles and values as set forth in our Nations founding document. As it was written:

“We hold these **truths** to be **self-evident**, that all men are created equal, that they are **endowed** by their **Creator** with certain **unalienable** Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.- That to **secure** these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, **deriving** their just powers from the **consent** of the governed.”

While these two sentences can be read quickly, the guiding principles forming the cornerstone of our Country are often overlooked and any thoughtful discussion of the direction of our Country should revisit the meaning of the words found in the Declaration of Independence.

Moral relativism has been readily embraced by those advocating a progressive agenda. Moral relativism is inconsistent with the concept of “Truth” which is something that has been proven or accepted as true. The progressive agenda even questions whether something can be universally true or not. This question presented no difficulty to Thomas Jefferson in writing the Declaration of Independence as he recognized that certain “truths” are “self evident” meaning that they are clearly true and require no further proof or explanation.

The liberal progressive agenda also embraces the belief that our rights and civil liberties flow from and are subject to the control by the government. Jefferson disagreed by recognizing that the fundamental rights we possess come from our Creator and are not subject to cancellation. By “endowing” us with these rights, our Creator permanently gave us something of immense value. And in endowing us with “unalienable” rights, our possession of these rights can not be taken away from us.

The proper role our government should play with respect to our rights is to institute and enforce the rule of law to “secure” our rights so that they will not be diminished, lost or taken away. And the manner in which the government secures our rights is conditioned upon a government whose powers are “derived” from the people with their “consent”.

Sadly, we find ourselves in a time where our liberties set forth in the Bill of Rights are under assault. It is therefore appropriate in celebrating the 4th of July to consider the splendid words of the Declaration of Independence to decide whether our elected leaders are committed to the principles upon which our nation was established. I am proud to be a fighter for the foundational values so eloquently expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

God Bless America and have a wonderful 4th of July!



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Academic Games Team nabs national awards

The Northville Academic Games Team — comprised of students from Amerman, Meads Mill, Hillside, and Northville High School — concludes another year of dedicated training and competing in regional, state and national tournaments, while growing and establishing a respected presence on the scene of Academic Games.

This year marks the Northville team's first participation in high school division, a feat that seemed far away at the inception of the team years ago. The Northville AG team has competed this year also in Minor (third-graders and fourth-graders), Elementary (fifth-graders and sixth-graders), and Middle (seventh-graders and eighth-graders) divisions.

At the state tournament, the Northville AG team participated in mathematics, Equations and OnSets, symbolic logic, Wff'N Proof, language, On Words, Linguistik, Propaganda, and history, Presidents and brought home many state championships and division trophies.

In the Minor division, where the state tourna-



Northville winners in state competition.



Northville Academic Games Team winners in the national competition.

ment is the highest competition, three of the four Northville participating teams were tri-state champions in all games that they participated in, with the fourth team winning division titles.

Ten teams qualified for the National Tournament and 50 kids together with parents and siblings traveled to Atlanta in April. After three days of intense competition late into the night and friendly rivalry, the Northville students won five national titles at different levels in the games of Equations, OnSets, and Wff'N Proof and represented Northville with pride and sportsmanship. They have learned that regardless of win or loss, respect is paramount to a good game, and above all

they forged new friendships with other students and made memories that will stay with them for years to come.

The Northville Academic Games Team is coached and supported by dedicated parent coaches and volunteers led by head coach Madhur Malhotra. This year one of the coaches, Yang Yang, received the Outstanding Educator award from the national organization. Her passion and commitment to the program exemplifies the group of volunteers. The other coaches are Chandra Yalamanchili, Raj Kundapur, Kanni Subramanian, Senay Tascioglu, Shubha Rao, Sri Mangipudi, and Simona Marincean. Many parent volunteers assisted during weekly practices and

tournaments.

The Minor Northville team included Emir Tascioglu, Zahra Kagal, Grant Hu, Nicole Zhong, Grant Flynn, Anda Brie, Caroline Chacko, Leavy Hu, Rebeca Calderon, Ansh Shah, Nila Muthusamy, Syona Gupta, Manya Gowda, Isaac Song, Steven Fu, Ankur Desai, Vishalashi Meyyapam, Ishaan Kundapur, Iyi Akinyemi, and Vedant Desai.

The teams and their national results:

Elementary division:

Einsteins: A fifth-grade team of Emily Liao, Lucas Kim, Sabrina Loftus, Saranya Anantapantula and Valerie Yang. They placed third in Equations.

Immortals: A fifth-grade team of Aditya

Ginivala, Jivin Yalamanchili (seventh overall winner), Rithik Deshpande, Tanmay Kundapur (second overall winner) and Vansh Kapoor. The team took second place in Equations and second overall.

Pi Rates: A sixth-grade team of Akshaya Kannikeswaran, Arya Gowda, Bianca Brie, Keerthana Danasekaran and Winston Wong. The team took first place in Equations, first On Sets, second in Linguistik, second in Wff'N Proof and second overall.

mAGes: A sixth-grade team of Dillan Lau Joshua Chacko (sixth overall winner), Mehmet Tascioglu (eighth overall winner), Sambhav Gupta (fifth overall winner) and Ved Muthusamy (tenth overall). The team placed third in Linguistik, first in Wff'N Proof and fourth Overall.

Middle division

Pi Face: A seventh-grade team of Andy Jiang, Brian Yang (sixth overall winner), Jeffrey Yang (second On Sets, 10th overall), Jeffrey Zhang (eighth overall), Oliver Wu (second Wff'N Proof). The team placed second in Wff'N Proof, second in Propaganda,

second overall and third in Equations.

Feel the Bern: A seventh-grade team of Ahmad Raayan, George Fane, Hillary Luan, Pamela Calderon and Vaishvi Salvi.

Master Minds: A seventh-grade team of Abhinav Athreya, Hana Rababeh, Min Heong Lee, Pranav Jayaprakash and Varun Ganesan.

Lords of Asia: An eighth-grade team of Austin Hu (placed fifth in Equations), Catherine Jiang (ninth overall), Gowrav Mangipudi, Li-ana Lau (first OnSets, fourth in Equations, fifth overall) and Marcel Wong. The team placed first in Wff' N Proof.

High school division

Team North Face: Isabella Lee (fourth in Equations), Krisha Patel, Saaz Malhotra (seventh in Equations), Surbhi Neole and Timothy Wu (seventh Wff'N Proof). The team placed first in Wff' N Proof and second in Equations.

Team South Base: Annabel Yang, Aarti Sridhar, Dhruv Patel, Raymond Jiang and Sai Anantapantula. The team placed third in Wff' N Proof.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Travel abroad

Belmont University will break its previous record of student travelers participating in summer study abroad opportunities as 506 students pack their bags to travel all over the world. Summer travelers include: Melissa Crowley of Northville who traveled to England and

France.

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center recently honored graduates of the 2016 Middle School program in a formal ceremony to recognize the students' academic and service achievements.

This year's graduates included Suha Qashou of Northville and Molly

Byrne of Plymouth.

"We are extremely proud of our graduates, their families and dedicated teachers," said Kay Neff, DHMC's founder. "With the strong foundation students receive in academics, the arts, and community service, these students are well received by leading area high schools."

Students of DHMC's 28th Middle School graduating class will be attending schools of their choice throughout metro Detroit including Bloomfield Hills High School, Cranbrook Kingswood High School, Dearborn High School, Detroit Catholic Central High School, Divine Child High School, Ladywood High School, and Mercy

High School.

Graduates

Michael Bagian of Northville graduated from the University of San Diego on May 22. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering.

Thomas Patrick Cane-do Jr. of Northville grad-

uated from Clemson University May 7 with a bachelor of science degree in management.

Sofia Fierro of Northville graduated with a bachelor of science degree in wildlife & fisheries biology during commencement ceremonies on May 22 at the University of Vermont.

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Count the Rev. Bryan Smith, 55, among happy baby boomers. “I feel valued and cared for,” he said. “My wife Jennifer is a very loving person. I have two wonderful kids.”

Study: Baby boomers lead the way on happiness

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A considerable 74 percent of baby boomers (born between 1947 and 1963) are said to be happy almost every day — “in complete optimal mental health” in research terms — compared with 68 percent of those born between 1982 and 1997, according to a study led by University of Toronto social work professor Esme Fuller-Thomson.

“It turns out the majority of us are doing well, are happy almost every day,” said Fuller-Thomson, who set the bar high to measure happiness: “If you’re happy just once a week, you didn’t make my cut.”

Canton’s the Rev. Bryan Smith, 55, isn’t surprised to hear of the study. Smith, pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, said, “I think for me there are a lot of things that go into that. My faith gives me a reason to have hope.”

He acknowledges suffering worldwide, but his spiritual view “allows me to interpret the struggles of life.”

‘Someone who’s there for you’

The Canadian study found having a confidant/confidante is the true secret to a happy, healthy state of mind at all ages. “You’re 350 percent more likely to be in ‘complete optimal mental health’ if you have someone to confide in than if you don’t; someone who’s there for you and provides a sense of emotional security and well-being,” Fuller-Thomson said.

“My wife Jennifer is a very loving person,” Smith said. “I feel valued and cared for. I have two wonderful kids. I feel like I’m able to do things in my work life that make a difference.”

He’s with people at times of birth, weddings and death. Smith is also pleased to have close friends: “I feel like I’ve got a pretty strong support network.”

Compared with millennials, Fuller-Thomson said, boomers are more likely to have financial security, to be in a firmly established relationship, to be anchored and less likely to be in flux, all of which helps. As for the in-between Gen Xers, 71 percent of them ranked as happy most days.

“I think I tended to be more angry when I was younger,” Smith said. “I was a perfectionist. I think I’m more accepting really of what it means to be human, to have foibles.” That happened for him around age 40 when he became “less upset by things that really got under my skin.”

Smith sought counseling on his childhood issues, which helped him, and now talks to others who are supportive in everyday life. “You want to know there are people you can talk to and things won’t be shared,” he said.

Smith was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and left as a baby. He returns with family summers to Barrie, Ontario, about 100 kilometers north of Toronto, where the happiness study was done.

“My perception is just getting older physically

doesn’t do that,” he said of perspective with age. Those hurt in childhood often struggle.

“I think those issues can be problematic until people die. I’m not sure just getting older means you get more mature or more compassionate,” Smith said.

In the life coaching he does, he encourages “practicing gratitude.” Smith notes there are genetic factors, although some 40 percent of perspective is based on one’s own behavior.

“I feel that’s really true,” he said.

Family, friends key

Concurring with Smith is Jeff Juenemann, 57, a Northville Township resident who owns Juene-mann Insurance Agency of Westland.

“Good family, good health, good friends, good

career,” said Juenemann, married for nearly 35 years to Linda and father to two grown children.

“I agree,” Juenemann said of having someone to confide in. “That’s where the friends and family come in.”

Of getting older and having a sense of perspective, he noted, “Some of those things are inconvenience and not tragedy.”

Juenemann has learned, “If you want to go do something, do it now. You may not get another chance.”

In having a bad day, he says, “I’m now having a good day. I’m starting my day fresh. From this point on, things are going to go better. Your personal attitude is your reality,” Juenemann said.

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Meads Mill Girl Scouts earn Silver Award

The determined members of Girl Scout Troop 40045 finished rebuilding an after-school room at the Livonia YMCA to earn their Silver Award. This room was an old racquetball court turned after-school room/tutoring room/storage space. Some of the kids that go there after school are young and come for daycare/after-school care. Others are being tutored.

Troop 40045 is an eighth-grade group from Meads Mill Middle School in Northville.

First, the scouts spent many days emptying

and cleaning this room. The girls spent about 10 months raising money by holding garage sales, selling cookies (of course), a book drive and other work. Then the group took the money raised and bought paint and materials and spent many hours updating this space. The troop repainted the room and fixed up the tables.

Each girl also added her own special touch by putting up canvases with inspirational quotes from Dr. Seuss, Winnie the Pooh, Oscar Wilde, etc. The girls reached for their Silver Award

and found that by redoing this room for the kids, it was a very rewarding and life-changing experience. Troop leaders said the scouts represent the change everyone wants to see in the world and together they are the motivation to get out in the community to make a difference.

The scouts wanted to say a special thanks to Jennifer Siegert, Angie Armstrong, Michelle Manross and Julie Ptashnik, their troop leaders and Silver Award ambassadors.



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Wayne County Community College District’s Forty-Seventh Annual Commencement Ceremony



Dr. Mark S. Schlissel, the 14th President of the University of Michigan, delivered the keynote address for the Wayne County Community College District’s (WCCCD) 47th commencement ceremony at Ford Field in Detroit on Saturday, June 4th. More than 1,800 students received degrees and certificates in various disciplines.

“I want to give a very special shout out to Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery for his amazing 21 years of leadership of the District and opening the doors to higher education for the people of Wayne County,” Dr. Schlissel went on to say.

“The key to thriving through change is education, and the benefits extend beyond enhancing careers. It enhances life – for you as graduates and everyone you interact with,” Dr. Schlissel told the graduates. “Education is the gift that keeps on giving. It informs how we interact as citizens, how we vote, and how we approach our greatest challenges.”

Among this year’s graduates was Ms. Ruby Watson Parker, a great-grandmother, received her nursing degree at age 87. Ms. Parker

enrolled at WCCCD in 1969, and remembers her journey here at WCCCD. Also making news was Meranda Sawabini, the mother of quadruplets, who graduated with her nursing degree.

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery who conferred the various degrees and certificates reminded the students that “As we approach our 50th anniversary, education continues to be the key to achieving success. Our students leave with the assurance that they step forward into this changing society with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed.”

These sentiments were echoed by Dr. Schlissel when he said, “We need college graduates. Twenty-five percent of Michiganders over the age of 25 have some college but no degree. Yet, the Business Leaders for Michigan estimates that by the year 2020, 70 percent of the jobs in Michigan will require education beyond high school level. Think about the problems we face as a society in our state, in our schools and neighborhoods. These problems can best be solved by educated citizens who understand what communities need. Congratulations! You made it!”





UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Older Adult Services programs

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 30
Details: "All Decked out in Red, White and Blue" luncheon. Celebrate the Fourth of July with a star-spangled afternoon barbecue followed by entertainment from Special Blend. The program is sponsored by Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks. Tickets are \$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident and are available at the Older Adult Services office at 45175 Ten Mile Road. Deadline to register is June 23.
Time/Date: 12-2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21
Details: Picnic and Putt Putt at Holden's in Milford. Gather with buddies for a friendly competition at Kensington Mills Falls Miniature Golf. After a picnic lunch, the golf pro will lead the way to an 18-hole adventure. Please register online or in

person at the Older Adult Services Office. Novi residents are \$15 each and non-residents are \$18 each. Deadline to register is July 15.
Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 28
Details: A Tiki-rific Luau Luncheon. Let the mood of this "Tiki" luncheon transport you to the early days of Polynesia as you enjoy music from Craig Marsden, dance and food. This program is sponsored by Whitehall Health Care Center of Novi. Tickets are \$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident and are available at the Older Adult Services office. Deadline to register is July 21.
Go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414 for complete program information

Intro to geocaching
Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, July 9
Details: Join the Friends of Maybury, as they introduce you to geocaching. Get started with this fun high tech "treasure hunt." Participants will walk on and off paths, so appropriate foot wear is required. Bring bug spray and a GPS unit if you have it (or download a Geocaching

App on your smart phone). Suitable for all ages. We will run this program rain or shine.
Meet at the Trailhead Building, using the Eight Mile Road entrance. Recreation Passport required for entry. For more info, call the park office at 248-349-8390.

Family Yoga at Fuerst Park

Time/Date: 10 a.m. each Tuesday, July 12 to Aug. 2
Details: Adults and kids will have a blast getting physical while learning about body awareness, focus and balance during this 45 minute class. Children ages 3-10. \$48. To learn more, go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414.

