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Autism group earns distinction

Northville's Autism Home Support Services announced that its Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder has earned an Award of Distinction from the Behavioral Health Center of Excellence.

The award recognizes Autism Home Support Services as one of the top ABA service providers nationally based on the quality of clinical services, staff qualifications and satisfaction, and consumer satisfaction.

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AHSS provides intensive in-home and center-based ABA therapy in the Northville/Ann Arbor area for children from 18 months to 15 years old who have Autism Spectrum Disorder.

"We're honored to be recognized with this Award of Distinction," said Laura McKee, CEO of AHSS.

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Elected Democrats to march in city's July Fourth parade

Democratic Club will
not walk, however

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Democrats, but not the Northville Democratic Club, will be walking in this year's Northville Independence Day Parade on the Fourth of July.

A compromise between the club and the Northville Community Foundation, which sponsors

the annual parade, was approved by the foundation's board of directors last week.

The plan will allow elected Northville and Northville Township Democratic precinct delegates, whether they are club members or not, to walk in the parade, along with an unspecified number of supporters. In addition, the foundation will be reviewing its parade policy, cited in prohibiting partisan groups like the Democratic Club from

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Following the 2014 Independence Day Parade in Northville, people posed behind the Marquis Theatre.



Warren Stoddard, 100 and wife Betty, 93.

Centenarian helps scout troop celebrate milestone

Northville troop marks 70th anniversary; former leader turns 100

Two huge milestones were celebrated at the last Court of Honor of Northville Boy Scout Troop 755 earlier this month: the troop's 70th anniversary and one of the troop's former leaders is 100 years old — and both are still going strong. The troop honored Warren Stoddard with a birthday cake topped by "100" in numeral candles and with a miniature birch bark canoe. After reflecting at the podium on his years in scouting, Stoddard got a standing ovation from the leaders, parents and scouts.

Troop 755, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, has more than 190 registered Boy Scouts (ages 10-18), more than 90 registered leaders and, so far, has engen-



See TROOP, Page A3 Troop 755 pictured this year.

Vote delayed as residents push for fire station reopening

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Amid pressure from residents to reopen a north-end fire station, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees abruptly delayed a vote last week after neighboring Northville Township — a partner in the plan — sought more time to review the proposed agreement.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, who wants to reopen Fire Station No. 2 in mid-July, said he is "not happy" about the delay, but still believes the joint agreement will be approved.

"I don't think this is anything that is fatal to the agreement," Heise told a crowd of about 70 residents who attended Tuesday's board meeting, adding later, "It is still my intention to expedite this as quickly as possible."

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said Wednesday that officials there haven't yet had time to fully discuss and review the proposed agreement, though he anticipates no serious snags.

"It is still a go," he said, "and it appears to be an excellent opportunity."

Northville Township last summer had a temporary agreement with Plymouth Township to use the fire station to avoid delays in response time when Six Mile Road was closed for a construction project.

The two townships are hammering out a joint agreement to share the fire station, on Wilcox west of Haggerty, as they strive to improve response time to fires and medical emergencies in northeast Plymouth Township and southeast Northville Township.

John Stewart, a resident of Lake Pointe subdivision, told the board Tuesday the fire station reopening would save lives

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TROOP

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dered 236 Eagle Scouts. It is the largest scout troop in the state of Michigan and is reputed to be the largest east of the Mississippi River.

Born Dec. 9, 1916, Stoddard has the troop beat by just over 30 years. In 1963, Stoddard had no intentions of being a scout leader; he hadn't even been a Boy Scout as a youth. At that time, he was chair of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville's board of trustees and word got around that the scout troop was in need of more leaders. After not being able to identify anyone to take on the responsibility and his son getting to be scouting age, Stoddard decided that he would step up himself, so he became an assistant scoutmaster.

The scoutmaster at the time was Bill Thomas, who was quite the character in his own right. He had an old car that was actually louder than the boys themselves because it needed a new muffler and, every time the car started or stopped, the front seat would rock backward or forward somewhat. But that was before permission slips, driver's license registrations, proof of insurance and other certifications that



Troop 755 is pictured during a gathering in 1965. Warren Stoddard is in the front row at far left.

Boy Scouts now requires to drive the scouts to and from camp, so it wasn't a problem.

In 1964, in addition to the regular meetings and campouts, Thomas and Stoddard started the series of wilderness Canadian canoe trips up to northern Ontario, which would go on into the 1990s. That's where you don't see another sign of civilization for the five days that you're on the river. Stoddard figures he has gone on about 15

Canadian canoe trips, with the last one being in the '90s, when he was well into his 70s. After Thomas stepped down, a young man by the name of Henry Fisher became scoutmaster. Unfortunately, in 1979, he was killed in a forklift accident and so, once again, the troop was in need, this time of a scoutmaster and, once again, Stoddard stepped up and became scoutmaster.

One of Stoddard's most notable memories is

that, in 1985, he was a participant in the 75th anniversary National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia. The big treat there for 30,000 scouts was a concert by the Beach Boys, who were very popular with the scouts.

Even though the troop was established in 1947, the first Eagle scout finally happened in 1965, which was at least partially due to the effort of Stoddard. He was also active at the Detroit Area

Council level, being camping committee chair for 15 years, as well as member of the Advancement Committee and council coordinator. He was awarded the Wood Badge in 1975 and the prestigious Silver Beaver in 1982.

In 1997, at the troop's 50th Anniversary campout — the first in downtown Northville at Ford Field — two special guests were present: Thomas and Stoddard. At one point, Thomas just



Warren Stoddard spoke at the 70th anniversary celebration for Troop 755.

looked out over the line of about 40 Timberline tents along the river bank, the roped off ax yard, the pioneering gateway project and the in-process Playscape service project and his eyes misted up and he said that it's only after the fact that you realize the part you play in the legacy of a troop like this and how important it is because it takes each leader's part to keep it going into the future.

And, of course, Stoddard has been a part of that legacy. Stoddard's mind is still as clear as the waters of northern Canada, he's as spry as many 70-year-olds and he drives to eat his breakfast twice a week at a downtown Northville eatery. The troop is looking forward to its 75th anniversary and hopes that Stoddard will also be a guest at that celebration.

PARADE

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participating, in preparation for future parades.

A number of Democratic precinct delegates have already applied to walk in the parade. A Northville Fourth of July tradition, the parade has

long been open to participation by elected officials of any affiliation, but they are not allowed to campaign or hand out literature during the event.

Club president Lisa DiRado said she welcomed the compromise and the dialogue with Community Foundation members. Representatives of the two groups had met earlier this

month, after dozens of people attended the June 5 Northville City Council meeting to advocate for the Democratic Club's participation.

"Long term, we will stand by the (assertion) that we are an integral part of the community and we would like to walk as the Democratic Club and would welcome other groups to walk as well,"

DiRado said.

Jessica Striegle, the foundation executive director, said members were pleased with the compromise. This is the 19th year the Community Foundation, which operates Maybury Farm, awards scholarships and offers grants to nonprofits, among other community service projects, has sponsored the parade.

"We're happy to have reached this resolution," Striegle said. "We hope that on the day of the parade, everything goes smoothly and it's a fun and festive event."

Partisan groups had typically been barred from the parade over fears that their participation could jeopardize the foundation's tax-exempt status. The Northville

Democratic Club had participated in 2015 and 2016, however.

Striegle said the foundation board will conduct a "thorough review" of all its parade policies, not just those related to who can participate, before next year's parade.

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Detroit area award-winning musician Billy Brandt provided some music for art enthusiasts Saturday afternoon during the Northville Art House Art Fair.

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Festival lets artists shine

Annual Arts and Acts highlights artists, playwrights, musicians in downtown Northville setting

The Northville Art House shone a spotlight on the imagination, art, talent and cultural diversity of artists throughout the region when the annual Arts and Acts Festival returned for the sixth consecutive year last weekend.

Hosted in downtown Northville, the festival included the 29th annual juried fine art show Art in the Sun, featuring more than 70 talented artists; the Sandbox Play Festival, produced by Tipping Point Theatre; the Short on Words Literary Contest; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians; and children's activities.

The weekend also featured the Northville Art House Chalk Festival and a new Young Artist Juried Art Fair.



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Artist Charity Mendoza completes a sale with customer Liz Kerr.



KELLY DOBSON

Art enthusiasts were treated to a wide variety of art and crafts.



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Lemonade vendors Nikko Wood and Demetri Zervos, students at Northville high school, and their custom-designed portable lemonade stand provided a cold beverage option to thirsty artists and visitors.



KELLY DOBSON

Artist Kathy Eaton helps customer Cathy Casinelli of Northville.



KELLY DOBSON

Local photographer Alanna St. Laurent took second place for her booth display of photographs of Detroit landmarks and abandoned sites.

Hulliberger named top 10 teacher



Mary Hulliberger (left), Walled Lake Northern High School band teacher, was recently surprised in her classroom by the manager of the Commerce Township Applebee's, Hope Jones (right), with the honor as one of the top 10 teachers in Michigan. The competition was held through TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants and its 65 Applebee's restaurants. Students and community members were encouraged to nominate teachers that served their community and served as great role models for their students. Katey Bailey (middle), a junior at Northern junior, nominated Hulliberger for this award.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Pair throw themselves into garage doors, damaging them

Two garages at a house on Chesapeake Drive in Novi were damaged when two people launched themselves into them the night of June 9. According to a Novi Police Department report, video from the home's exterior shows two people walking from the east and then suddenly running and throwing their bodies into the doors of a one-car garage and a two-car garage. The video shows the vandals then running off in the direction from which they had come, the police report said. The metal door to the two-car garage was damaged so badly the complainant couldn't open it. A responding police officer helped him open the door so he could get a van out, police said. Both doors were dented and will have to be replaced or repaired, police said.

Bridges defaced

Two bridges in the area of Ashbury Drive and Riverbridge Court, in the Riverbridge subdivision east of Novi Road and north of Eight Mile, were vandalized with graffiti the night of June 10. Blue paint had been used to deface a wall on each bridge, a police report said. The vandalism occurred between 7 p.m. June 10 and just before 10 a.m. the next day, police said.

Mailbox vandalism

The mailbox outside a house on Nine Mile Road was torn off its post and broken the night of June 10, police said. The mailbox was found broken and lying on the ground, a police report said. The vandalism occurred between 10 p.m. June 10 and 6 a.m. June 11, police said. The complainant told police a similar incident had occurred in May, but that he hadn't filed a police report at the time.

— By Matt Jachman

Ram Trucks is new Michigan State Fair presenting sponsor

The Michigan State Fair, LLC, now in its fifth year at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, is proud to welcome new presenting sponsor the Ram Truck brand. "Our working partnership with Ram Trucks has evolved quickly over the past couple of years," says Executive Director Steve Masters, "They have shown tremendous support and enthusiasm for the agricultural traditions of Michigan that we celebrate each year, and the Ram Truck Test Drive Experience has proven to be a very popular ele-

ment of the event for our patrons. Ram offers great synergy for the State Fair audience, and we look forward to expanding our relationship over the next several years." The Suburban Collection Showplace Fairgrounds are located at 46100 Grand River Ave, Novi. Current event information is available at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com "The Ram Truck brand is thrilled to be the new presenting sponsor of the Michigan State Fair." Says Jeff Hines, Director of the Great Lakes Business Center for FCA US.

"The fair's tremendous dedication and support of the agriculture industry in the state of Michigan is an effort that Ram Truck certainly embraces. With that said, the fair provides a great opportunity to showcase our award-winning trucks to our customers in a very optimal setting. We look forward to a long relationship with the fair and are excited to play such an important role in its continued success." Fair skies and perfect weather helped boost attendance for the 2016 Michigan State Fair,

L.L.C., which posted significant gains in attendance, with more than 151,000 guests enjoying the expansive fairgrounds at the Suburban Collection Showplace. The 35 percent overall increase in attendance was bolstered by much larger crowds each day of the five day event, as thousands of Michigan families enjoyed the larger Arnold Amusements Midway, now the largest carnival midway offered in Metro Detroit, along with the Ram Truck Test Drive Experience, Equine Pavilion, and

other experiences, all spread across the acreage adjacent to the Suburban Collection Showplace. Inside the show hall, livestock, home arts and agriculture exhibit participation also expanded during the 2016 Michigan State Fair.

History of the Fair

The original Michigan State Fair, which debuted in Detroit in 1849, was one of the first statewide fair events to take place in the United States. It moved permanently to its home at the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Wood-

ward Avenue in 1905 and was staged there until 2009, when it was discontinued by a resolution of the state government, due to ongoing budget issues. The Michigan State Fair, LLC is now produced by a private entity, and presented by Ram Trucks, an FCA US brand. The 2017 Michigan State Fair has a deep commitment to the ongoing development and support of agriculture, small business and family entertainment, while preserving the legacy and beloved traditions of the original State Fair.

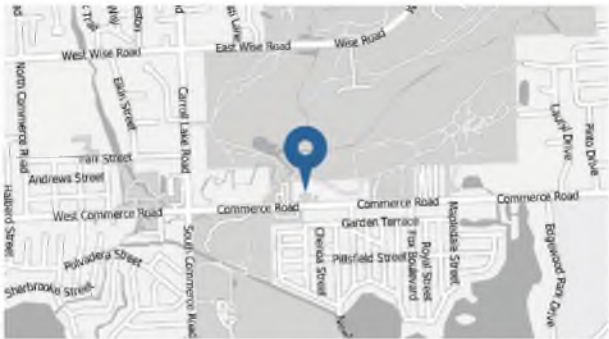


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Geisler named National School of Character

Geisler Middle School was honored during a special ceremony June 14 for earning the National School of Character designation. Character.org, a non-profit organization that supports the advancement of character development in schools and communities, and its state affiliates selected 83 schools and four districts as 2017 National Schools of Character.

Christopher Titus, Board of Education president and Nancy van Leuwen, Board of Education treasurer, attended the event. Titus presented a state of Michigan House of Representatives “special tribute” and Yasmeena Aoude, Geisler eight-grade student and Tamra Nast, Character.org trainer, spoke during the ceremony.

“Geisler staff, students, parents and the community members we reach are invested in promoting ethical and inclusive practices within our school,” said Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, principal at Geisler Middle School.

Schools and districts will be honored at the 23rd National Forum in October.

For more information, contact Judy Evola at judyevola@wlcsd.org.



Christopher Titus (from left), Board of Education president; Dr. Sheryl Kennedy, GMS principal; Tamra Nast, Character.org trainer; and Nancy van Leuwen, Board of Education treasurer

Suburban Collection Showplace expansion is underway

The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi has broken ground on an ambitious new facility expansion, which will add approximately 180,000 square feet of event, exposition, meeting and banquet space to the existing 420,000-square-foot complex. The planned date for the completion of the expansion is mid-2018.

The expansion will include a new 90,000-square-foot event center hall, which will be contiguous to the existing 215,000 square feet of exposition space. An exciting new feature of the event center hall will be 65,000 square feet of column free space with 40-foot clear ceiling height. The new event center will accommodate

larger new events and also allow for the expansion of many of the current exposition and convention events at the Showplace. New projects the event center is expected to attract will include larger general gathering functions, sports and entertainment events. The event center will also be used to accommodate the dramatic growth of the Michigan State Fair and will be host to the Detroit Shrine Circus each spring for years to come.

The Showplace expansion will also add 14 more meeting/banquet rooms to the venue, including a grand, 25,000-square-foot, second-story ballroom overlooking the new event center, plus 16,000 square feet of

upper and lower level pre-function space. The Suburban Collection Showplace event center will now be able to offer over 300,000 total square feet of continuous exposition space, as well as four large ballrooms, ranging from 5,700 square feet to 25,000 square feet, with 38 total meeting/breakout rooms along with the attached to Hyatt Place Hotel.

The new expansion will enable the facility to host larger consumer shows, entertainment events, athletic events, trade shows, social events and association conventions. Also, significant expansion and upgrades are being made to the exterior of the property, including the addition of thousands of feet of new

surfaced and graded/gravel parking areas. These areas will also accommodate outdoor activities relating to the Michigan State Fair and other future large scale outdoor events.

“The facility expansion is a direct response to the success of our annual event schedule, needs of our current clients, as well as inquiries from larger events wishing to utilize the venue,” said Blair Bowman, owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace, “We are delighted that we are able to make this significant investment to accommodate our client events and patrons. We are confident that this expansion will only enhance the positive economic impact the facility

has on a local, regional and state level. “

The Michigan State Fair, LLC, presented by Ram Trucks, is the largest annual event that is currently hosted by the Suburban Collection Showplace, welcoming 152,000 guests in 2016. “We are currently planning some innovative and creative ways to stage the 2017 State Fair on the Showplace Fairgrounds while accommodating the ongoing venue expansion project,” State Fair executive director Steve Masters said. “In 2018, we look forward to a huge leap forward for the Michigan State Fair, LLC, as we will be able to expand all of our family-friendly entertainment offerings, both inside and out!”

