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Holiday Home Tour

Want something fun and exciting to get you into the holiday season? The Northville Community Foundation will host its 18th annual Holiday Home Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18-19. Five homes will be decorated to the nines for the holidays.

Tickets are on still on sale at Garden-views, Haven of Northville, the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Maybury Farm. To purchase tickets, call 248-374-0200 or visit the Northville Community Foundation. Admission is \$25 in advance or \$30 that day. Learn more at www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

The Holiday Home Tour is a fundraiser for the Northville Community Foundation, which supports the community by providing grants to nonprofit organizations, community programs and needs and schools. The foundation supports a variety of causes, including education, youth and senior programs, the arts, beautification and historical preservation.

DTE upgrades Northville area to reduce power outages

Joanne Maliszewski
hometownlife.com

Continuing growth is why Northville-area residents may have seen DTE Energy crews in the community.

“We are upgrading to reduce power outages and to shorten the outages when they occur,” said Lisa Bola, DTE spokeswoman.

Starting in 2013, DTE has been updating its infrastructure throughout metro Detroit to accommodate growth, reduce outages and provide smarter energy systems. The upgrades in the Northville area are part of a \$5.2 million project that allows DTE to modernize at least half of the grid in its service territories by 2020.

That’s a good news, not only for Northville-area residents, but the growing research and development park at Five Mile and Beck, as well as planned developed on the nearby former

Scott Prison property, said Tom Casari, Northville Township public services director.

Energy upgrades will help with new housing planned for the Redico development site, Casari added. The original plan to have a Meijer as an anchor for the property was dropped from the Redico plan.

The grid upgrades include strengthening 15 miles of power lines and the installation of about 400 new utility poles to create a grid better able to withstand severe weather. DTE is also adding equipment to reduce the number of customers affected by outages. Modernizing the substation located near the Northville Downs race track with new equipment that will allow it to operate more reliably is also included.

Work in the Northville area is expected to provide more reliable service for some 8,500 cus-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

DTE Energy crews were in the Northville area replacing street lamps and upgrading its power grid to reduce outages.

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The Shawn Riley Band entertained.

FRED SHADKO

Ring the bell for Thayer School

The Friends of Northville Township Historic District Commission hosted its second annual fundraiser Nov. 12 at the Northville District Library.

The Friends’ mission was — and is — to raise money to renovate the 1877 one-room Thayer School on the corner of Six Mile and Napier roads.

Monies raised will continue improvements to the structure, including repair and shingling of the roof and restoration of the interior and exterior, all with historical accuracy. Structural improvements are underway. Thayer’s Corners and the school represent Northville Township’s earliest settlement by the Thayer family, which built the school and surrounding cemetery.

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Thayer School’s history includes using the structure as a home in the 1960s.

FRED SHADKO

ELECTION 2016

Noble wins 20th state House seat

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The 20th state House — left vacant by term-limited Kurt Heise — that includes Northville Township and a portion of Northville, remained in Republican hands with the election of Jeff Noble, senior pastor at Praise Baptist Church.

Noble beat Democrat Colleen Pobur, a Plymouth City Commission member, with 27,438 votes to 23,768, according to unofficial Nov. 8 election results. Noble is a political newcomer. The district also includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, as well as part of eastern Canton Township. Noble lives in Plymouth Township.

In the race for the 9th District Wayne County Commission seat, incumbent Republican Terry Marecki retained her seat with 36,988 votes over Democratic challenger Patrick Crandel with 24,574.

In neighboring Plymouth Township, Kurt Heise, completing his third term in the state House, won 11,564 votes without opposition in the race for township supervisor. Jerry Vorva, a former state legislator, won 10,877 votes in the race for clerk without opposition on the ballot. Heise had defeated appointed Supervisor Shannon Price in the Republican primary with a write-in campaign, and Vorva, a semi-retired real estate agent and former Plymouth police officer, had defeated Clerk Nancy Conzelman in the primary.

Conzelman, who had been seeking a second term, launched a late write-in campaign; vote totals showed 362 write-ins in the race for clerk.

In the only race that was



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contested on the ballot, Mark Clinton, an executive with Cisco systems, won the race for township treasurer with just over 60 percent of the vote (9,676 votes) against Democrat Mary Siefert, who has a 30-year career in local treasury departments and is a former elected treasurer in Harrison Township. Siefert finished with 6,228 votes, nearly 39 percent.

Current Treasurer Ron Edwards, bested by Clinton in the Republican primary by a 30-percent margin, had, like Conzelman,

launched a late write-in campaign; there were 116 write-in votes in the race.

Republican trustee candidates Bob Doroshewitz, Chuck Curmi, John "Jack" Dempsey and Gary Heitman won in a five-way race for four spots, with more than 9,000 votes each, against Libertarian Joseph LeBlanc, who won 3,625 votes. Doroshewitz and Curmi are board incumbents while Dempsey and Heitman will be new to the board.

The Plymouth Township board winners will officially take office Sunday, Nov. 20.

Reporter David Veselenak contributed to this report.

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The school and cemetery make up the Thayer's Corners Historic District.

"We have tarps on the roof. There are holes on the roof. They were able to save the original roof structure," said township Trustee Fred Shadko, a Friends member, adding that steel beams have been used to strengthen the roof.

Guests enjoyed the Shawn Riley Band, food provided by Rocky's and LuLu's Catering and participated in a silent auction and competition for "best gingerbread display."

Judges for the event were Jean Hansen, library treasurer, Dan Schneider, local historical architect, and Joanne Maliszewski, editor of the Northville Record. The gingerbread structures were created by Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar, Joe Micallef, retired chef, and Diane Brandt and Alexandra Walton, amateur bakers.

Fundraising continues, as there is much



FRED SHADKO

National Honor Society students from Northville High School volunteered at the event.



FRED SHADKO

Work continues on the historic Thayer School.

to be done. Donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. For those who missed this event,

contributions may be made by sending a check made out to "Friends of Northville Township

MILL RACE MATTERS

Upcoming events

Christmas in the Village: Noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 20. Cream Tea at the Cady Inn during event.

Children's Christmas Workshop: Sold out.
Yuletide Tea: Dec. 10. Sold out.

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org

Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

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Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millrace-northville.org.

POWER

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tomers, Bola added.

To support future commercial development, DTE is also considering building a new substation somewhere near the Northville Township/Plymouth Township border, but officials have not decided on an exact location yet. The new substation will be in addition to the existing substation at Six Mile and Beck. "The substation at Six Mile and Beck is planned to continue as is," Bola said.

Part of the Northville-area DTE work is also the installation of new equipment in a substation located on Beal Street in Northville, near the Northville Downs race track, she added.

The DTE Energy system includes 535 substations covering about 7,600 square miles throughout Michigan. A substation near Ridge Road and M-14 is one of those 535.

"We realize our customers depend increasingly on the electricity we provide," said Heather Rivard, senior vice president of DTE distribution operations. "That's why we're investing in the energy grid to improve service for our customers now and into the future and our efforts are paying off. Over the last two years, our customers have experienced a 65-percent decrease in the length of power outages."

DTE Energy launched the project in early spring and is targeting completion by the end of this year. DTE Energy has upgraded the grid in nearly 500 areas since 2013. Its goal is to complete similar upgrades in 1,300 areas by 2020 —roughly half of its distribution network. Last year, DTE completed similar projects in Redford, Livonia and Garden City. This year, in addition to the Northville work, DTE has completed similar upgrades in Westland.

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Women’s Club hosts talk on coffee, tea, chocolate

Bitter!Sweet: Coffee, Tea & Chocolate, the Detroit Institute of Arts new exhibit opening Sunday, will be the topic of the Northville Woman’s Club’s program at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile

Road.

Detroit Institute of Arts docent Connie Corrigan will be the featured speaker. Bitter!Sweet: Coffee, Tea & Chocolate is the first exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts to engage all five senses. In addition to seeing art, visitors can

touch, hear, smell and even taste coffee- and tea-related beverages.

Bitter!Sweet: Coffee, Tea & Chocolate retraces the story of how these “new hot drinks” appeared on European tables beginning in the late-16th century, causing a near revolution in

drinking habits, social customs and tastes, as well as an insatiable demand for specialized vessels such as coffee-pots, tea canisters and chocolate pots.

The works of art assembled draw heavily from the DIA’s world-class encyclopedic col-

lection and range from rare examples of porcelain and metalwork to paintings, prints and sculptures. In a departure from traditional art exhibitions, their presentation will be complemented by multi-sensory interpretive elements that engage all five

senses — the museum’s first-ever exhibit to do so.

Those interested in more information about the Northville Woman’s Club or attending one of its meetings should contact president Maryann Cotterill at 248-344-8235.

Support education foundation with pizza Nov. 22-27

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, a Michigan-based family-owned restaurant group, and its Northville MOD Pizza restaurant at 18821 Traditions Drive, are teaming up with the Northville Educational Foundation for its annual Spreading MODness campaign.

TSFR brand leader of MOD Pizza Jake Schostak made the announcement.

During Spreading MODness, a week in which the company and its restaurants focus on supporting at-risk youth and families, MOD Pizza in Northville will donate \$1 for every pizza sold Nov. 22-27 for the Northville Educational Foundation. Joining more than 175 non-profits across the U.S. that will be the beneficiaries of Spreading MODness 2016, the Northville Educational Foundation’s mission is to attract, manage and distribute charitable gifts to provide educational opportunities that enhance Northville Public Schools’ commitment to educational

excellence.

“As the Northville Education Foundation is committed to providing educational opportunities that give Northville’s students an edge, we are excited to partner with MOD Pizza Northville for Spreading MODness,” said Jennifer Roosenberg, executive director of the Northville Educational Foundation. “This campaign is a great way for us to connect with those in our city and help us support our mission and we look forward to this week of giving.”

Each of MOD’s 182 stores will be supporting their local charity, with a goal to donate more than \$250,000.

To learn more, watch Spreading MODness 2016 or go to <http://modpizza.com/spreading-modness/> to see stories on how MOD is using its business as a platform for good.



Roosenberg

Community Choice donates to Thayer’s Corner

Community Choice Credit Union in Northville Township has donated close to \$1,000 for the installation of a deer fence at Thayer’s Corner Nature Area at Six Mile and Napier roads.

The donation of \$939 was made to the Friends group that supports the nature area. The deer fence protects a new memorial apple orchard planted by volunteers and donors of the park, as well as a newly placed

bee hive.

The park boasts 100 community gardens, walking trails, an historic barn, picnic shelter and a future nature center.

“We are grateful for Community Choice’s donation, as we could not have protected the new orchard without the fence. Its generous offering enhances our ability to provide garden-ing/growing experiences for area residents,” said

Marjorie Banner, chair of the Friends group. “this unique park would not exist without the hard work of our volunteers and many donors, including Community Choice.”

Added Jan Harajli, Community Choice Credit Union member center manager “We’re always looking for new ways to give back and give big to our community, and providing this fencing presented the perfect oppor-

tunity. We are honored to be part of a project that will bring people together for years to come.”

Thayer’s Corner Nature Area is a park owned by Northville Township, operated by Board of Trustee members Marjorie Banner and Marv Gans, and maintained by a host of volunteers.

For more information, contact Marjorie Banner at mbanner@twp.northville.mi.us

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

The Northville District Library will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 24, for Thanksgiving.

Drop-In Little Me Storytime
Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18
Details: Little ones, babies to 2 years, along with parents and caregivers, can enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. Fun for preschoolers too. Just drop in.

International Games Day for all Ages
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19
Details: We are teaming up with 3 & Up Game Lounge! Join us to play a variety of board and card games. Try your hand at giant Jenga! Registration recommended.

Foreign Film: Owl and the Sparrow
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28
Details: Join us for this well-reviewed Vietnamese

film with English subtitles.

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Details: Bring your iPad and learn how easy it is to download eBooks with Download Destination (Overdrive). Find out how to search items, place holds and review your account. Register online, in person or by phone 248.349.3020.

LEGO Day!
Time/Date: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30
Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30. Sorry, no special groups. Registration required.

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Area Toys for Tots begin preparing for season

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

With Halloween in the rear view mirror, that means Christmas isn't that far off. And with the season of giving starting, area Toys for Tots coordinators are ramping up their efforts. The program has coordinators all across the region, and wants those in the local community to know who to contact if they're looking

to donate or are in need of some assistance this holiday season. Kim Felske, a regional coordinator with Toys for Tots, said the group wants to inform residents of who their area coordinator is to help assist them in making sure donations, collections and other information are going to the right person. "We don't want people missed,(that) is our biggest concern," the

Brownstown Township resident said. "We'd like the toys collected in their communities to stay in their communities." Coordinators for certain parts of the area have changed. For those in Livonia, Wayne and Westland, residents and business owners can contact Nakii Adams at 734-258-2083 or via email at nakii4t@gmail.com. For those in Redford Township and Garden

City, the point person is Phil Smith, who can be reached at 313-720-2754 or at psmithtoystots@gmail.com. For those living in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon or Milford, the contact person is Rebecca Yarbrough, who can be reached at 248-331-7433 or t4trebecca@aol.com. These coordinators can be contacted if a

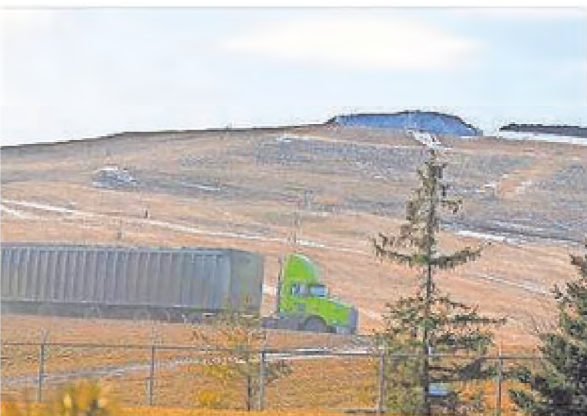
family is in need of assistance this holiday season, if someone is looking to donate items or if a business wants to set up a donation box. More information can be found at trenton-mi.toysfortots.org, novi-mi.toysfortots.org or detroit-mi.toysfortots.org. Felske said the organization still sees need all across the region. Some areas tend to be higher for donations

than others, though she said the need across Metro Detroit hasn't gone down. "What we haven't seen is the need going up. But that could be for many different reasons," she said. "We haven't seen a drop in need for many, many years."

