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## Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will be meeting at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at the Cady Inn in Mill Race Village. Members will be wiring pine cones and making bows to adorn wreaths for the club's 42nd annual Greens Mart. For more information, call Sue Marie Klimmek at 734-459-8327.

## Marine celebration

The Marine Corps League, Northwest Detachment 162, of Northville invites all Marines, Fleet Marine Force corpsmen and their spouses to a celebration of the U.S. Marine Corps' 242nd birthday at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main Street. There will be the traditional cake cutting by the youngest and oldest Marine in attendance. No reservations required. Call Bill King at 248-345-3502.

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# Local artist's career takes off

## Northville graduate does quirky comics

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Remember the kid who liked to draw in school — even when it wasn't time for art?

Nick Seluk was that kid. "I probably spent half of middle school drawing during class," Seluk, who graduated from Northville High School in 2000, said recently. At Central Michigan University, where he majored in psychology, "I used to draw my psychological concepts in the margins of my notes," he added.

But Seluk has turned his love of drawing into quirky comic strips, books, games and accessories like mugs and plush toys. His business, The Awkward Yeti, is based at the Water Wheel Centre in downtown Northville (the historic former Ford Motor Co. factory) and employs nine people who help Seluk market and ship his products around the world.

After graduating from Central, Seluk took his artistic bent and psychology degree, along with an advertising minor and community college art classes, to an area advertising and merchandising company and worked his way up the ladder.

The job enabled him to keep



Most grown-ups would agree with Nick Seluk, that life is a balance between adult responsibilities and utter nonsense. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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*"If asked to go back to Iraq, I would in a second. I truly miss being a part of the armed services."*

U.S. ARMY STAFF SGT. MICHELLE WAGER (RET.)



Four military veterans gather at the ranch owned by retired Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi of White Lake during the filming of "ENLISTED." VISONALIST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS

# FILM ASKS WHY WOULD YOU JOIN THE MILITARY?

Keith Famie's 'ENLISTED' tries to tell the story of those who have

**Dan Dean**

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They came wearing blue jeans and vests of military groups, suits, ball caps proudly displaying their involvement in the military and even tuxedos.

And as retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Michelle Wager walked into Royal Oak's Emagine Theater on Oct. 26, you would never have known she had lost a leg in military service. But soon, the 100 or so other veterans in attendance would witness her story, told along with those of many others, in the documentary "ENLISTED."

Wager, who lives in Linden and is a 1993 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, deployed to Iraq in 2006 with the 46th Military Police Command Michigan Army National Guard out of Lansing.

Five months into her 15-month tour in Baghdad, a roadside bomb hit her vehicle, seriously injuring her and two others and killing two other soldiers. The attack resulted in Wager's left leg being amputated above the knee. She went through a long road of rehabilitation and, after her physical wounds healed, she had to deal with PTSD.

After seeing herself on the big screen, Wager had nothing but praise for the film.

"I thought the film was really well done. It touched on so many different topics that a lot of people don't want to discuss," she said. "I feel our vets get swept under the rug and this film, hopefully, will lift that rug. Help people understand a little better what it is we go through."

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# Cox forgoing third term, to run for state Senate

**David Veselenak**

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Livonia will have a new voice in the state House of Representatives in 2019 after current Rep. Laura Cox announced she'll seek a seat in the state Senate.

Cox, R-Livonia, recently announced she'll forgo seeking a third and final term in the House to run for the seat being vacated by Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton. Colbeck, who is running for governor, is term-limited and cannot run again. Cox said the district is similar to her former Wayne County Commission district, an area she's very familiar with. That district was made up of part of Livonia, Northville and Plymouth. That familiarity, she said, made the decision to run for Senate an easier one.

"I just really enjoyed working with the leadership in those communities," she said. "It would be nice, if I'm successful, to help others in other communities that neighbor my hometown of Livonia."

Cox has represented the state House 19th District for three years, being elected back in 2014 and winning re-election in 2016. The district is made up of all but one square mile of Livonia.

The state Senate 7th District is made up of Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Canton Township and Wayne.

The announcement from Cox, which came last week, is one of many that appeared to be sparked by the decision by U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, who announced he would not seek re-election in 2018 in the U.S. House 11th District. That's resulted in plenty of candidates announcing their intentions to run for the congressional seat and set off a chain reaction that



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# ARTIST

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his art skills sharp. He was creative director when he quit in late 2014. About five years ago, while still in the corporate world, Seluk began drawing comic strips on the side, as a creative outlet and a means of self-expression, and putting them on the web. He started with Lars, The Awkward Yeti, a blue yeti whom Seluk said is “sort of extension of myself — poking fun at myself and my own introvertedness.” Yeti are mythical abominable snowman-like characters and Lars is a blue yeti living among snowy white counterparts, which highlights his

feelings of being an outsider. From there, Seluk developed Heart and Brain, named for, yes, the body organs of the same names. The two are often in conflict: Brain is the logical, if anxious, character and Heart the emotional and more impulsive one. “That dynamic was really good and the audience loved it,” Seluk said. Heart and Brain originally represented the heart and brain of Lars, but have since become more independent characters. Lars still makes cameos in the strips and Seluk has created characters out of a number of other body organs. Seluk has branched in several directions: His third Heart and Brain book, “Body Language,”

was published in early October; a card game, Organ Attack, has proven popular, especially among medical professionals and medical students; and he recently launched a Kickstarter campaign for seed money for a second game, Heart and Brain the Party Game. Seluk also has a deal with a major publisher of children’s books for a book about the solar system. And he helps other cartoonists manage the business side of their endeavors; Brian Gordon, whose “Fowl Language” comics offer a humorous take on parenting, is a client. The job requires a lot of time: Seluk said he works seven days a week for as long as he can, then takes a day or two

off. But there are perks: travel, around the world, for signings and comic conventions. This week, for example, Seluk heads to Italy and then to India later this month. His books have been translated into several languages. The work represents a fulfillment of two of Seluk’s longtime dreams: To be a cartoonist and to own a business. “It’s what I’ve always wanted to do,” Seluk said. “I didn’t know it would look like this.” Seluk is married to Michelle and the couple has three children: Calan, Emmett and Nola.

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Nick Seluk’s game, Organ Attack, is popular with medical students. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Nick Seluk’s cartoons are drawn on a computer using a graphics program. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Fans celebrate Novi library at annual social event

Classic jazz, gourmet food and an auction with items that included a football signed by University of Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh were some of the highlights at the Oct. 13 “Booked for the Evening: A Night of Music, Food and Wine” at the Novi Public Library, an annual social event hosted by the Friends of the Novi Public Library.

“This year’s event was a wonderful example of the efforts our Friends group makes for the library,” Julie Farkas, the library director, said in a press release. “We are indebted to the Friends of the Library and grateful for their support. They put in countless volunteer hours and fundraising, and we can’t thank them enough.”

During the strolling dinner, guests were able to try out new virtual reality viewers, stations and accessories the Friends had purchased for the library. “This equipment is a great example of how our fundraising dollars are used,” Friends president Carol Hoffman said. “This technology will allow the library to offer 3-D programming for the public and give library patrons the opportunity to experience virtual reality technology first-hand.”

“This year’s ‘Booked for the Evening’ event drew over 150 people, with most of our guests



More than 150 people enjoyed a strolling dinner, with specialties from 10 area restaurants, and live jazz during “Booked for the Evening.”

coming from Novi,” Hoffman added, “but we want people to know you don’t have to be a Novi resident to join the Friends, and as a member you are invited to attend this wonderful event at no cost.”

An individual Friends of the Novi Library membership is \$10, or an entire family can join for \$15. Members receive a newsletter to learn about Friends events happening throughout the year, and all members 18 and

older are automatically invited to “Booked for the Evening.”

Last year, the Friends of the Novi Public Library raised more than \$27,000. Operating as a charitable organization separate from the library, the Friends is a group of individuals who support the Novi Public Library by providing funds to help pay for “wish-list” items. The Friends’ involvement with the library goes back to 1960, when the

first Novi library opened in a former bank building on Novi Road, near Grand River, with approximately 150 books donated by the organization.

To find out more about joining the Friends of the Novi Public Library, go to [novilibrary.org](http://novilibrary.org) and find Friends of the Library under the “About Us” tab. Membership forms are available online or at the library.



This trio (from left) — Marie Giglio of Northville and Linda Rose and Lia Busse, both of Novi — represents three generations at the “Booked for the Evening” event at the Novi Public Library.

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has trickled to the state Legislature.

Cox appears to be the only announced Repub-

lican that has thrown her name in the ring for the race next year for state Senate. At least two individuals have been mentioned as possibly running for the Democratic nomination: Northville Township

resident Dr. Ghulam Qadir and teacher and small business owner Dayna Polelanki of Livonia.

Cox said she announced her Senate run to end any speculation that she would run for

Congress. And while her name has been talked about for a potential chance to run for lieutenant governor next year, she said those talks have not happened, but she would at

least listen if it comes to that.

“I’m a firm believer that whoever our gubernatorial nominee is, that’s their choice,” she said. “I would absolutely have those conversa-

tions, but right now, I’m running for Senate.”

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# Students and staff members rallied during water crisis

When the phone rings at 4:03 a.m., as it did Tuesday, Oct. 24, it is usually not a good thing — and this phone call did not disappoint.

Victor Cardenas, assistant city manager for the city of Novi, was on the phone letting me know that there had been a massive water main break and that the city was experiencing a water emergency. No water pressure. Water would need to be boiled before using it.

Closing the schools was not only the best option, it was the only option that day.

Closing schools is never an easy decision. Opportunities for students are lost. It is a tremendous inconvenience to parents.

But truthfully, closing schools Oct. 24 was a fairly simple decision. Reopening schools Oct. 25 was a bit more complicated.

The water main break had not been repaired. A temporary fix had been found so water was again flowing. Novi now had water pressure throughout the city, but it was not as strong as it was before the water main break. Water was still not safe to drink.

So what should be done?

Novi is required to have 180 days of school each year. However, the school code does recognize that things happen —



Steve Matthews  
SUPER TALK

like snow, floods, no power or other emergencies — so school can be cancelled if needed. But that option is not unlimited. We can only close for emergencies five times during the course of the year.

For the Novi Community School District, closing Oct. 24 used up one of those emergency days.

When word came late Oct. 24 that Novi had water pressure but the water was still not safe to drink, a decision had to be made. Anytime a decision needs to be made on whether or not to have school, the first consideration is safety.

Typically, the safety decision revolves around the weather. Can our bus drivers be safe? Will students be safe as they walk to and from school? Will there be significant traffic delays because of the weather that will impact students getting to and going home from school? Can our staff get to and from school safely and in a timely manner?

The water emergency was a bit different. The focus was, as it always is, on safety — for our students and our staff. But instead of the weather, the decision revolved around whether or not

we could hold school without drinking water.

After being reassured that toilets would be functional, the decision was made to open schools. We would ask students and staff to bring bottled water to school. We could put signs on and cover the drinking fountains. We could get bottled water from our food service provider Chartwells to supplement our drinking water and ensure that everyone who needed water had access to water.

It would be inconvenient, but it would also be doable.

And it was. Our students and staff rallied together. It was inconvenient. And I wouldn't want it to be like that forever. But for three days, we were able to navigate through this crisis, have students attend school and, most importantly, teach our students.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our success. The city of Novi for communicating quickly and clearly. Our parents for supplying water. Our staff for managing the situation well. And our students for being flexible and patient through it all.

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



A scene filmed at the War Dog Memorial in South Lyon during the summer. VISIONALIST ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCT

## FILM

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### Today's military

They are teenagers following the path chosen by family members before them; some are looking for a way to pay for college; some looking for structure in their life; others want to see the world or prepare for a career.

Whatever the motivation, today's military is 100-percent volunteer. A big change from the 38.8 percent who volunteered for service during World War II.

The military has undergone a wide range of changes, from the pride and patriotism of World War II to skepticism and domestic unrest during the Vietnam era and the battle on terrorism today.

So why does anyone join? This was the overriding question film maker Keith Famie kept asking himself after producing many films on the military. What do or don't they get out of it and, for those who were severely injured, would they do it again? These are the questions Famie, who lives in Novi with his wife Katrin, set out to answer.

"Having grown up with a father who was a World War II pilot bombardier and a brother who served in Vietnam, I always had a sense of patriotism or maybe respect for the uniform," Famie said about being drawn to telling the stories of those who serve. "I guess the answer is both my fascination with military history and appreciation for the sacrifice a person can make, not always for his or her country, but for each other when they are in the middle of something most of us cannot imagine.

"I am sure what goes through their mind is not the flag of America or the president, but 'Is my fellow soldier, marine, airman, etc. going to be safe and get out of this alive?'" he said.

### Michigan connections

"ENLISTED" will be shown locally on Detroit Public Television at 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6, on WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

The film hits a wide range of topics and the stories of many who have served. Besides Wager, it features other local veterans, including retired Brig. Gen. John Kulhavi, a White Lake resident, who gave opening remarks at last week's screening. Also featured is South Lyon's War Dog Memorial president Phil Weitlauf, Hamburg Fitness Center owner Tom Rau, the Pinckney High School cross country team and local runner Mark Bowen, a Vietnam veteran who has run one mile for every soldier killed in that conflict — more than 58,000 — and continues to do so for today's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Kulhavi is the owner of a large hunting ranch in northern Michigan, where a portion of the filming was done. Four retired veterans featured in the film came to the ranch to get away, connect with other veterans and have fun with all the motorized toys the ranch has to offer, including a Scorpion British tank

driven in the film by Maj. Ivan Castro, who lost his sight while serving in Iraq in 2006.

"Keith is performing a great service to humanity," Kulhavi said in response to the film. "He deals with things most people don't want to talk about."

Kulhavi spent 35 years in the service. "We can relate, understand what (veterans) are going through," he said. "I have been very blessed and it is my responsibility to give back."

Kulhavi said he got a chuckle a week after the filming when Castro's wife emailed him, saying he had so much fun he keeps asking for the car keys.

Bob Gillette, founder of American House who resides in Bonita Springs, Fla., during the winter and Bloomfield Hills during the summer, is an executive producer on the film.

"It is a simple equation," he said about his involvement through personal friends related to the project. Gillette was a sponsor of the Wounded Warriors amputee softball team sponsored by Louisville Slugger. Three of the four invited to Kulhavi's ranch play on the team.

"No words can adequately describe the valor of the men and women we honor today. Because of them, our freedom endures," Kulhavi said in his opening remarks.

"I do believe that soldiers in today's military, an all-volunteer military, are better disciplined. All are there because they want to be. None were drafted or given the choice by a judge to be drafted or go to jail," Kulhavi said.

Famie, a former chef and restaurant owner, created Visionalist Entertainment Productions to produce cooking shows, most notably Food Network's "Keith Famie's Adventures." He is widely known for his appearance on "Survivor: The Australian Outback." But in 2004, he turned his attention to producing documentary films. He has earned 11 Michigan Emmy awards and been nominated for several others for a variety of documentaries.

"I hope that 'ENLISTED' might be able to broaden the understanding of the person who chose to put on a uniform. Some do it for country, some do it for a career, some do it because they may feel this might be their only chance to move out of a life they are in now," Famie said.

Wager would do it again. Despite all she went through, her answer is "yes."

"If asked to go back to Iraq, I would in a second. I truly miss being a part of the armed services," she said. "That was my calling in life and, unfortunately, it was cut short. ... It was an honor to be a part of this film."

And for Famie, the film answers his questions as well "and I hope it does for anyone who sees it."

Kulhavi, is an executive producer for "ENLISTED," along with Gillette. Kulhavi told the audience being an executive director simply means he has the means to write a check to help underwrite production. Also, contributing as an associate producer are Anthony and Mary Schimizzi of Novi.

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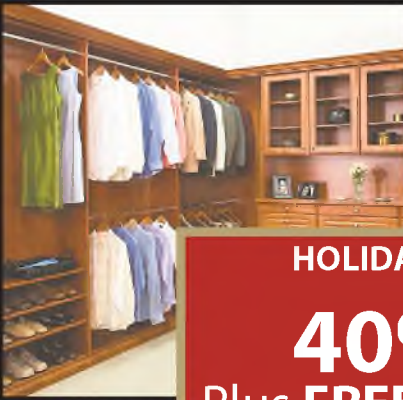


World War II veteran Don Straith is introduced at the screening of "ENLISTED." DAN DEAN

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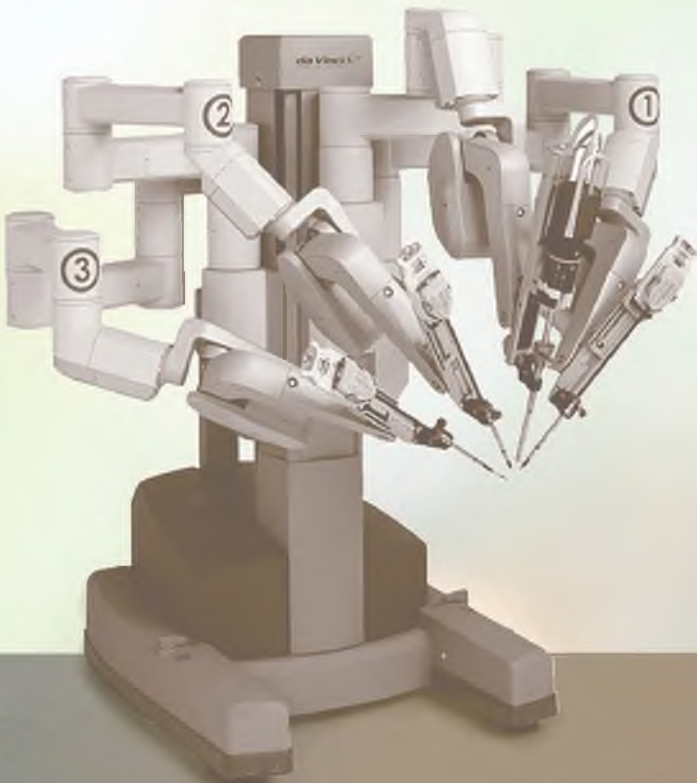
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# Wicked Awesome! Lady Jane’s founder talks about woman power

Jay Grossman  
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Chad Johnson admits he's not your ordinary CEO.

