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AAUW potluck

The American Association of University Women Northville and Novi branch will kick off the year with innovative programs, "small party" fundraisers and dynamic interest groups at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 and the Village Oaks Clubhouse, 22859 Brook Forest, Novi.

Deb Kennedy, AAUW of Michigan membership vice president, will be the speaker. Members whose last names begin A-L are to bring an appetizer and members whose last names begin M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. Beverages, plastic ware and plates will be provided. For more information, contact Heidi Nielsen at cpnn16@gmail.com.

Bounty hunter recovers missing Northville children

Joanne Maliszewski hometownlife.com

Within hours of hearing from the Northville Township father whose ex-wife allegedly kidnapped their daughters, Kelly Masters, a Macomb County bounty hunter, was on the road to Jacksonville, Fla., where he recovered Caitlin, 8, and Charlotte, 5.

Northville Township police confirmed that father James Peck was reunited with his daughters Saturday following the arrest of his ex-wife Courtney by the Duval Co Sheriff's Department in Florida.

"They were a little shaken at first," Masters said of the two girls. "But they really didn't know what was happening. The kids were not traumatized." Masters worked with AAA Bail Bonds Agency of Michigan in Clinton Township, which had bond on Courtney Peck on previous charges. She failed to appear on her scheduled court date.

Peck contacted the Northville Township police and media last week after his ex-wife failed to return the girls at 4 p.m. Aug. 21. Courtney Peck was, as planned, supposed to drop off the children at Ford Field in Northville. "When she didn't show up, he was concerned, based on some previous behaviors and came looking for our assistance," said Todd Mutchler, deputy director of Northville Township Police Services.

"The dad called me and said, 'You are my last hope.' After

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Recovery team members, from left, Anthony Carlton and Kyle Clement, with father James Peck (center), daughters, Caitlin, 8, and Charlotte, 5, and Kelly Masters.

Sign up for library card

Throughout September, any child who is a Northville resident and who can write their own name, can get their own library card and receive a fun gift bag.

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Trump supporters rally at major area intersection

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

Rob Costis and his family have one of the most recognizable vehicles seen in Livonia: the self-proclaimed "Trumpmobile."

The Livonia resident and his extended family have donned massive signs all over an RV and on another truck in support of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. Those vehicles were on display Aug. 30 during a demonstration for Trump at Eight Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. "As soon as Donald Trump ran, we said, 'We need to do' something to support him,'" he said. "So we started with the back of the camper and then we went up north camping and people were beeping the horns and wanting to take pictures. We just decided to do the front.' Costis was one of about 100 people who attended the event, which was coordinated at sites all across the state by the Michigan Conservative Coalition. Locally, supporters stood in front of the Meijer gas station

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AR Workshop owners Jen Amin and Jen Perino transformed their Board and Brush business.

Diehard DIY-ers have a home at AR Workshop

Maria Taylor Correspondent

Maybe you're one of those people: You've saved entire boards of home decor ideas on Pinterest, but you've never really gotten around to making them.

Taking the hassle out of those vintage-y, trendy craft

projects is the focus of AR Workshop Northville, which opened Aug. 4 at 42991 Seven Mile Road. Diehard DIY-ers may recognize it as the previous home of Board and Brush, which went in last August. It's the same location and the same owners, but this time around, it's got a different feel.

Board and Brush was very

garage-like; this is more trendy and boutique-like: a boutique DIY studio for on-trend products," co-owner Jen Amin said.

AR Workshop Northville is a licensed distributor for Anders-Ruff, a graphic design company co-founded by Novi native Maureen Anders. The store is owned

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Laurie Abney, a Commerce Township resident, shows her support for Donald Trump.



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Perino and Amin

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is craft-y," Perino said.

"You've got a lot of the

media trends. "Northville

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jointly by Amin and Jen Perino, who've been friends since high school.

Starting a creative business wasn't the original intent for any of them. Perino is a parttime occupational therapist. Amin, who lives in South Lyon, originally worked in sales and now co-runs two Omelette & Waffle Café restaurants. She and Anders were roommates at the University of Michigan, where Anders majored in engineering.

'Jen Amin and I were so close in college, but never in a million years

would I have imagined that we would be working a business together," she said.

Anders interned at GM, then worked in health care and radiology sales, eventually moving to North Carolina. She had always been an artistic type - both her parents were interior designers — so when her son was born, she decided to stay home and start dabbling in creative businesses.

One of those was AndersRuff, a graphic design business that she and her friend Adria Ruff formed in 2010.

The two launched a blog and started holding photo shoots to showcase their products: invita-



tions, printable banners and DIY party decor. Things took off when their blog caught the attention of companies like Universal Studios, Sony Pictures and Better Homes and Gardens. Soon, they found themselves hired to stage movie releases and magazine articles — like the Halloween party spread in "Better Homes and Gardens," which they've done for the last four years. They've even worked on a tennis clothing line launch for Venus Williams, something Anders said was "pretty surreal.' After about six years,

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hearing his desperation, I dropped what I was doing. I felt the guy's pain," Masters said, adding he, too, had been involved in his own custody battles.

That's one of the reasons — following the girls' recovery - Masters and his team refused to accept payment for their work. "I did it for

the two decided it was time for a change. "We started thinking, we've been doing so much behind-the-scenes ... let's get out from behind the screen and teach decorating and styling, hands on," Anders said.

Their flagship studio, AR Workshop Pineville, opened this June in North Carolina, about 10 miles south of Charlotte. It's a sister company to AndersRuff, as is the Northville location.

As owners of a licensed studio, Amin and Perino share the AR Workshop name, website and designs. Right now, their signature items

the right reasons," Mas-

tion provided by a private investigator he contacted, Masters arrived at what at first glance appeared to be a vacant vacation home in Jacksonville. "We had the address. I knew it just wasn't a vacation home," said Masters, who Friday left Michigan.

As Masters and the private investigator made their way around include wood signs, canvas pillows and canvas and wood wall hangings. Workshop themes are listed at www.arworkshop.com/northville, where participants can sign up for a class, all materials provided, and come away with a customized, Pinterest-worthy product based on ideas from the blog.

Inside the studio, there's space for about 30 people. Anders said they get a lot of corporate parties, as well as groups of girlfriends for ladies' night out, "looking for the next new thing to do." The clientele, she said, is a perfect fit for their

the area where the house was located, the garage door opened with Courtney Peck and the children, including her 1month-old baby, in the car. "We weren't there more than five minutes before she had cuffs on," said Masters, who contacted the police. James Peck is not the father of the 1-month-old baby.

Masters also contacted the girls' father, James Peck, a phone call that Masters said helped



Maureen Anders, a Novi native, and Adria Ruff co-founded AndersRuff, a graphic design company. AR Workshop is a licensed distributor for AndersRuff.

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newer generations moving in, but also that country home feeling, too, with the horse track.' Most of their popularity is due to Facebook, Instagram and word of mouth. "Once their pictures get posted and people see it, that's when it really explodes," Perino said.

In this case, social media really does lead to face-to-face socializing. That's Perino's favorite part of the job. "I like the social aspect of the do-ityourself," she said, 'watching how the customers go from not really knowing what to expect — they get super stressed out, there are so many colors to choose from — and seeing them get to use the tools they don't usually get to use, seeing them come up with the end product."

keep the children calm. While Peck caught a plane for Jacksonville, Masters and his team members remained with the girls for about 12 hours. When Peck arrived, the girls were handed to him, while Courtney Peck's baby was taken by Child Protective Services, Masters said.

While Masters, according to Northville Township police, worked on his own, the department also "was very active in the investigation," Mutchler said. "We used the resources and technology available to us. It was good, old-fashioned police work.

Meanwhile, Northville Township police are working with the Wayne County Prosecutor's office and its extradition team to return Courtney Peck to Michigan to face charges. "There are a lot of moving parts in this," Mutchler said.

Courtney Peck was arrested last month after fleeing Grosse Pointe Farms police with her 1-month-old baby in the car after being discovered in a no-trespassing zone at 3 a.m., according to WXYZ-TV (Channel 7). She was charged with fleeing and eluding police, fourth-degree child abuse and reckless driving A court order Wednesday, Aug. 24, granted James Peck full custody of the girls, at least temporarily. Northville Township police Lt. Mike Burrough said last Friday that police were actively investigating the kidnapping case to restore Peck's custodial rights. Peck did not respond to a request for comment from the Northville Record. According to Burrough, Peck last saw his daughters Aug. 13, when they left with their mom on what they collectively referred to as a road trip. Peck's last contact with them was Aug. 19, on a phone call with Caitlin. Peck told police that when he was helping his daughters pack, their mother "told them to bring all sorts of special stuff, which was a special request," Mutchler said last week. "He's been really struggling with that realization. The case was handled as a parental kidnapping, something Mutchler says he doesn't see very often. "We do, from time to time, have parents overextend the stay or have some communication breakdowns over when the children should return," he said. Any time there's a parental kidnapping, Mutchler said it's treated seriously. In this case, though, police did not believe the girls, or Courtney's baby, were in immediate danger.

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HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Correspondent Maria Taylor contributed to this report.

Popular 'Don't Dress for Dinner' is back at theater

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tre) ever

Bernard is planning a romantic weekend with his chic mistress. He has engaged a cook to prepare gourmet delights, packed his wife Jacqueline off to her mother's, and invited his best friend, Robert, to provide the alibi. What could possibly go wrong?

A hilarious evening ensues as we discover Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers, the cook is mistaken for the



SUBMITTED SUBMITTED Actor Dave Actress Sarab Davies Kamoo

mistress, the mistress is unable to cook and Bernard and Robert must improvise at breakneck speed.

"Don't Dress of Din-



SUBMITTED produced Actor David and it was Wayne Parker so well received

that the theater remounted the show at the end of the first season. Since then, our audiences have been asking every season when we would be bringing the show back. So the best part of this production is that TPT audiences have been talking about how funny the show was and how much they enjoyed the show for almost a decade. I'm not sure if there would be any better endorsement than that," director James R. Kuhl said.

"Don't Dress For Dinner" runs from Sept. 15-Oct. 23. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Special matinee performances have been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21 and Oct. 12.

"The play is a classic French farce. What that means is that it is filled with ridiculous people trying to get away with ridiculous things in ridiculous ways. It is filled with close calls, misunderstandings, and an unending pile of complications. Things get so tangled it is difficult to imagine how they will ever unravel it all," Kuhl added.

The theater is at 361. E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$40 for adults, \$28 to \$33 for students and senior citizens, and \$22 for the two preview shows Sept. 15 and 16. For tickets or more information, call 248-347-0003.

RALLY

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near the intersection where Northville Township, Novi and Farmington Hills meet. Supporters held signs, flags and even a life-size cardboard cutout of the candidate himself, supplied by none other than Costis.

Trump supporters also gathered at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty in Plymouth Township, where they encountered motorists offering obscene gestures.

The event was a success, said Tami Carlone, a Novi resident who sits on the board of the Michigan Conservative Coalition. She said another coordinated event will take place again sometime closer to the election. Many motorists in Northville Township honked in support of the group, while some got into shouting matches.

Carlone said a lot of work needs to be done if



Donald Trump supporters take to the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty on Aug. 30 to show their support.

Trump is to win Michigan's 16 electoral votes over Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. "There's so much work to be done to turn Michigan red," she said. "We need to get the message out. It's our job to do that."



Gabe Purcell holds a Trump sign during the Aug. 30 rally.

Michigan has not awarded its electoral college votes to a Republican since George H.W. Bush won them in 1988.

Novi resident Rick Watkins said he attended the campaign event earlier this summer held at the Suburban Collection Showcase that featured Trump's vice presidential candidate, Indiana Gov.

Mike Pence, and enjoyed what he heard. He said he was a Republican until 2012, when he became an independent.

He said he still is an independent, but supports Trump this time. "I think Donald

Trump's going to do great," he said. "I'm very confident that he's going to do good things for



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Northville ed foundation offers college raffle

Maria Taylor Correspondent

With college costs seeming to grow by the year, the Northville Educational Foundation is debuting a new fundraiser aimed at helping parents and the public school system alike: the Cash for College raffle.

'It's a win-win," NEF board president Mark Knoth said. "And it's a way to donate to something charitable in the community."

Raffle tickets are \$75 apiece, and 700 are available. One lucky winner



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universities, technical schools and employment training programs are all eligible, and the prize can be applied toward current expenses, put into a savings plan for future tuition or used to pay existing student loans.

How big the prize

ends up being will de-pend on how many people enter the contest. If fewer than 667 tickets are sold, the raffle will revert to a 50/50 drawing. At the very minimum, the grand prize winner will walk away with \$1,000.

The other half of the proceeds benefits the Northville Educational Foundation and Northville's 7,300-plus students.

For the 2016-2017 school year, NEF has committed some \$80,000-90,000 to programs throughout the district,

including annual In-novative Teaching Grants, the Northville STEAM Fair, Project Lead the Way, and a new sixth-grade partnership with the Detroit Zoo.

Our mission obviously is to support education, and we thought a prize that would help further a person's educa-tion would fit the spirit of our mission," said Jennifer Roosenberg, the foundation's executive director.

Roosenberg said the new fundraiser was modeled after the Tuition Expedition raffle, held

by the Walled Lake Consolidated School District Foundation for Excellence. Most years, she said, they've sold all their tickets and been able to award the full scholarship amount.

Cash for College tickets went on sale Aug. 22. By the next afternoon, 52 had already sold.

"I do think we'll do well," Roosenberg said. "Based on the response we're getting, I think we're headed in the right direction.'

Tickets are available until the start of Northville's holiday lighted parade on Nov. 18 or until all 700 are sold, whichever comes first. The drawing will take place that evening at the downtown tree-lighting ceremony. The winner doesn't need to be present.

Anyone 18 years or over may enter, with the exception of NEF staff members and their immediate families. Tickets are available at www.SupportNEF.org, at the NEF office at 501 W. Main St., at the NEF booth at school open houses, via mail, or from any NEF board member.

Meadowbrook Country Club gives back to area charities

As part of its centennial year celebrations, Meadowbrook Country Club, one of suburban Detroit's historic private golf clubs, launched an initiative to raise \$100,000 by the date of its August gala party. Club members believed that the best way to commemorate its 100th anniversary was to give back to others in the community, and to that end four area charities were selected for members to choose to support with donations

So popular was the challenge that the goal of \$100,000 was exceeded by almost \$50,000.

The benefiting charities included: CATCH, a children's charity founded by the late Detroit **Tigers manager Sparky** Anderson that seeks to improve the quality of life for pediatric patients; Bridgepointe, whose mission is to bring together kids from Detroit and the suburbs to provide enrichment and educational opportunities; the Angela Hos-

"Our members are proud that we made this commitment as part of our centennial celebration."

JOE VIG, Meadowbrook Country Club president

pice, a premier hospice care provider in southeast Michigan; and Main Street League, a volunteer organization of women that provides time, talent and financial resources for those in need.

"Meadowbrook Country Club is well-known in the community for its generosity, and I am pleased that in raising almost \$150,000 for our four local charities we continued a remarkable tradition of giving,' Meadowbrook Country Club president Joe Vig said. "No one was pressured to contribute and

our members are proud that we made this commitment as part of our centennial celebration."

Meadowbrook also is one of the largest annual contributors to the Evans Scholars Foundation. which awards college scholarship grants to caddies. In 2015, Meadowbrook Country Club donated \$152,500 to the Evans Scholars Foundation, which ranked them ninth in the nation. Former Meadowbrook caddie (and longtime club member) Walter Ickes was the club's first Evans Scholarship recipient in 1955. Mr. Ickes was honored at the centennial gala event, as was Michigan native and one of the LPGA's founders, Shirley Spork. Meadowbrook gave teaching legend Spork an honorary member-ship in 1947 which enabled her to compete in significant tournaments in Michigan and elsewhere. She is a member of the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame. Meadowbrook Country Club originally was designed by Scottish classic architect Willie Park Jr., with a later contribution by the renowned Donald Ross. Meadowbrook currently is undergoing a major renovation of its historic golf course and the course is expected to re-open in the spring of 2017. The club selected Arizona-based Andy Staples to direct the extensive makeover of its vintage course. Meadowbrook Country Club has hosted a

number of prestigious national and state tournaments, including the 1955 PGÁ Championship won by Doug Ford. The former PGA TOUR Motor City Open also was contested for four years at Meadowbrook with Ben Hogan winning the inaugural tournament in 1948. Chick Harbert, the club's most famous head professional, won the 1954 PGA Championship title and played on two Ryder Cup teams, including the 1955 squad as captain.

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street near Ford Field. Grounds are open daily from dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. For information on becoming a member or making a donation, visit www.millrace northville.org.

Upcoming events Buildings Open to

the Public: 1-4 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 16.