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Residents, schools demand stop to Arbor Hills expansion

More than 50 Northville and Salem township residents attended the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Planning Committee meeting Nov. 9 in Ann Arbor. They are part of a grassroots team called Stop Arbor Hills that is attempting to prevent Salem from siting a second landfill across the street from Arbor Hills Landfill, which is reportedly the largest dump in the state. The planning committee was formed to amend the county's solid waste plan in response to Arbor Hills Landfill owner Advanced Disposal's 2015 request to expand the landfill. Advanced announced it was suspending its expansion plans in August. Two months later, landfill officials announced their intention to expand, but without a time line. In late October, Kelly Rooney, district manager for Advanced Disposal, called a public meeting to



Residents are demanding the end to Arbor Hills' plans to expand or develop a new site in the area.

"start a conversation" with Northville Township residents. In response to residents' demands to close the facility, Rooney said Advanced Disposal made a large investment and has a "long-term vision" on the 2000 purchase of Arbor Hills. An investment would not have been made if Arbor Hills was expected to

have a short life, she added. While residents were not surprised by Rooney's announcement, they spent a good part of the meeting making it clear they would continue to fight expansion and continue to demand a resolution to the continuing odor problems and increased truck traffic

on Napier and Six Mile roads. Residents have long attended meetings of the Solid Waste Planning Committee, which is developing an updated master plan that must be approved by Washtenaw County. In addition to recycling and solid waste reduction goals, the update could include language that would allow Arbor Hills to expand. Northville Board of Education Secretary Roland Hwang specifically asked the Washtenaw committee to prohibit any further expansion of the landfill or the creation or approval of a new landfill in the plan. "There are already problems with respect to odor, traffic and noise coming from the landfill," he told the committee. "It has affected Ridge Wood Elementary with respect to adjustments to the open air exchange and ventilation. And it has caused a night-

mare with respect to those issues of truncating recess and traffic problems with respect to the parents and students. "And these are students that are in Northville Township, but also Salem Township, so it is an issue that affects the students of Washtenaw." Northville's largest elementary school, Ridge Wood Elementary, sits about a half-mile east of Arbor Hills Landfill. "We are urging that there are other ways to handle the landfill issues of Washtenaw County that don't affect the 600 students at Ridge Wood Elementary," Hwang said. He urged the committee to include Northville Public Schools as a local governmental participant to ensure students' welfare is considered. The committee reviewed other county's solid waste plans and discovered many prohib-

ities if capacity needs are deemed satisfied by their planning process. Arbor Hills Landfill is estimated to have about 13 years of capacity. The plan update is expected to cover the next 10 years. Nazeha Al Ado, a resident of Northville Township's Steeplechase subdivision, asked the committee to have a conscience and realize residents have right to a healthy environment. Arbor Hills Landfill has received four violations this year from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, according to the state. The landfill received another citation from the Environmental Protection Agency in September for violating the Clean Air Act. As of Nov. 4 of this year, the state Air Quality Division has logged 422 complaints against Arbor Hills. The state Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection is now the lead agency responding to the Arbor Hills odor complaint situation, according to state officials. "We're not confident yet if it's safe or unsafe," said Kenneth Ruffatto, an EPA environmental engineer, adding that the EPA is maintaining logs of odor complaints submitted to the MDEQ. "Whether we bought knowing or not knowing the landfill was there, it still needs to be addressed," resident Al Ado said. "We are doing our homework. We're researching. And we're not gonna let down. If this is gonna take us to Lansing, the White House, wherever. We're not gonna stop. "This is our families. And you all have families. So you should understand how we feel and why we feel this way." The EPA sent inspectors to Arbor Hills in March and May of this year. The EPA has been working with the MDEQ to determine the level of risk to neighboring residents.

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RIVETING

Rosies prep for Thanksgiving Parade march

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Danielle Helms, 16, is the youngest of 17 women on a Rosie the Riveter drill team that will for the first time participate in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade this year.

The 11th-grade student at Canton High School loves history and she likes bringing to life a part of local history.

She practiced the drills with the Yankee Air Museum Rosie the Riveter Tribute Corps at Willow Run Airport on a recent Sunday afternoon. Helms was dressed in her red and white polka dot scarf, blue work jump suit and metal lunch can. As they went through their drills, two original Rosie the Riveters, both in their 90s, were on the sidelines watching — she can't get any closer to a fountain of history than that.

Haley Sellers was a perfect candidate for the drill team. The 28-year-old Westland resident was in ROTC in high school and college. She "loves anything aviation and being part of something that makes people happy. It gives people a little snippet of history." Sellers is also a docent at the Yankee Air Museum.

War effort symbol

Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon represent-

ing the American women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies. Some women took entirely new jobs replacing the male workers who were in the military.

A local group broke a record for the Guinness Book of World Records of most Rosies gathered together and some of those same women joined the drill team. Their focus has always been to raise awareness of the Yankee Air Museum restoration project, said Alison Beatty, an Ann Arbor resident.

"It's a cool piece of history," she added.

The story of the Yankee Air Museum began in 1941 when Willow Run Airport was built by the Ford Motor Co. to serve as an airfield for their B-24 Bomber Plant, which was the first aircraft manufacturing complex to use Ford's automotive mass production technique, a leading technological innovation. Today, it provides educational experiences through aviation, military, and home-front history, such as the local history focused on the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant.

The plant has a personal meaning for Beatty.

"I started because my dad worked at Willow Run when General Motors owned it and my grandfather flew a B-24 bomber in World War II," Beatty said. "I do whatever I can do to help. We want to let people know it



Rosie the Riveters pose during a recent rehearsal for the annual Thanksgiving parade in Detroit.

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Canton resident Danielle Helms salutes as she and 15 other Rosie the Riveters practice for the Thanksgiving Parade.

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Peggy Schneider leads the drill team that will march for the very first time in Detroit.

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was a real place. Our purpose is to honor the

original Rosies who worked for the war effort and to raise awareness of the ongoing efforts to fill the original bomber plant with history by refurbishing it and making it the new museum."

Ten-hut

Peggy Schneider, the team drill sergeant, yells out commands. She's perfecting the routine with Fred Hill, of the famed Fred Hill Brief Case Drill Team that started out as a lark 32 years ago. It was a human billboard in local parades to parody those who wear business suits. Hill, a Plymouth Realtor, made it to the big time when he took the team to the 82nd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

The Rosie team called in Hill for his drill team expertise. "We were inspired by Fred," Schneider said.

The Rosie drill team has been in lots of other parades, but the goal was to get into the local Thanksgiving Day parade, especially since they were rejected last year.

"Then we went to work," Hill said before giving the team a command. "I'm really pleased with how they're progressing."

The woman range in age from 16 to 70 and they come from all over the Detroit metropolitan area. Helms, the youngest in the group, is living out part of her dream. She builds model airplanes and wants to be a pilot for the Blue Angels or Thunderbirds some day. "That would be awesome," she added.

Beatty asks people to go to savethebomberplant.org for more information about the Yankee Air Museum restoration project. A \$50 donation will save one-square-foot of the plant. The donor will receive a certificate that she said would make a great gift for a history buff or someone who had a family member who worked at the plant.

"We've saved Rosie's factory, now it's time to fill it with history," according to savethebomberplant.org. Donations helped preserve 144,000-square-feet of the bomber plant from being demolished. Now, funds for renovation work are being raised so the Bomber Plant can become the future home of the Yankee Air Museum.

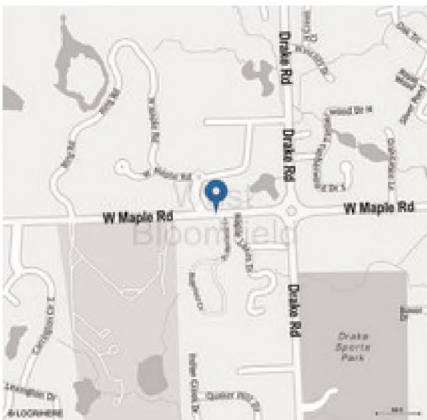


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Kidney Ball aims for \$6 million mark

More than 800 notable business executives and socialites will gather Saturday, Dec. 3, at MotorCity Casino Hotel for the 12th annual National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Ball in the hope of reaching the \$6 million mark in total annual Kidney Ball funds raised over the past 12 years.

Danny Zivian, a sophomore student at North Farmington High School, is being recognized at the ball for his outstanding fundraising. Danny, a kidney patient himself, has raised \$84,446 from 2009 to date during the foundation's yearly Kidney Walks, making him the top youth fundraiser.

More than 250 auction items and hundreds of children's toys, books and games will be featured in the live and silent auction events. This year's event expects to raise \$600,000 for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's many community programs and services to help the more than 900,000 people in Michigan with kidney disease.

"For more than a decade the community has supported us in raising the funds needed to create programs that aim to help the nearly one million people in Michigan with chronic kidney disease," said Dan Carney, president and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. "This evening is vital to the community we serve as these funds provide the life changing, and sometimes life-saving, programs for a disease that we know to be 70 percent preventable."

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan was ranked the No. 1 charity in the category of diseases, disorders and disciplines in 2014 by Charity Navigator, the nation's leading charity evaluator. This year, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan earned its ninth consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. The designation puts the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan in the top 1 percent of all charities in the United States.

Considered on the social scene as "the most fun black tie event in metro Detroit," guests will experience live entertainment from the band Your Generation in Concert featuring Fifty Amp Fuse, along with the exceptional MotorCity Casino Hotel cuisine prepared by executive chef Raymond Bertschy.

The 2016 Kidney Ball chair is Patrick Rugiero, executive director of Roman Village Restaurant Group. The honorary co-chairs of the Kidney Ball are Duane McLean, executive vice president of business operations for the Detroit Tigers, and Ed J. Peper, U.S. vice president of GM Fleet & Commercial.

The Kidney Ball is presented by General Motors Fleet and sponsored by Lear Corp., Madison Heights Glass, Meijer, Hour Detroit,

Adrian Steel, Detroit Auto Dealers Association, Detroit Medical Center, Greenfield Health Systems, Henry Ford Health System, First American Tile, GKN Driveline, LaFontaine Automotive, Mars Snackfood, McCann Worldgroup, Miller Coors, Morley, MotorCity

Casino Hotel, Northwest Detroit Dialysis and Print Tech Inc.

The Kidney Ball will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by the program, with dancing and entertainment in Sound Board to end the evening. Tickets for the event are \$250 per guest and can be purchased via the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's website, www.nkfm.org/kidneyball, or by calling the NKFM at 800-482-1455.



North Farmington High School sophomore Danny Zivian has raised more than \$89,000 for the National Kidney Foundation.



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LETTERS

Democracy crumbled

Citizens must continue to believe in and fight for such American values as love, decency, justice for all, equality, diversity, and hope.

Persons of all ages, especially millennials, must continue to be involved and participate, then vote. Apathy is not a choice. Citizens must education themselves about history, the world, the Constitution, civics then teach others.

Depression about the outcome of the presidential election will last a while. In the next two years there can be improvement in political parties and all forms of government — local, county, state, nation. The mid-term elections in 2018 will predict the future. Let's make America

kind again.
Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

History of a different sort

Our last few elections have been very historical. In 2000 for only the second time in our country's history the son of a former president became president. In 2008 we elected the first black president.

Now in 2016 we have a man who has never held any office in government, never served in the military nor am I aware of any kind of public service. He has a history of failed marriages, a history of failed businesses and filed bankruptcy numerous times. Several women have accused him of sexual assault and he has bragged about groping women. He also bragged of not paying taxes to the

country he claims to love, and that he alone can fix the problems our nation faces.

Given these facts there must be several historical firsts that come with this man that is about to be declared our new president.

I would like to know, has there ever been an American president before that would match any of this?

Chuck Tindall
Novi

One final reformation

Everyone is entitled to their conclusions, however, has America been given one final opportunity for reformation breaking away from decades of lousy leadership? The yapping chihuahuas subdued momentarily. Poodle enablers of "cupcake" malcontent occupiers pushed to the back of the

cold press rooms.

Soros and his favored slick left wingers were totally shocked. Bent, but set to return on the usual vulturous wings of implications and charges of racism, hate and their only negative flavor du jour.

Will the Republican Party be cultist or dwell on actions advancing the very positive interests of the faith? What really pulled them and America through all the angst?

Jim Nowka
Northville

Too bad, liberals

Oh those nasty, vicious liberals, how they try to suppress all free thought! How ironic that they were moaning about a peaceful transition of power when they thought that Hillary was going to win, but now they're out marching in the streets like 10-year-old cry-ba-

bies, Boo hoo hoo, do these sore losers expect a do-over? If they don't like it, let them move to Canada! They did the same thing in 2000 when they protested George W's (Bush) inauguration. But their childish temper tantrums don't change this wonderful moment in history and won't spoil my joy. Yahoo!

These hate-filled liberals chant that Trump isn't their president but Mr. Obama isn't mine and these last eight years have been mortifying. Now we finally have a man we can be proud of!

The demon-possessed liberals always follow a script when attacking their enemies — they offer bullying opposition, they mock, they call names, they try to isolate and marginalize the enemy. For example, if you support a traditional family structure of a

man, woman and children based on religious values, you're called a bigot.

What's obvious about this election is that there were many good people still left in this nation who were too cow-towed and embarrassed by the liberal media to admit to being Trumpers to pollsters, but there was a vast, hidden, stealth army of them out there. If you put up a Trump sign on your lawn, the demonic liberals would come by and steal it. Put a Trump bumper sticker on your car? They'd "key" scrape your paint.

The liberals don't believe that others have a right to an opinion. You have a right to your own opinion, and you have a right to disagree with me, but you don't have any business trying to suppress my beliefs!

Leo Weber
Livonia

Our commitment: Respect each other

The 2016 election is over.

For many of us, the end could not come soon enough. We were deluged with ads and commentary and news stories that left many of us feeling worn out and confused. So as the election ended, many of us felt a sense of relief.