Tollgate Farm walking tour

Time/date: 4-7 p.m. Saturday, July 16
Details: MSU Tollgate Farm & Gardens "Sunset in the Gardens" free mid-day Garden Tour gives you the opportunity to view the 20 distinct gardens in the late afternoon and early evening hours. Take photos of

the many plants in full bloom while enjoying the music, vendors, informal presentations and hayrides around the farm. Bring a prepared picnic dinner and watch the sun set. The farm will provide drinks and cookies. No pets or alcohol are allowed. The program is at 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Call 248-347-3860, ext. 251, or go to www.tollgate.msu.edu.

Grub crawl

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19
Details: The Northville Chamber presents the 11th annual Northville Grub Crawl. Indulge in Northville's unique collection of restaurants as you sample their signature specialties. Participating restaurants are offering free samples of appetizers and entrée items along with cash bar specials for "crawlers."
Crawlers can use free shuttle transportation to each restaurant or "crawl" on their own. Participating restaurants include: Brann's Sizzlin' Steaks & Sports Grill, Brick's of Northville, French Toast Bistro, Northville Center Brewery with Tony Sacco's Pizza, Northville Sports Den, Poole's Tavern/Bak Bar, Rusty Bucket Park Place, Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern and WOK Asian Bistro. Restaurants can still apply to participate.
Tickets are \$30 per person, who

must be 21 or older. Tickets are on sale at the Good Time Party Store or the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Go to www.northville.org for more information.

Orchard Grove VBS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, Aug. 1-4
Details: Orchard Grove Community Church will be sponsoring a Kids Camp (Vacation Bible School) for children 4 years old through sixth grade. The camp is \$10 per child, maximum of \$30 per family. Kids Camp is all about fun, friends and faith. Inflatables, sports and water slides, as well as a chance to learn about God's game plan for their lives. Online registration is available until July 18. After that, registration at the door for \$15.
Orchard Grove Community Church is located at 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake. Contact Shawna Schwaninger at 248-926-6584 or shawna.schwaninger@orchardgrove.org or go to www.orchardgrove.org.

Summer meal program

Time/Date: Through Friday, Aug. 19
Details: Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in

the Summer Food Service Program. This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge. Young adults from age 19-26 are also eligible if they're enrolled in programs for the mentally or physically disabled. These programs must be recognized by a state or local public agency. Adults may purchase a meal for \$2.
Breakfast will be served from 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. each weekdays at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Call 248-956-3080.

Walk Our Way walkers

Time/Date: 9 a.m. each Tuesday, through Aug. 30
Details: Walk your way to a healthier you and reap the benefits of a regular walking routine by lifting your mood, strengthening your bones and maintaining a healthier weight. Walks range from 15-30 minutes. Walkers meet at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

Michigan State Fair

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 1-4; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (interior exhibition hall closes at 5 p.m.) Monday, Sept. 5
Details: 2016 Fifth Third Michigan State Fair returns to Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. This year's State Fair will include expanded midway rides, an interior exhibition hall, the ever-popular racing pigs, an expanded Equestrian Pavilion, a larger Michigan Made Pavilion, tasty carnival treats, a parade on Monday at 10 a.m., and more. General admission \$8, parking \$5. Go to michiganstatefairllc.com for additional pricing information.

Keep rolling biking

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

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Due to the 4th of July, service will be one day behind.
Monday customers will be served on Tuesday, Tuesday on Wednesday, Thursday on Friday and Friday on Saturday.

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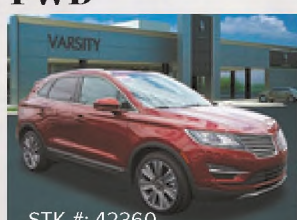
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Swap your hose for a ‘safe drinking’ version

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Think twice before you fill the kiddie pool with water from the garden hose this weekend. Hold off on sprinkling the veggie plants. And be careful your dog isn't drinking a chemical cocktail with each gulp from the nozzle.

"If you're able to pay a little more for a hose, then a polyurethane hose labeled drinking water safe is the way to go. That is going to be the safest," said Gillian Miller, Ph.D., staff scientist for the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor. "If you're not able to spend extra to get polyurethane, then it's a good bet to get a regular hose that is PVC (polyvinyl chloride), but labeled drinking water safe. We found a lot fewer contaminants in those hoses, not zero, but a lot less than those that were not drinking water safe."

"We tested a couple of polyurethane hoses that were not labeled drinking water safe and the hose part was great, but a couple of them had somewhat elevated lead in the fittings."

In a follow-up to its studies in 2011-13, the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor this year tested 32 garden hoses for hazard-



Don't let Fido drink from the garden hose unless it's labeled "drinking water safe."

ous metals, bromine, which is used in fire retardants, chlorine and a group of chemicals called phthalates that make plastic flexible, PVC plastic, tin and antimony. It released the study this week.

The hoses came from six major stores. Twenty-four were PVC and the rest were polyurethane and one was synthetic rubber.

Miller said the center tested the composition of each hose and checked fittings for metals and bromine. Another test looked for chemicals leaching into water that was held for two days in

seven different hoses. Samples sent to a certified lab were tested for lead, phthalates and BPA, a chemical found in some plastics.

PVC vs polyurethane

The Ecology Center found that PVC hoses contained elevated lead, bromine, antimony and phthalate levels, which were not found in polyurethane and rubber hoses. Some of the PVC hoses also contained recycled electronic waste.

"There is no reason for bromine to be in a garden hose. The only reasonable explanation is

that it's from brominated flame retardant, which is very common in electronic waste," Miller said.

BPA and lead leached into the water in some samples, although they were not found in a hose identified as drinking water safe.

The Ecology Center found a significant drop in the number of hose fittings with high lead levels over the past five years. Forty percent of fittings tested in 2011 contained lead. That number dropped to 15 percent in the current study.

"More of the fittings

were aluminum rather than brass," Miller said. "We saw a big difference this year."

Making changes

Miller hopes the research will convince manufacturers and retailers to offer consumers safer garden hoses.

"The goal is to change the market," she said. "Sometimes it's strategic to push the manufacturers more and sometimes it's strategic to push the retailers more. Along the way, as a secondary benefit, we like to provide education for consumers, but ultimately there is no way to shop your way out of the problem, products that can be hazardous."

"People often contact us because they are frustrated. They can't figure out in some product category how to figure out if it's safe. That's why our goal really is to change the market."

Miller said the Ecology Center scientists "de-formulate" products to see what's in them. Then they publicly disclose their findings, along with brand names. They often reach out to manufacturers and retailers to discuss the data.

"We have a history of engaging with retailers and manufacturers. Sometimes they will seek

our advice."

She said the center was successful last year in convincing several retailers to replace vinyl flooring that contained potentially hazardous material, with safer alternatives.

"We are excited when we see improvement in a product area," she said.

The Ecology Center suggests that consumers read labels on garden hoses and look for "drinking water safe" before buying.

Other tips on hoses:

» Buy a PVC-free hose, such as polyurethane or rubber, which are less likely to include potentially hazardous chemicals.

» Avoid hoses with the California Prop 65 warning that says "this product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm."

» Run your hose for five seconds before using it.

» Store your hose in the shade.

» Don't drink water from a garden hose unless you know that it is phthalate-free and drinking water safe.

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ARTHUR A. Age 78, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully June 23, 2016. He was born on November 4, 1937, son of Anthony Edward and Eleanor Elizabeth (nee Ciupak) Adamowicz. After graduating from Detroit Catholic Central at the age of 16, Art proudly joined the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was united in marriage to Sandra Lee on January 7, 1967; lovingly married until her death on July 22, 1995. Art was a major sports fan; he enjoyed watching and playing sports. When he was younger he was a fantastic baseball player. He loved watching Lions, Tigers, and University of Michigan games. He was a member of the American Legion Post 147, a member of the Northville Eagles Club, and a life member of the Plymouth Elks. Art was a very loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He is survived by his children, Tony (Karry) Adamowicz, Debbie (Tim) Cisko, and Tommy V. Adamowicz; his siblings, Judy (Mort) Anderson, Susan (Rick) Rees, and Joseph (Tammy) Adamowicz; and his grandchildren, Anthony III, Nickolas, Sandy, and Jack. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and his sister. A Funeral Mass was held Monday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church of Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to JDRF, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 125, Southfield, MI 48075. Share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.

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WILLIAM PORTER JR., June 26, 2016. Age 94 of Novi. Beloved husband of Melva of 69 years. Loving father of Robert (Ann) Ahern and Kathryn (Rai) Seidel. Grandfather of Meghan and Mallory Ahern, Cynthia Seidel and Christopher (Amanda) Seidel. Great Grandfather of Liliana. Dear brother of Barbara (Richard) Fekete. Preceded in death by daughter Cynthia Gilliland and Granddaughter Chealsea. Mr. Ahern was a World War II Veteran of the United States Navy where he received 15 battle stars. He enjoyed woodworking and sailing. Funeral service 11 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2016 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi (248) 348-1800. Family will receive friends 2-8p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Entombment Glen Eden Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

GILMORE



LUKE A. a longtime resident of Milford, passed away at home in the loving care of his family on June 23, 2016 at the age of 78. In addition to Eileen, his beloved wife of 56 years, Luke is survived by his children, Kevin (Susan) Gilmore, Daniel Gilmore and Amy (Steve) Giles; grandchildren, Melissa and Marc Gilmore, Caroline and Laura Gilmore, and Emily and Nathan Giles; sisters, Louise Hines and Rita Hancock; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Jack, Bob and Helen as well as extended family and dear friends. Preceded in death by his dear daughter Elizabeth "Beth" Gilmore in 1987 and his siblings, George, Charlie, Frank, Peggy and Robert Gilmore. A Funeral Service was held June 27, 2016 in Milford. The Rev. Msgr. John Budde officiated. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorial encouraged to Beth's Scholarship Fund, checks payable to Huron Valley Schools (memo line: Beth Gilmore Scholarship Fund), c/o Harmony Hannachi at Milford High School, 2380 South Milford Rd., Highland MI 48357. For further information, phone 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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MINDICK



LISA ERDELYI Age 53, of Northville, passed away peacefully June 22, 2016. She was born in Livonia, Michigan on January 28, 1963; daughter of Richard and Lillian (nee Dickinson) Erdelyi. Lisa received an Associate Degree through Central Michigan University and Schoolcraft College; working as an administrative assistant for many years. Lisa was an avid reader. She loved to sketch and enjoyed writing her thoughts and feelings in her journal. Lisa was a spiritual soul; she would often be found meditating or practicing yoga. Spending time in the sun by the pool or gardening was also one of Lisa's hobbies. She had a beautiful smile and a very distinctive laugh or as some friends would call it a cackle. Lisa adored her daughters and was very proud of them and their achievements. Lisa taught her daughters how to be motivated and how to be a fighter; she fought long and hard for herself, her family, and her friends. Lisa is survived by her daughters, Kathryn L. Mindick and Elise E. Mindick; her mother Lillian Erdelyi; her siblings, Lori Stephens, Richard (Betsy) Erdelyi, and Roxanne Erdelyi; and her beloved dog, Candie. She was preceded in death by her father Richard and her sister Cindy Erdelyi-Swartz. A memorial service was held last Saturday at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Pastor Jerry Harrington with NorthRidge Church officiated the service. Memorial contributions appreciated to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

PERELLI

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Vet says prevention is best remedy for ticks

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Tick season is here and the population is growing in Michigan, according to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

These wingless blood-sucking insects frequent moist, wooded and grassy locations and can transmit disease to you or your pets if they bite. You'll find them on small animals, in addition to deer, and sometimes in brush and leaves — possibly in your own backyard.

Sarah Marsh, HSHV clinic manager and a licensed veterinary technician, and Courtney White, HSHV clinic director and a veterinarian, put their heads together to answer a few questions about ticks and what you can do about them.

Q: Has HSHV seen an increase in tick bites on pets?

A: The last several years, we have seen an increasing number of ticks found and reported on pets.

Q: How do dog and cat owners know their pets have been bitten? What are a few signs?

A: The most common tick-borne diseases are Lyme disease, anaplasmosis/ehrlichiosis babesiosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Symptoms for tick-borne diseases in animals are typically non-specific. They can include fever, weakness, lethargy, lameness, lack of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. A lot of focus tends to be on dogs, however, many species (including cats and horses) are also susceptible. Prevention, identification, diagnostic testing and early treatment for infection are keys to decreasing the incidence of severe illness.

Q: Should a pet owner attempt to remove a tick?

A: Owners comfortable with tick removal can remove ticks by grasping with tweezers firmly at the skin and slowly pulling straight out. Do not twist or jerk the tick to reduce the chance of breaking and leaving behind tick remnants. The chance of disease transmission is greatly reduced when ticks are removed less than 24 hours after attachment.

It is best to have the tick identified by an experienced professional to determine the risk to your pet. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development provides tick identification at no charge to Michigan citizens. However, testing for disease is not included, and fees apply. Go to http://www.michigan.gov/documents/emerging_diseases/Tick_treatment_preventative_to_their_monthly_regimen.pdf

Q: What kinds of ticks are you seeing?

A: Michigan has over 20 species of ticks, however the top three ticks found in Michigan are American dog tick (wood tick) — 75 percent found on people and companion animals — blacklegged tick (deer tick) and Lone Star tick.

Q: If a pet owner fails to notice the tick, how will it affect their pet?

A: Medical treatment should be sought if illness occurs after a tick bite. Not all ticks carry disease. Early diagnosis and treatment are key to improved patient health. Lyme disease, tularemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and anaplasmosis/ehrlichiosis are treatable with antibiotics and, when treated early, pets and people can usually recover rapidly and completely.

Q: Can dogs get ticks from their own back-

yard, even if they don't live anywhere near deer population?

A: Yes. Extra awareness in warmer months is needed when ticks are more active. Avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaves. Check your pets for ticks daily. Putting your pet on flea/tick preventative, especially during the warmer months, is the most effective way to reduce the possibility of tick bites. If ticks do bite your pet, the preventative works to kill the tick. The speed at which the tick will die after biting your pet varies by manufacturer. Vaccinating your dog against Lyme disease is recommended if you live in an endemic area.

Q: Some heartworm medications offer tick prevention and some don't. Should dog owners add a topical liquid flea/tick preventative to their monthly regimen?

A: Unfortunately, there is no single product on the market that covers absolutely everything. One product, Revolution, covers fleas, heartworm prevention and protects against the Lone Star tick — the least prevalent disease-spreading tick in Michigan. Therefore, protecting your pet requires a multi-modal approach. There are a variety of heartworm preventatives that also kill intestinal parasites and fleas, but none of these also prevent/kill ticks. Your veterinarian can help you choose the best option for your pet to ensure they are fully protected. Your vet will likely recommend a topical liquid or oral flea/tick preventative in addition to their heartworm preventative. Some oral medications now provide three months worth of flea/tick prevention.

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Don't leave children or pets inside a parked vehicle

Did you know the surface of the sun is 10,000°F? The center of the sun is 27,000,000°F. That is pretty hot.

OK, let's move away from the sun and toward our planet. Mercury is 800°F during the day and Venus is approximately 860°F — hot enough to melt lead if you could



Sgt. Michael Sura
ASK A TROOPER

stand on the surface. That brings us to Earth. Earth's average temperature, remember average temperature, is 61°F. Not so bad right?

There is a place that can feel like the center of the sun — your car.

Did you know that the interior of your car is probably the hottest place most people will visit in their lifetime (unless you are into saunas). The average temperature inside your car can increase within the first 10 minutes any-

where from 10-20 degrees. Over 30 minutes, the temperature increases by an average of over one degree per minute. If you park and go inside a store for 30 minutes on a 90-degree day, your car will be over 120°F when you return to it. After an hour, the vehicle will be 43 degrees hotter than the

outside temperature.

The reason a car gets hotter than the air around it and a house or office is because it's a greenhouse on wheels.

