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As a lumbering, rattling gravel hauler moves past, Bruce Leonard cups his hand to his ear in order to hear Angela Plachta, far right, as a group of concerned Napier Road neighbors meet to discuss their concerns with the heavy truck traffic that uses the road as a shortcut. Others in the photo are, from left: Joan Heyl, Debbie Brown, and Virginia Miller.

Napier Road residents wage two-front battle: trucks, landfill



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As another gravel hauler moves past, Angela Plachta listens to a fellow Napier Road neighbor voice their concerns about the traffic on the road.

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Napier Road residents are tired of watching the rodeo on their gravel road, a north-south route that has become a truck corridor for the Arbor Hills Landfill and nearby concrete crushing companies.

"It drives me crazy," said Northville Township resident Bruce Leonard, who lives south of Seven Mile. "I go to work at 5:30 a.m. I wake up at 4:30 and I can hear them even then."

Residents on the Salem and Northville sides of Napier are fighting a two-front battle: the truck traffic and the potential expansion of the Arbor Hills Landfill. Neighbors have witnessed the landfill buying land on the west side of Napier, reportedly for a proposed expansion.

Trucks galore

Ground-shaking noise with one truck after another headed to the landfill and concrete companies leaves a coating of dust on Napier homes, gardens and vehicles parked in driveways. The scenic, rural road that was the attraction for many of Napier's longtime residents – many of whom rode their horses to adjoining Maybury State Park – is a thing of the past.

"We don't have the quality of life we expected," said Debbie Brown, who has lived on five acres along Napier, just north of Six Mile, for more than 30 years.

On any given day, Brown said she has counted as many as six large trucks within an hour traversing the road. She has set up a camera in her driveway to record the increasing volume. Crossing Napier to reach her mailbox on the Salem side of the

road has become a scary prospect.

Brown and her neighbors have spent years fighting the increased traffic on Napier. Construction on Interstate 275 has only made it worse. Napier gives access to three parks in a two-mile stretch: Maybury State Park, Thayer's Corner Nature Area and the Novi Sports Park.

For both of Napier's battle fronts, Northville Township officials aren't standing still. "The trustees are working with us," Leonard said.

Township Supervisor Bob Nix has develop some plans of attack: reducing the volume of truck traffic on Napier due to the Arbor Hills Landfill; increasing dust control; possibly creating a truck route ordinance; and a package of bills in the state Legislature that could

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Township supervisor, clerk, treasurer unopposed

Northville Township Republican incumbents Supervisor Bob Nix, Treasurer Sue Hillebrand and Treasurer Marjorie Banner are running unopposed in the Aug. 2 primary and Nov. 8 general election.

Township incumbent Republican trustees Marv Gans, Sy-

mantha Heath, Fred Shadko and Mindy Herrmann, however, will face challengers in the primary.

On the Aug. 2 ballot, Gans, Heath, Shadko and Herrmann will face newcomer Sonia Scapaticci, who is running as a Republican although she is a paid member of the Northville Demo-

cratic Club. Newcomer Dr. Ghulian Qadir, the only Democrat in the race, is not in a contested race so he will also be on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Also seeking election as a trustee is Republican Daniel Biedzen, a write-in candidate. Voters are reminded that

straight party voting has been eliminated. But voters also may not split their ballots for the Aug. 2 election. To reduce lines at the polls, Hillebrand suggests voters obtain absentee ballots.

To obtain an application for an absentee ballot, visit www.northvillemich.com

Nix: Water rates, landfill are priorities

Republican incumbent Supervisor Bob Nix has lived in Northville Township for 30 years and is seeking a second term in his position on the board of trustees. He is a retired attorney, formerly a partner with Kerr, Russell and Weber after 43 years in a commercial law practice. He has a law degree from Wayne State University Law School.

Nix currently serves on the Conference of Western Wayne and is a former 10-year



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Banner: Reroute Napier truck traffic; reduce speed

Republican incumbent Treasurer Marjorie Banner has lived in Northville Township for 32 years and is seeking a second term as treasurer. She served as a board trustee from 2000-12. Banner, who holds a bachelor of science degree from Iowa State University and post-graduate paralegal studies, is a legal writer for ALM Publications in New York.

Banner's resume includes service on the township Zoning Board of Appeals from



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Hillebrand: Review rec costs and programs

Incumbent Republican Clerk Sue Hillebrand has lived in Northville Township for 29 years and has served as clerk since 1992. She is a designated Master Municipal Clerk. Prior to 1992, she worked as a human resource professional for a large medical supply corporation in Chicago.

She served as president from 2005-07 and secretary and treasurer from 2010-17 of the Association of Wayne County Clerks.



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reduce the speed limit to 45 mph on Napier.

“I have been in lots of meetings to develop a truck route, other than Napier. We want to create access over Five Mile to the landfill and other operations,” Nix said.

The supervisor said he has received voluntary cooperation to direct truck traffic coming from the south on M-14 to Five Mile and then onto the landfill.

Voluntary cooperation, Nix added, has come from developing relationships with Arbor Hills and Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker. But much of the increased truck traffic on Napier is also due to concrete-carrying trucks.

Though the western half of the road is under Washtenaw County’s jurisdiction, Wayne County maintains the



Napier Road residents Debbie Brown and Virginia Miller have large gravel haulers and garbage dump trucks rumbling past their home from 5:30 a.m. until the early evening.



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Napier Road neighbor Bruce Leonard has concerns about the heavy traffic that uses the route as a shortcut.

gravel road. Road crews grade and apply dust control to the gravel road. But residents say there is too much of a delay between the grading and the dust application. With the added truck traffic, the dust billows and can at times obscure visibility on the road.

Neighbors say Napier has become a dust bowl. Dust flies and can at times obscure visibility on the road. Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said officials are trying to increase Wayne County’s frequency of dust control, perhaps to every other month. Plus with the heat and periods of dry weather this summer, “Mother Nature is not helping,” he said.

Angela Plachta, who lives on the Salem side of Napier, created a video as she drove the road. It shows her view almost totally obscured by dust kicked up by trucks. “I was driving north and couldn’t see a semi coming,” she said.

Despite the gravel surface and the rural nature of Napier, it is certified by Wayne County as a primary road and is considered to be eligible for use by commercial traffic, said Tiffani Jackson, Wayne County roads spokeswoman.

Wayne County’s grading has also unintentionally widened Napier and encroached on the ditches that hold and carry ground water. Brown has tried to divert the stream of ground water so she doesn’t have to traverse a pond to reach her mailbox.

Napier’s 55 mph speed limit is equally disturbing to residents. During

former Gov. Jennifer Granholm’s administration, speed limits were increased to 55 mph on gravel and rural roads.

“The township has tried to get a reduction in Napier’s speed limit,” Nix said.

Traffic Control Orders for Speed Limits are issued by Michigan State Police. Under the current state laws, there is no applicable provision for lowering the speed limit on Napier, Wayne County’s Jackson said.

A number of speed tests have been conducted on Napier. “Periodically, we have officers check. In the last couple of months, the trucks have been running compliant,” Snider said.

Nix is hoping to create a truck route ordinance, a move for Northville Township that could be tough because the road is under county jurisdiction. “There are a number of obstacles to this,” he said. “I need state, Wayne County and landfill cooperation to minimize and reduce the truck traffic.”

Meanwhile, the township has thrown its support behind state House bills 4423-4427 to amend the Michigan Vehicle Code. They would address and modify current speed limits, including school zone speed limits. They would revise the provisions that describe how state and local road authorities and the Michigan State Police determine any modified speed limits.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, said the package before the state House was voted on and he opposed the measures. “I wished I could have picked and chosen (between the various bills, which are tie-barred),” he said. “They would have expanded the speeds on highways. By the times the bills got to us, they were a mess. I had to look at the district as a whole, motorists in the state as a whole.”

Heise said if the state Senate does not take action on the package, it will die by year’s end.

Whittaker, in Salem Township, said he is fully aware of Napier Road residents’ concerns about the traffic and of Northville Township’s overall concern about expansion of Arbor Hills.

Paving could be a

solution, Whittaker said. Noise and dust would be reduced. But paving is not what Napier residents want. Plachta, for example, who moved to Napier Road some 20 years ago, said speed has always been an issue. Paving Napier will only add to the problem, residents said.

Questions remain whether a precedent has been set with the paving of Napier Road, from Nine Mile to 10 Mile, in Lyon Township.

Whittaker has denied Napier residents’ claims that he has managed to ensure garbage and concrete haulers do not use Salem Township roads. “Northville Township and Salem Township do not own the roads,” he said. “If we wanted to direct trucks another way, we can’t.”

Arbor Hills

Napier residents have joined homeowners in other nearby neighborhoods, such as Steeplechase, to fight the landfill. And that’s not to mention the deluge of odor emanating from the landfill this year. Neighbors are raising funds for the grassroots effort, Stop Arbor Hills, which has requested an expansion across Six Mile in an area of a composting facility.

The proposed landfill expansion is in the hands of Washtenaw County. Efforts are underway to formulate a new county solid waste plan, a first step in reviewing Arbor Hills’ request.

While Napier residents attend the solid waste meetings in Washtenaw, the tricky twist is that Northville Township has no voice in the proceedings or the decision-making for a landfill that has already affected nearby residents with odors and traffic.

Jeff Krcmarik, Washtenaw County environmental program supervisor, said the solid waste committee expects to have a draft plan by November or December. A 90-day public comment period will follow. Arbor Hills Landfill’s plans for expansion will go to the state Department of Environmental Quality for strenuous review. “It’s at least a three-year process, just to get a permit,” he said.

That doesn’t necessar-

ily make Napier residents or those in nearby neighborhoods feel any better. Napier homeowners point to one indisputable fact that casts a shadow on attempts to prevent the landfill expansion: Salem reaps large financial benefits – as does Washtenaw County – from the landfill’s location in the township. Despite increased truck traffic and months of odors from the landfill, Northville Township does not receive any financial benefit.

Napier residents also point to the fact that Whittaker sits on the Washtenaw County solid waste committee. But Whittaker is quick to add: “To me, I haven’t said if I am for or against it.”

Instead, Whittaker points to years of neglect of surrounding infrastructure to deal with the landfill. Even after Arbor Hills was expanded in 2002, roads were not expanded and specific truck routes were not designated. “You have to look ahead and nobody has ever done it,” he said. “I know it’s horrible down there (along Napier).”

Whittaker admitted that Salem residents would like the landfill to expand. “We need to come together – both communities,” he said. “I think Arbor Hills is listening.”

Meanwhile, three Salem residents have filed paperwork to run in the Salem trustee race in the Nov. 8 general election. JoAnn Heyl, a Napier Road resident, said she will run again Whittaker for the supervisor position. Cynthia Spurr has filed to run against Del Wensley for the clerk position and Melinda Marion will run for trustee. The three are running as independents.

“For many years, Salem’s board has been elected in the primary because everyone running was Republican,” Heyl said. “Many people don’t vote in the August primary because of vacations. We wanted to give people a choice, which is why we are running as independents in the Nov. 8 election.”

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approximately 1994-2000 and off and on as liaison from the board of trustees after that. In addition, while on the board of trustees, she served as liaison to the Northville Youth Assistance, Economic Development Commission/Brownfield Authority and is currently the liaison to the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Historic District Commission. Trustee Marv Gans and Banner also have the additional role of maintaining and operating Thayer's Corner Nature Area for the township. She serves as chair and treasurer of the group of volunteers, which run the park.

"I have the necessary skills to help create budgets, evaluate finances and organize/coordinate work products. Further, I bring a common sense approach to problems and a good work ethic," Banner said.

Banner said she does not plan to spend any money seeking re-election this year.

Q: What do you perceive as the three biggest challenges facing Northville Township today? Very briefly describe how, if you are elected, you would address these issues. Be specific.

A: 1. The sewer and water budget. We are presently faced with significant water and sewer rate changes, as well as a carry-over deficit. We chose not to pass along all charges to our residents in the past and now face shortages in that department. The board needs to manage the increases of the GLWA (consumption and fixed rates) with the services our residents demand and deserve. The board is looking at solutions, including contractual changes, another water storage facility, pumping stations, and evaluating how our rates are charged out to residents. The bottom line is, the township has to pay its bills and must find a successful way to do so; 2. It is always a challenge to maintain the economic stability of our community. We have done very well considering the economic crises of the last eight years, but we need to continue pursuing the greatest economies of scale, keep a lean work force, and provide appropriate services to our residents. The township received a perfect fiscal score from SEMCOG, and was only one of 19 in the state to do so and the only municipality in Wayne County. For the third year in a row, we also received the Distinguished Budget Award, national recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association. It is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and ranks us in the top 5 percent statewide; 3. Northville needs to expand its commercial tax base in order to maintain economic stability and provide relief tax relief to our residents. We are looking to development of the Five Mile Corridor to provide that in the future.

Q: The Great Lakes Water Authority is relatively new. It recently approved new rates, which have been passed on to users. What would you suggest as ways to maintain, if not reduce, rates based on consumption?

A: The board is researching costs for another water storage tank, which will help reduce rates. We need on-going maintenance of our infrastructure to cut water waste, resident's cooperation of peak hour sprinkling, (it is very effective, but not widely adhered to), continual evaluation of our contract with GLWA and effective leadership and involvement by the township in the GLWA. We also need to effectively communicate with our residents how water rates are established and evaluate our billing procedures to make sure they are fair for all.

Q: What are your thoughts on how the township communicates with residents. Do you find it adequate or inadequate and why? What would you propose?

A: As a longtime member of the board, I believe the board has worked hard to communicate with our residents, both through the media, our township website, e-notifications and open meetings. I helped write a newsletter, which was distributed to residents. However, I find that residents do not seem particularly well-informed or responsive. As a board member, I am always willing to attend homeowner meetings, answer phone calls, and meet with residents. There is very little request for that, and very low attendance at board meetings. I think we should consider broadcasting our meetings and see if that would provide greater communication with our residents.

Q: Arbor Hills Landfill odors and truck traffic, as well as dust and traffic due to nearby concrete companies have generated complaints and concerns. What would be your plan to ensure minimal odor emission and truck traffic for nearby residents?

A: I have been involved in most of the residents' meetings regarding the landfill. I am also co-operator of Thayer's Corner Nature Area, which exists directly across from the landfill. There is no question that traffic, dust and odors are a problem. I do not believe it is fair that Northville residents along Napier are subject to the heavy truck traffic generated by the landfill, and feel that other routes should be found to accommodate them. Northville Township receives no compensation from the landfill, but is the recipient of the odors, dust and traffic. I feel the speed limit should be reduced to 45 mph (per a law pending in Lansing) and that the landfill should help maintain the roadway. Members of our board have been working hard to make changes to the landfill "laws" in Lansing through our legislators, and to see that the landfill is precluded from expanding. Landfill odors are being monitored by the DEQ, which needs to remain ever vigilant, and the landfill operators have been fined for allowing those odors. As a community we need to report odors to the DEQ, file complaints and keep the DEQ on its toes.

Q: Do you feel the joint recreation services with the city of Northville are successful? Are the costs equitable between the city and township – why or why not?

A: I believe the cost allocation between the city and township is fair, based on number of residents, and that we have been largely successful in our endeavors together. However, I think review of the responsibility and management of shared recreation is due.

HILLEBRAND

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Hillebrand has also served as a director on the Board of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks from 2009-14. She served on the Northville Parks & Rec Commission from 2004-07 and currently served on the Beautification Commission, a position she has held since 1992.

When asked which major skill she brings to the township board, Hillebrand said, "institutional knowledge."

Hillebrand expects to spend less than \$1,000 on her campaign.

Q: What do you perceive as the three biggest challenges facing Northville Township today? Very briefly describe how, if you are elected, you would address these issues. Be specific.

A: Water rates, the former psychiatric hospital property and aging infrastructure.