But while the election is over, the aftermath is not.

Some of us are happy with the result of the election. Some of us are not.

Sadly, we have all seen or heard stories about events and activities that have taken place after the election that have created tensions in our school communities. I am sure that there have been conversations in our schools between students, between staff and between staff and students that may have hurt feelings or in-



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

Our diverse community helps us to see and hear and experience different points of view.

flamed already tense situations.

What should we do as a school community?

On the one hand, school should not be political. By that I mean that school should not promote a Republican or a Democratic or a third-party agenda. School should not be a place that advocates

partisan policies. Teachers should not use class time and administrators should not use district resources to promote or disparage political figures or political agendas.

Teachers and administrators, bus drivers and secretaries talk to students every day. However, just because we have access to students and can engage our students in conversations, we should never take advantage of that opportunity by attempting to make students see things the same way we see them.

On the other hand, school is very political. By that I mean that the purpose of school is to teach our students to think and reason and examine ideas closely. The purpose of analytical thinking is to help our students learn how to think deeply. That is the essence of politics.

The purpose of school is not to help students learn how to solve problems that they will only encounter in school. The purpose of school is to help our students learn skills that they can use to solve problems that they will encounter outside of school.

If the purpose of school is to help our students learn to think and reason and examine ideas closely, then it stands to reason that our students will begin to take an interest in the ideas that are captivating our nation.

And therein lies the conundrum. How can we help our students learn to engage in civic conversation in ways that respect viewpoints that may differ from their own?

Here in Novi, we are mindful of the diversity that resides in our world — social, econom-

ic, racial, religious. That is one of the beautiful parts of Novi. Our diverse community helps us to see and hear and experience different points of view.

As a district, we continue to find ways to listen to each other, learn from other and support each other as we make our way through this world. We will make mistakes at times. Feelings will be hurt. As that happens, we will address those issues and learn from them.

But our commitment is to respect each other, help everyone find their voice, listen and learn from each other and find ways to make a positive difference in the world.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at smatthews@novischools.net.

Transfer open house Nov. 30 at Livonia EMU campus

Eastern Michigan University will host an open house for prospective transfer students on Nov. 30 at the EMU Livonia campus, featuring a campus tour, opportunities to learn about transfer options and much more.

The open house is from 4-6 p.m. and will be held at EMU-Livonia, 38777 Six Mile. Parking is free at EMU-Livonia.

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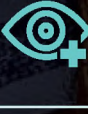
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Trump co-chair: The new president is good for Michigan

Jay Grossman
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The Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign believes the newly elected president is going to benefit the Midwest by boosting manufacturing in the region.

“Mr. Trump’s first day on the campaign trail was in Michigan and Mr. Trump’s last day on the campaign trail was in Michigan,” said Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Township resident and general manager and co-owner of Vesco Oil Corp. “He has made it abundantly clear that Michigan is at the top of his priority list and that making Michigan the manufacturing mecca it

once was is a top priority in his administration.”

It has been a satisfying week for Epstein, a longtime Trump supporter who was asked to co-chair his Michigan campaign in August. The 35-year-old entrepreneur said she always felt in her heart that Trump’s leadership qualities and business background would carry the election.

At the same time, she admits a number of people asked her the same question throughout the campaign: Why Trump?

“That’s a question I was asked a lot,” said Epstein, a Detroit Country Day School graduate who has degrees from Harvard and University of Michigan Ross School



“We all want the same things ... freedom, success and prosperity. The only question is which policies we adopt to get us there,” said Lena Epstein, Michigan co-chair for the Trump campaign.

of Business. “I was a very early supporter Donald Trump ... the American people will see he is going to be a phenomenal president — he is going to strengthen our economy, secure our borders, combat ISIS and make health care affordable once again.”

Why Trump?

Epstein, who runs the family business with her parents and sister, first met Trump at a Lincoln Day dinner in Oakland County in 2012.

“I had a wonderful opportunity to spend

time with him,” she said. “Within the Republican Party, it was known I was a staunch supporter from the beginning — I’m a genuine Trump fan.”

She got the call to co-chair the Michigan campaign three days after her wedding in early August. By the time she joined, the Trump campaign in Michigan was already starting to come together.

“The momentum definitely picked up as we went along,” she said.

“As the polls made it clearer he was winning, the support kept picking

up and rallies were getting bigger and bigger.”

Her job as co-chair was to serve as Trump’s official surrogate. She said her role in the campaign was covered globally, including interviews with correspondents in England, Washington, D.C., and New York.

“I was asked to lead the charge and it was an honor,” she said. “I was humbled by the opportunity and I’m grateful we were met with tremendous success.”

But there were setbacks, in the form of inappropriate remarks and wayward Tweets in the early morning hours.

“I’m not going to apologize for some of the comments he made, because they were wrong and inappropriate,” she said. “There were a number of occasions where I was put on the spot by some of the things he said. But that’s not why I supported him for president.”

Factories and health care

Epstein said she expects Trump to follow through on his campaign promises to overturn NAFTA and oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership. She believes he’ll bolster that promise by creating new infrastructure in the Midwest to accommodate more manufacturing opportunities.

“He wants to make America competitive again,” she said. “I believe at the end of these four years, we’re going to see a dramatic shift in our manufacturing position in the nation — this is good for Michigan.”

Along those lines, she expects Trump will replace the Affordable Healthcare Act by introducing health care savings accounts and opening up state borders to create more competition.

“This is going to create more flexibility, freedom and independence,” Epstein said. “Mr. Trump has emphasized his plan will address those with pre-existing medical conditions ... right now, we’re anticipating 25-percent price hikes in health care in 2017. That is not sustainable.”

Rebuilding

Epstein also realizes parts of the Trump campaign has left different groups in the country feeling alienated from the process — even attacked.

“Absolutely, I understand there are a lot of people right now who are sad, mad and afraid,” she said. “That was going to happen regardless of who won. It was going to happen either way.”

Speaking directly to the Jewish community in metro Detroit, she said Trump is a fervent supporter of Israel and would like nothing more than to broker a lasting peace agreement in the Middle East. She also noted Trump’s daughter, Ivanka, converted to Judaism in 2009 before marrying Jared Kushner, an Orthodox Jew.

“If anyone has a chance to make the Middle East a safer place, it’s him,” she said. “It would be the deal of a lifetime for him, as he has said so many times.”

Where do other groups fit in Trump’s America?

“They fit where you and I fit,” Epstein said. “It’s not a question of segregation. I believe Mr. Trump wants one America and opportunities for everyone ... he wants to grow the country and expand our opportunities for success.”

As for the idea of building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, she said. “He doesn’t want people to be here illegally. I can’t blame the guy, I don’t either.”

Epstein said the president-elect opposes any attacks on individual groups and that just because certain extreme factions support his presidency doesn’t mean he supports them.

“At this point, people will have to give him a chance,” she said. “On Jan. 20, he will be sworn in as our next president. Our duty as American people is to cooperate and respect the law of the land — and the voice of the people. And the people have elected Donald Trump.”

It was the middle class that carried Trump to the White House, Epstein said, and the reason for it is the economy.

“They have spoken up,” she said. “They have suffered through election after election with no real improvements. I have a tremendous amount of compassion and empathy for those suffering in our country and I have faith in the years ahead that we will heal and come together as a nation. We all want the same things ... freedom, success and prosperity. The only question is which policies we adopt to get us there.”

She invites anyone interested in learning more about the whirlwind presidential election and how those final critical moments in the campaign came together to follow her on Twitter @LenaEpstein.

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CLAUDE Age 74, passed away November 7, 2016. He was born December 12, 1941 in Fount, Kentucky, son of the late George and Druilla Brock. Claude was a proud Army veteran serving during the Vietnam war. He was employed with G.M. for over 38 years at the Willow Run plant. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Mary; his loving children, Claude (Christine Walker) Brock, and Deanna (Jason) Boike; his two grandchildren, Claudia and Grant; siblings; and by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Claude was preceded in death by his son, Joseph in 2009 and one brother, Theo. Visitation was held on Thursday, November 10 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, November 11 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. He was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery in Milford. www.phillipsfuneral.com

CHESNUT

DAVID C. February 2, 1948 - November 11, 2016
A retired engineer and small business owner, passed away peacefully at home. He leaves behind his wife, Kathleen; son, Dr. Cameron Chesnut; daughter-in-law, Aubree; and two grandchildren, Torin and Tatum. He will be missed by his siblings, nephews and nieces in both Idaho and Michigan. A private celebration of life will be held with family and friends in Idaho and Michigan. Donations in his honor can be made to: Dogs for the Deaf, 10175 Wheeler Rd., Central Point, Oregon 97502. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DIETRICH

VIRGINIA Age 87, formerly of South Lyon, Michigan and Panama City Beach, Florida, passed away November 13, 2016. She was born December 15, 1928 in Detroit, daughter of the late Earle and Ruth Kerr. Virginia had a successful career in advertising. She spent time working at Ross Roy Inc. and J. Walter Thompson. She is survived by her loving daughters: Tracey (Chris) Gray and Libby (Paul) Smith; her son-in-law, Russell Sweet and five grandchildren: Gina Sweet, Beth Sweet, Graham Smith, Hannah Smith and Sean Smith. Virginia is also survived by her sister, Barbara (John) Frank. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard; and her daughter, Jane Sweet. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 19 at 11:00a.m. with the family receiving friends beginning at 10:00a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan. phillipsfuneral.com

GLATFELTER

FRANK age 49, of Tucson, Arizona, formerly of South Lyon, Michigan, passed away November 10, 2016. He was born August 11, 1967, son of Ted and Sharon Glatfelter. Frank was a heavy equipment operator and was known for his love of horses and kids. He will always be remembered for his huge heart and for always helping others in need. He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna; his parents, Ted and Sharon Glatfelter; his daughter, Samantha Avery; his son, Michael DiPonio-Glatfelter; his sister, Shellie (Al) Bell; his nieces: Aislinn, Sheila, and Allie and also many unofficial, extended family members and nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 21 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with a funeral service being held on Tuesday, November 22 at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St, South Lyon. Frank will be laid to rest in New Hudson Cemetery. www.phillipsfuneral.com

KUSHIM



RENI M. of Highland; passed away November 7, 2016 at age 44. Loving wife of Steve. Treasured mother of Ainsley. Beloved daughter of Seigi and Katsuko Tome and sister of Roberto Tome. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Road. Memorial contributions suggested to the Livingston County Humane Society. eltonblackandsonhighland.com

LASH

BARBARA M. Age 82 passed away November 8, 2016. She was born in Novi, Michigan, daughter of the late James and Ida Morrison. Barbara loved life and loved to laugh. She was known for her loving and kind nature and for being a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She could often be heard giving those she loved her favorite piece of advice: "stay positive". Barbara is survived by her beloved husband of 49 years, Lance; her loving children: James Turner, William (Melissa) Turner, Wilda (Harold) Phillips, Barbara (John) Morgan; and her grandchildren: Lauren and Anthony. She was preceded in death by her son, John and her brothers: Donald, George, John, and Jimmy. A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 25 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com



REEVES



HOWARD N.L. age 84, longtime resident of Northville, passed away on November 9, 2016. He was born April 24, 1932 in Hohenwald, Tennessee; son of Homer and Willie (nee Thompson) Reeves. He graduated from Lewis County High School in Hohenwald, TN; Class of 1950. He proudly served his country with the Army during the Korean War. Howard was united in marriage to Virginia Fay Bolton on December 31, 1954; they spent 61 loving years together. Howard worked as a Police Officer with the City of Northville; he began his career with the department in 1966 and retired in 1987. He enjoyed his work and interacting with the community; he was very well liked among his colleagues. Howard was proud of his role as a police officer in the movie, "Northville Cemetery Massacre." Howard loved to go Up North to Lupton, Michigan where he would spend his time relaxing and driving his golf cart around. He liked vacationing in Tennessee to visit with his family and the big farm where he raised cattle. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, riding his Harley, and boating. Howard is survived by his beloved wife Virginia Fay Reeves; his children, Dennis Reeves, Douglas (Maureen) Reeves, Duane (Linda) Reeves, and Lorenda Baber; his siblings, Lou-Dean Stephen, Wilma Bryant, Oscar (Martha) Reeves, Wanda (Johnny) Creasey, and Margaret Stowe; his grandchildren, Shaun (Jill) Reeves, Jason (Layna) Reeves, Alicia (Kevin) Beedle, Shandol (Josh) Glass, Deanna (Eddie) Jonker, Jeremy Baber, Westley Baber, Daniel Reeves, and Matthew Reeves; and his great grandchildren, Joshua Powers, Autumn Willim, William Dargo, Gabrielle Dargo, Savannah Jonker, Kinsley Glass, and Addison Beedle. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Carlton Reeves. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Casterline Funeral Home, with services following at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald, TN. He was laid to rest at Deavers Cemetery in Hohenwald, TN. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48033-7443.

REYNOLDS

JANET ROPER (nee PICHLER) 76 of Farmington Hills, formerly of South Lyon. Passed away Oct. 29, 2016. Surrounded by her husband Kenneth Reynolds and her children.



RICHARDSON



LAWRENCE A. "LARRY" of Milford, passed away in the loving care of his family on November 11, 2016 at the age of 63. In addition to Judy, his beloved wife of 36 years, Larry is survived by his sons, Larry (Julie) Jr., Andy (Molly) Richardson and Justin (Katy) Richardson; grandchildren, William, Max, Ronan, Roarke, Belle and one on the way. Larry is survived by his siblings, William (Joyce), III., Christine (Mark), Richard, Mark (Paulie), Dennis (Carrie), Maureen (Mark), and Robert (Dana) as well as extended family and dear friends. Mass of the Resurrection will be held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 11 a.m. with gathering to begin one hour prior at 10 a.m. The Rev. Fr. Vince Richardson to officiate. Air Force Honors will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions encouraged to: Parkinson's Foundation. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



Lena Epstein, Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign, first met the president-elect at a Lincoln Day dinner in 2012.

