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Car wash

Is your car in need of a wash? Come and support the girls on the Northville Middle School dance team for its second annual car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Hines Park Crossfit Parking lot at Seven Mile and Northville roads.

Barn dance

The Salem Area Historical Society and and Three Cedars Farm will present the annual barn dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile Road, west of Curtis. Admission at the door is \$5 per person or \$3 for members of SAHS.

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Northville home tour on tap

Annual event scheduled for Sept. 23 this year

Be ready to walk through when the doors open to five private Northville residences from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. Cost is a \$20 tax-deductible donation for the self-guided tour.

Docents will guide you through a Victorian-era Queen Anne style home; a home with a story to tell in family heirlooms; a professionally decorated lake condo; a former model home with builder details and special items collected from Asian travels; and a large designer home that has a game room, workout

room, home theater and wine cellar. Two homes have new Epiphany kitchens. In addition, \$5 recipe books will be available for purchase at one of the homes.

Two downtown Northville businesses will add to the fun. The Lace Museum Detroit is extending its hours for ticket holders. Stroll through a rare collection of European and American 19th century handmade lace in a salon-style setting where special pieces are for sale. Conveniently located across the street, you're invited

2-5 p.m. to enjoy complimentary refreshments and 10 percent off all purchases at Starring "The Gallery."

Many local businesses sponsor the annual tour, which is the major fundraiser for the Northville-Novis branch of the American Association of University Women. Funds support activities to advance equity and empower women and girls through community outreach projects. To discover more about this organization, go to www.aauwnn.org.

There are three ways you can buy tickets in advance. Go to www.aauwnn.org, buy tickets from an AAUWNN member or purchase tickets at the following

businesses:

- » Starring "The Gallery," 118 W. Main St., Northville (Also, tickets can be picked up here on tour day from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- » Gardenviews, 117 E. Main St., Northville
- » Pear-Aphernalia, 184 E. Main St., Northville
- » Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 10 Mile Road, Novi

Tickets may also be purchased from display homes on tour day, but availability is not guaranteed. For more information or questions, contact Jane Hecker, home tour chair, at 734-276-6160 or jhecker101@gmail.com.



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George Thomas Jr. fishes with his father George Thomas during a July 28 trip to Belle Isle. The duo were fishing one of the island's many interior lakes and were finding some success with worms that day.

'JUST INCREDIBLE'

Belle Isle makes for great late-summer destination

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Karis Floyd remembers fondly his time on Belle Isle as a child.

The Redford resident and manager of Belle Isle State Park said he played baseball on the island in high school, among other activities. Today, he's in charge of overseeing the 982-acre park nestled in the Detroit River.

"From being a kid, you could come out and it was such a family environment," he said. "Now, we're attracting families back to Belle Isle."

The island, a longtime destination for those living in Detroit and the surrounding suburbs, still offers hours of enjoyment for those families looking to make the drive down In-



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Erin George gives a piggy-back ride to her son Declan, 6, during a July 28 visit to Detroit's Belle Isle. The Rochester, N.Y., family was visiting the Detroit area to see some family and hit Belle Isle and its Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservancy (right) and Aquarium (left) during the visit.

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High-tech corridor marketing campaign draws nearer

Darrell Clem
hometownlife.com

Amid hopes of attracting high-tech companies, Plymouth Township is inching closer to a marketing campaign to sell land southwest of Five Mile and Ridge roads — land that could become part of a regional hub for advanced technology firms.

The latest move comes as area officials move forward with a vision for the so-called Michigan International Technology Center, along the Five Mile corridor shared by Plymouth and Northville townships.

"This is one of the hottest commercial corridors right now in southeast Michigan," Supervisor Kurt Heise said.

Plymouth's latest discussion came during a township board session and centered on 132 acres of land south of Five Mile, between Ridge and Napier, where 72 acres can be developed but 60 acres are designated as wetlands and parkland.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise believes the land can be tied in with other development along the Five Mile corridor, much of it on former prison property once used by the Detroit House of Corrections, or DeHoCo.

Heise said the land is zoned light industrial, with a high-tech overlay, making it unsuitable for residential or retail development. He said the area has potential to become a site for an advanced technology campus or possibly an international headquarters for a high-tech company.

A representative for Signature Associates, a marketing firm hired to promote the property, said he believes the land could be marketed in such a fashion.

"From a developer's standpoint, that's where you're going to get the higher rents," said David Green, a principal with the marketing firm, adding later, "We would love a campus

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Tollgate Farm hosts horse riding camp



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Melina Kovacheff, 9, rides her mount around the ring Aug. 18 at Tollgate Farm during its week-long horse camp.



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Riders await their turn in the ring during the Tollgate Farm horse camp.

Road work and home building



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Work continues Aug. 16 on the prep stage of Novi's Brooktown development at the southwest corner Grand River and Meadowbrook. The 26-acre mixed commercial and residential development sat idle for many years, but infrastructure work, including roads, water and sewer and moving a large pile of soil, seen at right, has begun.



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The Road Commission for Oakland County is working on a concrete road surface reconstruction at the corner of Haggerty and 10 Mile until early September. The county will intermittently close right-turn lanes as workers replace the road surface. Some delays in the area will occur.

First day of school can be stressful for kids

The first day of school. Students and parents look forward to it. New clothes are bought. Backpacks, pencils, new shoes. It is a day that is circled on the calendar. A day to anticipate.

But some children don't view the start of school with eager anticipation. Some children are nervous, full of worry.

I had one such child in my family. The night before school was to start, my youngest was nervous. So nervous that he couldn't sleep. So nervous that my wife and I took turns laying with him and talking with him about school, about what to expect the next day. We did our best to reassure him that kindergarten was going to be fun. We talked about the new friends he would make and the things that he would learn.

He was having none of it.

Finally, about 3 a.m., he rolled over and looked me in the eye. "What if I can't do it? What if I can't be like Zach?" And with those questions now posed, he rolled over and went to sleep.

Zach was Jake's older brother. Jake evidently thought Zach had all the confidence in the world. Little did Jake know that Zach was as scared as Jake was the night before the first day of school. While waiting



Steve Matthews
GUEST COLUMNIST

Parents and students can see the first day of school on the horizon. Now is a good time for parents to talk with ... children about the start of school.

outside on his first day at kindergarten, Zach and an equally scared little girl found each other. They held hands and walked into school together and were fast friends for the first few years of school.

Parents and students can see the first day of school on the horizon. Now is a good time for parents to talk with their children about the start of school. No matter the age or the grade, it is important for parents to develop a sense of what their children are feeling about the start of school.

Parents can reflect and share their back to school experiences. Maybe, when a parent was younger, they were anxious about the start of school. It is important for children to hear

about those experiences. While riding in the car or sitting on the deck or talking around the dinner table, parents can share things they were nervous about and things they looked forward to about the first days of school.

If a child seems disinterested, share anyway. Don't preach. Tell stories. In doing so, you can help your child see that nerves are common and that there are many positive things to look forward to when school begins.

My young son Jake understood that at times there is a lot of pressure in school. Making new friends is sometimes hard. Going to a new school or a new classroom or riding a new bus can all be stressful.

But there is also a lot to look forward to in school. New friends. New challenges. New experiences.

They key is for children to know that they have adults – parents and teachers – who will nurture and guide and support them as the school year begins. Talking about these things throughout the month of August can help reduce anxiety and increase excitement about the start of school.

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

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Northville Art House announces new exhibition

The Northville Art House announces the ninth annual West of Center juried all-media exhibition, featuring 32 works of art selected by juror Brian Nelson, professor of sculpture at Eastern Michigan University. In keeping with the philosophy of bringing the community something unexpected, the exhibition includes paintings, photographs, sculpture and mixed media pieces created by 22 contemporary artists working with traditional and nontraditional media in diverse styles.

The artists, who are competing for \$650 in cash awards, include Jean-Paul Aboudib (Canton), Jim Aho (Huntington Woods), David Bartlett (Farmington Hills), Gail Borowski (Shelby Township), Jan Brown (Novi), Velinka Cucuz (Brighton), Pamela Day (Wixom), Megan Dodge (Sterling Heights), Holly Drouin (Northville), Harah Frost (Royal Oak), Eugenia Hoag (Milford), Michael Jogerst (Holland), Christine Kern (Canal Winchester, Ohio), WanChuan Kesler (Northville), Rosemary Lee (Howell), Julia Leone (Detroit), Zachary Meyer (Shelby Township), Christine Miller (White-



“Stop Carping” by Patricia O’Brien.

water), Patricia O’Brien (Cockeysville, Md.), Cheryl Phillips (Detroit), Kyle Pryce (Plymouth) and Carrie “Care” Wheeler (Plymouth).

Nelson, from Coldwater, received a BFA in sculpture from Western

Michigan University in 1989 and an MFA in sculpture from Michigan State University in 1995. He began teaching at Eastern Michigan University in 2000. He has exhibited throughout the area at the Detroit Artist

Market, Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit and Elaine L. Jacobs Gallery, among others. He has shown nationally as well as received numerous awards, including the Excellence in Teaching award from



“Wings and Wishes” by Holly Drouin.

Michigan State University and a teaching recognition award at Eastern Michigan University. Nelson is known for his unique ability to combine refined craftsmanship and complex emotional and conceptual ideas into solid and fluid sculpture.

West of Center opens with a public reception, sponsored by Mark Corbin of Raymond James, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, with a juror talk and awards presentation at 7 p.m. An additional “October in the ‘Ville” family-friendly reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct.

6, with Halloween treats and a free make and take art activity by Art House instructor Maria Latour. The exhibit runs through Oct. 28 during Art House business hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House exhibits is free and open to the public.

For more information, go to www.northvillearthouse.org or call 248-344-0497.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Buildings open to the public: 1-4 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 15.
Victorian clothing sale: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 10. \$2 admission.
Heritage Festival activities: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Duck Race at 3:30 p.m.
Victorian tea at the Inn: 12:30-3 p.m. Sept. 17. Tickets sold at door. No pre-sale.
Ticket sales for Dec. 9 German Christmas Tea: 12:30-3 p.m. Sept. 17.

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org
Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we’re happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.
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Juggler entertains Sizzling Summer crowd



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Crazy (Craig) Wise rides a unicycle and juggles some pins during his Aug. 16 visit to Fuerst Park for its Sizzling Summer series. Wise entertained for about an hour with juggling and other tricks, including balancing 10 folding chairs on his chin.



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Audience members at Crazy Craig’s Aug. 16 performance at Fuerst Park do a small version of the wave during his performance.

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Stacy Ahua coordinates volunteers after tornadoes, gets food to the hungry

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com.

Stacy Ahua was a shy child, the youngest daughter of immigrants who came to the United States from Nigeria with little more than a dream.

"I wasn't a really interesting kid," Ahua said.

Joining the speech and debate team at her high school helped her overcome that shyness.

"It was a lot of development of that skill that has been the most useful for everything I do now," she said.

She was born in Houston and raised in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, with her family as her network, her support, her role models. Her parents were strict, which Ahua appreciates more as an adult.

Coupling the discipline she learned from her parents with the communication skills she learned in school, Ahua began exploring her community, becoming more involved.

"I never really did one thing (as a volunteer)," she said. "I just started doing stuff."

She began helping out as she could, building her network of people.

When a tornado hit Hattiesburg in 2013, she was thrust into a role she wasn't expecting — volunteer coordinator for 1,200 to 1,500 people who wanted to help the city get back on its feet.

When another tornado struck in January, she was called upon to fill that role again.

"I have the weird skill of being able to create order," she said. "That propelled me to do more of whatever that was."

"As it turns out, there's a real need for that in any organization, job or community activity. You've got to have a framework of how to do things."

Ahua also works as program coordinator for Extra Table, a nonprofit organi-



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Stacy Ahua, 29, has helped coordinate volunteers after two tornadoes in Hattiesburg, Miss. She is program coordinator for Extra Table, which helps supply food pantries across the state.

zation started by restaurateur Robert St. John that buys healthy foods in bulk to distribute to nearly 30 food pantries in Mississippi.

She and director Mike Dixon raise funds separately to pay their salaries and expenses, so donations to the organization go solely toward buying food.

"We try to be most efficient with what we have and still be functioning human beings," she said.

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Q&A WITH STACY AHUA

What does it mean to you to be an American?

Our tribe (in Nigeria) is very prideful about who we are and what our history is, but there's an undeniable fact that I was born and raised here and I've been afforded opportunities by being here that would not exist otherwise, so American versus Nigerian versus African-American have been very ambiguous kinds of titles.

Having been raised by parents who came here with nothing, who educated themselves — those kinds of things factor into what being an American means to me in the sense of development as a person.

It means opportunity. It means working hard. It means honoring what my parents have done. It means so much more than where you are born, and I can say that about Nigeria as well. It's an honor to be able to be called an American because of what it took to get that.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I can't stand any kind of injustice. I can't handle that very well.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me most, it's kind of that all-or-nothing mentality for what people want. It's either you completely agree with what I think and we can coexist, or if you don't, you mean nothing to me. There is no middle ground. I don't understand how anything can exist that way.

I feel the most positive about things I can control or things that I see every day. I can control to some degree, I can affect what hunger looks like in Mississippi with Extra Table.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I just hope I help people. I hope I am able to help somebody. It doesn't matter what level it's on. It's important how you enter and leave somebody's life. I try to do whatever I can to fill whatever need I can.



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Shawarma anyone? Middle Eastern cuisine arrives in downtown South Lyon

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Grabbing lunch, co-workers Chris Chambers and Jerry Abidin were studying the menu at the Lafayette Middle Eastern Grill and Bakery.

“I’ve been here six or seven times since they opened (a month earlier),” said Chambers, who favors a chicken or beef shawarma sandwich. “I think the food is just as good as Dearborn or even better.”

It was the first visit for Abidin, who like Chambers works at the nearby Big City Towing. “I love Middle Eastern food. It’s been a long time since I had it,” Abidin said. “I like hummous, tabouli. I’m going with chicken shawarma today.”

Located in downtown South Lyon on North Lafayette, it’s the first restaurant venture for Walaa Nafso. It’s a carry-out and catering business located a couple of doors away from Lafayette Party Store, which is owned by her husband, Sonny Nafso.

“For 22 years, customers have been asking for Middle Eastern food all the time,” Sonny Nafso said. “My wife is the chef — she has her own recipes.”

The restaurant has been busy since it opened July 10, Sonny Nafso said, showing the demand in the area for Middle Eastern cuisine.

“I like to cook, so I learned to cook. I watched my family cook and asked them how to do it,” Waala Nafso said. “I would do it my way and make it better. I put



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South Lyon’s Lafayette Middle Eastern Grill and Bakery at 304 N. Lafayette.

my own touches on it.”

Since the restaurant opened, Sonny Nafso said the chicken and beef shawarma have been very popular. The menu has hummous, tabouli, grape leaves, soup, sandwiches and dinners. Shawarma meat and gyros meat can be purchased by the pound and catering is offered.

“I just helped out at the store when I was needed. Now, I’m at the restaurant,” Waala Nafso said. “Sonny works in the liquor store and just helps out here.”

Originally from Iraq, the couple married in 2001 and have three children: George, 14, Georgina, 12, and Gieselle, 10.

“The kids have been helping us while they aren’t in school. The girls have been taking orders,” Sonny Nafso said.

“They helped out a lot, especially during the first week,” Waala Nafso added.

Word about Lafayette Middle Eastern Cuisine Grill and Bakery is getting out, Waala Nafso said.

“Some people heard about us on Facebook or



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Sonny Nafso slices some chicken shawarma off the rotisserie at his Lafayette Middle Eastern Grill and Bakery in South Lyon. Nafso said the shawarma was the restaurant’s best seller.

they were just passing by,” Waala Nafso said. “Yesterday, some people came in and said, ‘When did you open?’ They had just noticed we were here.”

Lafayette Middle Eastern Cuisine Grill and Bakery is at 304 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon. It offers carryout and catering with delivery service to be added soon. The number is 248-573-7779.

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Sonny Nafso and his family at their South Lyon restaurant (from left): George, 14, Georgina, 13, Gieselle, 11, Sonny and his wife Walaa.

South Lyon man charged with attempted murder in attack

LeAnne Rogers
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A South Lyon has been charged with assault with intent to murder in a baseball bat attack in a dispute over \$7.

Malachi Jordan Collins, 18, in being held in the Oakland County Jail after bond was denied at his arraignment Aug. 9. A not guilty plea was entered for him and a pretrial conference set for Aug. 23 in 52-1 District Court.

South Lyon Police were called to a unit in the 200 block of Longfellow shortly before 10 p.m. July 30 about several people fighting. The caller reported one person had a baseball bat and identified two men, including the victim, as

being involved in the fight,

Officers reported finding the victim, a 26-year old South Lyon resident, laying on the north side of Longfellow. The victim was described as bleeding from his head and eyes with his face swollen. Based on his condition, officers reported the man had been severely beaten and apparently struck with a blunt object.

South Lyon firefighters and HVA responded to the scene and began treating the victim, who was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital. Officers reported being unable to speak with the victim due to his condition.

Police then began interviewing others at

the scene including Collins, who reported being approached by three men, including the victim. The trio included also another man with whom Collins told police he was having a dispute over \$7 and some clothing that had been stolen.

When the fight happened, Collins said he was attacked by the three men and defended himself, but denied having any weapon.

Police interviewed a large number of people who were involved in the dispute or witnessed it. Officers reported the accounts varied and several were described as vague.

At least two witnesses, not directly involved in the incident, told police the victim pounded on

the door of a mobile home, then a man exited armed with a bat. Those witnesses said the man hit the victim with the bat, pursued the victim when he ran and hit him with the bat three more times. A second man was described as kicking the victim.

Officers retrieved two baseball bats, one described as having what appeared to be smears of blood on it, from behind a couch at a home home on Longfellow.

The victim was reported to be in a medically induced coma July 31. He was unable to talk with officers at the hospital due to being heavily medicated. The victim was later released from the hospital, but was reported to be returning for reconstructive surgery at a later date.