Q: The Great Lakes Water Authority is relatively new. It recently approved new rates, which have been passed on to users. What would you suggest as ways to maintain, if not reduce, rates based on consumption?

A: There are numerous and complicated components in the calculation of rates from GLWA and most recently the challenge has been the increase in fixed rates which meant we had to adjust the township's rates to include a fix rate component since the previous formula was insufficient, causing a shortfall of \$1.5 to \$2.5 million per year. The township constantly evaluates these charges and a committee (of residents and professionals in this field) has been formed to do further study and evaluation.

Q: What are your thoughts on how the township communicates with residents. Do you find it adequate or inadequate and why? What would you propose?

A: There is always room for improvement and I think the township allocates an appropriate amount of resources to communicating with residents. Information is shared and posted on the website, newspaper notices, information on water and tax bills and all of the financial records/budget are now easily accessible on line as well as agendas and minutes of meetings conducted by township officials, election results and sample ballots, HOA information and business information.

Q: Arbor Hills Landfill odors and truck traffic, as well as dust and traffic due to nearby concrete companies have generated complaints and concerns. What would be your plan to ensure minimal odor emission and truck traffic for nearby residents?

A: The township has been meeting with the MDEQ, Wayne County, Washtenaw County, and Salem Township to make sure that the landfill is properly operated and continues to seek solutions to truck traffic and odors that are affecting our community. This is a high priority for Supervisor Nix and Trustee Shadko who are actively engaged in this issue.

Q: Do you feel the joint recreation services with the city of Northville are successful? Are the costs equitable between the city and township – why or why not?

A: I feel that this has been a successful program for both of our communities. The township population has increased substantially since the inception of the joint program and I think an updated review of how the program functions and the cost allocations is long overdue.

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NIX

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township planning commissioner. The major skill Nix said he can bring to the township board is his real estate and development knowledge and experience.

He plans to spend about \$1,500 on his campaign.

Q: What do you perceive as the three biggest challenges facing Northville Township today? Very briefly describe how, if you are elected, you would address these issues. Be specific.

A: 1. Replace declining revenue sources by increasing tax revenues through the redevelopment of the Scott Prison property and the development of research, development and hi-tech businesses in the Five Mile Corridor; 2. Minimize rising water, sewer

and operational costs by negotiating rate reductions, implementing system improvements recommended by engineering consultants; 3. Redevelop the former psychiatric hospital by a multi-phased demolition and cleanup of the remaining 16 buildings for recreational purposes in accordance with the township master plan.

Q: The Great Lakes Water Authority is relatively new. It recently approved new rates, which have been passed on to users. What would you suggest as ways to maintain, if not reduce, rates based on consumption?

A: The Great Lakes Water Authority currently charges Northville Township, as its customer, approximately \$6 million, 60 percent of which is charged as a fixed rate and 40 percent on a consumption basis. In addition, the township is charged by other au-

thorities approximately \$7 million for sewer services on a fixed-rate basis. The township passes these costs to its customers on a combination consumption and fixed rate basis. Since 2008 the funds collected from customers have been insufficient to pay the water and sewer costs resulting in continued cash-flow shortfalls. The township is implementing infrastructure improvements, negotiating contracts and other actions to reduce both water and sewer rates and operating costs. The township, with input from residents and experts, is studying further ways to manage or reduce rates and operating deficits.

Q: What are your thoughts on how the township communicates with residents. Do you find it adequate or inadequate and why? What would you propose?

A: In the last four years the township has implemented a number of new methods of communicating with its residents. These have included posting important information (including audited financial information) on the township website, conducting public meetings to provide residents with progress reports on township activities, and holding public forums to address important matters, including water and sewer issues.

Q: Arbor Hills Landfill odors and truck traffic, as well as dust and traffic due to nearby concrete companies have generated complaints and concerns. What would be your plan to ensure minimal odor emission and truck traffic for nearby residents?

A: The township has been actively involved since March of this year with the Michigan Depart-

ment of Environmental Quality, Wayne County Environmental Quality, the operator of the Arbor Hills Landfill, Salem Township officials, and the Wayne County Road Commission to address these issues. As a result of the township's efforts, enforcement action was taken by the MDEQ and corrective measures have been instituted to address the emission of odors from the Landfill. Truck traffic for the landfill and a concrete crushing operation in adjacent Salem Township continues to impact Six Mile and Napier roads. The township is actively seeking solutions to reduce the truck traffic, including limiting trucks to a designated route. The township is also actively supporting proposed legislation, which reduces speed limits to 45 mph on county gravel roads and provides a process for a further reduction to 35 mph.

recreation services with the city of Northville are successful? Are the costs equitable between the city and township – why or why not?

A: To date the joint recreation services with the city of Northville have been extremely successful for the residents of both the Township and the City. Over 100 programs are offered to residents and the city and township facilities support premier soccer and baseball leagues. The current cost sharing formula allocates the costs needed to support and subsidize the programs approximately 85 percent to the township and 15 percent to the city. The goal has been to establish a fair allocation of costs between the township and the city, which are being currently monitored to determine whether any adjustments are necessary.

Northville business association hosts Salute to Summer, assists vets

The Northville Central Business Association has expanded on the annual Sidewalk Sale with the Salute to Summer and a community-wide effort to benefit local veterans Friday and Saturday, July 29-30.

The Salute to Summer includes a mix of sidewalk sale, entertainment, pancake breakfast and a variety of events and activities, all to benefit veterans.

The weekend's schedule of events includes:

Friday, July 29

- » 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., sidewalk sale
- » 7-9 p.m., music by Shawn Riley Band in Northville Town Square

Saturday, July 30

- » 9-11 a.m., pancake breakfast in Northville Square Mall – \$5 per

person

- » 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., sidewalk sale
- » Northville Town Square will host a variety of activities throughout the day – yoga, Zumba, kids activities, swing dancing, summer rock camp and the Livonia Civic Choir.
- » 5 p.m. Eagles benefit: seafood dinner at the Northville Eagles. The dinner is open to the public.
- » 8 p.m., live music and dancing at the Northville Eagles.

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Concours' automobile transportation company displays deep local roots

Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

From behind the scenes to the exhibit field, Tom Abrams is working to make this year's Concours d'Elegance of America a success.

Abrams, who lives in Northville Township, is president of Reliable Carriers, Inc., a Canton Township-based specialty transport firm that's shipping show vehicles from around the country to the 38th annual Concours, scheduled for Sunday at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

Reliable has been the local Concours' preferred transport company since the show moved to St. John's in 2011.

As a collector, Abrams is also exhibiting two of his own cars, a 1972 Gremlin and a 1970 Buick GSX, at this year's Concours. The Gremlin, in the Concours' pro-stock class, and the Buick, in the muscle-car class, will be among the nearly 400 rare, antique, collectible and otherwise noteworthy motorcycles, cars and trucks at the Concours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday on the St. John's golf course.

Abrams' job combines the stewardship of a family business, which has its roots in a moving and storage company started by his grandfather, with his passion for collectibles. Abrams is mechanically inclined, he said, and enjoyed tinkering with old cars since he got his first, a 1948 Chevrolet five-window pickup.

"We don't have time to work on them now," he said. "It was fun back then. We enjoyed it."

The warehouse at Reliable was filled with collectibles Monday, from rare sports cars to 1970s muscle cars to tiny European models from makers like Vespa and Fiat. Some are in storage, some have recently arrived for Sunday's Concours and some are bound for other destinations.

'Constant car show'

"I'm pretty fortunate, because I've always liked cars and it's a constant car show around here," Abrams said.

Abrams showed off the '70 Buick GSX that he'll display this weekend. At the time, he said, Buick was known for its more staid family cars.

"But this was the answer when everybody was building muscle cars," he added.

The GSX has a 455-cubic-inch V8 engine and is painted in Saturn Yellow, one of two original color options, the other being Apollo White. The muscle-car category in which the GSX is being shown is subtitled "Hot Cars in Hot Colors."

He's never before exhibited the car himself, but it has made the Buick show circuit, Abrams said. "This car has won every kind of award you can do for a Buick," he said.

Abrams has exhibited other cars at the local Concours several times, both at St. John's and at its former location at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills. He likes the event at St. John's, he said, because of the high degree of community involvement and the small-town feel that the proximity of Northville



MATT JACHMAN
Tom Abrams, president of Reliable Carriers, Inc., with the 1970 Buick GSX he's exhibiting Sunday at the Concours d'Elegance of America at The Inn at St. John's. Reliable, based in Canton Township, specializes in shipping high-value vehicles around the country and is the preferred vehicle transport company for the Concours.



MATT JACHMAN
The warehouse at Reliable Carriers, Inc., in Canton Township is full of collectible vehicles, some of which are heading to Sunday's Concours d'Elegance of America in Plymouth Township.

and Plymouth lend to it.

Reliable was started by Abrams' parents, Donald and Doris, in the 1980s as a spinoff of Abrams Moving and Storage, which was founded by Donald

Abrams' father Frank and continues in the moving business.

The majority of Reliable's work is in transporting specialty vehicles, such as show cars, test cars and high-end

cars bound for sale, for manufacturers, but when the recession of a few years ago cut into that business, Reliable moved more into the classic car market, doing transports for auctions and classic

car shows around the country. The OEM-related business, Abrams said, has since picked back up.

Reliable, based in Canton for 25 years, has about 600 employees,

more than 400 trucks on the road and facilities in New Jersey, Florida, California and Arizona.

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Slain Dallas officer brought home to rest

Scott Daniel
Staff Writer

Family members and hundreds of police officers from around the nation began filling St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford early July 19 to honor former township resident Michael L. Krol, one of five Dallas officers slain July 7.

Funeral services began at 11 a.m. Krol, 40, was laid to rest that afternoon at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Southfield.

Funeral services for Krol were also held July 15 in Plano, Texas.

Detroit Police Department's Derrick Knox was one of numerous officers lining West Chicago Road welcoming the funeral procession Tuesday. He said he was proud to see the support for Krol.

"It's still a sad day," Knox said. "Some say it comes with the job, but I disagree. I don't think death should be included with any occupation. We're out here to protect lives and we try to protect ourselves. Situations like this come unexpected."

Krol was killed at a Black Lives Matter rally in Dallas by Micah Johnson, a U.S. Army veteran who authorities believe was upset over the death of two African-American men at the hands of



Police and sheriff deputies salute as the hearse arrives with slain Dallas Police Officer Michael Krol at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.

police in Minnesota and Louisiana earlier this summer.

"It's almost like he's a hero, because he died doing what he loved to do and what was in his heart, which was to help and protect others," Knox said. "So that's what makes today kind of a celebration."

According to Krol's obituary, he graduated from East Long Meadow High School in Massachusetts in 1994. He later received his criminal justice degree from Wayne County Community College in Detroit.

Krol worked in jails for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office from 2002-07. After living in Redford in the early 2000s, he moved to Dallas in 2007 and graduated from the Dallas Police Academy in April

2008.

Krol went to work for the Dallas Police Department after graduation and served for nine years before his death.

"Mike was a big guy with a big heart," his family wrote in the obituary. "We are so proud of our 'gentle giant.'"

Krol is survived by his mother, Susan Ehlike; his father, Frank Joseph Krol Jr.; his sister, Heather Stacey (Brett); his brother, Joe Krol (Alexandria); his sister, Amie Schoenbaechler (Brian); and many loving family and friends.

Dozens of residents stood near their homes waiting for the funeral procession. Nicole Gregory brought her two sons, Gavin and Grant, to honor Kroll.

"We wanted to show support to the people

who protect us every day," Gregory said. "We wanted to let them know that not all people are full of hate. I'm trying to show the boys that there is evil in the world, but also compassion at the same time."

Early last week, 96 entries were made in Krol's "guest book" on the Will Funeral Homes' website. Comments reflected an outpouring of support for his family from around the country.

"I didn't know Officer Krol personally, but I wanted his family to know that the citizens of Dallas are grieving with you," wrote Martha Palmer of Dallas.

"Words cannot express how grateful we are for the sacrifice he and the other officers made to keep us safe."

Carla McKenna-Garnes of East Long Meadow wrote that her son and Krol were "great friends" in high school.

"(He was) one of the guys in the group that just kind of did everything together," she wrote. "Playing basketball was one of those things. He was at our house many times. He was an extremely wonderful, sweet guy who always had a friendly smile on his face and a very easy-going natural pleasant presence about him."

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Cemetery a hot spot for Pokémon, sex

The cemetery has gone from lively to livelier this month.

Novi Police were called to several complaints at the cemetery again this week, not only for Pokémon Go players, but also for a couple suspected of having sex in their car and two females attempting to look into a cement tomb.

Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, 43300 12 Mile Road, has been a popular location in recent weeks for players of the new Pokémon Go game, a smart phone app in which virtual game items can be found in real places.

Just before 10 p.m. July 14, an officer on patrol found 15-20 vehicles in the cemetery, with all of the subjects in or from the vehicles playing Pokémon Go. He advised all of them of the city ordinance that prohibits being in a cemetery from 9 p.m./dusk to 6 a.m. The subjects left and the officer submitted a request to the game developer for the cemetery to be removed as a Pokémon Go location.

Another Novi officer responded to the cemetery at about 8:12 p.m. July 20 for a report of kids sitting on headstones and leaving cups everywhere. The officer did find a group of people by the pond playing Pokémon Go, but they were not sitting on headstones and he did not find garbage of any kind on the ground.

Pokémon Go wasn't the only trouble reported at the cemetery, howev-

er. On July 16, it was reported two white females were trying to look into a cement tomb in the Jewish section of the cemetery at about 4:21 p.m., but left in a vehicle when they saw they were being watched.

And at about 6:57 p.m. July 17, an officer responded to the cemetery for a game of a different sort when it was reported a man and woman were seen having "relations" inside a car. Upon arrival, the officer found an elderly couple in the driver's seat, fully clothed. He asked them to be on their way and they complied.

Park problems

An officer on patrol at 11:11 p.m. July 18 found several cars parked at Pavilion Shores Park at East Lake and 13 Mile roads after hours.

The officer pulled into the lot and began telling subjects they needed to leave. He then saw an apparently drunken man exit the driver's seat of a vehicle that was not running and also had a man and woman in the backseat. The officer asked if they were drinking inside the vehicle and they said, no, they were drinking at the park and were getting ready to leave.

When asked who the vehicle belonged to, the officer was told another man had left when he saw the officer pulling into the parking lot. The officer saw several empty beer cans inside the vehicle and a case of Bud Light. He did not see them drinking, but told all three that drinking in city parks is against city ordinance.

Two more officers arrived on scene and the subjects were transported back to their homes.

Wind takes roof off house

Strong winds blew part of the roof off a Novi home at about 9:12 p.m. July 12.

Police officers responded, along with firefighters, to the home on East Lake Road after a neighbor who was sitting on her front porch saw a corner of the roof on the house across the street come off and land in the yard. The family inside was uninjured and a company was called to cover the roof of the residence. The neighbor who called also had a large tree branch strike her truck.

Video footage of the storm was sent to the National Weather Service, which said it was not a tornado, but a wind eddy, a gust that occurs on the leading edge of a thunderstorm. The winds were approximately 50 mph at their strongest.

Monkey see ...

No monkey see, no monkey do.

A man called police to his home about 9:03 a.m. July 10, saying he believed a large monkey or gorilla was on one of the trees in his backyard.

The man said he was sitting in his living room when he observed a brown and yellow monkey sitting in a tree behind his residence. He said the monkey left prior to the officer's arrival. No monkey was found in the area.

Drunk

A man who fell asleep on the grass in front of Busch's told the police officers who awakened him that he had too much to drink.

The officers were called at 11:40 a.m. July 12 after it was reported a man was stumbling around the parking lot. The man was not cooperative when asked how much he had to drink and said he just wanted to go to his cousin's residence, about a mile away. He was able to speak in clear and complete sentences, gave directions and allowed the officers to transport him to the cousin's home.