If you see an animal or person left in the vehicle, gather information: Note the make and model, and write down the license plate of the vehicle. Contact the police and mon-

itor the vehicle. Do not confront anyone yourself, let the police talk with the individual! You want to be safe as well.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com, or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton Post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.

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Appliances will last longer with a little TLC

A close friend of mine named Pat Kelley just started a new company right from scratch. He tells me that he serviced four customers last week and that the service requested — for two plugged filters on the furnace and two plugged condensers on the outside unit — could have been done by any senior citizen with ease.

He told me that the hot days will bring in hundreds of service calls of this nature and that many homeowners are capable of fixing their own problems. The same thing applies to the major appliances in your home. I estimate that we have more than 30,000 dryer fires every year in this country. There's a ton of damage to homes and



even as many as 20 deaths and yet service technicians continue to clean plugged vent lines that cause most of these fires.

It's not hard to do at all. Move the dryer and stick a leaf blower in the vent line, turn it on and watch the lint come flying to the outside. Let's take a minute and think about your clothes dryer. As long as it operates and does the job well, it's out of mind, so to speak. Basically that's how you feel about all the appliances in your home. If it boils the water, reheats the doughnuts, keeps the

milk cold or removes the stains, you tend to forget about it until it breaks down. The lesson is to give them some tender loving care and you would be surprised at how much longer they will last.

Recalled appliances

While doing an interview last week on WJR-AM (760), I was asked why I care so much about the safety of consumers. The recent introduction of House Bills 5679, 5680 and 5681 have to do with saving lives. When these bills are passed in Lansing, every homeowner who has a recalled appliance in their home will be informed directly by the manufacturer. Every home ever needing a permit for work to be

done will have a photo-electric smoke detector installed in their home. I will also work with the insurance industry to form a format that refuses damage claims from anyone not having a photo-electric smoke detector.

In my 59 years working in the appliance industry, I have been into many thousands of homes fixing those products and I feel I've seen it all. For many of these years, I've been a talk show host and a writer of this column. I've heard it all. Homeowners have told me about products that come on by themselves in the middle of the night or when not in use. I've even shared tears with some who have lost a loved one because they didn't know

of any recall on a major home appliance.

Today's writing brings back memories of close calls that I have personally witnessed. The lady sitting on the kitchen counter with her hand down inside the garbage disposer trying to get the cutter blade to turn. She scared the flames out of me and promised she wouldn't do that again. I think of the many clothes dryers that caught fire just as I began to work on them and what could have happened while I was not there. There was the time when I arrived at a home where both seniors were using walkers to get around. There was so much dust and lint under the refrigerator that when I removed the kick plate, a shorted wire on the defrost timer ig-

nited it all and flames were momentarily six feet high. I was lucky enough to put out the fire using a throw blanket. Can you imagine what would have been the consequences had I not made that service call?

There are many other stories I could write about and this role I play today is an important one in making sure consumers are informed on subjects that are seldom talked about in the mainstream media. I would enjoy any story you would send me about the products in your home. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on WAAM-AM (1600). You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.rr.com.

Avoid emergency room by reducing your fall risk

When people think of traumatic injuries, the first thought that comes to mind may be severe car accidents. After all, trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1-46 and the third cause of death overall.

However, falls are another leading cause of traumatic injuries. Like car accidents, falls can result in severe injuries, such as broken bones, head injuries or hip fractures. These injuries require rapid access to advanced specialty care, including swift diagnosis with the latest diagnostic equipment as well as access to specially trained trauma surgeons, orthopedic services and neurosurgery.

In nearly every age



group, falls are the No. 1 cause of non-fatal injuries treated in hospital emergency rooms. In fact, St. Mary Mercy treated 1,010 patients with injuries from falls in 2015. Falls may occur from ladders or scaffolds. Other times, they are the result of slipping and falling at ground level.

Nationwide, more than 700,000 people are hospitalized each year for a fall-related injury. Falls among children and adolescents account for more than 3 million emergency department visits each year.

Falls in the elderly tend to occur through activities of daily living. Older adults are five times more likely to be hospitalized because of falls than injuries from other causes. Falls account for 29 percent of injury deaths among adults ages 65 and older.

In contrast to ground-level falls in the elderly, males and children are more susceptible to falls from heights. Non-occupational falls from ladders and scaffolds have increasing incidence with age. One in five of these falls result in hospitalization.

Reduce the risk

You don't have to be adventurous to be at risk for a dangerous fall. Many of these falls can be prevented.

- » Keep floors and stairs uncluttered. Remove everything from walkways and keep paths clear of power cords.
- » Arrange furniture to create clear paths. Do not put coffee tables, magazine racks, footrests or plants in walkways.
- » Remove throw rugs. Ensure carpet and rugs have non-skid backings or are tacked to the floor. Use non-slip bath mats in showers and tubs.
- » Store frequently used items within reach. Avoid reaching or using a step stool for items too far out of reach.
- » Install ample lighting. Put lights near stairs and outside your door for people coming and going in the dark. Use night lights between rooms.
- » Use handrails. In-

- stall handrails on both sides of the stairs and grab bars on bathroom walls.
 - » Have your vision, hearing and blood pressure regularly checked. Poor vision, hearing or blood pressure can affect your balance.
 - » Get moving. Regular exercise improves strength, muscle tone and coordination.
 - » Ask your doctor about medication side effects. Some medications can increase fall risk.
 - » Wear shoes with good traction, especially when you venture outside on wet surfaces or are walking near entrances where others wear wet shoes. Wear shoes with rubber soles.
- Looking for another way to decrease your fall

risk?

St. Mary Mercy Livonia offers a free eight-session workshop for individuals 60 and over called Matter of Balance. Participants learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity level, make changes to reduce fall risk and exercise to increase strength and balance. For more information about Matter of Balance, call 734-655-1310.

Thomas Oweis, M.D. is a general surgeon and medical director of St. Mary Mercy Livonia's Level II Trauma Center. Oweis received his medical degree from Wayne State University. He is board certified in general surgery from the American Board of Surgery. For more information, go to stmarymercy.org/trauma-livonia.



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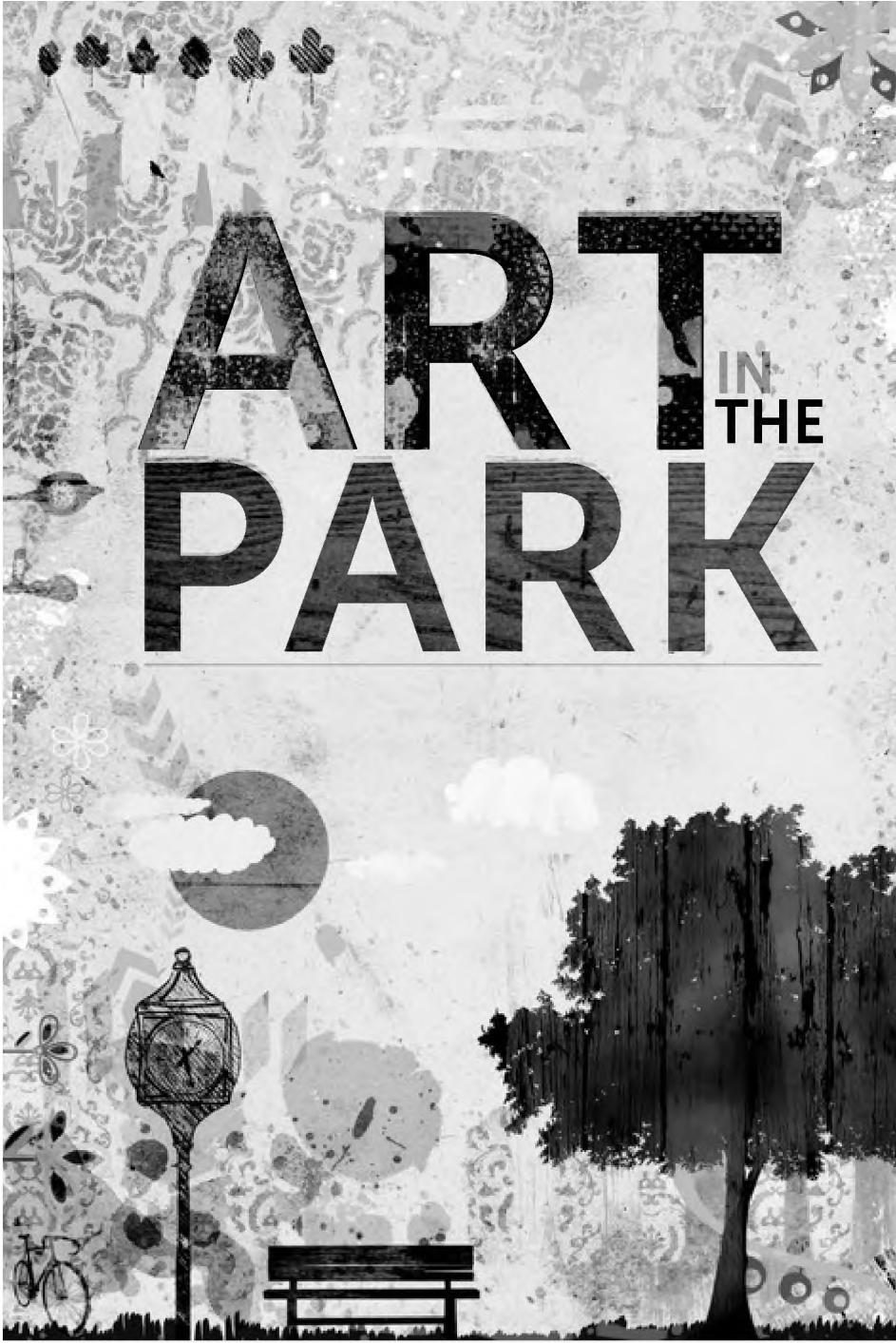
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OUR VIEW

Flying our flag on the Fourth shows respect

There are a variety of times during the course of a given year the American flag moves front and center as citizens pay tribute to their country, its freedoms and the men and women who fight for them.

There's the recent Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and, Monday, Independence Day — all designed to allow American citizens the opportunity to pay their respects not only to their country, but to its most visible symbol.

And when they do, it's important they do it properly. If you're displaying an American flag, Public Law 94-344, The Federal Flag Code, contains some guidelines. (If you're worried about how deep the federal government is getting into our lives, know this: The code contains no penalties, though some states have their own codes and may impose penalties.)

Traditional guidelines call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow and wind storms, unless it is an all-weather flag.

It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions.

When flags of states, cities or organizations are flown on the same staff, the U.S. flag must be at the top.

This one seems to be "violated," for lack of a better term, more often. During the hoisting or lowering of the flag or when it passes in parade or review, Americans should stand at attention facing the flag and place their right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove any headdress and hold it with their right hand at their left shoulder, the hand resting over the heart.

Here's one that gets violated occasionally in school gymnasiums or football fields: When the flag hangs from a staff in a church or public place, it should appear to the audience on the left, the speaker's right.

When the flag is worn out or otherwise no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Here are a couple of things not to do with the American flag:

» Do not let the flag touch anything beneath it: ground, floor, water, merchandise.

» Do not place anything on the flag, including letters, insignia or designs of any kind.

» Do not use it as apparel, bedding or drapery. It should not be used on a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be attached to the uniform of patriotic organizations, military personnel, police officers and firefighters.

» Do not use the flag for advertising or promotion purposes or print it on paper napkins, boxes or anything else intended for temporary use and discard.

There are more and you can find them on the website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. But these guidelines give you a good idea of ways to treat the American flag with respect.

During ceremonies such as the recent Memorial Day activities, proper respect is paid to this country's military men and women, who have given so much in representing their nation.

As the Fourth of July approaches, it's important to remember the American flag, the symbol of our country, deserves the same respect.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More peaceful ahead

I am a resident of Allen Terrace and believe the vast majority of us are extremely happy with the senior apartments. As of June 15, we have a new board and the hopes are that interaction with the Northville Housing Commission will be more peaceful. As for the parking, we have already settled that problem and one of the residents will be in charge of parking. The entire staff is cooperative, helpful and efficient. We, too, believe that Allen Terrace

is a "community gem." My hope is that we continue to live well and enjoy ourselves at Allen Terrace.

Lois Clark
Northville

Need professional management

At the June 16 Housing Commission meeting, a resident presented a proposal to take over the responsibility of the assigned parking at Allen Terrace as the Housing Commission had asked. The president of the Housing Commission refused to accept the proposal because "the

Commission had passed a motion establishing an open parking policy and that was it."

You are correct. There is no discussion between management and the residents. Orders are given and rules are established, and that's it. Most rules are followed by a threat that if the rule is broken, the resident will receive some form of punishment or a notice of immediate termination of lease. Why?

Please, get professional management for Allen Terrace as it was from 1978 until 2007.

Anthony Rizzo
Immediate Past President,
Allen Terrace Resident
Council

Scary prospect

To this point I've really enjoyed the Trump show. How he's awakened the silent base of the GOP is brilliant; simply put, we're witnessing

world-class carnival barking skills.

For decades the GOP has worked relentlessly to keep this part of their base quiet and hidden, even denying their existence; the racists and bigots, whiners and complainers, the takers, those who can't look at their selves in the mirror and think they themselves may be the reason for their crappy lot in life.

Oh no, no, no, it's them "Mex-kins" taking our jobs, those uppity feminists demanding fair pay and an equal voice, that black guy in D.C. whose going to take all our guns, giving all the other black people in 'Merica tons of free stuff.

I'm wondering if he'll shift from me, me, me, I, I, I, to us and we and explain, in detail, how he'll accomplish his fantasy plans. Doubtful, methinks. Thus far not a

single detail on anything policy related except his tax plan, which sounds suspiciously exactly like the Romney/Ryan windfall for the rich, and his plan to defeat ISIS, which sounds suspiciously exactly like the Bush/Cheney plan that created ISIS in the first place.

Trump's non-stop America-hating rhetoric makes me nuts. Never in my life have I ever seen someone born with so much wealth and privilege, whine and complain so relentlessly even though he's always bragging about how great and wonderful his life is. He brags about paying no taxes, none at all, all the while he and his businesses have benefited immensely from the using infrastructure the rest of us have built and the security this country provides.

To the Republican establishment who won-

ders how they lost control of their own party, Trump is what you get when, since Reagan, you promise this loyal silent base jobs and prosperity, personal freedoms and responsibility, balanced budgets and restraint in spending our tax money, smaller government and national security and then you don't deliver on any of it. Ever.

And when you give your blessing to let the Tea Party spread crazy rumors and outright lies about President Obama and the job he's done thus far, well, like the Bible you love to quote says — you reap what you sow.

It pains me to say it but Sarah Palin, with her public service as a mayor and that weekend she spent as governor makes her infinitely more qualified to be president than The Donald. That's scary.

Mitch Dubanik
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Fire service is a family affair at Plymouth station

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Rachel and Kevin Allen of Livonia are veterans of the fire service. They work together at the Plymouth Fire Station, part of the Northville City Fire Department.

"I grew up in a firehouse," said Kevin, whose dad is a retired firefighter. "I'm second generation." Their son Zach Willey, 15, who'll be a sophomore this fall at Livonia Churchill High School, is in the Fire Explorers program.

The couple has children ages 9 and 1, too. Kevin said: "It's an interesting dynamic, to say the least. Sometimes it's a changing of the guard, so to speak." Rachel added, "We're always on the go."

Zach wants a fire service career. "He hasn't really known anything else. Fire trucks and ambulances, that's mom's office," Karen said.

She's also a stay-at-home mom to their youngest; many of the paid, on-call department's firefighters have day jobs, Capt. Jim Davison explained.

"Pretty much all of them" have day jobs, noted Davison, who works with son Matt Davison, 24, of Salem at the station in downtown Plymouth. "And then there's us retired guys who are here all the time." The department serves the cities of Northville and Plymouth.



Families are common at the Northville City Fire Department's Plymouth station, both husband-and-wife teams and fathers and sons.