The Suburban Collection Showplace opened at its current location at 46100 Grand River Avenue in 2005 as the Rock Financial Showplace. The Suburban Collection Showplace is widely recognized as one of the most successful privately owned convention and exposition center in the U.S. The business formerly operated as the Novi Expo Center, in a re-purposed manufacturing facility located at Interstate I-96 and Novi Road. The Novi Expo Center formally opened for business in 1992. In 2005, the Showplace operations were relocated to the new facility between Beck and Taft roads and opened under a naming rights arrangement with Rock Financial.

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PARADE OF HOMES
Yosemite in Milford Township by Sandhill Associates is a blue ribbon winner for homes base priced \$300,000 to \$325,000.

Check out swanky to affordable at Parade of Homes 2017

Parade of Homes 2017, the 28th annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeast Michigan, is open and runs through June 30. Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, Lake Michigan Credit Union, RE/MAX Southeastern Michigan and James Hardie sponsor this free public event. “The 78 new homes featured in this program offer a good cross section of the homes being built throughout southeastern Michigan,” Michael Stoskopf, CEO of HBA, said in a release. “We’re excited to be building innovative new homes for the families of southeastern Michigan.”

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers an opportunity to visit tour model and inventory homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors will have an opportunity to see first-hand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 78 homes and condominiums range in base price from \$144,900 to \$1,500,000.

Architects and industry experts judged the homes and awarded blue ribbons in several categories. Decisions were made based on a combination of factors, including innovation, aesthetic appeal and value for the price. Judges for this year’s program were Lonny S. Zimmerman, AIA, NCARB of Siegal/Tuomaala Associates; Benedetto Tiseo, FAIA, NCARB of Tiseo Architects, Inc.; Michael J. Gordon, RA of Moiseev/Gordon Associates, Marty Peltier of Lake Michigan Credit Union and Joe Sabatini of RE/MAX Southeastern Michigan.

The Parade homes, including the blue ribbon winners, are built by 31 different builders, all members of HBA. The Parade of Homes includes six attached condominiums and eight detached condominiums. Of the homes, two are pre-construction, so po-



PARADE OF HOMES
Charleston in Lyon Township by Robertson Homes is a blue ribbon winner for homes priced between \$250,000 and under \$300,000.

tential home buyers have the opportunity to work with the builder from the beginning of construction. Another 11 of the homes are currently under construction. The remainder are built and will be open for visitors to tour.

A free Parade of Homes magazine, including photos, renderings, features, hours and location maps for all homes, is available at Lake Michigan Credit Union and RE/MAX

Southeastern Michigan locations throughout southeast Michigan, at select Kroger locations and at all participating model homes. Go to the Parade of Homes website at www.ParadeHBA.com for further information.

The blue ribbon winning homes are:
» Homes base priced over \$260,000 and under \$300,000 — Charleston in Lyon Township by Robertson Homes
» Homes base priced \$300,000 to \$325,000 —



PARADE OF HOMES
Darlington in Canton by Singh Homes II, LLC, is a blue ribbon winner for homes base priced between \$450,000 and \$550,000.

Yosemite in Milford Township by Sandhill Associates

» Homes base priced \$325,000 to \$400,000 — Ashley in Oxford Township by Silverado Custom Homes

» Homes base priced \$400,000 to \$450,000 — The Belmont II in Berkeley by Mark Adler Homes

» Homes base priced \$450,000 to \$550,000 — Darlington in Canton by Singh Homes II, LLC

» Homes base priced \$550,000 to \$800,000 — The Oakmont in West Bloomfield by Windmill Homes

» Homes base priced over \$800,000 — Sinclair idea ShowHouse in Rochester Hills by Arteva Homes.

NITS Solutions completes office expansion

NITS Solutions, a data analytics services and solutions provider that helps clients leverage data to identify and capitalize on new growth opportunities, has completed renovations on a new office space that will accommodate 40-50 employees — a necessary initiative due to rapid corporate growth over the last several years. Company founder Neetu Seth made the announcement.

The 5,100-square-foot office space, located at 40890 Grand River Ave., sits on the same lot as the company’s headquarters in Novi. Beginning in May 2016, the space was completely renovated to include more natural lighting, modern amenities and an open floor plan to house future employees. The company’s Marketing Analytics Department will move into the new office immediately, with extra space to accommodate plans to hire an additional 25 employees this year as the company looks to continue its growth in the automotive industry and expand its service offerings into the health

care, higher education and retail industries.

“We continue to experience a tremendous growth trajectory, fueled by our client-first mentality and our ability to help our clients recognize areas of untapped potential to improve sales and marketing efforts,” Seth said. “In this new office, we gain the much-needed ability to house new employees as we look to expand our footprint and take on new, exciting endeavors in the data analytics space.”

This past year has been one of the most significant growth periods in the company’s history, with NITS Solutions going from 50 employees in 2015 to 70 in 2016 and from \$5 million in revenue to \$8 million during that same time period. In addition to the company’s Novi headquarters, NITS Solutions also has locations in Ann Arbor and Gurgaon, India. Seth, an inductee into the EY Entrepreneurial Winning Women 2016 North America class, hopes to reach \$50 million in revenue by 2020.



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Jack and Yvette Benson of Novi announce the engagement of their son Jonathan to Amanda, daughter of Jim and Joyce Frensley of Highland.

Jonathan is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and 2008 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is currently employed at II Stanley Co.

Amanda is a 2004 graduate of Farmington High School and 2008 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently a teacher in the Kalamazoo district.

They are planning an August 2017 wedding.

ACF to administer master chef exam at Schoolcraft

For the first time since 2014, some of most seasoned and skilled chefs from around the U.S. will gather at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to take the American Culinary Federation Certified Master Chef exam. The ultimate test of culinary skill, knowledge and creativity, the exam will take place Sept. 30 through Oct. 7 and will showcase the talents of 12 culinarians seeking the title of CMC, the highest level of certification in the U.S. that a chef can receive.

The ACF certified master chef designation currently belongs to just 65 CMCs and 10 certified master pastry chefs. To apply for the exam, candidates must already be a certified executive chef or certified culinary educator; provide two letters of recommendation from current CMCs or CMPCs and have completed education courses on sanitation and food safety, management, cost management and wine.

“Simply to reach the point of sitting for the certified master chef exam requires enormous commitment,” said ACF National President Thomas Macrina, CEC, CCA, AAC. “The test provides chefs the opportunity to prove they are the best of the best by demonstrating their technical skills and passion for the culinary arts. The title is as highly coveted as it is difficult

to achieve and I wish each candidate the best in accomplishing this extraordinary goal.”

During the progressive eight-day exam, candidates are tested on healthy cooking, buffet catering, classical cuisine, freestyle cooking, global cuisine, baking and pastry, continental and northern European cuisines and “market basket,” a mystery basket of ingredients from which to prepare a five-course meal. Each candidate must maintain an average of 75 out of 100 points each day, as scored by a panel of evaluators composed of current CMCs, to be eligible to advance to the next day of the exam. Scores are tallied based on kitchen skills, plate presentation and taste.

Schoolcraft College boasts a culinary arts program with a national reputation for quality, creativity and culinary excellence, as well as a strong faculty that includes two CMCs (Jeffrey Gabriel and Brian Beland) and one CMPC (Joseph Decker). The Livonia campus is home to one of the most advanced teaching kitchens in the country, which will be put to the test by this year’s CMC candidates.

The 2017 CMC candidates will be announced in June.

For more information about ACF Certification, go to www.acfchefs.org/ACF/Certify.

Visit to Lakeshore Park



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Nicole Joseph and her sons Matthew, 2, and William, 5, move a pail of Lakeshore Park sand to the beach June 12. They were visiting the Novi park for the first time that day — when the temps reached the 90s — and had lovely weather for a swim. The park is free to all Novi residents and \$5 for visitors from outside the city. It is open seven days a week through Labor Day and is located on the south end of Walled Lake.



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Michigan Challenge Balloonfest returns to Howell this weekend

Laura Colvin
Livingston Daily

A hot air balloon coming down in your back yard usually does not mean the pilot is crash landing.

Such assumptions are common misconceptions about the sport, said several pilots at the 33rd annual Michigan Challenge Balloonfest media night.

Although winds were too high for an actual launch, the event gave local journalists and event sponsors the opportunity to talk with pilots and get a close-up look at the balloons – including set-up and teardown – ahead of the event that attracts approximately 100,000 people every year.

“The only control we have in a balloon is up and down,” said Shawn Raya, one of dozens of pilots who will participate June 23-25 in Michigan Challenge Balloonfest in Howell. “Left and right depends on the wind, speed depends on the wind.”

Winds should be under 10 mph for optimal flying, he added, and pilots come down “when it’s time to come down and safe to land,” whether it means a back yard, subdivision or open field. A chase vehicle always follows close behind.

“There are no wheels on the bottom of the basket,” Raya said. “The faster the wind, the rougher the landing.”

The Oxford resident began flying when he was 14 and last year



Within the wooded surroundings of Howell City Park, gusts of wind that prohibited balloons from launching are buffered from the wind that would make flight too risky June 14 for Michigan Challenge Balloonfest media night.

qualified as one of 10 pilots to represent the U.S. at a world championship event in Japan, finishing 45th out of 105 competitors.

But, he said, his most memorable experience was at the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest a few years back, when he launched with his father, wife and 6-month-old son.

“We had three generations of Rayas in the air;

he said. “All four of my kids have been up.”

Raya, who works as a purchasing agent at RHK Technology in Troy, also flies for RE/MAX, Sullair – and his own enjoyment.

“I can have the worst day in the world at work, but when I’m with the balloon, it’s me and Mother Nature,” he said. “I can get away from the world’s problems for at least an hour, have fun

and show other people why I love it.”

Pilot Dennis Hall of Howell, who will also participate in the weekend events, shared a similar sentiment.

“I love the uniqueness of the sport,” Hall said. “It’s super-calm and relaxing.”

He loves to share the experience, especially with a first-timers, and rarely goes up alone.

“It’s boring,” he said.

“I do everything I can to avoid flying solo.”

The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest is organized by the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce and takes place at the Howell High School complex and includes a full weekend of carnival rides, entertainment, food and much more.

The big draws, of course, are the balloons and pilots who compete to fly a set of tasks and

score well.

“We attract some of the best pilots in the world,” said Michelle Tokan, Michigan Challenge director, noting the event will feature 49 pilots, five scheduled balloon launches and fly-ins – weather permitting – and a balloon glow Saturday night.

For more information and a full schedule of events, go to michiganchallenge.com.

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Plymouth's 150th year ushers in community celebration

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Celebrating its 150th year as a city, Plymouth is rolling out its community pride amidst a whirlwind of events building up to the Fourth of July parade and an old-fashioned ice cream social.

Concerts, movies and a 5K run are among upcoming events that only add to a landmark year that already has gained attention for attractions such as an ongoing, elaborate display inside the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"You reach those milestones as a community and it matters," said Mayor Pro Tem Oliver Wolcott, who serves on the city's 150th anniversary committee. "When you talk to people in the streets, there's a certain pride in the community for not just lasting this long, but for thriving."

In a show of unity, elected leaders from the city and Plymouth Township plan to walk alongside each other during the downtown Fourth of

July parade, giving a new twist to an Independence Day tradition.

"I think that symbolism matters," Wolcott said. "I think it shows there's a willingness on both sides to work together."

The gesture of walking together is intended to reinforce an end to sometimes-rocky relations the two neighbors have encountered in recent years.

"It emphasizes a great new spirit of cooperation," said Plymouth City Commissioner Mike Wright, who also serves on the 150th committee.

With a flurry of events marking the anniversary year, Wright said it seemed fitting to arrange numerous activities leading up to the Fourth of July, which "is already important to history."

Among the activities he singled out:

- » The Plymouth Community Band plans to perform music from the last 150 years during a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, in Kellogg Park.



Plymouth's Good Morning USA Parade is returning this year.

- » The next night, Steve King and the Dittlies will perform at 7 p.m. in the park during the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. As a bonus to this year's series, the Plymouth Historical Museum is set to share a slice of the city's history before each show.
- » The Plymouth-based Michigan Philharmonic, fondly known as "Michigan Phil," plans "An American Salute" concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 1, also in

Kellogg Park. Selections include "The Star-Spangled Banner," music of "West Side Story," the "Movin' On Up" theme from the former TV comedy show "The Jeffersons" and John Higgins's "Our America," among others.

"It fits very well with Plymouth and its long history," Wright said.

- » For those who want to get a bit of holiday weekend exercise, a Plymouth 150th three-mile run and walk is set to start at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 2, in Old Village.

"It's going to be a run

and a walk so that anybody can participate," Wright said.

Each participant gets a T-shirt and packages of goodies. The race is designed to move through Plymouth's picturesque streets and finish on Liberty Street, where games and other activities are planned.

One way to sign up is by going to the DDA's website at <http://www.downtownplymouth.org> and scrolling down to find the Plymouth 150th page.

- » The Penn Theatre is planning to show "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942) for free at 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 2.
- » For another film experience, Wright said "The Secret Life of Pets" will be shown in Kellogg Park during Movie in the Park night, which starts as the sun goes down Monday, July 3, in Kellogg Park. It, too, is free.
- » Finally, it all culminates with the Fourth of July parade, a popular event that promises to pack even more fun this

year. It starts at 9 a.m. and will be followed by an old-fashioned ice cream social in the park.

As a reminder, there will be no fireworks show and picnic this year in Plymouth Township, which canceled the events amid concerns about public safety and costs.

Meanwhile, Wright said the 150th celebration events couldn't happen without groups such as the Kiwanis Club, the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Penn Theatre, the Plymouth Recreation & Arts Complex, the DDA, the city of Plymouth, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the Plymouth District Library and the Old Village Association, among many other local businesses and service clubs.

For more information on 150th events, go to <http://www.plymouthmich.org> or <http://www.downtownplymouth.org>.

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Roeper School teacher wins \$10,000 on 'Jeopardy!'

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Correspondent

When Roeper School finished for the summer, it was hard to say who was more elated — students or teachers. But one teacher in particular certainly has a lot to be excited about. The answer is: Who is Susannah Nichols?

Roeper Upper School English teacher Susannah Nichols recently was a semifinalist on "Jeopardy!" during a special Teachers' Tournament, winning \$10,000 for herself and an additional \$2,500 grant for Roeper given by Farmers Insurance through its Thank America's Teacher program, which awarded \$1 million this year in educational grants.

"I'll be using the grant to purchase books (fiction and non-fiction) by writers of color or those whose voices have been historically underrepresented," says Nichols, who's wrapping her 12th year at Roeper.



"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek with contestant and Roeper School teacher Susannah Nichols.

While Nichols says a portion of the funds will go to the Lower School Library on Roeper's Bloomfield Hills Campus, most of the funds will go to the newly renovated Middle/Upper School Library on the Roeper Birmingham Campus, slated to open in Fall 2017.

As far as the audition pool, Nichols initially started with 70,000 other

online "Jeopardy!" wannabes. She then was invited — with 3,000 people — for an in-person audition where you take another test, play in a game simulation and do a mock interview.

"After that, you're in a contestant pool with 300 to 400 people, but there's no guarantee they'll call you for the show," Nichols says.

But they did, along with 14 other teachers from across the country.

"The enthusiasm of the Roeper student body has been unbelievable," she says. "From the minute they heard I was going on the show, they've made me feel like a million bucks at every turn."

On the night that Nichols' first "Jeopardy!" appearance aired, most of the Roeper students were aboard the Infinity and Ovation Yacht in Detroit for their prom.

"Practically the entire student body crammed

into the yacht bar to watch the episode. And from videos I saw, you would have thought it was the Super Bowl," Nichols recalls. "They were so pumped up and supportive."

Especially after successfully answering the question: "A town named for its location where a river in Devon meets the English Channel, it's also the name of a college in New Hampshire."

"What is Dartmouth?" answered Nichols in the quarterfinals which then advanced her to the semifinals where she ultimately won \$10,000.

"I've always planned to donate some portion of my winnings to Alternatives for Girls, a Detroit nonprofit that is very close to my heart." I also want to use the money for a dream Scandinavian vacation when my son is old enough to fully participate. And since he's not quite 2 years old, no doubt some of that money will go into his Roeper and college fund," she says with a laugh.

Nichols was well-prepared for her two-episode stint, having watched "Jeopardy!" with her family growing up.

"I remember discussing with my parents how or why contestants would make particular wagers on the Daily Doubles and Final Jeopardy," says Nichols, a Ferndale resident.



A group of Fasting 5K organizers gather during the event.

Ramadan run 'gets better every year'

Darrell Clem
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Detroit-area Muslims raised \$18,300 from a Ramadan Fasting 5K walk and run that drew about 100 participants June 10 to the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, or Canton Mosque, event officials said.