— By Susan Bromley



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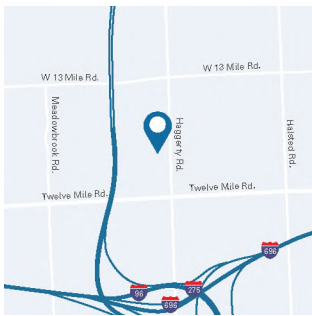
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Honor Flight pays tribute to veterans

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

World War II veteran Bob Sloan was sure that, because his war ended more than seven decades ago, it had lapsed into our nation's archives, forgotten by most.

And after watching the disinterest and, in many cases, disdain with which returning Vietnam veterans were treated, Korean War veteran Jim Berbrich was convinced pretty much no one cared about his war any more, even though it happened a decade before Vietnam.

If their shared journey to Washington, D.C., recently taught them anything at all, it taught them one thing for sure: They're both wrong.

The two men, both Livonia residents, were among more than 80 veterans flown to Washington, D.C., June 4 as part of an Honor Flight organized by Talons Out Honor Flight, the southwest Michigan hub of the national Honor Flight Network.

Simple thank you

The idea: Fly veterans to Washington for a day, where they're treated to meals, tours and visits to national monuments dedicated to their service. When they left Kalamazoo, while they were in D.C. and when they returned late that night, they were surrounded by people applauding — and saluting — their contributions.

The show of love caught the veterans a little by surprise. "Our time was 70 years ago," said Sloan, a flight orderly in the Naval Air Transport Service who was stationed in Hawaii. "I thought the war had all been forgotten. It was absolutely awesome. It really humbles you, but you're proud they remember."

Berbrich, who joined the U.S. Marines at age 18 and, at age 82, still refers to himself as a marine, served from 1952-55 and spent 14 months in Korea. He was touched by the outpouring of affection for the veterans of all conflicts.



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It's the beginning of a long day for the Honor Flight veterans. Jim Berbrich of Livonia, a U.S. Marines veteran of the Korean War, greets active duty service members who gathered at the Kalamazoo Airport before 7 a.m., to give the Honor Flight a good sendoff.

"After seeing how Vietnam vets were treated (when they came home), I thought our country didn't care any more," said Berbrich, who served as a payroll disperser during the war. "This (trip) changed my mind totally about that."

Aside from renewing their faith, the trip was the chance of a lifetime for both men, which is exactly how the organizers hope it will turn out. The Honor Flights are paid for by Talons Out through grassroots fundraising.

Starting small

The national Honor Flight program got started with a couple of small planes flying two veterans at a time and has since expanded into 132 hubs in 43 states. The

Talons Out Michigan hub held its first fundraiser in July 2013 and flew its first flight Oct. 26, 2013.

Money is raised largely by donations — often only \$10 or \$20 at a time — for the flights, which organizers say cost some \$96,000 each these days. The flights are staffed entirely by volunteers and include individual escorts — usually friends or family members — for each veteran.

Talons Out Michigan president Bobbie Bradley said it's all done for one basic reason.

"It's nothing more than to honor our veterans for their service to their country," Bradley said.

After boarding an early morning flight in Kalamazoo, the veterans arrived in Washington, D.C., and were taken on the rounds of the various memorials, among them the Vietnam Wall, the World War II Memorial, the U.S. Marine Corps memorial and others.

Sloan, the 89-year-old World War II veteran who'd never been out of his native Tennessee before joining the U.S. Navy, was anxious to see the memorial commemorating his war — "That was the main one I wanted to see ... it was gorgeous," he said — but was most touched by visiting the Arlington Cemetery grave of Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated veterans in World War II.

"I always looked up to him," Sloan said. "I always felt like maybe he never recovered from what he went through (in the war)."

Personal reasons

Berbrich, the 82-year-old Korean War veteran, wanted to see the memorial for that war, but he also wanted to see the U.S. Marines memorial to Iwo Jima. His reason was personal: he had a cousin die there.

"I hadn't seen it," Berbrich said of the memorial. "I'm still a marine and I wanted to see it."

Both men were struck by the fact that, among the visitors who greeted them were many children. Sloan said he was touched by their presence.

"There were little kids, which meant their parents cared enough to bring them out there," Sloan said. "That meant everything to me."

That also surprised Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia, Berbrich's daughter, who accompanied her father on the trip.

"A lot of young kids came up to thank (Ber-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bob Sloan, a World War II Navy veteran from Livonia, deplanes at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.



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Back from Washington D.C., the veterans are bused to the Kalamazoo Wings Arena for a welcome home from the local community.

brich) and that was cool," Alaniz said. "Kids aren't usually comfortable approaching strangers, but these kids did it to say 'thank you.' It was really interesting."

Organizers had one extra surprise for the veterans on the return flight, something to which they had all looked forward during their time fighting their respective wars: mail call. One of the things Bob Sloan delivered as part of the air transport service was mail and he remembers the warm greetings mail call — "The things marines liked the most was the mail," he said, laughing — got from soldiers.

Mail call

Before the Honor Flight, escorts and volunteers solicited "mail" — letters, postcards, etc. —

from friends and family. Then, on the flight back, weary veterans were greeted with "mail call."

"That was totally unexpected," Berbrich said. "It was every bit as invigorating as getting mail call in Korea. It brings a lump to your throat."

Alaniz was her father's escort for the trip and she wouldn't have had it any other way. Like the other escorts, Alaniz went through a training session so she'd know what to expect.

And she found it well worth the effort, though she admitted to some tears flowing.

"I held it together most of the time ... when we got back is when I lost it," she said, smiling. "Being able to experience that with my dad is something we'll never, ever forget. To be able to see Dad and the other

vets enjoying themselves was such an amazing experience."

Cindy Sloan accompanied her dad, as well, and felt the same way about it as the other escorts. Cindy could look at it from a different perspective: She's a 20-year U.S. Army veteran herself.

She said the patriotism was so ever-present you could almost feel it.

"There's no way to describe how lucky I was not only to take my father, but to be allowed to go on a flight with that caliber of men," said Cindy Sloan, who makes her home in Knoxville, Tenn. "Just to see all the men, the expressions on their faces, the talk, the camaraderie. ... It was the most remarkable thing I've ever done."

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WILLIAM "BILL" J. A longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2016. He was preceded in death by Jean Keiser, his wife of forty two years in 2003, and three sisters. He is survived by his daughters, Tina (Edward) Boyle and Sue (Susie Reed) Keiser; son, Tim (Ruth Williams) Keiser; grandchildren, Matthew (Taylor Harris) and Jessica Boyle; loving companion of eleven years, Chris Herwick; brother, Edward (Karla) Keiser, as well as extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on July 22, 2016. For further information phone Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynchandsonsmilford.com

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LINDA GRACE "HONEYBUN" Age 60, passed away July 20, 2016. She was born August 30, 1955 in Pontiac, Michigan. Linda's passion was animals. She loved horses and cats and could often be found volunteering at Furry Friends in South Lyon trying to find permanent homes for cats. She was always happy and smiling and will be remembered for her kind, generous and courageous spirit. Linda was employed at Sloan Flushmate in New Hudson and previously worked as an EMT. Linda also enjoyed painting and poetry and watching old movies. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. Linda is survived by her son, Bobby (Celeste) Parrott; her mother, Linda Gault; her siblings: Norman (Cindy) Fultz, Shelli (Doug) Frazier, Darron Williams, and Darlyne Gardner. Linda is also survived by her dear aunt, Doris (Jody Reynolds) Crawford; her nieces and nephews: Steven Fultz, Jon Fultz, Marcus Williams, Tiffany Williams, and Aaron Gardner; and her great-niece, Amaira Fultz, and her great-nephew, Lincoln Fultz. Her beloved cat, Bitty also survives her. A memorial service will be held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 1:00p.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 12:00p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Furry Friends, P.O. Box 1034, Brighton, MI 48116. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Northville Robstangs to host annual Robocamp for students

The Northville Robstangs will host their annual Robocamp 1-5 p.m. Aug. 8-11, so kids can have fun with science and technology by learning to build and program Lego robots. Engineering fundamentals will be taught as students experiment with introductory robot designs and programming techniques.

The camp will be in the Northville High School cafeteria.

At Robocamp, students will dream up, design and build a robot using a Lego kit. Not only will they have fun playing with Legos, but students will learn about different engineering concepts with the help of

a high school mentor. Students will also learn the Lego Mindstorms programming software and program their robot to complete given challenges. Each student will conduct exciting science experiments that will teach interesting science concepts in the process.

The Robstangs offer two camps, each for

different ages.

Beginner Camp, set for Aug. 8-9, is for students entering grades 3-5. Engineering fundamentals will be taught as students experiment with introductory robot designs and programming techniques. No experience is necessary. The camp costs \$75.

Advanced Camp, set

for Aug. 10-11, is for students entering grades 6-8. Students will expand upon topics covered in the Beginner Camp. Science and engineering topics covered are more advanced and students will go into more depth regarding robot designs and programming techniques. The camp costs \$75.

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
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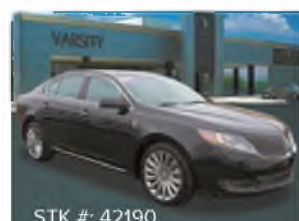
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GUEST COLUMN

Regional transit plan benefits everyone

At Oakland University, we take pride in the fact that our more than 20,000 students have access to many unique and diverse life experiences. Whether close to campus or throughout southeast Michigan, undergraduate and graduate students alike can engage in countless employment, cultural and entertainment activities.

Unfortunately, taking advantage of many of these opportunities requires the use of some form of transportation. Some of our students are without cars and, as a result, are disconnected from a majority of re-



George Hynd
GUEST COLUMNIST

gional destinations. The disjointed regional transit network now in place simply does not serve them.

Southeast Michigan is an employment and cultural hotbed. Business enterprises here range from Fortune 500 companies to family businesses to new and exciting startups. These organizations provide outstanding internship, co-op and public service opportunities. They are only bene-

ficial, however, if our students can get to them.

Approximately 92 percent of jobs in the region cannot be reached within 60 minutes by utilizing regional public transit. Our students strive and sacrifice daily to pursue their career goals. We cannot afford to allow a lack of public transit to be the reason they are unable to get an internship or secure employment.

As a regional community, we need to keep in mind that it is not only students who suffer, but also business and industry as a whole. Student immobility means that employers are left with

limited talent pools when looking to fill key positions.

Likewise, the region's cultural, entertainment and hospitality industries suffer. For example, students, senior citizens, people with disabilities and others would love to go to a Tigers game, concert or park, but lack transportation. Opportunities like these are abundant, but many find themselves without the means to get there. Hence, both the community and regional commerce suffer.

Young people want high-quality, reliable regional public transit. If we do not address exist-

ing system inadequacies, some in today's generation that might one day lead southeast Michigan will continue to move to Chicago, Cleveland, Seattle or other cities that meet their transportation needs.

We have an opportunity to help reverse a talent drain and improve opportunities for our young people thanks to the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan's Regional Master Transit Plan. This plan will allow us to improve regional economic vitality and quality of life by reconfiguring a disjointed regional public transit system that has stifled

southeast Michigan for far too long.

We cannot leave Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties disconnected. Our students and many others depend on regional public transit to take advantage of opportunities while attending school, pursuing careers and seeking experiences that contribute to a rich and rewarding lifestyle. High-quality regional public transit benefits everyone. I encourage you to learn more about the plan at rtamichigan.org/masterplan/.

George W. Hynd is president of Oakland University.

LETTERS

Support Chris Roosen

I am writing to express my support for Chris Roosen as our next state representative. Chris is the only candidate in the race who has 25 years experience in the auto industry and understands the concerns of working and retired auto industry families.

He also served our community as a township trustee, planning commissioner, parish council president and in numerous other roles. Chris has been recognized and endorsed by

The Detroit News, Michigan Manufacturers Association, Right to Life of Michigan and numerous other business groups and community leaders. Please join me in voting for Chris Roosen on your absentee ballot or Tuesday at the polls in Northville, Plymouth and Canton (east of Lilley Road).

Ann Schneider
Northville

Not enough

We watched with interest James Comey's testimony for over four hours before the now permanent Benghazi Select Committee. This is the same committee,

which held over 55 separate hearings under then Chairman Darryl Essie and spent \$40 million of my money and came up with zilch. This was the GOP-admitted attempt to find dirt on Hillary Clinton to derail her presidential campaign.

Then new chairman Kurt Govey spent another \$7 million of my money on another two-year investigation of Hillary Clinton's emails and again found zilch.

Current Chairman Jason Chaffetz then grilled GOP FBI Director James Comey as the GOP is incensed that the FBI director, after examining all the facts for the last year, did not indict Hillary Clinton. FBI Director Comey did not issue an indictment because there was no evidence to indict period. Disagree with his judgment, but it was his judgment to make.

ment to make.

Because Hillary Clinton is Hillary Clinton, the GOP has invested over 30 years to discredit and demonize the Clintons. The GOP conspiracy buffs say the fix was in and lack of incitement was engineered by President Obama to do-opt the FBI Director Comey and Loretta Lynch, director of the U.S. Justice Department.

Hillary Clinton has readily admitted using a private server was a mistake and she would not do it again. Is it enough for the addicted Hillary haters? Not a chance.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Clintons' cronies help fund tax-exempt foundation

As fellow taxpayers, I am sure you are thrilled

to support the federal tax exemption given to the Clinton Foundation.

In fact, let me be so bold as to suggest a motto for this "charitable" organization: "Charity begins with enriching ourselves and our cronies." Catchy, eh?

The term "eh" brings to mind the Canadian mining financier, Frank Giustra, a long-time Clinton crony. Why, what a coincidence that, after the Clintons helped Giustra's company secure a lucrative mining deal in Kazakhstan, millions of dollars flowed from the Clinton Giustra Enterprise Partnership in Canada (where the donors are not disclosed) directly into the Clinton Foundation.

In fact, the Clinton Foundation failed to disclose over 1,100 foreign donations — a direct violation of its agreement with the Obama

administration to disclose its donors while Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State.

In February 2016, the Washington Post reported that the State Department issued a subpoena to the Clinton Foundation focused on "documents about the charity's projects that may have required approval from federal government during Hillary Clinton's term as Secretary of State." These violations were so blatant that even the Obama administration was forced to pretend it was doing an investigation.

Then there was the \$2 million "charitable" commitment to the for-profit company Energy Pioneer Solutions. A new meaning for "charity."

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Blues, Brews & Brats Festival comes to South Lyon

The view from the stage mirrored the audience's response to the food, the drinks and especially the music. "It's everything we wanted from a blues festival," said trombonist Andrew Johnson of Howlin' Mercy. "The food, beer and the great community of South Lyon: People were up out of their seats, dancing and enjoying the music. We were psyched to be asked back again."

Johnson looks forward to more of the same at the **2016 Blues, Brews & Brats, scheduled for 3 – 11 p.m. Saturday, August 6 in downtown South Lyon.** Presented by the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area, Blues, Brews & Brats brings together the best in local food, beverages and blues bands on Whipple Street in the city's historic downtown. For just a \$5 cover charge patrons can sample a variety of offerings from area restaurants and craft beer makers while listening – and dancing – to the sounds of four blues bands.

The onstage lineup kicks off with the **Pete "Big Dog" Feters Band** from 3:30 – 5 p.m.; continues with **Howlin' Mercy** from 5:30 – 7 p.m.; **Big Smooth and the Hellraisers** from 7:30 – 9 p.m.; and wraps up with headliners **Monsieur Guillaume and the Zydeco Hepcats** from 9:30 – 11 p.m.

Last year's inaugural event couldn't have gone better, said the musicians who graced the stage.

"From a band perspective the staging and sound were just great," Johnson said. "The crowds were great. We had a great lineup last year and an even better one this year."