Teamwork at work, home

Firefighting's truly in the family with the Allens, along with three father-son teams of firefighters based at the Plymouth station. Another husband and wife team, Capt. Greg and Karen Westfall, is based at the Northville station.

Karen joined around 2000, Greg has 11 years in. "She has seniority over me, but I have the rank," said a smiling Greg Westfall, who has 41 years in in the fire service. "There's a different boss at home," he said with a laugh.

The Westfalls of Plymouth

have been married nearly 36 years and have three grown children and two grandchildren. "I don't have to call him sir," Karen said with a smile. "It's his job. Just listen to what he says and trust in his judgment."

Kevin Allen said of his family, "We make sure we have that family time." He appreciates flexibility on vacations, "especially with this being a paid, on-call department."

Adam Rice, 23, of Canton works with dad Capt. Scott Rice. Adam is a senior studying psychology at Wayne State University and an EMT. He

hopes to become a physician's assistant.

"He keeps me on my toes a little extra," Adam said of his dad. "It's really good to work with him. I like it a lot. It's a great opportunity to serve the community. I get to make a difference," added Adam, who started with the department in May.

Dad Lt. Scott Rice of Canton said, "Oh, I love it. It's exciting. We commute to work together. This was all his decision; very proud."

Dad Dave Tabaka works at the station with son Kyle Tabaka, 31, of Plymouth. "It's kind of

neat," Dave said. "It's really a nice thing to have my son doing the same thing I've enjoyed for so many years."

Kyle noted his dad had recently retired from his own business where they'd worked together, so being on the job together isn't entirely new.

"He's been doing it my whole life," Kyle said of his firefighter dad. "I have the passion to do it. I like helping people," added Kyle, on the job about 2½ years.

Jim Davison also has an older son, Bryan Swanson, in Tennessee who became a fireman later in life. He's proud of Matt and Bryan.

Matt is in school for basic EMT and is a firefighter. "I like it," said Matt, a Salem resident. "It's been my dream ever since a kid to work alongside him. I get to go on runs at my leisure. When I'm not working my day job, I generally respond to anything I can."

Women on the job, too

Karen Westfall and Rachel Allen agree more women are choosing the fire service. Karen joked about the time she responded to a fire call and had to suit up — in a dress.

"I always lift with my legs," Rachel Allen said. "God gave us hips for a reason" beyond childbirth.

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Family time at fire department? 'It just ended up that way'

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Capt. Jim Davison of the Northville City Fire Department's Plymouth station is proud of his firefighter sons.

"Very, very proud," Davison said. "The decisions were theirs." He pulls out a cell-phone photo of son Matt Davison, 24, a Salem resident, with the Northville department at a nearby training burn. Also in the photo is a 44-year-old son (and brother) who hails from Tennessee.

"He got bitten by the bug," Jim Davison said of his older

son, Bryan Swanson, training for firefighting and EMT work, which he now does paid-on call for a Tennessee fire service. "He's an auto mechanic by trade." His older son's decision "kind of made me feel good."

Matt Davison is now in Huron Valley's EMT course and finished the fire academy at Van Buren late last year. He came on board with the NCFD in May.

Families are common in the Northville City Fire Department's Plymouth station ranks. Husband and wife Kevin and Rachel Allen are both firefighters and emergency med-

ical technicians and have a teenage son in Fire Explorers.

The Plymouth station also has three father-son teams, including the Davisons. Dave Tabaka is a firefighter/emergency first responder who works with firefighter son Kyle Tabaka.

Lt. Scott Rice is a firefighter/emergency first responder based in Plymouth with son Adam Rice, an emergency medical technician. In addition, the NCFD's Northville station has another husband-and-wife team, Capt. Greg Westfall and Karen Westfall. Both are firefighters and

EMTs.

Jim Davison, who spent 34 years with the Canton Fire Department where he started in 1971, handles administrative support for the downtown Plymouth station during weekday business hours.

Jim Davison noted firefighters often worked with family, a historic occurrence. "Today, it's a little different," he said. "It's more technical, more requirements to hold a job in the fire service. You've got to do firefighting and EMS."

Scheduling vacations is no big deal with all those families.

"This kind of operation, it doesn't matter," Davison said, noting some 30 people on the station roster. "That's not a problem."

Families weren't actively recruited. "It just ended up that way," Davison said, noting the Westfalls have been on the firefighting circuit in the region, with Greg Westfall a 41-year firefighting veteran. Their son was in the fire service and has moved on to other career options, Davison said of the couple.

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Medical school, soccer connect for Milford's Prey

Rex Hall Jr.
Correspondent

These days, Beau Prey's time is spent in pursuit of two of his passions – studying to be a doctor and playing a sport he's known since he took his first steps as a child.

"I love the game," Prey, 22, said of soccer. "I love everything about it."

For Prey, soccer fuels his competitive spirit. It also provides him with a life-school balance.

That's the way it was during his four years at Kalamazoo College, where he played goalkeeper. And it's that way now for Prey as he divides his time between classes at Western Michigan University's Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine and practices and games for Kalamazoo FC.

"My competitive nature has always

kind of impacted my schooling," Prey said. "You compete with your friends and classmates. Even on exams, you push yourself to be the best."

Prey, a Milford native, graduated from Kalamazoo College in spring 2015 with a degree in chemistry. Soon after, he put his soccer skills to use as the starting goalkeeper for Grand Rapids FC during the team's inaugural season in the National Premier Soccer League.

Balancing act

This year, as he was in his first year at med school, Prey learned Kalamazoo was starting its own team to compete in the NPSL and his former coach at K-College, Lumumba Shabazz, reached out to Prey to join Kalamazoo FC.

"I've coached really good young men," Shabazz said recently. "That kid has been stand-up from day one."

Shabazz, who took over as head coach of K-College's soccer team following Prey's freshman year, recalled how Prey was at the bottom of the goalkeeper depth chart when Shabazz arrived. It didn't take long for that to change, Shabazz said, as Prey's character and "monster work ethic" quickly became evident.

"That kid has always had that from the very first day I came to coach at K-College to now and he works very, very hard, man," Shabazz said. "He's developed himself into what I consider a really top-notch goalkeeper."

Kalamazoo FC opened its inaugural NPSL season May 13 against AFC Ann Arbor. Since then, the team has fought its way to a 3-4-2 record, good enough for fourth place among the seven



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Kalamazoo FC's Beau Prey makes a save during a recent NPSL game.

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AMATEUR GOLF



GREG JOHNSON
Domenic Mancinelli takes aim with an iron shot during Saturday's Michigan Amateur semifinal match at Eagle Eye.

MANCINELLI MAKES HIS MARK AT MICHIGAN AM

Northville native, CC graduate earns runner-up finish

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Domenic Mancinelli raised some eyebrows with his play last week in the 105th Michigan Amateur Championship.

The Northville native and 2014 Novi Detroit Catholic Central High graduate, who will be a junior this fall at Grand Valley State, was among the last two standing after surviving two rounds of stroke play and six more in match play at Eagle Eye Golf Club in Bath.

And despite losing in Saturday's final to Michigan State University's Sam Weatherhead (Grand Rapids), 4 and 2, Mancinelli demonstrated he could perform in the clutch by winning three of his matches on extra holes.

"I wouldn't say I surprised myself.

It was nice to see it all come together, because I've been working pretty hard for the last year, year-and-a-half," Mancinelli said. "It was nice to see everything kind fall in place and things go my way."

"I did a really good job of controlling myself and my attitude and my way I thought around the golf course. I don't think I was really nervous the whole time. I just trusted what I've been working on and accepted whatever result I got from it and moved on from there."

Clutch play

After finishing 33rd in stroke play to earn a spot in the field of 64, Mancinelli went 23 holes to outlast Grant Haefner of Bloomfield Hills. He followed up by ousting top seed Jack Weller of Swartz Creek, 6 and 4.

In the quarterfinals, Mancinelli

went to the 19th hole to oust White Lake Lakeland High graduate and Oakland University golfer Jake Kneen, followed by a win on the 20th hole against Anthony Sorentino of Shelby Township.

That put Mancinelli in the Saturday morning semifinal, where he eliminated Ben Lewis, 2 and 1.

"I don't mind it," Mancinelli said of match play. "It brings some different stuff to the table because if you make an eight and your partner makes a four, you only lose by one. I kind of think that helped me on a golf course like Eagle Eye, because it's pretty intimidating. And if somebody makes one bad swing, you're basically out of the hole. So I just try to keep it and play and not give too many holes away. That kind of helped me out

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PRO BASKETBALL

Cooper gets opportunity to play pro ball in Spain

Hillsdale College All-American, Catholic Central grad signs deal

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The first two chapters of Kyle Cooper's basketball career came out pretty well.

Now another chapter will be written in Spain for the Northville native.

A second team NCAA Division II All-American this past season at Hillsdale College, Cooper recently signed a contract to play for Amics Castellon, a second division team in the province of Castellon, off the Mediterranean Sea. (Castellon de la Plana is the hometown of pro golfer Sergio Garcia.)

The 6-foot-7 forward, who starred at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High, will report to the LEB Gold league team in August after mulling over a couple of other offers in Spain, along another in Germany, through his agent Emilio Duran.

Good advice

Cooper leaned on the advice of former Hillsdale teammate Nick Washburn, who played with Amics Castellon when it was part of the LEB Silver division in 2014-15.

"I talked to him for a while before signing and he basically told me it's a really great place, the people are great, the coaches are really good guys, the team is full of good players and it's a good organization all the way around," Cooper said. "This just seemed like the best fit for me."

Cooper already has a leg up

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HILLSDALE COLLEGE ATHLETICS
Northville native Kyle Cooper, a Novi Detroit Catholic Central High graduate, earned All-America honors at Hillsdale College and has signed to play professionally in Spain.

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Novi's Vieaux settles in after pair of rookie league starts

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Staying in school didn't hurt Cam Vieaux's stock at all.

After being selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 19th round (580th overall) of the 2015 Major League Draft, the 6-foot-4 left-handed pitcher from Michigan State decided he needed another year of seasoning.

And after going 7-4 with a 2.28 ERA as the Spartans' No. 1 starter during his red-shirt junior year, the Novi native and Walled Lake Western High graduate elevated his own portfolio by going in the sixth round (195th overall) earlier this month to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

With a reported \$175,000 bonus in hand, Vieaux wasted little time signing after being selected the second day (June 10) of the MLB Draft.

He knew it was time to go. "It was a good opportunity given to me by Detroit," Vieaux said, "but I thought with the summer that I had in the Cape (Cod League) and I saw how much improvements I made in a short amount of time ... I thought I could definitely make myself in a better situation if I came back to school and did the draft all over again. And it ended up working out."

Pirates make pick

Several clubs showed interest, including the Tigers again, but this time he's property of the Pirates.

"(Pittsburgh) were kind of hidden under the radar," Vieaux said. "There were other teams that I was expecting, probably, like around the same (round). The Pirates called me five minutes before the pick and made an offer and I was more than willing to accept and get things going."

Vieaux has made two starts already for the West Virginia Black Bears of the New York-Penn Rookie League. His pro debut came June 19 as the Black Bears christened their sparkling new ballpark against Batavia.

It was his first start since May 23 in Omaha at the Big Ten tournament – his final collegiate game – when he went 8½ innings, allowing just one earned run on three hits in a 5-1 win over Nebraska.

Vieaux not only had to shake off some rust, but may have been a little over-anxious to make a good first impression.

He pitched 2½ innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits and a walk, before leaving due to a pitch-count limit (52 total) in a 12-2 Black Bears win.

Great fan support

"We had a sold-out crowd. I was probably pretty amped up trying show off probably, trying probably to make myself look like a sixth-rounder," Vieaux said.

His next start came June 24 against Staten Island and Vieaux made a good second impression, allowing no runs on no hits in four innings. He walked two and struck out two while lowering his earned-run average to 2.70.

"I settled in nicely and got



MSU ATHLETICS
Novi native Cam Vieaux, who pitched three seasons at Michigan State, was taken in the sixth round (195th overall) in the Major League Draft.

in a good week of hard work in between and I was able to make some adjustments," Vieaux said.

Vieaux also gained some valuable insights from Steven Brault, a left-hander on a rehab assignment from the Pirates' Triple A affiliate Indianapolis Indians.

"I was able to kind of pick his brain and see what he saw in my first start," Vieaux said. "He gave some tips on how to improve and how to approach the game at this level and I think it helped me out pretty well for my second start. I was able to pick his brain for about five days and it helped me out a lot."

In trying to master the art of pitching, Vieaux is already altering his approach following his first two minor league starts.

College atmosphere

Monongalia County Ballpark, also home of the West Virginia University baseball team, is located in Granville, 20 minutes outside of Morgantown, W.Va.

Vieaux lives on the WVU campus in a dorm room. It's an ideal environment. He's feels like he's back in school – not on scholarship, but getting paid.

"I love it," said Vieaux, who takes a team shuttle to the ballpark. "It's really cool. We've had really big crowds. There's been an excellent turn-out for all of them, standing room only the first four games. It's a great place to play and they love their baseball here."

"It honestly feels like a summer ball league. I think the Northwoods League that I played in a couple of years ago prepared me for this, because we played every day and a lot of traveling. It just feels very similar."

Undrafted out of Walled Lake Western, Vieaux red-shirted his first year at MSU before making his mark during his first season in 2014, when Vieaux started in the bullpen and eventually became a starter.

Making progress

Vieaux finished 6-5 with a 3.18 ERA in 70½ innings with 57 strikeouts and 18 walks. He was named to the all-Big Ten freshman team and earned MSU's Steve Garvey Award as most improved.

As a red-shirt sophomore in 2015, Vieaux went 4-7 with a

3.49 ERA in a team-high 15 starts while pitching 90½ innings, striking out 71 and walking 32.

Last summer, Vieaux ventured to the prestigious Cape Cod League while mulling over the Tigers' offer before eventually deciding to return to East Lansing.

During his 2016 red-shirt junior year, Vieaux made 14 starts, going 87 innings with 77 strikeouts and 32 walks. His career total of 205 strikeouts ranks fourth in MSU history.

Vieaux also ranked in the top 15 in the conference in several categories, including ninth in strikeouts (77), 12th in innings pitched (87) and 14th in opponent batting average (.234) as the Spartans finished 36-20 overall and 13-11 in the Big Ten.

Despite not getting an NCAA at-large bid, Vieaux was pleased with the 2016 season.

MSU success

"I'm very proud of it," said Vieaux, who finished his MSU career with a 2.98 ERA in 48 appearances and 248 innings. "I think the team surprised a lot of people. I don't think very many people expected us to do what we did last year. And personally, I was pretty proud the way I matured and kind of became a leader on that team when I really didn't have to do that in years past. And this year, I kind of worked towards that and thought I did a pretty good job."

After pitching 87 innings at MSU this spring, Vieaux will be limited in his first pro season. He'll also do four weeks of fall instruction ball at the Pirates' spring training facility before shutting it down for the year.

"I'll be on a pitch count all summer, not only for my own health, but allow everyone else opportunities to throw innings," he said. "I won't go any deeper than five innings this summer."

But what about his new-found wealth?

"It still really doesn't seem real to me," he said. "I just feel like I'm in summer ball right now. Yes, that's a good question."

But Vieaux would be the first to say that another year of school certainly didn't hurt one bit.

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PREY

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teams in the Great Lakes West Division of the NPSL's Midwest Region.

First triumph

The team got its first win May 22, a 3-2 decision over NPSL powerhouse Detroit City FC. Prey was guarding the net that day and the victory gave him the distinction of being the starting goalkeeper for Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids during both teams' first win ever.

"There's a fortitude and a fortitude that I think translates well from the soccer field into all endeavors of his life," Shabazz said. "Medical school is about a grind, your ability to deal with adversity on a daily basis and continue to show up and continue to be present and I think, in his case, (soccer has) uniquely prepared him for that type of rigor."

