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**SCHOOLCRAFT GRADUATE MENTORING AREA HIGH SCHOOL CULINARY PROGRAM**  
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## Senior Party

NHS Senior All Night Party ticket prices go up to \$100 on May 1. April 30 is the final day to order tickets for \$90 and the final day to order Words of Wisdom (\$5 each) for your senior. All orders can be placed at [www.northvillesanp.com](http://www.northvillesanp.com). As the SANP approaches, organizers are looking for more prize and food donations; email [northvillesanpcommunications@comcast.net](mailto:northvillesanpcommunications@comcast.net).

## ‘Alice’ at Marquis

Journey through Wonderland with Alice as she follows the white rabbit and other curious friends as the Marquis Theatre presents “Alice in Wonderland.” This interactive musical has lots of singing and dancing. Tickets for all performances are \$9. For more information, call 248-349-8110 or visit [northvillemarquistheatre.com](http://northvillemarquistheatre.com). Show times are:  
» Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. April 8, 15, 22, 29; and May 6  
» Sundays at 2:30 p.m. April 9, 23, 30; and May 7  
» Weekdays (Tues, Thurs, Fri) at 2:30 p.m. on April 6, 7

# City introduces \$16M budget

Plan will be subject of 2 study meetings

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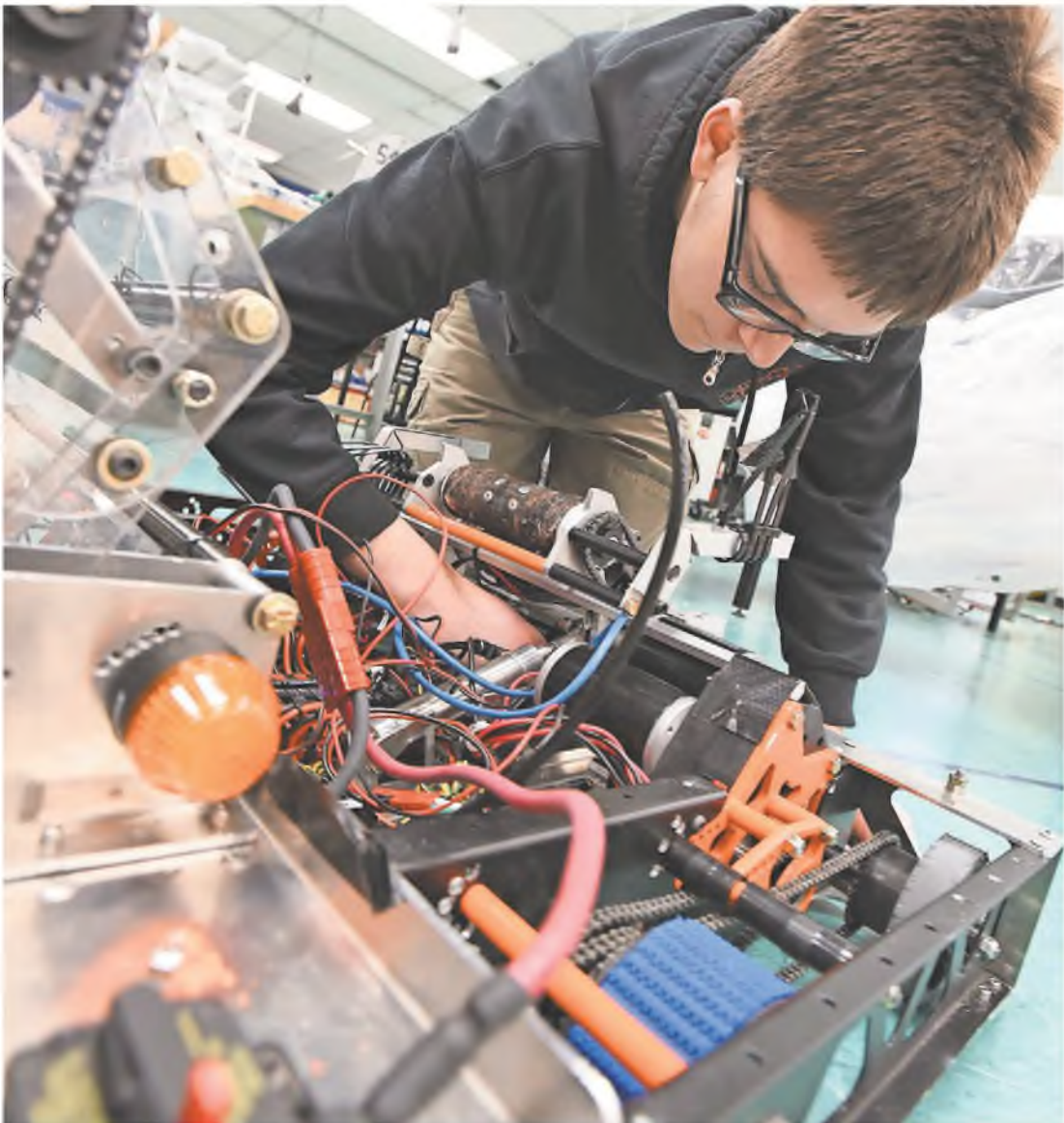
Northville officials are considering a \$16 million spending plan for the next fiscal year. The budget proposal was introduced to the Northville City Council at its Monday meeting and is to be the subject of two council study meetings later this month. The city’s 2017-2018 fiscal year begins in July. The proposal encompasses 17 different city funds, the largest of which are: the general fund,

at about \$7.27 million; the water and sewer fund, at more than \$3.45 million; and the housing commission fund, at just under \$900,000. The budget is balanced, said Sandi Wiktorowski, the city’s finance director and treasurer, in a message to council members, and reflects an anticipated tax revenue increase of \$207,000 due to an increase in the city’s total taxable value. Of the revenue increase, \$191,000 will go to the general fund and \$16,000 toward street improvements. General-fund revenues include property taxes (just over \$5 million), fees for licenses and permits (\$365,500), state reve-

nue sharing (\$545,674) and the sale of services (\$659,539). The general fund accounts for almost 45 percent of all city spending. Within the general fund, the police department is budgeted at just under \$3 million and the fire department at nearly \$900,000. Public safety spending makes up more than half of all general-fund spending. Also in the general fund, \$561,680 is budgeted for public works, \$304,362 for planning, zoning and inspection, nearly \$1.25 million for city administration and more than \$400,000 for transfers to other city funds. City department heads will

discuss the individual budget plans of their departments during two council study meetings this month. The first is planned for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, and will include presentations from the police, fire and public works departments and the city administration, among others. The second is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, and will include presentations from the Housing Commission, the Downtown Development Authority, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the water department and more.

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Dan Nichols, a Northville High School senior and member of team RoboStangs, has his arm wrist-deep into the guts of their school’s robot on March 30. The team named the robot Theseus after a Greek myth of a ship that is rebuilt with all the same parts of its original — which the team feels their robot is likened to.

## NHS ROBOTICS TEAM NEEDS ALL HANDS, AND SKILLS, ON DECK

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Students at Northville High School have built a robot that can pick items off the floor, deliver them to a specific location, shoot balls into a hopper and climb a rope, among other tasks. The robot, Theseus, took hundreds of hours of planning and design, manufacturing and assembly, trial and error — and its makers are still tinkering with it. The Northville Robostangs, in its 16th season of FIRST Robotics (the acronym stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), is heading into district competition in Livonia this weekend, as well as the state meet at Saginaw Valley State University and the nation-



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Robostang teammate Alex Deneau works on editing some computer code for their robot during a March 30 practice at Northville High.

al tournament in St. Louis, both later this month. “I like building things, seeing them work,” Alexander Steinig, captain of the Robostangs’ design unit, said during a visit to the team’s workshop last week. Steinig, a junior, is skilled at computer-aided design, or

CAD, and designs many of Theseus’s parts and also teaches CAD to teammates. “I really like to see how everything comes together,” said sophomore Natalie Corrigan, who leads the drive train group and learned CAD from Steinig. “I think it’s a lot of fun.” Theseus competes in the 2017 game FIRST Steamworks, in which remote-controlled robots score points by sending “fuel” (the plastic balls) into a “boiler” and delivering gears that complete machinery that enables propellers to turn. The setup represents a “steam-punk” airship, with the rope-climb, the robots’ final task before the bell, standing in for boarding the craft for takeoff. On the playing field, the teams form alliances of three teams each, and playing defense -- blocking an opposing

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## Spring Senior Expo comes April 10 to Schoolcraft

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Senior citizens, retirees and caregivers can find a wealth of information that’s important to them as the Observer & Eccentric presents the 14th annual Spring Senior Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. The event is completely free to the public. More than 50 businesses, health care providers, insurance companies and legal practices will be on hand to discuss all they have to offer metro Detroit seniors. In addition, there will be sessions with experienced and insightful leaders in elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief. Speakers include Christopher Berry of The Elder Care Firm, with a presentation on protecting assets from long-term care costs. Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management partner and Observer & Eccentric guest columnist, will talk about building an estate plan that fits your situation. “Many people believe estate planning is just for the well to do — that is wrong. Estate planning is for everyone,” Bloom said. “Estate planning is more than planning for your death, it is also planning for a family emergency. If you love your family, estate planning is for you.” “At my seminar, I will discuss estate planning and what you need to do to protect yourself and your family.” Dr. Stephen Mendelson and David Cunningham, R.N., from St. Mary Mercy Livonia will

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Please look for the Spring Senior Expo special section inside today’s newspaper. The special section features articles, interests and resources for seniors and will serve as a guide to the expo.

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# Northville Mothers' Club closing out eight decades

What began in 1935 as a group of Northville women gathering monthly in each other's homes to share child rearing advice evolved eight decades later into a dynamic group of women dedicated to supporting educational enrichment and outreach opportunities for Northville school-children.

Integral to Mothers' Club of Northville's rich history are the nearly 350 women who have served as members over the years and whose hard work — along with the generous support of the Northville community — has raised more than \$600,000 to benefit Northville's children.

Now, 82 years later, the current 2016-17 school year will mark the final year for this organization.

"It's sad to think that there won't be a Mothers' Club anymore," said current President Janet Naughton, who has been a member of the club for 11 years. "But the world and our community are changing and we have to respond. People are busier than ever before with family, school, work and kid activities. More and more school parents are choosing to support the school district in different ways.

"We are proud of all that Mothers' Club has accomplished over these many years and we want to celebrate that legacy with all those people who made it possible — from our current and past members, to our teachers, principals and students to our parents, families and community members," Naughton added.

**Open house**

With this in mind, Mothers' Club will host a farewell open house 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant, 108 E. Main



The Spring Fantasy dinner-dance was an early Mothers' Club fundraiser.

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Mothers' Club and Life Members gathered in 2016.

St., in downtown Northville.

Through the years, Mothers' Club has hosted a variety of fundraisers to benefit Northville schools. One of the club's earliest took place during the Depression, when the club raised money to purchase milk for school-children to drink with their lunches. Donations were collected in milk bottles left in local shops and businesses. Other fundraisers have included publishing and selling a cookbook filled with tasty recipes from across the community; selling ads for the Mothers' Club Community Phone Directory; hosting

a Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction; and holding a Community Garage Sale.

In recent years, the club's fundraising efforts have focused on the All-Aglow: Illumination for Education event (Mothers' Club's longest-running fundraiser); selling custom-designed Northville High School Student Planners; and partnering with the Northville Education Foundation to offer students and families the opportunity to honor those teachers and staff who have made a difference in their lives through Thank-A-Staff. For the coming school year, the Northville High

School PTA will be taking on the Student Planners as a fundraiser and NEF will continue to offer Thank-A-Staff.

Over the years, tens of thousands of Northville students have benefited from Enrichment Outreach grants funded by Mothers' Club. Highlights include helping move the historic Wash-Oak School to the Mill Race Historical Village in 1976 and raising \$2,000 to help construct a greenhouse at Northville High School (now Hillside Middle School) in 1977. In 2013, Mothers' Club helped to raise funds to commission the "One World, Our Community" mural in the Northville High School cafeteria.

**Final year**

In its final year, Mothers' Club is granting \$30,000 to Northville Public Schools teachers and administrators, including more than \$7,000 to expand the Project Lead The Way curriculum offerings at Northville High School. Over the past three years, Mothers' Club has granted nearly \$35,000 to

bring the innovative hands-on science and engineering curriculum to the district's middle and high school students. In addition, Mothers' Club has granted funds to support Kids Against Hunger food packing events for the district's elementary students; as well as to purchase elementary, middle and high school science, math, reading, phonics, writing, music and art curriculum and materials.

Along with financial support, Mothers' Club members have gathered at schools across the district each year for "Work Nights" to support teachers and students by doing some of the behind-the-scenes prep work (including copying, collating, stapling, laminating, cutting, etc.) for classroom learning projects.

"We are truly grateful for the unparalleled support of Mothers' Club of Northville over the past more than 80 years in its unrelenting commitment to the children, staff and families of Northville Public Schools," Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "From its early days providing milk money for students in need, to its robust support of our longstanding tradition of excellence that is opening a world of possibilities for all students, Mothers' Club's legacy will live on for years to come."

Meads Mills Middle School science teacher Shannon Cullen couldn't agree more.

"Over the course of 16 years, I was fortunate to be the recipient of numerous grants from Mothers' Club of Northville," Cullen said. "Approval and funding of these grants provides valuable learning experiences for my students that goes beyond the regular curriculum.

Grants ranging from pocket microscopes to 3D printer filament allow students an opportunity to excel in the field of science. The legacy of Mothers' Club will be felt in the ongoing success of our students."

While Mothers' Club of Northville may be closing up shop soon, there is another group of Mothers' Club retirees that will be continuing its work. In 1997, the Northville Mothers' Club Life Members was formed from Mothers' Club members with 10 or more years of service. Life Members meet twice each year and raise funds to provide scholarships to Northville High School graduating seniors. In May, Life Members will vote to change its bylaws to allow any current or past Mothers' Club members — regardless of years of service — to join Mothers' Club Life Members.

One of those Mothers' Club members eligible to join Life Members is current Mothers' Club secretary Janeen Crittenden, who has been a Mothers' Club member for 10 years.

"I have been blessed to be a part of this incredible group of women who have made a difference in the lives of so many Northville school-children," Crittenden said. "While I am saddened that the run of our club is nearing its end, I reflect on the hard work and accomplishments and the great fun along the way. Remembering all the highs and lows of the auctions, wearing our lovely pink candy-striped skirts at the Victorian Festival while enduring high winds and rain and our one and only Garage Sale at Northville Square. So many wonderful contributions and great times with great women over the span of 82 years."

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Chef Polly Brown poses for a photo with students Kelly Zielinski and Austin Hannah.

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## Schoolcraft makes its mark at Saline culinary program

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Chef Polly Brown decided she needed a new career path after losing her job several years ago. She then decided going to culinary school was the right move.

Her job in an office got outsourced more than a decade ago, so she decided it was time to head back to school to learn a skill she could utilize in a new career path.

"I said, 'What do I really want to do for the rest of my life?'" she said. "I had cooked my whole life."

Students at Saline High School and in the South and West Washtenaw Consortium taking culinary classes appear to agree she made the right choice.

Brown has assisted at the SWWC, which takes in students from such areas as Saline, Ypsilanti, Manchester and Dexter, for several years. She has several tasks at the school, including doing demonstrations every once in a while, but primarily focuses on preparing students for competition. She's gotten students ready for several competitions, including

ones held at Oakland Community College, where they've won several accolades over the years.

She said she always has a wide array of ingredients available for students so they head to competition prepared.

"They never know which vegetables they'll give them at competition, so it covers a lot all at once," she said. "I try to really open up."

Austin Hannah, a junior at Saline High School, said he's learning these skills not necessarily for a career, but to be better prepared in life, especially after he leaves high school.

"We're in here and we're seeing it all take place," he said. "When I get to college, I'm going to be the man in the kitchen."

**Schoolcraft influence**

Much of the teaching at the Washtenaw County high school off Michigan Avenue is pulled from the Livonia two-year college: in addition to Brown's roots at Schoolcraft, the program's director, chef Sam Musto, also teaches at Schoolcraft College.

During his time at the high



Chef Sam Musto stands next to a display featuring several Schoolcraft College chefs hanging in a classroom at Saline High School.

school, Musto has overseen the program's growth: for example, a room originally dedicated to child care classes was moved and that spaced turned into a bakery for culinary students. He runs several programs, including a meal-to-go program designed to sell meals during the school day prepared by students.

Musto said he brought Brown onto staff several years ago because he knew she could

educate the students in a unique way.

"What I was looking for was someone who was good at teaching," Musto said. "I knew she understood the whole component of teaching."

Brown, who graduated from Schoolcraft College in 2006, said the students taking culinary classes at Saline High School come out better prepared in the chance they decide to continue their educa-

tion at nearby Washtenaw Community College or Schoolcraft College.

"Our students who have gone to Schoolcraft have come out very successful," she said. "Because coming out of this program, they have the sanitation piece that Schoolcraft needs, they have the kitchen experience, they've worked with a variety of foods."

And the Schoolcraft College influence isn't just seen in the kitchen, but in the classroom Musto uses as well: an article featuring Schoolcraft College chefs, including culinary department head chef Shawn Loving, hangs by the door of the classroom.

"I keep this right here because I talk a lot about these guys to my (students)," Musto said. "I want the kids to know that I come from Schoolcraft and I want them to know that we have one of the best culinary programs in the nation."

"And I want them to know that that excellence is carried over here."

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### ASK A CHEF: DIANA WOODWARD

There are plenty of chefs out there who know Diana Woodward and credit her for their start in the culinary world. She is the instructor/coach of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Hospitality and Culinary Arts program. In 2016, the team took first place in the Michigan ProStart® Competition, hosted by the Michigan Restaurant Association. That was followed by the team's national ranking of second place, out of 48 teams, in the 15th annual National ProStart Invitational. Students also run the popular Rock Cafe restaurant in Salem High School.

About 60 percent of Woodward's students go to the Schoolcraft College program and then on to stellar careers. Woodward graduated from Schoolcraft College in culinary arts and chef training and holds a master's degree in career technical education. She has worked as a pastry chef at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center; as well as the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn and the former cafe bon homme in Plymouth.

**Q: What are the most important spices a chef/cook should have in their kitchen?**

A: Salt! Really. That's the one. It's the most important seasoning there is and food isn't the same without it. I can't think of single thing we make



Diana Woodward, instructor/coach of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Hospitality and Culinary Arts program, takes notes while students prepare for a competition.

in the restaurant that doesn't have a pinch of salt in it. It enhances foods' natural flavor and diminishes overly bitter or sour notes. Its key for pickles, brines, marinades, braises and, yes, dessert.

Spices — meaning bark, root and seeds, not herbs? Other than that, it's up to your taste. The spices you use add dynamic or direction to the food you are making. I like to have a whole nutmeg pod on hand to grate into food (if you haven't tried it, it is so much better than ground) — just a tiny bit. Then comes cinnamon,

cumin, coriander, chili powder, caraway seeds — my favorites all start with a 'c.' When it comes to herbs, I really try to use fresh, not dried. The flavor is more crisp, fresh and defined, I think. For home, I grind fresh herbs in a food processor with a little oil and then freeze the puree in tiny ice cube trays and keep them in labeled baggies. Then I always have a variety of fresh, minced herbs on hand.

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## Classes bring out the inner chef in everyone

Want to up your foodie image? Check out these cooking and baking classes meant to stir something that inner chef within.