Steve Mazur, aka "Big Smooth," served as emcee last year and said that variety was the key to the festival's success, both

onstage and off as audiences will be delighted by the range of blues as well as the edible and beverage offerings.

"It's a good blues festival with good food, craft beers and people having a good time," Mazur said. "They'll have a real good time this year when we get up there. We're not your daddy's blues band, we're Hellraisers! We'll play some up-tempo stuff so you can get up, dance and shake what your mama gave you."

"It was really nice to be asked to come back," said **Peter "Big Dog" Feters**. "The folks putting it on did a great job and it was a really nice crowd. We had a lot of fun and this year we'll do a little New Orleans theme which is right up our alley."

"People come for the combination of everything," said **Bill Harrison of Monsieur Guillaume and the Zydeco Hepcats**. "The food and barbecue fits in that southwest Louisiana feeling. Everything we do is pretty upbeat, party kind of music." The band's specialty of Zydeco – Louisiana dance music backed by accordion and guitars – is the perfect complement to the Blues, Brews & Brats atmosphere. "If you like to dance you can get up and dance. Or if you want just sit and listen. It doesn't require a lot of effort on the listener's part."

With the 'Blues' part of the program



well accounted for, the 'Brews' will feature an equally diverse palette of craft and domestic beers along with wine offerings from Witch's Hat Brewery, Draught Horse Brewery and Northville Winery. 'Brats' and barbecue delights round out the menu with contributions from the South Lyon Kiwanis Club and other vendors.

The event wouldn't be possible without the support of the following corporate sponsors: Hines Park, Right at Home, Alison Mechanical, Michigan Quality Electric, Vibe Credit Union, Continental Aluminum, Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, Healing Solutions Massage, Telesis Electronics, Madison Crest Business Law, Mosquito Squad, Flooring your Way, Walkers Auto Repair, Northville Winery and Brewing Company, Personalized Hearing Care, Brostrom Physical Therapy, Best Storage of New Hudson, Lake Street Tavern, W.R. Tax Co., Apple Graphics and Printing.

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Older Adult Services programs

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

Family Yoga at Fuerst Park

Time/Date: 10 a.m. each Tuesday through 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.

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. 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.

Skin Deep: Keeping Your Skin Healthy, Beautiful

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16
Details: Providence Park Hospital will hold this program at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road in the West Room. Learn how to protect your skin from damage; recognize the signs of skin cancer; and latest products for healthier skin. It is presented by Aaron Cetner, M.D. FAAD, FACMS, dermatologist. Free. Register by calling 888-751-5465.

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 ages 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 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. each weekday 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-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 at 10 a.m. Monday 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.

Novi Choralaires

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 and 13
Details: The Novi Choralaires group is seeking new members for all voice parts. All who are interested in joining for the 2016-17

season are invited to attend the open rehearsals in the Novi Middle School's choir rehearsal room, 49000 W. 11 Mile, Novi. The Novi Choralaires is a chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding communities. It operates under the umbrella of Novi Parks Performing Arts. The season runs September through May. Rehearsals are each Tuesday evenings.

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VOLLEYBALL

Novi's O'Leary taking international stage for U.S.

Setter makes U18 roster for tournament in Puerto Rico

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Erin O'Leary isn't quite ready and a little too young to represent Team USA Volleyball at the Rio Olympics, but she'll be getting a taste of some important international competition nonetheless.

The 5-foot-10 setter from Novi High recently earned one of the 12 roster

spots for the 2016 U.S. Girls Youth National Team, which will travel next month to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the NORCECA U18 Continental Championships (Aug. 31 through Sept. 8).

The 16-year-old O'Leary, a University of Michigan commit, was coming off an ankle injury that sidelined her for seven weeks. But she recently returned to play in the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships, held at the Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

O'Leary made a relatively speedy



O'Leary

recovery from the severely sprained ankle, which occurred during a club tournament over Memorial Day weekend in Chicago.

"As soon as it happened, we went immediately to physical therapy," O'Leary said. "The people that were working on it knew my circumstances. We worked really hard to get me back as soon as possible. When I first got there, it was the first time that I had really played in a while, but it feels good now. It probably took a couple of days. I definitely missed it a lot. I was happy to

be out there and being able to play again."

O'Leary spent the past two weeks in Florida, training and participating in five matches in the U20 division during the HP Championships.

"It's been absolutely incredible," said O'Leary, who helped Novi capture its first-ever MHSAA Class A state championship late last fall against Romeo after a runner-up finish in 2014. "I've done USA programs before, but since this is my first year in the youth age group, it was the first time to be

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OPEN WATER SWIMMING



Michelle Dawson takes a break from a recent training session at Trout Lake inside the Island Lake State Recreation Area.

Dawson, mother of three, prepares for five-mile swim at Mackinac

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Labor Day is going to take on a whole different meaning for Michelle Dawson.

Instead of doing the annual walk across Mackinaw Bridge, the 48-year-old mother of three is one of 80 entrants in the Mighty Mac Swim, a challenging five-mile race across the Straits of Mackinac between Michigan's peninsulas.

The world-class event is sanctioned by the World Open Water Swimming Association and is part of the Global Swim Series.

Dawson, who first started swimming at age 11 for the Tiger Sharks Swim Club in Redford Township, is motivated to do the Mighty Mac on two different fronts.

Her goal is to raise \$5,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Michigan — she is affiliated with the Livingston County Chapter, which helps revitalize communities and positively impacts lives near her home in Howell.

Dawson, who swam competitively at Redford Union High School, also

"I'd say my husband was kind of a catalyst, because he had done so many epic races that I wanted to kind of do something that is larger than life."

MICHELLE DAWSON,
PREPARING TO SWIM
THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC

hopes to share family bragging rights with her husband Jim, a former ultra runner who once completed the seven-day, 155-mile Race Across the Planet footrace through Egypt in the Sahara Desert.

"I'd say my husband was kind of a catalyst, because he had done so many epic races that I wanted to kind of do something that is larger than life," said Dawson, an accounting assistant for Jacobsen Industries in Livonia. "So swimming being my

strong suit ... last year I did a swim race, Swim to the Moon, which is out towards Gregory, a three-mile race at Half Moon Lake. That's where I found out about the Mighty Mac race. I thought it would be cool to swim near the Mackinaw Bridge. I said, 'That's something I want to try.' It's pretty epic."

Dawson was a one-semester walk-on swimmer at Eastern Michigan University who eventually gravitated toward triathlons.

She previously completed the Steelhead Half Ironman, a half-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1-mile run in Benton Harbor, but was looking for something more in her favorite sport.

"I think this is more challenging, because there seems to be a lot more question marks involved," Dawson said of the Mighty Mac. "The water that I'm going to be swimming in, I don't know what the temperature is going to be. I don't know how the current is going to affect me yet. I don't know what the weather is going to be like or what the chop of the

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RUNNING

Participants get through, heat, trails at NRR race

Anderson earns overall title in 8K race at Maybury State Park

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

It wasn't even picnic weather, let alone a day for a pair of late Saturday afternoon running events at Northville's historic Maybury State Park.

But a total of 192 participants braved the stifling 90-degree-plus temperatures to compete in the annual Northville Road Runner Classic 5- and 8-kilometer trail races.

"Being almost 100 degrees and very humid, I knew to expect to add 45 seconds per mile," said 8K overall winner Sergei Anderson, a 26-year-old from Ypsilanti. "It was very hot."



Anderson

Anderson's time was 29 minutes, 35 seconds, nearly 1:17 ahead of runner-up Eric Green, 48, of Pontiac, who was the male masters (over 40) winner in 30:52.

"I went out at 5:10 (per mile) pace in the first mile to see if someone could keep up with me and no one decided to keep up with me," Anderson said. "At that point, I decided to relax and said, 'OK, I can come in relaxed the rest of the race' because I knew it was going to get really hot and I would start overheating."

Anderson, who ran track and cross country at Eastern Michigan University (2008-11), is a native of Lipetsk, Russia, who graduated from Belleville High School. He is on the comeback trail after a three-year hiatus from competitive running after starting a family.

Anderson, who ran a 1:13 half-marathon in 2010, ended up emailing Mike Nix of the Ypsilanti Running Co. to obtain a sponsorship.

"He put a lot of faith in me, because I was 185 pounds and I'm 5-8," Anderson said. "I told him, 'I'll start racing for you as long as I get something in return.' We agreed to terms and ever since then, I've run. I think I've won eight of my last 11 and I'm just thankful he put a lot of faith in me. I've trained persistently and he keeps me motivated. I couldn't ask for a better sponsor."

Canton's Amber Dermire, 26, ran an impressive 6:52 per mile pace to earn the female overall 8K title in 34:07.

South Lyon's Amy Hartman, 47, was the female masters winner in 40:40 (8:11 pace).

5K winners

Plymouth's Hunor Tamas Csutak, a lanky 6-foot-4 native of Romania, was the overall 5K champion in

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PDL SOCCER



JAY DUNWELL

The Michigan Bucks' Russell Cicerone (left) goes high for the game-winning game in the 68th minute against Des Moines goalie Nico Campbell.

Brother Rice product Cicerone leads Bucks to final four berth

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Russell Cicerone has brought his scoring prowess from Birmingham Brother Rice High School to the University of Buffalo and now the Michigan Bucks.

The 5-foot-10, 160-pound forward scored his team-leading 13th and 14th goals of the season Saturday night as the host Bucks clinched a final four berth in the Premier Development League playoffs with a 2-0 victory over the Des Moines (Iowa) Menace in the Central Conference final at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

In his second season with the Bucks, Cicerone has elevated his game and is now rated the PDL's No. 21 prospect.

His goal in the 68th minute proved to be the game-winner. Cicerone scored on a rebound off a shot by teammate David Goldsmith that rang off the crossbar.

"We'd been pushing all game and we had some good scoring chances," Cicerone said. "The keeper (Nico Campbell) made a really good original save and I just followed up and tapped in the rebound. It came off the crossbar and I headed it in. It was a goal scorer's goal. Sometimes that's just the way it happens. Being in the right place at the right time was good."

The Bucks put away the Menace in the 89th minute on Cicerone's second rebound goal of the match after late substitute Jon Rubio Ramon, a

native of Madrid, created the scoring opportunity.

"(Ramon) made a really nice play up the left wing and I held my run at the top of the box and he played it back to me," Cicerone said. "I hit a nice left-footed shot and the goalie again made good initial save and I followed in my own shot and tapped in my own rebound."

It was the eighth shutout of the season for Bucks keeper Drew Shepherd. The Bucks have allowed only seven goals in 16 PDL games and have not been scored upon in 10 home matches while advancing to their record seventh final four appearance.

"The whole season has been really good," Cicerone said. "We have a really good group of guys. We all work hard for each other. We're all pretty good friends and our team chemistry is really good. We've been moving the ball around really well lately and we're scoring a lot and not allowing many goals, so I think we've hit our prime really well at this part of the season."

Cicerone, heading into his senior season this fall at Buffalo, migrated to the Mid-American Conference school after coach Stu Liddle left Western Michigan University to take the job with the Bulls.

After a stellar career in both soccer and hockey at Brother Rice, Cicerone had originally committed to WMU.

"(Liddle) brought me over because I believe in what he was doing," Cicerone said. "It's

been one of the best decisions I've ever made. He was always coming out to my Vardar games and my sister (Anina) played at Western Michigan and I knew him through her a little bit, too. He's just been watching me growing up and liked me a lot. He asked me to come to Buffalo and I did."

The Bloomfield Hills native is a three-time all-MAC selection and was MAC Freshman of the Year in 2013. He has 28 career goals and 13 assists.

As a junior, Cicerone finished with a team-leading 12 goals and eight assists as the Bulls finished 8-7-4.

"It does snow a lot, but I love it there," Cicerone said. "I've had a really good time there. The team is starting to look good. We lost last year in the MAC final to Akron, but we've lost only three seniors from last year and so we've got a really good squad returning."

The Bucks, the 2014 PDL champion, will host the Midland/Odessa (Texas) Sockers FC in one semifinal beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30 at Ultimate.

Meanwhile, Calgary (Alberta) Foothills FC squares off against the host Ocean City (N.J.) Nor'easters in the other semifinal at the Tennessee Avenue Soccer Complex in New Jersey.

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PDL SOCCER

Savvy vet Owens gives Bucks lift in 3-0 victory

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Tom Owens picked the right time to score his first goal of the season Friday night for the Michigan Bucks.

The midfielder from Liverpool, England, helped the host Bucks put away the game in

the second half as they downed the Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill, 3-0, in a Premier Development League Central Conference semifinal match held in the air-conditioned Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

After Ben Fitzpatrick (Hilliard, Ohio) scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the 60th minute on a volley at the top of the box off a feed from Owens, the Bucks' Adam Najem made it 2-0 just eight minutes later off cross from Nick Wysong.

Owens, who was a four-year starter and second team NCAA Division II All-American at Notre Dame (Ohio) College, then put an exclamation point on the win on a shot from the 18-yard box, assisted by Najem, in the 80th minute.

Owens flew in from St. Louis earlier in the day after fulfilling his assistant coaching obligations at Quincy (Ill.) College.

"He missed a couple of days of training, but that's a guy with a lot of experience," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "So we actually figured two days of rest might help him, being one of the veterans on the team. I think he's 23, but in this group he's the oldest. He's put a lot of minutes on this season, so a couple days of rest probably did him some good. He's our leader and has been through this before for us, so we weren't worried about him."

Owens was a member of the Bucks' North American PDL championship team in 2014 and is again proving to be a key component.

"Great night," said Owens, whose favorite Liverpool player is Phillipe Coutinho. "I think the first half, we were a little bit edgy and nervous on the ball. I thought we started

the game really well and we didn't finish off the first half very well. We got a little bit shaken and let them back into the game. But at halftime, (Muftari) gave us some staying words and what we needed to do to finish the job. I thought the lads' performance the second half was quality."

The Bucks, the PDL's Great Lakes Division champs, dominated possession much of the first half, but couldn't get a shot past Thunder Bay goalkeeper Daniel Milton.

"We had chances early, but they didn't go in for us," Muftari said. "It happens sometimes. We felt like we played pretty well the first 25-30 minutes, then they got on top of us the last 15 minutes of the half. We were under some pressure."

The Bucks made a couple of second-half adjustments and came out flying during the early stages of the second half, but Milton robbed the Bucks' David Goldsmith with a one-handed leaping stab in the 50th minute to keep it scoreless.

But Fitzpatrick, who is headed to Ohio State his senior year after playing his last three seasons at Urbana (Ohio) University, broke the ice with his fifth goal of the year in only his sixth game for the Bucks.

"The execution I thought was better the second half," Muftari said. "The ideas and our movement were very good in the first half, but it was just the final pass and the execution (that) lacked a little bit. Then a little bit cleaner and one goal makes a difference. Once we got the one goal, (Thunder Bay) had to open up a little bit more and the game opened up more and we were able to take advantage of that."

The Bucks' Drew Shepherd, PDL Goalkeeper of the Week, had a relatively easy night on the other end to post his seventh shutout of the season. The Bucks have allowed just seven goals in 15 matches.

"I'm really proud of the boys," Muftari said. "That's a really good team we just beat and played."

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JAY DUNWELL

Bucks defender Lalas Abubakar (left) goes for the 50/50 ball against a Thunder Bay player.

PREP BOYS LACROSSE ALL-STATE TEAMS

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ATTACK: Morgan Macko (Brother Rice); Cooper Belanger (Detroit Country Day); Riley North (Brother Rice); Rocco Mularoni (Catholic Central); Cole Gingel (Catholic Central); Mitch Haggart (GR Forest Hills Northern); Erik Schmidt (Brother Rice).

MIDFIELD: Michael Baccanari (U-D Jesuit); Keaton Mitchell (Clarkston); Owen Sappington (Detroit Country Day); Brennan Kamish (Catholic Central); Pete Thompson (Catholic Central); Cameron Barr (Detroit Country Day); Daniel Reaume (Brother Rice); Jack Kelly (Brother Rice).