Grounds Closed for Weddings: 2:45-4:45 p.m. Sept. 10.

Victorian Clothing Sale: 1-7 p.m. Sept. 7-9. Heritage Festival Activities at the Village: 1-4 p.m. Sept. 17 and 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sept. 18. Duck Race 3:30 p.m. Sept. 18.

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Democrats open campaign office for Clinton in Livonia

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A new presidential coordinated campaign office recently opened in Livonia — and it's the first of its kind for the city in many, many years.

The Livonia Democratic Club, along with the campaigns for Hillary Clinton and Anil Kumar, opened an office at 28825 Plymouth, just east of Middlebelt.

R. Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said the office is the first time such a coordinated campaign office has opened for federal Democratic candidates in Livonia.

It's a move, Burnett



BILL BRESLER | STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER Dr. Anil Kumar, running for a seat in Congress for the 11th district, speaks to the crowd about the differences between him and Congressman David Trott.

said, local Democrats hope to do to push the center in favor of Clinton over Republican candidate Donald Trump.

"Turning Livonia blue is our goal," he said. "When I got started, I'm just estimating right now, the demographics were

like 60/40. And today, it's more like 48/52, 49/51."

The city of Livonia has voted for a Democratic presidential candidate just once since 2000. That candidate was Barack Obama in 2008, who received 165 more votes than John McCain. Livonia voted for Mitt Romney in 2012, with the Republican taking 51 percent of the vote to Obama's 47 percent.

Several dozen people came to the opening, many donning shirts supporting Clinton and eating refreshments, which included Clintonthemed cupcakes. The office is expected to operate throughout the campaign season, organizing

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phone banks, meetings and canvasses across Livonia.

Several other coordinated campaign offices opened up Monday as well, including locations in Grosse Pointe and Battle Creek.

Speaking at the office opening Monday was Kumar, the Democratic candidate running against current U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, for the seat representing the 11th Congressional District. That district covers parts of northwest Wayne County, as well as portions of southern Oakland County spanning from Milford to Troy.

Kumar of Bloomfield

Township said given the political climate this year with the presidential race, having a presence in Livonia was key to let those voters who tend to vote for the GOP know they have another party option to vote for.

"It's very important. The city of Livonia went Republican or conservative, but the person who is running for president is really not a conservative or Republican," he said. "To the Livonia Republicans and conservatives, it is a dangerous thing to vote for a person like Trump."

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Organization recruiting women candidates to run for Democratic Party

Emerge Michigan, Michigan's premier organization for recruiting and training Democratic women to run for political office, has opened the recruiting process for its next class.

The organization seeks bright, self-motivated Democratic women who are committed to effective and ethical political leadership. The multi-part application process, which includes submission of a resume and several short essays followed by an interview, will remain open until Nov. 14.

'Emerge Michigan is excited to begin accepting applications for our second class of aspiring women leaders," said Beth Kelly, Emerge Michigan executive director. "Our organization is committed to selecting exceptional applicants, who will seize on political opportunities once they are given the skills and tools necessary to run an effective campaign. This recruitment process is a vital part of identifying those women and putting them on a path to success."

Emerge Michigan's training program offers Democratic women who

Michigan ranks 35th in the country in terms of women's representation in elected positions. Women make up a mere 20 percent of the Michigan Legislature. There are only four women in the state Senate and 25 women out of 110 members in the state House. Emerge Michigan is working hard to improve these numbers by recruiting, training and supporting Democratic women to give them the critical skills, confidence and network they need to run for office and win.

"After years of development on both the national and state level, we know that our training

program gives women the practical knowledge they need to run for elected office and win," Kelly said.

"Émerge Michigan is committed to changing the face of politics in Michigan and the entire nation. All we need now is the for the right women for the job to step forward.'

Emerge Michigan will select 25 women who have the potential to be political leaders from their applicants.

For more information on the application process, go to www.emergemi.org



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Massimo Grossi, 9, hunts for Pokemon during a Pokemon Go tourney Aug. 16 at the Novi Library. Dozens of kids took over the library, both inside and out, as they looked for Pokemon creatures that had been enticed to the grounds by the library's staff. There were Pokemon crafts, snacks and even a Pokemon movie or two.



want to run for public office a unique opportunity. Women who are accepted receive 70 hours of in-depth education over six months that inspires them to run for office and gives them the tools to win.

The program's trainers are comprised of an elite team of campaign consultants, advisers and staff from all over the country, who have been involved in some of the most successful campaigns and initiatives seen in recent election cycles. Participants learn from these experts and develop practical knowledge in areas such as public speaking, fundraising, campaign strategy, voter contact, media and messaging and others

Candidates also meet an array of dynamic women who hold elected and appointed office and become a part of a supportive network, which includes a national association of Emerge alumnae, the Emerge board and advisory council members.

"Despite making some gains over the last decade, women are still extremely underrepresented in our decisionmaking bodies at every level of government," Kelly said. "At this rate, it'll be almost a century before we achieve equal representation in our government. That's just not fast enough. At Emerge Michigan, we're tackling this problem head-on by providing the aspiring female leaders of today with cuttingedge tools and training to run for elected office and elevate themselves in our political system. Our work is having a direct positive impact on the number of women who are choosing to jump into the political arena and are ready to win.³

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Dagorhir warriors battle it out Tolkien-style

Sharon Dargay hometownlife.com

The battlefield was thick with swords.

They cut through the hot summer air, bouncing off shields and striking a limb here, a torso there.

Gloriann Curley of Garden City ran along the fringes of the melee, focused on her opponent. She swung at his legs with her trusty flail. He raised his sword in response and she swung again.

A strike from her padded flail doesn't hurt, but can leave "some pretty sweet bruises."

But with no hits and no harm done, the warriors parted ways to skirmish elsewhere in Livonia's Rotary Park. Its nature trails and lawn became combat zones last weekend for members of a national liveaction role-playing society called Dagorhir.

Curley, known to her subjects as Queen Glo, and her husband Ben, "King Jayne" Curley, are members of a Dagorhir unit known as Fury of the Called, which is part of a larger group, the realm of Eryndor. They and members of other Dagorhir chapters came together for a day of battle games at the park.

Local chapter, The Kingdom of Akron, sponsored the daylong event, called The Deepwood Ascension Festival II, that drew together Dagorhir players, primarily from Ohio and Michigan, to test their combat skills with homemade foampadded weapons. The festival also included an archery tournament, princess rescue, a hunt for bandits to retrieve stolen treasure and a costume contest. Players dressed in medievallooking garb and top game players won gold tokens they exchanged for prizes.

Tolkien's world

"Dagorhir battle games have been around since 1977," said Dan "Sir Jack Angelfoot" Hebel of Warren, a knight of Akron. "It has an element of role playing in that we wear garb, but it's a lot of emphasis on the skill of fighting."

Dagorhir was founded by college friends in Maryland and was based on J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel, "Lord of the Rings." The organization has chapters throughout the country and a weeklong "extravaganza of mass melee and fun," called Ragnarok every June in northwest Pennsylvania.

Weapons must meet specific construction and safety guidelines and are checked before they are allowed in play. Hebel said they are designed to hit at full force and not cause injury.

In the 1970s, broomsticks were used as swords and couch cushions doubled as shields.

"Nowadays, weapons are more high tech. Typically they are made out of fiberglass with an exterior coating of foam," Hebel said. A layer of fabric prevents the foam from leaving an abrasion on unprotected skin.

"They definitely can sting," Hebel added.

Detroit-area kingdom

He and a handful of other Dagorhir members founded the Kingdom of Akron seven years ago as a Detroit-area chapter. Hebel had been involved in Dragorhir while at Oakland University.

Kingdom of Akron now has 30 members and practices in Dearborn and Ferndale during the week and in full dress each Saturday in Royal Oak. Group members come from all walks of



The battle is fierce.

life and with varying athletic abilities. "It's a neat dynamic,"

said Hebel, an attorney. He convinced his wife Renee to join the group,

although at first she resisted.

"I never played sports as a kid," she said. "I'm not into that. I don't fight, but I do love to make the costumes and crafts. And the culture is phenomenal. There are all kinds of good people involved."

Taylor Oltman of Livonia, a "half-orc" named Sma, likens the Fury of the Called to a family. Oltman, a student at College for Creative Studies, joined the group a few months ago and enjoys her character, costumes and hanging out with her new fiends.

"I do like battling, but I guess smaller battles. I've never done a big battle. It's a little intimidating," she said. "I come here every Sunday and practice right over there with the Fury guys. I do a lot of fighting during those practices."

Kyle Randall Tansek of Livonia also attends the Fury of the Called practices at Rotary Park. He biked to the Deepwoods battle games in costume.

"In my normal life, I'm actually a martial arts instructor. That's what I do for a living," Tansek said. "For me, doing this is another outlet I can try in a more fun, less competitive environment.

"I can come out with a giant shield and a giant spear and nobody is going to tell me that isn't historically accurate."

For more about Dagorhir, go to dagorhir-.com. Search for Fury of the Called and Kingdom of Akron on Facebook. Find Eryndor at Eryndor-.com.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Stephanie "Akkina" Ball of Dearborn, a member of the Kingdom of Akron, competes in the archery contest.

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LOCAL NEWS

Marygrove offers degree in restorative justice

Marygrove College announced its new online bachelor of arts in criminal justice degree, a program with a restorative-justice emphasis designed for current or aspiring criminal justice professionals.

"In this time of crisis, where there is distrust between law enforcement and the community," said Dr. Sally Welch, Marygrove College provost, "our institution is prepared to help bring about peace and reconciliation through its online bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice based on restorative justice principles."

Restorative justice is a victim-centered response to crime that

views criminal behavior not as a violation against the state, but one against people and relationships. As a result, those who practice restorative justice respond to crime by transforming the traditional relationship between communities and government, giving all stakeholders — both the victim and perpetrator — the opportunity to identify and take steps to repair harm.

Marygrove College's bachelor of arts in criminal justice is offered completely online and has been designed for those interested in law enforcement, corrections, parole, probation, fire science and nonprofit careers. To learn more about Marygrove College's bachelor of arts in criminal justice program, go to tinyurl.com/h87xulx, call 313-927-1240 or email

info@marygrove.edu. Founded by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1905, Marygrove College is an independent liberal arts college and a Catholic institution of higher learning. The college's commitment to the city of Detroit comprises an institutional mission and vision for developing urban leaders. The main campus is situated on 53 wooded acres in northwest Detroit at 8425 W. McNichols Road.



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Scholarship dinner Sept. 22 helps make college reality for former foster youth

Tickets are available for the fifth annual Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund Benefit Dinner, to be held Thursday, Sept. 22, at Joe Louis Arena. All proceeds help give hundreds of former foster care children access to college.

The Michigan Education Trust and the Michigan Departments of Treasury and Health and Human Services are again teaming up to host the fundraiser, which begins at 6 p.m.

"The Fostering Futures Scholarship helps remove barriers to higher education that exist for many of our young people who were in foster care," Gov. Rick Snyder said in a press release. Snyder, with his wife Sue, is an honorary co-chair of the event. "Sue and I are pleased to support a fundraiser that helps so many Michiganders achieve their dreams."

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$100 each. Purchase information is

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available at www. fosteringfutures-mi.com.

The event includes dinner, a silent auction, a \$100 raffle to win a twoyear lease on a 2016 Cadillac, \$5 and \$10 raffles and entertainment by Grammy-nominated vocalist Betty Joplin. Speakers will include Detroit Lions linebacker Tahir Whitehead, who is committed to motivating young people in Michigan to lead a healthy lifestyle and succeed in school. Last football season, Whitehead partnered with the MDHHS by speaking at Detroit schools and to foster youth through a project called Tahir Tuesdays. See more at www. michigan.gov/tahir tuesdays.

About 13,000 youth are in the Michigan foster care system administered by MDHHS. Many want to attend college, but less than 10 percent enroll after high school and less than 3 percent eventually earn a degree. The Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund provides former foster care students who do not have adequate financial resources to attend college with a scholarship.

Those unable to attend the event can make donations of any dollar amount to the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund at www. fosteringfutures-mi.com.

Fourteen Michigan colleges and universities have programs to assist former foster care students: Baker College, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Lansing Community College, Michigan State University, Mott Community College, Northwestern Michigan College, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Michigan-Flint, Washtenaw Community College, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

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Motown Museum tour guide is a hit with visitors

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Motown Museum tour guide Tanisha Weathers of Canton didn't hesitate when asked to name her favorite Motown artist. It's the King of Pop,

the late Michael Jackson. "Michael Jackson has always been my favorite artist ever," Weathers, 25, said. "I listened to his music from the time I woke up until I went to bed."

Her second favorite? Smokey Robinson. Third? Stevie Wonder.

Weathers has found her dream job as a tour guide at Motown Museum, or Hitsville U.S.A., a place where founder Berry Gordy and his roster of talented artists turned the iconic Detroit sound into a global phenomenon.

After winning accolades from museum visitors and employees alike, Weathers has earned the Detroit Metro **Convention & Visitors** Bureau's ROSE (Recognition of Service Excellence) Award. She picked up her award Aug. 24 during a ceremony at the Detroit Institute of Arts after she won in a category for Detroit attractions and casinos.

'Tanisha has such an



Tanisha Weathers, red roses and ROSE Award in hand, is joined by Kelly Kirstein of The i GROUP, Glenda Lewis of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and Stefani Thomas of The i GROUP, a model and talent management agency.

upbeat energy and professionalism about her," said Shanel Adams, the museum's public relations coordinator. "She is very passionate about the Motown story. She likes to keep the Motown legacy alive with her wonderful work.'

Weathers has worked at the Motown Museum about two years, first as a cashier and then as a tour guide. She learned about a job opening when she went to a fair in Sterling Heights. "I believe everything happens for a reason," she said.

She is viewed as a positive team player who always draws praise from visitors for her outstanding enthusiasm, knowledge and hard work. She always tends to the elderly and special-needs visitors with disabilities.

"Metro Detroit's hospitality community plays a huge part in the visitor experience of the 18 million people that come to the region each year," said Larry Alexander,

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president and CEO of the Detroit Metro and Convention Visitors Bureau. "Individuals like Ms. Weathers make a difference in our region and we are honored to recognize their contributions in making Detroit shine."

Weathers gets a thrill when she sees the reaction of first-time museum visitors. For many it's a magical place where The Supremes, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Marvin Gaye, Martha and the Vandellas - and so many others - recorded smash hit after smash hit. "It's really exciting to

me to look at the faces and see the people smiling and some of them get emotional and start crying," she said. "It's all love. You see the genuine joy in everybody's faces."

Visitors get a chance to dance, sing, see the clothing Motown stars wore, see where the Gordy family lived and, in perhaps the best moment of all, step into Studio A, where the

songs were recorded.

Weathers, among winners in six categories honored at the ROSE Awards, understands how the visitors feel.

'They are standing in the same footsteps" as Motown stars, she said. "You just get this feeling when you're standing in Studio A."

Along with her crystal ROSE award and a dozen red roses, Weathers received dinner for two at London Chop House, a \$100 Visa gift card, two Detroit Tigers game tickets, a bottle of champagne and an announcement on the Visit Detroit magazine website at http://www.visitdetroit. com. Glenda Lewis of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) was mistress of ceremonies for an evening that included entertainment by electronic musician Jeremy Ellis, singer Beth Griffith and DJ Kevin.

The event was sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Arts, Unite Here Detroit Local 24, the Detroit Tigers, Full View Productions, Wesley Berry Flowers, Cavalier Pictures, Don Graham and Joe's Gourmet Catering and Events.

