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School district wants voters to approve \$100 million bond

Matt Jachman
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Are Northville Public Schools voters willing to forgo tax decreases in order to pay for more than \$100 million in building improvements that would reach every district school?

That question will be answered in November, when voters weigh in on a \$104.85 million bond proposal.

The money would be used for building infrastructure updates, enhanced security features and the modernization of learning spaces. Approval, district officials say, would not raise taxes, as new taxes would be offset by anticipated decreases in the district's debt millage, which is expected to be fully retired after the 2023 tax year.

The current debt millage of 3.64 mills means annual taxes of

\$3.64 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value, or \$455 a year for the owners of a house with a taxable value of \$125,000.

The school board in July voted 6-0 to put the bond proposal on the ballot. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 7.

"It makes financial sense to bring this bond proposal before voters at this time," Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said in a press release. "It will enable

the school district to address much-needed facility updates to meet the current and future educational needs of our students with no projected increase in the current debt millage rate. It also will allow the district to preserve general fund dollars for instruction and classroom needs by providing a dedicated funding source to address iden-

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A contestant in the bubble gum contest gets her bubble measured. MARIA TAYLOR

SHAKE A LEG

Sock hops help seniors
socialize with help from
Madonna students

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

Southeast Michigan seniors love to shake a leg.

Poodle skirts, ponytails and Pink Lady jackets were the outfit du jour last week as some 170 social seniors met up for a "Throwback Thursday" sock hop, held Sept. 21 at the Novi Civic Center.

The bash was the latest in a biannual series hosted by the Senior Socialites, a two-year-long collaboration among the senior services divisions of Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills, Livonia and South Lyon.

Last year featured a '70s Woodstock throwback called "SeniorStock," with attendees coming from as far as Wixom, Commerce, Brighton and Milford.

Judy Klein is the recreation programmer for Novi's depart-



Edwin Leonard of Farmington Hills dances with his partner. MARIA TAYLOR

ment of older adult services.

"It's an opportunity for seniors, especially those in retirement communities, to meet a wider group of people," she said. "They like the '50s, like to dance, like to dress up and meet new friends."

Joining the five directors were students from the Madonna University school of nurs-

ing, who donned '50s attire to help serve dinner and run the activities.

"We wanted them to see the positive side of aging," said Pam Cameron, coordinator of senior adult services for Northville. "There's a lot of good times to be had. By the time

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RCOC board adopts 2018 budget

The Road Commission for Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners, at its regular meeting Sept. 21, adopted the agency's fiscal year 2018 budget.

The \$146.9 million budget represents an increase of about \$17.8 million compared to the \$129.1 million 2017 budget adopted in September of last year. The 2018 budget increased primarily due to an anticipated increase in state and federal road funding.

Federal funds are awarded on a project-by-project basis and the amount RCOC receives tends to fluctuate from year to year. These funds can be used only for heavy construction projects and not for routine maintenance activities, such as pothole patching, grading gravel roads, plowing, etc.

RCOC anticipates slightly more than \$88 million in state road funding, compared to just over \$78 million received in the current year. State road funding is derived primarily from state-collected fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees.

These state dollars continue to represent RCOC's largest source of funding and its main funding source for operations. The anticipated increase is the result of the increased road-funding package enacted by the state Legislature in late 2015, which took effect in January 2017.

The 2018 budget includes plans for approximately \$49.7 million in road improvement projects, such as road widenings, reconstructions, resurfacings and gravel road paving or work toward future road improvement projects; \$32.4 million for road maintenance efforts, such as pothole patching, gravel road grading and salting and plowing in the winter; and nearly \$12 million for maintaining traffic signs, signals, pave-

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SENIORS

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you're seniors, you're not afraid to have fun, to do things that might be a little silly. It's like being a kid again."

Fun and games were aplenty, with activities like a costume contest and hula hooping contest, interspersed with dancing to jams like "Shake, Rattle and Roll" and "Hello, Mary Lou," performed by Motor City Syndicate.

There were root beer floats, creamsicles and a chicken dinner – and, for the brave, a contest to see who could blow the biggest bubble gum bubble and have it measured before the music ran out or the bubble popped.

Jeri Alam of Novi, in her pink poodle skirt and gauzy pink scarf, ended up going home with a gift basket as the winner of the costume contest. She said she started dancing about five years ago. Her partner couldn't make it that night, so she came with a girlfriend.

"I was a little reluctant to dance without a partner, but then I finally thought, 'What the heck!' and went out on the dance floor," she said.

She's making up for lost time. As a girl in the '50s, her father was pretty strict: "I couldn't even go to my senior prom!"

Edwin Leonard of Farmington Hills came for the music and stayed for the dancing. It's his first time attending one of the Senior Socialite events. "I love the '50s music – you don't hear it anymore," he said. "I'll be coming back."



Jeri Alam fixes her scarf during the costume contest. MARIA TAYLOR



Marianna Dagnillo of Farmington Hills sports an "I Love Lucy" outfit to the dance. MARIA TAYLOR

Ginger Gillick (left) of Allen Park and Carrie Cavanaugh of South Lyon play a pass-the-dice game during dinner. MARIA TAYLOR

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Fanfare provides proof students rise to challenges

On Saturday, Oct. 7, beginning at just after 4 p.m., the Novi High School marching band hosts its annual Fanfare.

What is Fanfare, you ask?

Fanfare is a marching band competition hosted annually by the marching band. Each year, bands from across the state come to Novi to compete against one another and to showcase their talent.

Fanfare is one of a series of marching band competitions held during September and October that culminates in the state marching band final, held every year at



Steve Matthews
SUPER TALK

Ford Field, this year set for Nov. 4.

This season for the Novi High School marching band started long ago. Mark Hourigan, along with his assistants, started thinking about and preparing the music last season. Ideas for the show evolved over many months.

Our students started preparing this summer. Band members practiced over the summer. The

drum majors participated in events and camps that helped them get ready for this season. Band camp was held the first week of August. Band members were at the high school from early morning until well into the evening, practicing their music and learning the program on the field.

Novi High School is proud to be able to support its band program. It is just one of many activities that our high school and district supports that provides students with an opportunity to connect to our school. In addition to our band, we also offer

students opportunities in athletics, robotics, theater, choir, orchestra and student groups and clubs.

All of these activities come with a cost. We pay our teachers and staff to direct, coach and coordinate these activities. We pay for supplies and equipment. We give teachers and staff time.

But all of the costs are worth it, because these activities connect our students to the school in meaningful ways. Research has shown that students who are connected to a school or to adults in the school do better academically. Grades are higher, atten-

dance is better and overall student outcomes are improved.

The costs are also worth it because it is amazing to see the skill and commitment of our students. Whether it is band or orchestra or volleyball or the play or one of our clubs, our students are amazing. We have had national champions in DECA (our business club) and HOSA (our health occupations club). We have had state champions in volleyball. We have won state competitions in forensics and quiz bowl. We have finished highly in the state one-act play competition.

The complete list of awards would be long.

When we give our students an opportunity, they rise up.

So I would encourage you to come to Fanfare and see our Novi High School marching band perform. It will perform at the end of the evening, probably after 8:30 p.m., but come early and see some wonderful performances by other schools. It will be worth your time and money.

Steve M. Matthews, Ed.D., is superintendent of the Novi Community School District. He can be reached at steven.matthews@novik12.org.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

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

Upcoming events

Buildings open to the public: 1-4 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 15.

Grounds closed for wedding: 2:15-4:15 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sept. 30.

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

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

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FILE PHOTO

The St. Nicholas Institute Gala returns Oct. 4 to Livonia.

Carson coming to Livonia next month

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Santa Claus is coming to town. So is the secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson and his wife Candy are expected to make an appearance Oct. 4 during the sixth annual St. Nicholas Institute Awards Gala at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

The Rev. Joseph Marquis, priest at Sacred Heart and director of the institute, said the Carsons will be honored for their work through their foundation. The invite went out earlier this year and Marquis said he was "stunned" when he heard the couple planned on attending.

"Our committee thought he would be an outstanding person," Marquis said. "I think he's given away \$3.5 million away in scholarships."

The Carsons will be recognized with the St.



Carson

Nicholas Institute Lifetime Achievement Award, the same award

Mike and Marian Ilitch received last year.

The gala, now in its sixth year, takes place during the same week the St. Nicholas Institute holds training for those portraying Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Begun by Marquis, who has served as Santa Claus for decades, it's designed to teach the lessons of Santa Claus and St. Nicholas. This year's class will see more than two dozen Santa Clauses and one Mrs. Claus enroll in the one-week institute, typically held at St. Paul of the Cross in Detroit.

Also being honored are:

» Richard Kughn, retired CEO of Lionel Trains who is credited with saving the brand that has entertained children and adults for years

» John Foppe, a moti-

national speaker born without arms

» Tom and Holly Valent, who run the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School in Midland

» The Livonia Police Department, for its role helping a woman and her children this past winter

» Steve Futrell, a Livonia businessman who provided thousands of dollars to give away last Christmas, distributed by the Livonia Police Department

Curtis Caid, Livonia's police chief, said those acts were just some of the ways the department has demonstrated compassion for its community. "It really made such a positive impact on so many members of our department," he said. "It just warms your heart whenever you can help someone."

Caid said he's reserved a few tables for the gala in hopes of several officers being able to attend.

Some tickets remain for the gala and are \$60 apiece. Those interested

in attended the gala can order them at stnicholasinstitute.org.

St. Nicholas Express event

In addition to the event at Sacred Heart in October, Marquis said he's working on creating another event closer to Christmas for local disadvantaged families.

Donations are currently being accepted for the St. Nicholas Institute Christmas Express, an event taking place in December designed to give children and families down on their luck a magical Christmas experience.

Marquis said there will be a train theme for the evening, which connects the magic of Christmas with the iconic model train, reminiscent of Christmastime past. He's hoping to raise \$5,000 to bring an incredible evening for families that night.

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at **10:00am on November 2, 2017** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **MAYORS CONFERENCE ROOM**. All written comments should be directed to Monica Dreslinski and must be received prior to **Wednesday November 1, 2017 at 3PM**.

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South Lyon teen wins World Wake Surfing Championship

Dan Dean
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Nick Parros capped an impressive summer of wakesurfing Sept. 21-23 by winning the 2017 World Wake Surfing Championship in Kelowna, British Columbia. Parros, 17, a senior at Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School, competing in the skim category, had a final score of 98.5 at the Worlds. The closest competitor to him was Adam Wheeler, with a score of 88.

Parros's World Championship completes a wave of first-place finishes during his first year of wakesurfing competition, including the U.S. National Wake Surf Championship 2017 at Calloway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., held Aug. 17-20.

"It is going to be incredible to be one of over 150 athletes competing," Parros said before leaving for the World Championships.

"The win at Callaway was great. I am especially proud that I was also selected to be a member of the Phase Five (P5) Wake Surf Team. It really is an honor and a great opportunity for me."

Parros is currently ranked third in the world in the Men's Amateur Skim category by the Competitive Wake Surf Association.

Parros got in some last-minute practice Monday on Hidden Lake in South Lyon, where he shared three secrets to his success from his first year of competition.

Strategy. Having a solid plan is key. A National Honor Society member, Parros loves to study and prepare. He also reached out to the



Nick Parros practices for the World Wake Surfing Championship on Hidden Lake in South Lyon. DAN DEAN

No. 1-ranked pro rider, Noah Flegel, for advice. "This is such a super chill sport ... I have so many people helping me put my runs together," he said.

Consistency. Practicing tricks over and over and over so that he can do them in competition. Parros has been riding boards — wake, snow and skate — since age 10. Over the summer, he rode ride twice a day and still goes out daily after school.

Passion. Parros wants to be the best and is willing to put in the time to learn about the boats and boards, figuring out what works best for him. While he plans to study business in college, his plan is to continue to be involved in the sport using it to open doors, whether for employment at a large boat manufacturer, designing his own boards or, eventually, owning his own company.



Nick Parros practices for the World Wake Surfing Championship on Hidden Lake in South Lyon. DAN DEAN



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Nick Parros of South Lyon. DAN DEAN

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Runners to trek from Motor City to Windy City

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

Ron Wells has a big heart and strong legs. He will put both to the test when he joins three other like-minded local runners on a trek from Detroit to Chicago that began at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Spirit of Detroit statue at the foot of Woodward Avenue.

“All four of us – (Wells), Kevin VilleMonte, Scott Molitor and Matt Dalley – have a compassionate heart for people who are hurting or are in need,” said Wells, of Plymouth Township. It is the reason he ran 43 miles to celebrate his 43rd birthday while raising \$1,100 for his running team charity, World Vision.

After Wells finished completing the IRONMAN Wisconsin in 2015 he was “looking for something else to challenge me even more.”

“At the time, I was thinking about what I could do to up my game,” he said. “That’s when I got the idea of doing something bigger.”

“Bigger” certainly describes Steve Spear, the Team World Vision director who ran from Los Angeles to New York in 2013. Spear’s run across America was the inspiration behind Wells’s decision to run from Detroit to Chicago.

“I have a family, so I can’t run across the country, because that would take me a few months,” he said. “I could do something a little shorter. I’ve done the Chicago Marathon a couple of times and Team World Vision, which is the club I run for, is based out of Chicago, so what about a Detroit to Chicago run?”

Early last year, Wells jumped on Google maps and started planning a course between the Motor City and the Windy City.

“I put in Google maps that I wanted to walk it and what they gave me is, basically, the route I am taking,” he said. “I had to tweak it a little bit.”

It became a “group run” last summer, when Wells was mentioning his plan to a couple of friends. “I was just talking about what I was going to do,” Wells said. “I was inviting anyone and trying to make this anything more than something I was doing. And Kevin VilleMonte said that it sounds like fun and volunteered to join me. So I put out an invitation to a few other friends who I know like to run.”

VilleMonte and Molitor of Canton, along with Dalley of Plymouth, answered the invitation and will be joining Wells on his run to Chicago.

The four runners began training, with a plan put together by Wells, in January.

The run is not a relay. Each runner will stride the 280 miles from Detroit to Chicago, averaging about 28 miles each day. The first day, Wednesday, Sept. 27, will take them from the Spirit of Detroit to Ypsilanti. The second day will finish near Manchester. They will get to sleep in their own beds those two nights, but the rest of the trip will include nights in either a campground or hotel.

They should cross the finish line – Buckingham Fountain in Chicago – on Friday, Oct. 6.

But all four say that they are not done at that point. Two days after finishing the Detroit-Chicago run, Wells and Dalley plan to run the Chicago Marathon. Wells also has plans to recover for seven days and then run the Detroit Free



Folks can follow the four runners on the their DetChi Expedition Face Book page. RON WELLS



Scott Molitor (left), Ron Wells, Kevin VilleMonte and Matt Dalley get a training run in at Hines Park. DAN DEAN



Ron Wells of Plymouth will run from Detroit to Chicago and then run the Chicago Marathon two days later Oct. 8. He will then return home and, a week later, run the Detroit Free Press Marathon on Oct. 15. DAN DEAN



Matt Dalley of Plymouth will run from Detroit to Chicago and then, two days later, run the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 8. DAN DEAN



Kevin VilleMonte of Canton will run from Detroit to Chicago over 10 days and then, a week later, he plans to run the Detroit Free Press half-marathon on Oct. 15. DAN DEAN



Scott Molitor of Canton will run from Detroit to Chicago and then run the Detroit Free Press Marathon on Oct. 15. DAN DEAN

Press Marathon on Oct. 15 with Molitor, while VilleMonte plans to run the half-marathon that same day.

And anyone interested in running parts of the trip with the foursome is welcome to join them. Those will be what Wells calls “the relay runners.” To follow the run and keep track their progress, follow them on the DetChi Facebook page.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice, including disaster relief. World Vision is the largest non-governmental provider of clean water in the world, reaching more than 4.6 million new people with clean water last year alone.

“We have all run for Team World Vision for several years and the

money we raise for this run will be going toward the development piece of World Vision,” Wells said. “Scott, Matt and myself are raising money for clean-water projects in Africa. Kevin’s money is



All four runners are raising funds for World Vision during their 280-mile, 10-day run. DAN DEAN

going towards helping protect vulnerable children in high-risk areas of the world.”

In 2013, Wells made a trip to Africa and discovered first-hand the importance of clean water. He learned that a child’s chance of survival is doubled with something we in America take for granted.

With at least \$300 million invested in wells, dams, pipelines, purification systems and other measures, World Vision runs the largest privately funded water initiative in Africa.

“It was life-changing,” Wells said of his trip to Africa. “World Vision does an amazing job down there. Clean water is the genesis for getting people out of poverty.”

“My goal in 2017 is to inspire you to ‘Go Farther Together’ with me, either by pushing your own physical limits or by sacrificially giving for the sake of others.”

VilleMonte ran two marathons (Detroit and Chicago) as part of the

World Vision team, but wondered if he was doing enough. “More than 115 million children worldwide are subjected to the worst forms of child labor, including trafficking for commercial sex exploitation and hazardous physical labor and abuse,” he said. “And all I do is run a mere 26 miles.”

He said the run from Detroit to Chicago is a chance to do more.

“Together, we can change lives around the world,” he said.

Dalley says he has an “insatiable desire to keep surpassing my last major achievement.”

“With God, no dream is too big or out of reach. I know what it feels like to run 100 miles. But this adventure will test me in new ways, not to mention the goal to provide clean water for at least 200 people. I’m excited to push myself, let God pull me beyond my limits and see how many lives will be impacted in the process.”

Molitor has been with Team World Vision for five years.

“I’ve been personally involved in the transformation of more than 300 lives in Africa and countless more right here in Detroit (including my own),” he said. “Each year, I have said ‘yes’ to a goal that seems beyond my reach yet, with God and others, I have seen it come to fruition over and over again.”

Follow the expedition on Twitter @DetChiExp.

Novi Parks and Recreation to offer fitness classes

The city of Novi offers group fitness classes designed to make muscles stronger, increase cardiovascular strength and bone density and improve balance and flexibility. If you are looking to increase your overall fitness consider participating in new fitness classes such as:

BootCamp: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 through Dec. 14. Residents \$56, non-residents \$67. Registration ends Oct. 27. This workout is designed to improve overall fitness with a focus on strength, cardio, flexibility, agility and endurance. Ages 18 and over.

Pilates Plus: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31 through Dec. 12. Residents \$63, non-residents \$76. Registration ends Oct. 27. A fusion of yoga and Pilates, this workout will strengthen, stretch and tone your entire body and

provide an incredible mind/body experience. Ages 16 and over.

Bollywood Dance: 8-9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 through Dec. 16. Residents \$70, non-residents \$84. Registration ends Oct. 27. Bollywood Dance brings the excitement of rhythmic movement, momentous music with the grace of beautiful movements and combines traditional classical and semi-classical dances with a modern flair of hip hop, salsa and Latin styles. Ages 18 and over.

To try a class for a free class, call 248-347-0414. The Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department offers classes for all levels of fitness.

Novi Woods earns award in Recycled Playground Challenge

Novi Woods Elementary School i was named an honorary mention in this year's Recycled Playground Challenge, courtesy of Colgate-Palmolive, Meijer and TerraCycle.

Novi Woods earned a total of 14,166 playground credits, by recycling waste and via online voting, to earn the award. All of the honorable mentions will receive 500 Colgate kids toothbrushes, 500 Colgate kids toothpaste tubes and a Meijer gift card for \$150.

