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This is an affordable day camp teens can come to during the day open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call Novi Youth Assistance for more information or to register at 248-347-0410.

Motor City Comic Con

Motor City Comic Con 2017 will take place 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

Complete information about the event, tickets, panels and VIP passes is available at <http://www.motorcitycomiccon.com/>.

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Northville mayor Roth announces re-election bid

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Ken Roth is seeking a second term as mayor in the city of Northville.

Roth, an attorney and a former member of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, is the first person to formally announce a bid for office in this year's city election. He was elected to a two-year mayoral term in 2015.

A second term, Roth said, would be a continuation of his service to the community.

"I'm committed to the idea of making Northville the best it can possibly be," Roth said last week.

Roth is a 20-year city resident. He works in small business and finance law and was formerly an assistant prosecuting attorney in Kalamazoo and Grand Traverse counties. He was on the school board for more than 12 years, serving several terms as its president.

Northville, Roth said, has several challenges ahead, and his experience could play a key role in tackling them.



Roth

Foremost among those challenges, Roth said, is a revenue decline due to reductions in state shared revenue over a period of years, an issue communities around the state are facing.

Since 2002, Northville has lost more than \$2 million in cumulative revenue sharing, according to the Michigan Municipal League, which has a campaign to urge lawmakers to

address the situation statewide.

"We can't on our own change it," Roth said. "We're kind of at the mercy of the state, but we have to live with it and manage it."

Managing it, he went on, calls for conservative budgeting that protects essential services like public safety and public works.

"We have to be very cautious about our expenses and budget very conservatively, and we have to be realistic with our

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Winchester Elementary's Valentina Wilson shows her Cindy Lou Who-esque hairstyle May 12. The school sponsored a Crazy Hair Day fundraiser where kids showed off their best 'dos for a dollar donation to Kids Against Hunger.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL'S CRAZY HAIR FUNDRAISER



Sophie Ong displays her Crazy Hair Day 'do. Her hair looked like a doughnut atop a plate with a cup of coffee nearby.

Hands-on Workshop puts students' book learning to the test

Matt Jachman
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The tinkering that went into Jordan Grewe's portable sound system helped the Northville High School student clarify his career goals.

"It really brought me into what I want to do," Jordan said Thursday as he explained his "backpack," a multi-speaker music player that can be wheeled on casters or strapped to the user's back. "I love playing with electrical stuff now."

Jordan, a junior, made the "speaker backpack" through his computer-aided design, or CAD, engineering class, which has a partnership with The Village Workshop, where the backpack and projects from 20 other students were on display Thursday.

The program gives students the book learning — computer learning, more accurately — at school, then practical experience at the Workshop, where they learn to use a variety of tools and equipment and benefit from the knowledge other Workshop members are eager to share.

"We really believe that all kids should have exposure to this," said Tracey Wormsbacher, director of operations at the Workshop. "Many schools don't have industrial arts classes."

In its second year, the program is more than a traditional shop class, Wormsbacher said. "They're getting exposed to many skills," she said.

The Village Workshop is a downtown Northville "maker space" where members have access to woodworking, metal-machining, sewing, printmaking and other industrial equipment and can take classes from professionals who teach them how to use those tools. The Workshop even boasts a machine for additive manufacturing, better known as 3-D printing.

Jordan, who plays football at Northville, used a "shop bot" to

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Self Defense Center receives recognition

Family Self Defense Center, in partnership with Novi Parks, is receiving national acclaim. To be honored July 21 at Isshinryu Hall of Fame Awards in Tennessee, are:

- Isshinryu Dojo of the Year: Family Self Defense Center
- Young Female Karate Student 12 and under: Rowan Adomaitis and Shaelyn Carroll
- Young Male Karate Student 12 and under: Trevor Adomaitis
- Young Male Karate Student 13-17: Anthony DeFeo

- Adult Female Karate Student: Lizzy Arnold
- Adult Male Karate Student: Scott Verhelle
- Female Instructor of the Year: Lizzy Arnold, Ryan Swanson and Ms. Chris Szalap
- Male Instructor of the Year: Ted Lambert
- Junior Female Competitor: Ameilia Chung
- Don Nagle, Sensei of Sensei's Award: Chris Szalap
- Outstanding Contribution to Isshinryu by a non-student: Kim Carroll

WORKSHOP

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chisel an upper-case "N" into one side of his speaker backpack, along with moniker "Stang Nation," for Mustang Nation, a reference to the high school community, particularly the sports fans.

The speaker backpack, which resembles a large stereo speaker cabinet from the pre-digital era, is Jordan's answer to the tiny speakers usually associated with portable digital music players. Though a bit unwieldy — weighing 50 or 60 pounds — Jordan said the backpack can be used for tailgate parties, sporting events or for helping keep athletes entertained during practices.

"I used it twice this week already, just playing basketball with my friends," he said. In building the cabinet, Jordan used principles of sound engineering to maximize the resonance coming from the speakers.

"Knowing what I can do with this basic knowledge opens things up" in looking at a career path, he said.

T.J. Newman, a senior, built a cedar patio table that features a sort of spiraling leg design and a Japanese finishing technique, shou sugi ban, in which the wood is charred and the ash scraped away, leaving a dark finish with high



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Student Kyle White made a longboard skateboard out of recycled wooden pallet pieces. Here he flexes a blank like the one used to create his board, which is to his left.



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Ben Schmidt fabricated a new strut out of aluminum, seen at left, for this radio-controlled car because many of the plastic struts the cars come with break with use.

as straps and melted down to bind tightly.

Julie Fisette, who teaches both the CAD architecture and CAD engineering classes at the high school, said her students were assigned to make specific items — aluminum dice, tool caddies, tables and machining mallets — earlier during the courses, to familiarize themselves with using the tools. The fifth and final project was one of their own choosing.

The students also kept engineering notebooks to document the processes used in completing their work.

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contrast that shows off grain patterns. The finish is supposed to increase the wood's durability and insect resistance.

"It was really a fun experience to have no instruction and kind of make your way through," said T.J., who toyed with

several table designs before settling on one.

Other projects included longboards — similar to skateboards — a bookcase, a video game-system stand and a small table whose components were attached with strips from plastic bottles, used

ROTH

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residents about what expectations can be," he said. Northville's annual spending, including all funds, totals about \$16 million a year, including a general fund of more

than \$7 million.

At the same time, Roth said, he's in favor of lobbying for more revenue sharing.

"I hope, through information and education, our legislators will due a better job of funding revenue sharing," he said.

Another challenge,

Roth said, is redevelopment, particularly in the downtown area. Roth addressed both redevelopment and revenue sharing during his talk at a state-of-the-community event last month.

Northville's city election is Tuesday, Nov. 7. There is no primary election in Northville;

would-be general-election candidates have until Tuesday, July 25, to file nominating petitions and affidavits of identity with Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown's office.

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Gayle Spiteri, top, poses for a photo with her mom Wilma Court during Oakmont Northville's May 12 Mother's Day Tea.



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Sheila Sigro snaps a photo of a display at Northville's Oakmont assisted living center on May 12. Sigro is part of the Warnerette Parasol Drill Team.

Mothers' Day Tea at Northville's Oakmont



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Oakmont Activity Director Marie Rumbley brings out a tray of desserts for the center's May 12 Mother's Day Tea party.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Thief takes heads from seven \$500 golf clubs

The heads of seven golf clubs were detached from their shafts and apparently stolen from a Novi sporting goods store last week.

The shoplifting occurred May 8 at the Dick's Sporting Goods on Haggerty. The clubs were valued at \$499.99 each.

According to a Novi Police Department report, a store employee told police he had discovered seven golf-club shafts sitting in a corner in a place they should not have been. The head had been removed from each of the shafts, police said; the employee said that could've been done by someone with a screwdriver or power tool.

Police noticed there had been a similar shoplifting in Livonia recently in which a security camera captured images of the thief.

Brazen theft

A man walked out of a Novi department store with several items, including two sets of perfume, concealed in his jacket, telling a store security employee who confronted him, "I'm not coming back."

The theft took place shortly before noon May 2 at the Marshall's store on West Oaks Drive. A police department report said two sets of perfume and a pair of children's socks and a children's shirt had been stolen.

A security worker told police she had seen, on video surveillance, the man pick up two sets of

perfume. He was then handed socks and a shirt by a woman, she said, and put the merchandise in his jacket and zipped it up, looking in a mirror to adjust the items. He then walked toward the front of the store, met up again with the woman and left without paying.

The security worker asked the pair to stop, but the man said, "I'm not coming back" and they got into a gray Dodge Challenger, with the woman driving, and rode off.

Using a license plate number, police later located the Challenger's owner, a woman, who said she knew the man in question, but did not know his name.

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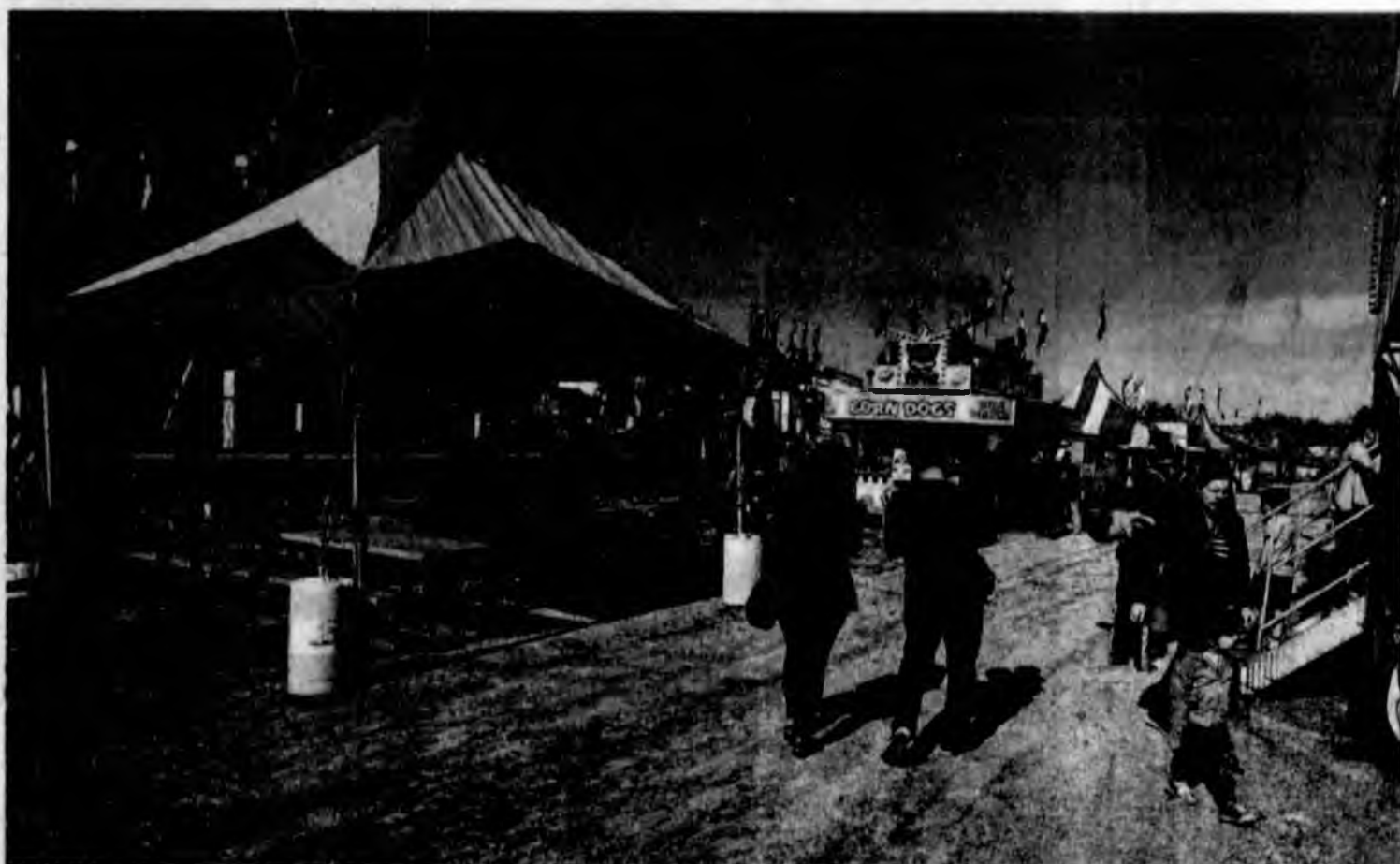
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Two visitors to the Fair Games carnival try out its merry-go-round.

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NORTHVILLE HOSTS CARNIVAL



The Fair Games carnival was held this past weekend near Northville Downs. The fair offered lots of rides, games of skill and food for visitors to nosh on.

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Teachers, staff work to make learning environment safe

There was a fight at school. I know a lot about this fight because I was in it. This fight took place on the playground at Inez Elementary School in Albuquerque, N.M., when I was in the sixth grade.

During recess, I grabbed a classmate around the neck. He hit me back, we fell to the ground and, for several minutes, we wrestled, grabbed, choked and punched each other. We continued until Mr. Robbins, my sixth-grade teacher, and Ms. Hixenbaugh, the teacher I had in fourth grade, ran up and separated us.

I can still see the playground. I can still feel the gravel and dirt on my skin.

I can also remember why I grabbed this student. He had been making fun of me, telling me I walked funny, telling me I would never win a foot race, telling me I was different.

I told him to stop — many times.

He didn't.

So I took matters into my own hands. A classic bad choice.

I remember the trip to the principal's office, the phone call to my parents, my punishment.

I also remember what did not happen. No one took a picture. No one posted a picture on Snap Chat or Instagram for the whole world to see. I did not spend the whole evening or the next weekend texting or snap chatting about the fight and what I was going to do next.

Fights happen in schools. All schools. Rich schools. Poor schools. Schools in the city. Schools in the suburbs. Religious schools. Private schools. Public schools.

As a superintendent, I don't want fights to happen. We work hard trying to create a positive, productive learning culture. In Novi, our elementary schools use the Leader and Me program to, among other things, to develop problem-solving and collaboration skills. At the middle school, we have started an anti-bullying program and staff have been trained in restorative practices. At our high school, we do work with Haven and the University of Michigan School of Social Work to give our students skills and knowledge about how to respond to difficult conversations and difficult situations.

We also discipline students who engage in aggressive behavior. We don't share the outcome of student discipline, because not only would that violate the privacy rights of students, but it would not be the right thing to do.

We do not spend a lot of school time dealing with issues related to fighting. Frankly, we do



not have to because fights are rare. We focus, rightly so, on learning our curriculum. But we do infuse throughout our curriculum discussions about how to solve problems, how to treat people with respect, how to be a good person.

But we live in a contentious, combative world. We live in a world where students are connected through social media and engage in conversations that parents often know nothing about. Sometimes these Snap Chat and text conversations become threatening and students feel emboldened to say things that are wildly inappropriate.

Students also see adults model aggressive verbal and physical behavior. Students see adults who are disrespectful. Students see adults who lash out and who don't listen.

The goal in our school district is to provide a safe learning environment for every student every day. By and large, we do that well. Our schools are safe. Our students learn.

I visit every school in our district every month. I sit in classrooms. I walk the halls. I talk to our students. My experience in our schools tells me that our schools are very safe.

But then why do fights happen in our schools?

Why did the 11-year-old Steve Matthews grab a student on the playground at Inez Elementary School in Albuquerque, N.M.? Because he was 11 years old. Because he had not learned how to solve conflicts. Because he made a bad choice.

The promise of schools is that we will help students learn. Most of the time, we focus on helping students learn about math or science or how to write a great paper.

Occasionally, we have to help students learn how to solve problems without hitting each other. Those lessons are sometimes the most difficult lessons that we have to teach and that students have to learn.

Our school staff — teachers, bus drivers, administrators, playground aides, secretaries — work hard every day to ensure that our students learn and that our students feel safe. Working together, we have built a wonderful learning community where good things happen every day.

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

Northville resident named vice president at Beaumont, Wayne

Beaumont Health has promoted Jose Kottoor of Northville to vice president of operations at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne.

Kottoor, 62, has more than 25 years of experience in health care, including as a physical therapy and rehabilitation clinician, as well as a variety of management and administrative roles. For the past five years, he's served as the director of Physical and Occupational Therapy at

Beaumont Health.

The vice president of operations position is a new one at Beaumont, Wayne, that aligns it with the administrative structure at the seven other Beaumont hospitals. Kottoor will report to hospital president Eric Widner.

"Jose comes to us with a long list of successes at Beaumont Health as well as other health systems in Michigan," Widner said. "He's shown a talent for finding efficiencies

and reducing costs and has always had a passion for improving patient care. I think he'll make a great addition to the team."

A native of India, Kottoor graduated from the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, with a degree in physical therapy. He earned his master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1994. He has worked as a clinician in variety of settings, including acute care, IP rehab, ambula-

tory settings and home care. He's served as director of rehabilitation at RIM-Detroit Medical Center, Botsford Hospital and the University of Michigan Health System. He has lived in the U.S. for 33 years.

Kottoor's administrative experience in health care includes implementing several process improvement initiatives to improve efficiencies at health systems, developing and implementing long-term



Kottoor

workforce plan, utilization management, involving clinicians in translational research,

developing community wellness programs and improving quality metrics in acute care, post-acute and ambulatory care settings.

He said he's looking forward to applying that experience and implementing those improvements throughout the service lines at Beaumont, Wayne.

"This is a great team and I look forward to working collaboratively with them," he said. "I've very excited to be here."



Stevens

Haley Stevens, chief of staff of the auto rescue and digital manufacturing executive, announced her bid for Congress in Michigan's 11th District.

Stevens, a Democrat who grew up in the 11th District, has spent her career helping to save and create jobs for current and future generations of Michiganders.

Stevens has led a vibrant career in advanced manufacturing economic development and has fostered the creation of high-tech jobs around the state, according to a press release on her candidacy. As an adviser at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Stevens helped to create an innovative small business support program that resulted in the creation and preservation of manufacturing jobs around Michigan.

As director at a national research lab, she created the country's first training program for digital manufacturing. Stevens developed a STEM education program that has exposed middle and high school students to digital manufacturing concepts with hands-

on teaching and career pathways.

"Washington is a disaster. Trump is an embarrassment and Congress is a disappointment," she stated in the release. "To get Washington working for Michigan, we need new ideas and unrelenting energy."

"Congress ignores facts and pushes legislation that benefits the politicians and special interests. In Congress, I'll be an unflinching advocate for Michigan, because that's what our families, seniors and businesses need and deserve."

Born and raised in Oakland County, Stevens graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School and is the daughter of small business owners. Stevens is running to represent the 11th District, which includes portions of Oakland and Wayne counties. She resides in Rochester Hills. The district is currently represented by Republican David Trott.

Find her website at www.HaleyStevensforCongress.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Crohn's & Colitis support group

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Michigan Chapter holds a monthly support group for patients and caregivers affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Held at Beaumont Hospital, the group is facilitated by a trained volunteer and allows participants to connect to others sharing a similar journey. Patients and their loved ones can share their stories, seek emotional support, find answers to their questions, and connect with a community who share their challenges.

The Farmington Hills IBD Support Group meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Beaumont Hospital, Zieger A & Center, Classrooms A & B at 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 25. This group will take the summer off and not meet in June, July or August 2017. For more information, call 248-737-0900, ext. 2 or email michigan@crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

Go take a walk

Many older adults take walks to get their exercise, but to build up endurance it's important to walk often and walk briskly. Brisk walking increases breathing and heart rate for an extended period of time.

Starting this week, Novi Path Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Wildlife Woods Park, 26442 Wixom Road, and will walk the ITC Corridor Trail to the Providence Park Hospital Campus and back. The walk is two miles and is a no-drop walk; the group will remain together. Due to the holiday, the group will not meet July 4.

Physical activity doesn't need to be complicated. Something as simple as a daily brisk walk can help you live a healthier life. To learn more about Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services offerings, go to cityofnovi.org or call Older Adult Services at 248-347-0414.

Community garden plots

The Growing Greens Milford community garden still has a few plots available. Anyone is interested in a garden plot this season can find more information and sign up online at www.growinggreensmilford.org.

Blood drives scheduled the throughout area in coming weeks

Michigan Blood is the primary provider of blood and blood products for more than 60 hospitals in Michigan, including Beaumont Health and Henry Ford Health System. Donations given outside of Michigan Blood do not have direct local impact. Donating blood with Michigan Blood helps save the lives of patients in Michigan hospitals.

Any healthy person ages 17 or older (or 16 with parental consent) who weighs at least 112 pounds may be eligible to donate, although females ages 18 and under must weigh 120 pounds or more. Blood donors

should bring photo ID.

We are currently in urgent need of O-negative blood donations.

To schedule an appointment, call 866-MIBLOOD (642-5663) or schedule online at <https://donate.miblood.org>.

A listing of local blood drives:

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19: Beaumont Hospital-Wayne, Second Floor Conference Room, 33155 Ann Arbor St., Wayne
- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 20: Motor City Comic Con,

46100 Grand River Ave., Novi

■ 1-7 p.m. June 7: St. Colette Church, Gym, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia

■ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 8: Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills, 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington

■ 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 18: Newburg United Methodist Church, Gutherie Social Hall/West Entrance, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

■ 1-6 p.m. June 26: Monaghan K of C Council #2690, Hall, 19801 Farmington Rd., Livonia

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It's time for the annual Rouge Rescue

Friends of the Rouge seeks individuals, families, Scouts, school and faith-based groups and social clubs to join them in their work to clean and restore the Rouge River at multiple locations Saturday, May 20.

People living on the land in the Rouge River system care deeply about the river but are unsure how they can contribute to its restoration. A simple, fun and rewarding way people can help is to participate in Rouge Rescue.

Rouge Rescue is an annual river cleanup event that has attracted tens of thousands of people across metro Detroit to the Rouge River to clean up trash from its banks and to improve its waters.

"We have made great progress in improving the Rouge River for us and for future generations," said Cyndi Ross, river restoration program manager for Friends of the Rouge. "It's rewarding to see the community come together to make positive change in the watershed, but our work is not done, and we can't do it alone."

In addition to trash cleanup, volunteer help is needed to create gardens that soak up and clean rainwater run-



FILE PHOTO

The annual Rouge Rescue effort attracts hundreds of volunteers to different sites all across southeast Michigan.

off, install native plantings on stream banks to reduce erosion, improve habi-

tat and natural areas by controlling invasive plant species and enhancing

recreation along the Rouge by opening canoe routes and maintaining trails. Restoration work will have a larger impact at improving the health of the Rouge River and will help move us closer to achieving a river that is fishable and swimmable.

"We are working to improve many special places along the Rouge River," Ross said. "Spaces where we can distress and reconnect with nature."

People interested in participating should come prepared to get a little dirty. No experience is necessary. Instruction and guidance will be provided on-site. Friends of the Rouge recommends volunteers wear sturdy closed toe shoes, long pants and long sleeves.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to improve river sites in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Southfield, Superior Township, Wayne and Westland.

Go to www.therouge.org for more information or to sign up. Additional workdays have been scheduled June 3 and June 10.

Lilley Road bidge's historic ranking could affect repairs

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

A Canton bridge's designation as a historic structure could potentially affect how Wayne County repairs it, after it was shut down April 20 amid safety concerns, officials say.

The bridge, on Lilley north of Michigan Avenue, earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999 for the way it was designed and built, said Gregg King, Canton facilities supervisor and liaison to the Canton Historic District Commission.

"Local historians are very eager to make certain that we do what we can to be historically sensitive where we need to be," King said.

Historians would prefer, if possible, to see the bridge repaired rather than demolished and replaced, he said.

Kaye Byrd, Wayne County spokeswoman, said she would seek answers from county officials who are awaiting

bridge inspection results, expected as early as mid-May.

Documents describe the structure as a 90-foot, camel-back, pony truss bridge made of concrete and steel. Moreover, it has been moved from its original location.

Historical documents indicate the bridge was built in 1923 on Telegraph, near Warren Road. It was moved to Lilley Road in 1933 after it was deemed unsuitable for Telegraph, which was being widened.

The bridge is believed to have cost just under \$21,000 when it was built.

It's not yet clear how Wayne County hopes to proceed with the bridge, until inspection results are received and analyzed.

According to Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office, if federal dollars are used for the project, Wayne County would need to consult with the state office and federal officials could potentially need to sign off on the work.



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The Lilley Road bridge's designation as historic could affect how repairs are made.

Generally, the goal of such projects would be to protect as much as possible the bridge's historic features.

The county could face fewer hurdles if no federal dollars are used, state

officials say.

County officials haven't yet given an estimate of how long the bridge might remain closed.

The closure has disrupted traffic patterns for Canton residents who live in subdivisions near the bridge, which was shut down after a routine inspection found potential safety hazards.

Wayne County Public Services Director Beverly Watts has said county officials "always err on the side of caution."

Canton Public Works Manager Bob Belair has said the bridge has long been in "rough shape."

For now, motorists still can access places along Lilley Road from Michigan Avenue to the south and Palmer Road to the north.

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Big changes proposed for the Inn at St. John's

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Massive changes topping \$100 million are looming for the Inn at St. John's, an upscale Plymouth Township landmark and former Catholic seminary that offers a luxury hotel, golfing, gourmet dining and hosts events such as weddings, charity galas and corporate meetings.

Officials and developers have revealed a far-reaching makeover they say should position St. John's for the future. The property, south-east of Five Mile and Sheldon, dates back to 1948 and is owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Consider the changes:

- The 27-hole golf course would be reduced to 18 holes.
- Real estate company Toll Brothers aims to build 174 multi-family townhouses using a portion of the golf course. Mike Noles, the company's senior vice president of land development, said the homes are expected to start in the \$300,000 range and sell for as much as \$500,000.

- The monastery retreat center would be converted to 120 hotel rooms, doubling the number of guest rooms on the St. John's site.

- A three-acre parcel on the southwest corner of the property would be developed, possibly as a restaurant, retail shops, medical offices, an assisted living center or luxury apartments — depending on what appears feasible.

"We'll see what the market will support," said Leo Gonzalez, president of Plymouth-based Commercial Real Estate Services.

Gonzalez and others involved in the project rolled out proposed changes for the 175-acre site during a Plymouth Township Board of Trustees session May 2. The board is expected to vote as early as May 9 to give the project the go-ahead by



Far-reaching changes are proposed for the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

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amending an earlier planned unit development agreement.

"I think it's a very good thing for Plymouth Township," Supervisor Kurt Heise said. "It shows that we are a very desirable community and that we're a destination residence for people looking for a unique living experience."

"I think this project is going to increase the profile of Plymouth Township and make us even more desirable," he added. "I think we will attract new residents who want to possibly retire here and make Plymouth Township their home."

Noles said at least a portion of the new townhouses will be marketed to empty-nesters, residents who no longer have children at home.

Ned McGrath, archdiocese director of communications, said a decision to sell and develop a portion of the land will generate revenue that, in turn, can be used for other improvements.

"This is seen as an opportunity resulting from a purchase proposal and is seen as a way to build on St. John's financial and spiritual success," McGrath said.

He said it's too early to say when the project could start, but officials are "working hard toward a 2018 start date."

The current project aside, McGrath said there are no more immediate changes to announce.

"Due to the nature of the business, keeping the property current is always a challenge. The goal is to keep St. John's the very best," he said. "While there are no changes to be announced at this time, management is well aware of competitive trends. There is no plan to change the status of the chapel at St. John's or wedding ministry there."

Gonzalez said the popularity of St. John's as a place for large weddings, receptions and other events points to the need for more hotel rooms.

Lyle Winn, senior project engineer with Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., said the project would usher in some traffic-related changes, such as improving traffic lights, turn lanes and driveways at St. John's. Winn also said a popular St. John's event, the Concours d'Elégance, an annual show fea-

turing some of the world's top classic automobiles, is being taken into consideration.

"It's very much in our discussions," he said.

Township Clerk Jerry Vorva said changes will allow St. John's to lure bigger conventions and other events. He also said the decision to reduce the golf course from 27 holes to 18 makes sense.