DEFENSE: Luke Cappetto (Brother Rice); Jonathan Boos, Jr. (Detroit Country Day); Matthew Dolan (Detroit Country Day); Connor Bruinius (GR Forest Hills Northern); Jack Milling (Ann Arbor Pioneer); Connor Wright (Northville); Jack O'Hara (Brother Rice); Carson Cochran (Brother Rice).

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GOALIES: Ross Reason (Brother Rice); Jackson White (Detroit Country Day); Ryan Byrd (U-D Jesuit).

SECOND TEAM

ATTACK: Jack Reid (Ann Arbor Pioneer); Nick Bowman (Clarkston); Jake Desrosiers (Brighton); Ethan Harding (Ann Arbor Skyline); Jacob Chapie (Lake Orion).

MIDFIELD: Jake Lining (Troy Athens); Grant Marshall (Ann Arbor Skyline); Teddy Apap (U-D Jesuit); Harry Dyson (Northville); Logan Rode (L'Anse Creuse); Nolan Ouellette (Plymouth).

DEFENSE: Jack Wolfe (U-D Jesuit); Brent Farrugia (Clarkston); Connor Hamm (U-D Jesuit); Eric Dietz (Lake Orion); Jake Hodges (Clarkston); Jeff Putz (Hartland).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Jack Aigner (FOGO, Brighton); Jordan Coval (FOGO, Troy); Kyle Condino (LSM, Northville).

GOALIES: Hunter Braun (Catholic Central); Logan Shamblin (Troy).

THIRD TEAM

ATTACK: Cam Kostus (Rockford); Garnet Potter (Hartland); Blake Blaisdiell (Romeo); Connor Sweeney (Northville); Dylan Mercier (Brighton); Noah Gago (Ann Arbor Pioneer).

MIDFIELD: Nick Polydoros (Canton); Vincent Lobo (Midland); Blake Best (Troy); Devon Lockwood (Rockford); Thomas Finneran (Lake Orion); Beau Port (Rockford).

DEFENSE: Justin Parry (Troy); Nolan Darby (Rockford); Lucas Laforge (Hartland); Tyler Tribble (Ann Arbor Skyline); Ben Bickford (Hudsonville); Mitchell Gorski (Troy Athens).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Jake Deyoung (FOGO, Hartland); Matt Auer (FOGO, Ann Arbor Pioneer); Garrett White (LSM, Ann Arbor Pioneer); Jack Hinken (LSM, Zeeland).

GOALIES: Ben Stoklas (Rockford); Spencer Fox (Lansing Waverly); David Taylor (Clarkston).

HONORABLE MENTIONS

ATTACK: Chad Aaronson (Ann Arbor Huron); Jon Kloostra (Zeeland); Chris French (Lake Orion); Connor Gillis (Rockford); Sam Highland (Hartland); Sawyer Lafrance (Rochester Hills Stoney Creek); Drew Billig (Brighton); Jay Graden (Saline); Austin Mitchell (Utica Eisenhower); Shane Wilson (Rochester Hills Stoney Creek); Carson Pakula (Canton); Jared Zahn (Midland); Griffin Sparling (Novi); Austin Eaton (Davison); Brendan Thelan (Huron Valley Lakeland); Grant Nesbitt (Port Huron); Tanyr Krummenacher (Saline); Joey Gamarra (L'Anse Creuse North); Anthony Zugaro (Novi); Chris Desrochers (Oxford); Spencer Petoskey (Oxford); Marty Mills (Salem); Cole Becker (Holland West Ottawa); Spencer Patterson (Holland West Ottawa).

MIDFIELD: Parker Richards (Hudsonville); Daniel Rebeck (Birmingham); Jacob Swift (Howell); Ryan Sisitki (Midland); Jack Baker (Troy); Sam Wolfe (Rochester); Carson Miller (Plymouth); Tom Needham (Saline); Lucas Collins (Hudsonville); Cody Thammavongsa (Holland West Ottawa); Travis Ensing (Zeeland).

DEFENSE: Drew Hubbard (Lake Orion); Tucker

Martinez (Zeeland); Ethan Curtis (Rochester Hills Stoney Creek); Tanner Cowell (Hartland); Tommy Lucas (Saline); Brendan Kuczera (Utica Eisenhower); Clay Carter (Port Huron); Nick Hayden (Troy Athens); Cameron Kanner (Walled Lake Central); Cay Wagner (Midland); Hunter Lowe (Oxford).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Joe Luckun (FOGO, L'Anse Creuse); Connor Flaingan (FOGO, Canton); Zac Donoghue (FOGO, Midland); Drew Nellar (FOGO, South Lyon); Alex Grabowski (FOGO, Rochester); Ryan Slank (FOGO, Rochester); Jared Giles (LSM, Lake Orion); Ryan Bederka (LSM, Brighton); Logan Maxey (LSM, L'Anse Creuse); Jay Getziner (D-MID, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek); Kyle Kohl (LSM, Troy Athens).

GOALIES: Trevor McManus (Plymouth); Jeff Varner (Northville); Joel Trent (South Lyon); Jacob McGuckin (Ann Arbor Skyline); Zach Tykocki (Grandville); Gerrit Kurtycz (Hudsonville); Max Cavellier (Troy Athens); Nick Fadel (Utica Eisenhower).

DIVISION 2 FIRST TEAM

ATTACK: Bryce Clay (GR Forest Hills Central); Hub Hejna (East Grand Rapids); Matt Solberg (East Grand Rapids); Bennett Sherman (Okemos); Ryan Genord (Notre Dame Prep); Jake Cook (Cranbrook Kingswood).

MIDFIELD: Ben Keller (East Grand Rapids); Jack Uecker (GR Forest Hills Central); Drew Bailey (GR Forest Hills Central); Mario Gonzalez (Okemos); Mitchell Woodrich (Notre Dame Prep); Joey Luciana (Cranbrook Kingswood); Patrick English (GR Forest Hills Central).

DEFENSE: Andrew Clay (GR Forest Hills Central); Cam Usiak (Okemos); Harry Boeschstein (East Grand Rapids); Tate Bond (GR Forest Hills Central); Joe Kalas (Notre Dame Prep); Cam Zisholz (Okemos); Ian Genrod (Notre Dame Prep).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Jack Dively (FOGO, Bedford); Paul Manuszak (LSM, Warren De La Salle); Josh Duren (D-MID, Okemos); Nick Carter (LSM, GR Forest Hills Central); Daniel Levin (LSM, Cranbrook Kingswood); Will Reasoner (FOGO, Cranbrook Kingswood); Logan Wedder (FOGO, GR Forest Hills Central); Jake Prinz (FOGO, GR Forest Hills Central).

GOALIES: Nick Milanowski (East Grand Rapids); Max Christides (Cranbrook Kingswood); Ryan Connors

(Notre Dame Prep).

SECOND TEAM

ATTACK: Max Kuiper (GR Forest Hills Central); Jack Johnson (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Charley Ciuk (Okemos); Andrew Pavey (GR Forest Hills Eastern); Grant Lemanski (Haslett); Griffin Morris (Notre Dame Prep).

MIDFIELD: Joe Bolea (East Grand Rapids); Luke Harbottle (Holland Christian); Michael Coyle (Grosse Pointe South); Will Farmer (GR Forest Hills Eastern); Davis Schiller (Cranbrook Kingswood); Tommy Hernandez (Warren De La Salle).

DEFENSE: Griffin Brooks (Grosse Pointe South); Nick Dobreff (Warren De La Salle); John Keller (Orchard Lake St. Mary's); Brendan Crites (Rochester Adams); Alex Wilder (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Jacob Killian (Orchard Lake St. Mary's).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Collin Miller (FOGO, Royal Oak Shrine); Alex Winchester (LSM, GR Forest Hills Eastern); Trey Feldesen (LSM, Ann Arbor Greenhills).

GOALIES: Brayden Boomers (FR Forest Hills Eastern); Patrick Wells (Orchard Lake St. Mary's); Ben Kowitz (Harper Creek).

THIRD TEAM

ATTACK: Zach Yerian (Warren De La Salle); Beau Yabs (DeWitt); Brock Vandenberg (GR Forest Hills Eastern); Alec Palmer (Spring Lake); Jace Conley (Orchard Lake St. Mary's); Gavin Amezaga (Ann Arbor Greenhills).

MIDFIELD: Grant Coleman (Cranbrook Kingswood); Tucker Virkus (Haslett); Ian Rush (Orchard Lake St. Mary's); Frankie Dedvukaj (Orchard Lake St. Mary's); Cole Smith (East Lansing); Logan French (Haslett).

DEFENSE: Mitchell Rolfe (Rochester Adams); Tyler Strandberg (Spring Lake); Rob Kirchoff (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Pater Mauer (Portage Northern); Will Swanson (Farmington); Owen Reus (Caledonia).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Sean Ronan (FOGO, Rochester Adams); Cole Senstrom (FOGO, Grand Rapids Christian); Grant Chaffee (D-MID, Warren De La Salle).

GOALIES: Robert Myers (Walled Lake Northern); Cole Hodge (Portage Central); Bobby Root (GP University Liggett).

HONORABLE MENTIONS

ATTACK: Will Buhl (Grosse Pointe South); Mitchell Fiesch (Harper Creek); Joe Fitzgerald (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Evan Drew (Rochester Adams); Ryan Lemanski (Walled Lake Northern); Keegan Stenstrom (Grand Rapids Christian); Pelton Schneider (Grosse Pointe North); Alex Klekotka (Northview); Reed Macksod (Flint Powers); Gavin Leach (Vicksburg); Max Payton (Grosse Pointe North); Joe Perry (Farmington); Dylan Day (Tecumseh); Grant Dewey (Rochester Adams); Andrew Tomasi (Grosse Pointe North); Spencer Warezak (GP University Liggett); Dylan McGorisk (Walled Lake Western); Anthony Tucker (Divine Child); Vince Floro (Divine Child); Keegan Kresnak (Northview); Justin Gearig (Vicksburg); Nick Sowell (Portage Northern); Logan Adionizio (Walled Lake Western); Will Mehney (Grand Rapids Christian); Tim Carpenter (Ann Arbor Greenhills).

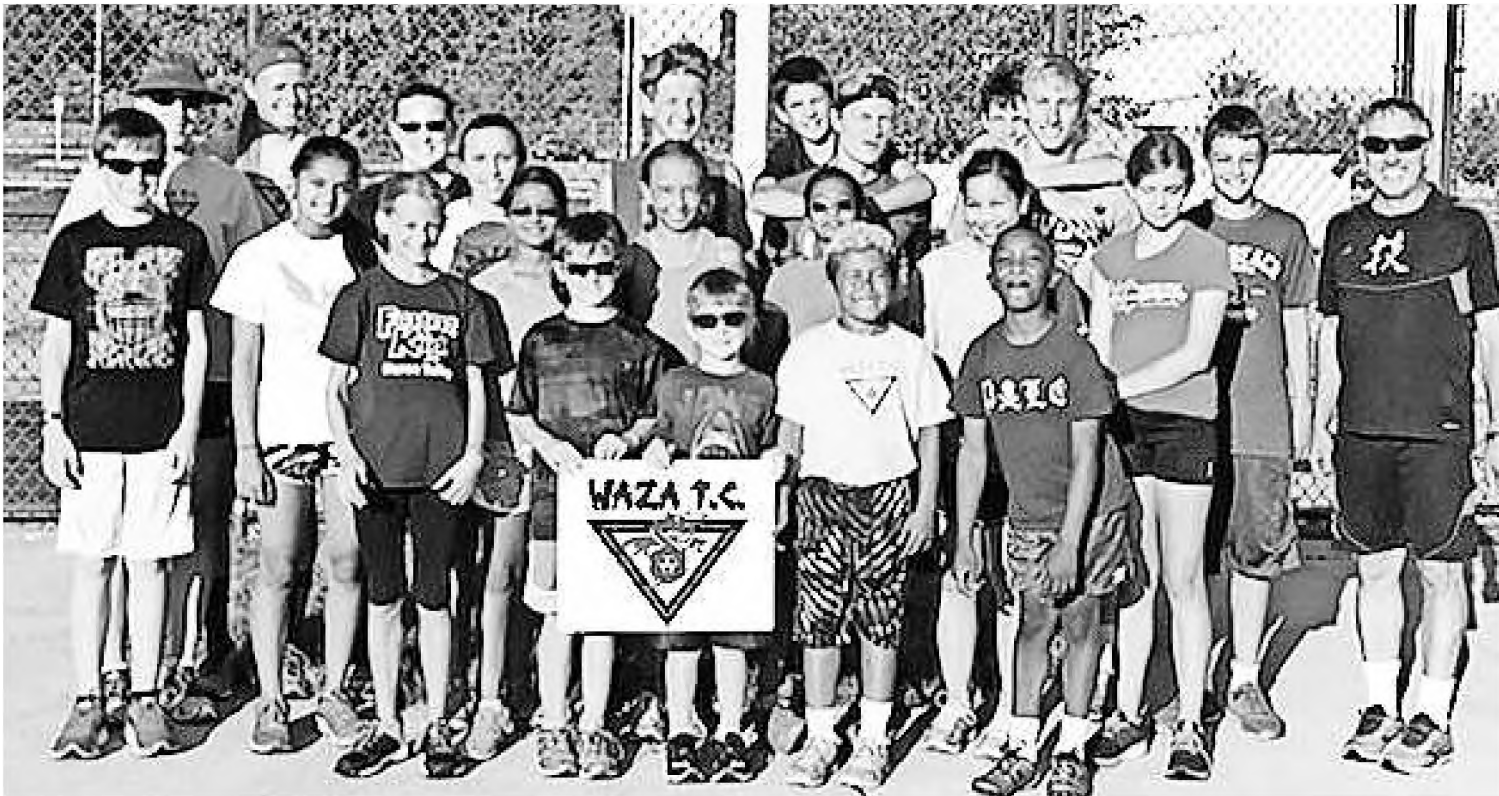
MIDFIELD: Ryan Mamo (Farmington); Cam Gauger (Ann Arbor Greenhills); Blake Rankin (Vicksburg); Will Roman (Rochester Adams); Chase Palmer (Spring Lake); Harrison Wujek (GP University Liggett); Austin Kilman (Portage Northern); Jacob Roth (Portage Central); Jay Ullbrich (Grosse Pointe South); Brenden Beerer (Royal Oak); Kodie Burtcher (Bedford); Matt Alati (Walled Lake Western); Alex Minanov (GP University Liggett); Maxwell Mullanix (Caldenia); Jack Valentine (Walled Lake Northern); Nathaniel Hentschel (Spring Lake); Ian Tyburski (Bedford); Nick Gargaro (Ann Arbor Greenhills).

DEFENSE: Jake Snider (Lincoln); Noah Verlinde (Spring Lake); Caleb Kropp (Vicksburg); Austin Albrecht (Grosse Pointe North); Ethan Kropp (Harper Creek); Connor Stein (Flint Powers); Nick Seurnyck (Divine Child); Nick Kunkel (Holland Christian); Mathieu Nordstrom (Walled Lake Western); Mario Lorelli (Grosse Pointe North); Nick Gawel (GP University Liggett); Eric Finn (Walled Lake Northern); Anthony Huberty (Portage Central).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Evan Surynek (LSM, Divine Child); Kelson Connors (LSM, Flint Powers); Matthew Wagner (LSM, Northview); Dominic Ciarelli (LSM, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Bailey Benoit (LSM, Farmington); Conner Wysong (LSM, Holland Christian); Gerrit Groenendyk (D-MID, Holland Christian).

GOALIES: Mike Litogot (Tecumseh); Ray Pippin (Madison Heights Bishop Foley).