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DOLSEN



FRANCIS G. "FRANK" Age 95, of Northville, formerly of New Hudson, passed away on September 4, 2016. He was born February 13, 1921 in Pontiac, Michigan; son of James D. and Mary C. (nee Crawford) Dolsen. Frank was united in marriage to Annabelle L. Bowers on June 30, 1956; and they spent 60 loving years together. Frank proudly served his country as a Tech Sergeant with the Air Force; he was a Radio Operator and Ball Turret Gunner on a B17 Bomber during WWII. Frank was shot down on November 3. 1953 on his 14th mission flýing out of England. After parachuting from the plane he was captured in Krems, Austria on November 5, 1943 and became a POW at Stalag 17B for 18 months. When the war ended he and the other prisoners were marched across Austria where they met American Troops and were eventually freed. Frank was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. Early on Frank worked at the Henry Ford farm and then as a custodian in the Museum. Before going off to war he was making gauge blocks at what is now Henry Ford Village. Following the war Frank graduated from Cleary College with an Associate's Degree in Accounting. He worked as an Accountant at Acacia Park Cemetery for many years until he eventually retired Frank was a member of First Baptist Church of Northville. He was a Mason, a member of the American Legion Post 147, and the 100th Bomb Group. He was a great golfer and played as often as he could. Frank was very handy; he enjoyed fixing things and would fabricate tools to make something work. He was very generous, upbeat, and had a positive attitude. He adored his dog Scruffy and will be missed by many family and friends. Frank is survived by his loving wife, Annabelle L Dolsen; his sister-in-law, Stella Dolsen; his grandchildren, Daniel Ayers, Rebekah Ayers, and Natasha Young; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and four brothers. Visitation will be held Friday, September 9, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., in state 10:30 a.m., at First Baptist Church of Northville, 217 N. Wing St., Northville. Pastor Jonathan Wilkes will officiate the service. Mr. Dolsen will be laid to rest in Wixom Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St., Northville, MI 48167. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



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JOANNE passed away peacefully in the care of her family on September 3, 2016. She was 91 years old. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

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GERALD CARR went home to be with his lord and savior Christ Jesus July 29th at age 92. Beloved husband of Marjorie Presley (nee Geranen). Loving brother of Sharon Johnston (Robert).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Lakes Tea Party meets

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sept. 12

Details: The Lakes Area Tea Party will meet at 40380 Grand River Ave, Novi, for its first season meeting. The evening's main speaker will be Tony DeMott from the Foundation for **Applied Conservative** Leadership, who will explain how politics really works and how club members can use

whose last names begin A-L are asked to bring an appetizer and members whose last names begin M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. Beverages, plastic ware and plates will be provided. For more information, contact Heidi Nielsen at cpnn16@gmail.com.

Novi Choralaires

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13

Details: Do you love to sing and would you like to be part of sharing the joy of music within the community?

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 rehearsal 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 brought together by a shared love of music and fellowship. The group was founded in 1975 and operates under the umbrella of Novi Parks Performing Arts. They perform a Christmas concert series each December, a Spring Show Concert in May and at a number of venues throughout the season, which runs from September through May. Rehearsals are each Tuesday evening. For more information contact the Choralaires at novi.choralaires@gmail.com or go to novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/ novichoralaires.

Northville Genealogical Society

Time/Date: 1:15-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11

Details: Curious about your ancestors? Think you have to spend a lot of money or travel all over to find out their history? Come to the September meeting to find easy and inexpensive ways to research your family around the world. The meeting will be members sharing their stories, discoveries and techniques. Bring your questions or share a brief discovery or story of your own. It also provides free individual help 1-3 p.m. each Monday at the Local History Room in the Northville Library. Program takes place at Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.



DARLENA SUE of Highland, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2016 at the age of 74. Born February 8, 1942 to parents Robert and Helen (nee. Tucker) Morgan. She grew up in Osceola Township, graduated from Howell High School and drove a school bus for Fowlerville Schools for many years. Darlena enjoyed fifteen years on the Highland Election Board and four years on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Highland Township. Darlena was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Jerome Olrich, in March, 2016; oldest son, Jeff in 2003 and youngest son John in 1995. She is survived by her children, Laura (Richard) Douglas of White Lake, Sue (David) Thompson of Northville, Joseph Olrich of Fenton and Dawn (Frank) Freeman of Floreseville, TX; 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; brother, Kenneth (Diane) Morgan of California, as well as extended family and dear friends. Funeral Mass was held at Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland on Friday, September 2, 2016. For information visit www.LvnchandSonsMilford.com

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Devoted father of David (Jo), Greg (Lois), Carol (Geoff) Tonkin, Paul, Nancy (Jeff) Heywood, and John. He is survived by eleven loving grand-children; David (Sarah), Mike (Amy), Jennifer (Aaron) Short, Kevin (Whitney), Andrew (Lisa), Michelle, Melissa, Chase, Connor Trottman, Emily (Evans) McGowan Presley, Anica and step grandchildren, Sean and Stefanie Heywood. Great grand children are Autumn, Kyla, Reese, Peyton, Tristan, Blake, Christian, Elijah and Bella. A Celebration of his life will be held on September 17, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Church 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

SIMS

JOHN age 57, passed away on September 1, 2016. He is survived by his wife Wendy, children: Kari Sims, Samantha Wells and Caleb Franks: parents Archie and Faye Sims; brothers Jeff and Tim; sisters Wendy and Bonnie, He is preceded in death by his son Dan. Services were held at Phillips Funeral Home. www.phillipsfuneral.com



this information to their benefit.

52-1 candidate forum

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12

Details: The League of Women Voters Oakland Area is sponsoring a Candidate Forum for 52-1 District Court at the Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail. There are two candidates seeking one sixyear term. Incumbent David Law (appointed last year) faces off against Gary Klein.

The public is invited to learn more about the candidates and ask questions of them. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization with membership open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to participate in hands-on work to encourage active and informed participation by citizens in government. For information, call 248-594-6602 or go to www.lwvoa.org.

American Association of University Women

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13

Details: American Association of University Women Northville-Novi Branch, is going to begin an exciting year with innovative programs, "small party" fundraisers and dynamic interest groups, so come and kick off the season with them. Anyone who would enjoy a chance to get to know the group better is invited to attend its welcome back potluck. The meeting will be held at the Village Oaks Clubhouse, 22859 Brook Forest, Novi.

Deb Kennedy, AAUW of Michigan membership vice president, will be the speaker. Members

History hike

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept 10 Details: Join The Friends of Maybury into Maybury State Park's past. From 1921-69, the property was home to the Maybury Sanatorium, operated by the city of Detroit for the treatment of tuberculosis patients. Many of the buildings are gone, but evidence remains of this past use. Hear the stories and see photos and building sites on this easy one-mile walk. Suit-

able for all ages. Meet at the Trailhead Building, using the Eight Mile Road entrance. Hike leaves promptly. Free of charge and no registration required, but a Recreation Passport is required for entry to the state park. For more info, call the park office at 248-349-8390.

Free prostate screening

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 17

Details: Prostate cancer affects one in seven men in the United States and roughly six out of 10 cases are found in men over the age of 65. African-American men and men with a family history are at a greater risk for getting the disease. Prostate cancer is treatable and early detection could save your life. Providence-Providence Park Hospital is offering a free prostate cancer screening at its Novi Campus, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.

A physician will perform PSA blood testing as well as digital exams. Participants should be 45 years or older, they should have not had a PSA in the past year and they must not be undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. Registration is required. Please call 866-501-3627.

West of Center All **Media Show**

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m., Sept. 2; reception opening 7: 30 p.m.; First Friday reception 6-9 p.m., Oct. 7; exhibit continues through Oct. 2. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Details: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady. Free admission. For information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse-.org.

Honoring 9/11: 15 Years Later @ the Library

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 **Details:** Meet local artist Jeff Von Buskirk, who designed Northville's iconic flag mural on the Marquis Theatre building. See his exhibit on the mural and hear the history. Just stop in! Exhibit remains on display through September.

Cyber-Bullying: Bully-Proof Your Teen

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 **Details:** Learn what cyber bullying is, how to tell if your teen or adolescent may be on the receiving end, and how you can bully-proof your child, with Reema Beri, Clinical Psychologist. Registration required.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

September is Library Card Month

Time/Date: Sept. 1-30

Details: Get back to school with "The Smart Card." Kids, get your very own free library card! Kids who live in Northville and who are old enough to write their own name, are invited to sign up for a library card during September and receive a fun gift bag!

The Victorian Lady

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 **Details:** Unique presentation by Wendy Batchelder about ladies' fashion in the 1890s. Registration required, online, by phone 248-349-3020 or in person.

Fall TOT Storytime

Time/Date: Varied times Sept. 26 through Nov. 2 **Details:** Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Please bring only children who are registered. Register.

Kidz Time for grades 1-3

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 **Details:** Fun after school program featuring stories, games and crafts. Each session includes 20 children. Register.

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GUEST COLUMN

Transit system can move region forward

very elected official, civic, business, labor and religious leader should be promoting a "yes" vote Nov. 8 to move Michigan forward by building a much-needed regional transit system.

An investment in mobility in the four-county region (Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw, plus the city of Detroit) is an investment in our collective future. The region's leaders have put forth a proposal to raise tax dollars for a sensible regional transit initiative. It is truly a positive step to see the leadership of southeast Michigan come together to jump-start our region.

The tax will effectively be managed by a Regional Transit Authority whose mission is to manage and secure transportation resources that



significantly enhance mobility options, to improve quality of life for the residents and to increase economic viability for the region. Go to www.rtamichigan.org.

It is now up to voters to say "yes" and provide the resources to make this long overdue mission come alive. The action voters take at the polls will have implications that will be felt for decades to come.

The ballot proposal will bring bus rapid transit, a rail line between Ann Arbor and Detroit, an airport shuttle service, a regional fare card system and other transit service upgrades to a

non-existent system today.

The tab is as big as the need: \$4.6 billion of yours, mine and our tax dollars. It adds up to a 20-year, 1.2-mill property tax increase, if voters approve it - as we should!

Clearly, this is an investment worth making. The tax would cost the average homeowner about \$95 per year. These plans cover a lot of ground for \$100.

This action will go a long way toward helping every citizen in the region, especially helping persons with low incomes, a means of getting to work; the elderly and persons with dis-abilities will have additional opportunities for mobility that they don't have now.

Robert Reich, former labor secretary under

President Bill Clinton, cut to the heart of the upcoming vote when he said: "A society — any society — is defined as a set of mutual benefits and duties embodied most visibly in public institutions: public schools, public libraries, public transportation, public hospitals, public parks, public museums, public recreation, public universities and so on."

Paul Hillegonds, Regional Transit Authority chair, a trusted leader who has added value and helped make a difference for decades in Michigan, had this to say about the value of this transportation plan: "The regional transit proposal is about connection and opportunity. With voter approval, we will connect people with jobs and vital services like health care and education. We will spur

more investment, prosperity and the quality of life that young talent is seeking today. I believe our decision in November will be one of the most important steps we can take to secure a better future for our southeast Michigan communities and families."

Detroit Regional Chamber president and CEO Sandy Baruah "applauded the action by our elected regional leaders and RTA board for achieving consensus on regional transit. This is another example of how southeast Michigan is able to collaborate for regional progress. The chamber is committed to working towards a 'yes' vote in November."

For the region that put the world on wheels," we seem to be in the Stone Age compared to other cities, states and

nations when it comes to mass transportation. This needs to change.

Getting to "yes.'

"I'm encouraged by this plan to bring rapid and reliable transit options to the people of southeast Michigan. This sort of collaboration is what will help Michigan continue to be the comeback state," Gov. Rick Snyder said.

This is an opportunity to vote your self-interest and help Michigan catch up with the rest of world by providing a viable public transit system.

Vote "yes" Nov. 8. Help drive our region boldly into the future.

Tom Watkins, a Northville resident, is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com). He can be emailed at tdwatkins88@gmail.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Put up "No Trucks" signs

Well, a month later and we still have trucks all day long. So again the letter from Advanced Disposal to their contractors to not use Napier, north of Six Mile mile and south of Eight Mile, to use the appropriate truck route has failed big time.

The letter was sent out on July 29. The owner of Rizzo was at the Northville Township board meeting Aug. 15 and stated his trucks would be using the route designed for landfill access. This has not happened. They use Napier, going north and south between Six Mile and Eight Mile every day. Two garbage trucks



Joanne Maliszewski, Community editor

Jani Hayden, Advertising director were going south at 9 p.m. on Monday, Aug 19. What time does the dump close?

Much discussion happened at the meeting on Aug. 15. But what is being done to stop these trucks? I think Northville Township residents need to know that our township elected board members have passed the buck for years about putting no truck signs on Napier Road, between Six Mile and Eight Mile.

They have proof of the ordinance issued in Salem, pictures of the surrounding area signs with no trucks. I have seen these in Washtenaw and Oakland counties. So what is our township's problem? We have talked to our Northville Township board members until we are blue in the face. We are zoned as single-family residence and deserve the help of our township.

Salem Township, Washtenaw County, has many "No Truck" signs per township ordinance and we in Northville Township want the same thing. Salem has all their roads around the one mile area of heavy trucks on Chubb marked, except that mile of trucking companies between Five Mile and Six Mile.

Why do the people on Napier and people on Six Mile in Northville Township have to endure the non-stop trucks when Salem is getting all the tax breaks for their busi-

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nesses.

I am glad that Arbor Hills has asked for the trucks to go south on Napier to Five Mile but they don't control the roads or their contractors, so it is up to our township to do something.

I have checked and the five signs and post would cost approximately \$342.60, plus, shipping and handling and taxes. I know we pay enough taxes to buy these signs, but if the township doesn't have that money just say so and I will order and pay for them. But of course, the township would have to install them and enforce them. What a concept.

The Michigan vehicle code Act 300 of 1949

257.726 says the township can do this. Does this law only apply in Salem? Is Salem still in Michigan, but Northville isn't?

> Debbie Brown Northville Township

Would Peters vote Trump?

I totally agree with Gary Peters. Donald Trump should release his tax returns. I have only one question for Gary Peters. If it turns out that Donald Trump paid 80 percent of his income to federal taxes, (much more than his fair share), then will you vote for him? I thought not. LOL...

Carol Maynard Northville

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horrendous. They live in horrible conditions in dilapidated houses with no interaction. They are more likely to bite because they are not socialized. It's just the worst form of animal abuse ... the worst form of ne-

Freemon, a registered nurse from Brownstown Township, saw her first chained dog five years ago while coming home from work one snowy January evening.

There was no answer when she knocked on the homeowner's door, intending to offer her help. Freemon returned with straw, food and help from the dog owner's neighbors. The dog remains involved with C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., but

has been freed from the

light of Lamsa's route. She tells green-rated

owner Gloria Correa

play pool and indoor

she'll look into getting a

"I had them inside yesterday. It was so hot,"

Correa says. They stay

indoors in cold weather,

the help, especially the

around," she says. "It's a

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BILL BRESLER | STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER Dawn Lamsa and Wendy Leach apply salve to the Dukes ears.

Freeing outdoor dogs from 'the chain' takes heart, hope, persistence

Sharon Dargay hometownlife.com

Rusting metal, broken window glass, used paper plates and other debris anchor the corner of a backyard in southwest Detroit.

A few feet away, Lesa Whitley and Wendy Leach are busy creating shade. The women are members of C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc., an organization that helps

outdoor, tethered dogs and their owners with free pet food, straw, doghouses, spay and neuter costs, vaccinations and fencing, with an ultimate goal of freeing dogs from their chains. On this sweltering Friday afternoon, the mission is seemingly simple, stretching a tarp from fence to fence over

straw for comfort, is not ideal. But C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. volunteers keep in mind the mantra, "Don't let perfect get in the way of better."

Red to green

The half-hour stop is one of several listed on the team's itinerary that includes a few first-time assessments and welfare re-checks. Initial visits are based on owner requests or calls from neighbors. Volunteers also notice needy dogs in backyards and residents sometimes approach C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc.'s truck. It's easy to spot



Dawn Lamsa spends a little time with Goldie before heading to the next stop.

and piled high with supplies.

Convincing owners to bring their dogs indoors can take months of education and trust-building. Dog owners who are eager to keep water bowls full, their dogs well-fed, inoculated and who permit their pets to be spayed or neutered, earn a "green" or "good" rating and are more likely to receive help with backyard fencing or kennels. A "red" rating may indicate abuse or neglect and sometimes merits a call to cruelty investigators or a request to surrender the dog. Volunteers work with owners on their dog care skills and look for improvement in the pet's health and environment. A "yellow" rating is aver-

age. "It's sad, but while vou are there, you are doing a good thing for these dogs," says Leach, a Wyandotte resident who works for a manufacturing company in Detroit. "There are owners you can really talk to and they seem to get it. They'll get the dog off the chain and into the house

"If they just don't get it, they get very regular

visits to see what has changed and what we can do to help. A lot is they don't care. These dogs are a security system, not a pet they care about, and that is frustrating to those of us who love dogs.'

Whitley, a Trenton resident who works for a financial services firm in Canton, became a C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. volunteer two years ago. Her most rewarding experience is taking a dog and owner from a red rating to green.

"That is what makes your heart melt," Whit-ley says. "They take the dog in at night. I don't know if it's because they are being held accountable or if their attitude changes ... their dog becomes a part of their family."

Lamsa says family and cultural attitudes, an inability to pay for fencing, apathy about dog training and the desire for protection compel owners to keep dogs chained in their backvards.

The Sterling Heights woman calls herself a "crazy cat lady," who initially was "petrified" of dogs before joining C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc.

"When I see them chained, I can't sit here. I have to do something," she says.

More than 1,600 dogs

C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. targets southwest Detroit neighborhoods, one neighborhood on the city's east side and Downriver communities. Freemon says her group has helped more than 1,600 outdoor dogs over the past five years, working with owners in baby steps.

