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## South Lyon Pumpkinfest

For the ninth year in a row, Vibe is proud to sponsor the South Lyon Area Pumpkinfest.

Pumpkinfest begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, with music on the Main Stage and judging of the Great Pumpkin contest. The full festival kicks into at 9:50 a.m. action Saturday, when the clock starts on the 5K run to lead the parade. Activities for the whole family include crafts, a farmers market, shows by the Lord of the Gourd and Ultimate Air dogs. Adults can dance to live music under the stars and enjoy the Biergarten until 11:30 p.m. The festival caps off at 11 a.m. Sunday with more entertainment, contests and main stage entertainment.

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# The push is on for DeHoCo site

Officials eager to sell, develop former prison

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In a move to boost development plans for a high-tech corridor and create thousands of jobs, an aggressive push has begun to sell a 120-acre former prison site in Plymouth Township and find developers to transform the longtime eyesore. To that end, state, county and

local officials gathered on the site Aug. 30 as the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority announced it is seeking proposals to purchase and redevelop the property on Five Mile, west of Beck, where work crews earlier this year demolished long-unused Detroit House of Corrections buildings.

Gary Roberts, a real estate consultant and principal planner for the project, said the so-called DeHoCo site is part of a larger, 800-acre area along the Five Mile corridor in Plymouth

and Northville townships, where he predicted 6,000 to 8,000 jobs will be created.

The mood was decidedly upbeat under sunny skies as Josh Burgett, the land bank authority's director, rolled out plans to pitch the DeHoCo site to developers. Officials say the vision is for advanced technology and research and development.

"Our primary mission is to take unproductive properties and return them to productive, tax-capturing use," Burgett said.

"DeHoCo has been an eyesore, sitting unproductive for far too long."

Burgett predicted one or more developers could be chosen by year's end. He said some already have made preliminary inquiries. Moreover, Burgett said the entire site is likely to be developed within two years.

"I would anticipate a two-year build-out," he said. Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, who has called

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# Success stories



Luke Wilcox, a 1997 Northville High School graduate and the Michigan teacher of the year, speaks to district teachers and other staff members during a school year kickoff event Aug. 30. Wilcox teaches mathematics at East Kentwood High School.

## Northville grad returns with message that inspires teachers

**Matt Jachman**  
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Michigan's 2017-18 teacher of the year turned his homecoming into a message that's inspiring teachers as they return to their classrooms in the Northville Public Schools district.

Luke Wilcox, a 1997 Northville High School graduate, was the keynote speaker for a school year kickoff event for district employees. The baseball-themed pep rally — the marching band played "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and hot dogs and Cracker Jack were served — was Aug. 30 in the high school auditorium.

A mathematics teacher at East Kentwood High School, in the Grand Rapids area, Wilcox brought stories of students struggling against long odds to overcome personal difficulties and find academic and professional success.

One of those stories, unbeknownst to most in the audience until late in its telling, was his



Cooke School staffers cheer during an Aug. 30 baseball-themed Northville Public Schools district event to kick off the new school year.

own. "You could feel the emotion actually in the room," teacher Sarah Hanes said of Wilcox's talk. "There were little gasps from people. ... A lot of us had tears in our eyes."

Hanes teaches fourth- and fifth-graders in an advanced

program at Amerman Elementary and said the speech left her eager to get back to school.

"I think it really just helped us remember why we are here and that it's really all about us supporting these students," she

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## CC grad's fatal 2016 crash prompts cable barrier project

**Ken Palmer**  
 Lansing State Journal

State transportation officials are partnering with a private group to install a cable median barrier along a stretch of Interstate 96 in eastern Ingham County.

The work will be done this fall and involves about 1.7 miles of new barrier in the area where a Michigan State University freshman was killed in a cross-median crash nearly a year ago.

The Kiefer Foundation will pay half of the \$300,000 project, with the Michigan Department of Transportation paying the rest.

State officials said it's the first public/private partnership of its type in Michigan.

"This effort will help reduce the potential for future tragedies along this busy stretch of freeway and hopefully others in the future," Lt. Gov. Brian Calley said in a news release.

The Kiefer Foundation is named for Mitchel Kiefer, 18, of Northville and a Detroit Catholic Central graduate, who was killed the morning of Sept. 19, 2016.

Police said he was driving west on the freeway near Dietz Road in Leroy Township when his car was hit from behind. The impact forced his car across the median and into the eastbound lanes, where it collided with a truck hauling an empty horse trailer.

A Kalamazoo woman was charged with a misdemeanor count of moving violation causing death. She pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to two years' probation.

Speeding and distracted driving were factors in the crash,

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Cable barriers visible on I-96 near Portland are similar to what will be installed on a portion of I-96 near Williamston.



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the area “one of the hottest commercial corridors right now in southeast Michigan,” welcomed the push to develop the property, create jobs, stimulate economic growth and generate tax revenues.

“We’re turning this old eyesore into a regional engine for jobs and economic growth,” he said. “We’re bringing development and jobs to Plymouth Township and improving the quality of life for our residents.”

Heise said the now-demolished prison buildings had been an impediment to marketing the property in the United States and abroad.

The land bank, owner of the DeHoCo property

since 2015, has worked closely with Heise and other leaders to market property where the demolition occurred as part of a \$2.2 million investment – part of the authority’s move to prepare the site for sale and redevelopment.

Officials say the site, with blighted buildings, had been vacant since 2004 and stood as an impediment to redevelopment, but now the state can move ahead by making a pitch to developers.

“With the investment by the land bank and the work of Plymouth Township partners,” Burgett said, “we’ve created an opportunity to help the entire area eliminate blight and attract new business.”

The vision is for the former DeHoCo site to become part of the Mich-

igan International Technology Center, an advanced technology business park along the Five Mile corridor in Plymouth and Northville townships. The MITC vision involves high-tech firms in the automotive and life-sciences sectors, recreation space and businesses such as restaurants, supermarkets and daycare centers to cater to those firms.

Burgett called the site “probably the second highest profile property” in the Michigan Land Bank’s inventory of 4,000 sites, ranking just behind the old Michigan State Fairgrounds.

Heise said the Michigan Land Bank’s latest move marks the next chapter in what he called “a team effort.”

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth called Aug. 30 “an exciting day” as officials stood on cleared land that once housed the

prison.

“I am looking forward to this becoming our field of dreams,” he said.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck said it’s another sign that “the economy is booming — and that’s good to see.”

Earlier this year, E.T. MacKenzie Co. of Grand Ledge had a contract to raze what project manager Linn Driver said was about 25 buildings on the DeHoCo site, including larger facilities that once housed prisoners and smaller, secondary buildings.

Heise had mentioned the DeHoCo site as one of his priorities during his campaign last year to become township supervisor. As a former state representative, he sponsored a bill to transfer ownership of the DeHoCo site from the Michigan Department of Corrections to the Michigan Land Bank, saying

earlier this year the land bank’s job was “to unload the property and sell it and not sit on it forever.”

The latest developments come after Plymouth Township in recent weeks discussed marketing another section of the File Mile corridor, southwest of Five Mile and Ridge. It involves 132 acres where 72 acres can be developed, but 60 acres are designated as wetlands and parkland.

Heise said he believes that land can be tied in with other development along the File Mile corridor.

Attending Wednesday’s event were Michigan Land Bank officials, state lawmakers, Wayne County commissioners and leaders of Plymouth and Northville townships.

The request for proposals to develop the DeHoCo property is

coming swiftly, with potential bidders facing a mandatory property site inspection at 10 a.m. Sept. 14. To register, bidders are told to contact Jeff Huntington of the land bank by email at landbank@michigan.gov, with the subject line “DeHoCo Inspection.” Bidders are required to attend the site inspection, though questions will not be accepted that day.

However, bidders may ask questions via email through 3 p.m. Sept. 27 at landbank@michigan.gov with the subject line “DeHoCo RFP Questions.”

Bidders must submit the proposal package by 2 p.m. Oct. 25. To view the request for proposals, go to <http://www.michigan.gov/landbank>.

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said. It was a powerful way to start the school year, said Mary Kay Gallagher, district superintendent. “He got a standing ovation,” she said.

“All of us had cheered for Julia and cheered for Ali,” Gallagher added, referring to students in Wilcox’s other success stories. “Nobody knew until he read this letter — halfway through — that he was Will.”

Wilcox’s talk had included reading a thank-you letter from “Will,” his pseudonym in his own story, to people in the Northville district who helped him correct his path.

“I got into the wrong crowd when I was in middle school and high school and I made some poor decisions,” Wilcox

said by phone the next day. “It was a lot of people at school who sort of helped support me through those difficult times.”

Those people, he said, included Vicki Zidell, a now-retired geometry teacher who “would call me out on it” when he slacked off; the late Charlie Stilec, a counselor who was “super supportive”; and Dwight Sieggreen, a science teacher who “made learning fun” and later became a mentor with whom Wilcox still keeps in touch.

Wilcox said his visit was a thank-you to the district, as well as a motivational talk.

“Ultimately, I’m going back to the place that made me who I am,” he said.

After high school, Wilcox started engineering school at the University of Michigan but, after doing some tutoring and finding “how much



STACKWOOD STUDIOS

**Teachers from Cooke School are welcomed to the Aug. 30 event by cheerleaders and the Northville marching band’s drum line.**

impact I could have on people through teaching,” he switched to education.

He’s starting his 17th year at East Kentwood.

“It’s an incredible profession to be in,” he said. “I wouldn’t give it up for anything else.”

Wilcox’s wife, Jamie Bottrell, also a 1997 Northville graduate, is also a teacher in the Grand Rapids area.

Wilcox has played a role in a major turnaround at East Kentwood, which in 2012 was labeled a “priority school” by the

state, meaning it was ranked among the worst-performing, based on test scores and several other factors. Now, it’s ranked much higher and is no longer a priority school.

Wilcox was named the Michigan Department of Education’s teacher of the year in the spring and will hold the title until next spring. He also won, in 2013, a U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, one of just 100 teachers in the country to be so honored.

Wilcox said he’s motivated by being able to have a positive influence on the lives of young people.

“I just look forward to those moments when I know I can have an effect on students’ lives,” he said.

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# 1849 Michigan State Fair Cornerstone moves to Novi

A treasured relic from the original Michigan State Fair found a new resting place at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, as part of the new 175,000-square-foot facility expansion now under construction.

A ceremony celebrating the placement of the cornerstone for the expansion project was held Friday morning. The massive, seven-foot wide, three-foot tall state fair cornerstone, featuring a blue marble ribbon flowing across the surface, was created in 1849 for the Administration Building at the Michigan State Fairgrounds at Eight Mile and Woodward Avenue.

In 2010, after the state fair was discontinued by then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm, county fair boards from across the state were invited to claim and re-purpose usable remnants from the state fairgrounds. With heavy hearts over the demise of the beloved Michigan State Fair, the Oakland County fair board traveled to Eight Mile and Woodward in search of livestock gates, benches and other items that might be put to use at the annual Oakland County Fair in Davisburg.

As they were preparing to leave, two members of the Oakland board, Mary Ann Floyd and Lori Bositti, approached L.C. Scramlin, the chairman, because they had glimpsed the massive cornerstone that



Blair Bowman, with members of Oakland County fair board.

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remained unclaimed. "They had to talk me into saving it," Scramlin said. "It was enormous and we had a heck of a time finding a way to move it. In that moment, I really felt that the Michigan State Fair was gone, forever."

Since then, the cornerstone has been residing at the Oakland County Fairgrounds and, since 2012, Scramlin and his wife Jackie have been integrally involved in



Novi Mayor Bob Gatt speaks at the ceremony to dedicate the Michigan State Fair Cornerstone at Suburban Collection Showplace.

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helping to revive and re-imagine the Michigan State Fair, LLC. The annual event has been a private entity since its inception five years ago, with no taxpayer funding involved. The Scramlins, lifelong sheep breeders and stalwart figures in the Michigan agricultural community, are beyond delighted that the new, private entity state fair has reached a milestone fifth year in 2017. In June, the Oakland County fair board voted to pass the State Fair Cornerstone along to the home of the Michigan State Fair, presented by Ram Trucks, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"As co-superintendents of livestock and lifelong members of the Michigan ag community, the Scramlins have been absolutely crucial in helping to provide continuity and bring legacy to the Michigan State Fair as a private event," state fair Executive Director Steve Masters said. "Their contribution to the success of the Michigan State Fair, LLC, simply cannot be overstated. We are so grateful to them for all their efforts and also for this gracious gesture by the Oakland County fair board. It truly feels as if we are celebrating a homecoming, to welcome the 1849 Michigan State Fair Cornerstone to a place where it will be revered for years to come."

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Steve Kiefer, Mitchel's father and chairman of the foundation, said during a news conference Monday in Detroit. The foundation's mission includes raising awareness of the perils of distracted driving.

The median is just 52 feet wide in the area where the crash happened, he said.

Michigan has installed 380 miles of cable barrier since 2008 and is expected to add another 20 more miles over the next four years, MDOT officials said. The barriers have been highly effective in reducing cross-median crashes, they said.

The new barrier announced Aug. 28 will run from Doan Creek to east of Dietz Road in the Williamston and Webberville areas.

The project is the first

public/private partnership involving "this type of safety infrastructure," MDOT spokesman Jeff Cranson said.

"There's a finite amount of federal safety funds available," he said. "This could lead to more such partnerships, with either the Kiefer Foundation or others. If foundations and nonprofits want to put a focus on safety, maybe there will be more of this."



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Mitchel Kiefer was killed in this three-car accident on I-96, near Williamston.

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# 10 Mile roundabout work continues



Work continues Aug. 28 on the roundabout project on 10 Mile at Napier roads in Lyon Township. Traffic will be closed at the intersection until early October as a new intersection is created, making transit, especially along Napier, much easier. 10 Mile Road, west of Napier, is being leveled a bit to improve sight distances.

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A ground-level view of the roundabout taking shape at 10 Mile and Napier.

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## NORTHVILLE POLICE BRIEFS

### Taste for flavored vodka lands teen in lockup

A woman accused of stealing four bottles of flavored vodka — raspberry, blue raspberry, apple and peach — was arrested Aug. 22 on a larceny charge at the Meijer in Northville Township.

Police recovered the liquor, priced at nearly \$61, and the 19-year-old suspect, a township resident, was later released on a \$300 bond. She faces a Monday, Sept. 11, hearing in 35th District Court.

Police were called to the store on Haggerty when a security employee there reported having witnessed the shoplifting, a Northville Township Police Department report said.

The employee was watching on closed-circuit television, she told police, when she saw a woman walk into the liquor aisle, put two bottles in her purse and walk out of the store without paying. After stopping at a car, the employee said, the same woman returned to the liquor aisle, picked up two more bottles and again started to leave, the report said.

The employee followed the woman, confronted her about the theft and escorted her to the security office to await police, the report said.

### Hospital trespassing

A 22-year-old Sterling Heights man was cited for trespassing after an officer found him on the Northville Psychiatric Hospital property the evening of Aug. 24.

The officer was performing a property check around 7 p.m., a police report said, and spotted two males on the hospital grounds near the main building. The officer yelled at them to stop, but they began running, the report said, and the officer lost track of them.

Using a patrol vehicle to search, the officer found one of them, who originally claimed to be from Canada and claimed to not know he was trespassing, police said. He also said he did not know where his companion had gone.

The man was released with a trespassing citation and a Wednesday, Sept. 6, court date.

### Suspended — times five

A 40-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving with a suspended license after being stopped for making a prohibited right turn at a red light early Aug. 26.

A police report said an officer monitoring traffic shortly before 2 a.m. spotted the man heading west on Seven Mile in a Dodge Charger. He turned right on Haggerty on a red light, the report said, and the officer stopped him nearby.

The driver told the officer the Charger was a friend's car, police said. Asked to show his license, police said, the man produced a state identification card.

Police found the man had five suspensions on his driving record. He was released after paying his own \$300 bond, using cash he had with him, and has a Wednesday, Sept. 13, court date. The Charger was impounded.

— By Matt Jachman

## BIRTH

### Roark

Emery Jane Roark of Baton Rouge, La., was born at 12:54 p.m. Thursday, April 13. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20.5 inches at birth.

Her parents are Patricia (Eichholtz) and Adam Roark of Baton Rouge, La. Her grandparents are Debbie and Kevin Eichholtz of Northville and Brian and Shelly Roark of League City, Texas.



Emery Jane Roark with her parents, Patricia and Adam.



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## Road work on Meadowbrook



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Crews continue to wrap up a resurfacing project on Meadowbrook, north of Grand River, Aug. 28. Meadowbrook was closed to northbound traffic until the week before and then was entirely closed near the I-96 overpass as crews finished working on the road's surface just south of the overpass. Meadowbrook was to completely reopen later that week.

## Reading books at the Novi Library



JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM  
Pat Cooper, nanny to Ella Runyon, 6, reads her a book Aug 24 at the Novi Public Library. The library is located on 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft, and is open seven days a week, except holidays.

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The Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road.



CITY OF NOVI  
Five firefighters were promoted to new leadership positions in the Novi Fire Department. Pictured are (from left) Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy, Capt. Joshua Bunse, paid-on-call Lts. Mark Pehrson, Maria Reisner, Matt Blamy and Matt Tunnard and Director of EMS & Fire Operations Jeff Johnson.

## Novi Fire Department promotes captain, four lieutenants

Five Novi firefighters were promoted to new leadership positions within the Novi Fire Department at a ceremony Aug. 28.

Lt. Joshua Bunse was promoted to captain, while firefighters Matt Tunnard, Maria Reisner, Mark Pehrson and Matt Blamy were promoted to paid-on-call lieutenants.

The five were selected following a competitive promotional process.

"We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication that Joshua, Matt, Maria, Mark and Matt have exhibited and what they have accomplished so far in their careers," Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy

said. "The fire officers are crucial leadership positions on our public safety team and ensure that essential emergency medical and fire service is provided to everyone in Novi."