YOUTH TRACK AND FIELD



CATHY MOMEYER

Among those competing for the Waza Track team at the AAU Area 12 regional are (front row, from left): Allison Deep, Mason Montgomery, Judah Montgomery, Drew Harris and Malcolm Cleaver; and (second row, from left) Luke Montgomery, Mahi Khandelwal, Aishwarya Shivaraman, Bella Haynes, Amrita Shivaraman, Madeline Chau, Miranda Meyers, coach Cathy Momeyer, Lindsey Strutz, Melanie McDowell, Kendall Skore, Brendan McCoy, Bo Anderson, Dash Dobar, Garrett Nagelhout, Josh Momeyer, Joey Deep and head coach Doug McDowell.

Waza athletes off to AAU Junior Olympics

Team will take 17 members to compete in national championship meet at Humble, Texas

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The Waza Track Club will once again boast a large contingent of athletes who will compete July 30 through Aug. 6 at the AAU Junior Olympics National Championship meet at Humble (Texas) High School.

A total of 17 Waza performers in multi-events, field events and running events earned national berths following the Area 12 AAU regional qualifier held June 30 through July 3 at the University of Detroit Mercy and Detroit Renaissance High School.

Waza athletes, coached by Doug McDowell, posted 28 personal bests at the Area 12 meet, led by 15-year-old Lindsey Struts of Hartland, who qualified for the nationals in the heptathlon (3,054 points), triple jump (30 feet, 4 inches) and high jump (4-8).

Struts also set personal bests in the 100-meter hurdles, shot put, 200, javelin, 800 and triple jump, while matching her best in the high jump.

Other national girls qualifiers for Waza include:



CATHY MOMEYER

Commerce Township's Rylee Lukes, 14, was Area 12 regional champion in the 1,500-meter run.

» Rylee Lukes, 14, Commerce Township – regional champion in the 1,500 (5:04.28) and 800 (2:27.47), both personal bests.

» Miranda Meyers, 14, South Lyon – personal bests in the 1,500 (5:12.43) and 3,000 (11:29.02).

» Bella Haynes, 12, Dearborn Heights – 800 (2:47.45), 1,500 (5:15.31) and 3,000 (11:51.43), all personal bests.



CATHY MOMEYER

Clarkston's Bo Anderson, 13, was Area 12 regional champion in the javelin.

» Allison Deep, 10, Milford – 100 (15.33), 200 (30.93) and 400 (personal best 1:13.67).

Meanwhile, 13-year-old Bo Anderson of Clarkston was boys regional champion in the javelin (71-4.5). He also qualified in the 1,500 (personal best 5:09.59) and 3,000 (11:44.73).

Other Waza boys ages 12-17 headed to Humble include:

» Dash Dobar, 17, Livonia –

800 (2:00.06), 1,500 (4:18.87) and javelin (personal best 101-0)

» Brendan McCoy, 15, Livonia – 3,000 (personal best 10:04.02)

» Kyle Samluk, 15, New Hudson – 3,000 (personal best 10:11.34)

» Mahi Khandelwal, 13, Northville – 800 (2:41.88)

» Joey Deep, 12, Milford – long jump (personal best 12-8); Rounding out the Waza

squad for boys ages 9-11 are:

» Aishwarya Shivaraman, 11, Northville – 800 (3:23.1) and long jump (9-5)

» Luke Montgomery, 11, Novi – 800 (2:54.94) and 3,000 (13:38.1), both personal bests

» Amrita Shivaraman, 11, Northville – 800 (3:18.95)

» Malcolm Cleaver, 10, Farmington Hills – long jump (personal best 11-6.5)

» Mason Montgomery, 9, Canton – personal bests in the 800 (3:09.97) and 1,500 (5:48.96)

» Drew Harris, 9, Monroe – 400 (personal best 1:17.0).

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17:36 (5:41 per mile).

It was impressive showing for Csutak, who was running his third 5K during a 24-hour span.

On Friday, he clocked a 16:47.9 to finish runner-up in the Blueberry Stomp in Inlay City, then came back Saturday morning to take third in the Monroe Missionary Baptist Summerfest with a time of 17:02.1.

Csutak was 1:16 ahead of male masters winner and over-all runner-up Roman Krzyzanowski, a 45-year-old Ironman triathlete veteran from Plymouth who had biked 90 miles Saturday morning during a training ride. Krzyzanowski was clocked in 18:51.

“It was good. It was much better inside the forest than outside,” said the 27-year-old Csutak, who completed his 20th race of the season. “With the shadows and everything, it kept me cool. I feel the tiredness in my legs after all these races. But it was a good race, a nice race. I did this race two years ago and finished second.”

Csutak, who started running at age 8, was part of a national championship cross country team in Romania. Last year, he finished sixth in the Ann Arbor Marathon (2:57:47) and hopes to expand his distance training this year.

“I have the speed, but don’t have the endurance,” Csutak said. “Mainly 10K, half-marathon, but hopefully I’ll be able to build up to do marathons from now on. Maybe do the (Detroit) Free Press (in October), but next year there are two marathons in Ohio, one is in April and one is in March, so I have to decide which one I’m going to do.”

Plymouth’s Amy Krzyzanowski, 47, the wife of Roman Krzyzanowski, came away with the female 5K title with a time of 23:02 (7:26 per mile).

“The course is nice,” Amy Krzyzanowski said. “The part that was in the sun were the parts that were in the first half. The second half you were shaded, so it was all good, a little hilly in between. It was a good course, well-marked. Everything was good.”

Krzyzanowski, a Detroit school teacher, is a nine-year breast cancer survivor who was coming off a 5K win at the Wyandotte (21:44.52).

She also was the first-place survivor finisher at both the Detroit and Lansing Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure 5K events.

“So far so good; knock on wood,” Krzyzanowski said of her cancer being in remission. “I’ll maybe do a few marathons in the fall. I’m trying to complete all 50 states. I have 33 so far, 17 to go.”

The female masters 5K winner was Wixom’s Kathy Fisher, 63, who finished in 29:11.

The top male and female winners in the overall 5K and 8K each received \$100 worth of running shoes from Running Fit. Masters male and female winners earned \$50 gift cards.

All proceeds from the race went to the Friends of Maybury State Park.

ROAD RUNNER CLASSIC AGE-GROUP WINNERS July 23 at Maybury State Park 8-KILOMETER MALES

Overall: Sergei Anderson (Ypsilanti), 29:35; **masters:** Eric Green (Pontiac), 30:52; **14-and-under:** Landon McGuire (Canton), 49:30; **20-24:** Jason Axalan (Belleville), 49:32; **25-29:** Kenneth White (Plymouth), 33:19; **30-34:** Andrew Porinsky (Dexter), 32:34; **35-39:** Thomas Samataro (Macomb), 38:10; **40-44:** Timothy Bernhardt (Plymouth), 53:29; **45-49:** Eric Nelsen (Chelsea), 37:49; **50-54:** Jerry Schimelfening (Sterling Heights), 42:50; **55-59:** Lawrence Sak (Lake Orion), 34:54; **60-64:** John Tarkowski (Northville), 36:02; **65-69:** George Kasdorf (Ann Arbor), 56:56; **70-and-up:** James Braunreiter (Livonia), 53:01.

8-KILOMETER FEMALE

Overall: Amber Deryme (Canton), 34:07; **masters:** Amy Hartman (South Lyon), 40:40; **14-and-under:** Waverly Wilson (Northville), 58:26; **15-19:** Sara Hartman (South Lyon), 45:42; **25-29:** Liza Haugh (Waterford), 44:04; **30-34:** Mariah Boucher (Ann Arbor), 50:55; **35-39:** Sarah Bernhardt (Plymouth), 53:29; **40-44:** Carina Berg (Plymouth), 52:27; **45-49:** Tracy Nelsen (Chelsea), 48:48; **50-54:** Jennifer Perkins (Clawson), 51:14; **55-59:** Rose Lerner (Northville), 57:44; **60-64:** Ronda Burroughs (Brownstown), 56:06; **65-69:** Linda Scorof (Garden City), 57:40.

5-KILOMETER MALES

Overall: Hunor Tamas Csutak (Plymouth), 17:36; **masters:** Roman Krzyzanowski (Plymouth), 18:51; **14-and-under:** Landon Uher (Ann Arbor), 25:14; **20-24:** Iao MacCratoe (Livonia), 20:22; **25-29:** Tyler Duncanson (Westland), 33:40; **30-34:** Michael Kirby (Dearborn), 19:51; **35-39:** Jack Williams (Northville), 2:34; **40-44:** Alejandro Olague (Milan), 37:58; **45-49:** David Williamson (Troy), 26:32; **50-54:** Nathaniel Good (Ortonville), 47:00; **55-59:** Vijay George (Wixom), 28:10; **60-64:** Tim Quinn (Livonia), 31:37; **65-69:** Hilory Earley (Livonia), 46:50.

5-KILOMETER FEMALE

Overall: Amy Krzyzanowski (Plymouth), 23:02; **masters:** Kathy Fisher (Wixom), 29:11; **14-and-under:** Jenny Hartman (South Lyon), 29:15; **15-19:** Krystina Giroux (Novi), 41:58; **25-29:** Krysten Eldridge (Royal Oak), 25:13; **30-34:** Lisa Justusson (Keego Harbor), 26:23; **35-39:** Jessica Uher (Ann Arbor), 25:18; **40-44:** Janine Capsouras (Saline), 35:39; **45-49:** Caroline Mason (South Lyon), 34:28; **50-54:** Maureen Daly (Livonia), 32:26; **55-59:** Wanda Feick-Chall (White Lake), 33:01; **60-64:** Kathleen Davis (Canton), 41:02; **65-69:** Imelda Gabriel (Wixom), 52:03; **70-and-up:** Carolyn Sweeney (Northville), 45:40.

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O'LEARY

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able to go as a team and compete for USA and play against another country.”

O’Leary’s team lost four of five matches in the Florida tuneup, including a pair of four-setters against the Dominican Republic U20 and Team Canada Junior Women teams, as well as three-set losses to the Puerto Rico U20 and USA Women’s Junior National squads.

The lone victory was a five-set triumph against the USA Girls Youth National Team 2, where earlier this year O’Leary competed against many of the same players for one of the coveted 12 spots on Team 1.

“Playing in the Under-20 division was super-fun,” O’Leary said. “It was about preparing for Puerto Rico. We weren’t really focused who was on the other side of the net as much as what we were doing and being able to play against people with a lot more experience than us. I think it will definitely help us in the long run.”

O’Leary, who will miss the early stages of Novi’s season playing in Puerto Rico, was granted a waiver by the MHSAA to retain her high school eligibility for the 2016 season.

“It was nice to have this chance, because sometimes the dates of the tournament are different every year and it’s not USA Volleyball that decides,” O’Leary said. “It’s NORCECA that decides. So sometimes the girls are together, they have the tryouts and then they just go and play. They don’t get the chance to practice together. So to be able to build the chemistry and figure out each others’ strengths and weaknesses will definitely help out.”

O’Leary, a member of the Legacy Volleyball Club, is the only Michigan player on the roster and will share the set-



USA VOLLEYBALL

Novi’s Erin O’Leary (No. 13, bottom row) is a member of the 2016 U.S. Girls Youth National Team headed next month to play in Puerto Rico.

ting duties for Team USA with 6-foot Ella Powell (Fayetteville, Ark.), a member of the Ozark Juniors.

“Half of the girls I knew from previous programs playing with them before,” O’Leary said. “I knew the volleyball was going to be great. It’s always great and the coaches are always great. I’m always surprised every year at just how great all the people are. And it’s not even the volleyball stuff. The amount of chemistry and the great relationships that we’re able to build with each other in just two weeks ... that’s the most fun part. We’re all there for the same reason. We all share similar experiences. We’re just there to have fun, play volleyball and represent USA.”

Eight regions are represented among the 12 athletes, with Southern California leading with four. Both Powell and outside hitter Haley Warner hail from Fayetteville, while the remaining squad consists of players from six other regions.

“There’s not a single person that isn’t there for the right reasons,” O’Leary said. “And

because we’re from all over the place, all we have is each other, really. So we going to go there, where people that don’t even speak our language. The environment that they make for us is so conducive to being able to create that team atmosphere so quickly. Everyone knows we’re there for volleyball and the coaches have been there for so long, but they still understand that we’re still 15- and 16-year-old kids.”

Newly named Northwestern University associate head coach Erin Virtue is the U.S. Girls Youth National Team head coach.

Virtue spent the previous five years as an assistant at Michigan and recruited O’Leary, who was the only sophomore named last fall to the Class A all-state team after racking up 1,371 assists, 225 kills, 321 digs and 86 aces for the state champions.

And despite training practices in the morning, lunch, film sessions and night matches, Virtue was able to provide some down time.

“Before the first day of training, they gave us a beach day,” O’Leary said. “It was a

surprise. We went down and were getting ready to train and then they said, ‘Oh, just kidding. We’re going to take you to the beach.’ We got a day to all hang out with each other and it was so fun. It’s just stuff like that I know I’ll remember forever with those great people.”

The Girls Youth National Team finished with a silver medal both at the 2015 FIVB Girls’ U18 World Championship in Lima, Peru, and the 2014 NORCECA Women’s U18s in Costa Rica.

For O’Leary and her 11 teammates, the goal this year is to bring home gold.

“This team has an incredible opportunity to grow together through their first international competition,” Virtue said in a recent USA Volleyball press release. “Traveling to representing the United States will be an experience that they will never forget. I’m excited about the competitive level of our group as we work to become the best team that we can be in our short time together.”

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USA HOCKEY



TIM SMITH

Newly installed boards and glass, including this curved piece at the bench, will help prevent concussions at USA Hockey Arena. Here, players try out the new-look facility on the NHL-sized rink; the Olympic-sized sheet is in the middle of its revamping.

Renovation puts USA Arena up to speed

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Look out, hockey fans sitting in the front row this season at USA Hockey Arena.

That first heavy hit into the Plymouth arena's brand new glass-boards combo likely will catapult large beverages off the ledge and into their laps.

"When people hit it, you can see it move," said Paul Fassbender of the arena's maintenance department, pointing out the ready-to-flex boards and acrylic glass that last month were installed at the building's smaller rink — where the U.S. National Team Development Program's two teams compete.

"The people in the front row, the first couple times, they'll get some entertainment," Fassbender said with a knowing nod, explaining that a beverage cup won't stay put when the crunching body checks arrive.

Earlier this month, Fassbender and co-workers were busy putting the new boards up at the former Compuware Arena's bigger, Olympic-sized rink. The new ice will be made this week, after which glass panes will be slipped atop those boards.

Fassbender is no stranger to hockey rinks. He coaches Saline High School's varsity team and previously guided teams at Plymouth and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Heavy duty

These days, he is all in on helping USA Hockey maintain a state-of-the-art ice plant, complete with safety features that are intended to cut down on concussions and other serious injuries.

Fassbender pointed to a spec sheet for Part 2 of the current project. There are 119 pieces of glass to be installed, weighing a total of 27,764 pounds.

"We've been fortunate because we got to do it two times in a month, month and a half,"



TIM SMITH

Paul Fassbender is in the home stretch of finishing off the Olympic-size rink at USA Hockey Arena.

he said. "This one went so much faster than over there."

The arena upgrades are part of a growing trend, led by the National Hockey League, to reduce concussions and other major injuries suffered when players hurtle at a high speed into the boards and glass.

"We upgraded for all the safety that the NHL's been pushing, for concussions," Fassbender said. "So we revamped, pulled out the old boards that were 20, 22 years old, heavy, steel boards, and we went with these aluminum frames.

"They have the flex points in them, flex glass. Boards will give more. You'll actually see the movement of the boards when people get hit into them. It's supposed to help with shoulder injuries, concussions and be a little softer of a feel when kids are sliding into them or getting hit into them."

Safety first

The need to ensure safety is a big priority with USA Hockey, too.