The investigation continued for a week before a warrant was issued for Collins. Police said they called his mother, who was asked to

bring him in for an interview, but no response was received. Subsequently, Collins was reported to be at a motel in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area.

On Aug. 8, the Oakland County Fugitive Apprehension Team located Collins at a motel off U.S. 23 with this girlfriend and her two children. Collins was arrested.

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CORE Institute of Novi adds Slesinski to staff

The CORE Institute announces the addition of fellowship-trained interventional spine, sports medicine and electrodiagnostic medicine physician Dr. Michael Slesinski. He will care for patients at The CORE Institute’s Brighton and Novi locations.

“Expanding our team by adding an interventional spine provider not only serves the need of our community, but serves the need of our current patients,” said Dr. David Markel, market president. “Dr. Slesinski’s expertise, passion and demonstrated commitment to finding the source of the patient’s pain is a great

extension to the best-in-class care our providers already deliver and we are excited to have him on board.”

Slesinski received his interventional spine, sports medicine and electrodiagnostic medicine fellowship training from Michigan State University. During his fellowship, he served as an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Slesinski completed his physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at Michigan State University. He earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine from Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee and his bachelor’s degree from Alma College.

He serves as a volunteer on numerous community projects and is active as the team physician for the Lansing

Lugnuts, a minor league baseball team. He is active in research and has given multiple presentations regionally and nationally. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the Spine Intervention Society, American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Osteopathic Association, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and American Academy of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

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HSHV's Love Train receives \$20,000 grant from PetSmart Charities

Furry friends who may otherwise be euthanized will get a ticket aboard the lifesaving Love Train, thanks in part to a \$20,000 grant from PetSmart Charities, the leading funder of animal welfare in North America.

The Love Train transports companion animals — including puppies, dogs and cats — from shelters with overpopulation and high euthanasia rates to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, known for its high save and adoption rates. PetSmart Charities' grant will help pay for some of the medical costs for the transported pets, including vaccinations, spay and neuter surgeries and parasite treatment.

"While we remain steadfast in our commitment to our community's homeless and abused animals, we know that as a high-performing organization, we have the ability to help other animals in need," said Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV's president and CEO. "People's hearts are big and often we have people waiting in line outside our shelter when the Love Train arrives, eager to welcome and help these animals."

SHSV receives requests from overrun shelters on a regular basis and the Love Train, which began in fall 2016, has provided a lifeline for them.

"PetSmart Charities is committed to making an impact on the lives of pets in need and lifesaving programs like the Love Train are essential



Animals like Annabelle are transported from places where they risk euthanasia to HSHV.



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“PetSmart Charities is committed to making an impact on the lives of pets in need...”

KELLY BALTHAZOR

to saving and finding more homes for pets, wherever those pets may be," said Kelly Balthazor, regional relationship manager at PetSmart Charities.

Pet Transport is one of PetSmart Charities' 10 new grant categories designed to provide year-round opportunities for animal welfare organizations and nonprofits to apply for funding support. Funding from PetSmart Charities can help to cover the costs associated with pet transportation, veterinary and shelter care and vehicle maintenance and modifications. With the help of its animal welfare partners, since 1994, PetSmart Charities has helped more than 7.4

million pets in need find forever homes.

"PetSmart Charities' grant will go a long way toward helping animals who might not otherwise get a chance," said Jaci Portaro, VP of development and marketing for HSHV. "And as each animal is spayed or neutered, it will cut down on pet overpopulation in other areas, too, so the effect multiplies and it's an investment that continues to pay off."

The Humane Society of Huron Valley, located in Ann Arbor, is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization and relies solely on the generosity of supporters to provide critical community programs and services. More information can be found at hshv.org.

PetSmart Charities, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization with a mission to find lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. To learn more, go to www.petSMARTcharities.org.

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Viewing the eclipse from the Cranbrook Science Center are (from left) Bloomfield Hills residents Vera, Rita and mom Viveka Peter.

DOUG ASHLEY

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2017

Metro Detroiters captivated by celestial event

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Count Star Rocks as one of the lucky sky watchers during Monday's solar eclipse. Rocks, who came dressed for the occasion wearing sun and moon earrings, went to the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia early to try to snag a pair of solar eclipse glasses. She lucked out and got one of the last pairs.

"I figured there would be a line," the Livonia resident said. "I thought they weren't going to start passing them out until noon."

The festivities surrounding the solar eclipse spurred one of the biggest events at the library, said Karen Smith, a children's librarian. Crowds of people waited outside the library, hoping to snag one of the 600 pairs. The line, she said, was out the door and reached all the way to Livonia City Hall before the library opened at 9 a.m.

Millions of one-day astronomers gathered Monday in hundreds of cities, towns and parks along a 70-mile-wide "path of totality" as the much-ballyhooed Great American Eclipse began its astronomical march across the nation.

With all the talk about the eclipse, Kevin Pollins said he wasn't too surprised at how many people turned out at the Lyon Township Library to watch the eclipse. A Northfield Township resident, Pollins came with wife Anna and sons Gunnar, 6, and Drake, 9, who attend Salem Elementary School.

The family had made pin-hole viewing devices with boxes and aluminum foil, although some had shared a pair of the eclipse glasses with them for a better viewing. Gunnar and Drake agreed they were excited to see it dark during the daytime, which didn't really happen. They were skeptical of their father's story about the eclipse.

"There's an old Chinese story that a dragon



Erin Varilone and Iris, 3, check out the eclipse at the Lyon Township Library

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is swallowing the sun during an eclipse. They make a lot of noise and the sun always returns," Kevin Pollins said.

There were "aahs" and some groans as the eclipse came in and out of view due clouds. With 80-percent coverage locally, there was no darkness or stars, although the library parking lot lights came on during the eclipse. Three cranes seemed undisturbed by the eclipse as they strolled across the library lawn heading for a nearby lake.

At the Lyon Township Library, 160 people signed up for the eclipse program that provided safe viewing glasses and offered several crafts. Another 100 people were registered on the waiting list.

"It's a huge number for us. I think the media made it sound like it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. People were excited to see something out of the ordinary," Lyon Township Youth Services Librarian Jocelyn Levin said. "I really didn't expect anything like this when I started planning it. I was going to do a storytime, but you can't



Fans of the solar eclipse sit and stand on the grounds of the Lyon Township Library.

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do that with 200 people."

At the Canton Public Library, Jaidyn Pickell and his grandmother, Shari Pickell, were among hundreds of people who watched the eclipse. The library gave out 1,000 pairs of special glasses Monday and during earlier summer library programs, said Laurie Golden, community relations department head.

"It's awesome. It looks like half of the moon and half of the sun," Jaidyn said.

"It's beautiful," his grandmother said. "I

really wanted Jaidyn to have this experience."

The total solar eclipse — the moon completely obscuring the sun — started along Oregon's west coast shortly after 10 a.m. PDT, darkening the skies of Salem for just a few minutes in the middle of a sunny day. The eclipse was expected to wrap up along coastal South Carolina before 3 p.m. EDT.

Livonia resident Ken Eskovitz remembers the last total solar eclipse he saw. He drove down to South Carolina to witness it back in 1979. Monday,



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At around 2:30 p.m., the moon covers almost 80 percent of the sun in Lyon Township.



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Most solar eclipse viewers used safety glasses to view the moon-sun interaction, Anna Pollins took a look through a pin-hole camera.

he brought out some binoculars and a telescope with filters on it to view the rare event.

He said he didn't plan on coming out to the library parking lot originally, but said it was great to see so many people take in the sights — safely, of course.

"It's nice to see the kids getting involved," he said.

Amidst a traffic jam, hundreds made their way to the Canton library and lined up hours before the eclipse started, waiting to get a pair of glasses. Elliott Peshkess, 9, had gotten his glasses earlier.

"It is amazing," he said, looking skyward as he stood next to his father, Adi Peshkess. "This is my very first eclipse and I won't get to see this

again for, like, 40 more years."

Friends Maddie Jones and Cindy Chen, both 18, celebrated the eclipse together before heading off to college in separate ways — Jones to the University of Michigan and Chen to Michigan State.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing and we wanted to do this together before leaving for college," said Jones, a Salem High School graduate.

Chen said she has been hearing about the eclipse for a couple of years.

"Now it's here and we can finally check it out," she said.

Patrons also packed a library room where the eclipse was shown live on a big screen.

Fun at Camp Powerplay



Robert Booth, 11, slides across a bubbled-up tarp Aug. 14 during an afternoon session of Novi’s Camp Powerplay. The summer-long day camps were organized by the city of Novi and had lots of activities in and around the Novi Civic Center.



Evan Specht, 7, rocks some pretty colorful sunglasses during the Aug. 14 session of Camp Powerplay. The day-campers that day were outside the Novi Civic Center sliding down a soapy-wet tarp and enjoying summer as much as they could.

Highland Township woman aims for ‘superstar’ title during Michigan State Fair singing contest

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

Joanna Lauren is looking for her “big break” at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31.

The Highland Township woman will be one of 13 singers vying for the title of State Fair Superstar at the Michigan State Fair and 5:45 p.m. is her time to shine. If she acs the semi-finalist round, she’ll move into a five-way finalist competition and will sing Saturday night at the fair, held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. The grand prize winner takes the stage Sunday night.

“The only thing I’d like to emphasize is how much this means to me,” she said during a phone interview from her home in Kalamazoo, where she is finishing up a degree in industrial engineering at Western Michigan University. “To get this far is such an incredible feeling and, from a personal win perspective, it means a lot to me. It raises my confidence in my ability to sing.”

As the grand prize winner, Lauren would



Joanna Lauren of Highland is a semifinalist in the State Fair Superstar singing competition.

earn mentoring sessions on songwriting, business and live-performance booking, along with the production of a three-song EP and \$2,000.

She knows exactly how she’d spend the cash if she wins.

“I would love to invest the money back into my singing career and pur-

chase professional equipment to do events myself,” said Lauren, 25. “There is a lady living next to my parents, she has a disease where she needs nutrition shots to stay alive and she’s been struggling to get the care she needs. I would love to put on an event raising money for her, but I don’t have professional equipment. The money I would win could help fund that, to do my own charity events and make a career out of singing that way.”

Charity events

Lauren occasionally sang in a coffeehouse when she was a student at Milford High School and has performed with her fiancé, who plays guitar, during open mic nights while at college in Kalamazoo.

She prefers to sing at charity events and has been involved in several over the years. Causes have included March of Dimes Celebrating Kids, MSU Empty Bowls, Disney Celebrating Kids, Quake on the Lake and a hockey game involving Detroit Red Wings and veterans.

She has kicked off the

fireworks at Sparks in the Park by singing the national anthem, performed at the Fowlerville Fair and entertained veterans throughout the state.

“Helping people is 100 percent my passion,” she said. “I love knowing the things I’m doing are helping people. Combining singing with helping people is a dream come true mix for me.”

Lauren took some voice lessons as a youngster and was involved in choir at school, but describes herself as mostly self-taught, with a good vocal control and the ability to stay in tune.

She was one of four singers chosen by Fox in 2011 to perform for Simon Cowell’s “The X Factor” in Chicago, Ill., and has appeared in several Michigan-made films.

“I didn’t make it into the next round,” she said, recalling her “X Factor” audition. “I know a lot more about my voice now.”

Engineering degree

After graduating from Milford High School in 2009 she enrolled at St.

Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Ind., to pursue chemistry and chemical engineering degrees, eventually switching to industrial engineering studies at Western Michigan. She expects to graduate with her undergraduate degree in December.

Financial struggles forced her to put singing on the back burner for a few years to concentrate on full-time work and her college studies.

“Now I have an amazing opportunity working at Eaton Corp.,” she said. “I’m able to afford my classes myself.”

She’s working on her music again, writing songs and rehearsing with her fiancé. She also continues to post videos on her YouTube page, which includes her audition piece for the State Fair Superstar contest.

Lauren said she welcomes all the support and applause she can get during the semi-final performance.

“Part of the judging is how big a crowd we can draw,” she said. “It’s encouraged.”

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Learn to stop blood loss following trauma, save a life

Trauma experts from St. Joseph Mercy Oakland will spend their time and energy this fall educating the public on the dangers of blood loss following trauma. We will visit schools, businesses and community organizations to offer potentially lifesaving training.

Serious or life-threatening trauma occurs every day across the country and in our community. In fact, according to The National Academies of Science, trauma is the leading cause of death among Americans under the age of 46. Whether a trauma is the result of a mass casualty incident, a work place injury or an everyday traffic accident, you never know when you will be in a position to help a victim and potentially save a life.

You don’t need extensive training or a medical background to respond. The truth is, most people are capable of helping in an emergency trauma situation. Here is a quick



Alicia Kientinger
GUEST COLUMNIST

rundown of the steps you should take to help, according to “Stop the Bleed,” a national initiative led by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

1. Call 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 yourself or ask someone else at the scene to call 9-1-1 while you respond to the injured.

2. Ensure your own safety

Before you offer help to anyone, ensure your own safety. If you become injured, you will not be able to help the victim.

3. Look for life-threatening bleeding

Look for and identify “life-threatening” bleeding on the victim’s body. You may need to remove a person’s clothing if a wound is not in plain sight.

4. Compress and control

Cover the wound with gauze or an available clean cloth (for example, a T-shirt) and apply firm, continuous pressure with both hands until first responders arrive. If the wound is large and deep, “stuff” the cloth into the wound before applying firm, continuous pressure.

If the victim has a life-threatening wound on their arm or leg, a tourniquet can be applied if you have access to a trauma first-aid kit. Wrap the tourniquet around the bleeding arm or leg about two or three inches above the wound. Pull the free end of the tourniquet to make it as tight as possible. Twist or wind the tourniquet winch until bleeding stops and wait for first responders to arrive. If a trauma first-aid kit is unavailable to you, consider using a T-shirt or belt in its place.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, a person who is bleeding severely can die

from blood loss within five minutes, before first responders arrive to the scene. In a mass casualty incident, EMS may take longer to arrive to the scene. Therefore, it is imperative that you act quickly to stop blood loss.

Though we can never

predict where or when an emergency situation will occur, we can make sure that people in our community are prepared to react if and when it does.

Alicia Kieninger, M.D., is trauma medical director and director of Surgical Critical Care

Services at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. For more information on the Stop the Bleed campaign, go to www.bleedingcontrol.org. Contact 248-858-6690 if your school, business or community organization would like to schedule a free on-site training.

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Paddlers say they'll be 'up the creek' using proposed canoe launch in Milford

Sharon Dargay
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Milford Village Council is considering plans for a canoe and kayak launch on the west side of Pettibone Creek in Central Park, but some paddlers say it should be constructed on the Huron River.

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed plans earlier this month and recommend officials approve the design and the budget of approximately \$180,000, which includes an access road to the launch, turn-around area, new parking lots along Liberty near the ball field and the amphitheater.

If it's approved, the council, commission and staff will look for funding sources, including grants and private donations, to pay for the improvements.

The launch ramp is a part of the Central Park master plan that was approved in 2015. Last year, the Parks and Recreation Commission worked with Grissim Mez Andrieses Associates, the firm that designed the park plan, to identify six project phases. The canoe and kayak launch and nearby parking is in the first phase.

Canoeists and kayakers currently launch and exit the river on the shore at the south end of the park, west of the Main Street bridge. Some prefer the area where Pettibone Creek empties into the Huron River in the park, even farther west of the bridge. Some local paddlers don't favor Pettibone Creek as a launch and pickup site for a variety of reasons.

"The proposed launch site is at an elevation that is eight to 10 feet above the creek. The parking near the proposed site would be inadequate and not as convenient," said Lyle Tyler, an active kayaker at age 80. "They don't provide in their plan a place to leave your canoe or kayak if you want to have lunch or use the restroom. We'll have as many as 30 canoes or kayakers at one time enter the river at Proud Lake. They come in and picnic (at Central Park) or go to restaurants and they have to leave their canoes there."

Make it accessible

Lyle and his wife Denise kayak with an organized group and on their own. They're also active residents. Both have led major fundraisers for community projects in Milford.



Local kayakers say so many canoes and kayaks stop at Central Park in Milford, that a proposed launch ramp along Pettibone Creek couldn't handle them all. These watercraft, from Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental, await customers who will paddle along the Huron River by moonlight.

They worry that a launch ramp on the creek may discourage paddlers from stopping at Central Park and visiting the village. Denise described the creek as too narrow for the number of canoes and kayaks that travel to and from Central Park. Sometimes it's also too shallow.

"We want to make the area accessible and desirable for people using the river, to bring people into the community," Denise said. "If I go into a community and see the river being used, I think that is a positive."

The couple says ero-

sion is a problem at the current launch and exit area along the river, but that a ramp would help mitigate the problem.

"The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) has been involved with ramps on the river. There are ways to make a ramp not unattractive," Denise said.

Mary Krebs, organizer of a women's kayak club, agrees with the Tylers that Pettibone Creek is too narrow for the number of Huron River paddlers who stop at Central Park. Krebs, who also works as an accountant for Heavner

Canoe Rental, kept track of the number of canoeists and kayakers from Heavner that paddled to Central Park on five weekends during July 2016. She said 467 canoes and kayaks and 791 passengers were picked up in Central Park.

"In addition to those who stopped at Central Park, an additional 555 boats with 1,006 people were headed to destinations further downriver, but could potentially have stopped at Central Park for a break," she wrote in a letter she sent to the design firm.

"The proposed area is

not appropriate and it's not going to be able to handle the (water) traffic. Pettibone Creek is too narrow and too shallow too often. There are better places to put it," she added. "Make it accessible and encourage people to enjoy the river."

"Ann Arbor just came up with a locker system, so you can lock up your kayak if you don't want to take it home."

Both the Tylers and Krebs also said placing the launch site in the creek, with parking spots at the north side of Central Park, will direct more canoe- and kayak-oriented traffic onto Highland Avenue and Cabinet. Both streets intersect West Liberty, which is not accessible from Main Street.

Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental picks up customers from the park, accessing it from Main Street. Village Canoe Rental doesn't pick up from the park, but often suggests that customers paddle there to visit the park and village.

Officials involved with the plan did not respond to requests for an interview. Key staffers were out of the office and unavailable until next week.

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South Lyon resident Phelka named next CAP national vice commander

Civil Air Patrol's next national commander, Maj. Gen.-Select Mark Smith, has chosen Great Lakes Region Commander Col. Edward Phelka of South Lyon as his national vice commander. The announcement was made after Phelka was approved by the organization's Board of Governors.

"Col. Phelka's commitment and devotion to Civil Air Patrol over the past 30 years is exemplary," said Smith, who se-

lected Phelka over 10 other candidates for the national post.

"He is field-tested and fully prepared to help lead this organization forward."

Phelka will join Smith on Sept. 2 for a change of command ceremony with Maj. Gen. Joe Vazquez, the current national com-



Phelka

mander, at Civil Air Patrol's 2017 National Conference in San Antonio.

As national vice commander, Phelka is charged with helping lead CAP's 57,000 volunteers in fulfilling the organization's Congressionally chartered missions — emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education.

The national vice commander is a member of the CAP Command Council, which consists of the organization's national

commander, eight region commanders and 52 wing commanders, plus the national executive officer, CAP's chief operating officer and the commander of CAP-USAF.

Phelka, a native of Michigan, joined Civil Air Patrol as a cadet in 1987. During his cadet career, he completed all 15 achievements of the CAP cadet program, earning the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award in 1993. He also participated in the

International Air Cadet Exchange to Germany in summer 1993.

Following transition to senior membership, Phelka's assignments included three years as commander of Michigan Wing's Livonia Thunderbolt Cadet Squadron and two years as commander of the Southeast Michigan Group, director of cadet programs in both the Michigan and Colorado wings and chief of staff for the Colorado Wing.

Phelka was assigned to lead the six wings of the Great Lakes Region in March 2015, after serving as national controller — as the principal adviser to the national commander and CAP Senior Advisory Group on logistics and financial accountability — from August 2011 to January 2015. He commanded the Colorado Wing from December 2007 to April 2011.

CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **FELDMAN AUTOMOTIVE JSP 16-31. FOR SPECIAL LAND USE. PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN. WETLAND PERMIT. WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 23. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE BETWEEN NOVI ROAD AND MEADOWBROOK ROAD. IN B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS AND P-1 VEHICULAR PARKING ZONING DISTRICTS.** The applicant is proposing to use the property as parking for sale of new, unlicensed motor vehicles or used automobiles. The parcel is approximately 1.67 acres. A Special Land Use Permit is required to permit the proposed use in the P-1 and B-3 districts (Sec. 4.36). Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-23-176-024

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BECK NORTH UNIT 54 JSP16-36. FOR SPECIAL LAND USE. PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN. WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 4. EAST OF NADLAN DRIVE AND NORTH OF WEST ROAD AND IS ZONED I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL).** The applicant is proposing to construct a 67,000 square foot speculative building in the Beck North Corporate Park with associated site improvements. A Special Land Use Permit is required in order to permit the proposed use in I-1 adjacent to a residential district under Section 4.45.

Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-04-151-034

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

Novi Planning Commission
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The Amazing Clark (right) entertains at Genitti's as part of Northville's Tunes on Tuesday concert series.

A magician at Tunes on Tuesday

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The Amazing (Eugene) Clark hams it up with his young volunteer assistants Reid and Ellie Packer during the Aug. 15 Tunes on Tuesday event. The morning gathering took place inside Genitti's Theatre due to morning rain showers. Clark entertained kids and their parents for about an hour with magic and comedy.

Michigan Philharmonic adds new members to staff

The Michigan Philharmonic is pleased to announce the promotion of Hektor Qyteti to artistic director and conductor of organization's Youth Orchestra program. Qyteti had previously been assistant conductor of the MPYO and director of the String Ensembles.

As an accomplished professional violinist, Qyteti has an extensive background in performance, as well as teaching. Currently, serving principal second violin for the Michigan Philharmonic and was associate concertmaster for the prior seven years. He is also assistant concertmaster of the Grosse Pointe Symphony and plays in the violin section of numerous other Detroit-area orchestras, including symphonies in Dearborn, Warren, Rochester and Pontiac. Prior to moving with his family to the U.S., he had a five-year tenure as concertmaster of Korce Philharmonia Orchestra in Albania. A dedicated teacher, Qyteti maintains a busy schedule teaching violin and chamber music as a private instructor and is also on the faculty of Steppingstone School for the Gifted in Farmington, Jerry Luck Studios and Evola Music Center.

The MPYO is also



Goldstein

adding Joanna Goldstein to the staff as the new director of the Michigan Philharmonic Flute Choir. Goldstein is fairly new to the area and comes with an extensive background in performance and teaching.

As an orchestral musician, she has performed with the Boston Pops Orchestra and with the Santa Rosa (Calif.), Portland (Maine) and Toledo symphonies. She currently appears frequently with the Rochester and Battle Creek symphonies. As an educator, Goldstein helps students connect to their own sense of purpose so they can make a positive impact in their communities, both within and

beyond music. She's taught flute and coached groups at Tanglewood, through her private studio and at the Boston University Flute Ensemble.

Goldstein holds degrees from Peabody Conservatory and Boston University and an artist diploma from the Longy School of Music. Currently, she is on the faculty at Community Music School of Ann Arbor and Washenaw Community College.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra was founded in 2003 and has grown significantly since its inception. Currently the MPYO consists of more than 120 students in four ensembles – two levels of beginning and intermediate strings, the MPYO Flute Choir and the full Youth Symphony. Students have the opportunity to give three performances on a professional stage at the Village Theater in Canton in addition to side-by-side performances with the Michigan Philharmonic for the two upper ensembles.

This year, with the



Qyteti

addition of Goldstein to the MPYO staff, the program is now offering students the opportunity to join the new Michigan Philharmonic Youth Wind Ensemble. This ensemble is an excellent opportunity for talented middle schools students, who have been playing one or two years, to supplement their school band or orchestra music programs.. The ensemble will rehearse 5-6 p.m. each Tuesday at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

The Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra will be holding its final auditions for 2017 on Monday, Aug. 21, at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex. Musicians at all levels of strings, winds, brass and percussion may audition. Please contact MPYO Manager Jane Libbing at 734 451-2112 or jane@michiganphil.org to make arrangements for an audition time. Other dates may be arranged to accommodate audition requests.

The Michigan Philharmonic opens its new season Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Village Theater in Canton with "A Bit of Beethoven & Blue Jeans." This 2017-18 concert series, themed "Arts Advocacy," highlights the Michigan Philharmonic's commitment to community and diversity as the orchestra features music by composers from different cultural backgrounds, as well as inviting local artists and various youth groups to collaborate. Over the past 72 years, amid ever-changing educational systems, policies and economic stability, the Michigan Philharmonic's unwavering support for composers, music education and community engagement has remained pertinent in preserving artistic integrity and enrichment through performance and education.

For more information, go to www.michiganphil.org.

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for the **City of Novi** will hold a public hearing on **September 12, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ17-0036 (Signarama) 45833 W 12 Mile Rd, East of Napier and South of W 12 Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-15-226-003. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 28-6 to allow the installation of a 48 square foot temporary sign, 40 square feet maximum allowed.
This property is zoned Residential Acreage (R-A).

PZ17-0037 (Signarama/Rose Senior Living) 47601 Grand River, West of Beck Road and South of Grand River, Parcel #50-22-17-400-046. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Sections 28-5 to allow the addition of ground sign at the second entrance one allowed, 28-5(9) to allow a 8 foot high sign, 6 feet max allowed, 28-8 to allow sign to be located of premise, off premise signs are only permitted on M5 and I96 off premises sign zone, 28-5(b) to allow a 40 square foot sign 30 square foot maximum allowed.
This property is zoned Office Service Commercial (OSC).

PZ17-0038 (Paul Mruk) 49781 Leyland Circle, West of Wixom Road and North of 11 Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-18-426-014. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 4.5 foot for a rear yard setback of 30.5 feet, 35 feet allowed.
This property is zoned Single Family Residential R-1).

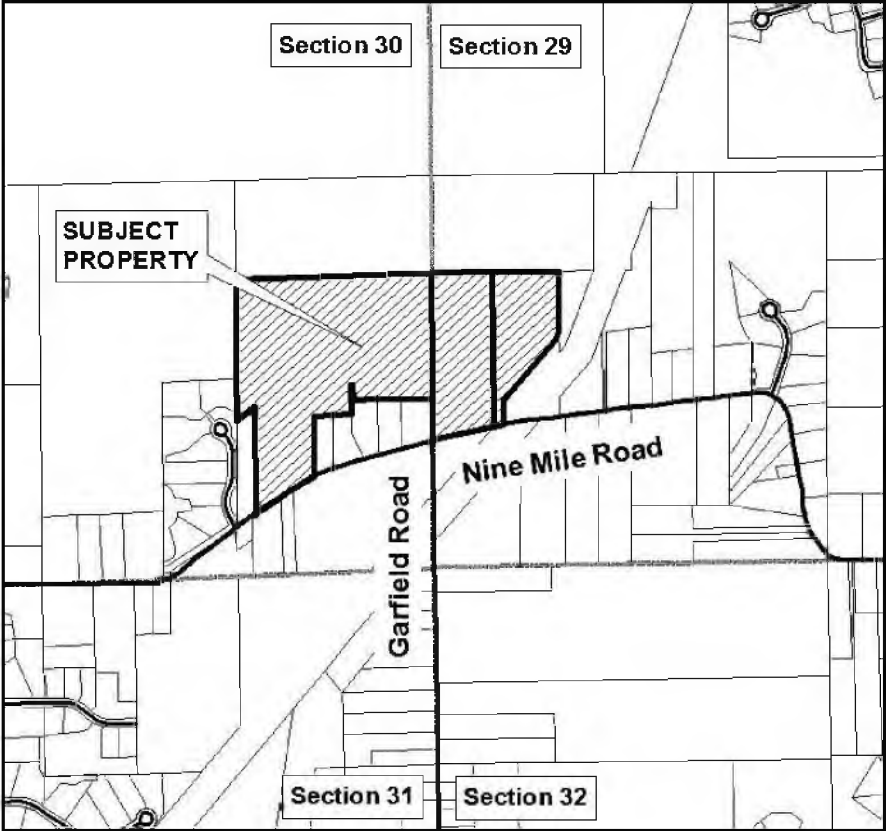
PZ17-0039 (NSA Architects/City of Novi) 601 South Lake Dr. West of Old Novi Road, South of South Lake Drive, Parcel #50-22-03-455-007. The applicant is requesting a variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.6.2.B for a 40.83 foot variance for proposed north front yard setback of 34.17 feet, 75 feet required, proposed 14.15 foot variance for east side yard setback of 60.85 feet, 75 feet required and Section 5.16.1.E bike rack distance from entrance 190 feet proposed, 120 feet maximum required.
This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0040 (Theodore Andris) 1103 East Lake Drive, South of Fourteen Mile Road and East of East Lake Drive, Parcel #50-22-02-126-001. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 5.4.1 for a proposed 49 square foot variance for the 466 loading area, 515 square feet required and for location in front yard setback.
This property is zoned General Business (B-3).

PZ17-0041 (Giffles Webster) 48150 Grand River, East of Wixom and North of Grand River, Parcel # 50-22-17-226-003. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Sections 5.11.2 to extend fence into front yard, Section 3.1.22.D for a 15 foot reduction in rear parking setback, 20 foot minimum allowed.
This property is zoned Office Service Commercial (OSC).

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **VILLA D ESTE JSP 17-52 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.718 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT. RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).** The subject property is approximately 49-acres and is located on the east side of Napier Road and north side of Nine Mile Road (Section 29, 30). The applicant is proposing a 53-unit single-family ranch housing development (for sale). This is a gated community. All land is proposed to be considered as common element to be maintained by association.



Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-30-401-023, 50-22-29-326-002 and 50-22-29-326-022

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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THE ULTIMATE SHOUT-OUT

Roof, emotions certain to be raised as Shaw Stadium unveiled

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Imagine being a National Football League player, suddenly cut from the roster on the eve of a season. Now imagine that player — in this case Livonia Clarenceville football legend Tim Shaw — finding the time to help out a *high school* team during practices. Clarenceville football coach Ryan Irish still can't quite believe that actually happened but, then again, Shaw is one of a kind.

"He said, 'Hey coach, what can I do for you?'" Irish said. "I said, 'I need this, this, this and this.' Tim was the best coach I

ever had for about five days. "Before he got picked up (by another NFL team), he was here every day, early, setting up. Here's a guy that's playing in the NFL and then showing up for high school football practice because he wants to give back. "He wasn't feeling sorry about himself. ... I didn't really know Tim all that much until he came out for those five days and the interaction we had, the talks we had, his experience and the things he said to our kids. I'm, like, 'God, this kid's not a real person.'"

Palpable love
And now, Clarenceville gets a chance to give back to Shaw. Fans will undoubtedly come out in droves Saturday night as the Trojans' football home is renamed David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium. The ceremony will take place at halftime of Clarenceville's season opener against Lutheran North, which starts at 7 p.m. Shaw, a hard-hitting linebacker who went on to stardom at Penn State before playing six years in the NFL, will be back on his old field for the highly anticipated event. Shaw — struck down in 2014 by amyotrophic



After starring at Livonia Clarenceville and Penn State, Tim Shaw enjoyed NFL success with the Tennessee Titans.

ALUMS TOAST SHAW

Mike Forest (1999 grad): "I graduated with his brother, Steve. The whole family is an amazing unit. Tim was a year or two behind me. I remember a few of his TDs, but his passion, humility and courage continue to inspire. Next time I'm in town, I look forward to seeing a game there, no matter what it's called."
John Burhop (1974): "If not for Tim and the overflowing crowds that came to watch him and the rest of the team, the stadium would not have been built. I saw almost every game he played both home and away (my daughter was a cheerleader). He was the heart and soul of that team, great kid."
Ron G. Hall (1972): "I graduated in '72, so it does not mean too much. However, he did something no one else at C'ville has ever done. I say, let's do this!"
Chris Munro Mears (1968): "He sure deserves this. ... He made it the farthest in football than any other player and he is a good guy and well-loved."
Cheryl Maki Vita (1969): "Many like myself have tons of memories tied to the stadium. But I never really focused on the name. When I think of the stadium, I see the team playing, the fantastic marching band performing and all the diehard fans cheering, no matter if we won or lost. ... I wish I could have seen Tim Shaw play. It must have been an exciting time at Clarenceville."
Ron Ylitalo (1967): "Tim Shaw did what no other member of the Trojans has ever done. He put Clarenceville on the map during his high school years and continued leaving a mark well into his football career at Penn State and into his pro career. ... He continues to make a difference even today, despite his battle with ALS, by being an advocate in finding a cure for that debilitating disease."

lateral sclerosis (a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's disease) — continues to have a love affair with his alma mater and the feeling is mutual. He was a key player on Clarenceville's 2001 team, which reached the state championship game at Ford Field. "That's why Saturday is such a special day," Irish said. "Tim has always been about Clarenceville and the people there. It's never been

about Tim." True to form, Shaw requested that the game be rescheduled from Friday to Saturday night, to accommodate brothers Peter and Andrew Shaw. "Again, Tim being Tim, it was because that's when his brothers could get in to be there," Irish said. "Lutheran North is being very gracious on being able to move that game to Saturday for us and it's going to be a

GRAD TIM SMITH
"Clarenceville will shine like a beacon with the name of an NFL player on its stadium." See column, B1.

great event. "My thing, with ALS, it's a disease no one can control. And Tim is still Tim. He's not the guy we remember, but his mind is still there. He's funny as anybody. We're really truly doing it for Tim and, hopefully, it's going to be a great night for everybody."

Raw emotion
For sure, the evening will be packed with the kind of emotion displayed by Kristine Baer before a practice last week. Baer, busy carrying red Trojans uniform shirts from her SUV into the Clarenceville locker room before practice began, choked back tears while talking about the man and the event. "I'm going to cry now, because I was here when Tim was here," Baer said. "It just means that Clarenceville appreciates its people sometimes and Tim Shaw is an awesome person." She helped Irish when he coached the Trojans from 2005-09 and — with Irish back in the fold this season — she was brought back as a "football coordinator" this year.



Tim Shaw continues to give back to his alma mater, Clarenceville High School, whether giving a motivational speech (above), donating equipment or giving free football camps to youngsters every summer.

Her family will be among those cheering and probably crying during the ceremony. On hand will be Jamie (Baer) Liss and her husband Michael Liss. Both are Clarenceville alums and Michael played football with Shaw, Baer said. "She's like me," Michael Baer said about Jamie. "She went to school with Tim and it's hard to see someone so vibrant then get knocked down. It's hard to see." According to Baer, Clarenceville people generally are hard-working and unpretentious. Nobody epitomizes that better than Shaw. To that end, he did not want the football field named in his honor. He made sure the Shaw family will be in the spotlight. "His brother was here, Peter, he was a teacher," she said. "He was awesome. Andrew Shaw, his other brother, was here, he was a good football player. His mom and dad (Sharon and John) volunteered all the time. They were big in the concessions stands. "I think Tim is ... humbled. I don't think he really wanted it, but he accepted it."