"We try to take the homes we currently have and make them better," she says, adding that at least half of them improve significantly.

of all in existence. It's

Goldie and Duke were tethered outdoors in their southwest Detroit neighborhood until volunteers built a kennel for them a few months ago. They are the high-

"The chained dog is the most miserable dog

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DON'T GET STUCK

a doghouse The women improvise the structure, working

quickly in the relentless sun, while their team leader, Dawn Lamsa, picks up a rake and begins to corral the surrounding garbage into a heap.

This will make it a little cleaner for him,' Lamsa tells the dog's owner. He holds the white and tan, blind pit bull by a chain at the side of the yard, allowing the women to work unhampered.

You leave lots of water for him because it's super-hot out." Lamsa advises. "Do you bring him inside? Do you need a crate or anything for him, to bring him inside the house?'

"Oh, yeah. We do it in the winter when it's real cold," the man replies, adding that his dog which knows only life outside on a chain - has on occasion "messed up" the basement when brought indoors.

"When we get one in, we'll give you a nice, big crate," Lamsa promises. "Then he can go in that inside."

The volunteers heap straw in and around the doghouse, then fetch treats and a bowl of food, while the owner refreshes his dog's water. They snap a few photos and take notes to inform other C.H.A.I.N.E.D. Inc. teams that return regularly to check on the animal's welfare.

Before they leave, Whitley squats and stretches her arm in a friendly gesture. "I don't think he's aggressive, but he is blind and he gets scared," she says, petting him as he gnaws playfully on her hand, soaking up her attention. "Good boy. Such a good boy. It's OK. It's OK.'

Living blind, on a chain 24/7, outdoors, sheltered only by a tarp and a doghouse, with



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Fun at the Michigan State Fair

The Michigan State Fair was held over Labor Day weekend at the Suburban Collection Showplace. Staff photographer John Heider snapped photos of some of the happenings. Find more photos online at hometownlife.com.





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Cole Provoast gives his cow's coat a close trim Sept. 2 at the Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace. Farmers and ranchers from all over the state brought the best of their livestock and produce to be judged and sampled by officials and visitors to the fair.



There were lots of thrill rides in the midway of the Michigan State Fair as it made its Labor Day weekend stop in Novi.







Yvette Meadows and her band play on the outdoor stage at

the Michigan State Fair.



A young lady tries to entice passers-by to purchase a bubble machine during the state fair in Novi.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER sers-by to purchase a bubble Novi.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.711

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. **18.711** attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is **August 19, 2016**.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the **14th** day of **March**, **2016**. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Judging of lambs took place around mid-day Sept. 2 in one of the two rings inside the Suburban Collection Showplace.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER R.J. Nehr, 9, of Roseville rides a merry-go-round at the Michigan State Fair.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider <u>HADLEY TOWING JSP16-33 AND ZONING</u> <u>MAP AMENDMENT 18.715 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION</u> <u>TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A</u> <u>ZONING MAP AMENDMENT. FROM I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO I-2 (GENERAL</u> <u>INDUSTRIAL).</u> The subject property is approximately 17.78 acres and is located on south side of Grand River Avenue between Wixom Road and Beck Road (Section 17). The applicant is proposing to rezone approximately 5.6 acres of northerly portion of the property to accommodate the expansion of the vehicle towing business. The rezoned area is proposed to be used as an enclosed storage area for parking towed vehicles. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Property Parcel ID's: Part of 50-22-17-101-006

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

Novi Planning Commission Michael Lynch, Secretary Published: September 8, 2016

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AAA cites road debris dangers, need to secure loads

More than 200,000 crashes involved debris on U.S. roadways during the past four years, according to a new study released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. Road debris has resulted in approximately 39,000 injuries and more than 500 deaths between 2011 and 2014. AAA is calling for drivers to properly secure their loads to prevent dangerous debris.

AAA researchers examined common characteristics of crashes involving road debris and found that:

» Nearly 37 percent of all deaths in road debris crashes resulted from the driver swerving to avoid hitting an object. Over-correcting at the last minute to avoid debris can increase a driver's risk of losing control of the vehicle and make a bad situation worse.

» More than one in three crashes involving debris occur between 10 a.m. and 3:59 p.m., a time when many people are on



JULIE BROWN Badly worn or under-inflated tires often lead to blowouts that can leave pieces of tire on the roadway, AAA notes.

the road hauling or moving heavy items like furniture or construction equipment.

» Debris-related crashes are much more likely to occur on interstate highways.

» Driving at high speeds increases the risk for vehicle parts to become detached or cargo to fall onto the roadway.

"This new report shows that road debris can be extremely dangerous but all of these crashes are preventable," said Jurek Grabowski, research director for the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Drivers can easily save lives and prevent injuries by securing their loads and taking other simple precautions to prevent items from falling off the vehicle."

About two-thirds of debris-related crashes are the result of items falling from a vehicle due to improper maintenance and unsecured loads. Crashes involving vehicle related-debris increased 40 percent since 2001, when the Foundation first studied the issue. The most common types of vehicle debris are:

» Parts becoming detached from a vehicle (tires, wheels, etc.) and falling onto the roadway

» Unsecured cargo like furniture, appliances and other items falling onto the roadway

» Tow trailers becoming separated and hitting another vehicle or landing on the roadway

"Drivers need to take a bigger responsibility when it comes to preventing debris on the roads," said Susan Hiltz, public affairs director for AAA Michigan. "According to 2015 state traffic safety statistics, 176 crashes in Michigan were attributed to road debris."

Drivers can decrease their chances of being involved in a road debris crash by:

» Maintaining their vehicles: Drivers should have their vehicles checked regularly by trained mechanics. Badly worn or underinflated tires often suffer blowouts that can leave pieces of tire on the roadway. Exhaust systems and the hardware that attach to the vehicle can also rust and corrode, causing mufflers and other parts to drag and eventually break loose. Potential tire and exhaust system problems can easily be spotted by trained mechanics as part of the routine maintenance performed during every oil change.

» Securing vehicle loads: When moving or towing furniture, it is important to make sure all items are secured. To properly secure a load, drivers should:

1. Tie down load with rope, netting or straps 2. Tie large objects

directly to the vehicle or trailer 3. Cover the entire

load with a sturdy tarp or netting 4. Don't overload the

vehicle

5. Always double check load to make sure a load is secure

Currently every state has laws that make it illegal for items to fall from a vehicle while on the road. Most states' penalties result in fines ranging from \$10-\$5,000, with at least 16 states listing jail as a possible punishment for offenders. AAA encourages drivers to educate themselves about specific road debris laws in their state. Drivers should also practice defensive driving techniques while on the road to prevent debris related crashes from occurring.

'Continually searching the road at least 12 to 15 seconds ahead can help drivers be prepared in the case of debris," said William Van Tassel, manager of Driver Training Programs for AAA. "Always try to maintain open space on at least one side of your vehicle in case you need to steer around an object. If you see you are unable to avoid debris on the roadway, safely reduce your speed as much as possible before making contact.³

AAA also recommends that drivers avoid tailgating and remain alert while on the road. Additional tips on defensive driving and how to report road debris to the proper authorities are available online at AAA.com/Prevent RoadDebris.

Mineral buildup causes popping noise from hot water heater

Recently I have written columns explaining my involvement with the radio broadcasting business, beginning some 32 years ago. Many of you have written and said you enjoyed reading about my personal life.

There is no secret to the appliance doctor's life, but there was in the past. People used to ask why I left WJR-AM (760) so suddenly and I sort of made light of the question, but never really explained. Now that I'm old, I won't make the same mistake. I walked out on a very successful show and more money than I'm worth because I was angry with a manager who no longer



works there. I was not

fired, I just up and left

I have spent the last 10

and to heck with the

years at WAAM-AM

(1600) in Ann Arbor. By

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you readers 8-10 a.m.

Sept. 4. Each caller's

again answer appliance

questions from many of

each Sunday, beginning

questions help educate

all members of the listen-

column, I will have

money.

ing audience. You truly are appreciated. Now, some of you are

asking, what happened this time? I'll be blunt and candid. I don't like the format of the station. It's mostly political. I do not talk politics to any degree and refuse to do so. Many radio listeners do not realize that 10 years is a long time to be at one station and so I move on, as many have done in the past. How much longer can I answer appliance questions? Until I go to appliance heaven. Stop by and see me when you get there

Hot water

The recent move into a 12-year-old condo

brings my own question into focus on a hot water heater. It is gas-fired and makes all sorts of rough sounding noises when it turns on to heat the wa-

Should I purchase a new one now or wait? Well, I'm going to wait until I have to. This noise we hear has been caused by the previous owner, who never went to the small effort of draining the tank twice a year. Because of that, an accumulation of minerals in the water has built up in the bottom of the tank. As much as 4-6 inches of this mineral is now lying in the bottom and every time the flame comes on, the boiling water is lifting this buildup and it

makes all sorts of bubbling and popping sounds. It is like a thin layer of shale rocks lying on top of each other.

It doesn't hurt anything, but certainly affects the efficiency of the hot water heater. Now if there was a leak coming out of this tank, that would be another story. I would be out shopping in quick time. A small leak is a sure sign that I will have a bigger leak real soon. This tank is living on borrowed time and is two years past its expected life span. When she dies, I'll let you know what manufacturer I went with. Meanwhile, the crawl

space under my cottage in Union City has become home to a skunk. I have placed a live-trap on the front lawn in hopes of capture and the other day I stuck our lawn mower half-way inside the crawl space and turned it on and let it run until it ran out of gas. I figure the skunk would want to find another house that is nice and peaceful.

When I catch this thing, I'm going to hire a helicopter to carry it 50 miles away.

Joe Gagnon can be heard 8-10 a.m. each Sunday on Cumulus Radio. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldoct@hotmail.com.





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Heart transplant patient, 15, suffers setbacks

Jay Grossman hometownlife.com

Phil Sullivan closes his eyes and drifts off for a couple of minutes in the hospital chair.

A loudspeaker jars him awake.

Across the room, his 15-year-old son Trevor is lying in a hospital bed and surrounded by a battery of monitors that light up and beep. Nurses are checking on him constantly.

It was nine months ago that Trevor received a new heart. Now, it's the last week of August and he's back at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor with some unknown setbacks. The Sullivan family should be getting ready for school, buying new clothes and notebooks, backpacks and lunch boxes.

Instead, they're camped out in a hospital, waiting for test results and answers.

and answers. "It sucks," Phil Sullivan said. "They're just running test after test and not really coming up with anything. Right now they're looking at Sjogren's syndrome because it pretty much fits all the symptoms. But they've tested him for everything ... HIV, West Nile. So far, nothing."

Waiting is nothing new for the Sullivan family.

Trevor was airlifted to C.S. Mott in February 2015 after he complained about chest pains and shortness of breath. He was 14 years old at the time and a student at Berkshire Middle School. He was diagnosed with congenital heart failure



SULLIVAN FAMILY PHOTO

Father and son: Phil Sullivan shares a moment with his son Trevor while the two are camped out at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

and placed on a national registry for a new heart a month later in March.

He waited 270 days before a match was found. He received his new heart in November and seemed to be fully recovering.

Then came the first fall. It was July 31 and Trevor lost his balance inside the house. He was taken to the hospital that evening and the doctors chalked it up to muscle spasms — or perhaps a reaction to being weaned off certain medications. He was discharged Aug. 6

A few days later, after another fall followed by a brief blackout, he was readmitted to the hospital. He's isolated from other young patients because of a sinus infection and there is no indication as to when he'll get released. For the most part, he's restricted to a wheelchair.

Phil Sullivan is staying overnight at the hospital, while his wife Kimberly is home with their other three children. School starts next week, but it seems unlikely that Trevor will be attending.

It's a difficult road for a family trying to catch a break. "Nine months after

the transplant and now we're dealing with this," Phil said. "We were supposed to go to Hawaii on Aug. 18. Make-A-Wish set up the whole thing, plane tickets and everything. The Friday before we were supposed to leave, he postponed it. Didn't see the point in going if he could hardly walk."

Sullivan has chronicled his son's plight on a Facebook page called Team Trevor. His most recent post was Aug. 21:

"Docs decided to start the IVIG procedure, meaning they feed white blood cells/plasma into his body in hopes the new cells will kill the bad ones in his system. Fri-



SULLIVAN FAMILY PHOTO

"It's very hard to watch your 15-year-old son have to go through this after everything else he has been through," Phil Sullivan said of his son, Trevor.

> day was a busy day, had a lumbar puncture again to draw spinal fluid, an EEG or scan of his brain waves and started the IVIG on Friday night. The IVIG will take about 5 days to complete. In the meantime he is still unable to walk without a walker and needs assistance getting up out of his bed ..."

Nancy Sovran with Wish Upon a Teen is one of many neighbors in the Birmingham community delivering meals to the Sullivan family and doing whatever they can to help out.

"It is a very difficult time for the family," she said Tuesday. "They have gotten through so much already and then to be back in the hospital is very discouraging ... but keep in mind that they need the ongoing support from family and friends."

Because of mounting medical bills — the Sullivan family could end up facing nearly \$400,000 in insurance co-pays donations are still being sought through a GoFundMe page www.gofundme.com/ TEAMTREVORSULLI-VAN) to help them out. "I'm the sole breadwinner and I'm having to take off more time from work," Sullivan said Monday. "I saw my wife once in the past week and I haven't seen my other kids in two weeks. Everyone is bummed out, but we're trying to do the best we can.' Days after the transplant surgery, the family talked about Trevor and how he inspired other young patients. A video the family shot of Trevor waking up from surgery literally went viral with millions of viewers from around the world. The Sullivan family looked forward to the future. For now, Trevor is spending the final days of his summer vacation stuck in a hospital room. The Hawaii trip is postponed indefinitely. The boy who once played football at Berkshire struggles to lift himself out of a chair. He sits around, waiting.



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LOCAL NEWS



The Farmington Civic Theater will presents a free showing of "Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory" at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 10.

Civic Theater presents free showing of 'Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory'

Aileen Wingblad

With the recent death of actor Gene Wilder, the Farmington Civic will have a free showing this Saturday of "Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory," which features Wilder.

Show time is 10:30 a.m. Those attending are encouraged to arrive early. In the memorable film

classic, main character Willy Wonka invites five people to tour the candy factory and promises one will win a lifetime supply of Wonka chocolate.

"As one of the theater's Facebook followers noted, it's not just for kids." said Scott Freeman, Farmington Civic Theater general manager. "I never get tired of seeing it."

According to Freeman , "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" wasn't a big hit when it first played in theaters in 1971. Similar to "It's a Wonderful Life," the film didn't gain traction until much later. It has since become one of the most popular films in American cinema, he said More information is available on the theater's Facebook page and website, www.theFCT.com. The Farmington Civic Theater is at 33332 Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington, just east of Farmington Road.

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Players host auditions for 'Best Christmas Pageant'

The Farmington Players are hosting auditions for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a classic about a woman struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant who is faced with casting the Herdman kids — probably the most inventively awful kids in history.

The play offers various roles for actors ages 6 through adult.

Auditions are Sunday, Sept. 18, with sign-up at 12:30 p.m. and auditions beginning at 1 p.m. The play is being directed by Terie Spencer and produced by Valerie Knol and Jim Kelly.

Auditions will be at Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

A read-through and meeting with all cast will take place the week of Sept. 26; rehearsals begin the week of Oct. 3, usually 6:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. weeknights. Weekend rehearsals are also a possibility. Rehearsals will run longer the final two weeks.

In October, leading characters can expect to be called for rehearsal three or four nights a week. Minor characters will be called one or two nights a week. In November, most or all of the cast will be required to attend rehearsal three or four nights a week.

Parent/guardians of youth cast in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" are encouraged to volunteer as chaperones and general helpers during rehearsals and performances.

Performances are scheduled for Dec. 2-18. Friday performances are at 7 p.m., Saturday performances are at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday performances are at 2 p.m.

Adults and youth ages 6 and up are welcome to audition. The audition form will be available on farmingtonplayers.org.

Email any questions to bestchristmaspageantever@farmingtonplayers.org.

'Jesus in His Jewish Context' — a six-week series at Kirk in the Hills

Kirk in the Hills announces "Jesus in His Jewish Context," a sixweek study series beginning Sept. 25. For nearly two millennia, Christians have read, studied and delved deeply into the inspired words of the New Testament. Despite our sincerity and devotion, we are unable fully to appreciate those words without considering the Jewish environment in which Jesus lived.

In this series, we will focus on Jesus as a devout Jew speaking to other Jews and proclaiming the advent of the Kingdom of Heaven. Each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening from Sept. 25 through Nov. 2, the group will explore and discover the Jewishness of Jesus as seen through the eyes, ears and minds of first-century Jews.