"Golf is not as popular as it used to be," he said. "Getting rid of one of the nine holes is probably a good business move."

The Plymouth Township Planning Commission already has approved the St. John's proposal.

Township Trustee Bob Doroshewitz lauded the project, saying a decision to double the number of hotel rooms makes St. John's and the surrounding area a better destination. He said clusters of hotels can accommodate bigger events.

"I think it's a great project," he said, adding later, "I have no concerns at all with it."

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Michigan House approves pay boost for jurors

Kathleen Gray
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Jurors would get a bump in pay under a bill that unanimously passed the state House of Representatives earlier this month.

The daily stipend would go from \$12.50 per half-day and \$25 for a full day to \$15 per half-day and \$30 for a full day beginning April 1, 2018. For each subsequent day the rate will go from \$20 for a half-day and \$40 for a full day to \$22.50 for a half-day and \$45 for a full day.

"Fifteen years ago is the last time they even visited this issue," said state Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township. "I'm not offering anything for the cost of day care or lost wages ... but if you at least try to get them whole, they'll feel a little bit more honored to be a juror."

During testimony on the bills last month, Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas Cameron told lawmakers the biggest two complaints from jurors is the amount of money they're paid and the cost of parking in Detroit, which can run \$20 to \$25 a day, eating up the daily amount jurors are compensated. For a half day's compensation, a juror is actually losing money, he said.

"To the extent that we can assist with that, it may help those who take their civic duty seriously," he said. "And hopefully, it will reduce the number of people who fail to appear for jury duty." In 2016, Wayne County Circuit Court called in 62,388 jurors for jury service. Of those, 22,255 failed to appear. Judges have gotten into the habit of ordering those who don't show up to court to explain their absences. If the person isn't excused or disqualified and still refuses to serve, that individual could be fined \$250 or jailed.

The compensation for jurors was set in 2003, Lucido said. "This is not about making money, it's a civic duty."

The bills — HB 4209 and 4210 — now move to the Senate for consideration.

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Bart and Donna Charlick with some of the bikes they donated to Community Sharing.

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Real estate agent buys bikes for kids in need

Sharon Dargay
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Milford Realtor Donna Charlick bought a bike for each of her 52 closings last year.

She gave them to Community Sharing, the Milford-area outreach center, and watched the lucky winners of its bike giveaway contest pick up their prizes May 3-4.

"I live in Highland and it has been on my heart to do something with Community Sharing, because it benefits the people in the community I live in and work with," said Charlick, an agent for Re/Max Classic. "I've been following Community Sharing for several years. I drive by and know people who donate their time there. It is right in my community and that was important."

With the help of her husband Bart, Charlick bought a variety of bikes in different sizes and for both boys and girls in December last year, thinking Community Sharing might give them away as Christmas gifts.

But Community Sharing volunteers had another idea.

"We thought spring would be a great time for the bikes and the kids would have an opportunity to get out on them immediately," said Susan Militello, a Community Sharing caseworker who coordinated the bike giveaway. "I'm glad we ended up doing it in the spring, because the kids can get on them now."

Clients were invited to participate in the contest by dropping one entry per child into one of several containers labeled with an age range and gender. Community Sharing received 146 entries for the bike contest. The organization bought helmets and locks for each winner.

"The parents were enthusiastic. We



LINDA BUSEN

Parents placed contest entries into containers at Community Sharing. Winners were drawn and they received their bikes May 3-4.

had a couple say it was their son's birthday in two days and he'd been wanting a bike. The other nice thing that ended up happening was that we ended up with multiple winners in two families. I was real happy about that. It worked out so nice," Militello said, adding that three children in each of the two families received bikes.

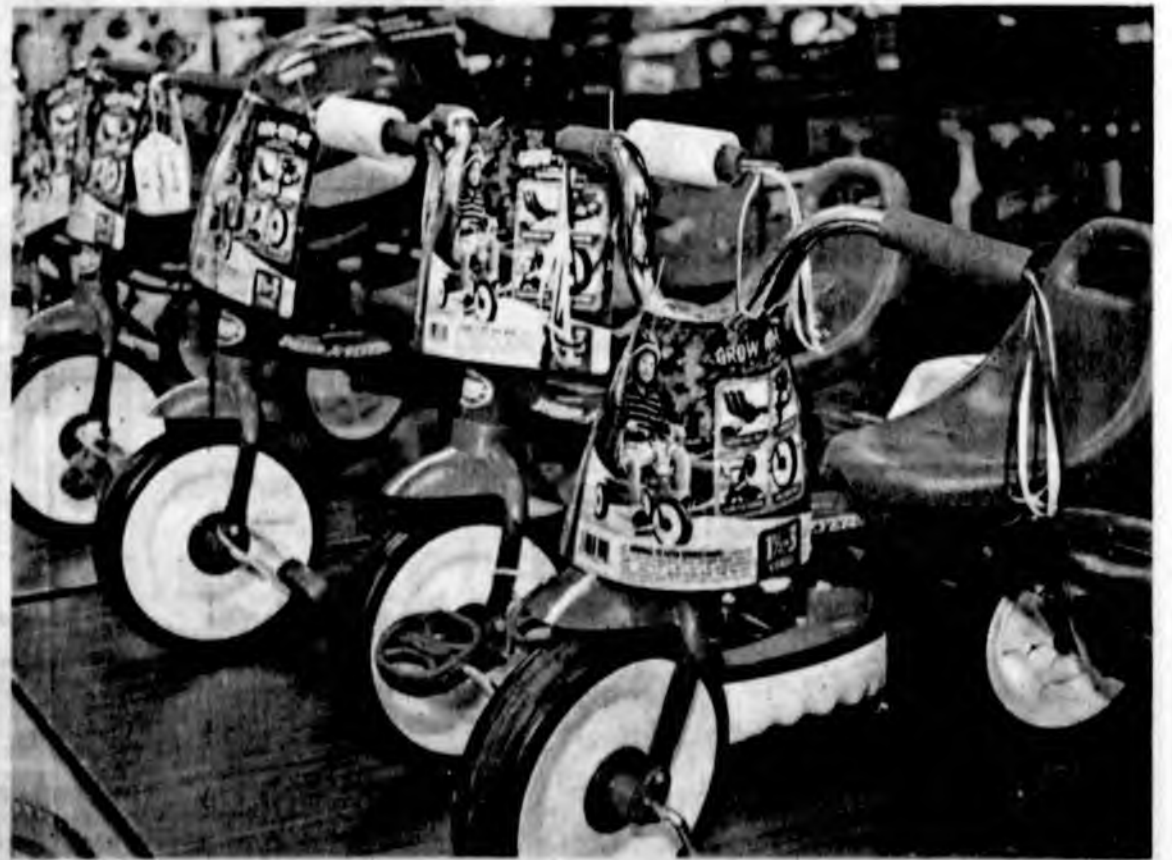
Charlick was happy to help. "It was fun when I got the call and was asked to come and see the recipients. I told them I wanted to stay in the background. The kids were pretty shy," she said. "It just made me feel happy and joyful that someone was getting something their family couldn't provide for them. It made me feel good."

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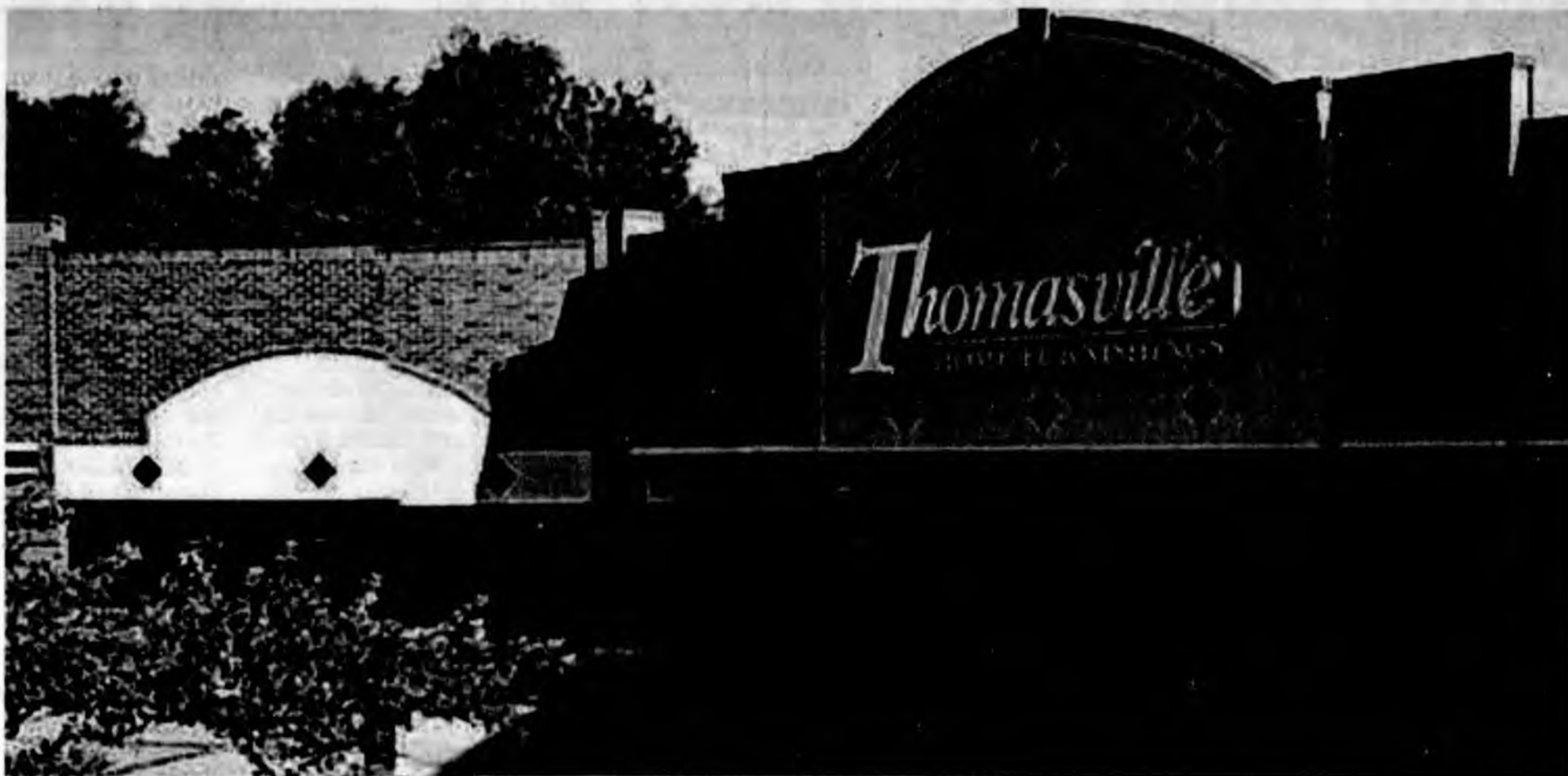
Audri Hollister of Highland tries out the new bike she won from Community Sharing.



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Red tricycles were among the bikes given away to clients at Community Sharing.

New restaurant headed to Novi



A new restaurant is coming to the Thomasville Center on Grand River in Novi. Jason's Bar has leased 5,130 square feet and is targeted to open this summer. Joel Karboske, of Gerdorf Realty & Investment, represented the landlord.

Many issues to consider with a move out of state

Recently, I met with a longtime client who told me that he and his wife are thinking about moving out of state to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. He wanted to know what issues he should be considering in deciding whether to make the move. I thought I would share with you some of my thoughts on this issue.

As I told my client, what he wants to do is not unusual and it's a decision that many parents and grandparents face. Before I discussed the legal and financial issues, I first told him that my experience has been that the great majority of these situations end up in one of three ways.

The first is that every-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

thing goes according to plan and they get to spend more time with their family. They get to see their grandchildren grow up and, at the same time, have someone to help them if needed. The second is that after the move, for whatever reason, whether it is job-related or for some other reason, the kids move. As a result, the parents are in the position of either having to move again or stay in an area where they do not have any family and friends or a support network. The third situation is that the

grandparents become quasi caretakers and permanent babysitters for the grandchildren. Although some grandparents may like this, others do not. I told my client that he should explore these issues prior to making his decision. Of course, things happen that people don't have control over, such as relocation of a job, but these are issues that at least should be discussed.

From a financial standpoint, I told my client he needs to determine what his cost of living will be in the new location. You cannot assume that costs are the same everywhere throughout the country. For example, if he moved to Southern California or

New York City, his cost of living would be substantially higher than it would be here. It is important to take cost of living into consideration, because what some people may find is that if they move, their lifestyle may have to be significantly changed. Housing and medical expenses are significantly different throughout the country.

Another thing you need to take into consideration is taxes. Federal taxes are basically going to be the same no matter where you are, but state and local taxes may be significantly different. For example, in Texas and Florida, there are no state income taxes, while New York and California have significantly higher

taxes. In reviewing what your new cost of living will be, tax considerations are important.

From a legal standpoint, I told my client that it is important to update their voter registration and driver's license. In addition, it's important for them to have their estate planning documents reviewed by a local attorney. You may find that your will, along with medical and durable power of attorneys, needs to be adjusted.

Wanting to be closer to family as one ages is natural, but the decision isn't that easy. Not only do you have to consider what your new lifestyle will be, but also how you will feel leaving friends and your current life-

style behind. For many people, that is not easy. In addition, you can't ignore the financial ramifications. You don't want to pick up and move only to find out you cannot afford to maintain your lifestyle.

Deciding to pick up and leave is a very difficult decision. That is why it's important that you don't rely only on your heart to make the decision.

Good luck!

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Anti-union wage among new bills introduced

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Every legislative session, bills opposed by organized labor are introduced.

In some years, supporters are successful, like in 2012 when the controversial right-to-work bill was passed, making it illegal to require financial support of a union as a condition of employment.

But in other years, anti-union measures fail, like repeated proposals to repeal Michigan's prevailing-wage laws, which require union-scale wages on public construction projects.

The prevailing-wage repeal resurfaced last week with a bill, sponsored by state Rep. Pamela Hornberger, R-Chesterfield Township, to repeal the law for public school construction projects.

Gov. Rick Snyder has said he would veto a repeal of the prevailing wage if it passes the Legislature because he feels it would hamper efforts to boost skilled trades workers.

Other bills would prohibit unions from including exclusivity clauses in contracts, which would allow individual workers to negoti-

ate with their employers on wage, benefit and working conditions.

Another bill would require all unions to submit detailed membership and financial reports annually to the state Licensing and Regulatory Affairs department.

"There have been similar bills in the past," said Nick Ciaramitaro, legislative director of AFSCME Council 25, which represents 60,000 public workers across the state. "It's not that we don't want to disclose the information, but we already do pretty extensive disclosure at the state and federal level."

And in anticipation of an eventual repeal of the Affordable Care Act, another bill was introduced to freeze enrollment in the state's Medicaid expansion, which has already attracted more than 650,000 low-income Michiganders for health insurance coverage.

House bills

HB 4594 and 4597: Eliminate the prevailing-wage requirement for public school construction projects. Sponsor: Rep. Pamela Hornberger, R-Chesterfield Township.

HB 4595: Require labor unions to submit

detailed annual reports and financial information about the union to the state department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Sponsor: Rep. Pamela Hornberger, R-Chesterfield Township.

HB 4596: Prohibit public sector unions from including "exclusive" bargaining clause in labor agreements, which would allow public sector employees to negotiate for their own benefits. Sponsor: Rep. Pamela Hornberger, R-Chesterfield Township.

HB 4598: Freeze the Medicaid expansion offered by the state of Michigan. Sponsor: Rep. Gary Glenn, R-Midland.

HB 4599: Expand valid forms of voter identification to include county and municipally issued photo identification cards. Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 4600: Require state agencies to translate their public websites into languages spoken by at least 2.5% of Michigan's population. Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cochran, D-Mason.

HB 4601: Limit the amount of opioids that health professionals can prescribe to an individual. Sponsor: Rep. Sam Singh, D-East Lansing.

HB 4602: Provide for

technical amendments to the budget stabilization fund. Sponsor: Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

HB 4603: Prohibit health practitioners from refusing to provide service if a patient refuses to allow the provider to photocopy or scan their driver's license. Sponsor: Rep. Martin Howrylak, R-Troy.

HB 4604-4605: In order to make sure there is a paper trail for every campaign contribution and expenditure, eliminate cash contributions and petty-cash expenditures permitted in the Michigan campaign finance act. Sponsor: Rep. Steve Marino, R-Mt. Clemens.

HB 4606: Repeal the 1938 state law that prohibits the transport of marijuana in a vehicle. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 4607: Change the age for juvenile court jurisdiction from up to 17 years old to 18. Sponsor: Rep. Peter Lucido, R-Shelby Township.

HB 4608: Exclude painters and decorators from licensing requirements for residential maintenance and alteration contracts. Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Noble, R-Plymouth.

HB 4609-4610: Increase the amount of

money that can be distributed from the state's disaster and emergency contingency fund to counties and cities to an amount ranging from \$100,000 to an amount ranging from \$250,000 to \$1 million, depending on the town's population. Sponsor: Rep. Steve Marino, R-Mt. Clemens.

HB 4611: Provide for horse racing licenses for third party facilitators. Sponsor: Rep. Dan Lauwers, R-Brockway.

Senate bills

SB 367: As part of the criteria to certify a perinatal hospice program, require health facilities and physicians to provide information on prenatal testing to patients and employees. Sponsor: Sen. Jim Marleau, R-Lake Orion.

SB 368-369: Create the crime and provide penalties for transporting people for the purpose of female genital mutilation. Sponsors: Sens. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton, and Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan.

SB 370: Revise fines and make amendments to the Michigan unarmed-combat regulatory act. Sponsor: Sen. David Robertson, R-Grand Blanc.

SB 371: Modify the population requirement for the collection of and

rate of excise taxes on hotel and motels. Sponsor: Sen. Phil Pavlov, R-St. Clair.

SB 372: Eliminate the requirement to tag certain beer kegs. Sponsor: Sen. Geoff Hansen, R-Hart.

SB 373: Allow the use of design-build construction for certain school buildings. Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

SB 374: Require the Secretary of State to use digital printing methods on vehicle registration plates. Sponsor: Sen. Wayne Schmidt, R-Tra-verse City.

SB 375: Make methane digesters eligible for property assessed for clean energy financing. Sponsor: Sen. Darwin Booher, R-Evart.

SB 376-377: Require abortion providers to provide additional information on complications to the state Health and Human Services department and eliminate the penalties for the crime of disclosing confidential information regarding abortions. Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge.

For more information on bills and the Legislature, go to www.legislature.mi.gov.

Strong Oakland County job growth could cause labor shortage

John Wisely
Detroit Free Press

Oakland County expects to add 44,000 mostly white-collar jobs in the next three years and faces a potential labor shortage, according to a forecast by the University of Michigan Institute for Research on Labor, Employment and the Economy.

"Labor shortages are going to be a problem for all employers in Oakland County," researcher Don Grimes said.

Most of the growth is skewed toward high-wage jobs such as engineers and lab technicians, said Grimes and Dr. Gabriel Ehrlich, the other researcher involved in the forecast.

Jobs paying \$75,000 a year or more are predicted to grow by 6.6 percent in Oakland County over the next three years. Middle wage jobs, those between \$35,000 and \$75,000 annually, are expected to grow by 5.7 percent.

Wayne and Macomb counties are expected to grow as well, though at slower rates because they are more dependent on manufacturing jobs, Grimes said.

"Manufacturing employment is barely growing, and in some cases it's declining," Grimes said. "Oakland has more of the knowledge-based jobs."

The forecast is an annual event as part of the Oakland County Economic Outlook Luncheon held in Troy. Grimes said he expects to see growth across the state going forward, though not necessarily as fast as it has been in the past couple of years.

A report U-M did last month for the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments predicts job growth across the seven-counties region.

"We expect that strong employment growth will continue through 2018, when southeast Michigan slightly exceeds 2000 employment levels," the report said. "Employment then remains virtually flat through 2030."

Between 2000 and 2010, the region lost 326,704 jobs, but since 2010, it has regained about 82 percent of those jobs, that report said.

"We see it as, we've made up a lot of the big losses that happened in the great recession, not all of them," SEMCOG



University of Michigan economists Don Grimes and Gabriel Ehrlich join Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson at the economic forecast.

Executive Director Kathleen Lomako said. "We see us getting back to our 2000 peak in 2018."

Autonomous vehicles

One unknown, which Grimes and Ehrlich plan to study closely in the coming year, is the impact of autonomous vehicles on employment trends.

"When you think of all the technology that is going to go into these vehicles, for the first time in a hundred years, the physical automobile is the center of the in-

novation universe," Grimes said.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said the region as a whole is well-positioned to tap it.

"We're not going to be Tesla, not in manufacturing, but on the research and development side, we can give them a run for their money," he said.

Motor vehicle manufacturing isn't expected to grow much going forward. Productivity gains made possible by automation mean automakers need fewer workers to build their products.

Oakland County has just one auto assembly plant left — General Motors' Orion Township Plant, where Chevrolet builds the Sonic and the Bolt.

Patterson said he is already seeing evidence of a workforce shortage.

"I hear it every day: 'If you could promise me 100 engineers, I'd move my company here,'" Patterson said. "We just don't have 100 engineers standing around. Not any more."

Patterson said the county is using an apprenticeship program

and other efforts to introduce young people to the high-demand jobs of the future.

Ehrlich noted how much the county has advanced since the dark days of 2009, when Chrysler and General Motors were going through bankruptcy. It currently ranks as the nation's 10th-wealthiest county.

Oakland County averaged 2.4-percent job growth in 2016, compared with a national average of 1.4 percent and a state average of 1.6 percent. Ehrlich predicts the county will add 15,000 jobs in 2017, 14,000 in 2018 and 15,300 in 2019, the final year of the forecast.

By then, the county will have more employment than it did in 2009 when the recession drove up the unemployment rate.

"Oakland County's economy appears to have reached a comfortable cruising altitude after a turbulent start to the millennium," Ehrlich said.

Retail losing ground

One industry expected to lose jobs in coming years is retail sales.

"We see retail trade decreasing," said Xuan Liu, research manager at SEMCOG. "It's no secret that a lot of brick and mortar stores are closing because of online shopping."

The forecast also looked at demographic trends over the next generation and shows the average age of Oakland County residents rising quickly in coming decades. By 2045, almost one-quarter of the population will be 65 or older.

Grimes said that points toward continued growth in the medical field as aging residents need more care and also in the hospitality and leisure sector. Older residents who have a high incomes eat dinner out more often.

"We're not going to have any growth in the prime working-age population, so you're going to have to free up people to move to these other positions," Grimes said.

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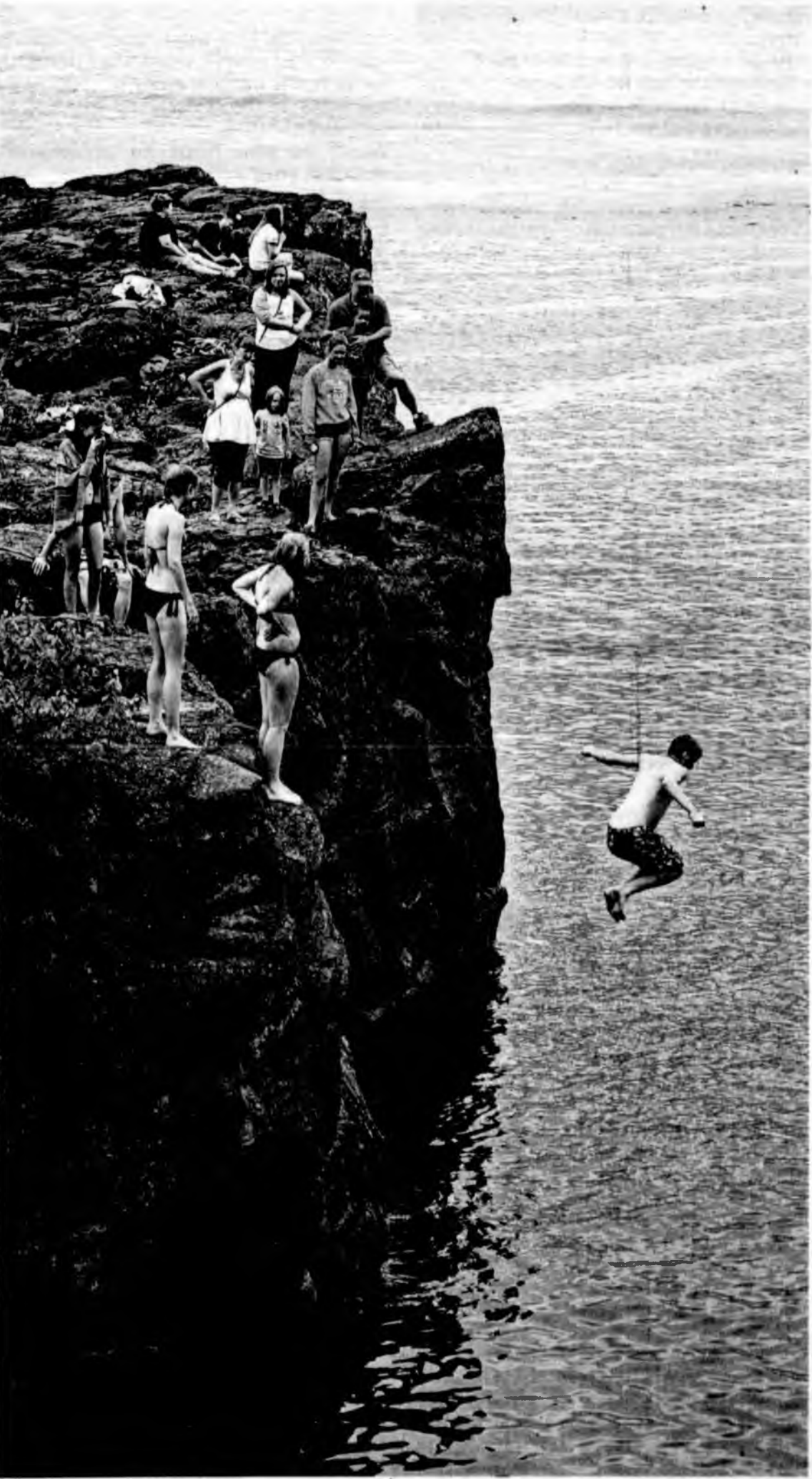


MANDI WRIGHT | DETROIT FREE PRESS
A steel pink elephant, which Tom Lakenen made years ago for his daughter, holds a picnic table for kids. Lakenen runs a sculpture park and a warming lean-to along a snowmobile trail just outside of Marquette. Lakenen uses scrap metal to weld and piece together his sculptures.



ROD SANFORD | LANSING STATE JOURNAL
In a tradition of locals and vacationing visitors, Brody Rosten of Negaunee leaps off Black Rock into the cold water of Lake Superior off Presque Isle in Marquette.

U.P. BUCKET LIST



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People jump off the craggy rock outcroppings known as Black Rock on Presque Isle in Marquette.

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

The Upper Peninsula is filled with plenty of big things to see: the Mackinac Bridge, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Tahquamenon Falls. But there are small gems, too, like Fitzgerald's restaurant on the northern tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula in Eagle River.

"It's a couple of guys who grew up buddies and they took over one guy's mom's motel," said Kath Usitalo, author of the new book "100 Things to Do in the Upper Peninsula Before You Die."

Besides "fantastic" barbecue, it's right on Lake Superior, featuring fabulous sunsets every night.

Usitalo grew up in Detroit, but spent summers in the Upper Peninsula with family and friends, thanks to her parents' Yooper heritage. She and her husband moved permanently to Naubinway several years ago.

Usitalo is an experienced travel writer, who blogs at greatlakesgazette.com, but was hard-pressed to pick just 100 cool things about the Upper Peninsula.

"You have to have the must-sees in the book and they're obvious to a lot of people," she said. "But there is so much more."

