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Wixom gets new chief

Wixom's mayor and city council announced the appointment of Ronald W. Moore as public safety director and police chief.

Moore began his police career in Wixom in 1995. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in criminal



justice, and also a graduate of Wayne State University, where he earned a master of arts degree in industrial relations.

Moore is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, the Michigan Police Executive Development Seminar and the Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Institute. He is a Michigan certified law enforcement officer and firefighter I/II and has served the police department in various leadership roles, including officer-in-charge of police administration, criminal investigations and patrol operations.

Moore is married and lives with his wife, children and his father in Walled Lake. Moore lived in Wixom for more than 20 years and remains passionate about his hometown.

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District chief receives 'A' grade

Board also votes for raise and extension

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She manages a school district that regularly grades some 7,200 students, but Mary Kay Gallagher was issued her own report card for 2016 on Tuesday.

Gallagher, the Northville Public Schools superintendent, received a grade of 92 percent and a rating of highly effective in an evaluation by the district's Board of Education, it was announced during Tuesday's board meeting.

The 'A' grade came with a one-year contract extension and



Gallagher

30, 2020.

Gallagher, who just completed her sixth year as superintendent, was chosen to lead the district at a time of funding cuts and a district fund balance, or rainy day fund, that was just 2.5 percent of its budget. The final budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year, which ended Friday, shows a fund balance of 21 percent of the budget or more than \$16 million out of a nearly \$78 mil-

lion general fund. Board President Cynthia Jankowski praised Gallagher's "professionalism and integrity" and said she has the board's 100-percent support.

She noted that she sometimes receives emails from Gallagher as late as 11 p.m. or midnight; Trustee Sarah Prescott said she sometimes gets them in the wee hours of the morning.

"We know the kinds of hours that you put in," Jankowski said. "We know the dedication here."

Gallagher, a 31-year district employee, replied that it "is an honor to serve this community" and gave credit to administrators and other employees.

"There are a whole bunch of folks who are dedicated to doing their best for kids," she said.

While Gallagher gets a raise for the coming year, the extended contract includes pay incentives for 2018-19.

If a fund balance of at least 15 percent is maintained for 2018-19, she would get an "off-schedule" increase of 2 percent, or \$3,868, that would not add to base pay. If a fund balance of 18 percent or more is maintained, she would be entitled to an additional bonus of up to \$2,500.

If the 2018-19 fund balance falls between 11 percent and 15 percent, she would get a 1-percent "off-schedule" increase; if it falls under 11 percent, her pay would be cut by the same percentage by which the district's budget would have to be re-

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Karen Gugala of Northville works the triage center at Angela Hospice. A new "telehospice" program allows patients to video chat with nurses.

VIDEO CHAT DEVICE GIVES HOSPICE PATIENTS PEACE OF MIND

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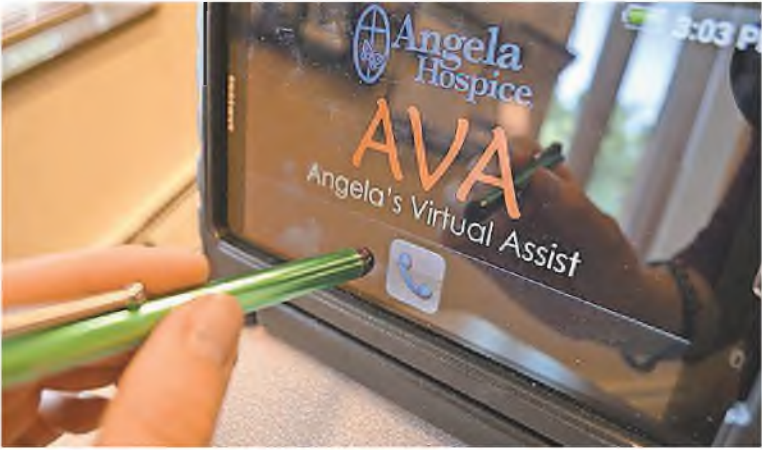
A computer tablet capable of connecting its user to a nursing station for face-to-face communication is changing the way one local hospice reaches out to its patients.

Angela Hospice in Livonia received a \$2.1 million grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation to start a "telehospice" program that allows patients to video chat with nurses via computer tablets.

Dubbed Angela's Virtual Assist, the devices have been available since January for patients who live at home or in senior living centers. The hospice added another 25 tablets this month, bringing the total to 75. Angela Hospice serves approximately 270 patients, some of whom live in skilled nursing centers and the hospice's care center in Livonia. AVA users live throughout southeast Michigan.

Karen Gugala, AVA coordinator and a Northville resident, says Angela Hospice is the first organization of its kind in southeast Michigan to use video chat with patients.

"The reason we're doing this



Angela Hospice's computer tablet, AVA, offers video communication between patient and nurses.

is to be able to help the patient more efficiently before we get to their home. It's a way for us to do bedside nursing until we can have a person physically there with them," Gugala said. "The family is able to send a signal to a triage station and a nurse calls back. If a patient has a wound or a family member is having trouble knowing how to care for a symptom, we can guide them."

"It has helped in giving families a quicker response. Trying

to explain something over the phone is very hard to do. Just being able to see them has helped us to guide them. It has exceeded our expectations."

The AVA tablet is meant to enhance weekly visits from hospice nurses, as well as lower patient anxiety.

"Just having it in the home is a huge decrease in anxiety," Gugala said.

One recent holiday, an at-

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New NPS budget, almost \$77.9 million, dips into rainy day fund

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Officials in the Northville Public Schools have adopted a spending plan of nearly \$77.9 million for the coming year.

The general-fund budget of \$77,866,615 for 2017-2018 was approved by a 6-0 Board of Education vote on June 27. The budget represents a marginal decline — about \$48,000 — from the final 2016-2017 budget.

The district's new fiscal year began on Saturday.

The new budget dips into the district's fund balance, or rainy day fund, which now stands at more than \$16.6 million.

The fund balance at the close of the fiscal year, next June 30, is projected at about 18 percent of the general fund, or nearly \$14.3 million.

Board Treasurer Matthew Wilk said taking from the fund balance was a cause for concern.

"We have to be careful in the coming years," said Wilk. "We're keeping an eye on enrollment."

The district is not in a position to be adding programs, Wilk added.

Mike Zopf, the district's assistant superintendent for business and finance, said student enrollment for 2017-2018 has been running slightly behind projections and that officials are hoping it picks up.

Most of the district's revenue comes from the state's foundation grant, which will be \$8,289 per student for the state's next fiscal year. The district has about 7,200 students. The district will also be getting a \$25-per-student bonus for high school students, or about \$58,000.

Nearly 80 percent of the budget, more than \$62 million, is slated for salaries and benefits.

That includes \$973,090 in contractual wage increases and \$536,703 in projected increases in the cost of benefits, such as health insurance premiums and retirement plans.

By function, some 75 percent

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duced, across the board, in order to maintain an 11-percent reserve.

Similar incentives are in place in other employee contracts across the district.

Gallagher's contract also calls for two unpaid furlough days.

Gallagher's report card is an 18-page document on which individual board members graded her on her gov-

ernance and board relations, community relations, instructional leadership, staff relations and business and finance management. Factors such as student growth and the progress made toward district goals are also weighed.

The evaluation follows a template for rating superintendents that's recommended by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

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Chalk artist Rachel Bissonnette works on a large chalk work at the intersection of Main Street and Penniman Avenue during a previous Art in the Park event.

ARTISTS RETURN FOR PLYMOUTH ART IN THE PARK

For 38 years, Art in the Park has been a signature event in downtown Plymouth.

July 7-9, the art festival takes over the streets of downtown Plymouth, with more than 400 artists from around the United States showcasing a wide selection of paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, glass, woodwork, photography, folk art and more.

For several years, Art In The Park has offered the unique opportunity for children to have their

own booths at the show. Continuing its support of budding young artists, children of all ages will have their creations on display — and for sale — around the fountain in Kellogg Park.

Art In The Park is considered by artists and attendees as a must-see event. Plymouth, with its wide range of restaurants and retailers and the ever-popular Kellogg Park, provides the perfect backdrop.

The event will feature a wide assortment of live entertainment, interactive displays and children's activities throughout the weekend.

Art in the Park hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors attending Art in the Park are encouraged to take the shuttle service from Burroughs, 41100 Plymouth Road. The shuttle fee is \$3

round trip for adults; kids ages 12 and under ride for free. Parking at Burroughs is free. The shuttles will be operating continuously between Burroughs and Plymouth City Hall.

Shuttle hours are 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Sponsor involvement:

» Lexus of Ann Arbor will have a lounge set up on the corner of Main Street and Church for those wanting a place to relax and cool down while waiting for the shuttle buses.

» Land O'Frost will be handing out samples of its product the entire weekend.

» Challenge Butter will be on-site with its Challenge Butter: Art of Cooking Stage. Local chef Chewy Lebnick will do five cooking demonstrations each day featuring Challenge Butter

and cream cheese. Recipes and giveaways will be distributed all weekend.

» St. John Providence/Ascension will be located near Kellogg Park, providing fun activities for children.

» Michigan Lottery will be located adjacent to Kellogg Park, selling lottery tickets.

» Faygo will be on-site all weekend providing samples of products, including the launch of its new flavor, Artic Sun.

» Maltesers brings its popular gaming tent, an interactive display for kids and adults alike, and will provide samples of chocolate malt balls.

» Big Bite Tours, located on Penniman, will be passing out a variety of samples.

For schedules and updates on all things Art in the Park, go to www.artinthepark.com or call 734-454-1314.

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home caregiver needed help changing a patient's dressing. A hospice triage nurse guided the caregiver through the necessary steps, communicating via AVA. Another occasion, the staff connected a patient's AVA tablet to cellphone users at a family wedding. The patient was able to "attend" the event virtually and talk with the wedding party.

"The surprising thing is even if they are not using it, they feel it's a fantastic tool that gives

them peace of mind," Gugala said.

Easy to use

Nina and Edmund Knittel of Plymouth Township have kept an AVA tablet at home since May, when Edmund was released from the hospital and began receiving hospice services.

Nina hasn't used the tablet's video capabilities, but she dutifully responds to a set of patient questions she receives via the device every week. Using a stylus, she indicates if her husband needs more medication and describes how he is feeling. Anything out of the norm

triggers a call from a triage nurse.

"I think it's a wonderful thing," Nina said. "It's not that complicated. It's like FaceTime."

Patients who use AVA at home may take the device with them if they are admitted to Angela Hospice's care center. The tablet runs on a 4G network system rather than Wi-Fi.

"We don't feel we need to use it in skilled nursing facilities because nurses are already there. But we've looked at assisted living homes," Gugala said. "We are branching out."

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of the general fund, or almost \$60.8 million, is dedicated to instruction and student services. Ten percent will go toward operations and maintenance, 5.6 percent

toward school administration, 1.4 percent toward general administration and 3 percent toward transportation, with athletics, capital improvements and other functions accounting for the remaining percentages.

Voting for the budget were Wilk, board Presi-

dent Cynthia Jankowski, Secretary Roland Hwang and Trustees Sarah Prescott, Laurie Doner and Ann Kalass. Vice President James Mazurek was absent.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Two vehicles burglarized

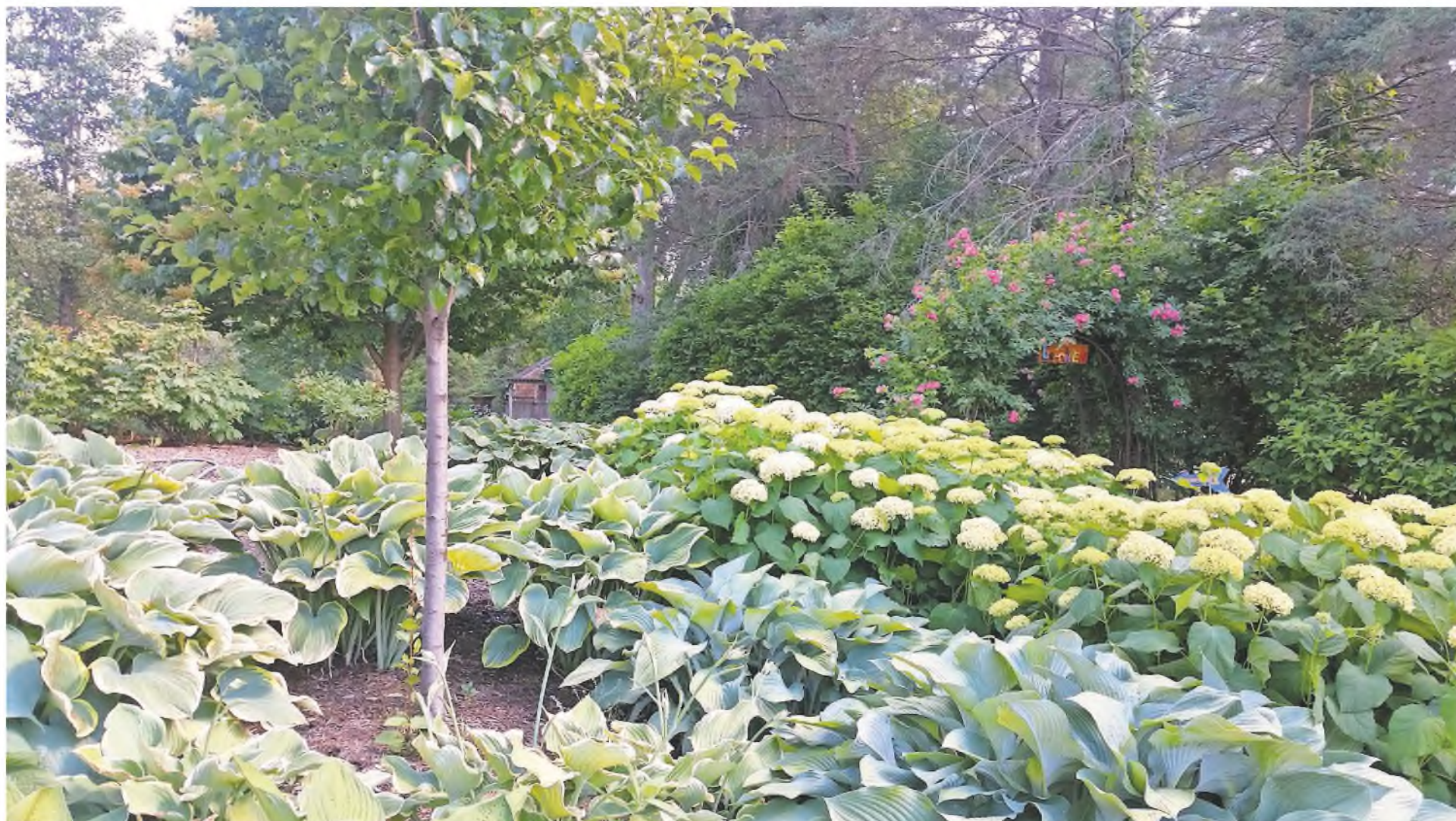
A cinch bag containing an iPhone, a wallet, a phone charger and more was reported stolen from a Jeep Patriot while it was parked June 19 outside AirTime Trampoline and Game Park, in the 12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk shopping center.