The Recycled Playground Challenge launched April 2017 in schools throughout Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin that participate in the Colgate Oral Care Recycling Program, a free, national program operated by Colgate and

TerraCycle. During the contest window, participating schools earned one playground credit for each unit — such as toothbrushes, floss containers and toothpaste tubes — sent to TerraCycle for recycling. Schools earned additional playground credits by encouraging their community, parents and teachers to vote online.

The Colgate Oral Care Recycling Program is an ongoing activity, open to any individual, family, school or community group. For each piece of waste sent in using a prepaid shipping label, participants earn money toward donations to the school or charity of their choice. To learn more about the program, go to <http://www.terracycle.com/colgate>.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

One-on-one help with our tech expert

When: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesday; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursday

Details: Free one-hour session with our Digital Services librarian to help you navigate our downloading services, help with email, Facebook, DropBox and more. Not for computer repair or configuration questions. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Fall TOT Storytime

When: Varied, see website

Details: Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Please bring only children who are registered for this storytime; babies, siblings may not attend.

Fall Storytime

When: Varied, see website

Details: Stories, music and creative activities. Children must attend independent of a caregiver and have basic cutting skills with craft scissors. Only registered children may attend.

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!

App Café: Download It!

When: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30

Details: Bring your tablet or smart phone, and enjoy coffee and snacks while we share the library's best downloading apps: Libby (Overdrive – Download Destination), RBDigital Magazines (formerly Zinio) and Freegal music. Our digital services librarian will be on hand to answer questions. Register.

Drop-In Morning Storytime

When: 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28 through Nov. 2

Details: Storytime fun for toddlers

and preschoolers. All ages welcome. Caregivers must accompany children age 3 and younger. Just drop in!

Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience Documentary with Filmmaker Audrey Geyer

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2

Details: This compelling documentary invites viewers into the lives of contemporary Native American role models living in the Midwest, particularly in Michigan. Register online or by phone at 248-349-3020.

Teen Advisory Board

When: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3

Details: Teens in grades 6-12 — have a great idea for a library program? Need community service hours? Or do you just plain love the library and want to help make it even more amazing? If so, our Teen Advisory Board is the place for you! Pizza and snacks. Registration recommended. Drop-ins welcome, but you must register if you want volunteer hours.

Books & Brews Book Group

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3

Details: Meet at The Wagon Wheel (212 S. Main St.) to discuss “The Portable Veblen” by Elizabeth McKenzie. Register; 21 and over.

Teen Faux Stained Glass Workshop

When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7

Details: Fake it while you make it with our fun fake stained glass craft for teens in grade 6-12. Learn how to use glass paint and “instant lead” to make a faux stained glass panel. Supplies limited, register.

Chris Linn’s Halloween Harvest Magic Show

When: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11

Details: Magician Chris Linn presents a harvest of laughter and amazing magic for all ages. Please, no special groups. 100 free tickets available five minutes prior to the program.



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Another biker club goes up in flames

**John Wisely
and Robert Allen**
Detroit Free Press

Arson investigators from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives combed through what was left of the Scorpions Motorcycle Club in Lyon Township on Friday after it became the second club this week destroyed by fire.

They brought with them a K-9 trained to smell gasoline and chemicals that accelerate fires. The ATF was brought in at the request of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, whose dog was out of town, bureau spokeswoman Ronnie Dahl said.

"Obviously, it's suspicious," said Lt. Mark Venus of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. "At this time, it appears that somebody broke into the clubhouse, gained entry to a safe. So obviously, the motive was to steal some money."

Venus said there were no immediate signs that the fire is related to the one at the Street Royalty Motorcycle Club on Detroit's west side, but he said investigators hadn't ruled out anything.

The fire at the Street Royalty clubhouse on Dexter, near Webb, began with an explosion about 11:15 p.m. Sept. 19. Investigators there have ruled out a gas leak as the cause and are trying to determine if it was arson.

Lyon Township Fire Chief Ken Van Sparrentak said the first call about the fire came in at 6:14 a.m., and when firefighters arrived at the club on Milford Road, just north of 11 Mile, flames were shooting through the roof.

"The front of the building was preserved, but the clubhouse area was a total loss," Van Sparrentak said.

Emergency crews closed Milford Road during the fire so crews could run hoses from hydrants across the street. The chief said crews shut off utilities, including gas and some downed electrical lines, as they fought the fire. One firefighter suffered minor injuries but was expected to make a full recovery.

An investigator from Lyon Township will work with sheriff's investigators to determine the cause and origin of the fire, Van Sparrentak said. Scorpions Chapter



Investigators examine the Scorpions Motorcycle Club in Lyon Township. JOHN WISELY



Chapter President Chris Page dismisses talk of a turf war.

President Chris Page said he suspects the Friday fire was a burglary attempt, not a turf war. "Back in the '60s, there were a couple issues with clubs, but everybody's moved on. Nobody's mad at nobody," he said.

Page, who owns a tattoo shop in Brighton, said he knows members of the Street Royals, but the Royals are a city club and most of his members live farther out. Page said the Scorpi-

ons club kept a big safe at the north end on the building but after the fire, it was found at the south end.

"We just had a big party a couple weeks ago. Maybe they thought there was a lot of money in there," he said. "There wasn't. There was probably \$150 in there."

The safe appeared unopened, he said.

The back portion of the clubhouse included a bar, a pool table, some



Charred debris and smoke are visible after a fire Sept. 22 at the Scorpions Motorcycle Club in Lyon Township. JOHN WISELY

gathering space for parties and a stage for live music. The biggest loses, Page said, were memorial plaques and photos.

Page also spotted the small Bobcat earth mover that didn't belong to the club.

Venus said the Bobcat belonged to a fence company working a project

at the intersection of 11 Mile and Milford Road. It appears someone stole it from there, drove it north to the clubhouse and then used it to crash through a side wall of the club to get inside.

Jennifer Urtel lives near the Scorpions club and heard an odd-sounding siren Friday while

she was getting children ready for school. When she looked outside, she could see flames in the distance. She hurried over because it appeared the flames were near her parents' home.

"It was probably 20 or 30 feet in the air," she said. "It's just really sad. They were a very good neighbor."

Urtel's mother, Ginger Huard, lives just across the street and said the flame lit up the sky. "It looked like a huge fireball," she said.

Urtel said the club has been on the neighborhood for years and has never been trouble. Members gather there on weekends, and once a year on the weekend after Labor Day, they host a large pig roast party with live music.

The neighbors are invited and many of them attend.

City of Northville Proposed Amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 42 Historic Preservation Article II-Historic District Commission

At its regular meeting on October 16, 2017, the Northville City Council will consider first reading of text amendments to the following sections in Chapter 42 Historic Preservation, Article II Historic District Commission in the Code of Ordinances.

Section 42-20 Historic district commission: Currently, the composition of the commission includes the mayor or a member of city council. It is proposed this be amended to be the mayor or an alternate selected by the mayor and confirmed by city council.

Proposed language would also state that members of the Historic District Commission may be removed by the City Council upon their sole discretion for misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance upon written changes and after a public hearing. Members who are absent from three (3) consecutive un-excused Historic District Commission meetings shall be subject to review and/or removal from the Historic District Commission by action of the City Council.

Section 42-21 Procedures of commission (1) officers: Currently, the chairperson the commission shall be the mayor or city council liaison. It is proposed this be amended to be the mayor or the alternate selected by the mayor and confirmed by city council.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU17-0010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Bath & Body Works** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary **pod storage for holiday inventory** for parcel 50-22-14-351-053 north of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road from **October 22, 2017 through January 15, 2018**. The property is zoned TC and OS-1 (Town Center and Office Service 1) and the use is contrary to 3.14.1.A of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at **10:00am on October 19, 2017** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the **Mayors Conference Room**. All written comments should be directed to Monica Dreslinski and must be received prior to **Wednesday October 18, 2017 at 3PM**.

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Novi Community Schools Novi, MI SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Novi Community Schools' Bid Package #8, **consisting of the District-Wide Remodeling Projects will be received until 1:30 pm Local time on Thursday, October 19, 2017** at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building located at:

25345 Taft Road

Novi, MI 48374

ATTN: Ms. Jill Minnick, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened. Faxed or electronic proposals will not be accepted.

This Bid Package will consist of a separate sealed bid for the following Bid Divisions:

142: HVAC

143A: Electrical (Building Remodeling)

143B: Electrical (Site Lighting)

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room; Construction Association of Michigan (CAM); Reed Construction Data; and Builders Exchange Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com, free of charge, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on **Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Novi Community Schools' Educational Services Building, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374**. The meeting will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room. The meeting **is not** mandatory, but is highly recommended. Attendees desiring to visit the site, will have the opportunity to do so after the meeting.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the **Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26)**, **Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00)**, and the **Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit**. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the **Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual**.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Novi Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price.

Novi Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding, and to accept a bid other than the lowest bid.

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A classic tussle between rivals at the 73rd Boys Bowl

It was a classic tussle between high school powerhouse football teams Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Birmingham Brother Rice. In a back and forth high-scoring game, CC eventually won, 27-23. Boys Bowl series between the two schools now stands at an even 18-18-1.

Detroit Catholic Central junior quarterback

Marco Genrich engineered an 89-yard final drive in just eight plays during the final 3:53 of the game. He connected with tight end Mike Harding on the game-winning TD on a 13-yard pass with only 47 seconds to go.

See page B1 for the full game story and view more photos online at www.hometownlife.com/sports.



A B-52 bomber flies over Fr. Richard Elmer Stadium. DAN DEAN



Catholic Central's Can Ryan scores on a 38-yard run during the first quarter. DAN DEAN



After a Catholic Central interception sealed the victory, CC's Liam Cunningham and Connor O'Neill celebrate on the sidelines. DAN DEAN



CC's Mike Harding hauls in the winning touchdown pass over Brother Rice defender Connor Marsh. DAN DEAN



More umbrellas. DAN DEAN



Injured Brother Rice QB Mariano Valenti gets a hug from his former coach, now a CC coach, David Sofran. DAN DEAN



The Catholic Central student section is happy with the outcome of an exciting game Sunday afternoon. DAN DEAN

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WORKING TO PUT A DENT IN POVERTY

Accountant addresses need in his own backyard and around the world

KRIS WARTELLE
USA TODAY NETWORK

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

Rachid Ouedraogo is making a difference in the lives of homeless people and the poor all over the world.

Originally from Burkina Faso in West Africa, Ouedraogo moved to the United States in 2001. He became an American citizen in 2015.

He came when his father took a job teaching French in Iowa, then Massachusetts, finally landing a position as a French professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Ouedraogo went to Lafayette High School, where, at 6-foot-5, he played basketball and helped his team win the state championship. He earned his undergraduate and MBA from UL and now works as an accountant at Lafayette General Health.

One Sunday, Ouedraogo, 27, and his girlfriend headed to the grocery store, bought water and food and proceeded to drive downtown looking for anyone who might need help.

"It was hard to tell at first," Ouedraogo explained. "Sometimes you can't tell. But some people were looking in the trash for food. One guy was literally digging in the trash.

"In about 30 minutes, we met 10 people. They were all thankful. ... One told us, 'This made my day,' because he had nothing to eat. If we hadn't given him food, he would not have eaten."

Ouedraogo also volunteers with RESULTS, made up of people who use their voices to influence political decisions that will end poverty. "We try to make a difference through legislation," Ouedraogo said. "We set up meetings with legislators to (ask) them to allocate funds for those who need help."

Ouedraogo describes his childhood in Burkina Faso as fairly normal, but says



Rachid Ouedraogo, a naturalized U.S. citizen, spends his spare time working to end poverty.
SCOTT CLAUSE/USA TODAY NETWORK

he did witness a lot of poverty. He would like to return to his hometown, to help there as well. But now, his home is in Lafayette, where he believes there is plenty of need right in his own backyard.

"I am an American now, and these are

my people," he said. "In America, we have the means to help others. We need to just find the time to do it. I feel like I need to give back. If I can make a difference, we all can."

ONE NATION Nominate an American

Who are your American heroes? Share stories and nominees at onenation.usatoday.com or via email to onenation@usatoday.com or post a video submission to Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (no longer than 2 minutes, please) with the hashtags #IAmAnAmerican #WeAreOneNation.

Q&A WITH RACHID OUEDRAOGO

What does it mean to you to be an American?

For me, being an American means being able to help others. I'm a leader, and I'm also a volunteer, and I really want to be the voice for those in my community who need help and those that really need our attention and our care.

What moment touched or motivated you to get involved?

I've always wanted to help others, but I didn't know how to do that. I just enjoy giving back, even if it's just donating blood or feeding the homeless or being a part of RESULTS.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

My No. 1 concern is food waste. I feel like there is a lot of food waste in America and in Lafayette. We can find a way to get all this food to these people that need it, but I know that me going downtown and helping people, that's not enough. We need to do more. But what gives me hope is the youth and the young people in this country. And I want to get them involved.

What do you hope to accomplish?

So I got the idea to use hashtags — #selflesssaturday and #selflesssunday — and to put a weekend aside to help others and post about it. And this will encourage people to see what you've done. Your friends can see great work that you've done and follow in your footsteps.

Rachid Ouedraogo

Home: Lafayette, Louisiana

Age: 27

Profession: Accountant with Lafayette General Health in Lafayette

Mission: To spread the word about #selflesssaturday and #selflesssunday and encourage others to give up one weekend to help the homeless, or anyone who needs assistance, and post it on social media.

Exhibit offers delicious journey into 'Chocolate'

David Lyman

Special to the Detroit Free Press

If you want to mount a must-see museum exhibit, there are two essentials, Gary Feinman says.

"First, you need a 'hook' — you know, something that really catches people's attention. And second, you need a good story," hwe said. "This exhibit has a good story. But it has a fabulous hook."

The exhibit he's talking about is "Chocolate," which just opened at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. Feinman co-curated the original "Chocolate" exhibit more than 15 years ago at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, where he is the MacArthur curator of Meso-American, Central American and East Asian anthropology.

"Almost everyone loves chocolate," said Feinman, who admits to consuming his share of Hershey bars and Halloween chocolates when he was growing up. "So right away, we have people's attention. But they don't know a lot about its history. That's where we come in."

It's a formula that has proven astoundingly successful. The exhibit ran for more than 10 months in Chicago in 2002. It has been on the road ever since. It has been seen by hundreds of thousands of people throughout North America, from Honolulu to Hamilton, Ontario, from St. Paul to Houston. An earlier version of the exhibit visited the Henry Ford Museum in 2008.

Cameron Wood agrees about the appeal of the exhibit. He's a dark-



"Chocolate," which explores the evolution of the treat we know today, will be at the Cranbrook Institute of Science today through Jan. 7. This photo is from an earlier stop on the exhibit's tour. JOHN WEINSTEIN

chocolate fan, for the record. But now, it's up to him — he's the anthropology coordinator and museum educator at Cranbrook — to help tell the convoluted tale that has seen chocolate grow from a relatively unknown pod growing on trees in Central America to one of the most in-demand commodities in the world.

Chocolate's history, as examined by this exhibit, is nothing short of epic. It begins with the Mayans' discovery of the cacao seed more than 1,500 years ago. The Aztecs used the seeds to create a drink. But it had almost no resemblance to the chocolate drinks we know today.

"It was actually a fairly bitter drink," Feinman said. "In fact, the most desired part of all was the foam that bubbled up at the top of the ceramic or gourd con-

tainers. There were a few recipes that added honey. But many more added chili peppers or other spices."

Then the Spanish arrived. The conquistadors were certain there was money to be made from cacao. They were right. When they introduced the beans to Europe, everything changed.

"That's where sugar became part of the chocolate story," Wood said.

And milk, too. As the bean's popularity moved into northern Europe, confectioners started adding milk to the drink. It was smoother and richer that way. And far more marketable, as well. It would be the mid-19th century before the concept of eating chocolate became popularized.

"The exhibit delves into the serious history of chocolate, too," Wood said. "It explores how

chocolate became a much sought-after commodity and how it became tied to the slave trade."

For more than 200 years — from the 16th century to the late 18th century — millions of low-wage laborers and slaves enabled colonial plantations to provide more wealthy parts of the world with their chocolate.

"Happily, it is a different story today," Wood said. "And that's a good thing, because the demand for chocolate is larger than ever. The U.S. chocolate market alone is estimated to be in excess of \$13 billion a year. And there is no sign of it slowing down anytime soon."

Cranbrook has a full slate of activities scheduled during "Chocolate," which continues through Jan. 7.

"We'll have a short-term education program



"Chocolate," an exhibit created by The Field Museum, will be at the Cranbrook Institute of Science Sept. through Jan. 7.



"Chocolate," is an exhibit created by The Field Museum.
KAREN BEAN

for field trips," Wood said. "It's designed to complement and augment the exhibit. We've ordered three cacao trees, for instance. And we'll share various objects from Meso-American culture. And children will get to make their own Mayan chocolate drink. That's where they'll learn just how important sugar is as a part of the chocolate story."

For adult aficionados, Cranbrook is offering a

Dec. 2 bus tour. First stop is Zingerman's Roadhouse in Ann Arbor, where brunch will include biscuits with bacon-chocolate gravy and other chocolate-related foods. Then it's back on the bus and on to Mindo Chocolate Makers in Dexter.

Specifics of the tour — time, cost, etc. — have not yet been announced. Wood suggests checking at science.cranbrook.edu regularly.

Gourds galore! Thousands beat the heat at Pumpkinfest



Diane Roest served as grand marshal for the Pumpkinfest Parade. KELLY DOBSON

Fall officially arrived in South Lyon over the weekend (despite the presence of near-record temperatures). How can you tell? Pumpkinfest has come and gone. Thousands of people strolled Friday through Sunday in downtown South Lyon on a weekend filled with music, food, beer, games and, of course, pumpkins.

The weekend also featured the battle of the bands, the pumpkin pie eating contest and, of course, pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, shown off with a variety of other vegetables and home-grown products, during the Friday night contest. The parade highlighted Saturday events, with Diane Roest, owner of Diane's Dollhouse, serving as grand marshal.



Gourds of all shapes and sizes were the main attraction during Pumpkinfest. KELLY DOBSON



Scouts having some fun during the parade. KELLY DOBSON



Near-record heat was a big part of the weekend during South Lyon's annual Pumpkinfest, so many came prepared for the heat with plenty of water. KELLY DOBSON



The dogs in the Ultimate Air Dogs contest went splashing after their favorite toys. KELLY DOBSON



The music was sweet during the Pumpkinfest parade. KELLY DOBSON



Spreading the message. KELLY DOBSON



With near-record temperatures, there were plenty of ways to cool off. KELLY DOBSON



As they do for most hometown parades, crowds lined the streets. KELLY DOBSON



Wearing their tie-dyed outfits, members of Girl Scout Troop 70869 got into the theme of the day. KELLY DOBSON

Old rules no longer apply to retirement questions

I recently met with a long-time client who is now semi-retired. They had a variety of issues that I thought I would share with you. These issues come up frequently at client meetings, particularly with those who are newly retired. When someone has worked their entire adult life, things look differently when they retire.