Here are a few of her favorite, slightly off-the-beaten-path things to do.

» **Take a leap.** Some people are just compelled to jump into Lake Superior from a high rock. One place they gather: Blackrocks in Marquette's Presque Isle Park. There's a small beach and a big outcropping of rock. You can wander across the top, taking in the lake views, or go closer to the edge, where would-be divers stand to try to work up their courage. You'll find Northern Michigan University students, tourists and local kids all making the dive on fine summer days.

Of course, safety is always a key consideration. So don't jump if you don't know how deep the water is or what the effects of the tide are like.

"There are other places in the U.P. where you can jump off rocks, but some of them are not sanctioned," Usitalo said.

» **Down a burger for the Gipper.** Everybody who has ever followed college football or Ronald Reagan's film career knows about the Gipper — George Gipp. He died shortly after leading Notre Dame to a victory and is recalled in a famous Knute Rockne speech urging the team to "win one for the Gipper." Gipp grew up in Laurium on the Keweenaw Peninsula and once



worked at the Michigan House restaurant. Enjoy a small-batch brew and a burger in his honor. Also worth a visit in town: the Laurium Manor Inn, a former copper baron's manor, which now is a bed and breakfast.

» **Enjoy a stroll with whimsical beasts.** You'll find them in Lakenenland, between Marquette and Munising, on M-28. The outdoor sculpture park is the handiwork of Tom Lakenen, a metal worker with a good imagination. His 80 sculptures include a pink elephant, a whimsical dragon, insects and many more.

"He just put his metalworking skills to use, accumulating found items and metal and welding it into these colorful, kooky sculptures," Usitalo said.

» **Check out the Tahquamenon Logging Museum.** A nice little side trip from a falls visit, it's north of Newberry on M-123 and includes a cluster of old logging buildings, as well as logging equipment. There are monthly lumberjack breakfasts from 7 a.m. to noon May 27-28, June 24, July 22-23, Aug. 26-27 and Sept. 23. There are country and polka music jamborees July 22-23 and Aug. 26-27.

» **Fall for Da Yoopers Tourist Trap.** The site — run by members of the band and humor troupe known as Da Yoopers — is a roadside attraction to end all roadside attractions. There's a giant tractor trike, a giant rifle and souvenirs from classy to crass. It's in Ishpeming, where you can also visit the giant lump of jasper in the middle of town.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 74 STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES ARTICLE VI-SIDEWALK CAFES AND OUTDOOR SEATING IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

At its regular meeting on June 5, 2017, the Northville City Council will consider first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 74 Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Article VI-Sidewalk Cafes and Outdoor Seating in the Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendment pertains to Section 74-175 Operating Restrictions and would allow all sidewalk cafes serving alcoholic beverages to operate during the hours of 10am until 10pm on Sunday. Current ordinance language restricts Sunday operating hours to 12pm (noon) until 10pm.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for June 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Beautification Commission
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- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission
- Planning Commission

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The deadline for filing an application (available online at cityofnovi.org or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, May 26, 2017. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Cortney Hanson, CMC | CMMC | City Clerk

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GIRL DELIVERS LOVE TO THE HOMELESS

10-year-old's survival kits, called Snuggle Sacks, offer necessities, encouragement

CHRISTINA HALL
USA TODAY NETWORK

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.usatoday.com.

Addisyn Goss believes that everyone deserves snuggles.

Even the homeless. Just like her grandpa was.

After meeting her grandfather for the first time two years ago at a veterans home in Indiana, Addisyn, now 10, learned he had previously been homeless for years. That's when she decided to go on a mission.

The fourth-grader created Snuggle Sacks — survival kits with toiletries, snacks and warm coverings for men and women on the streets — and delivers them to soup kitchens and other locations in Lansing, the state capital of Michigan, and Flint, about a 20-minute drive from Addisyn's Genesee County home.

Addisyn, with help from her family, has delivered more than 1,075 Snuggle Sacks, with more expected to go out thanks to recent donations.

And thanks to gifts of child-themed toothbrushes and smaller gloves, Addisyn now plans to create similar care kits for children who are homeless.

"I'm happy knowing I help other people beside myself," the Lake Fenton girl said.

A room in the finished basement of Addisyn's home is Snuggle Sacks headquarters.

In about two minutes, Addisyn loads a clear plastic zip bag with the toiletries and goodies, such as granola bars and fruit snacks. She also adds a card entitled "a word of hope."

"I know you may be feeling down right now and don't think life is fair," the card reads. "Please remember that there are people who care about you, and things will get better. I hope this makes you smile. With love, Addisyn."



Addisyn Goss of Lake Fenton, Mich., collects donations of toiletries, snacks, bottled water, clothing items and blankets for the Snuggle Sacks she distributes to homeless people.

The toiletry bag is put into a cloth bag with a handle. A blanket and a bottle of water are final touches. The blankets and socks are some of the most popular items for the recipients.

"To see her take her own cause and run with it, it blows my mind," Addisyn's mother, Stacy Daul, 34, said of what her daughter is doing for the homeless. "You can see it on their faces — it makes their day."

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Q&A WITH ADDISYN GOSS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

For me to be an American, we have our freedom instead of being slaves.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

Addisyn was motivated to launch her effort after visiting her grandfather for the first time at a veterans home in Indiana. She learned from him that he was homeless for at least six years, that he moved from Michigan to Indiana during the years that he was homeless, and that he when he was homeless, his leg was run over and injured.

I told him that it was because of him when I started it. He said, "I'm so proud of you, and I'm glad you did it because of me."

What gives you hope?

When everybody comes up to me and says, "You're doing a good job on it," and that just makes me keep on going, and it gives me a lot of hope.

What concerns you?

Addisyn said that what concerns her the most is that people, including criminals, could harm the homeless or those who are living on the streets.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to accomplish, like, where it can go all over the nation and ... we can help several people all over the state.

For more: Find Snuggle Sacks on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/snugglesacksmi/> or via email at snugglesax@gmail.com.

Ultra-luxury hotel proposed for downtown Birmingham

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

One of the nation's premier hotel operators is laying the groundwork for a major project in downtown Birmingham.

Appearing May 10 before the Birmingham Planning Board, Michael Kitchen with the Chicago-based Aparium Hotel Group unveiled plans for the five-story Birmingham Boutique Hotel at 298 S. Old Woodward. The property is across the street from the historic Ford-Peabody Mansion and a stone's throw from the four-star Townsend Hotel.

"Our goal in this hotel is to be an ultra-luxury hotel," Kitchen told the planning board. "To be

really one of the top hotels in the country ... and Birmingham is the perfect market for this type of project."

With 143 rooms and 17 penthouse residential units being proposed, the Birmingham Boutique Hotel is slightly larger than the \$35 million Foundation Hotel that opens in Detroit next month and also operates under the Aparium umbrella. Both projects speak to the renewed appeal in the metro Detroit market.

A restaurant and some high-end retail is planned for the lobby floor of the Birmingham Boutique. As for the residential units, which include 31 on-site parking spaces, Kitchen said he envisions renting out them to For-

tune 500 companies for extended periods.

The 70-foot-tall building will front Old Woodward and Brown Street. In terms of parking, hotel guests will line their cars along Old Woodward for valet service. Daytime visitors to the hotel's banquet hall or meeting spaces can also use the nearby Pierce Street and Peabody parking garages.

Strategic location

Two vacant buildings and a surface parking lot currently occupy the 26,000-square-foot parcel at Old Woodward and Brown. Yet, the property sold for \$7 million last year — mainly because of its prime-time location in downtown Birmingham.

"Birmingham has one of the most unique and prosperous downtowns in the country and it's located in the heart of one of the wealthiest counties in the country," said Robert Pliska of SVN Property Investment Advisors. "In Birmingham, investors tend to overpay. However, it usually is a safe investment. It has been said in Birmingham, you buy high and sell higher."

The project is sure to be a boon to the downtown merchants and restaurants. Right across the street, a high-end, Asian-style bistro called Adachi is opening later this year inside the Ford-Peabody Mansion. Architect Christopher Longe, who was hired to design the bistro, said the two projects will spring new life into the corner of Brown and Old Woodward.

"They will really complement each other," Longe said. "The proximity of the two projects

will create the critical mass and energy that will extend the walkability further to the south of the downtown, and serve as a steppingstone to all the other businesses along Old Woodward. Plus, the outdoor dining area will be a great spot to watch the hotel going up."

Kitchen said the hotel will become an instant icon in Birmingham, a place that residents will want to show off to visitors. City officials, so far, like the project and its overall impact on the downtown. Most of the outstanding issues revolve around parking and developing a sound management plan that will keep traffic moving on Old Woodward.

"It's a good-looking building," planning board member Bert Koseck said. "I think it's well-sited. I see a lot of positives."

Townsend Hotel

Birmingham is already home to one of the country's world-class luxury hotels.

Located next to Shain Park in the city's main civic square, the Townsend Hotel offers 150 rooms and nearly 10,000 square feet of meeting space. Michigan AAA named the hotel a four-diamond property, and Travel + Leisure has it listed as one of the top 500 hotels worldwide. The hotel restaurant, the Rugby Grille, is a recipient of the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence.

"Our goal is to provide the best possible service to our guests," Townsend's managing director Steven Kalczynski said. "And it's our pleasure to exceed those expectations."



Aparium Hotel Group unveiled plans for a five-story Birmingham Boutique Hotel at 298 S. Old Woodward.

Locally, the hotel has a reputation for serving many of the major movers and shakers in southeast Michigan. There's also the celebrities: Michael Jackson stayed there in the early '90s and even practiced his dance routines in the hotel ballroom prior to a concert at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

On any given day, sports fans can be seen waiting outside the front entrance to get autographs from professional athletes who stay there during the season. The hotel was built in 1998 and extensively renovated in 2015.

Parking issues

The one major challenge surrounding the Birmingham Boutique project is parking and traffic flow.

Because the property is located in Birmingham's downtown parking assessment district, the hotel is only required to provide onsite parking spaces for the residential units. Parking for all other uses at the hotel — from overnight guests to events at the banquet hall — is supposed to be provided by the city.

The city's traffic consultant, Mike Labadie, said the hotel operators need to provide some type of management plan

that addresses the parking of cars and traffic flow along Old Woodward, especially when the public parking decks are full.

The planning board also from Steve Ferich of In-House Valet Parking. The company provides services to a number of clients around town — including the Townsend.

"We don't have enough parking as it is," Ferich said. "I guess the question for this project is, will the city step up and create more parking?"

Birmingham has five public parking decks, but all of them are filled to near-capacity during the peak usage times. The city has plans to redevelop and expand the North Old Woodward parking deck, but that project is still in its infancy and years away from fruition.

The project returns before the planning board for preliminary site plan approval on May 24. Because a Special Land Use Permit is required for the project, the hotel operators will also need approval from the Birmingham City Commission.

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Another response

Regarding Leo Weber's letter, "Conservative not OK with Liberals" dated May 1:

Let me start by saying (again) that I am NOT a Liberal. I called it in my last letter, Leo appears to need to label anyone as such if they choose to criticize him. He has absolutely no basis for this since I intentionally did not to share any political views. He states it as fact simply because he says so. Now let's review some key points, and his associated lack of truthfulness, in the rest of his letter.

He says that "recent letter writers hysterically upbraided him ... and they then turned around and accused him of being ... a Nazi, a KKK member, even suggesting that he needed a "shrink."

I did indeed suggest that Leo would benefit from professional (psychiatric) help. However, I have reviewed the recent letters submitted regarding him and there is no mention of him being either a Nazi or a KKK member. Now, it is entirely possible that such a reference has been made in the past but Leo is inferring from his statement that this is a recent accusation. So, I ask you, exactly who is being hysterical?

Now, let's review his claim to an IQ level of 200 based on a Marine's entrance exam intelligence test taken in 1988. Since I found this very hard to believe, I decided to do some investigating. None of the branches of the US Armed Forces utilizes a true IQ test. It turns out that there is indeed an exam called the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (AS-VAB) that consists of a series of tests with the results used to compute a score for the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) and determines eligibility for enlistment. The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines all use these tests and have done so since at least 1980. The maximum score for the ASVAB is 320 and equates to a AFQT percentage of 99. An ASVAB score of 200 equates to a AFQT percentage of 46. An AFQT percentile score indicates the percentage of examinees that scored at or below that particular score. So, a AFQT score of 46 indicates that Leo scored as well as 46 percent of those tested. While this is certainly an acceptable score it is decidedly average and certainly not as spectacular as Leo would like us to believe.

Next Leo claims, since he is so smart, that he doesn't think a "shrink" could teach him anything. I was under the impression that (almost) everyone knew that "shrinks" don't teach. Leo, there is an entirely different profession for that and they are called "Educators". Psychiatry is a branch of medicine that deals with mental or emotional disorders. I will reiterate that I believe that this is something that you would benefit from.

Since Leo is a self-proclaimed "effective letter writer and brutal counter-puncher" I am sure we can expect to hear back from him. He will say incorrectly that I am a Liberal (again) because I have chosen to expose him. He will probably come up with some other equally ridiculous proof of his superior intelligence. He will spew some more devise rhetoric and then claim that the Liberals are really the ones "fostering the adversarial environment and he is not OK with that"! He will finish up with how everything is going to hell in a hand basket because of abortion and gay rights.

I may or may not read his next letter. It depends on if I need a good laugh or not. What I will not do is respond ever again. I simply do not have the time or the inclination to waste anymore effort on his nonsense.

Catherine Freeman
Canton

And another

Leo, Leo, Leo. My lord man, your incessant whining and sniveling about liberals is so played out and nonsensical. You're morphing into the yacking little poodle hiding behind masters legs that never shuts up.

The reason folks equate Nazism to you is simple, you've waxed poetic about brown shirts busting heads of people whose thoughts and opinions differ from yours or you've gleefully wished the military would crush patriotic Americans exercising their constitutional rights to peacefully protest a government they feel is out of touch with American values. And your letters always bear the characteristic hallmark attributes of Joseph Goebbels; accuse the other side of that of which you are guilty.

For instance when you state that it's "liberals who are fostering this adversarial environment" in politics today and never offer up any facts to support these kooky claims you come across as Goebbels-ish. You can't provide any documented on the record proof of liberal politicians obstructing everything any republican president ever tried to pass or nominate. Or any rich liberal donor trying to do the same, but there are hundreds of Republican House and Senate members who are on record as doing just what your crying about.

Look up the Koch brothers and their 2009 Indian Wells summit. Do you remember what's the first thing this new class of republican lawmakers did when they realized they had all the power? The very first thing? Of course you do, a man who bears the burden of a staggering 200-point IQ could never forget. But let me remind the rest of us intellectually challenged "liberals." They met secretly, on a weekend in the middle of the night when they thought nobody was looking and the tried to shut down the office that investigates congressional ethics and criminal behavior. Why, Leo?

The second thing they did was to successfully shut down the office that protects voting machines from hacking. Why haven't you mentioned this Leo? Why haven't liberals ever done this? Why do you keep crying about Benghazi but never mention the 13 em-

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bassy and counselet attacks during the Bush years and the 60 American souls lost then. Why no tears for them Leo?

I'll tell you why. Because you're a partisan hack. You and your conservative double standard is the reason politics are so screwed up. You ignore, no, you embrace factual republican corruption but the slightest rumor of "liberal" corruption and you scream like a lunatic. When Michael Flynn gets sent to jail, if you lead a "Lock him up!" chant, I'll spend my hard earned "liberal" money and send him a case of soap on a rope. He'll need it. I hope he saves some for Page, Stone and the others.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

Milford is a mining town

Recent development activities, such as the upcoming Milford Lofts project and the proposed dense subdivision zoning in the township reported in the May 11 Times, should warn us that Milford is really a mining town, and as such, its fate will likely follow that pattern.

Milford was once a complete town, with farming, manufacturing, milling, railroading, commerce, residential and all the elements of a sustainable town. Today, Milford is primarily a bedroom community, whose non-renewable resources or "minerals" are its rural atmosphere, natural features and historic character, and those who move here do so specifically for those attributes.

Developers, like mining companies, come here to exploit the resources, but in the process often tend to destroy them, examples being the village's railroad Depot, and soon the township's rural character. Eventually, as in any mining town, the "vein" of attributes that attracted the people and the developers here will play out, despite more and more aggressive measures to tap it.

Then we will sit on the front porches of our devalued homes, wondering what happened to "our little village." Meanwhile, the developers will cash in and move on to the next "gold strike."

Ralph Emmons
Milford

Why GOP wants to take away your health care

Of Michigan's 14 congressional districts, nine are controlled by Republicans, all of whom voted in favor of the American Health Care Act. The bill was rushed through without being read, or scored by the Congressional Budget Office in order to know how much it would cost and who would be affected. This was not by accident. The more people learn what's in this bill, the less they will like it. And, that's saying a lot since only 17 percent of the public approved of the initial version of the AHCA.

The AHCA deals a devastating blow to health insurance coverage. The CBO had previously estimated that 24 million people would lose coverage, including an estimated 14 million on Medicaid. But that's not the worst of it. In a House Republican "bait and switch," the AHCA isn't really about health care, it's about "wealth care." More than \$800 billion in Medicaid cuts will take away health care from the old, poor and sick, and, in an "evil symmetry," hand over almost \$800 billion in tax cuts to the wealthiest individuals and corporations. House Republicans have pulled a "reverse Robin Hood" on their constituents and the American people.

The 2018 mid-term elections are coming up, and you have a choice. Are you for providing health insurance coverage and protections for our most vulnerable citizens? Or, are you for giving millionaires, billionaires and corporations a huge tax cut?

Jerry Oljace
Northville

A 'partisan fool'

During a Senate hearing into the conduct of former NSA Michael Flynn, former AG Sally Yates testified she warned Trumps people about Flynn's Russian ties. After that testimony, Ted Cruz, trying to have a 'gotcha' moment, went completely off topic, and questioned Yates about her firing by Trump. Her responses, honest and factual, completely annihilated Cruz, showing him for the partisan fool he is.

With her background in prosecuting White-collar fraud and political corruption, it's no surprise she would be on Trump's "Hit-list".

I don't know what her future plans are, but I hope the Democratic Party doesn't let such a talented individual fade from the political scene. That is assuming she wants to jump in the quagmire of Washington's politics.

James Huddleston
Canton

This is not the answer

Nice job Congressman Dave Trott, yesterday you voted yourself and President Trump a nice big tax break! Being one of the wealthiest people ever elected to office in Michigan, you must be feeling pretty good right now. Never mind that, in order for you to enjoy your tax break, millions of people will be kicked off their health insurance plan. You were in such a big hurry you could not wait for the report from the Congressional Budget Office on the impact to your constituents.

There is a lot of conjecture out there right now on the impact of this bit of legislation, shall we call it 'Trump Care', on low income families, the elderly, people with pre-existing conditions etc. I will be waiting to see what The Congressional Budget Office has to say.

We all know the Affordable Care Act needed fixing, this is not the answer.

Fortunately, this is not yet a done deal; I hope the Senate will do better by the people they represent!

Karen Zyczynski
Novi

Stand for what is right

Since his election, Donald Trump has continued to demonstrate consistent abuses of power and a total disrespect for democracy. From his hastily issued Executive Orders (anti-Muslim travel ban) and his support for poorly considered legislation (American Health Care Act) to his continued praise for authoritarian leaders like Vladimir Putin, Recep Erdogan, and Abdel Fatah el-Sisi, Mr. Trump displays a startling lack of respect for traditional American values and governance.

With his recent firing of FBI Director James Comey, who was heading the investigation into collusion between Russia and the Trump administration, he once again shows us that he will go to any lengths to protect himself and his corrupt regime, even if it means putting this nation and its long history of protected freedoms at risk.

I call on every member of Congress and particularly on David Trott, my representative in District 11, to have the courage to stand for what is right, and not just what is politically expedient. Demand a Special Prosecutor and a special investigation into this administration's connection with Russia. The safety and future of the United States is on your shoulders. Your constituents and American history itself will hold you accountable.

Rebecca Rowan
Northville

Save Lakeshore Park

In June 2016 the citizens of Novi were asked to vote for a tax increase to support upgrades to Lakeshore Park described as a "4,800-square-foot building" for "Day Camp, Programming, Classes and Polling." In January 2017, City Council reviewed a concept for a 10,000-square-foot building and significant parking expansion. City Council has approved a \$5 million budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year alone, a significant increase from the numbers shared with citizens prior to the vote. The larger building, parking, and bioswale to handle runoff eliminate almost all the mature trees and most of the family picnic area close to the lake.

The Novi city charter prohibits Banquet Halls in Novi Parks yet council member Markham stated the building would "being used for voting, but also weddings and other big events" and Mayor Gatt stated the building needs to be "enough to handle weddings" and "people who rent it can enjoy a top class building." At a recent Homeowners Association meeting, the Parks Director stated he is "running a business."

Please tell City Council to respect the citizens' wishes to retain Lakeshore Park as a park. This will allow Novi families to go to the beach and have a family picnic without competing for space with overwhelming corporate and other big events. Tell City Council and Mayor Gatt to improve the existing camp building if necessary but to keep large municipal/commercial buildings out of our parks.

Gary Zack
Novi

District unranked?

To the residents of Northville: pay attention.

Two weeks ago, U.S. News and World Report issued its rankings of high schools in the United States and the 40 top high schools in Michigan based upon 2014-15 data. Neighboring schools included were: Novi, Walled Lake Northern, Troy, Rochester Adams, Saline, Chelsea, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Grosse Pointe South and North, Brighton, South Lyon East, Dexter, Canton; just to name a few. What district was absent and totally unranked: Northville! What?

Upon questioning the district about this shocking fact, I was informed that, "We had a number of students opt out of the Michigan portion of the testing (so fewer students took the MSTEP portions of the test vs. the ACT), in addition to many students who scored very high on the ACT, scoring poorly on the MSTEP. The ELA test was given last, and we believe students simply did not give the same attention to the MSTEP assessments as they did to the ACT, amidst the controversy regarding the Common Core, and 13 hours of testing for juniors." (Email from Superintendent Gallagher dated April 27).

Interpreting this educational jargon and acronyms, I am left to believe that our students just did not give "their all" to the tests. Are our students different than those in the other districts who did so well? Or did our students not know the material? What happened here?

The district must look into this — to be totally unranked is absolutely unacceptable.

Sincerely,

James M. Koster
Northville

Michigan has two sites in Instagram top 100

Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

Have you ever snapped a selfie with the Mackinac Bridge? Well somebody has.

The five-mile suspension bridge that connects the Upper and Lower peninsulas comes in at No. 64 among the top 100 U.S. travel destinations to appear on Instagram,

according to a ranking by the European travel website TravelBird.

The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn also made the list at No. 71.

According to TravelBird, the Mackinac Bridge showed up in nearly 31,000 Instagram hashtags; the Henry Ford Museum in some 15,000.

To claw their way to

the top, Michigan sites would have to take on Mickey Mouse. The most-Instagrammed spot in the U.S. is Disneyland in California, with more than 14.5 million hashtags; Walt Disney World in Florida is No. 2 with nearly 5.5 million hashtags.

Rounding out the top 10: Miami's South Beach, the Las Vegas strip, New

York's Times Square, Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Arizona's Grand Canyon, Waikiki in Hawaii, Yosemite National Park in California and Myrtle Beach in South Carolina.

You can find an interactive map with the top destinations at <https://travelbird.nl/the-most-instagrammed-tourist-attractions/>.

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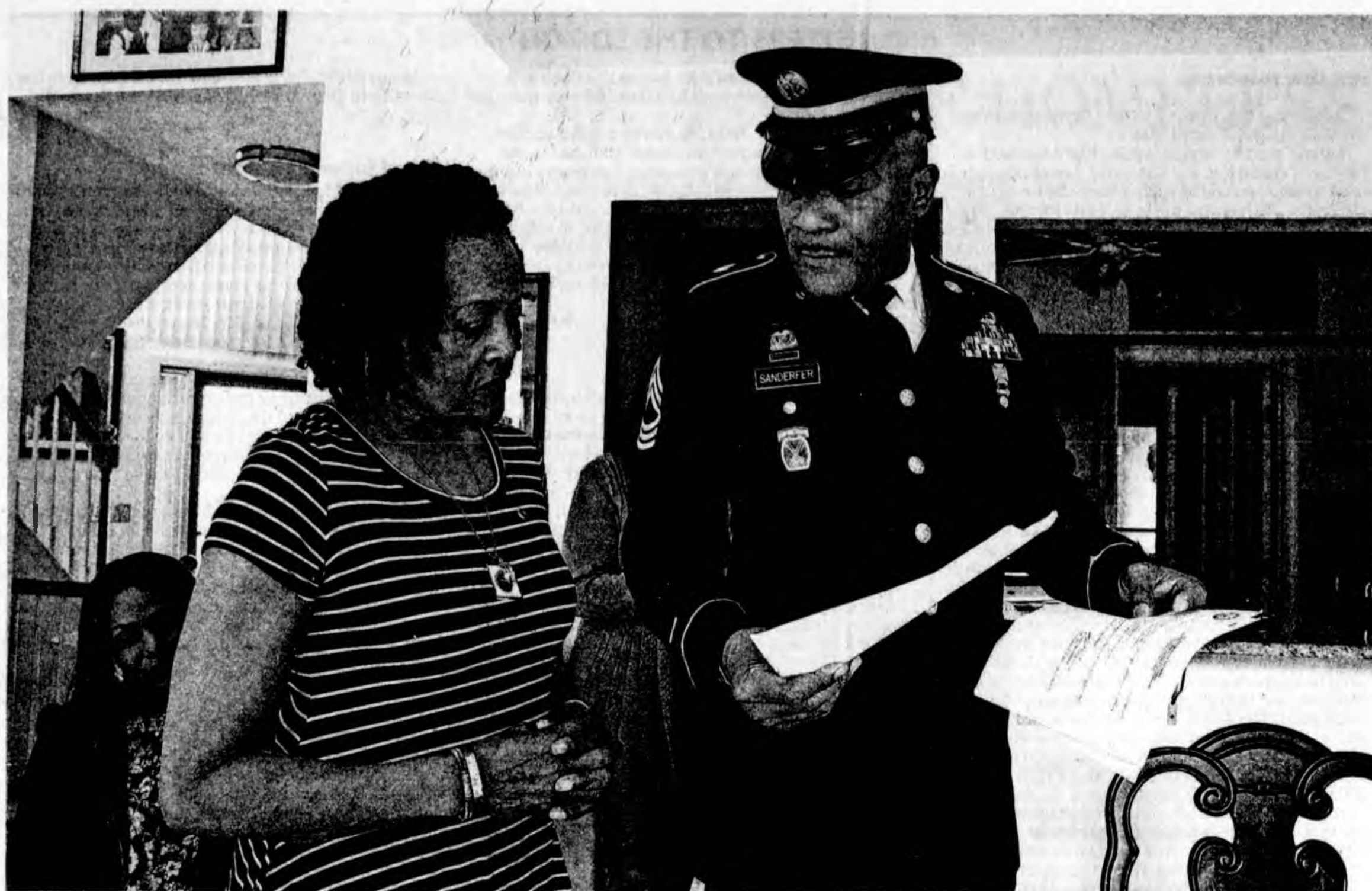
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Master Sgt. William Sanderfer explains the medals and certificates earned by Mollie Ross-McMillan's brother, James Ross, who is still missing in action in South Korea.

Woman receives her MIA brother's medals



THE PURPLE HEART
The Purple Heart, earned by Cpl. James Ross, missing in action in South Korea.



Master Sgt. William Sanderfer offers condolences to Mollie Ross-McMillan on behalf of the U.S. government.



Mollie Ross-McMillan watches as Master Sgt. William Sanderfer lays out the medals earned by her brother.

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

It's been more than 60 years since Cpl. James Ross went missing during the Korean War. Earlier this month, his legacy lived on through his sister at her Westland home.