Inspirational
Others with Clarenceville connections are glad he did. "It's big. He's the biggest athlete to come out of Clarenceville, so it's good that we're doing something for him," said Danny Blacker, a 2011 grad who played varsity baseball. "It's unfortunate what happened to him, but it's good that he is persevering and staying strong for everybody and trying to do as much as he can and (having) a positive impact on as many as he can." "I know he has the (annual Tim Shaw) summer camps and stuff and a lot of people go to those. A lot of kids don't know who he is, but when a guy goes to the NFL, it's something big that people want to follow, follow in his footsteps and show that good things do come out of Clarenceville." And Shaw will continue to provide inspiration for young athletes as they grow up, perhaps deciding to someday become a Trojan. "I think it puts them on the map and I think the kids that come up, they get a chance to see that they can do anything that they put their minds to," said Brian Gehan, parent of two Clarenceville student-athletes (Chelsea and Ben). "Looking at an athlete like that, they can aspire to be that themselves. "So I think it's really more of an inspiration than anything to the young athletes coming up."

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Topouzian to perform concert at Farmington Players Barn Theatre

Enjoy an evening of Armenian music and culture with the Ara Topouzian Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road. The concert is presented by the city of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division. The concert will feature anecdotes, stories and an array of classical and folk music that has been played in Armenian villages for hundreds of years. The Ara Topouzian Ensemble includes Mark Gavoor, Jerry Gerjekian, Michael Shimmmin and Topouzian. Topouzian's proficiency at the kanun, a 76-stringed Middle Eastern laptop harp, has brought him national recognition. Topouzian's traditional musical style, which honors his Armenian heritage, has now expanded to include music from throughout the Middle East, as well as jazz, fusion, new age and blues. In 2012, Topouzian




earned a Kresge Performing Arts Fellowship, was voted the best local folk artist through "Vote4TheBest" sponsored by WDIV-TV (Channel 4) and was also named the 2014 Farmington Area Artist in Residence. Appearing in a recent PBS documentary, Topouzian said, "As an Armenian, I want to educate outsiders about the history of the Armenian culture. There's history in these instruments and

there's history with this music." In 1991, Topouzian founded the record label American Record-

ing Productions, which has now produced more than 30 recordings of Armenian, Middle East-

ern, Bulgarian and Greek music with worldwide distribution. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door for all ages. Tickets

are available at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>, by calling 248-473-1848 or at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.



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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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Attorney Dana Nessel jumps into AG’s race

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press

Saying her first priority will be to shut down Enbridge’s oil line 5 under the Straits of Mackinac, Detroit attorney Dana Nessel of Plymouth officially announced her campaign for state attorney general last week. She detailed a list of priorities, including increasing diversity in the office, stopping prosecutions of marijuana crimes, defending Planned Parenthood, expanding civil rights protections for the LGBTQ community and creating a public integrity unit to provide training resources for police and ensuring that bad cops can’t transfer from department to department.

But at the top of the list was “strictly enforcing the state’s environmental code.”

“On my first day, I will file to shut down Enbridge line 5. There will be no more risking the sanctity of the Great Lakes,” she said.

Nessel, a Democrat, became the first candidate to announce a run to succeed Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, a Midland Republican who can’t run for re-election because of term limits. He’s widely expected to announce a run for governor.

She slammed Schuette for his fight to protect the



Nessel

ban on same-sex marriage, a case that Nessel helped to ultimately win when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2014 to legalize same-sex marriage in Michigan and across the nation.

“The Michigan attorney general squandered many millions of dollars fighting against the interest of hundreds of thousands of our state’s residents,” she said. “How I grew to loathe the office of Michigan Attorney General and all that it stood for.”

While Nessel, who would be the first openly gay major party candidate to run for statewide office, was the first to announce her candidacy, she won’t be the last.

Other Democrats looking at a possible run

for the job include Pat Miles, a Harvard law school graduate who was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Michigan, state Rep. Tim Greimel of Auburn Hills and Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith.

“I haven’t made an official announcement yet, but we need someone in the attorney general’s office who will fight for everyday people,” Greimel said.

Miles said to “stay tuned” for news about his future plans and the race for attorney general.

“As the former U.S. attorney for the Western District, I know how critical it is for the people of Michigan to have an attorney general who will

fight for everyone,” he said in a statement.

Miles, the first African American to hold the U.S. attorney’s job in the western district, left the job when Donald Trump was inaugurated president.

The nominees for attorney general, secretary of state and lieutenant governor will be chosen by political party delegates at state conventions next August. Voters will then decide who will win the statewide slots during the Nov. 6 general election in 2018.

On the Republican side, state Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker of Lawton and Speaker of the House Tom Leonard of DeWitt are the names most often mentioned as potential candidates for attorney

general.

Nessel, a former Wayne County assistant prosecutor, is best known as the lead attorney in the case of DeBoer v. Gov. Rick Snyder, which challenged the bans on adoption and marriage for same-sex couples in Michigan. The case was consolidated with other lawsuits challenging bans on same-sex marriage, leading the U.S. Supreme Court decision in 2014 legalizing same-sex marriage.

Other candidates to file paperwork for statewide office so far include Republicans state Sen. Mike Kowall of White Lake and Shelby Township Clerk Stan Grot and Libertarian Gregory Stempfle for secretary of state.

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority director resigns amid internal investigation

Christina Hall and John Wisely
Detroit Free Press

George Phifer, director of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, has resigned, the Free Press has learned.

Phifer, who was on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation, reportedly resigned Monday, several authority board members confirmed.

“I was told by the chairman of the board that he had submitted his resignation,” said Bernard Parker, Wayne County’s representative on the authority board.

Parker said he expected the search for a successor to begin soon.

Acting Director Michael Reese told the Free Press there is a policy in place that staff doesn’t comment on personnel

matters.

Deputy Director David Kirbach said there is an investigation going on and “we are not prepared to make any statement about personnel issues.” Neither would confirm Phifer had resigned.

Authority Board Chairman Timothy McCarthy could not be reached.

Board member Steve Williams, who represents Livingston County, confirmed Phifer submitted a letter of resignation Monday. He could not say the reason, if any, given for the resignation because he has not seen Phifer’s letter, according to the Livingston Daily.

Phifer could not be



Phifer

located for comment.

The nature of the investigation has not been publicly disclosed and Williams said it will continue despite Phifer’s resignation.

“It’s still ongoing,” he confirmed to the Livingston Daily, declining to elaborate. “The attorney we hired gave us an update at a closed session (Thursday). She had more interviews to do.”

A prior memo from McCarthy stated that staff may be asked to participate in the investigation and, if so, the authority expected their “full and complete cooperation with investigators.”

“Absent written authorization from me, staff members are prohibited from divulging the fact or details of the matter or investigation to the media or anyone else

outside HCMA,” the memo stated, referring any inquiries to Reese.

Phifer worked as a police officer in Pontiac before coming to the authority in 2008 as police chief.

But in June, a photo went around the Internet of a fawn run down by a tractor at Stony Creek Metropark, triggering protest comments on Facebook and charges of wildlife abuse by animal welfare advocates.

Phifer said the fawn’s death was the kind of “unfortunate accident” that he hoped to prevent with new maintenance methods.

But environmentalists, birders and others concerned about wildlife have been critical about excessive mowing at the parks — a decision they say Phifer made — and the destruction of what

they believe is good habitat for wildlife, such as the removal of trees.

Board members of the Macomb Audubon Society previously suggested Phifer perhaps should be replaced as director.

As director, Phifer served as chief executive officer and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the authority, according to its website. It stated that he served as deputy director and chief operating officer before becoming director.

As deputy director, he was responsible for the overall administration and operation of the 13 metroparks, which are scattered throughout five counties in southeast Michigan.

In 2010, he was appointed executive secretary to the board, serving as a staff officer of the

agency while maintaining his responsibilities as police chief, according to his biography on the website.

Phifer worked for the Pontiac Police Department for nearly 20 years, retiring as a captain in 2004. He then worked as chief of security for the Pontiac School District and as director of security and safety for six Parkview Health Hospitals in Indiana.

Taxpayers in the five counties with metroparks — Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw — pay a millage of 0.2146 mills that is expected to generate more than \$29 million in revenue this year for the authority, according to its 2017 budget.

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CLARENCEVILLE ALUM WEIGHS IN

Trojan Nation on rise again thanks to Shaw

There have been a lot of names to proudly wear the red and gray at Clarenceville High School.

A few come to mind for this 1974 Clarenceville graduate, who dabbled in baseball and football way back when — but could only *dream* to excel on the field the way guys named Luka, Laird and Saarela did. In more recent times, the names have included Gainer and Hall, among many others.

But truly, only one name really matters in Trojan Nation and rightfully so. It belongs to Tim Shaw.

This Saturday night also will belong to Shaw, a 2002 graduate and former National Football League player who is suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. At halftime of Clarenceville's season opener against Lutheran North, the site of so many wonderful football games in the late 1990s and early 2000s will be christened David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium.

When the 33-year-old Shaw comes



Tim Smith

STAFF WRITER

Observer sports editor Tim Smith is a 1974 graduate of Livonia Clarenceville.

out onto the field for the ceremony, with parents Sharon and John Shaw and brothers Peter and Andrew, the noise will be so loud it will be heard several miles away in places like Northville and Plymouth.

Thanks to the humble athlete who made sure his first name was not part of the stadium moniker, Clarenceville will briefly get back on the sports map the way it was during Shaw's high school career — which culminated with

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FILE PHOTO

Clarenceville and Tim Shaw have always had a special two-way relationship. Shaw is shown in this 2016 photo along with parents John and Sharon.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Local player models her game on big runway

Fisette signs three-year deal with top three agency Elite Model Management

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Whether she's strutting down the runway or setting for one of the top high school volleyball teams in the state, Gabriella Fisette's career has already taken off.

The 15-year-old junior from Northville High School, who sat out last year after transferring from South Lyon, is building her portfolio both as an athlete for the Mustangs and model for one of the three biggest agencies in the world, Elite Model Management.

The 5-foot-9 Fisette recently did a photo shoot in Miami and also spent time in New York, where she recently signed a three-year contract with Elite, which discovered many notable models, including Cindy Crawford and

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BRAD EMONS

Northville's Gabriella Fisette, a junior setter, sat out last season after transferring from South Lyon.



LAWRENCE P. GIVENS

Northville volleyball player Gabriella Fisette is listed as a development division model after signing with Elite Model Management.

AAU TRACK

Pallett powers to a pair of junior national crowns

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Valadian Pallett attended the recent AAU Junior Olympics at Eastern Michigan University simply wanting to do her best. The young Farmington resident left as a double national champion.

Pallett, competing in the 14-year-old division, won the discus with a personal-record throw of 125 feet, 8 inches and took the shot put with a toss of 47 feet, 10.5 inches. There were more than 60 participants in each event.

The winning shot put effort was the second best in the nation in her age group, trailing only her personal-record toss of 50 feet, 3.5 inches posted at the USATF Region 5 meet in Ohio earlier this year.

Pallett, who has been throwing for eight years, has one previous AAU

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TOBIAS PALLETT

Valadian Pallett recently won a pair of national Junior Olympic championships, including the discus, as she set a PR of 125-8.

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Like any business that evolves to stay relevant, we are going to where our audience is. That evolution will be particularly evident with sports coverage that meets the expectations of digital consumers.

Beginning Thursday night with the opening of the 2017 football season, readers will experience exciting new digital features while still enjoying the insight and great writing of our experienced sports writers. Our coverage will include social media, video and live posts during games. Once you know the score, look for quick takeaways soon after the game. More in-depth pieces will follow. We will also post highlight videos and photo galleries.

Great stories

In addition to our refocused game coverage, we will still include rich sto-

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Novi vs. Groves leads Week 1 coverage

Aug. 24 is the kickoff date for the 2017 high school football season. Look for our coverage at www.hometownlife.com, with updates on Facebook @hometownlifespports and Twitter @htlsports

Our HTLSports Game of the Week coverage will feature live tweets and coverage from veteran sports editor @BradEmons1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, when Birmingham Groves hosts Novi. Follow the coverage of this game and others throughout the season by using #HTLSports.

Look for other Week 1 live coverage of these games:

Thursday
Bloomfield Hills at Seaholm, 7 p.m., follow Marty Budner @BhmEccentric

Friday
Livonia Franklin at Stevenson: 7 p.m. follow sports editor @TimSmith_Sports

Saturday
Canton vs. Muskegon Mona Shores 1 p.m. "Battle at the Big House," follow @TimSmith_Sports

Staff predictions
Budner: Bloomfield Hills; Stevenson; Canton.

Emons: Bloomfield Hills; Franklin; Canton.

Smith: Seaholm; Stevenson; Canton.

FISETTE

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Gisele Bündchen, not to mention other well-known supermodel clients such as Tyra Banks, Heidi Klum, Naomi Campbell and Iman.

“I couldn’t walk in heels,” Fisette said. “I never wore make-up and I was always in leggings and sports shirts. So it was really different and it was interesting to get into, because I’d really never done anything like it. But I do like it. Sometimes it hurts my feet, but it’s fun.”

Fisette’s mother Julie, who happens to be her head coach at Northville, is still trying to process it all after accompanying her daughter on her two summer photo shoots.

“It’s been slightly overwhelming, I would say,” Julie Fisette said. “It’s kind of been this journey. I told her we needed to start a journal because we’re meeting and we’re going to places that we would never, like, figure that we’d ever been at ... different characters, different world. It’s a lot of fun. It’s brand new. We really don’t know where it’s headed. A year ago, we weren’t doing any of it and then now we’re to the point we’re starting to learn the lingo and being able to get her involved. It was quite exciting when Elite Model picked her up before they even started talking to her. I had no idea who they were and had to talk to them to find out that they were one of the top three in the world.”

Volleyball practice, meanwhile, has already started and the season opening tournament is just around the corner for the Mustangs, who are coming off a 40-6 season.

Although six senior starters were lost to graduation, the cupboard is far from bare as the Mustangs have restocked their lineup with six returning seniors who gained valuable playing time from a year ago.

Among the returnees are setter Rachel Holmes, right side hitters Christina Valentini and Courtney Gozdor, outside hitters Bri Maccoux and Morgan Rodgers and middle block Jessica Hogan.

Junior libero Hannah Grant, who is already committed to Michigan State, is also back, while sophomore middle blocker Clare McNamara and freshman outside hitter Jenna



LAWRENCE P. GIVENS

Northville volleyball player Gabi Fisette has modeled for shoots in Miami and New York, as well as locally.

Boksha will figure prominently as promising newcomers.

This season, Fisette’s role will primarily be as a backup. She’ll also team up in a 6-2 (two-setter) rotation on occasion with Holmes.

“Her goal this year is to learn as much as she can from Rachel,” Julie Fisette said. “And Rachel has already taken on the responsibility being her big ‘sis’ and getting her ready, so next year she can step into that leading role.”

Adjusting to the life of a model has been a challenge, but Fisette relies on her athletic instincts while learning on the fly.

“In volleyball, you have a base,” she said. “And when you’re in photo shoots, you always have a base. Then you go from base to another position. But you always have to go back to base. I wasn’t understanding at first in my photo shoots, but my mom would say,

‘Go back to base, go back to base.’ So I said, ‘OK’ and I knew what to do.

“It’s really hard, because you can’t do specific poses. Everyone has good sides and bad sides, obviously. So you have to know where to move your head and what side is good for you and what positions are good you and what poses are good.”

A trip to Twelve Oaks Mall earlier this year sent her on a path to modeling.

“I was at the mall one day with my sister (Mackenzie) and her friends and there is, like, one mother agent – what they call it – people who train you and stuff,” she said. “They said, ‘Oh, my God, you should model.’ I said, “All right, whatever.’ I was at the mall. She looked into it and I just gave it to my mom, looked it up myself and I started taking classes because I didn’t even know how to walk in heels.”

“There’s a bunch of agents. You walk one way and get pictures. You either get signed or you don’t get signed. Some people get signed by agents there, then you get your big agent and ... get discovered.”

GABRIELLA FISETTE

Fisette then decided to take a leap of faith, but first had to run it by her mother.

“One day, I was in the car with my mom and I said, ‘I got to tell you something,’” she said. “And she was so scared. She thought I was going to drop a like bomb on her. I told her, ‘I think I want to try it.’ She said, ‘OK, we’re going to try it.’”

Fisette then traveled to New York and auditioned for the International Talent & Modeling Association. It was there she was first discovered.

“It’s almost like a competition,” she said. “There’s a lot of runway. There’s a bunch of agents. You walk one way and get pictures. You either get signed or you don’t get signed. Some people get signed by agents there, then you get your big agent and it’s either way to get discovered.”

On the Elite Model website, Fisette is listed as a division development model. In Miami, she did seven photo shoots in five days. She could find herself one day hired for cover print, a magazine or a commercial job for companies like Kohl’s, Bon-Ton, Tommy Hilfiger and Coach, Inc., to name a few.

“We did some New York style shoots, which are, like, dark and like very professional,” she said. “Miami is more the beach wear, fun, silly stuff. I was in the beach for some and the studio for some.”

Fisette, who turns 16 next month, also has done some small modeling assignments around Detroit.

But since the volleyball season has begun and with school starting Sept. 5, she will have limited availability.

“They’ll say this person wants you, this is the pay, all the hours,” she said. “If I have a volleyball tournament that day and I can’t go, I just say no. Or if I want to go, they’ll fly me down, then I’ll just work and fly back. It’s really nice because, obviously, I’m in school.”

Elite Model Management is more than willing to work around her schooling, along

with her club and high school volleyball commitments.

“Her agent and her agency that she’s with now, they’re very adamant that she remains a 15-year-old girl, that she doesn’t miss anything,” Julie said. “Her agent told us if she becomes an adult and misses her childhood that she’ll become an incomplete adult. So we want her to experience as much as she would typically experience, but just work this in as just another extracurricular. She told her, if you have to turn us down on a job or you have to do this because of something else that’s going on in your life, that’s the way it goes. We still want you and we’ll still love you. Don’t feel you’re letting us down.”

Gabi is the youngest of Nick and Julie Fisette’s three daughters. Mackenzie plays lacrosse at Siena Heights and Bailey is studying physical therapy at Grand Valley State.

“I don’t want to get too excited. I hope I can retire early,” Julie said with a chuckle. “It’s been fun, really exciting, to travel around with her. New York was wonderful because our whole entire family got to go.”