The theft occurred 2-4:30 p.m. that same day, a police report said. No signs of forced entry into the Jeep were reported; the woman who had driven it to the plaza told police she was certain she had locked it.

» Power tools, a cellphone and a navigation device were reported stolen from a Chevrolet

Express while it was parked outside the Country Inn & Suites, on Haggerty north of Eight Mile, the night of June 20.

The complainant told police he had parked and locked the van about 9:30 p.m. that night and returned to it about 8 a.m. June 21 to find it part-way open and the items missing.



The Horns' yard features several varieties of clematis, peonies, hydrangeas, lilies, poppies and, of course, hostas.

HOSTAS ABOUND IN NORTHVILLE GARDEN WALK PROPERTY

Pam and Peter Horn's outstanding garden has been a work in progress for 20 years. When they purchased the house, the garden was a very nondescript. The couple had a vision and worked diligently to create the multiple aspect of the garden you see today. The Horn's garden is one of six featured gardens July 12 in the Country Garden Club's 24th annual Northville Garden Walk.

Pam has many interesting varieties of hostas. She began with just one hosta that morphed into copious amounts of plants as Pam kept growing and dividing over the years. The effect is stunning.

What makes this acre of land so unique is that Pam and Peter have done all the hardscape and planting themselves. This includes the charming front walled courtyard complete with brick pavers and a beautiful Japanese maple, brickscape paths throughout the garden, a two-level patio, a wisteria covered pergola and a Koi pond.

Pam said meals are served under the pergola. Their dinner table overlooks Pam's beautiful yard featuring several varieties of clematis, peonies, hydrangeas, lilies, poppies and of course hostas. In addi-



The Horns' garden features brickscape paths, a two-level patio, a wisteria covered pergola and a natural pond stocked with Koi.

tion to her Koi pond on the patio, Pam has a huge natural pond. She stocks the pond with the overabundance of Koi offspring, much to the delight of the resident mink.

It is easy to see why the family spends most of their time outdoors the entire summer. The grandkids love to visit and play in the spacious wonderland.

Pam has a gardening "secret" to share on turning hydrangeas into prolific bloomers. She says to prune them back just a bit before Aug. 1. Then, before frost, cover

them with cardboard and stuff leaves around them. Sometimes she even throws a rug over the plant. Pam claims it makes all the difference in the world. Come spring, you'll see blossoms covering your entire hydrangea.

Pam is a very “laid-back” gardener. She has an optimistic attitude about gardening and life. She spends her time where she is needed especially when it comes to the grandkids. Her garden cooperates and looks stunning even when Pam’s attention is elsewhere.

The Northville Garden Walk takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to six private gardens, there will be garden vendors, music and complimentary homemade cookies at Mill Race Village. Tickets are available in advance at Gardenviews for \$12. On the day of the walk, tickets will be available for \$15 at Gardenviews and Mill Race Village in Northville. Proceeds from the walk are used for scholarships and community projects. For additional information go to www.cgcnv.org and FaceBook.



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Northville schools honored for leadership culture

Northville Public Schools' Winchester and Thornton Creek elementary schools have earned "Lighthouse School" status as part of "The Leader in Me" model for schools, based on Stephen Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and designed to teach leadership to students.

The schools are among only 18 schools in Michigan to achieve such status; there are more than 3,300 Lighthouse schools around the world, including 298 in the U.S.

Of Michigan's Lighthouse schools, five are in the Northville district: Moraine, Silver Springs, Ridge Wood and now Thornton Creek and Winchester.

The Winchester school community began its "The Leader in Me" journey four years ago and the Thornton Creek team three years ago, with a self-evaluation process. This included putting together teams of students, staff, parents and community members to oversee school-wide implementation; building cultures of leadership and learning throughout each of the schools; teaching and reinforcing the "7 Habits;" working collaboratively; having students in meaningful leadership roles; involving parents; creating and holding leadership events to share their school's leadership model with the community; using data through leadership notebooks and other leadership tools; and showing measurable results.

The process also included an on-site review of each school by teams from FranklinCovey



Students and staff at Thornton Creek Elementary react during a June 6 assembly to the news that the school achieved Lighthouse status in FranklinCovey's "The Leader in Me" program.

Education, a division of the consulting and training company FranklinCovey.

"We are honored to become a The Leader in Me Lighthouse School," Kelly Lindsay, Winchester principal, said in a press release. "We have seen such amazing results from implementing The Leader in Me at our school, such as an enhanced school culture and an increase in student self-confidence and leadership initiative."

"It is a tremendous honor to be awarded the Lighthouse milestone," said Jennifer Bennett,

principal at Thornton Creek. "Thornton Creek Elementary has a rich history of community service, educating the whole child, and a belief that everyone has genius that we were able to build on to achieve the Lighthouse status. The synergy that exists between our students, staff and families has created an environment of student empowerment and opportunities for students to reach their full potential."

"We applaud the Winchester and Thornton Creek school communities for achieving the

distinction as Lighthouse Schools," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "This is powerful work that brings students, teachers, parents and families together with a collective focus on learning in a way that unleashes the leadership capacity and potential within every learner. This work aligns with our district goals to foster a culture of learning and leadership in every school that empowers learners, develops leaders and fosters intellectual curiosity."



This lighthouse figure will be displayed at Winchester Elementary which, along with Thornton Creek, has achieved "Lighthouse" status in the FranklinCovey "The Leader in Me" program.

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Charyl Stockwell Preparatory High School in Brighton held its sixth graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 4 in Rackham Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan. Parents, families and community members gathered together to celebrate the students in Class of 2017 and their remarkable achievements which include:

- Two valedictorians and two salutatorians.
- One graduate honored by WXYZ Channel 7 in Detroit as one of Southeastern Michigan's Brightest and Best students.
- One graduate honored by the Detroit News as an Outstanding High School Graduate for the Class of 2017.
- Two graduates designated a National Merit Semifinalist.

- Four graduates named MHSAA Scholar Athletes.
- 15 graduates having attended CSA District schools since Kindergarten.
- Eight graduates having earned Latin Honors of Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Cum Laude for maintaining a GPA of 3.8 or higher throughout their entire high school career.
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A for sale sign is going up at the former Hawthorne Valley Golf Course and Restaurant on Merriman in Westland.

For sale sign going up at former Hawthorne Valley property

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There have been several proposals to purchase and develop the former Hawthorne Valley site over the years, but now the property will be officially getting a “for sale” sign.

“Basically, the property disposition committee asked for the ability to put out a for sale sign,” Westland Mayor William Wild said. The city council approved a motion to have the for sale sign put up.

A former golf course, restaurant and banquet center on Merriman, north of Warren Road, Hawthorne Valley closed in 2011.

When the property went to tax foreclosure, the city ended up owning 14.75 acres of the 57-acre property, including frontage along Merriman. The city-owned part of the property includes five acres zoned commercial that contain the restaurant and parking lot with the balance zoned single-family residential.

Even without a for sale sign on the property, the city has received proposals for redeveloping the property.

“We received interest for an indoor storage facility, a small residential development and the most recent, a skilled nursing facility — but nothing is pending,” Wild said. “We have no offer for skilled nursing at this point. We’re trying to bring a viable option to the site.”

The has received an appraisal of the property, which set the value at \$500,000. The last offer from a residential developer offered \$100,000 for the property.

“Getting the right project is most important. There will need to



FILE PHOTO
The long-closed Hawthorne Valley is getting a for sign as Westland tries to get development going on the site.

be demolition on the site,” Wild said. “The flood plain will play into it from a development standpoint. We need something that would be compatible for other development in that area.”

With the nature elements on the site, Wild said a small residential development might fit the site — likely through the use of a Planned Unit Development to get the needed density.

In addition to the restaurant, the city owns one of the two houses at Hawthorne Valley; the second house is privately owned.

“We’re looking to see if the Department of Public Services can demolish the city-owned house,” Wild said, referring to a home that was damaged in a fire.

With the for sign going up, Wild said the city will be cleaning up the overgrown plantings

along Merriman. The city has also been mowing part of the former golf course — the area adjoining residential property along the north side.

“The rest of the golf course has gone back to nature,” Wild said.

Unless someone was already familiar with the Hawthorne Valley property, Wild said, they wouldn’t know who owned the property and that it was available for development. All of the interest in the property so far has been through word of mouth, he said.

“The city of Westland is interested in marketing the property to facilitate a long-term sustainable development that would be compatible with the surrounding area and that would act as a catalyst for future development,” Wild said.

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PENN STATION RAISES FUNDS FOR GOOD CAUSE



More than \$18,000 was raised by the Penn Station sub shops in mid-May, including by Novi Penn Station's Jerry Kaplan (right). Each Penn Station store donated \$1 for each sub sold during the week. Money was donated to The Rainbow Connection, which helps bring some joy to the lives of kids with serious health issues. Pictured are (from left) Kathy Bartz (deputy county executive, Macomb County) and Penn Station owners Bernie Marconi (Rochester), Stewart Napier (Plymouth), Don Gheysens (Sterling Heights) and Kaplan.



Ron Savage tends to the grill while camping.

SAVAGE FAMILY PHOTO

Smell the barbecue, hear the bands at new festival

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Savage Smokers will hoist its banner and fire up the grill Saturday, July 8, at Ribs on the River, Milford's new competitive barbecue event founded in honor of late WJBK-TV (Channel 2) newsman Ron Savage. The team will use the same banner, logo and grill that Savage used when he won third place in a barbecue contest in Highland Township a few years ago.

"He was on a quest for the perfect ribs. He was never completely satisfied and was always looking to make a better rib," said Mitzi Savage, who will be on hand to support the team, led by her brother-in-law and son. "My husband was a wonderful cook. He barbecued and loved trying new things. He didn't write anything down. He was one of those cooks who would try something one time and the next time would switch it up. "The time he won third place in Highland, I don't know if he could duplicate it. I didn't even know what ingredients he used. I was there just for the fun."

A handful of Milford residents created Ribs on the River as a way to honor Ron Savage's memory and to raise money for some of the charities he supported. Approximately 35 teams are expected to compete for cash prizes and trophies in professional and amateur categories. Deadline for registering is July 7.

Savage died Feb. 25 after participating in a training exercise with other Milford firefighters. He planned to climb the stairs at the Renaissance Center in Detroit the following day, during the American Lung Association's annual Fight for Air Climb. The organization is among 10 charities supported by the Ron Savage Memorial Foundation.

Savage said she and their son shared an interest in his work for charity, which included the Motorcycle Ride for Autism, Easter Seals, Thin Blue Line, Crime Stoppers, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, local veterans groups, Team Huron Valley Special Olympics, Mi Abilities, Inc. and Livingston County Humane Society. Representatives of at least six charities will be on hand and donation canisters will be stationed in the park. Admission to the event is free.

Savage said she ex-



SAVAGE FAMILY PHOTO

Ron Savage loved to grill. Ribs on the River, a new festival in Milford, will honor his memory Saturday, July 8.

pects some bittersweet moments amid the fun of Ribs on the River, but she's comforted knowing that she'll be surrounded by supportive family members, friends and neighbors.

"The event is going to be amazing and awesome. He would have loved to be there," she said. "I know Ron will be watching. He shows signs to my son and I all the time. He will be there watching all of us. We're going to have fun."

Here are some things you won't want to miss:

Barbecue

Competitors will follow Kansas City Barbecue Society rules as they perfect ribs for the judges.

"You'll see the gamut — from a guy and his grill to professional teams that compete most weekends," said Bill Gailey, who is coordinating the competition and arranging for Stanley Cup-style trophies.

Got a question for the chefs? Gailey said most teams are willing to talk with guests, but may be too busy 2:30-3 p.m., just before the grilling deadline.

"Barbecue folks are plain folks who enjoy telling people what we like to do," Gailey added.

Beer and food

You can't taste the competition barbecue — that's for judges only — but guests will have an opportunity to buy barbecued ribs from a vendor at the park.

Several local restaurants and food vendors, including Baker's of Milford, The Burger Joint and Comeback Inn, will serve non-barbecued foods at the festival's food court.

Look for a silent auction and a bloody mary bar in addition to your favorite brew in the beer tent.

"Ron loved bloody marys. He was passionate about it," said Bear Hall, festival co-coordinator. "They'll be made with Corona."

Goldfish races

"We have six gutters glued together and you bet on which fish will cross the finish line first," Hall said of the game. "I love the goldfish races."

Live fish slide or swim along the water-filled gutters and drop into paper cups. Plastic bags will be available for those who want to take their racing fish home.

A bounce house, volleyball and three-on-three basketball will keep guests busy. Look for sidewalk sales just outside the park at local businesses.

Music

Listen to live music by Icemen Band, Bruno McSorley, Daniree and Motor City Cowboys throughout the day. Comedian Zak Martina takes the stage 7:30-8 p.m.

Paddle to the event

Alan Heavner of Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental will donate a portion of the boat rental fee for anyone who wants to paddle to the event from his launch location, 2775 Garden, in Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

"I didn't know (Savage), but he loved the Huron River and he loved Milford," Heavner said. "If anyone wants to paddle that day in support, I will donate a percentage to the Ron Savage Foundation."

Paddling time to Central Park is approximately 60-90 minutes. Cost is \$34. Heavner expects his monthly moonlight paddle July 8 will bring 150-200 canoes and kayaks to the park at sunset.

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Report: Closed Canton bridge needs replacing

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An engineering firm has concluded the historic Lilley Road bridge in Canton, closed April 20 amid safety concerns, cannot be saved, a Wayne County spokeswoman said last week.

“The recommendation is to replace the bridge,” said Kaye Byrd, director of communications for the Wayne County Department of Public Services.

That’s the conclusion of Great Lakes Engineering Group, the firm hired by Wayne County to inspect the bridge, on Lilley north of Michigan Avenue, and issue an opinion.

It wasn’t known when the county might move with a plan of action.

Canton historians had hoped the bridge, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999 for the way it was designed and built, could be repaired, though they acknowledged its poor condition.



CANTON TOWNSHIP

An engineering firm has recommended this Lilley Road bridge in Canton be replaced.

The inspection report points to major flaws in the bridge, Byrd said. “It is believed to not be able to hold heavy traffic,” she said. Byrd cited the prob-

lems:

- » The concrete deck is badly deteriorated.
- » The steel parts that support the bridge are too weak to accommodate heavy traffic.

- » The bridge’s abutment — like a concrete pedestal that supports the steel beams — also has deteriorated.

Byrd said the next step will be for Wayne County

to develop an action plan for the bridge.

The bridge, described as a 90-foot, camel-back, pony truss bridge made of concrete and steel, earned a spot on the Na-

tional Register of Historic Places for its design, said Gregg King, Canton facilities supervisor and liaison to the Canton Historic District Commission.

The bridge has had more than one home. It was originally built in 1923 on Telegraph, near Warren Road, but was moved when it was deemed unsuitable as Telegraph was being widened. It became the Lilley Road bridge in Canton in 1933.

It cost just under \$21,000 when it was built — undoubtedly a fraction of what any replacement cost would be.

The closure has disrupted traffic patterns for Canton residents who live in nearby subdivisions, forcing motorists to gain access from Michigan Avenue to the south and Palmer Road to the north.

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Brides of Christ celebrate their consecration

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It was any bride’s dream wedding — a packed church, a beautiful white dress and a palpable feeling of excitement and love.