Molly Ross-McMillan received several medals the U.S. Army determined her brother had earned during his military service in the early 1950s. They were presented to her by Army Master Sgt. William Sanderfer. Those awards included the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge and Republic of Korea War Service Medal, among others.

"Ms. Ross-McMillan, as a representative of the United State Army, it is my highest privilege to present to you these awards," Sanderfer said, kneeling before her. "Let them be a symbol of the grateful appreciation that our nation feels for the distinguished service rendered to our country and our flag by your brother. May God bless you and may God keep you."

Ross-McMillan, who keeps a display honoring her brother over the door to her home, said the



James Ross was 18 years old when he went missing during the Korean War.

"I'm breathless. Chills go over me when I look at the Purple Heart."

MOLLY ROSS-MCMILLAN
brother of Cpl. James Ross

medal presentation was something that took more than a year.

She attended a three-day event in Washington, where she gathered information and contacts for reaching out to see if her brother was due to receive any awards.

"After 50-some years, the army contacted a family member and it was forwarded to me," she said. "A year later, I received a call, stating they had found all the awards."

It was an event, she said, that sparked great emotion, especially when she looked at a certain medal Sanderfer brought with him.

"I'm breathless," she said. "Chills go over me when I look at the Purple Heart."

She said her brother enrolled in the military when he was 15 and decided he wasn't going to work in the fields of Alabama. He was declared missing when he was 18.

"In that era, he was able to join the service without any questions asked," she said. "He became MIA at 18. He really didn't get to enjoy his life, that's the emotional part of it."

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Wendy Banfield gets her spirits lifted during her head-shaving by Kelly Wadle, the mother of a children's cancer survivor.

St. Baldrick's events combine to combat childhood cancer

The planning committee for one of the largest St. Baldrick's events in the state announced a merger this year.

The Plymouth ROC St. Baldrick's event will be joining forces with the Walled Lake (Lakes Area) event for this year's efforts in fighting childhood cancer at an event happening Sunday, May 21.

Organizers said this year's event is bigger than ever. The ownership of The Plymouth ROC will be expanding their normal service area to fit the over-sized crowd of cancer-fighters. Much of the parking lot will be tented with extra food and beverage service stations outside. Considerable efforts are being put into outdoor activities as well, including a bounce house and dunk tank. This event will be fun for the whole family.

Robb Drzewicki, the Plymouth event's co-organizer, said he's excited to bring in a new team of veteran cancer fighters to help grow and develop his amazing group of volunteers.

Since the event started in Livonia seven years ago, the event has shifted to the Plymouth ROC and grown to be one of the largest in the region. With this new injection of passion and experience, the May 21 event "may be capable of breaking all previous records,"

Drzewicki said. Plymouth co-organizer Tabitha Lyngvar, who will be taking the event over in the coming years, is ready willing and able to take the reins of the exciting and invigorating event.

"I'm so excited to have the added support and experience that Emily's Lakes Area team brings to the event," Lyngvar said. "As this event gets bigger, our planning committee needs to grow along with it."

Emily MacBeth began fundraising, shaving her head, organizing events and speaking at Michigan events in support of St. Baldrick's after the loss of her 2-year-old daughter to Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She brings over 10 years of experience, and a core of committed volunteers, who have organized the annual Lakes Area events at the Walled Lake Firehouse, as well as several events in WLCSD Elementary Schools.

Kelly Wadle, the organizer of the 2015 Royal Oak St. Baldrick's Event, wanted to "get out and do something" when her daughter was going through treatment. Her event started with a goal of \$5,000 and eventually made over \$50,000. Kelly decided to bring her passion and creativity to the Plymouth event in 2016 instead of running one as a "one woman

army."

The events have grown over the years:

- » The Plymouth event (previously held in Livonia) grew from \$10,000 in its first year to over \$100,000 in the sixth year.

- » The Royal Oak event, organized by a mom with a newly diagnosed 2-year-old raised over \$50,000 in the premier year.

- » The Lakes Area events started with one brokenhearted mom shaving her head in her living room, to eventually raising over \$50,000 annually. The group has raised over \$400,000 in that time.

By joining together, the merged groups and combined efforts of the Plymouth, Royal Oak and Lakes Area volunteers and shavers are raising the bar and have high hopes. With the help of their communities, the group could potentially hit the million dollar mark this year.

How to help

- » Like the group's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MetroDetroitBaldricks/

- » Contact event organizers to volunteer or sponsor the event: plymouthstbaldricks@gmail.com

- » Sign up to "Brave the Shave" at www.stbaldricks.org/events/MetroDetroit

Local vet takes job at state poultry ranch

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

When it comes to raising chickens, Alex Strauch is the man.

The North Farmington High School graduate has accepted a position as staff veterinarian with Herbruck's Poultry Ranch, which is the largest chicken farm in Michigan and the 13th largest in the country. Strauch, 27, will be responsible for the welfare of millions of poultry whose eggs supply clients such as McDonald's restaurants, Costco and Meijer stores.

He starts his new job Monday.

"We service every McDonald's east of the Mississippi for their eggs," Strauch said. "Every time you get that Egg McMuffin for breakfast, we're the ones who supplied the eggs."

Located in Saranac, the poultry ranch has more than 7 million chickens. They're divided into different sites — conventional, organic, cage-free housing, a brown egg-laying site — and each site has its own farming goal to cater to the various markets.

Strauch will be responsible for reviewing the many protocols necessary to ensure the flock's health, such as lighting or vaccine programs. He'll be consulted on nutritional programs and will handle any troubleshooting issues that might crop up.

"When everything is running like a well-oiled machine, life can be easy," he said. "But you always have to be prepared."

Strauch, who was homecoming king of his senior class at North Farmington, earned a four-year degree in zoology at Michigan State University prior to attending veterinary medical school. He was a four-year member of the school's rugby team and pledged Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.



Local veterinarian Dr. Alex Strauch has accepted a job at the largest poultry ranch in Michigan.

Peacocks and crocodile hunters

His family lives in Bloomfield Hills. But growing up, Strauch lived right across the street from the Detroit Zoo.

"I could literally hear the peacocks and the seals barking," he said. "And I loved Steve Irwin growing up — he really sparked my love of animals."

In his last year of veterinary school, he took a course on poultry medicine that included trips to turkey operations, duck operations — and a visit to Herbruck's, a family business that was founded in 1958.

"We had just wrapped up a great tour and the vice president of poultry operation said they were thinking of adding a full-time staff vet, because they were expanding," Strauch said. "Right before we filed into the van, I gave him a business card and said, 'I'm your guy' and, two weeks later, I got a call. The business card actually worked."

Make no mistake — Strauch knows his chickens. He recently

returned from a trip to South America, where he spent three weeks studying management operations on a poultry ranch in Chile.

Serve the bird

Asked about the biggest challenges in managing millions of chickens, Strauch said it's trying to cater to an ever-changing marketplace demand.

"The consumer base is demanding certain growing and housing demands for chickens and we're doing our best to cater to those concerns," he said. "At the same time, we have to make sure we're not compromising the health of our birds."

At the end of the day, Strauch said it's his mission to raise a healthy chicken.

"I'm going to follow the science," he said. "I'm going to base my decisions on research rather than my emotions to make sure we're doing the right thing and serving the bird. That's the take-home message at Herbruck's — serve the bird."

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Lawyer: Maserati driver 'feels horrible' over tragedy

Jay Grossman
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The defense attorney for a Bloomfield Hills man who was reportedly going an estimated 144 mph in a Maserati when he slammed into another car and killed the driver said her client feels horrible over the tragedy.

Gregory Allen Belkin, 43, is being charged with second-degree murder and operating under the influence of alcohol in the death of Rhonda T. Williams, a 53-year-old mother of three children who was driving home from work on Square Lake Road last January when her Subaru was struck in the rear by the Italian luxury car, forcing her off the road and into a fence.

According to police reports, the first officer on the crash scene observed Belkin running around the other driver's car and laughing.

"Gregory said he was the driver of the Maserati several times," Bloomfield Township Police Officer Scott Schuknecht wrote in his report.

"Gregory said he looked down and looked up while driving, and the vehicle he hit was stopped on the road. I reminded him the other driver was seriously injured and laughing was not appropriate."

Attorney Deanna Kelley said that wasn't the



Belkin

very aware that a life was taken, that a woman was minding her business and how this has affected so many people."

Kelley said she reviewed the police reports and saw a videotape of Belkin at the scene. She said the only reason it appeared he was laughing is because he was nervous.

case. "I don't want the victim's family to think he's not remorseful," Kelley said. "He's

"People react differently in situations of shock," she said. "His reaction was misinterpreted. He knows he'll have to live with this for the rest of his life ... he knows the harm that was caused by his actions."

Handcuffed and wearing an orange prison uniform, Belkin appeared Thursday in 48th District Court and waived his rights to a preliminary exam, meaning he'll stand trial on the charges in Oakland County Circuit Court. For now, he remains in custody without bond.

A 17-year employee of the U.S. Coast Guard,

Belkin reportedly told officers he dropped his cell phone and was trying to pick it up when the crash occurred. According to the data downloaded from the Maserati's event data recorder, Belkin was traveling at approximately 144 mph seconds before impact. Crash investigators at the scene calculated the Su-

baru's speed at approximately 54 mph.

The Jan. 24 incident occurred on Square Lake Road just west of Woodward Avenue. Bloomfield Township police officers detected alcohol on Belkin's breath at the scene and asked him to perform several sobriety tests, which he failed, police said. Williams was taken

from the scene and transported to St. Joseph Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

"It's a tragic event all the way around," Kelley said Wednesday. "My client won't be able to make any statements but he does want the family to know he's remorseful."

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Notice of Public Hearing

FlexTech High School - Novi will hold a public hearing on June 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm at 24245 Karim Blvd, Novi, MI 48375 to review the proposed 2017-2018 operating budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the following requests in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance:

1. To consider two variance requests on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, at 495 W. Cady St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-003-01-0297-000. The applicant is seeking a variance to expand a non-conforming building (Section 22.01) that is currently located in the Cady Street and First Street front yard setbacks. The applicant is seeking a second variance to expand a non-conforming building (Section 22.01) that is currently located in the First Street front yard setback. The variance needed along Cady Street is 13.2 feet and the variance needed along First Street is 3.1 feet from the requirements in Section 15.01.
2. To consider a variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, at 375 Lake Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-001-02-0045-000. The applicant is seeking a variance to expand a non-conforming building (Section 22.01) that is currently located in the Lake Street front yard setback. The variance needed along Lake Street is 1.83 feet from the requirements in Section 15.01.
3. To consider a variance request on premises zoned R-1A, First Density Residential District, at 46925 S. Chigwidden Drive, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-22-33-355-010. The applicant is seeking a variance to install a privacy fence (6-foot tall) ahead of the front building line along Lanthorn Lane and Eight Mile Road (Section 18.09). The variance needed along Lanthorn Lane is a maximum of 40 feet, and the variance needed along Eight Mile Road is a maximum of 78 feet.

The public hearings will be held on Wednesday June 7, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public comment on the variance requests. The variance applications are available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

DOMINIC SILVESTRI, CHAIRPERSON
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GIRLS TRACK

Northville goes distance in five-peat

Eckenroth, McNamara
lead Mustangs to title

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Northville's Cayla Eckenroth has enjoyed a distinguished four-year career as a distance runner, but the senior had never taken home an individual title at the KLAA Kensington Conference girls track and field meet.

But that all changed Friday as she swept the 1,600- and 3,200-meter events as the Mustangs brought home their fifth consecutive conference crown with 130 points at Plymouth-Canton's Centennial Educational Park.

Plymouth earned its highest finish ever, placing runner-up with 104.33

points, while Livonia Churchill claimed third with 94.33.

Eckenroth, junior Ana Barrott and sophomore Olivia Harp accounted for 45 points of the Mustangs' points in the two distance events. They also teamed with Emily Assemany to place second in the 3,200 relay with a time of 9:22.4, while Churchill took first in 9:19.85.

"We got really lucky with the weather," Eckenroth said. "It was super-nice, so everybody had the chance to run great P.R.'s or faster times. And in the 4 by 800 — even though we got second — we got a P.R. for our relay and everyone in our relay got their own 800 P.R. So that was really exciting for everyone."

Eckenroth posted a personal best 5:01.56 in the 1,600, holding off Churchill (right) and Northville (left) make the baton exchange in the 3,200-meter relay.



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Churchill (right) and Northville (left) make the baton exchange in the 3,200-meter relay.

PREP BASEBALL

CC grounds Pilots to reach league final

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Comerica Park proved to be the perfect tonic and never looked better, as far as Novi Detroit Catholic Central's baseball team was concerned.

The Shamrocks had lost all four meetings this season against defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Warren DeLaSalle, but reversed their fortunes May 10 with a 4-1 win in the Catholic League's A-B Division semifinals in Detroit.

Junior right-hander Johnny Lobbia went the first 6 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings and was sharp, to say the least, as he limited the Pilots to five hits along with a pair of walks



Lobbia

Kancierz

and hit batsman.

"Coach (Dan Michaels) told me earlier in the week that I was going to get the start, so I was mentally prepared for it throughout the whole week," said Lobbia, who got relief help from Cody Kancierz in the bottom of the seventh. "The fastball and curve ball were working great. I only threw a couple of change-ups, but those were working as well."

Lobbia felt right at home pitching on the mound of the American League park while receiving several clutch plays from his teammates, including a diving catch by left fielder Jack Falinski for the third out in the sixth inning, followed by fine catch of a pop-up along the rail of the Tigers dugout for the first out in the seventh by third baseman Billy Compton.

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BOYS TRACK



BRAD EMONS

Novi's boys track and field team celebrates after winning Friday's Kensington Conference meet in Canton.

Novi reigns supreme at conference

Wildcats display team depth with
victory over Kensington foes

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Friday's weather was nearly perfect and the KLAA Kensington Conference boys track and field meet nearly matched it in terms of competitive drama and flair.

Novi topped the 12-team field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with 137.5 points, featuring a lineup that scored depth points across the

board.

In second was Salem with 114 points, while Livonia Churchill — in the Chargers' first conference meet following the March death of beloved coach Rick Austin — came in third with 98.75 points.

"We would both agree that the key to winning this meet was balance," Novi co-coach Marsha Reid said, nodding to co-coach Cindy Kuhn. "And having kids be able to be dominant, not just in distance and sprints, but also on the field and getting points in all the events."

Reid listed many key contributors, including Anthony D'Annibale winning

the 400-meter dash, Dave Mudel taking first in the 3,200-meter run, Scott MacPherson winning the 1,600, Nate Hankerson "doing a great job in sprints, having Jordon Castleberry over in the discus have a PR kind of day (137 feet, 2 inches). Just great balance overall."

Kuhn noted that the Wildcats "really stepped up and they did a great job improving their times, which was really what it was all about, improving their seed times going into the regional meet."

"With that being said, doing a good job of getting us points where we need-

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PREP BASEBALL

Split gives Mustangs KLAA Central title

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It came down to the final game, but Northville sewed up its fourth consecutive KLAA Central Division baseball title May 10 at home by earning a split of its doubleheader against second-place Livonia Stevenson.

After losing the opener, 3-1, the Mustangs got an outstanding pitching performance from Ben Schmidt to win the nightcap, 7-0, to improve to 17-4 overall and 15-1 in the division.

"After a tough loss in the first game, we rebounded nicely in the second," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Our pitching was superb all day. Connor Ziparo pitched great in the first game and Ben Schmidt was outstanding in the second, throwing a complete game shutout."

Schmidt went all seven innings, allowing just five hits and three walks while striking out two.

Aram Shahrigan led Northville's nine-hit attack, going 3-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

Kevin Morrissey also went 2-for-4 and scored a run, while Nate Wixon, Jack Sargent and Christian Williams each added an RBI as Stevenson starter George Ferguson took the loss.

The Spartans made four errors.

"In the second game, we had some big hits," Kostrzewa said. "Adam Shahrigan had a great game and led us offensively. With the division on the line, our team responded well, which was great to see."

Stevenson (22-4, 12-4) forced the deciding game in the opener thanks to a combined two-hitter by Branden Posky, who worked the first five innings and struck out eight, and Ferguson, who got the final six outs for the save.

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JOHN KOSTRZEWA
Northville coach

The Mustangs committed three errors as Ziparo, who went the first six innings, allowing three runs (all unearned) on just three hits, took the loss.

"Posky threw the ball very well in the first game," Kostrzewa said. "We didn't take advantage of our chances and made some crucial defensive mistakes in the sixth."

Dan Bos knocked in two of Stevenson's three runs.

Jake Moody and Sargent had the lone hits for Stevenson.

NOVI 8-1, SOUTH LYON 2-7: On May 10, the Wildcats (11-15-1, 6-10) and host Lions (6-12, 6-10) divided a KLAA Central Division doubleheader.

Senior right-hander Alec Bageris went all seven innings, allowing just three hits and one walk in the Game 1 triumph for Novi. Both runs Bageris gave up were unearned. He struck out three.

Bageris also went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, while Nate Wicks also went 3-for-3.

Other offensive standouts for Novi included Brian Wendt (2-for-4, two runs), Nate Lys (2-for-4, RBI, two runs), Mike Hitt (two RBIs) and Tyler Vankirk (double three walks).

Losing pitcher Kent Katsuda gave up four earned runs on seven hits and four walks over four innings. He struck out six.

Kyle Superczynski had an RBI.

In Game 2, Sean Cassel scattered six hits and one walk to pick up the complete game victory. The freshman call-up from the JV struck out seven.

Ryan Friedrichs had two hits, while Justin Goodenow, Mike Maher and Katsuda each knocked in two runs.

Vankirk, the losing pitcher, allowed five earned runs on four hits and two walks. Cam Czapski and Nate Lys finished up.

Evan Yokie (RBI) and Kyle Klosterman both had two hits.

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Stevenson's Parker Graham (left) gets back to the bag in time before Northville's Aram Shahrigan can make the tag.



Northville players and coaches celebrate after repeating as KLAA Central Division champs.

PREP BASEBALL

Host Wildcats topple CC in Breast Cancer Awareness tourney

Grosse Pointe North goes 2-0 in round-robin event

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Grosse Pointe North emerged the winner of Saturday's annual Novi Breast Cancer Awareness round-robin baseball tournament.

The Norseman defeated both Novi Detroit Catholic Central (4-1) and the host Wildcats (7-2), while Novi earned an 8-3 win over CC in the final game of the day as Alec Bageris went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Grant Pytel also doubled twice and had three RBIs, while Brian Wendt and Kaito Suzuki both added an RBI for the Wildcats, who improved to 12-17-1.

Winning pitcher Cam Czapski went all seven innings, allowing two earned runs while scattering eight hits. He struck out four and did not allow a walk.

Losing pitcher Joey Merucci allowed eight earned runs on nine hits and four walks in four innings before Matt Stinebiser took over and pitched the final two innings.

Stinebiser went 2-for-3 with two RBIs as the Shamrocks slipped to 11-14-1.

Chad Lorkowski went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Sam Cross also drove in two runs in North's win over Novi.

Wendt, the losing pitcher, allowed three earned runs on four hits and three walks in five innings of work.

Bageris went 2-for-3, while Nate Lys hit a solo homer. Wendt also drove in a run.

LAKE ORION 7-2, NORTHVILLE 3-3: On Saturday, the host Mustangs (17-6) salvaged a split of its non-league twinbill against the Dragons (18-11).

Aram Shahrigan went 3-for-3 with two runs scored, while Mike Lomas (double) and Jake Moody (RBI) also contributed to Northville's six-hit attack.

Starting pitcher Ryan Pumper went the first 4½ innings, allowing two runs on three hits. Tyler Troyer came on in relief, while Jon Michalak set down Lake Orion in order in the top of the seventh to pick up the save.

In the opener, Tyler Moses went 3-for-4 with three RBIs as Lake Orion rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh.

Mason Adolfs got the win in relief of starter Adam Pocock, who went the first five innings.

Matt Weber, Billy Flohr and Shahrigan each had an RBI for Northville, while Tyler Troyer took the loss.

NORTHVILLE 18, JOHN GLENN 5: Senior shortstop Kevin Morrissey went 4-for-4, scored four runs and knocked in two May 8, leading the Mustangs (15-4, 13-1) to a Kensington Conference crossover win at Westland John Glenn.

The Mustangs clinched at least a share of the KLAA Central for the fourth straight year.

Northville mounted a 15-hit attack as Billy Flohr (2-for-3), Alex Garback (double) and Nate Wixon each drove in three runs.

Aram Shahrigan also went 2-for-4 with an RBI as the Mustangs jumped out to a 12-1 lead after three innings by scoring four in the first, two in the second and six in the third.

"We did a nice job of having some patient at-bats right from the start," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "Getting off to a good start was a focus today and the boys responded with a good first

two innings."

Northville starter Ryan Pumper pitched two scoreless innings, allowing no runs while striking out three. Tyler Troyer, Ben Schmidt, Jordan Shaffer and Jake Moody also took turns on the mound.

"Ryan did a nice job on the mound getting us back on offense right away and setting the tone for the game," Kostrzewa said.

John Glenn, which slipped to 1-12 in the KLAA Central, got two hits and an RBI from Jared Stevens, the losing pitcher. Jacob Tuttle also drove in two runs.

NOVI 9, WAYNE 1: Grant Pytel pitched 6½ innings to earn the victory and went 3-for-4 with an RBI to lead the Wildcats (10-14-1, 5-8) to a KLAA Central Division triumph May 8 at Wayne Memorial (3-13, 1-13).

Pytel allowed one earned run on four hits and two walks. He struck out seven before giving way to reliever Kaito Suzuki, who got the final out in the bottom of the seventh.

Other offensive standouts for Novi, which erupted for seven runs in the top of the seventh, included Brian Wendt (three RBIs), Nate Lys (2-for-3), Michael Hitt (RBI double) and Tyler Vankirk (1-for-1, three stolen bases).

Wayne starter Tyler Napier went six innings, allowing three earned runs. He struck out seven and walked only one.

Gio Ramirez went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Zebras.

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SHAMROCKS

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"It was unreal, unbelievable, everybody out there was making plays today," Lobbia said. "It was really awesome to have that behind me."

Lobbia and DeLaSalle's Kyle Jones were locked in a scoreless pitchers' duel through the first five innings, but CC broke the tie by getting two runs in the top of the sixth.

Matt Stinebiser and Joey Merucci drew back-to-back walks from Jones, who then was lifted by DeLaSalle coach Matt Cook in favor of reliever Easton Sikorski.

Falinski was hit by a Sikorski pitch to load the bases and Kanclerz came through with an RBI single to right field.

Kanclerz, who went 2-for-3, was looking for something off-speed from Sikorski.

"I had a strike on me, expecting something kind of soft, got a curve ball and just drove it the other way," the junior shortstop said.

Compton, the eighth hitter, then made it 2-0 when his bleeder through the left side of the infield got through for a single.

The Shamrocks added two more runs in the top of the seventh. Back-to-back doubles to right field by Nick Sykes and Stinebiser made it 3-0, then Merucci followed with a bunt single and Stinebiser came home from third on an errant throw on a delayed steal.

In the bottom of the seventh, Lobbia got the first out, but gave up a single to Garrett Garbarino and Michaels decided to make a pitching change.

"Cody is one heck of a shortstop," Michaels said. "He's a D-I shortstop and we haven't been throwing him because he's so good at short. But he's a perfect difference between he and Lobbia. He comes in and throws a little harder and



CC's Marcus Cipriano (right) slides into home plate as DeLaSalle catcher Mac Graybill takes the throw.

he normally throws strikes. It kind of made it a little easier, but it was hard to take Johnny out because I wanted him to finish, but I wanted to get the win."

Lobbia understood the pitching change.

"I would have loved to stay out there, but coach had to make a tough decision to pull me out," he said. "And at this point, it looks like the right decision."

After an infield error — the only one CC would commit for the game — put two DeLaSalle runners aboard, Kan-

clerz gave up an RBI single to Pilots junior first baseman and Mississippi State commit Bryce Bush, who has 10 home runs on the season.

But Kanclerz fanned DeLaSalle catcher Mac Graybill for the final out to advance the Shamrocks (11-12-1) into the A-B Division final at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Jimmy John's Field in Utica against Birmingham Brother Rice.

Ironically, DeLaSalle had beaten CC the previous four meetings by an aggregate score of 27-3, including wins of

10-0, 9-2, 2-1 and 5-1.

"I told our guys it's hard to beat a team five times," Michaels said with a laugh. "Hats off to Lobbia. Johnny pitched a just a gem and, most of the time, we made the plays when we had to. He really wasn't in much trouble most of the game, so my hat's off to him. He's been our ace the whole year and, God, he proved it the whole game."

The loss dropped DeLaSalle to 18-10.

"It just shows how good Catholic League baseball is," Cook said. "I told my guys it's a brand new season and anything can happen. That's a good baseball team and they played great today. They had a couple of great opportunities early on that we were able to overcome but, in the end, they made some big hits when it counted and we didn't."

The Shamrocks seemed to adjust to their Comerica surroundings like seasoned pros.

"I played at a lot of beautiful ballparks, but this is my favorite, by far," Kanclerz said. "And especially to get a win with my boys ... I love it. Just an awesome experience."

The CC coach, however, was somewhat in awe of the place.

"I think I was more wide-eyed than they were," Michaels said. "It was cool being down here, no doubt about it. They liked it. It was a lot of fun and great support from the fans to get down here early with the parents. It was a great atmosphere. They like being down here and, hopefully, they can come back down here again."

Meanwhile, Kanclerz said it was the Shamrocks' best performance of the season.

"And to get it here it was great," said Kanclerz, who earned the save. "The last two times against them had been a little rough."

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BOYS ALCROSSE

Varner, Gingell spur Mustangs over Novi

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The Stanley Cup playoffs are the time of the year when goalies often make a name for themselves.

The same could be said about the home stretch of the high school boys lacrosse season, where Northville's Jeff Varner is already becoming an 'X' factor.

The sophomore turned in a stellar performance May 10 at Tom Holzer Field as the host Mustangs were able to fend off an upset bid by rival Novi with a 14-8 victory.

The game was nip and tuck throughout the first half, with Northville clinging to a 7-6 lead thanks to a pair of back-to-back saves in the final minute by Varner from point-blank range.

The second half, however, was all Mustangs as they outscored the Wildcats, 7-2.

"The second half, we talked about it, limit our unforced errors," said Northville coach Greg Durham, whose team improved to 11-2 overall and finished 5-1 in the Kensington Conference. "I think we had, like, eight unforced errors in the first half, which kept things a little closer than I expected. Once we cleaned it up, we played a little better and got things focused."

Varner was "locked in" throughout all four quarters as he made a total of 13 saves.

"I just try to follow the hands and get my stick up high," Varner said. "You just got to be patient on the clears

and you've got to watch the ball, let your mind get ready, get ready for those shots."

Varner also helped jump-start the Mustangs' offense with his cruise missile-like pin-point passes out of the defensive zone.

"We put a couple into him, but I got to give him credit," Novi second-year coach Chris Johnson said. "He had a good game and he's a very good goalie."

Varner started all last season as a freshman and plays his position already like a poised senior.

"He's a gamer," Durham said. "In practice, sometimes he has the worst practices, then comes back the next day, just comes and plays the game and he's stellar. That's the way he always is. He's funny like that. You can get on him once in a while, but when it comes to playing a game, he's focused and ready to go. He's pretty amazing as a sophomore."

Northville's offense jelled thanks to the one-two punch of seniors Cole Gingell (six goals, three assists) and Anthony Salamone (three goals, one assist).

"That's 'Sal,' he's a midgie, he's left-handed," Gingell said of his teammate. "Me and him were connecting. We've touch downed, we're getting better chemistry. Once we start to focus, everything clicks on offense and defense."

Also contributing to the win for the Mustangs were Ty Kilar, two goals and



Varner



Gingell

one assist; Kevin Conder, two goals; and Zach Tardich, one goal and one assist.

Two goals by Gingell and one each from Salamone and Kilar sparked a 4-0 Northville run to start the third quarter to help build an 11-6 advantage.