Husband Nick has been on board as well.

“He’s been always us. It’s all girls, three girls and his wife,” Julie said. “He doesn’t say a whole lot, he doesn’t talk a whole lot. We agree our job is just to keep her grounded.”

Meanwhile, the word is starting to leak out about Fisette’s burgeoning modeling career after some of her photos were posted this summer on Facebook and Instagram.

“My boyfriend’s friends, they know, but not everyone knows yet,” she said. “I’m just going to go with the flow, whatever works, works. I’m not going set in stone my whole life on this, because something could happen, you never know. So I’m just going to go with it day by day, just how it all plans out and stuff.”

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a trip to the 2001 state championship game at Ford Field.

Is this happening?

Yet, those who called the tiny district home will leave the game pinching themselves, wondering if all the attention was real or not.

Clarenceville people (and I know this from personal experience) have always had something to prove. It’s the red-haired stepchild of school districts, with a bit of Redford Township, a slice of Farmington Hills and a chunk of Livonia thrown together.

Former superintendent McDowell, whose name has been attached to the football field for a number of years, had plenty to do with the district somehow surviv-



TIM SMITH

Tim Smith, a 1974 Clarenceville graduate, stands on the field where he once played high school football. Like many alums, being a Trojan is an increasing source of pride because of what the great Tim Shaw accomplished there. The field will be renamed in Shaw’s honor Saturday.

ing. Another name from the football history book, Ralph Weddle, was instrumental in keeping sports going strong during some lean years.

It’s a shame that Weddle, a longtime football

coach and gym teacher at the high school, died in 2016 at age 87. Weddle would have loved to have seen what’s about to happen at the unsung school on Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile



In the decades before Tim Shaw played football at Clarenceville, one of the program’s mainstays was longtime coach Ralph Weddle, shown in this picture from the 1974 Clarenceville yearbook.

roads.

Clarenceville now will always shine like a beacon with the name of an NFL player on its stadium.

What’s in a name,

anyway? Shaw still wants to do whatever he can to lift up his former high school, to create a buzz for the current and future Trojans. He also doesn’t want to hog the spotlight.

That’s why it is to be named “Shaw” Stadium, not *Tim* Shaw Stadium. Trojans varsity football coach Ryan Irish isn’t surprised.

“Tim wants it to be called Shaw Stadium because all of his brothers, Pete and Andrew, who made major strides and did so much for the community and the football program,” Irish said. “It’s never been about Tim.”

There only are about 540 students currently attending Clarenceville High School. And Irish takes over the helm of a football team that went 3-6 in 2016.

A tune to remember

Football page in print

Because of earlier print deadlines, there will be no game coverage in the Sunday editions; for teams that submit game information to us, the Thursday print editions will have a page devoted football scores, standings and plenty of photos.

Sports editors Marty Budner (@BhmEccentric), Brad Emons (@BradEmons1), and Tim Smith (@TimSmith_Sports) will still make a point to keep tabs on all our area teams in all sports. But we need your help. With some 30 schools and more than 250 teams in various sports, you are our eyes

and ears at main events. Let us know about the stories within the stories. We want to hear from you.

We are excited about our revamped approach to covering high school sports and hope you join us in building an online community to share and celebrate the stories of our athletes on and off the field. Hometownlife.com will be full of fun and exciting sports content. Be sure to join us and share in the mission.

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But because of the greatness of Shaw, both as an athlete and human being, folks from near and far again will sing the praises of unsung Clarenceville.

The melody promises to be one that won’t soon fade away.

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rytelling that gives insight into the lives of players and coaches both on and off the field. Features like our story on Michigan’s top kicker Jake Moody and the life-saving efforts of lacrosse player Ryan Figueroa. These are the kind of stories that resonate with readers across Hometown Life Land whether a professed sports fanatic or casual observer.

A weekly football Game of the Week will lead our coverage. Those who follow us using our free app will get push notifications of scores



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Members of the Northville football team take a quick break for water during a morning practice session.

and breaking developments. The app is listed in the App Store and Google Play as O&E Media/hometownlife.

We’ll also deliver a newsletter to you inbox early Saturday morning

so you can find all of our high school coverage in one simple email.

Follow the local action live at hometownlife.com and through our social media feeds Twitter: @HTLSports; and Face-

PREP FOOTBALL

Chargers lining up for a big 2017 season

Team healthy again,
ready to roll into
KLAA Gold era

Tim Smith
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Bill DeFillippo won't hesitate to put his offensive line up against any in the new-look Kensington Lakes Activities Association as the 2017 season kicks off Friday at Monroe.

The Chargers finished 5-4 in 2016, but the team also had to deal with numerous injuries to the O-line. With youngsters gaining valuable experience and everybody else seemingly healthy, DeFillippo is optimistic that good things are about to happen.

"We were very young up front," said DeFillippo, entering his fifth season at the Churchill helm. "We had a couple of those guys have season-ending injuries. And so we probably started 10 different kids the whole year."

One of the players who is back from injury is 6-1, 208-pound senior Steve Darichuk.

"Last year we had a lot of injuries, a lot of people weren't able to be playing together," said Darichuk, a left tackle who missed the last four games with a broken arm. "We have that this year, so hopefully the chemistry will help us."

Darichuk is one of the co-captains, but so are three other key members of the offense.

One of them happens to be 5-10, 220-pound center Colin McCusker, a player not bitten by the injury bug in 2016. Just like last year, McCusker will be snapping the foot-



Livonia Churchill captains (from left) Mike Parrish, Drew Alsobrooks, Colin McCusker and Steve Darichuk can't wait to open the 2017 high school football season.

ball to quarterback and co-captain Drew Alsobrooks, a southpaw entering his junior season.

"We know each other well; we have good chemistry," McCusker said about teaming for the second straight year with Alsobrooks.

Darichuk, McCusker, right tackle Ethan Gyurnek (who started seven games last year as a sophomore), returning right guard Joe Neimeister and senior Hunter Templin will hopefully provide plenty of time for Alsobrooks to find a running seam or spot an open receiver.

"I should have lots of time this year to throw the ball," Alsobrooks said. "We should be able to run the ball on teams, pass the ball on teams."

A talented core of running backs will benefit from the cohesive front line. One of them is senior fullback Mike Parrish (also a co-cap-



Churchill's Hunter Templin (right) clears a path for Jacob Chantres last season.

tain). Senior Tyrese Williams and junior Darrell Mason look to wreak havoc on opponent's defenses.

When Alsobrooks

throws the ball, it likely will go in the direction off starting wide-outs Martell Dooley and Avery Grenier, a senior and junior, respectively.



Playing catch during Sunday evening's practice is Livonia Churchill junior quarterback Drew Alsobrooks.

On defense, the Chargers will roll out a lineup featuring Parrish (linebacker), junior Andrew Greff (linebacker), spur players Mason and Williams and senior Jake Hastings (safety). Grenier and junior Josh Momeyer also will contribute in the defensive backfield.

New challenges

Meanwhile, DeFillippo said his team is ready to move from the KLAA South to the KLAA Black, necessitated by the downsizing of the conference from 24 to 14 teams.

"It will be an adjustment over the next couple years," DeFillippo said. "But the bottom line is, our schedule is still tough every week. We open up our first three weeks on the road, Monroe, Northville, (Livonia)

Stevenson.

"And then we got Franklin for our first home game. We got a lot of good teams, a lot of rivalries in the first half of the year. Every week, we got to be ready."

"Even with the change, it's the first year Canton's off our schedule, but we get Grand Blanc. ... There's quality teams all over and you got to be ready to play every week."

The new challenges have Parrish excited to get started: "I'm looking for more wins, more competitive teams to beat. We're just trying to ball-out this year."

NOTE: Churchill athletic director Marc Hage announced Monday that the Chargers' season opener, originally slated for Thursday night in Monroe, has been moved to 7 p.m. Friday.

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Back-to-back 'Cats!



PLYMOUTH ATHLETICS

Plymouth's varsity girls golf team is off to a flying start, winning two tournaments last week. On Aug. 15, the Wildcats shot a 319 score at Hudson Mills, led by senior Erin Johnson (74) and junior Shae Zydeck (79). Aug. 16 at Huron Meadows, Plymouth did it again with a 324 tally. Leading the way were Johnson (74) and Zydeck (75). Pictured (from left) are Plymouth coach Dan Young, Sara Vohra, Zydeck, Rachel Stibel, Johnson and Maire Sullivan.

Falcons to debut with new grid coach



MARTY BUDNER

Farmington's football team was represented at the recent OAA Media Day by (from left) coach Dyan Dunn (offensive coordinator), Kendall Williams, Calvin Whitlow, Oscar Glenn and first-year head coach Kory Cioroch. The Falcons will play this season in the OAA Blue Division, where they are expected to challenge for the title after having moved down from the White Division. Farmington, an experienced squad with a number of returning starters, will open the 2017 season at 7 p.m. Thursday at Berkley's Hurley Field against the host Bears in OAA crossover action.

PALLETT

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Junior Olympics national championship to her credit. In 2015, she took first place in the discus as a 12-year-old.

"My goal is always to throw well and get a PR (personal record) and I was hoping to get a top three," said Pallett, who participated in her seventh AAU national meet. "I wasn't necessarily cheering for first. I just wanted to do the best I could."

"I was really excited about winning," she added. "I knew it was a possibility (to win both national titles), but it was whether or not I could do it on the day and how



Pallett



TOBIAS PALLETT

Valadian Pallett won her first national junior shot put championship this year at Eastern Michigan University.

other people did on the day."

A huge summer season

The East Middle School graduate and two-time Oakland County middle school shot put champion has enjoyed a successful season.

At the Michigan High School Indoor Championships this past winter, Pallett finished eighth in the shot put and was the only middle school representative in the competition and the only non-senior or junior to place.

At the USATF Michigan Open/Master's com-

petition, she won the open women's division in the shot put. At the USATF Junior Olympics held in Lawrence, Kan., Pallett was second in the shot put (46-9.5) and third in the discus (104-6) while competing in the 13-14 division.

Pallett also competes in the javelin, placing sixth overall at this year's AAU Junior Olympics. It marked the fourth straight year she's medaled in all three events at the nationals.

Tobias Pallett, Valadian's father, threw the shot and discus in high school at Muskegon Reeths-Puffer and added the javelin to his repertoire in college at Michigan Tech. He still competes in various masters and senior level track meets and was instrumental in getting his daughter started as a thrower.

"Val is a very hard worker. Not many kids,

especially kids her age, are willing to spend most of their summer evenings working on their craft," said Tobias, who has coached Valadian through the junior ranks. "She's also very coachable. Not every change in technique comes with an immediate improvement in distance. She's willing to trust that some changes will result in a short-term reduction, but will pay off in the long term."

"Most of all, though, is that she gets what track is all about," he added. "While there is competition for medals, the biggest 'competition' we all face is our previous best self. Track is all about constantly working to improve and set new PRs."

Ambitious high school goals

Pallett said she enjoys both events, but right now is happy with the

way she's throwing the shot put.

"My favorite switches all the time, but right now my favorite is the shot put. At the moment, I'm probably the best in shot put," she said. "Last year was my first year training in shot and I'm still trying to work that out. This year, my spin has gotten a lot better and I've improved a lot technically and that's really helped me."

Pallett will enter Farmington High School, where she will throw for highly respected track and field throw coach Kim Adams, who was recently inducted into the Spring Arbor University Hall of Fame. Pallett has some ambitious goals to reach as a freshman.

"I want to set the discus record for Farmington as a freshman," Pallett said. "And I also want to set the shot put record, eventually."

BOYS SOCCER

All kinds of goals at Balconi preseason tourney

Community donates state-of-the-art soccer goals to P-CEP; Catholic Central rolls to title

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The annual Gary Balconi Soccer Tournament had a fresh look Saturday, specifically sparkling new goal cages stationed at each end of the varsity soccer pitch at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Expertly breaking in one of the white metal cages — donated to P-CEP by the Canton Soccer Club and its affiliated Canton Cup Tournament — was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's David Turner, who boomed a high, 35-yard shot that surprised the Walled Lake Northern goalie and shook the top left corner of the net late in the first half.

That put the Shamrocks up 1-0 in the championship game against the Knights; CC went on to win 3-0 and earn the Balconi trophy for the second time in three years.

"It's awesome to be able to use state-of-the-art technology; they look beautiful out here," said Shamrocks assistant boys soccer coach Mike Stratton, who formerly was a coach at Salem. "It's been a long time coming. Thanks to the Canton Soccer Club for doing that."

Drake Midgley doubled the CC lead to 2-0 in the second half and the Shamrocks cruised from there. The Shamrocks earlier defeated Saline and Salem, both by a 2-0 score.

With some of the state's best teams getting a final round of scrimmages in before the regular season begins this week, Stratton said the Balconi tourney is a perfect sendoff to what the Shamrocks hope will be a big year.

"It's a great challenge for the boys to have those top teams here," Stratton said. "I've been at CC for 14 years and we've been



With one of the newly donated soccer goals as a backdrop, Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Walled Lake Northern players battle during Saturday's championship game.

MICHAEL VASILNEK

part of it all 14 of those years. We look forward to it every year. It's great."

The team's goal is to "win the Balconi and win every game we play. But it starts with game one (Monday against Dearborn Divine Child)," he added.

The games throughout the tournament were hard-fought, with the championship contest the only one with a three-goal margin.

New and improved

Fans and players alike were treated to the first use of the professional-quality goals, which were unveiled before the first Balconi game. The set of goals is worth about \$10,000.

According to Canton Cup tournament director Darryl Noel, the donation showed the outstanding teamwork and collabora-

tion between the club and P-CEP varsity soccer programs at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

"It's the presidents of the (school) booster clubs, the Canton Soccer Club and the Canton Cup coming together to do something good for the students at the Park," Noel said. "It benefits all six teams (including the varsity boys and varsity girls squads)."

"It really works out for everybody. We make these donations, just like we did in the very beginning when the Canton Soccer Club helped build the varsity field."

Noel added that the Canton Soccer Club and Canton Cup "like to see good things over there. So this donation really fits into our community partnership that we basically brand our club

on."

Noel added that the club also included P-CEP in its goal rotation program, to upgrade equipment used at other Park soccer fields.

Tourney results

Round 1: W.L. Northern 2, Canton 0; Plymouth 2, Rochester Adams 1; Salem 2, Utica Eisenhower 1; Catholic Central 2, Saline 0.

Round 2: Plymouth 0, W.L. Northern 0 (WLN won on PKs, 5-4); CC 2, Salem 0; Canton 2, Rochester Adams 1; Saline 2, Utica Eisenhower 1.

Championship: Catholic Central 3, W.L. Northern 0.

Consolation: Saline 2, Canton 1; Rochester Adams 2, Salem 1; Plymouth 1, Utica Eisenhower 1.

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys soccer coach Gene Pulice congratulates his squad after winning Saturday's Gary Balconi Varsity Soccer Tournament at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The Shamrocks blanked Walled Lake Northern in the championship game, 3-0.

TIM SMITH

YOUTH SPORTS



Novi Middle School grad Miles Brown ran a first-place time of 1:58.68 in the 800-meter run at the AAU Junior Olympics at Ypsilanti.

Area athletes sparkle in AAU Junior Olympics

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A total of 32 Olympians, including gold medalists Carl Lewis and Jackie Joyner-Kersey, are alums of the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics track and field

competition.

And Lewis was among those Olympians on hand as tomorrow's stars made their presence known July 29 through Aug. 5 at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti.



South Lyon's Miranda Meyers (left) recently placed third in the girls 15-16 3,000-meter run at the AAU Junior Olympics in Ypsilanti.

KARI MEYERS

Wayne Memorial High's Anavia Battle, from Westland, was a double winner, sweeping the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 11.7 and 23.6, respectively, in the girls 17-18 division.

Also earning double winner status was Farmington's Valadian Pallett in the girls 14 six-

pound shot put (47 feet, 10.5 inches) and discus (125-8). Pallett also placed in the javelin (101-2).

Other top eight girls 17-18 finishers were Jessica Mercier (White Lake), pole vault (11-11.25); Kierra Crockett (Farmington Hills), high jump, tied for third (5-3);

and Arianna Allman (Farmington Hills), high jump (5-1).

In the girls 15-16, Lakeland High's Grace Stark (White Lake) was the 100 hurdles champion in 13.86, while South Lyon's Miranda Meyers finished third in the 3,000 (11:22.51). Meyers was also a member of the

WAZA Track Club's ninth-place 3,200 relay team (10:45.25).

Northville's Yasmine Mansi, also running for WAZA, stood out in the girls 14 division, taking third in the 1,500 and 3,000 with times of 4:57.62 and 10:43.70, respectively.

Novi's Brown first

Incoming Novi High freshman Miles Brown, representing the Str8 Smokin Track Club of Southfield, was the boys 14 800-meter champion with a time of 1:58.68.

Last spring, Brown set Novi Middle School records in both the 200 and 400 dashes.

Among the area placers in the boys 15-16 were Jackson Ramsay (Livonia), sixth, pole vault (11-5.25); Jonathan Bolland (Westland), sixth, 2,000 steeplechase (6:47.31); and Luke Pohl (Canton), 3,000 (9:24.18).

Novi's Brendan Ireland also took ninth overall in the boys 15-16 decathlon (4,673 points), highlighted by second in the long jump (19-6.75), third in the 100 (11.81) and sixth in the 400 (54.66).

In the boys 17-18, Canton's Nathan Pohl placed fourth in the 2,000 steeplechase with a time of 6:11.41.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Abryanna Cannon will be in attack mode for two-time state champion Wildcats

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Abryanna Cannon's inaugural volleyball season at Novi couldn't have gone any better — more than 500 kills, a Class A state championship and first team all-state honors.

The 6-foot outside hitter then parlayed that into a stellar off-season as she lifted her Michigan Elite 17 Mizuno club team to a third-place finish in the AAU Nationals, its highest finish ever, while earning All-America honors.