For more information about the Novi Fire Department, go to [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

## Taco time! Los Tres Amigos opens in Livonia

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

It's taken a little longer than Ruffy Ramirez would have liked to get the newest Los Tres Amigos restaurant open.

But he believes the wait will be worth it. "It's a lot of work," he said. "It's why it took forever."

The newest Los Tres Amigos Mexican restaurant opened Aug. 31 at the former Outback Steakhouse location at 29441 Five Mile in the Mid 5 shopping center. It's been completely gutted and redone, with the entire interior of the restaurant receiving a facelift. Poured concrete has given the inside the feel of an Aztec temple, while a lighting system will allow liquor bottles on the wall to shimmer with colored lights at the flick of a button.

Long gone is the teal awning from the Outback Steakhouse, which moved a mile down the street into a new building a few years ago. Now, the restaurant's exterior is covered in stone in a refresh for the site.

The interior will seat about 200, while the patio can accommodate about 70 patrons.

Los Tres Amigos operates more than a dozen restaurants, with others being located in Plymouth Township, Canton and Farmington, as well as places in mid-Michigan such as Lansing, Jackson and Howell.



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Livonia's Los Tres Amigos restaurant, at the southwest corner of Five Mile and Middlebelt.

Ramirez said it was important for him to bring his restaurant to the Livonia area, a place he's wanted to open in for a long time.

Step inside and guests are welcomed with a completely revamped interior. Ramirez and his crew have covered the inside of the restaurant with a finish made to look like stone with Aztec carvings and symbols. All that decoration, he said, was done in-house.

"Everything, we did here," he said. "Nobody has seen anything like that in Michigan."

Even the booths have a personal touch: Ramirez said they were designed by the restaurant and made in Mexico.

As for the food, Ramirez said the restaurant will serve all the same Los Tres Amigos classics, including authentic Mexican dishes such as pollo tapatio, tacos de carne asada, burritos, enchiladas and tacos. Takeout will also be available.

The presentation of the dishes, Ramirez said, will have a little more eye appeal at this new restaurant.

"It will be the same food, but we're going to decorate it a little more," he said.

It will offer a full bar and serve "the best margaritas in town," Ramirez said.

The restaurant will employ between 50-60 people, Ramirez said, with about half of the staff coming from other restaurants to help launch it. After a few weeks, those employees will return to their normal restaurants. Those looking for work can inquire at the restaurant.

Hours at the restaurant will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. More information, including a menu, can be found on the restaurant's website, [lostresamigosonline.com](http://lostresamigosonline.com).

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# Top culinary exam in country coming to Schoolcraft College this autumn

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What do the Culinary Institute of America, Le Cordon Bleu and Schoolcraft College have in common?

They all are the hosts for one of the top culinary exams held in the United States.

Livonia's own Schoolcraft College will join these ranks later this fall, when the American Culinary Federation's Certified Master Chef exam will take place in the college's VisTaTech Center from Sept. 30 through Oct. 7 and will feature 14 chefs vying for the certification.

The exam is the top-level of certification those in the culinary arts can receive. Only 67 other chefs have become Certified Master Chefs, and 11 have been named Certified Master Pastry Chefs in the United States.

"It's pretty big for us," said chef Brian Beland, an instructor at Schoolcraft College, the executive chef at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms and a Certified Master Chef who took the exam in 2010. "Historically, it has been at the Culinary Institute of America since its inception. 2014 was the first time it wasn't there."

"It's a great opportunity for the school to showcase its facility and its commitment to excellence."

The chefs will come to Livonia from across the country for that week to participate in the exam, which will test their skills when it comes to healthy cooking, buffet catering, global cuisine and baking, among others. Partici-



While practicing for the test, chef Shawn Loving stops to show students Zachary Bergquist, Karine Snyder and Jeff Shuarce the proper way to glaze vegetables. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

pants will spend hours preparing food, working on presentation and managing their kitchen. Beland said it's expected the kitchens at the college could be operating for 16 hours a day during that week.

"The exam itself is based around the core fundamentals of cooking," he said. "It's a master exam of cooking."

### Local competitor

One participating chef will have the benefit of knowing where everything is in the kitchen when the exam begins.

Chef Shawn Loving, head of Schoolcraft Col-

lege's culinary arts department, will be one of the 14 chefs taking the exam. He said he's been preparing for this series of tests since he last took the exam in 2012 and did not meet the threshold.

"I think you get to a place in life where you have to put closure on things for yourself, not any other person," he said. "I felt like I had not put closure on the development of where I wanted to be for the test."

Loving said the fact that the exam is taking place at Schoolcraft College doesn't factor into the way he prepares. He doesn't feel like he has a

"home field advantage" coming into the exam, which he prepares for in some way every day.

Karen Mathis, director of marketing and communication for the American Culinary Federation, said Schoolcraft College was chosen after a bidding process. She said the college's teaching kitchens are some "of the most advanced teaching kitchens in the country, which will be put to the test by this year's CMC candidates."

She also said there are plenty in southeast Michigan who are looking forward to seeing the chefs perform during the ex-

am.

### Effect on the college

Beland said there's a touch of local elements that could be incorporated into the exam. In addition to Schoolcraft College students acting as aides throughout the exam, Beland said there could be a chance for local ingredients to make their appearance on the preparation tables.

While it's not a guarantee, Beland said it's possible some Michigan lake fish, quail or venison could be on the menu for the chefs to prepare.

"There may be some of those opportunities,"

he said. "Things like that are not uncommon to see at the exam."

Those interested in checking out what the exam is all about can do so the week of: Beland said the windows in the foyer to the VisTaTech Center, which peer into the American Harvest restaurant, will be available to see all the happenings during the exam week.

The restaurant will be closed to the public the week of the exam.

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**Details:** Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool

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### Fall Storytime

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### Mid-Century Magic: The Fun and Fantasy of Alexander Girard

**When:** 7 p.m. Thurs-

day, Sept. 7

**Details:** Join art historian Deborah Lubera Kawsky, Ph.D., for an overview of mid-century modern designer extraordinaire Alexander Girard's career - whose textile, furniture, architecture and exhibition design work is the subject of a Cranbrook Art Museum exhibition. Girard is best known for his boldly colored and patterned textiles for the Herman Miller furniture company. Register online or by phone at 248-349-3020.

### Drop-in Little Me Storytime for Little Ones

**When:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8

**Details:** Little ones, babies to 2 years, along with caregivers, enjoy simple stories, music and movement at this lively lap-sit program. Preschoolers welcome, too! Just drop in.

### Game On @ NDL: Super Smash Bros. Tournament

**When:** 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9

**Details:** Show off your Wii U skills and compete for GameStop gift cards! Plus, free-gaming on the library's Nintendo Switch consoles. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m., participants

must check in by 11:55 a.m. to compete. Register. For teens in grades 6-12.

### History of Lace

**When:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13

**Details:** Mary Salmon of The Lace Museum Detroit gives a presentation about two types of European lacemaking - Bobbin Lace and Needle-lace. See rare examples of this all-but-extinct 19th century art and the intricate equipment used to create it. Register.

### Drive New Business with Social Media

**When:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20

**Details:** Understand the different social media platforms, how to

choose what to say and where to say it. Presented by Candy Jones-Guerin, Constant Contact presenter. Bring a brown bag lunch. Register.

### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

**When:** Month of September

**Details:** Get back to school with "The Smart Card" - your very own free library card. Kids who live in Northville and are old enough to sign their own name are invited to sign up for a library card during September and receive a fun gift bag!

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The Novi Twp. Board will hold a public mini-budget hearing for the 2017-18 fiscal year on September 19 at 7:30 pm at 44425 Chedworth Drive. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection. Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance may contact the clerk at (248) 231-6210.

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**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 17-16.06**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 35, "VEHICLES FOR HIRE," IN ORDER TO REPEAL THE REGULATIONS AND PROVISIONS THEREIN IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 28, 2017 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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# Tipping Point Theatre to produce 'Boeing Boeing'

Tipping Point Theatre of Northville opens its 11th season with "Boeing Boeing" by Marc Camoletti and translated by Beverley Cross and Francis Evans. This Tony Award-winning comedy runs from Sept. 14 through Oct. 22, with tickets starting at only \$25.

"Audiences can expect to see a fast-paced comedy with a lot of heart," director Dave Davies said. "There is plenty of opportunity with the relationships between the characters to keep it relentlessly fun and always interesting. Plus, I feel strongly that between myself and the cast, we're going to find many laughs that go beyond the script. Tipping Point audiences love comedies above all. I hope to offer them a fun experience that will keep the laughter lingering even long after the show."

Bernard, an American architect and a self-styled swinging playboy, keeps a flat in Paris that he uses as his base of operations for a ridiculous scheme: by only dating air hostesses who serve on international

routes and paying careful attention to their airlines' timetables, he can juggle three different ladies whose paths never cross. But the invention of a super-high-speed Boeing jet and a huge North Atlantic storm system conspire to bring all three ladies to the apartment simultaneously, wreaking havoc on Bernard's plans.

Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Special 3 p.m. Wednesday matinee performances are set for Sept. 27 and Oct. 4.

Tipping Point Theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St. Tickets are \$30 to \$46 for adults, \$28 to \$46 for senior citizens and only \$25 for either of the two preview shows Sept. 14-15, which include a talk back with producing artistic director James R. Kuhl and Davies. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003.



## 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.millrace.northville.org](http://www.millrace.northville.org) for details.

**Upcoming events**  
**Buildings open to the public:** 1-4 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 15.  
**Grounds closed for wedding:** 10:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Sept. 9, 3:15-5:15 p.m. Sept. 21; 12:15-2:15 p.m. Sept. 22; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Sept. 23; 2:15-4:15 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sept. 30.  
**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:** 1-3:30 p.m. Sept. 17.  
**Cemetery Walk:** 2-5 p.m. Oct. 8. Rural Hill Cemetery. Tickets available now at Mill Race Village office and store and at Knightsbridge Antiques Mall.  
**Members only annual meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Oct. 19.  
**Children's Christmas Workshop Tickets on Sale:** 6 p.m. Northville Historical Society members only, 6:30 p.m. non-members. Nov. 3, 218 W. Dunlap Street.  
**Christmas in the Village:** noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 19. Free to the public. Donations accepted.  
**Children's Christmas Workshop:** 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. Dec. 2.  
**German Christmas Tea:** 1-3:30 p.m. Dec. 9. Pre-ticketed event. Tickets available at Mill Race Village office and store.  
**General info**  
**Website:** [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)  
**Volunteers:** The

## Time to stop gerrymandering

Citizens: Be aware the Supreme Court will be hearing cases about how voting districts are created by the political party which has the power at a specific time. This practice is called gerrymandering. Thus many voters lose their right to vote.

In Michigan and throughout the U.S., members of an organization called VNP (Voters Not Politicians) are circulating petitions to get on ballots in the 2018 election cycle to have a bipartisan panel draw the voting districts. Research VNP in Michigan. Sign the petition and join the this fine group if you have the time. Make a donation, too!

The November 2016 nation election was a travesty of justice. Let's exist to resist and restore what is left of our democracy.

**Hannah Provence Donigan**  
 Commerce

## Can't hide hate

"I wish to begin this summer well," wrote Thoreau, "to do something in it worthy of it and of me; to transcend my daily routine; to have immortality now in the quality of my daily life."

You can't hide hate. You can't put in a crate and take it out later and expect it to be something different.

You can't hide hate. You can't bury it down and hope it will grow up love.

You can't hide hate. People often wear it on their face.

You can't hide hate. The heart will tell the dark tale that within it dwells.

You can't hide hate. Make a sweet speech and sing a song of destruction.

You can't hide hate. Some wave the flag and some some smile upon it.

You can't hide hate. Some weave it in a contract or write it on a wall.

You can't hide hate. It will lead to your fall.

For union, for all.  
**Alfred Brock**  
 Wayne

## Presidential support surprises

The violent events that took place in Charlottesville should come as no surprise. President Donald Trump's political rhetoric has unleashed the dregs of society, who, until recently were content to stay in their rat holes and preach to like minded idiots.

Now, embolden by their President, they proudly march and goose-step in broad daylight, waving Nazi and Confederate flags and shouting hatred.

Sunday, Trump refuses to call out the hate groups by name. Monday he reads from a script that condemns Nazis and the KKK. Tuesday, with no script, he

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shows his true self by taking the heat off the Alt-right and coining a new phrase that puts the blame on the Alt-left. (Alt-left?)

If anyone who voted for Trump and is still a fan, they are one of the following: a Nazi lover, KKK fan, Racist, Gay basher, a greedy rich person or a shill for the rich, a vile corporate leader, a Pimp for Wall street or just an out and out hater.

So, to Trump and his minions, the majority of our people will not stand by and watch anyone being loaded into box cars or someone lynched while a crowd clad in hoods and white dresses cheer.

Please, Alt-right, do the country a favor and crawl back in the rat holes where you belong. And I am deeply sorry if I insulted any members of the rodent family by comparing them to these people.

**James Huddleston**  
 Canton

## Gone to the dogs

It's a rare person who can claim to be a bigger animal lover than I am, and this includes wild animals and domestic pets. Animals can cause problems though.

I don't mean to 'bark up the wrong tree' but as far as domestic pets go, cats are usually out of your sight whereas dogs can be trouble-makers. My complaint is less against the brainless brutes and more with the two-legged morons who are incompetent dog-owners.

A dog's brain is limited compared to the human variety (even those of moronic level) and they can't really be blamed for following their instincts, but their owners should be faulted in how they govern them. A big 'pet peeve' of mine is how some people will let their brutes stay outside to endlessly bark at trivial issues or nothing, creating a constant annoyance of noise. Often their innocuous

targets of noise-making are the postal carriers, pedestrians, school children or other dogs.

I'm sure a barking dog is enjoying himself, and the owners may think that everything he does is cute, much the same way that new parents admire a baby's every drool, and it may come as quite a surprise, but not every human ear within listening range is thrilled by your four-legged noise-makers! Suburban cities like Livonia have really 'gone to the dogs' and deteriorated over the years with streets now filled ad nauseam with noisy junkyard dogs, cultivating a real ghetto-like vibe.

Some of these dogs are horse-size monsters, and I've even seen some homes which own two or three of them! You must wonder what people were thinking! Surely you wouldn't want babies, cats or smaller dogs around such beasts. I suppose some people use an animal for security purposes but an alarm system would be quieter.

When you let a dog stay outside to continuously bark at your neighbors or others, you are showing a real contempt and disrespect of your fellow man. A dog doesn't have a soul, but your fellow man does, and he deserves more regard than an animal. For example, when someone comes to your front-door, be it the post-man, Fuller Brush-man, 'Jesus freak' or politician, you shouldn't force that person to conduct a conversation through a noise barrage of your barking dog, nor do you let unleashed dogs chase bicycles, and you don't clog up main thorough-fare sidewalks with dog-walking.

**Leo Weber**  
 Livonia

## Speak out against Trump

Well now, that didn't take long did it? On about

Trump's 200th day in office, and his 60th vacation day, whilst during his 41st day of golf, we had Nazis and Klansmen terrorize a Charlottesville synagogue and murder an American citizen on our own streets with the support of the police and the blessings of the president.

The divisiveness, corruption and incompetence of this presidency is simply staggering, a true constitutional crisis and yet this newspaper stays silent. Why? I've delivered the O&E as a kid and have read it for decades and can remember when your voice was a weekly occurrence. What's the point of this paper when you turn a blind eye to the chaos that threatens our American way of life? Just because Trump is your and Livonia's guy doesn't mean you get a free pass on this. At this point you're not much better than the free shoppers weekly and serve no real community service at all. Grow a spine, find your voice or close up shop. Your silence is deafening.

**Mitch Dubanik**  
 Livonia

## No more taxes

As a longtime resident and a condo owner, I am not in favor of the pending mileage that city council is trying to enact. Condos by law must maintain their own roads with no help from the city. We have completely rebuilt our road system without city involvement.

I thought we had already passed a mileage for roads a year or so ago. Anyway, I will not vote for the council's proposal and hopefully no other condo owner will either. A tax to maintain subdivision roads would be unfair to any condo owner.

**Dick Isham**  
 Farmington Hills

# Huron River canoe launch plans postponed amid protests

Sharon Dargay  
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Plans to build a canoe launch at Pettibone Creek in Milford's Central Park are on hold after opponents convinced Milford Village Council to postpone a vote on the project.

The council sent the plan back to the parks and recreation commission, asking it to take another look and encouraged canoeists and kayakers to bring their ideas to the next Milford Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

The plan as currently proposed includes the launch on the west side of the creek, extending a road that would run between the creek and the baseball field, a circular turnaround, and parking lots near the ball field and the amphitheater.

The cost is estimated at \$180,000.

A gate would be installed on Liberty Street to keep motorists from accessing nearby neighborhood streets.

In addition to the launch ramp at the creek, three small landing areas along the Huron River at the park would be created. Village Manager Christian Wuerth said those areas would be designed for paddlers who want to stop at the park for a picnic lunch or to walk into town, and then return to their watercraft to continue on the river.

He said the primary purpose of the launch at the creek would be to "take the boat off the car and put it in the water or



Milford Parks and Recreation wants to maintain the green space at the Huron River in Central Park. Canoeists and kayakers want to continue using it.

take it out of the water and put it on the car."

Canoe and kayak enthusiasts disagreeing with the village's plans want to continue using the shore of the Huron River to launch and exit their watercraft at the park. They say the creek is too shallow and narrow for that purpose.

Here are a few takeaways from the discussion:

#### If you build it they won't come

"I have a 14-foot fishing kayak and I went up there (the creek) and couldn't turn around. I had to get out of it and pick it up and turn around," Gary Krebs said.

"The problem is Petti-

bone Creek; it is not navigable by kayak," Tony Hambley said. "I don't see any way where we'd actually use this. For a single kayaker, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense."

Another resident suggested paddlers likely would use the three smaller landings along the river in lieu of the ramp at the creek.

"It's a creek, not a river. It's not going to work unless you want to dredge it and get involved with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources)," Councilman David Pehrson said.