Prey came by his love of soccer and the goalkeeper position naturally. His father Marc was a goalkeeper and played soccer for Albion College. Prey said his father quickly instilled in him an interest in the sport that has never waned.

"His knowledge of the game definitely helped me improve as a player," Prey said.

Prior to attending Kalamazoo College, Prey was the goalkeeper for his high school team in Milford and also played club soccer.

Prey's father and mother have come to watch his games for Kalamazoo FC and Prey said he has enjoyed the opportunity to play for the team and for Shabazz. The team's home field is at Mayors' Riverfront Park and practices are held at K-College.

Hometown touch

"For us and coach, promoting the sport and the team in the community is the No. 1 goal," Prey said. "They love the team, which is awesome ... I guess the biggest thing for us is promoting it to the kids."

Prey said being a part of Kalamazoo FC has been somewhat of a "surreal" experience in seeing how young people look up to him and his teammates and seek out their autographs. One young fan, Prey said, named her pet snake after him.

"It's just an unbelievable feeling," Prey said.

Prey said he knows, with his third year at WMed and the beginning of clinical rotations looming next May, this season with Kalamazoo FC will likely be his last chance for a while to play competitive soccer.

The team has three games remaining and will end the season July 10 with a home contest against AFC Ann Arbor.

"I think this is probably my last for-real season," Prey said.

Long-term goals

If that turns out to be true, Prey will not walk away from soccer empty-handed. The sport helped stoke a competitive fire and work ethic that he believes will serve him well as he continues his studies at WMed and moves on to medical residency.

"I guess that competitive nature has pushed me to succeed and gotten me to this point," Prey said. "I wouldn't consider myself the most gifted student. ... I think my competitive nature is probably the primary reason that I've made it to the point I'm at right now."

Prey said that his decision to pursue a chemistry degree at K-College stemmed from a love of science that was fueled by an AP chemistry teacher Milford High School.

At one point, he worked in a lab for a summer while he was in college. He also worked as a scribe at Bronson Methodist Hospital.

Prey said the experience of working in a lab was helpful because, he learned that he did not like the indoor setting and the lack of personal interactions.

But medical school, Prey said, attracted him because it offered the opportunity to pursue his love of science while getting to interact with – and help – people in need of care.

Future goals

"It's a very high-intensity job, high pressure and I think if you're not going to be a professional athlete, there are professions that have aspects of athletics in them and I would say medicine is definitely one of those," Prey said. "There's always more to learn and everything about this is interesting to me. The human body, how it works, what goes wrong and how to fix it."

Prey applied to WMed, as well as the medical schools at Wayne State University and the University of Nebraska. He was accepted to WMed and WSU.

Prey said he chose WMed over Wayne State because of WMed's integrative curriculum and the chance to be a part of a medical school that is starting "from the ground up."

"I think WMed tailors itself to what is going to make students succeed," Prey said.

After his acceptance to WMed, Prey applied for, and received, a scholarship from the F. Edward Hébert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Military career

Prey is one of two U.S. Army HPSP scholars currently attending WMed. The scholarship covers Prey's tuition and provides him with a monthly living stipend of more than \$2,000.

Prey said he had an interest in joining the military and attending a military academy after high school and he has several family members who made careers in the U.S. armed forces.

"The idea of serving my country is something that enticed me," Prey said of his decision to apply for the HPSP scholarship. "The idea of actually going overseas and helping people is definitely appealing."

As part of the scholarship program Prey will have to complete a 60-day officer-training program in San Antonio between now and the beginning of his residency. He also knows that once he's completed his studies at WMed, he will be matched to a military hospital in the U.S., or possibly overseas, to complete his residency.

Leadership skills

Prey will then have to complete a commitment to the U.S. Army that will run for the length of time he was in medical school or the length of his residency, whichever is longer.

As it stands now, Prey said he is interested in surgery, emergency medicine and pediatrics.

Whatever Prey decides to do, Shabazz said he has no doubt that success awaits him.

"Not only is he a leader, but I call him a stud," Shabazz said. "We talk all the time about ... finishing what you start, deserving or earning what you get, old-school, old-fashioned values. That's the kind of environment I've tried to build here."

"I think if you had to look at a poster child for those values ... he would embody those values."

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REX HALL JR.

Goalkeeper Beau Prey makes a punt for Kalamazoo FC of the National Premier Soccer League.

PDL SOCCER

Bucks jump-start offense against Toronto

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The Michigan Bucks returned June 23 to Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac and rediscovered their potent offense in a 6-0 Premier Development League win over Toronto FC U23 Academy.

The victory kept the Bucks (6-2-0, 18 points) in second place in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Conference, four points ahead of the Derby City Rovers (4-2-2, 14 points) and seven points behind Kitchener-Waterloo United (8-1-1, 25 points), but the Bucks have two games in hand on K-W.

Against Toronto (1-6-4, seven points), the Bucks dominated from the opening whistle.

In the 42nd minute, Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Ann Arbor/Western Michigan University) launched a 60-yard punt to forward Ben Fitzpatrick, who took a nice touch to bring the ball down and then blew by his defender and

ripped a shot from 16 yards out that left Toronto keeper Darren MacLeod no chance for the first goal of the match.

Bucks leading scorer Andre Landell (England/Tiffin University) kept the attack going by scoring a natural hat trick that included goals on either side of halftime.

In the 44th minute, Landell took a through ball from Tom Owens (England) and used his speed to get past the back line and finished his chance to make it 2-0.

Just a minute later, Marco Charalambous (Cyprus/Butler) found Landell and the English forward made it two for two on his chances and the Bucks took a 3-0 lead into halftime.

The second half started the same way the first half ended, when Russell Cicerone (Bloomfield Hills/University of Buffalo) cruised down the left flank from the opening kick and found Landell sitting in the box, where he finished his third goal on his third shot of the game, all coming in a four-minute span.

Landell leads the Bucks with seven goals this season.

In the 57th minute, Owens launched a corner kick to the back post and found defender Alexi Souahy (France/Bowling Green), who one-timed his shot to make it 5-0.

Cicerone, who played high school soccer at Birmingham Brother Rice, closed out the scoring with the game's best finish when he made a solo run through three Toronto defenders before smacking home his fourth goal of the campaign.

The Bucks were scheduled to play Tuesday at Derby City in Louisville and then Friday against K-W United at Wilfrid Laurier University in their toughest road stretch of the season.

"We gave away points when we played there last week in a game we should have won, so this time we are going to try and get the job done right," Bucks coach Gary Parsons. "Three points against Derby would put some breathing room between us and them for the final playoff spot."

ALL-AREA BOYS LACROSSE

CC's Jarzembowski proves quick on the draw

Shamrocks' face-off
standout is named
Player of the Year

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Alex Jarzembowski took a page out of former President Theodore Roosevelt's book on foreign policy.

As Novi Detroit Catholic Central's senior face-off specialist, Jarzembowski once again spoke softly and carried a big stick this season.

With Jarzembowski manning the face-off circle, it was a good bet the CC lacrosse team was going to win the draw.

And what an impact Jarzembowski made during his varsity career, as the Shamrocks earned three straight MHSAA Division 1 state runner-up finishes.

"Putting it rather crudely, he just gets the ball for us," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "And any time you have the ball more than your opponent, it's a very good thing."

Jarzembowski, who has signed an NCAA letter of intent with the University of Detroit Mercy, won more than 70 percent of his draws during his senior season as the Shamrocks finished 18-5.

The 6-foot, 185-pound Jarzembowski garnered All-America honors this year, along with Division 1 first team all-state honors two straight seasons.

Quite simply, Jarzembowski was one of the Midwest's top face-off specialists and is why he was named All-Area Boys Lacrosse Player of the Year.

"He's really quiet; he doesn't say a whole lot," Wilson said. "He has his whole face-off regimen. He'd go off with his buddy Kyle Gaines and the two of them would work most of the practice on just face-offs."

"He's got that great work ethic to become such an excellent player."

First team

Rocco Mularoni, Sr. attack, Detroit CC: Headed for Hope College, Mularoni scored a team-high 69 goals to go along with 15 assists en route to Division 1 first team all-state honors.

"He had 84 points, which is phenomenal considering the schedule we play against," Wilson said. "I think he just has



SCOTT CONFER

Novi Detroit Catholic Central face-off specialist Alex Jarzembowski (right) was named All-Area Boys Lacrosse Player of the Year.

a nose for the net. He shoots like all attack men and finds a way to put it in."

Cole Gingell, Jr. attack, Detroit CC: he finished with 36 goals and 30 assists to earn Division 1 first team all-state recognition.

"Cole had a fantastic year," Wilson said. "He really came into his own this year as a junior. With that speed, he's really hard to catch and he's got a good stick."

Connor Sweeney, Sr. attack, Northville: Sweeney, who had a team-best 43 goals and 21 assists, made all-KLAA and third team Division 1 all-state honors. Sweeney, headed for Guilford (N.C.) College, also came up with 29 ground balls.

"Great shooter from the right side and scored some huge goals for us," Northville coach Greg Durham said of the team captain and four-year varsity starter.

Griffin Sparling, Jr. attack, Novi: Headed to Calvin College, Sparling finished with 48 goals, 14 assists and 28 ground balls while making Division 1 honorable mention all-state.

"Griffin is one of the players that the team looks up to," Novi coach Chris Johnson said. "I had total confidence in Griffin when he had the

ball. He was the engine of our offense. His style is unorthodox, but extremely effective. Griffin is very strong and it is difficult for opposing defenses to guard him or stop him from going to goal when he decides to drive."

Anthony Zugaro, Jr. attack, Novi: He posted 39 goals, 13 assists and 22 ground balls while earning Division 1 honorable mention all-state laurels.

"Anthony is a consistent contributor on offense," Johnson said. "While he does not say much, he definitely leads by example on the field. The play did not stop for him at the shot, he was super-effective on the ride in creating turnovers. Anthony is our quickest player and can easily create in one-on-one situations. I anticipate some big things from him as a senior."

Brendan Thelan, Jr. attack, Huron Valley: He paced the Titans with 52 goals and 16 assists while earning all-KLAA and Division 1 honorable mention all-state recognition.

"Despite being banged up late in the season, Brendan was able to start and play in 16 of our 19 contests," Huron Valley United coach Greg Ristau said.

Pete Thompson,

Soph. MF, Detroit CC: He finished with 43 goals and 26 assists for 69 points on his way to Division 1 first team all-state honors.

"Pete's just a gamer," Wilson said. "When he's on, he's on. He's very tough to stop. The last two games of the year, the semifinal and final, he had seven goals and an assist."

Brennan Kamish, Jr. MF, Detroit CC: Kamish, who possesses a 102 mph shot, wound up with 44 goals and 14 assists while earning first team Division 1 all-state honors.

"Just a pure shooter; you love to get it to him," Wilson said. "You love when a team plays zone against us because that gives him opportunities to get in his wheelhouse and bomb away."

Harry Dyson, Sr. MF, Northville: Headed to Ohio Wesleyan, Dyson earned all-KLAA and second team Division 1 all-state honors after scoring 25 goals and five assists to go along with 40 ground balls.

Dyson is also a member of Team England, which will play next week in Vancouver, B.C., for the U19 World Men's Lacrosse Championship.

"Harry was a three-year starter and captain," Durham said. "He may not have the big

stats as a midfielder, but he did all the little things, the ground balls, the clearing. (He's) a tremendous athlete and player. Just the most fit. I call him gym rat."

Kyle Condino, Jr. LS-MF, Northville: Condino, who had team-best 45 ground balls to go along with 32 takeaways, earned all-KLAA and second team Division 1 all-state recognition.

"He's probably one of the best LSM's in the state," Durham said. "He pushes the other midfielders with his on-ball intensity. He was just awesome, one of our best defensive players."

Drew Neller, Jr. Fogo, South Lyon: Neller, who earned all-KLAA and honorable mention Division 1 all-state recognition, went 199-of-261 (76 percent) on face-offs, including 13-of-17 against Northville and 11-of-12 against Canton.

"Drew improved even more as the season progressed and contributed huge on the offensive side with a total of 17 points," South Lyon assistant coach Justin Boughton said. "A great team leader and embraced the fogo role. He's being heavily recruited and has D1 schools interested in him."

Connor Wright, Jr. Def., Northville: Wright, who had 35 ground balls and 44 takeaways, was a first team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA selection.

"Probably one of the best defensemen in the state," Durham said. "He's a tremendous on-ball defender who is kind of a pure takeaway guy. He was always on the best attack men. With his big frame – 6-3, 190 pounds – he's a pretty intimidating player."

Hunter Braun, Jr. goalie, Detroit CC: The 6-2, 230-pounder was named co-defensive MVP and earned second team Division 1 all-state honors.

"He's got great hands and makes stops," Wilson said. "And his outlets are fantastic."

Joel Trent, Jr. goalie, South Lyon: He made 65 percent of his saves (212-of-326) en route to all-KLAA and Division 1 honorable mention all-state honors.

"He is a great and humble team leader with a tremendous work ethic," Boughton said. "He came up huge in the big games for us. He is being recruited by many colleges, including Division I teams."

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Jeff Varner, Fr. goalie, Northville: He was voted the team MVP while also earning honorable mention all-state honors in Division 1 after making 155 saves on 274 shots on goal (56.5 percent). "He's the first MVP ever as a freshman," Durham said. "He got better and improved throughout the season. He won games for us, including the Brighton game (in the KLAA Association final) where he had 12 saves."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Dyson plays for England in U19 World Lacrosse Championships

Northville graduate
earns roster spot in
Vancouver tourney

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For Harry Dyson, his summer so far has consisted of eating, drinking and sleeping lacrosse.

Dyson, who was born in Solihull, England, before moving to the U.S. in 2000 with his family, recently returned from a training session with Team England's U19 men's lacrosse team, which will compete July 8-16 in the World Championships at Vancouver, British Columbia.

The second team Division 1 all-state midfielder from Northville High is one of five U.S.-based players on the squad who survived tryouts last December and September to make England's 23-member squad.

"Been waking up at 6:30 in morning to do a two-mile run all around the streets, stretch, eat breakfast, then go into one of the rooms and talk about how we're going to play today, get mentally ready and prepared for practice," said Dyson,

who recently returned from the city of Durham in northern England. "We'd also talk to a team psychologist and all the coaches and what we'd do today, get all our equipment, practice for four hours, figure out everything we know, then have lunch."

Adapting to a different style of play was the biggest adjustment for Dyson, who is headed to



Dyson

play lacrosse in 2017 at Ohio Wesleyan University. "I got there the first day of practice, really, so I've been pretty jet-lagged the whole time I was there," Dyson said of his most recent trip. "They play international rules, so there's a lot more running and not just one person taking the ball to the net. It's more team, passing it around, get the easiest shot you can and not really forcing the ball as much as we do in the States. It was really different."

Meanwhile, there was little time for sightseeing

or getting away from the rigorous training.

"In our free time, there was a gym there and I worked out with a couple of my friends or just go in our room and kind of just hang out, walk around the hotel," Dyson said. "We had four days at the hotel and, the day I got back, I stayed at one of my teammates' house and went to a kids lacrosse club, teaching them how to play lacrosse, telling them about my role on the team."

Team England features nine players from the local Brooklands Lacrosse Club, while four others play for Timperley L.C. More than half the team comes from Trafford and from clubs only a couple of miles from each other. In addition to the five U.S.-based players, the remaining six hail from other Manchester clubs.

In a recent exhibition tune-up for the World Championship, Team England defeated Team Scotland, 36-6, in a match that consisted of six 20-minute periods.

"My role on the team is playing midfield and also playing on man-up, special teams," said Dy-



STEPHANIE JANCZAK

Northville's Harry Dyson (right) made England's U19 men's lacrosse team that will compete in the World Championships at Vancouver.

son, a three-year starter and captain who helped Northville win a KLAA Kensington Conference and Association title this spring.