Organizer Amna Kamal said the event placed second in fundraising among 11 participating cities in the United States and Canada. It ranked just behind Boston, where the first Fasting 5K was held in 2013.

"I feel like it gets better every year," Kamal said. "I love that the momentum of it just continues to grow every year."

After fasting for 17 hours, Muslims gathered in Canton to run and walk along the Metro I-275 Trail, despite unseasonably hot weather that didn't deter them.

"We told people that if they are not (regular) runners, this was not the day to start," Kamal said.

Area Muslims posted comments about the Fasting 5K to an earlier story on <http://www.hometownlife.com> that promoted the event.

"Giving is such a large part of Ramadan and the Islamic spirit," Fawzia Ahmed wrote.

"Events like these make Canton a great place for everybody," Harris Ahmad wrote.

Organizer Jabeen Siddiqui Hamzavi said the event drew more than twice as many participants as last year. Two local officials, state Rep. Kristy Pagan and Canton



(From left) Zayd Ahmed, Zaakir Hamzavi, Naazir Hamzavi and Safwan Ahmed make the run. Zayd and Safwan are brothers, Zaakir and Naazir also are brothers.

Township Clerk Michael Siegrist, also turned out to support the 5K.

"I think we just got the word out and people really wanted to run," Hamzavi said. With widespread participation from metro Detroit, "It was definitely more representative of the southeast Michigan community."

The event — the third Canton-based Fasting 5K — raised money for organizations dedicated to inspiring youth civic engagement. The funds will help Emgage Michigan, an area nonprofit that educates and empowers Muslim Americans through educational events, voter initiatives and leadership development, and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, or WAGGGS, which supports girls and young women in developing their full potential as leaders and active citizens.

Emgage, a local organization, gets 70 percent of the money raised, while the international WAGGGS group receives

30 percent.

Organizers came ready to help participants beat the heat. Hamzavi said spray bottles and cold, wet towels were given to the runners and walkers, who shared a meal after fasting 17 hours and finishing the 5K.

Nationally, Fasting 5K had raised about \$102,000 at last count, Hamzavi said. Detroit-area Muslims joined the effort along with Muslims from Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Columbus, Los Angeles, New York City, the San Francisco Bay area, Washington, D.C., and Toronto.

"We got some great fundraising efforts from people of all different backgrounds — Muslims and non-Muslims," Kamal said.

It coincided with Ramadan, a holy month when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset and take extra time to pray, reflect and give to charity.

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A pre-bid conference and walk-thru is scheduled for June 29, 2017, at 3:00 pm local time. Bidders shall meet at Novi Middle School Auditorium, 49000 West 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374. Additional building walk-thrus, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.

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Farmington Rotarians (back, from left) Phil Abraham, Rotary District 6380 Governor Elect Barry Fraser, district polio chair Ginger Barrons and Carolyn Fraser and (front, from left) Bruce Sachs and Dianne Dych-Sachs, board chairman and secretary of Michigan Polio Network.

Historic open house offers unique show-and-tell

A unique open house took place recently at Botsford Commons, in partnership with the Farmington Hills Rotary Club.

The open house highlighted both a historic building that once cared for children with polio as well as Rotary's objective — to eradicate polio. The building that hosted the event was once the Michigan Hospital for Crippled Children and then the Sister Kenny Hospital for children with polio.

More than 95 years have passed since the red brick building was constructed and, like many of its patients before, it is still standing. Staff members working on the interior of the building are just as strong and, just like in years past, they're still making sure residents are cared for and nurtured.

From the 1920s through '50s, during the peak of the polio epidemic, when the building was the Michigan Hospital for Crippled Children, the use of an iron lung was a successful option for treatment.

It was a large, submarine-looking iron cylinder in which suffering patients would lay for hours with very short breaks, assisting their bodies to breathe. The apparatus looked barbaric, as only the patient's head would stick out and there was a mirror above them, making fog every time they exhaled.

At the time, regardless of looks, the iron lung did its job and kept patients alive. The open house was fortunate enough to have an original iron lung on display, driven down from the northern Michigan area, thanks to Farmington Rotarians.

The large iron tube was a sight to see – so heavy and awkward, it stayed outside on the trailer it traveled on. Protected by potential elements with a tent, the iron lung was visited with amazement by dozens of attendees. After asking a guest at the event if they'd ever seen an iron lung before, the man said, "I lived in one for nine months."

Assisted by a scooter, the man and his wife, with braces on her legs, smiled when they were asked to tell a bit about their lives with polio. The story came full-circle when Dianne Dych-Sachs said, "I lived in an iron lung, too, and I lived in this building."

Dych-Sachs lived at the Children's Hospital in Farmington Hills for more than nine months when she was just a little over a year old. She described her mother's sadness for leaving her at the facility and the heartbreak it must have caused the family with-



Farmington Rotary Club President Lynn Morgan, district polio chair Ginger Barrons and Rotarians Phil Abraham and Lee Barrons show off the iron lung brought from northern Michigan.

out her at home.

Back in the '40s and '50s, families didn't talk much about the struggles they were facing. It was private information that was swept under the rug. Since she was diagnosed so young, Dych-Sachs has little memory of the experience.

There is one thing that she still has a vivid memory about: The smell of wet wool. The nurses would use cloth straps to keep me in my crib and later in life it was an odor that brought up emotional memories and I asked my mother about it. The conversation started and I learned more about my early life with polio."

With her was Bruce Sachs, her husband and fellow polio survivor. Bruce grew up outside Marquette. He was also just a year old when he was diagnosed with polio and has little memory of his early struggles. Like his wife, he too was in an iron lung for the better part of a year.

Sachs' iron lung was special as it was made from an oil drum. Living in a less populated area during the epidemic, it was more difficult due to the limited access of medical facilities and assistance. Sachs agreed that families during that time spoke of their healthy children, not those who were sick or suffering. After asking Sachs about information or memories he kept, his said, "My medical records only showed my discharge date. It was obvious the doctors and nurses were more concerned about keeping people alive than keeping records."

Though more than a decade separates them in age, Dianne and Bruce have much in common. Their bodies have experienced struggles and left them with physical scars from the past. After both of their spouses died, they began attending a polio support group.

After few meetings, a few emails and a support group restaurant meeting where they sat next to each other, the rest is history. They married in 2008. The Sachs are both very active with the

Michigan Polio Network. Bruce is board chairman and Dianne is secretary.

The Sachses and their personal stories are just two of thousands of stories that have passed through the doors of the present day Botsford Commons Senior Living Center. Two other guests that attended the open house have history with the building as well. They were both employees at the time the facility operated as Farmington Nursing Home. One was a nurse and one in activities. They both mentioned how the décor has changed dramatically, but the layout of the building was familiar and still reminded them of the time they spent there more than 30 years ago.

The history of the building runs deep, nearly 100 years. In 1919, the mayor of Detroit, James Couzens, made a charitable gift as a birthday gift to his wife to design and construct an endowment fund for a school. Commissioned to design the school was architect Albert Kahn, a well-known name in the building and design world.

The first of two buildings opened in 1923 and the second in 1926. The school was recognized as a place for housing, education and orthopedic care for crippled children. Hydrotherapy was being researched by Sister Kenny and, thanks to her time and contributions, the facility became known as the Sister Kenny Hospital. With the success of the polio vaccine, the hospital was no longer needed and closed in 1955.

The state of Michigan rented it for children's programming, specifically for those with psychological issues. In 1969, the land and buildings were purchased and became Farmington Nursing Home. Fifteen years later, Botsford Hospital acquired the nursing home and established Botsford Continuing Care Corp. Now, Botsford Commons Senior Living Center is a Beaumont community and still taking care of people who were alive during its early years.

CARES Club kids visit with local seniors

LeAnne Rogers
hometownlife.com

Students from Hardy Elementary School recently stopped by a local senior citizen facility to spend time with residents.

The approximately 40 students, members of the CARES Club — the acronym stands for Creating Awareness and Respect for Every Student — brought crafts to do with residents at the South Lyon Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center.

The students brought materials to paint and decorate pairs of grippy socks and suncatchers for the residents.

"The design will be whatever you give," resident Sandy Emery told a student who asked what decoration she wanted on her socks.

The residents were gathered in the facility dining room when the group of about 40 fourth- and fifth-grade students arrived. "Oh, my goodness," said Emery, seated with her friend Harriet McCoy when the youngsters arrived. "I'm just here watching it all go on."

Emery was impressed with the art work of student Helena Hoffmann on a pair of socks — she painted a flower.

"It's really a nice to help the school and others. I think it's really fun being able to help people," said Helena, a fifth-grader. "It's nice to know you helped people."

The CARES Club is an all-inclusive club for fourth- and fifth-grade students encouraging increased self-esteem, anti-bullying awareness and kindness through different school-wide initiatives.

"We have general education and special education students. We meet after school. This is our first field trip," said



The hands of Hardy fourth-grader Lizzy Partin help South Lyon Senior Care resident Marie Westaway with a project.



Hardy Elementary students Carter Carino (center) and Evan Leytink talk to South Lyon Senior Care resident Will Wright about doing a decorative sock project.

teacher Katie Bell, who heads the club with fellow teacher Ashley Gazdecki.

The CARES Club is really just a way for members to apply all they have learned this

year in terms of awareness and respect for everyone, regardless of ability, Bell said.

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Credit card skimmers found on three Howell gas pumps

Lisa Roose-Church
Livingston Daily

Three credit card skimmers were found on pumps at a Howell gas station.

Howell Police Chief George Basar confirmed that skimmers were found June 4 on three pumps at the Mugg & Bopps station at 763 S. Michigan Avenue. Skimmers also were found at the station in March 2016.

The skimmers were discovered after a customer complained.

Officials with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development also reported that two skimmers –

which steal a person's credit card information as they swipe the card to purchase gas – were found at a Mugg & Bopps store at 201 S. Clinton St. in Stockbridge around June 9. An employee reportedly noticed the skimmers and called police.

Credit card skimmers can't be seen from outside the pump. Criminals use keys to open the pumps, insert the skimmers and leave.

Jennifer Holton, director of communications for the MDARD, said state officials continue to encourage gas stations to use security measures, including

tamper-proof security tape. Customers are encouraged to report if they find the tape has been broken.

Eighty-two credit card skimmers have been found since the MDARD found the first one in Grand Rapids.

In Livingston County, skimmers were found in March 2016 at stations in Howell, Brighton and Brighton Township, according to statistics from the MDARD.

It is also recommended that citizens check their bank or credit card statements for unusual activity that could signal the card has been compromised.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **July 11, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ17-0014 (McCotter Architecture and Design, PLLC.) 1141 EAST LAKE DRIVE, East of East Lake Drive and South of 14 Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-126-008. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.5d for side yard setback of 11 feet, 9 inches and building overhang set back of 13 feet, 3 inches and Section 4.19-1 to allow a 308 square foot variance to maximum allowable accessory building size. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0017 (Audrey & Gordie Wilson) 1345 EAST LAKE DRIVE, West of Novi Road and North of 13 Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-177-013. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.32(10) size variance for a waterfront structure, 20 x 20 feet area proposed, 10 by 10 feet maximum allowed and a height variance of 14 feet 8 feet maximum allowed. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0024 (Greg Meadows) 25595 Buckminster Drive, East of Taft Road and South of Eleven Mile Road Parcel #50-22-22-128-011. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a rear yard setback of 24.7 feet for proposed roof over patio, 35 feet minimum required by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0026 (Christopher Leineke) 2292 Austin Drive, South of Thirteen Mile Road and West of Old Novi Road, Parcel #50-22-10-227-018. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a side yard setback of 2 feet, 10 feet minimum required by code, aggregate total of 7 feet, 25 feet minimum required by code and a lot coverage of 35 percent 25 percent required by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0027 (Martell Development LLC) Lot 8, East of Beck Road and North of Twelve Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-04-451-024. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a Left side yard setback of 10 feet, 15 feet minimum required by code, right side yard setback of 20 feet, minimum required is 25 feet by code, front yard setback of 25 feet, 30 feet minimum required by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-2).

Hope to glimpse solar eclipse?

Michiganders head for path of Aug. 21 event

Kristen Jordan Shamus
Detroit Free Press

The first total solar eclipse to take place in the continental U.S. since 1979 is coming this summer, and sky gazers from around the world are planning trips to a roughly 70-mile-wide-swath of the country where the celestial spectacle can be seen in all its glory.

Within that band, known as the path of totality, day will turn into night as the sun is blocked by the moon. Stars will appear in the middle of the afternoon, the temperature will drop and people with special solar glasses will be able to see the sun's corona, the outer edges of the sun, fan out from the black disc in stark contrast with the dark sky.

The path of totality will run through parts of 14 states — from Oregon to South Carolina — on Aug. 21, and it'll last anywhere from 2 minutes to 2 minutes, 40 seconds, depending on where you go.

Though he didn't see the last total solar eclipse in the continental U.S. in 1979, Jon Blum, a retired dermatologist from Farmington Hills, took his family to Hawaii in 1991, which was the only place where it passed through any part of the U.S. that time.

"I thought it would be a great experience to see a total eclipse of the sun, so my wife and I took our three children to the Big



ROSIE BLUM

Jon Blu (from left), Steven Blum, Suzanne Blum and Michael Blum try to see the total solar eclipse in Hawaii in 1991. They couldn't see it, however, through the clouds that day. They are hoping for clear skies for the Aug. 21 eclipse.

Island of Hawaii," said Blum, who is 72. "Then it was cloudy on that morning and we didn't see the eclipse.

"So within a few years after that, I was already looking to see when was the next eclipse in the United States, and this is the one coming up this August. I've been planning for decades. Me and my kids and my wife want to see this one. Now I have grandkids, too, to see it with."

As he researched this summer's eclipse trip, Blum only had one consideration.

"Based on my experience in 1991, my one and only criteria is where is it not going to be cloudy on that day," he said. "So I studied websites and I bought books and I studied the weather every place on this path all the way from Oregon to South Carolina. ... The stuff that I read said the least percent chance of cloudiness on Aug. 21 ... is a little town called

Madras, Ore."

He'll take his wife, Rosie Blum, and their three adult children, Michael, Steven and Suzanne Blum, along with their three eldest grandchildren — Rebecca, Tessa and Ryan Blum — to see it.

"We're hoping for better luck this time," he said. "It's supposed to be an awesome experience as the day turns into night, and you feel the temperature drop. You feel cool for a couple minutes, and then it warms up again."

Ken Bertin, a financial planner from West Bloomfield, fell in love with the night sky as a young boy, when his older sister brought home a science book with a picture of the planets of our solar system on the cover.

He read everything he could about astronomy, and he remembers fondly the telescope his father bought for him at age 7.

"I would go out on the porch that we had, I don't think my parents even knew, but I would go out there and look at the stars," said Bertin, now 71, and a member of the Warren Astronomical Society.

He went on to see his first total solar eclipse in 1971, and then tried a Halley's Comet cruise in 1986 in the Mediterranean, where he met astrophysicist Fred Espenak, who is now retired from NASA and is known as Mr. Eclipse.

"Fred is an eclipse-chaser supreme. He's probably seen 30 or so. I linked up with him ... and have been following eclipses with him ever since," Bertin said, traveling to Bolivia, India, Libya, Turkey, China, Mexico, South Africa, England and Spain to see total and annular eclipses.

This time, Bertin will join Espenak in Casper, Wyo., where there's an Astronomical League

conference planned the week before the Aug. 21 eclipse.

The difference between seeing a total solar eclipse and a partial, he said, is like the difference between seeing your favorite band in the front row, or seeing that band from seven blocks away.

"Do you know, the first question people ask after they see their first total solar eclipse? It's when's the next one? The thing about eclipses which makes them so compelling, particularly total solar eclipses, is that the eye sees the full range of the visible spectrum, whereas cameras cannot," he said.

"You can see all the pictures you want to see of eclipses. You're either going to get the corona or you're going to get the prominences; you can't get them both. But your eye sees it all. And when you see it, you just gasp."

Diane Hall, 36, of Warren has hotel reserva-

tions in Grand Island, Neb., which is in the path of totality for the week-end of the eclipse. But she said she and her husband, Jonathan Kade, are still weighing other options.

"That's plan A, you might say. If something else comes along that's a little closer to home, we might opt for that," said Hall, president of the Warren Astronomical Society. "But right now, we've got our room booked in Nebraska."

"Some of our friends in the club will actually be watching the eclipse from the Grand Tetons. ... We have a couple of club members who also will be going to Nebraska. There's another group going to Carbondale, Ill., which is going to be approximately the longest duration of the eclipse. That's our plan B, actually, joining them in Carbondale for the camaraderie."

Jack and Cecelia Brisbin of Canton also have plans to see the total solar eclipse in Grand Island, Neb.