#### Big, green lawn

Wuerth said the parks commission eyed Pettibone Creek for the

launch so the area between the river and park entrance can remain lawn, with natural plantings along the river to help reduce erosion.

"They felt that having any structure in that front lawn area of the park was less desirable," he said.

Lori Ebaugh, a parks and recreation commissioner who kayaks, said the proposed plan maintains the park's "beautiful green space" that would be open and accessible to all park users.

"We believe this was a really good plan that would scale back on costs and would funnel the large commercial traffic out of the apron to Central Park and keep the erosion down and also

the 100 and some kayaks that are stacked up on the side of the river front," she said.

Councilman Dave Thureau called the plan aesthetically pleasing, but not functional.

#### Possible solutions

Doug McMunn said he enjoys seeing kayakers near Main Street "coming and going."

"I'd like to see a plan with a turnaround close to Main Street," he said. "The front porch idea to our Central Park is a good idea and important one, how it looks as you approach. But I think our veterans memorial is more the show piece, the first impression of our park."

Ebaugh said the com-



SHARON DARGAY

Milford resident Gary Krebs talks about a proposed plan for a canoe launch in Central Park.

mission could look at moving the launch to the General Motors Road area, near the community garden, or building a docking area on the river, west of the two creeks that run through the park.

#### Canoe trip

Carol Lincoln, who lives on Moore Lake north of town, invited village council members to meet her at the river for a group kayak up the creek.

"How many of you would buy a car without driving it first? Anybody?" she asked. "Would you test drive it or would you spend \$180,000 on a car without driving it? Let's get our kayaks and let's 'drive' that river."

Alan Heavener of Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental, offered to supply the canoes and kayaks if city officials wanted to accept Lincoln's invitation. Later, he said the offer still stands.

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## Michigan's 'king of real estate' Calvin Chamberlain dies at age 92

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Relationships trumped location in Calvin Miller Chamberlain's world.

Chamberlain, who at one time operated one of the largest real estate companies in Michigan, died Aug. 17 at the age of 92. Daughter Sally McCarthy said she'll always remember her father as an honest businessman and a great dad.

"He was the textbook example of a person living the American dream," she said. "He was an entrepreneur who came from modest means, but through hard work, determination and initiative, he built a very successful company and always found time to be with his family."

Born in 1925, Chamberlain grew up in a middle-class family in Royal Oak. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, he returned home to Michigan with plans to become a lawyer.

"He was ready to take the bar exam when he started selling homes with his older brother Bud in 1949," McCarthy said. "That summer, he listed and sold 10 houses and decided to go into real estate rather than become a lawyer."

Chamberlain worked on his brother's staff in Royal Oak for several years, learning the ropes of real estate, before deciding to open his own branch. The two brothers looked at a map, and agreed that Calvin would sell homes in the suburbs north of 14 Mile Road. He opened his first office on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

"Back in those days,

Birmingham was less populated territory," McCarthy said. "Then people began moving north and my dad was in a booming location."

At the height of their success, the combined Chamberlain Real Estate Co. had 29 sales offices around southeast Michigan and a small army of Realtors.

#### Know the customer

At the age of 33, Chamberlain was (and still is) the youngest person ever to serve as president of the Birmingham Board of Realtors. He married his college sweetheart Janet and together the couple raised four daughters in Birmingham.

"One of the things that makes us so proud of our dad is that he always operated with the highest degree of integrity," McCarthy said. "And he always took care of his employees. He started a profit sharing trust so that people retiring from his company would be financially secure and comfortable. I know there was a secretary who worked for him for over 30 years and retired with a pretty nice nest egg."

When it came to selling, Chamberlain felt the most important part of the deal was to know his client.

"My dad said his goal was to never show a client more than three or four homes to make the sale," McCarthy said. "His belief was, if you take the time to truly understand the needs of the client and what they are looking for in a home, you should be able to save the client time by showing them just a few



SALLY MCCARTHY

Calvin Chamberlain and his wife Janet. Together, the couple raised four daughters and built a real estate empire.

homes."

#### A modest man

Daughter Cathy Howe said her father made a point to find a balance in his life when it came to work and family time.

"His favorite saying was, 'It's all about health, love and wealth and the time to enjoy all three.' He strived to earn a good income while also having enough free time to spend with his family," Howe said.

Chamberlain loved dinner table conversations. He wanted his daughters to be well-educated, confident and independent. He encouraged them to participate in a wide variety of activities and taught them to ski at a young age.

Chamberlain was fluent in several languages and he loved to travel. He preferred to spend his earnings on family vacations rather than on a new car or some other possession. He enjoyed flying and owned several planes

over his lifetime, along with vacation property in Aspen and on Walloon Lake, which is where Ernest Hemingway spent his summers growing up.

He also created a few college scholarships to provide students the opportunity to study abroad and gave generously to the Crossroads for Youth organization.

The family lived in the same house in Birmingham for 22 years and all four daughters graduated from Seaholm High School.

"He always lived below his means," Howe said. "He used to tell us, if you can't pay cash for it, then you don't deserve to have it."

Chamberlain was an incredible history buff, a voracious reader ... and a true people person. McCarthy said her dad often wore a giant cowboy hat during his travels, because he knew it was a great conversation starter.

"He didn't really care about possessions," Mc-



SALLY MCCARTHY

Calvin Chamberlain understood the importance of relationships when it came to selling property.

Carthy said. "Dad loved adventure. He loved to travel and learn about different cultures."

Chamberlain stepped away from the real estate business around 1985. His brother Bud died in 2012, also at the age of 92.

His memorial service and celebration of life will be Sept. 29 at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.

In lieu of flowers,

contributions in Chamberlain's honor can be sent to Crossroads for Youth, 930 E. Drahnner, Oxford, MI 48371 or online to [www.crossroadsforyouth.org](http://www.crossroadsforyouth.org). Write "Calvin Chamberlain Memorial" in the memo line.

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# 2017 M-STEP results in Michigan reveal a troubling trend in education

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Michigan's elementary and middle school students are slowly making gains in math and social studies on the state's tough standardized exam. But a troubling trend is obvious in results released Tuesday: That progress is overshadowed by declines nearly across the board in reading and writing, as well as continued struggles in science.

The declines in reading and writing couldn't come at a worse time, given the state is upping the stakes and requiring schools, with some exceptions, to hold back students whose performance indicates they're not reading at grade level. Those rules kick in during the 2019-20 school year.

The Michigan Department of Education released the results of the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress and the Michigan Merit Exam Tuesday. Results show droves of students across all grade levels and subjects failed the important tests that were taken this spring.

The M-STEP tests students in English language arts and math in grades three through eight, in science in grades four and seven, and in social studies in grades five and eight. The MME is a high school exam that for the second year in a row includes the SAT as well as state-created tests in science and social studies. It is taken by 11th graders.

The results:

» 45.9 percent of students in grades three-eight passed the English language arts portion of the M-STEP. That's down from 47.3 percent in 2016.

» 37.89 percent of students in grades three-eight passed the math portion of the M-STEP. That's up from 37.2 percent in 2016.

» 23.5 percent of the students in grades four and seven who took the science M-STEP and in grade 11 who took the MME, passed. That's slightly down from 23.8 percent in 2016.

» 32.8 percent of the students in grades 5, 8 and 11 passed exams in social studies, up from 30.3 percent last year.

State Superintendent Brian Whiston, in a statement, said the improvements in math and social studies "is exciting news."

"The English language arts scores are disappointing, however," he said.

Whiston said schools and districts need to work with their intermediate school districts to carefully analyze the results and look for ways to improve. The MDE and the State Board of Education have been intensely working to transform Michigan into a top 10 performing state.

"I am confident that investments into early childhood education and literacy supports will bring improvement and growth," Whiston said. "We need to stay focused and diligent."

The MDE is working on a new testing vision that would see the M-STEP tweaked — but not replaced — to be shorter and better able to capture student improvement, said Martin Ackley, spokesman for the department.

The MDE is looking at mandatory state exams



Fourth-grade students go to their locker in between classes at Madison Elementary School in Madison Heights.

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in the fall and spring, along with an optional exam in the winter. Shorter exams multiple times a year would allow schools to measure growth from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year — something that's not possible with the current exam.

Like last year, there was one consistent, negative trend: With the exception of fifth-grade language arts, more than half of the students were not proficient on the exams across all grades and subjects tested.

Meanwhile, student scores on the SAT portion of the exam showed slight increases. The average score was 1007.6 out of 1600, up from 1001 last year. This is the second time around students have taken the new SAT, which was revamped to better assess readiness for college and careers.

Comparison with other states is difficult because Michigan is one of only nine states that administer the SAT to mostly all students. Among the others: Connecticut, which posted an average score of 1031 and Idaho, with an average score of 998.

The SAT also reports data showing the percentage of students that met its college readiness standard. In Michigan, 60 percent met the standard in evidence-based reading and writing, while 37 percent met it in math.

Among the top scorers on the SAT were three high schools that use the International Baccalaureate curriculum, a rigorous program that prepares students for entry into colleges worldwide. They include the International Academy in Bloomfield Township, the International Academy of Macomb County in Clinton Township and Washtenaw International High School in Ypsilanti.

Poor performance on the M-STEP and MME could come with some consequences. The state could identify schools with consistently low results for improvement, and require they enter into a partnership agreement with the Michigan Department of Education.

Those agreements — an alternative to closing

failing schools — mean the districts with struggling schools will have to set goals for those schools, and if they don't meet those goals the schools could face sanctions. The sanctions would vary depending on what the districts agreed to in the pacts with the state.

There were some bright spots in the state, including in the Madison District Public Schools in Madison Heights, where the number of students proficient was up in a number of areas.

Some of the biggest gains came in fifth grade. In English language arts, for instance, 41 percent were proficient, up from 29 percent last year. And in math, the percentage of students who passed went from 8.6 percent last year to 23.4 percent.

Superintendent Randy Speck said he's pleased with the results, though he knows the district must keep improving.

"It's what we've been working for," Speck said.

The district has made sure its curriculum is aligned with the standards taught on the exams. Three years ago it began operating using a balanced calendar, meaning students start the school year early and end it later than most others, while having more frequent breaks throughout the year. The schedule means there isn't as much time during the summer for students to lose what they've learned during the year.

"We're really starting to see the retention level increase," Speck said.

Most important, Speck said, is the district has tried to cultivate a culture "of trying to balance out the importance of showing each child that we love and care for them and at the same time saying you can really achieve and we want to show you you can do it."

The Madison Heights district wasn't the only one that showed improvement. A few other examples: Bemis Junior High School in Utica Community Schools, where the percentage of students proficient in English language arts across all grades rose from 37 percent to 53 percent; Momentum

Academy in Hazel Park, where the percentage proficient in language arts across all grades rose from 10 percent to 34 percent; and Garfield Elementary School in Livonia Public Schools, where the English language arts proficiency for all grades rose from 23 percent to 40 percent.

The release of test results will mark the first time in a while that the state has three years' worth of reliable data to measure how well students and schools are performing, said officials with the Education Trust-Midwest, a Royal Oak-based education policy and research organization.

"Michigan has taken the important step of setting high expectations for all of our students and using an honest tool to measure our progress. Now is the time to build on this work and move the needle forward," Brian Gutman, the organization's director of public engagement, said in a news release.

The release pointed out "stubborn achievement gaps" that remain in Michigan between white students and minority students. For instance, proficiency rates in eighth-grade math were four times greater for white students (39.2 percent) than they were for black students (10.1 percent) and double the rate for Latino students (19.5 percent), according to the organization.

And proficiency rates for low-income students continue to be, as the release notes, "devastatingly low."

There is a correlation between poverty and poor performance on standardized tests. And while the Madison

Heights district, where nearly 90 percent of the students are eligible for a free or reduced-priced lunch, may be bucking the trend with its improvement, many schools with high populations of high-poverty students struggled.

That is felt most acutely in the state's largest city, where results for both the Detroit Public Schools Community District and the Education Achievement Authority were low. The EAA, a state reform district that took on some of the worst-performing schools in the Detroit district, disbanded in June and its schools are now back in DPSCD.

In DPSCD, the percentage of students who passed in language arts in grades three-eight ranged from 9.4 percent in grade 6, to 16.1 percent in grade 8; while the math results ranged from 4.1 percent in grade 5 to a high of 12.3 percent in third grade. The worst showing came in fourth-grade science, where just 1.6 percent of the students were proficient.

DPSCD Superintendent Nikolai Vitti, who is new to the job, said the results "allows the district to celebrate the improvement that several schools demonstrated while also acknowledging that there is a lot of work that needs to be done to improve proficiency rates across the district."

This will start, he said, by providing principals and teachers with comprehensive training on the standards, re-emphasizing phonics at the elementary level and using data systems that properly identify the academic gaps students face, then providing stronger interventions.

Meanwhile, the district will undergo a curriculum audit in literacy and math "to clearly identify the gaps in our curriculum that exist," he said. That analysis will aid the district in picking a new curriculum for the 2018-19 school year that is aligned to the standards that are assessed on the state exam.

"We will engage principals shortly to identify best practices from schools where performance improved to replicate while also problem solving with schools where performance declined," Vitti said in a statement issued Tuesday afternoon.

In the schools directly run by the EAA, the language arts results ranged from 3.2 percent in grade 6 to a high of 8.3 percent in eighth grade. Math ranged from fewer than 1.4 percent in grade 6 to a high of 9.5 percent in grade 3.

Worse, science results showed 0 percent of EAA's fourth-graders to be proficient in science and 0.4 percent proficient in fifth-grade social studies.

The EAA's three charter schools, which were independently operated, did far better — yet still low — with language arts results ranging from 11 percent in grade 4 to 24.7 percent in grade 8; and with math ranging from 2.5 percent in grade 5 to 14.9 percent in grade 3.

Those charters, though, struggled in seventh-grade science and fifth-grade social studies, where 0 percent of the students were proficient.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - October 3, 2017

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 3, 2017 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will receive comments on the Township's 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008 and identifies multi-year capital improvements and projects for the purposes of long-range planning for the Township. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this hearing, provide their comments and ask questions. The CIP will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, and on the Township's website beginning September 12, 2017 at [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us). Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Eric Lark, Chair  
Planning Commission

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# War dog saluted

Black lab Cena served three tours of duty for Marine Corps

**Hasan Dudar**  
Detroit Free Press

A group of six German shepherds gave a final salute last month in honor of a fellow canine who served three tours of duty as a military working dog for the U.S. Marine Corps and died July 27 at age 10 after a weeks-long battle with bone cancer.

The German shepherds, which are part of the K-9 Salute Team, were trained to kneel and howl on command in honor of Cena, a black lab who was euthanized in July and whose remains were interred today at the Michigan War Dog Memorial in Lyon Township.

The memorial site, which hosted the public service and private interment, has about 10 military dogs buried beside 2,150 pets interred at the historic pet cemetery, according to memorial president and director Phil Weitlauf.

Cena, a bomb-sniffing dog, belonged to Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jeffrey DeYoung, 27, of Muskegon, who said he adopted the black lab in June 2014 after Cena underwent a year of rehabilitation therapy. DeYoung said that he and Cena served together on a seven-month tour of duty in Afghanistan that began in October 2009.

Cena also served with Jon North, a Marine sergeant from Osage, Iowa, who was present at the ceremony, and one other



The burial plot of Marine Corps K9 Cena at the Michigan War Dog Memorial.

soldier who was not able to be there.

DeYoung said in a eulogy at the memorial service that Cena endured various injuries on his tours of duty, and that he and Cena encountered three improvised explosive devices together. Cena was officially an IED detection dog with the Marine Corps. The dogs walk ahead of patrols and pick up the scent of the explosives in the area and sit down near the explosive before a bomb-disarming unit comes, Weitlauf said.

"In every aspect of Cena, he has shed blood, pain, sweat and tears for this country," DeYoung said.

North, 28, who served one year with Cena in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011 didn't speak at the service, but told the Free Press that Cena was known for being "a slow, old man" and that he was "just kind of a goofy old dog."

"By the end of your time together, he's more like a brother, more like a kid. It's hard to let him go," North said.

Together, DeYoung and North carried an urn containing Cena's ashes in a funeral procession that included bagpipers and a military color guard.

Weitlauf said that three separate Jeep convoys — including one from Muskegon with DeYoung escorting Cena's remains — traversed different parts of the state to make it to the service, linking up at different locations including Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and New Hudson. He said that about 80



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The convoy carrying the remains of Cena, which left from the Grand Rapids area earlier in the day, arrives at the Michigan War Dog Memorial in South Lyon.

Jeeps participated in the convoys, and that about 600 people attended the funeral service — nearly double the 350 attendees the services normally get.

DeYoung, who is a professional public speaker, said that after adopting Cena in 2014, their job wasn't yet over. They spent the next several years journeying across the country together to places such as President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home and the U.S. Congress, where DeYoung discussed the need to bring home all war dogs prior to retirement "so that what happened in Vietnam with the euthanasia will never happen again."

At the end of that war, troops were ordered to leave their dogs in Vietnam out of fear of a logistical nightmare and concerns of disease being brought back, Weitlauf said. They had the option to give the dogs over to the South Vietnamese army or to euthanize them, he said. Over 4,000 were left behind, and

only 204 made it back home, Weitlauf said.

Tom Strepka, 69, of Bloomfield Hills was deployed to Vietnam in 1971 at the age of 23, where he served a six-month tour of duty and suffered injuries. He said the funeral gave him closure.

Strepka said that war dogs in Vietnam once saved his platoon of 30 men from an ambush.

"I'm out here for every funeral because it's long overdue for everyone to recognize the importance of dogs as being part of the unit and not a piece of equipment, the way the government treated them in Vietnam," Strepka said. "And it's a glorious day, and I guess that it gives me a little more peace of mind."

For DeYoung, laying Cena to rest at what he described as the "Arlington of dogs" also provided some closure.

"Cena's journey in my life is done. Our work is not, so I will continue doing so in his honor," DeYoung said to reporters before the ceremony.

## U-M's Harbaugh adds ex-fire chief to his football staff

**Jay Grossman**  
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Never in his wildest dreams did former Bloomfield Township Fire Chief Dave Piche expect to receive a job offer from University of Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh.