The founder of Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men never went to college. He had no idea what he wanted to do after finishing high school. There was no light bulb that went off in his head to provide him with a blueprint for success.

He just knew he wanted to make money – lots of it. And that's exactly what he's managed to accomplish over the past decade.

“Growing up in Boston, I came from nothing,” Johnson said. “I didn’t come from money at all, that’s not me. My mom used food stamps. I’ve eaten bologna sandwiches, mayonnaise sandwiches. I know what it’s like to go hungry for the day. I know what it’s like to walk to school with no mittens and my hands are freezing.”

These days, it’s steak and lobster. Johnson owns and operates more than 100 hair cutting stores around the country, including 27 in Michigan, and he’s opening new stores every month. His corporate headquarters are in the lobby floor of the Balmoral Building in downtown Birmingham.

When it comes to woman power, he’s all for it. Lady Jane’s might be a business where gorgeous stylists pamper their male customers in a giant man cave setting, but the company culture is



Meet stylists Jamie Powell and Becca Balsamo, from Lady Jane's Haircuts For Men, at the company's Birmingham location. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

geared toward empowerment and success.

“Ultimately, the girls here are all about woman power and excitement and uplifting each other,” he said. “I have girls who started out cutting hair and are now living in houses in Birmingham. We recruit people who truly want to create greatness. We don’t have anyone in here who just wants a job – that’s the

difference. Everyone in here wants to be part of the greatness.”

### Scissors and success

It’s Wednesday afternoon and Johnson is sitting at a conference table at the Birmingham headquarters talking about his company. The Balmoral is located off Woodward Avenue and the company headquarters include offices and

meeting rooms, along with a coffee shop in the rear and salon in the front.

Johnson is wearing gold chains around his neck and a Pistons cap from the Bad Boys era. Despite his Boston roots, his favorite football player growing up was Billy Sims of the Detroit Lions.

“I was 4 or 5 at the time and I saw him play on Thanksgiving,” he said of the star running back from Oklahoma. “Billy Sims was my idol. I would write letters to the Lions telling them how big a fan I was and they would send me photos and wrist bands.”

His wife Jenny is a Lake Orion High School graduate. The two are celebrating 20 years of marriage and have three kids together. Johnson has her name tattooed around his wedding ring finger.

“I’m not a ring wearer,” he said with a smile.

The couple met in Boston, but moved to Michigan to be closer to her family. He was working in advertising and saving up money with the idea of starting his own business when Lady Jane’s came into the picture.

“When I came to Michigan, there were two Lady Jane’s in this town already,” he said. “But they were way different: you couldn’t see in and

they were designed like motor oil and carburetors – more of a garage-type feel. So I bought those stores and the name and remodeled the spaces. And then we started to open our own stores from scratch. The first one I opened from scratch was at 16 (Mile) and Mound.”

He didn’t know much about hair cutting, but he knew there would always be a demand. He credits his company’s success on a couple of straightforward principles.

“Making the place man-friendly was the most important thing,” he said. “We needed to create a place where everyone felt comfortable, where they could watch sports, watch the news. We have WiFi access. We want our customers to feel at home.”

### Making money

The second principle centered around the stylists and their success.

“My whole thing was, how much money can the girls make?” he said. “Because I knew once you can make them happy, they’re going to make me happy, the clients happy, everybody who comes in. It was just strategically figuring out a system that would allow them to make more money working at a Lady Jane’s than anywhere else in the United States

*“I did a lot of research on the hair business and I thought it was something I could market very well.”*

CHAD JOHNSON  
founder, Lady Jane’s

– and a lot of that comes from being good at recruiting. But it also comes from our marketing plan and spending millions of dollars so, when we put you in a store, you’re real busy.”

An accomplished stylist can make up to \$400 a day. At the same time, Johnson said stylists at the company are given the flexibility to choose their own hours to fit their lifestyles.

“Women’s lives evolve, right? They’re young and then they may get married and then they may have a kid. They may want to work full-time, they may want to work part-time, and they may just want to work weekends to get away from the kids ... you pick your days and times.”

New stores soon opened in Farmington Hills, Troy, Shelby Township, Sterling Heights and Southgate. His first store outside of Michigan was in Ft. Wayne, Ind. This year alone, he’s opening an additional nine new stores in Idaho, Colorado, Nebraska and other parts of the country. He’s also exploring opportunities in Canada and India.

“I did a lot of research on the hair business and I thought it was something I could market very well,” he said. “There’s a hair cutting business on every corner of every street in America. And unlike the food business, there’s not a lot of waste.”

He started a foundation in 2013, called Wicked Awesome Wishes. He partners with local celebrities and athletes on charitable projects. Last summer, his team traveled to Jamaica and built a school.

“When you come from where I’ve come from and you’re sitting in a line and your mom’s paying with food stamps and you got to put back \$20 in groceries, you’ve been there, you felt it,” he said about helping others.

He believes the best way to succeed is to help other succeed. So far, it’s worked.

“This one’s important to me,” he said, pointing to a tattoo on his right arm. “This says, ‘Nothing great in life is ever achieved without enthusiasm ...’ because I don’t think you can create greatness without unbelievable enthusiasm. And you can ask anyone around here — I have plenty of that.”

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# Seedlings opens reading to visually-impaired kids

**Brad Kadrich**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Livonia resident John Hillman has heard his wife Barb rave about Seedlings Braille Books for Children for years, but he'd never seen the book-maker in action.

Barb has always been a big supporter of the Livonia-based nonprofit, which specializes in providing braille books to children so, when Seedlings hosted an open house this week, John decided it was time he saw for himself what all Barb's raving was about.

After hearing the story of founder Deb Bonde and seeing books actually being created, John Hillman did some raving of his own.

"I think it's fabulous," he said. "What they do with the funds they have is amazing. It's everything my wife said it was."

Hundreds of people streamed through Seedlings on Oct. 25, eager to get a look at the nonprofit Bonde started in her basement 33 years ago. Bonde had noticed a dearth of books for blind children, plus the ones that did exist were incredibly expensive.

With a desire "to help people" burning inside her and with some help from her dad, Bonde started Seedlings in 1984 with a catalog of 12 books.



Brothers Jameson and Jackson Drzewcki feel the bumps on the pages of braille, printed by the high-speed Braillo printer. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We sent the catalog out to various places and the orders started rolling in," Bonde said. Last year, Seedlings put out more than one million pages of braille for kids.

Bonde gets the job done with a dedicated combination of volunteers and staff, many of whom have backgrounds in education.

Carol Irvine's daughter was classmates with Bonde's daughter, so the two have known each other. Irvine, who has worked with Seedlings for a decade, said she



Seedlings employee Molly Galate explains her job to (from left) Susan Rosiek, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein and Linda Rigdon. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

knew Seedlings was

where she'd end up

thing to do ... it's very rewarding," Muchow said. "It makes me feel good that I'm doing things that help blind children."

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein paid the open house a visit and drew a crowd of folks wanting to meet him and talk with him. Bernstein, the court's first blind justice, said the blind community has been "working with Seedlings for years."

Bernstein said Bonde's story is classic Americana.

"(Bonde) represents the idea that one person with a vision can change the world," he said. "She's transformed (Seedlings) into something that has made a difference around the globe."

Bernstein recalled an event at which Seedlings appeared at Livonia's Laurel Park Place several years ago. He said the nonprofit's ability to deliver books to visually-impaired children "is a huge deal."

"When you provide people with the little things, that's always the greatest joy," Bernstein said. "You come here (to Seedlings) and it's so life-affirming. How many people get to the end of their days and can say that? It really renews your sense of spirit."

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## Documentary explores toxic exposure and effects of burn pits

After returning home from battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan, American soldiers are developing serious illnesses; this is a result of past exposure to open-air burn pits on their own military bases.

The 55-minute documentary, "Delay, Deny, Hope You Die," explores the facts about burn pits and the fumes and smoke to which military veterans were exposed.

Family members, health care professionals, veterans and taxpayers should be informed about this rarely discussed military standard operating procedure.

The viewing of this detailed documentary is free due to generosity of Phoenix Theatres and Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC. Tickets only available at the theaters on a first-come, first-served basis at each showing.

Show times are:  
» Phoenix Theatres-Livonia: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6  
» Phoenix Theatres-Wayne: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7  
» Phoenix Theatres-Monroe: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8

Since the U.S. went to war in Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003, about 2.5 million members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and related Reserve and National Guard units have been deployed in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars, according to Department of Defense data.

DOD reports about 99 percent of troops were exposed to burn pit smoke and fumes. How-

*"Michigan is home to 600,000 veterans who need to hear this story of concern to their comrades."*

**BRIG. GEN. CAROL ANN FAUSONE (RET.)**

ever, only a little more than 100,000 veterans have registered with VA because of burn pit fume exposure. The

dangers of the smoke were not discussed and links to medical problems are not known.

"Michigan is home to 600,000 veterans who need to hear this story of concern to their comrades," Brig. Gen. Carol Ann Fausone (ret.) said. "This emotional documentary tells an important story that everyone needs to see."

Cory Jacobson of Phoenix Theatres said, "We are proud to bring this informative documentary to our local veterans and their families."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump tax plan will help

As a Mom, my top priority is the future of my children, but it's hard to raise a family on a middle-class income. My husband and I have seen our wages stagnate while it seems the price of everyday goods keeps going up, and the cost of childcare has skyrocketed.

We don't live above our means, and we are not asking for a government handout, however like many middle-class families we are in desperate need of the relief that President Donald Trump's tax plan could provide. The increase in the child tax credit will allow us to better cover everyday costs like childcare, while the increase in the standard deduction will help us to pay down debt and save money for our family's future. For too long we have seen Washington focus on either giving handouts to the poor or corporate welfare to big businesses. I'm glad there is finally a plan that will try and help those of us who make up the middle-class majority, before it's too late and there is no middle-class.

**Brittani Zammit**  
South Lyon

School bond support

I'm encouraging all of my neighbors and friends to support the Northville Public Schools (NPS) bond proposal on Nov. 7.

I believe I have some unique perspectives on supporting this important effort.

To begin, I served on the NPS Board of Education from 1983-91. Over those years, we had many issues and frequently went to the voters for direction and support. I was impressed by the leadership and dedication of the Northville community as we addressed these issues. Over my eight years on the Board I believe we made our schools a better and stronger educational community. We always worked together as a team.

In 1991, I was elected to the Wayne County Regional Service Agency (WCRESA) Board of Education. WCRESA provides special education services, business operations, teacher training, and many other services to the 32 school districts in Wayne County. From my perspective as a board member, I can see how highly Northville Public Schools is respected across the county. Northville is thought of as a "light-house" district by many others in the areas of academic achievement and opportunities for students. NPS is clearly one of the outstanding districts in Wayne County.

Finally, as a member of the Facility Review/Bond Study Committee convened by the Board of Education earlier this year and comprised of stakeholders from across the community, I had a strong familiar feeling as we proceeded in our work. The same dedication to provide a strong and innovative educational program for all students was apparent, as it had been when I served on NPS Board many years ago. There was the same interest in giving students a safe and modern learning environment. It was coupled with including strong and new instructional strategies. The same intense energy and dedication that I had experienced in the 80's, I now experienced with a new generation. I was proud and honored to be part of the study committee's discussions and decisions.

Northville Public Schools has built on a strong foundation for many years. I believe we can use our past successes to build a strong future for all the children in Northville Public Schools.

Please vote yes on Nov. 7.

**Jim Petrie**  
Northville

More school bond support

Voters heading to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7, have an opportunity to not only sustain, but also enhance, the excellence of Northville Public Schools by voting yes for the \$104.85 million bond proposal.

Though expansive in scope, the bond proposal does not increase the district's current debt millage rate.

Every school building in the district will be benefit from this comprehensive proposal through facility upgrades, improved learning environments, enhanced security and safety measures, and greater energy efficiencies to ultimately reduce costs.

The proposal also includes the renovation of Old Village School, the district's oldest building, and an iconic piece of downtown Northville's historic fabric. Mothballed since 2012, the more than century-old facility that originally served as the district's high school, is proposed to house central office operations as well as the district's popular Early Childhood Center that services the community's youngest learners. It is significant that the bond proposal includes the preservation and repurposing of this historic structure.

As a more than 30-year resident of Northville, and the parent of two Northville High School graduates (Classes of 2008 and 2012), I am grateful for the exemplary education Northville Public Schools provided my children. Please join me in retaining Northville's education excellence by voting yes for the bond proposal on Nov. 7.

**Michele M. Fecht**

Northville

Gatt is Novi's best choice

During the past nine years of public service on the Novi Board of Education and on the Oakland County School Boards Association Board of Directors, I've had the honor and privilege to work closely with Mayor Bob Gatt on many Novi issues.

Mayor Gatt loves Novi. Gatt cares about our great city. He continues to focus on public safety. He has an impeccable record of keeping us safe.

Voters will have a chance to elect a Mayor on Tuesday, Nov. 7, and I can think of no better choice for Novi residents than to re-elect Gatt for another 2-year term.

Bob Gatt is one of the most dynamic mayors in the state of Michigan. His service and dedication to our great city of Novi is second to none. He understands the importance of Novi students getting a world-class education. He supports our older adult community, and he is an outstanding steward of our tax dollars.

I am proud to call him my friend.

Mayor Gatt deserves your vote for re-election. He wants to continue to help cultivate Novi's future, while preserving its great heritage. Please vote for Bob Gatt for Novi Mayor on Nov. 7. He's earned your vote for re-election.

**Dennis O'Connor**  
Novi

Vote for schools, athletics

When Northville High School opened in 1999, the athletic department had taken significant cuts to its construction budget due to cost overruns, and in favor of academic priorities. And while the building was ready to welcome an increased student population, the athletic department was not. Currently, the department's training facilities are the same square footage it utilized 17 years ago at Hillside.

There is no cardio training room at the high school, and with 600,000 deaths a year in this country attributed to cardiovascular disease, we as a district are not doing enough to address the importance of physical fitness with our students.

According to the 2016-2017 Annual Report (northvilleschools.org) 45% of the NHS student body utilizes the athletic department, both for sports conditioning, and to attain credits for college degrees related to physical education. 62 teams are run through the NHS athletic department each school year. What does this mean? Our students arrive as early as 5:45 a.m. and stay until 9:30 p.m. to condition for the sport they love. Of the 28 sanctioned varsity sports at NHS, 17 were recognized last year as all state-all academic teams, requiring our athletes to maintain a 3.25 GPA or higher. Not only are they leaders on the field or court, but leaders in the classroom.

Bond dollars will not only expand the current NHS training facility, but will allow the addition of outside toilet rooms to welcome our guests to our athletic complex on the north side of the building. NHS hosts many tournaments and public events in this area, and current toilet facilities are portable. As a community member, this type of toilet room is not only completely unacceptable, but a personal embarrassment.

Approval of this bond will not increase the 3.64 millage we currently pay, but extend the time to pay down the debt. This bond will touch every building and every student, with much needed security and infrastructure upgrades, as well as expanded opportunities in athletics, academics and STEAM.

I am voting yes for NPS – please join me with your yes vote in making every student's future as bright possible at Northville Public Schools.

**Cyndy Jankowski**  
Northville

Supports Burke for council

I have been a Novi resident for 20 years and am pleased with the progress the city has made. Much of this success can be attributed to Mr. Brian Burke, both on the council and his various board memberships that supported the positive growth in our community.

Brian has a very keen appreciation and ability to understand the needs of homeowners, business and recreational facilities and to balance the resources to satisfy these needs. This balance is demonstrated throughout his years of public service for the support of park upgrades, road repair, new housing and commercial development while being a voice to keep taxes down. He has supported our homeowners association to assure a SAD was distributed fairly among several communities. He understands the importance of a diverse tax base between commercial and residential and acts to always maintain the balance for fairness and equity which helps to keep our taxes down.

Brian supports and actively participates with charitable organizations that help less fortunate woman and children along with Vietnam Veterans and the Wounded Warrior project. He has been a resident for many years in Novi and is well respected by his neighbors. My vote is for Brian Burke on Nov. 7.

**Tim Kotlarek**

Novi

Friends event was awesome

I am still smiling at the amazing success of the Friends of the Library's "Booked for the Evening" event. It was an honor and truly a privilege to be in attendance, praising the successes of such a dedicated library organization. They all did a fantastic job highlighting the Novi Library and bringing supporters together to celebrate NPL. In my 20 years as a library professional, I have never worked with such a dedicated group of volunteers as I have with the NPL Friends family.

Each of them brings wonderful talents that are shared in so many ways at NPL: leadership, marketing, advocacy, organization, bookkeeping, customer service and fundraising, just to name a few. In the ten years that I have been Director at Novi Library, I have seen a very small grass roots group grow into an amazing engine for supporting its public library. The Friends of the Novi Library has been responsible for so many quality programs, technology advancements, building enhancements and library services over the past 50+ years. Without your dedicated support, Novi Library would not be in existence AND would not be the wonderful gem that it is in the Novi community.