But following just 20 minutes on the first day of Novi's team tryouts Aug. 9, Cannon landed awkwardly.

"I just went to get a ball that was tight and came down on my left foot, so they really don't know what is happening, but they think I might have a Grade 1 tear of one of my ligaments," Cannon said. "I should be back pretty soon. Probably another week."

Novi, the two-time defending Class A champion which went 52-1 last season, hopes Cannon will return from her injury sooner than later.

But for now, the Wildcats have plenty of firepower to hold their own in lieu of her early absence.

Novi will be led once again by senior setter Erin O'Leary, a leading candidate for Miss Volleyball who will sign an NCAA letter of intent in November and enroll in early January at the University of Michigan.

O'Leary, a member of the USA Volleyball Under-18 National Team in 2016, is one of six players returning who saw action in last year's four-set state championship win over Rockford.

In addition to O'Leary and Cannon, other key returnees include 6-0 senior middle blocker Kathryn Ellison, 5-10 junior outside hitter Jaeda Porter, 5-6 senior libero Claire Pinkerton, 5-4 junior defensive specialist Kaylee Peterson and 5-6 senior libero/DS Mackenzie Kwasniewicz.

Novi is ranked sixth nationally in one poll.

"We have a very strong team now," Cannon said. "We graduated a couple of seniors and they were a big part of our offense. But we've brought up some good defensive players and we have good lineup still on the front row — Madison Scott, Jaeda Porter and Gaby Cummings, who is Ally's little sister, is a stud, too. She's really going to be good. And Lauren Murphy ... there's just a lot of good very dynamic hitters up there. It's nice to be able to be out and not have to worry about your team struggling much, because they're so talented."

Novi lost two key seniors to graduation: Division I signee Ally Cummings (Valparaiso



Cannon



ANDREA CHILDRESS

Novi's Abryanna Cannon (left) holds the AAU Nationals third-place trophy for the Michigan Elite 17 Mizuno team with her mother Jodi.

University), a dynamic attacker on the outside, along with role player Emmy Robinson.

"Obviously, losing Ally we lose a lot of swings over there," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "Abryanna is a high-level, very efficient attacker. So we're expecting her, Kathryn (Ellison) and some of the others to pick up what we're losing in Ally."

Cannon's role this season will change slightly once she returns to the lineup. But she will more than likely miss the season opening tournament this weekend at Grand Haven.

"We had a great summer with Abryanna," Cottrill said. "We went to team camp and she was playing at an extremely high level, so I expect a lot out of her, honestly."

"Last year — her being new to the program, obviously — was a lot of learning for her and figuring things out. Now that she's been through it all, we're expecting her to be a leader and demand the ball, work hard, do all of that and more. It's a different year for her, being familiar with the program."

Cannon was born and raised in Petoskey and lived there until the sixth grade before moving to Traverse City, where she played two seasons at West



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Novi's Abryanna Cannon (left) had more than 500 kills during the Wildcats' run to the state championship.

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"I moved down here mainly because my mom (Jodi) got a job in Novi," Abryanna said. "She's a nurse. We needed to move downstate, but we picked Novi because it was a good family environment, a good suburb part of Detroit. It was just kind of a bonus that they have a really good academic program and it was going to prepare me, because I want to go to a pretty prestigious college. Volleyball will take you for a while, but once it's over, you need something to fall back on. The academics is really good here and, obviously, the volleyball ... it was actually kind of a bonus. It was a good atmosphere."

Cannon, however, still has fond memories of growing up in two of the state's most beloved tourist destinations.

"There's some things I miss about it and some things I don't," she said. "Being here is really nice, because there's more diversity. I miss my friends, because I grew up there for five years, because I was always a northern Michigan kind of girl."

Cannon, who was adopted at age 5 by her father Jeff and mother Jodi, comes from a large family. Jeff has three sons by his first marriage and

Abryanna's biological father also has a son.

There are also two half-siblings, including brother Michael, a sixth-grader, and 2-year-old sister Hazel.

"I guess my favorite thing to do is stay at home and play with her," Abryanna said of Hazel. "I was 15 when she was born. Her growing up is a big thing for me. I want to be around her as much as possible, since I'll be going to college and won't see her very much."

Cannon's college destination remains up in the air.

She originally committed verbally to Notre Dame, but an academic issue would delay her enrollment until January 2019.

"It was not sure if they'd be able to get me in until the end of first semester," Cannon said. "I couldn't take that chance of not getting in. I talked with my head coach and had a mutual splitting of ways. It was way before (AAU) Nationals, so I could get looks. It wasn't a bad thing. It was a little bit disappointing and stressful, because it was kind of late in the game to be de-committed, but at this point now there's different colleges I'm looking at and seem like a good fit for me. I'm glad this happened now instead

of later."

After reopening her recruiting process, Cannon said she's narrowed her choice down to Purdue and Northwestern. She is expected to make her decision by the end of the month.

Cannon, meanwhile, hopes to be part of a Novi three-peat and help the Wildcats make their fourth consecutive trip to the Class A state finals come November in Battle Creek.

"We have a really good, solid team right now," Cannon said. "It's my senior year and I'm trying to take on more of a leader role, I guess, but there's so many girls on that team that have a dynamic personality that can lead this team. It's nice to be on a team where we have really well-rounded players and people. I just really enjoy playing with them."

Cannon said she expects to play in Novi's second tournament of the season.

"I've been really lucky," she added. "Going into my senior year, this is my first injury where I'm sitting out for a little while. It's not great to have an injury, but it's a good thing it's been this long that I've been injury-free. Kind of blessings on that one."

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For five days earlier this month, White Lake Lakeland senior Sean Cullen rubbed elbows with some of the NFL's legends during Hall of Fame enshrinement weekend in Canton, Ohio.

Cullen, a returning defensive back and running back for the Eagles, was one of the 25 sophomore, junior and senior high school athletes across the country to be selected as a finalist based on athletic, academic and civic achievements for the U.S. Army-Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence.

He had conversations with Hall of Fame players James Lofton and Kellen Winslow, met Anthony Munoz and attended the Cowboys-Cardinals exhibition game with his family.

There were also dinners, receptions and induction ceremonies, while also touring the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



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Lakeland's Sean Cullen will playing both defensive back and running back this season.

"It was one I'll never forget, definitely," Cullen said. "When I got there, they gave me the whole experience, the game, the inauguration speeches ... everything you saw on TV, I was there. It was a really cool experience and (I'm) very humbled that I got selected.

They had 5,000 applicants and I was very humbled and excited. It was a good time and I had fun."

The 5-foot-10, 165-pound Cullen wants his final Lakeland football season to be memorable as well, as the Eagles, who finished 5-4 last year, try to snag their first playoff berth since 2008.

"Our main goal, obviously, is playoffs," Cullen said. "But another thing we've talked about is finishing games, one game at a time. Our motto every time we break it up is 'finish,' because last year, the games we lost — we only lost four games last year — each of them were within a touchdown margin. Our main thing we're talking about is finishing games."

Despite being undersized, Cullen played the 2016 season at middle linebacker, but this year he's headed out of necessity to his more natural position in the secondary, where he's had to make some adjustments.

"Basically at linebacker, it's

run first and I'm attacking the ball," he said. "Whoever has the ball, I got it. But at DB, it's pass first. You've got play off a little bit, make sure no one gets behind you, then come up and play the run. It's been kind of weird changing it up, but it's going to help the team and I'm pretty excited."

Third-year Lakeland head coach Joe Woodruff says Cullen can be counted upon in just about any type of situation.

"He's got some experience and some leadership stuff," Woodruff said. "He's just that great, dependable kid that you know what he's going to bring every day. And he doesn't make mistakes. He's that solid, grinder kind of kid. There's not a ton of flashiness to him, but he's always in the right spot at the right time, doing the right things. He's very dependable and he's a good leader for us."

Lakeland opens its 2017 season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Walled Lake Central. Both schools are now members of the new nine-school Lakes

Valley Conference after being North Division rivals in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

All eight of Lakeland's games this season will be against LVC opponents. (The Eagles have yet to fill an open date Friday, Oct. 13.)

"Honestly, it's not switching that much up," Cullen said. "It's basically like our same division, but adding the South Lyon schools and Milford. And we've always played South Lyon East and Milford, then our division, so basically it's not changing anything up. But I'm excited. Every game really matters, because we're playing division games. It's going to be fun."

In addition to Cullen, the Eagles return a handful of starters from a year ago.

Among those returning are seniors Ryan Allen (nose guard), C.J. Davis (outside linebacker), Alex Laverenz (defensive end-offensive line),

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Novi senior wide receiver Traveon Maddox Jr. is the team's lone returning starter on offense.

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Maddox wants to make most of final season on gridiron

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Basketball is going to be Traveon Maddox Jr.'s ticket, but the gridiron still has a special place in the Novi senior's heart.

The recent Oakland University hoop commit, who averaged nearly 20 points per game last season for the Class A regional finalists, can't quite get football out of his system.

That's because he's been playing tackle football since the age of 5, starting with the youth league Southfield Falcons and then the Novi Bobcats.

Maddox admits he'll be going through football withdrawal this fall.

"I'm going to miss everything ... the atmosphere, having the fans, the contact, having that family and 60 players on the team," Maddox said. "I'm just going to miss everything about it. Coming into the locker room and having the game speeches ... it's going to be tough."

The 6-foot-5, 190-pound Maddox, Novi's only returning starter on offense, will become the team's primary weapon after teammate Anthony D'Annibale (University of Dayton) graduated. Last year, D'Annibale caught a school-record 87 passes for 1,223 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Maddox's numbers in his second varsity season were not shabby by any stretch. He had 39 receptions for 499 yards and eight TDs as the Wildcats finished 6-5 and reached the second round of the MHSAA Division 1 playoffs.

"He's a talented kid," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "The offense will kind of run through him. Defenses will have to have a plan for him. Just like they had to have a plan with Emmanuel (Jackson) ... just the next step. It was Emmanuel, then Anthony (D'Annibale), then Traveon. He's kind of the straw that stirs the drink here. We got to get him the ball in as many different ways as we can, through the air, handing off. We've got to move him around and just find different avenues of getting ball to him."

Burnside has seen growth in Maddox's game heading into his third varsity season.

"He looks more explosive here than in the last two years," he said. "He actually got some time in the weight room and you could see just the difference. Just today in practice, when he wasn't in on defense, he worked the scout team offense and just made our guys chase. He just looks like he's got that burst. The last couple years, he's had it, but this year, you can tell he's finally grown into that body — and look out."

With three-year starter Alec



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Novi's Traveon Maddox, Jr. (right) has committed to play basketball at Oakland University.

Bageris, the school's all-time career passing leader, gone, Novi's new quarterback is senior Sean Gilliam, a transfer from West Bloomfield.

Senior Kyle Klosterman takes over at running back for the graduated Nathan Hankerson (Saginaw Valley State), who topped the 1,000-yard barrier.

Maddox likes what he sees so far in a revamped offense from Gilliam, a dual running and passing threat.

"He's coming along really, really well," Maddox said of Gilliam. "He's working the offense well, he's reading plays just fine. I won't be double-teamed and triple-teamed as much."

Maddox, who had two interceptions last season, will continue to go both ways in the secondary, joining holdovers Tyler VanKirk, a senior, and Drew O'Connor, a junior.

Seniors Chad Howell and Deshaun Clayton both return at defensive end, while senior Jordan Castleberry will lead the linebacking corps.

And although Novi may be in a rebuilding mode, Maddox is personally trying to make sure there's no drop-off heading into Thursday's season opener at Birmingham Groves, a Division 2 state semifinalist from a year ago.

"Individually, this season, I was in the weight room more, working on my explosiveness, working on my craft, my route running, hitting the weights more often," he said. "Team-wise, we've just got better chemistry. That's all that we need right now. If we have the

chemistry, we'll be just fine."

Maddox, who just turned 17 on Aug. 13, played basketball during the spring and summer months for the Michigan Warriors, an AAU team that traveled to tournaments in Milwaukee, Chicago and Florida.

And it was there that the mid-major schools began showing serious interest and his game began to take off.

"The reason I chose basketball was because I fell in love with the Oakland organization and program," Maddox said. "Especially, I fell in love with coach (Greg) Kampe and coach (Tony) Jones. I love the campus a lot, I like the atmosphere. They actually have the No. 1 fan base in the Horizon League, so that attracted me a lot. And I liked their offense. They're mostly a fast-break, push-the-ball type ... for me, I don't consider myself to have a position. I just get the ball and be a play maker."

Burnside believes Maddox could thrive in Division I college football, if he took that route.

In the age of specialization in sports, Maddox remains an advocate of playing multiple sports.

"To all the kids out there that only play one sport, you should play two sports because that can open up your options," he said.

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South Lyon East rides QB vet Chris Kaminski

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South Lyon East junior quarterback Chris Kaminski has a year's experience under his belt entering the 2017 season.

If the most important position in football is quarterback, then South Lyon East should be in pretty good hands with junior Chris Kaminski.

Although the Cougars struggled to a 1-8 record in 2016, East coach Joe Pesci said. "He's gotten bigger and stronger in the off-season. You start to see the growth and development from last year. He's got more command of the offense. His arm is stronger, he's reading defenses better and there's a lot more confidence out there. Anytime you have your signal-caller back, you always start in a good position, so we're very fortunate with that."

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound Kaminski also has high expectations for himself and the team as East enters the nine-school Lakes Valley Conference after being one of the charter members in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division in 2008.

"I think we have a lot of potential to do great things this year," Kaminski said. "Obviously, last year we struggled, but I think this year — given that we're a young team — we all know how to win and I'm looking forward to it."

Last season as a starter, Kaminski completed 79-of-155 passes (50.9 percent) for 977 yards and eight touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

Kaminski worked with a personal quarterback coach during the off-season and appears determined to lead the Cougars to a state playoff berth. The only other time East made it to the postseason was in 2012 as a Division 3 qualifier.

"Mainly I've been focusing on footwork, a lot of reading defenses, so that's helped me along," Kaminski said. "I think it will help, not only being able to throw the ball farther and getting the ball off quicker, but being able to take some hits and also being able to deliver some hits as well."

Pesci, a former player and assistant coach under coach John Herrington at state powerhouse Farmington Hills Harrison, has seen his fair share of top-notch QBs over the years.

"A lot of good quarterbacks at Harrison, so it's kind of hard to gauge where he fits in with some of those guys," Pesci said. "But he's got a lot of promise and, hopefully, we'll put him in a category with some of those guys when it's all done as a senior."

"He's pretty good. He's still only a junior. I think he's just starting to scratch his potential. I think the best is still yet to come."

Kaminski is a dual threat QB that will keep opposing defenses honest.

"You look at him and he

looks like a pocket passer, but what we want him to do is that we want him to get out on the edge and throw the ball on the run," Pesci said. "He does have a little bit of speed, so we're going to have him tuck it and run a little bit this year. But we're going to limit that as much as we can and throw the ball all over the place."

On offense, East returns senior split end Alex Donaldson, senior tailback Jake Waranauckas and junior swingback Jon Carter, along with senior linemen Lucas Bird and Robby Taylor.

"I think our line is going to be better in the pass-pro (offense)," Pesci said. "It was a point of emphasis as a coaching staff to really shore that up, especially what we know we have back there at quarterback. (Kaminski) did a pretty good job in our scrimmage (Aug. 16), keeping guys off of him. That's going to be the key. If we can do that, we'll be in pretty good shape."

The defense will be led by three veterans: Waranauckas and senior linebacker Jacob Koshko, along with Carter in the secondary.

Among the promising newcomers are sophomore fullback-linebacker Donovan Wright, junior linebacker-offensive lineman Nick Helfrick, junior receiver-safety Sean Clary, junior two-way lineman Mike McCarthy and junior running back-defensive back Matt Gilbert.

East opens its season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Waterford Kettering.

"And as a team, we've been working all summer and all off-season," Kaminski said. "Team goal each year is 1-0 each week and, by the end of the season, looking to make the playoffs."

Pesci, meanwhile, believes Kaminski has the perfect personality to lead the Cougars to a turnaround season.

"He's a quiet kid, but he thinks football, especially at this time, 24/7," he said. "He's got a good personality, he's fun to be around. His teammates love him and he's kind of a silent leader among the guys."

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Joe Rzeppa (running back-DB), Dylan Kutzeb (running back), Dylan Kubik (left guard), Nicholas Dell (offensive-defensive line) and Luke Perry (cornerback).

Perry is back at full strength after suffering a torn ACL in the third game last year.

Mitchell Boles, senior, will be taking over the quarterback duties.

"We're youthful," Woodruff said. "We've got a lot of juniors playing key pivotal roles for us. And they've enjoyed a lot of success over the last couple of years. Getting those kids acclimated to varsity football is good."

The Eagles traveled last week to the west side of the state to get their feet wet.

"The best thing we did was we went to a scrimmage (Aug. 17 at Grandville) that was bru-

tal," Woodruff said. "That was great for us to realize that there's a whole, big, wonderful world outside out of White Lake, Michigan, and they play football, too. So we were able to really hold our own against some really good competition there and that's good."

Lakeland has only been to the postseason three times in school history, but its nine-year playoff drought could end this year.

"What I see in this team is a lot of good athletes," Cullen said. "We had good athletes last year. Our JV team went undefeated last year and our freshman team went undefeated. And our senior class is solid, so we have a lot of really good athletes coming up that I think we can make a run in the playoffs."

"We're defensive-minded. We play with intensity. That's mostly what I like about this team this year."

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Milford football has always been in Warzecha’s blood

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As a youth, Aiden Warzecha lived for Friday nights as a ball boy for the Milford football team.

Milford has always been in his blood. His father Chris is the team’s freshman football coach and his mother Patti serves as a cheer coach.

Warzecha remembers the days when he was roaming around the Mavericks’ stadium when both Jeff Hill and Pat Fox were coaching.