Jack Brisbin, a member of the University Lowbrow Astronomers, said they took historical weather data and geography into consideration when choosing where to see the eclipse.

"Nebraska's pretty flat," he said. "It's in the Plains, and the weather forecasts are kind of stable that part of the year. They have dry, clear skies. ... You can go down south to Tennessee, but you get around the mountains and that, and it tends to be more cloudy. It can be wet one day and dry the next."

Joe Muer Seafood of Bloomfield Hills opens for business

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

Joe Muer Seafood of Bloomfield Hills opened to the public June 12.

"We're looking forward to it," said Dominic Vicari, who will be running the day-to-day operations at the restaurant. "A lot of planning went into this location. We'll have plenty of outdoor seating, along with our traditional Joe Muer sushi and raw bar."

Joe Muer Seafood, one of the more iconic names in the metro Detroit restaurant scene, has operated under the Joe Vicari Restaurant Group since 2011. The original Joe Muer Seafood stood for decades on Gratiot Avenue until it closed in 1998. A second one opened in 2012 inside the Detroit Renaissance Center.

This is the group's first Joe Muer outside of Detroit. It's located at the Kingsley Inn Hotel at 39475 Woodward Ave., at Long Lake Road.

"We really debated that for a long time," said Vicari, 32, a standout goalie at Michigan State University who grew up in the food service industry. "We originally planned to take the brand outside of the Michigan market — we didn't want to hurt our downtown location. But we came to the understanding that a lot of the downtown clientele goes to Detroit for

specific events ... and we figured they're far enough apart that they're not going to hurt each other."

Whereas the Detroit Joe Muer has a stunning view of the Detroit River, this location is in the heart of the suburbs. Ron & Roman of Birmingham designed the restaurant, which features a 1,000-gallon saltwater aquarium, full wine rack, grand piano, private dining options and two outdoor patios — one of which will remain open year-round.

"They're going to get the same impeccable service and same exact menu as our downtown location," Vicari said. "The only difference in the menu will be the chef specials — or the 'blackboard specials' as we like to call them. We'll have eight to 10 items on there."

The restaurant will seat 275 guests, including 30 at the bar. The front of the restaurant facing Woodward has a Nana-Wall system that can open to the outdoors. Wall dividers can close off portions of the restaurant for private events seating up to 100 guests.

For more information about the restaurant and menu, go to joemuer.com

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NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN

Some 5,500 walkers took part in the annual walk for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. The event raised \$650,000.

Donations increase 24 percent for annual kidney benefit walk

Nearly \$650,000 was raised at the 21st annual Kidney Walk for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's life-changing programs and services for the one in nine Michigan residents who suffer from chronic kidney disease.

Danny Zivian, a local teenager with chronic kidney disease, raised more than \$33,000, bringing his lifetime fundraising total for the foundation to more than \$118,000. The annual Kidney Walk event was held May 21 at the Detroit Zoo and included more than 5,500 walkers.

"We want to thank our

supporters and sponsors on making this Kidney Walk so successful," said Dan Carney, CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. "The Kidney Walk is vital to this community because the funds raised directly support the 900,000 plus Michigan residents who suffer from chronic kidney disease and the many more at risk."

Many people walked this year to celebrate the good health of their loved ones after successful transplants, for those dealing with kidney disease and to honor the memory of those who fought kidney disease.

The funds raised at the event will support the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's patient services and prevention programs, such as:

- » Personal Action Toward Health (PATH & Diabetes PATH)
- » The annual Kidney Camp for kids
- » Reggie's Rainbow Adventure®
- » Diabetes Prevention Program®
- » Enhance Fitness

The Walk was kicked off by WJBK-TV's Rich Luterman, who served at the master of ceremonies, and included speeches from the Kidney Walk co-chairmen Wright

Lassiter III, president of Henry Ford Health System; and Bill Kolb, global president, Diversified Agencies, McCann Worldgroup. In addition to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and its supporters, the Kidney Walk was generously sponsored by Henry Ford Health System, HAP, McCann Worldgroup Detroit, Greenfield Health Systems, Meijer, Madison Heights Glass, DTE Foundation, CBS Radio and WJBK-TV (Channel 2) Detroit.

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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 Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

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‘I HAD TO LEARN TO BE HOMELESS’

Lansing’s Mike Karl and Homeless Angels group are about second chances

RACHEL GRECO
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 Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com.

LANSING, Mich. - Mike Karl credits the homeless community with helping him survive six months on the streets of Lansing more than a decade ago. It's why he has dedicated his life to homeless outreach.

In late 2004 he lost his home to the bank and couldn't pay his bills. Then he started drinking.

"I only had me and a bottle, really, and I talked too much to that bottle," Karl said. "It took over. It was the worst time in my life. I lost touch with everything."

He managed to keep his job at General Motors' Delta Township Assembly plant, but slept on park benches and street corners. He said it was other homeless individuals who taught him how to stay warm, showed him where he could get food and take a shower.

"I had to learn how to be homeless," Karl said. "It's not a skill that you have. They pretty much showed me exactly what I needed to do, and they became family."

Karl said it took him two years and a second chance from a pastor to deal with his alcoholism and stabilize his life.

Today that's what Karl's grass-roots organization, Homeless Angels, believes in — chances, sometimes as many as it takes to help get someone off the streets.

The non-profit, founded four years ago, provides temporary housing for homeless individuals and families at the Burkewood Inn. The group takes donations to fund outreach.

The effort grew around Karl's yearly "week on the streets" every November, during which he would spend his nights sleeping in homeless camps around Lansing. He documented the experience with photos and videos.



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Mike Karl, the founder of Homeless Angels, poses for a portrait in a room at the Burkewood Inn in Lansing, Mich.

spends nearly as much time in his office at the Burkewood in Lansing Township.

He spends his mornings working to help find shelter for people who don't have homes and encouraging clients to seek employment and other assistance.

If there are issues, Karl usually handles them with ease, said Amanda Zimmerman, who works with Homeless Angels. "He can get to the level where they're at," she said.

ONE NATION NOMINATE AN AMERICAN

Who are your American heroes? Share stories and nominees at onenation.usatoday.com or via email to onenation@usatoday.com or post a video submission to Twitter, Facebook or Instagram

Mike Karl

Location: Lansing, Michigan

Age: 39

Profession: General Motors assembly plant team leader

Mission: Homeless outreach. Founder of Homeless Angels

Q&A WITH MIKE KARL

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To me it means we're all family, all races and colors and ethic backgrounds. It's helping each other. It's trying to unite people, trying to give people a way to help people, and allowing each other to see who we really are as people. All of us, when it's nighttime outside, we're all Americans. There's nothing that separates us.

What moment touched and motivated you to take part in this effort?

When the pastor who helped me died, it sparked something in me. I wanted to make sure that his legacy and his effort, that I saw work, continued. It's really important work.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

I get hope from people who do the smallest, kindest things. They see change and how easy it is to put a smile on someone's face. What really concerns me in today's times is we're becoming too connected with our phones and we've forgotten what real conversation is, and I hope we can get back to that.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I want to end homelessness in every state in this country. These people are afraid. They're depressed. Their anxiety may be up. They just want someone to talk to, just like anyone else. Your approach is what really opens the door for love, change and acceptance. They're somebody's son, somebody's brother, somebody's mother. We try to make that real for people, and allow for their lives to change. It doesn't just change the life of someone on the street. It changes our lives too. It's making things better. Can I help everyone? No, but I'm going to try.

"I had to learn how to be homeless. It's not a skill that you have. They pretty much showed me exactly what I needed to do, and they became family."

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that environment for the first time in your life in the first inning, with guys on first and second, and the catcher says, ‘One.’ He just froze and that stuff happens.”

Kostrzewa decided to make a pitching change with the bases loaded, going with junior right-hander Jon Michalak, who got the first out on an infield pop-up, but walked the next two runners in to make it 2-0.

Kellan Huang followed with a sacrifice fly to bring in the third run after Northville center fielder Michael Lionas made a sprawling catch.

The speedy Foley then started the second inning by stretching a single to left into a double. He stole third and came home on a wild pitch, putting the Hornets ahead, 4-0.

Meanwhile, Northville hit into inning-ending double plays in the first and second, leaving three runners stranded.

“Ultimately, I think it was the first-inning nerves and jitters and then the double plays we hit into with the base runners we had,” Kostrzewa said. “We had 10 hits and scored two runs ... that’s not going to happen very often. Credit them for making the plays. We squandered opportunities and, really, a bad first inning and that ultimately was the game.”

The Mustangs, however, did not go down without a fight.

In the fourth inning, senior first baseman Aram Shahrigran singled and DH Jack Sargent tripled him home off Saline reliever Paul Kiyabu, who had come on for starter Andy Weidmayer.

Lionas followed with a disputed sacrifice fly to right field that scored Sargent, who was originally ruled out for leaving the third base bag too early after an appeal of the call by the Saline dugout.

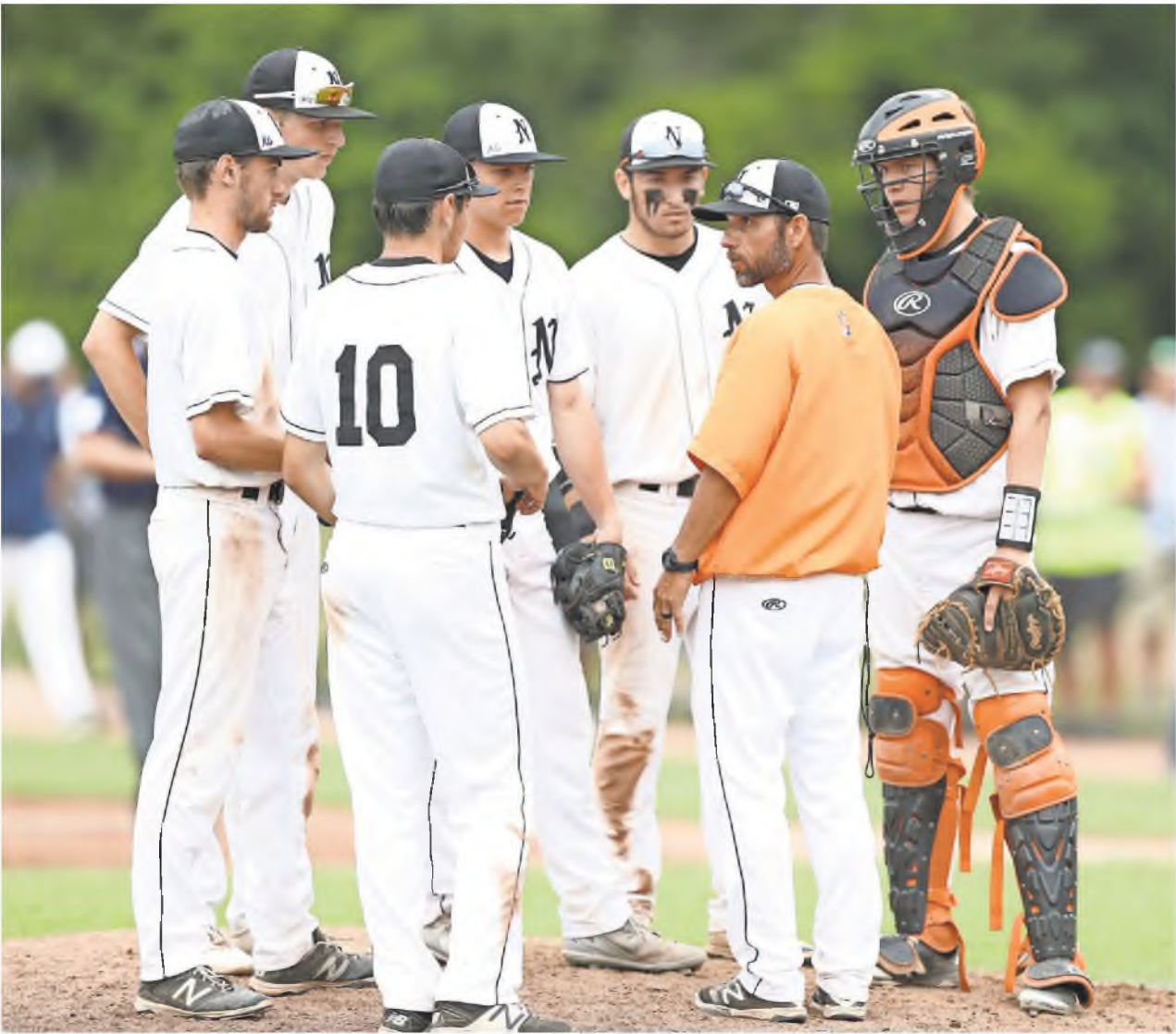
But the run ultimately stayed on the scoreboard after the home plate umpire overruled the third base umpire to make it 4-2.

In the fifth, Northville threatened again as Nick Prystash reached base on a Saline infield error, Shahrigran singled and Jake Moody walked with two outs to load the bases.

Sargent, who had tripled in his previous at-bat, then bunted back to the pitcher (Huang), who had come on for Kiyabu, to end the inning.

“He’s our best bunter and always have the option to do that,” Kostrzewa said. “And we’re not going to second-guess him for doing that. He felt comfortable doing it. Certainly, the outcome is something you can second-guess, obviously, but we don’t have a problem with it. He’s done that before and gotten a base hit out of it.”

Sargent said he discussed bunting in that particular situation with third base coach Bill



Northville head coach John Kostrzewa has a conference on the mound with his players during the fifth inning against Saline.

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The Northville baseball team earned runner-up honors in Division 1.

MARTHA MICHALAK



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Saline's Kellan Huang (top) gets the force out on Northville's Kevin Morrissey.

Flohr Sr.

“We were really influenced if (Sean Millsbaugh) had played back at third that I could bunt because I’ve bunted all season,” Sargent said.

“I’ve bunted down third base all season. I don’t know ... it wasn’t not a good decision to make. I, obviously, should have swung because my bat

has been pretty hot. But it was a good pitch. It was inside. The bunt went up the middle and straight back to the pitcher and that was that.”

In the top of the sixth, Huang singled and Ted Eppinga walked, but Michalak, who had nearly reached his 105-pitch limit, was able to get a

4-3 double play.

But Huang scored after Northville reliever Ryan Pumper threw a wild pitch to give the Hornets a three-run cushion, 5-2.

Foley, who went 3-for-4, then hit his second double, forcing another pitching change for Kostrzewa as Tyler Troyer came on.

“The lefty (Foley) was coming up and I wanted him to see somebody else because, to me, he’s the guy that stirs their pot,” Kostrzewa said. “He was a problem all day long. He stole a run by himself and that’s something we talked about before the game even started. We didn’t do a very good job of keeping him off base

and that was really a focus going in. I felt we’d give him a different look from a different side and, obviously, (it) didn’t happen.”

In the bottom of the sixth, Northville made noise again as Lionas walked and Alex Garbacz followed with a single. Theisen made another pitching change, going to Tyler Zmich out of the bullpen.

In the next at-bat, Northville freshman Christian Williams hit into a 6-3 double play before Kevin Morrissey grounded out to first to end the threat.

“We turned a few of them,” Theisen said of the three double plays. “Those were huge; those were inning-killers.”

After Nick Prystash led off the bottom of the seventh with an infield single and Moody drew a two-out walk, the Mustangs had the tying run at the plate, but Sargent grounded out to second to end the game.

“We were used to the big inning. We were hoping for one and it just didn’t happen today,” said Shahrigran, who went 3-for-4. “I felt like we were confident against every pitcher. We saw most of them the last time we played them and just couldn’t get it going.”

The Mustangs battled throughout, out-hitting Saline, 10-8, but left 10 runners on base.

“I didn’t expect to have that many base runners and hitting into that many double plays but, ultimately, I expected them to compete and battle and have an opportunity to win even though they went up 3-0,” Kostrzewa said.

Getting out to the 4-0 advantage proved to be pivotal for the Hornets.

“It’s not like we smacked the ball around,” Theisen said. “We took advantage of maybe some early-game nerves and maybe being here in the past helped us in that regard. Maybe batting first helped us in that regard, sometimes. Our hitters were disciplined, I thought, and didn’t try to do too much. If they were going to walk us, we took it.”

Northville ended its season at 30-11, along with making its longest MHSAA tourney run in school history.

“Getting through the regional for our program was huge,” Kostrzewa said. “We had failed in so many opportunities and failed in very tight ballgames. I think that stigma and finally the team to get over hump. ... I think once we got over that, I think all the pressure went off and they were just having fun and that was kind of the mentality the whole time.”

The Mustangs lose only five seniors to graduation, including Nate Wixon, who missed the entire season due to injury, along with Connor Ziparo, Morrissey, Lionas and Shahrigran.

“Best team I’ve ever played with,” Shahrigran said. “I’ll never forget them. I love them all.”

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reached the second round of the OHL playoffs.