**Experience cooking**

Chef Jessica Sweetman remodeled her home kitchen in Farmington Hills to provide a classroom environment to the community to learn the craft of cooking. She welcomes beginners and avid cooks alike to enjoy classes such as Global Street Foods, Mexican Fiesta and Homemade Pasta. Go to [www.experiencecooking.com](http://www.experiencecooking.com) for more information.

**Taste: A Cook's Place**

Located inside The Village Workshop in downtown Northville. Mary Spencer, along with assistants, demonstrates all classes unless otherwise indicated with the help of cameras and a 50-inch TV. Classes such as Everything's Better with Bacon And Bourbon, Koreantown or Mediterranean Cruise Dinner run 6:30-8:30 p.m. and attendees are free to bring a bottle of wine to enjoy with the meal. Go to [www.tasteacooksplace.net](http://www.tasteacooksplace.net)

for more information.

**Sur la table**

The national retail store offers classes such as Vegetarian 2.0, Classic Sauces from Scratch and Incredible Homemade Pizza. Various classes offered at is locations in Ann Arbor, Novi and Troy. Go to [www.surlatable.com](http://www.surlatable.com) for more information.

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**Healthy cooking at Demonstration Kitchen**

Located within Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, classes focused on living healthier are offered in the Demonstration Kitchen. Classes such as Essential Knife Skills, Eliminating Processed Food and BBQ Bootcamp will help you look and feel better

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# Middle school robotics teams earn iowa trip

Two of Novi Middle School's robotics teams were in The Hawkeye State last weekend.

FTC 6134 Black Frog and FTC 10477 Rapid Robots competed March 30 through April 1 in the FIRST Tech Challenge North Super-Regional Championship at U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Novi teams were among 72 squads – from Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin – competing for a berth in this year's FIRST Championship, which will be held April 26-29, in St. Louis, Mo.

The two teams recently won state championship awards, which earned berths into the super-regional field.

Since Michigan is one of the few states that participates in FTC at the middle-school level,



FTC 6134 Black Frog and FTC 10477 Rapid Robots competed over the weekend in the FIRST Tech Challenge North Super-Regional Championship at U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Black Frog and Rapid Robots were competing primarily against high school teams.

**Woodhaven finals**

Last weekend, FTC 503 Frog Force, the robotics team at Novi High School, reached the finals of the Woodhaven

districts.

Despite finishing in second place, Frog Force's team alliance received the third-highest score (445) in the world. And for the first time ever, it won the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors, which celebrates form and function in an efficiently designed machine

that effectively addresses the game challenge.

Frog Force's next event is April 7-8 at Livonia Churchill High School.

Another solid tournament performance should qualify Frog Force for the Michigan State Championship, April 13-15 at Saginaw Valley University.



Area cooking classes range from family-friendly to adults-only serving wine.

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about your cooking game. Go to [www.henryford.com](http://www.henryford.com) and click on Demonstration Kitchen.

### Mirepoix Cooking School

Located within the Holiday Market in Royal Oak, Mirepoix offers everything from cooking classes to wine tasting parties to private events to bring out the chef in everyone. Look for classes such as Date Night Spain, French Made Easy and Basic Knife Skills. Go to [www.mirepoixcookingschool.com](http://www.mirepoixcookingschool.com) for more information.

### Cooking with Class

Cooking with Class, located in Franklin, was founded in 2005 by Deb Buzar with a desire to share her love and knowledge of food, wine and cooking with home enthusiasts in a personal environment. Buzar offers customized, hands-on or demonstration-style cooking classes and cooking parties for adults and teenagers in her kitchen or yours. Go to <http://>

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### Community House

The Community House offers a wide selection of culinary classes taught by various local chefs. Offerings range from the Wildtree series with Marybeth Zoller, Sprouts & Soufflé with Lucile Palancher to Kids in the Kitchen: Cook Off! Go to [https://iis.tch.serves.org](http://iis.tch.serves.org) for more information.

### Great Lakes Culinary Center

The culinary center, located on Nine Mile in Southfield, is an events venue that offers food-service professionals and the surrounding community the opportunity to test the latest kitchen equipment, attend cooking classes and demonstrations and host private events. Most cooking classes include two glasses of wine and a light snack, unless otherwise noted. Look for offerings such as Girls Night Out: Healthy Eats or Sunday Dinner at Grandma's-German Style. Go to [www.glculinarycenter.com](http://www.glculinarycenter.com) for more information.

## CHEF

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**Q: What is your favorite salad to prepare? And what are the ingredients?**

A: Warm weather is coming! There isn't much you can't mix together and call it a salad. To make for me to eat for dinner, I use romaine and baby lettuce, grilled corn, strawberries, shaved carrot, chicken grilled with lemon, garlic and basil. I like to make my own fat-free vinaigrette because, really often, people eat salad because they think it is healthy. But add cheese and a little dressing and it's instantly just as high-fat/salt as any other menu item.

Try this: Whisk one tablespoon of cornstarch with one cup of water or juice. Bring it to a boil

and then cool it. Use it instead of oil in salad dressing recipes. To make for a shared menu item (like for a buffet), use roasted red skins with tomato, avocado, spinach and bacon-balsamic vinaigrette.

**Q: Everyone today is in a hurry and making dinner is often left up to chance. What is your suggestion for a quick dinner?**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 on Thursday, April 27th, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the offices of the Authority, 20000 W. 8 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Authority located at 20000 W. 8 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session).

MICHAEL J. CSAPO  
General Manager

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# Northville school’s Leadership Day



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Carrie Mowers watches as her son James talks about a video presentation he and other Amerman Elementary fourth-graders produced to go over some of the educational elements they’ve learned in the last year. Amerman students welcomed their parents and friends into their classrooms March 28 for their Go for the Goal Leadership Day in which they shared some of the unique ways they’ve teamed with their teachers and fellow students to learn new ways to collaborate together in projects and to learn new skills.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Three Amerman Elementary School students demonstrate how they can team together to solve a problem (in this case, blowing a balloon across a desk to score points against an opponent) during their March 28 Leadership Day. From left are: Paren Buduch, Cameron McVettie and Allison Goodvich.



SHEILA HOLLY | NCSD  
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Carol Diglio (from left), Kathryn Donovan and NCSD Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews.

## Novi names top support staffer

Novi Community School District officials have named Kathryn Donovan the district’s support person of the year.

A 17-year veteran of the district, Donovan became Novi’s nominee for Oakland Schools’ Betty Campion Distinguished Support Person of the Year award.

For the last four years, Donovan has been executive assistant to Carol Diglio, Novi’s assistant superintendent of human resources.

“Ms. Donovan’s work ethic, discipline, wealth of knowledge, experience, organizational skills and communication impacts the entire district,” Diglio said. “Her work literally touches every employee that comes into the district and exits the district. She is kind and compassionate, knowing that she is often the first and last person employees are in contact with. Her duties and responsibilities are often met with deadlines and impact the operational success of others. She is caring, helpful, confident and determined to serve anyone that may need her help.”

During her career, Donovan has been a valuable asset to the district in a number of support roles.

“Ms. Donovan is an exceptionally committed professional, displaying the key attributes of a person who supports the service of kids in every way,” said Dr. R.J. Weber, Novi’s assistant superintendent of academics. “The core strengths of Ms. Donovan are her work ethic, caring nature and confidentiality. Each of these dispositions strengthens her ability to support those who serve our system.”

A 1979 graduate of Northville High School, Donovan has been with the Novi district since she was hired as an administrative secretary in the high school counseling department, in 2000. Six years later, she spent a year in community education as secretary to the director. She then moved back to the high school, where she became secretary to the principal.

Donovan moved to the Educational Services Building in 2013.

“Ms. Donovan was my secretary when I was hired to serve as the high school principal,” said Diglio, who led Novi High School from 2010-13. “It did not take me long to learn that Ms. Donovan was much more than a secretary; at times I believe she has super powers. Her ability to multi-task, problem-solve and accomplish huge tasks is remarkable.”

Nominees of the Betty Campion award are members of a local school district’s support staff – transportation, maintenance, custodial, clerical, food service or classroom support and paraeducators – who go above and beyond the call of duty in creating a supportive learning environment. Nominees must have at least five years of service in their current position.

The winner will be recognized by a representative from the Oakland Schools Education Foundation and Oakland Schools at the winner’s local board of education meeting in May or June.

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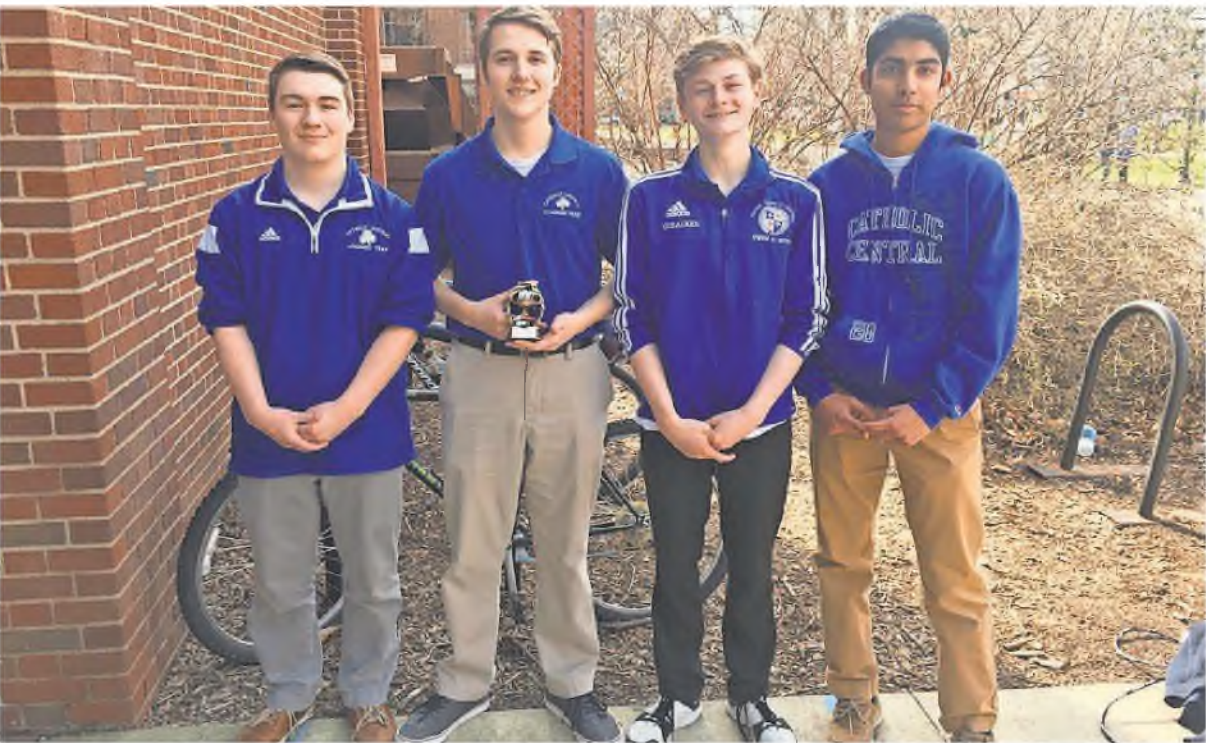
### What do you imagine for retirement?

Research shows that nearly 90% of people want to stay in their own home as they age. Woodhaven at Home is a new and unique member program that helps residents of Southeast Michigan maintain as much independence and financial security as possible so they can age in place.

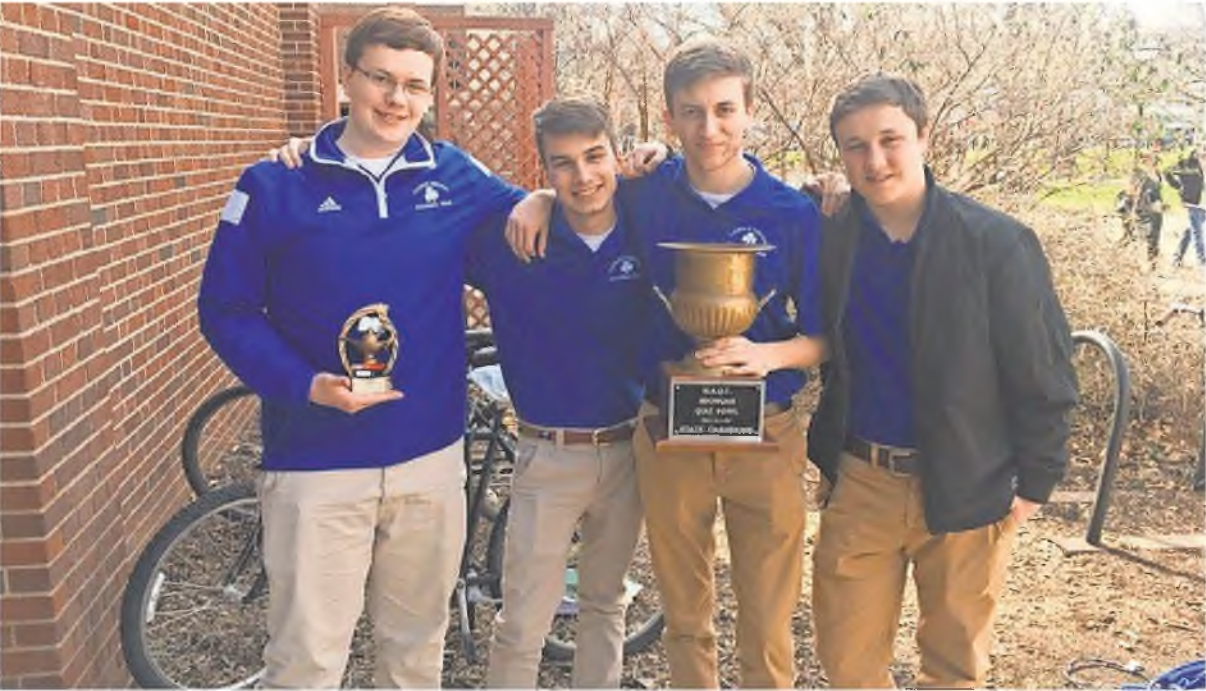
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Second-place ‘C’ team members include Parker Stogdill, Sean Gillikin, David DeBacker and Ian Mascarenhas.



State champions ‘A’ team members include Austin Morton (captain), Robert Mansuetti, Robert Crawford and Will LaMarra.

## Catholic Central Academic Team sweeps tournament

The Detroit Catholic Central Academic Team competed at the NAQT State Tournament recently at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. The

‘A’ team swept the field en route to its record seventh straight state championship, while three other teams from CC placed in the top five

— “C” team took second, ‘B’ team took fourth on a tiebreaker and ‘D’ team took fifth. This state championship helps the ‘A’ team

keep its No. 1 ranking in the nation as it moves toward the national tournaments, in late May in Georgia and in early June in Chicago.

## Fox Run, Novi library partner for programs

A partnership between the Novi Public Library and Fox Run brings free programming, books and technology to the retirement community’s residents year-round while enabling them to experience the library’s vast educational, cultural and recreational venues.

The partnership started 10 years ago, when the library offered a book club at Fox Run. It today encompasses four book clubs and many special literary events, most notably an annual Authors LIVE event hosted by the library at Fox Run in partnership with the Friends of the Novi Library, Fox Run and Fox Run’s Y.O.U. (You’re Our University), a resident group which helps the library make the decisions about the authors they want to hear from.

Authors LIVE typically hosts guest authors speaking about their most recent title. A wonderful lunch provided by Fox Run’s catering department is served and opportunities for book selling and signing follow the presentations. The event, which is scheduled this year for Oct. 11, has welcomed more than 100 guests in attendance each year. Local Michigan authors and more prominent writers from across the country have presented.

“The venue at Fox Run is perfect for this type of community outreach and the library enjoys the opportunity to go to the readers instead of always wanting readers to come to the library,” said Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Public Library. “One of the things I am most proud

of is the relationship I have with the residents of Fox Run. They are an amazing group of people who care deeply about the importance of reading and connecting with their friends.”

Library staff comes to Fox Run to sign residents up for library cards. The staff does this at Fox Run’s annual expo and at a day program in which all the services that the Novi Public Library provides to residents are explained.

The Fox Run transportation department takes residents, at their leisure, to and from the Novi Public Library on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. A Thursday morning music session is attended by residents who stay after the concert to enjoy lunch and beverages from the library’s “Read-a-latte” Café.

In addition to the four book clubs, a Mystery Book club held once a month is coordinated by the Novi Public Library.

“Fox Run residents love to plan – just like librarians,” Farkas said. “I can’t think of a better partner for the library.”

The library has been in existence for more than 55 years, serving a community of just over 60,000 residents. Its motto is to “Inform. Inspire. Include.” On average, the library sees about 1,200 people a day in its building. It checks out 800,000 items each year. In 2016, the library added 3D printing technology for the community to explore and play with and it has an amazing one-of-a-kind art collection. For more information, go to <http://www.novi.org/>.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Requires clarification

The information concerning the recent Lyon Township library millage request requires clarification.

At no time has the Salem-South Lyon District Library Board of Trustees made any determination about joining with Lyon Township. The law requires that for Lyon Township to join our library, their community would be required to approve our current millage of approximately 1.6 mills.

Trustees are elected from the district at large and are not appointed. The decision not to pursue this option was made by Lyon Township Public Library trustees. In an email dated, Oct. 3, 2016, Mary Pat Freund wrote, “Based on the fact that Lyon Township voters turned down a request for a lesser millage of 1.585 on Aug. 2, and considering that the location of the Salem-South Lyon District Library is not central to most of the Lyon Township residents, the Lyon Township Library Board has decided it is not in our best interest to join the Salem-South Lyon District Library.”

Another point which needs clarification is the statement that that Salem-South Lyon District Library is planning additional space for the children and youth area, and requires an additional millage to do so. Due to sound long-range financial planning, this addition will be done without the need for any additional millage. It is part of our 20-year-long range facility master plan.

We believe that a library is a critical asset to any community; it is the great information equalizer. We wish Lyon Township and its residents our best as they seek a long-term solution to library

services in their community.

**W. David McNeil**  
South Lyon  
**Linda Hamilton**  
Northville

#### Thank you to Milford dog rescuers

My family wants to express our gratitude to the recent two Good Samaritan motorists who stopped on Stobart Road in Milford on Wednesday night, March 29, to attend to our injured black-and-white border collie, Willow, who had apparently been hit by a car and was found struggling on the side of the road — unable to walk.

It was cold, dark, and raining, and the kindness of the two motorists to stop in inclement weather and call the Milford police was an act of animal kindness. The police responded immediately — we had called to alert them as soon as we realized our dog had escaped the security of their Invisible Fence. The police were already in the area searching for Willow when they got the call that “an injured animal” was spotted and needed assistance.

The police officers called us immediately and we met them at the scene. They helped lift our injured dog into the car and we took her to the 24-hour Veterinary Care Specialists hospital on Milford Road for evaluation. If the motorists and police had not acted quickly, our dog might have wandered back out into the street and been re-injured or killed. It turned out that she had a broken right hind ankle and a separated shoulder — both of which are requiring surgery. She will be confined and have limited activity for 6-8 weeks but we are grateful she is alive and will recover.

We love living in Milford because our community members always reach out and do the

right thing. Thanks to each of you involved in the rescue effort! We are in your debt and will pay it forward!