"Safety is a top priority for us at USA Hockey Arena for whoever is on the ice," said

Mike Henry, arena manager. "The fact that both rinks are now compatible for sled hockey is an added advantage and is within USA Hockey's mandate to grow the game at all levels."

Sections of white-covered boards near player benches can be swapped out for clear sections to accommodate sled hockey. Essentially, players can ramp on and off the ice without fear of hitting the kick plate that runs around the ice perimeter.

At the NHL-sized rink where the U.S. NTDP Under-17 and Under-18 teams play, Fassbender pointed at another important new feature — a flexible sheet of curved glass, where doors open from the ice to the players' bench.

The innovative feature hopefully will prevent near-tragedies such as one in 2011, when Montreal player Max Pacioretty slammed into the turnbuckle, breaking his neck and suffering a severe concussion.

"They're spring-loaded," Fassbender said. "So when you hit that, the whole glass moves, plus it's acrylic, so it's softer. That's one of the great features of this whole system."

"When a kid's getting into the boards here, you're not going to have something that takes their head off."

Ice time

Fassbender said putting the ice in is routine stuff by comparison, something that is done every summer.

"We start by doing a couple coats of clear (ice) to get one-16th of an inch on top of the concrete," he said. "And then we'll go three coats of white (paint) on top. ... We have a big boom that has 15 sprayers on the back. And you walk it, you literally walk the ice, in a pattern. It's like spray-painting a deck.

"We do three coats of the white paint to give it the solid white look."

There is a method to the madness of laying down various lines, dots and circles that USA Hockey Arena fans can see from their seats, too.

"We use red and blue yarn, stretch it across where the red lines and blue lines are," Fassbender said. "We freeze those in and then we have someone come through and paint them by hand with a four-inch brush."

To cap it all off, several more coats of clear ice are put in until the surface is about 1½ inches thick.

"We have an ice dam, which is the first inch and a half, and then there's a seam where the boards sit on top," Fassbender said. "That's where it gives it that flex point, so we want to avoid any ice buildup getting underneath in that seam.

"Ice, as it builds up, will expand. Then it will push the boards up, so we have to make sure we maintain our inch and a half depth."

That's good, because the new boards at USA Hockey Arena will be rocking enough already during 2016-17.

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DAWSON

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water will be like on that day, so I'm hoping to get out on the big water in the next few weeks and maybe get up to the Straits to test the current."

Dawson, who first got her feet wet as a youth during a family vacation at Lake Anne, has been gradually building up for the Mighty Mac during the past several months.

During the winter months, she spent each Saturday doing a variety of interval training and sprint workouts indoors. And when the weather broke, she headed to the Island Lake State Recreation Area in Green Oak Township, where she can be found doing laps around Trout Lake, which has the circumference of a mile.

"This point I'm up to four miles," Dawson said. "I've been mountain biking and running, lifting weights to build strength and stamina. I kind of gauged my training based on what the challenges were and increased the distances over time as the event got closer."

On Saturday, Aug. 20, at Half Moon Lake near Pinckney, Dawson plans take another big plunge.

"There's a swim in Vermont called the Kingdom Swim. That's a 10-mile swim and you have to swim at least a six-mile swim in the year previous," she said. "This year I'm going to do the 6.2-mile swim at the Swim to the Moon, the longer distance to get me in position to swim a bigger race next year."

This year's Mighty Mac swim route will be north to south, on the east side of the Mackinac Bridge, 50 yards outside the 450-yard Labor Day security zone maintained by Homeland Security. The swim route will be approximately 50 yards wide.

The race starts at Straits State Park and will finish just east of the Old Mackinaw Point Lighthouse at Colonial Michilimackinac State Park.

It's a wet suit event, because water temperatures can range anywhere from 50-60 degrees.

"By the time Labor Day arrives, I feel I'll put in enough distance to handle the length of the race," Dawson said. "It's just the unpredictable factors of weather conditions. And there are barges we have to be aware in the shipping lanes. Last year, there were barges that came through and they had to pull everyone out of the water."

The Mighty Mac starts at 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5. It also coincides with the annual Labor Day Bridge Walk, when some 40,000 to 65,000 will be running or walking over the Mackinaw Bridge.

"It's been challenging, because it's been a long-term goal to keep my motivation going," Dawson said. "But now that it's getting closer, I'm excited because I can see it's in my grasp now. I'm fired up about the next six weeks."

Tax-deductible donations can be made in Dawson's fundraising page on the event's website at www.mightymacswim.com.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls fast-pitch camp

White Lake Lakeland varsity softball coach Joe Alsup will stage a girls fast-pitch softball camp (ages 7-15) from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Thursday, Aug. 1-4, at the high school field.

The cost is \$95 (includes T-shirt) and campers should bring a snack and something to drink each day. The camp will focus on skill development for both beginning and advanced players.

Alsup, who will be assisted by his varsity players for the camp, has more than 1,000 high school victories, including two MHSAA state championships, five runner-up finishes and 28 league titles.

For more information, email IlaBurgess@burgessacademy@sbcglobal.net.

Women's scramble

The Golf Association of Michigan is celebrating its

100th Michigan Women's Amateur (Aug. 8-12) at Spring Meadows Country Club, 1129 Ripley Road, Linden.

In conjunction with the tournament, the Michigan Women's Golf Association will host a breakfast and scramble Monday, Aug. 8, followed by a dinner and program at Tyrone Hills Golf Course, 8449 Old US-23, in Fenton.

Many past Michigan Women's Amateur champions will be featured on a video depicting the 100-year history of the event.

Among the featured panel of champions are moderator Joan Garety, Shirley Spork, Joyce Kazmierski, Patti Shook Boice, Mary Jane Anderson Heistand, Stacy Slobodnik Stoll and Allyson Geer, last year's winner.

For more information about the MWGA, go to www.mwggolf.org.

Wiley leads Publinx

Westland's Matt Wiley had the low round of 72 at the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association tournament July 14 at Huntmore Golf Club in Brighton, its ninth of 16 tournaments.

The tournament produced 21 winners from a handicapped field of 97 players (50 years and older) who represented 16 communities throughout southeast Michigan.

First-place prize winners included (Gross/Net) – Flight A: James Mlynarczyk, Northville (74/67); Flight B (tie): Thom Allen, Northville (76/66); Flight C: Harry Hicks, Commerce (78/64); Flight D: Chuck Hirschert, Hartland (83/64).

For more information, go to www.mpsga.org or call 734-207-7888.

Nicklaus coming

Jack Nicklaus, the Golden Bear, perhaps the greatest

golfer to ever play the game, will be joined by other PGA winners and past U.S. Amateur champions beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at Turning Point Invitational at Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The pro-am event, sponsored by PwC and Lear Corp., will help expand Cornerstone Schools' goal to educate 5,000 children in Detroit. Gallery passes are available for \$125.

Also scheduled to play are Mark O'Meara, Tom Lehman, Matt Kuchar, Jerry Pate, Fred Ridley, Gary Koch, Andy Bean, William McGirt, John Harris and Nathaniel Crosby.

Nicklaus will also appear beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Country Club of Detroit for a dinner and evening of golf memories sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. Seating is limited and dinner with Nicklaus is \$2,500 (includes one gallery pass).

For more information or to

donate, call 313-662-7575.

Hole-in-one club

Area golfers recently carding an ace:

» Wesley Westhoff, 27, of Northville used a 9-iron on the 139-yard No. 3 hole at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth (Golden Course);

» Cindy Marchioni, 60, of Novi used pitching wedge on the 81-yard, No. 5 hole at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

» Bill Strobridge of Canton used an 8-iron on the 156-yard, No. 6 hole at Tanglewood Golf Course (North Course).

Baseball tryout

The West Oakland Wings travel baseball team is expanding the roster for its 15-and-under team for the 2017 season.

For more information or to schedule a private workout, call Jeremy Krol at 248-830-2307.

Daifuku moving from Farmington Hills to Novi for new headquarters

Frank Witsil
Michigan.com

Daifuku North American Holding Co., which makes systems to move baggage at airports and parts in auto and other factories, is moving its headquarters from Farmington Hills to Novi.

The company said it aims to add 85 jobs within the next two years.

The company, which held a groundbreaking for its new building at 30100 Cabot last week, said the move to the new, 76,889-square-foot of-

fices, just four miles from its offices in Farmington Hills, is scheduled for the third quarter of next year.

"We believe that southeast Michigan is the right location for our growing business," said Aki Nishimura, the com-

pany's president and CEO. "But we need an updated building with state-of-the-art facilities to fit our growing global company."

The company is a subsidiary of Daifuku Co., which is based in Japan and has more than

6,500 workers globally.

The new offices in Novi are expected to house more than 300 employees, including engineers, project managers, sales, customer service and administrative staff.

The company said it

plans to hire the 85 more employees by 2019. Most of these new jobs will be at the Novi headquarters, but the rest could be at its manufacturing facilities in Boyne City and Harbor Springs.

Michigan beats most states in real wage growth

Matthew Dolan
Michigan.com

Michigan beat most states in terms of real wage growth last year even as almost every state and metro area saw real wage gains in 2015 compared with 2014.

On average, real wages grew by 2.9 percent across the U.S. during that period, while Michigan saw a 3.1-percent growth, ranking it 15th in the nation, University of Michigan economist Don Grimes said.

In 2015, Midwest states did relatively well. Only Missouri, Ohio and North Dakota in the region did not see wage gains greater than the U.S. average, according to an analysis by Grimes of the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Oil-producing areas like Wyoming, North Dakota and Louisiana had the weakest wage growth, Grimes said in a statement.

"Of the 20 states that surpassed the national average in real wage growth, the Midwest — where durables manufacturing is concentrated



Shinola workers on the assembly line assemble watch components at their factory in Detroit during a tour of the facility in 2015.

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— saw the strongest growth," he said. "North Dakota's weakness is the result of the decline in oil prices and fracking activity but, other than that, the Midwest overall saw very good wage growth."

Technology and scientific jobs drove wage gains in California, which had the largest real wage gain among the states. Massachusetts, which ranked second in wage growth, also had large wage increases in scien-

tific research and development and corporate headquarters, according to Grimes' analysis.

"The knowledge economy is clearly driving these states' prosperity," Grimes said.

The Quarterly Census

of Employment and Wages data includes all monetary income, such as contract signing bonuses, annual raises, stock options and profit-sharing bonuses. So it's a more complete measure of wages than the other

data, which include only "regular" wages, Grimes said.

Perhaps surprisingly, the Flint metro statistical area — otherwise known as Genesee County — ranked seventh among all metro areas with growth in the average real wage of 5.3 percent. The Detroit metro area was listed as 101st, with a real wage increase of 3.4 percent.

Last week, Gov. Rick Snyder lauded the overall positive economic trend that showed the personal income rate in Michigan recently increased by 1.3 percent.

"This marks the second consecutive quarter that our state has had one of the fastest growing personal income rates among the states. This important economic measure signals a rise in quality of life for residents — not only are jobs growing in Michigan overall, but incomes are, too," he said in a statement. "These positive reports make it clear that Michigan continues to build momentum and demonstrate to the rest of the nation that our economy is firing on all cylinders."

Now's the time to revisit those new year's resolutions

It's hard to believe that we're at the end of July. Before you'll know it, fall will be upon us. I question how many of us can even remember new year's resolutions that we made at the beginning of the year. I think the great majority of us have forgotten about them as the reality of our daily lives take hold.

Probably one of those resolutions dealt with your finances. One of the more popular resolutions is to get your financial house in order. Now is a great time to do some of those things with regard to your personal finances that will make a differ-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

ence. The first thing everyone should look at is a Roth IRA conversion.

Everyone that has a traditional IRA ought to look for the opportunity to convert that traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. I recognize the downside of this transaction in the fact that you are accelerating when you would pay taxes, but that can be more than offset by the advantage of having money grow tax-free versus tax-deferred and

having money that is not subject to required minimum distributions.

Everyone is eligible to convert an existing IRA into a Roth IRA. The one caveat is for those who are subject to required minimum distributions. If you are over age 70½, you're not eligible to convert the required distribution. You can convert anything above and beyond, but not the required minimum distribution.

Remember that if you convert and then later decide you made a mistake, there is a relatively straightforward process where you can reverse the transaction. If you

decide to convert, it is not set in stone.

It is also a great time of year to make new contributions to your IRA whether it is a traditional or a Roth. Most people wait until the end of the year to make their contribution — why? The sooner you make your investment, the sooner the money grows either tax-free or tax-deferred. Now is the time to make those contributions.

This year, 401(k) contributions have increased to \$18,000; for those over age 50, you can contrib-

ute \$24,000. This would be a good time to not only review your 401(k) investments, but to also look at your year-to-date contributions to make sure you are putting away the maximum possible. At the same time, it makes sense to re-look at whether you should contribute into a Roth 401(k) or a traditional 401(k).

Like most resolutions, by the first week of January, they are long forgotten. There's still plenty of time this year to make some moves that will put more money in your

pocket — after all, it looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. Try to spend some time on your personal finances, whether it is reviewing your investments or insurance coverages or even do a budget — it will be time well-spent.

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Levine named principal at Quinn Law Group

Quinn Law Group, PLLC, an intellectual property law firm located in Novi, announced that Mark J. Levine has rejoined the firm as principal.

Levine, who worked for Quinn Law earlier in his career, brings more than 10 years of intellectual property litigation, transactions and patents experience to the firm, all of which will help as the firm expands its practice service offerings.

Levine focuses on intellectual property matters, primarily on the preparation and prosecuting of domestic, foreign and international patent applications in the mechanical, electro-mechanical, electrical and software arts. His experience spans a variety of industries and technologies, including automotive, medical, telecommunication, manufacturing, power infrastructure, advanced materials, construction, hydrocarbon exploration and excavation, as well

as integrated circuit and electronic design automation, national defense, gaming, applied mathematics, farming, toy and computer industries.



Levine

At Quinn Law Group, Levine will offer specialized legal and business support and due diligence to firm clients, including client counseling, invalidity and non-infringement opinions and litigation support, as well as patent reissue and post-grant review proceedings. In addition, he will prepare and prosecute applications for federal registration of trademarks and copyright.

Prior to joining the Quinn Law Group, Levine worked with the IP Litigation, Transactions and Patents Practice Groups in the Chicago office of Nixon Peabody, LLP. He was encouraged to return to Quinn based on the

firm's "great work environment, work-life balance, endless opportunity to grow and the quality of its people."

Levine earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and a doctor of jurisprudence in intellectual property and communications law from Michigan State University. He is admitted to practice law in both Illinois and Michigan and is licensed to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Quinn Law Group, PLLC is a full-service intellectual property law firm that specializes in the preparation and prosecution of patent and trademark applications, as well as patent, trademark and copyright litigation. Quinn Law represents a wide array of clients, including those in automotive, sports, engineering and education. Learn more at www.quinnlawgroup.com.

SYNOPSIS JULY 21, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- DATE:** Thursday, July 21, 2016
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 6:30 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:**
CLOSED SESSION: As permitted under the Michigan open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.268, Section 8 (h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure; Attorney-Client Privileged Communication regarding REDICO project. – Approved
- Agendas:**
A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: Approved
 - Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
A. The Senior Alliance 2017-2019 Multi-Year Plan – Approved
B. Retirement Resolutions – Richard Allen, Joe Oldenborg – HDC – Approved
C. Appoint Sandra Larson to the HDC – Approved
D. Appoint Diane Rosone to the HDC – Approved
 - Public Hearing:** None
 - Brief Public Comments:** One resident had a question for the Board.
 - New Business:**
A. The Enclave – Consent Agreement Amendment – Approved
B. Professional Services for the SAW Grant Program - Approved
C. Decision from Closed Session regarding REDICO – Approved
 - Unfinished Business:** None
 - Ordinances:** None
 - Check Registry:**
A. In the amount of \$1,639,703.55 for the period of 6/4/16 to 7/8/16. – Approved
 - Board Communication & Reports:**
Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider.
 - Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
 - ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.
- This is a synopsis, the draft minutes will be available August 2, 2016.
- Respectfully submitted:**
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.