The week of Oct. 15-21 was National Friends of Libraries Week. The Library Board Members and I wish you congratulations and thank them for their continued efforts to make Novi Library the best library in the state of Michigan! With almost 375 members strong, it continues to grow both in numbers and talents to inform, inspire and include the Novi community in so many great opportunities. We are proud of all of the accomplishments over the years, including a recently awarded \$1,000 in October 2017 by the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society to enhance the Novi Library's business resource collection. In addition, the Library Board and I are also thankful for the annual contributions that were awarded for 2017-18. With a donation of over \$25,000, the Novi Library will introduce to its Novi community: virtual reality technology, a library card marketing campaign, enhancements to the Teen Space program and continued efforts for programming and special events.

The Friends of Novi Library allow us to enhance services and continue to educate and entertain its Novi community in a positive and meaningful way!

**Julie Farkas**  
Novi Library director

Northville schools support

Voters have a chance to vote to continue our current school tax/millage coming up on November 7. I have a PhD in economics from MIT — if it convinces you — but honestly, you don't need a degree to know the basic reality: there is no free lunch.

We collectively need to fund the services we see working well for us as a community and want to continue. I have been amazed to see "vote no" letters in these pages citing the excellent schools we have and how wonderfully our schools have positioned our kids. These writers are right that the schools are running well, but for some reason, they recommend effectively cutting our current level of funding as if such a choice will have no consequences.

Somehow, people think we can buy in the future what we bought in the past, with less money. We can't. There is no free lunch. Vote yes.

Thank you,

**J.J. Prescott**  
Northville

Novi political contributions

I learned something this weekend that I want to share with you. The campaign finance reports are published. It looks like Mayor Bob Gatt and Council member Brian Burke received huge campaign contributions from developers. It is now clear why they ignored the complaints and concerns of the residents who live near the places that the developers built on. Money. It's the role of elected government officials to uphold the laws that protect the residents. However, the voices of the residents of Novi have been ignored. The campaign finance reports can be found here: <https://courts.oakgov.com/CFDocs/855072.PDF>.

Developer contributions:

Manchester developer (13 Mile and Novi) contributed a total of \$5,000: Michael Furnari - \$1,000; Mindy Furnari - \$1,000; Beverly Furnari - \$500; James George - \$1,000; Joseph George - \$1,000; and James C. George Jr. - \$500.

Singh Development (multiple proposed and existing developments): Total of \$4,500; Singh PAC - \$1,000; Lushman Grewal - \$1,000; Gurmale Grewal - \$1,000; Jeat Grewal - \$1,000; Avtar Grewal - \$500.

Suburban Showplace Collection (multiple tax abatements): Total of \$1,300: Blair Bowman - \$1,000; Kimberle Bowman - \$300.

Northern Capital Corp. (does business as Northern Equities - owns properties that have been granted tax abatements): Total of \$1,000: Neil Sosin - \$500; Matthew Sosin - \$500.

Mark Guidobono - \$700 (Developed Bellagio - Seeking a rezoning on 9 Mile

Road at Garfield Road).

I've been an outspoken critic against past and future tax abatements because they decrease the tax base that we need for firefighters, police, library, infrastructure maintenance and repair, and so on. We know all too well from our boil-water incident these past few days that it's important to maintain our water pipes. It's also important to make safety a priority in residential areas. Some newer neighborhoods in Novi are being built in residential areas that have no fire hydrants. What's up with that? The building materials used in new homes these days are much more flammable than in the past. Do the mayor and council members require sprinkler systems in these homes to compensate for the missing hydrants? Nope. It's just dangerous.

I hope you will vote for the candidates that did not accept such contributions. They are Mutch, Markham, Breen and Bin Q (Qamruzzaman). We need leaders with the kind of integrity that these four people have. We need leaders to listen.

**Colleen Crossey**  
Novi

School bond opposition

Northville Public Schools are asking the taxpayers to approve a bond issue claiming that it is both "not a tax increase" and is "revenue neutral."

Neither of these are factual. Rather than tax reduction this bond would capture those mills for perhaps the next 20 years. Property owners are being asked to guarantee the repayment of more than \$104 million. That is an outrageous amount. Vote no and let NPS come back with a plan that gives the schools some additional dollars and the taxpayers a bit of a break. I know that Hillside and Ammerman need considerable improvements, but the rest of the schools not so much.

There is a difference between what is needed and what is wanted and nearly \$105,000,000 is a lot of want.

**John Bullington**  
Northville

Support for Burke

I fully support Brian Burke for Novi City Council. I have known Brian for over 20 years. Brian has only the interests of the city of Novi at heart. He is involved, he cares, he rises above all the negativity and divisiveness and simply gets down to work to get things done for our city.

We need Brian Burke on city council. Please get out and vote Nov. 7.

**Julie Landry**  
Novi

More Burke support

Just prior to election time, there are letters to the editor relating to the various campaign's wrongdoings and what "he said" and "she said."

Having served on the Novi City Council myself, I can assure you it is one of the most thankless and difficult jobs out there. Council members are essentially community volunteers who are paid a miniscule stipend per council meeting. Countless hours are spent in additional meetings and preparation. Often you are at odds with your neighbors because your job is to consider the entire city, not just your own neighborhood. We are fortunate in Novi that we have had many competent and civic minded individuals who agreed to actually campaign for this office.

Today's culture tends to demonize candidates for public office as well as those serving, even threaten harm for votes, without a clear understanding of all the facts relating to the issue.

Media and mailings can mislead. For example, a mailer was recently sent out regarding Michigan's No Fault law with my picture and what looked to be my quotes. I never approved that mailing nor knew anything about it. I did not give any quotes to anyone nor pay for the mailing. When local residents received it, a few called and were upset by what they thought I said regarding Detroit. This was not my mailing, even though I agree that we deserve real insurance rate reform.

Make an effort to get to know something about all of the candidates and vote for someone who you feel you can trust. Look at their experience in the community and what positive improvements they would make. Persons who run for office only because they are angry or are single issue, never make good council members.

I am especially committed to returning Brian Burke to Novi City Council. Brian has a wealth of valuable experience, having served on the Planning Commission, Parks and Rec Commission, Parks Foundation and more. In addition, he has owned a business in Novi and is a proud military veteran. Brian has a positive, reasoned and common sense approach to decision making. We are so fortunate to have a person of his experience currently serving and campaigning to be re-elected to Novi City Council.

**Kathy Crawford**  
State Rep. 38th District

# Resident shares letter written on Hitler’s paper

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com

Tom Klisz almost threw away a piece a history.

The Livonia resident said he was cleaning out his father's belongings several years ago when he stumbled onto some old paperwork. Thinking most of it was worthless, he went through it anyway. That's when he discovered an envelope with silver trim.

"I'm going through my dad's stuff and I thought, 'A Christmas card must have gotten in here,'" he said. "I open it up and I see 'Adolf Hitler' in gold. My eyes fell out of my head. I could not believe it."

His father, U.S. Army 2nd Lt. John Klisz, and his unit stumbled across one of Hitler's apartments in Munich in 1945 as World War II in Europe was beginning to wrap up. He was able to snag some stationary and write a letter home with it.

A copy of that letter was on display Oct. 24 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia during a meeting of the Michigan Treasure Hunters. The group, dedicated to metal detecting and finding lost treasure, hosted Andrew Carroll at its meeting. Carroll, a professor at Chapman (Calif.) University, has made a name for himself across the world collecting war letters written by members of the armed forces. He's currently touring across the country, sharing stories and collecting more letters.

He has published many letters in books

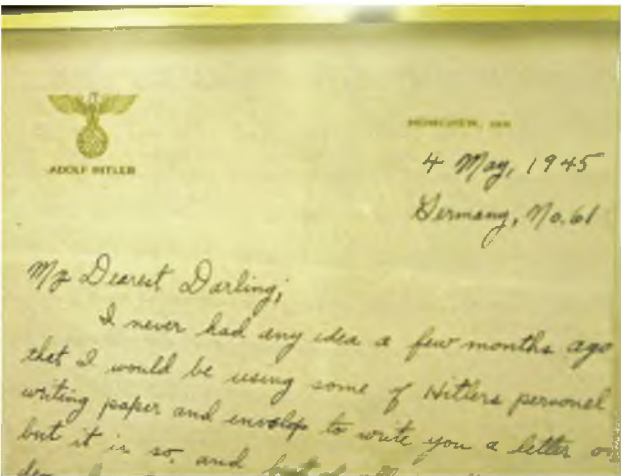


Kenneth Kartie of Sterling Heights looks at a copy of a letter written by an American soldier on Adolf Hitler's personal stationary from World War II. The letter, owned by Livonia resident Tom Klisz, was on display for a Michigan Treasure Hunters meeting Oct. 24 in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and has collected thousands of letters in the name of preserving the history within them. He spoke to the group Oct. 24, sharing stories of some of the letters he's received over the years that date back as far as the American Revolution and as recent as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This initiative to find American war letters has taken me to all 50 states and about 40 countries around the world, seeking out letters," he said.

**'The greatest testimonial and tribute'**



A copy of the letter written by 2nd Lt. John Klisz on Adolf Hitler's personal stationary at the end of World War II. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Klisz's father discovered Hitler's personal stationary and decided to write a letter home to

Klisz's mother Frances.

"He hadn't been in that apartment for six months to a year," Klisz said. "But he left his paperwork there and so my dad picked it up and wrote the letter."

He presented a copy of the letter to Carroll to include in his war letters project. In it, his father realizes the significance of being able to write on the paper belonging to one of history's more notorious characters.

"My Dearest Darling, I never had any idea a few months ago that I would be using some of Hitler's personal writing paper and envelope to write you a letter on,"

*"I feel like the more we can humanize the war, the more we can understand why it's so significant."*

**ANDREW CARROLL**  
Chapman (Calif.) University

the letter reads, "but it is so, and best of all in his own private den where he used to have his meetings and where all the world's troubles where (sic) first started several years back."

Klisz had a copy of the letter in a glass frame, along with photos of his parents. The authentic copy, he said, is locked up safely in a vault.

Carroll, whose project has been featured on nightly news programs throughout the years, said the letters he's received are just as significant to remember the sacrifices made by soldiers and sailors as monuments in places like Washington, D.C.

"I feel like the more we can humanize the war, the more we can understand why it's so significant," Carroll said. "When we think of monuments and memorials, we often envision these grand structures of stone and steel. But to me, these letters, as fragile and delicate as they are, in some ways represent the greatest testimonial and tribute to those who served."

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## Higher Hopes! raising funds to provide Thanksgiving meals

Higher Hopes! is gearing up to again raise money and donations to prepare 1,000 complete Thanksgiving meal kits containing everything from snacks, a turkey, all the sides and delicious desserts, as well as plates, roasting pans and cutlery, for families with children enrolled in the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Programs, which encompass the Early Head Start, Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs in Detroit.

Higher Hopes! is a registered 501(c)3 started by Bill Birndorf, owner of Commerce-based Apple Marketing Co. Birndorf came up with the idea for Higher Hopes! the night of Thanksgiving 2013, after seeing a news story about people in the city who were struggling to buy food for the holidays to feed their families.

"This project has really helped a lot of families who struggle with food insecurities in the city of Detroit. We're here to help and let people in the city know we've got their backs," Birndorf said. "We do this so families can enjoy healthy and nutritious dinners in their own homes without having to visit shelters to feed their families. This creates independence and family togetherness, which is so important in shaping children's lives and futures. We want to help them. We receive a lot of great support from places like Gleaners and Project Healthy Community, a Detroit-based charity which helps organizing volunteers for packing and delivering."

Families are chosen on a financial need basis and those who are the neediest

will receive a complete meal kit with all of the supplies needed to make a delicious Thanksgiving feast.

As a partner agency of Gleaners Community Food Bank, Higher Hopes! will use Gleaners to help with the program. It will store all food donations, handle delivery logistics and allow Higher Hopes! to use its facility for packing meal kits. Pack-Up Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Gleaners Warren location, 24162 Mound Road, and Distribution Day will take place with the use of Gleaners four semi-tractor trailers Monday, Nov. 20, at four Head Start sites in the city of Detroit.

Around 350 volunteers will assist in packing and distributing more than 65,000 pounds of food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The new 2017 Higher Hopes! website has a button for donations directly through PayPal using credit or debit cards. Monetary donations can also be made via checks made out to Higher Hopes! and sent to 8898 Commerce Road, Suite 5C, Commerce, MI 48382.

For more information about Higher Hopes! or to make food or monetary donations to help this year's cause, 248-360-9300, email volunteer@higherhopesdetroit.org or go to www.higherhopesdetroit.org.



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The Aoun family enjoys a beautiful day in downtown Plymouth at this year's Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN

# Kids go batty for Pumpkin Palooza

Mother Nature gave downtown Plymouth a perfect day to host its annual Pumpkin Palooza and the city took advantage of it. Thousands of youngsters in all sorts of costumes — from super heroes to favorite movie characters to more-traditional ghosts and goblins — strolled the streets of Plymouth, collecting goodies in the seventh annual event Oct. 22. The event featured costume contests, entertainment, games and prizes, along with dancing, music and a petting zoo.



These lovely ladies take time out for a group photo at the Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN



Plymouth residents Blu Owens and Colin Mashike take part in the Pumpkin Palooza. TOM BEAUDOIN

A car is blocked while a CSX train was idle for nine hours at a Plymouth intersection. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



# CSX train gets stuck at Plymouth railroad crossing

Drivers, business owners frustrated following nine-hour delay

Darrell Clem  
hometownlife.com

A CSX Corp. train blocked a Plymouth railroad crossing for nine hours Oct. 23, frustrating residents and local officials, but a company official has assured City Manager Paul Sincock the persistent problem is being addressed. Sincock received a phone call Oct. 24 from a CSX regional official after numerous complaints surfaced about a train that blocked the crossing at Lilley and Fair, starting shortly after 5 a.m. Oct. 23. "It was crazy," Sincock said, calling the frustration level "extremely high." He said it seems as though CSX is serious about addressing an ongoing problem in a city that has seven railroad crossings. He has been told the situation should be resolved in a week to 10 days. "They're working on it," Sincock said. When asked if he believes CSX is serious, he added, "I think they are." It's not the first time Plymouth and CSX have locked horns. Similar promises have been made in the past to fix the problem. "It gets fixed for a little while and then it's back," Sincock said. He called it a public safety issue, saying a blocked railroad crossing could potentially have dire consequences if police officers or firefighters are delayed in reaching their destination. Lori Morrison, who owns Ribar Floral in Plymouth, said blocked railroad crossings have caused problems for her downtown business. She said one of her flower suppliers is on York

Street in Old Village and is sometimes cut off by a stopped train. "It makes my life stressful," she said, "because you don't know if you to go to get flowers how long you are going to be gone to pick them up." Morrison said the situation can interfere with flower deliveries. And she, too, worries about public safety when trains block crossings. "It's very dangerous," she said. Morrison still found humor in the situation, saying she has considered selling margaritas out of her van "for all the mad people that have to sit at the tracks." Sincock said the city received conflicting reports Monday about what caused the problem. CSX initially said the scheduling of trains got "mixed up," but the company later said the train broke down. He said it was annoying for residents to hear the clanging of railroad crossing bells for nine hours. The city has no authority over CSX, so officials arranged to have signs posted at railroad crossings encouraging frustrated motorists to call CSX and federal lawmakers. The city also set up its phone system to route complaints to the company. Plymouth once was able to issue tickets to CSX and the two sides ended up in a court battle during former Gov. Jennifer Granholm's time in office. The end result, Sincock said, is that CSX has oversight from the federal level. Signs posted by the city at railroad crossings urge motorists to call CSX at 877-835-5279, the Federal Railroad Administration at 800-724-5040, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow at 313-961-4330, U.S. Sen. Gary Peters at 202-224-6221 or U.S. Rep. Dave Trott at 248-528-0711.

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## SYNOPSIS October 19, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- DATE:** Thursday, October 19, 2017  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 44405 Six Mile Road  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
**PRESENT:** Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trustee  
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Symantha Heath, Trustee  
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Mindy Herrmann, Trustee  
Fred Shadko, Trustee
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
1. **Agendas:**  
A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved**  
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**  
A. **Lynne Mosteller – Appoint to Beautification Commission – Approved**  
3. **Public Hearing:**  
A. **Open Public Hearing for Proposed 2018 Budget – Opened and Conducted**  
4. **Brief Public Comments: One audience member had a question or comment for the Board of Trustees.**  
5. **New Business:**  
A. **2017 Millage Rates – Approved**  
B. **2018 Budget – Approved**  
C. **Dues – Conference of Western Wayne – Approved**  
D. **Public Safety – Bond Processing Fee – Approved**  
E. **Budget Amendment 2017-06 – Approved**  
F. **Planning – Temporary Sign – Scouting for Food Drive – Approved**  
G. **Planning – Non-Motorized Path Maintenance Agreement – Approved**  
H. **Property Tax Administration Fee – Approved**  
I. **Restore General Fund Balance Reserves – Approved**  
6. **Unfinished Business: None**  
7. **Ordinances: None**  
8. **Check Registry:**  
A. **In the amount of \$2,868,272.76 for the period of 9/9/17 to 10/6/17 – Approved**  
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**  
A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider  
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None**  
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available on October 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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 pre-school 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.

Minecraft Craft-Off

**When:** Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4  
**Details:** Compete to craft the best builds, with GameStop gift cards on the line. For ages 9-18. Know your Mojang and Minecraft accounts. Registration required.

I Love the '90s Trivia Night

**When:** 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6  
**Details:** Come with your knowledge of all things '90s Pop Culture, from TGIF to Aaliyah and Beanie Babies to Whitney Houston. Groups of two to four will compete for prizes. For those 18 and older. Registration required. Register online at northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020.

Teen Advisory Board meeting

**When:** 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7  
**Details:** Teens in grade 6-12, bring your ideas for teen events at the library. Drop-ins welcome, but you must pre-register if you want volunteer hours.