Robertson nearly tripled his offensive numbers this season for Kingston after scoring 18 goals and adding 14 assists during his inaugural OHL season in 2015-16.

“I knew our team wasn’t going to be scoring a lot of goals and (was) kind of offensively challenged a little bit, so I knew there was a lot of work cut out for some of the offensive guys on the

team,” Robertson said. “Personally, I felt like I had a successful year, I think. And with the help of my teammates and the coaching staff, it allowed me to be looked upon as a success.”

Robertson said the Frontenacs surpassed expectations this season.

“We went into this year as more of an underdog role type of team,” he said. “Real young, not a whole lot of experience. We came in here and we performed very well. We worked really hard and we ended up getting to the second round, which was a lot farther than people ex-

pected us to go.”

At the combine in Buffalo, Robertson went through a litany of physical tests along with one-on-one meetings with NHL front office personnel.

“I knew what it was all about, a lot of interviews, a lot of people you talk to to present yourself well and act mature,” he said. “In terms of interviews, it was pretty fun, pretty exciting. It was serious, but at the same time, it was a fun time. Fitness testing, off ice, was basically what it is, just off-ice tests with a lot of cameras and people focusing on you. Overall, it

was pretty fun experience and I really learned a lot from it.”

Robertson, who doesn’t turn 18 until July 22, has been building a strong portfolio as an NHL prospect.

“I’m a skilled forward,” he said. “And, like I said, I feed off my teammates and I try to make the players around me better. I’m a goal scorer, a smart player who really has an outstanding hockey sense. That’s what I’d like to say.”

If there’s been any pre-draft knock on Robertson, it’s been about his skating ability, but that’s

something he’s been concentrating on during the off-season.

“I really had a strict training regimen for the combine and now it’s over,” Robertson said. “I’m really focusing on on ice and off ice strictly for the draft in preparation for whatever team drafts me in their development camp.”

“I’m working a lot on my off-ice strength, lower body and mobility. I know that’s going to transfer from off ice to on ice. That’s what I’m really focusing on.”

Robertson, who played for the Don Mills Flyers Midget Minor AAA team

in Toronto during the 2014-15 season before going to the Ontario juniors, will more than likely have some familiar company next year in the OHL.

His younger brother Nick, 15, a 5-7, 145-pound forward, was drafted in the first round (16th overall) by the Peterborough Petes.

“We play them eight times, so that’s going to be pretty interesting this upcoming year,” Robertson said. “I’m excited to go against my little brother.”

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JUNIOR HOCKEY

HIS CUP RUNNETH OVER

Plymouth's Boka relishes Spits' history-making title run, eyes NHL future

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Ask Windsor Spitfires forward Luke Boka if it was worth going through more than six weeks of intense training, the kind that literally makes one sick, in order to take a victorious taste out of the Memorial Cup.

The Plymouth native, 17, wasted no time answering that question.

"We had 44 days off to prepare for Memorial Cup, it was terrible," Boka said during a telephone interview last week. "Waking up at 5 a.m., running five kilometers, running hills at 6 o'clock in the morning, back skating every day. We were puking. It was awful.

"But I'm so glad we did it, because winning this thing truly is the best thing that's ever happened to me."

Boka and the Spitfires capped the ultimate underdog story May 28 with their 4-3 victory over the Erie Otters in Game 7 of the 2017 Memorial Cup final at Windsor's WFCU Centre.

His parents (Lora and Don Boka of Plymouth), hockey-playing brother Nicholas and other family and friends made the short trek to Windsor for the big night to make the experience even more unforgettable.

"It was awesome," Boka said. "You can't really describe what it feels like to play here (Windsor) and be a part of such a great program. It's been surreal these past few weeks with the cup and everything. It's been awesome."

Making history

The championship journey was one for the books, too.

In early April, Windsor lost a heartbreaking



The Boka family of Plymouth helped Luke Boka celebrate his team's Memorial Cup championship at WFCU Centre in Windsor. From left are parents Lora and Don, Luke, sister Allison and brother Nicholas.

seven-game series to London in the opening round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

Yet Boka and his teammates knew their season wasn't over because the Spitfires were hosting the Memorial Cup — with the OHL, Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and Western Hockey League playoff champions making up three of the four contestants and the host team rounding out the bracket.

"We beat all three of them and we're champions," Boka said. "Everyone doubted us as the underdog and we came out on top. It was pretty special. The place was sold out every game we had. It was awesome. I've

never experienced anything like it. They (fans) definitely gave us a lot of energy."

With the win, Windsor became the first team to get bounced in the opening round and still win the Memorial Cup as a host team.

Boka was played a key role in the Spitfires' championship, part of a shutdown penalty kill unit. He also was a solid offensive contributor throughout the regular season with 13 goals and 15 assists.

"In the final game they (Otters) had three or four power play," Boka said. "They scored on one of them, but they have one of the best power plays in the league, so you can't ask much more

than to kill three of them off."

Windsor nod

And he wasn't afraid to mix things up, when necessary. The NHL player he said he tries to emulate is Windsor native and former Detroit Red Wings player Steve Ott.

"He's a Windsor guy. I really love the way he plays," Boka said. "I think I play like him, just a lot of energy, a lot of sacrifice and doing whatever it takes to win. It's guys like that that I try to play like and model my game after. Those guys with that kind of character, that kind of compete level, those are the ones that are destined to be champions."

Still, the former Plymouth Victory Honda player said there were some butterflies to deal with on the eve of the make-or-break seventh game.

So he exchanged texts with 19-year-old brother Nicholas Boka — property of the NHL Minnesota Wild and a defenseman for the University of Michigan.

"He said, 'I wish I could tell you *not* to be nervous and just go out there and play your game, but to be honest, just enjoy it and have fun with it,'" Luke said. "'You're never going to experience something like this again. Just make the most out of everything.' That helped me a lot."

Having the older Boka (who is turning 20 soon) in his corner was another reason for Luke to go into Game 7 with plenty of confidence.

"Seeing his work ethic growing up and seeing the way he prepares himself to play at the highest level truly is second to none," Luke Boka said. "He's really been a big influence in my career and he's been a big role model for me."

NHL dream

Another topic the brothers can discuss is handling the pressure and anticipation that comes with the National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Nicholas Boka was selected in the sixth round of the 2015 draft by Minnesota; Luke will find out June 23-24 at the United Center in Chicago whether he, too, will hear his name called.

"I'm ranked (201st by) NHL Central Scouting, I don't know if I'm going to get picked or not," Luke Boka said. "But I think the Memorial Cup performance I had should give me a little better shot."

"Honestly, if I get picked, that's great, but at the end of the day, nothing really fazes me that much. I know what I have to do to be able to play in the NHL one day."

He added that getting to the NHL is a grind that takes a number of years, at least for most players.

"It doesn't matter how good you are when you're 17, the average NHL rookie is 23 or 24 years old," Boka said. "I got a lot of time to develop and become a better hockey player. I really can't get too worried about draft rankings or where I think I'm going to get drafted to. It's a process."

If the way Boka and the Spitfires won a championship is any indication, he already knows the best things in hockey are worth waiting for.

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masterful as he tossed a four-hitter while allowing just one walk and a hit batter, going all seven innings as Northville improved to 30-10.

After throwing in the regional final against Hartland on normal rest, Ziparo befuddled Grand Haven (24-16) with an assortment of pitches.

"The biggest game of my life," Ziparo said. "I've been all around the country playing in tournaments and nothing beats that, man. That's a great feeling."

The crafty lefty, who has an earned-run average hovering near 1.20, struck out four in raising his season record to 7-2.

"The fastball was working today," he said. "I struggled finishing on the curve ball, but the fastball ... I put it both sides of the plate, so that was really the go-to pitch today."

Meanwhile, Northville's revived postseason offense continued to thrive as it has now outscored six state tournament opponents by an aggregate of 44-6.

"One through nine in the lineup, we've all been hitting well," said junior catcher Billy Flohr, who went 2-for-4 with a bunt single and triple. "And we're putting some hits together."

The Mustangs gave Grand Haven a dose small ball with two bunt singles and two other



Northville's Nick Prystash is hit by a pitch during the first inning.

sacrifice bunts.

In the bottom of the first inning, Kevin Morrissey led off with a single and Nick Prystash was hit in the helmet by a Sean Casey pitch. After a sacrifice bunt by Flohr to move the runners over, Jake Moody came through with a two-run single.

Northville added another run in the second on a bunt single by Michael Lionas, who later stole second and took third on a wild pitch before coming home on a Christian Williams single.

The Mustangs scored one in the fourth without the benefit of a hit as Lionas was hit by a pitch

to lead off the inning. He moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Alex Garbacik and scored on an infield error off a bunt by Morrissey that was mishandled by the Bucs to make it 4-0.

"The bunting game we've talked a lot about in the last couple of weeks, that it's really going to become important when we get to games like this," said 13th-year Northville coach John Kostrzewa, who notched his 350th career win. "We were able to execute some sacrifice bunts that turned into base hits because they were so good. We had a couple of bunts for hits that came

through."

In the fifth, Northville padded its lead to 7-0, scoring three more runs. Aram Shahrigian doubled, stole third and scored on a Grand Haven error. Pinch-hitter Jack Sargent tripled home Moody, who had been hit by a pitch, one of four by Casey in the game. Lionas then scored Sargent on a sacrifice fly.

"We had some good at-bats, hit by pitches and when we put some pressure on them, we really were able to put some good swings on the ball," Kostrzewa said.

In the sixth, Northville made it 9-0 on a triple by Morrissey, an RBI ground out by Nick Prys-

tash, a triple by Flohr and a bizarre RBI sacrifice infield fly pop out by Sargent.

"They bunted the ball and killed the ball in the right spots," Grand Haven coach Michael Hansen said. "Did it throw us off? Not really. I thought the ball got to first base on time, but we didn't catch the ball. But they did an excellent job of executing. That team did their job. Congratulations to them."

The Buccaneers scored their lone run in the top of the seventh on a walk to Casey, a single by Brandon Tuuk and a fielder's choice ground out by Max Schweikert.

But Ziparo closed it out with a fly out and strikeout to end the game.

"You got a lefty like that that's got a little running fastball, good change-up and a curve ball, throws strikes, gritty ... the kind of pitcher you like to have on your team," Hansen said. "So I was impressed with him. Those are the kind of pitchers that win this type of tournament, not the guys all the time that throw 90 (mph). Of course, those guys are effective as well. You can win with these guys, so I thought he did a great job."

Flohr, who went all seven innings behind the plate, was impressed with his left-handed battery mate.

"Definitely a good pitching performance for him," Flohr said. "He was just throwing strikes."

That's what we emphasize. First pitch fastball, you've got to throw it for a strike. First pitch curve ball, you've got to throw it for a strike."

In his last few outings, Ziparo had struggled a bit with his command, but against Grand Haven, he was ahead in the count and pitching to contact.

"He's a pretty intense guy and you have to reel him in a little bit," Kostrzewa said. "We knew he'd be real successful today and he did a great job. He was pounding the strike zone, then getting ahead and using his off-speed pitches. He made the one mistake in the first inning 0-2 (count), then I didn't see a mistake the rest of the game. That was really important."

The Mustangs, who collected nine hits, have also hit their stride at the plate during their six-game tournament run.

"We expected our offense to be the strength of our team; it just took a little while to come around," Kostrzewa said. "But once those new guys got comfortable, it got a lot easier to turn the lineup around. When eight and nine (hitters) are getting on base and then the guys on top come through, it makes it easier to score runs. Once we figured out our lineup, it started to click. And once we figured out our lineup, it complemented our pitching more."

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville rallies for quarterfinal win vs. Rochester

Michalak does job in relief in 9-5 victory

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Northville's baseball team continued to push all the right buttons June 13 during the Division 1 quarterfinal at Wayne State University's Ernie Harwell Field.

The Mustangs didn't panic after spotting Rochester a 3-0 first-inning lead before charging back for a 9-5 victory to earn its first state semifinal appearance since 1972, when they were in Class B state tournament.

Northville batted around twice in the third and fifth innings to score all nine of its runs at Harwell Field, which is named after the legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster and features the exact replica and dimensions of Fenway Park's 37-foot Green Monster left field wall in Boston.

Northville also received a stellar relief performance from righthander Jon Michalak, who came on to start the second inning after starter Ben Schmidt gave up a walk with the bases loaded along with a two-run double to Ben Compton.

Michalak gave up a one-out single to Tom Loftus to start the second inning, but then picked off Loftus at first base and retired the next 13 batters in order until the bottom of the seventh, when Rochester struck for its final two runs.

"It's nice to get out here and keep it rolling," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "And that's what these guys have done. They pick each other up. To do what he (Michalak) did from the second inning on was just a tremendous job by him."



DAN DEAN

Northville pitcher Jonathan Michalak came in during the top of the second inning.



DAN DEAN

Michael Lionas goes to his knees to catch a shallow fly ball.

Rochester (30-12) capitalized on a Northville infield error to start the game as Schmidt threw 26 pitches while allowing the three runs

on three hits.

"I think part of being a coach and spending time with these kids you know when something is wrong and something isn't

right," Kostrzewa said. "From the start Ben (Schmidt) had a little trouble with the mound. He's a tall, lanky guy and it was kind of a high mound. It's a concern even before he started and then seeing him with a lot of balls up, we knew it wasn't going to take very long to get him out of there because we knew he was struggling a little bit. And he's been fantastic all year long."

In the top of the third inning, Northville sent 11 batters to the plate, scoring five runs on five hits to take the lead for keeps.

Lead-off man Kevin Morrissey, who went 3-for-5 with three RBIs, got the inning started with a single. Aram Shahrighian then came through with a bases-loaded single to score one and Jake Moody reached base on a Rochester infield error, pulling the Mustangs to within one, 3-2.

Alex Garbacik put Northville ahead for keeps with a two-run single and Morrissey, the

senior shortstop, capped off the five-run sure with another RBI single to make it 5-3.

"That has kind of been pretty consistent with our whole state tournament run," Kostrzewa said of the big inning. "We've been able to turn it over in different ways. We haven't been down 3-0 at all in the state tournament and to see how they responded after 3-0, I was curious to see what would happen and it was just an outstanding turnaround by them to come back and put five up and go up 5-3 and then keep adding on was a real difference-maker. To be able to come into the dugout and keep adding and Jon doing a great job of not letting them score, I think was a big momentum swing."

The Mustangs added to their two-run cushion in the top of the fifth by scoring four more runs. Morrissey delivered a clutch two-run double to the left-center field gap that touched the Green Monster, followed by another Rochester infield error and a bases-loaded walk to Jake Moody.

The Falcons got an RBI single from Loftus and an RBI double from Ryan Gladstone in the bottom of the seventh, but was too little, too late as Michalak got Mark Matynka to fly out to right to end the game.

"He was throwing a good fastball and his off-speed pitch was sharp," Rochester coach Eric Magiera said of Michalak. "It wasn't that we were striking out. We were just banging the ball into the ground or not barreling it up. That's what a good pitcher does. Sometimes you'll look at a guy and say, 'He doesn't look like he throws the hardest out there, but he has great stuff.' And that guy had great stuff."

In six innings, Michalak allowed two runs on five hits with no walks to go along with a pair of strikeouts.

"I was ready," Michalak said. "Our coach had been telling us all week and all playoffs that all pitchers got to be ready to go at any time because we're going to use all of them and we're going to play to win. My fastball was on. I was throwing hard. My curve ball got going later on, but they just couldn't hit me."

Michalak's confidence seemed to grow after he picked off Loftus at first base for the second out of the second inning.

"That was big," he said. "I've picked off one or two guys this year, but I got him sleeping. I got in a rhythm. When I came into the dugout in the sixth inning, I was telling people I was no-hitting them. Knocked on wood ... didn't work."

Rochester starter Jacob Jackson went the first 2½ innings, allowing three earned runs on seven hits and a walk before coming out in the third for Owen Malinowski.

Northville out-hit the Falcons, 10-8.

"We were able to put some balls in play and barrel some balls hard, had some good approaches and drew some walks," Kostrzewa said. "Just great offensive middle innings, especially."

Rochester, meanwhile, committed an uncharacteristic four errors.

"It's not us and it hasn't been us," Magiera said. "It's probably been since the 10th game of the season that we played a game like that and it's unfortunate that kind of showed in this game."

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks are fit to be tied following second-half collapse

Chicago FC scores late to keep defending champs out of first place

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The Michigan Bucks did some soul searching following 2-2 draw Sunday night against Chicago FC United in a Father's Day match-up at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Players and coaches stayed on the field for more than 20 minutes for a heart-to-heart discussion after conceding a pair of goals during the final 15 minutes in the Premier Development League Central Conference crossover.