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East side Detroit residents will get improved housing options via Southwest Housing Solutions thanks to a corporate gift.

Affordable housing development on Detroit's east side gets corporate boost

The Community Development Trust (CDT) — a New York-based real estate investment trust that provides capital for the preservation and creation of affordable housing — announced July 25 its donation to Detroit-area nonprofit Southwest Housing Solutions of a \$1.2 million first mortgage loan on Daystar Estates, a 48-unit single-family-home development on the city's east side.

CDT's donation represents the largest-ever combined contribution of homes to Southwest Housing Solutions in its 44-year history, said Tim Thorland, the organization's executive director. By donating the \$1.2 million loan to Southwest Housing Solutions, CDT's move effectively gives control of the Daystar Estates properties to Southwest to begin the neighborhood's redevelopment.

"As a nonprofit that is dedicated to finding creative and innovative ways to preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, we are very grateful to CDT for their philanthropy and commitment to Detroit's exciting resurgence," Thorland said.

"CDT could have easily sold the property to another investor," Thorland said. "Their donation of the Daystar Estates neighborhood provides us with the opportunity to ensure the preservation of these units as quality, safe and affordable rental properties. We also plan to work with the families who move into these

homes and establish a conversion-to-ownership plan that will be completed over the next four years."

The 48 single-family Daystar Estates homes were built during 2004-05 and are located in an area bordered roughly by Mack Avenue and Connor, Dickerson and Charlevoix streets, just east of the shuttered Chrysler Assembly plant, Thorland said. The property was developed using Low Income Housing Tax Credits, the federal housing program that makes rent affordable to lower-income tenants.

While parts of the northern east side neighborhood surrounding Daystar Estates are challenged by vacancy, flight and divestment, Thorland noted that some neighborhoods on the lower east side along the East Jefferson corridor are benefiting from an ongoing redevelopment effort. Jefferson East Inc., which promotes neighborhood redevelopment, reports that \$1 billion has been invested in five neighborhoods from Alter Road to downtown along East Jefferson since 2009, including \$540 million that went to improvements to the giant FCA US plant. Within the past year, seven new businesses have opened in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood along the corridor.

The original borrower defaulted on the Daystar Estates mortgage loan in 2015. As the first mortgage holder, CDT evaluated its possible alterna-

tives related to the investment and concluded that it did not want to put the 48 properties through an extensive and lengthy foreclosure process, according to Joan Berkowitz, the firm's senior vice president of asset management.

"Bearing in mind our affordable housing mission objectives, we determined that a better solution for the community, the property and the neighborhood's residents would be found if the mortgage loan was donated to a Detroit-area mission-oriented nonprofit," Berkowitz said.

"While investigating our options, we were delighted to find an established, well-regarded nonprofit with a proven track record of success working with real estate-owned affordable housing," she said.

East-side Detroit civic leaders lauded CDT's move and said the transaction will serve as a catalyst to the community's revival. In Chandler Park, for example, which is adjacent to Daystar Estates, officials recently unveiled a new high school-regulation, synthetic turf football/soccer/lacrosse field, United States Tennis Association-sponsored tennis courts with Michigan's only under-10 "tot" courts, a new comfort station, and refurbished baseball diamonds, picnic tables and new tree plantings.

Donna Givens Williams, president/CEO of Eastside Community Network (ECN), a place-based community devel-

opment organization that has worked in the Daystar Estates' neighborhood for more than 30 years, said: "ECN is pleased to endorse CDT's donation that gives control of these properties to Southwest Housing Solutions, and further, to support the rehabilitation of nearly 50 affordable homeownership options in our community."

Jacqueline Bejma, executive director of LAND Inc., a local not-for-profit commercial real estate development organization, added: "Rehabilitation of these housing units is a much-needed step in the right direction for the future of the east side."

Southwest Housing Solutions staff will prepare cost estimates this summer on the improvements necessary to make the Daystar Estates properties habitable, Thorland said.

Working with local, regional and national partners, CDT makes long-term equity investments and originates and acquires long-term mortgages. In its 17 years, CDT has invested over \$1.3 billion in debt and equity capital to properties in 44 states and regions — helping to preserve and create over 40,000 units of affordable housing.

Southwest Housing Solutions, a division of Southwest Solutions, was formed in 1979 and is a leader in the planning, development, and management of affordable housing and commercial property in Southwest Detroit.

Reasonable accommodations for disabled required by law

Q: We are a landlord and are thinking about charging an extra fee or requiring an additional deposit for tenants or residents who have disabilities in order to put in certain grab bars on the steps to grant a reasonable accommodation. It isn't an awful lot of money and I am wondering if it is OK.

A: The answer is pretty clearly "no" based upon the joint statement of HUD and the Department of Justice's publication "Reasonable Accommodations Under the Federal Fair Housing Act." In short, housing providers may not require persons with disabilities to pay extra fees or deposits as a condition of receiving a reasonable accommodation. Therefore, you are best advised not to charge any additional fees or require any additional deposit for any reasonable accommodation that is granted.

Q: Our co-op charges pet owners to have "DNA tested and registered" for any animal living in our community. Do you think that is OK?

A: I think it will probably pass muster as the theory is that any poop left behind can be tested and the offending owner that did not pick up after the pet could be fined or otherwise be subject to legal penalties. The amount charged is presumably just to reimburse the association for the actual costs of testing and registering the DNA in a data base and is not a deposit of any kind with respect to the keeping of the dog which would probably be prohibited.



Robert Meisner

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, contact HallandHunter.com or call 248-644-3500.

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.

For more information, 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.

Call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com.

State tax credits support low-income housing

Residents in Metro Detroit are getting a boost in local affordable housing stock with help from \$3.89 million in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

"The LIHTC Program is a public-private partnership that allows developers to renovate and construct quality, affordable housing," MSHDA Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said. "This program is essential to meeting the housing needs of families, seniors and special needs populations with low or fixed incomes."

The tax credits are going to five different developers to create four new apartment buildings and rehabilitate one structure that will provide 287 homes for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

Prentis II Apartments in Oak Park was built in 1978. It will be renovated to improve resident safety and energy efficiency. Units will receive new kitchens and bathrooms, carpeting, closet doors, upgrades to existing balconies and upgraded in-unit HVAC systems.

"The generous tax credit to Prentis II Apartments will enhance their commitment to providing safe and affordable housing and residential care to their residents," said Sen. Vincent Gregory, D-Lathrup Village. "I extend my gratitude for MSHDA's continued support of our communities through their partnership and investment activities."

The projects that earned LIHTC awards in Wayne and Oakland Counties are:

» 124 Alfred, Detroit
Developer: 124 Alfred Developer LLC
LIHTC units: 54
LIHTC award: \$918,804
» Gratiot Central Commons, Detroit
Developer: MHT Housing, Inc

Total units: 45
LIHTC units: 36
LIHTC award: \$740,000
» Prentis II, Oak Park
Developer: Jewish Senior Life of Metro Detroit
Total units: 99 LIHTC units: 99
LIHTC award: \$676,410
Unity Park Rentals IV, Pontiac
Developer: Community Housing Network, Inc.
Total units: 12
LIHTC units: 12

LIHTC award: \$306,661
» Woodbridge Estates Phase IX, Detroit

Developer: Scripps Park Associates, LLC
Total units: 77
LIHTC units: 61
LIHTC award: \$1,255,000
The federal government provides the tax credits which are administered by MSHDA based on housing needs at the local level. With this round of funding, an estimated 819 units of affordable rental housing will be built or rehabilitated for low- and moderate-income individuals and families across the state.

"The LIHTC Program is a public-private partnership that allows developers to renovate and construct quality, affordable housing," Elsenheimer said. "This program is essential to meeting the housing needs of families, seniors and special needs populations with low or fixed incomes."

The LIHTC program is the most successful affordable housing production program in U.S. history and spurs community investment. In 2015, the 10-year value of LIHTC in Michigan was calculated to create more than \$1.3 billion of investment statewide.

Federal law requires LIHTC be allocated according to a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). The process for receiving an award includes an application and competitive scoring.

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mshda.

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Pay attention to signs of a good interview

BY MATT TARPEY
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Job interviews can be stressful, and that nervousness doesn't always abate immediately after the interview is over. If you find yourself worrying about whether it went well, here are a few key indicators.

Talking about the future
Almost any job interview is going to include some discussion about your plans and your future, so instead, focus on how the interviewers handle the topic. In general, if they stop framing things as hypotheticals, that's usually a good sign. The more concrete they get about future plans, the better.

"Interviewers usually give a few 'buying signs' if things went well, such as laying out next steps or, better yet, asking about a potential start date. Another positive sign is being given a tour of the office and introduced to individuals you may work with," says Daphne Wotherspoon, IT branch manager at HireStrategy, a professional staffing agency.

Nonverbal cues
You should also be paying attention to the interviewer's body language throughout the meeting. To a keen observer,



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nonverbal signals can give clear clues about the interviewer's feelings and whether you're on the right track with your answers.

"The body and facial language of the employer is always a strong indicator of how well an interview went. An interviewer who is slumped and looking away from you may infer that he is bored or

no longer considers you a candidate," says James Rice, leader of digital marketing at WikiJob. "By contrast, an interviewer who is constantly paying attention is interested in what you have to say."

Relaxed atmosphere
You may walk away feeling as though an interview went great and not really under-

stand why. In that case, there's a good chance that you simply picked up on the overall tone — which can also be a reliable indication that you're probably right.

"Interviews are often very formal and structured, but it's actually quite easy to tell when you have developed a comfortable rapport with the interviewer," says Justine Miller, a

human resources consultant with The Stir Group. "For example, the conversation may veer into general small talk, which is a great sign that the interviewer feels a connection with you and is interested in your opinion, even when the topic has no obvious relevance to the interview. It might be that the interviewer has subconsciously decided you are a good cultural fit for the company."

Difficult to gauge
Being completely in the dark about how an interview is going can be frustrating, so sometimes the best approach is to be direct.

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10 Proposition
15 Melville mariner
19 One-spot cards
20 Bucks
21 "Odyssey" enchantress
22 Woman of rank
23 Start of a riddle
26 "... — it just me?"
27 Painful spots
28 Literary Leon
29 Subj. for U.S. immigrants
30 Horseshoe-shaped iron bar
31 Riddle, part 2
36 Bit of legend
37 Transmit
38 Showy scarf
39 Italian "God"
40 Cry loudly
43 Singer Smith
45 Less bold
46 "Misted" singer
47 Celine

49 Riddle, part 3
56 Marketing news mag
57 Big name in electric razors
58 Oman export
59 "Blue" singer
60 Director Elia
61 Hidden milk
62 Drop oil
65 Unit of corn
66 Riddle, part 4
71 — Lingus
72 "Dr." of rap
73 Writer
74 Spud state
75 Plane path
77 Boom maker
78 Obtain
81 Hotel room
82 Bible place
87 Fed a line
88 Old-time actress
89 Blue yonder
90 Links org.
91 Suffix with
121 Across
92 "Sure"

93 Archibald of old basketball
97 Ragal Morse name
100 End of the riddle
107 Jordanian capital
108 A. in Acapulco
109 Electric, water or gas: abbr.
110 Merger with Mobil in 1999
112 Country singer — Keith
113 Riddle's answer
117 Author — Stanley Gardner
118 "Later!"
119 "Star Trek" officer
120 British conservative
121 Forecaster
122 "Bleeding Love" singer
Lewis
123 Volga native
124 Farm females

DOWN

1 Rabbit's feet
2 Ellen who was the first Latina in space
3 Get wind (pt)
4 Honor
5 Type widths
6 Little squirt
7 Just so-so
8 1999-2004 Oldsmobiles
9 Aboriginal
10 Autumn mo.
11 — mignon
12 Insolent
13 "Green" product sticker
14 Ump's cousin
15 Baked brick
16 Last Anglo-Saxon king of England
17 Umpire
18 Oscar category for "Let It Go"
24 Early Bill Cosby series
25 "The end — sight"
30 Stage legend
32 "No worries"
33 Burn black

34 Detroit flop
35 Detached, as a coupon
40 Wendi Ila
41 "Mercy me!"
42 "Watch out!"
44 Talking birds
46 Ad —
47 Wall St. intro
48 Singer Lana — Ray
50 D.C. bigwig
51 Common bowling game
52 Sleep out
53 Sardonio Lebowitz
54 Intel chip brand
55 Result of excessive teasing?
60 Guy doll
61 Playbill info
62 Lesson
63 Fit in
64 Slair of old comics
67 Scary snake
68 Actress
69 Fix, as socks
70 Sharpens
76 Bridal vow
77 Senator
78 Internet initials.

79 D halved
80 Actor Aidan
81 Country's Crystal
82 Protective film sheets
83 Mount
84 where four presidents went bust?
84 Look like
85 Dieter
86 Hershey's toffee bar
92 Urge
94 "Son of —!"
95 "Shamel"
96 "Happy Endings" actress
98 New — (Enya, e.g.)
99 Obsess (on)
101 Bill settler
102 "That Night —" (old film)
103 1800s vaup
104 Scott at
105 U-shaped river bend
106 Black, in Lille
111 Bill blockers
113 — Man
114 Simile center
115 Italian monk
116 Barn's river

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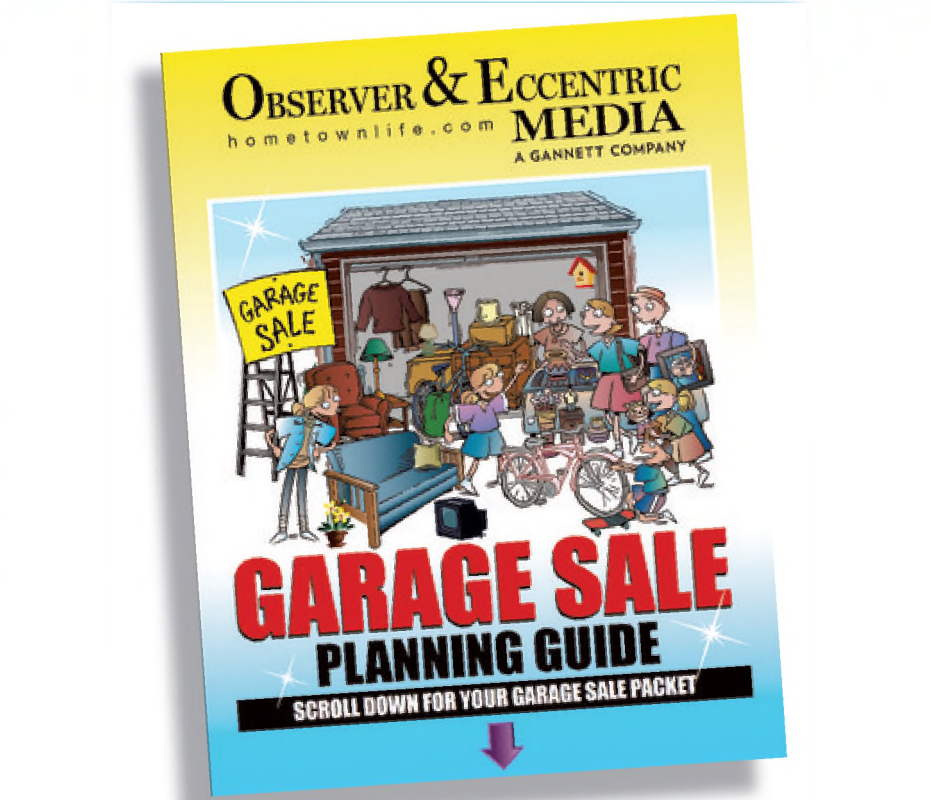
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