Drive New Business with Social Media

**When:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8  
**Details:** Learn time-saving tips and apps to help your social media content, how to create engaging links and tips on using graphics and videos. Presented by Candy Jones-Guerin, Constant Contact presenter. Bring a brown bag lunch. Register.

'Star Wars' After Hours Event

**When:** 6-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10  
**Details:** "Star Wars"-related activities, crafts, games. Costumes encouraged! Snacks and beverages during the movie. For Grades 6-12. Registration required.

Extreme Duct Tape Workshop

**When:** 4:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14  
**Details:** For ages 9-12, rip, cut, stick and fold 50-plus colors and prints of duct tape into amazing creations during this exciting maker-space program. Limit 30. Online registration begins Nov. 1.

Basics of Cyber Security

**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14  
**Details:** Bring your online security concerns and issues for a lively discussion about how to keep yourself safe online. Learn how to create more secure passwords, identify email scams and find free resources to secure your online presence. Register.

Rosie the Riveter

**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14  
**Details:** Hear about the challenges and experiences of women working in the Willow Run Plant, who assembled planes in World War II. There will be tribute Rosie re-enactors, as well as some of the original Rosies at the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Northville Senior Services. Program to be held at Northville Community Center.

Kidz Time

**When:** 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16  
**Details:** Fun program featuring stories, games and crafts all about rocks for grades 1-3. Registration begins Nov. 1.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE BRIEFS

Police report larcenies

Two larcenies from vehicles were reported in Northville Township over the week-end, according to Northville Township Police Department reports.

» A Michigan vanity license plate — BLUES73 — was reported stolen Friday from a Southfield woman's Ford Escape while it was parked at the Northville Village Center, at Six Mile and Haggerty.

The complainant, a relative of the Escape's owner, told police he had put packages in the vehicle at about 2:30 p.m. and saw that the plate was still attached. He then went into the Barnes & Noble store, he said, and returned to the Escape about two hours later to find the plate gone.

Police said there were scrapes in the vehicle's paint below the area where the plate had been attached. The complainant said he didn't think the scrapes had been there earlier.

» A single tire and the wheel it was mounted on were stolen Friday or Saturday from a 2010 Ford Focus as the car sat in a carport outside a home in the area of Seven Mile and Northridge Drive.

The complainant told police she had seen the Focus intact at about 4:30 p.m. Friday and returned to it shortly after noon Saturday to find the left rear tire and wheel gone. Police said the car had been

left propped up on a landscaping block.

Trespassing

Police searched for trespassers at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital site Sunday afternoon after a witness reported seeing three males enter the property.

No one was found, but police are warning would-be thrill-seekers against exploring the site, which is owned by the township and considered a public safety hazard because of the dilapidated condition of buildings there. The hospital operated from 1952 to 2003.

The trespassing report was called in around 3 p.m. According to a police report, a woman said she saw three males enter the hospital property from the area of Seven Mile and Maxwell Street, and said they may have parked a vehicle at a nearby restaurant.

Police found no one on the site, nor did they see three males leave the restaurant parking lot in a vehicle, the report said.

Prowlers reported

A woman left the garage at her home Saturday night to see three men walking up the driveway toward her. The trio turned and ran southward; the startled woman called police.

The incident occurred shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday in the area of Seven Mile and Beck. Police searched the neighborhood and the surrounding area but did not find the men, a report said.

— By Matt Jachman

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Prankster swaps U-M, MSU, banners

Two people in a northeast Novi neighborhood awoke Oct. 22 to find that the flags representing their favorite schools — Big Ten rivals the University of Michigan and Michigan State University — had been swapped.

The mystery, solved later by a responding police officer, was dis-

covered by the complainant about 7:30 a.m., she told police, when a neighbor in the area of 14 Mile and Novi roads phoned her to say that the Michigan flag that had stood outside her home had been replaced with a Michigan State flag, according to a Novi Police Department report.

The complainant said she had last seen her block 'M' flag at about midnight, the report said.

She described the flag to an officer who arrived to take a report.

The officer, driving around the same neighborhood, spotted a block 'M' flag that fit that description outside a home on another street, the report said. Also around the same home, the report said, were MSU-branded products.

The officer spoke with a man at the home, who said he was an MSU fan

and hadn't noticed that his MSU flag had been replaced by a U-M flag. The man said he didn't know who might've switched the flags and hadn't noticed anything unusual, the police report said.

The officer returned each flag to its proper owner.

— By Matt Jachman

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# Anna’s House features plenty of choices

LeAnne Rogers  
hometownlife.com

Probably the first thing you’ll notice about Anna’s House is how bright it is compared to the Max & Erma’s that previously occupied the building at Newburgh and Warren roads in Westland.

It’s not just the windows — it’s also the bright, pastel decor and furnishings.

“A lot of places are very dark. We go on the brighter side. We want it to be happy and cheerful,” said Curtis Lubbers, general manager of the Westland Anna’s House.

The music helps with that, too, he said, being largely pop favorites from the ‘50s and ‘60s. The booths are reminiscent of dinette tables that once graced many homes as baby boomers were growing up. The restaurant also has a large circular counter, where guests can eat seated on old school pivoting stools.

“We like to have a breakfast counter. We’re first-come, first-served. There can be half an hour to an hour wait on the weekends,” Lubbers said. “You can go to the counter if you want. You can have a meal and (see a) show watching the servers make specialty drinks. Sometimes people wait for a seat at the counter.”

Adding to that cheerful atmosphere is a menu that provides something for everyone, regardless of their dietary restrictions. Anna’s House is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily offering breakfast all day, with salads and sandwiches.

“I am not surprised about how well we are



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Matt Salmeto serves eggs Benedict. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

doing. I am surprised about excited people have been so excited about our dietary choices. We offer gluten-free, dairy-free, vegan and vegetarian options,” Lubbers said. “That’s what helped us grow in Grand Rapids. We filled a void for healthy living and all-natural meat products. We filled a void in Westland, too.”

Anna’s House is based in the Grand Rapids area and the Westland location is the company’s first venture into the eastern side of Michigan. Another location is set to open in Farmington Hills.

“We didn’t know much about the community, but we knew this was a great location. Everyone has been so welcoming — the residents, the city folks, Mayor (William) Wild have been awesome,” said Lubbers, who began as a server at Anna’s House in Holland. “The Westland location has been doing extremely well. East Beltline (located in Grand Rapids) is the top location. They’re hard to beat.”

Among the top sellers at the restaurant are the breakfast burrito (eggs, sausage, onions, green pepper and cheddar

cheese, topped with sour cream, guacamole and ranchero sauce) and the California omelet (cream cheese, bacon, tomato and avocado).

“My favorite on the menu is the chorizo burger. It’s a half-beef, half-chorizo patty with a sunny side up egg, onion rings and chipotle aioli on a pretzel bun,” Lubbers said.

Anna’s House has specialty pancakes, french toast and crepes, entree salads, burgers, sandwiches wraps and pannins. Another popular item, Lubbers said, is the Twilight French Toast, with a creme brulee sauce, fresh berries and a raspberry melba.

Starting in December, Lubbers said a seasonal menu will be offered for three months, including new entrees.

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## Register Friday for Children’s Christmas Workshop

Northville Historical Society will host its 39th annual Children’s Christmas Workshop on Saturday Dec. 2, in the New School Church at Mill Race Village. Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the opportunity to make seven old-fashioned, hand-made gifts for the special people on their Christmas list.

The intent of the workshop is to surprise family members with the gifts that the children have worked on and made themselves. Parents are not permitted in the New School Church while the children are making their gifts and are asked not to pry or

peek at what the kids are making.

There will be a morning session from 10 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session 1-3 p.m., accommodating 150 children total. Enrollment is \$20 per child, payable by cash or check made out to the Northville Historical Society.

Registration will take place Friday, Nov. 3, at 218 W. Dunlap, Northville. During last year’s registration, both sessions filled in 90 minutes. Society members can register 6-6:30 p.m. and non-members can register beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 248-349-2833.

## NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

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

**Upcoming events**  
**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. Sold out.

**General info**  
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**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.

**Rentals:** Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.

**Donations:** Archives donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

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**Office:** The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email [office@millrace-northville.org](mailto:office@millrace-northville.org).

# Streetside Burger flips orders inside gas station

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hometownlife.com

Going out to run some errands, Trish Adams was looking for someplace to get some lunch recently and stopped in at Streetside Burger in Westland.

“I was on Yelp looking at another restaurant and saw this place — I loved the picture,” said Adams, a Canton resident. “I thought it was odd that it was in a gas station, but the review said don’t be put off by that.”

That’s how Adams, accompanied by Cartier Morris, also of Canton, came to be waiting for a lunch order at Streetside Burger, located inside the Sunoco gas station at the southwest corner of Joy and Newburgh roads. Adams was waiting for a

California burger and fries — the food is made to order.

“What I wanted to do was bring an old diner look to a gas station. I wanted that old diner feel,” owner Steven Hamade said. “You used to have diners that had a gas station. That’s how the concept came up.”

The restaurant has old-style seating at a table or counter — both red quartz from Italy with pivoting stools. The kitchen is open; customers can see their burgers and other food prepared.

“We are built on freshness. We hand-cut our fries and grind our own beef,” Hamade said. “We use very good beef from Creekstone Farms (in Arkansas City, Kan). It’s all natural. They strictly treat the cows humanely

with the least amount of suffering.”

The russet potatoes are aged in water to remove starch and make a crisper french fry. The restaurant uses 100-percent canola oil in the deep fryer, Hamade said, adding the fryer oil is constantly filtered. The milkshakes are 9 percent fat with a base of high-end soft serve ice cream, he said.

Diners can have a burger made their way — they all come on brioche buns — or order a specialty burger like the California burger, a one-third pound patty with a cage-free egg, fresh guacamole, onion, lettuce and chipotle sauce.

Or spice it up with a Wild Fire burger, with ghost pepper cheese, sauteed jalapenos, sau-



Steve Hamade has opened a burger joint in his Sunoco gas station. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

teed onions, mayo and sweet barbecue sauce.

Despite the name, Street Side Burgers has other options, like the vegan falafel sandwich, a Quinoa burger with guacamole, tomato, red onion, lettuce, cucumber and tzatziki sauces and a special chicken shwarma. You can also get a fattoush salad.

“It’s west meets east.

This is a lot of work — it’s very labor-intensive,” said Hamade, who owns four gas stations, including the Sunoco at Warren Road and Venoy in Garden City. “There is a Subway in the Garden City station. I was a pioneer (of restaurants in gas stations) 21 years ago.”

A lot of his friends didn’t think a restaurant

inside a gas station was a good idea and advised against it, Hamade said.

“They said don’t do it. I thought it was a great idea. I’ve nothing but a great response. People have taken an interest,” said Hamade, who is planning a Streetside Burger in Plymouth — sans gas station.

During a recent lunch time, there was a steady stream of customers. Some came intentionally for lunch, while others stopped for gas and decided to have lunch.

“This is amazing. It’s very, very clean. It changed my perception of a restaurant inside a gas station,” Adams said.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE FORMER ROBERT SCOTT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF FIVE MILE ROAD AND BECK ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Township of Northville will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 16, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 to consider the adoption of a resolution approving an Amendment to the Brownfield Plan (the “Amendment”) for the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Five Mile Road and Beck Road in the Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan formerly known as the Robert Scott Correctional Facility, pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended.

A copy of the Amendment is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168.

All aspects of the Amendment are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the Board of Trustees shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the consideration of the Amendment.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C  
Township Clerk

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2017, in observance of Veterans Day. The offices will re-open at 8:00 am on Monday, November 13, 2017.

**POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE.**

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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# IMMIGRANT EXPLORES FLAG’S COLORS

Sarvinder Naberhaus, who came to America at age 4, wants to inspire children

MIKE KILEN  
USA TODAY NETWORK

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

AMES, Iowa - It's as if everything in her life led to this moment, said Sarvinder Naberhaus.

The Ames woman awoke with the words “blue sky and white stars” drifting between dream and waking. The image of the flag and immigrants at Ellis Island came to her. She began writing a book, “Blue Sky White Stars,” that she hoped would make children feel the freedom and unity that she found in America.

“It was put in motion even before I was born. This dream and this momentum ... from my great-grandfather who was aware that America was the light of the world,” Naberhaus said.

Her great-grandfather boarded a ship in India in the 1920s to travel to America but had second thoughts and got off. Her father, Harpal Bal, had the same dream, but his pocket was picked in Calcutta. A priest loaned him money to go to school. His education eventually allowed him to come to America in 1965, continue his veterinary education and become an Iowa State University professor.

Naberhaus, 56, arrived with her family at age 4. She was the only face of color in her school class. Three times she was targeted with racist remarks.

But a woman later gave her a book, “Chester the Little Pony.” After that she spent her days sitting high on a tree branch reading books. She went to college and became a teacher.

But it wasn't until she had become an American citizen in 1996 and had children of her own, the last of three in 1999, that she decided to write her own books for children.

The dream followed, sparking an image of the flag, its colors a metaphor for the color of the American landscape and the multicultural faces of Americans.



Sarvinder Naberhaus of Ames, Iowa, said she hopes her children's book, “Blue Sky White Stars,” will bring people together. MICHAEL ZAMORA/USA TODAY NETWORK

“We are woven together with different colors and threads. The perfect metaphor for people literally woven together,” said Naberhaus, who was paired with illustrator Kadir Nelson to produce the Penguin book, released in June.

The book's final page is an illustration of the flag on the moon.

“That's how high freedom can take you,” she said. “It can take you to the moon.”

## ONE NATION Nominate an American

Who are your American heroes? Share stories and nominees at [onenation.usatoday.com](http://onenation.usatoday.com) or via email to [onenation@usatoday.com](mailto: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 SARVINDER NABERHAUS

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

I think it means that I am privileged. I have opportunities I would never have had in India. It means freedom, it means a new perspective and ways of looking at things from when we first moved here from India. Today we look back and see how we have changed. I think it has been for the better. Coming here as an immigrant means I have grown and that I've learned. I've looked and I've compared America to other nations. I see what we do in America and how we do it. I think we do very well. In America, you can achieve your dreams.

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

It's a culmination of my life and prior to my life — the momentum came from my ancestors and pushed me towards America. It feels like that was my purpose and my destiny. I slept on it, and the words came to me, blue sky white stars. Then I just kept going with the idea. How far can this parallel take me? White rows, red rows. Red, white and blue. I wrote down the images that came to my mind.

### What gives you hope and what concerns you?

My hope for our nation would be that it would continue healing. I feel like it has been on the right path of equality and acceptance for all man for who they are, whether they are disabled, whether they are of a different race, whatever makes them different, that we would celebrate the differences rather than try to get rid of the differences. We are not all alike, and we want to be appreciated for who we are, inside and out. We all know the real value of a human being is what's inside of them, not what's outside of them.

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

I hope to bring more and more joy to people with my books, because I was such a reader and loved books. It was a wonder for me and a new world. My hope is I will pass along that joy to other people. In the book, I hope they will feel something when they read it, when they look at the etched lines of worry on Abraham Lincoln's face. Even before this current political climate, I told my friend that I thought this book was meant to bring healing to this nation, to unite our nation.

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# Ugly pie company puts on a pretty face

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hometownlife.com

Jeni's Ugly Pies is undergoing a face lift, just in time for the busy holiday baking season.

Not the pies – they're as ugly as ever – just the bakery.

"The storefront was getting a bit worn and we felt it was time to spruce it up and put together a look that better represents our new offerings and us as bakery owners," said Jeni Von Buskirk, who began baking and selling pies in 2010 at farmers markets. She and her husband Trevor co-own the business and opened the bakery two years ago in Highland Township.

"We hope it turns out a bit rock 'n' roll vintage chic. Basically, we're just rearranging, painting and fixing up the floors."

The Von Buskirks will hold a pie-tasting weekend Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 2-4, at the remodeled bakery, 1095 S. Milford Road. The event drives early Thanksgiving Day orders, which will be taken through Nov. 15.

We caught up with Von Buskirk to talk about new products at the bakery, and, of course, her pies:

**Q: How did you learn to bake?**

A: I was raised in a family that showed their love for people through feeding them. It's ingrained. As far as learning to bake, my dad's mom, Grandma D'Amico, taught me how to make pie. She generally stayed with pumpkin or apple — the best damn apple pie — but she gave me the basics. I'd like to think she's watching from heaven and pretty proud of what we're doing here.

**Q: Are you the sole baker?**

A: My husband Trevor, our son Gino and our daughter help out in the bakery. During busy season, we also bring in our extra helpers — pretty much every friend and family member we can trick into helping.

**Q: How does your crust look these days?**

A: The look of the crust definitely depends on who made your pie. Jeni = ugly. Trevor = beautiful.

**Q: What's your best-selling pie, your signature pie?**

A: Our best seller is killer key lime,



Jeni Von Buskirk of Highland Township shows off her ugly pies.

which caught me by surprise. A couple of our other great sellers are fresh roasted pumpkin — yes, we roast our own gourds for these — and our browned butter bourbon pecan, caramel pecan, banana cream, coconut cream, and chocolate cream.

**Q: Do you create your own recipes?**

A: They're all my own recipes, though I am a great peruser of recipes. I read them like novels. So anything that looks interesting to me, I tweak it, twist it and make it into something with my own little stamp of ugliness on it.

**Q: What's your process for introduc-**

*"We hope it turns out a bit rock 'n' roll vintage chic. Basically, we're just rearranging, painting and fixing up the floors."*

JENI VON BUSKIRK  
co-owner, Jeni's Ugly Pies

**ing a new pie flavor?**

A: Hmm, I've got a bit of this and a bit of that left. Should we mix it together? Boing. New recipe. You never know when they're going to pop up. We are completely unscheduled about this stuff.