Through a variety of perspectives from respected scholars and theologians, we will examine the historical, cultural, archeological and theological aspects of the first century that would set the table for Christianity to emerge. Classes meet 10:15-11 a.m. each Sunday, Sept. 25 through Oct. 30, in the Refectory. Suppor-tive classes will take place 6:30-8 p.m. each Wednesday, Sept. 28 through Nov. 2, in the St. Andrew's Room.

The Rev. Bob Sheldon, interim pastor and head of staff, said, "To fully understand and appreciate Jesus' messages of love and life, we must place them in the appropriate context. Jesus was a Jew and found his ministry and purpose within that identity. Placing Jesus in his original context makes his words — and life — come alive!"

The series features a variety of presentations by distinguished scholars from the surrounding community and across the country, including our scholar in residence, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Science. Levine's work has been instrumental in encouraging interfaith dialogue between Jewish and Christian communities. She convincingly reminds us that Jesus was "a Jew speaking to Jews," as she encourages us to view Jesus and his earliest followers as faithful Jews. She outlines the complexity and diversity of the Jewish community of the first century and points out typical areas of misconception that Christians may have about Jesus of the New Testament.

This series is open to the public and offered free of charge. Participants may attend each lecture and event offered or pick and choose based on the speaker and topic.

Kirk in the Hills is a community called to deepen faith, serve others and foster fellowship. A member of the Presbyterian Church, it is located at 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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Highland church celebrates with 'God party'

Terry Jacoby Correspondent

They come from hours away or from right down the street and everywhere in between. From all directions and all faiths and all backgrounds, young adults head to Cornerstone Church in Highland Township each Tuesday night.

And what started out as a small group of young adults seven years ago has gained plenty of "Momentum" over the years. Today, hundreds gather between a Christmas tree farm and an apple orchard to a place where they can experience "love, community and faith."

Momentum, a ministry of Cornerstone Church, is a "God party" that exists to lead young adults into growing relationships with Jesus Christ and one another. Hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 have gathered from around the region to create what they like to call "the most inviting place on Earth."

Through incredible parties, worship, Biblical messages and answering questions they are asking, Momentum has become a party that is "changing the world, one story at a time."

Milford's Nicole Kallowick is one of those young adults who comes from right down the street.

"I had heard about Momentum for a couple years while I was in high school and was really excited to go," Kallowick said. "I really wanted to become part of a deeper community and one that allowed me to experience God more. And that's something that really attracted me to Momentum."

Kallowick, 23, says what she experienced the first time she walked through the doors for a Momentum event she still feels all these years later.

"You walk into Momentum and see so many smiles and people greeting you and talking to you," she said. "They want to have conversations with you and they really care about you. That's what really stood out to me that first time and it still does. They care about me, my dreams and my life. I just love it."

Pradeepan Jeeva, who has been Cornerstone Church for five years and is now the Momentum lead pastor, says the success and incredible growth of the ministry is not only because of its powerful message, but because of its "lifechanging" results.

"We first started on Friday nights and response was pretty good with about 30 people," Jeeva said. "But over the past two years, we have had parties as high as 260 young adults. It's really become very popular and that's very exciting."

The group was formed seven years ago partly as a result of "an alarming" statistic.

'Eighty percent of high school graduates auit attending church within the first year," Jeeva said. "This ministry was formed to help address that and create an environment for young adults, who are typically the most underrepresented group in the church, to have a place to belong and feel celebrated and experience God and church in a way to feel passionate about.'

Jeeva said one recent Tuesday featured hundreds of young adults participating in everything from a burgermaking contest to a jousting competition. In the past, they've hosted heavy metal bands and costume contests and the popular "Your Birthday



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A group of young men takes the plunge for the first slip and slide this summer at Highland Township's Cornerstone Church. The church held a pair of Wet and Wild Nights for its young adult ministry Momentum. Organized by the Rev. Joshua Johns, the night featured a meeting of Christian fellowship followed by a barbecue, fireworks and lots of fun on the slippery slope of the church's lawn.



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Youth minister Pradeepan Jeeva hits the pool after launching himself off a ramp during Cornerstone Church's Wet and Wild Night.

Party" in which they celebrate everyone's birthday.

Fun times

Kallowick said there are a few events throughout the year that stand out for her.

"They are all fun, but one of my favorites is the Ugly Christmas Sweater Party," she says. "It's as if Christmas just exploded and Christmas is my favorite holiday, so I just love it. Everyone is so happy and cheerful.

"I also like the Wet and Wild Night. It's just so much fun and this year it was warm for the first time. I also like Formal Night. It's very fancy and gives me a chance to dress up."

Jeeva said many of the other local young adult ministries from around the area have joined in on the fun and experience.

"We are unashamed to say that we believe that Jesus is the best," Jeeva said. "And what keeps bringing people back is that we are pointing people to Jesus."

Jeeva is quick to point out that this "isn't the faith of your parents." "They are experiencing Jesus not as oldtime religion but experiencing Jesus for themselves, and it is lifechanging," he said.

A new outlook

Jeeva can speak to the "life-changing" aspect. "I grew up as Hindu

and I ended up going to church as a 15-year-old and I didn't really have a context for the Gospel and I was depressed and suicidal," he said. "I had one strong encounter with Jesus and my whole life changed. It completely turned around."

What has really drawn people to Cornerstone and, in particular, Momentum is the personal experience and love they feel when they show up. The road is paved in hope and faith.

"I'm sure they've heard before coming here that faith is dead and religion isn't important anymore, but someone with a positive experience is never at the mercy of someone with an argument saying that God doesn't exist," Jeeva said. "The real growth is that people have taken faith and made it their own thing and not something they've heard about. They have had a real encounter with Jesus and it really is lifechanging in such a positive way."

Jeeva said everyone is welcome to attend and everyone is welcomed in a loving and positive way.

"We want to create a place of love and community, whether you are a Christian or not," he said. "The young generation is so in need of community. There aren't a lot of groups bringing young people together. If you go to a club or a movie theater, no one there is going to go out of their way to make you feel welcome. Here, we do. We follow a scripture that says people know that you are the disciples of Jesus by your love for one another. Yes, we want to connect with God, but we also want to connect with one another.'

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Paul Keller AT SUNDOWN quintet performs Sept. 27 at the Plymouth Elks.

Plymouth Elks offers blues, jazz

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society will host the Boa Constrictors on Sept. 13 and jazz quintet Paul Keller AT SUNDOWN on Sept. 27.

The lodge features Blues @ The Elks 7-10 p.m. second Tuesday of each month and Jazz @The Elks 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$5 donation for the blues concert and a \$10 donation for the jazz entertainment.

The Boa Constrictors return with their highenergy blues and R&B music to fill the dance floor and generally have a good time. Carl Caballero will be on vocals and harmonica, Steve Allen on vocals and bass, Glenn James on vocals and guitar and Mike Kissick on drums.

Paul Keller AT SUN-DOWN Quintet will feature Sarah D'Angelo. This group performs jazz standards. Join the Elks for the humor and good sounds of the quintet with Sarah DeAngelo on vocals and clarinet, Paul Keller on string bass, Duncan McMillan on piano, Steve Wood on tenor sax and flute and Dave Taylor on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780 or go to www.plymouthann arborelks325.com or email jazzatthe elks@gmail.com.

Bingo, taste fest and more: Fall Festival events

Matt Jachman hometownlife.com

The Plymouth Community Fall Festival, which has roots dating back to 1956, opens Friday, Sept. 9, and continues through Sunday, Sept. 11.

The festival brings together Plymouth-area community groups, churches, nonprofits and booster clubs, which stage events and sell products and meals to raise money for their operations. The festival offers food, carnival rides and free entertainment. The weekend culminates Sept. 11 with the Rotary Club of Plymouth's chicken barbecue; the club typically sells around 10,000 chicken dinners.

Here are some festival events, ranging from some of the most popular and betterknown happenings to some of the festival's best-kept secrets, to help plan your Fall Festival experience.

Taste Fest

Taste Fest, under a tent outside Station 885 in Old Village, is a Fall Festival mainstay, but has almost become a major event in itself. The smorgasbord of samples from area restaurants is 6-8 p.m. Friday. It's organized by the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club.



The carnival has become a Fall Festival mainstay.

Joining Taste Fest this year will be Beyond Borders, which offers Latin street food, b.d.'s Mongolian Grill, Olga's Kitchen, CAYA Smokehouse Grill, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza and Wok Asian Bistro. They'll join veteran participants like Station 885, La Bistecca Italian Grille and Grand Traverse Pie Co.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10 (younger ones are free). At Station 885, 885 Starkweather.

Bingo!

Bingo is back, this year sponsored by the Plymouth Canton Little League, 6-9 p.m. Friday at The Gathering. Games will be called continuously during the evening and three special grandslam bingos will be held at 6:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. Players must be at least \$18 and have identification.

Entertainment

Something at Kellogg Park is bound to suit your taste, whether it's the Dale Hicks Band kicking off the festival at 7 p.m. Friday, the Optimist Club pet show at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jeff Wawrzaszek's magic show at 3:30 p.m. that afternoon or the closing act, Acoustic Madness, at 4 p.m. Sunday. In between there will be dance, tae kwon do, fitness demonstrations and more. All free.

I want pancakes!

Start off festival Saturday with a pancake breakfast, from 7 a.m. to noon at The Gathering. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door; email Mark Riegal at markriegal@gmail.com for advance ticket information. Children 5 and under are free.

The breakfast is sponsored by Plymouth's two Kiwanis clubs and the proceeds go toward the Kiwanis mission of helping children throughout the world.

Tend your garden

The Trailwood Garden Club will sponsor a perennial exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House. No charge: Bring a perennial and take home a different one or just stop by to browse or ask questions.

Festival hours

Festival hours are noon to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10; and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. See the festival website, plymouth fallfestival.com, for complete information.

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Northville's Jack Barnes (left) looks for an opening against Brighton.

PREP FOOTBALL

Northville wins turnover battle to down Brighton

Brad Emons hometownlife.com

Yards were hard to come by Thursday night, but Northville was able take the wind out of Brighton's sails in an early season football showdown, 20-10.

The Mustangs, who improved to 2-0, also won the turnover battle, picking off two passes and recovering two fumbles, including one in the end zone for a pivotal thirdquarter touchdown to go up 17-7.

Northville also got a pair of field goals from junior Jake Moody, 33 and 38 yards, to pull out the victory.

Brighton (1-1) had the edge in total offense, 231-230, but Northville put 17 second-half points on the scoreboard after trailing 7-3 at intermission. "We talked at halftime about positive plays in the second half, not trying to bust one and score a touchdown, not losing two or three yards," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We talked about just making sure to get that one or two positive yards. And once you're past the line of scrimmage, then make your move and our players did that. They did exactly what we asked and they did it well."

Senior Jack Burke, who starts at quarterback and plays in the secondary, intercepted a Brighton pass on the Bulldogs' first series. But the Mustangs were unable to convert and Moody, one of the nation's top-rated kickers, uncharacteristically missed a 45-yard field goal despite having plenty of leg.

Brighton broke the score-

less stalemate with 1:05 left in the first quarter on quarterback Cameron Tullar's 45-yard TD pass to Rudy Ramirez, who also converted the extra point to make it 7-0.

to make it 7-0. The Bulldogs' Brennan Russell then picked off a Jon Michalak pass headed toward sideline on the first play of the second quarter and returned it to the Mustangs' 15. But Brighton was unable to convert points in the red zone as Jack Barnes snuffed out a Brighton screen play on fourth-andseven with a clutch tackle on tight end Shayne Michiek short of the first down stick.

Burke's 48-yard pass to Jack Peterson followed to set up Northville's lone points of the first half, a 33-yard Moody field goal, with 5:22 remaining

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PREP FOOTBALL

Harnessed: Novi aerial attack gets shut down

Brad Emons hometownlife.com

Coming off a record-setting offensive performance in the season opener, Novi came back to earth Thursday night as Grand Blanc played spoiler with a 34-29 football triumph.

The visiting Bobcats (2-0) outgunned Novi's vaunted passing attack as quarterback Kevin Coriasso took center stage, completing 22-of-32 passes for 232 yards and four touchdowns.

Novi (1-1), which racked up 562 total yards in a season-



PREP FOOTBALL

opening 49-28 win over Hartland, was limited to 311 by Grand Blanc's defense, sparked by senior Matt Stork, who recorded a team-best seven solo tackles.

The Bobcats jumped out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead as Coriasso connected with Blake Bogan on a 26-yard TD pass, followed by a 23-yard toss to Dennis Smith.

Novi's record-setting combination of quarterback Alec Bageris and Anthony D'Annibale, who combined for six TD passes in the opener, hooked up with 10:38 left in the second quarter on a 53-yard touchdown pass. Ian Patterson

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DEBORAH HEIL Novi's Anthony D'Annibale (middle) caught a 53-yard TD pass and added an 89-yard kickoff return.

Catholic Central's Jackson Ross (from left), Matt Young and Tyler Morland put the squeeze on Whitmer QB Riley Keller.

CC defense suffocates Toledo Whitmer, 29-7

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central's defense turned in another performance Friday night that would make Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" and Buddy Ryan's "46" Chicago Bears defenses envious.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 2-0, crossed the Ohio border and returned home with a convincing 29-7 win at Toledo Whitmer, which had won three of the previous four meetings between the

schools.

CC's defense, coming off a 42-0 shutout the previous week in Ann Arbor against Sterling Heights Stevenson in the Battle of the Big House, dominated the defensive side of the ball once again, limiting the Panthers' offense to 59 total yards.

"Overall, I'm really happy with the performance," CC coach Tom Mach said. "It's really hard to come all this way, especially down in Ohio. We know what we're going to get when we get here. They always play great football in Ohio and you have to up your game. I think our kids did that today."

One player who upped his game was senior defensive end and tight end Jack Morris, 6-foot-3, 225-pound senior who played like he was Richard Dent and "Mean" Joe Green all wrapped into one as he helped disrupt the Panthers' offense.

"We watched film all week on them, every day," said Morris, who was in on seven tackles, including a sack. "And we knew exactly what they were running. I was able to hear what the quarterback was saying and able to tell where they were going and I told my linebackers where they were going. They caught me on one play when I was cheating a little bit, but for the most part, we did really well reading them and reading their blocks."

Morris also did his part offensively, catching a 34yard TD pass from sophomore

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GIRLS SWIM PREVIEW Northville reaches for higher goals

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Coming off two top 10 finishes at the MHSAA DIvision 1 girls swimming and diving state finals, Northville is reaching even higher in 2016

Coach Brian McNeff, entering his 10th season, returns a solid nucleus of seniors led by twotime All-Area Swimmer of the Year Laura Westphal, along with first team All-Area selections Kelsey Macaddino and Erin Szara.

Because of all the talent we have on this team, the expectations are very high," McNeff said. "The girls and I have talked about our team goals and we both feel like this could be the best season in Northville history. While those goals and expectations are nice to have, they don't mean anything unless we put in the hard work throughout the season.'

Westphal was 2014 state champion in the 500-yard freestyle and placed runner-up last year in the 200 freestyle (1:50.62) and 500 freestyle (4:55.06). She also anchored the Mustangs to fourth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:36.76) and fifth in the 500 freestyle relay (3:31.84 in the prelims)

She helped the Mustangs to a runner-up finish in the KLAA's **Kensington Conference** meet with first in the 500 freestyle and second in the 200 individual medley, as well as anchoring the first-place 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Maccadino earned all-state (top eight) honors at the Division 1 state finals with sixth in the 100 butterfly (going 56.80 in the prelims) as well as being a member of the all-state 200 and 400 freestyle relays and ninth-place 200 medley relay. She was also Kensington Conference champion in the 100 butterfly and runner-up in the 200 freestyle (1:56.8 Meanwhile, Szara was a state placer in the 100 breaststroke (11th, 1:06.44) and a state qualifier in the 50 freestyle. She was a member of Northville's ninth-place 200 medley relay and was Central Division champion in the 100

Grosse Pointe South, **Birmingham Seaholm** and Brighton. South our goals.' Lyon (Unified) has also been extremely hard for

ence meet. With the talent and experience we have on this team, as long as the girls work hard every-

us to beat in the confer-

day, then we will end the season accomplishing

Wildcats' outlook

Second-year Novi coach Ken Stark returns an experienced team, led by state qualifier Emily Mayoras (100 backber of the Wildcats' 15thplace 200 freestyle relay (1:40.0).

Other key returnees for Novi include junior Hanna Dong, senior Mallory Martlock, senior Idalia Moore, senior Claire Tuckey and sophomore Danielle Gardon.

and Lorna Dunn also return as the Wildcats look to improve upon their fourth place finish at the Kensington Conference meet.