But what made the June 24 ceremony at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament really special was the groom: Jesus.

Three women from metro Detroit were the first to become consecrated virgins in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The little-known vocation involves a commitment to lifelong chastity.

Laurie Malashanko of Plymouth, Karen Ervin of Northville and Theresa Jordan of Dearborn Heights are now, in the words of Catholic canon law, “mystically betrothed to Christ.”

Unlike nuns, they are not part of a religious order. They will continue to work regular jobs and financially support themselves, while being steadfastly dedicated to serving the church.

“The focus is on how to be in the world, but not be of it, and (having) this understanding of your role as a bride of Christ and reflecting your love of Jesus to the world,” said Ervin, 42, principal of St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom.

The consecration ceremony followed years of prayer and discernment — and involved a bit of a learning curve for the archdiocese.

There are about 250 consecrated virgins in the U.S. and 4,000 worldwide, said Judith Stegman, president of the United States Association of Consecrated Virgins.

The practice dates to the church’s earliest centuries, when there were no convents.

But by the year 1139,

as more women were joining religious orders, bishops stopped consecrating virgins who weren’t part of those orders. The bishops believed that women would be better protected if they lived together in religious communities, Stegman said.

In 1963, the Second Vatican Council decreed that the rite of consecrated virginity should be revised. The revision took place in 1970 to again include women who were “living in the world,” rather than just those in religious communities.

“That’s why it’s so misunderstood,” Stegman said. “For centuries, we only had the other kind of religious life in the church (for women). People aren’t as familiar with it.”

Diocesan bishops oversee and administer the rite. A woman who has never had sex has to ask for permission and assistance to be consecrated.

There is no universal blueprint for bishops or candidates to follow.

The diocese of Lansing has consecrated seven virgins. In Detroit, Malashanko, Ervin and Jordan broke new ground.

“It was a little bit scattered it first, because it was the first time we were practicing this vocation in the Archdiocese of Detroit,” Jordan said. “There was no set procedure or protocol.”

A lifelong promise

Jordan, 40, learned about consecrated virgins through a 2013 article in the Michigan Catholic newspaper.

“I felt like it was an opportunity to take my relationship with Christ



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Karen Ervin, Theresa Jordan and Laurie Malashanko, during their Consecration of Virgins ceremony.

one step further,” she said.

The Archdiocese of Detroit tapped Susan Cummins, who was consecrated in 2002 in Lansing and now works for the archdiocese, to mentor Jordan and the other women.

For the past few years, they’ve been meeting once every six weeks or so to pray and talk about the vocation. They had dinner several times with Auxiliary Bishop Donald Hanchon. Priests served as their spiritual directors.

The women submitted character references, a biography and a statement of intent to Archbishop Allen Vigneron.

“It’s not a vocation you can just one, two, three get into,” Jordan said. “It takes a lot of formation, study and prayer.”

Ervin said she first felt called to religious life as a child, but was intimidated by it. She was open to marriage and dated throughout her 20s. She also visited different religious orders.

Nothing seemed like the right fit.

Then one day, just before she turned 35, Ervin was talking to a professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary who mentioned consecrated virgins. Ervin had never heard about the vocation.

“I had so much joy flooding my heart the

more and more she talked,” she said.

Malashanko, 41, who works for a publishing company, also had a calling. But she didn’t feel like she needed the structure of a religious community.

“There were religious orders I loved and there were guys I dated who were great, but nothing clicked until I heard about this,” she said.

Giving 100 percent

The idea behind lifelong virginity is giving 100 percent of oneself to Christ. Many consecrated virgins attend Mass daily.

Stegman said 106 dioceses out of more than 190 in the U.S. have consecrated virgins — and many of those have only one or two.

Some dioceses don’t even know about the vocation and are perplexed at first when a woman asks about it.

But that’s changing. “Clearly, as it becomes known more and more, there’s been a continual increase in women who are interested in the vocation, asking about it and becoming consecrated, especially as various bishops become more aware of it and encourage it in their dioceses,” Stegman said.

One other woman in the Archdiocese of Detroit is in formation.

The idea of lifelong

virginity may make some people snicker, Jordan said. But she views it as a sacred gift from the Holy Spirit.

“In today’s society, virginity is often criticized, it’s made fun of,” said Jordan, who works as a French teacher and in the registrar’s office at Marygrove College.

“To be in this world, where there’s a lot of sexual immorality and perversion, this is a great task set before me, but it’s one I look forward to overcoming, and helping others learn about the beauty of virginity and chastity in this world.”

Last September, Malashanko, Ervin and Jordan had one-on-one interviews with Vigneron.

“There were no promises at the end of that interview,” Malashanko said. “He could have said, ‘I don’t think anyone is ready yet.’ But that afternoon, all three of us were accepted. We set a date.”

Wedding preparations began.

The big day

The women sent out invitations that listed Vigneron, rather than their parents, as the inviter.

Malashanko bought her wedding dress online. She was drawn to its boat neck, cinched waist and chiffon bottom, details that reminded her of Jackie Kennedy and Grace Kelly.

Everyone picked out rings. Ervin designed hers, with a crown of thorns inside a white gold band connected to rose gold fleur de lis cross.

Most important, the women spent extra time in prayer and reflection.

That morning, the cathedral was packed with several hundred guests and close to two dozen priests.

Each bride clutched an oil lamp as she walked down the aisle.

Like any traditional Catholic Mass, there were two readings and the Gospel. The consecration rite followed.

In an especially powerful part, the women lay prostrate as Vigneron and everyone in the church recited the Litany of the Saints.

Then, Vigneron gave each woman a ring and placed a veil on her head. He presented her with a Liturgy of the Hours prayer book.

Standing before Vigneron, Jordan, Malashanko and Ervin sang, “I am a spouse to Him, whom the angels serve; sun and moon stand in wonder at His glory.”

Applause filled the church.

“I was very happy, very elated to be wedded to Christ,” Jordan said. “I felt aligned with his virginity, his purity and all of his sufferings. To be mystically espoused to him, it was very joyful.”



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A DOG’S BEST FRIEND

Owner creates bucket list for pet with cancer

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They’re a couple of divas, Candy and Lucy.

They like to dress up in fancy clothes, go to parties and lounge around the swimming pool. They accept gifts from strangers and enjoy their gourmet meals. They’ll swoon over a good massage.

Oh, and Candy likes to go frog hunting. When she catches one, she’ll walk around with its legs hanging from her mouth. Not exactly a Paris Hilton moment, but then Candy is a dog.

Candy and Lucy are a pair of pampered pooches living the life in the swankier sections of Oakland County. They’re affectionately known around the neighborhood as “the Bloomfield glamour girls.” They both have a Facebook page — Lucy’s World and Candy Vizsla — with thousands of followers from around the country.

“I receive text messages for her,” said Sharla Ahmed, Candy’s personal assistant (a.k.a. owner). “They get post-cards from around the world.”

Lucy’s favorite expression is, “May all your days be filled car rides and cookies.” Her hidden passion is to go Bigfoot hunting in the local woods. She has more than 30 dog collars in her closet.

“She’s a fashionista, so she likes her collars,” said Dan Pinder, Lucy’s personal assistant (a.k.a. owner). “If she gets photographed wearing one, she’ll never wear it again.”

It’s a great gig, one that seemingly could last forever. Except that it won’t, because Lucy has cancer.

Lucy’s bucket list

It was 14 months ago that Pinder found a lump on Lucy’s back.

“I actually posted on her page that we’re probably not going to do anything about it, because I thought it was like a fatty tumor,” he said. “Some of Lucy’s friends on Facebook encouraged us to have it removed and, eventually, we did.”

The surgery turned out to be quite expensive. On top of that, Lucy tore a ligament in her leg, leading to more bills. Luckily, she found a little help from her friends.

Through an online auction set up by a pet-loving Facebook group called Hearts and Paws Auction, along with a GoFundMe campaign, more than \$7,000 was collected to help pay for her medical expenses and subsequent doctor visits. Someone even donated a brace for her leg.

“The only reason I started Lucy’s World was to share fun photos,” Pinder said. “I never intended to collect money or anything like that. The page is from her point of view ... it’s her talking, not me.”

When it comes to Facebook, it’s more of a dog-help-dog world. Pinder himself has raised thousands of dollars over the



Lucy and Dan Pinder.

DAN DEAN



DAN DEAN

Sharla Amed with Lucy at a recent Hawaiian party.



DAN PINDER

Lucy loves her collars and other accessories for dogs.

years for a number of animal causes around the country. He’s helped out elderly dogs living in Florida and contributed to a rescue group in Connecticut that adopts stray dogs from the streets of New York City.

The lump was successfully removed a year ago in April, but tests revealed an aggressive form of cancer. For now, Lucy is in remission. She’s back to Big-

foot hunting and wearing pinkie gloves, when appropriate.

“Lucy still has cancer,” Pinder said. “She’s being treated holistically, but the lump will grow back in the same place. And what that happens ...”

Lucy is his companion and his best friend. Rather than fight the inevitable, Pinder decided to come up with a bucket list for his dog.

“When I found out she has cancer, I knew I had to make every day special for her,” he said. “Every day has to count.”

He takes her to beaches, because she loves to run by the water. There was a garden party, complete with doggy punch, and a photo fashion shoot with Candy and her older sister Tequilla. The leis came out for a Hawaiian luau.

She took a leisurely cruise in the back seat of a Lincoln convertible, because everyone knows that Lucy loves her car rides. The two go strolling in the woods together, always on the lookout for adventure.

“She said that she wants to go parks and so far I have about 10 different parks that we visit,” Pinder said. “Sometimes we’re around the village of Franklin and sometimes we visit a state park like Dodge No. 4 or Proud Lake. In the winter, state parks are great ... no road salt and almost no people. We have the whole place to ourselves.”

One of her favorite treats is to visit the Farmhouse Coffee & Ice Cream shop in Franklin. The two will get some ice cream to take into the park and share it.

Lucy and Candy

Pinder, who runs a popular pet sitting service in the Bloomfield area called Pawsitive Pet Sitter, said he created Lucy’s World on Facebook more than a decade ago.

“A lot of people have thanked me over the years for bringing something that’s positive and light into their day,” he said. “Nobody’s trying to change the

world here.”

Lucy, who turned 13 this year, is a bit of a mutt. Candy, on the other hand, is a 3-year-old Vizsla, a sporting breed that originated in Hungary. Her older sister, Tequilla, is a yellow lab.

“Tequilla likes to hang out with them,” Ahmed said. “I spelled her name with an extra ‘l’ so people wouldn’t confuse her with the drink.”

Ahmed first met Pinder through his dog-sitting business. They’re now buddies, a pair of companions who find absolute joy in serving their masters. Understandably, her husband Omar prefers to stay in the background.

“We put gifts under the Christmas tree for them every year,” Ahmed said. “Lucy likes to come over for sleepovers ... we have a closet full of clothes for them. They really live a great life.”

Jessica D’Ambrosia, a married mom of four children from Las Vegas, doesn’t remember exactly when or why she started following Lucy’s World.

“But her page is one of my favorites,” D’Ambrosia said. “I can’t speak for everyone, but for myself, I love seeing things from a pet’s perspective, so to speak – their antics and adventures.”

D’Ambrosia’s pet cat died two years ago, so she knows about loss. She also knows about hope: her 3-year-old son, A.J., was diagnosed with leukemia right after birth, but went into spontaneous remission after one dose of chemotherapy. Oncologists around the world have studied his case.

As for Lucy, D’Ambrosia said, “I love the close bond that she has with her dad and how well she is doing since her diagnosis.”

Pinder says he considers Lucy a “supah model.” Ahmed describes Candy as “the little Hungarian princess.” For now, they’re celebrating Lucy’s good health and hoping she might somehow beat the cancer.

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Year’s mid-point a good time to assess your finances

It’s hard to believe that we’re already halfway through 2017. It seems the older I get, the faster time goes by. Before you know it, kids will be going back to school and the days will be getting shorter.

When I was a kid, it used to be that things slowed down in the summer but that is no longer the reality. We live in a 24/7 world where the pace of change never seems to slow down. That being said, it is important that we all find time to deal with our personal finances. All too often, because it seems that most of us are constantly putting out fires, our personal finances take a back seat. The problem is, when you put off addressing your personal finances, all you’re doing is kicking the can down the road. It doesn’t solve the issue; in fact, it just makes resolving the issue more difficult and complex. It is important to find time to look at your personal finances and it can’t be just once a year. This is an excellent time to do that because, if nothing more, over the next few weeks, you will be receiving financial statements from all your



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investments.

When I talk about personal financial planning, it is more than looking at your investments. It is looking at your entire financial picture. As far as I’m concerned, when you talk about personal finance, the areas that you need to consider are estate planning, taxes, risk management, investing and debt. You need to look at all these areas on a regular basis to make sure that your affairs are current. From an estate planning standpoint, it is important that at least once a year you review your estate planning documents to make sure they are current and reflect your current thoughts. In addition, you need to check your beneficiary designations and how your accounts are titled. Family dynamics and situations constantly change and that’s why it’s important to periodically review your estate planning situation to make sure it’s current.

From a tax standpoint,

let’s never forget your goal is not to lower your taxes, but to have more money in your pocket. If you haven’t started a 2017 tax file, you need to do so. In addition, you don’t have to wait until the end of the year to do 2017 IRA contributions. The sooner you make it, the longer your money can grow on a tax-efficient basis.

From a standpoint of risk management, when is the last time you had your automobile and homeowner’s policy looked at? If it’s been a while since you’ve had your policy shopped around, there is no time like the present to do so.

As you look at the area of risk management, don’t forget to look at your life insurance policies. My philosophy has always been, if you don’t need it, why pay for it? Just because you’ve had a policy for a number of years doesn’t mean you should keep it. The insurance companies may want you to keep it, but that doesn’t mean it works for you.

From an investment standpoint, this is a great time to look at your allocations and make sure your portfolio continues

to match your goals and objectives. Don’t focus on what is currently happening in the market, but focus on your individual goals and objectives. Don’t be afraid to sell investments that are either under-performing or no longer match your goals and objectives.

Lastly, we all need to look at our debt situation to make sure that we are being as efficient as possible. It’s important when you look at your debt situation to recognize that not all debt is the same. Not only is the interest charged dramat-

ically different between different types of debt, but also the tax consequences. Obviously, when you have outstanding debt, the goal is to pay the least amount of interest possible and to make as much of it tax-deductible as you can.

It seems that everything in our society changes at a lightning-fast pace. It is easy to put issues that don’t require your immediate attention, such as personal finance, on the back burner. The problem is, if you don’t allocate time to your personal finances,

over a short period of time they will be totally out of whack and will cause you all sorts of aggravation. Therefore, to make sure that your personal finances are always in order, you do need to spend time with them. As far as I’m concerned, there’s no time like the present.

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In accordance with PA 44 of 2010 and PA 276 of 2012, all city level candidate filing deadlines are governed under State law. The Public Acts supersede the City of Northville’s Code of Ordinances and City Charter deadlines for filing for local office. As such, the Code of Ordinances and City Charter’s language pertaining to the deadline to file nominating petitions for Mayor and City Council is no longer applicable.