The Bucks, who missed an opportunity to pull even with first-place Kitchener-Waterloo United FC in the Great Lakes Division, settled instead for the one point and remained in second place with 16 points at 5-1-1. "It's disappointing. You never want to give up the lead, never want to drop points, especially when you play and did such good work in the first half," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "We feel like we threw it away."

The Bucks were missing five starters, including goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan University) and star forward Francics Atuahene (University of Michigan), both of whom were training for the week with Major League



JAY DUNWELL

This direct free kick eludes Bucks goalkeeper Anthony Mwembia during the 2-2 draw with Chicago United FC.

Soccer's Sporting FC in Kansas City.

And despite three other regulars out with injuries, the Bucks jumped out to a 1-0 advantage, getting a goal by Ivo Cerda (U-M) in the second minute on a rebound off a shot by Austin Ricci.

Andre Landell then scored his team-leading fifth goal of the season on a header in the 19th minute, off an assist from captain Tom Owens, who collected his team best fifth assist of the year, to make it 2-0.

The score stayed that way until the 77th minute, when Chicago's Qudus Lawal beat Bucks goalkeeper Anthony Mwembia (Bowling Green) to cut the deficit to 2-1.

And in the 89th minute, Chicago's Chris Mueller (Wisconsin) stunned the Bucks when he rifled a direct free kick from the left flank about 35 yards out to beat Mwembia, who was named the Mid-American Conference Goalkeeper of the Year last fall.

"The goalie was kind of cheating out and it was one they were expecting me to cross it," Mueller said. "I saw him come out a little bit and I just cut it back the other way and I just hit it really well to the top corner. He got his hands on it and it was lucky enough to go in ... it was a good shot."

FC United, which stands 1-1-3 (six points) in the PDL Heartland Conference, was coming off a 1-1 draw Friday against



JAY DUNWELL

Bucks players celebrate after scoring a goal during Sunday's 2-2 draw against Chicago United FC.

Rockford.

"It needed to happen," Mueller said. "It was the last couple of minutes. Some of the guys were telling me to serve the ball in, but I saw him coming out a little bit and those are the kind of shots you need to make to tie these good teams and compete."

Muftari made three second-half substitutions to find some fresh legs, inserting Jacob Bevan, Gael Kisombe and James Haupt, but it couldn't stem the tide.

"I thought we were really good in the first half, felt good about it," Muftari said. "Took our foot off the gas and Chicago did a good job. They really got the momentum in the second half and we couldn't figure a way out to swing it back in our favor. We were just hoping to hold them off. The kid (Lawal) had a good

first goal and then a good set piece (by Mueller) to tie the game."

The Bucks swing back into Great Lakes Division play Thursday in Louisville, Ky., against the last-place Derby City Rovers.

On June 14, the Bucks extended their shutout streak to five with a 1-0 win over the host Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions at DOC Stadium as Shepherd made two saves while Alexi Souahy scored the game-winner from Owens in the 75th minute.

But that scoreless streak was snapped by Chicago in the second half.

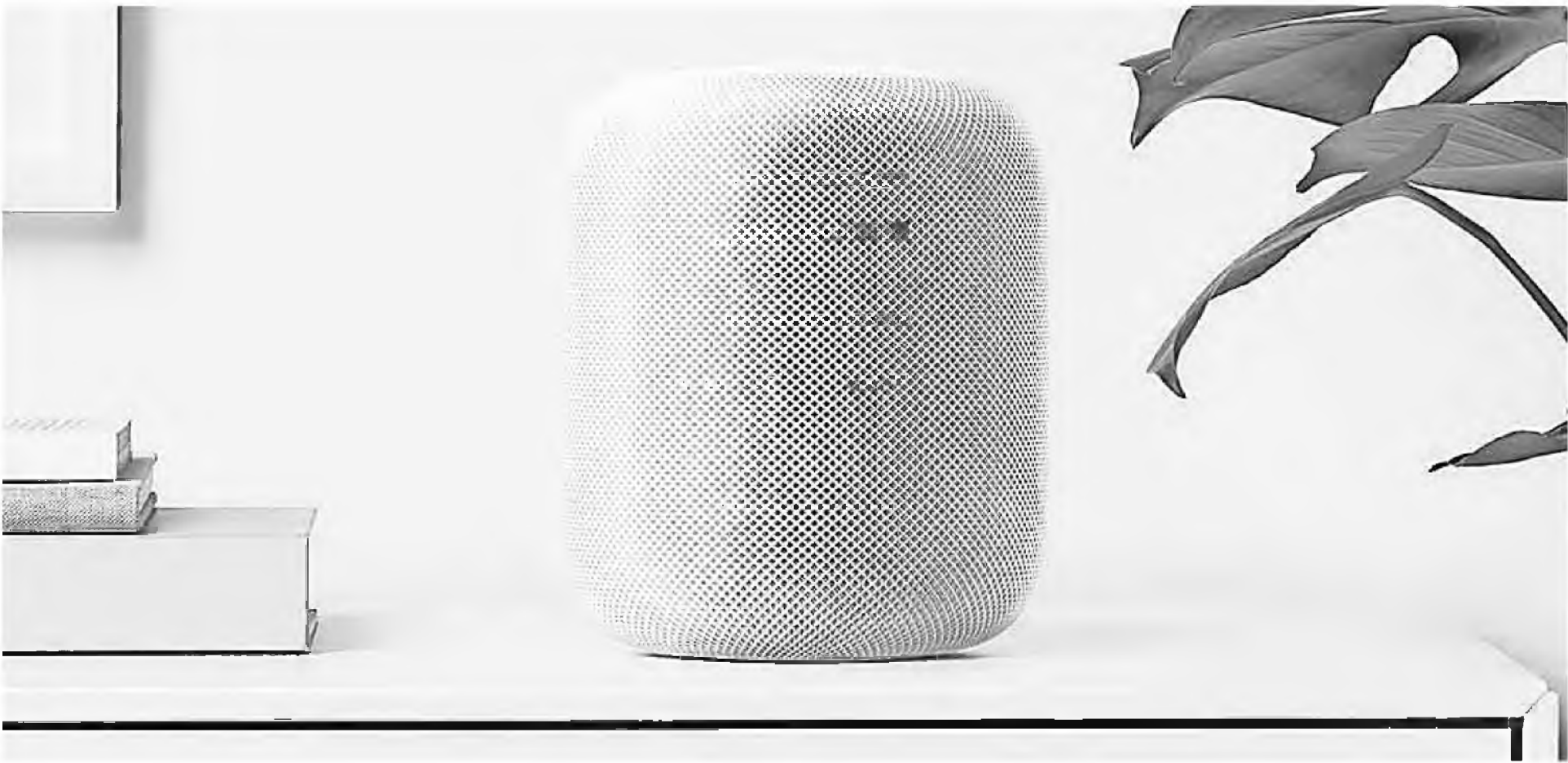
"They got on top of us and gained momentum," Muftari said. "They put a little more pressure on us and defended us a little higher up the field. They didn't give us so much time on the ball. I felt

like we had a lot of time and space in the first half. We weren't able to adjust very well once we did that and they were able to gain some confidence out of it. They were winning the ball in better positions and they were able to get into our half much easier than they in the first half of the game, where we felt like most of the game was played in their half. They came out a little more aggressive defensively. Gave us a lot of trouble and we didn't adjust."

The tie against Chicago may serve as a wake-up call for the Bucks, who will play K-W United FC in back-to-back meetings beginning Sunday, July 2, on the road in Ontario followed by a home date Wednesday, July 5, at Ultimate.

"You're always going to have bad games and we didn't think this was going to be one of them," Muftari said. "It was really a lapse in judgment and concentration. Part of my job is to make sure that doesn't happen. I have to do a better job making sure we're prepared better coming out of the second half. Once we lost the momentum, we couldn't figure out how to swing it back. The thing about soccer, the game keeps flowing and I can't call a timeout. I can't bring the guys in and see if we can settle them back down. That's it. Back to the training ground and trying to find some answers."

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Apple HomePod voice-activated speaker, which retails for \$349, was announced at Apple's Apple Worldwide Developers Conference June 5.

APPLE HANDOUT

HOMEPOD PERFECT FOR MUSIC LOVERS

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SAN JOSE Apple has set its sights on the living room with a voice-activated \$349 speaker called the HomePod that leverages personal digital-assistant Siri and stresses its functionality with core Apple services such as Apple Music.

The iPhone maker was expected to announce a smart speaker, a market that Amazon — with its sleeper hit, the Echo — and then later Google Home, powered by Assistant — now dominate, giving them an integral place in users' lives. Such a speak-

er was missing from Apple's line-up, allowing rivals Amazon and Google to siphon off some of its loyal user base.

But while comparisons with Amazon Echo and Google Home are inevitable, Apple is positioning HomePod more as an alternative to connected music-systems from Sonos and Bose, says Tim Bajarin, an analyst with Creative Strategies.

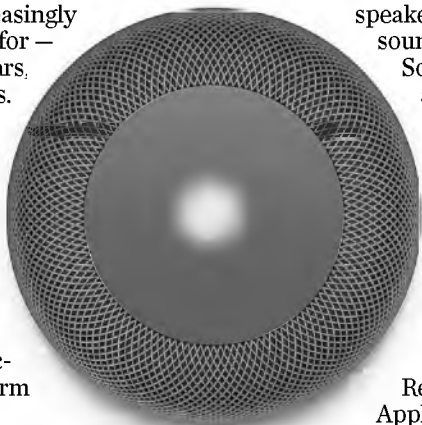
HomePod "is one of the best-sounding speakers I've ever heard," says Bajarin, who was given a private demo by Apple. "I was blown away."

With Siri most widely used on iPhone, which has limited voice range, Apple risked losing out on the daily, at-home

tasks consumers increasingly talk to Echo or Home for — reminders, calendars, music, reservations. This activity, in turn, gives Amazon and Google rich veins of information about consumer behavior. This year, 35.6 million Americans will use a voice-activated assistant device at least once a month, according to research firm eMarketer.

But Apple clearly sees a different scenario for the speaker, its first "pod" product since the days of the iPod music player, than Amazon and Google. Indeed, at \$349 it's priced substantially higher than the \$175 Echo and \$129 Google Home.

Apple says it's looking to "reinvent" the way we listen to music in the home. In its demo at the Worldwide Developers Conference here, Apple focused less on the novelty of using the speaker to answer queries about the weather and calendar appointments and more on using the



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Apple HomePod speaker is designed to be a companion for the subscription service Apple Music.

speaker as a multiroom wireless sound system — exactly what Sonos and Bose do — as well as home-automation functions.

The speaker "can rock most any room with distortion-free music and be a helpful assistant around your home," Apple senior vice president Phil Schiller said.

Ovum analyst Ronan de Renesse said it was smart for Apple to ignore the low end of the market.

"Amazon Echo and Google Home users for the most part don't care enough about audio quality to pay an extra \$150-\$200, and it is just not in Apple's interest to make smart speakers at lower price points."

However, the analyst expects Apple to still lag far behind Amazon and Google in sales.

The HomePod is positioned to be a companion for Apple Music, its subscription service, while Echo and Home work with rivals Spotify, Pandora and others.

FASHION

DRY SHAMPOO: NO WASHING, RINSING OR REPEATING

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Summer is around the corner, a season when hot weather can threaten even the most meticulously crafted hairstyle. That's where dry shampoo comes in. Whether it's a spray, foam, powder or paste, many consumers turn to dry shampoo products to help their hair look and feel cleaner in between washes.

But with a wide range of brands available on the market, and online reports about the dangers of overusing the products, navigating the world of dry shampoo can be difficult. While dry shampoo can extend your hairstyle, the products aren't meant to replace hair-washing routines altogether. "Most people spray in the root and crown area after Day 2 or 3 of styling to help extend their blowout, as it absorbs excess oil and is a dry way to refresh hair," says celebrity stylist George Papanikolas.

Many hairstylists agree that dry shampoo, if not a replacement for washing hair, can be an asset to men and women alike to refresh limp locks and oily scalps.

"If your hair gets oily, then this is a great way to refresh your hair without having to actually wash and dry it," Papanikolas says. "Spray about 16 inches away from the hair so that you don't get white spots, and use a boar-bristle brush to distribute through hair so it can absorb excess oil, and give hair more volume and texture."

Additionally, some stylists use dry shampoo to give hair extra body, regardless of whether it's dirty or clean.

"My favorite styling tip (whether your hair is clean or dirty) is to use dry shampoo to give your hair more body," says Dominick Pucciarello, celebrity hairstylist with Bernstein & Andriulli. "Simply spray the dry shampoo on the root area

and then use your blow dryer on the cool and low settings and go directly at the root. It's a really easy way to refresh or just to add some volume."

"(Dry shampoo) can also be used a styling tool," Papanikolas says. "If you spray it through your hair right after a blow-dry, it's a great way to add extra volume and expand the hair. If you want to do an updo on clean hair, it can be very slippery. By spraying dry shampoo, you give the hair more grip and texture so that it can stay in place."

According to Nancy Twine, the founder of the natural hair product line Briogeo, dry shampoo also can help refresh hair that's been weighed down by other styling products. "Curly hair girls tend to use a lot of product, and product can cause buildup, and buildup can cause itchiness and irritation, so ingredients like the tea tree oil can be soothing."

"Curly hair types typically don't use a ton of dry shampoo because natural oils from the scalp are often beneficial in keeping their curls soft and hydrated," Twine explains, pointing to Briogeo's natural oils-infused Scalp Revival Charcoal + Biotin Dry Shampoo as a potential option. "If someone with textured hair does want to use a dry shampoo, to maybe control oil production, ours is a great one because of the fact that it's not just an oil absorber, but there are also ingredients in there that will help the scalp as well."

While the majority of dry shampoos on the market are aerosol sprays, other



forms include flour-esque powders and frothy mousses. But while their receptacles may differ, dry shampoos work in similar ways, containing starchy active ingredients that absorb oil and grease from the hair's scalp and roots.

Unfortunately, some of those ingredients are less healthy than others. "A lot of dry shampoos on the market contain talc powder, which (can be) linked to cancer," Twine says. "Instead of talc powder, we actually use rice starches to absorb oil at the roots (and) tea tree oil, a natural antimicrobial, which helps to kill harmful bacteria that causes your scalp to be itchy and smell."

Briogeo's dry shampoo is one of many brands that use talc alternatives, sharing

its charcoal elements with Hask's Charcoal Purifying Dry Shampoo and its rice starch with amika's Perk Up Dry Shampoo.

Taking the science of dry shampoo a step further is Living Proof Perfect Hair Day, which freshens hair with a patented Healthy Hair Molecule (called OFPMA) created by MIT scientists.

While many of these dry shampoos retail for more than \$20, stylists often turn to lower-priced options, with Pucciarello naming TONI&GUY's Dry Shampoo among his favorites (\$14.99) and Papanikolas name-dropping Matrix' Style Link Mineral Play Back Dry Shampoo (currently on sale for \$8.99).

Astronomer makes deep-space discovery

Former Michigan resident helps detect colliding black holes

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Alexander Nitz still feels a lot of pride in his Michigan roots — ask any of his friends and fellow physicists at the Albert Einstein Institute in Hannover, Germany, where he’s a postdoctoral research fellow and, from the confines of Earth, something of a space pioneer.

“I’m always selling Michigan,” he said. “I’m convincing a bunch of German friends to go and visit.”

A former resident of Houghton in the Upper Peninsula and a former University of Michigan undergraduate student, Nitz, 29, is a key part of a team providing new insights into some of the most violent, powerful events in the universe, happening incredibly far away — the collision and merging of two black holes.

It was a quick, upturning, electronic-sounding little chirp. But with that fleeting noise, detected by Nitz and other team members on Jan. 4 using two massive, super-sensitive, L-shaped antennae in Washington state and Louisiana, physicists got their latest glimpse of two black holes spiraling together and crashing into one, 3 billion light-years away. A light-year is about 5.88 trillion miles.

That observation, published June 1 in the journal *Physical Review Letters*, is the third time in less than two years that researchers with the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory, or LIGO, pinpointed gravitational waves — like ripples from a rock being thrown into a pond, traveling through space-time — from black holes merging.

“What’s going on is the dawn of a new kind of astronomy,” Nitz said.

“For several hundred years now, we have been able to study the universe by what we can see with our eyes, what we can detect of the light with our instruments. But that doesn’t tell the whole story.

“If using a telescope is seeing with your eyes, what LIGO is able to do is allow us to hear the universe.”

Black holes are still-mysterious regions of space with gravitational pulls so intense, light cannot escape them. And two of them colliding produces an almost incomprehensible amount of energy.

“If the energy produced was visible light, instead of gravitational waves, the



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Alexander Nitz is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Albert Einstein Institute in Hannover, Germany.

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POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

collision would have been brighter than all of the stars in the universe combined,” said Peter Saulson, a professor of physics at Syracuse University, where Nitz received his doctoral degree in 2015.