**Karen Raff**  
Milford

#### Grownups are laughing

So we have a guy who insulted his way into the presidency. Telling his base (“I love the uneducated”) that there is no longer a need for “political correctness.” That honesty, civility, and any kind of respect for others is no longer needed, even when it includes our most loyal and valuable allies like Germany, England, Sweden, Australia, and more. Donald Trump needs to learn that every issue isn’t a contest, and if he isn’t being praised by those outside of his “uneducated” base, it is likely because his words or actions are obviously dangerous, or just plain stupid!

He needs to put his big boy pants on and keep his racist, homophobic, misogynistic thoughts to himself. He isn’t representing Donald Trump, but our country, and the grownups in the rest of the world are laughing at him, and us!

The campaign is over, but he is still promoting his silly campaign rhetoric, riddled with empty promises like bringing back coal miner jobs, or health care for everyone that is better and cheaper, among a few of the more ridiculous. The more he talks, it is apparent that he has a very limited grasp of most issues, or just doesn’t care. Cutting Meals on Wheels (mostly for hungry seniors and veterans), or eliminating funding to protect our Great Lakes from invasive species, aren’t programs that save any significant federal dollars, but are just a few examples of the right wing’s disregard for the poor and

economic needs of the middle class.

It may take a while, but even the most “uneducated” of his supporters will soon realize that they were suckers to believe his empty promises, and will be crying the blues over the many cuts he is trying to implement that don’t, and never will, improve their day-to-day lives, or their future.

**Steve Lawrence**  
Northville Township

#### Truck prohibition makes it tough

I read your article about the heavy truck ban in western Northville Township and understand its purpose at heart. However, practically speaking, officials have just caused a huge inconvenience to the many service companies like mine that have nothing to do with landfill traffic.

As a landscaping company serving western Northville, we run in all directions to get to many supply yards and our storage facility in Salem every day. If we are working anywhere in the northwest corner of the township (which we do all the time), then we are required to get to Beck or all the way to Currie Road inside Salem in order to traverse north and south.

If you consider the way most municipalities are laid out, every other mile, whether north/south or east/west, is typically a truck route. Furthermore, if it starts as a truck route in one end, it typically runs as a truck route all the way through. Not so here where Napier and Six Mile are and then are not truck routes at random locations. This appeases some, but causes problems for others. I come from a position of living on a dirt road truck route myself and I deal with it every day, but that’s just it. I deal with it and don’t

make an issue of it. It’s a choice I made.

**Vincent Stempien**  
Blackstone Landscaping Inc.

#### Why did Flynn ask for immunity?

In a stunning revelation, retired Gen. Michael Flynn sought immunity to testify before the Senate and House intelligence committees. This was revealed on March 30 by Flynn attorney, Robert Kelner, in a letter to both committee’s and presumably the Department of Justice.

Flynn was Trump’s national security adviser while working for and paid by Russia and Turkey.

Flynn himself said one does not pursue immunity unless he expects to be criminally indicted. Should Flynn be granted immunity? Depends on what he has to say. Flynn’s attorney says Flynn has a story to tell and very much wants to tell it, but not without a grant of immunity.

Three former Trump top aides are at the center of Trump’s ties with Russia and all promised to testify without immunity. They are former campaign Manager Paul Manafort, former Trump adviser Roger Stone and former Foreign policy adviser Carter Page.

Is this why Flynn demanded immunity to testify?

**Gerald Maxey**  
Farmington Hills

#### Who says they wanted ACA repealed?

If I hear one more of our legislators, our so-called representatives, saying they are just “keeping their promises.” I will again utter the word “hypocrite” for the 100th time. Are the promises to repeal the Affordable Care Act still the promise that constituents want? With the Michigan and American Hospital

Association, the AMA, the Nurse Executive Association, AARP, the Michigan and the American Nurses Organizations and millions of people who attended the Womens’ March on Jan. 21, as well as the thousands of people who attended the subsequent Save Our Healthcare rallies, it is clear that there is much to save in the Affordable Care Act. There is even a commercial message on TV by health care providers to keep the ACA, but Congress doesn’t seem to listen.

The promise belongs to the Paul Ryans of Congress, not the will of 20 million people who now have Medicaid. What promises come with the American Care Act? Cuts in Medicaid? No insurance for the disenfranchised?

I have learned by watching the videos of legislative town halls that our representatives tell their constituents what their own plans are. For instance, our so-called representative for the 11th District, Dave Trott, told his constituents what he was going support in Congress. He never asked the large crowd what they envision for new health care legislation, or any other issue.

What I would personally like to see would be that we all have the same health care insurance as our representatives — a premier plan for life — aren’t we all equal? Maybe our “representatives” believe that they are more elite than the rest of us and deserve special benefits. I truly wonder how many people in the country really want to repeal the Affordable Care Act after all (hard to keep track of polls). When will our representatives really represent us?

**Joanne Lamar**  
health care provider  
Plymouth



## FRIENDS OF MAYBURY PARK CALENDAR

### Northville Eggstravaganza

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 15

**Details:** Gates to Maybury Farm open at 10 a.m., and age-divided egg hunts begin at 11 a.m. Kids ages 2-10 can redeem eggs for a prize bag filled with candy and treats. In addition to the farm animals, there will be face painting, seed planting, concessions and guest appearances by the Easter Bunny and Smokey the Bear. Located at Maybury Farm, 50165 Eight Mile. Limited parking is available at the farm, with overflow parking at Maybury State Park. Admission is \$5 per vehicle (cash only). A Recreation Passport is required for park entry.

### Earth Day Garlic Mustard Pull

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday, April 22

**Details:** Join the Friends of Maybury to pull invasive garlic mustard from the park. Meet at the Trailhead Building using the 8 Mile Road entrance. Wear gloves and appropriate clothing. Event will occur rain or shine.

### Maybury State Park Spring Cleanup Day

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29

**Details:** Join the Friends of Maybury for spring cleaning; clearing brush from trails, clearing trash from the pond and trails, spreading chips, etc. Meet at the Maintenance Building using the Beck Road entrance. Bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing. Refreshments and light lunch provided.

### Wildflower Walks

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Friday and Saturday, May 5-6

**Details:** Friends of

Maybury will lead an interpretive stroll on open paths lined with Michigan native wildflowers and natural attractions. Bring guidebook and cameras. Suitable for all ages and abilities. This program will run rain or shine. Group will meet at the stables parking lot, using the Beck Road entrance.

### National Trails Day with REI

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3

**Details:** Celebrate National Trails Day by joining the Friends of Maybury and REI to do various projects such as trail maintenance, pulling garlic mustard, and pond and trail cleanup. Meet at the Maintenance Building using the Beck Road entrance. Bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing. Free shirt, refreshments and lunch.

### Woof Walk at Maybury State Park

**Time/Date:** 10-11 a.m. Saturday, June 10

**Details:** Friends of Maybury will lead all dogs and their friends on a leisurely stroll through the wilderness. Doggie treats and water provided. Meet at the Trailhead Building using the Eight Mile Road entrance.

## National bridge champs from Novi



Yanping and Henry Zhang of Novi were the top duo in the President's Cup Flight C pairs event during the spring 2017 North American Bridge Championships, held in Kansas City last month. It was their first NABC title; their event was one of 15 championship-level events during the NABC. The contests, sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League, are held three times a year and attract up to 6,500 players, who represent every U.S. state and several foreign countries. This summer's NABC contests will be held in Toronto in July.

## Early literacy expert to speak to parents in Novi

Students For Success, a joint effort by the Novi Community School District and the Novi Public Library to foster student achievement, is bringing a literacy education expert to Novi Middle School later this month.

Nell Duke, a professor at the University of Michigan who studies early literacy development, will speak at the middle school beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. Duke teaches in U-M's School of Education.

Duke is the author of "Beyond Bedtime Stories: A Parent's Guide to Promoting Reading, Writing and Other Literacy Skills from Birth to 5," which district parents are encouraged to read. (Copies can be checked out at the library, 45255 W. 10 Mile.)

The program is free, but registration is required. Register by call-

ing the library at 248-349-0720 or online at [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org). Novi Middle School is at 49000 W. 11 Mile.

The district and the library are also teaming for Raising a Reader in Novi, which promotes early learning and literacy by having parents and caregivers read with preschool-aged children. The goal is for each preschooler in the program to read 1,000 books before she or he enters kindergarten.

Parents and caregivers can drop by the library information desk for a reading log (with suggested titles) or find one on the library website to print and document their reading with their young children. Reading 100 books entitles children to a prize (and a new reading log), while children who read 1,000 books will get to attend a special party.

## MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is at 215 Griswold St., north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member; go to [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org) for details.

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and 11a.m. to 3 p.m. April 22. Tickets available at the gate.

**Herbal tea:** 1-3:30 p.m. April 8.

**Lecture series:** Final Run ... Storms of the Century: 7 p.m. April 26. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Drug-using driver rescued after passing out

A 60-year-old man could face a charge of driving under the influence of drugs after passing out behind the wheel of a Toyota Camry in northern Novi on March 24.

The man was unresponsive when Novi Fire Department personnel arrived, but they revived him with naloxone, a drug used to counter opioid overdoses.

The man later said he had used morphine and heroin, according to a Novi Police Department report. He was taken to Providence Park Hospital, where blood to be tested for drugs was drawn, police said.

The incident occurred about 3 p.m. Another motorist told police he was on Pierre Drive when he saw the Camry in the intersection of Pierre and Montmorency, with the

driver slumped over the steering wheel.

He got out of his own vehicle, the witness said, and yelled at the man in the Camry, but he was unresponsive. He then put the vehicle in park and called 9-1-1.

The Camry was turned over to its owner.

Embezzlement

An 18-year-old man is suspected of embezzling from the JC Penney store at Twelve Oaks mall last month.

A store security employee told police the man, who had been a Penney's employee, had been making fraudulent returns and then pocketing the money that was supposedly being returned and also simply pocketing cash, a police report said.

The suspect had been under surveillance after being seen shopping in the store on company time, the report said. He is suspected of stealing

more than \$1,000 between March 10- 20.

Police said the man later admitted to the embezzlement and was released pending the issuance of a warrant.

Shoplifting

A 35-year-old woman is suspected of shoplifting \$290 worth of clothing from the Macy's department store at Twelve Oaks mall on March 24.

After being confronted about the theft, the woman complained she was having trouble breathing and was taken to Providence Park Hospital, where a police officer later interviewed her; a police report said. She admitted to the shoplifting.

A store security worker told police the woman was twice seen taking clothing into a dressing room and then exiting and putting items on a "put-back rack," the report said. But when the racks were checked, the wit-

ness said, not all the items the woman had taken into the dressing room were there.

The woman also made some purchases at the store, the witness said. After she was confronted, the stolen clothing was found in her purse and in a Macy's shopping bag.

Police were seeking charges in the incident.

Identity theft

A Novi woman's identity was used by someone who ran up a phone bill of nearly \$1,400, police said.

The victim told police March 27 that she had been contacted by a debt collector regarding an overdue bill with four different phone numbers on it. The woman said she had no service with the company in question, police said.

She filed a police report in order for the phone company to begin investigating the fraud.

— By Matt Jachman

Walled Lake students honored

Students, family members and staff recently attended the 2017 Walled Lake Schools' PTSA Reflections Celebration at Walnut Creek Middle School, where the district honored 200 student participants for their creative expressions around the theme: "What is your story?"

Among the 200 student entries, a number of different award and recognition levels were reached. They included:

- » 12 district winners also received Awards of Merit
- » 59 district winners were submitted as state entries
- » Two students were recognized as national entries

There were 14 students recognized as state honors entries. They will be honored during the state of Michigan Reflections Celebration 1-3 p.m. May 20 at the Southfield Parks and Recreation offices (26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield). These students are:

- » Ellison Brandon, Commerce Elementary
- » Aman Qureshi, Commerce Elementary
- » Colin Diehl, Dublin Elementary
- » Tessa Stevenson, Dublin Elementary
- » Frances Miller, Keith Elementary
- » Ella Lynch, Sarah Banks Middle School
- » Kendall Bardocz, Walnut Creek Middle

School

- » Sierra Brocklehurst, Walled Lake Northern High School
- » Courtney Coleman, Walled Lake Northern High School
- » Mariah Michalowski, Walled Lake Northern High School
- » MacKenzie Young, Walled Lake Northern High School
- » Alicia Churilla, Walled Lake Western High School
- » Eve Culling, Walled Lake Western High School
- » David Hollowell, Walled Lake Western High School

The purpose of the PTA Reflections Program is to encourage artistic expression through film/video production, dance choreography, musical composition, photography, visual arts and literature.

Kenneth Gutman, WLCSD superintendent, thanked the WL PTSA Reflections co-chairs Dawn Fuhrwerk and Kathy Gruzas for their tenacity, organization and continued dedication to this important program.

"Walled Lake students consistently demonstrate their creativity, ability to reflect on their lives and their artistic and imaginative expression," said Stephanie Kaplan, WLCSD PTSA president.

Area residents graduate as leadership fellows

A number of area residents area among the Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program's announced Class of 2016 fellows who have completed their leadership training.

They include:

- » Amber DeLind of

Farmington, an engagement strategy director for the Center for Michigan.

- » Adi Sathi of Novi, vice chair of coalitions for the Michigan Republican Party and APAICS Legislative Fellow for U.S. Sen. Orrin G. Hatch.

- » Ingrid Tighe of Birmingham, a business development manager for the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

- » Cathy White of Livonia, a member of the Livonia City Council.

Nationally known analysts with insider

experience in major political campaigns – former Vermont governor and Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean and Republican analyst Ana Navarro — were guest speakers at the March 2 graduation ceremonies.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Great Lakes Art Fair

The ninth annual Spring Great Lakes Art Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace offers a wonderful opportunity to experience nearly 200 artists and craftspeople. The Great Lakes Art Fair will take place April 7-9 inside the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., in Novi.

Adult admission is \$7,

children under 12 are free. Hours are 1-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Featured mediums include painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles and apparel, plus photography, metal, woodworking, jewelry, with live demonstrations and some select specialty items, as well. More information and \$2 discount coupons for entry Saturday and Sunday are available at [www.greatlakesartfair.com](http://www.greatlakesartfair.com) and artists are also featured on the GLAF Facebook page.

Spring Senior Expo

Senior citizens, retirees and caregivers can find a wealth of information that's important to them as the Observer & Eccentric presents the 14th annual Spring Senior Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.

The event is completely free to the public. More than 50 businesses, health care providers, insurance companies and legal practices will be on hand to discuss all they have to offer metro Detroit seniors. In addition, there will be sessions with experienced and insightful leaders in elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief.

Speakers include Christopher Berry of The Elder Care Firm, with a presentation on protecting assets from long-term care costs. Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management partner and Observer & Eccentric guest columnist, will talk about building an estate plan that fits your situation.

Tippling Point presents 'True West'

"True West" runs from through April 23 and the curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A matinee performance has been added at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Please note this show contains adult content.

The theater is located at 361. E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are \$30 to \$40 for adults and \$28 to \$33 for students and senior citizens. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.

Hip pain! Now what?

If your joints feel stiff when you get out of bed, your hip hurts when you bend over just to pull up your socks and going downstairs to make breakfast is a painful undertaking, you might be one of about 31 million Americans affected by osteoarthritis, as estimated by the Arthritis Foundation.

Learn more about causes, treatments and how to be up and running again 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in Conference Room A, Outpatient Building of Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Novi Campus with Martin Jenter, D.O., or-



Paula Neys, Northville "A Victorious infusion of warmth" alcohol ink painting.

PAULA NEYS



"Plymouth Ice Fest," an oil painting by Jim Williams of Highland will be on display at the Great Lakes Art Fair.

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**JEFFREY** September 29, 1959- March 20, 2017 Expressions of sympathy may be made to [obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

GREENE



**ROBERT "BOB"** Born December 15, 1939, went to be with the Lord March 28, 2017. Bob married Judith Ann Fournier in February 1959 and celebrated 44 years of marriage before Judy's death in 2003. Bob and Judy Greene were longtime residents of Milford where they were active members of the Milford United Methodist Church. Bob worked for over thirty years for General Motors before retiring to the Canadian Lakes area with Judy. Bob is survived by their three daughters, Jennifer (David) Stuit, Melissa (Chris) Bannen, and Rebecca (Rich) Belthoff. Bob also is survived by grandchildren, Hannah (Jon) Bradley, Robert (Shelby) Halley, Martha Stuit, Brett Solomonson, and Blake Solomonson; as well as by great-grandchildren, Simon Bradley and Margaret Bradley. In 2008 he married Rosemarie (Rosie Germain) and they remained married until his death. Bob never met a stranger and leaves behind many loving friends and family members who enjoyed his sense of humor and the twinkle in his eye. A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., April 15, 2017, at Sylvester Community Church, 8320 Five Mile Road, Mecosta, MI 49332. A luncheon will immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made in memory of Bob Greene to the Canadian Lakes Owners Property Corporation (or "CLOPC"), c/o Melissa Bannen, 4397 Kendaville Road, Lakeview, MI 48850.

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# 35th District Court announces amnesty program

The 35th District Court announces the 2017 Amnesty Program for all delinquent civil infraction tickets. Unpaid tickets can accumulate additional default fees, late fees and warrant fees, which increase the original amount of the ticket. This program provides individuals with

an opportunity to settle their old court financial obligations and pay the original amount of the ticket. In addition, the program assists the court in clearing up a backlog of files.

The court will give citizens an opportunity to resolve their outstanding tickets, avoid possible

arrest and take advantage of the court waiving late penalties and fees.

To take advantage of this limited time opportunity, consider the following:

- » The program will run through Friday, April 28.
- » Amnesty applies only to those individuals

who present themselves at the 35th District Court, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. The court is open for business from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. No mail in payments or online credit card payments will be accepted. Included are all payable traffic civil infraction tickets issued

within the jurisdictions of cities of Northville and Plymouth and townships of Northville, Plymouth and Canton.

- » Under the program, individuals with arrest warrants for failure to appear in court on a civil infraction will have their outstanding warrant canceled. These individ-

uals may come to court without the fear of being arrested for their voluntary appearance.

- » All payments must be cash, certified check, money order or credit card.
- » For information on paying court fines, contact the court at 734-459-4740.

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# LAWYER HELPED DESEGREGATE SOUTH

Fred Gray filed a series of transformative lawsuits beginning in the 1950s

KELSEY DAVIS  
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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit [onenation.usa-today.com](http://onenation.usa-today.com).

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - As a young civil rights attorney in the 1950s South, Fred Gray set out to obliterate every law that kept it segregated. That practice began 62 years ago, when Gray came back from Ohio to practice law in Alabama — the state that forbade him from attending law school because of the color of his skin.

While greats like Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks mobilized the masses in Montgomery, where he was born, Gray quietly filed lawsuits that legally made it possible for the civil rights movement to keep moving.

He defended King and Parks from criminal charges. He worked with the Montgomery Bus Boycott, filing the suit that led to the U.S. Supreme Court's condemnation of segregated bus systems. Suits he filed later desegregated higher learning institutions in Alabama.