Per Michigan election law amendments, the non-partisan candidate filing deadline for the November 7, 2017 election (no primary) is 4:00 p.m., July 25, 2017. Candidate packets are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

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Benghazi veteran headlines arts factory event

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Jill Engel gets the question a lot: Why is part of the Village Arts Factory being dedicated to helping veterans?

To Engel, director of the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, which is building the VFA on property in Cherry Hill Village in Canton, the reasons are clear. The project is being built on property originally built by Henry Ford to house and help veterans.

In an effort to help raise awareness of that part of the VFA's mission, the partnership has scheduled well-known veteran Kris Paronto to headline a fundraiser next month.

Paronto, co-author of



CANTON PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARTS
Kris Paronto, co-author of the book "13 Hours" about the attack in Benghazi, Libya, will be the keynote speaker at a Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities fundraiser next month.

the New York Times best-selling book "13 Hours," about the attack on the American embassy in Benghazi, Libya, has become a popular speaker at conferences and other events. Engel points out that Paronto has spoken to thousands

of people at high schools, universities, museums, nonprofit organizations and corporate events across the United States, including April 2016 in Detroit at the Fallen and Wounded Soldier Fund annual dinner.

Engel pointed out Paronto's 18 years of experience and personal dealings with PTSD "illustrates a piece of the trauma our military goes through and helps offer better understanding."

"(Paronto's) inspirational message about never giving up gives us the desire to rise up and help our veterans even more," Engel said. "Building relationships is the core of who we are. The definition of partnership is persons joined together and a relationship involving close coop-

eration.

"Our goal is to weave people of all ages, cultures and experiences together," she added.

Paronto's speeches on leadership and using your training in your life both personally and professionally has led him to speak to a number of groups. J. Rozum of MSA Delivery Service in Canton signed Paronto to speak at a conference he was hosting in Florida.

He immediately made a recommendation to his mother, Marian Rozum, who serves on the board of the partnership, that the partnership find a way to use Paronto.

"I had 500 people in that room and you could hear a pin drop," Rozum said. "He was very dynamic, very down to earth. His PTSD experi-

ence will bring awareness of veterans. The (VFA) project will let veterans know there are people out there who care about them."

It ties directly in with the mission of the factory, according to Engel. The partnership hopes to expand its commitment to the arts past Canton into western Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

The reopening of the dormitory, originally built by Ford, Engel said, will allow the partnership to "utilize the arts as a powerful, therapeutic healing tool for local veterans and further strengthen cultural ties.

"It will give us a better understanding of the sacrifices our veterans make for us," Engel said. "That's what Henry Ford was doing in the 1940s.

Now we have a chance to repeat history."

The event featuring Paronto takes place Saturday, July 15, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Engel expects tickets to go quickly. Tickets are \$100 to hear the keynote address and an optional book signing. A \$150 ticket includes an exclusive meet-and-greet with Paronto.

Proceeds from the event will be used for veterans programming at the Village Arts Factory.

To order tickets, go to www.cantonvillagetheatre.org or call 734-394-5300. More information about the event is available on the partnership website at www.partnership-forarts.org.

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Michigan Phil announces 2017-18 season schedule

Season tickets are now available for the Michigan Philharmonic's 2017-18 season, which will feature music focusing on innovation, local artists and diversity. From opening night featuring the jazzy, soulful sounds of African-American composer and pianist Mary Watkins to the Chinese inspired music of MSU composer Zhou Tian and the Latin rhythms of composer Ricardo Lorenz, this season of music is sure to please.

Come out Saturday, Sept. 30, to The Village Theatre for the season opener – "A Bit of Beethoven & Blue Jeans." Enjoy Beethoven's masterpieces "King Stephen Overture in E-flat Major" and "Romance for Violin and Orchestra No.1 in G, Op. 40," as well as colorful compositions by Alberto Ginastera and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsako. The concert also features music by visiting composer Mary Watkins, who embodies both powerful women in music and an influential force in promoting diversity. Her featured piece, "The Initiate," is a "journey to a destination of hope, stimulation, self-empowerment, more big love, more self-love and more love for one another."

Halloween brings the whole family together at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex as the Phil collaborates with all of PARC to create a "Philharmonic Thriller." Walk through haunted hallways to see the con-

cert performance, featuring music of from "Twilight" and "The Chronicles of Narnia — The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," along music from "Harry Potter" and ending with Michael Jackson's "Thriller," complete with dancing zombies.

In November, the Michigan Phil salutes veterans as "Hail to the Veterans" features youthful ensembles from the Detroit Children's Choir, Main Street Opera Theater Children's Chorus, Plymouth Counselors Youth Chorale and MPYO Sinfonia to join them in paying homage to veterans. Come to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for huge musical celebration honoring those who served.

Everyone gets in the holiday spirit at "Holiday Pops with the Phil" each December at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. The Michigan Phil celebrates the holidays with music from many traditions, featuring "The Eight Candle: Prayer and Dance for Hanukkah" by Steve Reister and "African Noel." This concert will also include singalongs, as well as excerpts from Tchaikovsky's masterpiece "The Nutcracker" and "The Polar Express Suite" by Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard.

Continuing the Michigan Phil's commitment to feature local talent, the subsequent concerts "Miniature Masterpieces" and "Rock Pop & Soul" will feature Detroit's own Dennis Carter



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and Lonnie Reed as soloists. "Miniature Masterpieces" in January will feature Carter performing a flute solo during "Impresiones de la Puna for Solo Flute & Strings" by Alberto Ginastera in a concert performed in the beautiful chapel at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. In February, "Rock Pop & Soul" features Reed performing melodies from Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson with the symphony. This concert is a rare opportunity to hear iconic rock 'n' roll amplified by a full orchestra in this memorable Valentine's Day weekend concert.

In March, "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" will include Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F Minor" and also feature guest composer Zhou Tian as the Michigan Phil

performs his moving piece, "A Thousand Years of Good Prayers." Inspired by a Chinese proverb, Tian wrote that his piece uses a "Western symphony orchestra to convey a sense of spiritual bliss — the balance between Western and Eastern culture embodies a universal sense of music." A professor at Michigan State University, Tian, is a world-class local talent.

The last concert of the season highlights the fusion of Hispanic culture and Western compositional styles. "Danzones y Tangos" will take place April 14 at PARC and will include works by Astor Piazzolla, Leonard Bernstein, Ney Rosau-ro and more. This concert will also feature guest composer Ricard

Lorenz, another local talent and professor at Michigan State University. Born in Venezuela, his compositional style embraces Latin culture as he blends Cuban rhythmic motifs and rich harmonies.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

University of Alabama

A total of 11,101 students enrolled during the 2017 spring semester at the University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The lists recognize full-time undergraduate students.

Students named to the list include:

Dean's list — Cathleen F. Meyer of Highland; Emma J. Neumann of Highland; Mary A. Allor of South Lyon; and Jacquelyn M. Keller of White Lake

President's list — Matthew Joseph Studer of South Lyon; and Cassandra A Downey of Walled Lake

Alma College

The Alma College Registrar's Office is pleased to announce the following students have completed the requirements for their respective degrees, which were conferred in April 2017:

Celeste Boyer of South Lyon received a bachelor of science degree in athletic training. Mitchell Adams of Novi received a bachelor of science degree in environmental studies. Mary Dulzo of Novi received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration. Hannah Hilditch of White Lake re-

ceived a bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude with departmental honors in a program of emphasis titled art history and museum studies. Alex Peczynski of Highland received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude in international business administration and computer science.

Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's College named Sheridan Sims of South Lyon to the dean's list for the spring 2017 semester. To earn academic honors at Saint Mary's, a student must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have at least 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes and no grades lower than a C.

University of Iowa degree

Natalie Krygier, a native of Novi, received a BA-Health and Human Physiology degree from the University of Iowa at the close of the spring 2017 semester.

The University of Iowa is one of the nation's premier public research universities, dedicated to academic excellence, groundbreaking discoveries and creations, commitment to Iowa and the world, and a culture that prizes community, diversity, and opportunity, the university says.

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GIVING STUDENTS OF COLOR A BOOST

School district official fosters leadership, aims to improve graduation rates

JENNY BERG
USA TODAY NETWORK

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When a group of mostly Somali students walked out of Technical High School in 2015, St. Cloud, Minnesota, school district was thrust into the news.

Protesters said the catalyst for the walkout was twofold: a social media post depicting a Somali student in a wheelchair and implying she was affiliated with a terrorist organization, and an incident involving fruit being thrown at a Somali student.

For Sebastian Witherspoon, who has been with the district for six years, the walkout was a lesson, one that proved the district needed to be more attuned to the daily lives of students and create new forums for communication.

“Student voice matters. We learned that what they have to say matters, and we learned that students have a tipping point, even though they are extremely resilient,” he said. “That sped up the process of having these groups.”

Witherspoon is director of equity services for the district. He works to help improve graduation rates and participation for students of color through parent involvement groups, classroom collaborations, professional development and leadership programs for students.

“We exist because students of color, especially in Minnesota, do a lot worse than white students academically,” Witherspoon said. “We understand a lot of our kids have additional barriers that middle-class white kids don’t.”

St. Cloud school district has a much higher percentage of students of color than surrounding districts.

Witherspoon said St. Cloud school district’s equity services department focuses on the whole child. “A lot of our work is not around academics; it’s around helping students get to a place so that they can access education,” he said.



JASON WACHTER/USA TODAY NETWORK

As director of equity services, Sebastian Witherspoon works to narrow the achievement gap for students of color in the St. Cloud, Minnesota, school district.

“I didn’t believe that the color of your skin and your circumstances should define your outcome,” Witherspoon said of his drive to help students. “I just did it initially to be a role model, to show up, but that’s not enough. Kids need much more than someone just saying, ‘You can do it! You can do it!’ They need resources. ... They need someone to be there and to help them through the process.”

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Q&A WITH SEBASTIAN WITHERSPOON

What does it mean to you to be an American?

For me, as an African-American male, it means I have an obligation to do my best every day, to acknowledge the freedoms that I currently have, and to honor the people that came before me in the best way that I can, considering the tumultuous journey they had to go through for me to get here. So I have to honor that and do my best to represent not just my family and my students and my school, but represent being an African-American male and what that means positively, and to role model, and to not take that for granted ever.

What moment motivated you to launch this effort?

I think one of the most challenging moments of my life was when I didn’t graduate from high school and all my friends did. I was sitting up in the balcony watching them graduate, and I was bawling like a little baby, because I knew I should have done that. Then on top of that, knowing the people that I disappointed. I think that started me on this trajectory, but ultimately what really lit a fire in me was seeing black men in America be stereotyped and marginalized and be put in a box ... and knowing that it’s not that cut-and-dried. I don’t want to see young people like me not be successful just because of the color of their skin.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

The same thing — seeing people change and seeing people not change. You know, we all have biases, but (what gives me hope is) really being pleasantly surprised by having really pleasant conversations with people who you’ve already stereotyped and thought that they were going to show up one way but didn’t. But on the flip side, it’s the same thing, (being concerned with) somebody who you don’t expect to act like that kind of shows a bad side of themselves.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

That I look back one day and say that I made a difference. ... It’s the idea that you can see the fruits of your labor, that you did this for a reason, and you can see that you made a difference.

Seedlings essay pays off for Plymouth student

Lindsay Ripple, a Plymouth eighth-grader, won \$1,000 from Farm Bureau Insurance for an essay she wrote on Debra Bonde, founder/director of the Livonia non-profit Seedlings Braille Books for Children.

Lindsay took fourth place in the state for her essay on the topic “My Michigan Hero” in the 48th annual America & Me Essay Contest for Michigan Eighth-Graders.

Lindsay, 13, picked Bonde as her subject because she loves to read and wanted to focus on someone who has contributed to literacy.

Bonde started Seedlings in 1984 after meeting a blind girl who owned only two braille books because they were rare and expensive, costing more than \$100 each. Seedlings produces and distributes braille books to blind children all over the world, giving half of them away for free and selling the others for an average price of just \$10 a book.

“I was really inspired by Ms. Bonde’s story and I could see myself doing something like that,” Lindsay said.

Lindsay knows Bonde personally through her church.

Lindsay hasn’t decided yet what she will do with her cash prize, but she’s thinking about a career in communications or journalism. “It would be fun being an editor of some sort,” she said.

Following is her winning

essay:

It Started as a Seed
By Lindsay Ripple
West Middle School
Plymouth

“Click, clack, click-clack, cli-” Debra sighed, staring at the bulky, black machine causing her frustration. The page was almost fully typed out in braille – evident by the tiny bumps spread over it like snakeskin – but, alas, she had made an error. It would take minutes to retype the page, and hours of vigorous typing to finish the other 175 pages of Charlotte’s Web. “Anything to make braille books more accessible,” she thought. “The hard work will be worth it in the end.” The typing resumed, “Clack, clickety clack ...”

This is how Seedlings, a non-profit organization that in 2015 sent 26,000 braille books to 75 countries, began – in Debra Bonde’s Detroit basement in 1984.

Debra is a humble, quiet woman in her 60’s who, years ago, wanted to make a difference. She is soft-spoken, and back then disliked socializing, as do I. Debra doesn’t model a cliché storybook hero, but that hardly matters; inside is where her heroism shines.

Debra pushed herself and joined a class, and learned how braille is arranged in bumps the visually impaired feel to read. A classmate shared about her blind daughter owning only two books because they were expensive, which was



West Middle School eighth-grader Lindsay Ripple (left) won \$1,000 for her essay about Seedlings founder Debra Bonde.

wrong to Debra. How would blind children succeed in school without accessible books?

I can understand her thinking, because books are a major part of my life. I thrived on Leap Frog videos in preschool, was reading by kindergarten, and took weekly library trips with Grandpa by elementary school. Books are so accessible to me, so why shouldn’t they be equally available to blind children?

Debra started Seedlings from this knowledge, selling braille children’s books for \$10 – a fraction of the typical cost. Half of them are even given away, which forced Debra to socialize when finding donors.

Now headquartered in Livonia, Seedlings prints more than 1,300 different books in braille, ranging from board books to chapter books. It started from one seed – Debra Bonde’s realization of the

scarceness and high-cost of children’s braille books. It was planted by her humbly, not for money or admiration, but just to help. This seed sprouted through her overcoming of challenges and diligence. Someone even said that Debra is “one of the hardest workers you



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Debra Bonde founded Seedlings in 1984.

will ever meet.” If she can do this, why can’t I?

Debra Bonde is truly a hero, my Michigan hero, because of the impact she makes on those around her. In 2002, she was selected as a “Michiganiaan of the Year” by The Detroit News for the literacy she brings to blind children all over the world. I may not be

blind, but she shows me the difference I can make with my passion for literature, even though I’d have to overcome challenges, like talking or persevering when something gets tough. She inspires me to make a difference, because it can grow into something big, even if it starts as one tiny seed.

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PRO BASEBALL

Pittsburgh pursues Manasa's potential

Farmington grad drafted to be groomed as a pitcher

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Alex Manasa proudly represented Farmington High School last June in the annual prep all-star game at Comerica Park in Detroit.

Manasa now has his sights set on some day showcasing his talents in another major league stadium. The 2016 Farmington grad hopes it's at plush PNC Park in Pittsburgh, whose hometown Pirates selected him in the 11th round of the recent Major League Baseball entry draft.