Their first issue dealt with their home. The traditional view is, when you retire, you downsize into a smaller, less expensive home. They wanted to know if it would be stupid to do the opposite and buy a house that was bigger and more expensive than their current home. I first told them there's nothing stupid about what they want to do. I explained that the old rules regarding retirement are mostly irrelevant today. Remember, some of these rules on retirement were written more than 75 years ago, when it was thought that once you hit your mid-60s, all you need-



Rick Bloom
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ed to do was get ready to die. I asked the client whether the new home would increase the quality of their life and they assured me it would. I looked at it as purely a financial issue — in other words, can they afford the new home? After reviewing the numbers and doing a variety of calculations, I told the clients that, from a financial standpoint, they could proceed and buy the new home.

For those in retirement, don't get caught up in what you think the rules of retirement are or what others say you should do. In reality, retirement is a new concept in the history of mankind and the key is to always look at your

individual situation and decide what works for you, not for your best friend or your neighbor.

The second issue that they had dealt with was life insurance. They each had a couple of term life insurance policies that were expiring, as well as a whole life policy. As they said, they know they don't need any life insurance and have no problem letting the term policies expire. On the other hand, with the whole life policy, even though they don't need the life insurance, they said they felt more comfortable to keep that policy in place. Their question to me was, should they?

As I told them, this is not a financial question. After all, they can afford to keep the policy in place if they choose or they can cancel the policy. This is a quality of life question. As far as I'm concerned, having money and resources is to increase your comfort and quality of life. If having that life insur-

ance policy gives them additional comfort and quality of life, then why not? Isn't that the purpose of money?

Unfortunately, for those who do not have resources, the financial issues have to take precedence over the quality of life issues. For those with resources, even though finances are always important and must be considered, the quality of life issues can take a more dominant position. Remember, retirement should be the time in your life where you reap the rewards for a lifetime of working. If you don't take quality of life into consideration when you are retired, my question is, what are you waiting for?

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email Rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Allocating your 401(k) for Retirement

When: 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Oct. 4
Presenter: Patrick A. Shope, CWS, financial consultant
Where: Novi Civic Center
Details: In this informative class, retirees and soon-to-be retirees will learn how to make the most of their 401(k) in retirement. You will learn the advantages and disadvantages of different types of retirement plans. Find out how to smartly and efficiently distribute income from your retirement plan and what to watch out for when required minimum distributions are approaching. Pre-registration required by Sept. 29.

Exercise = Cognitive Candy for the Brain

When: 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5
Presenter: Kathy Housey, Brains

and Balance, special senior certified instructor
Where: Meadowbrook Activity Center

Details: Discover the benefits and connection between exercise and increased brain capacity. Attendees will learn various exercises for different ability levels can make significant changes in cognitive function, while enjoying fun and unique brain drills. This program presented in partnership with Beacon Square-Northville. Pre-registration required by Oct. 1.

Are you an Owl, a Lark or a Hummingbird?

When: 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12
Presenter: Kathy Housey, Brains and Balance, special senior certified instructor
Where: Meadowbrook Activity Center
Details: Attendees will learn the importance and lasting effects relaxation and sleep have on achieving and maintaining brain health. Also covered are sleep chronotype and tips for getting a better night's sleep. This program presented in partnership with Beacon-Square Northville. Pre-registration required by Oct. 10.

Did you Plan for Long Term Care?

When: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18

Presenter: Jim Schuster, elder law attorney
Where: Novi Civic Center
Details: It's a fact: With aging comes the need of help from others. Attendees will hear about the array of ways to plan ahead and avoid common mistakes that could affect losing homes and life savings. This presentation is ideal for children of aging parents and retirees soon to be ready for long term care. Pre-registration required by Oct. 13.

Your Gut is your Second Brain!

When: 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19
Presenter: Kathy Housey, Brains and Balance, special senior certified instructor
Where: Meadowbrook Activity Center
Details: The vital connections between what is put into your body and how it affects cognitive functioning will be discussed. Attendees will discover simple dietary changes that can make one look and feel better while offering important brain protection. This program presented in partnership with Parents Changing Spaces. Pre-registration required by Oct. 17.

Final round of Adopt-A-Road now underway

The Road Commission for Oakland County continues to celebrate the 270 groups and organizations that help to clean up Oakland County roadsides by participating in the Adopt-A-Road program. The final round for the RCOC 2017 cleanup runs through Oct. 1.

"This is the final cleanup for the year and a good chance to get debris removed from our roadsides for the start of fall and before winter settles in," RCOC board chairman Eric Wilson said. "We appreciate all the volunteer groups and organizations that take great pride by keeping Oakland roadsides clean and beautiful."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Boys Bowl: CC pulls out late 27-23 win over Rice

Shamrocks QB Genrich engineers game-winning TD drive

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Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady aren't the only quarterbacks who can engineer a fourth-quarter drive during a Sunday afternoon.

Detroit Catholic Central junior Marco Genrich wrote his own script with some late-

game heroics as he marched the host Shamrocks 89 yards in just eight plays during the final 3:53 to beat rival Birmingham Brother Rice, 27-23, in the 73rd Boys Bowl at Fr. Richard Elmer Stadium.

Genrich, who was an efficient 9-of-12 passing for 221 yards, connected with tight end Mike Harding on the game-winning TD on a 13-yard pass with only 47 seconds to go after Rice had taken a 23-21 advantage on a 24-yard Christian Hajjar field goal with 8:43 remaining to make it 23-21.

"I just trusted my O-Line,

trusted the receivers to make plays, the running backs did a hell of a job," Genrich said. "It was just surreal, great drive."

Backed up on his own 11, Genrich hurled a perfect 53-yard strike on first down to Parker Bohland to put the Shamrocks within striking distance.

The Shamrocks, who had two timeouts left, then milked the clock down to the final minute with five straight running plays, including four straight runs by Genrich of 9,

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CC's Mike Harding hauls in the winning touchdown pass over Brother Rice defender Johnatan Douglas.
DAN DEAN

NFL FOOTBALL

Free agent LB Wilson makes Vikings' roster



Minnesota Vikings linebacker Eric Wilson (left) dives in an attempt to sack Buffalo quarterback Nathan Peterman during a preseason game.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Thurston grad makes impact on special teams

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Eric Wilson wasn't invited to the NFL Combine.

The linebacker didn't even get chosen to play in any college all-star games, despite an impressive football resumé coming out of the University of Cincinnati.

But that couldn't stop the Redford Thurston High grad

from crashing the party and making the Minnesota Vikings' 53-man roster as an undrafted free agent.

"I think it all comes from having a good film and production in college, for sure," said

Wilson, who led the Bearcats in tackles both his junior and

senior seasons. "And just making sure I was doing the right things in the game as a whole, just not defense, but special teams, too, because I played special teams a lot in college, as well at the same time I was starting on defense. I think playing well on defense and getting after it on special teams is important."

The 6-foot-1, 230-pound Wilson, who is wearing jersey

No. 50, made two solo tackles in a 26-9 loss to Pittsburgh as the Vikings got off to a 2-1 start.

He is currently making his mark as a member of the Vikings' kicking and punting units.

"I think those first two games were awesome because the preseason - it's the NFL, but it's different when you get to the regular season," Wilson said. "So it was

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PRO SOCCER

Pro at 18, Gatt rides the Rapids now in Colorado

Catholic Central graduate returns to MLS after playing professionally in Norway

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Turning professional at the young age of 18 right out of Detroit Catholic Central High School, Joshua Gatt got quite the indoctrination into the world of professional soccer.

He's played in the group stages of the Europa League and in the UEFA Champions League qualifying, while suiting up against the likes of noted professional clubs such as Stuttgart FC, Basel FC and FC Steaua Bucharest.

Now at age 26 and three knee surgeries later, Gatt is trying to resurrect and re-establish himself as an outside midfielder for Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids.

Gatt originally signed in the off-season with Minnesota United FC, but was traded March 31 barely before he could put his boots on.

"If you'd describe it in a word, I'd say it's been a whirlwind," Gatt said. "Just because moving from Norway to Minnesota, Minnesota to Colorado ... it was a very busy

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Plymouth native and Detroit Catholic Central High grad Joshua Gatt is now with the MLS Colorado Rapids.
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PREP FOOTBALL

Lakeland's Myers a bear in win over East

Sophomore fullback Myers keys 51-21 Eagles victory

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White Lake Lakeland's Dakota Myers might not know who Bronco Nagurski was, but the sophomore did a pretty good imitation of the legendary Chicago Bears player.

The rugged 6-foot-1, 210-pound fullback is proving to be a throwback Friday as he rushed for a team-best 124 yards on just 14 yards with a touchdown as the Eagles pulled away in the second half to spoil South Lyon East's homecoming, 51-21.

With senior Dylan Kutzleb, the lead running back, going down in the first quarter after taking a shot on the knee, Myers stepped up.

But he deflected the all the praise in the Lakes Valley Conference win.

"The running back down blocked and then I just followed him right up the hole; it's a fullback dive, pretty much," said Myers, who had a 21-yard TD run early in the third quarter to put the Eagles up, 17-7. "I'm just a power back. The offensive line is amazing. They blocked downfield. They don't stop. They carry us down the field, pretty much."

Robbie Tracy also had a big night, going for an additional 107 yards on 18 carries, adding a 71-yard kickoff return and TD runs of 3 and 17 yards to

spark a big Lakeland third quarter as East was outscored, 34-7.

Brady Woodruff also hurled a 65-yard third-quarter TD pass to Sean Cullen, while Mitchell Boles added a 24-yard TD run. Joe Rzeppa also scored from 7 yards out and Jon Fernandez capped off the night with a 6-yard TD run in the final quarter.

The Eagles, who improved to 4-1 overall, rushed for 318 total yards. They were 2-of-3 passing for 83 yards.

"Our kids made a lot of good adjustments," Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said. "Somebody always says your plays always look the same and it's boring. But again, I look at 51 points and I'll say, 'It wasn't boring for me.' There's a lot of nuances and we know who we are. We run our offense the way we run it and tonight, when you put 51 points on the board, it is what it is. I don't get wrapped into how you score the points. We call a lot of pass plays that get checked off at the line of scrimmage, so we don't care how we get in the end zone. But it was nice to get everybody a touch tonight."

Myers ran for the tough inside yards after Kutzleb couldn't go.

"We've been waiting for Dakota to have a game," Woodruff said. "And he had a couple of good runs last game. Couldn't be more proud of Dakota. He was the one in first game against (Walled Lake) Central where he fumbled his first handoff, gave it to



Lakeland's Dakota Myers (right) stiff-arms East tacklers Jake Waranauckas (bottom) and Terry Day. JERRY REA

them and they scored. In the second game against (Waterford) Mott, he fumbled his second handoff. We coached Dakota last year and we know what he's capable of doing. We have a lot of running backs that are capable of doing special things. Robbie Tracy had a great night again in Dylan's absence. When Dakota gets going, it definitely adds a lot to our offense."

Here are four other game takeaways

BALL CONTROL

The Eagles ran 33 first-half plays to East's 17. One drive, starting at its own 7, went 18 plays, resulting in a 37-yard Leo Skupin field goal to get Lakeland on the board.

Lakeland got stopped in the red zone on fourth-and-two on a big stop by

East's Robby Taylor, but Lakeland got its first TD with 41 seconds left in the half on a 7-yard run by Rzeppa after he completed an 18-yard pass to Brendan McGrath for a key first down. It was only Lakeland's second pass of the half.

"Up front, their offensive and defensive lines ... they're pretty damn good," East coach Joe Pesci said. "They controlled the line of scrimmage and it's tough to make tackles when you're finally meeting guys 6, 7, 8 yards back by the linebackers. That was certainly one of the biggest differences in the game. Up front, they controlled the line of scrimmage."

ONSIDE AVALANCHE

The Cougars, down 10-7, tried an onside kick



South Lyon East's Donovan Wright (top) goes airborne to make the catch over Lakeland defender Leo Skupin. JERRY REA

to start the third quarter.

But Lakeland's Connor Wheeler recovered it at the 50 and it led to a four-TD spree during an 8:40 span to put the Eagles up, 38-7.

"We figured we'd come out and try that," Pesci said. "We had a little window there. We just kind of misplaced the kick by about 3 yards to the right. We thought we could get it and change the momentum a little bit."

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Kutzleb, who rushed for 254 yards in a 34-14 win two weeks ago against South Lyon, was held out the rest of the night after carrying the ball three times in the opening quarter.

The Eagles have a big Lakes Valley Conference match-up coming up beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday at Walled Lake Western.

"He took a shot in knee; we were very cautious with him," Woodruff said. "We didn't think we were going to

risk putting him back in there."

EAST NUMBERS

South Lyon East junior quarterback Chris Kaminski was 10-of-24 passing for 187 yards and one interception (by Lakeland's Luke Perry).

East scored on its opening possession, going 65 yards in just four plays as Kaminski connected on passes of 47 yards (to Alex Donaldson) and Donovan Wright (a 26-yard TD).

Kaminski added a 21-yard scoring pass to Sean Clary on the final play of the third quarter to stop the bleeding. Wright added a 5-yard TD run late in the game.

The Cougars had 92 rushing yards on 21 attempts.

"Our lack of depth certainly factored into tonight, especially towards the end of the first half," said Pesci, whose team slipped to 2-3 overall. "The third quarter was kind of a nightmare for us."

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PREP FOOTBALL

Miller sparks late rally for Plymouth

Wildcats score two late TDs to edge Northville and spoil homecoming, 35-34

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With Carson Miller doing the heavy lifting Friday, the Plymouth Wildcats just needed a little extra oomph from other players to push over the finish line a 35-34 victory against Northville.

Miller was a beast all night for the host Wildcats, as he rushed 41 times for 291 yards and scored two touchdowns.

"Our O-line blocked their tails off for him, too," Plymouth head coach Mike Sawchuk said about Miller. "But Carson, he's a great back for what we do because he's very patient. He doesn't go down on one hit. That's what we preach, can't go down with one hit."

Yet Plymouth couldn't have prevailed without A.J. Neal's leaping recovery of an onside kick, which set the table for the Wildcats' game-tying march — a 45-yard drive in nine plays, capped off by senior quarterback Zach Beadle's 5-yard toss to sophomore receiver Mike Mathias with 1:14 remaining.

Mathias (98 all-purpose yards, two TDs) then booted the extra point to give Plymouth (2-3) the victory.

"We figured, with the way we're pooch kicking, it's only about a 10-yard difference," Sawchuk said. "So if we didn't get it, we just had to stop them. So we just figured we'd roll the dice, we had the momentum going, we had them on their heels."



Northville's Brendan Rudolph (bottom) dives in an attempt to tackle Plymouth's elusive Carson Miller. MICHAEL VASILNEK

Matt Ladach's team, trying to earn a victory on homecoming night, had one final chance.

The Mustangs wanted to at least work the ball into the Plymouth half to give record-holding senior kicker Jake Moody a crack at a dramatic winning field goal. Moody went 4-for-4, including a 55-yarder. But Plymouth senior Calvin Vos recovered a fumble to pretty much conclude the proceedings.

"Absolutely, we had the wind at our back," Ladach said. "That's why chose to kick the way we did to start the half. We wanted the wind in the fourth quarter and we had it. We just didn't get in his range."

Ladach said the way his team battled back in the second half, only to give the game back, is going to sting for a while. "Words can't describe the pain that we feel in this case," he said. "(We) had a two-score lead late in the game. Just hard."

The Wildcats — who outgained Northville, 521-231 — led much of the game, taking a 21-16 lead into the fourth quarter. But Northville went on a 18-0 run and look poised to prevail.

Undaunted, Plymouth rallied with the help of a successful onside kick (recovered by Neal) and Beadle's touchdown pass to Mathias — who scored on a 60-yard run early in the first quarter, which at that time made it a 7-7 game.

It took an extra point by Mathias to break the 34-34 tie and Plymouth's defense then made sure Northville could not move into Moody's impressive field-goal range.

Here are several takeaways from the contest:

NEVER TOO LATE

Even though Northville enjoyed a seemingly comfortable 34-21 lead midway through the fourth quarter, the Wildcats kept battling behind

the hard running of Miller. He scored on a 28-yard scamper with 4:06 to play to make it a six-point differential.

Plymouth then tried an onside kick that Neal recovered near midfield and the Wildcats went on their game-winning drive.

CLUTCH TIME

Miller ran seven times for 38 yards during the winning march, but Beadle (7-of-15 passing, 92 yards) needed to roll out of the pocket and find Mathias near the goal line for the 5-yard touchdown.

"We've been through a lot this year and we're starting to see some really good flashes of football," Sawchuk said.

Another Beadle TD toss was a 25-yarder to Kyle Aniol, to make it 21-13 with 6:57 left in the third.

GUT PUNCH

Ladach said the Mus-

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PREP FOOTBALL

Canton gallops to 56-12 win over Novi

Troup, Walker carry big load in KLAA Black Division triumph

Tom Morelli
Correspondent

If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

That's been the mentality of Canton football for several years now under coach Tim Baechler, as his team's power running game once again proved to be its biggest asset Friday in a 56-12 division win over homecoming opponent Novi.

While the faces underneath the helmets may change, the scheme has remained relatively intact, which is a rarity given the copycat mentality of coaches to latch onto the latest and greatest formations and gimmicks.

Of course, with more than 200 wins in Baechler's 20 seasons as coach, it's clear that you can't argue with success.

The offensive beneficiaries for Canton (4-0 overall, 3-1 KLAA Black) were the dynamic duo of running backs Colin Troup (14 carries for 169 yards) and Steven Walker (12 carries for 166 yards), who scored a combined five of the Chiefs' eight touchdowns.

"Novi's a very good team with a lot of talent, but what I really think what helped us pull off the win was coach Baechler, who's been working us hard all week," Troup said. "The whole team has been getting over this hot, sweaty week and it just felt really good to come out



Canton's Colin Troup was the game's leading ball carrier in the 56-12 win over Novi. TOM MORELLI

and impress the crowd during our homecoming game."

It was off to the races from the get-go for Troup, who broke loose up the middle on the first play of the game for a 50-yard touchdown.

Not to be outdone, Walker's moment came in the final minute of the first quarter on a 30-yard sprint to give Canton a 21-12 lead.

Troup reached the end zone once more on the Chiefs' opening drive in the ensuing quarter with a 3-yard scamper, followed by Walker's 57-yard score up the gut to make it 35-12 at the half.

The synergy behind Canton's running game was apparent in the third, with Troup taking the ball up the right side for a 54-yard run that would be capped three plays later by Walker from 4 yards out.

"Troup is a sleek runner and a racehorse kind

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7, 1 and 1 yards to move the chains.

“It was a play we put in this week,” Genrich said. “It was just an out-side run. It worked well all game and we just went back to it. We were playing for the touch-down, but we wanted to get into field-goal range. But we were playing for the touchdown all day.”

Genrich then found Harding all alone in the right corner of the end zone, just in front of the delirious CC student section, for the go-ahead score.

“It was a play-action pass,” Genrich said. “We knew they were going to bite down hard. I just lofted it up and (Harding) made a hell of a play.”

CC (3-2, 1-0) was impressive early, jumping out to a 21-7 lead after getting first-quarter TD runs of 38 and 4 yards from 6-foot, 210-pound senior Cameron Ryan, who led all rushers with 147 yards on 28 carries.

Genrich also connected with Liam Cunningham on fourth-and-five for a 38-yard TD toss with 10:53 left in the half.

“Marco had a great game today, he really did,” first-year CC coach Dan Anderson said. “I made a statement to the coaches before the game and I said, ‘I just hope Marco comes into his own today.’ And I felt like he really did. He’s a junior, but he’s young. It’s his fifth game starting. And with the competition we play, you got to be on the ball at all times. And I thought he was on the ball and did a great job for us.”