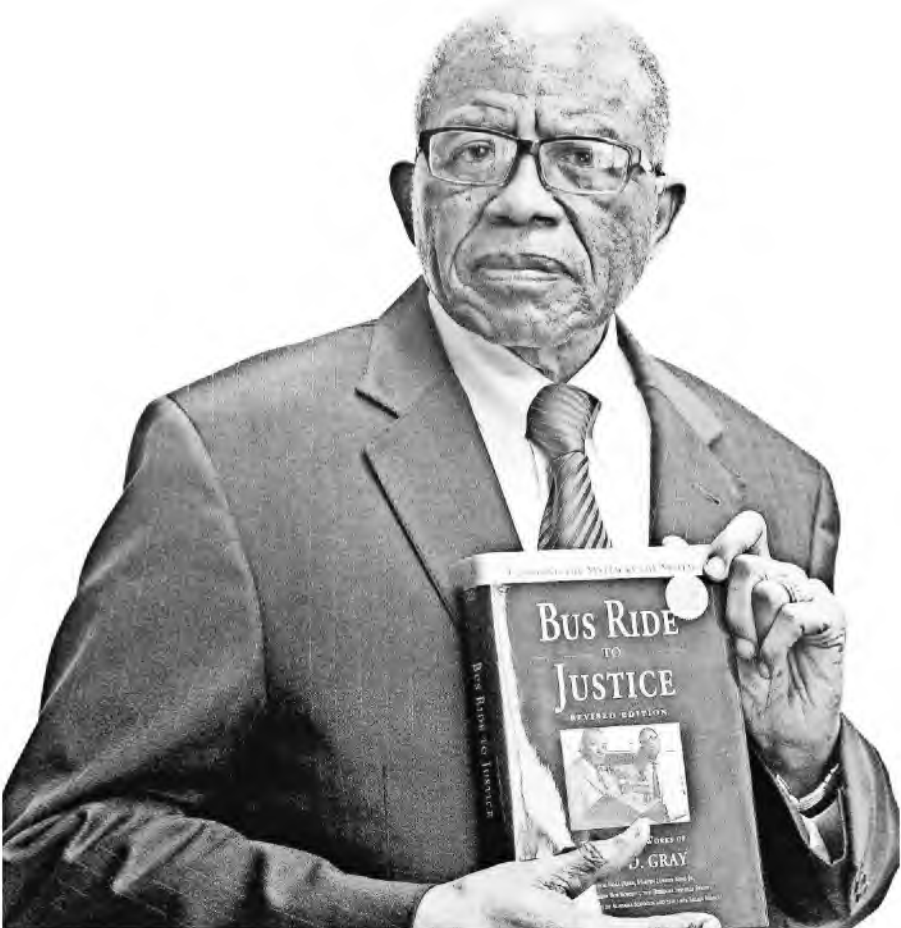
"I have used the law to file a lawsuit so that African-Americans would be able to register and vote," he said. "When the people were beaten back on what is now considered Bloody Sunday in Selma, they called me. I went across the (Edmund Pettus) bridge that night. And the next day before the close of day, I had filed (a) lawsuit."

It forced officials to let people march from Selma to Montgomery, which influenced the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. That act resulted in minorities not only being allowed the vote, but also to run for public office.

Another suit he filed led to African-Americans being allowed to serve on civil juries.

Then he realized that the U.S. was still discriminating against black farmers.

"So we filed a case in 1968," Gray said. "As a result of that suit, years later the



Fred Gray, holding the revised edition of his autobiography, discusses his work as an attorney in the civil rights movement at his offices in Tuskegee, Ala.

heirs of black farmers who had been discriminated (against) in farm subsidies were able to receive millions of dollars."

Throughout the decades Gray's work in the civil rights era proved to be not just pivotal, but unwavering.

"I have kept focused on what I started out with. I started out saying that I was going to become a lawyer and use the law for the purpose of changing things," Gray said. "And that's what I have done."

## ONE NATION NOMINATE AN AMERICAN

Who are your American heroes? Share stories and nominees at [onenation.usatoday.com](http://onenation.usatoday.com) or via email to [onenation@usatoday.com](mailto:onenation@usatoday.com) or post a video submission to Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (no longer than 2 minutes, please) with the hashtags #IAmAnAmerican #WeAreOneNation.

### Fred Gray

**Location:** Montgomery, Ala.

**Age:** 86

**Profession:** Lawyer

**Mission:** Using the legal system to break down racial barriers and to fight discrimination.

### Q&A WITH FRED GRAY

#### What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means to be able to live in a country where you have various freedoms and can participate in democracy. It means you're able to exercise your God-given rights and should be able to do so to the best of one's abilities without being discriminated against for anything.

#### What moment motivated you to launch this effort?

Problems that I saw in Montgomery, Alabama, as a teenager (motivated me). Those problems were African-Americans were being mistreated and were not receiving the same rights as other Americans. And I decided that I would try to do something about it. They told me that lawyers helped people, so I concluded that I was going to become a lawyer. I have kept focused on what I started out with. And I started out saying that I was going to become a lawyer and use the law for the purpose of changing things. And that's what I have done.

#### What gives you hope or what concerns you?

I am very much concerned about conditions as they exist in America. America was founded by people who came to this country for various freedoms — freedom of religion, political freedoms and other freedoms. But there was one group of persons, African-Americans, who did not come to this country. People who looked like me. They were brought to this country as slaves. So we had to begin from slavery and had to go through the whole business of getting slavery done away with, going through Reconstruction, then the long process of filing lawsuits so that African-Americans could receive the same rights that other Americans received when they came to this country and those others who were born here. I think today we have a group of young people who have opportunities ... who need to realize that, as young people, (they) can make a contribution. They can make a difference.

#### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

My hope when I started is the same as my hope now: to help this country develop to the fullest intent of the Constitution.

## Don't blow your tax refund! Use it wisely to pay down debt

For many, there's been a mad rush to complete 2016 tax return or to file an extension. Others have completed their return and, in fact, have already received a refund. For those who have received your refund or are going to receive it in the near future, what you should do with your refund?

Too many people treat their tax refund as a bonus and look for ways to spend it. I believe there are some other things you should do with your tax refund that will be more productive and go a long way to improv-



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ing your financial health.

The No. 1 thing people should do with their tax refund is to pay off high interest rate charge card debt. The average American pays more than 18.5 percent interest on their outstanding charge card balance and the interest in not tax-deductible. By paying down on your charge card debt, you are getting a guaranteed 18.5-percent on your

money. I don't know any investor who wouldn't jump at that chance. Even before making an extra payment on your home mortgage, pay off charge card debt. After all, home mortgage interest rates are a fraction of what charge card interest is and it is tax-deductible; charge cards are not.

If you don't have any outstanding charge card debt, making an extra payment on your mortgage or paying down other debt is always a good thing. Remember, debt has a way of strangling you; he more debt-

free you are, the greater flexibility you will have.

For those who are debt-free, a good option is to put the money away for your retirement. Whether in a Roth or a traditional IRA, investing for your retirement is an excellent use of your money. In today's world, it's almost impossible to save too much for your retirement. Once your debt is totally extinguished, saving for your retirement is a great way

to use your tax refund.

If you feel that you have saved sufficient amounts for your retirement, another excellent use of your tax refund is to use it to save for your child's or even grandchild's college education. Opening an account with the Michigan Education Savings Plan is a great idea. One of the beauties of the MESP is the money and all the growth on the account can be withdrawn tax-free as long as

you use it for a qualified education expense. Another advantage of the MESP is you can use it for virtually any public or private institution in the country.

Good luck!

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### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2017-18 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2017-18 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at the Jeffress Center Board Room, J228, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48152. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.

Glenn Cerny  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 17-188

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 28, "SIGNS" IN ORDER TO COMPREHENSIVELY REVISE REGULATIONS RELATING TO PURPOSE AND INTENT; PERMITTING PROCESS; PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY SIGNS; BILLBOARDS; DEFINITIONS; APPEALS; AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, March 27, 2017 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

Published April 6, 2017

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Northville Township Department of Public Services within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to:

Northville Township  
Department of Public Services  
44405 Six Mile Road  
Northville, Michigan 48168- 9670

Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Services at (248) 348-5820 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

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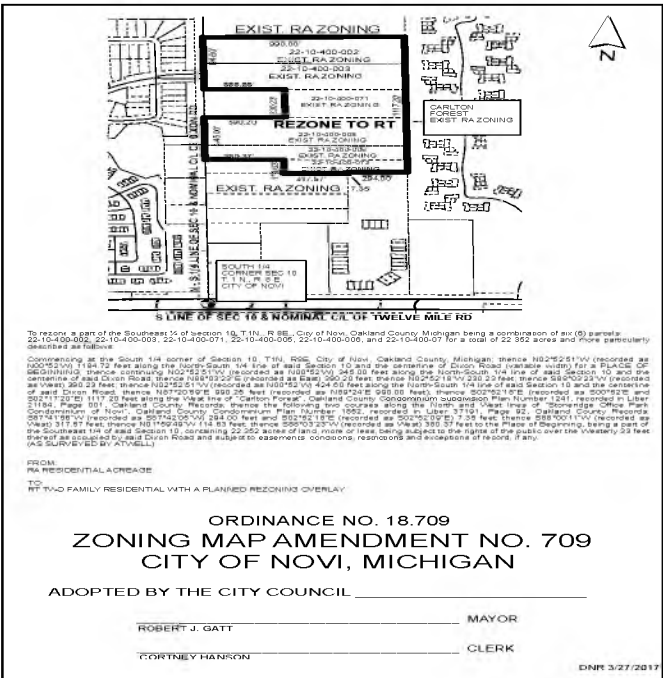
### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.709 THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.709 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

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

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect only upon recording of the PRO Agreement pursuant to Section 7.13 of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



Robert J. Gatt, Mayor  
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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PREP SOFTBALL

# NOVI KEYS IN ON MORE SUCCESS

DeBoer takes over at Northville;  
Franklin Road looks at rebuild

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Novi softball should continue to be on the upswing entering the 2017 season. The Wildcats finished 26-13 a year ago, winning the Division 1 district title with the same blueprint as will be used again, despite the loss of five seniors to graduation, including pitcher Madison Budde and second baseman Maddy

Bradenstein. “Certainly we have really good team speed and at Novi one of our staples is our base-running and our system,” fourth-year coach Bruce Lenington said. “This will be one of the best running teams, hopefully, that we’ve had here since I’ve gotten here four years ago.” Senior Ashley Yarberry, an outfielder and second baseman, is the top returnee after batting .411 with five homers, four triples and 15 doubles to go

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Novi's Ashley Yarberry batted .411 last season with five homers and 37 RBIs.

JERRY REA

PREP BASEBALL



FILE PHOTO

Northville's Nate Wixon is back this season.

# Area teams already spring into action

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Just going by its past track record, Northville will once again figure prominently in the 2017 baseball season conversation. The Mustangs, who are spending spring break training at Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Fla., are coming off a 28-7 season, while winning their third straight KLAA Kensington Conference and Central Division titles. And although Northville's top two pitchers, Chris Dunn and David Dillon, both graduated, there is reason for optimism once again. Dunn, who went 15-0-2 in his last two prep seasons with a 0.65 earned-run average as a senior, has moved on to play at Hillsdale College. Dillon, meanwhile, fought off nagging injuries to go 6-2 with a 2.82 ERA as a senior. Also lost was outfield-pitcher Zach Prystash (Kalamazoo College), who hit

Mustangs head to Florida, Novi gets jump on season

.282 and went 5-3 on the mound. “We always expect to compete,” said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, who is 319-77 overall entering his 13th season. “Although we lost some key senior arms from last season, we feel we have a great group of arms that will compete for time on the mound. We have a lot of different options, with three left-handers and several different types of right-handed arms. Pitching and defense is always the key and we are excited about our options.” Offensively, Kostrzewa will bank on all-region and all-KLAA first baseman Aram Sharigian, who hit .387 with 22 RBIs, along with Nate Wixon, a three-year starter who earned all-region and all-KLAA honors while batting a team-best .411 to go along with 25 RBIs.

They are joined by returning starters Kevin Morrissey, a steady senior shortstop, and Jack Sargent, a junior outfielder. Junior pitcher Jon Michalak and senior outfielder Michael Lionas also give the Mustangs plenty of game experience. **Novi** Novi coach Rick Green, entering his 18th season, has some holes to fill after graduating all-region shortstop Scott Beaton (.391) and all-region pitcher Jac Colliau (8-2, 1.31 ERA). Senior Alec Bageris, entering his fourth year as a starter, returns at first base and on the mound. The team captain and all-region selection hit .370 with a team-high 39 RBIs and also went 4-3 as a pitcher with a 2.90 ERA. Also returning is senior Cam Czapski, who can pitch (5-2, 2.90 ERA),

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PREP ATHLETICS

# Belleville likely will become 14th member of new KLAA

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It's not quite official just yet, but it appears the Kensington Lakes Activities Association has found a new member school. Belleville, currently part of the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, will likely become the 14th member of the KLAA beginning with the 2018-19 school year. “We’re trying to finalize it this week, but I think it’s a go,” Belleville athletic director Joe Brodie said. “We anticipate getting something out here before or during the (spring) break.” In 2018-19, Belleville would link up with 13 other existing KLAA schools — Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell and Hartland. Belleville got the nod over three other schools that reportedly expressed interest in joining the KLAA: Saline of the Southeastern Conference, along with Lapeer and Davison of the Saginaw Valley High School Association. “There were a bunch of different factors,” Brodie said. “We looked at it from a competitive standpoint. And we also looked at it from a travel standpoint. And it looked like the teams that are matched up with us divisionally give us a lot of competition with a lot of our sports.” Belleville would replace Grand Blanc, which was voted out of the association by the member schools last month by a 13-1 vote. Grand Blanc will compete in the KLAA for one more school year (2017-18) and has had preliminary discussions with Saginaw Valley High School Association and will make a formal presentation to the league April 26. The Valley includes former Big Nine rivals Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Davison and Flint Powers Catholic. Once Belleville finalizes its decision to leave by April 7, it will compete one more year (2017-18) in the 12-school WWAC. Those member schools include Dearborn Fordson (enrollment 2,459), Dearborn High, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Romulus, Redford Union, Redford Thurston and Livonia Clarenceville (the smallest member with 559). Belleville, meanwhile, aligns with most of the KLAA schools in the number of athletic programs it has to offer. The Tigers field a boys lacrosse program, but do not have girls team. In boys hockey, Belleville and New Boston Huron have a unified program. “I’m sure we have a little less (sports) from what the others have to offer, but the mainstream sports ... yes, we have them,” Brodie said. Brodie, who became Belleville A.D. in 2015, said both Van Buren Schools Superintendent Peter Kudlak and high school Principal Stacy Buhro are on board with the move. “I just think it’s a good conference,” Brodie said of the KLAA. “All the schools are pretty much the same size. The big thing is the competitive aspect for us. I think we match up well with those schools. They’re close in proximity. We play

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Novi senior Alec Bageris will be back on the mound and at first base.

BASEBALL

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catch and play infield. Seniors Nate and Mitch Lys are back as well serving as assistant captains. “We are a very young team and full of athleticism, which should make up for some of that youth,” said Green, who guided the Wildcats to a 24-15 record last season. Novi is off to a 2-1 start in 2017. “We really haven’t been able to do much outside, as well, I’m sure, as a lot of other teams,” Green said. “We’ve got a lot of catching up to do on break. It just seemed like there were so many interruptions with things going on in the first part of the season here. We haven’t really been able to get done what we need to get done outside with the rain and stuff.”

**Catholic Central**  
Fourth-year coach Dan Michaels must replace Area Player of the Year Grant Hartwig (Miami of Ohio), the No. 1 starter who went 7-2 with an ERA of 0.84, along with No. 2 starter Dante Toppi (7-1, 3.50). But senior second baseman Joey Merucci



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Senior Nick Sykes is a returning starter for Catholic Central.

(.322) leads the way for the Shamrocks (25-15), who earned a Division 1 district title with a 1-0 win over Northville. Other key returnees include senior center fielder Marcus Cipriano,

who hit .352 in Central Division play, junior catcher Matt Stinbiser (.292), senior first base-

AREA TEAM CAPSULES

**NORTHVILLE**  
**Head coach:** John Kostorzewa, 14th season.  
**League:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year’s record:** 28-7.  
**Titles won last year:** KLAA Central and Kensington Conference  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Chris Dunn (all-state), David Dillon, Zach Prystash, Zac Osaer, Andrew Blazo.  
**Leading returnees:** Aram Sharighian, Sr. 1B (all-region, .387, 22 RBIs); Nate Wixom, Sr. Inf.-P; Jack Sargent, Jr. OF; Kevin Morrissey, Sr. SS; John Michalak, Jr. P; Michael Lianas, Sr. OF; Billy Flohr, Jr. C; Connor Ziparo, Sr. P.  
**Promising newcomers:** Nick Prystash, Soph. Inf.-OF; Christian Williams, Fr. C-OF; Matt Weber, Jr. C; Jake Moody, Jr. P-1B; Ben Schmidt, Jr. P-1B; Evan Carson, Jr. C; Robbie Yanagi, Jr. 2B; Ryan Perkins, Jr. 3B; Ryan Pumper, Soph. P; Jake McWilliams, Jr. Utility; Jordan Shaffer, Jr. P; Tyler Troyer, Jr. 1B-P; Nick Broda, Jr. P.  
**Kostorzewa’s 2017 season outlook:** “We return several position players from last season that have experienced a lot of individual and team success. We have a variety of lineup options. It’s a very athletic group, with many playing multiple sports. Our senior group of Ziparo, Wixom, Sharighian, Morrissey and Lianas will be leaned on heavily, as all five will see significant playing time. We suffered two tough losses in big games last year by one run: the KLAA Association championship 3-2 loss (to Howell) and our district final game that resulted in a 1-0 loss (to Catholic Central). I believe those experiences will be tremendous benefit to our returning guys going into this season.”

**NOVI**  
**Head coach:** Rick Green, 18th season.  
**League:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year’s record:** 24-15.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Jac Colliau, Scott Beaton, Joey Carn, Spencer VanKirk.  
**Leading returnees:** Alec Bageris, Sr. P-1B (all-district, .365, 39 RBIs); Nate Lys, Sr. 1B-P-OF; Cam Czapski (5-2, 2.90);  
**Promising newcomers:** Tyler VanKirk, Jr. OF-P; Evan Yokie, Jr. OF; Brian Wendt, Soph. OF-P; Johnny Bean, Jr. P-SS; Zach Perpich, Sr. P-1B-C; Michael Hrit, Sr. C-P; Kyle Klosterman, Jr. OF-P; Mitch Lys, Sr. 1B-P; Coleman Naylor, Sr. 2B; Nathan Wicks, Jr. 3B; Ryota Torri, Jr. OF-P; Jason Atkins, Jr. C; Drew O’Connor, Soph. P-Inf.; Grant Pytel, Soph. OF-P; Kaito Suzucki, Fr. Inf.-P-C.  
**Green’s 2017 season outlook:** “We are a very young team and full of athleticism, which should make up for some of that youth. We have great senior leadership with our captains Alec Bageris, a fourth-year year varsity player, and assistant captains brothers Mitch and Nate Lys. This has been a great group of kids in the young season and I’m excited to see them grow our season progresses.”