Get ready to ski! Discounts, lessons on tap at state resorts

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

From a new chairlift at Caberfae Peaks to an innovative instructional program at Mt. Brighton, Michigan ski operators are gearing up for the season.

“There are a lot of things going on this winter that people should be aware of,” said Mickey

MacWilliams, executive director of the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association.

Caberfae Peaks, near Cadillac, will add a triple chairlift to serve the North Peak complex, taking skiers 1,561 feet up and offering a 360-degree view of the Manistee National Forest.

Boyne Mountain will offer new shops in its

village, including a new spa experience.

Other ski areas and the association itself are offering a variety of deals for learners and frequent skiers.

At Mt. Brighton, for example, guests who pay \$349 for a series of four, two-hour skiing or snowboarding lessons during January will get skis or a snowboard to keep at the

end.

Extend your weekend at Treetops Resort near Gaylord and participate in “Learn to Ski Monday,” where a group lesson comes free with a lift ticket.

The Snowsports Industries Association also is offering its popular White Gold card right now. The card costs \$269 and offers one-day admission to

35 different ski areas in Michigan, as well as discounts on ski- and snowboard-related services. Only 400 are available. Buy them at participating locations or online at www.goskimichigan.com.

January has been designated learn-to-ski month in Michigan, and resort operators will offer a variety of lessons and programs as well as

discounted lift tickets.

In a great deal for families, kids who sign up for the “Cold is Cool” passport at a cost of \$20 get to ski or snowboard for free at 30 different resorts when accompanied by a paying adult.

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Green space neighbors want trees, not skate park

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

Michael Shada sees a slice of nature when he looks across the street from his Milford home. Supporters of a proposed skate park look at the same green space and see an underused drainage area that's perfect for development. Shada is one of a handful of residents on Atlantic Street who have voiced opposition to the location of the proposed skate park at public meetings this fall. A few also opposed the site in July, when the village council approved the concept. As plans proceed, they want officials to know they still prefer a green space to a skate park north of Milford Civic Center. They hope an ad hoc committee that was created by council last month will consider another location. But the committee is looking into the feasibility of building the skate park on the green space and will report its findings to the council at an undetermined date. The committee, which includes two council members, two parks and recreation members and three skate park supporters, also will recommend a design firm and construction proposal. Pro-skate park residents, mostly parents, dubbed their group Project S-Park, and through a GoFundMe campaign established in July have raised almost half of \$25,000 needed for the design phase of the park. They hope to raise a total of \$220,000 to build the plaza-style skate and BMX park that would include green space and a play area for younger children. The village would own and maintain the completed park. Village Manager Christian Wuerth, who sits on the ad hoc com-



The view of the green space from Michael Shada's living room window.

mittee as a non-voting member, said an engineering firm donated its survey work at the green space. Data from its work, along with information from consulting engineers, will help determine if a skate park is appropriate for the site. "The (green space's) primary function today is as a drainage ditch," Wuerth said. He noted that some existing trees and other green elements can be integrated into the plaza-style park. **Colorful trees** In a letter to village council and Wuerth in July, Shada and his wife, Janice Watson-Shada, urged officials to conserve the green space "for all to see and appreciate." "If you look at it from our house across the street, you don't see drainage, you see beautiful red maples and beautiful orange crab apple trees," Shada said in an interview last week. Shada, a retired Southfield police lieutenant and a football coach at Milford High School, also is concerned about accidents between skateboarders veering off the proposed plaza and police cars exiting the Civic Center on emergency runs.

Wuerth said the committee will consider other locations if the green space is not feasible. The committee must determine if it's possible to enclose the drain, maintain the drainage and build a skate park on top of it. He said parents hope to start construction by summer. "That is optimistic. A lot of steps have to happen between here and there. The goal is that, hopefully, by early January, we'll be in a position to put out a request and get a design firm on board," Wuerth said. "No final decision has been made. This is very much a work in progress."

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DECEMBER 12, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, December 12, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider variance requests as follows:

- Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 18, Schedule of Regulations (Setbacks) for residential property located at 19611 Clement Road, Northville, MI (Parcel ID#77- 016-02-0029-000).
- Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 3 General Use Provisions (Accessory Structure) for commercial property located at 19720 Gerald Street, Northville, MI (Parcel ID#77-007-99-0026-701).

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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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, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.279 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 4. USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.82. RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS, ARTICLE 4. USE STANDARDS, SECTION 4.25. MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS, ARTICLE 3. ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.27. TC AND TC-1 DISTRICT REQUIRED CONDITIONS, AND ARTICLE 5. SECTION 5.2. OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE STANDARDS FOR MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TC AND TC-1 DISTRICTS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing. The proposed text amendment is available for examination and review at the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Any written comments must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary
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CITY OF NOVI
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Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Beautification Commission
- Board of Review
- Election Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248)347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available online at cityofnovi.org or at the City Clerk's office) is Wednesday, November 23, 2016. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

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By Terry Jacoby
Contributing Writer

MAKING funeral arrangements for a loved one is an experience filled with grief, stress, heartache and many other emotions that can become quite overwhelming. Mrs. Williams, a local resident, recently had to arrange for cremation of her longtime husband and there was nothing that could be done to ease her pain.

But there was an innovative program she had heard about launched by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, in Northville offering "In-Home Arrangements."

This program allows families to arrange funeral plans or cremation services to be finalized in the comfort of their own homes instead of having to travel to the funeral home. These In-Home Arrangements, which are provided by an experienced funeral director, are done at the home rather than having the family come in to the funeral home, which helps alleviate the stress and anxiety associated with funeral planning.

Just ask Mrs. Williams.

"I have to be honest," she said. "I was blessed to have heard about (Griffin Funeral Home) and to be in contact with them. Everything went smoothly. I have been in charge of other loved one's services and this one was by far the easiest when it came to the arrangements. I never imagined it could go so smoothly."

Mrs. Williams stressed how much easier it was to make such important decisions surrounded



by the comforts of her own home. "They made everything so easy on me and I am very appreciative," she said.

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, is now providing these special In-Home Arrangements in Northville and surrounding communities for families that experience loss of a loved one.

"It's a difficult time when a death occurs," Griffin said. "Some people would prefer to do the finalizing at their home if they are elderly or have some anxieties about coming to the funeral home or just feel more comfortable in their own surroundings."

The program is just another way of helping ease the stress during a difficult time. And it's just another way Griffin Funeral Home is living up to its longstanding hallmark of commitment: "Service – A Family Tradition."

"We have heard from Mrs. Williams and others how much easier it is, how much more comfortable they feel in their own homes," Griffin said. "And if it makes things a little easier on them, then we have done our job better."

L.J. Griffin Funeral Home has "been doing their job better" for more than 60 years, which started in Detroit with a commitment to servicing families who trusted them in their time of need. With successful locations in Livonia, Canton and Westland, the Griffins became the new proprietors of the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville in 2014. A complete renovation of the building soon followed.

"We wanted to create a place for Northville and the surrounding community to represent this area to honor the dead," said Griffin, whose own family lives in Northville and supports the city in numerous ways. "And what we have created here fits the community and that's important to us."

What Griffin

created is not only a comfortable and peaceful setting for families and friends to honor the dead, but a "landmark" for the community. In their first year open for business in Northville, Griffin Funeral Home won the O&E's People's Choice Award for best funeral home.

Griffin, whose mother and father started the family business in Detroit in 1954, is always asking "what can we do to get better," "how can we better serve the community," "how can we make a stressful and difficult time easier on our customers."

And the in-home arrangements is another way the Griffin Funeral Home is trying to ease the pain of what is often a painful time for family, friends and loved ones.

Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, is located on Northville Road in Northville, providing funeral and cremation services. For more information on in-home arrangements or other services, call (248) 348-1233 or e-mail info@griffinfuneralhome.com. Griffin Funeral Home is located online at www.griffinfuneralhome.com.

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LTU, St. John Providence to offer nursing program

St. John Providence and Lawrence Technological University have received state approval to establish a nursing education program.

The program, which will open in the fall 2017 semester in August, will have classroom instruction at Lawrence Tech's Southfield campus, with clinical and laboratory instruction at six St. John Providence hospital locations around metro Detroit, according to a press release. St. John Providence is part of Ascension, the largest nonprofit health system in the U.S. and the world's largest Catholic health system.

The new program will fall under Lawrence Tech's College of Arts and Sciences as a major in the LTU Department of Natural Sciences, granting a bachelor of science in nursing.

"Michigan and the nation as a whole are in the midst of a continuing shortage of qualified, well-trained nurses," Lawrence Tech President Virinder Moudgil said. "We aim to help solve that problem with a nursing education program that will take full advantage of our 85-year history as a technologically advanced university. Our founding motto, 'Theory and Practice,' is a perfect description of the kind of nursing education we will deliver with our partners at Providence."

"This partnership is part of our ongoing commitment to providing the training our future nurses need so they can deliver the high quality and compassionate care that patients expect and deserve," St. John Providence President & CEO Jean Meyer said.

The Michigan Board of Nursing approved the application for the new nursing program Thursday, Nov. 3.

Lawrence Tech has hired Therese Jamison, DNP, ACNP-BC, as professor of nursing and director of the program. Jamison earned her doctorate of nursing practice from Vanderbilt University. Earlier, she earned a bachelor of science in nursing and a master's degree in Nursing from Wayne State University, as well as a post-master's certificate as an acute care nurse practitioner from the University of Michigan.

A veteran nursing specialist, Jamison continues to work one day a week as a nurse practitioner in cardiovascular services at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren Campus.

The six St. John Providence hospital locations are: St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Detroit; St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Warren Campus; St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital, Madison Heights Cam-

pus; Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Southfield; Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Novi; and St. John River District Hospital, East China Township.

The new nursing program will admit an initial cohort of 32 students for the fall 2017 academic semester, and 32 new students per year thereafter.

Jamison said the LTU-St. John Providence nursing program will be unique in that it will admit qualified students directly into the nursing program, and nursing classes will start in the curriculum's first term. Most nursing programs admit students to a "pre-nursing" program for two years of prerequisite courses, then admit a smaller number of those students to the formal nursing program, according to a press release.

Also unique is the close academic-practice partnership between LTU and St. John Providence, Jamison said. Most nursing programs offer their clinical programs through a wide variety of hospital groups, creating barriers for students in navigating the healthcare system.

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Parkinson's patients fight symptoms by boxing

Pugilistic Dementia is a term that refers to the brain impairments caused by the sport of boxing. Parkinson's Disease is a progressive neurological disorder of the brain and is said to affect 1 million people in the United States. Parkinson's is often characterized by shaking tremors throughout the body, impaired gait, poor balance, impaired speech and other associated difficulties.

One doesn't have to go further than Muhammad Ali for an example of the best of boxing and the debilitation of Parkinson's disease.

Recently, I learned of a relatively new form of exercise that uses boxing in the fight against Parkinson's. My initial naïve thought was, "Do people involved in this program have rocks in their head? Don't they know that a sport with the object of damaging your opponent's brain would add to, not remediate the symptoms of Parkinson's disease?"

However, information from our local Sports Club of Novi, which conducts Rock Steady Boxing classes specifically for people with Parkinson's disease, set me straight. You see, they do so in a non-contact way, without striking each other. There are also Rock Steady affiliates in Beverly Hills and Troy and at 50 other sites around the country.

Boxing exercises

The exercises of boxing seem well-suited for targeting symptoms of Parkinson's. Stretching out helps with stiffness, footwork is used for balance and agility, the forced intensity of punching with a large glove can steady trem-



Len
McCulloch

The program uses speed bags, heavy bags, medicine balls, even pool noodles ... to help fight the many symptoms of Parkinson's.

ors, sparring is for coordination and counting, shouting and singing is used for the so-called "short voice syndrome" associated with changes in speech.

The program uses speed bags, heavy bags, medicine balls, even pool noodles — all sorts of equipment — to help fight the many symptoms of Parkinson's. The participants also "spar" with the certified coaches to work on strength, focus, footwork, power, agility and so much more. The coaches use "mitts" to give the participants a focus point and, at the same time, encouragement.

The website for Rock Steady Boxing headquarters has a marvelous video interview between Lesley Stahl of CBS News and her husband, Aaron Latham. Aaron has Parkinson's disease. On the video, Aaron speaks for other participants who acknowledge improvements in both the physical conditioning and their emotional and mental abilities as a result of this program. They've regained control over the body, an achievement that alleviates depression. The camaraderie of

the group, cheering each other on, alleviates the sense of loneliness and isolation often seen in individuals with a neurological disorder. Participants in Rock Steady can range in age from 45-95.

Research

The program, started in 2006, evolved from research conducted at the University of Indianapolis. Studies comparing participants with Parkinson's who are involved in boxing versus those without the activity seemed to show patterns of improvements in various areas of medical and mental health. There is some suggestion that forced intense exercise may generate renewed growth of brain cells that are neuroprotective and can actually slow the progression of Parkinson's. In some cases, great improvement may occur. Unfortunately, there is no cure. As the "boxers" at Sports Club of Novi Rock Steady Boxing program show, there is a change in perception of being the victim of such a devastating disease to someone who is "fighting back," "clobbering" and "fighting for" some renewed control against the losses which are the Parkinson's experience.

For more information, go to www.rocksteadyboxing.org or call Suzanne Schulz, certified personal trainer and Rock Steady Boxing coach at 248-735-8850, ext. 217 or email fitnesscoachsuz@gmail.com.

L.J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. McCulloch is available for a courtesy consultation at 248-474-2763 ext. 222.