When his father Simon took a job with Ford Mo-

tor Co., Harry landed in Northville and took up lacrosse, progressing well enough to earn a tryout in the country where he was born.

"At first, I was really nervous and scared. I

really didn't know what to expect," said Dyson, who had 25 goals and 40 ground balls for the Mustangs this spring. "I'm kind of taking it as a stepping stone towards my maturity in life and being an adult."

On Friday, July 8, Team England will open the World Championship against Team Iroquois, a squad made up of Native Americans, who were the first players of the sport.

On July 12, Team England and Dyson will square off against the U.S. Other preliminary round matches are set against host Canada (July 9) and Australia (July 10). The gold and bronze medal games are scheduled for Saturday, July 16.

And at least during the World Championships, Dyson's allegiance to the flag will be the Union Jack instead of the Stars and Stripes.

"This has opened me up to so many new things as far as cultures," Dyson said. "I just think it's going to be a really cool experience. I'm just moving through it and trying to do the best that I can."

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ALL-AREA GIRLS LACROSSE

Dietrich sparked Mustangs to banner season

Junior attacker
named All-Area
Player of Year

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Emma Dietrich did it on both sides of the field for the Northville girls lacrosse team, which enjoyed its best season in school history.

The Mustangs finished 15-3 while winning both the Kensington Conference and KLAA Association championships.

And Dietrich was a big reason for Northville's success this spring, as she led the team with 67 goals to go along with 11 assists, while also sparking the defense with a team-high 31 ground balls.

The junior captain was also named first team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA (for the second straight year).

For her efforts, she earned All-Area Player of the Year honors.

"We had a lot of seniors graduate last year, so we needed younger girls to step up and lead the team and step into a goal-scoring role," second-year Northville coach Amanda Asher said. "Emma was great in both of those areas, as she became a captain and leader as a junior and was very consistent offensively, scoring at least one goal in every game. She was a great two-way player for us in the mid-field and was huge part of our team's success this season."

First team

Sarah Chase, Jr. C-MF, Northville: The captain finished the year with 33 goals and 30 assists, while also leading the Mustangs with a team-best 30 caused turnovers.

The second team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA choice also committed to play college lacrosse at NCAA Division I Central Michigan University following her performance in the KLAA Association final, a 9-8 win over Brighton.

"Sarah was our center midfielder and was so important for us in winning possession," Asher said. "In addition to her offensive skill, she is an outstanding defensive midfielder and would often get matched up with the opponents' strongest offensive player. Sarah stepped up into a leadership role this year and her contributions helped this program reach new heights."

Gina Salemi, Sr. attack, Novi: Headed to NCAA Division I LaSalle (Pa.) University, Salemi is the team's all-time leading scorer with 236 career goals.

Salemi, who tallied 74 goals and added 15 assists as a senior, earned second team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA honors.

"Gina had her 200th career goal this year,



JANET DIETRICH

Northville junior Emma Dietrich was named 2016 Area Girls Lacrosse Player of the Year.

which is unheard of," Novi coach Amy Kilgore said. "She absolutely raised the bar of our program. She brings a ton of expertise from international competition to our game. She left a legacy of really, really strong and competitive lacrosse in her four years here."

Natalie Williams, Sr. MF, South Lyon: Williams, who earned second team Division 1 all-state and all-KLAA honors, finished with 90 points on 52 goals and 38 assists.

Headed to Siena Heights University, she also had 53 ground balls, 52 draw controls and caused 22 turnovers.

"Natalie had a wonderful season and was our quarterback on the field," South Lyon coach Aaron Skomial said of the team captain. "She was a leader on the field and shared the ball really well. She was also big on draw controls second only to Gabi Larkin. A great all-around player who made her teammates better."

Charlotte Beaudoin, Soph. MF, Northville: The Division 1 honorable mention all-state and all-KLAA selection finished with 27 goals and 17 assists after playing her freshman year on defense. She also had a pair of game-winning goals.

"Charlotte is an incredibly hard worker," Asher said. "You will never see her going less than 100 percent. She is an all-around player for us in the midfield and she was incredibly clutch for us this season as well. Even though she was only a sophomore, she was not afraid of the big moments."

Kendall Wasik, Fr. MF-attack, Northville: She made Division 1 honorable mention all-state and all-KLAA following a season with 34 goals and 18 assists.

Wasik also added strong defensive play in the midfield while scoring the game-winning goal with nine seconds remaining in a win over Hartland.

"It's rare for a freshman to immediately step in and become such a contributor," Asher said, "but from day one, Kendall was composed and you would never be able to tell she was a freshman. She was a consistent scorer for us, is very aggressive and is already a leader on this team."

Ally Blough, Jr. attack, Northville: Blough, who scored 27 goals and added 11 assists, proved to be a big match performer as she earned Division 1 honorable mention all-state and all-KLAA honors.

She had three goals in a 9-8 win over South Lyon that clinched the conference title.

"Ally is such a force for us on attack," Asher said. "She has a great array of moves and is elusive. Whenever we were in a close game, she had a knack for picking up big goals. She also gives great effort to get the ball back on defense. Even though she is an attacker, her impact can't be measured on goals scored alone. She did so many things for us."

Gabi Larkin, Sr. MF, South Lyon: Larkin, who finished with 42 goals and nine assists, made Division 1 honorable mention all-state and all-KLAA.

Headed to Lawrence Tech, she also finished with a team-best 57 draw controls along with 52 ground balls and a team-best 23 caused turnovers.

"Gabi was critical to us on the draw this season," Skomial said. "She was dominant at times and her contributions on both ends of the field could not be replicated. Not only did she lead the team in draw controls, she was second on the team in goals and led the team in caused turnovers."

Mckenna Mesclier, Sr. MF, Huron Valley: An all-KLAA and Division 1

honorable mention all-state pick, Mesclier finished with 51 goals, 13 assists, 40 face-off wins and 29 ground balls.

"Mckenna was a great senior leader, who played with a 100-percent effort every game," Huron Valley coach Gerry Perrett said. "When we needed a goal, I knew I could count on her to do her best to either score a goal or find a teammate for an assist. She made sure she was on time for practice to start each practice on time and to show leadership. Mckenna was a pleasure to coach and will continue to improve as she continues her playing career at the college level at Indiana Tech."

Jordan Paugh, Sr. Def., South Lyon: Headed to Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio), Paugh recorded nine goals, 34 ground balls, 16 draw controls and 11 caused turnovers en route to all-KLAA honors.

"Jordan is an exceptional player with a special gift," Skomial said. "She plays great defense and she gets the toughest assignments every game. She worked really hard this season and managed to put some scoring in her index of talents. She was always around the ball and was able to contribute on both ends of

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Northville: Maddie Caffee, Soph. goalie; Kelly Leary, Sr. Def.; Olivia Lesh, Soph. Def.; **Novi:** Katie McMaster, Jr. MF; Cecilia Hong, Sr. Def.; Rachel Bayer, Jr. MF; **South Lyon Unified:** Maddie Allerton, Soph. MF; Amanda Tuckey, Sr. Def.; **Huron Valley Unified:** Maddie Savich, Sr. goalie; Brittney Leist, Jr. MF.

the field when we called her number. She was a reliable player and made our defense very good with her special skill set."

Alyssa Schams, Soph. goalie, South Lyon: Named Division 1 honorable mention all-state and all-KLAA, Schams posted a save percentage of 57.5 (154-of-162). She also recorded 16 ground balls and six interceptions.

"Alyssa was a wonderful goalie for us this season," Skomial said. "She worked really hard on her game over the off-season and the work paid off. She helped on defense by picking up attacking players and scooped some ground balls in the process. She was also actively looking to intercept passes and be that eighth defender on defense."

Mariah Smythe, Jr. goalie, Novi: She recorded a .660 save percentage en route to all-KLAA honors.

"The fun thing to watch with her was just her improvement even over the course of the season," Kilgore said. "She started out with a 50-percent save average and in the last three games of the season ended with a 75-percent average. She's the kind of athlete that rises to her competition and works really hard to improve her game. She's really passionate about lacrosse."

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PREP LACROSSE

Skomial steps downs as SLU girls coach; boys post opens

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Aaron Skomial has decided to become a dad again after three varsity seasons with the South Lyon Unified girls lacrosse program.

Skomial's daughter Ryan, a former all-state player and high school All-American at Hartland, will be entering her fourth and final season with the Grand Valley State University women's lacrosse team.

"The reason I'm stepping down is because my daughter is going to be a senior in college and the last three years that she's been playing in college, I've missed quite a few games because of coach-

ing," Skomial said. "And I want to be able to finish her college years not having to worry about having to coach. And it's certainly a compromise being a coach and trying to be a father. And after next year, she doesn't get to play anymore."

The 44-year-old Skomial went 36-19-2 overall, which included a KLAA Kensington Conference title in 2014. He also had a pair of conference runner-up finishes, along with a berth in the MHSAA Division 1 regional final this spring before losing to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 11-5.

Skomial, who works at Rhe-Tech in Whitmore Lake, started his prep coaching career as a JV

coach at Hartland before taking over at South Lyon Unified, which consists of players from both South Lyon and South Lyon East high schools.

"Other than watching my daughter's games, I didn't really know a lot about coaching the sport, so I got a book, learned the basics and took U.S. Lacrosse (coaching) classes," Skomial said.

Skomial's most proud accomplishment is sending 11 of his 12 seniors this season to to play in the collegiate ranks.

"The girls were always a lot of fun to coach," he said. "They kind of filled the void with my daughter being away in college. So being able to share the experi-

ence coaching lacrosse and helping them get to college and playing lacrosse, along with having a good time, was always a priority."

Skomial has made a recommendation to South Lyon High athletic director Mike Teagan that SLU assistant Rachel Curmi get the varsity position for 2017. Curmi, a special-needs teacher in Brighton, played club lacrosse at Central Michigan University after graduating from South Lyon.

"She loves coaching, she loves kids. You couldn't ask for anything else. I can't think of anybody better to take over the program," Skomial said of Curmi.

Teagan said the job must first be posted within the South Lyon Community Schools district website before interviews take place.

Boys lacrosse job

After one season, Nick Diegel is out as the South Lyon Unified varsity boys coach.

A notice of vacancy was posted June 6 on the SLCS website by East athletic director Adam Beutel, 15 days after Diegel coached his final game, an 8-6 MHSAA Division 1 pre-regional win May 21 at Canton.

South Lyon Unified's season ended May 26 with 15-3 loss at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day in a first-round re-

gional game that was not attended by Diegel. SLU JV coach Justin Boughton filled in as interim coach.

South Lyon finished the season 10-8 overall and 3-3 (fifth place) in the KLAA's Kensington Conference.

Diegel, who played at Northville High and three seasons at Ohio State (2011-14), coached previously as an assistant at Hartland before taking over the SLU varsity reins in 2016 from Tyler Kirkpatrick.

As of Monday, neither Diegel nor Beutel could not be reached for comment.

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JUNIOR GOLF

Piot treats Western Junior as ‘learning experience’

Catholic Central golfer falls out of contention

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The Western Junior Championship did not exactly finish the way James Piot had envisioned Thursday at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.

The Canton resident entered the final 18 holes of play in a seven-way tie for fifth, seven shots behind leader Sean Maruyama. Piot's hopes of making up ground on the leader never materialized.

Maruyama, from Los Angeles, finished with 2-under 70 in his final round to win the tournament by two strokes over Texan Trevor Brown, 278-280. Ryggs Johnston from Libby, Mon., was third at 281 after finishing with 6-under 66 over his last 18 holes.

Piot, on the other hand, had a tough afternoon and carded a 4-over round of 76 and finished in a three-way tie for 26th.

"This isn't what I was hoping for at all," Piot said. "At the beginning of the day, I had it going. I was 2-under through eight to start my day and I was hoping to keep it going.

"But it started falling apart. It started going downhill and I was just grinding for pars near the end," he added. "I tried to keep it together the best I could."

A learning experience

Piot, a Michigan State commit, had dreams of a much higher finish this year after



Catholic Central's James Piot launches a shot in the Western Junior Amateur held in a Red Run.

MARTY BUDNER

having done well in last year's Western Junior Championship at Chicago. Piot held a late lead in that tournament and ended up tied for seventh.

This year, Piot put himself in a strong position through the first 54 holes of the three-day tournament, especially after carding 3-under 69 in the second round, which put him in a tie for fifth. The final 18 holes Thursday afternoon proved the difference, as he had just one birdie to offset three bogeys

and one double-bogey. Piot finished his week of work with 46 pars, 12 birdies, 12 bogeys and a pair of double-bogeys. Both double-bogeys came Thursday on the same hole — the par-3, 194-yard fourth hole.

"I was thinking about winning this thing after the first two rounds and, through my first eight holes today, I was definitely thinking I was in it, for sure," said Piot, who helped lead Catholic Central to its

second consecutive state championship earlier this month.

"Every tournament I play, I try to win," he added. "But it's always a learning experience whenever you don't play your best and you're hoping for better. Today, I definitely can take some stuff out of there and use it to help me better myself in the future."

Even with the disappointing outcome, Piot still entertains positive vibes about historic Red Run.

"I've played (Red Run) three or four times," said Piot, whose father Glenn served as his caddy. "I love this place. It's pretty straightforward. You hit the fairway and keep it below the hole. It's just that today I didn't do a good job of it. But it's a simple course."

Missing the cut

Orchard Lake resident Devin Deogun and Bloomfield Hills native Imaad Qureshi also participated in the Western Junior, the country's oldest national junior golf championship. Neither were among the low 44 scorers after the first 36 holes and did not make the cut.

Deogun, who will be a senior at Cranbrook Kingswood, finished at 150 after rounds of 76 and 74. Deogun, the Division 2 individual state champion, highlighted his final round of play with an eagle on the par-5, 465-yard first hole.

Qureshi finished his tournament at 151, rallying with 73 Wednesday after opening with 78. Qureshi, out of Detroit Country Day, posted five birdies and 19 pars in his two days of work.

The Western Junior Championship is considered a proving ground for future pros. Rickie Fowler, Hunter Mahan and Jim Furyk have been past champions, while Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and 2015 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year Daniel Berger have also competed.

The Western Junior was last played in Michigan in 2005, when Fowler won the championship at Blythefield Country Club in Belmont.

ENTRY DRAFT

USA Hockey alums dominate NHL's first round

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Staff Writer

There was a red, white and blue glow Friday at Buffalo's First Niagara Center.

Led by Auston Matthews, Clayton Keller and Kieffer Bellows, USA Hockey alums paraded to the podium during the opening round of the National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Matthews, a center from Arizona who played for the U.S. National Team Development Program in 2013-14 and 2014-15, was drafted first overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs.

But the draft's American flavor continued when former NTDP players Matthew Tkachuk and Clayton Keller were selected sixth and seventh overall, by Calgary and Arizona, respectively.

"It's unbelievable. It's crazy to think I'm here today," Keller, who with 189 points is the all-time leading scorer in NTDP history, said on NBC Sports Network. "All the work I put in when I was younger is finally paying off and I think the real work starts the day after the draft."

Keller (2014-16 with the NTDP) and Tkachuk (2013-15 with the NTDP) were teammates as youngsters in St. Louis and exchanged a hug as they passed each other on the First Niagara Center floor.



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After a standout 2015-16 season with the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team, forward Clayton Keller was the seventh pick in Friday's NHL draft.

"Matthew Tkachuk's been one of my best friends since we were little," said Keller, whose second season with the NTDP was out of USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. "We played on the same line together; we're so close and still are."

As for Matthews, also interviewed on NBCSN, it was "a dream come true" being drafted first overall and "especially (by) a storied franchise like the Toronto Maple Leafs."

Matthews, whose NTDP tenure (2013-15) was out of the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, can't wait to start his Toronto ca-

reer. "Just be myself every day, be a good teammate, work hard and use my skills to the best of my abilities," he said.