Rice (2-3, 0-2), however, refused to fold, getting a pair of first-half scores thanks to Mariano Valenti, who went 13-of-19 passing for 223 yards. Matt Torey caught a 38-yard TD pass in the first quarter and Colin Gardner snagged a 15-yard TD pass in the second.

The Warriors then pulled to within one, 21-20, on an 18-yard TD keeper by Valenti with



Catholic Central quarterback Marco Genrich was 9-of-12 passing for 220 yards and two TDs in the 27-23 win over Brother Rice. DAN DEAN

9:18 left in the third, but the extra point was blocked.

Rice eventually took the lead, 23-21, when Valenti teamed with Gardner on an 83-yard pass to set up Hajjar’s field goal.

And with only 6:40 left, Rice pounced on a CC fumble at midfield, but couldn’t get a first down and was forced to punt, setting up the game-winning drive.

“We knew we had another timeout in our pocket,” Anderson said.

“I had coaches in the booth and on the field watching the clock, so they’d tell me if we needed it. I just got to go with what they’re telling me. And (Genrich) did a great job on that last drive. Those two throws that he made ... couldn’t ask for anything better.”

The Central Division win also kept CC in the playoff hunt as the Boys Bowl series between the two schools now stands at an even 18-18-1.

“It’s just a big win and a big confidence-builder for our team,” Genrich said. “We can see what we can do now. It’s just a great win for the team. Great win for the school.”

Here are four other takeaways:

KEY RICE INJURY

Valenti, the starting Rice quarterback, left the game with 9:23 left. He was chased out of the pocket and went down

after throwing an incomplete pass while being tackled on the sideline at the CC 8-yard line.

Greg Piscopink came on for the next two plays, which led to the go-ahead field goal by Hajjar.

David Mobius finished the game and was intercepted by CC’s Ryan Birney with 37 seconds left.

“I know what happened without seeing it,” first-year Rice coach Adam Korzeniewski said. “I just knew (Valenti) took a hit from behind. I didn’t see it with my own eyes, but I knew the guy was chasing him.”

Valenti was wheeled off on a cart after the game.

“I feel so bad for him getting hurt like that,” Anderson said. “He’s a great quarterback and they have great receivers. They spread us out and they were picking us apart at times.”

DARKO’S BACK

Standout Catholic Central linebacker Isaac Darkangelo missed the first four games of the season due to thumb surgery, but returned for the Boys Bowl.

Anderson said the 6-foot-1, 230-pound senior’s return was a sight for sore eyes.

“It means the world,” Anderson said. “He is such a presence on our defense. He’s the leader out there. He does everything we need him to do.

He makes the call, he makes the tackles, he makes the plays. He does a great job.”

GOING TOE-TO-TOE

CC had the edge in total offense, 397-323, but committed a pair of turnovers.

Rice also had one fumble lost and threw the late interception during the final minute.

“Rice is one of those teams that’s you’re arch-nemesis and yet we have all the respect for them in the world,” Anderson said.

“They’re a good, quality program and we love the rivalry and the competition. Very rarely do you see blowouts in a Rice-CC game. It’s going to be a battle.”

Meanwhile, Korzeniewski was proud of the way his team hung tough on an extremely hot afternoon when temperatures exceeded the 90s.

“I couldn’t be prouder of the guys and I wouldn’t expect anything less of Brother Rice,” he said. “This team has the heart the size of a Lion and we’ll be better for it.”

KEY CONVERSIONS

It seemed when the Shamrocks needed a key first down, they got it.

“I think it just came down to executing,” Korzeniewski said. “We knew what our game plan was going in it. We just didn’t hit the plays right off the bat. But we knew they were coming. We just needed to execute them.”

CC had the edge in the rushing yards, 177-106, while the passing stats were virtually even, 223 yards for the Warriors and 220 for the Shamrocks.

“I think their passing game definitely got to us more than probably we had hoped,” Korzeniewski said. “I think it’s just guys being able to recognize they body position with the wide receiver and trusting in their technique a little bit better.”

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PREP BASEBALL

Farquhar retakes Lakeland varsity reins

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Brad Farquhar has come full-circle with the White Lake Lakeland baseball program.

The 42-year-old Farquhar, who served the past two years as the high school’s athletic department liaison, will return to the dugout after being the Eagles varsity baseball coach from 2001-04.

He replaces Todd Miller, who stepped down after 13 seasons in June to become the school’s full-time athletic director.

“I really couldn’t be more excited for a few reasons,” Farquhar said. “No. 1, it’s a great group of kids and families that are coming through the



Miller

program right now that are very supportive. No. 2, it really gets back to me combining

my two passions, which are coaching kids and baseball.”

In Miller’s final two seasons, the Eagles captured back-to-back Kensington Lakes Activities Association North Division titles, going 19-9 and 20-11-1, respectively. His 2009 squad wound up 25-5 and gained a share of the KLAA North crown.

Miller also guided the Eagles to three district championships, in 2014 (losing to Clarkston in the regional final), 2008 and 2006.

Farquhar, a 1992 Lakeland grad who played baseball and football for the Eagles, has also returned to his teaching duties in health and physical education.

“We know what we’re going to get – a very good baseball mind who has high expectations of kids,” Miller said. “He’s got a ton of experience



Brad Farquhar is returning for his second stint as Lakeland baseball coach. MIKE HEAD | LAKELAND ATHLETICS

coaching – high school, youth. And he’s in the building so, obviously, he has relationships with a lot of kids.”

In three of Farquhar’s four seasons as head baseball coach, the Eagles reached the district final.

Farquhar, currently the quarterbacks coach for the Lakeland varsity football, was a catcher at the University of Detroit Mercy, where he graduated in 1997.

He has also been involved in the Lakeland Broncos youth football organization and coached summer baseball for the West Oakland Wings.

During his first stint, Lakeland was part of the Kensington Valley Conference before moving to the KLAA. The Eagles are now part of the new nine-school Lakes Valley Conference.

And this spring, Farquhar will be able to coach his son Trent, who was a starting infielder last season as a sophomore.

“I love baseball,” Farquhar said. “I feel like it’s the greatest sport ever invented, because of all the life lessons it teaches and some of the experiences you can get throughout the course of the season.”

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PLYMOUTH

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tangs need to find a way to finish games and said the late collapse would leave a sour taste for some time.

“I think the lesson is when we have teams down, we have to finish,” Ladach said. “We experienced the same thing at Franklin a couple weeks ago. And we didn’t finish.”

Also lamenting the inability to seal the deal was Nicholas Prystash, who opened the scoring Friday with a 30-yard TD reception from starting quarterback Jonathan Michalak.

“I think we just have to be more disciplined and learn how to finish the game,” Prystash said. “We put up 34 points and we got to expect to win that game putting up 34 points.

“I think down the road, we need to be more disciplined and do our jobs near the end of the game to secure the win for us.”

BOUNCE BACK

Northville did show the ability to bounce back, especially in the second half, when quarterback Christian Williams threw 36- and 32-yard TD strikes to Ben Schmidt (three receptions, 79 yards).

SOUNDS FAMILIAR

There was a different sound to the football after Moody puts his foot into it. Moody, who recently set a Northville record with a 57-yard field goal, connected on



Watching his 55-yard field goal sail through the uprights Friday night is Northville’s Jake Moody. MICHAEL VASILNEK

all four tries, including a 55-yarder.

Plymouth might have thought that sound was similar to when alum Kyle Brindza kicked for the Wildcats. Brindza followed high school with success at Notre Dame before kicking in the NFL.

“That kid’s very good and he’s very accurate,” Sawchuk said referring to Moody. “But I still say Brindza had a different noise on the ball, especially when his kickoffs went through the uprights.”

HOMECOMING HEAT

Northville’s homecom-

ing game took place on a hot and steamy evening at Tom Holzer Field. Temperatures were around 90 degrees on the field at kickoff time, perhaps even hotter when factoring in the heat rising from the turf.

At halftime, the 2017-18 king and queen were introduced to the enthusiastic crowd.

HELLO, ALUMS

After the first quarter, the Northville High School graduating class of 1952 was recognized.

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CANTON

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of kid who we’re trying to make a plow-horse and he has some explosive speed,” Baechler said. “Steve Walker’s just dazzling and so hard to tackle. He breaks tackles and is so quick and has great vision. He makes people miss and runs through things ... he’s very special.”

By the time the final whistle blew, there was an overwhelming disparity in total rushing yards, with Canton holding a 472-58 advantage over Novi (1-4, 1-3).

“You see spread, spread, spread, spread and then you go to this type of offense and it throws a monkey wrench in everything,” Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. “You can’t play your base defense, because you have to change alignments and add more guys to the box and closer to the box. You change personnel because you may not want four secondary players in there and it makes you do things that you don’t want to do.”

Here are four other takeaways from the game:

SCORING PARTY (PART 1)

The Chiefs had cart blanche when it came to scoring TDs, with four different players reaching the end zone.

Aside from Troup and Walker, junior running back Jawaun Fra-

zier (six carries for 85 yards) accounted for two scores, a 3-yard run in the first and a 24-yarder in the fourth.

Senior quarterback Connor Engel had just four rushes, but his best came with 4:47 left in the third, as he faked a handoff to Frazier before forging ahead on a 2-yard run to make it 49-12 and initiate a running clock.

“I think our offensive line and running backs are starting to get a little more physical at the point of attack and we’re starting to move people,” Baechler said. “It’s still a work in progress and blocking is probably the hardest skill in football and I don’t think people realize that, but we’re starting to get better at that.”

SCORING PARTY (PART 2)

The kicking game for Canton also saw plenty of action, making eight extra points. Senior kicker/tight end Chase Meredith accounted for seven of them, while senior offensive lineman Evan Kernosek successfully added a point-after following Frazier’s second score with 4:04 remaining.

PASS OR FAIL

Novi was able to generate some success throughout the air, finishing with 88 yards on 7-of-21 attempts by senior quarterback Sean Gilliam.

On the second possession of the game, Gilliam connected with senior wide receiver Traveon Maddox Jr. (five catches for 73 yards) off the post route for a 24-

yard touchdown at 7:40 of the first quarter.

The extra point proved to be a no-go, with Troup blocking the kick to keep Canton ahead by a 7-6 margin.

Junior running back Kyle Klosterman (12 carries for 55 yards) added a 10-yard score for the Wildcats five minutes later, but the team was unsuccessful in its attempt to go for two, which would have tied the game.

“The plays needed to happen in the first half and the boys knew that we were going to gamble and we were going to take chances,” Burnside said. “That’s why we onside kicked and went for it a couple times on fourth down. We missed a couple balls and we missed a couple blocks. When you play a team like Canton, the room for error is so small and you can’t make any errors.”

TWO SCOOPS OF PIG-SKIN

One of the bright spots for the Wildcats came on the defensive side, with senior defensive lineman Chad Howell both forcing and recovering two fumbles in addition to his three solo and three assisted tackles.

The first one came on Canton’s second offensive drive, when Howell pried the ball out of Engel’s hands in what would lead to Novi’s initial score.

With 1:17 left until intermission, Howell killed off a red zone scoring opportunity for the Chiefs by executing a force and scoop in the backfield at the Novi 20.

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Friday, Sept. 22
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 40, Lutheran Westland 0
Rochester 28, Birmingham Seaholm 27
Bloomfield Hills 48, Troy Athens 0
Brighton 30, Livonia Stevenson 10: Through four weeks, Brighton was 2-2, beating Hartland and Novi teams they were supposed to beat and losing two three-point heartbreakers to a great Belleville team and a good Salem squad. By beating a 4-0 Livonia Stevenson team, Brighton made a statement. The Bulldogs will not only remain a factor in the KLAA Black championship chase, but could do some damage come playoff time. Friday's results reduced the contenders for the KLAA Black championship to three teams. Brighton stayed in the race, improving to 3-1 in the division, while Stevenson fell to 2-1 in the division. Salem was upset by Hartland, dropping to 2-2 in the Black. Of course, if nobody can slow down the Canton express, it's really only a one-team race. Canton is 4-0 in the division, winning each game by at least 30 points. The Chiefs haven't faced their top two challengers yet, but will in the next three weeks. Canton travels to Stevenson next Friday and hosts Brighton in the division finale on Oct. 13.
Canton 56, Novi 12
Redford Union 39, Dearborn Heights Annapolis 0: After dropping its first three games of the season, Redford Union discovered a successful victory formula – don't allow the opponent to score. The Panthers gained their second consecutive shutout. Redford improved to 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the WWAC Red Division. In addition to shutting out the Cougars, RU's defense contributed a score on Kenny Perry's 50-yard



Making a nifty 36-yard TD catch for Northville is Ben Schmidt (right). Trying to break up the play is Plymouth's Calvin Vos. MICHAEL VASILNEK

interception return in the first quarter. Jujuan Stokes had opened the scoring with his first varsity TD, on a 1-run trap run, as the Panthers took a 12-0 lead into the second quarter. RU then broke the game open as Carl Ware scored on a 4-yard run, Thorton Cain ran in an 18-yard TD and Tavian Groves-Knox added another 18-yard rushing touchdown. Chandler Shettleroe added a pair of extra points to give the Panthers a 32-0 halftime lead. Isaac Grant's 32-yard TD run and another Shettleroe PAT closed the scoring in the third quarter. Overall, RU gained 261 yards on the ground. Defensively, Keion Brown, Cameron Wells and Christian Hadley combined for five tackles for loss to help keep the Cougars in check.
Redford Thurston 53, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 12
Farmington 6, Pontiac 46
Birmingham Groves 32, Farmington Hills

Harrison 31 (3 OT)
Hartland 14, Salem 17
Livonia Franklin 21, Howell 0: The visiting Patriots used a crushing ground attack and stifling defense to blank host Howell in a KLAA crossover game. Franklin improved to 3-2 while the Highlanders dropped to 0-5. Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert was a dual threat with a 7-for-9 passing day for 95 yards, plus 110 rushing yards on 12 carries, including two touchdown runs. Julius Simmons ran 11 times for 85 yards and one score, and added a pair of receptions for another 49 yards. Isaac Moore chipped in 72 yards on just seven carries, as the Patriots churned out 253 yards on the ground. Brad Gibson contributed three extra-point kicks. Franklin posted 363 yards of total offense while holding Howell to 177. Jacob Mass and Connor Linton led the defense with eight and seven tackles, respectively.
Ferndale 36, North

Farmington 0
Plymouth 35, Northville 34
Romulus 35, Livonia Clarenceville 0
South Lyon 42, Milford 7: Will Kelley's efficient running led the Lions to their first victory of the season. South Lyon is now 1-4 overall, 1-3 in the Lakes Valley Conference, while Milford fell to 0-5. Kelley ran for three touchdowns on just nine carries in the contest, gaining 82 yards overall. The senior scored from 25 yards out in the first quarter, then added TD runs of 5 and 31 yards in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. He also scored on a 22-yard fumble recovery in the second quarter and added a 2-point conversion run, giving him 26 points on the night. South Lyon outgained the Mavericks 261-151 overall, with 223 yards on the ground. Jack Schafer ran eight times for 46 yards, including a 24-yard TD run in the second quarter, to help the Lions grab a 28-7 halftime lead. Ian Goins gained 66 yards on

just six carries, with a 22-yard scoring run. Michael Dancer paced South Lyons receivers with four catches for 38 yards and added seven tackles on defense. Ryan Gill contributed six tackles and a fumble recovery. The Mavericks took a brief lead in the second quarter, when Nick Oslin threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Carson Jensen. On the night, Oslin was 6-for-11 passing for 106 yards. Brenden Dingman led Milford's rushing attack with 74 yards on 11 carries, while Tyler Knapp paced the defense with six tackles.
White Lake Lakeland 51, South Lyon East 21
Livonia Churchill 32, Westland John Glenn 5
Saturday, Sept. 23
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 57, Allen Park Cabrini 7: The Cranes scored three touchdowns in the first quarter, then outdid themselves with four more in the second. Quarterback Trevor McConnell passed for a pair of first-quarter touch-

downs, hitting Aaron Wiggins from 36 yards and Torrell Williams from 40, with a Wiggins 5-yard scoring run sandwiched in between. McConnell remained hot in the second quarter, with a 31-yard TD toss to Andrew Mertz and a 47-yard scoring pass to Kobi Russell, which made the score 35-0. Murari Nelluri added a 64-yard touchdown dash, before Tariq Muhamed closed the scoring with a pair of TD scampers – a 32-yard run late in the second quarter and a 27-yard scamper in the third. Cabrini finally broke the shutout with a 5-yard TD pass from Bzura Matt to Stanley Jackson in the final quarter. McConnell was an efficient 7-of-11 passing for 191 yards. Williams caught three McConnell completions, for 69 yards, while Russell grabbed two, for 55 yards. Muhamed gained 74 yards on just three rushing attempts while Murari carried three times for 73 yards. Pierson Cooke was a perfect 8-for-8 on extra-point kicks. Cranbrook's defensive leaders including Christopher Smith, with 7.5 tackles, including two tackles for loss. Conner Toomey made seven tackles, with one tackle for loss.
Detroit Loyola 24, Detroit Country Day 14: The Yellowjackets' defense produced several big plays, but it wasn't enough to upend Loyola. Kolin Demens, who had three sacks, produced the biggest defensive play with a 90-yard interception return for a touchdown. Alex McKeen picked off two Loyola passes, returning them for 31 and 42 yards, respectively, and added DCD's only offensive touchdown on a 26-yard pass from quarterback Ahlon Mitchell. Overall, Connor Coffman led Country Day's defenders with 12 tackles, while Christian Love added nine. Mitchell completed 15 of 33 pass for 147 yards.