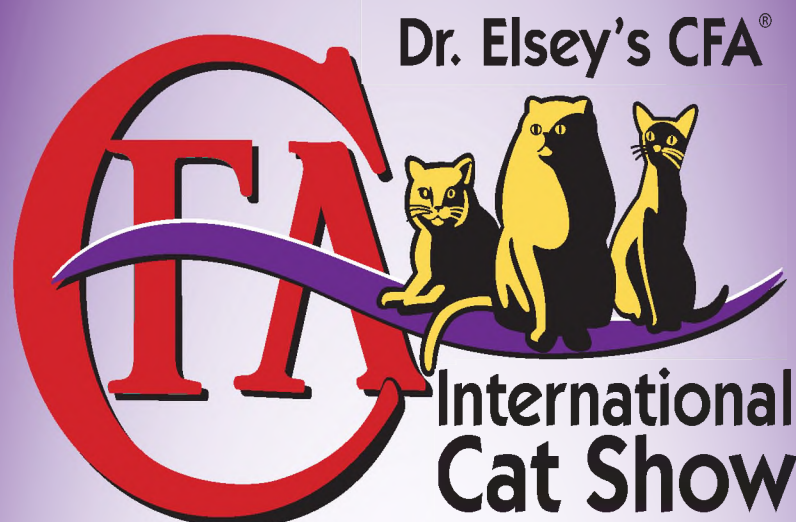
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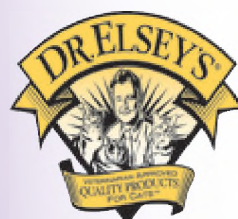
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Teacher investigated over Trump tweets

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A high school teacher in Birmingham faces possible disciplinary action after he allegedly posted on Twitter negative comments about Donald Trump supporters — along with a few crude remarks about students in general.

“There was a situation and the school is still investigating,” district spokesperson Marcia Wilkinson said Monday. “But since this is a personnel matter, that is all I can tell you.”

Several students and parents have identified the person as a teacher at Seaholm High School.

According to one student, the teacher sent out a series of tweets last week that were shared and posted in several group chat rooms.

One student shared screen shots of the tweets reportedly sent out by the teacher. The student also noted the teacher’s Twitter account has been removed and his tweets have been deleted.

In one posting, the teacher reportedly states: “Therefore, if you voted for Trump, you are, by definition, racist & misogynist. There. Now that you know that, what’s your next step?”

That’s followed by another tweet stating: “Disagree. Supporting a known racist misogynist makes one a racist misogynist. Actions > words.”

In the next several postings, the teacher appears to take shots at students at Seaholm, which academically speaking, is consistently ranked one of the top public high schools in the country.

On the day after the election, the teacher reportedly posted: “To give a sense of how this happens, I gave a simple reading quiz on recent homework, and 5 of 50 kids passed, meaning 90 percent didn’t do the work ... *white kids ... And this is in a high-scoring school where kids go off to prestigious colleges.”

He then throws in a line from the movie “Animal House”: “Fat, drunk and stupid is no way to go through, life, son.”

The teacher also reportedly sent out some tweets on today’s high school fashion:

“(Thinking back to the time) when I was in high school & kids petitioned (administration) to allow shorts in dress code. Update: I’ve seen 6 actual buttocks (sic) today.”

That’s followed with: “By the time I retire, folks’ll (sic) just be walking around in g-strings ... Now get off my lawn.”

The alleged rant comes on the heels of an email blast Birmingham Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel Nerad sent out last week after some middle school students in Royal Oak were caught on video chanting “Build the wall!” during their school lunch hour. The political chant was a signature rallying cry at Trump events to stop illegal immigration.

“This was a particularly contentious campaign cycle, with words and actions that, arguably, our youngest students should not have witnessed,” Nerad wrote. “The tone and tenor of this election season has been of great concern to me and my greatest hope is we now return to civil discourse as we think about our issues that lie ahead of us.”

Nerad added the district staff will “continue to model kindness and respect for differing political views.”

While Trump won the state of Michigan in the Nov. 8 election, a majority of voters in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, two traditional Republican areas, supported Hillary Clinton for president.

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Novi honored as five-star community

The city of Novi has once again been recognized as a five-star community by iLabs at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research.

Researchers conduct the annual eCities study to identify and recognize cities for their work in fostering entrepreneurial growth and economic development.

"It's an honor to receive this recognition from iLabs, as we take a great deal of pride in fostering a climate where businesses can succeed. This helps us identify best practices we can use to attract and retain diverse businesses and develop further entrepreneurial growth," said Victor Cardenas, assistant city manager. Novi has participated in the eCities program since 2007 and this is the seventh consecutive year the city has been honored.

Five-star communities have seen more than



Cardenas

\$875 million in commercial construction, more than \$29 billion in combined real and personal properties and increased assets by more than \$21 million, with about 10 percent of the employed population being self-employed.

The eCities research surveyed 76 communi-

ties from 25 counties in Michigan that are home to more than 22 percent of Michigan residents and 28 percent of its college graduates. These communities count for nearly one-fifth of the state's entrepreneurs with more than \$1.9 billion in self-employed income as residents. About 60 percent of these communities have a local business database, more than a quarter provide business improvement grants and more than 40 percent have full-time economic development employees.

"The eCities project highlights how local governments from across the state of Michigan are cultivating and supporting economic development. These communities show how local governments can work in distinct and strategic ways to energize public spaces, while investing in businesses and job development," said Tim Davis, director,

iLabs.


The annual eCities research project, which began in 2007, uses data supplied by the participants, as well as other public records, to assemble a six-factor, 32-item index of entrepre-

neurial activity, looking at such factors as clustering, incentives, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversifica-

tion of Michigan's regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation. To date, more than 200 communities across Michigan have participated in the study.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **FELDMAN AUTOMOTIVE JSP 16-31, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SPECIAL LAND USE, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 23, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE BETWEEN NOVI ROAD AND MEADOWBROOK ROAD, IN B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS AND P-1 VEHICULAR PARKING ZONING DISTRICTS.** The applicant is proposing to use the property as parking for sale of new, unlicensed motor vehicles or used automobiles. The parcel is approximately 1.67 acres. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center. Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-23-176-024



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, December 7, 2016.

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Dec. 7 is the deadline for seniors to decide on their Medicare Prescription D Plan. This is the only time of the year when you can make changes in your plan. If you currently have a Medicare Prescription D Plan and you do nothing you will be automatically renewed for another year. For many people that may not be a problem but for others it could result in substantially higher fees and costs. My recommendation is that you take this opportunity to do a new search to determine what would be the best Medicare Prescription D Plan for you. Not what was the best plan for you last year but rather, the best plan moving forward. Companies change their cost structure and their plans and that is why it is important to redo your search. The sooner you begin the process, the better. I recommend that you start your search on Medicare's website at www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

Remember, when you do your search for a new



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

prescription drug plan, focus on the medications you are frequently taking. Keep in mind that what is good for one spouse doesn't make it good for the other spouse. Each spouse must do their search independently.

Another deadline is rapidly approaching and this one is Dec. 31 and it deals with Roth IRA conversions. Converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs can be a substantial benefit. After all, you're moving money that was growing tax deferred into money that will grow tax free. In addition, Roth IRAs are not subject to minimum required distributions and thus, you can let the money grow tax free for as long as you choose.

A Roth IRA conversion is not for everyone and you need to look at your individual situation to make sure that it's economically feasible. My general rules are that you must have the money without touching the funds that you are converting to pay the additional tax liability. In addition, by converting money into a Roth IRA

you don't put yourself into a higher tax bracket and you can leave the money in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years. If you meet these criteria, a Roth IRA conversion can be beneficial.

Unlike new contributions into a Roth IRA, just about everyone is eligible for a Roth IRA conversion. However, one thing to keep in mind is that if you are over 70½ and are taking required minimum distributions, you cannot convert that amount. You can convert anything above and beyond that amount if you choose.

For those of you who have flexible spending plans, many of you are facing a Dec. 31st deadline to spend the money within the plan or you lose it. Some plans allow you to extend the period but many do not. Therefore, this is an excellent time to review your flexible spending plan so you can understand the terms and conditions. If you find that you have a Dec. 31 deadline, now is the time to make sure that you spend that money wisely. You don't want to wait for the last second and either lose the money or spend it on something you really don't need.

Deadlines are serious and in most situations there are no extensions. Therefore, if you are affected by one of the rapidly approaching deadlines, there is no longer time to procrastinate; now is the time to get it taken care of.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL



BRIAN GORDON

The Novi volleyball team won its third straight Class A regional title with a three-set win over Mercy.

NOVI MAKES QUICK WORK OF MERCY IN REGIONAL FINAL

Defending Class A champion Wildcats capture third straight with three-set win vs. Marlins

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Often times, when a team wins a championship, the hardest part is trying to pull off the same achievement again.

Finding the fire within can take some time, with players trying to pick up the pieces and coaches setting loftier goals.

This certainly has not been the case for the defending Class A state champion Novi Wildcats, who showed little signs of struggle in their three-set decision (25-12, 25-15, 25-14) over Farmington Hills Mercy in regional final Nov. 10 at Howell.

Novi (51-1) advanced to the state quarterfinals against Birmingham Marian (48-13), which was scheduled for Tuesday at Troy Athens.

“They were really focused and fired up to play

this match,” Novi head coach Jen Cottrill said. “They honestly played their best tonight. They know what it takes to win, they’re trained and they’re prepared. We had a game plan and we executed it.”

That sort of razor-sharp execution and firepower came from a variety of sources, but most notably in the form of a cannon – junior outside hitter Abryanna Cannon, to be exact.

The Notre Dame commit tallied nearly half of her game-high 19 kills in the first set alone, highlighted by a 10-4 Novi run to close it.

Cannon talked about the in-sync pattern she had going all-game long with junior setter Erin O’ Leary (38 assists, 16 digs), who is University of Michigan-bound.

“The setter connection is an important thing in volleyball,” Cannon said. “Erin is a great setter, so

it’s not super-hard to get that connection from her because she always knows where you’re at and always knows where you’re coming in. Half the time, I don’t even say anything and she sets me right where I want to.”

The second set proved to be a tougher set for the Wildcats as Mercy (43-10) stayed within four points up until the very end.

Mercy spread out its offense, getting kills from setter Kennedy Kuffner, along with attackers Mal-lory Conrad and Lauren Hunter.

Following a tag-team block and kill by Marlins Jordyn Kreucher and Jessica Mruzik to pull within four, 16-12, senior Ally Cummings, junior Kathryn Ellison and Cannon each had a pair of kills as part of a Novi 9-3 spur down the stretch.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Brown stars as CC stops Grandville in region final

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A preseason scrimmage may have provided the prime motivation for Novi Detroit Catholic Central’s latest football victory.

In Saturday’s MHSAA Division 1 regional final, the host Shamrocks kept their perfect season intact at Fr. Elmer Stadium with a 28-14 win over Grandville.

Ironically, the two teams met 13 weeks ago and it didn’t go well for the Shamrocks, who now stand 12-0 on the season.

“They whopped on us,” said CC senior fullback Cameron Ryan, who scored a on a pair of touchdown runs. “We approached this week of practice really seriously because of that four-way scrimmage. We knew we owed them one. Honestly, it was a big week for us and it showed we came together as a team.”

Quarterback Austin Brown, who was 11-of-12 passing for 150 yards, scrambled out of the pocket and raced down the sideline 35 yards for what turned out to be the game-clinching TD



DENNIS BARNES

Catholic Central receiver Kevin Korte (right) makes the grab over Grandville defender Jalen Raniga.

with only 3:07 remaining in the final quarter for a 28-14 advantage.

Brown also remembered that pre-season tilt.

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Shamrocks eye another title run

Northville, Novi play weekend season opener this Friday

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Three-time defending MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central lost a boatload of seniors from a year ago.

But despite returning only five players off last year’s 24-7 squad, it won’t be man overboard just yet for the 2016-17 edition of the Shamrocks, who will be aiming for the school’s 15th state title.

Second-year CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki got an early glimpse of his rebuilt squad during Saturday’s preseason scrimmage at Toledo St. Francis and was encouraged by what he saw.

“We got contributions from a lot of different guys, which is always exciting from a coach’s standpoint, to see you’ve got multiple guys that can put the puck in the net,” he said. “And that goes a long way, but obviously we don’t like giving up goals on the other end, so we’ve got to shore up some things



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central’s Michael Considine (right front) is one of five returnees.

on that end. But with only a couple of days of practice, that certainly is a positive start.”

The Shamrocks outscored St. Francis in the scrimmage, 8-4.

“There’s a lot of things we haven’t had a lot of time to go over and being in actual, live game action is great,” Kaleniecki said. “For those situations, you can see what areas we need to cover again, which areas we need to

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COLLEGE GOLF

Michigan State signs Shamrocks' standout Piot

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The Michigan State men's golf program is getting a boost for the 2017-18 season with the addition of three signees, including Novi Detroit Catholic Central High standout James Piot.

Committed to the Spartans since last January, Piot signed an NCAA Division I letter of intent Nov. 9. He'll join his brother Glenn at MSU.

"Since he's been on the team, he kind of lets me know how everything goes there," Piot said of his older brother, a sophomore member of the MSU squad. "It kind of influenced my decision of going to Michigan State. He really likes it, so that helped out a lot."

Piot and his brother are the first two Piot family members to don the green and white.

"I had my mind on State for a while with my brother there," Piot said. "We were Michigan fans before this."

MSU coach Casey Lubahn also signed two other in-state players: Devin Deogun (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook) and Zach Rosendale (St. Johns).

"The program is based on a lot of Michigan kids," James Piot said. "The coaches are really great and they have a nice practice facility. They play a really good schedule and I can see the team improving a lot and getting to the (NCAA) national championship in a few years, hopefully."

Piot, who resides in Canton, helped



GREGORY JOHNSON
Detroit Catholic Central's James Piot signed an NCAA letter of intent with Michigan State.

Detroit CC to back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 state championships in 2015-16. He finished fifth in last year's state finals, averaging 72.84 per 18 holes for the season. During his junior year last spring, he was medalist at Atlas Valley with 72 and Detroit Golf Club with 67.

"His work ethic and drive as a competitor have separated him on the course and made him an elite national player and the No. 1 player in Michigan for the last three of four years," Lubahn said in an MSU press release. "He had many great options for his college choice and we are honored and hum-

bled he chose to continue his career here as a Spartan."

In his first three seasons at CC, Piot was medalist 10 times and posted 30 top 10 finishes while making the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association Super Team from 2014-16. Piot was also team MVP during the 2014 and the 2015 seasons and was elected team captain for 2016.

As impressive as Piot's prep resume is, he also has excelled in the junior ranks, becoming the the youngest golfer in Michigan Amateur history to qualify for match play in 2013 and winning the Michigan Junior Amateur in 2015.