"I'm still pinching myself that I'm here," said Piche, who started working at Schembechler Hall in August, reporting directly to one of America's most famous college coaches.

Retirement lasted about a month for the 32-year career firefighter, who steadily rose through the ranks to become head of one of the largest fire departments in Michigan.

In his new role, Piche said he'll serve as the "go-to guy" for the U-M football staff. One of his responsibilities is to keep an eye on the players and make sure they understand the rules and expectations.

"I was told to wear a suit and tie to work every day to maintain a presence with the players," he said.

He'll help fill credentials for visiting NFL scouts, plus he's become familiar with the layout and operations at Schembechler Hall. It's a full-time position and Piche expects to be at all the home games and some away games.

For someone who's been rooting for the maize and blue his entire life, Piche feels like a winner in the ultimate sports fan lottery. His family and friends are blown away.

"It's surreal," he said. "I'm around the players every day ... Harbaugh stops by to talk to me in

the morning to see how things are going. It's all good."

Piche is certainly a good fit for the job, considering his background in management and ability to work within the structure of a large organization. He also has extensive training in how to quickly respond to the unexpected.

How he landed the job is a funny story.

Bloomfield Township Supervisor Leo Savoie, who is friends with former U-M wide receiver Paul Jokisch, arranged for Piche to meet Harbaugh at Schembechler Hall as a parting gift to the retiring fire chief.

Piche and a pair of colleagues went in June to Ann Arbor, where they spent most of the afternoon with Harbaugh, assistant coaches and members of the team. Piche said just as they were leaving, Harbaugh asked what he planned to do in retirement.

"He told me I should come work for him and I thought he was joking," Piche said. "I told him I could be the team's water boy and we both started laughing ... and I thought that was it."

A few weeks later, Piche received a call from one of Harbaugh's assistants. Now, he's getting ready to roam the sidelines in the Big House.

"I had such a great career in Bloomfield Township and now I'm here at U-M," he said. "I just feel blessed and I'm looking forward to a great season."

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DAVE PICHE

Retired Bloomfield Township Fire Chief Dave Piche now works for University of Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh.

I am an American We are One Nation

# POSITIVE ACTION AFTER A TRAGEDY

After daughter is killed in an ATV crash, principal works for a helmet law

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USA TODAY NETWORK

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

When Kate Bruggenschmidt went to hang out with friends between softball games, her mother's primary concern was that her daughter didn't go swimming, fearing she'd wear herself out.

What Ashlee Bruggenschmidt never considered was that Kate might hop onto an ATV.

The 750-pound ATV Kate and her friend were riding rolled over, crushing Kate and killing her instantly. She was 11.

For a year, Ashlee, the principal at Sharon Elementary School in Newburgh, Ind., didn't talk about the crash. But one day a thought occurred to her. "I can't believe there's not a helmet law in Indiana."

And the Play for Kate Foundation was formed.

The foundation built a playground in Kate's memory in Boonville, Ind., but the important work was just beginning.

Ashlee Bruggenschmidt testified before the Indiana House and Senate, alongside doctors, Kate's friends and advocates from public interest groups.

"As educators, it's our jobs to keep kids safe," Ashlee told colleagues.

It wasn't easy, but on July 1, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb signed HEA 1200 into law. It dictates that all ATV riders younger than 18 must wear a helmet, both on public and private land.

"HEA 1200 isn't going to change Kate's outcome, but it is going to change outcomes for other kids in the state of Indiana," Ashlee said about the bill.

Still, Ashlee's work continues. Working with a company in North Carolina, Ashlee developed "Safety Sam," a robot that can travel to schools and teach kids about ATV safety. Sam rides an ATV and is operated remotely by an Indiana conservation officer who



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After her daughter was killed in an ATV accident, Ashlee Bruggenschmidt founded the Play for Kate Foundation, which successfully advocated for a helmet safety law in Indiana.

can interact with kids via headset.

The Play for Kate Foundation has secured funding for four Safety Sams, with orders for more from three states and Puerto Rico.

In August, Ashlee spoke with leaders in Washington, including Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, about a national ATV helmet law.

Ashlee's goal? "Zero preventable deaths from ATV accidents." For Kate.

## Ashlee Bruggenschmidt

**Location:** Boonville, Ind.

**Age:** 40

**Profession:** Principal, Sharon Elementary School, Newburgh, Ind.

**Mission:** Zero preventable deaths in ATV accidents

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## Q&A WITH ASHLEE BRUGGENSCHMIDT

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

To be an American means to live your life in a way so that if today was your last day, you would feel good about the choices and decisions in life that you made. Choices that make a positive difference, leave a lasting impact for the goodness of others. As Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." That is what being an American means to me — to be selfless, to be kind, to sacrifice, to give hope and grace to make the world a better place.

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

About a year after (Kate's) accident, I was sitting with a friend and I looked at her and said, "I can't believe there's not a helmet law in Indiana." As educators, it's our jobs to keep kids safe.

### What gives you hope?

The goodness of our community and giving or helping others gives us hope. Giving is a way to channel our grief. It helps us focus on someone else's needs rather than our own sadness. We try to focus on the positives. In Kate's tragedy, we were confronted with an outpouring of good, hope, caring and compassion from our community. The community helped us to move forward and do something meaningful with the time we have left here on Earth in Kate's honor/memory.

### What concerns you?

What concerns me is all the hate, anger, belittling and resentment in the world today. You see it on television, on social media, in our leadership and in every walk of life. Our kids and society in general need more love, compassion, empathy, grace and hope. It is all of our jobs as citizens to make that culture change ... into a culture of hope, humility and prosperity.

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

Zero preventable deaths from ATV accidents.

# Former Radio City Rockette runs dance studio in Birmingham

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Amy Emmett went from dancing at her mother's studio in Arkansas to joining the Radio City Rockettes in New York City without missing a beat.

Emmett owns and operates the Next Step Broadway studio in Birmingham that offers students voice, dancing and acting lessons. The studio, which opened in April, is located in the Adams Square shopping center.

This is Emmett's second dance studio — the first one she opened nine years ago in New Jersey is still going strong. As everyone knows, they say the neon lights are bright on Broadway:

### Q: Growing up in Arkansas, did you ever dream you'd join the Radio City Rockettes?

Emmett: I grew up dancing at my mother's dance studio in Arkansas. She instilled a love for dance in me. When I was 12 years old, my grandmother took my mom and I to New York City, where we saw the Radio City Rockettes. I was mesmerized! I must have been a pretty bold kid, because I remember thinking, "I can do that. I'm going to be a Rockette someday."

I went home and wrote the Rockettes a letter asking how to become part of the troupe. They wrote back a very sweet note stating all of the requirements and thanking me for my interest in wanting to be a Rockette. I still have that letter today.

I went to Oklahoma City University to polish my dancing, signing,



NEXT STEP BROADWAY

Amy Emmett working with some of her students at the Next Step Broadway studio in Birmingham.

acting and auditioning skills. Graduated summa cum laude and started on my journey to become a professional dancer.

Soon after, I was standing in line at Radio City with 1,000 other wide-eyed dancers with the same dream. Fortunately, it was my time and I danced with the Rockettes for 11 years. My best friends still today are girls that I danced with on that great stage.

### Q: What was the best part of being a Rockette?

Emmett: I have two: The best part of being a

Rockette is the camaraderie with my fellow Rockettes. It's a grueling, but very gratifying experience. I have lifelong relationships with these girls. They are the only ones who truly know the fascinating experience of being a Rockette.

The other best part is seeing the faces of the little kids who are smiling from ear to ear the entire show.

### Q: What was the hardest part?

Emmett: The hardest part about being a Rockette was our "marathon" weekends where we would do five shows on

Friday, six on Saturday and five on Sunday. Submerging in complete ice baths between shows to reduce swelling of our overused muscles, then heat packs and lots of warming up to get back on the stage.

I remember waking up Saturday and Sunday mornings with not enough sleep, barely being able to walk to the subway. But I was kicking and smiling at 9 a.m. for the first group of eager youngsters in the audience.

### Q: How did you end up in Michigan?

Emmett: I met my

husband in New York on a blind date set up by a mutual friend. They came to the final show of the season and he ended up going with me to the after-parties. I'm sure he wasn't too upset being surrounded by 80 beautiful women. We married, started a family and decided we'd like our kids to have a similar childhood to what we had growing up in a nice small town. He's from Michigan, so this is where we landed.

### Q: Tell us about your dance studio and what inspired you to open it?

Emmett: Like I said

earlier, my mom owned a dance studio and that is what I knew and loved. The reason I opened up a studio specifically called Next Step Broadway is because I wanted to have a place where kids could learn everything they needed to be able to make it on Broadway.

I wanted them to learn how to act, sing, dance, audition and to learn the ropes of living in a city like New York. But most of all, I wanted to instill a love for performing in anyone who would listen to me.

### Q: Are you still trying to form the Next Step Triple Threats team of students who can dance, act and sing?

Emmett: We have a Next Step Triple Threats team in my New Jersey location and in Michigan. They are allowed to take unlimited classes, which include many styles of dance, voice, acting and musical theater.

### Q: Tell us about your hip hop program? Is there a Justin Timberlake waiting in the wings?

Emmett: The classes are taught by our award-winning teachers and will feature break-dancing, poppin', lockin', tumbling, current dance trends and more! Our teachers are relevant to the current styles and hip hop dance scene. We have many hip hop levels, as well as all-boys classes. Dancers will not only learn cool dance moves, they will learn about hip hop culture and history.

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JUNIOR HOCKEY

# Leaving home: Mack can't pass up OHL

South Lyon resident heading to play for Erie

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Joseph Mack decided the time was sooner rather than later to get a jump-start on his hockey career.

Instead of staying locally and finishing his senior year of high school at South Lyon East, the New Hudson resident will find himself in Erie, Pa., the next three years trying to showcase his skills to National Hockey League scouts.

The 6-foot-3, 190-pound

center, who helped Compuware to a USA Hockey Tier-I 16U national championship last April, signed a three-year contract with the Erie Otters, the defending Robertson Cup champions of the Ontario Hockey League.

Mack, who was an eighth-round pick by the Otters in the 2016 OHL Priority Draft, will be living with a billet family in Erie and finishing his high school requirements through online courses with some of his teammates.

"I felt like this was the best

junior option," Mack said. "A lot of guys go from the OHL to the NHL out of this league. The OHL pretty much guarantees you pretty much the college scholarship. If you go the other route, you're not guaranteed to get a full ride because you might get hurt and they might cancel it."

Mom Jen Mack has mixed emotions about the move.

"I will say that I'm extremely proud and excited for him but, at the same time, I'm heartbroken to say good-bye to my son a year or two earlier," she said.

The Otters, who produced

Edmonton Oilers star Connor McDavid, the NHL's Hart Trophy MVP winner, will be in a rebuilding mode under new coach Chris Hartsburg.

Mack is described as having excellent size, long and rangy, with the ability to work best below the dots while controlling the puck. He also can dominate the physical battles.

Mack's favorite NHL player is Chicago's Jonathan Toews, while his favorite teams growing up were the Blackhawks and hometown Red Wings.

During Compuware's 5-0



Joseph Mack is making the jump for his senior year of high school to the Ontario Hockey League.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Alsobrooks sparks Churchill's big win



Churchill's Darrell Mason Jr. (left) gets taken down by Northville lineman Patrick Long.

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Chargers bolt out to 28-0 halftime lead and never look back

**Brad Emons**  
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There's another Alsobrooks starting at quarterback for Livonia Churchill and he's already starting to carve an identity of his own.

Drew Alsobrooks, a 6-foot-1, 191-pound junior in only his third career start, ran for three touchdowns and was an efficient 10-of-15 passing for 180 yards as the Chargers opened KLAA Gold Division play with a convincing 34-14

win Aug. 31 over host Northville at Tom Holzer Field.

Alsobrooks, who rushed nine times for 103 yards, is following in the footsteps of his older brother Brian, a standout of his own both as QB and kicker for the Chargers.



Churchill's Drew Alsobrooks (left) ran for three TDs during Churchill's win over Northville.

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Last season, Alsobrooks backed up starter Evan Cummins (Ferris State), while also kicking and punting as a sopho-

more. He had one start late in the year against Wayne Me-

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## #HTLSports GAME OF THE WEEK 3

Our high school football coverage continues with Week 3. Remember to follow us on Twitter @HTLSports or follow individual reporters covering games listed below. A live scoreboard at [www.hometownlife.com/sports](http://www.hometownlife.com/sports) will feature tweets throughout the night Thursday starting at 5 p.m. Updates on coverage can be found on our Facebook page @hometownlifesports.

**Game of the Week**  
Friday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.:

South Lyon at White Lake Lakeland. Follow Brad Emons @BradEmons1

**Other games**

Friday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.: Livonia Churchill at Livonia Stevenson. Follow Tim Smith @TimSmith\_Sports

**Predictions**

**Smith:** Lakeland, Stevenson

**Budner:** Lakeland, Stevenson

**Emons:** Lakeland, Churchill

PREP VOLLEYBALL

# New coaches look ahead

Canton powers past Plymouth in first meeting of campus rivals

**Tim Smith**  
hometownlife.com

There are three new varsity volleyball coaches at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park this year and two of them went head-to-head Aug. 31.

Canton's Cricket Hughley got the last word against Plymouth's Sheila Weber, as the Chiefs earned a 25-21, 25-13, 25-10 victory over the host Wildcats.

Although wins and losses are nice, both coaches talked about the importance of team chemistry and work ethic in just how successful their programs can be.

Hughley (nee Colby), who graduated from Garden City in 2006 and played volleyball there for longtime coach John Pace, smiled when asked what she learned in those years.

"A lot of sportsmanship, obviously," she said. "Just being a good teammate ... and definitely working hard."

After high school, Hughley played at Concordia University and got her feet wet in the coaching arena at Willow Run Middle School and at Canton last year, coaching the freshman team.

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Canton's new volleyball coach is Cricket Hughley, all smiles near the end of the win at Plymouth.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Stevenson stays undefeated with big victory over Novi

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Home or away, it doesn't seem to matter so far for the Livonia Stevenson football team.

The Spartans squeaked out a season-opening 14-13 win over district rival Franklin. In what turned into a high-scoring affair Aug. 31, Stevenson took to the road and toppled Novi, 44-21.

While Stevenson kept its record perfect at 2-0, Novi fell for the second straight week and is 0-2. The Wildcats opened with a 42-21 Week 1 loss at Birmingham Groves.

Here are a half-dozen takeaways from the game:

## THROUGH THE AIR

Senior quarterback Parker Graham had another big game for the Spartans. After throwing for a pair of touchdowns in the opener, Graham threw for two more against the Wildcats. He also ran for three touchdowns: 5 yards at the end of the first half, 57 yards in the wild third quarter and 40 yards in the fourth. His stats for the night were impressive: 9-of-17 passing for 221 yards and 14 rushes for 125 yards. In addition, senior George Ferguson



Stevenson running back Tyler Whiteside looks for running room against Novi defenders Landon Green (left) and Jordan Castleberry.

caught a touchdown pass and Joe Kubeshesky caught another touchdown pass. Stevenson's other three points came on a 30-yard field goal by Griffin Matick.

## BEND, NOT BREAK

Stevenson allowed 21 points, but it did have a few standout defensive players and finished with four turnovers—all interceptions. Ferguson had two and Roman Klenk and Nate Garcia had the others. Devin Dunn paced the Spartans with 6.5 tackles, including 3 yards in losses. He also was credited with

three pass breakups.

## NOVI HIGHLIGHTS

Novi actually had more first downs than Stevenson, 17-15. Wildcats touchdowns were scored by senior tailback Kyle Klosterman, on runs of 23 and 31 yards, and Traveon Maddox, on a 14-yard pass from senior southpaw Sean Gilliam. Klosterman led Novi with 14 carries for 96 total yards.

## NEW YEAR, NEW DIVISION

Novi and Livonia Stevenson are members of the newly realigned Kensington Lakes Activities

Association and they put on quite a show for the fans in their inaugural Black Division battle. The teams combined for 27 first-half points and kept the offense going in the second half with 38 more points. If anything, it kept the fans warmly entertained on what turned into a chilly late August night. The teams previously played in the KLAA Central Division.

## COLORS GALORE

It was certainly a colorful setting at Wildcat Stadium. Stevenson was decked out in its visiting pale blue and



Novi senior defensive lineman Chad Howell wraps up Stevenson quarterback Parker Graham (left) for a first-half sack.

white uniforms. The Wildcats sported their customary green and white uniforms. And the refs chipped in yellow. The teams combined for 22 penalties—14 to Stevenson for 120 yards and eight to Novi for 71 yards.

## NO ADVANTAGE

It's safe to say these two teams have an even history against one another.

The series was deadlocked at 5-5 heading into the game, so it was visiting Stevenson that took the lead with its sixth victory. Novi won last year's match-up, 38-17, but Stevenson had taken the two previous games, both by three points (28-25 in 2015 and 31-28 in 2014). Stevenson has now won three of the last four meetings against Novi.

## FOOTBALL

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morial, when Cummins was hurt.

"They're cut from the same cloth," said Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo, who watched Alsobrooks expertly run the read option, scoring on TD runs of 2, 49 and 8 yards. "He's probably a little more energetic. Brian was a little more cerebral at this point, I think. But I think when you're the younger brother, that comes out sometimes. He is used to playing with the older kids, competing and doing that. So he's great to have around."

Here are five other takeaways from the game:

## BIG BROTHER, LITTLE BROTHER

Brian Alsobrooks started his college football career at Eastern Michigan, but transferred this year to NCAA Division II power California (Pa.) University to concentrate on being a QB as opposed to being a kicker.

"Brian was a really great player," Drew said. "He works with me all the time. All winter, all off-season he was on me. He watches my games every week, fixes me and tells me what I did wrong. He's a great brother."

## IMPRESSIVE METRICS

Churchill finished with 420 yards total offense, 240 on the ground, as senior Tyrese Williams added 57 yards 11 carries. The Chargers showed balance by adding 180 in the air.