Sunday, Sept. 24
Detroit Catholic Central 27, Birmingham Brother Rice 23

GATT

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beginning to the year. And it was a bit difficult because, again, I wasn't seeing as many minutes as I had hoped for when I showed up.”
The 5-foot-10, 165-pound Gatt has appeared in 15 games this season with the Rapids, with one goal and two assists. After not playing for 42 days, he has appeared in the Rapids' last six games, getting three starts. He scored his first MLS goal in a 4-1 loss to Real Salt Lake (Aug. 26) and played 89 minutes last week in a 1-0 victory over Houston.
Gatt remains upbeat about his situation, despite the Rapids sitting last place in the Western Conference at 7-16-5.
“It's been good being back in the States playing,” said Gatt, who counts U.S. National Team goalkeeper Tim Howard as one of his Rapids teammates. “I've been really adapting well to Colorado. I enjoy the guys, I enjoy the States and I enjoy the team. I really think I'm starting to get into a rhythm here in Colorado and really enjoying it.”
Gatt made his MLS debut April 15 against



Gatt

Real Salt Lake. His last competitive soccer game prior to that came Nov. 6, 2016, when he started and played 85 minutes for Molde FK in the Tippeligaen, Norway's top division.
Gatt played from 2011-16 for Molde, where he earned a reputation as an effective offensive weapon, scoring 15 goals and adding 15 assists in 75 games, while winning league championships in 2011 and '12.
Gatt began his pro career in Austria, spending his first six months there before becoming one of Molde's first signings under former Manchester United star Ole Gunnar Solskjær.
“I actually didn't start playing until four months in, but I did start playing and got into a good rhythm of playing well,” he said. “I was scoring a couple of goals, I was doing well. (Solskjær) came to one of my games in Austria and watched me. And after the game he said, ‘Yes, absolutely, let's do it.’ I ended up taking a move in that December (transfer) window after my first six months in Austria over to Norway.”
Going to Europe was an eye-opener for Gatt, who not only excelled as a soccer player at Catholic Central, but also for his Michigan Hawks club team (under the guidance of coaches Lars Richters and Dave Hicklin).
As a senior at CC, the speedy Gatt was a mem-

ber of the Shamrocks' Division 1 state championship 1,600-meter relay track team that set a school record.
One of the nation's most coveted high school recruits, Gatt was originally headed to play at Indiana University, but took a U-turn and headed overseas, landing in Austria with SC Rheindorf Altach.
“I was committed to Indiana, but I decided, obviously, to take my chances at a pro contract instead,” Gatt said. “The best way to describe that is humbling. I went from being the best player on my youth teams to one of the best players considered in the country in high school in the States, a big-time recruit, to almost a nobody over there. For that team (Rheindorf Altach) even, too, I didn't realize how far behind I was technically and tactically to the game until I got there. And because of that, I had to work extremely hard to catch up.”
Living abroad at such an early age also made Gatt grow up faster than normal.
“I think the language was the toughest adjustment and then the cultural differences were also a big one, little nuances that you wouldn't think much of here, but over there could be symbols of like ignorance or disrespect,” he said. “It's just those little things that you had to be aware

of that I had to be aware of when I first started.”
Gatt, however, doesn't regret his decision to turn pro at such an early age.
“I think that was a huge boost to my career to have that happen younger at 18, because if that would have happened older, it would have been a lot more difficult,” he said. “Having that at that age, it was great and a great experience for me. It really developed me into the type of player that's given me a lot of success in my professional career.”
The Plymouth native made his senior international debut for the the U.S. Nov. 14, 2012, in a friendly against Russia. His second U.S. National Team appearance came against Canada in January 2013, also a friendly.
But he found himself on the disabled list shortly after, trying to overcome three ACL surgeries on his left knee.
“Two were replacement and the second one was actually kind of a fix from the previous surgeries and mistakes,” Gatt said.
Although he's not part of the national team pool of players anymore, Gatt believes he's been able to bounce back to full strength.
“My knee feels fantastic,” he said. “It feels very healthy, it feels good. I'm not too worried about it now. (Sept. 13) is the two-year anniversary of my last surgery. I've

had no issues since. I'm really feeling happy about that and it feels as healthy and stable as my other knee.”
Gatt's decision to return stateside wasn't difficult. He signed Feb. 15 with Minnesota.
“I think we came back because me and my wife (Melissa) kind of missed home, missed being in a place where you understood the system, you understood what was happening, all that stuff,” Gatt said. “We missed that over in Europe. We had to adapt to kind of how things were run there, how they did things over in Europe. It's good to be home and kind of in a place where we're settled and know what to expect. And everybody speaks the same language. It's been good coming home. It's been a good experience. It's been kind of a grounding experience ... enjoyable.”
Colorado plays a 4-4-1-1 formation.
“We have two guys kind of stay a little more high and a little more centrally,” Gatt said. “And you have guys kind of on the outsides, me and another guy are kind of playing there, put in the defensive shift and the offensive shifts, a little bit mixture of both.”
And as he did at the ripe age of 18, Gatt is adapting to a foreign style of play in his own country. On Aug. 15, Colorado also made a coaching change, parting ways

with Pablo Mastroeni. Steve Cooke was named interim head coach.
“As funny as it is, and even though I'm an American, I am still adjusting to how the MLS system works,” he said. “It's a lot different than Europe, so it's a lot of change. And because of that, I'm kind of trying to adjust the best I can to it. It's strange, to say the least, but it's good.”
Gatt is making his fourth professional soccer stop, but his personal preference is to return to the Rapids next season. After Saturday's game against New York FC, the Rapids have five games remaining in the regular season.
“It's up to Colorado if they want to keep me around,” he said. “If they want to pick up my contract, they're obviously first in line to do so. I'd love if they did and I would love to stay another year and kind of solidify the comfort and getting into the rhythm that I have already. But again, if they don't, that's the life of a professional athlete. You've got to pick up and move on a moment's notice. If they don't, then I'll go somewhere else and, obviously, I'll be there continuing my career. But I would enjoy sticking around Colorado another year.”

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BOYS LACROSSE

Northville’s Durham takes post at St. Mary’s

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Greg Durham, who started Northville High boys lacrosse as a club program in 2001, is changing addresses for the 2018 season.

The 47-year-old Durham has accepted a position at Orchard Lake St. Mary's after coaching the Mustangs 15 of the past 17 seasons, including the past 13, when it was part of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 tourney.

Durham finished 14-4 in his final season with the Mustangs, guiding them to the regional final before losing 13-10 to his alma mater Novi Detroit Catholic Central in a hotly contested match.

He replaces Mike Walker, who resigned to take a job in Chicago after finishing 31-29 in his three seasons at St. Mary's.

"I just needed a change, I think," Durham said. "I thought the (2017) season was going to be my last kind of thing. I talked with my wife and I was going to spend more time with the kids and stuff, but she said, 'You can't give up coaching.' I said, 'Well, let me think about it for the summer,' then I resigned."

Durham, who was named Michigan Men's Lacrosse Association Coach of the Year in 2015-16, posted an overall record of 135-102. He guided the Mustangs to a pair of Kensington Lakes Activities Association championships (2016 and 2010), along with four KLAA Kensington Division titles.

"I didn't get an offer until after I resigned," Durham said. "I had other offers, but that was the one that really fit me good. It was an opportu-



Outgoing Northville coach Greg Durham (left) received the 2015-16 Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association's award.

nity to get back into the Catholic League. It's a good opportunity. I met with (St. Mary's athletic director) George (Porritt) and I really liked him. I thought it was a good fit and I think he felt the same. It's all good. It's a good move for me. But it was tough to leave Northville. I've been there a third of my life."

Durham, who played club lacrosse as a defender at Western Michigan University, started the Northville program in 2001 before going to Catholic Central, where he served as the Shamrocks' defensive coordinator for two seasons.

In 2004, he returned to Northville after getting a call from Assistant Principal Rob Watson and returned to coach the club team. In 2005, the MHSAA held its inaugural state tourney.

Meanwhile, the search is on for a new boys lacrosse coach at Northville

Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said he'll begin interviews next week to find Durham's replacement.

"He did a heck of a job, he'll be missed," Masi said. "We hope to have a coach in place by the first week of October. That's my goal. We've got

a couple of good candidates."

Durham, who lives in Livonia, currently teaches seventh-grade social studies at Berkshire Middle School in Birmingham.

"Sometimes, change is good and I need to refresh myself, reinvigorate and get ready to roll," Durham said. "I'm pretty excited, because I don't know many kids at St. Mary's. We get to play (Birmingham Brother) Rice and CC, too, which is something that really appeals to me. The facilities are phenomenal."

Durham, meanwhile, leaves Northville with many fond memories.

"The thing I'm going to miss the most are the practices with the kids," he said. "And I've built some great relationships over the past 15 years. I've kept in touch with as many kids as I can. And I'll appreciate Bryan Masi having me as a coach the last 15 years. He's been great and one of the best A.D.'s I've ever worked with. It was so hard because I get along with him so well. He's awesome."

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Conquering the Hills



Amber Dermyre (front) of Canton was the first female to cross the finish line with a time of 1:26:03 during Sunday's Brooksie Way Half Marathon in Rochester Hills. Behind her is Sarah Daly of Farmington, who finished third overall with a time of 1:29:56. Living up to the city's name, runners had to traverse many hills along the 13.1-mile course, including the dreaded Tienken Road hill. DAN DEAN

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awesome getting in reps on special teams in those games, because that experience is very valuable. So I definitely learned a lot in just those two games."

Wilson said he worked out for five or six NFL teams and received multiple inquiries from several others before getting a tryout with Minnesota.

"Even though I got visits and workouts, I still wasn't drafted," Wilson said. "And just because that happens, it doesn't mean you're going to be drafted high or let alone at all."

Wilson, however, found the right fit and made his mark during the preseason as he finished with nine solo tackles and five assists, along with a fumble recovery.

"I liked it," Wilson said. "Every organization is different. But I really really liked the organization from top to bottom. I felt like it was a great place to come in and just compete. Wherever you go, you're going to have to compete, but I thought this was a good organization and a great defense. And the special teams coach (Mike Priefer) I get along with very well, so all those things definitely played a role in my decision."

Mini-camp, OTAs and training camp proved to be tough in more ways than one, but Wilson was able to take on the challenge and beat the odds.

"There's so much on you mentally, let alone physically," he said. "A

big part of it is that you've just got to get your rest. You can get carried away with watching film until two o'clock in the morning, but if you don't get your rest, you're going to be well off the next day regardless because you're mind is not going to be rested. It's a lot of mental work just to prepare for that. You really can't prepare yourself 100 percent, but just watching film definitely helps. Just kind of practice in your mind. It's definitely different than college, I'd say, mentally."

But when it came to the final cuts, Wilson was unaware of his fate.

"That day, there's a lot of mixed emotions, because you really don't know what's going to happen," he said. "You kind of see guys leaving left and right, so at the end of the day, I didn't get a phone call. They say no news is good news, so I didn't get any news, so the next thing I saw was on social media that I made the 53."

Wilson first contacted family members and told them the good news. (The son of Shannon Sisson and Eric Dye, he is the oldest of three children, with two younger sisters.)

"People and fans and friends were looking on social media and they were congratulating me," Wilson said. "It was definitely awesome to see my dreams come true and making another step forward."

Wilson was a three-star recruit coming out of Thurston who helped to the Eagles to a 26-8 overall record during his three varsity seasons,

which included three straight Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division titles and one district title (2010 as a junior).

As a senior, he recorded 64 tackles and four sacks. He lettered four years in track, three in football and one year in basketball. He captained both the football and track teams.

Thurston football coach Bob Snell knew he had something special when he promoted Wilson to the varsity during his sophomore year.

"Yes, I knew he had a good shot," Snell said. "He was not only extremely talented and gifted with size, speed and athletic ability, but he was also very intelligent and had the intangibles of tremendous drive and work ethic. He did not simply accept that he was a great high school player, but pushed himself in practice and in the weight room to improve every day."

Wilson picked Northwestern over West Virginia, Central Michigan, Toledo and Army. He was red-shirted his true freshman season, earning Practice Player of the Week honors on defense and one on special teams.

But Wilson decided Northwestern wasn't quite the right fit and enrolled at Cincinnati, where he sat out the 2013 season due to NCAA transfer rules.

"(Northwestern) was a great academic school and everything, but just culture-wise for me, it made sense for me to move to Cincinnati," Wilson said. "I really liked it right after I made my decision to transfer,

just because I wasn't enjoying my time at Northwestern, so basically, I was getting recruited all over again – starting over – but I really enjoyed the culture at Cincinnati and the coaches gave me an opportunity."

Wilson started 24 of his 38 games at Cincinnati under coach Tommy Tuberville. As a senior, he posted a career-best 126 tackles and three sacks while earning team MVP and first team all-American Athletic Conference honors.

As a junior, he finished with 106 tackles, starting 12 of 13 games, en route to second team all-AAC. He was also named AAC Defensive Player of the Week with an 18-tackle performance against Miami (Ohio).

In his first season, he helped the Bearcats go 9-4 and win the AAC, advancing to the Military Bowl.

Wilson went on to earn a degree in sports management in December 2016 and also served as an intern in UC athletics facilities and operations.

"I had a great career with (Tuberville), learned a lot," Wilson said. "It clearly helped me to get to where I am right now. Definitely grateful for that."

Wilson was also grateful for his high school football experience, as well. That's where the NFL seed was planted.

"Coach Snell definitely helped me a lot," he said. "I started playing football only in the seventh grade. Even in high school, I was a raw athlete. I really didn't know football, but (Snell) helped me a lot, just to

develop me as a player offensively and defensively, because I had offers to go D-I on offense and defense. He helped me on both sides of the ball and just helped me grow as a person and a player."

Born in Cleveland and growing up in Redford, Wilson had no real allegiance to any one NFL team.

"I was more of a fan of players, guys who worked hard," Wilson said. "I was a big fan of Larry Fitzgerald and Ray Lewis. Those are guys on two different sides of the ball, but they both have that great work ethic and leadership. That's something I strive to have. I kind of looked up to those guys."

The Vikings will face Detroit on Sunday, Oct. 1 at home. Wilson's homecoming will be Thursday, Nov. 23, on Thanksgiving Day against the Lions.

"That will definitely be awesome, because a lot of people I grew up with are Lions fans, got family in Detroit and family in Cleveland, which is right there," Wilson said. "It will definitely be a great experience."

Wilson, meanwhile, is adjusting to his new environment in Minneapolis. In 2016, the Vikings moved into their new 66,000-seat U.S. Bank Stadium.

"I like it a lot," he said. "They're building new (practice) facilities now, so they should be ready by next year, come spring time. But the thing that makes the difference is the people here. The guys around you and even the staff members are just great.

You can learn a lot from these guys and they'll help you with anything you need. It's just a great overall organization."

Wilson is only the second Thurston grad to make an NFL roster. He joins linebacker Rob Spicer (Indiana University), who played 13 games in 1973 with the New York Jets (where he was a teammate of Joe Namath).

Another Thurston grad, linebacker Scott Genord (Indiana/Toledo), was in the Lions' preseason camp and finished his career in NFL Europe with the Hamburg (Germany) Sea Devils. Running back Desmond Martin (Wayne State) also had a tryout with the Lions.

"Thurston is definitely very proud of him, not just because he is in the NFL, but the character young man that he is," Snell said. "His accomplishments are very impressive. We have communicated and he has come back to the school to work out on several occasions."

Wilson's versatility, dating back to his high school days, has certainly paid dividends in his unconventional path to the NFL.

"I'm actually playing all three (linebacker) positions right now," he said. "Starting on all special teams right now, but at any point I need to be ready to go out and play defense. Being on my P's and Q's at any position is very important."

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FINANCIAL ADVICE ... IT’S NOT JUST FOR THE RICH

3 places where even
small-dollar investors
can seek out guidance

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There’s no question you need money to make a financial adviser worthwhile: You wouldn’t hire a landscaper if you didn’t have a yard or lease dock space without a boat.

But the idea that you need a lot of money to seek out — and benefit from — financial advice largely is a misconception, says Shannon Pike, president of the Financial Planning Association.

“Financial planning is for everyone,” Pike says. “If you don’t do the blocking and tackling early on in your finances — and that might even be with your first

paycheck or first job — you run the risk of setting up bad financial habits, which are going to be hard to correct later down the road.”

Yet many financial advisers charge their fees as a percentage of assets under management. The more you have, the more they earn. Because of that, some won’t take on a client with less than \$250,000 or so; those who do may charge more at lower balance levels.

Still, there are plenty of ways even small-dollar investors can access financial advice. Here are three places to look.

YOUR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Professional services firm Aon Hewitt called financial wellness programs the “top initiative for employers” in 2017. Offerings in this realm include financial planning, budgeting and debt management assistance, and stock market and investing basics.

The programs typically are free and may be run by a registered investment

adviser or certified financial planner. Ask your human resources department what’s available at your employer.

A ROBO-ADVISER

A game changer to the financial advice market, robo-advisers are automated investment management companies. In plain English, they manage your investments mostly via computer algorithms, which drives down costs compared to human investment managers.

That means they often accept small accounts and charge very low fees. Most robo-advisers cost 0.25% to 0.50% of your assets under management per year. (Financial advisers who charge a percentage of assets often set their fee around 1%.) Some robo-advisers also offer access to human financial advisers, though there may be an additional fee.

A FEE-ONLY FINANCIAL PLANNER

Finally, not all financial advisers judge

you by the size of your account balance.

If your situation is fairly straightforward and you just need a gut check or portfolio tweak, you might want a planner who charges by the hour. You’ll get the advice you need without paying ongoing portfolio management fees. You can find an hourly adviser through the Garrett Planning Network.

Pike says many new advisers are also launching subscription models, under which you pay a monthly or quarterly fee for ongoing advice. Ask financial advisers in your area if they operate under this model, or do a search through the XY Planning Network, an adviser group that specializes in Generation X and Generation Y clients.

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Living single life may be more expensive

Being one-half in
a world of twos can be
a pricey endeavor

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Marriage once was used to secure wealth between families. Courtship and modern romance may have evolved, but getting hitched or cohabitating with your significant other still has the potential for larger long-term savings.

While National Unmarried and Single Americans Week (Sept. 17-23) celebrates singles and the things money can’t buy, such as freedom, the reality is that being one-half in a world of twos can also be pricey.

“There are so many ways in which people who are married are given more financial benefits,” says Bella DePaulo, author of the book, *Singled Out: How Singles Are Stereotyped, Stigmatized, and Ignored, and Still Live Happily Ever After*.



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Relationships don’t alter the basic price of services, but it does give couples one competitive advantage: Their expenses are cut in half. Two people can split the bill on housing, utilities, groceries and social events.

“During the holidays, I’ll buy one gift for each member of a family,” says

Jean Marie Baiardi, a small business owner and actress in Los Angeles who is single. “But they’ll give me just one gift. It feels a little uneven. There’s a lot of money attached to general societal expectations.”

A lack of a safety net is another problem many singles encounter. If you’re

flying solo and get sick or lose your job, you might not have anyone to fall back on. A new survey by TD Ameritrade, a brokerage firm in Omaha, found singles make an average of \$8,800 less than their married peers each year (\$52,900 vs. \$61,700). Not only do singles have less money to start with, but the survey, which looked at 1,000 unmarried and 1,000 married people, all over age 37, found one-third of singles rated themselves as financially secure, and nearly one-half of married people said the same.

Many people are aware of the higher tax deductions for married people than individuals. But, legally bound folks are also assigned less risk with many auto insurance companies and are more likely to be approved for a home loan. TD Ameritrade reports 58% of single people own a home, compared with 90% of their married counterparts.

It’s the day-to-day expenses single people face that are the most costly. “People who are paired up tend to be more cost-conscious of each other’s lifestyles and do things together on a budget,” says Hayley Lind, a bartender in New York City.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Planning can help you weather life’s storms

Having an emergency fund is best way to avoid cash-flow crises

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As we sit back and watch what seems like state after state get destroyed by Mother Nature's seemingly cruel whims, my thoughts have been squarely with those trying to recover from what likely will be the worst financial moments of their lives.

Some people, with at least a little bit of margin and the help of insurance or FEMA, will be able to put the pieces back together. But for many whose financial lives were defined by a paycheck-to-paycheck existence and no margin for error, the hurricanes that have battered our country and the Caribbean will be the straw that broke the camel's back into intense financial suffering.

I want more people from the second group, the financially devastated, to find their way into the affected — but not ruined — group. I don't do this for trivial reasons. I'm doing this because I know Irma and Harvey are just name holders for the involuntary unwanted disasters that affect people everyday.

Yes, a historical storm can ruin finances, but so can a job loss or a medical bill. So can a divorce, a death or a disability. Just as those affected by the hurricanes are suffering cash-flow crises, so are people everyday who aren't financially prepared for what life randomly decides to throw at them.

Financial preparation might be the difference between a slight bump and an ominous mountain. While it certainly can't solve the problem in totality, an emergency fund can buy a person time, comfort and a fighting chance.