NORTHVILLE Head coach: Brian McNeff, 10th League: KLAA Kensington Conference



Last year's finish: First, KLAA Central (4-0), KLAA Central meet, second, Kensington Conference; eighth, MHSAA Division 1 state finals (7-1 dual meet

Notable losses to graduation: Darby Mroz, Hannah Craig, Olivia Burrows, Brittany Nayh, Shannon Hayes, Sarah Ptashnik, Allie Pierce.

Leading returnees: Laura Westphal, Sr., freestyle (All-Area Swimmer of the Year); Kelsey Maccadino, Sr., freestyle-butterfly; Gillian Zayan, Sr., freestyle; Nicki Pumper, Sr., backstroke-freestyle; Erin Szara, Sr., breaststroke; Katelyn McCullough, Soph., backstroke-freestyle. Promising newcomers: Sophia Tuinman, Fr., backstroke-freestyle: Lulu Mans, Fr., freestyle-IM; Emma Phillips, Fr., freestyle; Lauren Heaven, Fr., freestyle. McNeff's outlook: "I'm really excited for this upcoming season. While we lost a lot of really good seniors, only one of them went to the state meet. We have six returning state meet swimme five of which have scored at the state meet in an individual event. They have all put in a ton of work in the off-season and have already started training at a much higher level than we started last year. We also have an extremely talented and deep freshman class. They have a lot of club team experience and success, so hopefully that transfers over to the high school season. I'm looking for my senior class to



breaststroke. Northville opened its season with a runner-up finish to Saline last week in the Ann Arbor Huron Relavs

"This is going to be a very tough season," McNeff said. "We are swimming against some of the best teams in the state in dual meets -



Northville all-state swimmer Kelsey Macaddino returns in 2016.

show them the ropes. We have a unique combination of older experienced swim mers along with young talented fresh-

NOVI Head coach: Ken Stark, second

eason. League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division)

Last year's finish: Fourth, KLAA Central (2-3); KLAA Central meet; Kensing-ton Conference (7-4 dual meet record). Notable losses to graduation: Ava Bianchi, Alexandra Cortez.

Leading returnees: Emily Mayoras, Sr, backstroke; Claire Tuckey, Sr, breast-stroke; Mallory Martlock, Sr, distance freestyle; Idalia Moore, Sr, freestyle; Hanna Dong, Jr., IM; Danielle Gardon, Soph., distance freestyle; McKaela Hil, Soph., diving Lorna Dunn Ir diving Promising newcomers: Linda Weng, Fr.; Jennifer Lee, Fr.; Olivia Mayoras,

"Stark's outlook: "Should be a fun year, the girls are fired up to start and look forward to improving from last year."

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GIRLS SWIMMING Novi starts season at 3-0

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The Novi girls swimming and diving team got three for the price of one Aug. 30 by sweeping three opponents in its season opener.

The Wildcats defeated Walled Lake Central (143-43), Salem (94-92) and host Milford (122-63) in a quad meet.

"Defeating divisional foe Plymouth Salem in our first meet was a positive start to the season," Novi assistant coach Brent Pohlonski said. "Many of our younger swimmers from last year have come into this season much improved from last year. Although we graduated a very talented senior class, this year's team may have more depth and be a stronger team."

Novi was led by individual winners Emily Mayoras, 50-yard freestyle (25.91); Mallory Martlock, 500 freestyle (5:32.48); and Hanna Dong, 100 breaststroke

(1:15.17).

Placing second for Novi were Danielle Gardon, 100 butterfly (1:03.35) and 500 freestyle (5:33.86); Idalia Moore, 100 freestyle (59.93); and Mayoras, 100 backstroke (1:03.22).

The Wildcats were also runner-up in the 200 medley relay to Salem (1:57.03) as Mayoras, Dong, Samantha Kasanic and Linda Weng were clocked in 1:59.31.

Novi's 200 freestyle relay of Moore, Martlock, Dong and Weng also took second (1:49.24), while Milford was first (1:47.98)

Salem captured the 400 freestyle relay (3:51.58), while Novi's Moore, Martlock, Gardon and Mayoras took second (3:55.05).

The Wildcats return to action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, when they host Walled Lake Northern.

MILFORD QUAD MEET Aug. 30 at Milford

FINAL SCORES: Novi 143. Walled Lake Central 43; Novi 94, Salem 92; Novi 122, Milford 63.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS **EINAL EVENT RESULTS 200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Katie Xu, Grace Harding, Meghan Maikow-ski, Jenna Chen), 1:57.03; 2. Novi (Emily Mayoras, Hanna Dong, Samantha Kasanic, Linda Weng), 1:59.31; 5. Novi (Jennifer Lee, Claire Tuckey, Danielle Gardon), Michelle Yu) 2:07.29 Xu), 2:07.38

200 freestyle: 1. Morgan Davis (Salem), 2:03.48; 3. Mallory Martlock (Novi), 2:06.37; 4. Idalia Moore (Novi), 2:11.40

200 individual medley: 1. Xu (Salem), 2:14.83); 3. Dong (Novi), 2:25.13; 6. Lee (Novi), 2:31.6. Lee (Novi), 2:31.6.
 50 freestyle: 1. Mayoras (Novi), 25.91;
 4. Weng (Novi), 27.51; 5. Xu (Novi), 27.74.
 1-meter diving: 1. Amanda Ling (WLC), 263.40 points; 4. McKaela Hill (Novi), 178.35; 6. Lauren Gudeman (novi), 128.49.

100 butterfly: 1. Sarah Griffiths (Salem), 1:03.23; 2. Gardon (Novi), 1:03.35; 3. Sarah Wang (Novi), 1:05.98; 5. Kasanic (Novi), 1:06.54.

100 freestyle: 1. Chen (Salem), 59.38, Moore (Novi), 59.93; 3. Weng (novi), 1.0087

500 freestyle: 1. Martlock (Novi), 5:32.48; 2. Gardon (Novi), 5:33.86. **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Milford (Emma Augustsson, Sophie Phillips, Emily Costanzo, Veronica Hindle), 1:47.98; 2. Novi (Moore, Martlock, Dong, Weng), 1:49.24; 3. Novi (Tuckey, Michelle Xu, Lee, Kasanic),

100 backstroke: 1. Xu (Salem) 1:00.58; 2. Mayoras (Novi), 1:03.22; 6. Xu (Novi), 1:09.87.

100 breaststroke: 1. Dong (Novi). 115.17; 4. Juckey (Novi), 115.87; 400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Xu, Maikowski, Griffiths, Chen), 3:51.58; 2. Novi (Moore, Martlock, Gardon, Mayoras), 3:55.05; 5. Novi (Wang, Mayoras, Marina Ackerman, Alvssa Sarlund), 4:12:07 Novi's dual meet record: 3-0 overall

Novi doubles look sharp in quad win

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BOYS TENNIS

The Novi boys tennis team swept three of four doubles flights to score 18 points and win its own quad tournament held Aug. 31.

The host Wildcats, winning 11 of a possible 12 doubles points, edged Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood for the team title, 18-16, while Grosse Pointe South took third with 12 and West Bloomfield was fourth with two.

Earning doubles titles with a perfect 3-0 record on the day were juniors Venkatesh Nagalla and Tim Tanaka (No. 2), seniors Aakash Ray and Nayan Makim (No. 3) and juniors Chris Kwederis and Ryan Krawec (No. 4).

Nagalla and Tanaka defeated Cranbrook's

Jacob Yellen and Joe Croskey in a third-set super-breaker, 2-6, 6-2 (10-2), while Ray and Makim yielded just nine games in six sets. Kwederis and Krawec gave up just 11 games in three consecutive straight-set victories.

At No. 1, Novi's junior duo of Aditya Chitta and Robert Chen won two of three matches to place second, with the lone loss coming against Cranbrook's Michael Bian and Andrew Du, 6-1, 6-1.

In singles, Novi sophomore Sid Amarnath (No. 2) captured all three of his matches in straight sets.

The Wildcats' No. 1 singles player Alex Wen, a junior, was runner-up with straight set wins over Grosse Pointe South and West Bloomfield before losing to

Cranbrook's Benji Ja-cobson, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1.

Meanwhile, Novi seniors Daniel Yu (No. 3) and Thomas Rolfe (No. 4) each scored a point, going 1-2 on the day.

Grosse Pointe South's Sean Miller and Michael Willard took the Nos. 3 and 4 singles titles, respectively.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS NOVI 8, SOUTH LYON EAST 1

Novi a, Sobiri Lron EAST i Sept. 1 at South Lyon East No. 1 singles: Dwaipayan Saha (Novi) def. AJ. Clark, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; No. 2: Jon McCarthy (SLE) def Dilan Patel, 7-5, 6-0; No. 3: Jonathan Hong (Novi) def. Nick Reed, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Nishant Kumar (Novi) def. Carson Swadling, 6-3,

No. 1 doubles: Max Krawec-Isaac Jeong (Novi) def. Nathan Anton-Matthew Emery, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1; **No. 2:** Nick Beijer-Kento Maeda (Novi) def. Josh Hengtgen Tanner Ostraff, 6-4, 6-2; **No. 3:** Abi Tetali-Isahn Thaker (Novi) def. Griffin Jones-Jay Shah, 6-0, 6-0, **Ko. 4:** Saketh-Addanki-Mathew Chacko (Novi) def. Emanuel Garcia-Ryan Hayden, 6-0, 6-1; No. 5: Advay Muchoor-Narayan Prab-haker (Novi) def. Tommy Brodesser-Siy Kotheri, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual match records: Novi 1-0 KLAA Central Division; South Lyon East, 0-2 KLAA Central.

CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP



Northville runners competed in last week's Mustang Invitational at Cass Benton Park.

Northville runners complete busy week

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It was a busy week of training and racing for the Northville girls cross country team, which hosted its annual Mustang Invitational on Aug. 30 in a meet that featured 21 teams and 800plus runners at Cass Benton Park.

In the girls 11-12 race, top finishers for the Mustangs included senior Emma Smith, seventh (20:56.08): senior Katie Chevoor, ninth (21:05.63); senior Taylor Gattoni, 11th (21:12.4)): junior Emily Rudberg, 15th (21:32.67); and junior Anna Buettner, 16th (21:39.35)Royal Oak's Grace Cutler captured the 5.000-meter race in

18:43.14.

In the sophomorefreshman race, West Bloomfield's Kayla Christopher-Moody took first in 18:45.07, while Northville's Nicole Cybul was runner-up in 19:53.25.

Other top finishers for the Mustangs included Emily Assmany, eighth (21:35.21); Lindsay Afsari, 29th (23:37.11); and Sinclaire Smith, 58th (25:32.68).

"In their first race at ass this season. I was extremely pleased with the times," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "Nicole, Emily and Lindsay ran great races on Cass for their first time ever and Emma Smith started off the season really strong. All returners ran better this year

than last year and looked good.'

The Novi girls also participated in the Mustang Invitational as Katherine Ray took fourth in the freshmansophomore race in 20:37.47, while teammate Lauren Sedewitz was 22nd (23:18.77)

The Wildcats top junior-senior finishers included Hannah Hood-Blaxill (28th, 22:46.7) and Addison Lentz (30th, 23:11.4).

On Friday, the Mus

Other top finishers for the Mustangs included Buettner, 16th (20:20.29); Assemany, 21st (personal best 20:32.62); Smith, 23rd (20:34.42); and Rudberg, 24th (20:37.15)

Ann Arbor Pioneer's Ann Forsyth ran a blistering 17:56.0, while Birmingham Seaholm's Audrey Ladd was runner-up in 18:16.15.

Northville will run two more times this season at Huron Meadows, including the Legends Invitational and the KLAA Kensington Conference meet. "Huron Meadows is a team favorite and they ran great today and continue to show improvement each and every meet," Smith said. "Emily Rudberg, who missed

all of last season, is really looking good and getting stronger each meet. (Chevoor) had a great race and showed what an impact she will make this season in our varsity seven.'

The Mustangs will return to action Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Bath Invitational.

Mustangs boys

Northville's top boys freshman-sophomore finisher in the Mustang Invitational was Nicholas Couyoumjian, who was runner-up in 16:47.79 to first-place finisher Harrison Grzymkowski (16:46.89) of White Lake Lakeland.

12th (18:31.03); and Matt Crain, 20th (19.12.2).

Top placers for Northville in the junior-senior race included Peter Begin, 10th (17:16.9); Jacob Blackmore, 22nd (17:53.32); Evan Ferrante, 25h (18:06.25); Alex Jund, 26th (18:31.03); and Nate Mansfield, 42nd (18:45.32)

Livonia Churchill's Tyler Opdycke was the grade 11-12 boys individual winner in 16:08.41.

Novi Detroit Catho Central's Mitchel Horn took seventh in the freshman-sophomore race (18:18.46), while Luke Perelli was 21st (19:13.82).

tangs competed in the Ann Arbor Running Co. Saline Hornet Early Bird Invitational at Huron Meadows Metropark and were led by Chevoor, who took sixth overall with a personal best 19:36.55 in the Gold Open Varsity Division.

Other top Northville boys 9-10 placers included Brandon Liu, 11th (18:30.75); Adrien Jund,

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Sept. 9 Novi at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m. Northville at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. Detroit CC at St. Michael (Ont.), 7 p.m Friday, Sept. 16 South Lyon East at Novi, 7 p.m. Salem at Northville, 7 p.m. St. Ignatius at Detroit CC, 7 p.m **BOYS SOCCER** Thursday, Sept. 8 Luth. Westland at Franklin Rd., 4:30 p.m Salem at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m. South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m. Clarkston at Detroit CC, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Adams at Novi (Meadows), noon Saline at Northville. noon Monday, Sept. 12 Howell Home at Franklin Rd., 5 p.m Tuesday, Sept. 13 Franklin Rd. at Macomb, 4:30 p.m. Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Northville at S.L. East, 7 p.m. Detroit CC at Saline, 7 p.m Thursday, Sept. 15 S. Lyon at Novi (Meadows), 7 p.m Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Eisenhower at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 8 Novi at Salem, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Northville, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 N'ville at Mt. Morris Inv., 8 a.m Novi Tournament, 8:30 a.m. Franklin Rd. at Ladywood Inv., TBA. Tuesday, Sept. 13 Novi at South Lyon East, 6:30 p.m. Salem at Northville, 6:30 p.m. Roeper at Franklin Road, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 Stevenson at Novi, 6:30 p.m Northville at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m. Franklin Road at Univ.-Liggett, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 Novi, N'ville at Bedford Inv., 8:30 a.m. **BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** Saturday, Sept. 10 Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m Salem Inv. at Willow Metro, 9:30 a.m. Detroit CC at Averill Invitational at Kensington Metropark, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13 Novi vs. N'ville at Cass Benton, 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16

MSU Inv. at Forest Akers, TBA.

Saturday, Sept. 17 Detroit CC at Holly Inv., TBA. GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Sept. 8 W.L. Northern at Novi, 6:30 p.m N'ville at Grosse Pte. South, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 Novi at Okemos Inv., noon N'ville at W.L. Northern Inv., TBA. Thursday, Sept. 15 Marian at Novi, 6:30 p.m. Northville Tri-Meet, 6:30 p.m Saturday, Sept. 17 Northville at Lakeland Inv., 7:30 a.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Thursday, Sept. 8 South Lyon at Novi, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 4 p.m. Detroit CC at Cranbrook, 4 p.m Saturday, Sept. 10 Novi at Howell Inv., 8 a.m. N'ville at Pioneer Quad, 8 a.m. Detroit CC at Saline Quad, 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12 Northville at Novi, 4 p.m Tuesday, Sept. 13 Stevenson at Novi, 4 p.m. Northville at S.L. East, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 Detroit CC at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 Novi at Saline, 4 p.m. Salem at Northville, 4 p.m. DeLaSalle at Detroit CC, 4 p.m Saturday, Sept. 17 Detroit CC at Holly Inv., 8 a.m. Novi Quad Tourney, 8:15 a.m. GIRLS GOLF Thursday, Sept. 8 Novi vs. Salem at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m. Northville vs. South Lyon at Cattails G.C., 3 p.m Friday, Sept. 9 N'ville at N. Farm. Inv., TBA Tuesday, Sept. 13 Novi vs. South Lyon at Riverbank G.C., 3 p.m. Northville vs. Stevenson at Fox Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 Novi vs. Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 Novi, N'ville at Grosse Ile Inv. at Grosse Ile Golf & C.C., 12:30 p.m TBA - time to be announced.

Northville squeaks past Knights, 3-2

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BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

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Northville earned a 3-2 boys soccer victory Sept. 1 over visiting Walled Lake Northern, but it was far from a slam dunk as far as coach Henry Klimes was concerned.

"I wasn't pleased by our performance across the board," said Klimes, whose team improved to 2-1-2 overall. "Nothing against Walled Lake Northern, but we've got to play better.'