"(Alsobrooks) always has trust in his receivers to catch it," said Churchill running back Michael Parrish, who finished with 45 yards on eight carries.

## TIGHT DEFENSE

Parrish, a 5-10, 196-pound middle linebacker, also starred on the defensive side with a fumble recovery after a sack



Northville's Ben Schmidt (left) hauls in a 34-yard fourth quarter TD pass vs. Churchill.

by teammate Alregio Sanders in the second quarter. Joel Forgacs also had a fumble recovery to set up Churchill's final TD.

"I have to give a shout-out to the defensive ends because, without them, we couldn't get those tackles," the senior said. "They closed, let the quarterback and receiver come to us. They did their job and we count on them."

## FAST START

Churchill, which bolted out to a 28-0 halftime lead, also got 1-yard TD

run from Parrish and a 6-yard TD run from Avery Grenier.

The Churchill defense also did its part in the first half by blanking the Mustangs.

"We made a lot of good stops and we played disciplined," Churchill senior strong safety Jaren Carble said. "That's what we try to do every day in practice. We're a hard-working group and we're going to try out best to get our 'W.'"

DeFillippo's halftime speech was direct and to the point.

"He just said stay disciplined, but our main key was to come out the second half with it being 0-0 and having no mindset what the score is," Carble said.

## TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

Northville (1-1, 0-1) was unable to recover from a 28-0 halftime deficit.

"We were not good at all," Northville coach Matt Ladach said. "We did not compete. We came out flat and credit to Churchill, to their staff and to their players. They were fired up and

they punched us right in the mouth."

After going down 28-0 at the half, Northville got a 10-yard TD run from Abe Khoury and a 34-yard scoring pass from Jon Michalak to Ben Schmidt in the final quarter.

The Mustangs finished with 240 yards total offense.

"Our energy was better," Ladach said. "Our effort was better and our execution was better. Churchill did some good things defensively in the first half, taking away our option. With what

they were running, that outside backer out wide, and we started running our counter play and had some good success on that drive in the second half."

But the Mustangs were unable to contain Alsobrooks, especially in the first half.

"We watched him on film last week against Monroe and he runs their offense really well," Ladach said. "He had a great night tonight."

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Franklin mantra: Be toughest team on the field

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Full-throttle football is Livonia Franklin's calling card, especially in recent playoff seasons.

And veteran Patriots head coach Chris Kelbert expects nothing to change this time around.

"We always want to be prepared for every game we play in," Kelbert said prior to that game. "And we're always going to try to be the most physical team on the field."

"That's something we've been preaching all summer long. We're tough, we're physical. That's who we are and that's what we want to be."

The Patriots won't change their approach, even with a new division to call home. With the downsizing of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association from 24 to 14 teams, Franklin is moving from the KLAA South Division to the GLAA South Division.

"Football is football and we're still playing the same teams we've always played," Kelbert said. "We don't have Canton this year and that's a

game that we always look forward to. They're one of best programs in the state and we like playing them. We're going to miss that rivalry with those guys.

"But for the most, part it's still the same. We played Northville back when it was the Western Lakes; they used to be in our division, so very familiar with those guys. Grand Blanc's the only one that we don't know much about. The South is pretty much intact."

After a tough 14-13 loss to Livonia Stevenson in the opener, the Patriots bounced back on Aug. 31 with a 35-6 rout of Wayne Memorial.

### Back to battle

Here's how tough the Patriots are: Brad Gibson, a defensive back and slot receiver who missed the entire 2016 regular season due to a torn ACL, rehabbed tirelessly to be back at full strength for his senior season.

"He's a great football player," Kelbert said. "He started as a sophomore in our semi-final run, played the whole 13 games at corner. And we



Livonia Franklin seniors Jacob Mass (left) and Keion Harris are pumped up to lead the Patriots back to the playoffs.

missed him last year, for sure."

After the postseason run in 2015, the Patriots went 6-3 during the regular season last year to qualify for a playoff spot. They then went 1-1 in the postseason, with Gibson able to get back on the field for those contests.

There are other stellar, versatile seniors who are determined to not only lead

Franklin back to the playoffs, but to some victories once they get there.

Two of the key catalysts figure to be a pair of seniors who already are getting looks from colleges — senior linebacker/tight end Jacob Mass and senior defensive back Keion Harris.

"Jacob Mass has been a three-year starter for us and, ever since he was a sophomore, he's always been one of our emotional leaders," Kelbert said. "A hard-working kid and a kid that people just follow based on his hard work."

"And same with Keion. Keion's a real quiet, kind of laid-back guy, but he's been in a real key contributor to our program. Both are really good football players for us and they're going to be important parts to our success on both sides of the ball."

Whomever the coach opts to play quarterback (he plans to start the year giving playing time both to senior Keegan Flaherty and sophomore Jacob Kelbert), he knows he'll have a physical force in the backfield.

Senior running back Isaac

Moore (6-0, 210) will keep defenses honest.

"We also have, Isaac Moore, who's our running back," Kelbert said. "And he's a bull. He's slimmed down, gotten faster and is still very, very physical."

### Time to rock

That hard-hitting approach is shared by many others throughout the roster, particularly Mass and Harris.

"It feels great, we're looking (to) another playoff season," Mass said. "We're really close-knit, the class of 2018 has been really close-knit all coming up through high school and now we have the class of 2019 with us now. We're just one big family."

Concurring was Harris, noting that the Patriots have a simple but successful recipe that will lead to plenty of victories.

"We just need to be physically tough and mentally tough," Harris said. "That's the biggest thing I think to overcome your opponents."

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## PREP FOOTBALL WEEK 2 SCORES, HIGHLIGHTS



Northville's Tom Holzer Ford Field near sunset.

### Thursday, Aug. 31

#### Birmingham Seaholm 49, Berkley 6

Seaholm registered its first victory of the season at Berkley's Hurley Field. The Maples had three touchdowns from junior running back Chase Mentag and two from senior back Max Schumaker. Seniors Nick Lang and Ben Barton accounted for the other two Maples touchdowns. Seaholm quarterback Joel Mitchell completed seven passes for 57 yards. The Maples totaled 366 total yards, while Berkley had 200 yards total.

#### Birmingham Groves 14, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 3

Groves grabbed its second straight victory at home in its OAA White Division opener. Senior running back Chase Ford continued his fine play with 120 yards rushing on 18 carries with a touchdown. The other Falcons scored by Khalil Dorsey. Defensively, Charlie Riddle had four tackles and a pair of sacks, Darnont McCurdy finished with seven tackles and one pass breakup, while Dawsey had four tackles and one interception.

#### Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 37, Detroit University Prep 0

#### Crestwood 32, Clarenceville 6

Despite a 69-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Terrence Ealy to wide-out Kyle Nolan, the visiting Trojans (0-2) were stymied by Dearborn Heights Crestwood. Nolan also had a big night on defense with four tackles,

while Jordan Wutka sparked with seven tackles, four assists, three tackles for loss, a tipped pass and blocked extra point. Also with four tackles each were Will Brown and Demond Scrutchions.

#### Detroit Country Day 41, Detroit Collegiate Prep 0

Ferndale's Zosier Little rushed for 103 yards, leading Ferndale. Roger Motley scored Farmington's lone touchdown on a 1-yard pass.

#### Garden City 28, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 14

The Cougars parlayed a strong all-around game into a victory. Quarterback Chase McGraw completed 6-of-9 passes for 194 yards and three TDs. Eian Castonguay scored three TDs (one rushing, two receiving) and notched 243 combined yards. On defense, Hunter McDaniel and Jay Castonguay had two sacks each.

#### Grand Blanc 26, Westland John Glenn 21

#### Salem 40, Howell 12

Salem rolled behind an impressive performance from senior running back Andrew Davis and a strong defense led by Parker Selby and Sean McCormack. Offensively, the Rocks pounded the Highlanders on the ground for 403 yards. Davis lead the way with 310 total yards (279 rushing, 31 receiving) and four TDs. QB Ryan Young was 5-of-11 passing for 109 yards and rushed for 61 yards on 13 carries with a touchdown. Cody Tapp added 60 yards on three carries. Travell Hale added 59 yards receiving. Defensively, JaQuan Baker and Davis both had a fumble

recovery. Alex Dubinski, Ali Kobeissi and Tapp each had six tackles.

#### Livonia Franklin 35, Wayne Memorial 6

QB Jake Kelbert ran for 164 yards, scoring from 13 yards out and passing to Matt Elrod for another TD. Julius Simmons scored on runs of 5 and 8 yards and Isaac Moore contributed a 6-yard TD run as Franklin racked up 348 rushing yards to move to 1-1 on the season.

#### Clarkston Everest Collegiate 36, Lutheran Westland 0

#### Belleville 55, Redford Union 6

The Panthers (0-2) got a 94-yard first quarter TD kick-off return by Thorton Cain for their lone score, while Kenny Perry had a team-best seven tackles, including one for loss in a loss against the Tigers (2-0). Belleville's Khalid Crawford ran for 104 yards on TD runs of 2 and 14 yards, while QB Christian Dhue-Reid threw a 92-yard TD pass to Jalen Williams and ran for another score.

"Belleville was very big and strong up front and presented some issues to our inexperienced line," RU coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "We had plays that were there for the taking, but we cannot seem to get that one block the springs our backs."

#### Walled Lake Western 44, Milford 8

#### Livonia Churchill 34, Northville 14

#### Livonia Stevenson 44, Novi 21

#### Royal Oak 38, North Farmington 6

#### Waterford Kettering 35,

#### South Lyon 17

Ryan Nolan was 11-of-17 passing for 243 yards and three TDs of 19, 39 52 yards as Waterford Kettering (2-0, 2-0) stopped the host Lions (0-2, 0-2) in an LVC clash. South Lyon QB Connor Fracassi was 16-of-29 passing for 183 yards. He connected with Ian Goins and Will Kelley on TD passes of 20 and 11 yards in the final period. Goins had five catches for 91 yards. Brendan Lach also booted a 37-yard field goal and two PATs. Jack Schafer, David Rende and Michael Dancer each were in on six tackles. The Lions committed three turnovers.

#### Walled Lake Central 14, South Lyon East 10

#### Farmington Hills Harrison 30, Troy 3

Roderick Heard scored on two 3-yard runs and QB Noah Hendricks completed TD passes to Moet Andrews and Ovie Oghoufo to lead Harrison to its first victory of the season.

#### White Lake Lakeland 29, Waterford Mott 27

Senior Dylan Kutzleb scored on TD runs of 21 and 45 yards and also caught an 81-yard scoring pass as host White Lake Lakeland (1-1, 1-1) upended Waterford Mott (1-1, 1-1) in a Lakes Valley Conference game. Junior Robbie Tracy also ran 55 yards for a score as the Eagles overcame a 14-0 deficit. Sophomore Leo Skupin also added a key late interception. David McCullum threw two TD passes and ran for another for Mott.

## PREP ATHLETICS

# Northville ace kicker Moody Athlete of the Week

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The votes have been tabulated for the first Athlete of the Week.

And it's Northville kicker-punter Jake Moody, who put on a show to remember Aug. 24 during a 44-14 season-opening football win over Dearborn.

The 6-foot, 177-pound senior, considered one nation's top kickers, started the game with a school-record 57-yard field goal, tied for third longest in MHSAA history while breaking his own mark of 52 set during his junior year.

"There was a little bit of breeze," said Moody, who cleared the crossbar with plenty of room to spare. "I

didn't have enough time to actually understand what situation I was put in, so I just went in there and kicked the ball before I actually knew how far it was."

Moody also went 5-for-5 on extra points and all eight of his kickoffs went for touchbacks.

He is now taking aim at Warren Woods Tower's Doug Kochanski, who booted a state record 59-yarder in 1994. Former Michigan State kicker John Langeloh (Utica) is second with a 58-yarder in 1985.

Moody believes he's within range of Kochanski's mark. His best in practice is a 67-yarder.

"Maybe with a little bit of a breeze behind me and giving me a little more confidence, I feel like I can break the state record," he said.

Moody, however, proved he was human by missing wide left on a 47-yarder late in the game.

"I had a lot more time to think and I was still thinking about the 57, probably," he said.

But Moody made up for that missed field goal try when he knocked a beautiful, 44-yard NFL hang-time punt that looked like a Phil Mickelson lob wedge.

"That's the first time I've ever had a punt like that get downed at the 1, so that was pretty cool having my first punt of the year," he said.

Moody's opening night performance certainly should turn some heads at the next level. He's had a couple of preliminary college offers so far.

"I've had a few of the same schools that have contacted me saying nice job," he said. "And I've had a few other coaches follow me. They haven't said anything yet, but hopefully they will."

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Moody

CLUB SWIMMING

# Northville Swim Club sets seven records during league five-peat

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What a way to celebrate your 50th anniversary.

The Northville Swim Club scored a record 444.5 points en route to its fifth consecutive Summer Independent Swim Club championship last month at Livonia's Burton Hollow Swim Club.

The Penguins, who earned their 13th overall title since 1973, took home 26 first-place finishes while setting seven league records in the process.

Colony Swim Club was a distant second in the team standings with 238.5, followed by Fairway Farms (236), Newburgh Swim Club (207) and Burton Hollow (193).

Northville has more than 200 swimmers ages 7-18. New swimmers and competitive high school swimmers participate in meets from the end of June through the end of July.

During the past five years, the Penguins have won 32 straight dual meets.

"It is exciting to see us build a long-standing tradition of winning as a club," Northville coach David Rembiesa said. "We are trying to shoot for longevity and highlight all the talented swimmers in the Northville and Novi area. Many of our swimmers swim year-round for area USS club teams or their middle school and high school teams. But they all got their start at Northville Swim Club and they love coming back every summer to defend their title."

The Penguins continue to



The Northville Swim Club's Josh Seidleman brings home a first-place finish during the Summer Independent Swim League meet last month at Burton Hollow.

build their legacy as evidenced by setting five individual and two SISL relay records.

Among individual girls record-setters were Laura Westphal, open, 100-meter individual medley (1:09.18); Lauren Heaven, 13-15, 50 butterfly (30.68); Emma Phillips, 13-15, 50 breaststroke (36.54); Emily Roden, 11-12, 50 backstroke (33.57); and Maggie Patterson, 11-12, 50 freestyle (29.53).

The Penguins' open mixed 200 medley relay team of Arthur Greenlee, Travis Nitkiewicz, Jason Nitkiewicz and Westphal also set a league record in 1:55.71.

Another league record fell in the 11-12 mixed 200 medley relay as Emily Roden, Layney Barritt, Maggie Patterson and Nolan Ebel were clocked in 2:17.96.

"I am so proud of our older kids," Rembiesa said. "I remember back in 2011, we didn't even have a 16- to-18-year-old

on the team. But that's what I mean about staying with the program. Some of these families have stayed 10-plus years and that is how you can win so many championships."

The Penguins currently list 30 swimmers on their roster that either swim for Northville or Novi Detroit Catholic Central high schools.

Every summer, each of the clubs compete in eight head-to-head dual meets, both home and away. The season ends with an all-day league championship the last Saturday of July.

With a rich swimming tradition, several noted world-class athletes got their start at a young age while competing for an SISL club, including Olympic gold medalists Allison Schmitt (Colony) and Sheila Taormina (Burton Hollow).

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## Union '01 Black wins national title



The National Union '01 Black U-16 girls soccer team recently captured the U.S. Youth National Championship in Texas. The 18-member squad went undefeated (with one tie) in five games to win the crown. In the title game, Union '01 Black defeated Legends FC '01 Academy, 5-0. Team members included Emily Brown (Franklin), Lauren Fleming (Northville), Emma Boutorwick (Sterling Heights), Marcella Clark (Macomb), Katherine Felton (Saginaw), Justina Gaynor (Macomb), Skyla Gebauer (Troy), Isabella Hunter (Anchor Bay), Arianna Jalics (Utica), Allison Leonard (Troy), Kaitlyn Maciejewski (Macomb), Emma McCaughtry (Rochester), Madison Medalle (Macomb), Eva Papista (Grosse Pointe), Morgan Restaino (Lake Fenton), Brooke Russell (Troy), Paige Webber (Grand Blanc) and Alana Wood (New Baltimore).

## PREP ROUNDUP

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### Boys soccer

**CANTON 8, WAYNE 0:** Kyle Kulas scored three goals Aug. 31, while Jordan Forney contributed two goals and an assist for the Chiefs (3-2-2, 2-0-0). Also scoring were Tyler Turko, Alex Hyde and Diego Galvin. Brett McGue chipped in three assists.

**NORTHVILLE 7, JOHN GLENN 0:** Senior Andrew Mitchell notched a hat trick, while senior Felipe McCarthy chipped two goals and one assist as the Mustangs (4-0-1, 1-0) rolled to a KLAA

crossover win Aug. 31 at Westland John Glenn (1-2, 0-2). Also getting into the scoring ledger for Northville were Owen Marshall (one goal, one assist), Omar Labiki (two assists) and Shane McHugh (one goal).

### Girls golf

**P-CCS CLASSIC:** Brighton and Saline shared first-place honors Aug. 31 at the P-CCS Classic at Fox Hills, with 319 strokes. Northville (336) and Plymouth (337) finished third and fourth, respectively. Plymouth was sparked by Erin Johnson, with an 18-hole score of 76. Shae Zydeck tallied 82.

**BRIGHTON 153, SALEM 189:** The Rocks fell short despite 46 by Ryleigh Reed. Chipping in 47 was Nicole Hahn, while both Megan Kozlowski and Julianne Small registered 48.

## MACK

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run to the national title in Pittsburgh, Mack scored two goals and had one assist. He scored a power-play goal in a 5-0 semifinal win over Detroit Honeybaked as Compuware went on to capture the championship with a 2-1 victory over Shattuck (Minn.) St. Mary's. "I'm a skilled big guy that

likes to score goals," Mack said. "I've played right wing, left wing and center, but mostly center."

The Otters' official training camp began Aug. 29 with fitness testing. Mack attended three mini-camps in Erie before signing.