"Playing at Comerica Park was definitely a neat experience," Manasa said. "Me and my parents (Melissa and Richard) were talking about it and saying, 'Wow, last year we're playing in the high school all-

star game at Comerica Park and now it kind of becomes the real thing that we're playing on pro fields every day."

"I was in Pittsburgh when I was little, but do not remember it and now everything there is new to me. They took me downtown and it's a beautiful city," he added. "I was taking it all in and (PNC Park) is a beautiful place with the river and the city in the background. It's a cool stadium in the downtown area and it has a very cool vibe to it."

Pitching his talent

Manasa, 19, is currently playing for the Bristol Pirates,



Manasa

Pittsburgh's Virginia-based advanced rookie squad, which plays in the 10-team Appalachian League.

The Pirates were attracted to the lanky 6-foot-5 right-hander's pitching potential, even though he wasn't a full-time hurler at either the high school or college level. The converted outfielder tossed his first game June 19 at DeVault Memorial Stadium in Bristol against the Greenville Astros and allowed a pair of earned runs in two innings of work.

"(The Pirates) liked my height. They liked my athletic ability and the fact that I am very projectable," said Manasa, who also played high school basketball. "They are not going to rush me into anything. They want me to take my time and just see where it takes me."

"They see me getting a lot

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FILE PHOTO

Fleet-footed Alex Manasa was a two-time all-state standout who played four years of varsity baseball at Farmington High School under head coach Pete Finn.

NHL HOCKEY



OSHAWA GENERALS

Novi resident Jack Studnicka was taken in the second round of the NHL Entry Draft by the Boston Bruins.

Bruins make Studnicka high draft priority

Novi resident played in the U18 World Championships for Team Canada

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Playing in the National Hockey League one day is the ultimate goal for Jack Studnicka.

And the Novi resident got a little closer to that dream June 24 when he was selected in the second round of the NHL Entry Draft (53rd overall) by the Boston Bruins.

The 6-foot, 171-pound Studnicka, who finished with 18

goals and 34 assists in 64 regular season games for the Ontario Hockey League's Ottawa Generals, drew attention from NHL scouts with his standout play as a two-way center.

"I'd be honored to play anywhere in the NHL, but I think Boston is a great city and has great fans," the Ontario native said. "It's a tremendous organization that I'd love to play with. And to play alongside Torey (Krug) would

be pretty cool."

Krug, a Livonia native and former Michigan State standout, just completed his fourth full season with the Bruins. The defenseman has logged a total of 322 games and played in the Stanley Cup Finals his first season.

Torey's father Kyle coached Studnicka during his 2014-15 midget season with Belle Tire's U16 team, scoring 31 goals and adding 58 assists in 71 games.

And it was there where Krug made quite an impact on Studnicka.

"Kyle really developed my defensive game," Studnicka

said. "He was kind of telling me, 'I won't tell you how to play offense because it will take care of itself,' but as long as I'm taking pride in the defensive zone, that the offense will come. He really got it through my head that the defensive zone is important."

After his season with Belle Tire, Studnicka was selected by the Generals in April 2015 during the first round (21st overall) of the OHL draft.

"A lot of times you're set on college and a lot of times you're set on the OHL, but I'm fortunate enough that Oshawa

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TRACK AND FIELD

Intensity helped Zebras' Battle earn her stripes

Wayne Memorial state champion credits summer track club for her growth

Tim Smith
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Anavia Battle missed the Intensity Track Club practice June 22 because she was on a campus visit to Ohio State University, where she wants to become a Division I athlete.

Although she was in Columbus, Ohio, the recent Wayne Memorial graduate's thoughts remained with her summer team, now gearing up for the AAU regional qualifier June 29 through July 2 at Detroit Renaissance High School.

Now in her fourth year with the club team, coached by Jamal Johnson (who coaches the Wayne boys track and field team), Battle wrote an email to the Observer about how much she has gained from that experience.

"Intensity has helped me mature into a strong, secure young lady," Battle wrote. "Running for this team has given me confidence on and off the track."

Battle closed her outstanding high school career June 3, winning the 100-yard dash with a time of 11.95 seconds at East Kentwood High School. She

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Wayne Memorial's Anavia Battle credits Intensity Track Club for helping her become a state champion sprinter.

NHL HOCKEY

Dallas Stars select Northville’s Robertson in second round

Left winger taken
39th overall in
NHL Entry Draft

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Northville’s Jason Robertson didn’t have to wait long to have his name called the second day of the National Hockey League Entry Draft.

The 6-foot-2, 196-pound left winger from the Kingston Frontenacs did not make the podium the first day June 23 at the United Center in Chicago, but he was taken in the second round (39th overall) June 24 by the Dallas Stars.

“I was pretty excited,” Robertson said. “I know they’re a team that I can really fit in. I know it’s a great city and a great



KINGSTON FRONTENACS
Northville’s Jason Robertson was taken in the second round (39th overall) by the NHL Dallas Stars.

town. When I heard my name being called up there, I’d say it was a sigh of happiness and relief between my family. And then going up and walking up there realizing that I’m a Dallas Star is pretty special.”

Robertson’s stock climbed during his second Ontario Hockey League campaign as he scored 42 goals and to go along with 39 assists in 68 regular season games before adding five goals and 13 assists in 11 playoff games.

“I was more anxious,” Robertson said of the two-day draft process. “You want to hear your name get called up there. Finally, when you are called, it’s a just a sigh of relief. You’re no longer anxious and you can just enjoy where you go in the

process.”

Robertson said he was not shocked he was taken by the Stars, although “they kept it pretty quiet on me.”

“I had already met them at the (NHL) Combine,” Robertson said. “They obviously knew who I was and wanted me, so I guess they picked me up and now I’m there.”

Robertson, who returned to his family’s second home in Sierra Madre, Calif., to continue to train, will attend a Dallas development pre-camp next week, where he’ll meet and greet Stars front office and coaching personnel along with other prospects.

Robertson’s summer will be filled with plenty of hockey.

He’ll be among 42 invitees July 29 through

Aug. 25 for USA Hockey’s World Junior Summer Showcase at Plymouth. He will also take part in a prospects tournament in Traverse City before reporting to a preseason training camp in September with the Stars.

Dallas, which did not make the Stanley Cup playoffs, made a coaching change after the season. Ken Hitchcock returns to the Stars for his second stint behind the bench, replacing Lindy Ruff.

“I know they’re a good team,” Robertson said. “I’ve heard they’ve gone with a new head coach, so they’re making a lot of changes there and (I’m) very excited for it.”

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MANASA

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bigger and stronger and seeing my velocity go up. They just want to see me become a better pitcher, since I haven’t been doing this too long. I’ve always been a two-way player, so they just want to see me develop as a pitcher.

“It didn’t surprise me that they wanted me as a pitcher,” he added. “I had a lot of scouts coming out to see me pitch off the mound and they were very interested in my arm.”

Although he’s being groomed as a pitcher, Manasa relishes the thought of playing for the National League-based squad, where he would be allowed to display his offensive skills since there is no designated hitter.

“It’s definitely going to be different not playing in the outfield every day,” he said. “But I’m excited for the opportunity to be a pitcher and I’m focusing on that. It’s another exciting thing that at least I’ll get to bat.”

Learning in Farmington

Manasa, who grew up playing Little League baseball in Farmington and travel ball with the Michigan Bulls, was a

high school all-star who twice made all-state and earned first team all-Observer honors.

Called up to varsity midway through his freshman year, the fleet-footed Manasa — who bats left-handed and throws right-handed — quickly became a stand-out for head coach Pete Finn’s Falcons.

As a junior, Manasa hit .398, clubbed three home runs and scored 39 runs. Farmington’s lead-off batter was named second team Division 1 all-state that year.

In his final varsity season, Manasa hit .391 with five home runs and 28 RBIs. He also scored 56 runs and stole 20 bases en route to Division 1 first team all-state recognition and an East-West all-star appearance.

In the all-star game, which was his first time playing at Comerica Park, Manasa was one of the only players on either roster to go all nine innings. He was the lone East player with two hits and he also had four put-outs in the outfield.

Manasa had committed to play college baseball at Oakland University. However, he never made it to the Golden Grizzlies program and instead, as fate would have it, wound up at Jackson Community College.

“A couple things changed. I decided to go

JUCO, which gave me a few more options,” Manasa said. “It worked out for the better. It was like a blessing in disguise because I was able to get drafted this year.

“If I would have went to a Division I program, I would have had to wait three years to get drafted after my junior year,” he added. “So all these other options became available because I went JUCO. It just worked out that way; it wasn’t really in my plans. It worked out for the better.”

Jackson helps pave way

Manasa led Jackson CC with a .410 batting average, including three triples and three home runs. In his first college season, he finished with 55 RBIs and 25 stolen bases.

Manasa also made 16 appearances on the mound, with five saves and a 1.27 earned-run average in 21⅓ innings of work. He allowed just three earned runs.

“I enjoyed Jackson a lot. It was a great program and I had a great year there,” Manasa said. “I was able to hit there, too, and had a pretty good year hitting. The coaches were very nice and I loved the team.

“It was a great experience overall and I was glad I went there,” he added. “The coaches there put me in a great



MARTY BUDNER
Farmington graduate Alex Manasa excelled offensively, but was recently drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates for his pitching ability.

position in order for me to get seen by all the scouts and I appreciate them for that.”

After the Jackson CC season concluded, Manasa went to play for the Kenosha Kingfish of the Northwoods League (a summer baseball program for elite college players). It was there in Wisconsin, at his host family’s house, that Ma-

nasa learned he was the 13th player and sixth pitcher taken by the Pirates.

“I’m very excited. It was crazy,” Manasa said. “I thought I would have fallen a couple rounds later, but I kind of expected it to be that day. But hearing my name called that early was definitely exciting and I’m still at a loss for

words.

“It’s very neat to be playing for the Pirates organization,” he added. “I could imagine getting there, but this whole concept is new to me. I’m just taking it all in right now and it’s a great opportunity.”

It didn’t take him long to say good-bye to Kenosha and hello to Bristol, which is just starting its season.

And it’s safe to say Manasa is looking forward to climbing his way to the major leagues and someday running the bases as a professional like he did at Shiawassee Park as a Little Leaguer, like at Farmington as a prep standout and at Comerica as a high school all-star.

“I just have to continue to work hard, be myself and compete and keep working at my craft,” Manasa said. “This is my job now and I have to work hard to achieve my dreams.

“(Getting drafted) was definitely a dream come true for me. It’s something I’ve been working towards my whole life, since my T-ball days. It’s been the thing I wanted to do and now it’s become a reality and that’s exciting.

“The goal is to be playing in Pittsburgh, hopefully, in a couple of years,” he added. “I’m excited for the opportunity.”

STUDNICKA

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organization took me and they made the decision easy at the end of the day,” Studnicka said.

In his first OHL season with the Generals, Studnicka posted modest offensive numbers with four goals and 22 assists in 62 games before blossoming during his second OHL campaign.

“As a team, we had a successful season,” Studnicka said. “I think we did a lot more than people had expected us to, which was huge. And with team success is going to come individual success, so as long as the team was doing good, I knew it was good things for me.”

And that good thing



Studnicka

was hearing his name called at the United Center the second day of the NHL draft.

“On the personal side, being in my second season in the OHL, I was able to contribute and relied on consistently by

the coaches,” Studnicka said. “And, obviously, it paid off with Boston picking me in the draft this year.”

After scoring five goals and adding 12 assists in 11 OHL playoff games, Studnicka flew to Slovakia to join Team Canada for its final three games in the U18 World Championships, scoring three goals.

“It was a unique experience,” Studnicka said. “They were already two games into the tournament when I had flown over, but all my teammates and coaches and hockey Canada management were very welcoming. For them to have the trust to bring me over mid-term, it gave me confidence, which I think played a huge part in me being able to contribute offensively to be there. I

think with the confidence I had coming off the playoffs and being trusted to be brought in mid-term really helped.”

Like his older brother Sam, who enjoyed OHL stints with both Ottawa and Sarnia, Jack Studnicka had an allegiance growing up to one NHL team.

“I just kind of stayed with what my older brother did,” he said. “The Maple Leafs, Toronto, were his favorite team, so I guess you could say they were mine, too.”

Studnicka tries to emulate a number of different NHL players, but two stand out.

“I like to take different pieces from a lot of two-way centers in the game,” he said. “Offensively, Jonathan Toews (Chicago Blackhawks) is

fun to watch and learn from him. And Tyler Bozak on Toronto, because of the way he takes pride in the defensive zone and still be an offensive player, is something I strive to do as well.”

Taking online classes for his final semester, Studnicka was able to graduate from Northville High School after moving to Novi in 2013, when his father Todd took a job with DTE Energy.

“It wasn’t really hockey-related,” said Studnicka, who was born in Tecumseh, Ontario. “I wanted to be with my dad during the OHL draft and everything. Obviously, it worked out well. Computware and Belle Tire took me for two years and developed me great, so ...”

Studnicka was scheduled to report to the Bru-

ins’ development camp July 5 in Boston. He will also play for the Bruins this summer in a rookie showcase tournament.

“After that, just getting stronger and skating a lot and preparing for my season with Oshawa for a week (Aug. 21-25),” Studnicka said.

The Bruins draftee does admit to having one hobby during the off-season.

“I’m a big golfer in the summer,” he said. “Me, my dad and my brother like to get out and play a lot. But (hockey is) kind of a strict schedule, I say. I wouldn’t say I don’t do any other things, but I primarily focus on training and hockey.”

Spoken like a true two-way center.

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BATTLE

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nearly was a double-winner, finishing second in the 200 dash (24.27).

Although Battle’s all-state talent is undeniable, she continues to give props to Johnson and Intensity Track Club for her track and field prominence.

That’s because she didn’t become serious

about the sport until she met Johnson and assistant coach Jana Hughes in summer 2014, shortly after Battle’s freshman year.

“The workouts were hard and very demanding for me because it was my first time running really,” Battle said. “Not only were the workouts hard on me, but the coach, Jamal Johnson, was hard on me.

“I believe that he was hard on me because he

saw my potential and he knew what I was capable of. I came into the program running slow times and, at the end, I was the top of my age group.”

Always striving

Battle, with nurturing and encouragement from Johnson, kept paring seconds off her times. With each step in her development, she wanted to do more and achieve greater success.

“Having a coach that

has faith in you and takes the time to make you great is something that every athlete needs,” Battle said.

Another key, she stated, was getting help in the personal goal-setting department from Hughes.

“She had each athlete create a goal sheet, with times they wanted to meet by the end of the season and what they’d do to get there,” Battle said. “Each season we

had new people on the team, each team was full of kids that set goals and made sure they met them before the season ended.”

Three years after joining Intensity Track Club, Battle is an accomplished athlete and person with a bright future.

“Overall, Intensity has helped me mature into a strong, secure young lady,” she said. “Running for this team has given

me confidence on and off the track.

“My priorities were track and school; that’s all that was on my mind. I worked hard in the classroom and on the track. Doing all that made me successful. I liked winning, which is what pushes me each day to strive to be great.”