Americans struggle to save money. I run across people everyday with healthy household incomes who struggle to build emergency funds. The now always finds a way to win out over the unknown. Here's what's so bothersome though: People have a say in the now, but they don't get a say in the unknown.

A person can make a decision to exercise a tad bit more frugality, but they can't decide the magnitude or timing of a financial emergency.

I wish it were as easy as peeling off a piece of each paycheck, and then you



Aden Alcroix-Camper, 11, walks through debris caused by a possible tornado after Hurricane Irma roared through the Palm Bay (Fla.) Point subdivision Sunday. For many, Irma will be the straw that broke the camel's back into intense financial suffering. RED HUBER, ORLANDO SENTINEL VIA AP

have an emergency fund. But it's not that simple. Not only must a person resist every ping of instant gratification during the accumulation phase, but once the funding goal is achieved, a person has to resist the urge to label non-emergencies emergencies.

Additionally, a person has to fight the urge to grow their emergency fund via increased risk. If you've never had thousands of dollars set aside in an account with no particular purpose other than having your back, you might think it's wasteful to accept paltry bank savings account returns. It's not.

The objective for the monies is not growth. The objective is liquidity. Don't tinker with your emergency fund. Whatever great idea you think you have to

grow it by taking on more risk isn't a great idea.

Financial experts don't agree on how many months worth of expenses need to be put into an emergency. Six months to a year would be great, but I find that out of reach for most Americans. Three months expenses is a great goal and can handle just about any insurance deductible, temporary income loss or nasty medical bill.

Do what I do — build your emergency fund away from your primary banking institution. If one of the primary goals is to reserve the money for emergencies only, then there's no reason to stare at the emergency fund every time you check your checking account balance. Non-emergencies have a sneaky way of

gaining access to your emergency funds when you keep your emergency fund at your primary bank.

And by the way, a vacation is not an emergency — neither is a down payment on a house, a sale, a great deal, nor non-essential home improvement projects.

If you earn above living wage and you don't have an emergency fund, just know that your emergency will feel much worse than it needs to. And the recovery from the event will be longer than it needs to be.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Socially responsible investing isn’t always easy

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A growing number of investors want their investments to align with their beliefs, but making that happen isn't always as easy as they might hope.

Whether you call it socially responsible investing (SRI), impact investing, values investing or environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG), it's all about investing in companies that embrace causes you support or avoiding companies that profit from practices you don't like.

Asset managers and institutions invested \$8.72 trillion based on SRI principles in 2016, up 33% from 2014, according to the US SIF Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment, an industry group that advocates for sustainable investing.

THE GOOD NEWS ...

» There are more SRI choices for investors — about 1,000 mutual funds and other investment vehicles in 2016, up from 894 in 2014, the foundation says. And some investment apps, such as Stash and Motif, are in on the trend.

» You can build a diversified portfolio because there are SRI funds across asset classes.

» Some studies confirm that impact investing can offer returns comparable to non-SRI offerings. For example, the average annual performance over 10 years for five SRI indexes ranged from 5.96% to 7.39%, vs. 6.92% for the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index, according to investment manager Nuveen.

THE BAD NEWS? THERE ARE HURDLES TO SRI.

» Your SRI fund's investments may surprise you. Your ideas about social responsibility may not jibe with the manager who picks the fund's investments.

Take for example, Wells Fargo, which was penalized after its employees created scam accounts in customers' names. Yet the bank is included in some SRI mutual funds.

That surprised Nancy Skeans, CEO of Schneider Downs Wealth Management Advisors, who asked two fund managers about it. They told her Wells Fargo does a lot of charitable work.

"Therefore, they end up in the portfolio," she says, referring to the bank.

No fund will satisfy all investors.

"There's no perfect company out there," says Jon Hale, director of sustainable investing research at fund tracker Morningstar.

» Your portfolio may be less diversified than you think

If you invest in SRI mutual funds and non-SRI funds in the same sector, your portfolio's diversification may take a hit. Learn how diversification reduces your investing risk.

For example, an SRI fund with large-cap stocks may mimic a regular large-cap stock fund, meaning your portfolio gets knocked when that sector slumps.

» Your 401(k) probably doesn't offer SRI funds

Less than 1% of 401(k) plans offers an SRI fund, according to Brooks Herman, vice president of data and research at Brightscope, which tracks 401(k) plans.



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For many employers, the SRI trend is too new while some of those funds are expensive and lack a clear measurement benchmark, he says.

STILL, INVESTORS HAVE OPTIONS:

» Some funds invest sustainably without the SRI label. Enter the ticker symbols of your 401(k)'s mutual funds at Morningstar.com and scroll down to find the sustainability rating. Then you can choose funds that incorporate SRI.

» Lobby your plan administrator. "That often gets the ball rolling towards adding ESG options," Hale says.

» If your plan offers a brokerage window — or access to its full product suite rather than just your plan's investment lineup — use that to invest in SRI funds.

» Do your impact investing via an individual retirement account or brokerage account.

YOU MAY PAY HIGHER FEES

Fees represent a big risk to investing success, and some SRI funds charge 2% or more — much higher than the 0.75% average expense for actively managed funds cited by Morningstar.

But there are low-cost SRI investments available. For example, Vanguard Group's Social Index Fund has a fee of 0.22%.

And on average, SRI funds "tend to be a bit more expensive than other funds, but the differences are not large," according to Morningstar.

Doing the right thing isn't always easy, but with a little bit of work, even your investments can add value to your beliefs — and bottom line.

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TECH

Pinterest tops 200 million members

App grows by 38% from 2016, enhances visual discovery tools

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SAN FRANCISCO Pinterest’s shift to mobile is paying off. The visual-discovery tool — don’t call it a social network — grew 38% from a year ago to more than 200 million members as an increasingly popular mobile platform to search for food, style, home and beauty. “As the smartphone has become a consumer’s companion, we have enhanced our search and organizational tools on mobile,” Ben Silbermann, Pinterest co-founder and CEO, exclusively told USA TODAY on Wednesday.

And grow it has. Nearly 85% of searches on Pinterest were via mobile devices, leading to monthly mobile search growth of more than 45% from a year ago, according to Pinterest. By comparison, the company’s overall user growth was 40%.

The San Francisco-based start-up — founded in the Midwest in 2010 by Silbermann, Evan Sharp and Paul Sciarra — says it crossed the 200 million mark 2½ times faster than it took to reach 100 million so-called Pinners, through mobile and breakneck growth in Western Europe (France, England, Germany), Latin America (Brazil) and Asia (Japan). Its customer base also is expanding beyond its typical use — food, decorating the home, wedding planning — to automotive and entertainment, Silbermann said.

This year, it has added better visual discovery tools: » A search and Lens camera search are more prominently displayed on Pinterest apps.

» It made a deeper push into the food space, helping Pinners more easily find recipes based on diet, cook time and ingredients.

» It shed the Like button on Pins.

» It integrated its visual search technology into the Samsung Galaxy S8.

Silbermann said he expects the “gradual transition” to mobile to continue over the next 12 months but de-



CEO Ben Silbermann says he expects the “gradual transition” to mobile to continue over the next year. PHOTOS BY PINTEREST FOR USA TODAY

clined to project how many more people will join Pinterest. (By comparison, Facebook says it has 2 billion monthly active users and 1.3 billion for Messenger. Twitter has 328 million monthly active users, according to

market researcher Omnicore.) He said Pinners are 39% more likely to be active retail shoppers — and when they do, they spend 29% more than people who don’t use the Pinterest app.

TECH

\$1,000 for an iPhone really isn’t that much

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SAN FRANCISCO Sorry, folks, but spending \$1,000 for a smartphone isn’t out of line.

There are many who will be jumping at the chance to be the first on their block to have the new iPhone X, out in November with the steepest price tag we’ve seen to date for a major smartphone. I’m with them in feeling that it’s an easy purchase.

We’re talking \$2.75 a day for a year, or \$50 monthly for 20 months.

This is the iPhone, after all — the device we no doubt spend more time with than our wives and husbands, children, brothers and sisters. It awakes with us, taps us into our work lives with messages from the boss and co-workers, delivers texts from our friends, and amuses us with games, YouTube clips, Snapchat and Instagram selfies, and photos of our latest trip. We don’t have to wait for the evening news anymore — our phone delivers updates all day — and who still looks at Facebook on a computer?

Some say, gee, at \$1,000 the phone is creeping up to the price of a laptop computer. Well, duh, of course. Laptop and desktop sales have been declining for years as we spend more time on our mobile phones, which are now more powerful and full-featured. As phones have gotten better, naturally prices go up.

I still swear by my MacBook Pro laptop. I do video, photo and audio editing every day, and mobile just doesn’t cut it for me. But it’s getting closer. (Thank you, Adobe Lightroom Mobile, my go-to mobile photo editor.) But I know many people who don’t even bother with their computers anymore. For them, it’s all mobile.

An entry-level MacBook Air, a line that hasn’t been updated in some time, starts at \$999, the same price as the iPhone X, and while it does have a webcam, you don’t get that mobile camera to snap all those incredible shots as you do with the iPhone. And the Air can’t fit in your pocket.

Think about what you spend money on — an expensive dinner at a restaurant that could top \$200 with friends is here today and gone tomorrow. Tickets to a concert or a sporting event that could top hundreds of dollars? That’s



You can be the subject of device envy from coast to coast. JUSTIN SULLIVAN, GETTY IMAGES

just for one night. I’m with many who weren’t blown away by the new features announced for the iPhone X. I can live without unlocking the phone with my eye, and wireless charging. But it doesn’t matter — that beautiful OLED screen. That new camera. Gotta have it, right?

To those who think Apple is gouging

us by jacking up the price to record levels, I say: It’s a free country. Apple’s in business to make money, and if it wants to sell a super-premium product, more power to them. We don’t have to buy it — and if we don’t, watch the price tag start to tumble.

And deal alert: Apple’s entry-level iPhone, the SE, is now \$349 and has a 4-

inch screen, the latest software and a decent camera. But you can’t unlock the screen with your eye. And for many people, that’s just fine.

So if you’re now comfortable with the \$1,000 iPhone, just know that if the plan works as well as Apple hopes, surely there’s a \$2,000 iPhone awaiting you around the corner.

PERSONAL FINANCE

DIGITAL WALLET: WAVE OF FUTURE OR DOOMED TO FAIL?

Competition is fierce, and many consumers still prefer credit cards for rewards they offer

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The success of digital wallets varies greatly depending upon whom you ask.

In early August, Goldman Sachs analysts proclaimed that digital wallet adoption had been “underwhelming to date by nearly every objective standard.” The note stated that while Apple’s Apple Pay was the dominant leader in the space, accounting for 90% of all contactless payments originating from a smartphone in the U.S., it still was struggling to gain real traction. The report went on to say that only 27% of eligible American consumers had ever used Apple Pay, and only 8% used it every week.

A recent survey from PYMNTS.com found similar results, concluding that consumers don’t remember to use mobile wallets even when their phone has a mobile wallet on it that the store accepts.

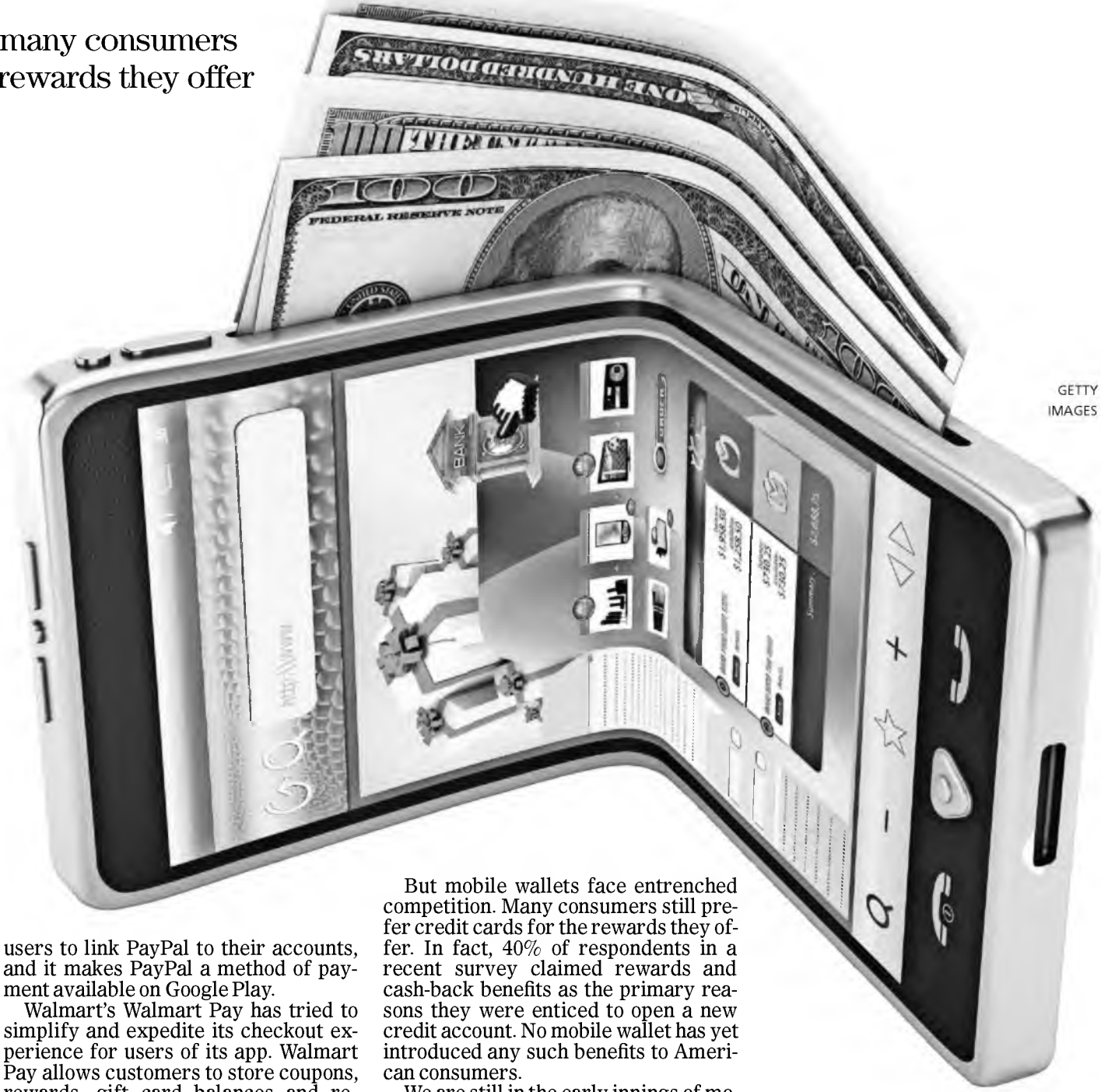
Other surveys insist these payment methods have a future of robust growth. A recent U.S. Bancorp study found consumer preference for paying via a digital app (47%) narrowly outweighed consumer preference for using cash (45%).

So, what’s the truth? Are digital wallets the wave of the future, or are they destined to fail?

There does not seem to be a general consensus about what’s holding mobile wallets back from increased user engagement. Instead, there seem to be myriad small reasons. These excuses range from consumers’ old habits being hard to break to consumer ignorance on which retail locations accept which method of payment.

Widespread merchant acceptance is the problem Apple seems primarily concerned with solving.

Alphabet’s Android Pay attempted to solve the same problem by partnering with PayPal and its 210 million active accounts. The deal allows Android Pay



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users to link PayPal to their accounts, and it makes PayPal a method of payment available on Google Play.

Walmart’s Walmart Pay has tried to simplify and expedite its checkout experience for users of its app. Walmart Pay allows customers to store coupons, rewards, gift card balances and receipts within the app and begin the checkout process by scanning QR codes into their phones as they shop.

But mobile wallets face entrenched competition. Many consumers still prefer credit cards for the rewards they offer. In fact, 40% of respondents in a recent survey claimed rewards and cash-back benefits as the primary reasons they were enticed to open a new credit account. No mobile wallet has yet introduced any such benefits to American consumers.

We are still in the early innings of mobile wallets and payments and, as the boundaries between point-of-sale and digital commerce become increasingly blurred, the only thing we can be sure

of is who the ultimate winner will be in the race to make shopping a more seamless, less time-consuming experience: the consumer.

REVERSE MORTGAGES ARE STICKY WICKETS

Robert Powell

Financial advisers often suggest you delay taking Social Security until full or normal retirement age (FRA) if not later — to age 70.

And the reasons are many: You’ll get 100% of your primary insurance amount (PIA) if you wait to claim at FRA and, depending on your birth year, anywhere from 124% to 132% of your PIA if you wait until age 70; your surviving spouse will receive the highest possible benefit if you delay taking Social Security until FRA; and your monthly benefit will be higher after cost-of-living adjustments than if you had claimed before FRA.

But the delay often means finding income to make up the difference between what you would have received from Social Security — on average, it’s about \$1,369 a month now — and what you need for living expenses.

In recent years, advisers have suggested Americans do one, all or some combination of the following to bridge the gap: work, draw money from taxable, tax-deferred or Roth accounts and use a reverse mortgage.

The strategy to use a reverse mortgage to delay taking Social Security, however, has come under fire of late. In August, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) issued a report that explored the tradeoffs of borrowing a reverse mortgage loan to delay claiming Social Security.

The CFPB found that, in general, “the reverse mortgage loan costs exceed the additional increase in Social Security that homeowners would receive in their lifetime by delaying Social Security benefits.”

For instance, the CFPB noted that those who use a reverse mortgage to delay taking Social Security “assume debt for the principal loan amount, as well as for interest, mortgage insurance premiums (MIP), and monthly servicing fees, which are added to the principal every month.”

The CFPB also wrote that origination and closing costs are often added to the loan balance since most consumers choose to finance these costs using the reverse mortgage proceeds. Over time, the balance of the loan increases as a result of compounding interest and MIP, and fees.

Furthermore, the CFPB wrote, using



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this strategy generally diminishes the home equity available to borrowers later in life.

Experts say the CFPB got some things right in its report, such as the risks associated with reverse mortgages. But experts took issue with the report’s methodology and assumptions, which might cause homeowners to unnecessarily dismiss reverse mortgages as a retirement-income tool worth considering.

So, how might you go about thinking about the use and value of a reverse mortgage as part of your retirement-income plan?

» **First, analyze.** For many Americans, the equity in their home is their largest asset, says Marguerita Cheng, chief executive officer of Blue Ocean Global Wealth. And that equity can be turned into income with a reverse mortgage.

But homeowners shouldn’t use a reverse mortgage to delay taking Social Security, or for any other reason, in the absence of a detailed analysis that ad-

dresses the trade-offs, risks and rewards.

“Future debt is a risk, but the risk has to be weighed with the reward of what is being created,” says John Salter, an associate professor at Texas Tech University.

Cheng agrees that a reverse mortgage or a home equity conversion mortgage (HECM) might not be right for every person in every situation. But, she says, a reverse mortgage could help many widows and divorcees who often have lower Social Security benefits, lower 401(k) and IRA balances and increased health care costs achieve a better outcome in retirement.

» **Manage longevity risk.** Tom Davison, a partner emeritus with Summit Financial Strategies, says using a reverse mortgage to delay taking Social Security is primarily a risk reduction strategy rather than an income-maximization strategy.

“As risk reduction, it does indeed maximize income, especially in the later years,” he says. “And the ‘later years’

is the key. It pushes the most possible inflation-adjusted, tax-advantaged dollars into those years.”