"It's my fourth time here," Mack said. "It should be an easy adjustment, but the game should be a little harder, a little faster than normal."

The 17-year-old Mack, who



Mack

likes to hang out with friends and family when he's away from hockey, also has a younger brother Jake, 15, who played for the rival Oakland Junior Grizzlies in the same High Performance Hockey League.

Meanwhile, his biggest advocate and supporter is his father Michael, a tool and die

maker who is a Canadian citizen.

"His dad is the one who is behind his determination and motivation to where he's gotten himself today as a hockey player," Jen Mack said. "My husband devoted so much of his time. He hasn't been able to go to a lot of the hockey tournaments out of town due to his hard work and trying to get them where they're at. I really believe he's the main guy behind all the determina-

tion and motivation that has gotten my sons to where they're at right now."

Mack is looking forward to the challenge of taking the next step in his hockey career without any hesitation.

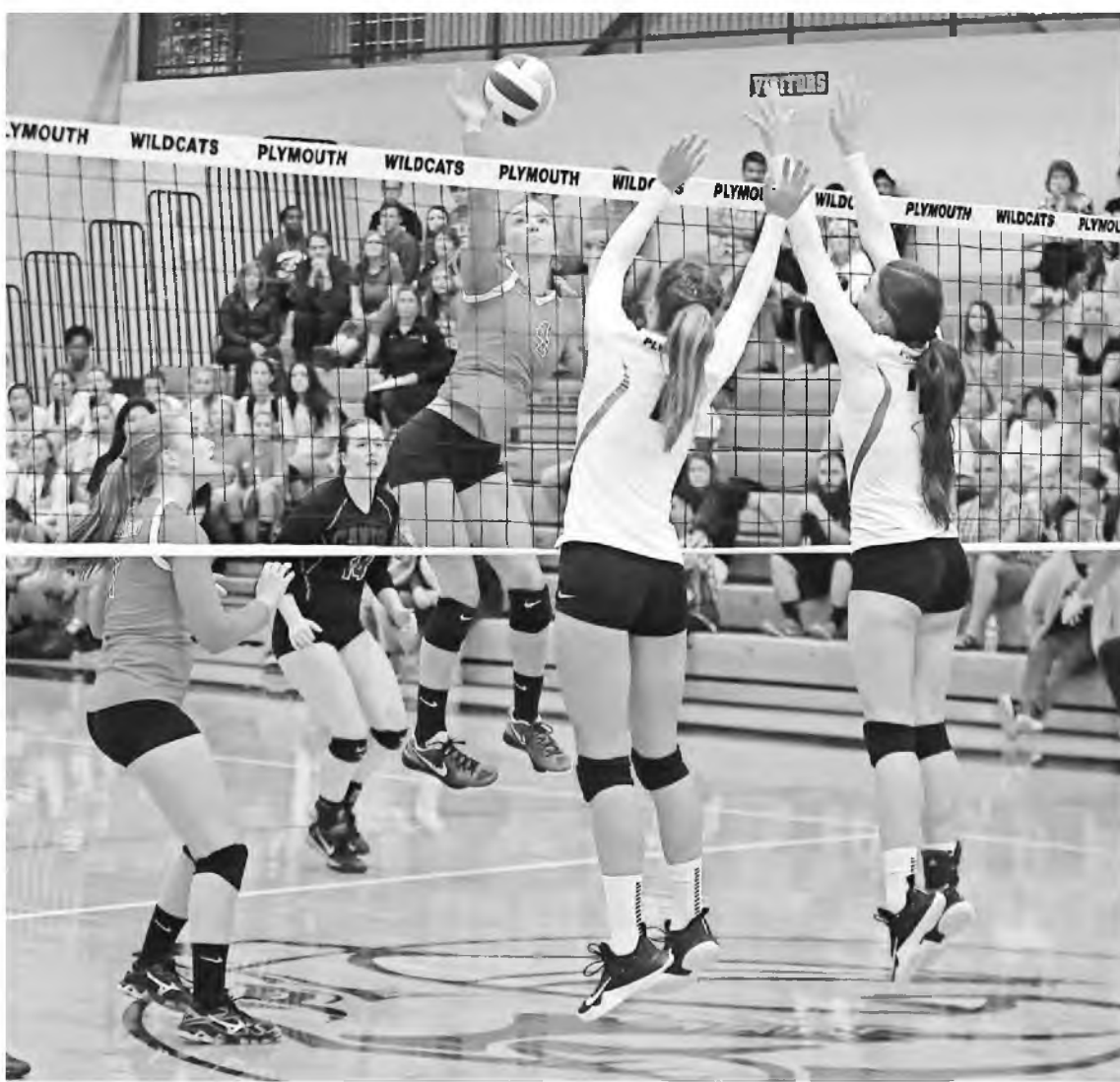
"I've always played hockey, nothing else, since I was 4," he said. "I'm going to miss my friends, but this is a good opportunity for me."

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Surveying the action is new Plymouth varsity volleyball coach Sheila Weber.



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Slamming the ball over Plymouth defenders is Canton's Kaylin Collins.

## VOLLEYBALL

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"I have eight seniors, which is awesome," Hughley said. "And I have a good class coming up for next year. They're all just great athletes, honestly."

"They work really hard for me and they're passionate about the sport, which I am

also. That's what I'm excited about being at Canton — having good athletes that are passionate like I am about volleyball."

Canton's strong nucleus is spearheaded by seniors Emily Meredith, Abby Zelenak, Kassie Tanana, Tia Cucuz, Sammy Pashigian, Olivia Smith, Hailey Domzalski and Morgan Holmlund.

Weber was Plymouth's ju-

nior varsity coach last year and she was moved up a notch after Dave Nichols left.

"This, for me, was kind of in my five-year plan, then I got moved up a bit because Dave Nichols left the program last year," Weber said. "So it became my three-year plan and I'm excited to be coaching this year at Plymouth as the varsity coach."

The lone senior for the Wildcats is setter Lauren Wheeler; juniors Kenna White, Kayla

Courtney and Grace Balch will be called upon to play key roles.

"Our team is very young and I expect that most teams are going to overlook us," Weber said. "And we got a lot of kids that are going to really get a chance to shine this year."

### UNFORCED

Plymouth came unglued a bit in the final two games, with a lot of the team's woes due to unforced errors (52 for the

evening).

### DIG IT

Both Kenna White and Gabby Diamante had seven digs for Plymouth, with Gabi Kuchka chipping in six.

### ALSO NEW IN TOWN

Salem's volleyball team is now coached by Brian Theut, making it a year of change all across the Park.

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## BOYS TENNIS

# Novi's top two singles duo packs a real punch

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Alex Wen and Sid Amarnath, Novi's top two singles players, can come at you from different angles.

Wen, a senior, uncoils himself with what appears to be a violent and unorthodox top-spin forehand, while Amarnath, a junior, can dissect opponents with his precision-like and well-placed left-handed ground strokes.

The two veterans, who were instrumental in Novi's back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 state titles in 2014 and 2015 before placing fourth in 2016, are off to another strong start as Novi has captured three tournaments to go along with a 9-0 dual match win over Saline.

Wen was the No. 3 singles champ as a freshman (going 36-0) and the No. 2 singles champ as a sophomore (going 26-4) before reaching the state semifinals at No. 1 a year ago with a 26-4 record.

Wen, who suffered his first loss Aug. 31 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's Benji Jacobson in a three-set super-breaker, is 9-1 so far in 2017 at the No. 1 flight using what can termed "an extreme Western grip" on his forehand.

"Not many people use it," Wen said. "My brother (Raymond) taught me it when I was around, like, 8 and he didn't really know tennis that well. Somehow, I caught onto it and no coach corrected me. It was kind of a joke and I guess it just stuck with me."

Amarnath's game is no joke, either, as he returns at No. 2 singles for the five-time defending KLAA and regional champions. He has posted back-to-back 22-4 seasons, reaching the 2015 state finals at No. 3 as a freshman and the second round at No. 2 as a sophomore.

"My cross court ball, I can get them off the court, especially to their backhand, which is usually their weaker side," said Amarnath, who is



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Novi's Alex Wen uses his forehand during an Aug. 30 match.

undefeated so far this season. "I feel like I have an advantage from the start."

Longtime assistant Dan Lowes, who took over this fall for longtime Novi coach Jim Hanson, is happy to return his top two singles players.

"Alex is a competitor, he battles, he never gives up," Lowes said. "He's going to fight to the very end. Sid's game has improved from where he was last year. He's hitting the ball a lot better. He's becoming a battler, too. I like what I've seen out of Sid this year."

Senior Tim Tanaka, who played doubles last year, moves into the No. 3 singles spot, while Florida transfer Mateo Ponton, a junior, takes over at No. 4.

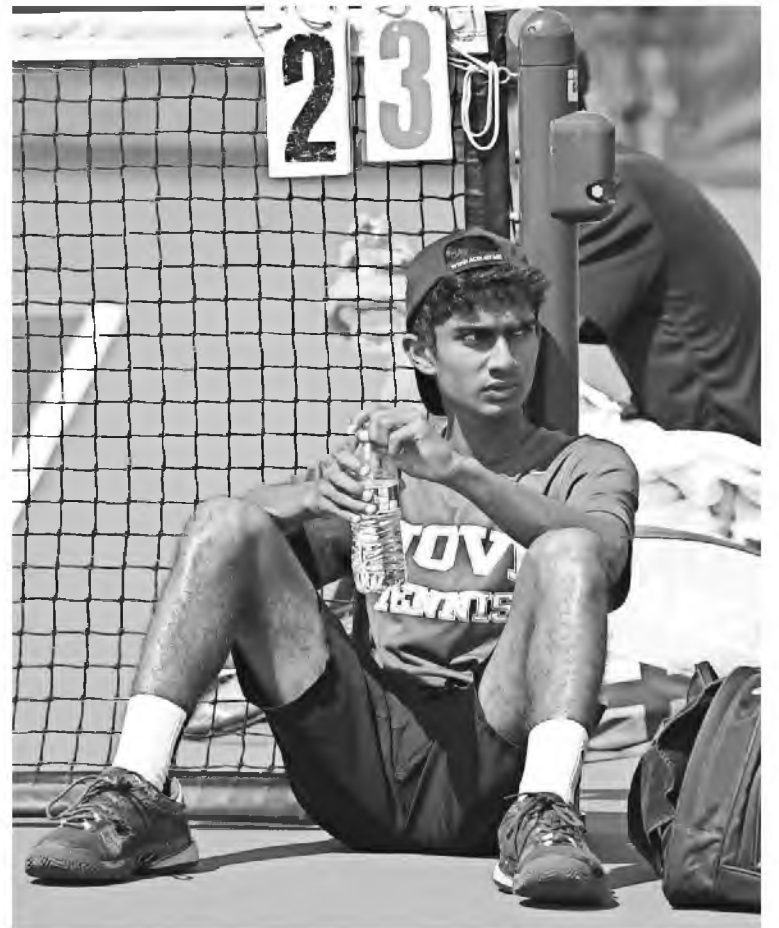
Seniors Aditya Chitta and

Robert Chen, the Wildcats' No. 1 doubles team, reached the quarters in 2016 at No. 1 and the semifinals at No. 2 (2015) and No. 4 (2014) at the state finals.

"Chitta and Chen have played together for four years," Lowes said. "They know one another really well. I love their consistency. I'm looking for them to become a little more aggressive."

The rest of Novi's strong doubles lineup includes seniors Chris Kwederis and Venkatesh Nagalla at No. 2; senior Ryan Krawec and junior newcomer Dilan Patel at No. 3; seniors Robert Xu and Andrew Lu at No. 4; and seniors Nikhil Yadati and Sanjit Johri at No. 5.

"This year, I mean, the goal is always to go for big



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Novi's Sid Amarnath looks intense during a brief break.

trophy," Wen said. "As long as we work hard, I see us doing that."

Wen, who carries a 3.92 grade-point average, is undecided where he'll go to college.

This summer, he spent time as part of youth research team at the University of Michigan investigating topics such as internal bowel disease.

"Mostly, like, go into the medical field," he said. "Probably go pre-med."

Amarnath, who carries a 3.8 GPA, also prefers the sciences. His favorite subject last year was biology.

"Even though I wasn't too great at it, I'm still interested it," Amarnath said.

Off the court, the junior stays active doing volunteer

work in the community.

"Last year, I did the Relay for Life where we raised money for cancer (research)," he said. "This year, I'm going to start tutoring kids in Detroit, so I think that will be a great experience."

Wen and Amarnath will try to motivate each other throughout the season as Novi guns for its third Division 1 state title in four years.

"When one gets down, the other gets back up," Amarnath said. "It's not just me. It's the whole team who is pushing each other."

"We have a lot of talented players with a lot of potential and I see ourselves doing well this year."

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## GIRLS GOLF

# South Lyon senior Harding off to strong start

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For senior season, South Lyon's Elizabeth Harding wants to take her golf game to the next level.

And even before she heads out to the links, Harding can be usually found at Cattails Golf Course on either the practice green or the driving range an hour before practice starts, working on her game.

"I've been trying really hard to shoot under par," she said. "And I haven't accomplished that yet this year, so hopefully I'll be able to do that. Mostly it is putting and short game."

Harding is already off to a fast start for the Lions, who return four of their top five players from last year's third-place MHSAA Division 2 state finals squad, including Sophie Yergin, Kendall Skore and Julia Vess.

She captured the inaugural Lakes Valley Conference pre-tourney Aug. 24 at Hartland Glen with 73, while also adding a runner-up finish Aug. 16 with even-par 72 at the Orange Theory Fitness tourney at Hudson Mills Metropark.

Harding also tied for fifth Aug. 18 at the Lapeer Lightning Summer Tune-up at Lapeer Country Club with 5-over 79, while also taking medalist honors with 36 for the Lions (2-0) in an LVC dual match against Lakeland.

Standing 5 feet, 10 inches, Harding drives the ball 240 yards on average off the tee, but her game is well-rounded.

"She's long, obviously, but I'm super impressed with her short game," first-year South Lyon assistant coach Christina Cibrario said. "That's what a lot of the kids struggle with the most and she's up-and-down 90 percent of the time."

Cibrario, who teaches math at South Lyon's Centennial



BRAD EMONS

South Lyon senior golfer Elizabeth Harding is already off to a strong start this season.

Middle School, played golf at Oakland University and has competed in Golf Association of Michigan events with all three Harding sisters, including Caroline, a red-shirt sophomore on Michigan State's women's team, and Priscilla, a true sophomore on the MSU roster.

"She's a stud, she's a rock star," Cibrario said of Elizabeth. "She's very talented, can really play the game of golf. She's quiet and humble and she's fun to watch. Doesn't get too upset, stays maintained,

good composure."

Both of Harding's parents have extensive golf experience at a high level.

Her father Tom, who played at MSU from 1985-87, qualified for the U.S. Senior Open in June (where Priscilla carried his bag for the first round). The teaching pro is a two-time Michigan PGA Player of the Year (1997 and 2001).

Mother Joal was a two-time All-American at Auburn University and played on the LPGA Tour (1992-94).

"Because both of our parents know a lot about golf, then we got most of our instruction from them, of course," Harding said. "We help each other out a lot. I'll try and help my sisters out and they'll try to help me out just with swing tips and stuff like that."

Harding, who carries a 3.6 grade-point average, is more than likely bound for MSU, where she plans to study business and study Spanish.

In June, she went on a 10-day class-sponsored trip to

Peru, where she visited five different cities, including Cusco and Lima.

"It was really fun to see all the culture and to see the Peruvian people," Harding said. "We stayed with host families and our host mom was really nice to us. We tried speaking Spanish to her, which was a struggle, but we tried our best and we also got to see Machu Picchu and that was really fun. We also climbed a few mountains. We went to Lake Titicaca, which is really blue, then the Floating Islands."

During the winter, Harding will continue to play basketball. She began playing hoops in sixth grade on a club team and has progressed through middle school and high school.

"It keeps me in shape, for sure, because of course we do a lot of running and conditioning, which is really helpful for golf and endurance," she said.

Harding, who was regional runner-up last year, has helped the Lions to a back-to-back third-place finishes at the D2 state finals. As a freshman, along with her two older sisters, South Lyon finished runner-up.

This summer, she stayed sharp competing in American Junior Golf Association events while also playing in the Michigan Women's Amateur.

This year's Division 2 finals will be held Oct. 20-21 at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek.

"One of my expectations is to probably place top five at states, but first get to states and win regionals ... that would be a lot of fun," said Harding, who was 11th at last year's D2 finals and 10th in 2015. "And, obviously, I'd like to get my scoring average down, which would be great."

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PERSONAL FINANCE

# Avoid the overspending tradition

Don't want to run short of cash in January? Start your holiday saving now

PETER DUNN  
SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

This month is the month you can use to make January 2018 much easier.

Americans aren't too kind to their Januaries these days. Starting the night of Thanksgiving, we spend, spend and spend through the end of year, sometimes blowing past the natural constraints of our finite amounts of money. December holidays have become famous for ruining January finances. From food to travel to gifts, the end of the calendar year has a way of separating people from their money under the guise of tradition and familial love. The result is starting the next calendar year in the red.

The holiday spending mistake people generally make is that they try to jam their increased spending into their cash flow during the last six weeks of the year. Inevitably, this results in overspending, which then leads to mistimed bills in January. If you've ever experienced running low on money just as your bills come due, it's because you tried to cram unusual expenses into your normal cash flow.

What is Thanksgiving through the end of December? It's non-stop cramming of unusual expenses into your normal cash flow. Now you see the problem. Don't forget that you'll likely spend more money on food and travel during the final month of the year, as well.

About a decade ago, my wife and I decided to stop letting December happen to us. We instead decided to divide the financial responsibilities of December holidays over a four-month period.

We called it the Holiday Savings League. You should join. There's no sign-up, no fees and no prizes. It's not so much a league as it is a great way to experience the holidays in a relaxing and responsible way.