"We just knew what we had to do," Gingell said. "Just focus, stay together. After we do that, nobody can stop us when we start clicking on offense and defense. We've just got to work getting face-offs and possessing the ball."

Gingell's addition as an attacker this season has given the Mustangs a boost on the offensive end.

"It's huge," Varner said of the transfer from Novi Detroit Catholic Central. "He's an all-star. It was a big deal."

Meanwhile, Durham's halftime talk seemed to resonate throughout the Northville locker room.

"He said, 'Hey, men, we've got to slow it down,'" Gingell said. "'We're forcing the ball way too much and, once we get a save, start possessing the ball, take the air out of it and it's our game and just do what we do.'"

Novi (8-7, 2-4) simply couldn't sustain its first-half momentum.

"We let them get a couple of good ones on us on some man-up plays," Johnson said. "We let them creep back in the game. We needed to slam the door on them when we could, kept piling on, but we let them back in."

Chase Sparling and Ian Patterson scored two goals apiece, while Anthony Zugaro added one goal and two assists for the Wildcats.

Evan Budd (one goal, one assist), Anthony D'Annibale (one goal) and Scott Latham (one goal) also got on the score sheet.

"They're well-coached and they came to play," Durham said of the Wildcats. "That's part of the rivalry. Things are going to be a lot closer, no matter what that stat book might say. (Chase) Sparling was great at the 'X' for them. He dominated and that really hurt us. They got good possessions. They had some nice, long possessions that kept us from being on offense. Because when we're on offense, we'd score. But they did a great job and Jeff kept us in the game, too."

Novi goalie Freddie Samson finished with five saves.

"The boys tend to look at the last laxpower.com rankings and I think the one good thing we take from this is that they proved to themselves that they can play with Northville," Johnson said. "We're hoping to see them again later in regionals. And the way it's lining up it could work out, so we're hoping for a good result next time."

But the Mustangs savored the win — at least for the night — against their conference rival.

"I thought we worked pretty hard and it was a good win," Varner said.

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BOYS LACROSSE

Rice players, staff rally around Nelson family

Warriors 'play with heavy hearts' in 15-10 victory over Shamrocks

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It turned out to be a emotional day on and off the field for the Birmingham Brother Rice lacrosse team.

The Warriors played with heavy hearts Saturday in the Catholic League A Division championship game against host Novi Detroit Catholic Central after learning earlier in the morning that Bill Nelson Sr., whose son Bill Jr. is a junior midfielder, died unexpectedly.

There were tears of sadness and tears of joy as Bill Jr. started and played as Rice repeated as A Division champion with a 15-10 victory over host Shamrocks.

Prior to the match, the two Catholic League rivals, who have squared off in the last three MHSAA Division 1 state finals, formed a circle around the middle of the field, locked arms and said a prayer. It was followed by a moment of silence for Bill Nelson Sr.

"It was a very emotional day for all our boys and for the coaches alike," Rice coach Ajay Chawla said. "This was a real resilient win. It shows the heart and the resilience of these young guys and what it means to play hard every day. They played for Billy today. He was awesome and they were awesome."

Jack Kelly, a senior forward headed to play at Georgetown University, scored a game-high seven goals in the win.

"Obviously a tough day, tough morning hearing that news," Kelly said. "We were there for (Billy Jr.). It's incredible, obviously huge and monumental to see him here and see him dress and playing in our game and that just meant the world for our team. Our love goes out to his family."

Bill Nelson Sr.'s nephew Ryan Nelson, a senior midfielder, also dressed and played as the 12-time defending state champions improved to 13-4.

"I went over to the house this afternoon and I sat down with them," Chawla said. "We had a little chat. We talked about what his dad would want. And his dad was a competitor. We talked about



CC's Nicholas Capatina makes his move against Rice defender Michael Burwell (left).

it and (Billy Jr.) said, 'It's what my dad would want me to do' and I said, 'You make the decision.' So we kind of made it together. He showed up today and it was real special to get him out there and he played well when he was out there."

Bill Nelson Sr. was a 1984 Brother Rice graduate who played basketball for the Warriors and graduated from his father's alma, St. Joseph's (Pa.) University. He is survived by his wife Julie and six children, along with three stepchildren.

"My brother Bill is, obviously, somebody I looked up to," Tim Nelson said. "I was eight years younger than he was. We lost our father when he was young, too, so his influence in my life was real big thing and helped me get to where I'm at today. It's just an emotional day for our family, but that's what the Brother Rice community is all about. All five of my brothers, we all went to Brother Rice. We lost our father when he was young and now we have the same situation."

When the two teams met April 25 at CC, the game went down to the wire, with Rice pulling out a 15-14 overtime win.

Rice led 3-2 after one quarter and

the rematch appeared headed in the same direction until the second quarter, when Kelly scored four of his seven goals as the Warriors built an 8-4 half-time lead.

"He's (Kelly) an excellent player and they've got three guys that can really go," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "When you kind of start focusing on one or two, then the third guy gets you. It's credit to their depth and their system."

Brennan Kamish's goal with 6:29 left in the third quarter cut Rice's lead to 9-7, but the Shamrocks couldn't get any closer the rest of the way.

In the last meeting, the Shamrocks won 53 percent of their face-offs, but Rice reversed those figures and proved effective attacking down the wings.

"And we didn't have the ball for a couple of stretches," Wilson said. "And I think we pressed and tried to make some of that up. Couple times we scored, but more often than not, it kind of led to some bad things."

Peter Thompson led CC (10-5) with four goals and one assist, while Brennan Kamish added three goals and one assist. Younger brother Joey Kamish, a sophomore, collected two goals and one assist.

"We watched a lot of film on our last

game and saw a lot of tendencies that we tried to take advantage of defensively and offensively," Chawla said. "We have two great assistant coaches that spend a lot of time scheming for games, so we never come out with the same game plan twice. And that's part of our success."

Patrick Brandemihl had the other CC goal, while assists went to Nicholas Capatina (two), Ryan Sullivan and Ryan Birney.

"I thought we worked really hard," Wilson said. "We didn't give up. I just don't think the execution was there today."

Other top point-getters for Rice included Nick Dudley (three goals), Daniel Reaume (three goals), Cameron Gould (one goal, three assists) and Erik Schmidt (one goal, one assist).

Teddy Levois was in goal for the Warriors, while Hunter Braun was in net for CC.

"Today we made a few adjustments," Kelly said. "Our defense got us the ball a lot more and made us a lot more comfortable. They kind of just gave me a couple more opportunities and I just kind of took them. Couple ones bounced in, got lucky on a few and that's just how it goes."

Although Kelly was kept off the board in the first quarter, he was able to do all his damage in the second and third quarters, scoring all seven of his goals.

"What can I say about Jack Kelly? The guy is unbelievable," Chawla said. "He scored six or seven today and he comes to play every day. He's not the biggest guy on the field, but he's the toughest. He's got a motor that's unrivaled. He's the best player in the state and I think you see that day in and day out. We put ourselves on his back sometimes and he comes through."

But the post-game victory celebration was somewhat tempered by the loss of Bill Nelson Sr.

"Good friend of ours, good friend of mine," Chawla said. "Meant a lot to Brother Rice. The Nelsons have been around for years and years, a big legacy."

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BOYS LACROSSE

Northville upends Canton thanks to special teams play, 11-4

Shamrocks beat Cranbrook to make Catholic League final

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Special teams played a key part in Northville's 11-4 Kensington Conference boys lacrosse victory May 8 at Canton.

Spencer Gonda went 10-of-17 on face-offs for the Mustangs (10-2, 5-1), while Zach Tardich picked up six ground balls to go along with three goals.

"Overall, it was a good win," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "We got in trouble a little bit with eight total penalties in the second and third quarters, but we battled and held off Canton's extra-man offense."

Other offensive leaders for the Mustangs included Cole Gingell (four goals, one assist), Ty Kilar (one goal, two assists), Anthony Salamone (one goal, two assists), Kevin Conder (one goal), Shane Alexander (one goal) and Ryan Figueroa (one assist).

Northville goalie Jeff Varner made 13 saves on 17 shots by the Chiefs (10-4, 4-2).

"Jeff played very well for us tonight," Durham said. "It was definitely one of his better games. Very proud of the boys as we are working hard to get in rhythm for the playoffs next week."

FOREST HILLS CENTRAL 19, NORTHVILLE 12: On Saturday, visiting Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (11-5) came away with the non-conference win over the Mustangs (11-3) at Tom Holzer Field.

PLYMOUTH 15, NOVI 8: In match-up of Kensington Conference teams Saturday, host Plymouth (10-7) avenged a loss earlier in the season against Novi (8-8).

DETROIT CC 14, CRANBROOK 11: On May 9, junior Pat Brandemihl and freshman Ryan Sullivan both scored three goals as Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10-4) ousted Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (6-8) in the Catholic League A Division semifinals.

It was a rematch of a May 2 meeting between the two teams that CC won 15-10 at Cranbrook.

"With a few key guys out for each team, others had to step up."

CC coach Dave Wilson said. Goalie Hunter Braun went the distance in goal and had 16 saves. Meanwhile, CC split a pair of games in Toronto, Ontario, defeating Upper Canada College 14-3, on May 5, while losing to St. Michael's College 11-8, on May 6.

St. Michael's improved to 11-3 with the win, while Upper Canada slipped to 3-11.

NOVI 16, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 12: Anthony Zugaro had four goals and six assists, while Ian Patterson chipped in five goals as the Wildcats (8-6, 2-3) turned back Walled Lake Western (2-9, 0-5) in a Kensington Conference battle.

Also chipping in offensive for Novi were Chase Sparling (three goals, one assist), Scott Latham (one goal, one assist), Anthony D'Annibale (two goals), Brendan Darschle (one goal) and Casey Lyons (one assist).

Novi goalie Freddie Samson made 14 saves.

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Northville turns back rival Wildcats, 15-11

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Northville got contributions all the way around in a 15-11 Kensington Conference girls lacrosse win May 10 over host Novi.

The Mustangs, who improved to 11-2 overall and finished 6-0 in the conference, got an outstanding all-around performance from sophomore Kendall Wasik, who finished with three goals, five assists, 10 successful draws and three ground balls.

Northville jumped out to a 10-5 half-time lead, but the Wildcats made a game of it in the second half outscoring the Mustangs, 6-5.

Kat Weissert was in goal for the Mustangs.

"It was a tough-fought game against a big rival for us," Northville first-year coach Dan Madigan said. "We came out and kind of ready to play at first, then we realized we were winning and then just tried and take our foot off the pedal a little bit. Novi kind of made a run on us at the end. Just have to stay focused for the whole game, but I think it was a good game for us."

Other noteworthy Northville performers included Charlotte Beaudoin (four goals, one assist), Ally Blough (three goals, three ground balls, six draws), Emma Dietrich (three goals), Ella Tarasi (one goal, three assists),

Elyse Miller (two goals) and Jessica Tardich (one goal, one assist).

Sophomore Katie Novell paced the Wildcats with five goals, while sophomore Emily Pringle and senior Katie McMaster added three and two, respectively.

Senior goalie Mariah Smythe posted a .600 save percentage.

"This was the smallest deficit we've ever had playing against Northville," first-year Novi coach Kaitlyn West said. "I'm quite proud of our ability to step up the game play and play so seamlessly and hang in there for the large majority of the game. We had an amazing second half and it shows Novi lacrosse is competitive."

NORTHVILLE 18, CANTON 7: Emma Dietrich poured in six goals and added two assists as the Mustangs (10-2, 5-0) clinched a least a share of their third straight Kensington Conference title May 8 at home against the Chiefs (7-7, 2-3) at Tom Holzer Field.

Northville jumped out to a 12-4 halftime lead, getting production from Ally Blough (three goals, three assists), Sarah Chase (three goals, two assists), Charlotte Beaudoin (two goals, three assists), Jessica Tardich (one goal, one assist) and Elyse Miller (one goal).

Northville goalies Kat Weissert and Ashlyn Doner combined for eight saves with five and three, respectively.

Goal scorers for Canton included Kristen Wiseman, Anna Arapoff, Megan Byars and Lauren Rippy.

Goalies Kendall Gregory and Savina Osann combined for 10 saves with six and four, respectively.

NOVI 7, WALLED LAKE UNITED 6: On May 8, the host Wildcats (8-6, 1-4) got five goals from Katie Novell in a Kensington Conference win over Walled Lake United (0-11, 0-5). Katie McMaster added a pair of goals for Novi.

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Northville's Jessica Tardich (left) looks for an opening against a Novi defender.

PREP SOFTBALL



Northville's Megan Swart slides safely into second base against Stevenson.

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Northville clinches top seed in KLAA Central

Novi falls twice to Central co-leader South Lyon

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Northville booked a spot in the Kensington Conference softball championship May 11 with a three-inning 15-0 victory over visiting Wayne Memorial.

Junior Maggie Petix was the winning pitcher for the Mustangs, who improved to 19-6 overall and won their first KLAA Central Division title since 2012 with a 12-4 record.

Megan Swart collected three hits,

while Emma Bell added two for the Mustangs, who won the tiebreaker for the top seed over South Lyon.

The loss dropped Wayne to 0-18 overall and 0-14 in the division.

Meanwhile, pitching was the name of the game May 10 as Northville swept a doubleheader at home against Livonia Stevenson.

Hannah Laurin tossed a one-hitter over seven innings while striking out seven and allowing no walks in a 5-0 win over the Spartans.

Sara Moos delivered a clutch two-run homer as the Mustangs put it away with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Moos and Hige both collected two hits for the Mustangs, while Erin Andrews had the lone hit for the Spartans.

Elisabeth McCann took the loss for Stevenson.

In Game 2, Northville rallied late for a 2-1 victory as Laurin went all seven innings, striking out 11 while allowing just two hits and two walks over seven innings.

Madi Esposito had an RBI for the Mustangs.

Losing pitcher Sarah Mesack allowed only seven hits while striking out one for Stevenson (6-13, 5-11).

SOUTH LYON 1-7, NOVI 0-5: On May 10, Lena Monteith's

two-out walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh of Game 1 spurred the host Lions (22-6, 10-4) to a KLAA Central Division sweep over the Wildcats (10-9, 8-8).

Winning pitcher Alexis Bonk went all seven innings, allowing just six hits and striking out six.

Bonk also finished with three hits, while Janie Mitchell added two. Losing pitcher Ally Cummings gave up seven hits in 6½ innings. The senior also had two hits.

In the nightcap, Monteith got the victory, going the first 6½

innings, with Bonk coming on in the top of the seventh to get the final out and the save.

Monteith allowed eight hits and struck out three, while Novi

starter Maria Gustitus took the loss, allowing 10 hits over six

innings.

Monteith drove in a pair of runs, while Kinsey Nally contributed

two hits.

Jaime Gustitus had two hits and two RBIs for the Wildcats, while

Sophie Rallis added two hits. Anna Mizerowski also added an RBI.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Hige's big day at the plate lifts Northville

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Sarah Hige belted a grand slam and drove in six runs as the Northville softball team continued its busy schedule with a 12-0 Kensington Conference crossover win May 9 at Livonia Franklin.

Hige, who went 2-for-3, also had a two-run single in the fifth inning as the Mustangs, playing their seventh game in four days, improved to 16-6 overall and 9-4 in the KLAA Central Division.

Abby Tolstyka and Alexis Koehler both added three hits, while Hannah Dygert added two in the 11-hit Northville attack.

Winning pitcher Hannah Laurin went four innings, allowing no runs on four hits. She struck out four and did not allow a walk.

The loss dropped Franklin to 6-11 overall and 4-10 in the KLAA South.

On May 8, Northville rolled to an 11-0 Kensington Conference win at Westland John Glenn.

And in the Michigan Stars Tourna-

ment the previous weekend in Grand Blanc, Northville finished 3-2, defeating Milford (12-2), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (9-1) and Ortonville Brandon (6-2), while falling to Utica Ford (1-0) and Monroe (10-6).

NOVI 18, WAYNE 0: On May 8, Maria Gustitus threw a perfect game and went 3-for-3 at the plate as the Wildcats (10-7, 8-4 KLAA Central) downed host Wayne Memorial (0-15, 0-10 KLAA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover.

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

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May 11 at Whispering Willows

Novi (168): Mike Uile, 38 (medalist); Ryan Welch, 40; Derek DuBois, 42; Chris Fisher, 43; Aakash Jajoo, 44; Alex Dickman, 45.

Northville (168): Drew Kearis, 40; Dom Marsalese, 41;

Tim Braun, 42; Mattson Heid, 43; Max Antilla, 46.

Livonia Churchill (172): John Doyle, 41; Davis

Coughlin, 43; Peyton Elkins and Max Proulx, 44 each; Aaron

Walton, 45.

Livonia Franklin (178): Trevor Van Vliet and Brandon

Tirado, 43 each; Eric Liberati and David Shoemaker, 46 each.

Dual match records: Novi, 3-0 overall; Northville, 2-0

overall.

NOVI 166, SALEM 172

May 10 at Walnut Creek C.C.

Novi scores: Ryan Welch, 38 (medalist); Mike Uile, 40;

Derek DuBois and Jason Wenner, 44 each; Trevor Angel, 45;

Niles Hartz, 53.

Salem scores: Matt Schaubberger, 42; Josh German,

43; Shaun Weidon, 44; Bryce Henderson, 45; Robbie Hermes,

45; Luke Trulock, 51.

Dual match records: Novi, 1-0 KLAA Central Division;

Salem, 1-3 KLAA Central.

PREP BASEBALL

Northville to host Armed Forces 5K charity event

Mustangs to face Lakeland, West Bloomfield on the diamond

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The Northville baseball program will once again sponsor its annual Armed Forces Day 5-kilometer run-walk beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 20, with the start and finish line at the

high school baseball field.

The registration fee for the 5K run-walk is \$35 or \$20 for military personnel and veterans. Proceeds will go to sponsor soldiers and their families including the Four Stars Military Family, Mikie's Minutes and Enlisted Heritage House organizations.

All participants will receive a T-shirt and participant medal.

Donations can also be made to support troops, including sponsor-a-box to

ship overseas (\$20); an armed forces baseball cap (\$25); or receive an armed forces baseball cap and challenge coin (\$45).

Military vehicles will be showcased and armed forces booths will be available. Following the 5K, food and beverages will be served. There will be an obstacle course and games.

The event will also feature the Northville varsity baseball team taking on White Lake Lakeland at 11 a.m., fol-

lowed by a second game against West Bloomfield at 1:30 p.m.

To register or for more information, go to www.northvillemustangsbaseball.com or <https://register.chron-track.com>.

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NOVI

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ed them," she added. "And they came together as a team and now is the best time to be doing it."

Novi also won the 3,200-meter relay, with the tandem of Josh Landy, Aric Landy, Scott McPherson and Nate Wood prevailing in just over eight minutes to comfortably defeat runner-up Churchill (8:06.17).

Rocks show stuff

But Salem also gave Novi a battle, with Alex Howie winning both shot put and discus and the Rocks garnering first in the 400-meter and 800-meter relays — with VerShawn Patrick, Mason Phillips and Andrew Davis part of each quartet.

Also part of those winning relays were Jeremiah Roberts in the 400 and Ryan Young in the 800.

Salem coach Dale Maskill said both relays broke school and P-CEP records in the process.

"And Davis, Patrick and Phillips were scorers in the 100 and 200 (dashes)," Maskill said. "They've been doing it all year. Our hurdlers had a nice day, too. We got some points from John Paul DeLa Cruz and Shariff Dyer was second behind (Canton's) Jemal (Vaunado)."

Other Salem event wins were recorded by Phillips in the long jump (22-4) and Davis in the 100 dash (11.10).

"I think we had a good day; we performed about as well as we can," Maskill said. "Novi's distance crew was just way too much for us to handle today."

"We got them on Tuesday in the dual meet, because when you sweep a dual meet, it's only nine points, but when you



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi's Nate Wood (right) and Churchill's Josh Momeyer battle for the lead in their leg of the 3,200-meter relay.

sweep in a conference meet, you're getting 24 points."

According to Churchill interim coach Jordan McClellan, who succeeded Austin, the Chargers were able to hold their emotions in check and give Novi and Salem a challenge.

"We had a lot of really great individual performances that were up in the top two today," McClellan said. "Evan Cummins was second in the long jump and fourth in the discus."

"We had a bunch of guys get through

to the finals in the 100 and 200. Dash (Dobar) ran an outstanding race in the 800 (first with a time of 1:58.53). Some of the teams that were ahead of us today we won't see at the regional next week. So I think we have a really great chance as a team to score high at that meet."

To the wire

One of Friday's standouts was Canton's Jemal Vaunado, who won both the 110- and 300-hurdle events (15.18, 39.44, respectively) and ran an impressive final leg in the closely contested 1,600 relay.

Vaunado ramped it up in time to nip Churchill's Frank LaFave at the finish line. Canton prevailed 3:26.58, with the Chargers second at 3:26.83.

Also winning for the Chiefs was pole vaulter Andrew Koenigsnecht, with a conference record 14 feet, 7.5 inches.

"He's been consistent in our dual meets," Canton head coach Jess Shough said. "We look for him to be a state qualifier. He's ranked in the state, as is Jemal."

Other individual wins were scored by Livonia Franklin's Brandon Smiley in the 200 dash (a school-record 21.92) and Livonia Stevenson's Ian Knoph in the high jump (6-5).

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET RESULTS

May 12 at Canton (P-CEP)

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 137.5 points; 2. Salem, 114; 3. Livonia Churchill, 98.75; 4. Canton, 75.75; 5. Plymouth, 53.5; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 47.75; 7. Livonia Franklin, 47; 8. Northville, 27.9; South Lyon East, 18; 10. Westland John Glenn, 17; 11. Wayne Memorial, 14; 12. South Lyon, 11.75.

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Alex Howie (Salem), 50 feet, 3 inches; 2. Reggie Michaux (WM), 47-0; 3. Bobby Madley (LF), 46-7; 4. Ben Dietrich (LC), 44-1; 5. Mike McCarthy (SLE), 43-1; 6. (tie) James Deese (Canton), 42-7; 7. Asa Hassan (SL), 42-4; 8. Andy Mattison (SL), 40-4; 9. Jordan Castleberry (Novi), 37-2; 4. Evan Cummins (LC), 133-0; 5. Ryan McKee (SLE), 132-2; 6. Deese (Canton), 129-9; 7. Robert Florence (Phy), 121-7; 8. Reggie Michaux (WM), 119-3.

High jump: 1. Ian Knoph (LS), 6-5; 2. Connor Bush (Phy), 6-4; 3.

Cameron Grace (Salem), 6-3; 4. Scott Sawyer (Novi), 6-1; 5. (tie) Cameron Kight (Phy), Andrew White (Novi), 5-11; 7. (tie) Aaron Simmon (LS), Jordan Forney (Canton), Branton Blackwell (SL), Cummins (LC), Jaren Carble (LC), Christopher Kight (Canton), Caleb Smith (Phy), Caleb Sheehan (N'ville), Alec Hopkins (N'ville), Josh Travis (SL), 5-9.

Long jump: 1. Mason Phillips (Salem), 22-4; 2. Cummins (LC), 21-4; 3. Martell Dooley (LC), 20-11; 25; 4. Grace (Salem), 20-2; 5. Kevin Colangelo (LC), 20-0; 6. Brendan Ireland (Novi), 19-8.75; 7. Aaron Simmon (LS), 19-5; 8. Jacob Kast (LF), 19-2.75.

Pole vault: 1. Andrew Koenigsnecht (Canton), 14-7.5; 2. Scott Sawyer (Novi), 13-6; 3. Collin Bowersox (LS), 13-0; 4. Cody Tapp (Salem), 12-9; 5. Chuck Carey (Canton), 12-6; 6. Logan Delons (LS), 12-0; 7. (tie) Joey Villalosa (SL), Austin Sheppard (Salem), Calvin Vos (Phy), 11-6.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Jemal Vaunado (Canton), 15.18; 2. Malcolm Caldwell (Phy), 15.39; 3. Evan Marini (LS), 16.14; 4. John Stefan (Novi), 16.16; 5. Hunter Joy (Novi), 16.56; 6. Logan Leimbach (Canton), 16.59; 7. John Paul DeLa Cruz (Salem), 16.92; 8. Marcus Martin (LF), 26.09.

300 hurdles: 1. Vaunado (Canton), 39.44; 2. Shariff Dyer (Salem), 39.97; 3. Jacob Waranaukas (SLE), 41.01; 4. Montel Lewis (WIG), 42.21; 5. Joy (Novi), 42.66; 6. Jake Kaupp (LS), 42.67; 7. Brendan Ireland (Novi), 43.09; 8. Alvin Li (Novi), 43.09.

100 dash: 1. Andrew Davis (Salem), 11.10; 2. Jemal Allen (LC), 11.20; 3. Nathan Hankerson (Novi), 11.28; 4. Deon Pitchford (LC), 11.32; 5. LaDarius Sharp (LS), 11.35; 6. (tie) Michael Mathias (Phy), Sean Pitcher (Novi), 11.59; 8. VerShawn Patrick (Salem), 11.64.

200: 1. Brandon Smiley (LF), 21.92; 2. Mason Phillips (Salem), 22.09; 3. Davis (Salem), 22.37; 4. Christian Bagnall (LF), 22.47; 5. Nigel Smith (LC), 22.73; 6. Hankerson (Novi), 22.79; 7. Deon Pitchford (LC), 23.44.

400: 1. Anthony D'Annibale (Novi), 49.70; 2. Jared Tarrance (WIG), 49.86; 3. Dirk Thornhill (Canton), 50.38; 4. Caleb Moraw (Canton), 50.77; 5. Khalil Pasha (LF), 51.38; 6. Josh Momeyer (LC), 52.09; 7. Nolan Knight (N'ville), 53.04; 8. Srikan Komanduri (Canton), 53.27.

800: 1. Dash Dobar (LC), 1:58.53; 2. Nathaniel Wood (Novi), 1:58.79; 3. Scott MacPherson (Novi), 1:59.80; 4. Frank LaFave (LC), 2:00.41; 5. Blake Maday (Novi), 2:00.97; 6. Derek Skaff (Salem), 2:01.91; 7. Ben Griffith (LS), 2:02.17; 8. Alex Poe (Canton), 2:03.04.

1,600: 1. Scott MacPherson (Novi), 4:23.00; 2. Nicholas Cypourjian (N'ville), 4:24.62; 3. Ethan Byrnes (Phy), 4:25.61; 4. Gabriel Mudel (Novi), 4:27.66; 5. John Landy (Novi), 4:30.06; 6. Brandon Boyd (Phy), 4:32.11; 7. Dobar (LC), 4:32.57; 8. Carter Solomon (Phy), 4:32.73.

3,200: 1. Mudel (Novi), 9:35.78; 2. Byrnes (Phy), 9:38.83; 3. Jack Balint (LS), 9:42.13; 4. Solomon (Phy), 9:44.98; 5. Tyler Opydyke (LC), 9:48.81; 6. Ben Czaczak (N'ville), 9:50.81; 7. Luke Haran (Salem), 9:52.41; 8. Trey Mullins (Novi), 9:53.38.

400 relay: 1. Salem (VerShawn Patrick, Mason Phillips, Jeremiah Roberts, Andrew Davis), 42.85; 2. Novi, 42.98; 3. Franklin, 43.03; 4. Churchill, 44.02; 5. Northville, 45.31; 6. Canton, 45.47; 7. S.L. East, 45.98; 8. South Lyon, 46.08.

800 relay: 1. Salem (Patrick, Phillips, Ryan Young, Davis), 1:29.21; 2. Franklin, 1:29.21; 3. Churchill, 1:29.42; 4. Canton, 1:30.70; 5. Novi, 1:31.90; 6. Northville, 1:34.30; 7. Wayne, 1:34.55; 8. S.L. East, 1:37.39.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw, Srikan Komanduri, Jemal Vaunado), 3:26.58; 2. Churchill, 3:26.83; 3. Franklin, 3:31.02; 4. Novi, 3:33.64; 5. Salem, 3:35.67; 6. Wayne, 3:35.89; 7. Northville, 3:36.26; 8. S.L. East, 3:40.44.