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NHL HOCKEY

Minnesota draftee Lodnia parlays big OHL season

Novi resident
youngest player
taken in NHL draft

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Vanya Lodnia made the most of his second season in the Ontario Hockey League — and more.

The 5-foot-10, 176-pound forward from Novi not only helped the Erie Otters capture the coveted Robertson Cup, the OHL championship, but he was also taken in the third round of the National Hockey League Entry Draft (85th overall) by the Minnesota Wild.

Lodnia, who doesn't turn 18 until Aug. 31, was also the youngest player to go in the 2017 NHL draft.

He finished with 24 goals and 33 assists (57 points) during 66 regular season games, while also adding a pair of goals in 22 playoff games as the Otters reached Memorial Cup championship game last month before falling in a heart-breaker to the host Windsor Spitfires, 4-3.

Playing more than 90



Lodnia



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Novi's Vanya Lodnia, a third-round pick of the NHL's Minnesota Wild, helped the Erie Otters win the OHL title and reach the Memorial Cup final.

games last season proved to be a long grind, but it paid off handsomely for Lodnia.

"I thought the year went really well for myself and the team," he said. "We had a lot of veteran guys, so every game, a guy on our team was breaking some sort of record for the franchise, so it was fun to be a part of. We had a really long season, which makes

you a better player."

Lodnia was a first-round pick of the Otters after playing Minor Midget hockey locally for both Honeybaked and Belle Tire.

Lodnia also won a gold medal with USA Hockey at the 2016 Under-17 Five Nations tournaments in Plymouth and Arosa, Switzerland.

In 128 career OHL regular season games, he

has accumulated 40 goals and 56 assists (96 points). He had 16 goals and 39 assists his first season in Erie.

"When you go into the playoffs the next year, you really know what to expect and what to do to take care of your body to keep playing that well," Lodnia said. "We had a really good group of guys, so I think the season went well."

Although the ending was bittersweet, Lodnia reflected favorably upon his second season with the Otters.

"Even though we lost in the finals, I think that we played really well that game," he said. "It was a really close game. Kudos to Windsor, because they played us really hard and they were really a fast team and a good team. And even though we lost in the finals, we should still think of about how we won the OHL, which is also really good."

Lodnia will begin a busy summer schedule, when he reports July 6 to Minnesota's development camp.

"I've been to Minnesota when I was a kid a lot and so I'm really excited that Minnesota drafted me," said Lodnia, who also goes by the first name Ivan. "They're a really good team and the city is really nice."

Lodnia is also one of the 42 participants invited to USA Hockey's 2017 World Junior Summer Showcase in Plymouth. It's part of a selection process for the 2018 World Junior Championships later this year in Buffalo, N.Y.

He'll also attend a camp in Traverse City for NHL rookie teams, along with Erie's main camp, while possibly earning a look by the Wild during their presea-

son training camp in September.

"We had an older team last year, so we're going to lose a couple of really good players," he said of the Otters.

Lodnia tried other sports as a youth, but hockey quickly became his main interest.

"The season just ended, so I got to rest a little bit," Lodnia said. "No real hobbies, just relax and see family and friends. I've played soccer, basketball, hang out at the beach, keep myself in shape, but still have a little fun."

Lodnia moved along with his parents, both born in the Ukraine, from Los Angeles to Michigan three years ago in a hockey-related move. He completed high school online while playing for Erie.

Growing up in California, Lodnia didn't have a particular rooting interest for any NHL team, but he tracked one NHL player very closely.

"I just like to watch big games, but my favorite player was Pavel Datyuk (Detroit Red Wings), just because how skilled he was in the offensive zone and how reliable he was in the defensive zone," Lodnia said.

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PREP ATHLETICS

Huron Valley A.D. makes the jump to South Lyon East

Michaels served
in dual role at
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high schools

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South Lyon East High School sports is turning the page and headed in a new direction following the appointment June 27 of Greg Michaels as its new athletic director.

The 45-year-old Michaels succeeds Adam Beutel, who resigned unexpectedly earlier this month to "pursue other opportunities," according to the district, after serving as the school's A.D. since 2007.

"The interview committee was impressed by Greg's passion and energy, vision for the East athletic programs and total commitment to developing excellence in and supporting East ath-

letes and coaches," Maureen Altermatt, assistant superintendent for administrative services for the South Lyon Community Schools, said in a press release.

Michaels, an Okemos native, is a 15-year resident of South Lyon with two of his sons attending South Lyon High. He also has a younger son attending Bartlett Elementary School.

"My wife and I did some soul-searching and it was time that we took my skill set and brought it to South Lyon," Michaels said. "And we want to help with South Lyon and their new opportunity with South Lyon East in the (new) LVC (Lakes Valley Conference) and watch this community grow into a new league and a new



Michaels

beginning for their sports program.

"I have always been impressed with the operations and the support given by the community and the school district in South Lyon towards their academics and athletics, a supportive board, a supportive administration."

Michaels was the Huron Valley Schools district athletic coordinator beginning August 2015, responsible for management and oversight of both Lakeland and Milford high schools, the HVS International Academy, as well as Muir, White Lake and Oak Valley middle schools.

He was also Lakeland High's A.D. from 2002-15 and worked in the Farmington Public Schools from 1995 to 2002 as a teacher, coach and athletic coordinator.

Michaels will report to new East Principal Karen Fisher, who is succeeding the retired David Phil-

lips.

"Greg is excited about becoming a Cougar, stating that he is ready to jump in and get to work and looks forward to meeting athletes and their families, as well as East coaches," Altermatt added in the press release. "Greg has shared a desire for East athletics to 'circle the wagons' with pride, recognize and celebrate small victories on the way to larger accomplishments and focus on building 'family' among all its athletes and programs."

Beginning this fall, both East and South Lyon will be joining the new nine-school Lakes Valley Conference, which will also include Milford, Lakeland, Waterford Mott, Waterford Kettering, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western.

All nine schools were previously members of the 24-school Kensington

Lakes Activities Association dating back to 2007-08.

"It's in my backyard," said Michaels, who helped author and initiate the move by Huron Valley into the LVC. "And again, it's a growing community, a thriving community. The future bodes well for growth and support and maintaining sports programming here. And I think I have a lot to offer in helping that South Lyon East grow into new era of athletics in the LVC."

Michaels, who graduated with a B.A. degree from Albion College in 1995, also has a master's in the art of education from Marygrove College (1997), as well as an educational special degree from Oakland University (2007).

Michaels called his move from Huron Valley to South Lyon East "bittersweet." During his two-year stint as district-wide A.D., Michaels had

Jim Marszalek (Milford) and Brad Farquhar (Lakeland) serve as the high school athletic liaisons and building coordinators.

"There's a lot of good people there and lots of success with wins and losses, tremendous coaches, very, very loyal parents, quality sports programming," Michaels said of his 15-year run in Huron Valley. "I put my thumbprint on a lot of initiatives, whether it was facility enhancements, restructuring procedures and practices or helping coaches grow."

"But I feel I've left Huron Valley in the good spot, both Lakeland and Milford, to also succeed and move forward in the LVC. It boils down to those relationships, so it's hard leaving so many quality people. And they stuck with you for a very long time."

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COLLEGE TRACK

Purdue University freshman sprinter caps banner season

Northville grad is second team All-American

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Purdue University's Chloe Abbott capped a banner freshman season by earning second team All-America honors as a member of the outdoor 1,600-meter relay team that finished 11th at the NCAA Championships last month in Eugene, Ore.

At the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships, held May 12-14 at Penn State, the Northville High grad scored nine points to help the Boilermakers earn their first team crown since 1999 by placing fifth in the 400-meter dash (53.64) and sixth in the 200 (23.20, second all time).

Abbott also teamed with Jahneya Mitchell,



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Purdue freshman Chloe Abbott earned All-American honors in track and field.

Symone Black and Brionna Thomas in the 1,600 relay to finish the meet with a time of 3:33.13 to finish second, which time ranks third in school history.

At the NCAA East Preliminary Round quali-

fier, Abbott placed 16th in the 400.

Her best time this season in the 400 (52.88) is a Purdue freshman record and ranks second in school history.

She was also a member of the Big Ten indoor 1,600 relay team that set a conference record (now No. 2) and a school record with a time of 3:31.90. She also placed sixth individually in the 400 (53.50) at the Big Ten meet in Genoa, Ohio.

Abbott was a member of the Boilermakers' indoor 1,600 relay team that placed 10th in the NCAA last March in College Station, Texas, while earning second team All-America honors.

Uhlian takes eighth

University of Michigan junior pole vaulter Sarah Uhlian, a junior from Plymouth High

School, placed eighth to score a point in the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championships, held May 12-14 at Penn State.

Uhlian cleared 3.88 meters (12 feet, 8.75 inches) for the Wolverines, who placed fifth in the team standings with 79 points.

Indiana's Sydney Clute captured the event by clearing 14-6.25.

As a sophomore, Uhlian posted a personal outdoor best of 12-9.5. She is a two-time academic all-Big Ten award winner.

The event also featured two other Plymouth High grads: University of Wisconsin junior Jane McCurry and Michigan State sophomore Kayla Janevski.

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Plymouth High grad Sarah Uhlian (left) placed eighth in the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field championships in the pole vault.



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RELAX. YOU’RE GOING TO BE IN THE AIR A WHILE ON THESE TRIPS.

Technology and curiosity are sending fliers — and airlines — farther afield

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United Airlines made news earlier this month when it announced a new flight between Los Angeles and Singapore.

The route will be the longest flown by any U.S. airline when it begins in October, with the leg to Singapore projected to take a whopping 17 hours, 55 minutes.

Until then, however, the current longest flight flown by a U.S. airline is another United route to Singapore. That service, from United’s San Francisco hub, comes in at 8,467 miles, according to the carrier. The flying time is a “mere” 16 hours, 25 minutes.

To get a better look at the longest routes offered by U.S. airlines, we asked airline data firm OAG to crunch its numbers for a list of the top 20 long-haul flights flown by carriers based in the United States.

United had the most, accounting for 12 of the 20 longest routes flown by U.S. airlines. American had six routes among the top 20 while Delta had four. (Three airlines fly one of the top 20 routes.)

Just missing the cut were United’s non-stops between San Francisco and Chengdu, China, (No. 21 at 6,879 miles); Delta’s Atlanta-Tokyo Narita route (No. 22 at 6,860 miles) and American’s Dallas/Fort Worth-Seoul flight (No. 23, 6,850 miles).

The full list of flights can be seen at right.

THE LONGEST FLIGHTS BY U.S. AIRLINES

	Flight	Miles	Airline	Airplane	Time
1	San Francisco-Singapore	8,467 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	16 hours, 25 minutes
2	Atlanta-Johannesburg, South Africa	8,466 miles	Delta Air Lines	Boeing 777	16 hours, 5 minutes
3	Dallas/Fort Worth-Hong Kong	8,139 miles	American Airlines	Boeing 777	16 hours, 10 minutes
4	Newark-Hong Kong	8,080 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 777	16 hours
5	Los Angeles-Melbourne	7,953 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 787-9	15 hours, 50 minutes
6	Newark-Mumbai	7,821 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 777	15 hours, 35 minutes
7	Chicago O’Hare-Hong Kong	7,808 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 777	15 hours, 45 minutes
8	Los Angeles-Sydney	7,519 miles	American Airlines Delta Air Lines United Airlines	Boeing 777 Boeing 777 Boeing 787-9	15 hours, 10 minutes (United)
9	San Francisco-Sydney	7,449 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 787-9	15 hours
10	San Francisco-Tel Aviv	7,432 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 787-9	15 hours, 5 minutes
11	Newark-Shanghai	7,395 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 777	14 hours, 55 minutes
12	Dallas/Fort Worth-Shanghai	7,363 miles	American Airlines	Boeing 787-8	15 hours
13	Newark-Delhi	7,334 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 777	14 hours, 50 minutes
14	Los Angeles-Hong Kong	7,273 miles	American Airlines	Boeing 777	14 hours, 50 minutes
15	Atlanta-Seoul	7,161 miles	Delta Air Lines	Boeing 777	14 hours, 52 minutes
16	Detroit-Shanghai	7,147 miles	Delta Air Lines	Boeing 747	14 hours, 17 minutes
17	Chicago O’Hare-Shanghai	7,067 miles	American Airlines	Boeing 787-8	14 hours, 30 minutes
18	Dallas/Fort Worth-Shanghai	6,980 miles	American Airlines	Boeing 787-8	15 hours
19	San Francisco-Hong Kong	6,938 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 777	14 hours, 15 minutes
20	Washington Dulles-Beijing	6,929 miles	United Airlines	Boeing 777	13 hours, 50 minutes

Methodology: The data provided by OAG shows regularly scheduled flights operating at least once a week at U.S. airlines as of June 1. Announced routes that are not yet in operation — such as United’s Los Angeles-Singapore route — are not included. The list of the top 20 routes flown by U.S. airlines shows the route, the distance in nautical miles as calculated by OAG and the aircraft type used on the route. Data for “block time” — or the scheduled gate-to-gate travel time — comes from the individual airlines and is listed for the westbound leg of each route.

PLAN AHEAD TO MAKE TIME FLY

The increase in extreme long-haul flights has thankfully coincided with advances in in-flight entertainment, connectivity and personal electronic devices. But 16 hours contained in a small tube comes with some unique health (and sanity) challenges.

SEATING: Try to get a seat assignment early. Everyone wants the window or aisle, so the longer you wait, the more chance they’ll fill up. It’s also worth checking to see if your fare allows for mileage upgrade awards. They may come with an additional fee, but you may think it’s worth paying when compared with the prospect of sitting in a middle seat for 10+ hours.

HEALTH: It’s hard to stay hydrated at cabin pressure, so try to keep an additional bottle of water at your seat, and take a cup anytime the flight attendants come by. To mitigate the risk of deep vein thrombosis, experts advise you stretch and walk several times during a flight. Follow instructions closely for any sleeping medications you plan to take.

ENTERTAINMENT: Most airlines now have a good selection of recently released movies and popular TV series on in-seat screens, so you may enjoy the opportunity to catch up on your viewing. Binge watchers like to load up a series on their personal devices. It’s also a great opportunity to bring that long book that’s been gathering dust on your coffee table.

KEEPING A CHARGE: Bring a backup battery or portable charger for your laptop or tablet. Your device won’t do you any good if it’s out of juice. You can usually check your airline’s website to see if there are power outlets at each seat. (But don’t bet your big presentation on it, because there could always be a change of aircraft or a broken outlet.)



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Keeping hydrated and getting up to move around a few times, especially during a long flight, are musts.



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And most airlines have outfitted planes with an array of entertainment options to make the time go more quickly.



Running is great, but it’s relatively inefficient for losing weight.

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If you’re running to lose weight, you may be wasting your time

The body adapts to a routine, making calorie burning more difficult

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In the United States, a nation fatter than any other, running remains the most popular workout activity. That's according to a Fitbit analysis of fitness tracker user data.

And if tied-up treadmills across the country are any indication, much of that running is long distance.

Here's the cruel catch, though: Running miles at a time doesn't shed fat as efficiently as other forms of exercise. In some ways, it doesn't help much at all.