**NOVI DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL**  
**Head coach:** Dan Michaels, fourth season.  
**League:** Catholic League (Central Division).  
**Last year’s record:** 25-15.  
**Titles won last year:** Division 1 district  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Grant Hartwig (Area Player of the Year), Dante Toppi, Jaret Robson, Luke Hargis.  
**Leading returnees:** Joey Merucci, Sr. 2B (.322); Nick Sykes, Sr. 1B (.295); Matt Stinebiser, Jr. C (.295); Marcus Cipriano, Sr. CF; Cody Kanclercz, Jr. SS; Nick O’Dea, Sr. P (0.42 ERA).  
**Promising newcomers:** Shane Rankin, Jr. OF; John Lobbia, Jr. P; Joe Hardenburgh, Soph. OF.  
**Michaels’s 2017 season outlook:** “Though we have a fair share of unknowns, we have a good group of kids competing for those opportunities. One of those opportunities is on the mound. It is a question mark for us. Hartwig, Toppi and Hargis made it pretty easy at the top of the rotation the last few years. We need to fill lost offense as well. Coach Sullivan is doing a great job with the hitters on their approach and this year will be exciting watching the competition for at-bats. I feel good and confident with our infield defense and what coach (Kevin) Rogers has done with the guys there. Our outfield is going to be basically all new guys. As mentioned, we lost some very productive players, but we have very capable players vying for those spots.”

**FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN**  
**Head coach:** Mike Harris, 10th season.  
**League:** Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Blue Division).  
**Last year’s record:** 17-9-1.  
**Titles won last year:** Class D district  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Gavin Harris (all-state), Matthew Lorey, Shaun Moore.  
**Leading returnees:** Evan Lorey, Sr. P-CF (.346, 3 HRs, 27 RBIs; 5-0, 2.36 ERA); Paul Alex, Sr. C (.365, 27 RBIs); Nick Suchecky, Sr. P-SS (.313, 18 RBIs; 3-1, 2.36 ERA).  
**Promising newcomers:** Isaiah Stockman, Soph. P-3B (.333).  
**Harris’s 2017 season outlook:** “We are in a serious rebuilding mode after losing six starters. Our roster will only have 10 players. And with the exception of Alex, Suchecky and Lorey, none of our players who are returning have started a varsity baseball game. Offensively, Lorey, Alex and Suchecky will bat one-two-three and will be counted on heavily to supply the bulk of the offense. We will compete each and every day, but will need to make ‘routine’ plays and not give extra outs.”

man Nick Sykes, junior shortstop Cody Kanclerz and senior pitcher Nick O’Dea.

“We made it to the regional finals last year and lost in a good baseball game,” Michaels said of the 3-1 setback to Hartland. “The bad thing is five starters from that team graduated, but the good thing is we have five starters from that team returning. We have a good core. They’re good leaders and good kids. We have a lot of opportunities for newcomers to make large impacts.”

**Franklin Road**  
Novi Franklin Road Christian (17-9-1) lost all-stater Gavin Harris (Spring Arbor University) to graduation, along with five other starters off a team that captured its third straight Division 4 district title before losing in the regional final against eventual state champion Sterling Heights Parkway Christian. Franklin Road also

tied for second place last year in the Blue Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with Parkway. (Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, the MIAC Blue champ, went on to win the Division 3 state crown.) The Warriors’ top returnees include seniors Paul Alex, committed to Wheaton (Ill.) College, and Evan Lorey, headed to Spring Arbor. Alex, a catcher, hit .365 with 28 RBIs, while Lorey, a left-handed pitcher and center fielder, batted .346 while going 5-0 with a 2.36 ERA. Senior pitcher-shortstop Nick Suchecky, who batted .313 and was 3-1 on the mound, also returns. “Our strength will be at the catcher, shortstop and center field positions, while pitching and defense we’re not deep at all,” said Franklin Road coach Mike Harris, who is 114-57 overall in 10 seasons.

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SOFTBALL

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along with 37 RBIs and 43 runs scored. Sophomore Maria Gustitus returns to pitch after backing up Budde last season. Novi is also bolstered by the return of 6-foot senior right-hander Ally Cummings, who skipped last season to concentrate on volleyball. Cummings, headed to Valparaiso (Ind.) University, was a standout as a sophomore as both a pitcher and outfielder. “Having Cummings come back for her senior year helps us in the circle,” says Lenington, whose team is off to a 1-0 start. “Bella Rallis will also see time in the circle, but Maria Gustitus threw a lot of innings for us in support last year. She had a winning record and beat some good teams in our conference. She’s a completely different type of thrower than Ally Cummings is.” Cummings, who played on Novi’s back-to-back Class A state championship volleyball teams, was the Wildcats’ softball co-MVP her sophomore year, helping Novi to its first KLAA Central Division title in school history. “Having Ally back will give us an opportunity to

AREA TEAM CAPSULES

**NOVI**  
**Head coach:** Bruce Lenington, fourth season.  
**League:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year’s record:** 26-13.  
**Titles won last year:** Division 1 district  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Maddy Bradenstein, Madison Budde, Hope Kapelanski, Nicole Ireland, Chandler Dennis.  
**Leading returnees:** Ashley Yarberry, Sr. OF-2B (.411, 5 HRs, 37 RBIs, 43 runs); Rachel Blounde, Sr. Utility; Jaime Gustitus, Jr. 3B-C; Maria Gustitus, Soph. P-OF; Ireland Whalen, Jr. CF; Allison Purtell, Jr. 1B; Riley Jones, Jr. OF; Megan Mendendorp, Soph. SS; Bella Rallis, Soph. Utility-P; Sophie Rallis, Soph. C.  
**Promising newcomers:** Ally Cummings, Sr. P-OF; Anna Mizerowski, Soph. OF; Lauren Franklin, Fr. OF.  
**Lenington’s 2017 season outlook:** “At Novi, we feel we should be competitive and always threatening for a division or league crown. That’s always our first goal and, certainly, we believe we should be competing for a district title and trying to move forward in the state tournament. It’s a brand new team. This team has none of the accolades from last year. We’re very proud of that group from last year, but this is a new team. There’s no reason why this team shouldn’t be even better. We challenge every group to be a little better than last year.”

**NORTHVILLE**  
**Head coach:** Scott DeBoer, first season.  
**League:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).  
**Last year’s record:** 13-6.  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Allison Zwartka, Brianna Nayh.  
**Leading returnees:** Sara Moos, Jr. SS; Abby Tolstyka, Jr. 2B; Alexis Koehler, Jr. Utility; Megan Hotckin, Jr. Utility; Makenzie Kamm, Sr. C; Sarah Hige, Jr. P-1B; Megan Swart, Sr. Utility; Hannah Dygert, Sr. Utility.  
**Promising newcomers:** Hannah Laurin, Soph. P; Maggie Petix, Soph.; Madi Esposito, Jr.; Emma Bell, Soph.  
**DeBoer’s 2017 season outlook:** “We are excited to get started and looking forward to being competitive in the strong KLAA Central Division.”

**FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN**  
**Head coach:** Kim Sivyver, 14th season.  
**League:** Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).  
**Last year’s record:** 13-6.  
**Titles won last year:** Division 4 district and MIAC Red Division  
**Notable losses to graduation:** Hannah Rayburn, Alex Swaffield.  
**Leading returnees:** Danielle Fusco, Sr. C (.670, 3 HRs, 26 RBIs, 32 runs); Kayla Nannoshi, Jr. P; Haley Thrift, Jr. SS; Bethany Bause, Fr. 1B; Ally Broadright, Soph. LF.  
**Promising newcomers:** To be determined.  
**Sivyver’s 2017 season outlook:** “I’m fairly confident we can win the division again. Lutheran Westland will be stronger than they were last year. They will be a formidable foe and they gave us a tussle last year both times we played them. Southfield Christian moved up to the MIAC Blue. We have a pretty solid one through five batter order. After that it gets a little weaker, but I’m hopeful.”

have more of a staff,” Lenington said. “(Gustitus) is a little lefty and they’re kind of polar opposites. Ally is a big, tall kid, a right-hander, and throws a little harder. I’m encouraged she wanted to come back her senior year. So certainly, having her back helps us offensively and defensively.”

Northville

Meanwhile, Northville (17-13) is under new management as Scott DeBoer takes over the program from Rebecca Quinn. DeBoer will be the Mustangs’ third varsity coach in three years as he inherits nine returning players, led by junior infielder Sara Moos, an

all-KLAA and all-district selection who battled .491 with 12 doubles, 36 RBIs and 33 runs scored. Junior infielder Abby Tolstyka also returns, while sophomore Hannah Lauren takes over the mound duties from the graduated Allison Zwartka. Northville won its season opener last week against Ann Arbor Pioneer, 11-1.

**Franklin Road**  
Kim Sivyver is entering his 14th season as head coach at Novi Franklin Road Christian (13-6), which will try to defend another Division 4 district championship and its first-ever Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division crown. The Warriors lost the left side of their infield, as both Hannah Rayburn (.656, 25 RBIs) and Alex Swaffield graduated. But four-year senior catcher Danielle Fusco (.670, three HRs, 26 RBIs) returns, along with junior pitcher Kayla Nannoshi. Also returning are junior shortstop Haley Thrift, freshman first baseman Bethany Bause (who played as an eighth-grader) and sophomore left fielder Ally Broadright.

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of lot of them in a lot of our sports anyway. It’s just a good fit for us.” Brodie is a graduate of Salem. His father Bob has been the long-time varsity boys basketball coach at Salem. “I grew up in that old Western Lakes (Activities Association),” the younger Brodie said. “I know those schools real well over there.” Travel concerns, enrollment discrepancies and issues regarding a competitive level playing field have caused several schools to jump or abandon leagues just within the past year. The KLAA, which had 24 schools this school year, is losing nine of its current members to the Lakes Valley Conference, which will be launched in fall 2017. The LVC includes South Lyon, South Lyon East, Milford, White Lake Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering. Another current KLAA member, Pinckney, will compete next school year in the Southeastern Confer-

ence. Pending Belleville’s acceptance, realignment of divisions will once again take place for the 2018-19 school year. The KLAA will have two divisions, Black and Gold, featuring seven schools each. If it’s done geographically, Belleville fits into a southern pod of KLAA schools that would also include the three Livonia, two Wayne-Westland and one of the three Plymouth-Canton schools. Travel and playing weeknight games could still be an issue. In a divisional crossover situation, it’s a 100-mile round trip from Belleville to Howell and it’s 88 miles between Wayne Memorial and Hartland. New KLAA president Nicole Carter, principal at Novi, could not be reached for comment Thursday. The KLAA athletic directors, however, are expected to meet following spring break. “Right now, there’s a couple of different things out there,” one KLAA athletic director said. “They may judge it on geography (on the divisions). We’ll get that firmed up the next couple of weeks.”

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CYO SOFTBALL

# His night court is Good Counsel softball

Judge Gerou allows passion to show

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As a judge or softball coach, Mike Gerou loves holding court. Not only is Gerou a longtime judge at 35th District Court in Plymouth, but he also guides and directs young people in another way — as the new varsity softball coach at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Whether wearing his black robe inside the courthouse or his green and gold Crusaders garb out on the softball field, he loves to connect and communicate.

“I don’t even know if they know,” Gerou said when asked in his trophy-laden chambers about whether any of his players knows he’s a judge in his day job. With a hearty laugh, he jokingly added that “in a few years they might.”

All kidding aside, Gerou couldn’t wait to get his new team out on the practice field at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth to practice everything from bunting to sliding.

The Crusaders open the season with games Saturday against Dearborn Divine Child and Sunday against Livonia’s St. Michael Catholic School.

He’s no stranger to coaching softball, having founded and coached the successful program at All Saints Catholic School in Canton. In a three-year span there, his teams went 29-1.

Travel teams have benefited from his coaching over the years, in-

cluding renowned programs such as the PC Pride and Livonia Storm. And in 2015, he was the junior varsity coach at OLG. He had to give it up for a season last spring, because it was his daughter Elaine’s final year of college softball at Schoolcraft and “I didn’t want to miss her games.”

Helping the kids

Now that he is the Crusaders varsity coach, does Gerou worry about having enough time what with his duties at 35th District Court? He said he’d find a way to make it all work because he flat-out loves coaching the sport.

“Nah, I’m type A, terminally type A,” Gerou said, laughing again. “I’m a driven person. But I’m really passionate about coaching softball. I like coaching kids, I love the game of softball and it’s a great opportunity to impart life’s lessons to these kids.

“Not only (about) hard work, but that putting in the extra effort pays off. Also, attention to detail, setting lofty goals, believing in yourself, believing in your teammates, putting a plan in place and every day you work to get better and better.”

At any rate, he doesn’t have far to travel from the courthouse to adjacent Massey Field, where the Crusaders play home games.

“It’s a great opportunity,” Gerou said. “The city of Plymouth takes care of Our Lady of Good Counsel. It’s a fabulous field to play on.”

Gerou said he was “honored” to be asked to take over the team, composed mostly of seventh- and eighth-graders. Last



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Even when Mike Gerou is in his judge’s chambers at 35th District Court in Plymouth, an overflowing trophy showcase reminds him and visitors about his “second” career. He has a passion for coaching the game of softball, helping young players to become the best they can be.

year, the Crusaders had a rough go of it (1-8-1) against Catholic Youth Organization opponents in their initial foray into varsity play.

“Some of the girls were saying they didn’t know if they liked softball anymore, that sort of thing,” Gerou said. “So I ran into Mike Riordan (Circuit Court of Appeals judge) and said, ‘Hey, if anybody’d be looking for a coach, let me know.’”

“I’m very excited to do so. I get a chance to coach a lot of the girls I coached two years ago. There’s some new ones as well, but I’m excited for the opportunity.”

Don’t worry

His first goal is for players to get just as excited about playing softball. Gerou intends on making sure they play hard and not be afraid of throwing to the wrong base or dropping a pop fly.

“I’ve been coaching kids sports for 20 years,

fast pitch softball for about a dozen years,” Gerou said. “I think a mistake a lot of coaches make is they try to teach kids to not make mistakes. What you have is kids freeze. The last thing you want them to do is be afraid of making mistakes.

“I tell them, ‘Hey, we’re going to make mistakes. We’re going to make really aggressive mistakes. We’re going to overcome those mistakes by playing an aggressive style of ball.’”

During early practice sessions, Gerou and his coaching staff — which includes Elaine (a former Plymouth High School softball standout) and son Nolan — worked with the kids on sliding technique.

To help cushion the learning blow, so to speak, players were outfitted in brand new sliding pads.

“One of the biggest problems you have with young players, boys and girls is, come spring and

THE GEROU FILE

**Who:** Mike Gerou, new varsity softball coach at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

**He’s a vet:** Gerou previously coached at OLG. He helped found All Saints Catholic School in Canton and was softball coach there for several seasons.

**Community leader:** The Canton resident is president of Catholic Youth Organization athletics at All Saints, has coached various community youth sports over two decades (including several nationally ranked fast-pitch softball teams) and was the first president of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

**Meet the judge:** Gerou was elected in November 2002 to serve as a 35th District Court judge in Plymouth. He remains in that position.

**Meet the coach:** He has an extensive background as a travel softball coach, including successful stints with the PC Pride, Livonia Storm, Queens of Diamonds and Michigan Strategy.

**Meet the Crusaders:** The OLG varsity team includes players Sydney Marx, Madeline Stone, Zara Post, Clare Baker, Nikita Moore, Olivia Haass, Sophia Hogan, Rachel Paulin, Sarah Ellsworth, Fiona Riordan and Maria Plencner.

**Coaching staff:** Helping out Gerou will be OLG main assistant coach Karyn Paulin. Daughter Elaine and son Nolan also will be helping out as assistant coaches.

**Home games:** The Crusaders play at Massey Field, a softball’s throw away from Gerou’s chambers.

the ground’s still hard — and they haven’t ever done this before — they’re afraid to slide,” he said. “If you can’t slide, you’re never going to run the bases aggressively, so they bought some sliding pads. In our indoor practices, we’ve done extensive work on sliding.”

Whether those sessions will help the Crusaders rack up wins and victories remains to be seen.

Game of life

But Gerou is more interested in coaching up kids so they can add to a different kind of victory column. He wants them to be respectful and go about their business the right way.

“We have two team mottos,” Gerou said. “One, we respect everybody. We respect our teammates, we respect

our opponents, we respect the coaches, the umpires, the parents. And we fear no one

“The other team motto is every day, in every way, we’re getting better and better. As long as we’re seeing improvement every day, things just take care of themselves. We’ll be OK.”

Meanwhile, according to Gerou the judge, there is another underlying reason it is essential for young people to have a purpose and a place to be.

“If they don’t get anything else out of this, find something in life you’re passionate about,” Gerou said. “Just pursue your passions.”

That’s what Gerou does and he has no intentions of slowing down anytime soon.

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PREP TRACK

## Northville girls runners-up at indoor Huron Relays

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The Northville girls track and field team went indoors March 25, coming up with a runner-up finish in the Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University’s historic Bowen Fieldhouse.

Oak Park led the 25-school field with 60 points, while Northville edged Troy for second, 46-45.

“We had a solid first showing,” Northville coach Tim Dalton said. “We are still moving some pieces around, trying to figure out where kids fit our team best, but I am confident we have the pieces in place to be special again this spring. The girls will ultimately decide how good they want to be. We have a nice mix of upper and underclassmen who I expect to contribute.”

Northville, coming off a third-place finish in last year’s MHSAA Division 1 state finals, was led individually by senior Cayla

Eckenroth, who took runner-up honors in the 1,600-meter run (5:11.86), behind only Troy’s Megan Worrel (5:10.56).

Other top individual finishers for the Mustangs included Daryn Lobingier, tied for fourth, pole vault (9 feet, 6 inches); Erin McCallum, sixth, 60 dash (8.29); and Olivia Harp, sixth, 1,600 (5:26.28).

Northville’s 800 relay team of Savannah Manley, McCallum, Yasmine Affes and Clare McNamara was third (1:48.03), while the Mustangs’ distance medley relay quartet of Emily Assemany, Affes, Taylor Gattoni and Katie Chevoor placed fourth (13:38.35).

The Mustangs’ 3,200 relay team of Harp, Gattoni, Assemany and Eckenroth also placed fourth (1:06.22).

Other individual winners in the girls meet included Tamea McKelvy (Oak Park), 60 dash (7.59); Britten Bowen (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 60 hurdles (8.82). Nadia Gonzalez

(Holt), shot put (36-4), Emma Daugherty (Toledo Maumee Valley Country Day), high jump (5-4); Colleen Campbell (Lake Orion), pole vault (10-9); and Angelica Floyd (Mount Clemens Chipewa Valley), long jump (17-11.25).

Oak Park won the 800 and 1,600 relays in 1:41.37 and 4:03.42, respectively, while Troy took the 3,200 relay (9:45.81); Birmingham Seaholm captured the distance medley (13:00.04).

Boys Huron Relays

Saline edged Oak Park for the boys team title, 65.5-61, while Pioneer was a distance third with 28 in the 29-school field.

Novi Detroit Catholic Central placed 13th with 12 points, while Northville finished 19th with sixth.

Catholic Central’s Chris Bradbury was runner-up in the shot put with a throw of 48 feet, while Ann Arbor Skyline’s Hunter Goodman was first (49.8.5).

CC’s Andrew Levens

was seventh in the 60 hurdles (8.85), while teammate Mark Borek took seventh in the 1,600 run (4:34.27).

Northville senior Ben Cracraft placed eighth in the 1,600 (4:35.69), while also teaming with Nick Couyoumjian, Robbie Kuphal Evan Ferrante for fifth in the distance medley relay (11:12.57).

“I was looking for a bit more competitive fire out our boys on Saturday,” Dalton said. “We put together a couple solid performances. I’m very pleased with the way our boys competed in the distance medley relay, but on the other hand we also had some performances where our kids were just going through the motions. That has to be cleaned up.”