Gravitational waves occurring in space-time were predicted to exist by Einstein in his General Theory of Relativity in 1916. They were proven in 1974 and many times since over the last four decades, through mathematical calculations related to observations in space.

But LIGO, for the first time in September 2015, detected and recorded the actual disturbance in gravitational waves from two black holes crashing. The right-angle ground antenna arrays in Hanford, Wash., and Livingston, La., have arms almost 2½ miles long. As gravitational waves pass through the Earth, the wave distances on one antenna arm will get slightly larger; on the perpendicular antenna arm, slightly shorter, and those variations will then oscillate be-

tween the two antennae. The wave variations are infinitesimal to the extreme — “We need to measure that to such precision, to one-one thousandth the size of a proton,” Nitz said. (That’s less than the size of an atom.)

Sir Isaac Newton’s apple didn’t fall far from the tree with Nitz. He grew up in Ann Arbor until age 11, when he moved to Houghton with his family, as his father, David Nitz, took a job as a professor of physics at Michigan Technological University, studying space particles.

“Any sort of move is a big change,” Alex Nitz said. “I definitely fell in love in the U.P. It’s beautiful country.”

A self-professed “stereotypical science geek” in grade school, Nitz said he still got along with classmates more interested in Arctic Cats than particle mass.

“I don’t think anybody made me feel out of place in the slightest,” he said. “I have lifelong friends who still live there.”

Living on Portage Lake in the Keweenaw Peninsula, Nitz developed a love for waterskiing and sailing in the family’s 28-foot sailboat. Nitz still visits regularly, and plans a summer vacation to the Keweenaw later next month. “I miss being close to the water,” he said.

After high school, Nitz headed back to Ann Arbor to attend U-M, and, through physics professor Keith Riles, was introduced to LIGO.

“He’s doing great stuff,” Riles said. “It’s been splendid to watch his career develop. The most recent discovery might well have been missed if Alex hadn’t paid careful attention to the data being received.”

Central to that detection — finding a needle of a signal in a haystack of noise — was a specialized software package that Nitz had developed for LIGO during his doctoral work at Syracuse University, where he received his PhD in 2015.

Nitz said LIGO will continue to chart new territory, as scientists further enhance detection technology. The work will help improve understanding of some of the most fundamental questions that still elude science and man about the creation of stars, galaxies and the universe itself.

“There’s so much that’s still unknown,” he said. “Anytime you can open up a new way to view the universe, you’re bound to see unexpected things.”

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BOOK REVIEW

Soaring ‘Flight’ goes into the cockpit with Lindbergh

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In the 22nd hour of his solo New York-to-Paris flight, 1,000 feet above the foggy Atlantic, desperately fighting off fatigue, Charles Lindbergh hallucinates that other people are with him aboard the Spirit of St. Louis. They speak to him above the roar of the engine, offer advice about navigation, and are a comfort to the lonely pilot.

When he flies out of the mist, Lindbergh realizes no one else is there.

Preparing for the non-stop, single-engine flight, Lindbergh is so obsessed with excess weight he rejects a traditional leather pilot’s seat in favor of a lighter wicker chair. In essence, he breaks a world record and becomes America’s hero while seated on the equivalent of patio furniture.

Details like this and more are offered by aviation historian Dan Hampton, who takes us back 90 years, into the cramped cockpit of Lindbergh’s plane and across the cold Atlantic in *The Flight: Charles Lindbergh’s Daring and Immortal 1927 Transatlantic Crossing* (William Morrow, 271 pp., ★★★★★ out of four), an engrossing account of the flight.

Hampton, a decorated former U.S. Air Force pilot who has flown the Atlantic in modern F-16 aircraft, is a voice of expertise in the air, making observations and noting details that might elude others. He’s very good at explaining Lindbergh’s actions during the flight, and how the pilot suffered during his 33½-hour odyssey, which began May 20, 1927.

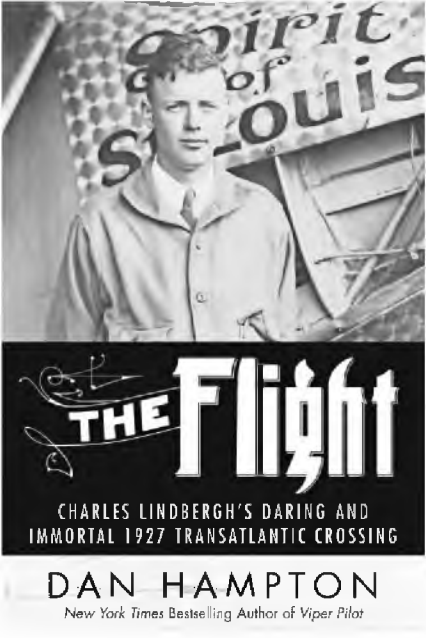
Lindbergh, a former Army aviator, mail pilot, barnstormer and wing-walker, was out to win the Orteig Prize, a \$25,000 award (about \$365,000 today) for the first person to fly non-stop from New York to Paris (or Paris to New York).

Others had flown across the Atlantic — two Britons flew from Newfoundland to Ireland in 1919 — but not as far as Orteig’s daring challenge demanded.

The prize was offered by a French ho-



1927 FILE PHOTO BY AP
Charles A. Lindbergh poses with his plane, The Spirit of St. Louis. In 1927, Lindbergh made the first solo transatlantic flight, a 33½-hour flight between North America and mainland Europe.



tel magnate who wanted to promote trans-Atlantic air travel. Lindbergh himself believed commercial aviation would play a significant role in America’s future.

Other pilots tried and failed, including two French aviators who took off from Paris 12 days before Lindbergh. They were presumed lost at sea.

Lindbergh suffered greatly during his own flight — from the cold, the isolation, but most frighteningly from lack of sleep. Extreme fatigue haunted Lindbergh for much of the flight over the open Atlantic, to the point where he reached through an open window to direct cold air across his face and used his fingers to pry open his eyes. It’s a feat of endurance that is remarkable even today.

Lindbergh was greeted at the Paris airfield by thousands of exuberant Frenchmen who lifted him out of his plane and carried him around the field.

His life was never the same after that. Lindbergh returned to adulation in the United States, an excruciating ordeal for a private man.

Subsequent events — the kidnap and murder of his toddler son, his controversial admiration for Germany and anti-war stance before World War II, his support for the American space program — kept him in the public eye for decades.

Lindbergh wrote two books about his flight: *We* in 1927, and *The Spirit of St. Louis*, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1954.

Hampton draws on both of these, but provides detail from extra sources for a richer, far more complete picture. The author skillfully weaves Lindbergh’s personal history, the preparation of the plane and historical events that help explain Lindbergh’s popularity.

The Flight will appeal to flight enthusiasts, history buffs and those who appreciate well-crafted tales of adventure.

THREE WAYS NEAR-RETIREEES CAN AVOID INVESTMENT MISTAKES

DESIRE TO AVOID INVESTING REGRETS CAN LEAD TO POOR MONEY DECISIONS



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When it comes to investing for and during retirement, a little knowledge of oneself can go a long way toward avoiding mistakes and protecting nest eggs.

Case in point: Older investors are more risk-averse compared to younger investors, according to a new study. That might not be news, but the researchers also found that older investors' risk preferences are influenced by the level of the S&P 500.

That finding could have important implications, especially for older investors who complete risk tolerance questionnaires, or RTQ. Investors use RTQs to determine their tolerance for risk and ultimately how much money they allocate to stocks and bonds.

"If older investors assess their risk preference levels when equity values are low and they are more risk-averse, they may have a greater desire for assets with a higher degree of certainty," wrote the authors of the report, David Blanchett, head of retirement research at Morningstar Investment Management; Michael Finke, dean and chief academic officer at The American College of Financial Services; and Michael Guillemette, an assistant professor in the Personal Financial Planning department at Texas Tech University.



David Blanchett, head of retirement research at Morningstar Investment Management in Chicago.

"On the other hand, if older investors' risk preferences are assessed when stock market values are high and they are less risk-averse, they may be more inclined to invest in riskier assets. If older investors' increase their stock allocation during periods of higher S&P 500 values, this behavior may have an adverse effect on future portfolio returns."

So, what does all that mean in plain English?

"What we find is that investors who are closer to retirement exhibit higher levels of time-varying risk-aversion," Blanchett says. "This means they are more likely to make bad investment timing decisions, which can negatively affect their retirement wealth. Overall, the research suggests that time-varying risk-aversion exists ... but differently across different types of investors."

Why does this happen? According to Finke, there seems to be a need to avoid regret among near retirees. "If the market has been going up, they regret not reaping the benefits of a bull market," he says. "But if the market falls, they look at the loss of their nest egg and regret that they hadn't pulled money out of stocks sooner."

This makes sense, he says, because

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DAVID BLANCHETT

they are vulnerable. "They generally have the largest balance right before retirement, and they want to preserve the value of their nest egg," Finke says. "Unfortunately, this could result in underperformance if they pull money out of stocks after prices have fallen and then put money back in the market after prices have risen again."

And what's especially noteworthy, Finke says, is that RTQs can exacerbate the problem if advisers rely on them to assess a client's willingness to take investment risk. "If they'd done the test in 2007, they might have placed a near-retiree into an aggressive portfolio," he says. "But if they'd done the same test in 2009, they might place the same investor in a portfolio with a low allocation to stocks. Since risk preferences change over time, it's hard to come up with a portfolio that is suitable

in good times and bad if the investor has different risk preferences."

What might older investors do given the conclusions in the study, *The Effect of Advanced Age and Equity Values on Risk Preferences*?

► **Have a plan.** "The key is sticking to it or having a financial adviser help you stick to a plan," Blanchett says.

► **Don't rely solely on RTQs.** The findings also suggest, Blanchett says, that older workers who complete RTQ are more likely to get a more aggressive portfolio, for example, after the markets have done well, versus someone who is younger.

► **Consider target-date funds.** In the study, the authors noted that target-date or lifecycle funds have the potential to reduce losses from poor market timing that may result from changes in risk preferences.

"I really like the movement toward target-date funds that automatically rebalance toward safety as a worker gets closer to retirement," Finke says. "By creating a set-it-and-forget-it investment strategy, the investor can feel as if they don't need to constantly make course corrections that can harm them in the long run."

It's important to remember, Finke says, "that not all target-date funds have the same equity glide path, and an investor prone to responding emotionally to a bear market might be better off in a fund that has a lower allocation to equities near retirement."

Pot operation wants to employ, aid former service members

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Tony Rivera and Sandra Silva-Tello enlisted in the Marines after high school in 1989. The El Centro natives trained at Twentynine Palms, a desert Marine base in southern California, then deployed: Okinawa, Somalia and Kuwait, both serving in Desert Storm.

After Rivera was discharged in 1993, he moved around the West, landing in Colorado as a truck driver. Silva-Tello stayed in the reserves until 1995, then got a psychology degree and worked with foster kids and adults with schizophrenia.

The pair reconnected in 2016 as Rivera sought out Marine friends on Facebook. He told Silva-Tello that he'd invested some money in a Colorado marijuana cultivation company, and he was considering launching his own venture in California, which looked poised to legalize recreational use of the drug.

"Tony and I were sitting watching TV, going back and forth, you think it'll pass? Want to go in on it with me?" Silva-Tello said. "Sure, let's do it. Veteran owned and operated and helping vets out? That's something I would be interested in doing."

Silva-Tello has never used marijuana, and she's taught her own children to be careful with alcohol and drugs. But after Rivera brought her the idea, she began to learn about research exploring medical marijuana as a treatment for conditions that affect veterans, especially post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and chronic pain.

She talked it over with her husband and kids, and the conclusion was simple: Most analysts believe the marijuana industry is on the cusp of incredible growth. Companies who get into the market quickly stand to make a lot of money.

"The condition that I had was that we had to help other vets," Silva-Tello said.

At a platoon reunion in November in Davenport, Iowa, where one of Rivera's brothers-in-arms was buried, two more Marines and one non-veteran joined the company, which they called VetsLeaf. They agreed to split profits six ways:

One part for each co-owner and one to be donated to veterans organizations.

Finding a community

VetsLeaf landed in Desert Hot Springs, a windswept town about 40 miles from the Marine base where the group served. Desert Hot Springs was the first city in California to allow the commercial cultivation of marijuana in 2014. Medical marijuana has been legal in California since 1996, but recreational use wasn't approved until 2016.

Three cultivation facilities have opened in Desert Hot Springs and dozens more are in the works.

The city of 25,000 people has about 3,200 veterans, according to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. One cultivation company, Freedom Flower, recently gave the VFW a \$5,000 donation — huge compared to most donations, according to post commander Jeff Horton — and he hopes other cultivators will do the same.

"If you're bringing billions of dollars into your own pocket, what are you doing for your community?" Horton said. "Having these industries here, what is going to be the actual beneficial factor for them being within our city limits? Are they just making a buck for themselves, or are they actually helping out with the communities?"

Horton, who suffers from PTSD and fibromyalgia after serving in the U.S. Army in Kosovo and Iraq, does not use cannabis. He is disabled and relies on federal benefits, and using marijuana remains a federal crime. He also thinks heavy use would make him unable to focus or work.

But Horton estimated that about 45 percent of his VFW's members use marijuana, especially those who served in the Vietnam War and later.

"We do have a lot of members here that actually use it medicinally to be able to treat their ailments. I support them. If it makes them feel good, then God darn it, come down to the post and relax," Horton said.

Veterans and marijuana use

The federal government classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug, which severely limits federally funded research into potential medical benefits, including research by the Veterans Administration. But in 2016, the American Legion, a prominent veterans advocacy



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Former Marines Tony Rivera and Sandra Silva-Tello will be operating VetsLeaf, a large marijuana grow operation, near Little Morongo Road and Two Bunch Palms Trail in Desert Hot Springs.

organization, declared support for rescheduling marijuana to allow that research.

Joe Plenzler, a Marine Corps veteran and Legion national spokesperson, said members have been telling leadership for years about their experience with marijuana as treatment for PTSD, chronic pain, insomnia and traumatic brain injury.

"We have veterans suffering and dying, 20 committing suicide every day... we pay attention to this in a very serious manner," Plenzler said. "We're not for legalization in general at this point, but our position is, we're advocating for the federal government to enable medical researchers to pursue every avenue possible to improve treatments for our vets."

The Veterans Administration prohibits marijuana possession at its facilities, and VA doctors cannot prescribe medical marijuana. But according to the VA, "veterans who participate in state-approved medical marijuana programs will not be denied access to VA healthcare."

Veterans working in cannabis: 'Not some charity outreach'

VetsLeaf plans to grow marijuana for both recreational and medical use, Rivera said. Their products won't be limited to veterans — but they do plan to hire as many vets as possible, he said.

And they're not the only ones.

"We think vets are uniquely poised to thrive in this industry," said Seth Smith, communications director for the Santa Cruz Veterans Alliance, a veteran-owned medical marijuana collective. The Alliance estimates that 85 percent of its staffers are veterans, including Smith, who served in the Navy.

"Right now it's still a gray industry," and following regulations to the letter is critical as the industry legitimizes, Smith said. Veterans "understand the benefit of doing things right, and we know how that can help us in the long run. We want to have that track record of doing the right thing the whole time."

Ryan Jennemann, founder of Los Angeles-based THC Design, is starting a 12-week cultivation training program for veterans this month. Six people will learn the trade, then have the option to move up to full-time positions, which earn \$25 per hour.

"Hiring veterans is not some charity outreach," Jennemann said, though he acknowledged that it burnishes the company's image.

His company is currently hiring about one person a week, and what he needs most are trustworthy, dependable workers, Jennemann said. "This isn't some stoner industry where you can just show up whenever you want. Most of our locations open at 7 a.m., operate seven days a week, 12-hour days. This isn't for the faint of heart... what we demand of our workers is something that (veterans) fit right into."

VetsLeaf's Rivera emphasized that he doesn't want VetsLeaf's support for veterans to be seen as a gimmick. Nor does he want to funnel donations to inefficient or suspect charities.

In June, the Vietnam Moving Wall, a traveling memorial to the Vietnam War, will spend four days in Desert Hot Springs. Both Rivera and Silva-Tello plan to stand guard.

In August, they hope to break ground on their 32,000-square-foot greenhouse facility. VetsLeaf aims to make its first sale by April 2018.

"It's not just to make money, it's to bring on other veterans, to help them grow. If they understand that, we brought them onto our team," Silva-Tello said. "It's gone to something so much bigger than us."

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How loved ones can destroy your finances

Tips to help you prevent minor headaches from becoming more painful

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Family can be a source of love, support and emotional comfort. But those sentiments can sour when loved ones leave you with maxed-out credit cards, debt and other money-related maladies. Here's what you can do to keep family and partners from damaging your finances beyond repair.