3,200 relay: 1. Novi (Josh Landy, Aric Landy, Scott McPherson, Nate Wood), 8:00.96; 2. Churchill, 8:06.17; 3. Plymouth, 8:15.62; 4. Northville, 8:16.14; 5. Stevenson, 8:20.15; 6. Salem, 8:25.08; 7. John Glenn, 8:32.00; 8. Canton, 8:33.07.

NORTHVILLE

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chill's Gabrielle Swider (5:02.30), Harp (5:02.71) and Barrott (5:02.72).

"At the 200, I just knew I had to go," Eckenroth said. "I had a lot of energy and I said, 'I just have to do this.' It's my last conference meet, so I was really excited."

Northville essentially clinched the meet when Eckenroth (11:01.19), Barrott (11:02.24) and Harp (11:02.36) went one-two-three in the 3,200. That enabled the Mustangs to put some distance between themselves and Plymouth.

"For the (3,200), we all stuck together, the three of us," Eckenroth said. "We knew we needed the points to help our team win the meet, because it was super-close. Some things went our way, some things didn't, but we pulled it through. It went well and I'm really proud of everyone on the team for doing their job and working hard together here."

Plymouth stayed right on Northville's heels until the 3,200, when the Mustangs used a 24-3 point scoring advantage.

"They're very talented in the distance, they've always been," Plymouth coach Ricky Styes said. "You look at their cross country performance over the past five years. We knew they were going to be hard to beat, just with the points they were going to score in the (1,600) and (3,200). But I was really proud of what my girls did today. We kept things interesting and close. We had a lot of girls P.R. today and we told them just put your best times out there and the score will work itself out."

The Northville coaching staff was seen constantly checking the team standings as the meet wore on.

"We were down going into that (3,200) and we knew that," Northville co-coach Jack Dalton said. "We knew it would be a tough match with Plymouth, Salem and Churchill today."

"It was nice because we can count on those three kids. Cayla is a senior. She's been pretty reliable. And Ana Barrott and Olivia (Harp) ... can't say enough about those kids. I think they benefit from each other training together every day. The three really work well together. Their plan was to work together and pull away about halfway through, which they did."

Northville put an exclamation point on the victory by taking the 1,600 relay, as Abby Dunn, Savannah Manley, Yasmine Affes and Clare McNamara were clocked in 4:02.50.

McNamara, just a freshman, was the conference long jump champion with a school-record leap of 17 feet, 11 inches.



BRAD EMONS
The Northville girls track and field squad won its fifth straight Kensington Conference crown.

She was also runner-up in the 400 (57.47), behind only Plymouth senior standout Rylen Draper, who set a meet record in 54.97.

"There were a lot of surprises," Dalton said. "Barbara Davis did really well in the discus (second). She did a lot better than she was seeded. High jump, we scored more points with Lauren Lambert (seventh) and Emma Sheehan (eighth) than we were anticipating. Emma Smith came up big in the 800. The 400, we did really well. Clare McNamara has been 'on' all season long. Going 57 seconds for a freshman ... she's going to be a lot of fun to watch the next three years. Our 4 by 100 (relay) also came up big. Just across the board, really. We had had a few things that didn't go our way, but overall, really some pleasant surprises."

Draper, headed to Bowling Green, set a meet record in the 400, eclipsing the mark of 55.18 set last year by Northville's Chloe Abbott (Purdue).

Meanwhile, Plymouth's 400 relay team of Erin Bradley, Paige Sanders, Delia Brennan took first (49.80), while the Wildcats' 800 relay foursome of Sanders, Faith Washington and the Draper sisters was also victorious (1:40.89).

Plymouth's Natalie Janke tied for first in the pole vault (10-9 each) with

Churchill's Cate Visccher.

"This is our highest finish and we're pretty happy," Styes said. "We've never been second. We have some special, talented girls that helped us get first place in some events. And a lot of gritty performances of getting fifths, sixths and sevenths ... it does add up a lot. Total team effort."

The Chargers' 3,200 relay team of Christina Murphy, Caroline George, Megan Gendjar and Swider, who was battling a stress injury, won in 9:19.85. Swider, a state placer (seventh) last year, was held out for precautionary reasons in her specialty, the 800, in lieu of Friday's MHSAA Division 1 regional meet at Canton.

Senior Takiya Bradley accounted for 24 points individually for Churchill, with first in the 300 hurdles (46.56), second in the 100 hurdles (15.31) and third in the 200 (25.30).

"Takiya was stellar today," Rivera said. "We had some worries with all the races she had to do. She was in the 200 semis and the 100 hurdles semis and she came on just as Bradley does. She's been stellar for us all year, never falters."

Another one of the meet's individual standouts was Wayne Memorial senior sprinter Anavia Battle, who took first in the 100 (11.85) and 200 (meet-record

24.09).

Other individual conference champions included Haven Essien (Salem), 100 hurdles (14.85); Emily Lauzon (Livonia Stevenson), 800 (2:20.80); Makayla Ward (Salem), high jump (5-2); Lyniah Wilson (Salem), shot put (37-10); and Emma Hammelef (Novi), discus (109-9).

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET RESULTS

May 12 at Canton (CEP)

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 130 points; 2. Plymouth, 104.33; 3. Livonia Churchill, 94.33; 4. Salem, 76; 5. Novi, 70; 6. Wayne Memorial, 41; 7. Canton, 38; 8. Livonia Franklin, 34; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 27.33; 10. Westland John Glenn, 17; 11. (tie) South Lyon and South Lyon East, 15 each.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Lyniah Wilson (Salem), 37 feet, 10 inches; 2. Emma Hammelef (Novi), 37-2; 3. Ashley Michaux (WM), 33-10; 4. Daietta Robinson-Oden (WM), 33-3; 5. Alexis Browning (LF), 32-5; 6. Jenna Sydlowski (Salem), 32-0; 7. Sydney McCaig (Phy), 31-11; 8. Sarah Ismail (N'ville), 31-8.

Discus: 1. Hammelef (Novi), 109-9; 2. Barbara Davis (N'ville), 107-0; 3. Ashley Reibain (LC), 103-2; 4. Browning (LF), 101-10; 5. Anna Lauber (LF), 100-7; 6. Rachel Lepper (Salem), 99-5; 7. Alexandra Johnson (Salem), 98-9.

High jump: 1. Makayla Ward (Salem), 5-2; 2. Hannah Hood-Baxill (Novi), 5-2; 3. Lily Mueller (SL), 5-1; 4. Ryan Sparks (Canton), 5-1; 5. Kate Prisky (Novi), 5-1; 6. Kennedy Chastang (Phy), 5-1; 7. Lauren Lambert (N'ville), 5-0; 8. Emma Sheehan (N'ville), 4-10.

Long jump: 1. Clare McNamara (N'ville), 17-11; 2. Haven Essien (Salem), 17-9; 3. Paige Sanders (Phy), 16-9; 4. Ward (Salem), 16-7; 5. Mikaela Hille (LF), 16-6; 6. Sommer Isley (Novi), 16-5; 7. Amanda Radke (Phy), 15-8; 8. Imani Mouttrie (LC), 15-6; 75.

Pole vault: 1. (tie) Cate Visccher (LC) and Natalie Janke (Phy), 10-9 each; 3. (tie) Natalie Yurgill (LC), Hammelef (Novi), 10-6 each; 5. (tie) Daryn Lobingier (N'ville), Emily Caragay (Phy), Victoria Faber, 10-0 each; 8. Elise Daniel (N'ville), 9-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Essier (Salem), 14.85; 2. Takiya Bradley (LC), 15.31; 3. Michaux (WM), 15.4; 4. Brittany Moeller (Novi), 16.62; 5. Kayla Dudek (Phy), 16.82; 6. Ward (Salem), 16.90; 7. Allison Range (Phy), 17.25.

300 hurdles: 1. Bradley (LC), 46.56; 2. Taylor Stone (Novi), 47.55; 3. Sparks (Canton), 48.04; 4. Danielle Booth (SL), 48.27; 5. Jada Sabir (Canton), 48.56; 6. Moeller (Novi), 48.58; 7. Kayla Dudek (Phy), 49.19; 8. Gabby Chouinard (Phy), 49.20.

100 dash: 1. Anavia Battle (WM), 11.85; 2. Reghan Draper (Phy), 12.36; 3. Alana Oshevska (WIG), 12.48; 4. Kayla Savage (Novi), 12.55; 5. Tiffanie Hollingsworth (SLE), 12.62; 6. Paige Sanders (Phy), 12.73; 7. Erin McCallum (N'ville), 13.01; 8. Lauren Marshall (N'ville), 13.02.

200: 1. Battle (WM), 24.09 (meet record); 2. Ryan Draper (Phy), 24.55; 3. Bradley (LC), 25.30; 4. Jada Sabir (Canton), 25.69; 5. Reghan Draper (Phy), 25.87; 6. Hollingsworth (SLE), 26.20; 7. Yasmine Affes (N'ville), 26.66; 8. Faith Washington (Phy), did not start.

400: 1. Ryan Draper (Phy), 54.97 (meet record); 2. McNamara (N'ville), 57.47; 3. Affes (N'ville), 59.14; 4. Donae Adams (Canton), 59.20; 5. Savannah Manley (N'ville), 1:00.70; 6. Washington (Phy), 1:01.70; 8. Hille (LF), 1:02.15.

800: 1. Emily Lauzon (LS), 2:20.80; 2. Lexi Jenkins (LS), 2:24.30; 3. Megan Gendjar (LC), 2:25.80; 4. Ana White (Phy), 2:26.50; 5. Jessica Leigh (WM), 2:28.30; 6. Olivia Masse (N'ville), 2:28.60; 7. Emma Smith (N'ville), 2:29.50; 8. Hannah Jeffers (Salem), 2:29.70.

1,600: 1. Cayla Eckenroth (N'ville), 5:01.56; 2. Gabrielle Swider (LC), 5:02.30; 3. Olivia Harp (N'ville), 5:02.51; 4. Ana Barrott (N'ville), 5:02.72; 5. Erin Seibert (LF), 5:16.00; 6. Kathleen George (LC), 5:18.04; 7. Katherine Ray (Novi), 5:24.15; 8. Christina Murphy (LC), 5:28.79.

3,200: 1. Eckenroth (N'ville), 11:01.19; 2. Barrott (N'ville), 11:02.24; 3. Harp (N'ville), 11:02.36; 4. K. George (LC), 11:25.17; 5. Murphy (LC), 11:46.89; 6. Annie Bonds (Phy), 11:48.67; 7. Seibert (LF), 11:53.51; 8. Ray (Novi), 11:58.30.

400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Erin Bradley, Sanders, Delia Brennan, Reghan Draper), 49.80; 2. Salem, 50.28; 3. John Glenn, 51.03; 4. Northville, 51.52; 5. Novi, 51.70; 6. Franklin, 52.11; 7. S.L. East, 52.26; 8. Stevenson, 53.46.

800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Sanders, Washington, Reghan Draper, Ryan Draper), 1:40.89; 2. Northville, 1:44.21; 3. Salem, 1:45.90; 4. John Glenn, 1:47.22; 5. Churchill, 1:48.33; 6. S.L. East, 1:49.24; 7. Novi, 1:50.49; 8. Franklin, 1:52.65.

1,600 relay: 1. Northville (Abby Dunn, Manley, Affes, McNamara), 4:02.50; 2. Canton, 4:10.37; 3. Churchill, 4:14.59; 4. Franklin, 4:15.48; 5. South Lyon, 4:17.28; 6. Plymouth, 4:17.77; 7. Salem, 4:17.77; 8. Salem, 4:22.25.

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Murphy, Caroline George, Gendjar, Swider), 9:19.85; 2. Northville, 9:22.45; 3. Stevenson, 9:42.89; 4. Salem, 9:49.18; 5. Plymouth, 10:17.83; 6. Canton, 10:41.14; 7. S.L. East, 10:43.11; 8. Novi, 11:13.05.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw, Srikan Komanduri, Jemal Vaunado), 3:26.58; 2. Churchill, 3:26.83; 3. Franklin, 3:31.02; 4. Novi, 3:33.64; 5. Salem, 3:35.67; 6. Wayne, 3:35.89; 7. Northville, 3:36.26; 8. S.L. East, 3:40.44.

3,200 relay: 1. Novi (Josh Landy, Aric Landy, Scott McPherson, Nate Wood), 8:00.96; 2. Churchill, 8:06.17; 3. Plymouth, 8:15.62; 4. Northville, 8:16.14; 5. Stevenson, 8:20.15; 6. Salem, 8:25.08; 7. John Glenn, 8:32.00; 8. Canton, 8:33.07.

400 relay: 1. Salem (VerShawn Patrick, Mason Phillips, Jeremiah Roberts, Andrew

PREP TRACK

Northville girls cap off 5-0 dual season

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Northville capped off another unbeaten KLAA Central Division girls track and field campaign May 9 by winning its fifth straight dual meet title with a 109-28 win at South Lyon East.

The Mustangs, who finished 5-0, won all but three events.

Among the individual winners were Sara Ismail, shot put (31 feet, 7 inches); Emma Sheehan, high jump (5-0); Clare McNamara, long jump (17-4); Daryn Lobingier, pole vault (6-6); Sinyu Yang, 100-meter hurdles (17.98); Abby Dunn, 300 hurdles (49.29); Lauren Marshall, 100 dash (12.02); Yasmine Affes, 400 (59.88); Cayla Eckenroth, 800 (2:20.65); Olivia Harp, 3,200 (5:19.77); and Katie Chevoor, 3,200 (11:43.48).

Northville's 400 (51.59), 800 (1:46.81) and 3,200 (9:32.19) relay teams were also victorious.

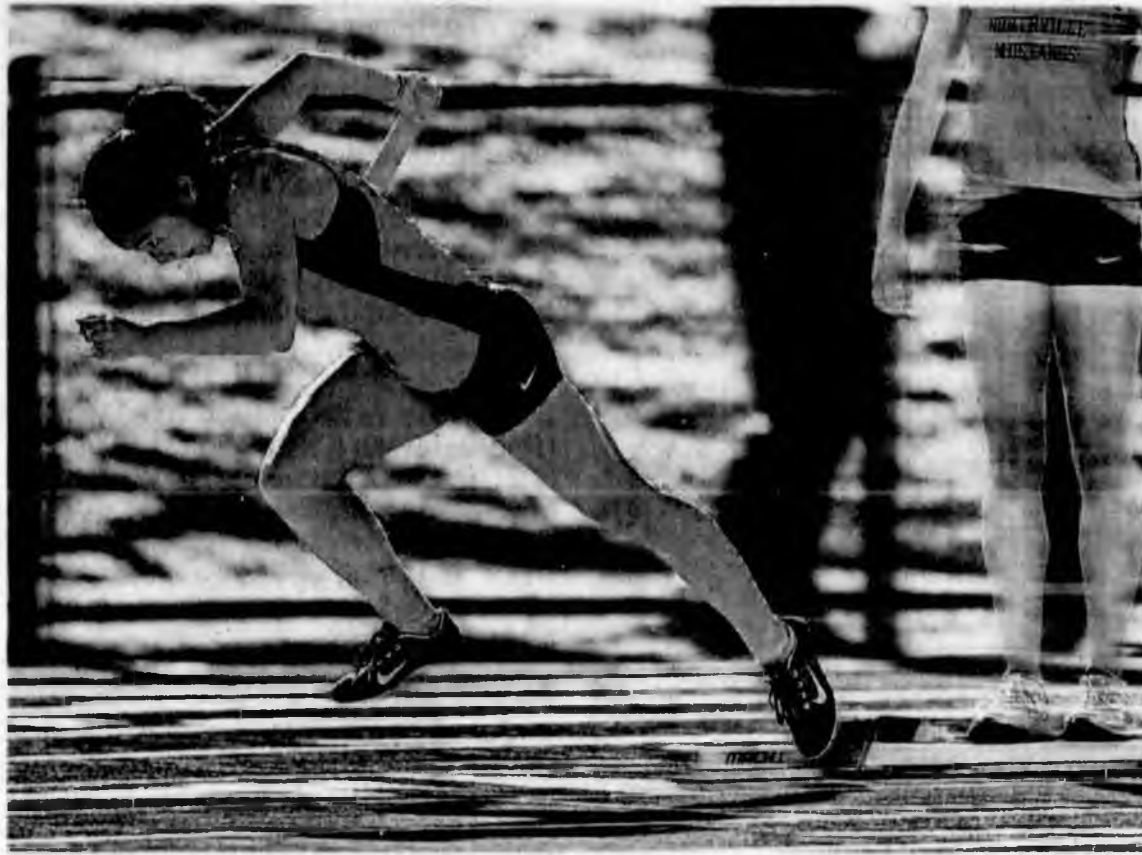
"I was really happy with the way our kids competed," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "We had a few girls hit some big regional additional qualifying times with Emily Assemany, Emma Smith and Olivia Masse in the 800, along with Katie Chevoor and Kayleigh Line in the 3,200."

East (1-4) got individual wins from Jessalyn Smith in the discus (129-7) and Tiffanie Hollingsworth in the 200 (26.41).

The Cougars also captured the 1,600 relay (4:08.71).

Northville boys 3-2

Ben Cracraft took a pair of wins as the Mustangs concluded their KLAA



Northville's Claire Wan sprints out of the blocks against South Lyon East.

Central Division boys dual meet season May 9 with a 3-2 record after a 113-24 win over the Cougars (0-5).

Cracraft, headed to the U.S. Naval Academy, swept the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs with times of 4:43.48 and 10:34.57, respectively.

Individual first-place finishers for the Mustangs included Alec Hopkins, high jump (6-0); Caleb Sheehan, long jump (19-1); Kevin Morris, pole vault

(10-0); Ben Shuart, 110 hurdles (16.65); Jacob Pichler, 300 hurdles (44.29); Benair Covington, 100 dash (11.22); Giuliano Daniel, 200 (23.65); Nolan Knight, 400 (52.47); and Nicholas Couyoumjian, 800 (2:00.6).

"We had a host of boys break five minutes in the 1,600, which is a great achievement for those kids," Dalton said.

Northville also won the 400 (45.39),



Northville's Keven Morris clears 10 feet in the pole vault.

1,600 (3:34.84) and 3,200 (9:06.19) relays.

First-place finishers for East (0-5) included Mike McCarthy in the shot put (43-1.5) and Brendan DeWitt in discus (125-3).

The Cougars were also first in the 800 relay (1:36.78).

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GIRLS TENNIS

Mustangs gallop to seventh straight KLAA crown

Mustangs capture six flights;
Novi takes second place

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State-ranked Northville held serve Saturday, earning its seventh consecutive Kensington Lakes Activities Association 'A' girls tennis tournament by scoring 33 points.

Host Novi was runner-up among the 12-school field with 24 points. Grand Blanc (19), Plymouth (14) and Walled Lake Northern (11) rounded out the top five.

Northville, the 2015 MHSAA Division 1 state champion and last year's state runner-up, captured four of five doubles flights and added two singles titles en route to the championship.

In the featured singles match at No. 1, Plymouth's top seed Jessica Braun defeated Northville's Shanoli Kumar in straight sets, 6-4, 7-6 (7-0 tiebreaker).

"Shanoli played very well, but Jessica was in the zone," Northville coach Linda Jones said. "We thought that Shanoli would come through and win that second set, taking that match to the third full set, but Jessica had a different plan, which was to finish this match in straight sets."

At No. 2 singles, Northville's Joanne Gao defeated Grand Blanc's Ava Dunlap for the title in a three-setter, 6-2, 2-6, 6-0. Gao, headed to Saginaw Valley State, won her first two matches, allowing just one game.

Grand Blanc's Loren Nelson captured the No. 3 singles flight when she won by default over Northville's Renee Torres.

And in an all-freshman final at No. 4 singles, Northville's Tori Mady out-



The Northville girls tennis team earned its third straight KLAA 'A' tournament title.

lasted Grand Blanc's Lucy Burau in three sets, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

"We look forward to watch these two very closely over the next three years to see how they improve and compete on the court," Jones said.

In doubles, Northville defeated Novi in straight sets en route to winning the first four flights, getting titles from Serena Wang and Sophie Zhuang (No. 1); Maya Mulchandani and Neha Chava (No. 2); Connie Gao and Andrea Nam (No. 3); and Alexadria Petix and Madison DeYoung (No. 4).

Novi's Scarlett Chen and Elizabeth Yang broke the Mustangs' domination at No. 5 with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Jillian Ickes and Aidan Torres.

"We expect to see a lot more of Chen

and Yang, both freshman for Novi, in the coming years," Jones said. "Overall, it was a very good day."

KLAA 'A' GIRLS TENNIS TOURNEY

May 13 at Novi H.S. & Novi M.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 33 points; 2. Novi, 24; 3. Grand Blanc, 19; 4. Plymouth, 14; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 11; 6. (tie) Brighton, Hartland and Hardand, 6 each; 9. Canton, 5; 10. Walled Lake Central, 2; 12. Walled Lake Western, 0.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS
No. 1 singles: Jessica Braun (Ply.) defeated Shanoli Kumar (N'ville), 6-3, 7-6 (7-0). No. 2: Joanne Gao (N'ville) def. Ava Dunlap (GB), 6-2, 2-6, 6-0. No. 3: Loren Nelson (GB) won by default over Renee Torres (N'ville). No. 4: Tori Mady (N'ville) def. Lucy Burau (GB), 3-6, 6-1, 3-6.

No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Sophie Zhuang (N'ville) def. Jessica Lytk-Ashley Zhou (Novi), 6-0, 6-3. No. 2: Maya Mulchandani-Neha Chava (N'ville) def. Alexis Malecki-Katie Valade (Novi), 6-2, 6-3. No. 3: Connie Gao-Andrea Nam (N'ville) def. Teja Mogesala-Brittany O'Connell (Novi), 6-3, 6-2. No. 4: Alexadria Petix-Madison DeYoung (N'ville) def. Sasha Tretyakova-Alexis Felcher (Novi), 6-0, 6-0. No. 5: Scarlett Chen-Elizabeth Yang (Novi) def. Jillian Ickes-Aidan Torres (N'ville), 6-2, 6-4.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 7, NOVI 1
May 10 at Grosse Pointe South
No. 1 singles: Maddie Paslucci (GPS) defeated Jamie Fu, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Laurel Sullivan (GPS) def. Jordana Krstovski, 6-3, 6-3. No. 3: Gigi Bonnell (GPS) def. Katie Xie, 6-2, 6-2. No. 4: Michelle Wang (N) def. Alex Walz, 4-6, 6-4 (10-7 super-breaker).
No. 1 doubles: Lauren Somerville-Audrey Doherty (GPS) def. Jessica Lytk-Ashley Zhou, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Jade Shepherd-Kate Cavagan (GPS) def. Alexis Malecki-Katie Valade, 6-3, 6-1. No. 3: Rachel Harris-Kaitlin Hovvits (GPS) def. Teja Mogesala-Brittany O'Connell, 6-3, 6-3. No. 4: Sarah Ashkar-Maddie Hurley (GPS) def. Alexis Felcher-Ria Joshi, 6-2, 6-1.
Novi's dual match record: 8-3 overall.

NORTHVILLE 7, PLYMOUTH 2

May 9 at Northville H.S.
No. 1 singles: Jessica Braun (P) defeated Shanoli Kumar, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6). No. 2: Allie Zhang (P) won by default over Joanne Gao. No. 3: Renee Torres (N) def. Kara Hug, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Tori Mady (N) def. Allie Baker, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Sophie Zhuang (N) def. Olivia Schaffer-Alayna Stults, 6-2, 6-0. No. 2: Neha Chava-Maya Mulchandani (N) def. Arwa Harawala-Mansi Sharma, 6-2, 6-0. No. 3: Connie Gao-Andrea Nam (N) def. Lauren Merkel-Meera Patel, 6-0, 6-1. No. 4: Alexadria Petix-Madison DeYoung (N) def. Tami Sharma-Laial Baltaji, 6-0, 6-0. No. 5: Jillian Ickes-Aidan Torres (N) def. Grace Loccopelli-Richa Javkar, 6-0, 6-2.
Dual match records: Northville, 8-0-1 overall; Plymouth, 7-3 overall.

NOVI 9, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0

May 9 at Novi
No. 1 singles: Jamie Fu (N) defeated Yasmeen Highmet, 6-1, 6-0. No. 2: Jordana Krstovski (N) def. Eva Muller, 6-1, 6-1. No. 3: Katie Xie (N) def. Megan Anthony, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Michelle Wang (N) def. Veronica McAuliffe, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Jessica Lytk-Ashley Zhou (N) def. Hailey Quinn-Halley Griffin, 6-1, 6-2. No. 2: Katie Valade-Ria Joshi (N) def. Grace Matthews-Angela Nelson, 6-1, 6-1. No. 3: Teja Mogesala-Brittany O'Connell (N) def. Sophia Cueva-Alyson Brumm, 6-1, 6-1. No. 4: Alexis Felcher-Sasha Tretyakova (N) def. Stephanie Cueva-Elaine Horner, 6-0, 6-0. No. 5: Scarlett Chen-Elizabeth Yang (N) def. Molly Michaelian-Chloe Heckman, 6-2, 6-1.
Dual match records: Novi, 8-2 overall; Franklin, 4-4 overall.

NORTHVILLE 9, GRAND BLANC 0

May 8 at Northville
No. 1 singles: Shanoli Kumar (N) defeated Kayla Grundy, 6-1, 6-0. No. 2: Joanne Gao (N) def. Ava Dunlap, 6-1, 6-4. No. 3: Renee Torres (N) def. Loren Nelson, 6-4, 6-3. No. 4: Tori Mady (N) def. Lucy Burau, 6-1, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Serena Wang-Sophie Zhuang (N) def. Sydney Lushin-Lily Yang, 6-1, 6-0. No. 2: Neha Chava-Maya Mulchandani (N) def. McKenzie Borg-Erma Alexander, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3: Connie Gao-Andrea Nam (N) won by default. No. 4: Alexadria Petix-Madison DeYoung (N) def. Cammi Lucia-Ashley Trinidad, 6-2, 6-0. No. 5: Jillian Ickes-Aidan Torres (N) def. Emily MacDonald-Cameron Silverton, 6-0, 6-1.
Dual match records: Northville, 7-0-1 overall; Grand Blanc, 6-2 overall.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Novi deals its Livonia Stevenson first defeat of season, 3-1

Northville rolls over Dearborn
in non-league game, 9-1

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Novi kept its KLAA Central Division girls soccer title hopes afloat May 11 by rallying from an early deficit to beat first-place Livonia Stevenson, 3-1.

The No. 4-ranked Spartans (13-1-2, 6-1-2), who suffered their first setback of the season, jumped out to a 1-0 lead with 36:05 left in the first half, when Sarah Dressing scored off a corner kick.

Ten minutes later, host Stevenson missed a chance to go up 2-0 when Audrey Kopitz was unable to convert a penalty kick.

That opened the door for the No. 15 Wildcats (8-3-3, 6-3), who made it 1-1 at intermission on Julia Stadtherr's goal, assisted by Gracie Backus, with 25:38

left. Freshman Avery Fenchel scored what proved to be the game-winner with 26:01 remaining in the match off an assist from Jessie Bandyk.

Lexi Whalen put it away for Novi with another goal with 15:23 to play, assisted by Michelle Jecmen.

"It was a great team effort and win tonight," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "The girls have been playing some great soccer this week and I am very proud of the teamwork and discipline they have displayed."

Goalie Callie Rich made five saves for the Wildcats, who outshot Stevenson 8-6.

"Stevenson is a very good team and is very well-coached," Pfeiffer said. "It is always tough to play a team of their caliber on their home field and come away with a win, but the girls did a great job tonight of keeping their composure and capitalizing on the opportunities they created."