**Q: Have any new flavors flopped?**

A: I'd never call anything a flop, except when I burn the pants off something, like the dead s'mores pie... (see photo) people actually offered to eat that one. So I'd say there's an audience for any flavor you can think of.

**Q: What Michigan-made products are new to the bakery?**

A: New line — we call them Jeni's Local Faves — some of these are small or not so small locals that we, as a starting business, grew up with, like Boardwalk Gourmet Mustard and Scotty O'Hotty Hot Sauces. It's awesome to be able to support the same people who were sitting next to you during your first "big" farmers market or your first radio interview. Some of the other companies, like Kelly's Karamels, Tall Paul's Pickles, Davisburg Bread Co., Wallace Scones and Jen's Dressings are companies whose products we've fallen in love with over the years. Also offering coffee by the cup and bag, a portion of those proceeds go to the Michigan DNR, which is a near and dear operation for us.

**Q: Any tips you can share on baking pies?**

A: Don't overwork your dough. Roll it and leave it. It will get tough if you keep playing with it. Nobody minds an ugly pie. Stop touching it. It'll likely never be perfect.

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## Animal control director focuses on keeping people, pets together

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Livingston Daily

Educating people on how to care for and keep their pets is a primary goal for Aimee Orn, the new Livingston County Animal Control director.

"Some cases are out-and-out cruelty, but a lot come from ignorance and not understanding that there is more to owning an animal than giving it food and water," Orn said, noting that some people are simply unaware of the importance of veterinary care, licensing, proper shelter and other issues. "Putting a leash on a dog and walking him or her when you get home doesn't cost money, but it makes a world of difference to your dog."

The Livingston County Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Orn on Oct. 16. The position had been vacant since Sept. 15 after Andy Seltz resigned. Orn, the county's fifth animal control director in the past seven years, will earn about \$58,000 annually.

County Administrator Ken Hinton told the board Orn has "excellent credentials" and was chosen from several qualified candidates.

"We are really glad to have her on board, she comes with a great deal of experience and she is excited to come to a county with a progressive, proactive approach in our shelter," Hinton said.

Orn will oversee shelter operations and animal control in the community, but that structure will be changing in the future. Hinton said he hopes to have the Livingston County Sheriff's Department take over supervision of two animal control officers within the next six months, allowing Orn to solely concentrate on shelter operations and community outreach and improving coordination with the sheriff's field services staff.

Orn, 34, found her career path when she was 18 and looking for a job to help pay the bills while she was a college student. She began working at the Humane Society in Macomb County and soon dropped her courses at Wayne State University, having discovered her passion.

"There is no formal schooling that will prepare you for working in animal shelters — it's learn as you go," said Orn.

In 2003, she moved over to Macomb County Animal Control, where she worked for the next 12 years, learning about laws related to domestic animals, their licensing, and handling cruelty

cases and their prosecution once she became an animal control officer in 2011.

For the last two years, Orn was chief animal control officer for Lapeer County Animal Control.

She arrived for her first day of work in Livingston County on Tuesday, and said she is excited to be at a facility she said has a good reputation in the industry and with the public.

As of Thursday, the Livingston County Animal Shelter had 13 dogs and 30 cats available for adoption, a number that was lower than usual thanks to a state-wide free adoptions event on Oct. 14.

Humane capacity at the shelter is 32 dogs and 78 cats. In 2016, Livingston County Animal Control took in a total of 638 cats and 337 dogs. The live release rate, the number of animals adopted or returned home, was 89%.

County animal control officers responded to 1,800 calls for service last year on complaints including cruelty, animals running at large, dog bites, barking violations and livestock concerns.


The mission of Orn and the staff at Livingston County Animal Control is two-sided. On one side, they focus on the animals in the facility's care and finding them forever homes. On the other, they ensure animals out in the community are properly cared for and the public is educated on that care.

Orn hopes to continue with existing programs and innovative ways of finding homes for as many animals as possible and reducing stray cat populations, always a challenge. One of the most successful programs in recent years has been "trap, neuter, return," in which the shelter will provide individuals or organizations traps to catch feral cats. The animals can then be brought to the shelter and spayed or neutered at a cost of only \$25 before being released at the location they were found. The program is working to successfully reduce the number of stray cats, said Orn.

She wants to possibly add a new program modeled off one in Lapeer that gives a "free ride" home to first offender stray dogs who are licensed, rewarding owners. The program has increased license sales in Lapeer, said Orn.

To learn how you can be of assistance by volunteering, donating, or adopting an animal in need of a home, visit [livgov.com/animalcontrol](http://livgov.com/animalcontrol).


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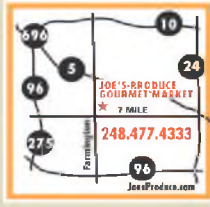


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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Plymouth impresses at Division 1 regional

Novi runner-up, Salem slides into third after Northville disqualified

Brad Emons  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz knew this could be a special boys cross country season and Saturday his team did not disappoint.

Placing six of the top nine runners, the Wildcats made school history by winning their first MHSAA Division 1 regional championship at Willow Metropark.

Plymouth took first with 21 points, while Novi was runner-up with 81.

Meanwhile, Salem (98) moved up to the third qualify-

ing spot after Northville was disqualified after being flagged by race officials for an MHSAA rules violation regarding different colored undergarments.

Rounding out the regional field were Livonia Stevenson (104), host Ann Arbor Huron (117), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (135), Livonia Churchill (200), Canton (209), University of Detroit-Jesuit (249), Livonia Franklin (254), Berkley (316), Oak Park (324) and Garden City (420).

Novi's Gabe Mudel was the individual winner, as he covered the 5,000-meter Chestnut Grove course under windy and cold conditions in a personal-best 15 minutes, 21.6 seconds.

Plymouth garnered the next three places: sophomore Carter Solomon (15:29.2), senior Ethan Byrnes (15:55.5) and

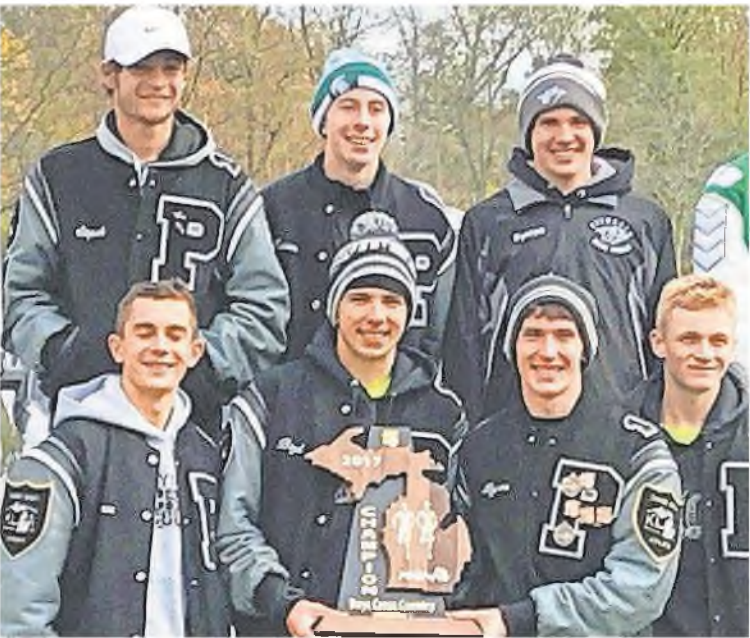
freshman Patrick Byrnes (16:02.6).

The Wildcats' other two scorers were juniors Jarrett Weaver (fifth, 16:09.0) and Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:12.2), while sophomore Tyler Mussen was ninth (16:18.7).

"Awesome man, they killed it," Mikosz said. "They went out from the start and finish and it was awesome. They stepped up and Jarrett (Warner) was huge and he ran awesome. It's the first regional championship for us, so it's huge."

Plymouth, ranked second behind only Ann Arbor Pioneer in the statewide Division 1 coaches poll, has been building toward this stage all season and appears to be a serious title contender.

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The Plymouth boys cross country team celebrates its first regional title in school history. SUBMITTED

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OVERTIME STUNNER



Franklin's Isaac Moore scampers for Franklin's second TD, breaking a tackle by Western's Tim Stallworth Jr. along the way. DAN DEAN



Franklin head coach Chris Kelbert celebrates his team's 35-28 OT victory. DAN DEAN

Moore rushes for 206 yards as Livonia Franklin ousts W.L. Western to move into district final

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Nobody seemed to mind afterward that Livonia Franklin has another week of football practice.

In fact, the players welcome it.

In the rain and cold, the Patriots warmed their fans' hearts Friday with a stunning 35-28 overtime victory over favored Walled Lake Western, last year's MHSAA Division 2 finalist.

Franklin's Julius Simmons ran for the game-winning touchdown from 10 yards out on the second play of overtime and the Patriots' defense held from the 9 on fourth down, when Brad Gibson knocked

down Sam Johnson's pass in the end zone.

"We just knew we needed to go out and get a stop," Franklin's 5-foot-5, 150-pound senior defensive back John DiPonio said. "We played great defensively all year. It was exciting. We knew it was coming. We prepared well all week. We knew they were going to try and go back side out there and Brad (Gibson) was all over it. So exciting."

The win puts Franklin (8-2) into the district final this Friday against an all-too-familiar opponent in Livonia Churchill (8-2), which also advanced with a 24-23 win over Pinckney.

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REGIONAL FINAL

Shamrocks withstand Plymouth comeback

CC builds 4-0 halftime lead to win; faces East Kentwood in D1 semifinals

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The Detroit Catholic Central boys soccer team is final four-bound for the second time in three years.

But it didn't come without some anxious moments during Friday's MHSAA Division 1 regional final at slick Novi Meadows Stadium, as the Shamrocks (18-2-4) built a 4-0 halftime lead and then held on for dear life to oust Plymouth, 4-3.

Despite soggy conditions due to a steady rain from the start, Catholic Central came out of the gate fast, as John Willemsen scored on a free kick from Ryan Pierson to make it 1-0.

Jeswin David then made it 2-0 off an assist from Pierson and the Shamrocks gave themselves a three-goal cushion on Henry Koelling's goal, assisted by David.

Pierson, a senior, then notched his 29th goal of the year, assisted by Drake Midgley, to put the Shamrocks up, 4-0.

Meanwhile, CC starting goalkeeper Kevin Blossfeld

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Plymouth's Ryan Wu (left) tries to shield off CC's Jeswin David. MICHAEL VASILNEK

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# Four takeaways from CC's triumph over Stevenson

Shamrocks will face White Lake Lakeland in district final

Mike Rosenbaum  
Correspondent

In a game that was closer than the final score indicated, Detroit Catholic Central out-slugged host Livonia Stevenson in the rain Friday, taking a 24-7 MHSAA Division 1 football first-round district playoff victory.

The Shamrocks (6-4) will remain on the road beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, to face White Lake Lakeland &-2) in a district final. The Eagles advanced with a 53-12 win over Walled Lake Central.

Four takeaways from Friday's game:

**CAM-BAM!**  
Running back Cameron Ryan was Catholic Central's key weapon, running 24 times for 166 yards and scoring all three CC touchdowns.

The 6-foot, 210-pound Ryan earned many of those yards after contact.

On his first score – which gave the Shamrocks a 10-0 lead in the third quarter – Ryan appeared to be stopped at the line of scrimmage on a draw play, but he fought free and then broke several more tackles during a 25-yard scoring run.

"Ryan's ability to break tackles was amazing," first-year CC coach Dan Anderson said. "Cam Ryan ran the hardest I've seen him run all year. He carried us on his back today."

The playoff atmosphere clearly inspired Ryan, who noted that it was "win or go home."

"And it's my senior year – I've got to lead the boys," Ryan said.

He also praised his offensive line, saying, "They blocked. All I had to do was read the holes and run."

**SLIPPERY WHEN WET**  
Because of the steady rain that fell throughout the game, both teams mainly kept the ball on the ground. CC gained 218 yards on 37 rushes, while Stevenson had 214 on 45 attempts.

The weather "changed how both offenses approached the game today," Anderson said. "You didn't see a whole lot of throwing."

Indeed, the Spartans didn't throw the ball until the last play of the first half, when Parker Gra-



Catholic Central's Cameron Ryan (front) eludes Stevenson tacklers Carter Ackman (bottom), Roman Klenk (right) and Sean Miestkowski during Friday's district opener.  
DENNIS BARNES



Catholic Central's Jack Downs (right) races after the ball after Griffin Matick's field-goal try is blocked.  
DENNIS BARNES

ham tossed up a Hail Mary with two seconds on the clock.

Graham was just 2-of-8 passing for 17 yards on the day, but was strong on the ground, running 26 times for 143 yards.

CC quarterback Marco Genrich only attempted nine passes, but he completed six for 50 yards, including a key 21-yard pass to tight end Nicholas Rood that set up the Shamrocks' first TD.

**BLOCK THAT KICK**  
The game took a big swing late in the first half.

After gaining a fourth-down stop on defense, Stevenson marched 62 yards to the CC 12.

With less than a minute remaining in the scoreless half, Griffin Matick's field-goal try was blocked by Parker Bohland, a junior who then then scooped up and ball and ran to the Spartans' 22.

The Shamrocks couldn't manage a first down, but Ethan Pattinson booted a 32-yard field goal to send Catholic Central into the locker room with a 3-0 edge.

"With the weather being what it was, any points were going to be valuable points, especially in that first half," said Stevenson coach Randy Micallef, whose team finished 5-5. "So for them to come out with a field goal there at the end and

to take that lead going into halftime was huge."

## FOURTH-DOWN SUCCESS

The Spartans converted a trio of fourth-down attempts on their lone scoring drive. Stevenson took possession at its 23 and quickly faced a fourth-and-two situation from the 31.

Trailing 10-0, Micallef rolled the dice and came up a winner when fullback Joshua Page ran a dive up the middle for 4 yards.

After gaining another first down, Stevenson called Graham's number on fourth-and-three and the quarterback responded with an 11-yard run to the CC 33.

Graham also converted a fourth-and-two play with a 4-yard carry to Catholic Central's 21. Three plays later, he threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Devin Dunn.

Overall, Stevenson went 77 yards on 16 plays. The drive, which began late in the third quarter and ended early in the fourth, took 7:18 off the clock.

CC turned the tables on its next possession, however, when Ryan ran 9 yards on fourth-and-four. Three plays later, Ryan ran 7 yards for his second touchdown.

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Canton's Noah Brown (left) is in the end zone for the touchdown, with Saline's Cam Richardson unable to make the stop.  
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# Canton dominates Saline in opener, 42-14

Chiefs strong on both sides of ball in lopsided pre-district win

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This time it was different. Much different.

Friday's Division 1 pre-district football game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was all Canton, pretty much from the opening kickoff, as the Chiefs won 42-14.

The game was by far the most lopsided of the recent string of playoff meetings between Canton and Saline, opponents for the fourth consecutive postseason.

On the second snap of the rainy night, Canton junior running back Steven Walker burst up the middle and kept on going for a 76-yard touchdown. He finished with 172 yards rushing in 17 carries.

The Chiefs (9-1) then went up 13-0 on senior linebacker Lou Baechler's 45-yard interception return. He anticipated where Saline quarterback Cole Daniels might throw the ball, picked it off and took it to the house.

"I knew that play was coming. I watched a ton of film," said Baechler, still wearing a cast on his arm after fracturing it earlier in the season. "I got out there and just made a play."

Veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler said the two early touchdowns set the tone against the Hornets, who finished 7-2.

"It was a huge momentum builder to score on the first play and then come back and score on that (interception)," Tim Baechler said. "It was just a great play by a great player."

## Relentless

There was little let-up from that point on, either. The Chiefs were relentless in all departments, enjoying a 432-186 edge in offensive yardage.

The talent and tenacity of senior tight end Noah Brown enabled Canton to carry a 20-7 lead into the intermission.

Brown scored on a 20-yard pass from senior quarterback Connor Engel (3-of-3 passing, 89 yards). He caught Engel's pass near the 10-yard line and bulldozed his way through Saline tacklers en route to the end zone.

"We've been looking forward to this point of the season all year," Brown said. "We feel we

got a good team that can do something special this year. And we're just working hard and taking them one at a time.

"We had a really great week of practice, probably one of the better weeks of practice we had all year. And we just pound, pound, pound all game. We broke 'em, put up 42 points on one of the great defenses in the state. We're pretty proud of that."

Canton broke the game open in the third quarter, scoring two quick touchdowns to build a 34-7 advantage.

Recovering a fumble in the first minute was junior James Deese and the Chiefs took advantage on senior running back Colin Troup's 16-yard TD run.

Troup gained 111 yards in 20 rushes and scored twice. He also tallied a 61-yard reception.

Then came an onside kick by senior Chase Meredith, which was recovered on a heads-up play by sophomore Tim Pennington.

Canton needed just six plays to find the end zone again, this time on a 1-yard plunge by Troup.

"We finally got some breaks and got those two things," coach Baechler said. "They weren't planned, obviously. You hope to get those, but they actually worked out. We got that kick, that was big."

"But then the offense came out and took advantage of both of those and kind of opened the game up from there."

Here other takeaways from the match-up:

## FAMILIAR FOES

It wouldn't be high school football playoff season without Saline and Canton hooking up. Friday's postseason meeting between the teams was the fourth in a row, with the Hornets winning two of the previous three match-ups.

The 2014-16 games were all in the district or regional finals. Last year, Saline won 37-31 in a district final; Canton prevailed 27-7 in the 2015 regional final.