Other individual champions included Connie James (Oak Park), 60 dash (7.04); Allen Stritzinger (Warren De La Salle), 60 hurdles (8.29); Phil Robie (Grosse Pointe North), high jump (6-3); Dan Leon (Grosse Pointe North), 15-0; and Trey Bryan (Orchard Lake St. Mary’s), 20-2.25).

Oak Park captured three of four relays: the 800 (1:32.99), 1,600 (3:28.61) and 3,200 (7:57.21), while Saline was first in the distance medley (11:00.36).

PREP SOFTBALL

## Mendendorp has four hits to key big Novi victory, 15-4

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Megan Medendorp collected four hits, including a double, as Novi opened its softball season with a 15-4 run-rule victory March 28 at home over West Bloomfield.

Novi collected a total of 21 hits while jumping out to a 9-1 lead after two innings, getting three in the first on RBI singles by Ashley Yarberry, Ally Cummings and Mendendorp.

West Bloomfield got three runs back in the fourth inning on a homer by A. Cohen, but Novi put it away by scoring five times in the fifth.

Also collecting multiple hits for the Wildcats were Jaime Gustitus, Sophie Rallis, Anna Mizerowski, Cummings and Purtell.

Winning pitcher Maria Gustitus went

four innings, allowing four runs on seven hits while striking out three as the Wildcats played errorless ball, with Purtell handling all five of her chances.

Losing pitcher E. Armstrong, who went three innings, allowed all 14 runs on 19 hits.

**NORTHVILLE 11, PIONEER 1:** Senior Makenzie Kamm went 3-for-4 to spark a 12-hit attack March 29 as the host Mustangs gave Scott DeBoer a victory in his debut as Northville coach against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Megan Swart also went 2-for-3, while winning pitcher Hannah Laurin allowed just two hits while striking out 11 in the run-rule victory.

**MILFORD 7, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 2:** Amelia Price singled in the go-ahead run March 29 to spark a five-run uprising as the host Mavericks downed Walled Lake Central in the season opener.

Riley Simlar and Lauren Carrannanto both collected two hits for Milford. Winning pitcher Natalie Herrington went all seven innings, allowing just two runs on three hits and no walks while striking out seven.

Central starter Christine Werthman, who took the loss, went 5½ innings allowing all seven runs on 10 hits.

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PREP BASEBALL

## Wildcats off to a 2-1 season start

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Before spring break and the rains hit, Novi was able to squeeze in three baseball games and is off to a 2-1 start.

After sweeping a doubleheader to start the season against Farmington Hills Harrison, 10-4 and 2-0, March 27 at home, the Wildcats fell 10-0 in five innings to Brownstown Woodhaven on March 28 at home as winning pitcher Brad Deboutte allowed just two hits and struck out

five.

Deboutte also collected three hits, while Drew Szczepaniak went 2-for-3 with four RBIs to lead the Warriors (1-0).

Losing pitcher Alec Bageris went 1½ innings, allowing three runs (all unearned) on two hits.

Nate Lys and Michael Hrit collected the lone hits off Deboutte.

In the season-opening doubleheader against Harrison, Kyle Klosterman went 2-for-4 with four RBIs to lead the Wildcats’ first game victory.

Other offensive producers for Novi included Evan Yokie (2-for-2, RBI); Bageris (2-for-4, RBI); and Brian Wendt (two RBIs).

Novi coach Rick Green used four pitchers, with Tyler VanKirk getting the victory. He allowed no earned runs on just one hit in three innings of work. He was proceeded by Wendt (one inning), Ryota Torri (two innings) and Drew O’Connor (one inning).

The quartet combined for a five-hitter, walking five and striking out seven.

In the nightcap, winning pitcher Johnny Bean threw three scoreless innings and reliever Cam Czapski preserved the shutout with a two scoreless innings. The two combined on a three-hitter, allowing just one

walk and fanning two.

Mitch Lys knocked in one run and VanKirk scored the other on a passed ball and over-throw at third base.

Novi is scheduled to return to action at 10 a.m. Friday at home against Fowlerville. The Wildcats will play Saturday against Hartland and North Farmington, both at home and weather permitting.

**DETROIT CC 15, ST. MARY’S 6:** On March 29, Matt Stinebiser went 3-for-3 with two RBIs as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central (1-0, 0-1) got off on the right track, winning the first game of a doubleheader against Catholic League Central Division foe Orchard Lake St. Mary’s (0-1, 0-1).

CC also got offensive production from Marcus Cipriano (two hits, three runs), Shane Rankin (three RBIs), Joey Merucci (two hits) and Jared Tura (two hits).

Winning pitcher Brandon Kassa threw 5½ innings of scoreless relief, allowing no hits while striking out six.

The second game was suspended because of darkness after one inning with CC leading, 4-0. The game will be completed Saturday, April 22, in Orchard Lake.

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GIRLS SOCCER

## Salem stops Northville in Central Division tilt

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Salem made a pair of first-half goals stand up March 29 in a 2-1 KLAA Central Division girls soccer victory over host Northville at Tom Holzer Field.

Katie Coleman scored in the third minute and, after a Northville foul, Gabby Teodorescu made it 2-0 for the Rocks (2-0, 1-0) at the 23-minute mark of the opening half as the ball skipped over Northville defender’s head and into the net for an own goal.

Northville’s Karina Moore made it a one-goal deficit on a header off an assist from Megan Krygier with 1:34 left in the match, but the Mustangs (0-2, 0-1) ran out of time to try to score the equalizer.

Salem goalie Skylar Brant made 11 saves, while Ellie Thallman (first half) and Carlie Castiglione (second half) combined for 13 saves with five and eight, respectively, for the Mustangs.

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# Tips to write a cover letter with no experience

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A crucial component of landing your dream job is crafting a compelling and creative cover letter that shows why you'd be the perfect hire. But if you're a job seeker with little to no prior work experience, there are still ways you can stand out from the crowd.

**Don't apologize for your lack of experience.** Everyone has to start somewhere, so don't express regret for being a newcomer to the workforce.

"Never point out or apologize for a negative by saying something like, 'Even though I don't have any work experience...'. Instead, do your homework and open with something that conveys your knowledge of industry trends or the company's needs," says Jennifer Fishberg, chief writer and job search strategist at Career Karma, a professional résumé writing firm.

**Express a keen desire to learn.** What matters perhaps even more than experience is attitude, so be sure to highlight your willingness to learn and grow.

"Not every position truly requires experience, but they all require passion and com-



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mitment," says Jan Bednar, CEO of Shipmonk, which offers order fulfillment services and inventory management software. "Really play up how eager you are to learn and how excited you are to take on new and unfamiliar challenges."

**List related skills or relevant experience.** Just because you haven't garnered experience in the workforce doesn't mean you haven't acquired transferable skills you

can highlight.

"Students with no prior work experience need to show through extracurricular activities how they have the soft skills needed to succeed in a corporation," says Mariona Prat Vila, Samsung Pay – Marketing and Partnerships at Samsung Electronics. "As an example, developing an app as a business major shows fast learning skills, leading a college club shows leadership skills and organizing community events shows

initiative. Identify the skills that are relevant to your desired career, get involved in side projects that will enhance their development and ... highlight it in your cover letter."

Additionally, you can show your readiness to tackle new challenges by describing a specific situation where you improvised or found a solution when you didn't know what to do, says Amma Marfo, speaker and consultant with FUN Enterprises, a novelty entertainment company that provides services to educational, corporate and private events.

**Highlight what makes you unique.** Don't hesitate to get creative in your cover letter if you don't have a lot of hands-on work experience to highlight.

"Did you take a year off to travel independently? Not many people do that. Do you speak six languages? [Did you] win an art competition? Call out what makes you unique if you feel you are missing professional experience," says Neely Raffellini, founder of 9 to 5 Project, an organization that helps women get the tools they need to land jobs.

**Do your research and personalize the cover letter.** This ought to go with-

out saying, but take the time to customize each cover letter you send out.

"To impress me and possibly get an interview, a cover letter needed to be specific for the position offered and our company — this was especially important for those with little to no experience or for someone switching careers," says Richard Lowe, Jr., owner of and senior writer at The Writing King. Lowe has reviewed thousands of cover letters during his time as a director of technical services and computer operations at Trader Joe's prior to his retirement.

"The best cover letters emphasized their connection to Trader Joe's — how they liked the stores, the layout and the format. They would talk about specifics from the position being advertised, and perhaps even a few tidbits they gathered from viewing our website and elsewhere," he says, adding that this information, combined with examples of how you can contribute to the demands of the position, is key.

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FACTORY JOBS IN WAYNE WILL BOOST REGION, BUT FORD’S NEWS ABOUT NEW DATA CENTER MAY BECOME MORE SIGNIFICANT



**By Dale Buss**


For all the potential political significance of Ford’s Michigan-jobs announcement, the most important part of it over the long term might be the part of it that is actual news: The company is going to spend a previously undisclosed \$200 million to put a new data-storage center at its plant in Flat Rock, Mich., to boost Ford’s digital capabilities for the mobility services and other computational needs which may define its future.

Yes, Ford said it will spend \$1 billion at its Michigan Assembly plant near Detroit and at a nearby engine plant to start producing an all-new Ranger midsize pickup truck and all-new Bronco SUV in 2020.

But potentially more significant is the fact that Ford plans to invest \$200 million for an “advanced data center to support the company’s expansion to an auto and mobility company,” as Ford put it in a news release.

It is the second of two new data centers that Ford is building in Michigan, as the company expects its data usage to increase 1,000 percent -- “driven by manufacturing and business needs and new mobility services, such as more connected, autonomous and electrified vehicles.”

The new center will be located at Ford’s Flat Rock plant, where the company also announced a while ago it is investing \$700 million and



*The Ford logo on an F150 grille. AP photo/Gene J. Puskar.*

adding 700 direct new jobs to create a factory capable of producing high-tech electrified and autonomous vehicles.

That all sounds rather pro forma in a new era in which every automaker must invest heavily to be a player in the self-driving future. And it’s true that Ford is talking about data storage and manipulation at this just-announced facility, not about shelling out another \$200 million to hire a bunch of code writers and instructing them to beat Silicon Valley to the punch in every advancement that will determine the future of automated driving.

But Ford’s decision to spend the extra \$200 million on another Michigan data center also is another signal that the traditional auto industry continues to fight with Silicon Valley for control of the wheel that will drive the auto industry of the future.

By now, the conventional wisdom has tilted in the direction of assuming that -- maybe only eventually, maybe even painfully -- automakers like Detroit’s Big Three will determine their best bet is to allow tech companies like Google, Uber and Apple to take control of all the software that handles the external

interfaces for automated vehicles and for the algorithmic guts of ride-sharing networks and the like. Along with that would surely go Silicon Valley’s control of much of the data generated by the transportation systems of the future. Partner with the interlopers rather than compete with them in the area they command.

In a big way, that resounds of Michael Porter and his theory of regional comparative advantage: Car companies had better retreat to what they know best, this reasoning goes, if they want to retain key roles in the future. And what they know best is making vehicles capable of supporting an overlay of self-driving wizardry created and maintained by the tech titans of California.

Put another way: Can a place like Michigan, which has trouble getting even native-born software writers to stick around long enough to get their degrees from the University of Michigan, possibly hope to keep these kids away from the siren song of the bloated compensation and lifestyle allure of Silicon Valley? Data-storage centers aren’t the same thing as massive campuses where the true value is added to the digital economy in terms of software and interfaces.

But Ford’s announcement about another data center in its backyard in stubbornly industrial southeastern Michigan seems to help fudge this theory. So do Ford’s plans to overhaul Michigan white-collar facilities to make them more like the most appealing places to work in Silicon Valley.

And so does the oft-expressed



A line worker at Ford’s Michigan Assembly plant in Wayne.

determination by Ford CEO Mark Fields to make the future of his company all about mobility services; it would make no sense at all for Fields to be planning to outsource this emergent new essence of Ford to another entire industry. General Motors’ Mary Barra is taking a similar approach.

So while the Sturm und Drang over Ford’s announcement predictably focuses on whether the factory moves represent some sort of knuckling under to President Trump, or whether he will benefit at all politically from it, the real import of what Ford said may lie in the \$200-million outlay, not the \$1 billion.

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**9:45 a.m. - What a Case Manager Can Do for You and Your Loved Ones** with Annelle Hill, MANAGED REHABilitation Consultants

**10 a.m. - How to Protect Your Hard-earned Assets from Long-term Care Costs**, Christopher J. Berry, The Elder Care Firm

**10:15 a.m. - New Technology in Pain Relief**, Dr. Sol Cogan, HealthQuest Management

**10:45 a.m. - An Update on Exercises for Osteoarthritis and Knee Pain**, Kristie Kava and Frank Kava, Oakland Physical Therapy

**11 a.m. - Building an Estate Plan that Fits Your Situation**, Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management

**11:30 a.m. - How to Stop Sleep Problems and Snoring from Stealing Your Energy and Affecting Your Health**, Dr. Earl K. Bogrow, Dental Center for Sleep Apnea and Snoring

**11:45 a.m. - Rediscover Your Mobility: Joint Pain Education**, Dr. Stephen Mendelson and RN John Cunningham, St. Mary Mercy Livonia

**12:15 p.m. - An Update on Exercises for Osteoarthritis and Back Pain**, Kristie Kava and Frank Kava, Oakland Physical Therapy

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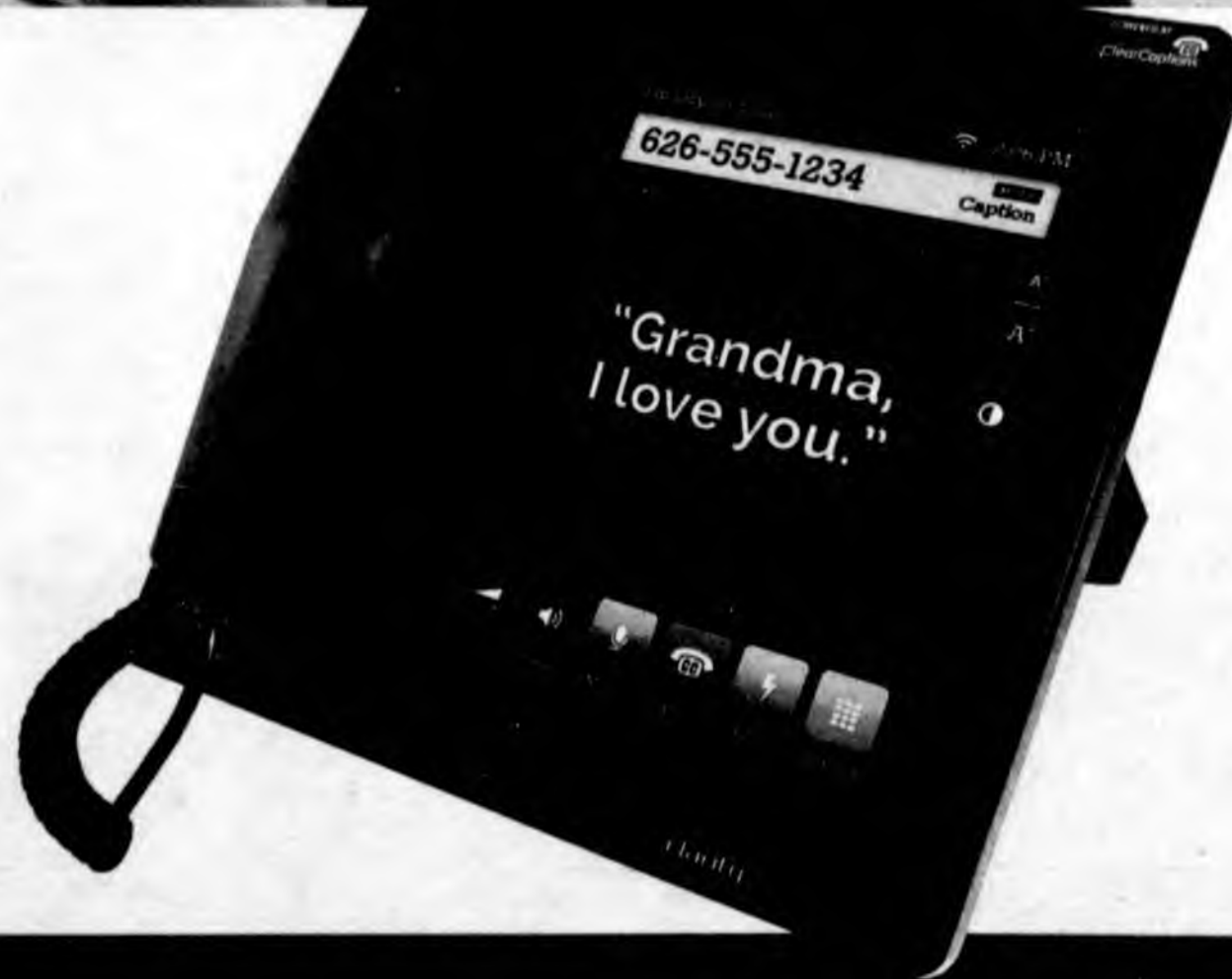


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The expo is completely free to the public. We will have more than 50 businesses, health care providers, insurance companies, senior living facilities and legal practices with a great deal to offer metro Detroit seniors. The event also features sessions with nine experienced and insightful leaders in elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief. Whether you're a senior citizen, an active retiree or a caregiver, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Inside this guide you'll find a full list of speakers and exhibitors.