If you're upset I'm talking about the holidays prior to Labor Day, I understand your consternation. I saw Halloween decorations at my local big box store in August, and I wanted to scream "stop rushing me!" But I'm not asking you to decorate for the holidays, I'm



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If you're struggling to keep holiday spending under control, many financial experts suggest sticking with good ol' cash.

simply asking you to budget for the holidays.

Want to join the league? Here's what you do. Make a list of all the people you plan on buying holiday gifts for in December. Then, in what will be the most cathartic exercise of the year, write down a dollar amount next to their name representing how much money you'd like to spend on each person. There's nothing quite like seeing the different amounts you plan on spending on different family members and friends to reinforce your emotions.

Add 'em all up and note your total. Maybe it's a big number, or maybe it's a small number. Either way, it will be easier to deal with when you divide it by four.

Over the next four months, you will need to make four cash withdrawals. Every month, put the cash in an envelope with the list of who you're buying for and what you're spending on them. For instance, if you add up your "buy for" list and it totals \$480, then you'll withdraw \$120 in cash in September, October, November and December.

Now, instead of trying to fit \$480 into your December cash flow, you'll spread the damage over a four-month period.

Having a finite amount of money to spend forces you to stay within your budget. If you spend too much on Uncle Owen, then you are taking money away from your gift for Aunt Beru. Because you don't want to do that, you will under-spend on most of your family members.

At the end of the buying season, you can either redeposit the money into your account or donate it to your favorite local charity.

If you happen to not have your envelope with you or you're making a purchase online, just deposit the appropriate amount of cash back into your checking account after you've made the non-cash purchase. Sure you can cheat and just keep the cash and break the seemingly unimportant and arbitrary rules, but if you do, you'll know you're compromising your January, and I'll kick you out of the league. And, it should go without saying, but it won't: Keep your cash envelope in a safe place.

Enjoy January.

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Casual, contemporary service  
Phone (248) 912-0043  
www.oakpointe.org

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345  
1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.  
www.faihc.com/munity-novi.org  
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM  
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46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374  
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Msgr John Kasza, Pastor  
Parish Office: 347-7778

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (English) & 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
Fr. Robert A. LaCroix, Pastor  
Don James Houbbeck, Associate  
Parish Office: 248-349-8847, www.holyfamilynovi.org

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21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile  
248-348-7757 • www.mbccc.org  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister  
LC-0000316573

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor  
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www.umcnovi.com  
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Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
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Pastor Steve Swazey  
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Awana, 3 yrs old thru 5th grade (Sept.-March) and Youth Group for 6th grade and older  
Website: milfordbaptist.org

**Milford United Methodist Church**  
1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48381  
Sunday Worship: 10 am  
Children's Church 10:10 am  
Third Saturday 5pm Worship  
www.milfordumc.net

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
All are welcome at all services  
905 E. Commerce St. Milford, MI 48381  
Sunday Service: 10:30 am  
Sunday School ages 3-20; 10:30 am  
Children's room: Wed & Sun services  
Wednesday service: 7:30 pm 248-685-7266

**OAKPOINTE | milford CHURCH**  
1250 South Hill Rd.  
(248) 685-3560  
www.opcmilford.org  
Contemporary Worship Service:  
8:30, 10:15, and 11:45.

**MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Bryant Anderson  
238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805  
www.milfordpc.org  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School age 3 thru 5th grade @ 10 a.m.  
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### Northville

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
www.fpcnorthville.org  
200 E. MAIN ST. AT HUTTON  
Worship, 9:30 am.  
Sunday School for all ages, 10:30 am.  
248-349-0911

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
133 Orchard Dr., Northville  
WEEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Church 349-2621, School 349-3610  
Religious Education 349-2559  
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

**United Methodist Church NORTHVILLE**  
(248) 349-1144  
777 West 8 Mile Road (8 Mile and Taff Road) Northville, Michigan  
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.  
Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor  
www.lumcnorthville.org

**Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church**  
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Darien Rd. Northville, MI 48167  
248-374-2268  
Sunday Worship:  
Sunday School at 9:45  
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm  
Pastor Andy Wintzen  
oursaviouralca.com

### South Lyon

**BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH**  
Gathering in Jesus Name  
52909 10 Mile Rd. • South Lyon, MI 48178  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Ragan, Pastor  
734-347-1983 pastor cell  
Old fashioned preaching KJV

**first united methodist church south lyon, mi**  
640 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760  
Worship: 8:15am, 10:45am, & 11:00am  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Rev. Mary McInnes, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Kenny Walkup, Assoc. Pastor  
southlyonfirstumc.org

**CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod)**  
Pastor Terry Nelson  
437-8810 • 486-4335  
Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile  
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;  
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy. at Liberty St.  
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.  
All Classes 9:00  
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

**CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon  
248-486-0400  
www.crcrossroads.net  
Service Times  
8:45am, 10:00am & 11:30am  
Renewed Hope Counseling Center  
248-560-7507  
rhcpecc.net

**The Church of Christ**  
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178  
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,  
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship  
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.  
Matthew Oliver, Minister  
LC-0000316197

**Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
22200 Pontiac Trail (S of 8 Mile)  
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am  
Sunday School @ 11 am  
Wednesday mid-week programs  
Rev. Cliff Mansley, Pastor  
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

**Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
59255 10 Mile Rd. South Lyon MI 48178  
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM  
Rev. Thomas Scherger  
248-573-7320  
www.shepherdswaysouthlyon.org

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON**  
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178  
Phone: 248-437-2983  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks  
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.com  
• Email: fbcsouthlyon@stglobal.net  
LC-0000316481

**St. Joseph Parish Regular Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon  
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 P.M.  
Phone: 248-446-8700  
Web Address: www.saintjosephsouthlyon.org  
830 South Lafayette  
LC-0000316754

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205 E. Lake (10 Mile) (248) 437-2875  
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Playroom available  
Kids/Youth Connection Sundays 6:30 p.m.  
Mid-Week Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor  
www.fpcsouthlyon.org  
LC-0000316482

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Loving God and Loving People  
22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400  
(In Brookdale Shopping Center, behind Powerhouse Gym)  
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 A.M.  
Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher  
www.solidrocksouthlyon.com  
LC-0000316749

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## AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to  
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### Milford SANP raffle

The Milford High School Class of 2018 Senior All Night Party Committee is selling tickets for two different fundraisers to help defray the cost of the annual celebration.

The first is a raffle, with the prize being a custom-built golf cart. Tickets are limited to only 375, which means great odds for winning. The cost is \$20 per ticket. The golf cart will be showcased at the MHS home football games. Drawing takes place Friday, Oct. 13. Tickets are available to purchase through committee chairperson Rhonda Glazer or at the games (upon availability).

The second is an adult road rally, a scavenger hunt by car, scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, and starting at the Milford High School parking lot. Tickets are \$25 per car and can be purchased from any committee member or at the varsity football games.

For more information, contact Glazer at 248-877-0477 or rhonda.glazer@comcast.net.

### 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.

### Barn dance

The Salem Area Historical Society 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.

The square dance caller will assist dancers with all levels of experience. Families and groups are encouraged to attend. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the Salem Area Historical Society's South Salem Stone School and its Dickerson Barn. Cider and doughnuts will be available for purchase.

Major sponsors include Salem Tool, Alumitect Industries, AA Anchor Bolt, Karl's Cabin Restaurant & Bar, All-American Storage, Gardner-Westcott and Three Cedars Farm.

More information can be found at the Salem Area Historical Society's Facebook page or website (www.sahshistory.org) or via an email request to Salem\_Area\_HS@yao.com.

### NMS dance team car wash

Is your car dirty and in need of a car 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.

### Join the Kensington Valley Civitan Club

Looking to make a difference in your community? Come to the Kensington Valley Civitan Club meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, in the Community Room at the Lyon Township Fire Station, 58800 Grand River, New Hudson. Learn how you can get involved. Members enjoy personal and profession-

al development while helping others.

For more information, contact Cheryl Van Vliet at 313.460.3194 or email vanvliet.cheryl@att.net. Check out the Kensington Valley Civitan Club Facebook page, www.civitan.org, and www.northcentralcivitan.org.

### Schoolhouse celebration

The Salem Area Historical Society will be holding a celebration 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10. It has been 50 years since the end of the 110 years of continuous school years at the South Salem Stone School. All are invited, especially all students of all classes who have attended the one-room schoolhouse, located at 7991 North Territorial Road (corner of North Territorial and Curtis roads in Salem Township). The celebration will be held at the old school, which is now part of the Jarvis Stone School Local Historic District.

If you were a student or can help the SAHS locate previous students, contact Terry Cwik at Salem\_Area\_HS@yahoo.com or go to the Salem Area Historical Society's Facebook page.

### Fisk Farm Festival

The White Lake Historical Society will host the 32nd annual Fisk Farm Festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9-10, at the historic 1855 Kelley-Fisk Farm in White Lake Township at 9180 Highland Road.

The event will feature music and dancers in the barn and parlor, fresh roasted corn, homemade pie, pony rides, games for kids, tours of the farmhouse and 1876 one-room school, bake sale, arts and craft vendors and more.

Admission is free, but a donation at the gate gives you a door prize ticket

For more information, go to www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake.

### 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; replace glass the proper way; and more.

The admission fee is \$25. Space is limited to 16 attendees.

Register online at <https://farmingtonhillswindowworkshop.eventbrite.com/>. Contact Ellen Thackery, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, at [info@mhpn.org](mailto:info@mhpn.org) or call 313-575-5215. Please bring a bag lunch.

### Evenings in the Garden

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center in Novi is offering a great late-summer class for gardeners of all levels to enjoy, as part of its Evenings in the Garden series.

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. At the end of this class, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase finished pots, along with plants for their own containers.

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/>.

### Body Language by Lin

The Wixom Public Library is hosting Lin Klaassen, an interna-

tionally renowned expert in face reading and the reading of body language, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. She is going to present a PowerPoint discussing the art and science of reading visual clues.

Pre-register for this free event at [wixomlibrary.org](http://wixomlibrary.org), call 248-624-2512, or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Admission is free.

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### Eisele



**Joanne Louise** Long-time Northville resident Joanne Louise Eisele (nee Kissane) passed away peacefully August 29, 2017 at the age of 84. She was born on September 16, 1932 in Highland Park, Michigan to Thomas and Wilhelmina (Hoffmeyer) Kissane. Joanne is survived by her children, Sally Eisele, Susan Drewke, Janet (Carlos) Junca, Laura Eisele and Dan (Laura) Eisele, her grandchildren Jonathan Junca, Camille (Jordan) Lewis, Noah Drewke, Eric Eisele, Justin Dhanjal, Ben Eisele, Joey Eisele and Harry Herrmann and one great-grandchild, Theodore Lewis; her sister, Sharon Malone (nee Kissane), many nieces and nephews and countless people who loved her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward (Pete) Eisele and her parents, Thomas and Wilhelmina. Joanne grew up in historic Highland Park, Michigan. She lived through both the Great Depression and Detroit's heyday as an automotive giant. She graduated from Highland Park High School in 1950. Joanne met Pete when she worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Company and they were married in 1957. Joanne loved Northville. She and Pete moved to the "Village Green" subdivision with their young family in 1961, when the town was still so small they were featured as newcomers in the Northville Record. The streets in their neighborhood were just being paved, the homes were new and the trees that now shade them were tiny saplings. They joined in with the other new homeowners, enthusiastically helping one another finish basements and landscape, creating the foundation for the graceful neighborhood that exists today. Joanne was a fabulous homemaker, caring for her five children and cooking great meals they are still trying to replicate. Her homemade pizza was legendary, as were her cinnamon rolls and pies. When her children got older, she became an entrepreneur, opening a clothing boutique called Victoria's Place in downtown Northville in the 1980's. In addition, Joanne was skilled at sewing. Eventually she and her friend, Josie Watson, built a small business, JoJo Designs, where they created and sold decorative pillows, custom handbags, totes and other accessories for the home. She excelled at creative and artistic endeavors, was an accomplished pianist in her younger days, painted watercolors, and created clothing for her family for many years. She also loved a good sale and was a shrewd bargain hunter at garage sales and grocery stores. Joanne was passionate about her family. Nothing made her happier than getting together for meals, going on family trips to Lake Michigan or simply spending holidays together. She had a great sense of humor and style. She was a formidable pinochle player. People knew Joanne as a vibrant, friendly woman who smiled at everyone and enjoyed helping others. She loved the gulf coast of Florida. She and Pete became Destin snowbirds after retirement, and made wonderful memories for their family, extended families and friends. She loved it all--Destin, shrimp, sunsets and seashells, and live music at the local pub. Joanne had great courage. Even as her body broke down, her spirit stayed strong. She never stopped looking forward to the next thing in life. Her life was an inspiration and a gift to her family and her friends that will never die. A Memorial Service was held Saturday, September 2, 2017 Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Please share online condolences at [www.casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://www.casterlinefuneralhome.com)

### Benson



**Richard Hans** of Howell, His Legacy...Richard Benson, age 80, passed away, August 31, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. Richard was born in Detroit, MI on September 4, 1936 to Carl and Esther (Burch) Benson. He married the love of his life, Marlene Huebner on April 7, 1962 in Dearborn, MI at St. Paul Lutheran Church and were blessed with 54 loving years together. Richard was a man of many talents; he was the owner/operator of B & B Catering and Benny's, a professor of Culinary Arts at Schoolcraft College, culinary instructor at Chadsey High School; owner of a 2 time world champion stallion and was Chef of the Year for the state of Michigan in 1991. Recipient of the American Culinary Federation Lifetime Achievement Award and also awarded the Honorable Order of the Golden Tote and one of the Top Chefs in North America. Richard also served in the US Marines, was a member of Kiwanas and served as a 4-H leader and so many more community and professional services. He loved being a husband, dad, grandfather and great grandfather. He had a heart of gold, and will be remembered as a kind, giving person who inspired and mentored so many. He is one of a kind who changed and touched the lives of so many as a True Hero. His Family...Richard is survived by his loving wife Marlene; children, Richard Hans Benson II and Linda Lee (Michael) Bell; grandchildren, Rachel Barnett, Matthew Barnett, Emily (Mike) Dedes and Zach Bell; great grandchildren, Penelope and Peyton Dedes; siblings, Vera (Bill) Huckaby, Helene (Gary) Hawkins and Jack (Rosalyn) Benson. He is preceded in death by his parents. His Farewell...Richard's family and friends will gather on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 from 4:00-8:00PM at Shalom Lutheran Church, 1740 E. M36, Pinckney, MI. Richard's Memorial service and Celebration of Life will be Thursday, Sept. 7 at 11:00AM (gathering at 9:30AM) at Shalom Lutheran Church. Pastor Kurt Hutchens as Celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to ALS of Michigan, American Cancer Society or Schoolcraft College Foundation (In memory of Chef Richard Benson). Please leave a message of comfort to the Benson family by calling.

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### Hoerle



**Jean** (age 90) joined the heavenly choir of angels on Saturday, August 26, 2017. She died as she lived, with a smile for all who were caring for her and a spirit and determination to overcome all obstacles. This made her an inspiration to all who knew her. She leaves behind 5 children, Terri Martin (Greg), Mark Hoerle (Colleen), Tom Hoerle (Cindy), Debra Dean (Brian) and Cheryl Patricolo, 10 Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren. She is predeceased by daughter Linda. A Celebration of Life was held at the O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home. Online condolences to [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com).

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### Boduch



**Jeffrey A.** age 53, passed away August 31, 2017. He was born November 29, 1963 in Dearborn, Michigan, son of Eugene and Irene Boduch. Jeffrey was known for his great sense of humor and his love of sports, especially the Tigers and Red Wings. He was devoted to his family and nothing brought him more joy than being with them. He is survived by his beloved wife of 27 years, Maria; his loving daughter, Rebecca; his parents, Eugene and Irene Boduch; his siblings: Carrie (Jeff) Fields, Cheryl (Lou) Martin and Stacey (Scott) Stern; Jeffrey is also survived by his mother-in-law, Theresa Vella; and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: John (Cynthia) Vella, Jeanine (Brian) Partie, Ken (Mary) Vella, Cindi Dzwonkowski, Tom (Jill) Vella, Robert (Janice) Vella and Gary (Kathy) Vella; and also by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, John Vella. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 5 from 3:00PM-9:00PM with Rosary at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Jeffrey will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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### Combs



**Charles L.** age 82, passed away August 29, 2017. He was born September 4, 1934 in Fork Ridge, Tennessee, son of the late Charlie and Rosia Lee Allen Combs. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of South Lyon where he sang in the choir. He was a proud veteran serving in the Army and prior to his retirement, Charles worked at Guanex in South Lyon for 43 years. He will always be remembered as a kind, patient man that loved to go fishing, enjoyed gardening, loved reading and was always willing to help those in need. He is survived by his wife, Edith; his children: Darrell Combs, Diana Combs and Denise (Danny) Foster; his grandchildren: Christopher Foster(35), Angela Foster(30), Cassandra (Joe) Kosal(27) and Corrine Louiselle(25); his great-grandchildren: Wyatt and Dean. Charles is also survived by his siblings: Lillian Dingman, Kenneth (Lela) Combs and Charlie Combs. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dwayne and by one brother and four sisters. Visitation and funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 5 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Charles was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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### Punching out cancer

**Debbie and son Harry Eichholtz** of Northville walked 60 miles last month during the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day in Philadelphia, Pa. Harry dressed for the Rocky statue and ran up the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, mimicking Sylvester Stallone in the movie "Rocky." This was Harry's fourth Breast Cancer 3-Day walk and Debbie's ninth. Together, they have walked in Michigan, Seattle, San Diego and now Philadelphia. Debbie is a paraprofessional for Northville Public Schools and Harry coaches Northville Youth Wrestling. Over the past nine years, they have raised more than \$50,000 in donations to Susan G. Komen, supporting scientific research to cure breast cancer.

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## How to get a job without connections

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Networking is probably the number one way to get yourself a job if you are looking. Referrals account for nearly 40 percent of all hires — and referred employees often get jobs quicker and make more money out of the gate. But what if you don't have anyone to refer you to a particular company or within a particular industry? If this is the case, then you'll need to figure out how to get a job without connections. Luckily, we've got the right information to accomplish that.