"I know he will contribute to our culture, our academics and our drive to be the best program we can be by working hard in all facets of being a championship player," Lubahn said. "He has had great instruction and support the last few years and he will be prepared to be an elite player in our league immediately."

Piot also finished in the top 10 in six American Junior Golf Association events.

"James is one of the most accomplished junior players to ever commit to our program," Lubahn said. "At one point, he held almost all of the great titles you can have in this state — Michigan Junior Amateur champion, GAM Junior Invitational champion, AJGA Randy Wise champion and Michigan PGA Junior champion."

Piot, who plans to go into a business-

related major at MSU, got an early start in golf.

"My dad (Glenn) has been playing for years and I started playing at an early age, around 4 years old," Piot said. "Since I was a little guy, I've always been hitting balls with dad. He really got me into it. It's been nice."

During the off-season, Piot works out with trainers while practicing indoors at Oasis in Livonia and outdoors on the heated tees at Carl's Golfland in Plymouth Township. He also practices under the tutelage of PGA professional Brian Cairns at Fox Hills Golf Course.

"Right now, I've been focusing on school and the next high school season," said Piot, who carries a 3.8 grade-point average at CC.

In his spare time, Piot plays flag football at CC and, during the winter months, he plays for a Northville recreation basketball team with his fellow golf teammates, including teammate Ben Smith, a Georgia Tech signee.

The Shamrocks not only return Piot and Smith off last year's state championship team, but return starters Sean Niles and Sean Sooch as well as CC goes for a three-peat

"There's going to be some tough competition this year," Piot said. "Grosse Pointe South is a really good team, so we're going to have to play our best to beat them this year, I think."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Novi eliminates Walled Lake Central in three straight sets

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

Trust the process.

In what has been a rallying cry for the Novi volleyball team all season, that catchy collection of words was put to the test Nov. 8 in its regional semifinal three-set victory against Walled Lake Central at Howell.

While the Wildcats (48-1) were able to advance, it didn't come without a challenge as the Vikings took them to the limit in the middle set.

Coming off the heels of a 25-12 opener, Novi held a 3-1 lead before Central took a lengthy timeout due to an injury to junior Mion Weldon.

The lull in action would go on to sap some momentum from the high-energy Wildcats, with the Vikings scoring three out of the next four points to tie the game before a joint block by Kayla Guldán and Lauren Payne made it 5-4 to give them their first lead.

Novi didn't have to wait too long to regain control of the scoreboard, courtesy of a kill by senior outside hitter Ally Cummings on an assist from junior setter Erin O' Leary, followed by an unforced error on Central's part.

The constant sway of control would be a familiar narrative throughout the set, with both teams leading by no more than three points.

"They're a great team and they've had a lot of success this year," Novi head coach Jen Cottrill said. "I think we got a little sloppy after expecting to win instead of working hard to win and playing our system. We made a lot of unforced errors and let them back into



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Novi's Erin O'Leary (middle) and Emmy Robinson come up with a block against Central.

that set."

Cummings set up junior outside hitter Abryanna Cannon's kill to tie it at 21-21, before grabbing the lead for keeps on the next play.

After Central hit the ball out of bounds following a long exchange, Cottrill used her final timeout to muster up some encouragement.

"(I told them) just to focus and go a little bit harder," she said. "We looked like we had the cruise control on and

just to play hard. I was just trying to get them back on board and focused."

The Vikings' Miranda Strongman made it a one-point margin once play resumed, but the Wildcats responded with a fierce kill from sophomore outside hitter Jaeda Porter off an O'Leary set.

An unforced error at the net by Central sealed the set for Novi, 25-22, allowing it to breathe a huge sigh of relief heading into the third set.

"They're a very athletic and energetic team and they have a lot of weapons offensively, so we knew we were going to have to focus on passing defense to be successful in this match," O'Leary said of the Vikings. "In the second set, we got a little more focused on the outcome as opposed to the process, but then it was awesome that we were able to bring it back together in the third set and go back to the basics."

Novi came out with an array of confidence in the final set, marching out to an 8-3 lead with kills coming from Kathryn Ellison, Cannon and Cummings.

Following a pair of scores by the Vikings, the Wildcats ignited another run as they scored 12 consecutive points to grab a commanding 20-5 lead.

Down but not out, Central outscored Novi, 10-9, before Novi sealed the deal, 25-15, on O'Leary's assist toward the left side to Ellison.

"They're a team that can get very hot and in their passing row, they have a lot of dynamic athletes that can terminate the ball," Cottrill said. "When we played them at a tournament earlier in the year, they passed really well and it was a competitive game."

Cannon was the top attacker for the Wildcats with 19 kills, while O'Leary tallied 42 assists.

Other key performers for Novi were junior libero Claire Pinkerton (17 digs) and Cummings (11 kills, 14 digs).

"This was a big eye-opener for us to look at how well the outcome is and how well we perform when we take care of our side," Cottrill said. "(Just like) in set two, when we lose focus, it can fall apart."

FOOTBALL

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"I wouldn't say they manhandled us, but they got us good," the sophomore QB said."We were definitely ready for them. We had a little 'oomph' to us. We weren't going to let that happen again."

Meanwhile, CC's defense once again met the challenge, holding the Bulldogs' potent wing-T offense to 188 total yards.

"The idea was to keep the ball away from them; otherwise they're going to keep it away from us scoring," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Our defense has

been playing very good. It's very hard to stop that offense, so when you give them a couple of touchdowns, it's almost you know you're going to have to give them something. We were able to keep the ball long enough and score ourselves and turn the tide on that one."

After a scoreless opening quarter, CC struck first with a nine-play, 66-yard drive, capped by Matt Young's 6-yard TD run with 11:18 left in the second quarter.

Helped by a CC personal foul on ensuing the kickoff, Grandville answered by going 69 yards in 10 plays for a TD.

Brady Paganelli's 45-yard pass was

nullified by a 15-yard block in the back to make it a 30-yard gain, but the Bulldogs, after converting on fourth-and-one, scored with 6:47 remaining in the half on Andrew Sundstrom's 1-yard TD run to make it 7-7.

On the ensuing CC possession, Brown hit Kevin Korte on a 34-yard pass and, six plays later, Ryan scored on a 3-yard TD run with 1:51 remaining in the half to put the Shamrocks ahead, 14-7.

"Cam is a very good back," Mach said. "He runs with reckless abandon. He gets you that tough yard when you need it and he's hard to bring down. I don't think one guy brings him down too often. It's the kind of fullback we always love at Catholic Central, since way back when."

Both teams missed an opportunity to add another score on their final possession of the first half.

CC defensive end Jack Morris came up with a big sack on a Grandville fourth-and-one situation at the Bulldogs' 47, but Ian Hall countered with sack of Brown after the Shamrocks got down to the Grandville 30.

CC enjoyed a 142-104 edge in total offense during the first half as Brown was an efficient 6-of-7 for 76 yards.

"We run the ball obviously pretty well, so when we keep running it we ended up opening it up and it opens up some pass plays for us," said Brown, who was also a full-time starter during his freshman year. "This week, I really watched film and asked my coaches a lot of questions on the coverages. I really did not want to lose this game after what they did to us at the scrimmage. I was definitely ready and so was my team."

On their first drive to start the third quarter, the Shamrocks marched 89 yards in 12 plays, with Ryan taking it in from the 1-yard line with 5:42 left. A 34-yard pass from Brown to Morris set up the touchdown.

"Ever since my freshman year, when I came to CC, we've had a good connection," Brown said of his senior tight end.

"He's been good with me and he's my main man right there."

But the Bulldogs responded with a 12-play, 76-yard drive, with Josh Atwell running a sweep for a 10-yard TD with 1:10 left in the third to cut the deficit to 21-14.

After the Shamrocks missed a 44-yard field-goal attempt with 5:54 to go, their defense held on third-and-six when Morris, rushing in from the blind side, batted down a Paganelli pass attempt.

"He's been doing that all year long and it's been working out really good for him," Brown said.

CC then put it away when Brown improvised for a 35-yard TD to make it a two-score game again.

"He sees the field very well," Mach said. "As soon as he saw that, he took off running and it was a great, great move on his part."

Grandville (10-2) wound up with just 155 yards rushing on 35 attempts, while Paganelli was just 2-of-8 passing for 33 yards.

"They're well-coached and they're physical on front," Grandville coach Eric Stiegel said of the Shamrocks. "I think more than anything they tackle extremely well and they make you execute. We did at times. We definitely didn't expect to come in and score 45 points on these guys. We felt we also left a few things out on the field."

CC had 320 yards total offense, with Nicholas Capatina (17 carries, 71 yards) and Ryan (16 carries, 69 yards) leading the way.

"We going to stick with what we do play— Catholic Central, hard-nosed football," the 6-foot, 220-pound Ryan said.

The Shamrocks now will face defending state champion Romeo (9-3) in the MHSAA Division 1 semifinals at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Howell High School. Romeo ousted the Shamrocks in last year's regional final, 40-29.

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PREP ATHLETICS



Football coaches from the new nine-team league met last Thursday to discuss a variety of topics.

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New nine-school breakaway league begins to take shape

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It's full steam ahead for the nine schools which have broken away from the 24-member Kensington Lakes Activities Association to form their own league.

Close to a total of 100 coaches and athletic directors met for the first time at an informational meeting Nov. 10 at Milford High School to discuss plans going forward for the 2017-18 school year.

The schools represented included Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

After initial remarks were made by league president Brian Swinehart of the Walled Lake district, the new members gathered to discuss league development, specifically in regards to a constitution, by-laws, scheduling, name/logo and activities.

Coaches then broke into groups for all the different MHSAA-sponsored sports that were represented at the meeting.

"It's a process getting a generic by-law, a generic schedule where we identify some key coaches for each sport," said Greg Michaels, athletic coordinator for the Huron Valley district. "We're calling them sports liaisons. Then we ask them to reach out to their sports community. Some of them met, sat down, discussed, had a meeting, looked at by-laws, looked at probable schedules."

With Pinckney also leaving for the Southeastern Conference next school year, the KLAA is now down to 14 schools — Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Northville, Novi, Brighton, Hartland, Howell and Grand Blanc.

Superintendents from the all of the KLAA's school districts met Oct. 28 to discuss their impending moves and plans for the future.

"It was a pretty spirited group last night, good fun, energized," Michaels said. "There's not 100-percent buy-in, but there's a majority that buy in. There's a lot of good relationships still with the remaining 14 (KLAA) schools with coaches. A lot of history there. That's what they'll miss most. They'll miss the competition and the relationships they had with other coaches and colleagues."

Some ties, however, remain strong with the remaining schools in the KLAA.

"I think it's relationships, collegial relationships they've established," Michaels said. "It's history, camaraderie. It was an open forum. It was 95 percent good juice and energy. This is my own assumption. No one came for-

ward and said, 'This sucks.' It wasn't like that when I took temperature (and) gauged the room."

Lakeland activities director Scott Rolando also spoke about the name and logo development for the new league, which will be decided by the nine student bodies' leadership groups in a vote expected to be finalized by next month.

One of the concerns going forward for the new nine-school league is scheduling. Michaels also talked about possibly expanding to 10 or even 12 member schools for the new league.

"Some groups are excited to be able to broaden their non-league schedules," he said. "There will be challenges with that. We talked about long-term vision. We want two divisions of five or two divisions of six. That's the long-term vision. That makes scheduling a little more convenient. It opens up the door for more division titles and conference titles, which we liked in the KLAA, which was a great model. The more we can recognize championships with kids, the better, no doubt. All these schedules are being created for a nine-team conference. We're not splitting up a five and a four."

The most challenging aspect and one of the driving forces for the split was football. The new nine-school league has an unbalanced schedule.

"We have bye weeks," Michaels said. "We identified those bye weeks, everyone is going to have a bye week, so we're hitting the pavement hard with that. We talked with (Pontiac) Notre Dame Prep, which is an independent now. We're going to schedule one or two games with them. We're working with the Flint Metro, we've scheduled one or two games with them. Three schools still need non-league games, because we're hitting the ground running with that. We're trying to gobble up some games."

South Lyon East, the smallest school in the conference (with 963 students), is looking forward to the move for 2017-18.

"Everybody is kind of looking at it as a great opportunity for a new start and kind of make our league a unique league and something to be a part of," East football coach Joe Pesci said. "We're pretty excited about what we have going forward."

Football scheduling, however, remains the biggest challenge.

"That was one of the major concerns going into it, how to accommodate everybody with their bye week," said Pesci, who served as the football liaison at the first informational meeting. "Some schools have gone out and been proactive to find opponents. Other leagues have contacted some of the A.D.s about doing a crossover. I'm not quite sure who everybody is matched up with and who everybody got with their bye week. Our school was contacted by Dexter about possibly doing a two-year contract with our bye."

Football coaches also had other concerns in addition to scheduling.

"A lot of the by-law stuff is pretty familiar to all the coaches," Pesci said. "We took a pretty good portion of it from the KLAA. We kind of liked what was going on there. Some of the things that had been proposed that are still in consideration are trying to do a 40-second play clock and every home team has that to make it easier on the coaches and players to see how much time is left. After that, it was pretty much the standard by-laws and rules."

The 40-second play clock was used last season by KLAA member Brighton.

"They saw that as something really unique and they were just hoping to adapt that," Pesci said. "Obviously, getting the clocks for each school would pose cost to the (athletic) departments. We're not quite sure feasibly how we can make it happen yet. I'm not quite sure what kind of clocks there are, but I imagine with technology today that somebody could control all of that through a Wi-Fi device up in the press box right down to the clock."

One of the driving forces for the nine schools splitting off from the KLAA was equity of competition based on school enrollments. Some of the remaining KLAA members, such as Grand Blanc, Howell, Novi, Northville and Hartland, have enrollments in excess of 2,000.

"We wanted to get with like schools," Michaels said. "And when you look at enrollment, you look at geography, you look at win-loss percentages over the past eight years, we thought these nine schools were very compatible. If we expand in the future, that's what our goal would be, is to bring in a school with those similarities. Geographic proximity, win-loss percentages and enrollment."