## STOPPING 'EM COLD

Canton is known for having a prolific offense, but the Chiefs wreaked havoc on defense with big plays by Lou Baechler, Troup and Brown helping Canton take a 20-7 halftime lead.

Baechler picked off a Saline pass and scored on a 45-yard return. Both Troup and Brown broke up dangerous passing attempts by left-handed quarterback Cole Daniels (10-of-23 passing, 128 yards).

## WEATHER REPORT

Although it was raining virtually the entire game, neither team appeared to be slowed by the wet weather. The only fumble of the first half was in the final minute of play and it had no impact on the scoreboard.

The Hornets, though, coughed the ball up on the first play of the second half.

## STUDY HALL

Saline had an extra week to prepare for the game with a Week 9 bye, but the Chiefs did a good job cramming for the playoff test.

"We watched a lot of film this week and really got prepared and focused for them and we all did our job," Engel said. "We were 100 percent on our reads."

Coach Baechler added that facing the Hornets in the postseason opener was a bit surprising.

"(Saline) is a game you expect in round two or three," said Baechler, referring to the Division 1 bracket. "We didn't sit around fretting about it, we went to work and I'm just so proud of our kids."

## NEXT UP

Canton will move on to face undefeated Belleville (10-0) at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. The Tigers knocked off Salem, 17-7.

"They are a really good team with a lot of talent," Engel said. "We just got to focus up, we got to be 100 percent on our reads just like this week. It should be a good game."

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# Rocks on the run



Salem senior running back Cody Tapp (middle) finds a hole in the Belleville defense during Friday's Division 1 football pre-district game. The Rocks, playing their first playoff game since 1991, lost to the Tigers, 17-7.

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# Five takeaways from Churchill-Pinckney game

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Livonia Churchill defeated Pinckney in a first-round football playoff game Friday, 24-23. Here are five takeaways:

**TAKING ONE FOR THE TEAM**

Churchill senior Martell Dooley made the play of the night, rushing untouched from the left side to block a 19-yard field-goal attempt by Pinckney's Zack DeRoek with 2:24 left in the game.

When Dooley landed on the ground after blocking the potential go-ahead kick, he inflicted more damage on a right shoulder that was originally injured in the second game of the season.

Dooley's right arm was in a sling and an ice pack was on his right shoulder when he headed for the bus ride home, but it was a small price to pay to help his team advance to the second round of the state playoffs.

"They asked me if it was all right when I hurt it plays before," Dooley said. "It was hurting then. They asked, 'Are you sure you want to go?' Yeah, it's my senior year; I'm not trying to lose."

Dooley had to leave the field with 9:47 left in the game, when he landed on the shoulder while diving



Livonia Churchill's Michael Parrish tackles Pinckney's Nick Cain, who had two touchdown catches. Cain finished with eight catches for 126 yards. His scoring plays went for 35 and 48 yards. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

for a deep pass. "Martell Dooley with a very hurt shoulder, really bad, came up clutch with a huge block," Churchill quarterback Drew Alsobrooks said. "I'm so proud of him."

Pinckney had to settle for the field goal attempt after having first-and-goal at the 5-yard line.

**SPECIAL TEAMS EDGE**

A lot of attention is paid to the match-up between opposing offenses and defenses heading into a game, but special teams inevitably play a huge role.

Such was the case in this one.

It began on the opening kickoff, with Churchill

recovering a fumble on a return by Alex Wasyl. Three plays and 20 yards later, the Chargers had a touchdown just 1:25 into the game. Pinckney responded with two straight touchdown drives to take a 14-7 lead.

Pinckney tried to catch Churchill napping to start the second half, attempting an onside kick, but Jacob Robertson recovered it for the Chargers. The Pirates' defense came through by forcing a three-and-out.

After Nick Cain's 48-yard touchdown catch with 28 seconds left in the third quarter cut Churchill's lead to 24-23, the Pirates were unable to get the conversion because of a bad snap.

Holder Mikey Antal improvised, attempting a pass toward Jared Hess that was broken up by Jaren Carble. That one point turned out to be the difference.

"Honestly, it's playoff football," Pinckney coach Rod Beaton said. "Everything is so magnified in a playoff game. You can't play the what-if, you can't play the second-guess or you'll eat yourself alive doing that."

**ONE LAST BIG GAME**

As he had done all season, Pinckney senior Cain made explosive plays.

Cain got open behind the Churchill defense for touchdown catches of 35

and 48 yards from Jack Wurzer. He finished with eight catches for 126 yards.

The game ended with the ball in Cain's hands. Unfortunately for the Pirates, Cain was unable to get out of bounds to stop the clock after catching a 7-yard pass in the left flat. After Cain was tackled by Tyrese Williams, the clock ran out.

Cain put Pinckney in a position to get a solid crack at the end zone when he returned a punt 26 yards and was hit out of bounds for an additional 15 yards with 11 seconds left in the game. That gave the Pirates the ball at Churchill's 39.

Cain finished with 13 touchdown catches, nine more than any other player in Livingston County.

"He's a special player," Beaton said.

**PINCKNEY DOMINATES STATS**

Pinckney had a decisive advantage in the final statistics — except the final score, of course.

The Pirates outgained the Chargers, 438-256, running 65 plays to Churchill's 44. Pinckney had a 25-12 advantage in first downs.

The short field Churchill got after the opening fumble and two big running plays turned out to be enough for the Chargers' offense to get the job done.

A 51-yard run by Avery Grenier tied the game,

14-14, on the first play of the second quarter. A 16-yard run by Darrell Mason with 4:53 left in the second quarter put the Chargers up, 21-14.

Churchill was held to just a field goal in the second half, but the offense made a big play when Alsobrooks ran 20 yards for a first down on third-and-five with 2:06 remaining. Instead of punting to Pinckney with nearly two minutes on the clock, there were only 11 seconds left when the Pirates regained possession.

Alsobrooks threw for only 32 yards, but ran 10 times for 106 yards.

"We didn't play our greatest game tonight," Churchill coach Bill DeFilippo said. "I give Pinckney a lot of credit."

**CLEAN SHEET FOR WURZER**

There were a couple of close calls, but Wurzer finished the season with a remarkable stat line: zero interceptions in 162 pass attempts.

Wurzer was 115-of-162 passing for 1,749 yards and 18 touchdowns.

The perfect record under the interception column was at risk when a pass by Wurzer was deflected into the air early in the second quarter. Of course, the ball wound up in the hands of Cain, who caught it for a 1-yard gain.

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"I really don't know how to put this in words ... I mean they played so hard, they played so aggressive, they played so physical," Franklin coach Chris Kelbert said. "That's a great football team we just beat. They're one of the best teams in the state and we went toe-to-toe with them and pulled it off at the end."

Western (8-2) sent the game into overtime at 28-28, scoring with only 1:48 left when Jakkel Moore-Wells ran up the middle from 3 yards out after a circus 30-yard catch by teammate Kevin Jackson set up the TD.

After Franklin went three-and-out, Western used its three allotted timeouts to get the ball back and Johnson hit two passes to set up a 47-yard field-goal attempt by Aidan Jennings, who missed wide left with only 23.8 seconds left sending the game into OT.

"We got to make sure we play through those moments," Kelbert said. "And that's something we've been preaching all year. They're going to make plays, we just got to not melt down. We took the timeout when the momentum went their way and we got the pick on it, so it worked out for us."

With the score tied 21-21 early in the fourth quarter, Franklin's Isaac Moore, who led all rushers with 206 yards on 26 carries, made an electrifying 86-yard run to break the deadlock with 10:37 left in regulation.

"I saw the middle line-backer ... he went for the 'jet' and there was just this huge hole and Isaac just took off. And he ran like Isaac and he just ran through three tackles," Franklin sophomore quarterback Jacob Kelbert said.

While trailing 21-14 in the third, the Patriots came up with another key play when Jacob Kelbert, on fourth-and-four, hit Moore out of the backfield on a middle screen for a 10-yard TD pass with 3:53 to go in the quarter.

"I saw the safety ... he had no clue (Moore) was releasing out of the backfield," Jacob Kelbert said. "He went with the corner on the smash route and, as I was getting hit, I threw the ball to Isaac. I didn't know what happened until I heard crowd cheer."

The Franklin quarterback, who landed on his back while making the TD throw, never saw Moore run into the end zone.

"He got destroyed after he let that ball go," Chris Kelbert said of his son. "That's been something we've been working on the past few weeks. We called that and it worked out perfectly for us."

Here are some other takeaways:

**KEEP PLUGGING**

Franklin was stopped on its opening drive on fourth-and-goal from the Western 1. But after the Patriots were denied, they blocked a Warriors punt and Simmons scored on a 27-yard TD run to make it 6-0. (The extra point was no good).

Simmons then scored the game-winning TD in OT.

"It was a huge play and we had our sophomore, James Carpenter, in playing wing and he got a big block there," Chris Kelbert said. "We kind of knew Julius had the speed to get the edge and that was one of the decisions we made there, too."

**MORE MOORE**

Franklin's 6-foot, 210-pound senior also added a 19-yard TD run in the second quarter to pull the Patriots to within one, 14-13.

"He really makes them go," Western coach Mike Zdebski said. "He's a big, physical running back. He's a very good high school back. He's the best high school back we've seen on our schedule."

And when Moore busted loose on the 86-yard TD to start the fourth quarter, it was a thing of beauty.

"That's just Isaac," DiPonio said. "He's got the ability to make big plays when you need them the most. It's great."

**OT MENTALITY**

Despite giving up a late score in regulation,

the Patriots were prepared for the OT.

After Franklin scored to go up 35-28, they held Western's Jackson to a 2-yard gain followed by a sack of Johnson, who then threw two incomplete passes to end the game.

"You've got to stay positive," DiPonio said. "I love this team, because they have that never-say-die mentality. We always go out and we're scrappy. Doubt us ... because we'll bite you in the butt."

Western's defense, meanwhile, got caught out of position on the Simmons TD run.

"They hit the edge on that buck sweep and we didn't play it the way we played it the whole game," Zdebski said. "(Simmons) made a good run. He's a fast kid of theirs. We figured he'd end up getting the ball because (Moore) was out in the overtime period."

**WESTERN'S RUN ENDS**

After making the state finals last year before losing to Detroit King, the state-ranked Warriors' season came to a close in the opening round.

C.J. Brown had a 42-yard pick-six in the second quarter to give Western a 14-6 lead and Malcolm Baker added a 62-yard TD run, also in the second.

The Warriors went up 21-13 at halftime when Johnson hit Justin Thomas on a 53-yard TD pass with only 37 seconds left.

But it wasn't enough.

"We had momentum at times and a couple of untimely penalties," Zdebski said. "The kids played hard. The coaches coached hard and (Franklin) were the better team tonight."

**NEXT ROUND**

The Patriots will face Churchill, which won an earlier season meeting, 24-10, a game that Moore did not play in.

Game time will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 at Churchill.

"I know we shocked the state and I know it's going to be a fun week of practice playing our crosstown rivals," Jacob Kelbert said.

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Plymouth's Evan Bowser (left) heads the ball in front of CC's Ryan Pierson. MICHAEL VASILNEK

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made three saves to keep the Wildcats (16-5-3) off the board.

"(Plymouth) came out pretty well, but we ended up dominating the first half," CC coach Gene Pulice said. "And then they really came out strong the second half. And they played well. They came back and they scored three goals. Their coach had them reorganized. We came out and I think we had never experienced that."

After the two teams changed sides at halftime, the script then flipped as Plymouth roared back on three unanswered goals by Tommy Sullivan, Bennett Brooks (penalty kick) and Alex Bowser.

"I think we kind of said, 'Hey, it's over, we arrived,'" Pulice said of his team's 4-0 halftime advantage. "(Plymouth) scored one goal, got a PK and they were back in it. The last 20 minutes, we kind of got our organization back. And then we managed the last 20 minutes pretty well."

Plymouth's third goal came with 22 minutes left, but CC goalkeeper

Andrew Nicholsen withstood the rally with four saves in the second half.

"We kind of had a 20-minute breakdown," Pulice said, "but (Nicholsen) had to make some good saves and then were some where you had a guy slip here or a guy slip there."

The Shamrocks advance to the state semifinal scheduled for Wednesday, to face East Kentwood (19-4).

"Just happy to get through it at this point," Pulice said.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Leaders of Plymouth pack not to be denied

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Some might say being a championship cross country team requires supreme mental focus, to deal with all kinds of adversity.

There might be rain, brisk wind in a runner's face, a muddy course to navigate. And, of course, there are elite opponents to deal with each time out.

But sophomore Carter Solomon, senior Ethan Byrnes and the rest of Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team neatly scaled any potential pit-falls Saturday in winning the Division 1 regional championship at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

With 21 points and six runners in the top nine — spearheaded by second and third finishers Solomon and Byrnes — the Wildcats rolled to their first regional title. They will now compete Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn in a bid for a state championship.

Outstanding team depth was crucial to the regional victory, with Solomon's 15:29.2 not far behind the pace set by medalist Gabriel Mudel of Novi (15:21.6).



Three of Plymouth's top finishers at regionals were (from left) Brandon Boyd, Ethan Byrnes and Carter Solomon. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Our coach (Jon Mikosz) tells us not to expect anything in any race in the sense that anything can happen," said Byrnes, who finished third (15:55.5). "And that's what we did. We went in and ran like it was our last race."

Also part of the Plymouth juggernaut were freshman Patrick Byrnes (Ethan's brother), in fourth place with a time of 16:02.6; junior Jarrett Warner (fifth, 16:09.0); junior Brandon Boyd (seventh, 16:12.2) and freshman Tyler Mussen

(ninth, 16:18.1).

"Jarrett ran his heart out and got fifth place, getting us those needed points," Byrnes added.

Plymouth won with room to spare, well in front of other team state qualifiers Novi (81) and Salem (98). But Solomon emphasized the race wasn't exactly a cake-walk.

"Surprisingly, the course was dry given the rain the previous night," Solomon said. "The wind was very strong, which made racing more difficult."

Meanwhile, Solomon pointed to the Coaching Legends Invitational in September as a turning point in the team's season.

"We just came off a loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer at Holly, but bounced back the next invitational (Coaching Legends) by having six of our top seven run their fastest times," Solomon said. "That was a good indication of what our team is capable of."

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MEN'S SOCCER

# Schoolcraft one win from nationals

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Ancilla College knew last year what it tasted like to make it to the final four championship "buffet," but there was no way Schoolcraft College was going to lose the 2017 invitation.

On Sunday afternoon at Schoolcraft, the Ocelots defeated Ancilla, 3-0, to remain undefeated and win the 2017 NJCAA Region XII men's soccer championship.

All that remains for coach Rick Larson's team to reach the NJCAA nationals in Prescott, Ariz., is a victory Saturday, Nov. 4, at Schoolcraft in the district championship match-up against a to-be-decided opponent.

"That team (Chargers) went to the final four last year, so it's tough to end their run," Larson said. "Maybe they thought that they were going to go to nationals and make a deep run again."

"But they went to nationals for a cup of coffee. We have dinner and we do all kinds of things at nationals. This year, we're really looking to make a deep run."

Putting a damper on Sunday's win, however, was an on-field skirmish that broke out at the horn. An Ancilla player was flagrantly fouled by a Schoolcraft player (Aldi Mehmetaj) and several punches were subsequently thrown as the incident escalated. Mehmetaj was assessed a red card and Larson said he likely will miss the district title game.

### Emotions run high

"It's really a shame that it ends that way," Larson said. "But at this level, when people's careers are ending in an elimination game, unfortunately, we've seen it before."

Schoolcraft broke out to a 2-0 halftime lead and batted down the hatches for the final 45 minutes, with freshman goalkeeper Juan Gomez and his defense throwing up an impenetrable wall.

"We were really stingy in front of our own goal," Larson said. "Yeah, Juan is a fantastic goalkeeper, but we have an excellent back line. Our team is very deep and they we're really coachable. Our game plan was carried out."

Getting Schoolcraft off to an all-important 1-0 lead was sophomore forward David Tetaj, a

former prep player at Farmington Hills Harrison.

"It was a play through from our right back (Eimil Hennes), from, like, half the field and I scored a header," Tetaj said.

"When you score the first, you have more opportunities and everything. You open the field."

Before intermission, the Ocelots doubled their lead when freshman forward Michael Machila (West Bloomfield) found the back of the Ancilla goal.

"David Tetaj is fantastic, he was a big reason we went to nationals (in 2015)," Larson said. "We're just really happy he was able to come back this year. He's an explosive player, he's exciting to watch. He's fun when he gets on the ball."

### They're all in

Tournament MVP was sophomore midfielder Hakeem Sadler, who hails from Jamaica.

"We communicated as a team and I think that was the thing that made us be successful," Sadler said. "It is my first year at Schoolcraft, but I had two years at Owens Community College until they canceled the program."

Sadler said he and his teammates are going to savor the regional championship and then get ready for the next challenge: "We're going for the win, definitely. We're all in."

"Hakeem's come a long way ... he's turned the corner in terms of leading this team," Larson said. "You saw in the celebration when he was named tournament MVP, you just know that everybody really respects what he brings to the table."

"The expectations of him are extremely high. He met those expectations and exceeded them."

Other all-tourney players from Schoolcraft included Tetaj, Gomez and forward August Hunter.

Schoolcraft players from area schools include Jordan Whitt (Livonia Franklin), Alex Spratte (Plymouth), Nyle Ellis (Westland John Glenn), Tetaj, Mehmetaj and Hennes (Harrison).

Meanwhile, Larson said winning the regional title on Schoolcraft's home field was like a dream come true.

"For me, it's a 12-year wait, to be on our campus for regionals," Larson said, speaking with the new St. Joe's Sports Dome as a backdrop. "And I couldn't be more pleased with the way that the guys performed."