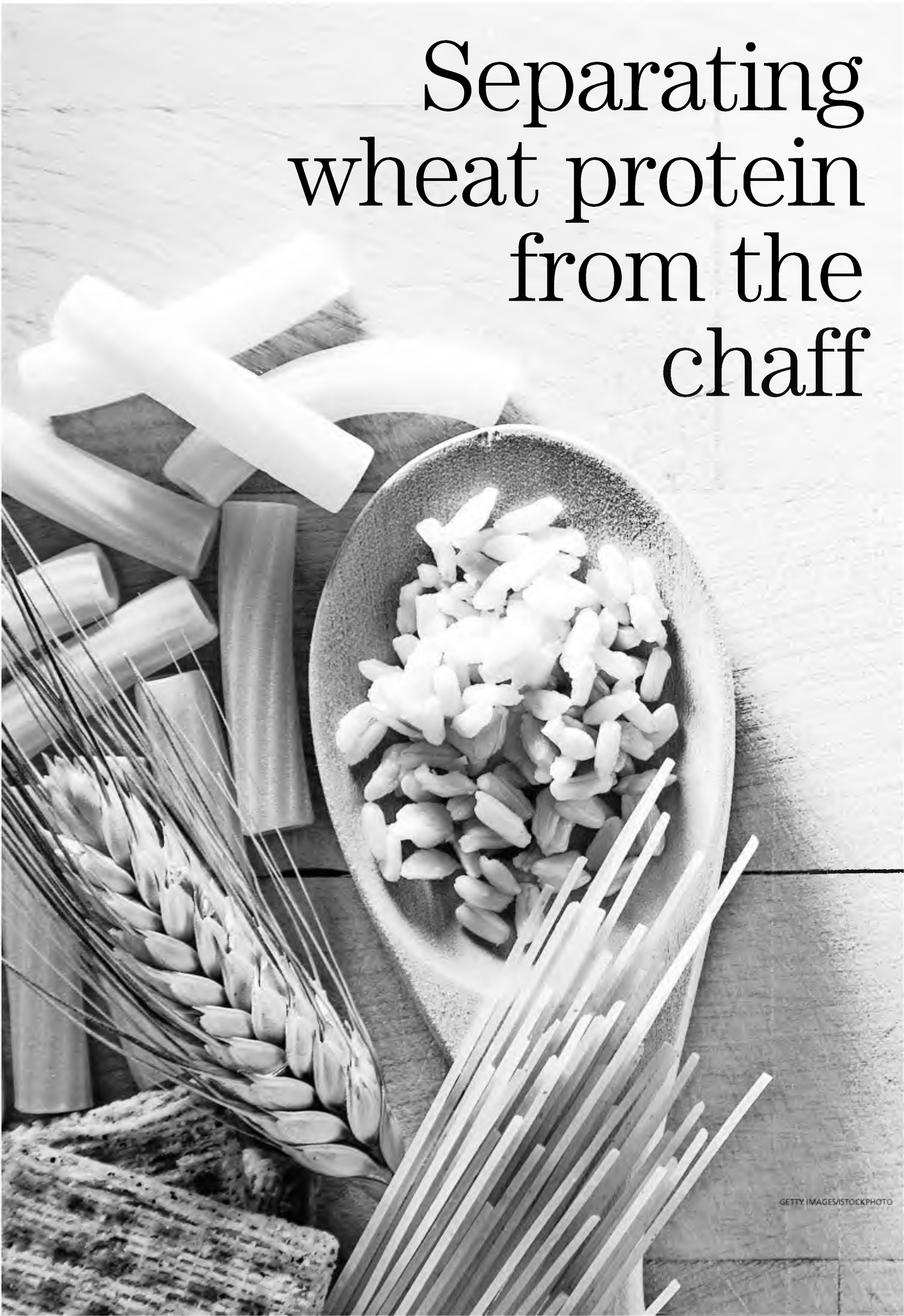
» **Manage sequence-of-return risk.** Retirement researchers increasingly say homeowners ought to consider a HECM with a line of credit to manage the risk of having to withdraw money from retirement during down markets.

The researchers call withdrawing money from falling retirement account balances sequence-of-return risk.

» **When not to use reverse mortgage.** “Everyone wants to age in place,” Cheng says. “But reverse mortgages don’t make sense if it’s not the right home to age in place.”

They also may not make sense if the house is too expensive to maintain.”

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Here are tips from a foodie who has celiac disease

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I was diagnosed with celiac disease in 2012, and the nutritional journey that ensued was nothing short of Odyssean. I pored over books, downloaded apps that help to weed out ingredients with gluten, avoided dining out and spent hours searching for gluten-free recipes. The serious autoimmune disorder — estimated to affect one in 100 Americans — causes people's immune systems to act up whenever they eat gluten, a protein found predominately in wheat, barley, rye, oat and even in surprising foods, such as soy sauce. When someone with celiac disease ingests food with gluten, it causes damage to the small intestine, preventing the absorption of nutrients. According to the nonprofit Celiac Support Association, common symptoms include joint pain, anemia, diar-

rhea, constipation, fatigue and irritability. Over time, if a gluten-free diet isn't adhered to, other health issues can occur, making it important for someone with celiac disease to maintain a lifelong and strict diet. Thankfully, it has become a different world for gluten-free diners. In 2015, Vox.com's Julia Belluz offered a fascinating glimpse into diet trends with heat maps of Google searches for diet terms, including "gluten-free diet," between 2006 and 2015. The increase is visually staggering. Represented by the color purple, gluten-free searches merely freckle the 2006 map, but dominate more than 80% of the 2015 map. Restaurants around the world reflect this skyrocketing trend by readily offering gluten-free dishes on their regular menus, or by warning patrons about possible cross-contamination in the kitchen. Today, it seems easier than ever to avoid wheat's infamous protein. But it's important to separate fact from urban legend. And while celiac disease specialists agree a biological difference exists between celiac disease and non-celiac wheat sensitivity, the specifics surrounding this non-celiac reaction to

wheat remains a mystery to researchers. "There are two things about being on a gluten-free diet," says Peter H.R. Green, director of Columbia University's Celiac Disease Center. The easiest part is knowing what to avoid, he says. "The most difficult thing is knowing what to eat." Amy Burkhart, a Napa, Calif.-based doctor and registered dietitian who specializes in celiac disease and non-wheat gluten sensitivity, recommends eating gluten-free substitutes made with nutrient-rich ingredients. "Many manufacturers are now using products containing more nutrient-dense gluten-free grains — such as quinoa, amaranth, millet, buckwheat or fo-nio — to increase nutrient density of gluten-free products," says Burkhart. She has celiac disease, and is the mother of a child with it. Going gluten-free is still no easy task. In my experience, the mere act of finding a suitable sliced-bread substitute has been costly and elusive — I tried more than half a dozen brands before I found Pure Knead, carried in Kroger stores in parts of the South.

Gerard Nudo and his husband Gary McElroy own Mediterranea, a gluten-free restaurant in Atlanta's Grant Park neighborhood. The restaurant opened this year, and offers a menu brimming with focaccia, orzo, flatbread pizza and a score of other gluten-substituting delights. The restaurant also features a gluten-free bakery helmed by Nudo, who studied pastry making at the Institute of Culinary Education (ICE) in New York City. Even for Nudo, whose gluten-free cranberry scones and cheddar biscuits leave me hungry for more, trial and error are the norm because gluten-free flour options are numerous. Oat, almond, tapioca, coconut, millet and quinoa flours are just a few. Unless you have the patience of a saint and the curiosity of a chemist, skip at-home gluten-free baking and buy brands recommended by experts. A study from Columbia University's Celiac Disease Center, shows gluten-free products are 130% to 200% more expensive than their gluten-containing counterparts. With that price tag, you may as well pay for someone else to get it right.

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Youth Alpha film series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come every at 6 p.m. each Thursday, starting Sept. 21. Email any questions to YouthAlpha789@gmail.com or register at wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/.

Tollgate Farms Evenings in the Garden

The fall season of MSU Tollgate's Evenings in the Garden begins 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, with Amanda Meier and "The Secret World of Plants."

The next two classes will be given by Dr. George Bird, "Smart Soil: Keys to Building a High Quality, Sustainable Garden," Oct. 12 and Mary Gerstenberger, "Water: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," Oct. 26.

Advance registration is required. The cost of each class is just \$20 and supports further adult education programming at MSU Tollgate. For more information and to register, go to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/evenings17fall/>.

Internet safety night

First Baptist Church in Wixom and Covenant Eyes will host a free Internet safety event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the church, 620 N. Wixom Road.

In addition to learning the latest dangers online and tips on how to protect your children, attendees will also be given a free parent resource guide. Participants will be able to ask a panel of tech experts any questions they have regarding Internet safety.

NYA holiday giving

Novi Youth Assistance has partnered with the Novi Goodfellows and Oak Pointe Church to coordinate its efforts in hope to serve as many families as possible. If you would like to be a part of the 2017 Adopt A Family Program, contact Barbara at 248-347-0410 no later than Nov. 1.

Homeless vets clothing drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, Milford, is having a clothing drive of new/gently used items for both men and women. It also accepts shoes, boots, outdoor wear and small sized toiletries. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Items collected will go to homeless veterans.

The drive runs through Dec. 1. Donations may be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and each Sunday morning. For more information, call 248-684-0495.

Astronomy at the Beach

Come listen to keynote speaker Dan Durda talk about "Near-Earth Asteroids" at the 21st annual Astronomy at the Beach event Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29-30, at Island Lake State Recreation Area. The talk will take place from 6 pm. to midnight at the Kent Lake Beach (note: this is a new location).

Other activities include sky viewing with many telescopes and laser constellation tours (both weather permitting); comet making; a 3D tour of the solar system, plus astronomy club and vendor tables. No charge for those with a Michigan State Parks

Recreation Passport on their license plate (otherwise \$11 for state residents, \$9 daily pass for no-nresidents).

For more info, go to <https://www.glaac.org/astronomy-at-the-beach/>, <https://www.facebook.com/GLAAC/posts/10154457193806932>, email contact@glaac.org or call 810-229-7067 during business hours.

MOMS Sale

South Lyon Mothers of Multiples Society sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at First United Methodist Church, located on Pontiac Trail south of 10 Mile. Gently used clothing (including teens) sorted by size and gender, cribs, strollers, car seats, maternity clothing, books, games and more. Now accepting credit cards. Admission is \$1.

Veterans benefit show

Come enjoy "Dean Martin," a.k.a. John Morrello, straight from a 1960s Vegas show, during two benefit shows 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The shows, sponsored by The Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment 162, go to support the mission of the Detachment. They will be at the VFW Post 4012, 438 N. Main St. Northville.

Tickets are \$20 per show, with a cash bar. The 7 p.m. show is sold out, but seats remain for the 4 p.m. show. RSVP to Mark Sutton at 248-390-5481, go to www.semperfil62.org or email mcldet162@gmail.com. The MCL will accept Visa, MC, cash or checks. All reservations must be prepaid.

Ride for Recovery and color run

Sponsors, participants and vendors are being sought for the second annual Boots on the Ground Color Run and the Ride for Sobriety, which both take place Saturday, Sept. 30. Both events are presented by the Sobriety Promotions Program, Inc., in partnership with the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, Oakland Community Health Network and Lyon Events Organization. All proceeds directly benefit the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities prevention and educational programs developed to raise awareness of the dangers of abusing prescription drugs and the 52-1 District Court Veterans, Sobriety and Drug Treatment Court.

The Ride for Recovery will have registration at 9 a.m. and the ride at 10 a.m., starting at Grace Community Church, 3275 Martin Road, Commerce. Registration for the color run will start at 9 a.m., with an opening ceremony at 11 a.m., a kids mile run at 11:30 a.m. and the 5K run at noon, all at James Atchison Park, 58000 Grand River, New Hudson. The motorcycle ride will also end at the park.

All are welcome to participate in one or both of the events. There will be a celebration after the color run with music, vendor booths, educational material, fun kids activities, food and more. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information or to register, call Tracy at 248-221-7101 or go online at www.achcmi.org

You can also register for the Color Run or the Motorcycle Ride through Eventbrite. Key words: "Boots on the Ground Color Run" or "Ride for Recovery."

Free Japanese music concert

The Maple Leaf Group, a traditional music group from Fukuoka, Japan, will perform a free concert in Novi. The group is composed of Ms. Tachikawa, who is a koto instructor, and eight musicians.

The Maple Leaf Group feature the koto (Japanese harp), Shakuhachi flutes, three-stringed Shamisen (Japanese banjo), and Shinobue flute.

The group will play traditional Japanese music, as well as American movie soundtracks, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at Providence Park Hospital, Outpatient Center, Heart Institute Entrance, Conference Rooms A, B & C (47601 Grand River Ave., Novi). Sponsored by the Providence Park Hospital Japanese Program.

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.

West Oakland regional job fair

The city of Wixom and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the West Oakland regional job fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, to assist area employers in finding qualified candidates to fill open positions in a wide variety of areas. The event will be at the Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Job recruiters will be on-site seeking engineers, sales associates, maintenance technicians, cashiers, servers, construction laborers, mechanics and candidates in other industries. The job fair is also focused on helping local job seekers to find good jobs near their homes and to allow job seekers to talk with employers and explore career options.

The Lakes Area Chamber is encouraging its member companies to exhibit at the event. Exhibit space is also being offered to non-members and includes a one-year chamber membership. The registration deadline to receive all pre-event advertising benefits is Sept. 22. For more information on exhibiting, contact the chamber at 248-624-2826.

The event is being sponsored by Express Employment Professionals, FiberClass Insulation LLC and Oakland County Michigan Works!

Artist display at Milford library

The Village Fine Arts Association has partnered with the Milford Public Library and has begun exhibiting their member artwork in the library Community Room. The exhibit is

currently featuring the artwork of VFAA president Linda Onderko. She has 12 pieces of various media on display, including collages, acrylics, and pastels.

The free exhibit is open during regular library hours unless the room is hosting another event and will hang through the first week of October. The colored pencil artwork of Dean Rogers will follow. The library is located at 330 Family Drive. Its hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Artist and crafters gallery

The Novi Civic Center Atrium Gallery features rotating exhibits from artists and crafters and provides the opportunity for the community to explore and support local arts. Upcoming shows include:

Photographer Daniel Sidoli, through Sept. 29: Sidoli is a former Michigan resident who has since relocated to Las Vegas. His main focus for this show will be landscape photography, especially unique land and rock formations. Palette and Brush Club, Oct. 3-30: This metro Detroit-based group's beginnings date back to the mid-1930s. Their mission is to provide opportunities to their members to enhance their lives and artistic careers. A free public opening takes place 7-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6.

The exhibit is available for viewing during regular business hours,

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with some exceptions. The exhibit is also open many evenings and weekends. Call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 248-347-0400 for details.

Adopt-A-Reader

Adopt-A-Reader links volunteers like you with children in kindergarten through second grade in the South Lyon Community Schools district who need extra support with reading and/or writing. This is an opportunity to create a learning bond by working individually with two children. You could make a real difference in their lives. All it takes is a commitment of about an hour a week.

You decide the school you would like to volunteer at, the day and time slot during school hours that's convenient for your schedule; we provide the training and materials. Contact Lindsey Jackson at 248-941-1701 or jacksonl@slcs.us for more information.

Singsation Celebration Concert

The Milford Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir will host the Singsation Celebration Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8. The celebration, to honor of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, will feature choirs from Highland Faith Lutheran Church, Huron Valley Community Chorus, Milford Presbyterian Church, Mill Creek Community Church and St. George's Episcopal Church of Milford.

The celebration will

focus on performances from individual choirs and will conclude with a mass choir finale, including the world premiere of "The Lord's Prayer" by Lasha Kvtenadze. This is a free concert, but donations will be used to defray concert expenses.

The guest conductor and clinician will be Lasha Kvtenadze, from St. Andrew's Orthodox Church in Dix Hills, NY. Originally from Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, Kvtenadze received both his master's of music in choral conducting and ppera-symphonic conducting from the Tbilisi State Conservatory of Music.

Milford Presbyterian Church is at 238 N. Main St. A shuttle will be available to transport audience members who need this service between the Central Park parking lot and the front doors of the church. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Marcus LaPratt at 517-388-1316 or mla-pratt@milfordpc.org.

Lakeland 2007 reunion

The Lakeland High School Class of 2007 will hold its 10-year reunion 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Lucky Strike in Novi. The event will include door prizes, bowling, pool, food and drinks, with a cash bar. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite at <https://goo.gl/SaiGeS>. More information is available on the class Facebook page, "Lakeland High School Class of 2007 Reunion."

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Clark, Jr.



Robert Daughaday 81 ½, of Northville, Michigan, passed away on September 19, 2017 at his home. Robert (Bob) was born March 23, 1936 in Geneva, Illinois. Bob attended Geneva HS '54 where he was a standout at basketball, football and track while working as a paper boy and attendant at his family's Pure Oil service station. After graduation, Bob attended Miami University (OH), was active in the Sigma Nu Fraternity and Navy ROTC. He graduated with a Marketing Degree. In 1958, he commissioned in the US Navy, to serve as a Deck Officer in Long Beach, CA aboard the mine sweeper USS Fortify (MSO-446). After active duty, he returned to Geneva to work for the Pure Oil Company, and to serve five years in the Naval Reserve. His sales position at Pure Oil afforded him the opportunity to work once more with his mother and father, who ran Clark's Service Station for 48 years. While he and his father anchored championship bowling teams, Bob enjoyed spending time with his younger siblings, Rich and Kathy. After a few tiring night classes at Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Bob enrolled at Bradley University in Peoria and earned his MBA in 1965 with honors, Phi Kappa Phi. After grad school, he relocated to Dearborn, MI, and started his 26-year career with Ford Motor Company as an executive in sales, purchasing and quality control. It was in Dearborn where Bob met a local school teacher, Gail Drummy of Waupun, WI; they wed in 1967. While his career brought him to the Motor City, it was his growing family that brought him to Northville. Together they raised three children, all in Northville, where they have been residents for 44 years and his example instilled in them a love for faith, family, friends, and animals! Bob had a love for snowmobiling, golfing, trips to the Master's and jazz music. His children have fond

memories of Dad helping them on daily paper routes, fixing mini-bikes, supporting his daughter's equestrian interests and helping build prize-winning soap box derby cars. Bob was active for many years as an adult leader for the local Boy Scout troop where both of his sons (Dan '84 and Rob '91) earned their Eagle Scout award. The entire gang looked forward to annual summer vacations in Illinois and Wisconsin to visit their grandparents and extended family. For the last 30 years, Bob's nostalgic pride of his days in the Navy on a mine sweeper seemed to be satisfied by watching freighters and sunsets on Lake Michigan from the deck of their summer home where he and Gail were always eager to entertain retired co-workers, fellow teachers and grandchildren. Now, as he himself begins a new voyage, his family remembers the words of Enoch Powell: "If my ship sails from sight, it doesn't mean my journey ends, it simply means the river bends." Bob is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Gail; sons: Lt Col Daniel P. Clark, USAF (Retired) (Cindy Thompson) of Fairfield, CA and Robert D. Clark III (Marie Basbagill) of Long Grove, IL; daughter, Jennifer J. Watts (Ty) of Fowlerville, MI; brother, Richard D. Clark (Judy Goldblith) of Melrose, MA; sister, Kathryn Keller of Elk Grove Village, IL; and grandchildren: Daniel P. Clark II, Terrell J. Watts, Robert D. Clark IV, Emma M. Clark and Annie P. Clark. He is survived locally by his spirited cousin Robert Hartman (Kayleen), and their family, also of Northville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Emma (Roark) Clark and in-laws James and Minnie (Reifsnider) Drummy. Contributions in Mr. Clark's memory may be made to Northville Troop 755, Boy Scouts of America per his request. Visitation was held at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville, MI on Thursday, September 21, 2017. Funeral service was held Saturday, September 23, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Waupun, WI and burial at Calvary Cemetery where Military honors were conducted under the auspices of the US Armed Forces.