This fall, Lakeland (enrollment 1,882), enjoyed immense success in the KLAA, a winning conference title in boys cross country, as well as division titles in girls cross country, girls swimming, girls golf and boys soccer. Lakeland also won the MHSAA Division 1 boys cross country state title for the third time in school history.

Other conference or division titles came from outgoing KLAA schools were won by Milford (girls cross country), Walled Lake Western (football), Walled Lake Central (volleyball and boys soccer) and Walled Lake Northern (boys tennis).

The Milford girls cross country team also captured its first state title in school history.

"We've had quite a history in Huron Valley for running," Michaels said. "We get 130 kids at the middle school and the coaches do a good job promoting it. We had a good fall, absolutely."

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PREP LACROSSE

Northville's Durham honored as top coach

Mustangs mentor recognized for outstanding 2015-16 season

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Northville's Greg Durham, who guided the Mustangs to KLAA Association and Kensington Conference titles last spring, was recently honored as the 2015-16 Coach of the Year by the Men's High School Lacrosse Coaches Association.

Durham was recognized by his peers by the Michigan High School Coaches Association, the governing body for each individual sports' association.

Multiple criteria were used for each nominee, including impact on the game, longevity, impact on young men's lives, sportsmanship and coaching acumen. A coach may only win the award one time during his career.

Durham has amassed a 121-98 record at Northville, including an 11-8 mark last season as the Mustangs reached the MHSAA Division 1 regional semifinal before losing to Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day, 10-3.

He has served multiple terms as vice president of the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association and has played an integral part in helping managing and tweaking both the all-state and All-America process.

Durham has also spent his time being devoted to making sure that all member schools keep the best interest of the sport, and the students, at the forefront of everything they do.

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Northville's Greg Durham (left) was honored recently as the state's top boys lacrosse coach.

VOLLEYBALL

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"Everything we threw at them, they dug up," Mercy coach Loretta Vogel. "They had very few errors and were able to put the ball away."

The Marlins grabbed their only lead of the set to begin the third set on an ace from Hunter, followed by sophomore hitter Logan Beyer providing a kill shortly thereafter to give them a 3-2 advantage.

A pair of errors, however, handed control of the scoreboard back to Novi, which cruised the rest of the way.

The Wildcats' lead grew to as many as 12 points throughout the match, which came courtesy of a Cummings kill to make it 22-10.

A well-played ball by senior middle blocker Emmy Robinson off an O' Leary set was the final touch to hand Novi its third regional title is as many years.

"Everybody on our team was locked in and we didn't let up at all," Cannon said. "I think it was one of our best games."

Vogel spoke highly of her players after the game, especially of Kuffner, a senior who moved over from her outside hitter position due to an injury to the starting setter.

"Early on, we lost our setter," Vogel said. "The young lady Kennedy Kuffner came in and never was a setter in our program. She carried us to here and I can't tell you how much respect I have for her. For everyone else, stepping in and playing well for us, we had a very successful season."

With her team one step closer toward repeating as state champions once again, Cottrill said that it's all about living in the moment.

"As you proceed in the state tournament, it's easy to get wrapped in winning and all the scores and all those sorts of things," Cottrill said. "In the past, we've had success just focusing on what we need to do to win and the process and it really has paid off because it takes the pressure off to focus on volleyball."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lacrosse tryouts

Tryouts for the 2017 Michigan Mavericks Lacrosse boys teams will be Sunday, Nov. 20, and Friday, Dec. 2, at Detroit Country Day Fieldhouse, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills.

Tryout times will be 7-8:15 p.m. for both 12-and-under (grades 5-6) and high school (school years 2018-19 and 2019-20), while the 14-and-under Orange and Blue teams (grades 7-8) will be 8:15-9:30 p.m. both dates.

In order to be considered, all players must attend the tryouts, where they will be evaluated with players of their age. Any player that does not attend the

tryouts must contact Michigan Mavericks Lacrosse in order to be evaluated.

To register for the tryouts, go to www.michiganmavericks.org. The cost is \$20. (You can pay online or by cash/ check the night of the tryouts. Checks should be made out to Michigan Mavericks Lacrosse.)

For more information, email michiganmavs@gmail.com.

Cain earns all-MIAA

Adrian College junior Sean Cain (Northville H.S.) recently earned second team all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors in men's soccer.

The midfielder, who started all 19 games, scored one goal and added one assist. Cain was an integral part of the Adrian defensive success this season as the Bulldogs finished 11-8 overall and 9-5 in the MIAA.

Panthers football

The Michigan Panthers will be starting a new youth football team beginning in fall 2017, as well as staging football camps beginning in January.

For more information, go to www.michiganpanthersyfc.com as the site will be have updated information over the next few months. Updates can also be found on the Panthers' Facebook page.

COLLEGE SWIMMING

Novi’s Murphy always had Georgia on his mind

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Before he becomes a Georgia Bulldog next season, Camden Murphy has some unfinished business as a high school swimmer.

The Novi senior, who signed an NCAA Division I letter-of-intent Nov. 9 with the University of Georgia, plans to join the Wildcats for the first time in mid-December after competing in the 2016 Speedo Junior Winter Nationals at Ohio State University.

“I made an early decision in early June,” Murphy said. “It was the school I really wanted to go to and the one I set my heart to.”

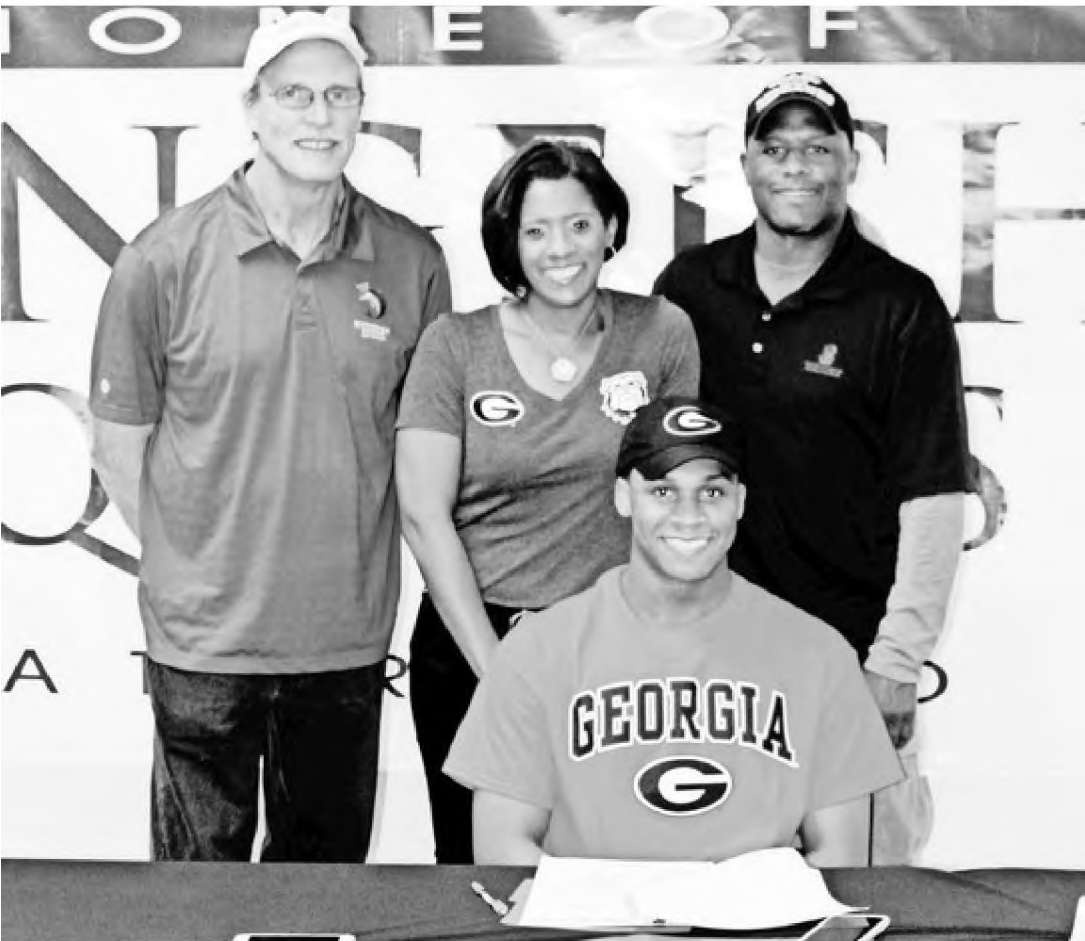
Murphy, who has performed solely with the Kingfish Aquatic Club in Waterford during his first three years of high school, is the No. 4-rated 2017 recruit nationally by SwimSwam.com.

His best events include the 100-yard butterfly (46.25), 200 butterfly (1:44.31) and 100 backstroke (49.67).

His 100 butterfly time would already beat the all-class Michigan High School Athletic Association record of 47.33, set in 2011 by Battle Creek Lakeview’s Clay Youngquist.

Georgia, with a rich tradition in both women’s and men’s swimming, won out for Murphy’s services over such schools as Michigan, Arizona, Florida and Auburn.

Georgia sent 12 swimmers to the Rio Summer Games, including eight from the U.S. (led by Canton’s Allison Schmitt), three from Canada and one from Finland. Georgia coach Jack Bauerle served as the U.S. men’s assistant coach in 2016 and was the U.S. women’s head



Novi’s Camden Murphy signed a swimming letter-of-intent with the University of Georgia. On hand for the signing were Kingfish Aquatic coach Brad Brockway and Murphy’s parents, Monyka and Jamie.

coach in 2008 (in Beijing).

“There were a lot of different factors,” said Murphy, who plans to study business. “The two biggest factors is that it’s a really good academic school and it’s a really good swimming school. They’ve put a lot of people on the Olympic team. They do really well at NAAs.

“The other factor was the coaches were really great, they’re really nice. They’re fun to work with and a lot of the guys on the team were super-nice. Just kind of a fun team altogether.”

Murphy, coached by Brad Brockway of Kingfish, qualified for the 2016 U.S. Olympic

Trials last July in Omaha, Neb., where he took 53rd out of a field of 133 with a 100-meter butterfly time of 54.40, but it was off his previous best of 53.79.

That event was won by none other than Michael Phelps.

“I didn’t do as good as I wanted to and, at the time, I

was kind of disappointed,” Murphy said. “But after, I was just happy I was there because it was a really exciting meet to race with all those previous Olympians and all those fast swimmers. And to see those people make the Olympic team for the first time was really cool.”

Following the Olympic Trials, Murphy went on to compete Aug. 8-12 in Minneapolis for the 2016 Speedo Junior Nationals, where he said, “I didn’t do as well.” His best finish was third in the 100-meter butterfly (54.14).

Murphy also competed in the 200 butterfly (20th, 2:05.00), 50 freestyle (45th, 24.55), 100 backstroke (60th, 1:01.12) and 200 freestyle (65th, 1:56.83).

Murphy said he’ll be splitting time between workouts at Waterford Mott H.S. with Kingfish and Novi.

“I’ll do all the mornings Mondays through Fridays at Novi, the afternoons with Kingfish and some afternoons with Novi,” Murphy said. “Saturdays and Sundays, I’ll swim with Kingfish. I’ll start training with Novi after Junior Nationals in Columbus.”

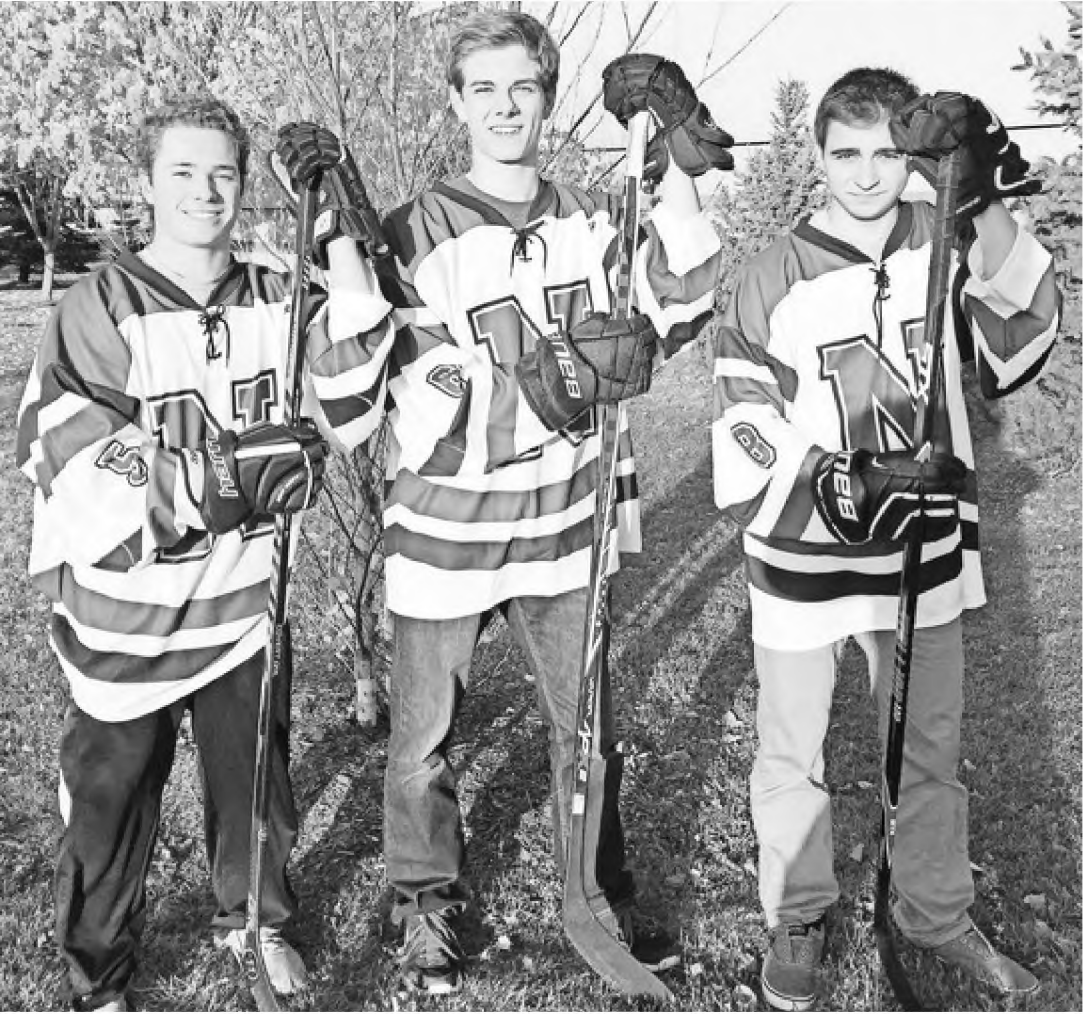
Murphy’s presence alone should elevated Novi’s stock as a team statewide for the 2016-17 season.