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Eagles boys, girls teams soar into Division 4 finals

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Plymouth Christian Academy is flying into the Division 4 cross country state finals.

Both PCA's boys and girls teams earned state qualifying berths thanks to Saturday's showing at the D4 regional held at Jackson's Ella Sharp Park. Rod Windle is coach of both teams.

Sparking the Eagles to second place overall in the boys race with 76 points was junior Luke Pohl, medalist with his time of 16:36.50 and ranked as the No. 4 D4 runner in the state. In fourth place was senior Seth Windle (17:07.90).

Other PCA finishers were Hunter Torolski (21st, 18:27.4), Quinn McLaren (24th, 18:39.8), Nathan Sutrick (26th, 18:41.4), Eric Moore (33rd, 19:05.5) and Caleb Godin (54th, 20:22.9).

Pottersville won the boys regional with 47



Plymouth Christian Academy cross country qualified for the Division 4 finals. SUBMITTED PHOTO

points; taking first on the girls side was Lansing Christian (35 points).

PCA's girls team qualified with a third-place tally of 75 points.

For the Lady Eagles, junior Sienna Ruiter placed sixth with a time of 21:11.

Other finishers were Emily Cameron (10th,

21:30.8), Nicole Reinhart (11th, 21:38.9), Sarah Reinhart (20th, 22:19.8), Isabel Mossel (28th, 24:50.6), Joy Chamberlain (31st, 25:21.3) and Eva Warmbier (32nd, 25:21.7).

The top 15 finishers in each of the boys and girls races earned all-region honors.

State finals is Saturday, No. 4, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. The girls will race at 9:30 a.m., with the boys racing at 10:50 a.m.

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## PLYMOUTH

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The Wildcats will go after their first state championship at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"We came in knowing we had opportunities to do it," said Mikosz, who got emotional about his team's success this season. "Our goal has been the same goal as it's been all season, so we're right there. It's awesome. It's going to be exciting. We know what we need to do after today. We'll see. It's going to be good."

Here are some other takeaways:

### MUDEL STANDS ALONE

The Novi senior held off all challengers to capture his first regional title after finishing sec-

ond last year in 15:54.4.

"It was a crazy race. I think the fastest I had gone out until today was, like, 10:02 and today the two-mile split was, like, 9:45, so it was a very different race, definitely very fast," Mudel said. "Carter (Solomon) from Plymouth led the way for the first mile. It was pretty helpful, because I usually lead most of the time. It was nice."

Mudel was almost 33 seconds faster than a year ago.

"The challenge of this course is the uphill you run on twice," he said. "That's where the separation occurs, I think, but if you play it the right way, I really think you can use it to your advantage."

Mudel is committed to run at the University of Michigan next year after considering Michigan State and MIT.

"Michigan just seemed like the best fit," he said. "Just the balance Michigan has because it's a great academic school and great program for running. I have a few friends from the state going there. I'm going to room with Nick Trevisan from Farmington. It's just a lot of things that excited me about it."

### NOVI EARNS SPOT

The Wildcats, under first-year coach Brad Moore, earned their fourth straight state finals trip, thanks to the first-place finish of Mudel.

Novi's other four other scorers were sophomore Matt Whyte, 13th (16:29.5); junior Trey Mullins, 15th (16:35.2); senior Nate Wood, 16th (16:41.0); junior Prateek Bhola, 36th (16:59.6).

"This is a big day for us and we ran our best on

a big day," Moore said. "We're excited about how it went. We could have been easily fifth or sixth and run really well. We ran great today and that's the main thing."

Wood's time was a season best.

"The way he's been practicing and the day he had, it didn't surprise us a lot," Moore said. "You never know until you see it, but Nate ran really well."

### SALEM GETS THROUGH

The Rocks earned their first state finals berth since 2012 as senior Ryan Exell led the way in eighth with a time of 16:14.1, followed by senior Andrew Beyer (17th, 16:42.7), junior Christo Jeffers (18th, 16:43.1), senior Nolan Teodori (16:52.2) and junior Shane McKimmy (16:52.5).

Four of Salem's to six ran lifetime bests and the

Rocks were able to get through despite their No. 2 runner, Luke Haran, a junior, suffering a crazy mishap just prior to the start when he stepped on a stick.

"It went through his shoe and into his foot," Salem coach Steve Aspinall said. "And I don't think anybody realized how bad it was until afterward. He gutted it out. He ran 17:10-ish, took seventh and gave it everything he possibly could. He spent the better part of yesterday at urgent care at Mott's (Children's Hospital) looking at his foot. It was infected and the infection was spreading. But thankfully, he's OK and he was sent home. But it's unlikely he'll be competing next weekend, because he's not able to walk right now and it's in pretty bad shape."

### ADDITIONAL QUALIFIERS

Among those runners also headed to the state finals as individual qualifiers who finished top 15 at the regional are sophomore Luke Perelli (Detroit CC), sixth, 16:09.5; senior Owen Rowader (Stevenson), 10th, 16:26.6; and Ben Griffith (Stevenson), 12th, 16:29.1.

Other area runners in the top 25 were Brendan McCoy (Churchill), 19th, 16:44.1; Alexander Dugas (Detroit CC), 20th, 16:45.0; Grant Rudd (Franklin), 21st, 16:45.8; Eric Pensari (Churchill), 22nd, 16:46.1; Shane Beers (Stevenson), 23rd, 16:46.5; Mitchel Horn (Detroit CC), 24th, 16:48.0; and Daniel Jimenez (Canton), 25th, 16:48.3.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Northville dominates regional field

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The future is now and the future looks bright once again for the Northville girls cross country team.

The Mustangs, featuring six underclassmen and only one senior, gave notice Saturday at Willow Metropark in New Boston that they could

be the team to beat in this weekend's MHSAA Division 1 state finals after winning their eighth straight regional championship.

Northville ran away with the title with 24 points, while runner-up Salem (84) and third-place Berkley (116) also earned automatic qualifying spots to Michigan International Speedway on Saturday, Nov. 4, in Brooklyn.

The Mustangs' lone senior, Ana Barrott, maneuvered around the challenging 5,000-meter Chestnut Grove course in windy and brisk conditions to take first place in 18 minutes, 14.5 seconds.

"I felt good, but it was cold, but it's not like it's something we're not used to," said Barrott, who recently committed to Indiana University. "We



The Northville girls cross country team won the Division 1 regional for the eighth straight year at Willow Metropark. BRAD EMONS

live in Michigan, so we run in this weather all the time. Coach (Nancy Smith) told us to get out from the start, to get out the way and not trip, so we all did that. We got out strong. We stayed together, a lot of us packed in together, so it was pretty crucial and then we ended up winning, so that was awesome."

Right behind Barrott was freshman Yasmine Yansi (18:18.4), who has been strong all season long.

"I don't think she knows how good she is or how good she's going to be," Barrott said of her ninth-grade teammate. "Really one of the most talented runners that I've trained with. She's really great and I think she's

really going to be a great runner."

Meanwhile, third-place finisher Nicole Cybul (18:37.7) is now back in form after suffering through a foot injury, which kept her out until the KLAAs meet only a week earlier.

"She was in my top five last year, so having her back is a huge, huge plus for us," Northville coach Nancy Smith said.

Northville's other two scorers were freshman Emily Gordon (eighth, 19:03.2) and junior Olivia Harp (10th, 19:10.2).

Freshman Keira Courtney (19:12.4) and sophomore Olivia Masse (19:14.5) also impressed by placing 12th and 14th, respectively.

"Very pleased," Smith said. "Our goal was to get

all seven in the top 15. And for my six and seven runners to get a P.R. ... both of those girls stepped up. It's a huge, huge improvement by the girls today."

Could this be shades of 2013, when Smith's team won the coveted Division 1 state title?

Second-ranked Northville appears to have all the pieces be in place, as it will be challenged by No. 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer and No. 3 Troy.

"Three of them have run at the state meet before - Nicole (Cybul), Olivia (Harp) and Ana (Barrott)," Smith said. "The other five have not. I think being inexperienced ... they don't know what they're looking for, so I think that will help them because they don't know what to predict. And my leaders, Olivia, Ana and Nicole, can guide them through hopefully and we can possibly bring home another state title. That's our goal."

Salem was led senior Shea Wilson (ninth, 19:09.7) and freshman Reagan Justice (13th, 19:13.9).

"Shea Wilson finally bounced back," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "She's been struggling with ankle injuries as well as some other health issues, but really stepped up to lead our team right

around 19:10. Reagan Justice ran terrific. She's been one of our top kids all year long and a true leader as a freshman."

Salem's other three scorers included junior Bridget Nelson (18th, 19:36.3), freshman Olivia Millen (20th, 19:41.1) and junior Hallie Younglas (24th, 19:50.2).

"I thought we ran great," Gerlach said. "It truly is, trying to get to the state finals, a team race. Overcoming a tough start ... we had a team coming from our left that cut us off and so our girls had to battle through the first half mile just to get back up to position. Happy the way they came through the mile and they really battled the second half of the race."

It will be Salem's sixth straight year headed to the team finals at MIS.

"Very proud, very excited," Gerlach said. "To go up against a team like Northville that is ranked second in Division 1 right now ... obviously, they're untouchable. But to go out here and get to go to the state finals is great for our program again."

Rounding out the regional field were Plymouth (125), Ann Arbor Huron (176), Livonia Franklin (181), Livonia Stevenson (196), Novi (205), Canton (215), Livo-

nia Churchill (215), Oak Park (235), Garden City (317), Detroit Renaissance (388) and Detroit King (434).

Other individual area state qualifiers (top 15) included junior Katherine Ray (Novi), fourth (personal best 18:43.3); senior Erin Seibert (Franklin), sixth (19:00.8); senior Gabrielle Swider (Churchill), seventh (19:01.4); freshman Londyn Swenson (Plymouth), 15th (19:16.0).

Other area top 25 finishers were Arwa Hararwala (Plymouth), 16th (19:23.2); Anna Nagelhout (Canton), 19th (19:36.8); and Cassie McDougall (Stevenson), 23rd (19:46.6).

But the day belonged individually to Barrott, who repeated as regional champion.

She'll be headed next year to IU where she'll join her older sister Lexa, who is the Hoosiers' fifth runner and will be competing in the Big Ten Championships this weekend.

The Northville senior said her decision to head to Bloomington next fall was made easy.

"I knew and when I went on my visit I absolutely loved it," she said. "And soon as I got back I knew."

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COLLEGE WRESTLING

## Catholic Central gymnasium to host Michigan-Arizona State dual meet

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Area wrestling followers will be in for a quite treat Friday, Nov. 10, when Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School will open its doors and host two of the NCAA's top 10 wrestling programs as No. 3 Michigan opens its dual meet season against No. 6 Arizona State.

Not only will fans see several former area high school standouts on the mat that night, but the event is free to the public.

Michigan coach Joe McFarland's team features three former Shamrocks grapplers in NCAA All-Americans Myles Amine and Kevin Beazley, along with Malik Amine.

Entering his 19th season, McFarland reached out over the summer to have CC host the event.

"What an opportunity for us," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "And just the ability to showcase wrestling at its highest level at a high school is incredible. Not many high schools get that opportunity. We jumped on it and accepted and we're only 15 days away from go time."

Myles Amine (174 pounds), a junior, is coming off a stellar 2016-17 season, as he went 32-7 and placed third the Big Ten Championships and fourth the NCAA Tournament.

Beazley (197), is a fifth-year graduate transfer from Old Dominion University, where he graduated with a degree in sports management. The red-shirt senior is a two-time NCAA qualifier who is 103-52 during his career. He placed eighth in last year's NCAA finals.

Malik Amine (149), a red-shirt junior, finished 11-5 last year and is 28-7 during his career, while cousin Jordan Amine (157), a red-shirt senior from Brighton High, is 20-20 during his career with the Wolverines.

"Obviously, with the possibility of having three Shamrocks in that lineup on that night is incredible," Hancock said. "Very few programs will ever send a wrestler to a Division I university. And to have three individuals at the same university competing on the same night on the same team is very rare. So it compliments, obviously, their athleticism, their work ethic and just their ability to perform at a high level."

Meanwhile, Canton grad Alec Pantaleo (149-157) took a red-shirt season in 2016-17 and finished



**Myles Amine** fifth in last spring's U.S. Open. He returns to the U-M lineup sporting a 49-17 career record.

Pantaleo was an NCAA qualifier as a freshman in 2015 and took fourth in the Big Ten, followed by a sixth-place finish at the 2016 NCAA finals after placing third in the conference. And yet another local product on U-M's roster is red-shirt sophomore Mike Volyanuk (125) from Farmington Hills Harrison.

"Then you throw guys like Pantaleo in there," Hancock said. "He wrestled in our gym on many of occasions, along with a guy like Adam Coon (heavyweight) from Fowlerville, who wrestled at the CC Invitational. He won that three times. So just so many story lines ... it's pretty cool. All those guys have performed in our gym many times, so it should be pretty regular for them, pretty business as usual for them."

Meanwhile, it will be a homecoming for ASU head coach and Ann Arbor native Zeke Jones, a three-time Sun Devils All-American who went on to earn a free-style silver medal at the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympic Games. Jones was also the 2004 U.S. Olympic freestyle team head coach.

Like Michigan, the Sun Devils feature a highly talented lineup, led by Zaid Valencia (174), who earned a silver medal in freestyle this summer at the World Junior Championships following a 38-1 season and a third-place NCAA finish in 2016-17.

Zaid Valencia is ranked No. 3 preseason by TrackWrestling.com, while his brother Anthony (165) is No. 7.

In addition to the Valencia brothers, heavyweight Tanner Hall is third-ranked coming off a third-place finish in the NCAA finals. Other top-ranked wrestlers for ASU include Josh Maruca (149), No. 3; Josh Shields (157), No. 19 and Ryan Millholf (125), No. 6.

"We going to promote it hard and make it into an entertaining night," Hancock said.

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USA HOCKEY

## Hughes, Caufield key torrid start for Team USA

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The bubble had to burst eventually for the dynamic USA Hockey National Team Development Program U-17 team.

Despite two more goals by right wing Cole Caufield (who has 13 for the season) and a goal and two assists by center Jack Hughes, the younger U.S. development squad lost Saturday to Cedar Rapids, 4-3. The defeat at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth was the first blemish on the team's record after starting with eight victories in a row.

The team (8-1-0-0) will now travel to British Columbia, Canada, for the World Under-17 Challenge, set for Nov. 3-12.

"Normally, it's very difficult for the U-17 team to have any bit of success against United States Hockey League teams," coach John Wroblewski said. "So it's been an interesting ride with these guys in this first month and a half to kind of see a team that can play and compete in that league."

"It's such a difficult league. But I think tonight we got a little dose of what we're going to be seeing from here on out. Some of those teams take a little time to jell."

The U.S. came within a whisker of at least forcing overtime Saturday. The team outshot Cedar Rapids 18-4 in the third period and on a furious power play missed a couple of wide-open one-timers or were denied by goalie Blake Pietila (35 saves).

"As sure-handed as some of these guys are, late in the game we got to make sure we're converting when we have those opportunities," Wroblewski said. "I thought they were there. Hughes was unbelievable again tonight and (Caufield) was solid. But we could have really used that one at the end."

Although the U-17 squad did not bank the two points for the first time this season, fans once again were entertained by a team that moves in relentless unison on the ice. And Hughes and Caufield are two of the key catalysts for the early season



Cole Caufield has had plenty to smile about so far this season for the U-17 team. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

success.

"Their day-to-day approach is unbelievable," Wroblewski said. "They already carry themselves like pros in regard to their work ethic and their demand for excellence."

### More than ready

Both Hughes and Caufield said it is exciting to be part of a team that is off to such an excellent start.

"It's really exciting, knowing we have a good team," said the 5-foot-10 Hughes, whose older brother Quinn formerly played defense for the NTDP and is now at Michigan. "Every game's something to look forward to because we know we have a really good chance of winning."

"Me and Cole got it going right now a little bit. He scores and I pass. It's worked out well right now."

According to Caufield, playing on a line with Hughes is "awesome, with him you get the best. He does most of the work and I just sit there and try to finish. He's a great player and I'm just lucky to play with him."

Wroblewski, however, said the two players do not permanently play on the same line. He rotates his 13 forwards so that each can become interchangeable parts.

"It's a beautiful thing about the program," he said. "Guys have to find ways to manufacture within a team structure. Everybody trying to play a similar style, everybody on the quest to be the best they can possibly be and putting different guys in different spots for opportunities."

### Not afraid to work

The 16-year-olds are still growing into their bodies

and into their roles. To that end, they are not concerned that other USHL teams feature players who are older, bigger and stronger.

"I don't think it will be a big problem," Hughes said. "We're just as skilled as these guys and we're trained to be just as strong as them. I played against older guys before and I don't think it will be a problem."

Hughes added that it helped to get a primer on the USHL from his brother.

"He's supported me so much, he's told me about the league, told me how to succeed in it," he said.

Working hard on and off the ice is automatic for both players, too.

"I think just the training's very important this year," Caufield said. "Just trying to get bigger and stronger with the big USHL guys. I think it's just adapting to the new game we're going to play."

"I think we're all skilled and we know what we're going to do out there, but I think it's just the strong muscle you got to have to compete with the other teams."

"To be honest with you, the work is what makes the skill work. It's more fun when you're working hard. The skill comes with hard work. And the more you work hard in practice the more it's going to pay off in a game."

And through nine games, at least, that is an understatement. Both players are among the top 10 in the USHL in points with 16 each (Caufield, 13-3-16; Hughes, 5-11-16).

**U-18 TEAM 3, CEDAR RAPIDS 2:** On Friday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, the National Team Development Program U-18 Tteam broke out to a 3-0 lead in the first period and hung on for the USHL victory.