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James C. age 73, passed away September 24, 2017. He was born April 20, 1944 in Mineral Bluff, Georgia, son of the late Floyd and Susie Roper. James was a dedicated employee of Michigan Seamless Tube prior to his retirement. He enjoyed collecting old tractors and antique cars and never turned down the chance to show them off in local parades. James is survived by his siblings: Carolyn (Paul) Nagy, Phyllis (Harold) Jones, Peggy Hanselman, Larry Roper, Denise Brewer, Rick (Sheree) Roper, Judy Hayward, Tammy (Paul) Smith and Donna (Ron) Eller; his step-brothers: Ray (Cheryl) Eaves and Bob (Penny) Eaves. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. James was preceded in death by his father and mother; his step-mother; his nephew; his step-brother; and his special dog, Speck. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 27 from 4:00PM-8:00PM with a funeral service being held on Thursday, September 28 at 1:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon. He will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society of Livingston County or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Schleh



Lauren "Larry" of Hartland Township, passed away, Sept. 22, 2017. Loving husband of Patricia and father of Stephen and Robert. Services will be Sun. Oct. 1 at 2:30PM, gathering beginning at 1:30PM at Hartland United Methodist Church, 10300 Maple Rd. Hartland, 48353. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel; call 517-546-0100 or www.borekjennings.com

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PORSCHE 911 CARRERA GTS HITS SWEET SPOT

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The 2017 Porsche 911 Carrera GTS isn't the fastest, most powerful or most expensive member of the 911 family, but it just may be the sweet spot in the lineup.

Every 911 Carrera GTS starts its life as a Carrera S, the second step in the extension ladder of models that comprise the 911 family. This review refers to a 2017 Carrera GTS, but there are no significant changes to the model for 2018 save a small increase in price.

You can get a GTS in five flavors: rear- or all-wheel drive, coupe, convertible or targa. "Targa" is perhaps best described as German for T-top.

The 911 Carrera GTS's 3-liter, bi-turbo, 6-cylinder engine produces 450 horsepower.

Porsche offered a GTS before, but the 2017 model was the first to offer turbochargers. The result is an extra 80 lb-ft of torque. The Corvette Z06, Jaguar F-type SVR and Mercedes-Benz AMG GT S all have more power, but the GTS' performance is competitive: a top speed of 192 miles per hour and 3.5-second acceleration time from zero to 60 mph.

The GTS is the lightest car in the group. That helps offset its power disadvantage, but its ace in the hole is the four-wheel steering system's responsiveness.

The engine is immediately responsive, with a satisfying throttle note that can be embellished by sport mode. The combination of bigger turbos and 2 pounds greater boost pressure delivers power smoothly while the DCT transmission snicks through the gears with effortless precision.

Like most new cars, my GTS had auto stop, which shuts the engine off to save fuel at traffic lights and when idling. It's reasonably smooth, but the restart



PORSCHE

2017 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA GTS

- » **What:** A 2-plus-2 sports car
- » **Where:** Made in Zuffenhausen, Germany
- » **When:** On sale now
- » **What makes it go:** A 3-liter, twin-turbo, 6-cylinder engine producing 450 horsepower, with a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission.
- » **How thirsty:** Rated at 20 miles per gallon in the city, 26 mpg on the highway and 23 mpg overall
- » **How big:** 14.7 feet long
- » **How much:** Starts at \$119,000 before destination charges and including a Powerkit that adds 30 horsepower
- » **Overall:** Delightful

WHAT STANDS OUT

- » **Engine:** Responsive
- » **Steering:** Even more responsive
- » **Storage:** Non-existent

was slow enough that I found myself disabling it when I was in heavy traffic and wanted quick response from stop lights.

Porsche's new optional rear steering is a revelation. The 911 Carrera GTS responds to steering inputs like an extension of your body. Suddenly, identifying the apex of a turn is as natural as putting one foot in front of the other. Except the result feels like moving with the seemingly effortless speed of Usain Bolt's finest races.

The Carrera GTS theoretically has four seats — the rear pair are better suited to grocery bags than bipeds — but it competes primarily with two-seat sports cars such as the Corvette Z06, Jaguar F-type SVR and Mercedes AMG GT S coupe.

The interior is trimmed in Alcantara leather, with anodized and black aluminum trim. The center console buttons and dials make controlling audio, climate and performance systems simple, unlike the plethora of controls littering the interior of some advanced cars. A big touch screen, voice recognition and Apple CarPlay complement those controls, making it easy for the driver to concentrate on the fun of driving a

GTS.

The Carrera GTS has the deceptively simple elegance of a design that has been refined continually for a half-century, since the first 911 debuted in 1963.

Satin black center-locking 20-inch wheels are standard, along with sport design side mirrors and GTS logos on the doors.

To minimize weight and maximize profit — the only thing Porsche makes better than fast cars is cubic quantities of money — Porsche omitted a few features you might expect. Memory for the driver's seat and mirror settings, for instance. And blind spot alert.

The Porsche 911 Carrera GTS is a singularly elegant supercar. Its restrained approach to power and performance delivers all the fun and prestige most drivers will ever want without indulging in the megahorsepower war that obsesses some automakers.

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How to answer tough interview questions

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We all know it's good to prepare answers to the standard interview questions, plus the not-so-standard ones that might come up in a particular interview at a particular company. But often, we are so prepared that we forget to edit our answers down to their most surgical and concise form.

Here are six standard, but tough, interview questions and the snappy sort of answers you should start rehearsing right now:

1. Why you left your last job

Maybe the answer is as simple as your company was downsizing, but if you left in order to challenge yourself further or pursue more meaningful work, try saying something that emphasizes some skill or experience you wanted to develop professionally.

Talk about how it wasn't possible to do this at your former job, and so you are committed to mastering it, and you see the perfect opportunity to do so at this company. Bonus points if you can prove you're already well on your way to developing this skill, whether by having taken a class or earned a certification.



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2. Your greatest weakness

Step one: Pick a trait that won't scare them off, and doesn't in any way affect your ability to perform this job. Don't humblebrag. "I'm just

too good at work!" But do try and pick something with a positive spin. Maybe you're too much of a perfectionist or you go flat out until a project's done without taking a break. Or choose a weakness

that you've since worked hard to convert into a strength. Formula for the latter: "Well, I was noticing that I was x, so I took step y in order to improve, and ended up in situation z," (which is infinitely better and makes you a stronger candidate for the job).

3. Why you seem overqualified

Rather than agree with them and say how much this job is beneath you, emphasize why (and pick three or so specifics) this job is perfect for you right now, and how it fits into your career growth plan. Your resume probably shows that you can do this job, so use this answer to prove that you want it.

4. Why you've changed jobs a lot

It can be a red flag to some employers who haven't gotten the memo that job-shifting isn't necessarily a red flag anymore. Try telling the truth. Either it's as simple as, "For reason x, we moved around a lot and so I was forced to..." or you have a unique opportunity to document your drive and your desire to learn new things and acquire new skills that make you such a stellar candidate with such passion for what you do. Emphasize how all this hopping has uniquely prepared you to land

on their precise lily pad, and why you'd want to stay put for a good long while.

5. Why you've been unemployed for ages

If you've been out of the workforce for a year or more, you're going to have to explain yourself. Either go for the "I took some time off to evaluate my career needs and wishes in order to come back refreshed and well-prepared and hungry to do this kind of work," or the "I've just completed x course or accreditation in order to make myself more valuable in my field." They'll eat either up.

6. Your age

It's illegal to discriminate in hiring decisions based on age, but not illegal to ask. If you're on the older end of the job market spectrum, use your answer to assuage their fears that you're just in it for the drudgery and the paycheck. Emphasize how much passion you still have and how much invaluable experience you bring to the table. You're not done yet!

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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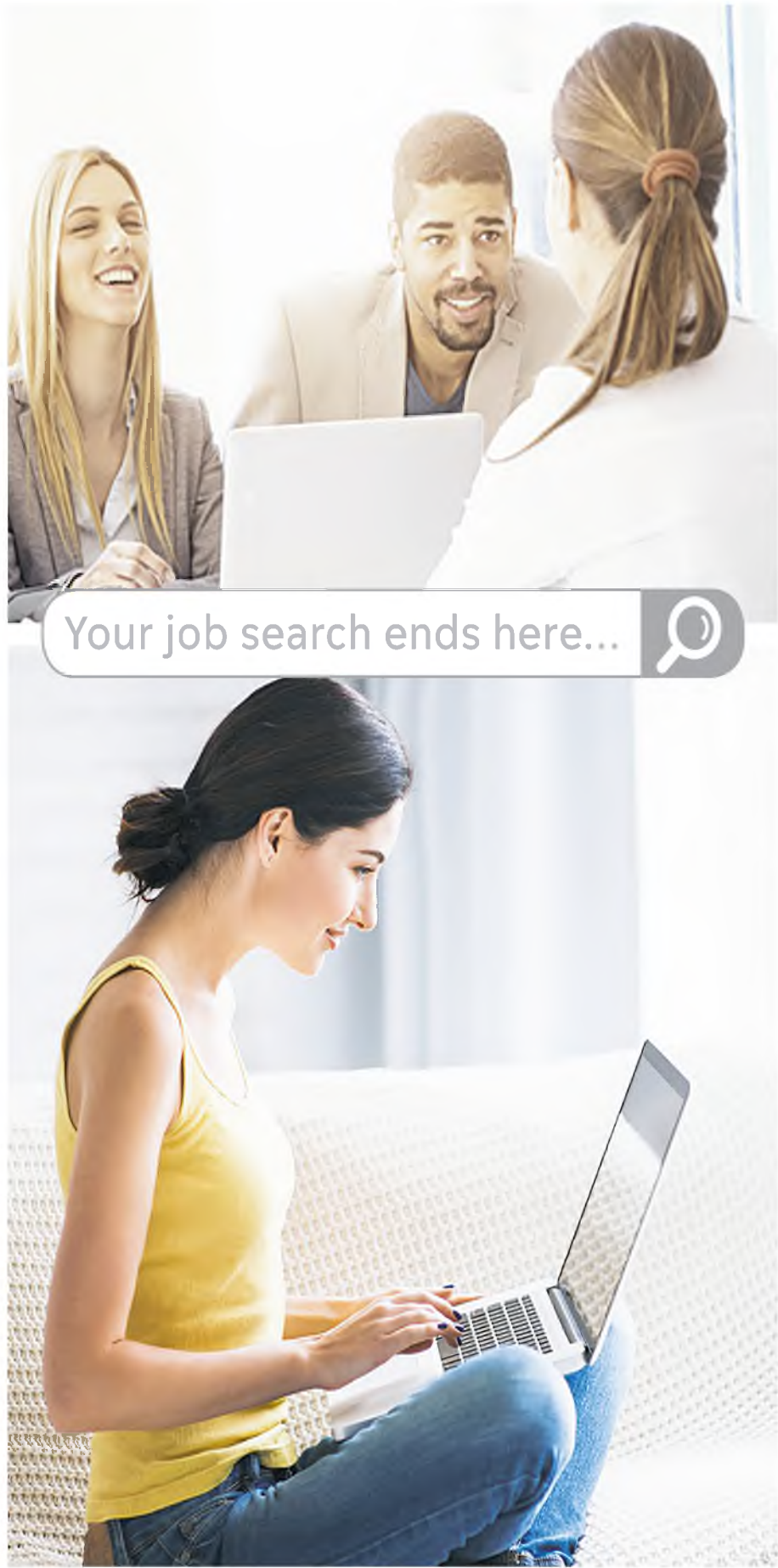
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16 Birthplace of Galileo

20 Poet Pope

21 One-celled organism

22 Singer/actor Ed

23 What a hot spot provides

25 Good buds

26 Entangle

27 Saving sites

28 Bird on bills

29 Hurricane's weaker relative

36 Booster for a band

39 Pioneer Boone, to friends

40 Destines to oblivion

41 Pecan, e.g.

42 Big name in audio compression

48 Actor Hulce

49 Tabby-treating docs

50 Having no peepers

51 Like stock without face value

53 Do data entry, e.g.

55 Group with a secy.-gen.

56 Female sibs, informally

58 "Thus ..."

62 Abet, e.g.

63 Leader of the mutiny on the Bounty

68 Kitchen VIP

70 See

71 Years and years on end

72 Has no entity

73 Langston Hughes' movement

81 Off-road ride, briefly

82 Occur as a result

83 Set of documents about a case

84 Reid of "Sharknado"

86 — May (Jed Clampett's daughter)

89 Country estate

90 "Taxi" co-star Andy

93 "Mama" of pop

96 "Days of — Lives"

98 Gotten totally quiet

100 Cockpit abbr.

101 Herb bit

103 Truckloads

104 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"

105 Across-the-board ban

112 One over par

113 Cowboy flick

114 Sensed feelings, informally

118 Thrifty rival

119 Cry apropos to seven

125 Guy

126 Fixed a bow on, e.g.

127 With great enthusiasm

128 Units of work

129 Eyeliner mishaps

130 Sees firsthand

DOWN

1 Criminals break them

2 Ken of "EZ Streets"

3 Singer Lynn

4 Put forth, as strength

5 Hay-bundling device

6 Ending for hero

7 They might cross aves.

8 — Plaines, Illinois

9 — Lanka

10 Pertaining to birth

11 Revise, as a manuscript

12 Sealed, as a wine bottle

13 Bill equal to two fins

14 Mr. Lincoln, familiarly

15 Squeal (on)

16 Daddies

17 Visualize

18 Smash hit

19 "Yes" votes

24 Celtics' org.

28 Ending for lion

30 With 70-Across, "It's more than likely ..."

31 El — (Spanish newspaper)

32 Gerund

33 Place with outpatients

34 Plant anchor

35 TV prize

36 Suffix with lemon

37 Longtime New York senator Daniel Patrick —

38 People who say "Not guilty," say

43 Three-filling deli classic

44 "Oh — little faith!"

45 Stand-up comic Daniel

46 Church nook

47 Forest den

49 20-cancer at Starbucks

52 Fun, for short

54 Faux —

56 Riding horse

57 Clip wool from

59 Divested of weapons

60 Seat of Orange County

61 Where many ads are seen

62 Aspirin target

64 Fast getaway

65 Muff it up

66 Harry's chum at Hogwarts

67 Abbr. ending a co. name

69 Sooty vents

74 Fish that can be a shocker

75 Autumn mo.

76 "Likely story!"

77 Land in el

78 Window part

79 Aquanaut's habitat

80 Decorative needle case

85 — -CIO

87 Easy run

88 Nomad's tent

90 Shoelace snarl

91 — Spumante

92 The — degree

93 Colelaw, essentially

94 Totally done

95 Putting on, as a show

97 Sharp retort

99 Tony winner Wallach

101 Pilot's selling

102 "Ars — artis"

106 Birds' pads

107 None-of-the-above option

108 Minds

109 Angry feeling

110 Not quite round

111 Low cards in pinochle

115 Dozing spots

116 — Stanley Gardner

117 Expresses

119 Auditing org.

120 Pro —

121 Unopened

122 Ovid's 511

123 Mo. no. 10

124 Five-spot

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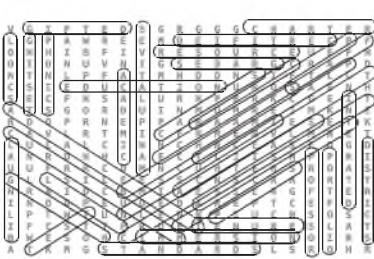
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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW ADDS B2B MATCHMAKING TO OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH AUTOMOBILI-D



By Dale Buss

Expect the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) to keep evolving into a broad business-to-business platform meant to tap ever more deeply into the technological direction being taken by the global auto industry, as the Detroit auto show keeps extending from its roots as the traditional premier American showplace for news and views about the latest in cars.

Last year, the exhibition run by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) each January took it first huge step toward capturing activity around self-driving by launching AutoMobili-D, which staged a big display area for suppliers, startups and others in the space and conducted dozens of seminars and panels that brought hundreds of people together to discuss the technological future of the industry.

Now NAIAS has announced that it is adding a business-to-business and business-to-industry connection platform with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which will be a first for an auto show.

The state's economic development organization, as well as NAIAS and Techstars

Mobility, will curate and create a series of vetted, pre-scheduled meetings at AutoMobili-D that will provide exhibitors with new business and industry connections.

The matchmaking will occur on Monday and Tuesday, January 15 and 16, during Press Days, as well as January 17, the first Industry Preview day. Through the platform, participating AutoMobili-D companies will be able to connect and meet with automakers, startups, suppliers and venture capitalists.

"This platform will accelerate the kinds of meetings that used to maybe just be happenstance," Rod Alberts, executive director of NAIAS, told me. "It's going to bring great value to everyone. It'll almost be like an eHarmony platform for people and companies in the industry and mobility technologies."

"We can create opportunity with this matchmaking idea. It represents quite an advance in our second year of AutoMobili-D. We're taking it to new heights."

Added Ryan LaFontaine, of the Detroit-area family that owns multiple dealerships, and chairman of 2018 NAIAS: "Companies and individuals participating in AutoMobili-D will be able to forge new connections and collaborations through these platforms the State of Michigan is launching."

LaFontaine said in a press release that AutoMobili-D



AutoMobili-D is adding a business-to-business meetings component

"provides the ideal platform to launch these auto show-first initiatives in front of tens of thousands of mobility-focused individuals."

NAIAS launched AutoMobili-D last year in large part as a counter-offensive against other exhibitions that had begun to use automated-driving technologies, and advances in the arena by tech giants such as Google, as a wedge to get more attention and exhibits by automakers, digital-tech companies, software startups and other enterprises that had begun clustering around technology that wasn't the exclusive domain of traditional automakers.

The International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona and, of course, other big auto shows around the globe

Also, Nissan-Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn keynoted, providing insights into the company's plans for a connected future And Julia Steyn of General Motors shared views on the outlook on urban mobility as a "service" by the startup company Maven. There were more than 40 hours of mobility-focused announcements and discussions.

In 2018, NAIAS plans to expand AutoMobili-D exhibit space to more than 150,000 square feet and to double the number of universities that are exhibiting at the show, among other improvements.

MEDC's role has been growing as well as that of PlanetM, the state's partnership-branding initiative to foster, retain and grow the mobility sector and position Michigan as the global epicenter for future transportation.

"AutoMobili-D isn't just about product," Alberts told me. "It's also about sharing knowledge, and bringing everyone together. Everyone wants to be around the next big idea."

To continue to be perceived as "a true global leader," Alberts said in the press release, "our show needs to bring dynamic, industry-leading opportunities to our partners and attendees. No other event in North America provides an international platform for this vast array of companies, organizations and thought leaders under one roof."

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