Other NTDP alums were picked during the opening round. Subsequent rounds were set for Saturday.

Defenseman Charlie McAvoy (2013-15 in the NTDP) was taken 14th overall by Boston, while high-scoring forward Kieffer Bellows — a linemate of Keller's — was picked by the New York Islanders with the 19th pick.

"It's unbelievable," said McAvoy, who played in 2015-16 at Boston University. "I

don't even have words right now. I don't have to go too far. It's just an honor."

Power and skill

Bellows reached the 50-goal plateau in 2015-16 with the NTDP U18s and also collected more than 100 minutes in penalties to illustrate his mix of power and skill in the offensive zone.

"I'm a power forward, I'm not afraid to throw around my body," Bellows said on NBCSN. "I love to score goals, I always loved to shoot the puck. I'm not afraid to get into the dirty areas and hit some guys."

Although excited to be drafted by the Islanders, Bellows likely will play the 2016-17 season at Boston University, along with Keller.

His dad, Brian Bellows, was the second overall pick in the 1982 draft (taken by the Minnesota North Stars) and went on to score nearly 500 goals in more than 1,000 NHL games.

The elder Bellows smiled when asked which NHL draft day was a bigger thrill, his own in 1982 or his son's.

"This one, for sure. I'm just so excited," he said. "He ended up going to one of the couple teams I really wanted him to go to."

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throughout match play."

End of the run

In the final, Mancinelli ran into a hot golfer in Weatherhead, who won the par-3, No. 12 hole when Mancinelli couldn't save par from a green side bunker. The MSU golfer then followed with a 30-foot birdie putt on the par-4, No. 13 hole and an eight-foot birdie on the par-5, No. 14 before closing out the match with pars on Nos. 15 and 16.

"It was me, making a combination of a couple of loose swings, and him, making birdies on the holes that I was making pretty good pars," said Mancinelli, who met Weatherhead for the first time.

Mancinelli, who lost in the first round of match play in the 2015 Michigan Am, had come into the 2016 event with some strong momentum after tying for 16th place in the Michigan Open held June 13-16 at Prestwick Village in Highland.

GLIAC success

Mancinelli earned first team all-Great Lakes Athletic Conference honors this season after earning second team and GLIAC Freshman of the Year honors in 2015 at Grand Valley.

Mancinelli, who helped CC to an MHSAA Division 1 runner-up team finish in 2014 and fourth in 2013, plays out of Northville's Meadowbrook Country Club, but a \$35 million course renovation project this year kept him in Allendale over the summer working at GVSU's home course, The Meadows.

Mancinelli credits much of his recent success to GVSU head coach Gary Bissell.

"He helps me directly with my swing and we work on it throughout the year and we've been making really good progress with it," said Mancinelli, who will try July 12 at Southfield's Plum Hollow G.C. to qualify for the U.S. Amateur, while also trying to qualify for the Golf Association of Michigan Championship, Aug. 1-2 at Barton Hills in Ann Arbor.

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JOE MANCINELLI

Northville native Domenico Mancinelli, a junior at Grand Valley State, was runner-up in the 105th Michigan Amateur.

COOPER

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among the American imports who have taken their talents to the European pro ranks.

"Funny enough, I took four years of Spanish in high school and one year in college," Cooper said. "I haven't spoken it much since my freshman year in college, but definitely have had a lot of practice in Spanish so I'm hoping it comes back kind of quickly. The nice part is the coach, the higher-ups in the organization and the team speak some English, which makes it easier for me to learn from them when I'm trying to learn some Spanish, but also helps communicate from the get-go, which is nice."

Top scorer threat

Putting the ball in the basket, however, is the universal language that should help put Cooper immediately into the starting lineup for Amics Castellon, which finished 13-17 last season in the LEB Gold.

As a senior, Cooper enjoyed his most productive season, averaging 22.6 points and 9.8 rebounds while shooting 55 percent from the floor (in-

cluding 44.1 percent from 3-point range) and 86.8 percent from foul line. He produced two 40-point games during the 2015-16 season and six games of 30 or more.

He was the only player in all of NCAA Division II to rank in the nation's top 40 in scoring, rebounding and free-throw percentage. He also recorded 17 double-doubles and helped lead Hillsdale to an 18-10 record as the Chargers reached the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament semifinals.

Cooper was named both the GLIAC and Midwest Region Player of the Year, while also appearing in the Division II All-Star game in Frisco, Texas, as part of the NCAA Division II Elite Eight Tournament weekend.

"It was a blast," Cooper said of Hillsdale. "Wish we could have gone a little further, won a couple of more games and qualify for the NCAA tournament. We were right on the edge there qualifying from the region. We just had a little too many hiccups in the middle of the season. But all in all, we beat a lot of good basketball teams, played in a lot of highly competitive basketball games. It was just a

ton of fun, a great group of guys. I know I gave everything I had. There's nothing I can do about it now, but it was an awesome place, a great time, especially that last season."

Stellar career

After an injury-plagued freshman season, when he only appeared in seven games, Cooper went on to score 1,520 points for the Chargers (11th all-time on the school scoring list).

His 632 points this season were the most scored by any Hillsdale College player in 27 years and the fifth-most in a season in school history. Cooper's 274 rebounds were the eighth-most in school history and the most by any Hillsdale player in 29 seasons. Only Bud Acton, in 1965-66, had a season in program history with as many points and rebounds as Cooper had in 2015-16.

Cooper, a Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-American, graduated recently from Hillsdale with a degree in accounting.

"It's hard after spending four years there," Cooper said. "I know the president of Hillsdale, the dean of men and women, the professors, a lot of

people that work there, so you get to know all the people at the school. It will kind of be hard not being around all those people I became good friends with ... my teammates, all the people, all the students at Hillsdale and the faculty members that I got to know so well."

Cooper will now get a chance to prove himself all over again. His former teammate at Hillsdale and CC, Tim Dezelski, played the second half of last season also in Spain for BVM 2012 Mieres.

"Basketball-wise, it's always that next step," Cooper said. "You finish eighth grade and you're a freshman in high school, then you get to the top of the food chain, then all the sudden you're a freshman in college. You get to the top of the food chain, now it's my rookie season overseas. It's about showing guys you deserve to be there, working your butt off, kind of proving yourself a little bit the first year or two. It all comes with the territory and I'm kind of looking forward to it. That's what I'm spending all summer doing."

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Only sure outcome of Brexit is uncertainty

The financial world was shocked last week as Great Britain decided to leave the European Union. The vote, known as Brexit, was close, but a clear majority voted to leave the European Union. Most of the so-called experts had predicted Great Britain would vote to remain; they were wrong.

The question on most investors' mind is how this will affect the markets and, more importantly, how it will affect their individual portfolio. If you listen to 20 experts, you'll get 20 different opinions. Some of the so-called experts are predicting a worldwide recession, while others are saying the Brexit will be good for America in



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the long run.

My opinion is quite simple and something the so-called experts never like to admit: I don't know. If the so-called experts were truly honest, they would admit that all they are doing is speculating because, in reality, what Great Britain is doing is unprecedented and there are really no comparable examples from which to draw. Of course, in today's world of 24-hour news where everything is put into crisis mode, admitting the experts don't know does not

make for good TV. That's why I always caution investors from making moves on their portfolio solely based upon what they hear in the media.

I am amazed that the same people who predicted the Brexit would go the other way are now giving opinions as to what will happen because of the vote. I am not saying these are not smart people; what I'm saying is that many of the so-called experts are not in the media because they know more or have any unique insights, but because they look and sound good on TV. I am not sure that's who you want to take advice from when it comes to managing your portfolio.

I don't know what is going to happen and nei-

ther does anyone else. One thing I do know is that markets do not like uncertainty and Great Britain's vote to exit the European Union creates uncertainty. The volatility we experienced immediately after the vote was not unexpected. It also would not be surprising that, as the process of Great Britain's exit proceeds, there will be more volatility. Just because there will be volatility, doesn't mean investors should panic or rush out and liquidate their portfolio. As I've said, fear is one of those emotions that ruin investors' portfolios. You cannot let fear dictate how you invest your money.

In the last number of years, we have seen oth-

er unprecedented events. It was only a few years ago the United States lost its AAA credit rating. At that time, the so-called experts predicted doom and gloom for the U.S. economy. After the initial volatility, markets returned to normal over a short period of time.

With Brexit, we don't know how the markets are going to react and we don't know if in two to three months from now everything will be back to normal. As I've always told investors, you should not invest based upon what is happening in the market, but based upon your goals and objectives. Investors who try to invest based upon the market are constantly buying and selling and, in the long run, are going

nowhere.

Being an investor is not easy and it's difficult to see our portfolios go in the wrong direction. To be a successful investor, you must have discipline, particularly in times such as now. My advice is to take a wait-and-see attitude and, ultimately, make decisions based upon what you are trying to achieve in your portfolio. If you focus on your individual goals and objectives and not on the market, in the long run you will be a successful investor.

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Ribbon-cutting



The Novi Chamber of Commerce helped welcome Novi Lakes Health Campus to the community with a ribbon-cutting June 23. The health campus is located at 41795 12 Mile Road. Call 248-449-1655.

Local dentists recognized as company's 'top guns'

Several Oakland County dentists were honored recently at Great Expressions Dental Centers' "Top Gun" awards, which recognize the dental service organization's leading dentists across its more than 250 offices in 10 states.

The following dentists were awarded from Oakland County: Dr. Robert Brody (Bloomfield), Dr. Robert Goodman (Novi), Dr. Hoon Kim (Novi), Dr. Odeta Dinella (Oak Park), Dr. Noor Yousif (Pontiac), Dr. Cindy Goodman (Novi), Dr. Sonia Kang (Troy) and Dr. Timothy Smiley (Waterford).

More than 100 GEDC

doctors, clinical partners, special guests and vendors came together to honor doctors for their superior performance throughout the last year. The award ceremony was held at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville.

The "Top Gun" ceremony honors leading doctors based on patient care, dedication to mentorship programs and philanthropic efforts. In addition to honoring doctors for their hard work, dedication and contributions to the community, awardees and other attendees enjoyed team building activities at the ceremony.

"Top-notch doctors

are critical to the success of Great Expressions Dental Centers and to the continued quality patient services that we strive for every day," said Richard Beckman, chief executive officer of Great Expressions Dental Centers. "It is an honor to recognize this year's Top Gun doctors for their dedication to their patients and continued leadership in the field."

One of the largest privately owned dental service organizations in the United States, Great Expressions Dental Centers can be found online for more information at www.greatexpressions.com.



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Blu, a Bernese mountain dog with Mike Zebolsky of Marshall, wins the working group Sunday at the show in Novi.

Dog show draws breeders, canine lovers

Daniel Bethencourt
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Mary DiPerna came prepared for the Detroit Kennel Club's annual dog show Sunday.

A longtime breeder and competitor, she helped bring no fewer than 10 pugs that would appear in competitions. She even helped design a booth that stood more than 5 feet tall in the shape of an ancient Chinese building facade, with the sign "Exquisite Chinese Pugs." There were balloons in the shape of pugs and even more balloons that spelled out, one letter at a time: "PUGS."

"We just like to educate people about the breed," DiPerna of Fowlerville said. "I enjoy it. I've been doing this all my life. If we don't do it, how are you going to educate the people?"

DiPerna was one of hundreds of dog owners and breeders who came to the All-Breed Benched Dog Show & Obedience Trial at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. Two separate shows Saturday and Sunday marked the 100th anni-

versary for the event's host, the Detroit Kennel Club.

The show felt more like a convention than an arena-sized contest. There was a ring where handlers jogged in circles with their pets to the sound of polite, scattered applause — but there were also many booths where owners and breeders groomed their dogs and answered questions from passersby.

Then there was the host of extra canine contests, like a weight-pull trial for sled dogs and other working breeds, and a "barn hunt" where dogs can search for live rats through bales of hay. (The rats were caged in small tubes so as not to be harmed in the contest.)

Organizers noted that attendance was sparser than in past years. During one round of competition Sunday, only a few dozen watched.

"When it was downtown, it was packed. You couldn't even move," DiPerna, the longtime breeder, said while watching a judge assess a group of "toy" breeds

like Yorkshire terriers and Chinese crested dogs.

Some attendees said that could be due to the show's relocation from Cobo Center to a convention hall in Novi starting last year. Phil Booth, assistant show chairman, said he didn't have specific attendance figures for the weekend. He did express some concern with the format, though, which requires competitors to stay all day even if they lose. Increasingly, breeders just don't want to stick around.

Before the final rounds of competition Sunday, dog owners seemed to be having fun while also saying they regretted the low turnout.

One of those was Pauline Sabatini of Chesterfield Township, who was grooming her border collie named Dutch before a "best of breed" competition Sunday.

"It's kind of sad that it's a little small," she said. "People are home swimming. ... I do like the show, I really do. I just wish more people would come."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding residential driveways. Following the public hearing held on June 21, 2016, the Planning Commission proposed the following text amendments:

- Section 26.02 clarifies the definitions of a "driveway" and "common driveway."
- Section 17.01.10 has been amended to prohibit parking on the lawn in the front yard or across a public sidewalk.
- Language has also been added to Section 18.18 requiring residential driveways be paved, be located in front of the garage, be a maximum of 18-feet in width, and allowing up to 35% of the required front yard to be paved.
- New language was added based on comments at the first Public Hearing to clarify that existing driveways may remain, be repaved or reconstructed in their current configuration, but does not allow any existing non-conformities to be expanded.

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on July 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments may be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Services/Building Department/Planning Commission). Written comments will also be received at the above address.

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SYNOPSIS JUNE 16, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Marv Gans, Trustee
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
 - A. Amended Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - A. Charles Nichols – reappointment to Ethics Board – Approved
 - B. Marguerite Aramian – reappointment to Ethics Board – Approved
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** Numerous residents had questions or comments for the Board regarding water billing. Two other residents had questions or comments regarding the current budget and sidewalk issues along Seven Mile Road.
5. **New Business:**
 - A. The Enclave – Final Site Plan – Approved
 - B. Bushwood Golf Course – PRUD Amendment – Approved
 - C. Industrial Waste Charges – Approved
 - D. Water Connection – 20230 Clement Rd. – Approved
 - E. MTA Annual Dues – Approved
 - F. Seven Mile Trail Proposal – Approved
 - G. Temporary Signs – Country Garden Club of Northville – Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:**
 - A. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Article 20 – Approved
8. **Check Registry:**
 - A. In the amount of \$1,620,184.03 for the period of 5/7/16 to 6/3/16. – Approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:** Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider.
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

This is a synopsis, the draft minutes will be available June 28, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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GRILLING? BE MINDFUL OF FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

As summer continues, home chefs everywhere are reaching for their grills, eager to enjoy barbecue season. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that grillers pay particular attention to safety in the spring and summer months when home fires involving grilling incidents occur most often.

Three out of five households own a gas grill, according to NFPA's latest "Home Grill Fires" report, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires. In 2009-13, an annual average of 8,900 home fires involved grills, hibachis or barbecues, and close to half of all injuries involving grills were due to thermal burns. While nearly half of the people who grill do so year-round, July is the peak month for grilling fires followed by May, June and August.

Although gas grills contribute to a higher number of home fires overall than their charcoal counterparts, NFPA reminds everyone that all types of grills pose a risk for fires and burn injuries. More than one-quarter (27 percent) of home structure grill fires started on an exterior balcony or open porch, and another 27 percent started in a courtyard, terrace or patio. Eight percent began in the kitchen, according to the report.

"As friends and families prepare for a fun grilling season together, be sure the grill is working properly and review safety tips," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. "Failing to properly clean the grill or having the grill too close to something that could burn are the leading causes of fires. It's good practice to check for damage before using the grill for the first time each year, and to check the entire grill regularly."

When grilling, NFPA suggests the following:

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.