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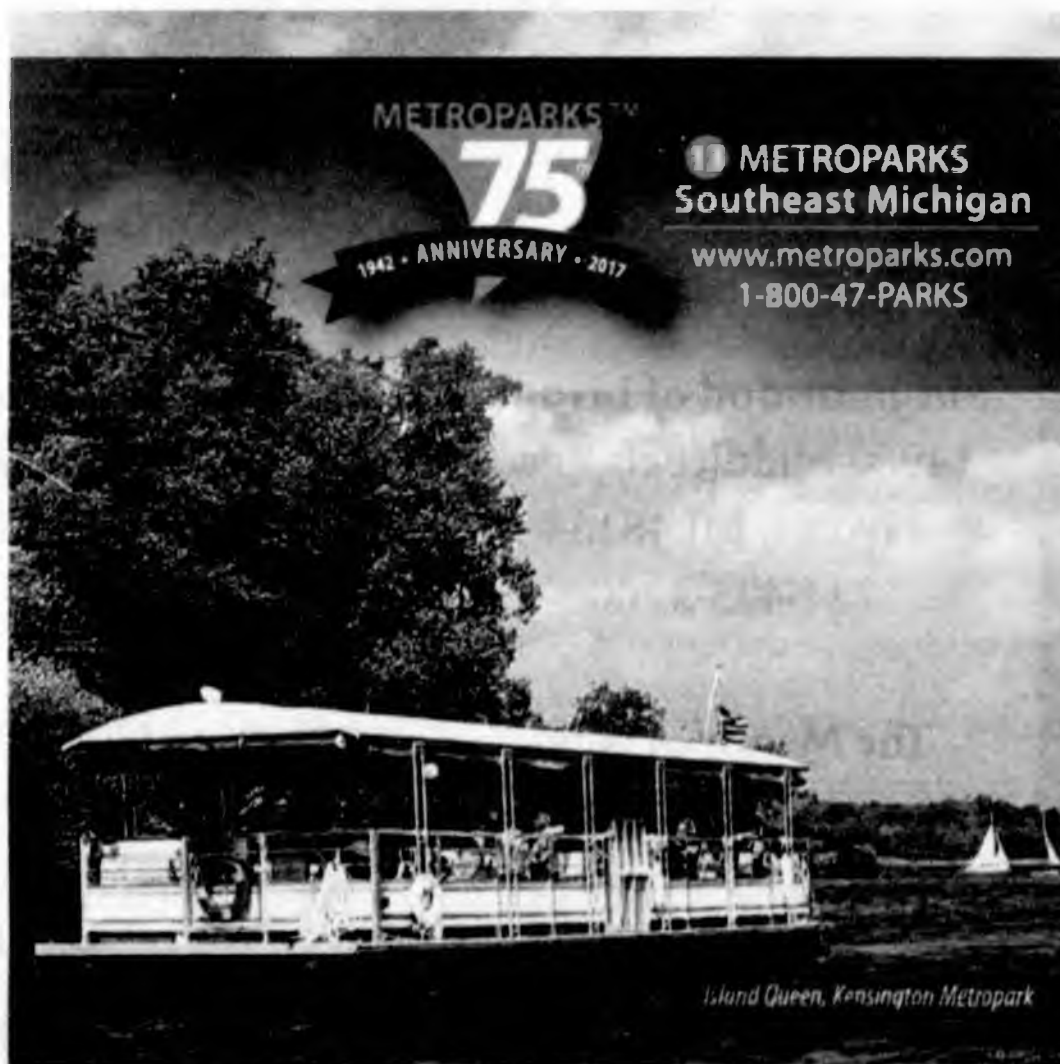
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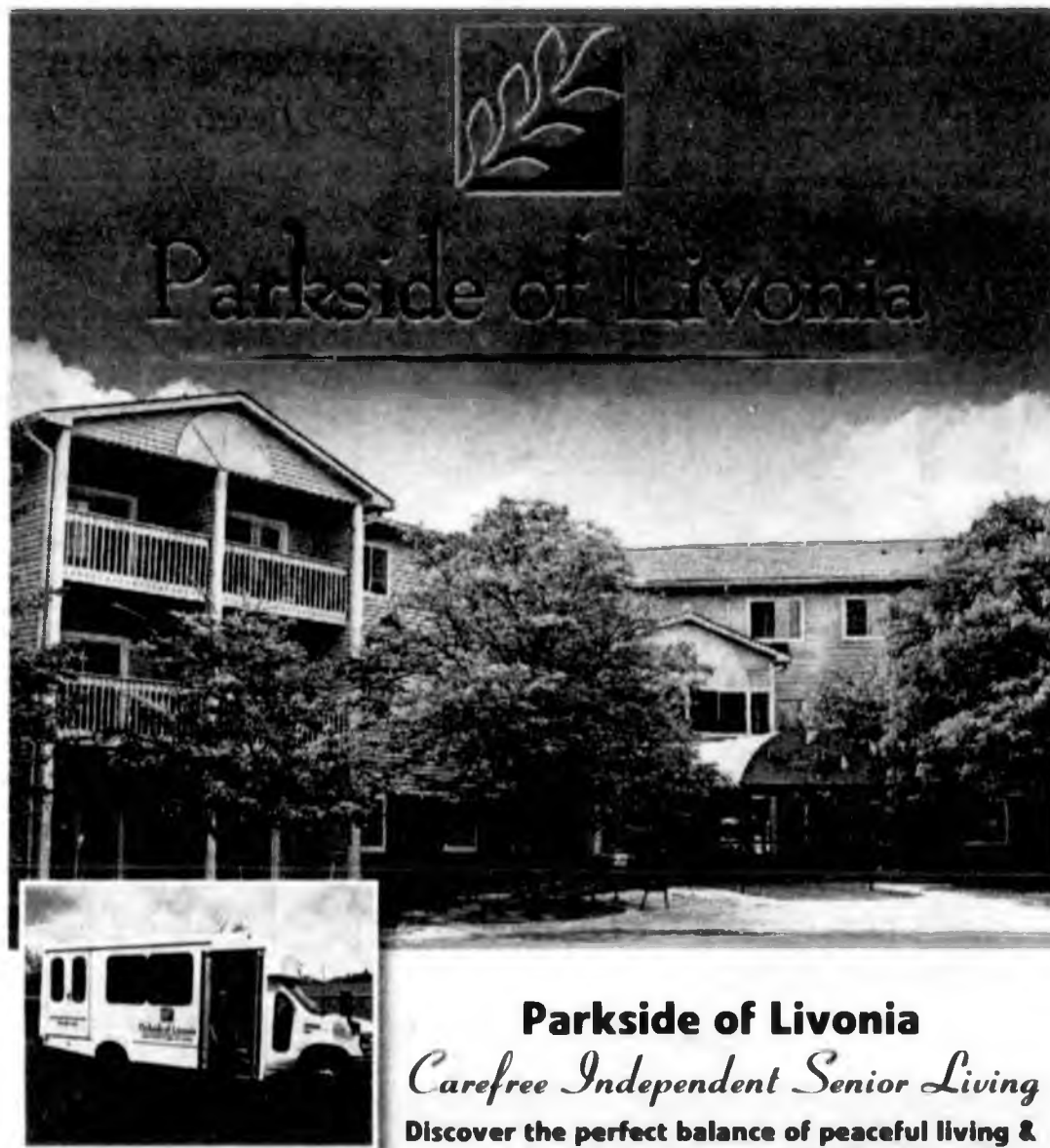
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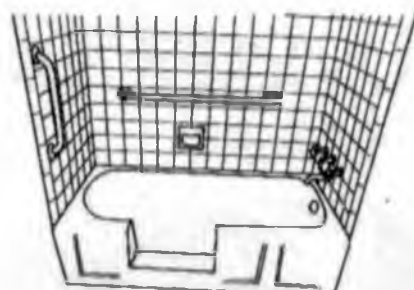




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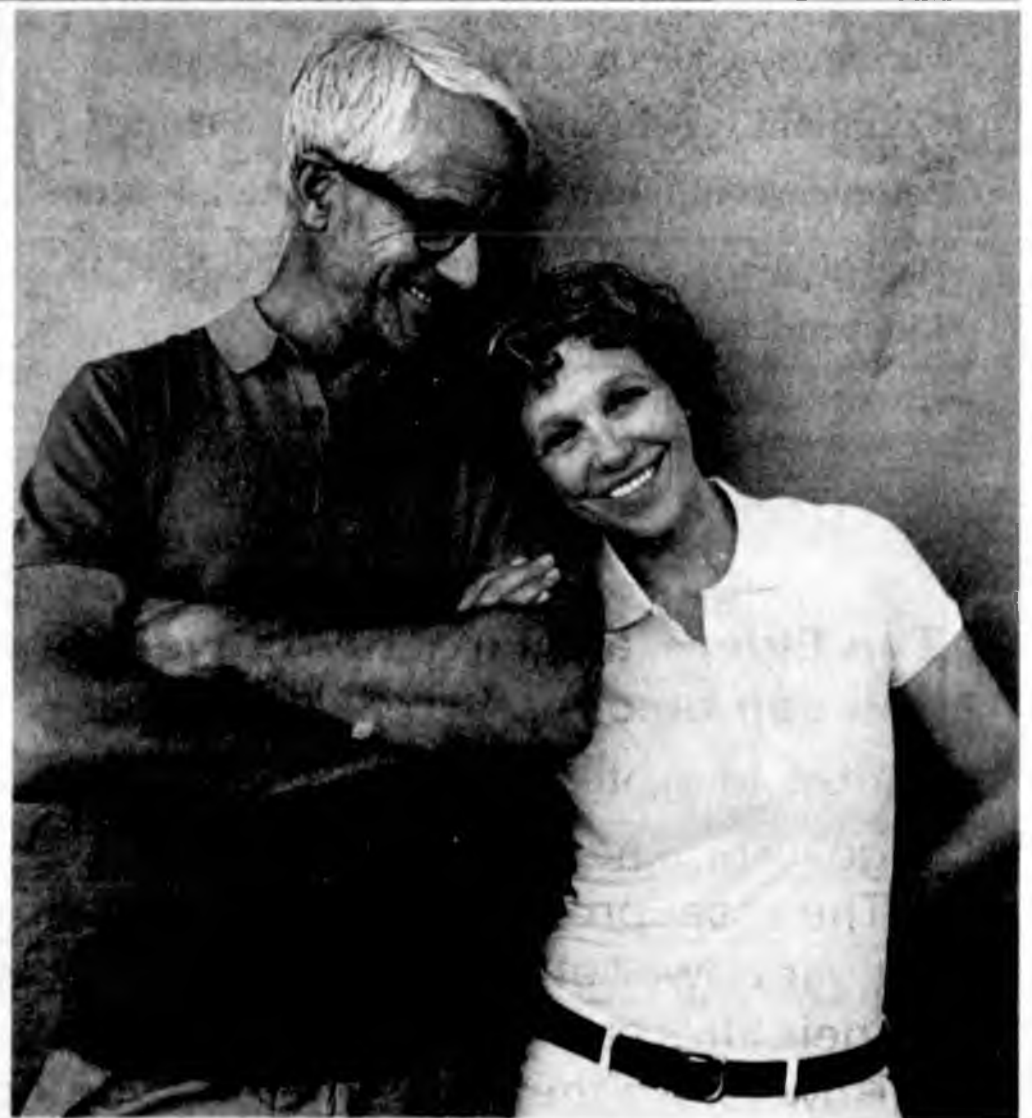
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# EXPERIENCE



## Demonstrations and Workshops

**9:00 – 10:00**

**"12th and Clairmount" documentary film preview and discussion with directors.**

**(Kehrl Auditorium)**

*by Detroit Free Press*

**9:30-10:30**

**Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps**

**(Room 425)**

*by Botsford Commons and Senior Helpers*

**9:45 - 10:15**

**What a Case Manager Can Do for You and Your Loved Ones**

**(Room 445)**

*by MANAGED REHABilitation Consultants, Inc.*

**10:00 - 11:00**

**How to Protect Your Hard-earned Assets from Long-term Care Costs**

**(Room 210)**

*by The Elder Care Firm*

**10:15 - 11:15**

**New Technology in Pain Relief**

**(Room 460)**

*by HealthQuest Management, Inc.*

**10:45 – 11:15**

**An Update on Exercises for Osteoarthritis and Knee Pain**

**(Room 445)**

*by Oakland Physical Therapy*

**11:00 - 12:00**

**Building an Estate Plan that Fits Your Situation**

**(Kehrl Auditorium)**

*by Bloom Asset Management*

**11:30 – 12 Noon**

**How to Stop Sleep Problems and Snoring from Stealing Your Energy and Affecting Your Health**

**(Room 425)**

*by Dental Center for Sleep Apnea and Snoring*

**11:45 – 12:15**

**Rediscover Your Mobility: Joint Pain Education**

**(Room 120)**

*by St. Mary Mercy Livonia*

**12:15 – 12:45**

**An Update on Exercises for Osteoarthritis and Back Pain**

**(Room 460)**

*by Oakland Physical Therapy*

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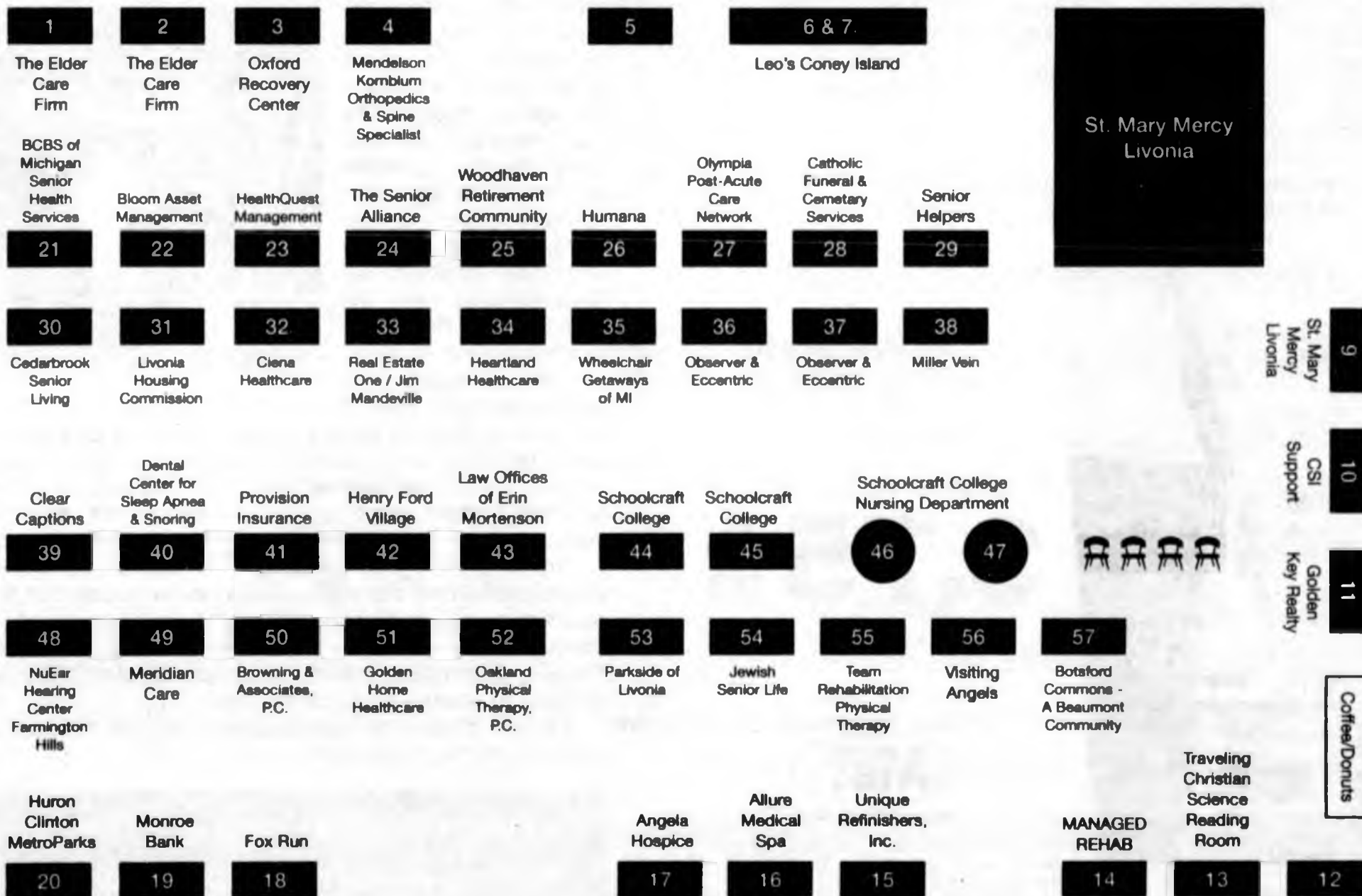
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## 12th and Clairmount

**Time:** 9 a.m., Kehrl Auditorium

**Speakers:** Kathy Kieliszewski, photo & video director, Detroit Free Press and Bill McGraw, journalist, Bridge Magazine

**Details:** Home movie footage donated by metro Detroiters provides the spine of "12th and Clairmount," the Detroit Free Press documentary film, which looks back at the Detroit riot of 1967 — and its causes and aftermath. Those five days in July were among the most pivotal — and divisive — in the city's history, with the turmoil leaving 43 dead. While the impending 50th anniversary of the summer of '67 was the impetus for the film, the home movie footage in "12th and Clairmount" captures a wide spectrum of Detroit life, from proud streetscapes to dance parties to neighborhood sporting events.

Drawing from more than 400 reels of donated home movies from the era, other unearthed footage and newly recorded oral histories, the documentary was produced by the Free Press in collaboration with Bridge Magazine and WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and a group of metro Detroit cultural institutions, led by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Kieliszewski and McGraw, the film's co-directors, will show segments of the film and discuss the project.



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## Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps

**Time:** 9:30 a.m., Room 425

**Speakers:** Diane Zide, MS, CTRS, ACC, NHA, executive director of operations, Botsford Commons — A Beaumont Community, and Kevin Snyckerski, LPN, Senior Helpers

**Details:** This discussion will highlight the differences between men and women and how they think, feel and communicate. This session will be based on a book of the same name by Allan and Barbara Pease. All this time, men thought women just prattled on non-stop and didn't have a real purpose behind the 6,000-plus words that they say each day. Women thought men ignored them on purpose, yet brain studies support the theory that men need to focus on one topic at a time. This will be an insightful opportunity for all.



Zide



Snyckerski

## What a Case Manager Can Do for You and Your Loved Ones

**Time:** 9:45 a.m., Room 445

**Speaker:** Annette Hill, RN, BSN, CCM — President of MANAGED REHABILITATION Consultants, Inc.

**Details:** MANAGED REHAB's medical case managers can help you navigate the ever-growing complexities of today's health care system. While our services are generally geared toward the aging population, it is often adult children who face the greatest challenges in trying to raise families, manage demanding careers and make sure aging parents receive the care they need. Learn about the many ways a case manager can alleviate some of the stress of caring for an aging parent. We can coordinate every aspect of care and act as a patient advocate in the face of confusing and difficult medical situations.



Hill

## How to Protect Your Hard-earned Assets from Long-term Care Costs

**Time:** 10 a.m., Room 210

**Speaker:** Christopher J. Berry, Esq., The Elder Care Firm

**Details:** Certified Elder Law Attorney,



Berry

Christopher Berry, will cover six ways to pay for long-term care, including Medicaid and Veterans Benefits strategies and planning. Learn how to use legal strategies to protect assets, whether you are planning for a loved one or yourself. Included in his talk will be a discussion on protecting the family home from estate recovery.

## New Technology in Pain Relief

**Time:** 10:15 a.m., Room 460

**Speaker:** Dr. Sol Cogan, CEO/President, HealthQuest Management, Inc.

**Details:** Ouch, what a pain! You may not have to live with those pains any longer. Dr. Cogan discusses new technology available to relieve old pains that you thought you would have to live with forever. If you or someone you care about suffers from back pain, neck pain, bulging disc, herniated disc, neuropathy or joint pain, this presentation is for you!



Cogan

Dr. Cogan was the Detroit Lions DC from 2002-2015. He now dedicates 100% of his clinical time helping people use technology to feel better and get their life back.

## Building an Estate Plan that Fits Your Situation

**Time:** 11 a.m., Kehrl Auditorium

**Speaker:** Rick Bloom, J.D., CPA, Bloom Asset Management

**Details:** Having an estate plan is the best way to guarantee your assets will be distributed according to your wishes upon death. Unfortunately, too many people don't have an estate plan or may have one that isn't sufficient to protect their assets when they die.



Bloom

Financial expert Rick Bloom, a financial columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and a partner in Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills, will discuss the various aspects of an estate plan, including wills and trusts, beneficiary designations, special estate planning situations and necessary estate planning documents.

## How to Stop Sleep Problems and Snoring from Stealing Your Energy and Affecting Your Health

**Time:** 11:30 a.m., Room 425

**Speaker:** Earl K. Bogrow, DDS, Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine, Dental Center for Sleep Apnea and Snoring

**Details:** Did you know that 40% of adults snore, and 70% of snorers have Sleep Apnea? Sleep Apnea can drastically affect your quality of life, contributing to fatigue, loss of memory, hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and more. Dr. Bogrow will discuss the signs, symptoms, and treatment options. Treatment can change your life for the better. Don't wait another day to get a good night's sleep!