JOINT ACCOUNT? AVOID OVERDRAFTS

Moving in with a significant other isn't always seamless, and combining your money in the same checking account can complicate things even more. With a joint bank account, you'll both be on the hook to pay any overdraft fees either of you incurs. If you don't, your bank might close the account, which can make it difficult for you to open checking and savings accounts in the future.

While couples can use a joint account for shared expenses such as groceries, using that account's debit card for a solo night out with friends may not be as wise. Partners should set ground rules on when it's OK to dip into the funds.

Use online and mobile banking to monitor balances in shared accounts, and sign up for text alerts that warn when the account is approaching overdraft territory.

SHARING A CREDIT CARD? PROTECT YOUR SCORE

Sharing a credit card with anyone, even a spouse, can be risky. Depending on the type of account you have, you may be responsible for the bills even if you didn't make the purchases.

If you're a co-signer or have a joint account, you're both liable for paying the bill. Both of your credit scores may be damaged if one of you maxes out the credit line or misses a payment. If your spouse is an authorized user on your credit card, you're ultimately responsible for the bills, but the card may also show up on your partner's credit report.

The best course of action is to have separate credit cards in each of your names. Your purchases are private, and you each pay your own bill. Many couples, though, want to manage shared ex-



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penses. Having a joint credit card for household purchases solves the problem, as long as you agree on its use and payment.

SIBLING BUSINESS PARTNERS? PROCEED WITH CAUTION

Getting a small-business loan is tough, and co-owning a business with a sibling with poor credit can make it even tougher. While personal credit scores are just one of the criteria lenders look at, bad credit can hurt your loan approval chances and may increase the cost of financing.

One way to guard against that is for you and your sibling to build up your credit scores before applying for a business loan. Besides paying bills on time, check your personal credit reports for errors that could be hurting your score. Contact the three main bureaus — Experian, Equifax and TransU-

nion — to have them removed.

More established businesses seeking bank loans should check the three major business credit bureaus: Experian, Equifax and Dun & Bradstreet. You can improve those scores by correcting errors, keeping your information current, making on-time payments and keeping your public records clean.

HELPING PAY FOR COLLEGE? KNOW YOUR OPTIONS

Whether you're co-signing a private student loan for your child or taking out a parent loan to help pay for their college education, the impact on your finances can be significant.

If a student stops making payments on a co-signed loan, the co-signing parent is legally responsible. To avoid a hit to your credit rating, see if your child can refinance the loan. She'll need good credit and a stable income to qualify on

her own. Alternatively, some lenders will release the co-signer if the primary borrower makes on-time payments for a certain period.

Some parents take out a federal direct PLUS loan in their own name to help pay their child's education costs. These loans can't be transferred to the child, but if you want to remove yourself from that obligation, your child can refinance the loan through a private lender.

Not all student loan refinance lenders offer this option, however, and refinancing erases federal loan perks such as access to income-driven repayment.

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ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

Her child died in a crash. The other driver sued. Now, she finds solace in his story.

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Every June 8, Missouri resident Amanda Thornsberry visits the Hopedale Cemetery with orange and green balloons.

Orange and green were her daughter Makayla's favorite colors.

In 2004, 2-year-old Makayla was killed in a car crash. The driver of the other vehicle sued Thornsberry's family for causing *him* emotional distress — and won after the case reached the Missouri Supreme Court.

NPR podcast Invisibilia recently featured this strange and seminal court case. It helped transform the way the law thinks about emotions, podcast hosts Alix Spiegel and Hanna Rosin explained.

This is a photo taken of Makayla Jones the day she died. It was forgotten about and discovered several months later when the film was developed.



Thornsberry, who is a nurse anesthetist with Mercy Hospital in Springfield, was interviewed for the popular podcast, which explores themes such as psychology and human behavior.

The recent episode asked questions such as: Where do emotions like pain come from? Do people have control and responsibility for their own emotions?

It was difficult, Thornsberry told the News-Leader, revisiting those painful memories more than a decade later. But it also brought her comfort.

Thornsberry said that, through her conversations with the hosts of the podcast, she learned more about Tommy Jarrett, the man who sued her family after Makayla was killed.

"The whole experience has taught me that there is always more to the story than it is at face value. I realize that now."

Thornsberry said she only recently learned of the severity of Jarrett's emotional trauma after the crash.

"I actually teared up when I heard he considered himself to be a murderer," Thornsberry said. "I wouldn't want anyone to feel that way. I do not blame him for my daughter's death at all."

Jarrett, who was a professional truck-



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Makayla Jones was killed on June 8, 2004. Her mother, Amanda Thornsberry, Ozark, and sisters Ashley Jones, center, and Hannah Jones visited her grave.

er from Ohio, was also interviewed for the podcast.

He said on the episode, "I blamed myself because of my inability to control what I had the ability to control, a child lost her life."

Jarrett grappled with guilt and grief for months: "There for a while, I thought I should die."

Jarrett was eventually diagnosed with PTSD, according to the podcast.

Jarrett's lawyers argued successfully in court that Thornsberry's husband at the time had crashed into Jarrett's truck through negligent driving and caused his trauma.

Jarrett won \$50,000, half of which went to pay attorneys fees, the podcast reported. Thornsberry's insurance covered the costs.

Before the podcast, Thornsberry said, she thought Jarrett was trying to take advantage of the situation.

"When the lawsuit came, we kind of felt like he was saying, 'Your emotions don't matter, I'm the one who had all the trauma from it,'" Thornsberry said.

But Thornsberry told the News-Leader she changed her views on the man after learning more.

"It brought me comfort to realize that even though he didn't know her, he instantly formed an emotional attachment to her. It kind of solidified my belief that people really are good and people really do care about other people," Thornsberry said.

Thornsberry said the podcast hosts visited her home in Ozark one sunny afternoon in February or March.

For six hours they sat in her kitchen and talked about Makayla and the court case.

"We had some tears. There were some laughs," Thornsberry said. "I feel like if I don't talk about my daughter, nobody

really knew she was here."

Two-year-old Makayla had bright red hair and a lisp. She was buried in a yellow and purple princess costume — her favorite, Thornsberry said.

"She was so loving and she was such a happy child. I am very thankful I got the opportunity to have her in my life," Thornsberry said.

Thornsberry hopes her story can teach others that pain lessens over time.

"It's always there, but it does lessen and it does get easier to come to terms with every day," Thornsberry said.

Thornsberry has divorced and remarried since the crash. Her daughters Hannah, 13, and Ashley, 11, came with her to place balloons on Makayla's grave Thursday morning.

An audio recording and transcript of the full podcast episode are available online at radio.wosu.org/post/emotions-part-one.

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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.

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.

K of C golf outing

The Father Edmund Battersby Council 7586 will hold its 2017 golf outing Saturday, June 24, at Riverbank Golf Course in South Lyon. It is an 18-hole scramble, including hot dog, chips and beverage at the turn and dinner following the outing. Gift bags and door prizes are also included. Cost is \$95 per golfer. For more information or to sign up, call Andy Kudwa, golf chairman, at 734-709-3449.

Friends library book sale

It's time for the Friends of the Lyon Township Public Library summer book sale. Stop by and replenish your book supply with fresh picks. Sale is 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, and noon to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 23-24. Saturday is fill a grocery bag for \$5. You're sure to find a bevy of books to fill those long summer days. Proceeds from the sale help fund library programs and projects. Lyon Township Public Library is located at 27005 S. Milford Road. For more information, call 248-437-8800 or go ro www.lyon.lib.mi.us.

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 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.

Medical equipment drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce St., Milford, is partnering with World Medical Relief as a drop-off site for your unused medical equipment. Donate your clean, gently used walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs, crutches, canes, splints, medical boots, adult briefs and pads, sealed C-Pap equipment and sealed medication (no narcotics). We are also collecting for hygiene kits: towels, wash clothes, sample sizes of shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap and toothbrushes. We cannot accept glasses, hearing aids or electric wheelchairs.

Drop-off times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday though Friday and Sunday mornings through Aug 15. We suggest you call first to ensure someone is available to take your donation during the week. For

more information, go to stgeorgesmilford.org or call 248-684-0495.

Milford summer concerts

The Milford Township Concert Committee presents the Summer Concert Series for 2017 at the LaFontaine Family Amphitheater in Central Park on Main Street in downtown Milford. Free concerts run 7-9 p.m. each Thursday.

» June 29: Farmington Community Band allows you to enjoy an evening of patriotic music and marches in a special program that honors our veterans, active military and first responders.

» July 6: Steve King and the Dittilies will entertain you with their nostalgic rock 'n' roll.

» July 13: Kari Lynch is all the way from Nashville. Roots country, meets Americana, meets twangy pop rock.

» July 20: Persuasion thumps with their high energy hits from Motown to the Black Eyed Peas.

» July 27: Magic Bus mixes a psychedelic rock tribute with the Woodstock era.

» Aug. 3: Mr. Moody will rock the Amp with their classic rock, country rock, Motown, and everything in between.

Learn more at www.milfordtownship.com or email concerts@milfordtownship.com.

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to www.slrec.net.

Upcoming events:
Week of June 25: Mad Science Discovery Camp; Safety Town; Kids Kamp – Michigan Adventures; Youth Tennis; Coach Levin's All Star Basketball Camp; Fun Time Basketball Camp; Lions Football Camp; Train and Play Baseball Camp; SNAG Golf; Yoga with Kymm; Adult Beginner Equestrian Lessons; Karate with Doug; Babysitting Class.

Week of July 2: Yoga with Kymm; Kids Kamp – Castaway; Cardio Kickboxing; Group Swim Lessons; Intro to Horses; Hidden Gems of South Lyon Photography.

Register for teen camp

Novi Youth Assistance announces that registration has begun for the Summer Teen Center. Camp runs until Aug. 3 and is held at the Novi High School cafeteria.

Registration fee is \$175 for seven weeks of camp. Students in grades 6-10 may attend. There are 13 field trips this year.

Zap Zone, Paradise Park, AirTime, BonaVenture, Detroit Tiger game, Detroit Zoo, C.J. Barrymore's, Emagine, Novi Bowl, Kensington Park, Red Oaks Water Park. There will also be trips to the Novi Police Station, Novi Fire Station, Novi DPS and Novi Public Library.

Daily activities include, sports, games, arts and crafts, learning activities and tutoring.

Summer Teen Center has been around for more than 30 years. 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.

Flea market and barn sale at Fisk Farm

The White Lake Historical Society will hold a flea market and barn sale



CURTIS DROGMILLER

Star power

Michigan School of Rock can be extremely proud of one of its star students, Aspen Jacobsen, who performed June 15 at the LaFontaine Amphitheater in Milford. Aspen opened up for the famous Detroit band The Bob Seger Tribute Band. Aspen is all smiles after she wowed the audience.

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 24 at the Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road, White Lake. There will be a great selection of vendors and products, both old and new.

For more information, go to www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake/events or call 248-684-5721.

Build A Better World!

The Northville District Library's youth summer reading program runs through Aug. 12. Open to the littlest ones up through 2017 grads – join the Summer Reading or Teen Summer Reading Program and enjoy exciting free activities, crafts, storytimes, reading games, weekly prizes and more. Parents, read to young ones, and help your students maintain – and improve – important reading skills to prevent summer slide. Go to northvillelibrary.org for details.

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.

On air

The South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club invites visitors to try their hand at operating an amateur radio. The club participates in the annual American Radio Relay League Field Day, running from 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, until 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25.

The free event will be at the east end of the James F. Atchison Park, 58000 Grand River Ave., west of Milford Road, in New Hudson. Club members will be on hand to answer your questions about amateur radio.

VFAA welcomes guest speaker

The Village Fine Arts Association invites the public at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, to hear guest speaker Mino Watanabe discuss her techniques and inspirations combining nature, food and fairy tales. Originally from Japan, Watanabe now lives in Michigan, working as a fine arts

illustrator for books and other publications. She suffers from a genetic condition, Marfan syndrome, which has caused visual impairment.

Watanabe will exhibit some of her art and discuss her methods of creating, despite the extreme visual limits of her condition. VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone and are on the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October, at the SHAC 125 S. Main St., Suite 700, Milford. The VFAA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization since 1992 that has been operating the SHAC since 2014. For more information, email contactus@milfordvfaa.org or call 248-797-3060.

Runestad to host coffee hour

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, will

host a coffee hour 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive. No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or via email at Jim.Runestad@house.mi.gov.

For more information, go to http://www.slaarc.com.

Huron Valley Ambulance's Camp 9-1-1

Registration is open for Camp 9-1-1 a free, interactive, two-day camp put on by Huron Valley Ambulance for children ages 8-12. Activities include: learning CPR and first-aid with paramedics; exploring emergency vehicles; touring local emergency departments and fire departments; and engaging in interactive presentations from local police and specialty teams.

Camp dates and locations (camp runs 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day): July 10-11, Plymouth Cultural Center; July 13-14, Eastern Michigan University; July 24-25, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital; Aug. 2-3, Van Buren Township Fire Department; Aug. 14-15, Milan Community House; Aug. 17-18, Glaab Individual Financial Planning, New Boston; and Aug. 23-24, Huron Valley Ambulance Headquarters, Ann Arbor.

Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.camp911.org.

History of Rug Making

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, the Salem Area Historical Society will have a presentation by

Phyllis Lindblade titled History of Rug Making. Lindblade is former proprietor of The Hamburg Store and a director at large for the Hooked Rug Museum of North America in Queensland, Nova Scotia. It will take place at Jarvis Stone, School, 7991 N. Territorial Road, Salem.

Lindblade will give a presentation and may even include a demonstration on the art of rug making. Admission is free for SAHS members and \$2 for non-members.

4-H Family & Alumni Hoedown

The Oakland County Fair and 4-H are partnering to host its inaugural public hoedown to honor 4-H Alumni in Oakland County.

The event will take place 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, during the Oakland County Fair in the Meijer Pavilion located in Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. Parking is \$12. This event is open to all ages.

No preregistration is necessary. For more information, go to www.oakfair.org, www.oakgov.com/msu/4h, www.facebook.com/4hinoc or contact Mary Blumka at blumkama@anr.msu.edu or 248-858-0890.

4-H is a youth development program for ages 5-19 that uses projects like robotics, archery and animal science to teach life skills like leadership, record keeping and communication.

The Oakland County Fair runs July 7-16.

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Gentner



Alexander Loving Son of Michael and Jennifer. Dearest Brother to Sarah. Dear Grandson to Maryann (Late Donald) Gentner and Jerry & Jacquelyn Timm. Nephew to Jacquelyn Timm, Colm Bloomer, Gail (Bruce) Maurer, Karen (Mike) Galloway, Diane (Wayne) Lemanski, Tom (Anne) Gentner, Lynn Guzi, Denise (Greg) Mausolf, Beth (Don) Fischer, Brian (Shelly) Gentner, The Late Kevin Gentner and the Late Robert Gentner. Memorial Visitation Sunday 4 to 9 and Monday 12-9 at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home-Northrop Sassaman Chapel 19091 Northville Rd, (at Seven Mile). Memorial Gathering Tuesday at 10 a.m. from the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile (E of I 275), until time of the memorial Service at 11 a.m. Memorial Contributions to the Alex Gentner Memorial Scholarship foundation to be made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Share a memorial tribute with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



Schimetz



John Edward of Milford, passed away in the loving care of his family on June 13, 2017 at the age of 76. In addition to Claudia, his beloved wife of 52 years, John is survived by his son, David (Rhonda) Schimetz and daughter, Jacqueline (Ralph) Pohli; grandchildren, Jennifer, Kevin, Quintin, Quaid, and Quincy; great-granddaughter, Parker as well as extended family and dear friends. Visitation was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Monday, June 19, 2017 from 2-8 PM. Knights of Columbus Rosary 7 PM. Mass of the Resurrection was held from St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Milford. The Rev. Msgr. John Budde officiated. Burial and Military Honors took place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to: Community Sharing. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Surma



Sandy a longtime resident of Highland Twp., died on June 19, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. She was 60 years old. Sandy is survived by her beloved husband, Bob Surma, and worked with Commercial Forms in Brighton. Services will be held privately. Condolences may be left at www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

Thorne



Cheryl a long time resident of Milford, and bus driver with Huron Valley Schools for thirty years, died on June 14, 2017 at the age of 71. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Eleanor Waivada, and a grandson, Jeffrey. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara (David), Karen, and Janet (Doug); her son, Bobby; grandchildren, Deanna (Matt), Rachael, Jennifer, Ashley, Fallon, Malissa (Alex), Jinny, Cheryl-lynn, Tehya, Aaron (Karen), Jazmyne, James, Justin, Christine, and Bailey; great grandchildren, Donevan, Lillian, Colin, Justin David, Dakota, Carter, Adrianna, Brookelyn, Jordan, Brayden, Kiya, Lilly, Gabriel, Isabella, and another great granddaughter on the way; siblings, Kenny, Linda, and Kirk. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com



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