As fitness author Lou Schuler explains in his book, *The New Rules of Lifting for Women*, relying on long-distance running to lose weight poses a key problem. The human body, ever resourceful, eventually adapts to the repetitive nature of running.

And that added efficiency means the body burns fewer calories for the same amount of work.

"If your goal is to be leaner, then greater endurance isn't really to your benefit," Schuler concludes.

William Roberts, a University of Minnesota physician and former president of the American College of Sports

“If you can build strength and build muscle mass, you’re going to burn more calories.”

WILLIAM ROBERTS
physician

Medicine, likes running.

He has blogged for *Runner's World* and served as medical director for the Twin Cities Marathon in St. Paul.

"But if I'm looking at a gym and looking at what can I get the most bang for my buck from, it's whatever I can use that moves and works the most muscle groups at the same time," Roberts said.

That means adding strength training to any pure running routine, Roberts said, the latter of which neglects upper body muscles.

Losing weight requires about 40 to 60 minutes of activity most days of the week, he said, and at least half that time should be spent bulking up.

"If you can build strength and build

muscle mass, you're going to burn more calories," Roberts said. "Even if you're idling."

That's because strength training causes tiny tears in the muscles.

Those require calories as they repair, meaning your body keeps working long after you leave the gym. That's less so with steady, moderate jogging.

Fitness coach Adam Bornstein put it this way in *Shape*: "With cardio, you can slog away for 30 minutes at a lower intensity and burn 200 calories — or you can just eat 200 fewer calories per day. It's the same thing."

If you love running, fear not: Sprinting may work as well. A study from the University of Western Ontario asked one group of people to run at a slow, steady pace for 30 to 60 minutes, three times per week.

Another group ran 30-second sprints, between four and six of them, three times each week — a less time-intensive routine.

The sprinters shed more than twice the body fat of the joggers after six weeks, while gaining some muscle mass. Those who jogged gained none.

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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 through Friday and Sunday mornings through Aug 15. We suggest you call first to ensure someone is available



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Tunes on Tuesday

Lindsey Coratti snaps a selfie of herself and her son Angelo, 2, during the June 27 Tunes on Tuesday at Northville's Town Square. The kid-friendly weekly musical acts will occur each Tuesday through mid-August. They're free and the square is located on Main Street between Center and Dunlap. That week's act was Janet Marie and d'Archibald of the Children's Theatre of Michigan.

to take your donation during the week. For more information, go to stgeorgesmilford.org or call 248-684-0495.

Health care lectures

Providence Park Hospital is offering two free health care lectures.

Normal Aging or Time for Intervention?

Judy Ahn-Ewing, director, St. John Providence Neuroscience Services will offer this lecture 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile and Taft roads.

As we get older, we notice changes in our body: eyesight deteriorates, hair is getting gray, the bones are a little more creaky and we develop those dreaded wrinkles. But there are times when we look at our loved one and wonder: is this just forgetful-

ness, or are these signs of dementia? Are reaction times to a traffic light slowing down or is traffic becoming overwhelming? When is it time to look for help? Learn about signs to watch for with balance, driving, memory and more as well as how to access services for a family member, friend or yourself.

For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Do You Know What You're Really Eating?

Emily Schwartz will offer this lecture 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi Campus, Conference Room A & B, outpatient building .

It is no secret that a healthy diet helps reduce the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity. But

how do you go about it? Picking up any item in a supermarket, chances are you're overwhelmed by all the ingredient listing and buzz words on the label. What part of it is just marketing, and what are the really important facts to watch out for? Learn about the new FDA changes to label terms and how to make the best food choices for you and your family.

For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Better Made in Michigan

Metro Detroit author Karen Dybis is going to present a colorful Power-Point about the history of Detroit's snack food industry 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at the Wixom Public Library.

More than 40 local chip companies once operated in the Detroit area and Better Made is the one company still making potato chips. Dybis will explain the origins of Better Made, how its chips are made today. She is the author of "Better Made in Michigan: the Salty Story of Detroit's Best Chip" and we will have books available for purchase and autographing.

Preregister for this free event at wixomlibrary.org call 248-624-2512 or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

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.

» 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 Nash-

ville. 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 July 9: Moana Polynesian Summer Camp; Safety Town; Big Kids Safety Town; Dance Camps at the Studio; Kids Kamp – Sick Science; Horse Camp; Basketball Shooting Camp; Challenger British Soccer Camps; All American Baseball Camp; Tee-Ball; Beginning Lacrosse Camp; Aqua Fitness; Summer Travel Soccer League; Volleyball Lite & Skills/Tourney; Tae Kwon Do; Natural Beauty Fabulous Skin Class.

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.

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art, and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592.

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.

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Cook



Beverly Anne died peacefully at her residence in Masonic Pathways, June 16, 2017, at the age of 86 years. Born June 6, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan to Clarence and Angeline (Strome) DeGroat, Beverly Anne (DeGroat) Cook graduated from Cooley High School in 1949 and Cleary College in 1951 with a secretarial degree. She retired from Novi High School after twenty-five years of service in January 1994. Beverly was a member of The Order of Eastern Star, Northville and Howell chapters, and The Fowlerville First United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. She loved sewing, knitting, reading, and spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by her six children; Robert (Susan) Cook, Deborah Anne Dey, Lori (Timothy) Eason, Donald (Robin) Cook, Cynthia (Robert) Barker, and Douglas (Carla) Cook, twenty-three grand-children, five great-grandchildren, her sister-in-law Irene DeGroat, eight nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Preceded in death before her were her parents, Clarence and Angeline DeGroat, step-father Harold Burtis, brothers Albert and Robert DeGroat, sister-in-laws Norene Cook and Carolyn (Cook) Johnson, brother-in-law Karl Johnson, son-in-law Rick Dey, and great-niece Danielle DeGroat. A memorial service and celebration of Beverly's life will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017, 11:00 am, at Fowlerville First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Second Street, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 with a light lunch following. Internment has taken place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia, Michigan.

French



Nancy Jane (nee Rowe) (8/14/1928 - 6/8/2017) of Ypsilanti, passed away on June 8th, 2017 and leaves behind four children; Gerry, Linda, Skip and Dave, as well as 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, & her beloved dog, Maggie. She was preceded in death by her son, Bill, Husband, Aubrey and Grandson Johnathan David. Born on August 14th, 1928, in Tilbury, Ontario, Nancy was an entrepreneurial woman ahead of her time. She both raised a family and owned (along with her husband) several bars & restaurants across the U.S., eventually settling into a prominent position at The Sidetrack Bar & Grill in Ypsilanti, where she remained until retirement. Nancy raised her family in Northville, MI and was given the designation of Blue Star Mother 4 times for having 4 sons in the military at war time. She displayed those flags proudly in her kitchen window. In her off time, Nancy was a great appreciator of the arts, especially ceramics, painting and literature, continuing to read her favorite Scottish novels up until the very end. Throughout the course of her life, she remained steadfast and loving, truly dedicated to her family. Nancy never had a negative word to say about anyone... aside from Donald TRUMP. Her smile was great at the sight or thought of her friends and family, and her last words were "I did the best I could". Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Nancy would agree whole-heartedly.

Guyot

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Matson

Jeff A. age 55, of Milford passed away on June 27, after a 10 year bout with cancer. His fight with cancer was courageous. Beloved son of Max Matson and Lee Matson. Loving father of Meghan (Mike Zorwz) and Ryan (Megan McCann). Treasured grandfather of Rory. Dear brother of Troy, sisters; Lori, Juli and Jori and special friend Linda Milton. He had many uncles, aunts and cousins. A memorial service celebrating Jeff's life was held at the Highland United Methodist Church on June 30, 2017. Pastor David Anderson officiated. Jeff was preceded in death by an older infant brother (Kurt) and a special nephew (Colt). Jeff went to Milford High School, Lawrence Tech and Cleary College. He worked as an engineer for the big three auto companies and their suppliers and was the vice-president of Matson Enterprises, a low voltage company. He has two auto patents in his name and three more shared with team members. Over the years he had a multitude of hobbies but none surpassed his great love for airplanes. The ultra-light airplane he was building remains unfinished. Jeff had many friends and often played practical jokes on them. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Highland United Methodist Church, 680 West Livingston Rd., Highland 48357. Donations should be designated for JAARS.

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Corvette owners show cars to help special-needs kids

Darrell Clem
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They love to show their flashy Corvettes and raise money to help others in need.

They found a way to do both.

Chevrolet Corvette owners are expected to turn out in large numbers Saturday, July 8, when the Corvette Legends Club returns to Canton for its Corvettes at the Summit show in Heritage Park.

Event chairman Jim Rees, who has a 1998 purple pearl Corvette, said the show typically draws 130-170 cars from owners in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Northville and Farmington Hills, among other communities.

In its 13th year, Corvettes at the Summit typically raises about \$2,000 for charity. For a second year in a row, the money will go to Camp A.B.L.E., a camp for special-needs children at the historic Cherry Hill School on Canton's west side.

Canton Leisure Services Director Greg Hohenberger said the department he oversees relies on charitable contributions to make programs like Camp A.B.L.E. succeed.

"It's very important, especially for programs like Camp A.B.L.E. It really helps to offset the cost for the individuals who are participating," he said. "If we don't get donations, we have to pass more of those



Corvettes on display in Heritage Park.

charges onto the participants. This makes it more affordable."

Corvettes at the Summit also has donated to other groups such as Canton Goodfellows, which helps families at Christmastime, and the now-defunct Detroit Area Diaper Bank, which collected and distributed diapers to metro Detroit agencies that helped struggling mothers and families.

"We try to keep it local," Rees said. "That way, it benefits the local community."

This year, a traveling store from the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky., is coming to the show to sell merchandise. Corvettes, first assembled in Flint in 1953 and then in St. Louis, are now made in the Kentucky town.

Rees has a theory of the enduring popularity of the Corvette.

"It's probably America's true sport car," he

said, adding he has known of some Corvettes that auctioned for close to \$1 million.

Corvettes on the Summit features a basket raffle, door prizes and 50/50 ticket sales — all to raise money for charity. Owners who want to simply attend pay a \$5 fee, while those who want to enter a competition pay \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of the event. Cars are judged in nine different classes, based on when they were made.

The show features food, music and a variety of vendors. Registration starts at 8 a.m. July 8 and the day wraps up with an awards presentation at 3 p.m.

For more information or to get a registration form, go to www.corvettesatthesummit.com.

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Expert tips for negotiating your salary

 BY MATT TARPEY
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You did it! You successfully navigated the job market and application process and nailed the interview. Now you've got a real job offer. As much as you may be tempted to just sign it and be done with the job hunt, there's still one more thing to do — a step many job seekers skip, only to regret it later. It's time to negotiate salary.

Unsure how? Here are a few tips to make sure your salary negotiation goes smoothly.

Actually negotiate

The single most common mistake job seekers make is simply not negotiating on salary. Most employers expect a negotiation and give themselves a little wiggle room with their initial offer. By not negotiating, you're effectively leaving money on the table.

"Perhaps one of the most important things to remember is that once a company makes you a job offer, they want you to come on board. They've invested a significant amount of time to determine that you're the right person for the role," says Lauren Gard, partner at Zumado Public Relations. "If the salary you ask for is rejected, you will have a chance to accept a counteroffer or the original offer."

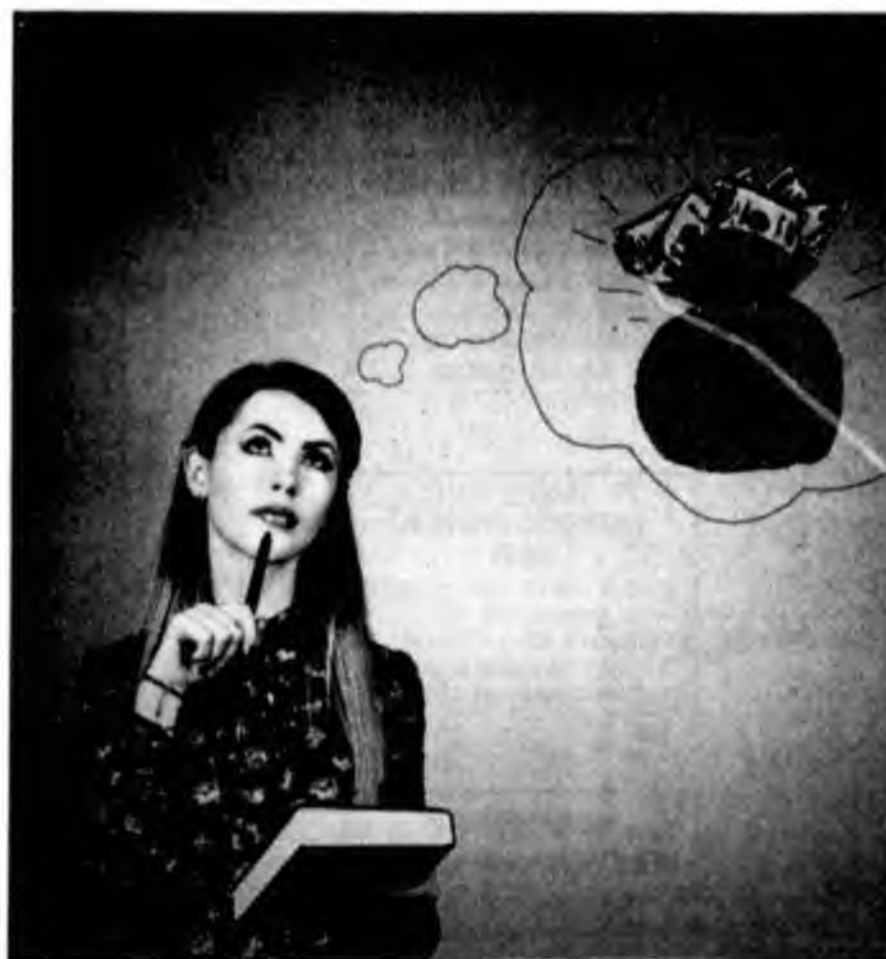
Know your worth

Doing the proper research prior to the interview will help strengthen your position and give you more confidence during salary negotiations. "Research the latest salary trends for your city, industry and job title by reviewing compensation surveys and talking to recruiters or others in your network," explains Addie Swartz, CEO of ReachIRE, a training and placement pathway for professional women to get back into the workforce after a career break. "By confidently marketing yourself and your relevant skills and conducting salary research, you should be prepared to negotiate for what you're worth."

Focus on your qualifications

One of the most common mistakes job seekers make is negotiating based on their previous salary. Focusing on how well you fit the employer's needs actually gives you much more leverage.

"The current job market is filled with qualified candidates who have to take a lower salary because it is an employer's market. However, you are in a strong position to negotiate a higher salary if you are pretty much a perfect match for the position," says Cheryl Palmer, owner of Call to Career. "The best thing to do is to reiterate



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what the position requires and restate the fact that you have exactly what they are looking for. Then you can say, 'My salary research shows that the going rate for someone with my qualifications and experience is between \$X and \$Y.' This makes your request for a higher salary objective instead of subjective."

Consider the complete package

Salary negotiations aren't necessarily all about salary. If

an employer is unable to go higher on base salary, they may be more flexible when it comes to benefits and employee perks. "Nothing should be off the table, but prioritize which benefits are most important to you," says Scott Dicke, director of permanent placement services with Robert Half Finance & Accounting. "It's always a good idea to consider employee perks — such as flexible scheduling, vacation time and retirement benefits — when looking at the

whole compensation package."