NORTHVILLE 9, DEARBORN 1: Xavier University-bound Sydney Schembri notched a hat trick Friday, leading the host Mustangs (8-6-3) to a non-conference mercy rule win over the Pioneers (9-8).

Tara Beason, who added two goals, scored with 12:39 remaining to end the match. Haley Brass and Erica Toupin both added a goal and assist, while single goal scorers for the Mustangs included Roan Haines and Lauren Sibley.

Sarah Noonan also had two assists, while other assists went to Abby Gardiner, Karina Moore and Chelsea Edgar.

Dearborn, which defeated Northville last year, 1-0, got a second-half goal from Grace Doran after trailing 5-0 at intermission.

NORTHVILLE 7, SOUTH LYON EAST 0: Tara Beason scored a pair of goals May 11, lifting the Mustangs (7-6-3, 5-3-1) to a lopsided KLAA Central Division triumph over South Lyon East (1-9-4, 0-9).

Megan Williams and Megan Kryger both contributed a goal and two assists. Single goal scorers included Karina Moore, Jordin Rickard and Sydney Schembri, while assists went to Lauren Sibley and Sarah Noonan.

Goalkeeper Ellie Thalman made four saves to post the shutout. **NOVI 5, SALEM 0:** Sophomore Jessie Bandyk collected one goal and two assists May 9 as host Wildcats (7-3-3, 5-3) moved into a second place tie in the KLAA Central Division with a victory over the Rocks at Meadows Stadium.

Freshman Avery Fenchel also chipped in two goals for Novi. The Wildcats jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Bandyk (from Grace Backus) with 25:23 left, followed by Fenchel's first of the night from Bandyk just 24 seconds later.

With 26:44 left in the match, Fenchel made it 3-0, assisted by Bandyk, followed by Julia Stadtherr's goal from Leah Kiura with 18:16 remaining.

Vera Razburgaj's unassisted goal with 7:22 to go put an exclamation point on the victory. Novi goalkeeper Callie Rich posted two saves to earn the shutout.

The Rocks, who were outshot 12-2, slipped to 5-3-4 overall and 4-1-3 in the Central (15 points).

NORTHVILLE 3, SOUTH LYON 0: Goalkeepers Carlie Castiglione and Ellie Thalman combined for seven saves May 8 as the Mustangs (6-6-3, 4-3-1) earned a KLAA Central Division victory over the host Lions (4-6-2, 2-6).

Castiglione had two saves, while Thalman added five to post the shutout.

Northville jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the 14th minute on Sydney Schembri's goal off a cross from Sarah Noonan. With 9:26 to go in the half, Roan Haines converted a corner kick from Kendall Dillon to make it 2-0.

The Mustangs added an insurance goal with 24 minutes to play in the match, when Megan Williams converted a penalty kick after Noonan was taken down in the box.

"We're playing a lot better the second half of the season and we're getting more scoring opportunities, so we're hoping to build some momentum," Northville coach Eric Brucker said.

The loss dropped South Lyon to 4-6-2 overall and 2-6 in the KLAA Central.

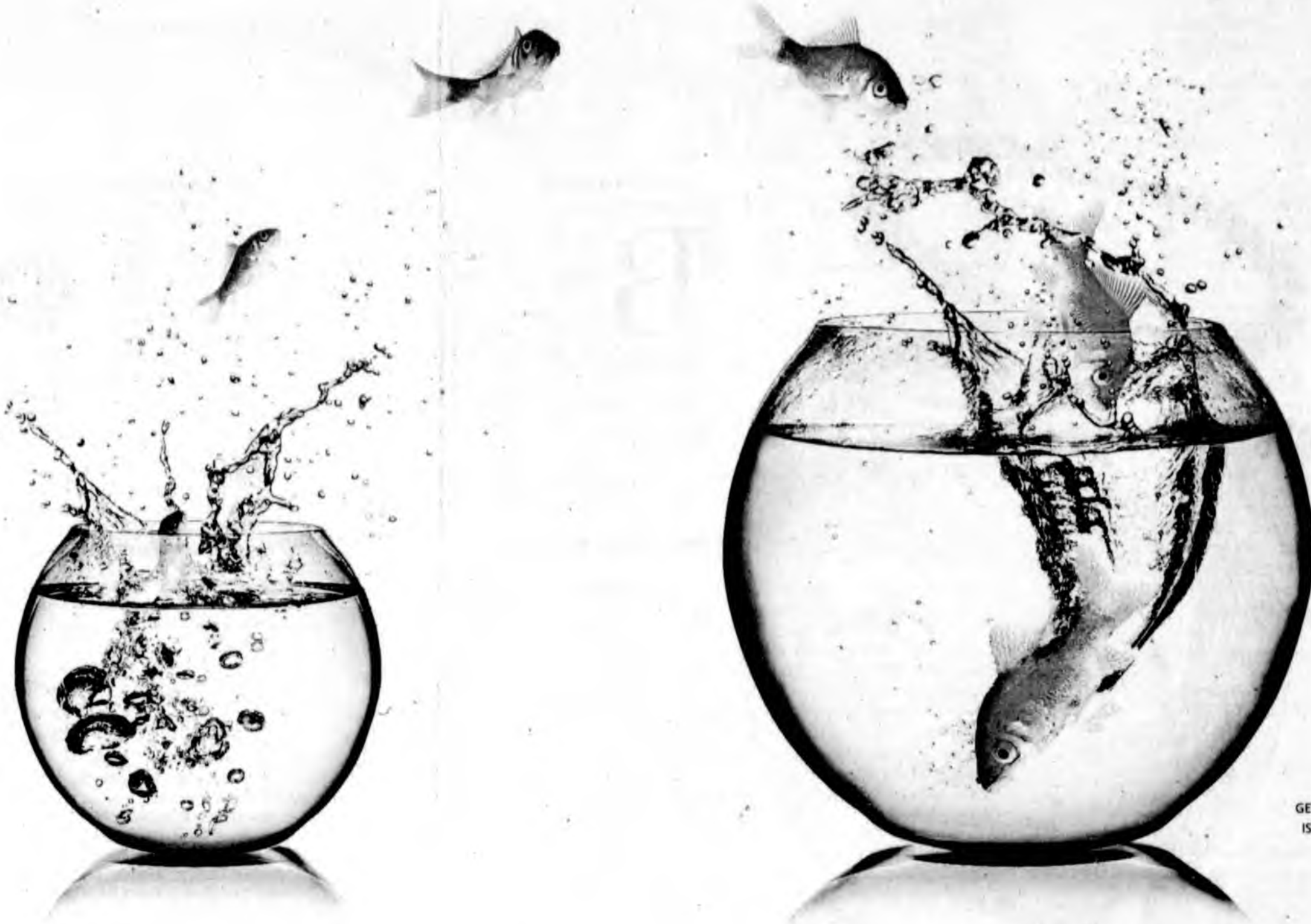
STEVENSON 5, SOUTH LYON EAST 0: Audrey Kopitz scored a natural hat trick May 9 as state-ranked Livonia Stevenson (13-0-3, 6-0-2) solidified its hold on first place in the KLAA Central Division with victory at South Lyon East (1-8-4, 0-8).

The Spartans, who outshot East 28-3, led 2-0 at halftime on goals by Sarah Dressing (from Abby Werthman) and Meredith Hage (from Sarah Monte) in the 33rd and 39th minutes, respectively.

Kopitz, who now has 20 on the season, scored the next three in the 45th, 53rd and 57th minutes as Kayla Gaciach assisted on two, while Hage got the assist on the fourth.

It was Stevenson's 10th shutout of the season, with MacKenzie Fifer, Haley Demers and Ashley Kasper teaming for the clean sheet.

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WHY JOB HOPPING CAN HURT YOUR RETIREMENT

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Millennials have built a reputation for job hopping. Linked-In recently ran an analysis of its members and found that those who graduated between 2006 and 2010 had, on average, close to three jobs within their first five years after college.

There's nothing wrong with switching jobs, especially for a higher salary or better benefits. But if you're not careful, jumping around could hurt your retirement savings.

WAITING PERIODS GOTCHA

Millennials with access to a defined contribution plan, such as a 401(k), are the age group most likely to cite ineligibility as their reason for not participating, according to a recent analysis by The Pew Charitable Trusts.

One factor might be waiting periods imposed on new employees. According to the Plan Sponsor Council of America, a non-profit representing retirement plan sponsors, more than 35% of companies require employees have three to 12 months of service before they're eli-

More than 35% of companies require workers have three to 12 months of service before they're eligible for the retirement plan.

gible for the retirement plan. Nearly a quarter require a year of service before kicking in matching dollars.

"If you're switching from job to job and either just meeting the eligibility timeline or falling under it, you're never going to be eligible to contribute," says Jane DeLashmutt O'Mara, a certified financial planner with FBB Capital Partners in Bethesda, Md.

Take matters into your own hands with an individual retirement account.

The \$5,500 annual IRA contribution limit is lower than that of a 401(k), but it beats sitting out retirement saving.

LOSING EMPLOYER MATCHES

Many 401(k) plans require a vesting period, or an amount of time you must stay with the company before you can take employer-matching dollars with you when you leave. The PSCA says only about 39% of plans offer immediate, full vesting of matching contributions.

CASHING OUT IS COSTLY

If you participated in a 401(k) before switching jobs, you likely have a small balance — small enough that you might be tempted to cash out when you leave. That could easily eat a third of your savings via taxes and a 10% early distribution penalty.

Doing nothing isn't always a great option, either: You can typically leave money in an old 401(k), but if your balance is less than \$5,000, the employer can automatically roll the funds into an IRA. Roll your 401(k) into an IRA yourself — or into your new employer plan if it allows transfers.

What is an excellent credit score?

Several factors go into the mix, but all can lead to savings

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A strong credit score can work wonders for your finances. Not only can it increase your chances of getting approved for a loan, but also the better your score, the more favorable a rate you'll snag. And if your credit score crosses the line into "excellent" status, you stand to benefit even more.

So what's considered an excellent credit score? A FICO score of 800 or above means you're likely to gain access to the best rates available.

HOW SCORES ARE DETERMINED

There are several factors that go into calculating your credit score, and understanding how bureaus arrive at your score can help you take steps to improve it. Here's a quick breakdown:

• **Payment history:** An established pattern of paying your bills on time works in your favor.

• **Credit utilization ratio:** The percentage of available credit you're using at any given point plays a role in determining your score. Lenders like to see a credit utilization ratio of 30% or less.

• **Credit history:** The length of time you've had your accounts open can affect your score as well. Younger borrowers are at a disadvantage here.

• **New accounts:** Opening too many new accounts at the same time can hurt your score, partially because you may come off as a reckless borrower, but also because each new application results in a

hard inquiry into your credit history. While soft inquiries, such as checking your own credit report, won't hurt your score, hard inquiries can bring it down.

• **Credit mix:** The different types of accounts you have open also influence your score — meaning there's a difference between opening up a bunch of store credit cards or having a mix of credit card, mortgage and student loan accounts. Keep in mind that some of these categories carry more weight than others when determining your score. Your payment history and credit utilization ratio play the largest role in figuring your score, while your credit history, new accounts and credit mix play a smaller role. You shouldn't, however, take that to mean that it's OK to ignore any single component on the list.

BENEFITS OF EXCELLENT CREDIT

Having excellent credit isn't just a matter of pride; it's a matter of getting the best financing terms available whenever you attempt to borrow money.

Say you're applying for a \$300,000, 30-year fixed mortgage. With excellent credit, you might snag a 3.696% APR, which translates to a monthly payment of \$1,380. A score that's good but not excellent, meanwhile, will get you a 4.095% APR with an associated monthly payment of \$1,449 — still competitive, but not nearly as attractive.

Similarly, some of the top-tier credit cards out there are designed specifically for folks with excellent credit. These cards offer perks such as generous sign-up bonuses, killer rewards programs and low or non-existent annual fees. Of course, consumers with good credit have their share of credit card options as well, but to be eligible for the very best offers out there, you'll need to hit that excellent range.

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Being a TV mom is hard work. You only have one to 10 seasons to raise your children, and who knows what happens to them after that. You've also got to worry about other pressing parenting matters like middle child syndrome, rapid aging and the inevitable zany and/or trouble-making friend or neighbor. And just pray you don't have to deal with the trauma of a recast son or daughter.

We've compiled a list of the best and worst matriarchs and have included where you can watch them in action.

Top 5 Best TV Moms

1. Carol Brady, "The Brady Bunch." This lovely lady managed to raise six kids all while dealing with tragic life events like a broken vase, a lost doll and a kid who needed ... brace yourselves ... glasses! In all seriousness, Mrs. Brady tops the list because a mother has never been sweeter, and she had to deal with six kids and only one bathroom. Where to watch: Hulu.

2. Sophia Petrillo, "The Golden Girls." Despite once being shipped off to Shady Pines retirement home, Sophia was one heck of a mother to her "pussycat" Dorothy and her roommates Blanche and Rose. Her old-world charm and cutting wit definitely makes her the funniest TV mom I can think of. Where to watch: Hulu.



3. Clair Huxtable, "The Cosby Show."

Clair was a trailblazer as far as TV moms go. She was the first sitcom mom I remember who balanced career and family all while practicing tough love. She was also one of the first mothers on TV to deal with more serious parenting issues than who is going to get to make the attic their bedroom. Where to watch: Amazon Video.



4. Marge Simpson, "The Simpsons."

Marge has had her bad-mom moments, but it takes a special person to put up with a husband like Homer and raise a kid like Bart, who has been 10 years old for the past 28 years. I mean,



she's never going to get him out of the house at this rate. Where to watch: Sundays on Fox, Hulu.

5. Lucy Ricardo, "I Love Lucy."

Even though she didn't start out as a TV mom, Lucy eventually welcomed Little Ricky into her atypical 1950s household, and she did so hilariously. What made Lucy a great mother was her impeccable physical comedy that often proved that she was far from a perfect mom, even though she tried perfectly hard. Where to watch: Hulu.



Honorable mentions: Marion Cunningham, "Happy Days;" June Cleaver, "Leave it to Beaver;" Claire Dunphy, "Modern Family;" Florida Evans, "Good Times;" Kristina Braverman, "Parent-hood;" Lorelai Gilmore, "Gilmore Girls"

Top 5 Worst TV Moms

1. Peg Bundy, "Married With Children." Some might wonder why Peggy is No. 1 when there are actual criminals listed below. Well that's simple: Peggy wouldn't even feed her kids. That was among the running jokes of the whole show (remember the cigarette in the salad during the opening credits?) Sure, Peggy was a hilarious mom, but one can only imagine how terrible Kelly and Bud turned out. Where to watch: Amazon Video.



2. Nancy Botwin, "Weeds." Nancy started out as a strong mother who got in the business of dealing weed to care for her family, but somewhere along the way, the showrunners turned her into a despicable antihero. I was all too happy to say goodbye to her when the show was finally put out of its misery. Where to watch: Showtime, Netflix.

3. Betty Draper, "Mad Men." Oh, where to begin with Betty. From smoking while pregnant to letting the kids stand up in a moving car, Betty was quite the mother. Sure, it was the 1960s and leaving a whole picnic spread behind in the park was the norm, but Betty was an awful mother all around. Where to watch: Netflix.



4. Lucille Bluth, "Arrested Development." She might be a monster of a mom, but she's a hilarious one. She just does not care for her children at all. She competes with them,

she spites them, she shuns them. And then there's Buster. Her inappropriate mothering of her youngest son is disturbing at best. Watch the "Motherboy" episode and you'll understand. Where to watch: Netflix.

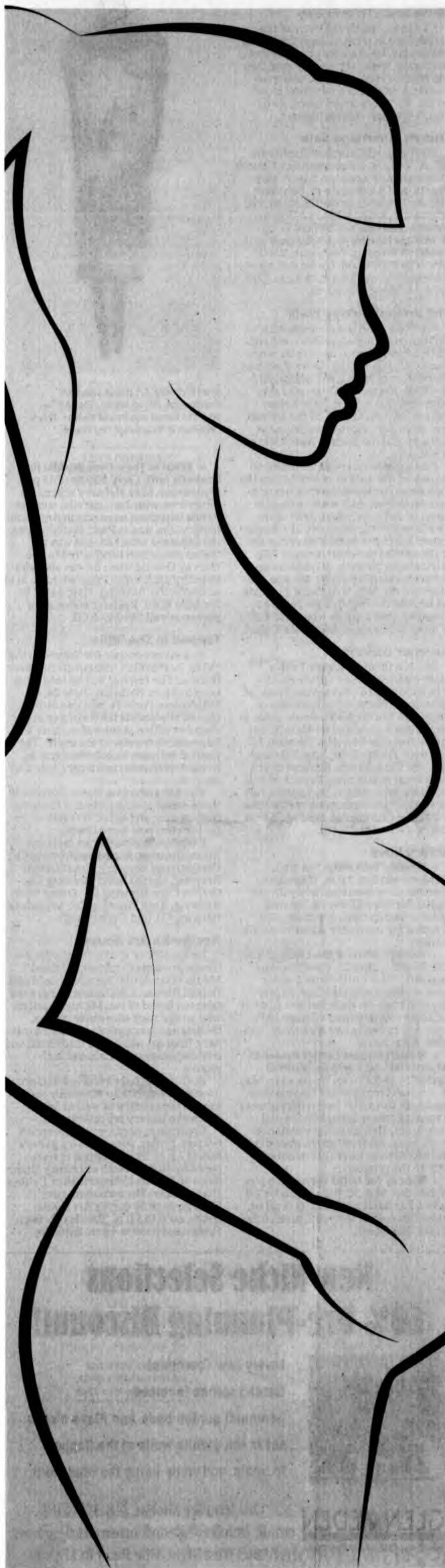
5. Roseanne Conner, "Roseanne." OK, so Roseanne was funny and might have been the first "realistic" sitcom mom, but realistic doesn't always mean good. Roseanne just



wasn't very nurturing and never seemed to want to better her children, and that always bothered me. Where to watch: Amazon Video.

Honorable Mentions: Norma Bates, "Bates Motel;" Ruth Fisher, "Six Feet Under;" Cersei Lannister, "Game of Thrones;" Mallory Archer, "Archer;" Jackie Peyton, Nurse Jackie

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MAKING THE MATCH

HOW TO BECOME A SURROGATE

Very few women who want to carry a baby can qualify

MARY BOWERMAN
USA TODAY NETWORK

After her friend had several miscarriages, Tina Dettlaf said she jokingly offered to use her "German birthing hips" to have her child.

While the friend ultimately was able to conceive on her own, Dettlaf said the conversation sparked something inside her, and she began the quest to become a surrogate. After carrying two children as a surrogate, Dettlaf now works for the Surrogacy Experience, an agency that assists couples throughout the surrogacy process.

There are no concrete numbers on how many surrogate births occur in the United States, because there is no federal agency tracking the industry. Dettlaf said the lack of information can lead to many misconceptions about the women who choose to become surrogates.

"People wonder who are these women who want to do this — do they need money, are they taken advantage of, or are they just low-income baby makers, and that's so far from the truth," Dettlaf said. "These women just want to help, and I don't think it should be shied away from that they are making money, but that is ... a bonus, not a motivator."

Here's a look at how the process works:

APPLYING TO BE SURROGATE

A woman must have already successfully given birth to a child before she is even considered for surrogacy.

Teo Martinez, CEO of Growing Generations, said his agency receives up to 200,000 applications a year, but accepts 1% of those.

"All of our surrogates come to the website, fill out a brief questionnaire, and from there they are qualified or disqualified by a number of factors," he said.

A woman who lives in Washington, D.C., or a handful of states including New York is immediately disqualified because their states do not allow surrogacy, Martinez said.

Once a woman has passed through the screening process, staff find out what preferences she has about her experience, Martinez said.

"We might have a case from China, and they don't speak English, and the surrogate would prefer to be matched with someone she can speak with more freely, so we know that's not a good match," he said.

Carey Flamer-Powell, the founder and director of All Families Surrogacy, said her agency's screening process can take up to four months. She said the hardest part is getting the potential surrogate's medical records approved to carry another pregnancy, because doctors want to ensure that the pregnancy is not risky.

Flamer-Powell said her agency also sends a social worker to the potential

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TWO-TIME SURROGATE WHO NOW WORKS FOR THE SURROGACY EXPERIENCE

surrogate's home to ensure that the woman lives in a healthy situation and her children are well taken care of.

MATCHING WITH COUPLES

Dettlaf said matching couples with a surrogate is like a "Match.com-service," where surrogates need to be matched to couples with whom they're compatible.

"I get to know my carriers and their values, their beliefs and expectations for this journey, the same as the parents," Dettlaf said.

The agency introduces the parents and surrogate to each other through a profile, where each can see pictures, a biography and information about the family.

"If they feel there can be a connection, we have an introductory phone call with all of them, which I facilitate because they may have butterflies or not know what to ask," Dettlaf said.

Flamer-Powell, who was a surrogate as were many of her staff members, said they allow the surrogate to look at the parents' profile before ever introducing the surrogate to the parents.

"We want her to have the opportunity to choose first, and if she is interested then we send her profile to the parents and set up a meeting or a call if they aren't close enough," she said. "It's basically a first date to talk and see if there is chemistry."

Martinez said Growing Generations uses personality matrices to match the surrogate to the parents, noting it's a logistical journey but also an emotional one. "You'll be with this surrogate, this woman, for at least a year and you want a relationship that will endure that time and possibly the obstacles — like if you don't get pregnant the first time," he said.

TAKING LEGAL STEPS

There are different legal requirements in each state. In Oregon, where Flamer-Powell's All Families Surrogacy is located, typically a same-sex couple would need a lawyer to draft a legal agreement with the egg donor, according to Robin Pope, a family foundation attorney and a board of trustee for the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys.

A lawyer drafts an agreement with the egg donor to ensure that the donor gives up any rights she might have. While some states have sperm donor statutes preventing those donors from claiming parental rights, many states do not have the same statutes to cover egg donors, she said.

A gestational surrogate contract is typically 50-60 pages long and covers everything from what the surrogate eats during her pregnancy to finances and creating parentage, Pope said. The contract also covers the medical decisions that should be made.

"The surrogate agrees she is going to follow the rules in the contract," she said. "We talk about lifestyle restrictions like don't clean the litter box. It's trying to say we want this to be a healthy pregnancy."

AREA EVENTS

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Waterways art exhibit

The nonprofit Village Fine Arts Association welcomes the public to this free reception with light finger food and refreshments 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the S.H.A.C. (Suzanne Haskew Art Center), 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford.

The exhibit, on display through June 13, features original work by local artists and showcases a theme of Waterways. Many of the items are for sale and proceeds help support art programs. Come to enjoy the show and meet the artists while supporting your community art center. For more information, email shac@milfordvfaa.org or call at 248-797-3060. Go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

Zonta Club event

The Zonta Club of Milford celebrates a private night with the Clothing Cove featuring a silent auction, sales and light refreshments 6:30-9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23, at the Clothing Cove, 414 N. Main, Milford.

Proceeds go to women locally and internationally to help improve their lives through education, school supplies and employment opportunities.

The ticket price (\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door) enters the ticket holder in raffles to win \$500, \$200 and \$100 prizes. For tickets and more information leave a voicemail at 302-387-9099. Tickets are also available at the Clothing Cove, 248-685-2500.

Walk for hearing

The Hearing Loss Association of America hosts the Southeast Michigan Walk4Hearing from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 20, at the west boat dock of Keinsington Metro Park in Milford. Registration is at 9 a.m., with the 5K walk starting at 10 a.m.

The event features light refreshments; entertainment, information about hearing, hearing loss, and services of HLAA. The idea of the walk is to increase awareness of this widespread and often devastating disability,

eliminate the stigma, and raise funds to support HLAA programs.

For more information, go to www.walk4hearing.org.

Downtown First Friday

Celebrate the First Friday of the month 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 2, with the retailers and restaurants of downtown Northville. Many stores stay open late and feature refreshments, new merchandise, sales and visits from local artists. For more information, go to http://www.enjoynorthville.com.

Church Rummage Sale

First Baptist Church of Northville (217 N. Wing St.) is sponsoring a Church Rummage sale noon to 5 p.m. Friday, May 19, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Proceeds from this event will help fund a Medical Mission Trip to Zambia. The sale will be held in the church parking lot on High Street and Randolph Street in downtown Northville. The FBN Youth Group will also be holding a car wash 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, weather permitting.

21st annual Kidney Walk

For the past 21 years, more than 70,000 metro Detroit walkers and supporters have teamed up to raise more than \$6 million for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's annual Kidney Walk and this year the goal is to raise \$600,000 more to fight kidney disease Sunday, May 21, at the Detroit Zoo. Walk day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the Kidney Walk kicks off at 8:45 a.m.

Participants can register onsite on the day of the walk or online before the walk date. For more information or to register online, visit www.nkfm.org/walks or call Lisa Schutz Jelic at the NKFM at 800-482-1455, ext. 210. Registration is \$25 per person (over the age of 12) and \$10 per child for ages 3-12 and includes parking, Zoo admission, and activities. Kids under the age of 2 years old are free. Additional fundraising beyond the registration fee is encouraged. Participants who raise \$100 or more receive a Kidney Walk T-shirt.

Summer concerts

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series - presented by Tom Holzer Ford - brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square (Located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre) 7-9 p.m. each Friday from June 2 through Aug. 25. The schedule features everything from jazz to blues to rock 'n' roll. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

Library lines

» **Weekly Tech Help:** 5 or 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 or 2 p.m. Thursdays. Register for one-on-one help with our Digital Services Librarian for your tablet or laptop basic questions. Not intended for computer repair or configuration.

» **Foreign Films @ the Library:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 22. View the Japanese film, "Our Little Sister," about three sisters living together in their 20s, who travel to their father's funeral and upon meeting their teenage half-sister, invite her to live with them. Subtitles. 128 minutes.

» **Howell Nature Center Presents "Mythcrackers: Common Animal Myths":** 4:15-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. Are owls really wise? Can a porcupine shoot its quills? Learn the answers to these common animal myths and more in this live animal presentation for all ages. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the program.

» **Hooray for LEGO Day:** 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Register.



The Northville Art House presents Confluence: Mixed Media Fiber Art by Jennifer Gould and Boisali Biswas. This is "Woman in Blue Loops" by Gould.

» **WWII in Their Own Words: Jim Leavelle with Larry Martin:** 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Larry shares his interviews with Jim Leavelle, witness to two important moments in American history. Jim was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked, and was the Dallas policeman handcuffed to Lee Harvey Oswald when he was shot and killed by Jack Ruby. Program to be held at Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Tapped In The 'Ville

Tickets are on sale for Tapped in the 'Ville, Northville's inaugural craft beer festival. The festival will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Millennium Park. Tickets can be purchased at www.northville.org or at the chamber office. A limited number will be available the day of the event. The festival will also include food trucks, live entertainment and a corn hole tournament.

The \$30 admission ticket includes 10 three-ounce tasting tickets, a 12-ounce festival mug and optional registration for the corn hole tournament.

Participating breweries include Arbor Brewing, Founders Brewing Co., Dragonmead Brewery, Great Lakes Brewing, North Center Brewing Co., Griffin Claw Brewing Co., Oskar Blues Brewing, Roak Brewing Co., Saugatuck Brewing Co. and Shiner Beers.

Northville Art House

Be a PART of it! The Northville Art House presents Confluence: Mixed Media Fiber Art by Jennifer Gould and Boisali Biswas. Confluence merges the talented world of two Michigan artists who weave their own observations, themes and conceptions into extraordinary fiber art using both traditional and contemporary materials and techniques.

Both artists have received numerous awards in exhibitions statewide and around the country as well as have extensive gallery representation.