For more information and resources, including tips for outdoor cooking with portable grills, visit www.nfpa.org/grilling or download NFPA's safety tips sheet on grilling for easy access. There is information online on checking propane hoses for leaks.



Write legislators on Nonprofit Corporation Act changes

Q: My condominium Board is out of control and has acted totally irresponsibly in terms of the management of our condo and the retention of experts, including our attorney. I want to sue them, but am wondering what effect the new Nonprofit Corporation Act has on it?

A: The new changes to the Nonprofit Corporation Act, which were politically motivated during the lame duck session of the legislature in December 2014, make it very difficult for a member of the association to sue a Board member for acts or omissions which are irresponsible. Under the old rule, only volunteer members of the Board of Directors had various protections under the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act which we wholeheartedly supported on behalf of our community association clients. Now, whether or not you are compensated as a Director, and even if you are grossly negligent which is an extremely difficult standard to meet, you are free from liability. In short, it is actually easier to sue a governmental official which has governmental immunity unless they have committed gross negligence than it is to sue a member of a Board of Directors. This is outrageous and community association members who are involved in a nonprofit association should write their Michigan legislators to demand a retraction of this unreasonable provision and you should seek redress with an experienced community association lawyer who may be able to find a loophole that allows you to take recourse.

Q: We live in a condominium community with 42 units on a small lake. They are site condominiums and the pricing is between \$350,000 to \$500,000. The one entrance/exit is always open and monitored with a surveillance camera. There have only been two attempted break-ins in twenty years. We have recently been told that going to a gated community would increase our condominium values by at least \$20,000 per unit. Is there any truth to that?

A: I can only speak from my legal standpoint as to the effect that a gated community will have on the market value of your units. To the extent there is a perception that there is more security in the condominium, then the units may be worth more money, but how much is not known except as may be determined by the market. However, you do incur additional expense in having a gated community and the threshold for liability for security issues may be lower because of that perception. You are best advised to consult with an experienced realtor in your area for his or her opinion.

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Industry report: Home sale prices on a climb

Existing-home sales sprang ahead in May to their highest pace in almost a decade, while the uptick in demand this spring amidst lagging supply levels pushed the median sales price to an all-time high, according to the National Association of Realtors. All major regions except for the Midwest saw strong sales increases last month.

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, grew 1.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.53 million in May from a downwardly revised 5.43 million in April. With last month's gain, sales are now up 4.5 percent from May 2015 (5.29 million) and are at their highest annual pace since February 2007 (5.79 million).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says existing sales continue to hum along, rising in May for the third consecutive month. "This spring's

sustained period of ultra-low mortgage rates has certainly been a worthy incentive to buy a home, but the primary driver in the increase in sales is more homeowners realizing the equity they've accumulated in recent years and finally deciding to trade-up or downsize," he said. "With first-time buyers still struggling to enter the market, repeat buyers using the proceeds from the sale of their previous home as their down payment are making up the bulk of home purchases right now."

Added Yun, "Barring further deceleration in job growth that could ultimately temper demand from these repeat buyers, sales have the potential to mostly maintain their current pace through the summer."

Surpassing the peak median sales price set last June (\$236,300), the median existing-home price for all housing types in May was \$239,700, up 4.7 percent from May 2015 (\$228,900). May's price in-

crease marks the 51st consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of May rose 1.4 percent to 2.15 million existing homes available for sale, but is still 5.7 percent lower than a year ago (2.28 million). Unsold inventory is at a 4.7-month supply at the current sales pace, which is unchanged from April.

"Existing inventory remains subdued throughout much of the country and continues to lag even last year's deficient amount," added Yun. "While new home construction has thankfully crept higher so far this year, there's still a glaring need for even more, to help alleviate the supply pressures that are severely limiting choices and pushing prices out of reach for plenty of prospective first-time buyers."

The share of first-time buyers was 30 percent in May, down from 32 percent both in April and a year ago. First-time buyers in all of 2015 also

represented an average of 30 percent.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage inched backward from 3.61 percent in April to 3.60 percent in May, which is the lowest since May 2013 (3.54 percent). The average commitment rate for all of 2015 was 3.85 percent.

Properties typically stayed on the market for 32 days in May (39 days in April), which is below a year ago (40 days) and the shortest time since NAR began tracking in May 2011. Short sales were on the market the longest at a median of 103 days in May, while foreclosures sold in 51 days and non-distressed homes took 30 days. Forty-nine percent of homes sold in May were on the market for less than a month — the highest percentage since NAR began tracking.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update.

Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in

Southgate.

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

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

Short sales

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

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m.

each Thursday at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

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

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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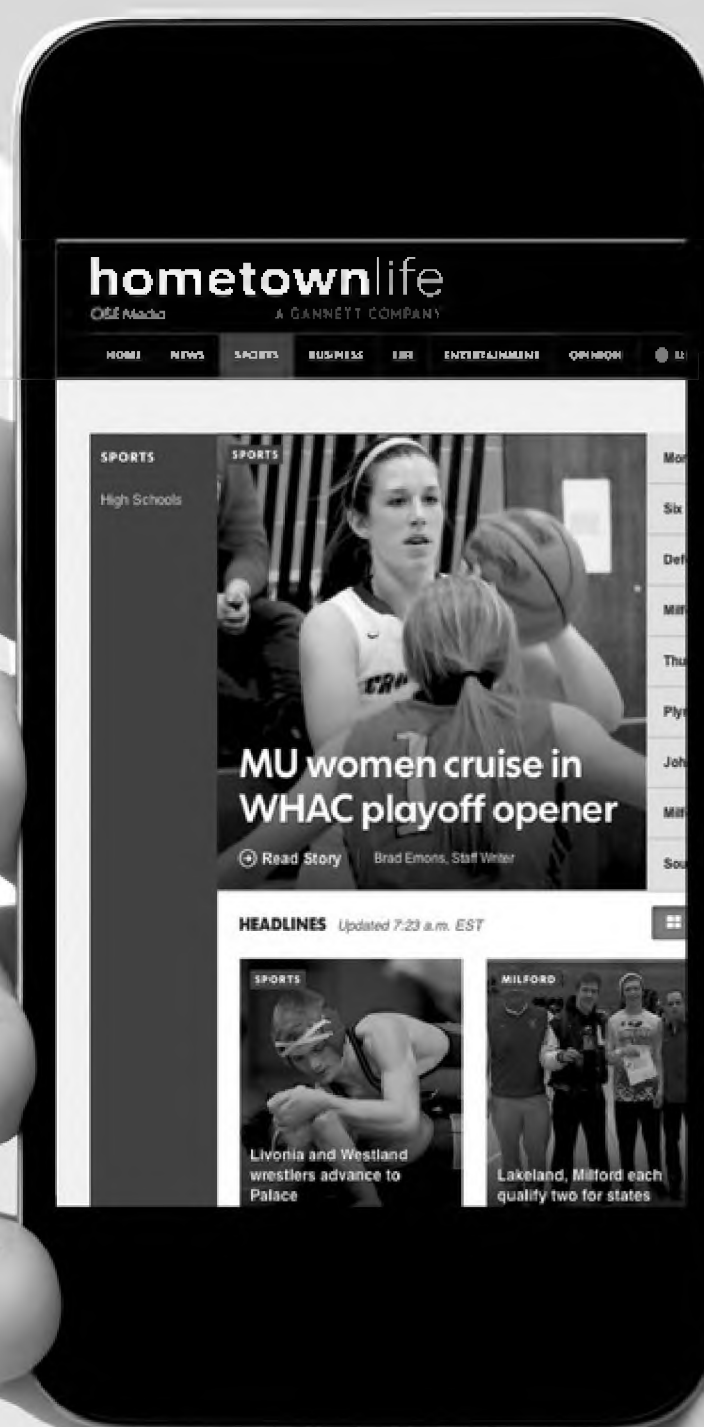
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Explore a new job at an old employer carefully

 BY MATT TARPEY
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Networking plays a key role in how many workers find new job opportunities. Since a large part of your professional network is likely made up of your former co-workers, it's not uncommon to hear about a potentially enticing opening at a company where you used to work.

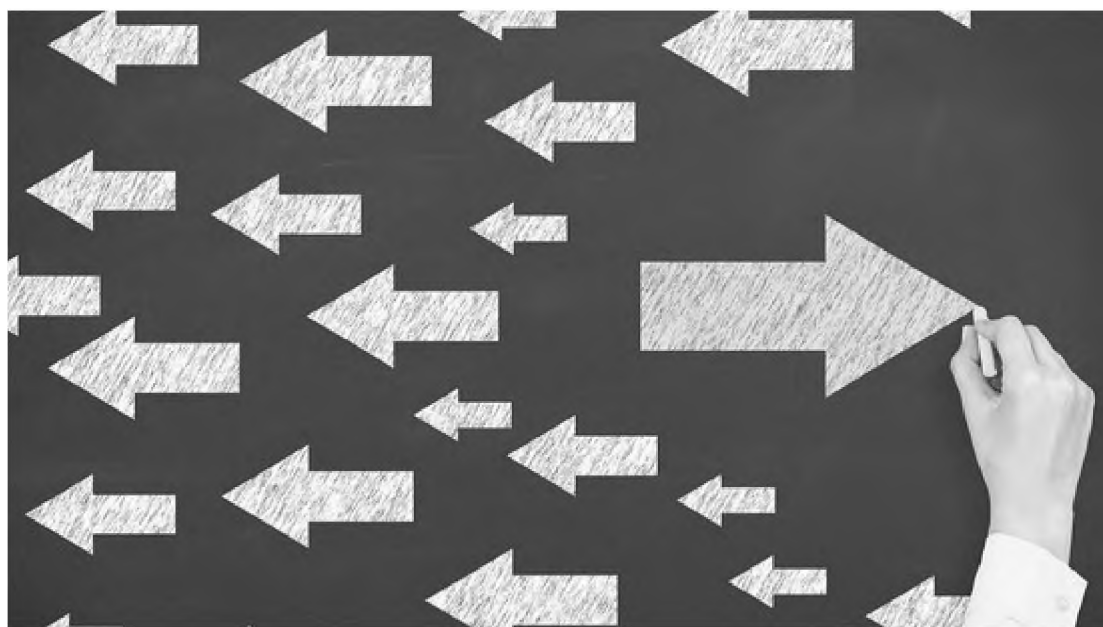
Here are four key points to consider if you're thinking about taking a job with a company you've worked for in the past.

Why did you leave?

It's likely that salary played a large part in your decision to leave your old employer. However, even if you're now being offered more money to return to the team, be sure to consider the long-term pay structure.

"If you left because you weren't valued substantially when you were there previously, and the employer has just come up to what you believe you are truly worth, what makes you think that they have embraced performance management and you will ever get another raise?" asks Alan Guinn, managing director and CEO of the Guinn Consultancy Group Inc.

Even if you left for another



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company primarily to get a higher salary, it is likely that there were other contributing reasons as well. Take some time to revisit all the factors that led to your initial exit.

"Our research shows the two most common reasons workers would not return were that they didn't like management or the corporate culture," says Bill Driscoll, a district president at Accountemps. "Have the issues that prompted your initial departure been addressed? For example, if organizational structure, office politics or difficult personalities were an issue, have they been resolved? To what extent?"

How did you leave?

The social aspect of starting a new job can be one of the reasons that rejoining a former employer can be so appealing. But first, be sure you didn't burn any bridges. Recall your last day with your ex-employer, how you were treated and — just as important — how you treated your co-workers.

"Think about how comfortable you would be re-establishing relationships with former colleagues," Driscoll says. "These are co-workers who might feel distrustful because you left once. They may have 'stuck it out' and are resentful about your return."

What's changed at the company?

Major restructurings or changes in leadership, strategies or company goals can have a big effect on day-to-day life at the company. If you've kept in contact with anyone there, don't be afraid to ask for their input on how the company has changed since you left.

"Before deciding to return, you should leverage your network at the company to confirm that your departure did not burn any bridges," says Jennifer Braganza, a coach and speaker who founded Exponential Success. "Also, you should connect with your

network to learn what has happened at the organization while you were gone and make sure you are up to speed. Reconnecting with your network also gives you the opportunity to frame your departure and return positively to your connections, who can then help spread that through the organization for you."

What's your new role?

To some, returning to an ex-employer may feel like a step backward. However, it's important not to rush to judgment. Take a step back and simply evaluate the offer itself. Would a move like this fit into your overall career path? Are there opportunities for advancement or to gain significant new skills or experiences? Based on your previous tenure at the company, how easy is it to take advantage of such opportunities?

There's no universal rule on returning to work for former employers. However, by focusing on these key considerations, you can be confident that you will make the right decision for your situation.


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1 Putting game

5 Graham of football

9 Train lines, e.g., Astor

13 Minnesota's capital

19 Hollywood's Sheriff

20 Apparel

21 "Go: it"

22 Del Fuego (island group)

23 Occur

25 Grizzly catcher's activity

27 Solidarity

28 Stock value

29 Florida resort

30 Most

31 First part of an act

34 Lacking any amenities

38 Repulsive

43 Product's ultimate application

44 Pub mug

45 Nanny, e.g.

46 Captivate

48 Scholastic stat

49 Up vote

50 Dign with are actively large nail

52 Fourth scale steps

53 Bubbling as hot water

55 "I read you"

57 Not reveal one's pain

61 Athletic shoe brand

63 Outward flow

64 Swenson of the screen

65 Sacno sites

67 Adam's mate

68 Minor details

72 Other, to

73 Tennis' Graf

75 Led head

76 Play fair

81 Towel off again

82 Sophia of the silver screen

83 Leader's cry

84 Fackel hair

86 In thing, temporarily

87 "Is"

88 Bewilder

91 Movie genre

92 Tintin's full name

93 Tiny nation in Europe

96 Be a sentinel for

99 Oppressive

101 L'oe pre-1991 Russia

102 Funny

103 Code name

105 Ring count

106 Current flow measures

110 "It's Just a Matter of Time" singer of 1959

114 What the first words of 23-, 25-, 33-, 57-, 75-, 86- and 110-Across can all mean

116 Bodega site

117 Major— (steward)

118 Author Oz

119 "Boy," or "girl" lead-in

120 Selective

121 Utah city

122 Thanksgiving side dish

123 "Sure thing"

DOWN

1 Set out for

2 Ash land

3 "A Prairie Home Companion" town

4 Rival one is amicable with

5 Night hostess

6 400 artists

7 Tie-toe linkup

8 Refinery rock

9 Pace of fashion

10 Regarding that matter

11 That, to José

12 Collate, e.g.

13 Tough one

14 Metal cake container

15 Besieger's bomb

16 Jackie's "O"

17 Sizable vase

18 Not keep up

24 Go, against blighting

26 Includes

28 Diam lead-in

31 Many husbands

32 Sever

33 Slymied

35 Yank at

36 Savory jelly

37 Tennis' Fraser

38 Glassy looks

39 Curry, e.g.

40 Special FX graphics

41 Boars, say

42 Hit worker

47 Davis of "Get on the Bus"

50 Composer Benjamin

51 Devilized

53 Castish city

54 Small house

56 Closer

58 Young money, say

59 Lamentable

60 Part of IMO

62 Rein in

66 Perhaps

68 Becomes extinct

69 Long-legged item

70 Lower the value of

71 Gary of beat poetry

73 Yells

74 Projecting fat collar

76 Thrifty rival

77 Element #5

78 Actress Jacob

79 Male turkeys

80 Labcoat of "I, Robot"

85 Boath tip

88 Straight: whiskey type

89 Island that's Prince's partner

90 Poison

92 By one means or another

94 Knights' suits

95 Oreo, e.g.

97 Loud noise

98 "Onionoid" actor Johnny

100 Compass pt.

104 Within: Prefix

106 Molecule unit

107 Tous a

108 Blues singer— James

109 Panlavi, e.g.

110 Telly channel

111 Cheri word

112 Gold, to José

113 Blue Jays, or scoreboards

114 Caught up

115 Actress Thurman

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