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Mustangs jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead on junior Andrew Mitchell's unassisted goal in the second minute, followed by Felipe McCarthy's goal off an unselfish play from Ben McCauley.

But the Knights (1-2) pulled to within one on Nick Dietrich's secondhalf goal before McCauley gave Northville a two-goal cushion again off a feed from Andre Farcas

Northern, however, made things interesting with only 10 minutes

remaining on Alex Stulberg's goal, but the Mustangs were able to hang on

Even Treiber started in goal for Northville and came up with a key second-half save.

DETROIT CC 1, OKEMOS 1: Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-0-2) used a 17-2 shot advantage, but managed to come away with a non-league tie Aug. 31 against the host Chieftains (4-0-2). Okemos struck first in the opening half on Ben Meschke's goal, while CC tied it with 17 minutes remaining in the match

on senor Logan Trevorrow's rebound goal off a shot taken by Justin Savona. Trevor Ostrowski was in goal for the

NOVI 4, WALLED LAKE WEST-ERN 0: Junior goalkeeper Luke McDonald

notched his third straight shutout as the Wildcats (2-0-1) rolled to a victory over Walled Lake Western (0-3-1). Coming off a two goals and two assists

in his previous game, Now's Kyle Bandyk picked up right where he left off with a pair of first-half goals at 37:23 and 2:31, both assisted by Eric Rice. The Wildcats then put it away with a pair of second-half goals by Albi Popaj (from Quinn Franchino with 19:45 left) and

Shota Kita (from Nik Mundkur with 15:03

Novi had nine shots on goal, while the Warriors did not have any. "It was another strong defensive

It was another strong detensive performance by our team tonight, limiting Western to only four shots the entire night," first-year Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "The team did a great job of keeping possession and working the ball around the field, which resulted in numerous scoring opportunities." scoring opportunities.

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Salem's Rodriguez will play in U17 World Cup

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For seemingly an eternity, Izzy Rodriguez kept training and hoping - that all would not be for naught.

The Salem senior kept the workout wheel spinning, relentlessly battling on the soccer field and in the gym for a chance to play for Team USA in Jordan at the 2016 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup.

Rodriguez can stop worrying. She will play defense for the U.S. U-17 Women's National Team when the 16-team tournament begins Sept. 30.

"It has been an unbelievable experience over the past couple of years competing for a spot on this team," Rodriguez said when asked for her reaction to making the elite final cut. "And I am excited and honored to represent the U.S. in the World Cup.

"Making the 21-player roster was amazing because it showed how all of our hard work has paid off."

Rodriguez, a 17-yearold from Canton whose club team is the Michigan Hawks, suited up Tuesday as Team USA blanked Venezuela, 4-0, in a friendly at Water

Soccer Complex in Tampa, Fla. Also on the final ros-

Rodriguez

Alexa Spaanstra, a forward from Brighton.

ter is

Hawks

teammate

The first test at the World Cup for Rodriguez and her teammates will be Oct. 1 against Paraguay, as part of the Group D pool. Other teams in the group include Ghana and Japan.

Group A features Jordan, Spain, Mexico and New Zealand. Group

B features Venezuela, Germany, Cameroon and Canada. Group C fea tures Nigeria, Brazil, England and North Korea

According to Rodriguez, it will be good as a team to now have a singular focus as the World Cup games loom.

The past years have been hard because we have always just been a player pool," Rodriguez said. "But now that we are a team I think that has allowed us to become a family and start playing even better together."

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NORTHVILLE

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to cut the deficit to 7-3. There was little offense in the first half to speak of as Brighton had 113 total yards to North-

ville's 98. Burke's 40-yard TD pass to Peterson, however, set up Northville's first TD, a 7-yard TD pass from Burke to A.J. Abbott with 9:27 left in the third quarter.

Brighton, forced to punt, had an apparent mix-up on the snap and Northville's Caleb Sheehan recovered a loose ball in the end zone for a TD with 7:54 left in the third to make it 17-7.

Sheehan, a senior outside linebacker, last scored a TD when he was on the JV team and he picked up a fumble and ran 50 yards.

"My job was to make sure no one broke out and make sure they didn't fake punt," Sheehan said. "Both (gunners) went out and I just went in, scooped and scored. I think they both thought the other punter was going to get it. They run a two-punter system. They were both trying to run the opposite way and the ball just went straight back."

The miscue proved to

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quarterback Austin Brown on the final play of the third quarter to make it 27-7.

"It was a designed play, but I was just wide open," Morris said. "My coach, I could hear on the sideline and it was, like, 'Yes.' And as soon as he saw me wide open, my quarterback was able to get me the ball."

Whitmer (1-1) managed just 9 total yards in the first half. The Panthers' lone scoring threat came when they were helped by a pair of 15-yard CC personal fouls, putting the at the Shamrocks' 6, but kicker Eric Filby missed a 32-yard field goal try as the first half ended.

"Anytime you have that (9 total yards) it's not good and we were probably fortunate as it turned out only to be down 7-0 at half," firstyear Whitmer coach Ken Winters said. "We had some momentum and a chance to execute a few things and we didn't." CC took a 7-0 advantage with 7:02 left in the second quarter on Brown's 17-yard TD pass to Chris Jakubik. The play came on thirdand-11. With 8:52 left in the third quarter, CC committed its only turnover of the night, when Whitmer's Kaleb Breitner pounced on a fumble at the CC 48. But the Shamrocks responded with a big stop on fourth-and-two, when Morris tackled Whitmer running back Larry Patterson for a 2-yard loss. Catholic Central then made it 14-0 with 6:32 remaining in the third on Cameron Ryan's 4-yard TD run, set up by



Northville tacklers Abe Khoury (left) and Ryan Nelson stop a Brighton runner.

be a major blow for the Bulldogs.

"It's never happened before, not in a practice, not in a game, never," second-year Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "We're were punting it, for sure."

Brighton, however, refused to fold. With sophomore Will Jontz in at QB, the Bulldogs marched 65 yards in nine plays, resulting in a Ramirez 19-yard field goal to cut the Northville advantage to 17-10 with 2:23 remaining in the third.

Brighton then got the ball back and moved down to the Mustangs' 28 following a 45-yard pass from Tullar to Ramirez, but Northville responded by getting a big interception from Alex Kim, who returned it back to his own 18 with only 6:57 remaining.

The Mustangs then chewed up the clock, going 61 yards in nine plays, capped by a 38yard field goal by Moody, his second of the night, with only 1:07 left to seal the win.

Brighton fumbled the ensuing kickoff, which was recovered by Kim, making it a moot point.

"Mentally, we've got to become as sharp as we are physically," Lemons said. "I don't think we lack anything in the physicality department, but mentally we're hurting ourselves right now."

Burke was 9-of-14 passing for 145 yards, while also rushing 22 times for 49 yards.

"He's a tough kid," Lemons said of the Northville QB. "But heck, if we didn't make the mistakes, putting the ball on the ground, our defense is a little bit stronger. They played great today, defense stood on their head. But when you're out there a lot, you get tired and start missing tackles. (Northville) did a great job of taking advantage of that."

Meanwhile, Peterson led all pass catchers with seven receptions for 114 yards.

"It was just our discipline, we were really disciplined the second half," the senior wideout said. "And all of the credit goes to the O-line. They did great and the quarterback played awesome. Credit to them."

Brighton's two quarterbacks, Jontz and Tullar, were a combined 8-of-17 passing for 145. Jontz had six carries for 58 yards.

Defensively, Ryan Nelson was in on 10 tackles for the Mustangs, while Western Michigan University commit Trenton Guthrie added eight, including a tackle for loss. Dennis Swift also contributed two sacks for 17 yards in losses.

Northville nearly had another fumble recovery in the fourth quarter, but the play was whistled dead by an inadvertent whistle.

"We'll take it," Ladach said of the 4-1 turnover edge. "That's a huge part of the game and that's what coach (Mark) Nowicki emphasizes and that's what coach (Joe) Rohrhoff emphasizes as well ... not turning the ball over, so I'm proud of my boys."

Northville now goes for another win Friday in another big game against state-ranked Walled Lake Western (2-0), which pulled out a 33-30 win over Canton.

"They're all big, but this one feels especially good," Ladach said. "Home opener, I'm very proud."

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WSU ATHLETICS

Wayne State University opened its 2016 football season Saturday with a 28-3 Great Lake Intercollegiate Athletic Association victory over host Northwood. Among the area players on the WSU roster for this season are (kneeling, from left): safety James Hendrix (Livonia/Brother Rice), lineman Alex Angelas (Novi/Northville), wide receiver Manny Mendoza (Rochester/Rochester) and cornerback Jared Singletary (Farmington Hills/Southfield-Lathrup) and (standing, from left) defensive coordinator Brad Wilson, defensive end Kolby Nance (Farmington Hills/Harrison), running back James Hill (Livonia/Clarenceville), guard Tommy Richardson (Troy/Troy), running back Romello Brown (Westland/Livonia Churchill), center Greg Webber (Troy/Troy), outside linebacker Anthony Pittman (Beverly Hills/Groves), cornerback Donte Eubanks (Farmington Hills/Harrison), center Tyler Denski (Livonia/Stevenson) and linebackers coach Jon Robinson (Wayne State/Churchill).

Brown's 48-yard pass to Jakubik down to the Panthers' 10. But CC's lead was sliced in half in just an

sliced in half in just an instant, when Malik Moore busted loose for a 95-yard kickoff return to give Whitmer its only points of the night.

But that seven-point Shamrock advantage mushroomed back to 14 when CC drove 69 yards on just four plays, capped by a 9-yard TD run by Tyler Morland, followed by Brown's scoring pass to Morris.

For the game, CC allowed just five first downs, two of which were by penalty.

"We never stopped with our momentum,' Morris said. "We came out on defense, shut them out, except on the kickoff return. The defense did a really good job and our DBs had really great covwas able to erage, so I get my sacks. Our D-line was able to get in there and get pressure on the quarterback and they were making mistakes. We made some mental errors, but not as many as them and that's why we won the football game."

poise and does a great job of running the team," Mach said of the sophomore. "As time goes on, he's getting a little bit better every week and I think he's going to end up being a very good quarterback for us."

But it's the play of the Shamrocks' defense that has people taking notice early in the season. Whitmer had just 38 net yards rushing on 29 attempts and quarterback Riley Keller was just 4-of-12 passing for 20 yards.

Linebacker Isaac Darkangelo led CC with 13 tackles, including two solo and 11 assists. Other leaders included Jackson Ross (six assists), Morland (one sack, five assists) and Matt Young (one solo, four assists).

"They were physical and they matched our

even 100 yards. "He's got a lot of poise and does a great

CC ran 58 plays to Whitmer's 40, while finishing with 314 yards total offense, including 214 on the ground.

The rushing wealth was spread around for the Shamrocks, led by Capatina (15 carries, 63 yards), Ryan (18 carries, 55 yards) and Brown (11 carries, 46 yards).

"I thought offensively we kept the ball away from them a lot," Mach said. "We kept them off the field. We kept them from doing what they wanted to do. And then we scored when we had the opportunities."

Brown, in his second year of starting at QB for CC, was an efficient 3-of-3 passing for an physicality and they actually wore us down just a little bit," Winters said. "Offensively, we left our defense on the field a little bit too much. (CC) executed their plays and we didn't execute ours."

CC and its defense will try to keep yet another opponent under the 100-yard total offense mark Friday, when it travels to Ontario to face Toronto St. Michael's College School.

"I thought we played well in all three phases of the game, except the one mistake we made on the kickoff," Mach said. "Other than that, I thought the defense played great. I think they had a great attitude. They shut down a lot of things that they wanted to do and we were happy with the play of them."

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Catholic Central's Chris Jakubik makes the TD catch as the Whitmer mascot watches in horror.

WILDCATS

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found Conner Moore on the two-point pass to cut the deficit to 14-8.

But Coriasso struck again just 2:10 later on a 27-yard scoring pass to Alex Zaliagiris to put Grand Blanc up two scores, 21-8.

Novi, however, took a 22-21 lead on D'Annibale's 89-yard kickoff return, followed by a Johnny Davis 8-yard interception return, both coming in the second quarter.

But Grand Blanc scored with only 2:25 remaining in the half on Coriasso's fourth TD toss, this time to Smith. Tim Hayden's PAT made it 28-22 at halftime.

Andre Mason, who finished with 120 yards on 25 carries, put Grand Blanc up two scores again, 34-22, with 9:30 left in the third quarter on a 20-yard TD run. The Bobcats were stopped on the two-point conversion try.

Neither team was able to find the end zone in the final quarter.

Bageris, who in the previous week was 16of-22 passing for 328 yards, was 11-of-27 for 136 against the Bobcats.

"They basically double-covered a lot of times with Anthony and forced us to throw elsewhere," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "I think we got a little flustered there and weren't as accurate throwing the ball as Al usually typically is. And again, a little frustrated. He was a off tonight."

D'Annibale, coming off a 13-catch, 228-yard and six-TD outing against Hartland, was held to five receptions for 66 yards by Grand



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Novi's Traveon Maddox (right) blocks a Grand Blanc defender.

Blanc.

"They always had a guy low on him and a guy high on him," Burnside said. "And they always had a guy inside on him. They basically got him triple-covered. They did a good job. They put their best player over the top with him. They had a nice scheme to get him stops."

Senior Nathan Hankerson led Novi's rushing attack with 149 yards on 22 carries.

"We really only had two offensive touchdowns," Burnside said. "One was kick return for a touchdown and a picksix for a touchdown. We started out real slow and they were on us in a hurry. We're down two scores and we battled back and took the lead, 22-21."

Grand Blanc finished with 399 total yards and racked up 22 first downs to Novi's 14. The Bobcats also won time of possession battle, 26:24 to 21:36.

"After they scored in the third quarter, we really shut them down," Burnside said. "We gave the ball back to the offense, but just couldn't get it going tonight. We struggled."

Ethan Carter and Patterson both finished with nine solo tackles and one assist, while Scott Latham added eight solo tackles and two assists for the Wildcats

Aahmaud Jenkins had an interception, while Ryan Welch had two pass break-ups.

"We're still trying to figure out our young secondary, but we played better the second half and made plays the second half," Burnside said. "They grew up a little bit that second half."

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Michigan auto insurance rates to go up in October

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In October, an estimated 2 million Michigan drivers can expect to pay \$40 more per vehicle for their auto insurance.

Auto insurers blame the rate increase on the removal of an \$80 million tax credit from the state's 2016-17 budget. State lawmakers say the tax credit was unintentionally created in 2012, when they changed the organization that managed the auto insurers' reimbursement fund, which took money out of the general fund.

The rate increase only affects customers of Michigan-based auto insurers, such as Auto-Owners, AAA or Frankenmuth Insurance. Michigan-based insurers provide service to one-third of Michigan drivers. The tax credit was never available to out-of-state insurers, such as State Farm.

"That money created a hole in the budget. We would have had to make cuts in a number of places," said state Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville, who introduced H.B. 5457 along with state Rep. Jon Bumstead, R-Newaygo, and state Rep. Earl Po-

leski, R-Spring Arbor. Prior to 2012, Michigan-based auto insurance companies paid money to a fund managed by the Secretary of State's office. The fund would reimburse companies when they had to cover damage caused to their clients by uninsured drivers. To make the system more efficient, the Legislature had the Michigan Auto Insurance Placement Facility manage the fund, which accidentally made Michiganbased auto insurers able

"Industry-wide, companies are very disappointed with the loss of this credit," said Pete Kuhnmuench, executive director of the Insurance Institute of Michigan, which represents state insurance companies. "The burden is being forced upon the smaller pie of the (insured).' Pscholka said if the tax

to receive a tax credit.

credit helped save some insurance companies money, then their customers should have paid less. As a customer of Michigan-based auto insurer,

Pscholka said he doesn't remember receiving credit or paying lower rates

Despite Michiganbased companies receiving the tax credit, the total average premiums across the board increased in the state from \$1,172 in 2012 to \$1,264 in 2013, according to the most recent data from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Premiums have increased every year since 2009 and will likely continue to increase each

year largely due to the fact that it's mandatory for insured drivers in Michigan to have unlimited personal injury protection. This means if an insured driver gets in an accident, their insurance company will pay all their medical bills related to that accident for the rest of their life. Most states have offer limited PIP or make the coverage optional.

Companies also have to pay the bills of anyone else injured in the crash, including passengers of the other vehicle if the

driver of that vehicle is uninsured.

Auto insurers operating in Michigan paid a total of \$2.9 billion for PIP claims in 2012, according to the NAIC report, which equates to average payment of roughly \$65,000 for each of the 44,620 claims. The rising cost of medical care also has an impact. Kuhnmuench said the

tax credit only helped slow the rate of the increasing premiums.