Bogrow

## Rediscover Your Mobility: Joint Pain Education

**Time:** 11:45 a.m., Room 120

**Speakers:** Stephen Mendelson, MD, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and John Cunningham, RN, program coordinator, Orthopedics, St. Mary Mercy Livonia

**Details:** Stop living in pain. Understand different reasons for joint pain, conservative treatments for a variety of issues causing joint pain including tendons, ligaments and meniscus. Learn about osteoarthritis and how it can be treated with conservative and surgical options. We will also take a look at what is new on the horizon for treatments.



Mendelson



Cunningham

An Update on...

## Exercises for Osteoarthritis and Knee Pain

**Time:** 10:45 a.m., Room 445

## Exercises for Osteoarthritis and Back Pain

**Time:** 12:15 p.m., Room 460

**Speakers:** Kristie Kava, PT, MS DScPT, OMPT and Frank Kava, PT, MS, DPT, OCS, OMPT, Oakland Physical Therapy

**Details:** Knee and back pain can have a significant negative impact on our quality of life because we cannot do the things that are important to us. Learn about the physiological benefits of exercise for osteoarthritis, the advantages and importance of flexibility, aerobic conditioning and strengthening exercises, and the correct performance of appropriate exercises.



Kava



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# Elder Orphans: How to Plan for Aging Without a Family Caregiver

by Christina Ianzito, December 13, 2016

When you can't lean on family and friends to help take care of you, here's what you can do. — Getty Images

Marak, 65, of Waco, Texas, is considered an "elder orphan" — someone who is aging alone with no family available to address their caregiving needs. More than 1 in 5 Americans older than 65 are — or are at risk of becoming — elder orphans. And 23 percent of boomers will eventually be without family caretakers, according to Maria Torroella Carney, who has studied the issue and is chief of geriatric and palliative medicine at Northwell Health of Great Neck, N.Y.

And those figures don't include the countless parents whose adult children are not available or able, for various reasons, to assist them.

## Caregivers & Caregiving

The American Geriatrics Society recently developed guidelines for how public policy and the health care industry might assist elder orphans. (The authors refer to them as "unbefriended" older adults.) Experts warn of a potential crisis as the population ages and even fewer family caregivers are available for each person. A 2015 AARP Public Policy report titled "Valuing the Invaluable" concluded that while there were 7.2 potential family caregivers for every person 80 and older in 2010, that ratio is likely to fall to 4 to 1 by 2030, and could sink to 3 to 1 by 2050.

But even with already high numbers of elder orphans set to skyrocket, there's still a widely held assumption in the health care industry that everyone has a family caregiver in

the wings. "When you go in for a colonoscopy, they won't even do the procedure if you don't have someone to take you home," Marak points out. "Everyone thinks we all have family. Well, we don't."

Here are some tips for planning ahead if you don't have a family caregiver.

Consider where — and how — you might like to age. While you're still healthy, evaluate your living situation and try to make a plan. "Identify where the best place is for you to live," Carney says. "Should you move to an area that's more walkable, or has mass transportation or access to taxis?"

You might also consider communal living options, such as taking on roommates, or moving to a senior community or assisted living facility — often an ideal option for some who can afford it.

Get your paperwork in order. Make all legal documents accessible and your intentions clear. That includes deciding upon a health and financial proxy: Who's going to make crucial decisions for you if you become incapacitated? If you don't have anyone in your personal life to fill that role, you might look into elder care resources in your region. Or your doctor may be willing to step in, Carney says.

"I've had patients who've had no one and have asked me or my colleague to be their health care proxy," she adds. (If a physician agrees to be your proxy, he or she can't continue as your health care provider.) You might consult an elder care lawyer to discuss your situation and help you plan.

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Develop a social network. You may not be able to rely on friends for serious, long-term care, but they can help you — and you them — in many ways, such as bringing meals when you're ill or recovering, and doing errands such as picking up prescriptions or groceries. Sometimes it's hard to make new friends late in life, and old ones may not live nearby or are caught up in their own health issues. Consider joining clubs, taking a class, volunteering — anything that will offer you repeated exposure to a new group of people.

Find support from like-minded people. Marak started a Facebook group for elder orphans in February 2016 so "people have a place just to feel like they're not alone, so they can identify with others."

Think creatively. Among other possible ways to plan for a future without a family caregiver, Marak has considered adopting a family. They'd agree to care for her, and she'd bequeath her assets to them. Other innovative ideas, Marak says, include joining other elder orphans in a living situation with space for a live-in caregiver "so the residents, as they age, can

count on this caregiver to help them at home. They provide the space for the person to live, and that person provides the services they need."

If you have ideas for how elder orphans might prepare for aging without a family caregiver, join the conversation at AARP's online community.





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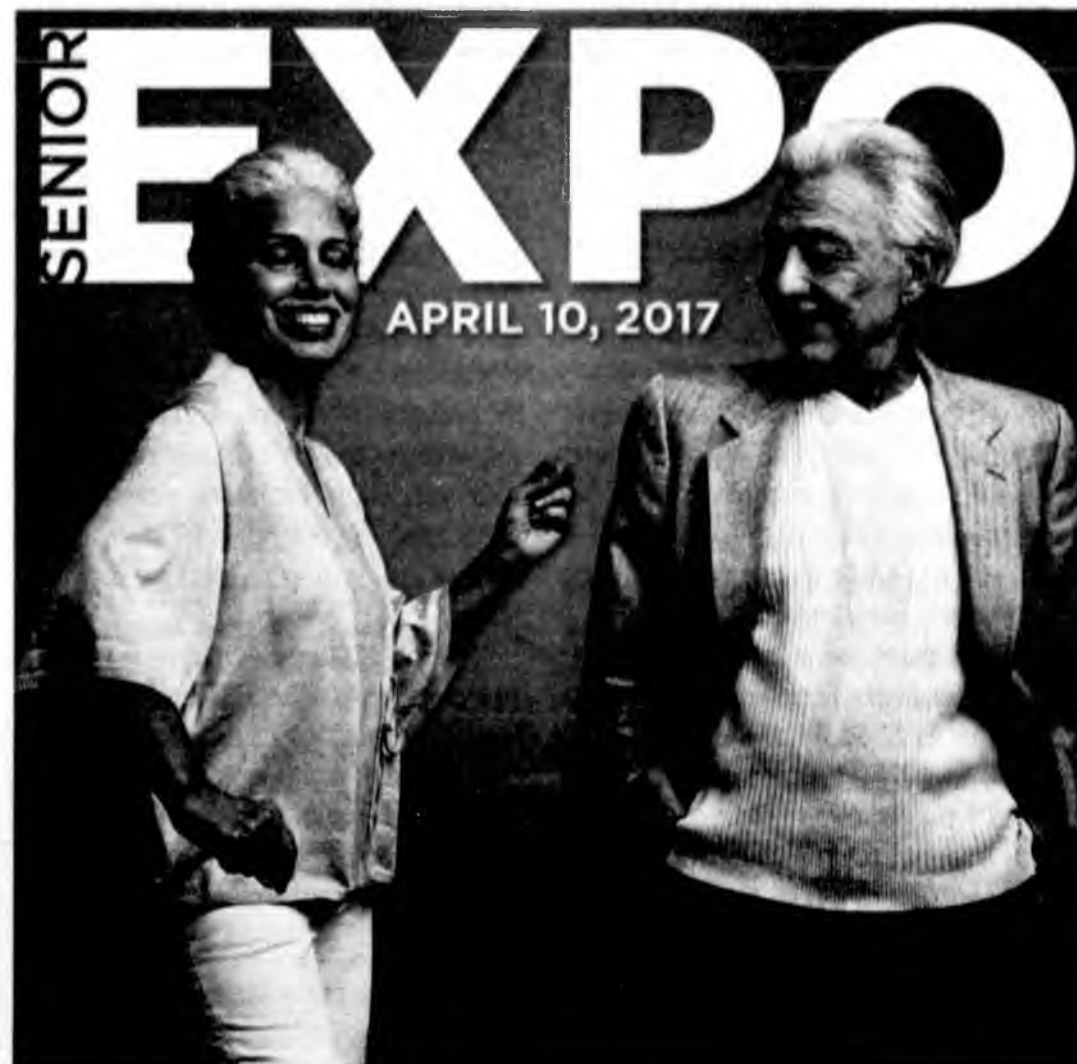


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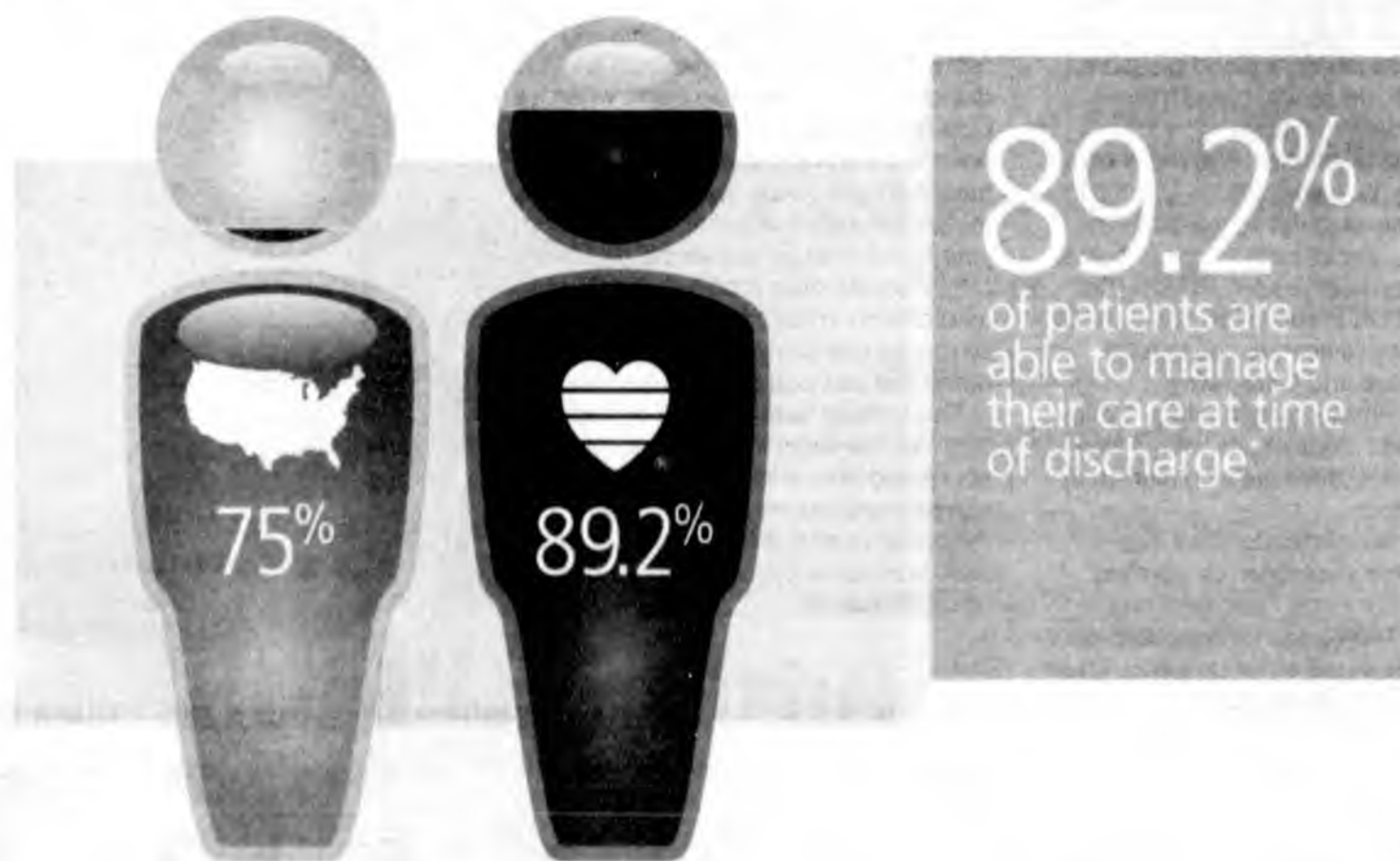
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## More Caregiving Time Savers: Medication Management

by Amy Goyer

One of my most time-consuming and stressful tasks as a caregiver is managing multiple medications and supplements. Being responsible for getting my parents' prescriptions filled and doggedly ensuring there are no adverse drug interactions or side effects has been difficult. Tracking and sorting all of the pills, liquids, creams, nasal sprays and eyedrops — as well as administering them all — is exhausting. The key to medication-management survival? Organization!

### A few tips:

Organize more than one week of pills at a time. Many years ago I helped my parents get set up with pill organizers (we call them pillboxes). That way Dad, who has Alzheimer's disease, and Mom could better track their daily intake. For a time, my dad filled the boxes; then my sister, Susie, filled them when it got too confusing and stressful for him. When I moved to Arizona seven years ago, I took over the task. I soon realized that by the time I got all the supplies out and filled one week's pillbox, it wouldn't take much more time to fill up a second week's. I now fill two months of pill organizers at once — a great time-saver that also makes for fewer shopping trips or online orders.

The biggest problem I've had with pillboxes through the years has been finding ones with individual compartments big enough to accommodate the plethora of pills my parents have required. Before she passed away, Mom took various drugs five times a day (at one time she had an alarming 23 medications), so I actually had to use two boxes for her — one with four compartments, as well as a small single-compartment box. Now I use a giant pill organizer for Dad, who takes pills twice a day: The first two rows are filled with one week's meds, and the second two, with the second week's. I fill four of those giant pill organizers at a time, for an eight-week supply.

Create and maintain an updated medication and supplements list. A comprehensive list ensures that you won't forget anything while filling the pillboxes and also helps any caregiver or emergency-response person easily find the information. In addition, keep a copy in a folder for doctor's appointments or hospital visits. (Bonus: Doctors will be thrilled and impressed that you have all of this necessary information organized and available)

Make a chart or spreadsheet, and the categories include:

- Name of medication or supplement and strength (e.g., 600 mg tablets)
- Prescribing doctor and phone number
- Purpose (such as blood pressure, thyroid, dementia, blood thinner, bone density or pain)
- Dosage (examples: 600 mg, 1x/day; 25 mg, 2x/day)
- Comments (such as the generic name, special instructions, whether the med is on auto-refill from their mail-order prescription company or the date I'll need to call to refill)

### Caregivers and Caregiving

Take advantage of technology. While pillboxes and medications list are low-tech solutions, there are also high-tech solutions, too:

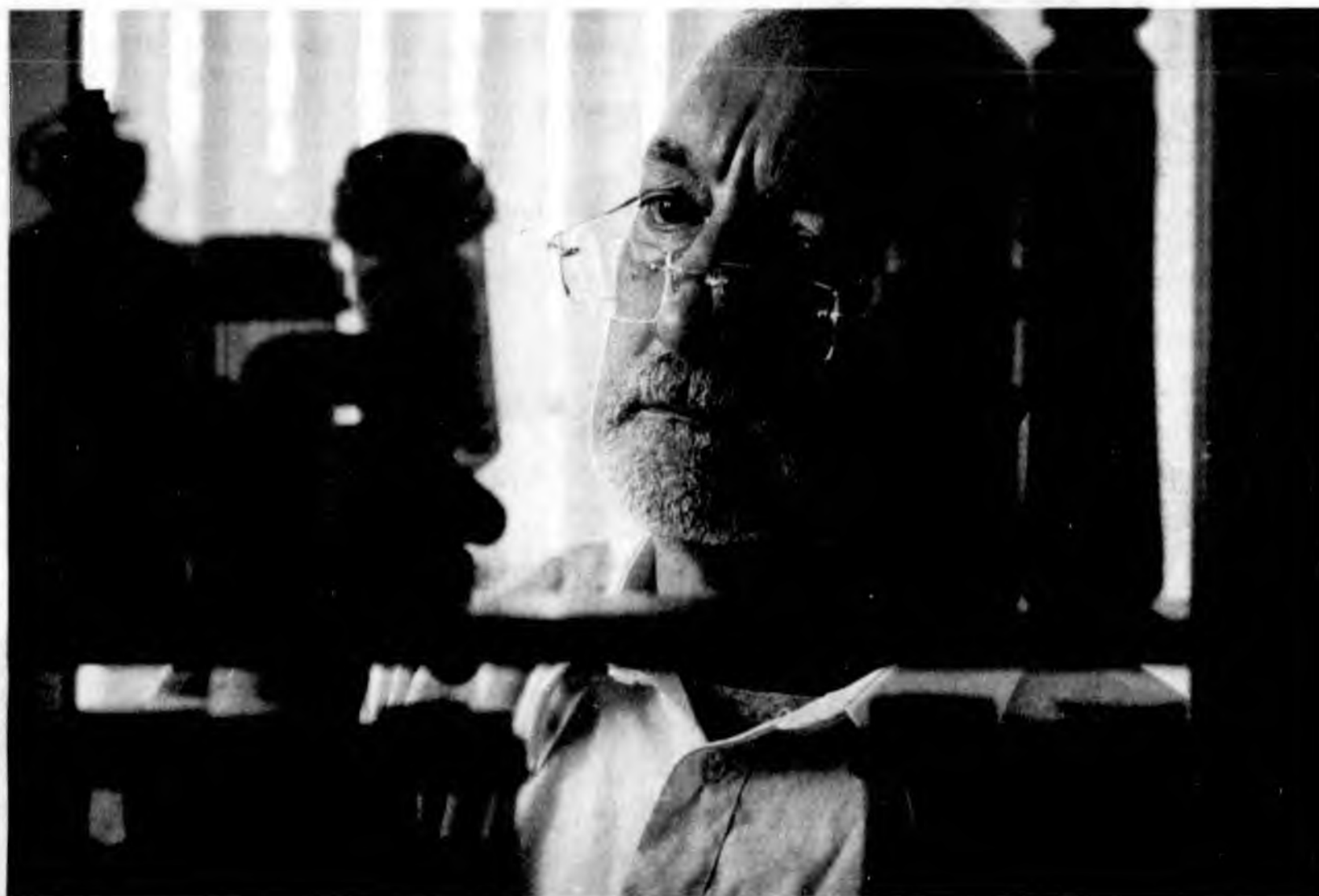
- Make the medications list easily accessible at all times by creating it in a Word or Excel document on my computer. Then it can be accessed on a smartphone or tablet via Dropbox. There

are also other caregiving apps that can be used. Some caregiving apps make the process easier by allowing you to add the information by simply scanning the medication bottles.

- You can now easily find amazing "smart" electronic pill organizers and dispensers that sound an alarm when it's time to take pills and that send notifications to caregivers when pills have or have not been taken. You can also set up motion sensors that will notify you when your loved ones go to their pill organizers.

• There are even robots that deliver medications in hospitals and facilities, so maybe one day we will all have one at home that can pop pills into our mouths!

**The bottom line:** Create a system (high- or low-tech) that works for you and your loved ones and ensures that the correct medications are being taken at the correct times. A little organization can save lives, ease pain and make everyone's life easier.





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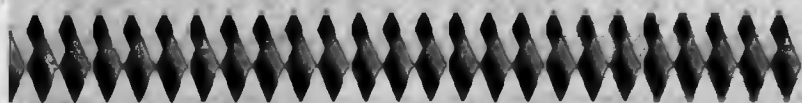
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