Confluence opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 2, with a gallery talk at 7 p.m. The reception is sponsored by Holly Drouin of Luxury Home Sales and Rachel Wasserman of Caliber Home Loans. The exhibition runs through June 30 during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Day

Layton Packard Age 91, passed away May 14, 2017. He was born on July 30, 1925, in Detroit, MI to Layton and Anna (Kerby) Day. Layton married the love of his life, Lorraine LeMaitre, on September 15, 1945 at St. Gregory Catholic Church in Detroit, MI. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Layton will be missed by all who knew and loved him. His Family... Layton leaves behind his wife, Lorraine; sons, Richard (Barbara) Day of Westland, Raymond (Kathleen) Day of Plymouth; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Donna Robb of Livonia. Layton is preceded in death by his parents, Layton and Anna; brother, Donald; sisters, Betty and Nancy; and grandson, Raymond Jr. His Farewell... Layton's family and friends will gather on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 2:00-8:00 PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. His Community Farewell will be on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamburg, MI with a gathering beginning at 10:00 AM until the time of service. Rev. Dr. Evan Gaertner will serve as celebrant. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Please leave a message of comfort for the Day family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

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Hass



Dorothy Lorraine (Marsh) Hass, of Highland, passed away in the loving care of her family on May 10, 2017 at the age of 87. In addition to Vernon, her beloved husband of 69 years, Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Deborah (Dennis) Krzyzski and Dr. Julie (Peter Barnee) Hass; grandchildren, Patrick Krzyzski, Neil Krzyzski, Kaylyn (Matthew) Milan, Hunter Barnes and Isabella Barnes; great-granddaughter, Leah Milan; siblings, Sharon Sanders and Robert Sanders; sisters-in-law, Betty Marsh and Shirley Sanders as well as extended family and friends. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar Marsh and Mary Marsh Sanders; step-father, Joseph Sanders; brothers, Sgt. Joseph W. Sanders and Donald Marsh. A Memorial Service was held at Lynch & Sons, Milford on May 13, 2017. The Rev. Sherry Foster officiated. Dorothy's ashes are buried at Highland Cemetery. Memorial contributions encouraged to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons at 248.684.6645 or www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Hilliard

Robert Robert Hilliard April 17, 1929-May 8, 2017 Expressions of sympathy www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

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Hytinen



Wallace Jordon Wallace Hytinen, 69, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on May 11, 2017. Wally was born in Detroit on June 22, 1947 to Nicholas and Maxine (Schroeder) Hytinen. He graduated from Cody High School in Detroit in 1965. He enlisted in the Air Force on April 21, 1966 and served 4 years. He married Sharon E. Myers on February 20, 1971. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon; his children, Shannon (Jason) Rop and Matthew Hytinen; his grandchildren, Maiah, Anya, Isaac, Olivia, & Tristan Rop and Brenna, Lisa, and Paige Hytinen; and his siblings Nick (Nancy) Hytinen, Janet Clore, and Diana (Tom) Hultkonen. He was preceded in death by his son, Scott Wallace Hytinen; his parents; and his siblings Vina Fox, Larry McCormack, and Karen Salerno. Services entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, in Livonia. Donations are invited benefitting the American Cancer Society and Spectrum Health Hospice. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

Lloyd

June June Lloyd May 31, 1926-May 4, 2017 Expressions of sympathy www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

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Mason

Janet L. of formerly of Northville, Janet L. Mason, 88, of Wolverine, formerly Northville, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Brook Retirement Community in Cheboygan. A resident of Wolverine since 2014, moving from Northville, Janet was born November 10, 1928 in Detroit, the daughter of Claude and Janet (Martin) Hollister. On April 16, 1949 at Rosedale Park Lutheran Church in Detroit, she married Gordon Mason, who preceded her in death. Janet enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, and was a member of the Northville VFW Post #4012 Ladies Auxiliary. Surviving are her daughter, Susan (Pat) Allor of Wolverine, a son Thomas Mason of Northville, five grandchildren, Lindsay (Phil) Babian, Brian (Beth) Allor, Caitlan (Bob) Mistele, Mitchel Mason, and Shannon Mason, three great grandchildren, Natalie and Lucie Allor, and Hugo Babian, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Gordon in 2015, a brother, Claude Hollister, and a sister, Joyce Skillman. No services are planned at this time. Interment will take place at a later date at The Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan with her husband, Gordon. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Straits, or the Northville Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 4012. Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. The Lintz Funeral Home of Indian River, Michigan is caring for the family.

Schilling



Mark A. May 11, 2017 Age 59. Loving husband of Rebecca (Pressel) of 27 years. Beloved son of the late Arthur and Dolores Schilling. Son-in-law of Thomas and Kathleen Pressel. Survived many brothers and sisters. Mark was a Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service for over 30 years. Visitation Tuesday 3-7 pm at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave. Novi 248 348 1800 with the service at 7 pm. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy at www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

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Build relationships with these 5 co-workers

 BY MATT TARPEY
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No matter what kind of an office culture your company may strive for, office politics are more than likely to persist. To successfully navigate the process, it helps to know the right people. Here are five people at your company you should start getting to know.

1. The Influencer

If you want your projects, ideas and contributions to get traction, an internal influencer makes a valuable ally — particularly if you're new to the company or are more of an introvert. These are the workers who know everyone — including higher-ups in other teams and departments. They know what's going on around the company and are often vocal in their support or opposition to ideas during meetings.

2. Your boss's boss

Obviously you want a good relationship with your supervisor — it's hard to be effective and enjoy your work otherwise. However, not many workers establish a working relationship with their supervisor's boss, and therefore miss out on a lot of opportunities.

Simply being comfortable talking openly with your boss's boss can improve your



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chances of getting in on bigger multidepartment projects, drawing attention to your wins and setting yourself up for new responsibilities and even potential promotions. Just be careful not to cut your boss out of the conversation — it could all backfire if your boss feels you're going over his or her head or behind his or her back.

3. HR ally

When it comes to being knowledgeable about your company, HR is tough to beat. They handle recruiting and hiring for every part of the organization, manage payroll and benefits and help in navigating the overall corporate culture. Having a connection to HR is a great way to get better acquainted with corpo-

rate guidelines and policies, and to gain a new perspective on how your company works.

4. The IT person

Sometimes you're not focused on your long-term career trajectory. Like the times your full attention is consumed by an indecipherable computer problem that is slowing you down and ruining your day.

When this happens, it helps to have a friend in the IT department who can escalate your issue through the work queue — or maybe even do a little troubleshooting on-the-spot as a favor between friends.

Even if you don't reach BFF status, knowing some people in IT can make the whole process a lot smoother, faster and less stressful for everyone.

5. The Intern

While it's possible someday you may end up working for someone who was once your intern, that's far from the only reason to be on friendly terms. Interns often report to more than one person at the company — sometimes they're fielding requests from entire teams. Knowing their names, talking to them for reasons other than just making a request of them, and just generally treating them like human beings worthy of respect and courtesy can have a huge impact on the effort they're inclined to put into a task when you do need something from them.

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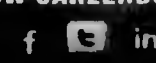
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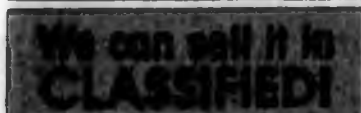
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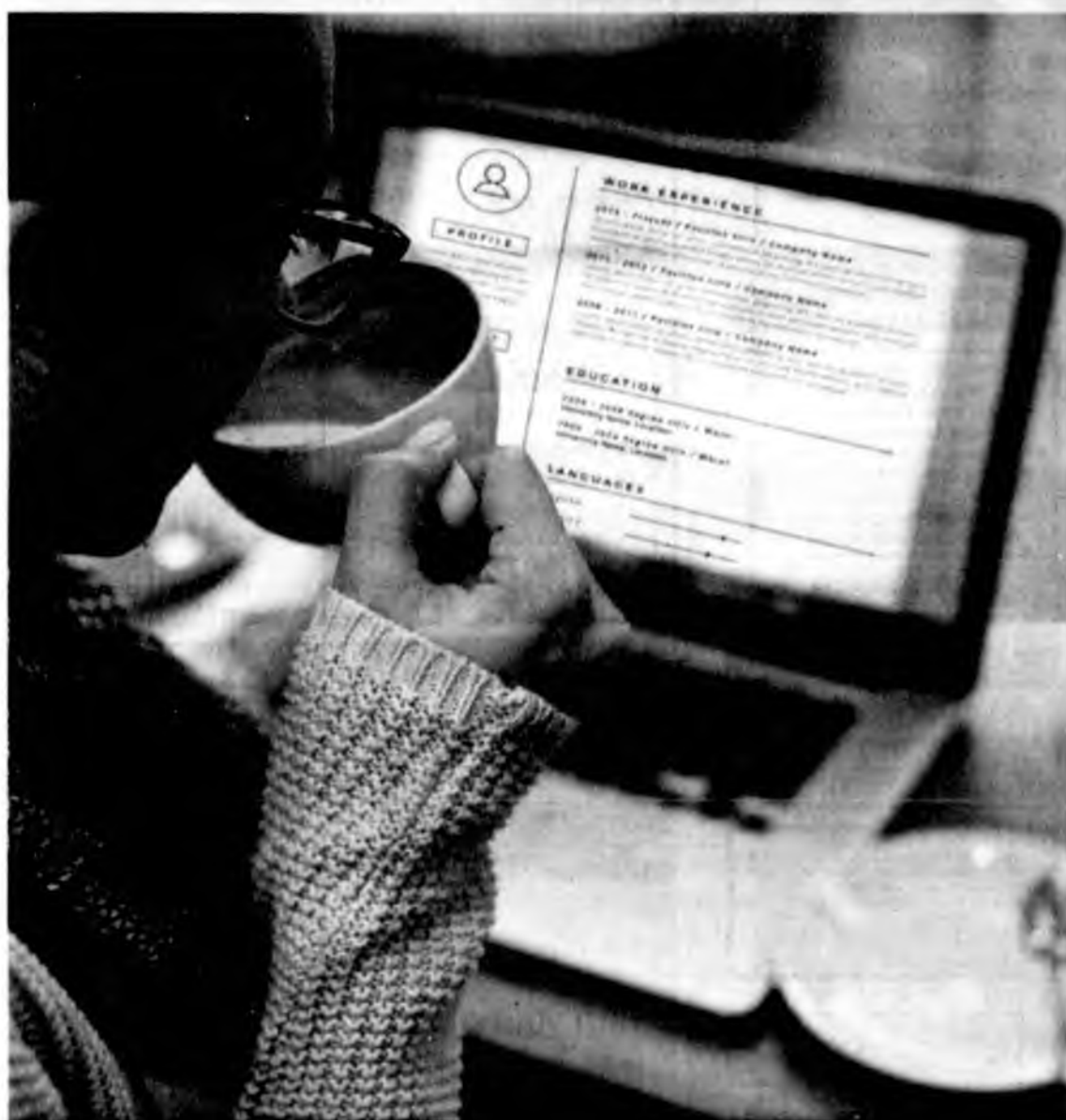
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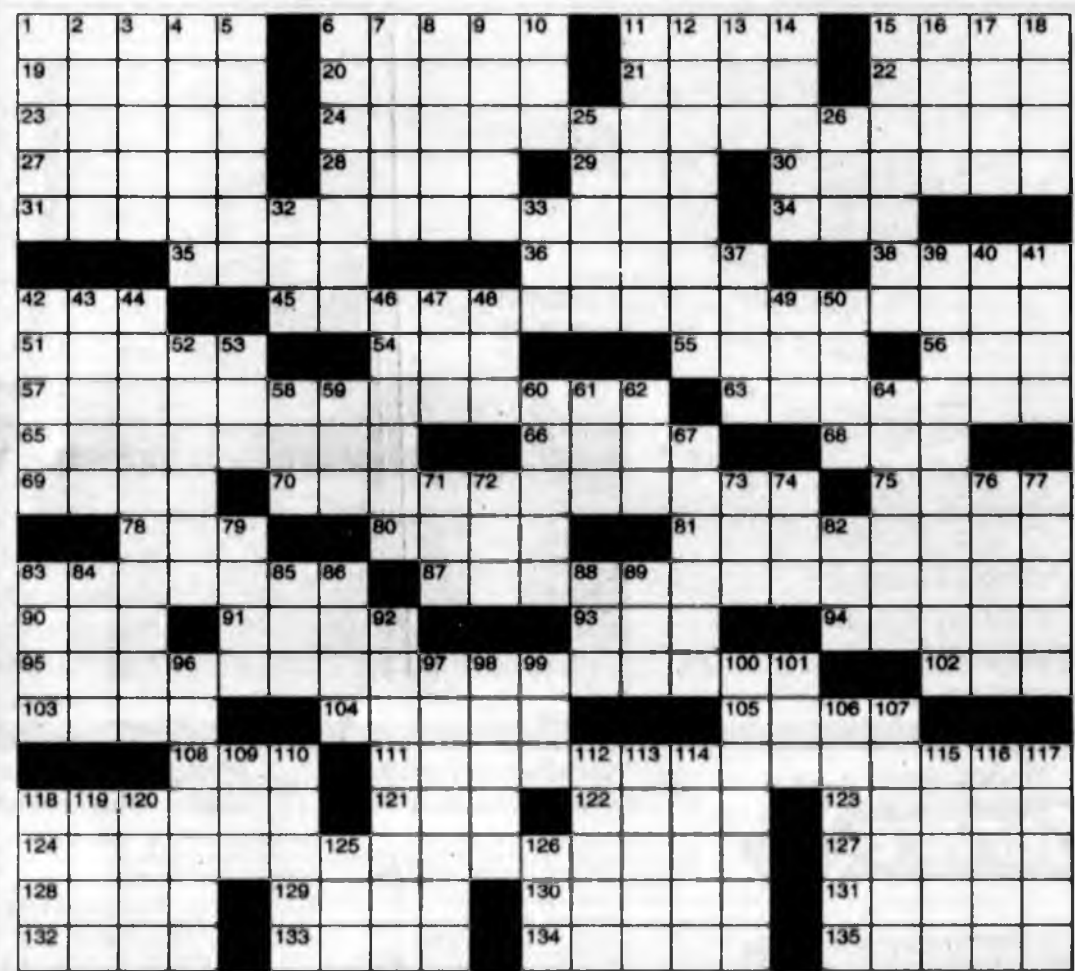
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 - 13 Chinese currency unit
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 - 15 Coalitions
 - 16 Indulgence you aren't great for
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 - 28 Broadway's "No, No, —"
 - 29 Cathedral toppers
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 - 31 Gold in Argentina
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 - 33 Bit of hate mail
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 - 35 Kitchen amt.
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 - 38 Research room in one's house
 - 39 Illustration of how bad things are
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 - 45 Alternative rock genre
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 - 61 Big cat noise
 - 62 Org.'s cousin
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 - 65 Gridiron coach Amos Alonzo —
 - 66 Pacific Island country
 - 67 Pong's company
 - 68 Congeal
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 - 71 West Indian music style
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 - 83 Mouth off to
 - 84 "Bess, — My Woman Now"
 - 85 Watson-Crick subj.
 - 86 "Boo —!"
 - 87 — Croix, Que.
 - 88 Direct object, e.g.
 - 89 "You missed your chance"
 - 90 Intake plan
 - 91 Opera part, in France
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 - 93 Verse creators
 - 94 Road atlas features
 - 95 Round a certain corner in
 - 96 Monopoly
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 - 100 Italian river
 - 101 Opposed (to)
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 - 108 List of typos
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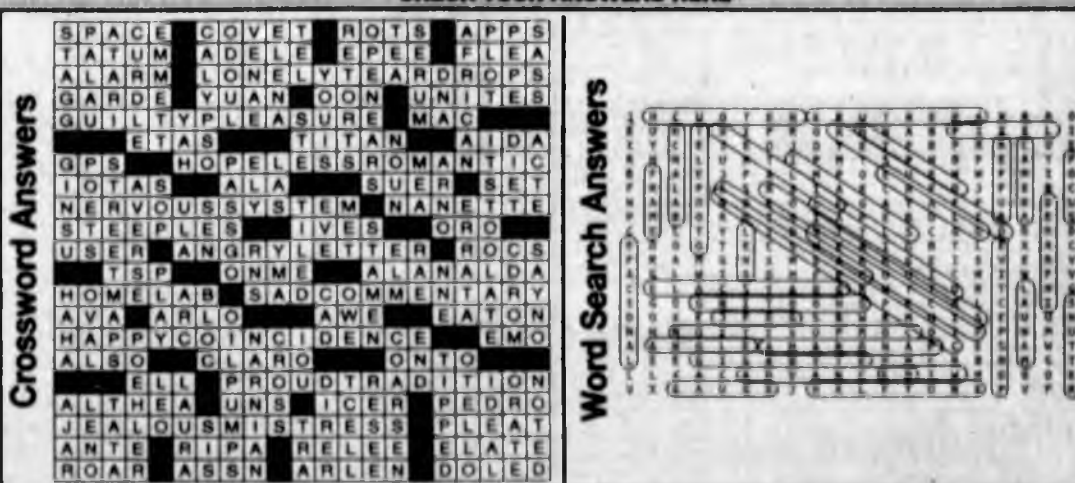
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Car Report

MERCEDES-BENZ CEO SAYS U.S. SUCCESS IS DUE TO ITS LEAD IN LUXURY SUVs - AND TO RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS DEALERS



By Dale Buss

offerings in the hot SUV part of the market, where BMW's cupboard isn't as stocked.

And this year, while he can't promise that Mercedes will hold on to that title, Dietmar Exler, chief of Mercedes-Benz USA, does expect another record year for sales in the American market.

"We had a very good 2016, but 2017 starts us all over again," Exler told me.

In that regard, Dieter Zetsche, Exler's boss as CEO of Mercedes-Benz parent Daimler, based in Germany, has declared the brand's intention not only to become a leader in the rapidly jelling electric-vehicle market but also in the self-driving technologies that will determine much of the future of the automobile.

Yet Zetsche must be careful not to sacrifice the brand's growing chops as a provider of hiply styled performance vehicles, not just staid and sumptuous transport.

I talked with Exler about helping the U.S. operations of a brand on the rise in the U.S. and around the world:

Q: Congratulations on your U.S. success recently. How do you build on it? Can you sustain it?

Dietmar Exler: What it does kind of mean -- and we always ask how important it is -- it that it isn't important from the pure fact of being



Mercedes-Benz GLC is eating up sales.

No. 1 but as an indication of the success of our product lineup and focus on customer experience and processes that we've employed together with dealers. We focus on the right things and what we do resonates with the customers.

We still have the youngest, freshest product lineup in the industry. Look at our SUVs: We have the freshest SUV lineup. The same is true with passenger cars. In New York [at the recent auto show] we showed in sneak preview, and at the Shanghai auto show, the new S-Class sedan, the flagship of the industry. We will continue also to focus on the customer experience and how can we provide the best experience with customers and our dealers.

Q: What have been the implications for Mercedes-Benz of the huge shift to SUVs and crossovers from sedans? Sedans were a historical strength for you.

Exler: We have an advantage in

SUVs as well as sedans. Our design is cutting-edge. It'll certainly resonate with customers extremely well. I don't know where it will end up, sedans vs. SUVs, in luxury. This is very strong in the mass market, and in luxury there is a trend toward SUVs as well.

We're celebrating 20 years of SUVs. It's pretty much a success story. No one was really sure back then how this would turn out but it turned out to be huge success story, and now our GLE is shaping the segment. Back then it was called M-Class. We're strong in SUVs as well as sedans and very strong in our whole lineup and working extremely hard on production to meet shifting customer demand.

Q: What have been the key strategic considerations that have allowed you to achieve this position over your rivals, especially BMW?

Exler: Our product lineup is fantastic. And we continue to focus on the customer experience. We're

working very closely with our dealers. For example, we had our executives all spend a week in a dealership to make sure we understand each other as well as possible. These relationships are extremely good; they're not just hugging and kissing and loving. Dealers are good at seeing opportunities on the table. In my mind the most important thing is that both sides feel comfortable behind closed doors and challenge each other constructively.

We have a tremendous advantage in a way with 390 dealerships, or just a few less, in the U.S. And many are owned by the same dealer principals; we have an owner count in the low 200s. So as the number of partners we have is fairly limited, we can talk to each other and know each other and understand each other and build this relationship that allows us to jointly thrive going forward.

Q: Every luxury brand wants to improve the buying and using experience. So how do you actually make a competitive differentiator out of that for Mercedes-Benz?

Exler: We have a more digital presence for customers, and we have to understand, most importantly, our customers. No one customer is a proxy for all customers... We need to make sure we're ready to serve the customer however they want it.



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CANTON PINWOOD SUB SALE May 18-20, 9-4pm, E. of Beck, S. of Cherry Hill, Come for great stuff!

CANTON Sat 5/20 8-3pm Sun 5/21 9-5p 48722 Castleside Dr. (Off Warren Btwn Deck & Ridge) Kids & hh

Community-wide garage sale Highland Lakes Condominium Complex on Silver Spring Drive Northville b/w 7 & 8 mi Sat: 5/20 9-3pm

DEARBORN HEIGHTS, 2555 Kenmore (2Bks East of Beach Daily & Joy Rd) Thurs-Sat 5/18-20, 9-4p, HH, Holiday craft & supplies, clothing, & misc items...

DEARBORN HTS. - Crestwood Estates Mobile Home Summer Garage Sale! Something for everyone, May 18-20, 9a-5p, 26235 W. Warren, Near corner of Beach Daily & Warren.

Farmington Chatham Hills Sub Sale, May 18-20th, 9am-5pm, S/Grand River & W/Drake.

Farmington Hills - 31774 TRESTAIN May 18, 19, 20, 9-5pm. (So of Eleven Mile Rd, W of Grand Lake) 70 yrs of stuff. Old radios & parts.

FARMINGTON HILLS- HUGE SALE 31600 Trestain Household, antiques, furniture, stuff, toys, Thurs, & Fri, 9-5pm, S of 11, W off Orchard Lake.

Farmington Hills, Hunt Club Sub, 20 Home May 20th & 21st 9-5 a.m., E. of Hoisted, S. of 11 Mile rd.

GARDEN CITY, Garage Sale, 6616 Sunset, Mich., 48135 Sat: 9-4, Household goods, lawn mower, Dir: Warren & Merriman

GARDEN CITY - Multi-Family Thurs-Sun (18-21) 9-7p, lots of misc & HH, Dune buggy, 3229 SHERIDAN

HIGHLAND, 2624 Foxgrove 5/18-21st Starting at 9:00AM, Subdivision Sale! Furniture, HH items, crafts, toys, clothes, kitchen items, tools & more!

Holly (Rose Twp), MI 48422 6965 Buckhorn Lake Rd 5/19-20 9-5, Outdoor equipment (needs repairs), household items, furniture, tools, 47 photos on estatesales.net

Livonia, 33115 Lyndon St 5/18-20 9-5, Man Cave Tools, Building Supplies, Everything must go!

LIVONIA: 33229 Oregon, North of Joy East of Farmington, 5 Family, Baby, household, patio, antiques & misc, May 18, 19 & 20, 9am-4pm.

LIVONIA - Burton Hollow Side Garage Sale, Saturday & Sunday 5/20 & 5/21, 9-5p.

Livonia, Garage, 18001 University Park Drive, Michigan, 48152 Sat: 9-4, Household, Dir: Laurel Woods Candas

LIVONIA, Garage Sale, 18949 Doris St, 48152, Thu: 2-5, Fri: 9-5, Sat: 9-5, Sun: 10-4, Household, Clothes, Baby, Adult, Baby Items, Toys, Furniture, Books, Craft Supplies & Fabric, Dir: W of Middlebelt Rd, S of 7 Mile Rd

Livonia, Thurs-Sat (5.18-20) 8840 Utah St, 9a-5p Tools, Toys, & more!

NORTHVILLE, 20440 Haggerty Road, Michigan, 48167 May 18-20 Thurs: 9 AM - 4 PM, Fri: 9 AM - 4 PM, Sat: 9 AM - 4 PM, Sun: 10 AM - 4 PM, Tallis Dog Rescue, Indoors, Furniture, home goods, sports equip, collectibles, Dir: So of 8 Mi, next to Aubree's Pizzeria, across from Millers.

Garage-Tag Sale

Northville 20905 E. Glen Haven Circle Fri 5/19 8-5p: www.eurnextsale.net

NORTHVILLE - Connemara Hills Sub Sale 5/18 - 5/20, 8:00a-4:00p, SE of 9 Mile and Toft and W of Center.

GARAGE SALE

Northville, Garage Sale, 18958 Bella Vista Ct, Michigan, 48168 Thurs: 5-2, Fri: 9-2, Kitchen table & chairs, misc furniture, bedding, toys & games, sports equipment, Dir: East of Beck, South of 7 Mile

Northville Huge Huge Yard Sale 118 Linden, downtown, May 18-21, 9-6

Multi-Family YARD SALE

Northville, Multi-Sub Garage Sale May 19 & 20, 8-5, Off of 4 Mile, between Haggerty and Northville Rd, Subs both sides of road.

2 DAYS ONLY

NOVI SUB SALES - Chase Farms & Riverbridge - 5/19 & 5/20, 9-4 - East of Novi Rd & West of Meadowbrook - Enter both Subs from 8 or 9 Mile (Chase Dr) or from 9 Mile (Roethel)

Plymouth Barn Sale 655 Forest Ave 5/18, 19, 20 9a-5p 1 block west of Main St, 2 blocks south of Ann Arbor Trail Antiques, primitives, furn., smalls GLORE! You'll be glad you came!

Multi-Family YARD SALE

PLYMOUTH TWP, Lake Pointe Garage Sale, Thurs 5/18, Fri 5/19, Sat 5/20, Over 800 homes in this subdivision, and this is our annual garage sale. Lake Pointe is located in Plymouth Township, and is bounded by 5 Mile Road to the North, Haggerty Road to the east, Brother Road to the west, and Wilcox Road to the south.

PLYMOUTH TWP, May 18-20, 9am-4pm, RIDGEWOOD HILLS ANNUAL, ALL SUB SALE, 400 homes N. side of Ann Arbor Rd., 1/2 mile W. of Beck.

SOUTH LYON, 9444 Silverside (south end of silver lake) 5/18, 5/19 & 5/20 9a-4p. Something for everyone! lots of wood working tools, large & small! antiques, 2 wooden desk chairs, porcelain tea table, Kirby vacuum from the 1950's, metal chair stool, Lincoln bust (in a bag), sports, golf misc, golf pull & push carts (4 of them), side-walk edgers, sport brella sun shade, golf game, 2 noodle making machine made in Italy & much more!

SOUTH LYON Centennial Farms Sub, Garage & Boke Sale, Antiques, household, 10/Rushion, 5/18-20, 9a-4p

MOVING SALE

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*Four bedrooms, four and half bathrooms on 2.66 acres
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Gorgeous Colonial with Lake Privileges!

*Four bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, located on one acre
*Spacious kitchen with expansive island, granite counters and maple cabinets
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*This condo features three bedrooms, two bathrooms with great views
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*Five bedrooms, three and half bathrooms
*Updated kitchen with granite counters and hard floor, double oven and two pantries
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Nicely Maintained Home!

*Three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, located in a desirable sub
*Kitchen features, granite countertops, backsplash and stainless steel appliances
*Dining rooms leads to large deck, perfect for entertaining
*Lower level with large family room and fireplace

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Enjoy both All Sports Lakefront and Acreage!

*Four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 10.55 acres
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Award Winning Lake Front Home!

*Three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, with panoramic lake views
*Big open living spaces, 10ft ceilings throughout
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Charming Condo!

*Two bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, Cape Cod Condo
*Kitchen with oak cabinets and ceramic flooring
*Spacious first floor suite with full bathroom
*Finished basement with ceiling fan and wet bar

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Attractive & Spacious Colonial!

*Five bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, located on 1.5 acres
*Private in ground salt water pool and hot tub
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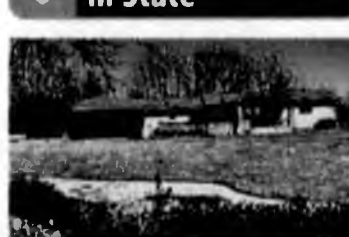
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