Both Kuhnmuench and Pscholka agree that reform needs to be made to

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make rates more affordable. Kuhnmuench said auto insurers would like to have PIP have a cap on the amount of coverage, which would lower rates for customers.

years," Pscholka said. "Several bills have been

suggests people compare insurance company rates to see what best works for them.





But that's easier said than done. "It's been looked at for

> introduced over the years, but they don't have the votes." For now, Pscholka

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had a recent meeting with a client regarding their estate plan that I thought I would share with you. The client is divorced and in his mid-70s. He was married for more than 30 years and has three children. According to him, the divorce was very nasty and changed his relationship with his children. As he describes it, before the divorce he had a wonderful relationship with his children and, since the divorce, which is more than five years ago, he no longer has any relationship with two of them. In fact, as he describes it, he has grandchildren that he has never seen. He says he's tried to reach out to the two kids, but his efforts have been unsuccessful. As we sat down to discuss his estate plan, the one question he asked me was what I thought the right thing would be with what he should do with his money.

The way I interpreted the question was, despite having no relationship with the two children whatsoever, should he still leave them part of his estate upon his death? As I explained to the client, I don't believe that as a matter of right people are entitled to an



inheritance. In most cases, inheritances are earned by the love and devotion that someone has demonstrated. I also explained that many situations are based upon the needs of the beneficiary. For example, I have drafted many estate plans where parents treat their children differently, not for a lack of love and devotion, but because of financial concerns. In other words. one child's financial situation may be such that a larger inheritance is called for. There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to inheritances and people shouldn't try to do what everyone else is doing, but should do what makes sense for their individual situation.

After the discussion with the client, he did decide to totally disinherit the two children and leave the money to the child who has been very good to him. At the beginning of the meeting the client was tense, but by the end of the meeting he was relaxed and relieved. Relieved in the fact that,

from the beginning, he knew that he didn't want to leave money to the two children, but he needed the assurance that he was doing the right thing.

When it comes to choosing beneficiaries. people generally name all their children as their alternate beneficiaries. You should never do what the majority does, but you should do what makes sense for your individual circumstances. There is nothing to say that all children should be treated equally. You may love them equally; that doesn't mean from a financial standpoint their needs are the same. After all, when the kids were growing up, if one of your children needed braces, you didn't say I know I have to spend an equal amount on my other children. More likely than not, you treated them each according to their individual needs. The same thing should apply when it comes to estate planning.

Good luck!

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Northville attorney named 'Rising Star'

Colin Daniels, an associate attorney at Rockind Law and a resident of Northville, has again been named a Michigan Super Lawyer Rising Star. The Michigan Super Lawyers Rising Star recognizes the top upand-coming attorneys in the state who are 40 years old or younger or have been practicing for 10 years or less. This is the fifth consecutive year that Daniels has



Daniels science from Albion College and a juris doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy

Attorney Neil Rockind founder of Bloomfield Hills-based criminal

defense law firm Rockind Law, has been named a Michigan Super Lawyer in the practice area of criminal defense. This is Rockind's eighth consecutive year on the list. He was also named one of the Top 100 Attorneys in Michigan and the Top **50** Consumer Attorneys in Michigan based on nominations and the research and blue-ribbon review process conducted by Super Lawyers.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI <u>TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED CITY OF NOVI</u> 2016 MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE AND 2016 THOROUGHFARE MASTER PLAN. Such hearing is being held pursuant to requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

For more information and to access a copy of the draft plan, please click on "2016 Master Plan Update" on the City of Novi website at <u>www.cityofnovi.org</u> or contact the Planning Division at $2\bar{4}8-347-0475.$

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Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-23-251-023

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Homearama highlights local lifestyles; charity preview Sept. 21

The eight custom-built new homes showcased in Homearama 2016 at Christenbury Creek in Macomb Township will be unveiled Wednesday, Sept. 21, at a charity preview party to benefit the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Homearama 2016 is presented by the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

The charity gala will be held from 6-10 p.m. at Christenbury Creek, 49758 Card Road. Guests will enjoy extensive hors d'oeuvres and cocktails presented by Andiamo and Nino Salvaggio then will have the opportunity to stroll through the fully decorated, furnished and landscaped homes built by four of the region's custom home builders.

The homes feature the latest in building trends, technology and interior design. Preview party guests will be among the first to tour the homes and will have the opportunity to speak to the builders, interior designers and various other professionals who were a part of creating these showcase homes. "Bringing the Dream Home" is the theme of Homearama 2016 and visitors will experience many affordable ideas that can be incorporated into their own homes. Guests will receive a Homearama Plan Book at the event featuring floor plans and other information on the homes.

Christenbury Creek was developed by Arteva Homes. The developer is also the builder of two of the Homearama showcase homes. Other builders, each featuring two homes, include Lassale Homes, Sunset Homes and Vitale Companies. The homes range in price from \$449,000 to \$749,500.

Tickets for the charity

preview party cost \$100 per person and include a "come back" ticket for use once during the run of the public event beginning on Sept. 23. For the charity preview party, there will be a complimentary onsite executive shuttle service. Dress for the evening is casual-chic. Limited tickets are available at www.HomearamaHBA.com.

Following the charity preview, Homearama 2016 will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends, Friday, Sept. 23, through Sunday, Sept. 25, Thursday, Sept. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 2, and Thursday, Oct. 6, through Sunday, Oct. 9. The event features free onsite parking. Advance tickets for use on one day during the run of the program may be purchased online for \$10 per person or at the gate for \$12 per person. There is no charge for children 15 and under when accompanied by an adult. A portion of the proceeds from the public event will benefit HBA's Charitable & Educational Foundation, the American Red Cross and the Chippewa Valley Educational Foundation.

For more information, visit www.HomearamaHBA.com or call 248-737-4477.

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) is a trade association representing over 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 175.000 individuals and companies.

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'Reasonable repair' standard applied by court on property

Q: I own an apartment complex. Sometimes, I'm not sure whether I should make certain repairs to the common area. What are my legal responsibilities?

A: It would be best to consult with your attorney regarding specific questions concerning repair requirements. However, a recent unpublished Michigan appellate court decision is instructive in this regard — Tremper vs. Westland

Colonial Village Apartments (MiLW No. 08-92024). The decision confirmed that the applicable statute, MCL 554.139, only requires that common area be "fit



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area be "fit for the use intended" in contrast with the responsibilities in connection with "the premises," i.e., the separately leased residence, where the lessor has a higher obligation to keep the premises "in reasonable re-pair" and in compliance with applicable health and safety laws. In this case, a common area sidewalk had a section of pavement that was one inch higher than another section, which allegedly caused a trip and fall accident. The court ruled in favor of the defendant apartment complex owner, stating that there was no question that the sidewalk was fit for its intended purpose; however, it is interesting to note that a dissent was filed by one judge stating that this question was for a jury to decide, not the court.

Q: We purchased a home inclusive of sod and underground sprinkler system which was in place along the boundary line with an adjacent vacant lot. We have maintained that sprinkler system and continuously mowed, fertilized and watered the sod for over 16 years. Now our lot neighbor is beginning to construct a home on the adjacent lot and a survey revealed that a section of land consisting of portions of the sod and sprin-



Recent residential construction data shows that the size and costs of new homes have moved downward over the past year, notes the National Association of Realtors which cites affordability concerns.

Industry report cites need for more housing for middle-income, lower-income buyers

Pending home sales expanded in most of the country in July and reached their second highest reading in over a decade, according to the National Association of Realtors. Only the Midwest saw a dip in contract activity for July.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, rose 1.3 percent to 111.3 in July from a downwardly revised 109.9 in June and is now 1.4 percent higher than July 2015 (109.8). The index is now at its second highest reading this year after April (115.0).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says a sizable jump in the West lifted pending home sales higher in July. "Amidst tight inventory conditions that have lingered the entire summer, contract activity last month was able to pick up at least modestly in a majority of areas," he said. "More home shoppers having success is good news for the housing market heading into the fall, but buyers still have few choices and little time before deciding to make an offer on a home available for sale. There's little doubt there'd be more sales activity right now if there were more affordable listings on the market."

Added Yun, "The index in the West last month was the highest in over three years largely because of stronger labor market conditions. If home building increases in the region to tame price growth and alleviate the ongoing affordability concerns, the healthy rate of job gains should support more sales."

Recent residential construction data shows that the size and costs of new homes has moved downward over the past year. According to Yun, this is an early indication that home builders are beginning to shift away from building larger, more expensive homes for the upper end of the market to focusing more on properties geared for buyers in the middle and lower price tiers.

"Realtors in several highcost areas have been saying for quite a while that there is robust demand for singlefamily starter homes and townhomes at an affordable price point for young buyers," added Yun. "The homeownership rate won't move up from its over 50-year low without a meaningful boost from first-time buyers, whose participation has yet to noticeably increase so far this year despite mortgage rates near all-time lows.'

Existing-home sales this year are forecast to be around

5.38 million, a 2.8-percent increase from 2015 and the highest annual pace since 2006 (6.48 million). After accelerating to 6.8 percent a year ago, national median existing-home price growth is forecast to slightly moderate to around 4 percent.

Regional breakdown

The PHSI in the Northeast moved up 0.8 percent to 96.8 in July, and is now 1.1 percent above a year ago. In the Midwest the index decreased 2.9 percent to 105.8 in July, and is now 1.1 percent lower than July 2015.

Pending home sales in the South inched higher (0.8 percent) to an index of 123.9 in July and are now 0.4 percent higher than last July. The index in the West surged 7.3 percent in July to 108.7, and is now 6.2 percent above a year ago.

kler system were part of his lot. Do we have any rights in terms of adverse possession?

A: Probably not. In a similar case out of Nebraska, the court held that although the possession of the adjacent lot owner was actual, continuous, exclusive and under a claim of ownership for the statutory period, it was not "notorious." In effect, neither the underground sprinkler system nor its sprinkler were visible and therefore did not satisfy the requirement of being "notorious" in order to establish adverse possession. Of course each case is factually intensive. In effect, the court in that case was saying that something more than a neighbor watering and mowing over the property line is needed to alert a reasonable owner that his title is in danger and he must take steps to protect his interest, i.e., to be "notorious."

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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 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham.

Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. For more information, go to Halland Hunter.com or call 248-644-3500.



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ver the next five years, the U.S. economy is projected to add more than 7 million jobs — a 5 percent increase. While that may sound like healthy growth, a new study from CareerBuilder and Emsi shows that some wage levels are faring better than others. According to the study, middle-wage occupations aren't growing at the same pace as high- and lowwage jobs.

For the purpose of the study, CareerBuilder and Emsi used the National Employment Law Project's definitions: Low-wage jobs pay \$13.83 per hour or less; middle-wage jobs earn \$13.84 to \$21.13 per hour; and high-wage occupations make \$21.14 per hour or more.

While both high- and lowwage occupations are projected to grow by 5 percent from 2016 to 2021, middle-wage jobs are estimated to grow only by 3 percent. Middlewage positions make up 34 percent of the total occupations tracked by Emsi, yet they account for 61 percent of the



The fastest-growing high-wage occupations include:

- Software developers for applications (12 percent) Computer systems analysts (12 percent)
- Market research analysts and marketing specialists (11 percent)
- Management analysts (9 percent)
- Registered nurses
- (9 percent)

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occupations. Low-wage positions that are growing will add 28,636 new jobs on average in the next five years - the largest per-occupation growth by a wide margin.

The fastest-growing low-wage occupations include:

- Home health aides
- (19 percent)

- Restaurant cooks

MIDDLE-WAGE JOBS

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As demonstrated by the lag in their expected growth rate, middle-wage occupations aren't quite keeping up with their high- and low-wage counterparts. Just 61 percent of occupations making between \$13.84 and \$21.13 per hour are expected to add jobs in the next five years. Those growing middle-wage occupations are projected to add 11,655 new jobs on average during that time.

The fastest-growing middle-wage occupations include:

- Medical assistants
- (11 percent)
- Customer-service
- representatives (6 percent)
- Maintenance and repair
- workers (5 percent)
- Heavy and tractor-trailer
- truck drivers (4 percent)
- ► Office clerks (4 percent)

While many middle-wage occupations may be behind, there is still noted growth across all the wage levels, leading to plenty of new opportunities.

increases seen in high-wage

occupations expected to lose jobs over the next five years.

Whether you're currently working or seeking a job, being informed about trends affecting your industry can help you prepare for any chalare projected to see growth in the next five years, indicating opportunities in a wide variety of well-paying jobs. Growing high-wage occupations are expected to add 8,628 new jobs on average.

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here is a breakdown of how

each wage level is expected

to perform over the next five

years, along with examples

of occupations that fall within

each category. (All data pro-

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HIGH-WAGE JOBS

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arise as a result. To that end,

LOW-WAGE JOBS

While 77 percent of lowwage occupations are projected to add jobs in the coming five years, that growth will be much more dramatic than the

- (9 percent) Nursing assistants
- (9 percent)
- Security guards
- (6 percent)
- Janitors and cleaners (6 percent)

Matt Tarpey is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. He researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.





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Heisman

NISSAN RENEWS AND ELEVATES 'HEISMAN HOUSE' CAMPAIGN TO BOOST ITS 'YEAR OF THE TRUCK' AS IT LAUNCHES NEW TITAN

Nissan entering sixth year of its House marketing campaign in partnership with ESPN, and by now their joint effort to highlight exjocks and college football in the By Dale Buss service of selling

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cars and sports broadcasts has created a very interesting and effective parallel universe to NCAA gridiron play itself.

The brand was able to trace nearly 3 percent of its sales in the United States last year directly to the Heisman House campaign. Six years ago, this new marketing platform began a second phase of Nissan's existing relationship with college football and the Heisman Foundation that awards the trophy each year to the best player in the game.

That means roughly 40,000 of Nissan Division's 1.35 million vehicle sales in 2015 occurred directly because of consumers' reactions to the fictional exploits of a coterie of real sports legends in their made-up "domicile."

"That's a lot of cars," Jeremy Tucker, vice president of marketing communications and media for Nissan North America, told me. "And we have 77 percent unaided recall of Nissan



is as the Heisman Trophy sponsor. You the don't get that overnight.'

This year, Nissan and ESPN are adding new layers to this cornucopia of football nostalgia and fan geekdom by bringing into the fictional fraternity Derrick Henry, the Alabama running back who won last year's Heisman Trophy and who now is a member of the Tennessee Titans in the progame; former Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel; and another former Florida cornerback, much better known than Wuerffel: Tim Tebow.

Eight Nissan vehicles are being featured prominently throughout the campaign, including the Rogue, Titanand Armada, which are part of the brand's "Year of the Truck" focus. Nissan is in the midst of launching a new version of its full-size Titan pickup, for example, to better compete in a booming market segment.

"Football completely overindexes with the truck segment," Tucker said, "and the No. 1 job of Titan is to break through." Ads for the overhauled model "will be massively played" on broadcasts of college football and the NFL he said -- and Heisman House will be there as well to support the launch.

Overall, the campaign that launched on September 1 will star 14 Heisman Trophy winners in a series of TV spots airing on ESPN throughout the season. It includes four 45-second spots and five 15-second ads.

In typical fashion, this year's hijinks ensue in a 90-second video, titled "Welcome to the House," in which newbie Henry flies his drone through the mansion catching the other Heisman winners in unguarded moments.

And these "unguarded" moments include deep clues as to why the Heisman House platform has been these sorts of priceless connections so successful for Nissan: because it

makes viewers believe they're part of a (wink! wink!) club of fellow collegefootball aficionados who understand the game and its practitioners on a whole 'nother level above the average fan.

"We've found with college-football fans that it's about insider access, and cultural moments -- 'Did you see that?' or 'Did you know that?'," Tucker said. "It also reinforces the ESPN brand and the experience that people go to them for on game day when they watch ESPN.

"Easter eggs" embedded in the first ad illustrate how Nissan creates with fans. One of them shows former

Boston College and pro quarterback Doug Flutie dancing with his actual partner from Dancing with the Stars: another depicts former Ohio State and Titans running back Eddie George practicing a Shakespeare scene, because close followers might know that he actually has had a role in Chicago on Broadway.

Also part of the campaign are an online platform where fans can cast their votes for the next Heisman Trophy winner and a social-media effort, as well as other traditional advertising.

And a Nissan Heisman House Tour features a simulated Heisman House can be skipped over. It's shareable and that will travel to various college snackable and relevant to the fan.'

campuses around the U.S. leading up to the College Football Playoff National Championship in January. It intersects with ESPN's Game Day broadcasts, of course, which also are conducted live from campuses.

Former Heisman winners want to get in on the action every year because they understand its relevance to the game that provided their doorway to fame.

"Every year in the middle of the summer, they want in," Tucker said. "My phone rings off the hook. And that's the secret sauce: These guys have fun doing it ... It's not advertising that





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