And coach Brent Pohlonski is elated about Murphy’s decision to swim his final high school season for the Wildcats, who placed seventh in last year’s MHSAA Division 1 state finals with 134 points.

“He said he was excited and said all the boys were really excited, too. I’m excited, so ...” Murphy said.

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BOYS HOCKEY TEAM CAPSULES



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Novi’s senior captain this season include (from left) Brandon Kour, Anthony Luongo and Cam Czapski.

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Brandon Kaleniecki, second year.

League: Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League (North Division).

Last year’s record: 24-7.

Titles won last year: MHSAA Division 1, regional and MIHL North champions.

Notable losses to graduation: JoJo Mancinelli (Area Player of the Year), Alex Kreutzer (first team All-Area); Kyle Mulka (first team All-Area), J.P. Lafferty (first team All-Area); Alec Calvaruso (second team All-Area), Luc Krasicky (second team All-Area); Nick Macari, Brian Reams, Sheldon Wasik, Glynn Robitaille.

Leading returnees: Austin Roell, Sr. Def. (captain); Zachary Sprys-Tellner, Sr. F (captain); Michael Considine, Sr. F (captain); Brendan West, Jr. F; Jared Lee, Jr. F.

Promising newcomers: Spencer Kimball, Sr. Def.; Sean Finnstrom, Sr. G; Joe Pernecki, Sr. G; Nicco Zervos, Sr. F; Greg McQuade, Jr. F; Ethan Ervin, Sr. F; Mitch Morris, Soph. F; Carter Korpi, Soph. F; Parick Brandemuhl, Jr. F; John Zielinski, Sr. F.

Kaleniecki’s 2016-17 outlook: “Most of them have been through our JV program, but a few of them have not. It’s good mix, but most of them have been in our JV system for a while now, so they have an idea of who they are and what type of player they are before they ever really arrive on my door. They’ve been waiting their time, they’ve been playing JV hockey, some of them for three years. They’ve kind of been waiting for the opportunity to play and this year a lot of them have that opportunity. With the amount of guys that we graduated – which seems to be kind of a trend every year – which every high school team goes through that where you just graduate a decent amount of your team. And you’ve kind of got to replenish it kind of quickly.”

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Clint Robert, eighth year.

League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year’s record: 16-8-1.

Notable losses to graduation: Kyle Dahn (first team All-Area), Riley Brass (second team All-Area), Zac Osaer.

Leading returnees: Brett Miller, Sr. G (first team All-Area; alternate captain); Nick Williams, Jr. Def. (second team All-Area; alternate captain); Jack Sargent, Jr. Def.; Alex Iafraite, Sr. F (captain); Jimmy Dales, Jr. F; Daniel McKee, Sr. F; Shane Bryans, Sr. Def.; Josh Mitchell, Sr. Def.; Nick Bonofiglio, Sr. F; Ty Kilar, Sr. F; Luke Skillman, Sr. Def.;

Promising newcomers: Devin Laba, Jr. F; Mike Szorzo, Jr. F

Robert’s 2016-17 outlook: “I think we’ll be strong defensively. I think we’ll have a lot of depth, up front and on the blue line. Our goal is to think defense first, but I certainly think our expectations should certainly be high this year. I think everyone needs to stay on board with the idea of playing defense first. It’s not glamorous, but I think it’s what wins championships.”



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Northville’s hockey captains this season include (from top left, clockwise) Brett Miller, Jack Sargent, Nick Williams and Alex Iafraite.

HOCKEY

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introduce some different things. All in all, it was a positive start and gave us an idea of some things that we have to make sure we cover certainly before we go down to Culver (Military Academy).”

CC’s top returnees include the team’s three senior captains — Austin Roell, a defenseman, Zachary Sprys-Tellner, a forward (eight goals, 12 assists), and Michael Considine (eight goals, four assists). They are joined by junior forwards Jared Lee (seven goals, 14 assists) and Brendan West (seven goals, 12 assists).

“We’ll have some bumps and bruises along the way, but we’ve got a good group and they’re going to work,” said Kaleniecki, who lost his top six top scorers to graduation, including Area Player of the Year JoJo Mancinelli.

“We’ll, obviously, try to get up to speed where we need to be. It might be a little more of a process this year with so many new guys, but hey, a lot of these guys have been waiting for this opportunity to come.”

After CC opens its season at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against host Port Huron Northern at McMorran Arena, the Shamrocks will then hit the road for a two-game set Friday and Saturday against Midwest power Culver (Ind.) Military Academy.

Culver won last year’s two-game weekend series against CC during the middle of the season by a combined score of 7-2.

“Ideally, it’s not when we like to go down there and play them, but due to some scheduling conflicts this year, it was either this upcoming weekend or wasn’t going to be at all and, obviously, we want keep that tradition going,” Kaleniecki said. “We said, sure, we’ll come down. Obviously, it makes it a little bit of a nightmare from my point of view, because you know they’re going to be one of the best teams, hands down, in any division they play. They’re just a phenomenal hockey team and for our kids, we’re going to find out real fast where we’re at and how much farther we’ve got to go. It’s a great challenge and great test for our kids right away. It will also offer a lot of opportunity for some learning experiences in there as well.”

Northville ready

Coach Clint Robert returns to guide the Mustangs behind the bench following a one-year hiatus after taking a leave to concentrate on pro-

fessional development and school studies.

Assistant Jon Gates served as interim coach as Northville finished 16-8-1 overall, falling to CC in the opening round of the state tournament, 4-1.

Senior Brett Miller, a first team All-Area selection, returns in goal after finishing with an 11-7-1 record and a 2.33 goals-against average. The alternate captain posted a .917 save percentage (with two shutouts).

Junior Nick Williams, a second team All-Area pick who finished with six goals and 10 assists, will anchor the defense, along with junior alternate captain Jack Sargent.

Meanwhile, junior Daniel McKee (10 goals, 10 assists) and senior captain Alex Iafraite will lead an experienced group of forwards.

“We have to make sure we all stay committed to think defense first,” said Robert, in his eighth season. “We have bunch of really good guys and players. We’re excited about every new guy and everybody should contribute.”

Can Novi score?

After suffering through an 8-15-2 campaign in 2015-16, things are looking up this season for Novi as fourth-year coach Mark Vellucci returns 15 players.

The Wildcats, who hope to make a run in the KLAAs strong Central Division, will be led by senior captains Brandon Kour (10 goals, eight assists), Anthony Luongo and Cam Czapski.

Meanwhile, an improved Manny Legace Jr. takes over in goal full time for the Wildcats after playing a backup role last season.

“My biggest concern is scoring,” Vellucci said. “I think we’ll win a lot of low-scoring games, especially against the better teams, better programs, stronger programs. ... I think we’ll be right in the mix. Defensively, I think we’re strong in goal and on ‘D.’ Offense, we’ve just got to put the puck in the net and get pucks to the net. I think one of our strengths is speed. We’re smaller-sized up front. We don’t have any big bruiser, body guys, so more or less we’ll have to use our strength and speed there.”

Novi opens its season at 5:15 p.m. Friday against Muskegon Mona Shores and faces Muskegon Reeths-Puffer at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, with both games at Novi Ice Arena.

Northville, meanwhile, takes on Reeths-Puffer at 7:45 p.m. Friday and Mona Shores at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, both games also at Novi Ice Arena.

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A successful side hustle starts with a plan

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Heather Franks knows the meaning of a side hustle. Before founding Design Your Life, where she coaches women on starting their dream businesses, she had a full-time job at a design firm, was working for another company on the side and had her own interior-design business.

"Starting out, I simply did what I had to do," Franks says. "I would get up at 5 a.m., work on the side work, go to work (from) 8 to 5, maybe hit the gym (and) then come home to work on my businesses. And of course the weekends were devoted to my business. ... I lived by my calendar." She adds that it can be challenging to find balance between your side gig and your day job. "It takes planning and understanding (and) knowing what your end goal is."

Whatever your motivation may be — supplemental income, a passion project or eventually breaking out on your own — follow these tips for finding success with a side hustle.

Define your goals. Joseph Liu, a career consultant and host of the Career Relaunch podcast, emphasizes the importance of setting realistic



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goals and objectives "to help guide where and how you invest your efforts, especially since you'll have limited time you can dedicate toward it," he says. "Is the side hustle about exploration? If so, focus on tinkering with several ideas. Creating supplemental income? Focus on securing clients or customers. Laying down the foundations for a business you eventually launch while you have a stable income? Invest in creating your long-term business plan and vision."

Evaluate your interests. When determining which side hustle to pursue, consider not only what you're good at but also what excites you. "A side hustle is, by definition, a project you're squeezing into your evenings and weekends on top of your day job's responsibilities," Liu says. "Therefore, because you'll often be tapping into whatever physical and mental energy reserve you have to do this work, it's important that your side project be energy-generating rather than energy-

depleting. When evaluating different side hustles to get involved in, try to pursue those that truly excite and energize you. This often means pursuing side hustles that align with your values, natural passions or underutilized strengths."

Be prepared to make sacrifices. Lisa Lewis, founder of So Much More Career Coaching, has been side hustling as a career coach for about a year and is taking the leap to make it an independent, full-time business. She's

had to make some tough decisions about what activities to cut out to make time for her passion.

"While I loved singing with my choir, I knew that I would regret using choir as the excuse not to pursue my business idea," she says. "So rather than trade off time with my significant other or time for sleep, I cut way back on volunteerism and trimmed down to the essentials. ... These were definitely trade-offs, but for me, the potential gains from side-hustle success and fulfillment outweighed the downside of the temporary trade-offs."

Don't slack on your day job. "If this truly is a side gig, you need to ensure you're still prioritizing your day job's work priorities," Liu says. "If your side hustle begins to interfere with your day job, you either need to pull back on how much time you're spending on your side hustle or make a decision about whether to give up your day job to more fully dedicate yourself to your side gig."

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By Dale Buss

Concerns about prostate cancer and other men’s health issues are trending these days as the Movember movement -- and its featured symbolic mustaches -- grow on the nation’s conscience.

Jeep and its dealers are helping out to raise funds in support of the Movember Foundation, which spotlights some of the biggest concerns about men’s health in ways that

complement the well-established position of October, with its splashes of pink everywhere, as Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Specifically, Jeep has launched a month-long campaign across its digital, social and experiential platforms focused on galvanizing the brand’s substantial global audience to support the Movember Foundation.

Jeep is encouraging its fans, followers and owners to “Grow a Mo, Show a Mo” by purchasing a Jeep ‘Stache by Carstache accessory to affix to their vehicle and by taking the Move Challenge. For every #JeepStache posted on Instagram and Twitter throughout the month, the Jeep brand will donate \$1 (up to \$15,000).

And as part of its year-long 75th-anniversary digital and social initiative, “My Jeep Story,” the brand’s November story will also shine a spotlight on the Movember Foundation.

There’s also a social-media contest to win a new Jeep. And the brand is getting its dealer network involved in the Movember effort as well.

“Each of our dealers throughout the US has received a point of sale kit and it includes posters, window clings and things like that,” Kim Adams House, head of Jeep advertising, told me. “But in addition

they have been sent one of our JeepStaches by CarStache, and we’re asking them to display it prominently on one of their vehicles. Then they can sell the mustaches to their customers. And we make them available online.”

Mike Manley, head of Jeep Brand and Ram Brand for FCA, spearheaded this effort. “As the only global charity focused solely on men’s health, the Jeep brand’s alliance with the Movember Foundation gives us the opportunity to shine a spotlight on a very important issue,” he said in a press release.

I talked with House more about the brand’s Movember efforts:

Q: What is your sense of how much traction the Movember Foundation has gotten for its men’s health cause?

House: When we became involved we did our own due diligence and evaluated it as a philanthropic opportunity for the brand. As a global charity it is one of the largest if not the largest focusing on men’s health. That in itself is pretty phenomenal. The focus they take is continuing to gain traction.

When we talk about it, it’s one of those opportunities where we don’t necessarily always think about it, but it’s critical and important when you think about prostate and testicular cancer, and in particular with prostate: One out of seven men will be diagnosed in their lifetimes. That’s a pretty daunting statistic. We would like to be part of the solution.



Mike Manley, head of Jeep brand and Ram brand, announced Movember partnership.

Q: Compare the cultural awareness and relevancy of Movember with that of October and Breast Cancer Awareness.

House: Breast cancer awareness has impacted my family and has been a global effort to bring awareness to a very important cause for women. Both are very important. Both are worth support and generating awareness and funds.

But the Movember Foundation is the opportunity that came forward to us and we looked at it and evaluated it and because it’s on a lesser scale than breast cancer awareness, there was reason and just cause to get behind it and an effort to amplify it further.

The Movember Foundation is seeing great traction and will continue to grow and advance its cause to find some very important cures.

Q: Why the Jeep brand?
House: This is a cause that

[Manley] has a lot of passion for. He doesn’t easily embrace efforts unless he fully understands them and can fully get behind them. He saw some incredible statistics that raised concerns for him. So it’s our way of putting the face of the brand forward and galvanizing our network.

Q: How did you decide on the specific marketing approach you would take?

House: You have to look at it in a number of different ways. What makes the most sense in terms of strategically making this work and making a difference? The social channels we have are vast ones and that would present the most valuable opportunity: north of 11 million fans and followers around the globe. So we have reached out not only to our fans and followers but also colleagues and US dealers and employees.

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