“I loved it,” he said. “I enjoyed every Friday coming out here, coming out on the sidelines, seeing what was happening, seeing the players. It was a dream to come out here and play.”

Warzecha, a 6-foot-3, 158-pound senior, is now the Mavericks’ varsity quarterback and will be a starter for the second straight year under new head coach Dan Novak, who was an assistant at Milford from 2009-12.

Warzecha got his start in football playing instructional league for the Milford Mustangs.

“Aiden is a great young man and a good teammate,” Novak said. “He’s a very intelligent player as well, too. He knows everybody’s alignments. He understands, he’s always dedicated and he’s a great athlete. Obviously, he’s a very successful basketball player, too. He’s experienced from playing last year, so I’m very excited to have him and be our quarterback.”

Warzecha, who carries a 3.4 grade-point average, is a two-sport athlete who averaged 17 points per game last season in basketball.

“Basketball I’m hoping to go, I’m looking at (NCAA) Division III (colleges) right now,” he said. “That could end up happening or I could just end up going to a normal college for school.”

Warzecha started the 2016 football season at wide receiver, but had to transition over to quarterback after starter Zachary Jones went down with an early season-ending injury.

The Mavericks, who were riddled by injuries to key players, finished 2-7 in Tim Gough’s final year as head coach.

Novak, who was the head coach last season at Ann Arbor Huron after being the defensive coordinator at Walled Lake Central, brought in a different approach during the off season.

“The transition has been nice, it’s actually been a



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smooth transition,” Warzecha said. “At first, kids were kind of shocked by what was happening. It was like, ‘Wow, what’s happening? This is a whole new thing.’ But it was a good change, a good shock. Once kids figured out what they had to do, it became an easy and smooth transition for most.”

Warzecha, who will also play safety at times in special defensive packages, is only one of five starters returning for the Mavericks.

Among the starters who are returning include senior wide receiver-defensive back Brian Gorney, senior two-way lineman Ryan Kolb, junior two-way lineman Chris Roscoe and junior running back-linebacker Christian Koschke.

“Not a whole lot returning, a handful of kids that got experience, some sophomores who got pulled up because of injuries and some of the juniors,” Novak said. “Not a whole lot of experience, but the kids that are here have definitely bought in and working to be the change.”

Among the promising newcomers for Novak include junior Carson Jensen (tight end-linebacker), junior Harley Williams (offensive-defensive line), senior Trevor Howard (offensive line-linebacker) and the senior Benaglio twins, Dominic (running back-offensive line) and Dawson (offensive-defensive line).

“The team is learning and we’re getting better,” Novak said. “We’ve been working hard. We’re going to run a pro style offense. We’re going to run the ball, splash and pass, sprint out and stuff.”

Last year, the Mavericks were outscored, 271-202, so a defensive point of emphasis from Novak includes, “Being physical, fly around to the ball and great effort.”

And with a year’s experience as a signal-caller, Warzecha understands more clearly what the current task is at



Milford senior quarterback Aiden Warzecha was once a ball boy for the Mavericks’ football team.

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hand.

“As a quarterback, you’ve got to take charge out there,” he said. “You’ve got to be the leader, accept your role, do things right every play, making sure everybody is doing their job and their responsibilities.”

Milford, which moved into the new nine-team Lakes Valley Conference after being a charter member of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association’s West Division, travels Thursday to Waterford Mott for its inaugural LVC game. (Game time is 7 p.m.)

“I’m really excited for the opener,” Warzecha said. “This is my senior year and I feel with this group of kids they play hard every snap. And when they do that we’ve got a good chance at coming out with the win every Friday.”

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Milford senior Aiden Warzecha returns as the starting quarterback.

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Lineman Weiss looms large in South Lyon scheme

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Trevor Weiss checks all the boxes as far as what South Lyon coach Jeff Henson wants from his football team.

“As a player, hard-working, physical, strong and is a good leader for us,” South Lyon coach Jeff Henson said. “He does a lot of good things for us on and off the field, just a good example what our program is.”

Weiss, who stands 6 feet, 5 inches, and weighs 315, is entering his third season as a starter for the Lions, who are coming off a 5-5 season

The 2016 season ended when South Lyon came within a late two-point conversion attempt of upsetting Division 2 finalist Walled Lake Western before losing 31-30 in the opening round of the MHSAA playoffs.

Weiss, only one of five returning starters for the Lions, will go both ways again this season playing guard on offense and nose guard on defense.

The other returnees include senior running back-safety Will Kelly, senior running back Ryan Gill, junior safety Nate Logan and senior middle linebacker-running back Ben Buchler.

Meanwhile, Henson will rely on five sophomores to fill some of the graduation gaps led by quarterback Connor Fracassi, wide receiver Bren-



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Trevor Weiss will anchor the offensive and defensive lines once again this season for South Lyon.

dan Lach, outside linebacker Mitch Komorous, middle linebacker Jack Schafer and cornerback Jake Newman.

Senior Zack King (offensive-defensive line) and junior Michael Dancer (free safety-running back) should also contribute.

“As far as the team looks, we’ve got a lot of young guys coming up to fill the footsteps of the seniors that we graduated,” Weiss said, “and they’re looking pretty good as we got done with our two scrimmages this past week.”

Weiss not only has the credentials on the football field, but he also has put together a

strong resumé in the classroom, carrying a 3.5 grade-point average to go along with a 1,300 SAT score. He plans to pursue a college degree in business, with the idea of becoming a certified public accountant.

So far, schools that have shown interest include Mid-American Conference schools Eastern Michigan, Bowling Green and Toledo, along with Grand Valley and Wayne State of the GLIAC, as well as Lawrence Tech.

“They like everything about him,” Henson said of Weiss. “They like his size, his strength and he moves well for being 6-5, 330. He’s going to play guard or center in college. They’re saying he’s a ‘tweener’ right now only being 6-5. Tackles are all 6-8, 6-7 now, but they like him. It’s just a waiting game right now.”

To earn more notice, Weiss attended 10 different football camps this year, including Toledo, EMU, Bowling Green, Michigan State and Michigan.

“As far as letting them know, it’s footwork, how you can take coaching and one thing you take away from the camp is to improve at your high school,” Weiss said. “I’ll always pursue the dream to go to the MAC schools, but I’ll take what I can get to play football at the next level.”

Weiss, who transferred to South Lyon from Lake Fenton

following his freshman year, played middle school football, basketball and baseball. He threw the shot put for South Lyon’s track and field team as a sophomore, but decided to concentrate solely on football as a junior.

Trevor, the only child of South Lyon High graduates Mike (1991) and Patty (1992) Weiss, loomed large even in youth league football.

“There was a weight limit, but I was always under it,” Weiss said. “And if I was, it meant I had to go higher. No big deal, because I liked playing with the older guys. As far as the growth spurt, I’ve always been the biggest kid. Even in elementary school, everybody thought I was older than I actually was, so I’ve always been a big kid all my life.”

In his spare time, Weiss is an avid outdoorsman.

During the high school dead week in early July, he went fishing at Houghton Lake while staying at his family’s cabin.

“I deer hunt right here in South Lyon,” Weiss said. “12 Mile and Dixboro (roads). It’s private property, but I have access to it. I got a six-point (buck).”

Henson sees a playful side to the mammoth two-way lineman.

“Kind of a goofy kid, but loves the outdoors,” Henson

said. “He’s a big hunter and fisherman. He spends a lot of his free time doing that. He can be a character, but a good kid.”

As the Lions approach their 2017 season opener and inaugural Lakes Valley Conference game Thursday, Aug. 24, at Walled Lake Northern, Weiss is dedicating his season to his father, who is battling colon cancer.

“Staying by his side through the whole thing, it’s been tough on the family, just supporting him every day through work and what not,” Trevor said. “It’s a difficult place to be, a young kid watching him battle that. He’s still going through it. Already went through treatments. We’re just waiting to see what he wants to do with surgery and what not.”

Weiss said he will continue to draw inspiration from his biggest supporter.

“He kind of motivates me because, when he was in high school, his senior year, he got injured and was going to attend Eastern Michigan University on a football scholarship,” Trevor said. “I always thought it would be pretty cool to play college where my dad was going to play at. He motivates me to come here and work, prove what I got to the colleges that are looking at me so far.”

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Above, most schools have full salad bars stocked with various fresh vegetables and other foods.

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AT COLLEGE, VEGAN CAN MEAN MORE THAN PASTA

Being vegan in college doesn’t have to mean only eating noodles with pasta sauce. Even if your university isn’t the best at accommodating those with plant-based diets, it still is possible to be a vegan college student and eat a well-balanced diet. Here are some survival tips so you can make the most of your first four vegan years away from home.

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1. Know/hack your dining hall

First, if you're still applying to college and a university with exceptional vegan accommodations is important to you, be sure to check the peta2 Vegan Report Card. Schools receive a letter grade based on how well the vegan options are at the dining hall, whether they label their vegan foods and if they participate in Meatless Mondays. Some schools with A grades include Yale, University of North Texas and American University. Schools on the lower end of the grading scale include York College and The Juilliard School.

Figure out dining hall hacks, whether it's bringing your own dairy-free ice cream or getting to know the employees so they give you a little extra serving.

Once you're at your university's dining hall, there's a chance that the vegan entree might get a little repetitive. Usually the side dishes of other entrees are vegan, such as green beans or sweet potatoes. Don't be afraid to ask for just the sides and make a meal of them all. Figure out other dining hall hacks specific to your university, whether it's bringing your own dairy-free ice cream to put on top of a favorite vegan dessert or getting to know the employees so they give you a little extra serving.



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At left, it's simple to make a salad of brown rice and vegetables and fruits.

2. Veganize your dorm room

If you don't have a kitchen — most college freshmen start with a standard bedroom and a roommate — it's important to strike a balance between having handy tools and not turning a whole closet-sized bedroom into a makeshift kitchen. The essentials include a mini-fridge, a microwave and a small container for dry/pantry foods. Stock the fridge with dairy-free products such as soy yogurt and alternative milks, and snag as many veggies as you can from the dining hall salad bar to keep on hand. In case there's going to be a late-

night study session that'll keep you locked in your room, shop for some easy frozen vegan meals that you can just pop in the microwave. The Amy's brand is a lifesaver; it offers a wide variety of foods that most vegans traditionally can't eat, such as — wait for it — mac and cheese. A non-traditional kitchen tool to have in your dorm room? A rice cooker. Stay with me — just make a batch of rice for a few days, add in some veggies from the dining hall, topped with teriyaki or soy sauce and throw it into a Tupperware. There's minimal cleanup and uncooked rice is super cheap when purchased in bulk.

There are even some ultra-cute and affordable mini rice cookers that make about three cups of rice without taking up too much space. Buy one from Urban Outfitters for \$29.99 (it's Millennial pink!), or one from Crate and Barrel for \$19.99.

3. Use your diet as an excuse to explore

Dining hall food can definitely get boring after a while. If you haven't gone off campus a lot, go out and try new restaurants around your college that offer vegan options. This can be a great way to bond with a new roommate or classmate and change up your surroundings. If you live near New York City, Boston or Los Angeles, big cities often have plenty of vegan cafes and restaurants. Check out the vegan chain By Chloe. They also do great mac and cheese topped with shiitake mushroom bacon. But there's usually something for everyone, even if you don't live in a major city.

4. Revel in the fact that you can still eat all of the best snacks

Last but not least, peep this guide to the “Top Accidentally Vegan Foods” by peta2. Everyone knows that the best vegan snack is a couple of Oreos. (It might not be for everyone, since it is only sort of vegan because of its risk for cross-contamination with milk.) Yet there are a lot of other indulgent, traditional snack foods that you can still enjoy as a vegan. Some of the most surprising items from the list? Hershey's Chocolate Syrup and Thomas's New York Style Bagels. Now get out there and win the vegan college life!

AREA EVENTS



Area older adults are once again joining forces for a Throwback Thursday ‘50s sock hop Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Novi Civic Center.

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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.

Indivisible to host town hall meeting

Indivisible groups will host a state town hall meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 26, at Shriners Silver Garden Event Center, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. Members of Congress, state leaders and Indivisible members will discuss a variety of issues important to voters, including jobs, health care, the Great Lakes, voter integrity and more. Politicians scheduled to attend include U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Southfield; U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Flint; U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Royal Oak; state House Democratic Leader Sam Singh, D-East Lansing; and state Senate Democratic Leader Jim Ananich, D-Flint. All members of the Michigan Congressional delegation, the governor and state House and Senate leadership have been invited to attend.

Churches to host education program

Four local Christian congregations will open their doors for an immersive interfaith education program presented by the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit. Attendees will be able to explore four Christian denominations beginning 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon. Each of the four Comparative Christianity programs will be held at a local church, providing an opportunity for participants to meet clergy, learn about denominational beliefs and practices and enjoy a meal with congregants. The InterFaith Leadership Council began the series two years ago as a way to expand understanding of the Detroit area’s diverse faiths and traditions. A four-part series about Judaism was held earlier this year. St. Joseph Catholic Church is at 830 S. Lafayette St. The cost is \$30, including dinner. Three additional evening programs will be held, at Littlefield Presbyterian Church in Dearborn (Sept. 14), Kensington Church in Troy (Oct. 17) and the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills (Nov. 16). The cost for the four-part series, including a textbook, is \$95 and indi-

vidual programs are \$30 with dinner. Registration information is available at www.detroitinterfaithcouncil.com. For additional information, call 313-338-9777.

Free movie at Finnish Center

The award-winning Finnish film “Man Without a Past” will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, the Finnish Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The movie is a comedy-drama, rated PG 13, for which director Ari Kaurismäki was awarded the Grand Prix in Cannes and received the highest accolades from film critics. For more information, call 248-478-6949.

Carrabba’s to host blood drive

Please join in Sept. 5 at Carrabba’s Restaurant, 43455 W. Oaks, in Novi as Carrabba’s partners with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive to help save lives. The American Red Cross has a critical blood shortage this summer and has issued an emergency call for blood donors to give now and help save patient lives. Right now, donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in and more donations are needed now to replenish the supply. The Red Cross will be bringing out its mobile bus for the blood drive and the restaurant will be offering a \$10 gift card to all presenting donors and everyone will be entered into a raffle for dinner and movies for two. The blood drive hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and donors can sign up at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code is Carrabbas) or call 800-RED-CROSS.

Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic St., will host a spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8. The menu will feature homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$7. Proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. For more information, call Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director, at 248-685-9008.

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. Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house. To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

Wooden window repair workshop

Do you own an older house with original windows? Learn how to repair this valuable asset while maintaining the historic character of your home. Find out how to save money, improve window operation and increase energy efficiency with historic window specialist James Turner of Turner Restoration at a workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. If you love DIY projects, this workshop is for you! Attendees will learn how to remove old sashes; safely remove old paint or finishes; make needed repairs; add energy-efficient upgrades; eplace glass the proper way; and more. Admission is free for the first 12 attendees who register by Aug. 15. The admission fee is \$25 for all others. Space is limited to 16 attendees. Register online at <https://farmingtonhillswindowworkshop.eventbrite.com/>. Contact Ellen Thackery, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, at info@mhpn.org or call 313-575-5215. Please bring a bag lunch.

Art House exhibition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host a juried multi-media exhibition titled West of Center. An opening reception is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Sept. 1, with an award presentation at 7 p.m. First Friday reception is set for 6-9 p.m. Oct. 6. The exhibit continues through Oct. 28 during gallery hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org.

Evenings in the Garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center in Novi is offering two great late-summer classes for gardeners of all levels to enjoy, as part of their Evenings in the Garden series. Aug. 24, popular author, professional gardener and artist Cheryl English will reveal the wide variety of Michigan woody native plants that “play well with others” in the landscape. English is a dynamic and provocative speaker with a deep knowledge of our state’s green jewels, most of which are available at our local garden center. Sept. 14, Nick Zimmer will be at Tollgate to demonstrate how to plant successful and beautiful fall containers. Zimmer is an MSU alumnus and founder/owner of Willow Greenhouse. Classes are 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Advance registration is required. The cost of classes is \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. To find out more and to register, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings17sum/>.