Here are four steps to follow to help you get a referral even if you lack the relevant connections.

### 1. Find an influencer

Once you've determined there's a job opening somewhere, find someone who has influence on the hiring process for that position. Search for the position you want and the company you want on a site like LinkedIn until you find your influencer.

### 2. Make contact

Find the contact information for that person and get in touch to set up a time to chat. This is just normal networking, remember? Keep it short, sweet and to the point.



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Address the new contact by name, briefly explain that you're interested in working in their company, but ask only for advice. Throw in some modest, subtle flattery to sweeten them up and politely request a quick coffee (your treat) to pick their brain. You can use "Quick question" as your subject line.

If you don't get a reply, don't badger them — and don't worry. Just find yourself another influencer in the same company — or for a different

job entirely, and try again. If or when you do get a meeting, make sure to do plenty of homework first. That means researching the company, the field, the contact, etc.

### 3. Prep your question

The absolute most important question you need to ask is this: "What is the biggest challenge your team is facing right now?" That question will make all the difference between awkward small talk and giving your new contact

the opportunity to open up and talk about something that matters to him or her — and something that will be extremely informative and helpful to you. Dig in. Listen hard. And send a thoughtful thank-you note.

### 4. Strategize your solution

You've heard from your influencer (and new contact) what their biggest challenge is. Now figure out their solution. Reach out, research,

think inside and outside the box. Put yourself in their team's shoes and consider things from every conceivable angle. Once you've got a great idea, make sure to test it through all the possible hypotheticals you can come up with. Then craft a detailed and elegant proposal.

You're going to send this proposal to your influencer. Start a casual email, with an extra thank you for the coffee date, then say that you've been thinking about the conversation and mulling through their situation. Explain that you've come up with a proposal to help solve their problem. It's gutsy, of course, but if your idea is good — even if it isn't perfect — it will show your value, and your influencer will most likely share it with his or her team.

If any or all of this goes your way, you'll be able to follow up by inquiring about any open opportunities on this person's team (knowing already that there is one). Best case scenario: instant referral. Worst case scenario: You've netted yourself a new contact or two.

*Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com, where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.*

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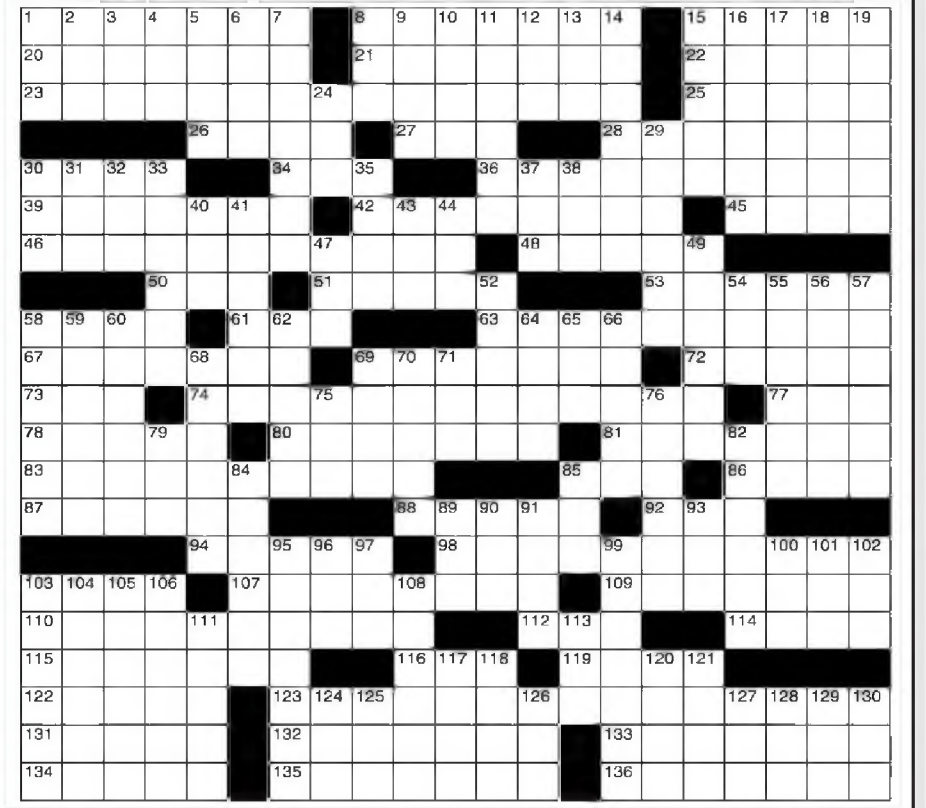


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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 High-fiber cereal
  - 8 Thwacked ingredient
  - 15 Something imperative
  - 20 Endorse
  - 21 Many a quaint cabin
  - 22 "The Gypsy" singer Shore
  - 23 Tree anchors growing in a groundwork? [Asimov-Haley]
  - 25 Split in two
  - 26 Lyrical poems
  - 27 — chi
  - 28 Dirtier, as a chimney
  - 30 Headland
  - 34 Awful review
  - 36 Actress De Mornay after marrying
  - 39 Egg-shaped instrument
  - 42 Defeat in cleverness
  - 45 Lays (down)
  - 46 Dear granny? [Morrison-Zola]
  - 48 Indulges fully
  - 50 Belle of a ball
  - 51 Butler's girl
  - 58 Livy's "to be"
  - 61 Geller of the paranormal
  - 63 Small, thin part of a beach hill? [Herbert-Levin]
  - 67 Government financial assistance
  - 69 — News (Utah paper)
  - 72 Elliptical
  - 73 Laughter syllables
  - 74 Scott Joplin's "The Entertainer"
  - 112 "I" finisher for the film "The Sting"?
  - 114 Dog ID sites
  - 115 Pistol, e.g. [Doctorow-Rand]
  - 116 Sarge, e.g.
  - 119 Lacerations
  - 122 Tough guy's claim
  - 123 Abducted old Japanese chief? [Stevenson-Clavel]
  - 131 Give rise to
  - 132 Brainless
  - 133 Treat as a hero
  - 134 Finisher
  - 135 Moves very quietly
  - 136 Tallinn's land
  - 88 Biblical queendom
  - 92 Woolen cap
  - 94 Nash of funny poems
  - 98 President Grant is gabby? [Joyce-Benchley]
  - 103 Blood type, informally
  - 107 Physician who may cry "Stat!"
  - 109 Hall of talk TV
  - 110 Have a phobia of queasiness? [Hubbard-Sartre]
  - 112 "I" finisher for the film "The Sting"?
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  - 136 Tallinn's land
- DOWN**
- 1 Clumsy type
  - 2 Of yore
  - 3 Mr. Capote, briefly
  - 4 Singer Folds
  - 5 Total change
  - 6 Very little
  - 7 Memo tablet
  - 8 — mo
  - 9 — Blanc (Alps peak)
  - 10 Home to Taj Mahal
  - 11 Groups in church robes
  - 12 "Kitchy —"
  - 13 Lifesaving pro
  - 14 Pie, e.g.
  - 15 Not standing, as a committee
  - 16 Sporty two-seaters
  - 17 Not typical of
  - 18 "Don't waste your breath!"
  - 19 Heat units
  - 24 "Life — cabaret"
  - 29 Eight-player bands
  - 30 Kernel holder
  - 31 Strikeout star
  - 32 Good friend
  - 33 Ate away at
  - 35 Actor Beery
  - 37 Printers' widths
  - 38 Ewe's cry
  - 40 "So — heard"
  - 41 Space cloud
  - 43 One, to Juanita
  - 44 Road coater
  - 47 "— do not!"
  - 49 Dancer in Matthew
  - 52 "Be — and help me"
  - 54 ROY G. —
  - 55 1972 Jack Lemmon film
  - 56 Made tighter, as a knot
  - 57 Horrors
  - 58 Moral code
  - 59 Eye makeup
  - 60 Bagel variety
  - 62 Former TV host Philbin
  - 64 Some vases
  - 65 Mesh
  - 66 Thin air
  - 68 Start of a cry from Juliet
  - 69 Gucci alternative
  - 70 Awards for Tina Fey
  - 71 Recognize
  - 75 Philosopher Lao —
  - 76 Phillips — Academy
  - 79 Harbored
  - 82 Kind of plane engine
  - 84 Engaged, as a car engine
  - 85 Ballet step
  - 89 Lean-to's kin
  - 90 Roy Wood's rock gp.
  - 91 51-year senator Robert
  - 93 Equine beast
  - 95 It includes a snare
  - 96 Mag. team
  - 97 — Valley, San Francisco
  - 99 Lazed about
  - 100 Comic Gasteyer
  - 101 Faux hair
  - 102 Maritime "Mayday!"
  - 103 Business workplace
  - 104 — Marcus (retailer)
  - 105 Accessory for an iPod
  - 106 Oily matter
  - 108 Am unable to
  - 111 Reformer Ralph
  - 113 Native metal
  - 117 "The Elder" of Rome
  - 118 Andy Taylor's tyke
  - 120 Greek letters
  - 121 Quick drink
  - 124 Africa's Amin
  - 125 Quick swim
  - 126 HP products
  - 127 Artist Yoko
  - 128 Gimlet liquor
  - 129 Arm of Israel
  - 130 Tchr.'s org.



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4	2	9	6	9	8	1	7	8
7	5	7	6	9	8	1	4	2
8	3	1	4	2	7	9	6	5
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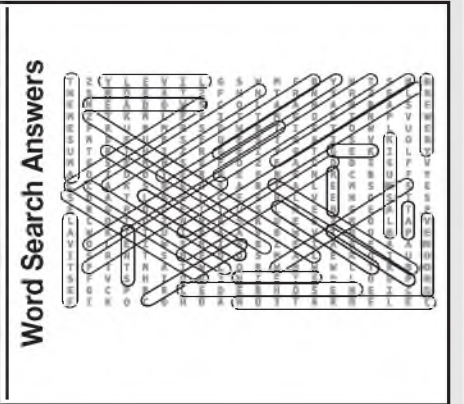
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- WORDS**
- ADMISSION
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ACROSS: 1. HIGH-FIBER CEREAL; 8. THWACKED; 15. IMPERATIVE; 20. ENDORSE; 21. MANY A; 22. "THE GYPSY" SINGER SHORE; 23. TREE ANCHORS; 25. SPLIT IN TWO; 26. LYRICAL; 27. CHI; 28. DIRTY; 30. HEADLAND; 34. AWFUL; 36. ACTRESS DE MORNAY; 39. EGG-SHAPED INSTRUMENT; 42. DEFEAT; 45. LAYS; 46. DEAR; 48. INDULGES; 50. BELLE OF A BALL; 51. BUTLER'S GIRL; 58. LIVY; 61. GELLER; 63. SMALL; 67. GOVERNMENT; 69. NEWS; 72. ELLIPTICAL; 73. LAUGHTER; 74. SCOTT JOPLIN; 112. "I"; 114. DOG; 115. PISTOL; 116. SARGE; 119. LACERATIONS; 122. TIGHT; 123. ABDUCTED; 131. GIVE; 132. BRAINLESS; 133. TREAT; 134. FINISHER; 135. MOVES; 136. TALLINN; 88. BIBLICAL; 92. WOOLEN; 94. NASH; 98. PRESIDENT; 103. BLOOD; 107. PHYSICIAN; 109. HALL; 110. HAVE; 112. "I"; 114. DOG; 115. PISTOL; 116. SARGE; 119. LACERATIONS; 122. TIGHT; 123. ABDUCTED; 131. GIVE; 132. BRAINLESS; 133. TREAT; 134. FINISHER; 135. MOVES; 136. TALLINN; 41. SPACE; 43. ONE; 44. ROAD; 47. "DO NOT!"; 49. DANCER; 52. "BE"; 54. ROY; 55. 1972; 56. MADE; 57. HORRORS; 58. MORAL; 59. EYE; 60. BAGEL; 62. FORMER; 64. SOME; 65. MESH; 66. THIN; 68. START; 69. GUCCI; 70. AWARDS; 71. RECOGNIZE; 75. PHILOSOPHER; 76. PHILLIPS; 79. HARBORED; 82. KIND; 84. ENGAGED; 85. BALLET; 89. LEAN-TO'S; 90. ROY; 91. 51-YEAR; 93. EQUINE; 95. IT; 96. MAG.; 97. VALLEY; 99. LAZED; 100. COMIC; 101. FAUX; 102. MARITIME; 103. BUSINESS; 104. MARCUS; 105. ACCESSORY; 106. OILY; 108. AM; 111. REFORMER; 113. NATIVE; 117. "THE ELDER"; 118. ANDY; 120. GREEK; 121. QUICK; 124. AFRICA'S; 125. QUICK; 126. HP; 127. ARTIST; 128. GIMLET; 129. ARM; 130. TCHR.'S.



# Car Report

## IN FULL-SIZE AVALON, TOYOTA SELLS A SEDAN THAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO SWITCH TO A UTILITY VEHICLE



By Dale Buss

It's unfortunate that Americans have been turning away from sedans and turning toward utility vehicles in such a rush over the last few years, because in doing so they may be bypassing great cars like the 2017 Toyota Avalon.

Just like so many sedan nameplates from the subcompact to the full-size like Avalon, this Toyota car flagship has been suffering from consumers' mammoth pivot to crossovers and SUVs. Its sales were down by nearly 28 percent through July compared with a year ago, the worst relative performance across Toyota's sedan lineup.

But what a car folks are missing in the 2017 Avalon. The latest version of the sedan hasn't been updated much since the car was last done over in

2013, but it didn't have to be: Avalon is the optimal vehicle for people who want a large sedan that is going to keep them comfortable, yet in tune to the road, whether they're going on a long-distance road-trip vacation or commuting every day.

Avalon starts at prices of \$33,000, which is on the high end for sedans in its class. But it offers pretty much everything that most folks would want in a vehicle. It's styled far less conservatively than previous versions and even progressively for the boomer target audience.

Avalon sports a powerful 3.5-liter V6-engine that's couple with a six-speed automatic transmission and a well-tuned suspension. It provides 268 horsepower and 248 pound-feet of torque. Yet Avalon is able to get up to freeway speed of 60 mph in just 6.4 seconds.

The car sports a decent 24mpg in combined driving, 21th 21mpg in the city and 30 mpg – very respectable for a big car – on the highway. The EPA's



Avalon's rear seat can make three adults comfortable.

rating of Avalon for fuel economy and greenhouse-gas emissions puts it at a 5 on a 10-point scale, smack dab in the middle.

It's got plenty of room for five adults, including a capacious rear seat. Child seats also fit easily into the rear row. Visibility is great for everyone in the car.

There's also lots of places for interior storage including the center console and side pockets in front and back. Storage cubby holes fit both keys and wallets, and the center console is large. The front section of the console also conveniently acts as a nexus for power cords that pass through a sliding panel for two cellphones and auxiliary and USB connections.

I've always liked Avalon's ample trunk space too, which at 16 cubic feet – with a wide opening and low liftover height on the lip – make it great for loading and holding big and heavy bags, golf clubs, and all manner of other cargo that would be unworkable in most sedans. A ski pass-through and

handles much better than past generations of the car, with a ride that has firmed up yet which is still easy to command. It's also got luxury-level quiet inside the passenger compartment.

And speaking of the interior, Avalon offers high-quality materials and excellent construction as well as the choice of many high-tech features. Now, for example, Toyota's vaunted safety sense is standard on all Avalons, including adaptive cruise control, a lane-departure warning and intervention system, forward collision warning, automatic pre-collision braking and automatic high-beam headlight control.

Still, I recommend checking out the XLE Plus trim version of Avalon. It provides many safety and convenience features – including a sunroof, heated outside mirrors with turn signals, leather-trimmed heated front seats, and so on – but at a reasonable price tag of just \$36,450.



The Toyota Avalon is handsome and in command on the road



Plenty of cubbies, fine trim work

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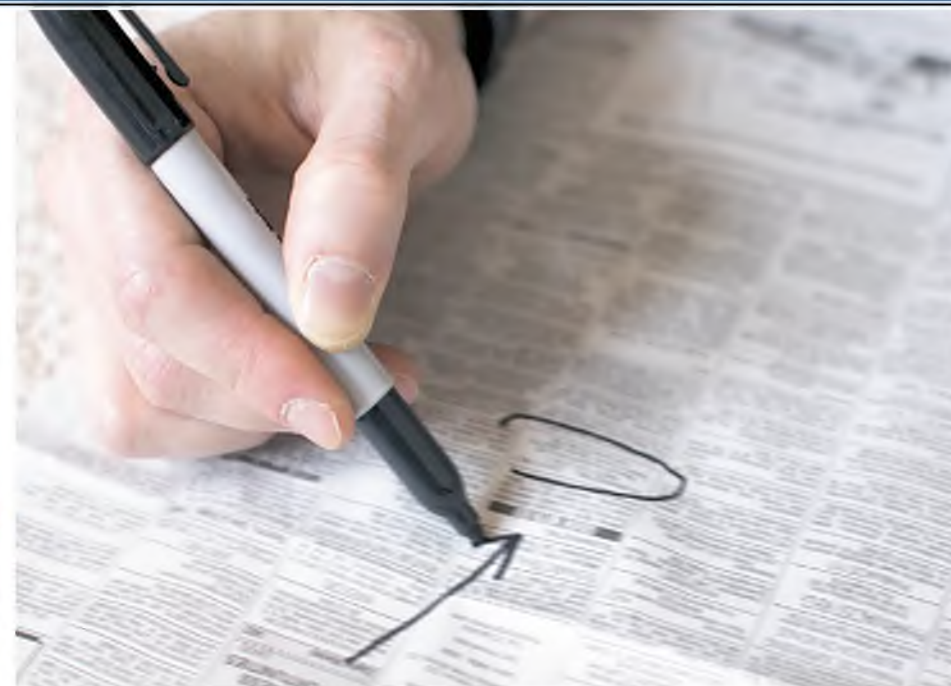
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