Get it in writing

Once you've negotiated and agreed on a compensation package, ask for it in writing. This way, the matter is officially sealed and the chance of a clerical or memory error is avoided.

"It's never a done deal until you and your new employer have signed on the dotted line and you're both on the same page," says Dicke. "Documentation of your complete compensation package, job description and expectations in your new role should all be included so there's no confusion or room for interpretation."

Remember, employers typically make job offers with the expectation that they're up for negotiation. And since raises and bonuses are often based on salary, a higher starting salary can have a big effect on your earnings throughout your career.

Negotiating your salary can be nerve-wracking, but if you follow these simple tips, you'll be glad you did it.

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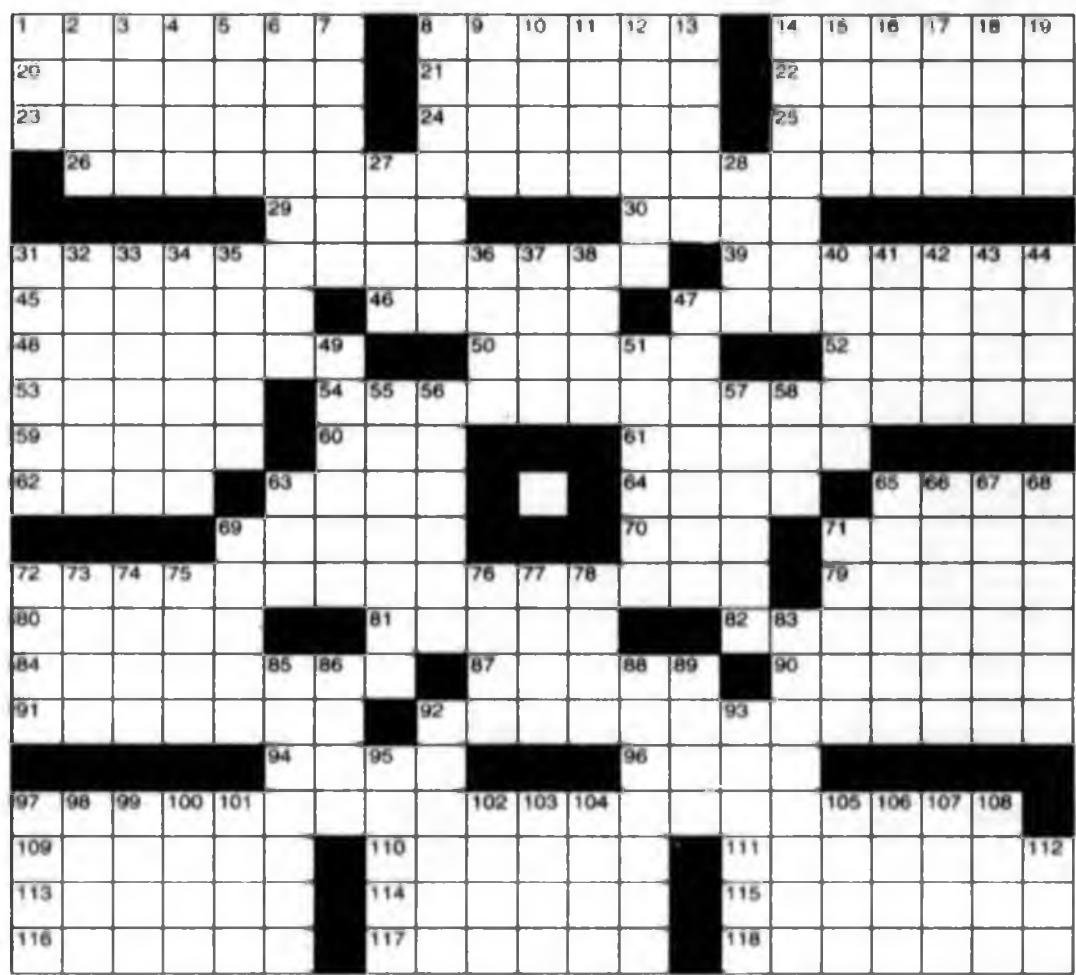
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16 Confined, with "up"
17 Jack of early late-night TV
18 Bluesy James
19 Merger, e.g.
27 Knitting stitch
28 E. — (gut bacteria)
31 Band
32 Couscous alternative
33 Opens, as a gas tank
34 Sock variety
35 Film units
36 Baseball's Martinez
37 Shamrock's land
38 Revered one
40 Dinner piece
41 See
82-Across
42 Open a bit
43 Taboo thing
44 Unhearing
- 47 Carlisle of the Go-Go's
49 Awful smell
51 Indirect route
55 Tobacco pipes
56 Get clothed
57 Is
58 Material for some cans
63 Alley —
65 Lambaste
66 Rome's land, in France
67 Acacia relative
68 Badger
69 Incline
71 Resell tickets
72 Mississippi senator Cochran
73 "Mary — Little Lamb"
74 One of the deadly ains
75 Santa — (some winds)
76 Lead-in to spore
77 67-Down, for one
78 Personal quirks
- 83 Article-preceding summary
85 Marks of distinction
86 Cat Nation tribe
88 Pollination organs
89 Pâté de — gras
92 Truck fuel
93 Vessel with a bag, maybe
95 Streetcars
97 With
71-Across, French avant-garde composer
98 TV actress Anderson
99 Ho-hum
100 — out (barely earns)
101 Lit candle bit
102 "Hmm — yes"
103 Zap, as leftovers
104 Arduous hike
105 Lost traction
106 Solder, say
107 Jannings of old films
108 Demolish
112 Actor Romero



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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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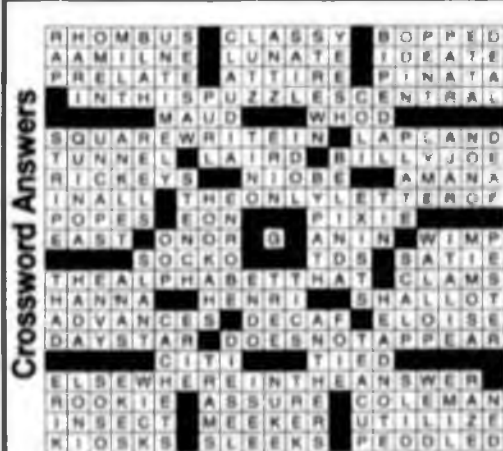
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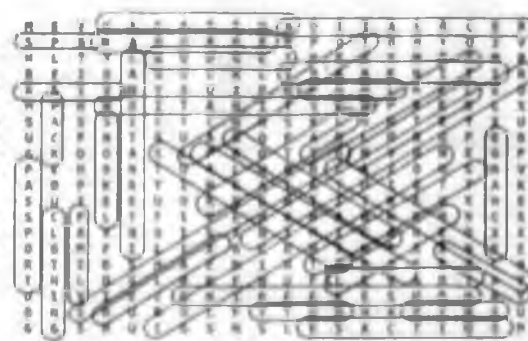
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Car Report

DODGE STEPS UP AGAIN BY SPONSORING 'ROADKILL NIGHTS' A WEEK BEFORE DREAM CRUISE, CENTERED IN PONTIAC



By Dale Buss

Now that Chevrolet has withdrawn as the primary sponsor of the annual "Dream Cruise" on Woodward Avenue, another legendary Motown brand is stepping up its own presence in the week-long, mid-August celebration that draws thousands of old hot rods and their owners—as well as hundreds of thousands of observers and other fans—to the central thoroughfare of metropolitan Detroit.

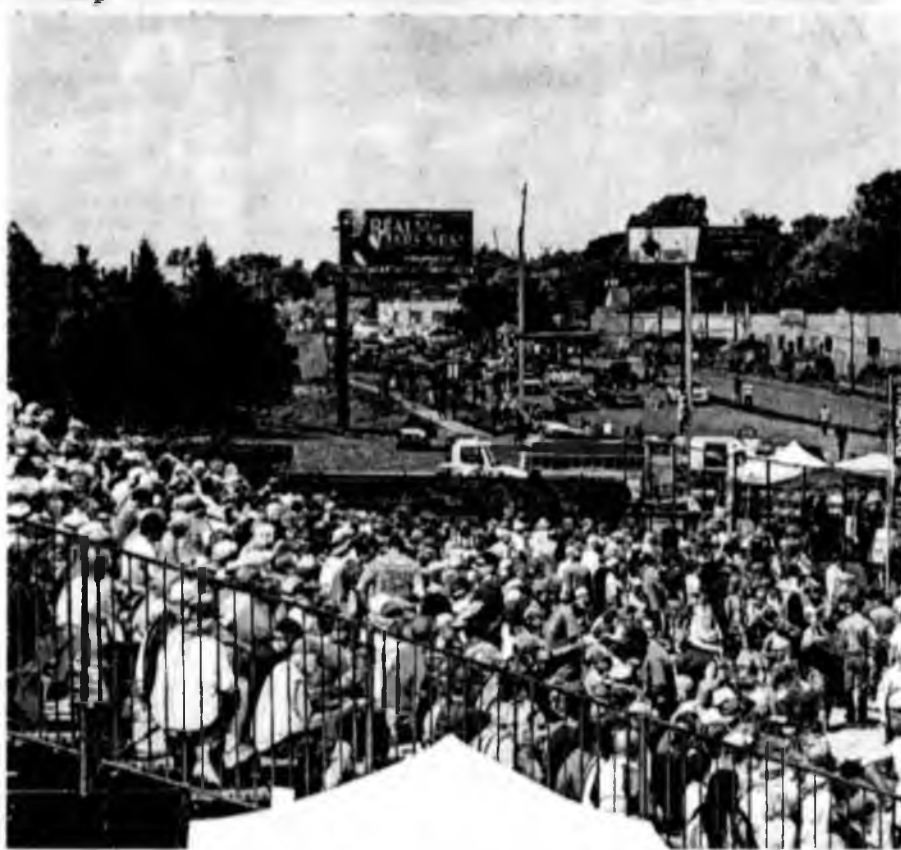
Dodge is kicking off the city's celebration of classic cars and car culture for the second straight year with a night of legal drag racing on Woodward, helping aging boomers see fulfilled something that most of them

could only have hoped to get away with in their youth as cruisers.

Specifically, on August 12, Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge will take over MI Concourse in Pontiac with drag racing and thrill rides, celebrity-showdown races and other family-friendly activities.

Attendees also will be able to check out the full potential, on the drag strip and via race simulators, of the 2018 Dodge Challenger SRT Demon. As the most powerful muscle car ever, with 840 horsepower and 770 pound-feet of torque, SRT Demon will be the new halo car for the Fiat Chrysler-owned brand that has doubled down on its performance chops in recent years and now wants to be almost totally defined by that attribute.

Even in an era of encroachment by emissions-friendly electric cars and thrill-killing self-driving features, there's still a big place for car fans who want to steer their own vehicles.



Dodge wants throngs for Roadkill Nights in Pontiac again this year

"Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge," TEN: The Enthusiast Network's popular drag-racing event and car festival, attracted more than 30,000 fans last year, returns to MI Concourse in Pontiac, Michigan. Moving up a week, Roadkill kicks off southeast Michigan's weeklong celebration of classic cars and car culture.

This year's "Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge" is even bigger and better, bringing back legal street drag racing on Woodward Avenue and even more experiences, including Dodge Thrill Rides in the 707-horsepower Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat and Charger SRT Hellcat and the 645-horsepower

Challenger SRT Demon on the dragstrip and "drive" it via a high-octane drag racing simulation experience. Additional activities include cacklefest, wheelstander exhibition runs, dyno tests, show 'n' shine, "Roadkill" stunts and exhibitions.

New family-friendly activities this year include thrill rides on the M1 track, large inflatable slides and obstacle course, rock climbing walls, face painting, as well as live music and entertainment on the main stage, and an eclectic array of food truck offerings and beverages available for purchase.

"Continuing the Dodge brand's efforts to take racing off the streets

and to a professionally run strip, there is no better way to kick off Detroit's annual cruise week than to have a pure enthusiast event like Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge," said Tim Kuniskis, Head of Passenger Cars, Dodge, SRT, Chrysler, and FIAT, FCA - North America, in a company press release.

"This event is also the perfect opportunity to show muscle car enthusiasts from around the world the new 840-horsepower Dodge Challenger SRT Demon where it was born to dominate — on the dragstrip."

The car show and festival will also include a first-ever celebrity showdown with "Roadkill" cohosts David Freiburger and Mike Finnegan, drag racing stars Leah Pritchett and Matt Hagan, and "The House of Muscle" car guru Mike Musto. Leading the races will be Freiburger and Finnegan, cohosts of the most-viewed YouTube automotive original series in the United States. Chris Jacobs of Velocity's "Overhaulin'" will cohost the activities both on and off the dragstrip.

"Roadkill Nights brings 'Roadkill' to life and allows our fans to participate in the thrill of fingers-clenching, top-speed drag racing, which is what we thrive on," Freiburger says. "There's something for everyone — drag racers, families, foodies and anyone who is looking to have a great day filled with unparalleled fun at an iconic location."

The August 12 "Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge" event is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Drag racing and Dodge Thrill rides will take place from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.



The sun sets over "Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge" last year

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- *Stunning master suite

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Charming Five Bedroom Colonial!

- *This home features five bedrooms and three and half bathrooms
- *Dream kitchen with center island, granite counter tops, breakfast nook and formal dining room
- *Impressive 2-story entrance with split staircase
- *Entertain in your spacious finished walkout basement

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Gorgeous Ranch in the Village of Milford!

- *This adorable four bedroom, three bathrooms, Ranch home
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- *Master bedroom with plantation shutters
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Peaceful Ranch on 1.5 Acres!

- *This gorgeous Ranch has three bedrooms and two bathrooms
- *Updated kitchen with patterned granite, refinished cabinets and hardwood flooring
- *Dining room with arched opening and cathedral ceiling
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- *This Ranch features three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, located on 1.12 acres with lake access
- *Updated kitchen with large island, wood flooring and two sided fireplace
- *Living room with natural fireplace leading to the office
- *First floor laundry and pool

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Picturesque Ranch!

- *This home features three bedrooms and two bathrooms on 1.12 acres
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- *Insulated heated garage and river rock fireplace

MLS 217053803 248.684.1065 \$325,000



Gorgeous Cape Cod in Desirable Lake Oaks!

- *This home features four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 1.86 acres
- *Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, hardwood flooring and desk area
- *Master bedroom has private deck, 2 walk in closets, cathedral ceilings and bath with jetted tub
- *Full finished basement with kitchenette, full bath, rec room and laundry

MLS 217055193 248.684.1065 \$569,000



Move in Ready!

- *This gorgeous, three bedroom, two and half bathroom colonial is a must see
- *Updated kitchen with island and stainless steel appliances
- *First floor laundry, finished lower level
- *Private backyard with large deck is perfect for entertaining

MLS 217053060 248.684.1065 \$210,000



Exquisite One of Kind Lake Sherwood Home!

- *This lake front home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms with amazing view throughout
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- *First floor master suite with lakefront views, jetted tub and custom walk in shower
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