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Feigley

Margery a lifelong resident of Milford, died surrounded by her loving family at her home on First Street, on Tuesday morning, August 15, 2017. She was 92 years old. Margery was preceded in death by Cloyd, her beloved husband of over sixty-one years in 2008, and son, Daniel Feigley in 1980. She is survived by her children, Deborah Saputo, Dale (Sherry) Feigley, Donald (Tama) Feigley, Dorothy Magyari, Doreen (Darryl) Kettle and Elian; grandchildren, Amy and Chris Lee, Daniel and Dawn Saputo, Anna and Travis Burkhardt, Andrea and Jesse Parkinson, Robert and Marissa Feigley, Katelyn Feigley, Lauren Kettle, Jennifer Feigley, Brian Kettle, Jessica Feigley and Carsen Kettle; great grandchildren, Chase and Westley Parkinson, Ruby and Nico Lee, and Gavin and Logan Burkhardt; brother-in-law, Merlin Feigley; canine companion, “Charlie” and many nieces and nephews, dear friends and neighbors. A Funeral Service was held at the Milford United Methodist Church, Milford, on August 18, 2017. The Rev. Doug McMunn officiating. Burial in Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials are encouraged to the Milford United Methodist Church and Hospice of Michigan. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.lynychfuneraldirectors.com

Galetto

Patricia Louise a longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully surrounded by her daughters on August 19, 2017. Patricia was preceded in death by James P. Galetto, her beloved husband of 50 years and her sister, Carol (George) Gardner. She is survived by her daughters, Lisa (David) Perkins, Victoria (Barry) Ridenour, Audra (Kent) Shoemaker, Lorna (Thomas R., II) Brooks; grandchildren, Alysse, Wayne (Heather), Whitney and Zachary Perkins, Emily (Christopher) Frohriep, Tyler and Carly Ridenour, Rachel and Ian Shoemaker, Cole and Joshua Brooks; great-granddaughter, Roosevelt Frohriep as well as a loving extended family and dear friends. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce St., Milford, Thursday, August 24 at 11:30 AM with gathering to begin at 11 AM. The Rev. Msgr. John Budde to officiate. Memorial contributions encouraged to: St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

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Grondin



Wilfred Louis a long-time resident of Milford, passed away at the age of 98 in Ada, Michigan, on Friday, August 18, 2017. Born to Oscar and Louise Grondin in Buffalo, New York on April 4th, 1919, he and his family moved not long after to Milford, where he subsequently spent most of his life. He married the former Shirley Marie Tyler in 1940, and after his military service, they settled into the 500 block of General Motors Road, along with three of his siblings, in houses built by their father, who lived on the next block round the corner. [For decades, the small block on GM road was half filled with Grondins and their relatives, producing a dozen cousins and frequent get-togethers both formal and informal, especially with Donald and Alice and Virginia and Gale. The Tylers were more widely scattered in Milford and environs, but close contact with them was just as frequent, especially given that Shirley’s mother Leah lived just across from the old stone Catholic church, and that Shirley was close to her own siblings.] In their later years, Mr. and Mrs. Grondin moved to Ada on the west side of the state, to be near their son Maurice, who provided care for them and lightened their lives with his humor. Of his original family, Wilfred is survived by his brother Donald, his other siblings (Oscar Jr., Thomas, and Virginia) having passed away. Mr. Grondin, who lost his beloved wife Shirley in 2013, is survived by their four sons - Michael (Letitia), Maurice, Timothy, and James, grandchildren Elizabeth (Anton), Danielle (Vince), Olivia, Brian (Kathy), Tish, and great-grandchildren Isaac, Violet, and Brandon, as well as numerous other friends and relatives from whom he received thoughtful cards and to whom he much enjoyed talking in his later years. A funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s association. For further information, please contact Lynch & Sons - Milford at 248-684-6645, or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Johnson



Bettie L. of Novi, formerly of Waterford, passed away August 10, 2017 at 94 years of age. Dear wife of the late John R.; beloved mother of Rod (Pamela Reister) Johnson and Dane Johnson; grandmother of Griffin and Willa; sister of Anna Venos, the late Charles Archer, and the late Emma Gene Rayner. Bettie was a veteran of the US Navy WAVES in WWII. She retired from Michigan Bell in 1983 after 41 years of service. Bettie was a representative for the Women’s Memorial at Arlington; a 50 year member of American Business Women’s Association; and served on the board of the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. She will be dearly missed for her energy, her sense of style, and the love she shared with her family. Funeral service was held Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 11 AM at COATS FUNERAL HOME-CLARKSTON, 8909 Dixie Hwy. Clarkston. Burial followed at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Family requests donations be made to the ABWA National Scholarship Fund (sbmfef.org). To send a condolence, visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

A loving tribute

Orsini



Timothy David Age 49, of Linden, died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, August 18, 2017. Services will be held 12 PM Thursday, August 24, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Steve Kazer officiating. Visitation will be 12-9 PM Wednesday with a rosary service at 7 PM and 10 AM until the time of service Thursday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Timmy was greatly loved by all who knew him. He was a cherished husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend and co-worker. Tim went the extra mile and would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Tim always went above and beyond. He will be dearly missed by everyone that had the honor to know him. He is preceded in death by his brother Christopher Orsini and his grandparents Antonio & Antoinette Orsini and Benjamin & Leona Laudenslager. He is survived by his wife Kristi Orsini; his son Dominic Orsini; his daughter Isabella Orsini; his mother Karen Kluwe; his father Remo (Sandy) Orsini; his sisters Teresa (Micah) Webner and Chris (Jess) Mohler; his brother Joey Klauza; his Mother-in-law Kara Voss; his Sister-in-law Stepheni Voss; his Brother-in-law Jason (Kim) Voss; his nieces Marissa & Anna Webner and Sydnie & Alexa Klauza; his nephews David & Dakota Solomon and Deklan Voss; and Jake, man’s best friend. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



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Swarup June 14, 1969-August 13, 2017 Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



Stanbury



Betty Lou age 81, passed away August 19, 2017. She was born April 27, 1936 in Osage, Minnesota, daughter of the late Arthur and Edna Zentz. Betty Lou was the dispatcher for the Salem Fire Department in the 1970’s and she also served her community as secretary for Salem Elementary for 20 years prior to her retirement. She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Kent; her loving children, Michael Stanbury and Michelle Stanbury; her grandchildren: Austin, Camille and Mason. Betty Lou is also survived by her brother, Douglas (Nina) Zentz of New Mexico and her nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held in the future. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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8 secrets recruiters don't want you to know

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1. Stock cover letters don't work

Using a stock cover letter can sink your resume before the recruiter even looks at it. Sure, you think that by using a stock cover letter, it looks professional and the resume is the most important part. However, recruiters have seen every stock cover letter ever printed. They receive huge numbers of them.

2. Recruiters look at resumes quickly

While you might hope that a recruiter will sit and read through your resume, it is unlikely to happen unless your qualifications and skills are a match for the job. Recruiters usually spend only a few seconds on each resume because they have many to sort through. Being considered for a job depends on whether you are a match for it.



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3. Jobs don't always match the advertising

A recruiter may not know what the duties of a job entail, and those duties may include more than is written in the advertisement or change over time. If you have experience and training for your job niche, such as in particular health care jobs, you probably fit the general description and might be considered. However, don't be surprised if extra duties come with that job that weren't mentioned.

4. Generic resumes don't work

Creating a resume that is too general is one problem

mentioned by recruiters. Employers are looking for the best match for the available job, and being too general will not work. By tweaking your resume to more closely match a job description, you stand a much better chance of being considered by the recruiter.

5. Your interviewing skills might need work

Sometimes, an individual gets chosen for that all-important first interview, but isn't called back. Recruiters say that those individuals may need to work on their interviewing skills and might even give small recommendations to respond to questions during

the interview process itself. Since potential employees are frequently talked to by the recruiter before going to the interview, paying close attention to the recruiter's remarks can make an interview go more smoothly.

6. Spamming them with emails may leave a bad impression

Of course you are anxious about whether you are going to hear back from a recruiter and be considered for a job position. However, don't pester the recruiter, or it can backfire and cost you the interview you wanted. Recruiters are busy people who spend a lot

of time on the phone. Overdoing it by emailing and phoning too often can leave a negative impression. Send in your resume, and wait a few days before calling about it.

7. Your communication skills might need work

Although you are probably not looking for a job as an orator, good verbal communication is important when talking to a recruiter. Keep a professional demeanor when emailing or speaking in person with a recruiter. Leave out slang words and use formal language. A good communicator is more likely to get further along in the interview process.

8. Recruiters won't consider you if you don't do your research

Recruiters are less likely to consider you for a position if you haven't bothered to research the company. Preparing several thoughtful questions about the company or position makes you appear serious about your interest in the job.

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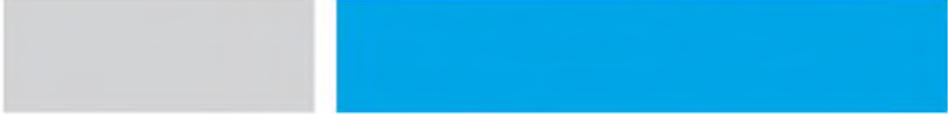


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1 Garam — (spice mix in Indian cuisine)

7 Core PC component

10 Praiseful poem title starter

15 Cheering yells

19 Off the mark

20 Some little batteries

21 "Time waits for —"

22 Dismounted from a horse

23 Start of a riddle

26 Musical pitch

27 Moistened again

28 A — (like some logic)

29 Like ore

30 Set of rules

31 Riddle, part 2

35 San Luis —, California

38 — Poke (candy brand)

39 Singer Lovett

40 With 50-Down, happened to meet

41 Laundry-day spray

46 Great sorrow
- 48 Top-floor storeroom

52 Riddle, part 3

56 Reptile with a spiny back

57 Like meat prepared per Muslim law

58 With 97-Across, like late payments

59 Felt sick

61 Plum parts

62 Engine conduits

64 Suffix with acetyl

65 Fa follower

67 Parking area

68 Riddle, part 4

73 Grizzly baby

76 Joanne of "All the King's Men"

77 Male doll

78 Rambled on and on

82 Adam's second son

84 Neuters

86 Mars, to Greeks

88 — time

89 Invalidate

91 Riddle, part 5

94 Singer Adams

95 "The Greatest" fighter
- 96 Beaver, e.g.

97 See 58-Across

98 Kind of tide

100 Moo goo — pan

102 Traps, as by a winter storm

105 End of the riddle

113 Diner grub

114 In most cases: Abbr.

115 Repair, as a shoe bottom

116 Longtime Toyota

120 Andean ancient

121 Riddle's answer

124 Den noise

125 Kagan of the court

126 Teacup part

127 Frozen fries brand

128 Long dagger

129 Winona of "Mermaids"

130 — -Caps (candy brand)

131 Cooking oil brand
- 3 Ragout, e.g.

4 James of "Gunsmoke"

5 Portable computer

6 Passing vote

7 Island near Naples

8 Politico

9 Make — (employ)

10 Nobelist Eugene

11 ICU figure

12 Atlanta university

13 Not too wild to domesticate

14 Counterpart of round-trip

15 Increase by degrees

16 Detached

17 Dholi wearer

18 Mill metal

24 — -Locka, Florida

25 Start of the old Ipana toothpaste jingle

32 Station

33 More humble

34 Mill debris

35 Lawn care brand

36 Religion of Iran

37 Counting everything
- 42 Wraps, as a healing ankle

43 "It's — of do or die"

44 Some are civil: Abbr.

45 Sever

47 Olive of the comics

49 Kite's trailer

50 See 40-Across

51 Play's actors

53 Barber's sprinkle-on

54 Greek epic

55 Singer k.d.

56 Start of a denial

60 Footballer Boomer

63 "ER" figure

64 Berlin article

66 Allow to attack

69 Through the roof

70 City east of Phoenix

71 Without blinking —

72 MacFarlane of "Ted"

73 Bit of pasta, informally

74 Lyft rival

75 Flock of quail

79 Forays

80 Boredom

81 Gold-medal swimmer

Amy Van —
- 83 Usurer

85 Beltmaking tool

86 Rumpus

87 Wand

90 Genuflection joint

92 Big families

93 Power co.

95 In a mockingly humorous way

99 Court jester, e.g.

101 In back

103 Cardinal Borgia

104 Draws forth

105 Wade Boggs' base

106 Vietnam's capital

107 Acting award

108 Steadied by attaching a rope to

109 Snaky letters

110 "Over There" songwriter

111 Last Oldsmobile model

112 Untilled field

117 Letters before chis

118 Start over on

119 Hot — oven

122 Reno-to-Spokane dir.

123 NYSE index

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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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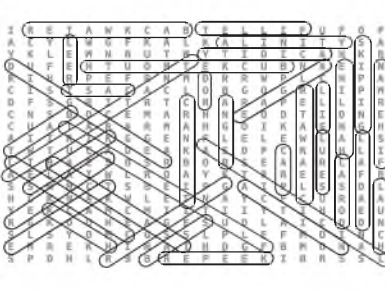
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Word Search Answers



Car Report

HOW FCA BUILDS BRANDS: DODGE IS PERFORMANCE, CHRYSLER IS FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUNCTIONALITY



By Dale Buss

Even as rumors swirl these days about whether Chinese automakers might be interested in buying Fiat Chrysler, the brand stewards at FCA have their heads down, attempting to add to their remarkable record of building equity in the stable of Jeep, Ram, Dodge, Chrysler, Fiat, Maserati and Alfa Romeo.

Right now, the highest-profile such effort is by Tim Kuniskis, who heads passenger car brands of Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and Fiat for the transatlantic automaker.

Adding to its performance chops, Dodge staged one of its highest-profile experiential events in the run-up to the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise, what one internal wag called “Woodward-stock”: The Enthusiast

Network’s Roadkill Nights Powered by Dodge.

Affiliated with the annual cruise, Dodge took over the northern reaches of Woodward and staged red-meat style events for gas-power mongers that included street-legal drag racing, a car show, a simulated ride in a high-powered Dodge Challenger SRT Demon, mechanical bull rides and more. Last year, 30,000 enthusiasts attended the event, and Kuniskis told me he expected more this year.

“Beyond brand building,” Kuniskis said, with the Roadkill Nights event “we’re selling 700- and 800-horsepower cars to the general public.”

On the other hand, Kuniskis and his team also have been busy marketing the Chrysler Pacifica as they attempt to use the two-year-old vehicle to redefine the sleepy hybrid segment around hyper-functionality. Recent brand-building gambits have included the launch of a partnership with Sesame Street as well as the announcement of a new partnership in San Francisco under which Kango -- an on-demand



The Count and other Sesame Street characters enjoying a Pacifica

ride service for kids whose drivers are thoroughly vetted -- will use Pacifica Hybrid minivans under an affordable lease.

I talked with Kuniskis about mid-summer marketing of Dodge and Chrysler:

Q: What’s the significance of your sponsorship of Roadkill Nights for the Dodge brand?

Tim Kuniskis: Every brand does experiential marketing. About four and a half years ago we decided to take Dodge down to the core essence of what it does well and make mainstream performance the main lens for what it stands for. So we couldn’t keep doing experiential marketing in the same tried and true way; it just doesn’t fit.

So three years ago we’re going to make this big [Dream Cruise-related] tentpole event part of our experiential marketing instead of doing a bunch of little things. It can transcend way beyond the footprint of the actual experience and get media and social-media attention.

We tested the concept at the Pontiac

Silverdome three years ago and didn’t really promote it -- and 10,000 people showed up. Then last year we said we know there’s something to this; let’s take it to the next level. Let’s see if we could actually shut down Woodward Avenue.

And the outcome is we had the perfect venue with [Woodward] and the city of Pontiac and [the Michigan Department of Transportation], and it became a really unbelievable event.

[Fans] walk away saying that Dodge gets me, that Dodge understands I like to cruise in my car and go to the drag strip and do burnouts. That helps us conquest business. Plus a million people who are interested in performance vehicles, not vehicles in general like at an auto show, are coming to see some part of the Dream Cruise. A million people who are laser focused on what we do as a brand.

Q: What about the Chrysler brand?

Kuniskis: With Dodge we said we’re going to be the performance brand in our portfolio. Performance is an attitude. We’re going to build awesome

cars and then trickle down that attitude to other cars, cascade that attitude and personality through the whole brand.

I make exactly the same argument for Chrysler: If the model for building a brand for Dodge is Chargers and Challengers, with Chrysler it’s family, functionality and fuel efficiency -- and nothing does that better than Pacifica. We can build the positioning around that ... products around this brand should be tied to that just like Dodge is tied to Charger.

Q: So how are you evolving the Pacifica and Chrysler brand strategy?

Kuniskis: At this moment in time the brand is Pacifica. The 300 is there and holds its own but it’s just like Caravan [minivan] in Dodge: 300 is not perfectly aligned with where the Chrysler brand is going forward but it’s selling and making money and we’re happy with it.

For Pacifica, the strategy really is: It’s a minivan, and minivans are sold on functionality, the interior, and being easier for my life.



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- *This five bedroom, four and half bathroom, has custom features galore including, walk in closets on each level
- *Kitchen features a sub-zero refrigerator, high end range with steamer and hickory cabinets
- *Theatre room has an 8ft HD projection screen
- *Basement includes walk in fire proof vault

MLS 217070257 248.684.1065 \$575,000

Welcome Home!

- *This home features, four bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms
- *This unique Colonial features a fully finished basement with kitchen, bedroom and fireplace
- *Hardwood flooring throughout and stainless steel appliances
- *Stamped concrete patio

MLS 217068811 248.684.1065 \$354,000

Custom Home!

- *This gorgeous Colonial features four bedrooms and three and half bathrooms
- *Solid oak wood floors and staircase, dining rooms with custom wood built ins
- *Oversized master bedroom with cathedral ceilings and master bath with porcelain/marble Jacuzzi tub
- *Finished basement with tons of storage

MLS 217073157 248.684.1065 \$299,900

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 217055133 248.684.1065 \$549,000

Beautiful Colonial!

- *This home features four bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, located in a sought after subdivision
- *Open floor plan, with vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, kitchen with Island and plenty of storage
- *Finished basement with full kitchen and living room area
- *Extensive landscaping and private wooded backyard for entertainment or relaxation

MLS 217071356 248.684.1065 \$289,999

Beautiful Family Home!

- *This home features four spacious bedrooms, and two and half bathrooms
- *Large master suite with walk in closet
- *Home has been meticulously maintained with updates
- *Just move in and relax, a must see

MLS 217065454 248.684.1065 \$385,000

Gorgeous Custom Built Colonial!

- *This home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms located on a quiet cul de sac
- *Beautiful gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and hardwood floors
- *Great room equipped with temperature controlled wine cellar & cozy bar
- *Full finished basement with kitchen, bedroom, full bath and living room

MLS 217057350 248.684.1065 \$539,900

Build The Home Of Your Dreams!

- *Pictured is a four bedroom, two and half bathroom, Colonial, on 1.03 acres
- *Many floor plans, with natural fire place and hardwood floors
- *Brick and stone with covered porch
- *Island kitchen with granite and stainless steel appliances

MLS 216116498 248.684.1065 \$499,000

Award Winning Lake Front Home!

- *This home features three bedrooms, three and half bathrooms, with panoramic lake views
- *Big open living spaces, 10ft ceilings throughout
- *Italian porcelain slate and cherry flooring
- *Hydronic heated floors throughout, including the basement and garage

MLS 217023744 248.684.1065 \$1,490,000

Perfect Location!

- *This condo features two bedrooms and one and half bath
- *Private and secluded back deck allowing for great outdoor entertaining
- *Generous size rooms, separated by Jack and Jill baths
- *Best location for shopping, dining and convenience of many local freeways

MLS 217061801 248.684.1065 \$169,900

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