Scoring for the U.S. were Jonathan Gruden (Rochester), Mattias Samuelsson and Oliver Wahlstrom. Gruden also had two assists, while Samuelsson and Wahlstrom each collected one helper.

U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder (Fenton) made 20 saves for the win.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Northville coach contests regional disqualification

Race rule infraction prevents Mustangs from participating in Division 1 final at MIS

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Instead of competing Nov. 4 in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, the Northville boys cross country team will be staying home.

The Mustangs, who appeared to garner the third and final team qualifying spot at the regional meet Saturday at New Boston's Willow Metropark, were disqualified later by meet officials on a violation for not wearing the same style uniforms. (The rule is in to prevent teams from gaining a competitive advantage.)

Specifically, Northville's seven runners were flagged for donning different colored undergarment sleeves and were informed 90 minutes after the race that they had been DQ'd.

The Northville disqualification did not affect the team results between first-time regional champion Plymouth and runner-up Novi.

Northville, unofficially scoring 105 points, had originally won a tight battle for third against Salem (110) and Livonia Stevenson (114).

Once the official results were finally released online seven hours following the race Saturday, the corrected



Northville coach Tim Dalton (middle) pleads his case after his team was disqualified from the regional. BRAD EMONS

standings listed Plymouth (21), Novi (81), Salem (98) as the top three state team qualifiers, while Stevenson (104) and host Ann Arbor Huron (117) took fourth and fifth, respectively.

First-year Northville coach Tim Dalton submitted a formal appeal in writing following the race and, after much discussion with meet officials along with a three-member jury of coaches, the ruling was upheld and all seven of his runners were disqualified for wearing the mismatched colors.

Subsequently, Northville did not receive a team score and none of its seven runners were listed in the final results. The top individual finisher for the Mustangs was junior Nicholas Couyoumjian, who took fifth.

Regional meet manager Kevin Behmer, who also did the timing and scoring of the race, reportedly made a call to MHSAA assistant direc-

tor Cody Inglis to get a clarification on the ruling.

Meanwhile, any runner who places in the top 15 who is not part of the top three qualifying teams also advances to MIS, but Couyoumjian, as of now, will not be one of them.

"As of this point right now, I strongly disagree with the ruling that it's a team violation versus an individual violation," Dalton said. "I've tried to get as many opinions on this as I can. I can't get anybody to agree with what the ruling that was made yesterday in regards to that it's not a team violation, it's an individual violation. There's no reason that Northville should have been disqualified."

Following the race, Northville runners and their parents were visibly upset, but Dalton said he takes sole responsibility for his team's disqualification.

"I'll take ownership of it as a coach. I get that, I

made a mistake," he said. "But I also feel it could have been handled much differently. There were other teams in that meet that were wearing different undergarments, but not addressed. And I saw evidence of that, as well. I've seen multiple times where (the officials) come over and they just have a conversation with a kid, a teachable moment, a conversation. They chose not to go that route. They took it a step further by disqualifying all seven."

Dalton said he has reached out to Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association president Dave Lustig, along with Grand Valley State University coach Jerry Baltes. He said he also reached out to local MHSAA race officials Ed Gabry and Lynn Kettlehut, along with out-state official Al Owens.

The Division 1 regional boys race on the Chestnut Grove 5,000-meter course, which was scheduled to start at 12:15 p.m.,

was slightly delayed, causing runners to put back on their warm-up clothes on a chilly and brisk day.

"I felt the officials lacked making an effort to monitor legal uniforms before the meet," Dalton said. "I have a picture of an official standing with my kid in their uniforms during the delay. They had an opportunity right there to have a conversation with them and chose not to. But yes, clear violation of the rule. With that said, not a team violation, an individual violation."

When and who reported the violation on Northville remains up for debate, but during the post-race discussion, two meet officials who worked the starting line were overhead saying they had seen the uniform infraction.

"According to the 2017-18 (MHSAA) cross country rules review that every cross country coach has to watch, it states the officials serve two roles – preventive, make an effort to monitor illegal uniforms and have legal or remove before competition, when feasible before the warning penalty is given," Dalton said. "I don't feel they made an effort to monitor illegal uniforms."

During the annual MHSAA cross country coaches online rules meetings, race officials have a protocol to follow pre-race.

"The referee has no responsibility at all for making sure," one area coach said. "If you ask him, he's supposed to give you accurate advice. It's one of the questions

in the rules meeting. If you put the *referee* or *starter*, it's wrong and you have to take the test all over again."

Inglis, who oversees cross country for the MHSAA, could not be reached for comment Sunday night.

Meanwhile, Dalton contends race officials could have taken preventative measures to avoid the rules infraction.

"They have the authority," Dalton said. "We've seen it before where they walk over, give you a warning at the state finals ... you need to be this way. It's a teachable moment and they took it to the furthest extent they thought they could, which I think is way too far, but not follow the rule. If you look, there are multiple articles from other schools that follow national federation state high school association rules, as we do here in Michigan, and they all reference is that the one kid is disqualified and the team still gets a score. It's not a team disqualification. The appeal has been sent in to the MHSAA and we'll see what they respond with."

And with Northville's disqualification, Salem moved into the third spot while earning its first team finals berth since 2012.

"It's unfortunate that it happens," Salem coach Steve Aspinall said. "I feel bad about the whole situation. I feel bad for the Northville kids where they're put in a position where a really happy qualifying day turns into something that's not."

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# Lakeland rolls to 53-12 district win vs. Vikings

Eagles flying high after 53-12 triumph; Catholic Central next

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What a difference 10 weeks makes. White Lake Lakeland lost its season football opener to Walled Lake Central, 20-13, but Friday the Eagles turned the tables in a big way, rolling to a convincing 53-12 triumph in the opener of the MHSAA Division 1 state playoffs.

The game was decided by halftime, as Lakeland (7-2) built a commanding 50-0 halftime advantage while invoking a second-half running clock against the Vikings (5-5).

"It was one of those nights," Lakeland coach Joe Woodruff said. "The first half it was happening so quick, just one thing after another going our way."

Lakeland recovered an onside kick to start the game and C.J. Davis scored on a 2-yard touchdown run, followed by the two-point conversion, to put the Eagles on top, 8-0.

The lead snowballed from there as Leo Skupin's interception gave Lakeland a short field and set up a 19-yard TD pass from Mitchell Boles to Shawn Keller. (It was the Eagles' lone pass attempt of the night.)

Joe Rzeppa's interception the gave Lakeland another short field and led to the first of three straight Dakota Myers TDs on runs of 24, 28 and 34 yards.

Robbie Tracy and Sean Cullen then added TD runs of 2 and 30 yards to give the Eagles a 50-point halftime advantage.

Central committed four first-half turnovers, including coughing up a pair of fumbles on kickoff returns.

After Dalen Franklin (61-yard run) and Michael Woolridge (68-yard pass) put Central on the board in the second half, Lakeland kicker Ed Romero boot-ed a 46-yard field goal to close out the scoring.

"It was a great kick in the rain," Woodruff said.

Both teams ran the wing-T, but it was Lakeland's defense that bottled up Central's dangerous dual threat QB Woolridge.

"The defense was outstanding, but



Sophomore Dakota Myers scored on three TD runs in Lakeland's 53-12 first-round playoff win over Walled Lake Central. BRAD EMONS

they didn't have to play a lot," Woodruff said. "When they played, they were knocking some fellas around. They had a great day. It was great defensive effort and we were real terrified of (Woolridge) running. We kept him bottled up early. That was good for us."

Ironically, it was Lakeland mistakes that led to the season-opening loss to Central, all the way back on Aug. 24.

"We had 17 or 18 kids starting a varsity game for the first time," Woodruff said. "We turned the ball over two or three times and they recovered an onside kick. We only had 26 offensive plays, if I remember correctly."

Next up for the Eagles is Novi Detroit Catholic Central (6-4), last year's Division 1 runner-up. Game time is 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Lakeland.

CC advanced with a 24-7 win Friday at Livonia Stevneson. The Shamrocks and Lakeland have never met on the gridiron.

"We're playing the 2017 version of Catholic Central, we're not playing the 2016 one or the 1988 one, we're not playing the 2003 one," Woodruff said. "And vice versa, they're not playing the 2015 Lakeland Eagles. They're playing the 2017 Lakeland Eagles. Tradition is on their side. It is what it is. We're thinking they've got to come and play at our place. They got to deal with us this year and we got deal with them this year."

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

# Defending D1 state champ Lakeland rules regional

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White Lake Lakeland's Harrison Grzymkowski is making the most of his third boys cross country season.

The junior, who has never finished lower than fourth in any of his eight meets this fall, took individual honors once again Saturday as the Eagles tallied a 41 points to earn the Division 1 regional championship at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford.

Lakeland, the defending Division 1 state champion, will be joined in the state finals Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn by regional runner-up Milford (87) and third-place Fenton (92).

Rounding out the 13-school field were Walled Lake Central (101), Grand Blanc (129), Walled Lake Northern (157), host Waterford Mott (175), Farmington (182), Holly (202), North Farmington (286), West Bloomfield (289), Waterford Kettering (340) and Farmington Hills Harrison (409).

On the heels of his Lakes Valley Conference conquest Oct. 19 at Island Lake State Recreation Area, Grzymkowski posted a personal-best 15 minutes, 32.8 seconds, to take first place on the 5,000-meter Hess Hathaway course.

Gryzmkowski was able to hold off Farmington's Nick Trevisan, who was runner-up with a personal-best 15:37.5.

Lakeland placed a



Lakeland junior Harrison Grzymkowski was the Division 1 regional individual champion at Hess Hathaway Park.

total of five in the top 15, including seniors Drew Wenger, third (15:53.7); George Drallos, 10th (16:36.9); Angelo Savich, 12th (16:38.7); and Christian Davis, 15th (16:46.4).

Milford's top finisher was junior Evan White, who placed sixth overall in 16:33.5.

Other scorers for the Mavericks were freshman Kazuma Bowring, 17th (16:49.4); senior Luke Caddell, 18th (16:50.7); junior Grant Ballard, 22nd (17:03.4); and freshman Kellen Caldwell, 24th (17:06.7).

"I thought we ran OK," Milford coach Brian Salyers said. "We've had better races. I don't think if we'd run a whole lot better, that it would have changed the outcome. I think we were likely going to finish second in most scenarios, but we weren't as competitive in races like we've been like in our league (KVC) meet or dual meet with Lakeland or recent meets."

It was the third year in a row that Milford has qualified for the Division 1 state finals. The Mavericks have qualified for states 20 of the last 21 years.

"We're happy to advance and look forward to the opportunity to improve upon our performance from what we had on Saturday," Salyers said.

## Division 1 at Huron Meadows

With both teams scoring 52 points, Okemos defeated Ann Arbor Skyline on the sixth-man tiebreaker for the title Oct. 27 at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Host Brighton earned the third qualifying spot with 65, while Skyline's Anthony Grannobile was the individual winner in 15:25.2.

South Lyon, ninth in the team standings with 2459, was led by Joey Younkin, who placed 30th overall in 17:16.1.

## Division 2 at Hess Hathaway

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep scored 37 points to earn the title Oct. 28 at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford.

Linden (51), led by individual winner Tyler Buchanan's first-place clocking of 16:32.0, along with Lake Fenton (73) also qualified for the state finals at MIS.

South Lyon East, fourth with 119 points, was led by individual state qualifier Jack Marchand, a junior who placed 13th in 17:17.4. Senior teammate Xander Cronin was 21st (17:48.7).

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Milford repeats D1 regional championship

Lakeland takes fourth in closely contested race

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History continues to be on the Milford girls cross country program's side. And that was never more evident than Saturday, as the Mavericks won the closest Division 1 regional in the state by edging host Waterford Mott for the title, 80-83, at Hess Hathaway Park. Fenton secured the final state finals qualifying spot in third place with 86, while White Lake Lakeland took a close fourth with 96. Farmington was a distant fifth with 184.

"We had seen Mott a number of times and we had good battles," Milford coach Brian Salyers said. "We beat them by two points in a dual meet. We beat them by four points in the conference meet. We beat Lakeland by one point in our last dual meet. We've been in tight quarters the entire season, so going in we felt like Mott was a slight favorite at home. And the way the teams outside of our league came in and where they fell in the rank and file, we felt like Mott was a slight favorite."

It was the Mavericks' 13th regional crown in school history and the sixth year in a row they've qualified for the MHSAA state finals, which are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"We talked before the season that everything has to go perfect for us to be a state contender and



The Milford girls cross country team repeated as regional champion.

it hasn't," Salyers said. "And we've had to come to terms with that and we just had to find a way to win."

That Mavericks did just that, as junior Victoria Heilgenthal was Milford's top finisher in ninth place with a 5,000-meter time of 19:06.8.

Also figuring the scoring were seniors Regan Lobodzinski (14th, 19:28.4) and Abby Hiipakka (16th, 19:35.4), along with junior Paige Saiz (17th, 19:45.2) and senior Rebecca Brasher (28th, 20:27.7).

Junior Natalie Black was right behind Bradsh-

er in 29th (20:34.1).

"We really packed it in," Salyers said. "We didn't have anybody in the top 20 in the first mile and then we kind of moved into place as the race went on. Our girls really did well down the stretch. We were kind of cautious about it all and I was real proud of them."

It will be Milford's 32nd trip overall to the state meet and the 19th in the past 21 years for the defending Division 1 champs.

"We had some girls stepping up," Salyers said. "Abby Hiipakka ran 19:35 and it's her first

time under 20:00 and she's a senior. And that's not an easy course. Her contributions have just been pivotal to us keeping the water out of the boat."

Milford had a fend off a strong challenge by Mott, which got a one-two finish from junior Rylee Robinson (18:09.1) and senior Katie Osika (18:11.5).

"I was talking afterward with the Mott coach Amy Coughlin and I said we almost got beat by Fenton," Salyers said. "We were so locked in on the other that Fenton almost got us both. It was

a very balanced regional and that course I would say is the most challenging of the regional courses."

How tough was this regional meet?

West Bloomfield junior Kyla Christopher-Moody, a Foot Locker National finalist, was third in 18:19.4.

"There's always a quality individual on the girls side and that continues to be the same," Salyers said. "There are truly some outstanding individuals."

Lakeland, just 16 points shy of first and only 10 out of third, was

led by junior Madeline Rehm, who placed fourth in a personal-best 18:24.2.

Other scorers for the Eagles included two other individual (top 15) state qualifiers in senior Olivia Clymer (eighth, 18:58.8) and sophomore Rylee Lukes (13th, 19:26.4).

Sophomores Lauren Garbovits (33rd, 20:44.3) and Clare Bridgewater (41st, 21:10.5) completed Lakeland's top five.

Meanwhile, two area runners qualified individually: Farmington junior Abby Inch (seventh, 18:37.5) and North Farmington junior Whitney Reid (11th, 19:23.0).

## Division 1 at Huron Meadows

The host Bulldogs (56) captured the title Oct. 27 at Huron Meadows Metropark, with Pinckney (63) and Ann Arbor Skyline (110) also earning a spot in the state finals.

East Lansing's Abby Draheim was the individual winner in 18:35.1.

South Lyon, ninth overall with 319 points, was led by sophomore Miranda Meyers (34th, 20:18.4).

## Division 2 at Hess Hathaway

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep posted 37 points to earn the title Oct. 28 at Hess Hathaway Park.

Meanwhile, Linden (58) and Goodrich (68), paced by individual champion Jillian Lange's first-place clocking of 19:59.3, also earned a spot in the state finals at MIS.

South Lyon East, fifth in the team standings with 133, got a state qualifying time of 20:25.1 from junior Lauren Clark, who finished 11th. Teammate Morgan Aittama, a junior, was 25th in 22:00.1.

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BOYS LACROSSE

# South Lyon Unified team members are giving back

Players, coaches volunteer at Pumpinkfest, Active Faith

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It might be the off-season, but the South Lyon Unified boys lacrosse team has stayed busy this fall volunteering for pair of community service projects.

On Oct. 7, coaches and players participated in a cleanup and painting project for the upcoming 30th anniversary of Active Faith Community Services, whose mission is to provide long-term and temporary assistance to those who have fallen on difficult times, in hopes of returning them to the independent pursuit of their life's goals.

Rain prevented completion of the outside work the first weekend, but the SLU volunteers completed the project the following weekend.

"We painted rooms at the Active Faith building," SLU varsity captain Nick Harvath said. "It's always good to help the community as much as we can. It was great to get SLU boys involved."

Other players participating in the Active Faith project were Luke Holden, Matt Tashman, Jesse Powell, Ty Chaffin, Caleb Mulcahy, Shane Sutton, Makoto Roy, Devin Sparks, Josh Helton, Tyler Ritchie and Andrew Goodrich.

Coaches Justin Boughton, Duane Sparks and Steve Tashman all were able to lend a hand as well.

Meanwhile, the weekend of Sept. 22-24, a total of 19 players, four coaches and several parents served as the take down and cleanup crew for the annual Pumpinkfest in downtown South Lyon.

The volunteer crew helped move hay bales, pick up garbage and remove other fair items off the streets.

"We worked with other volunteers to take care of some of the dirty work so that others didn't have to," SLU varsity captain Mitch Tashman said. "We're happy to work with the community so that we are able to have events like this."

Among the other players who volunteered for Pumpinkfest were Silvio Scappaticci, Robert Dilg, Joe Calo, Dylan Mosio, Noah Clemens, Gino Capicchioni, Gio Calo, David Elrite, Max McGraw, Ben Currie, Cole Meidt, Matt Tashman, Ritchie, Sutton, Chaffin, Goodrich, Sparks and Roy.

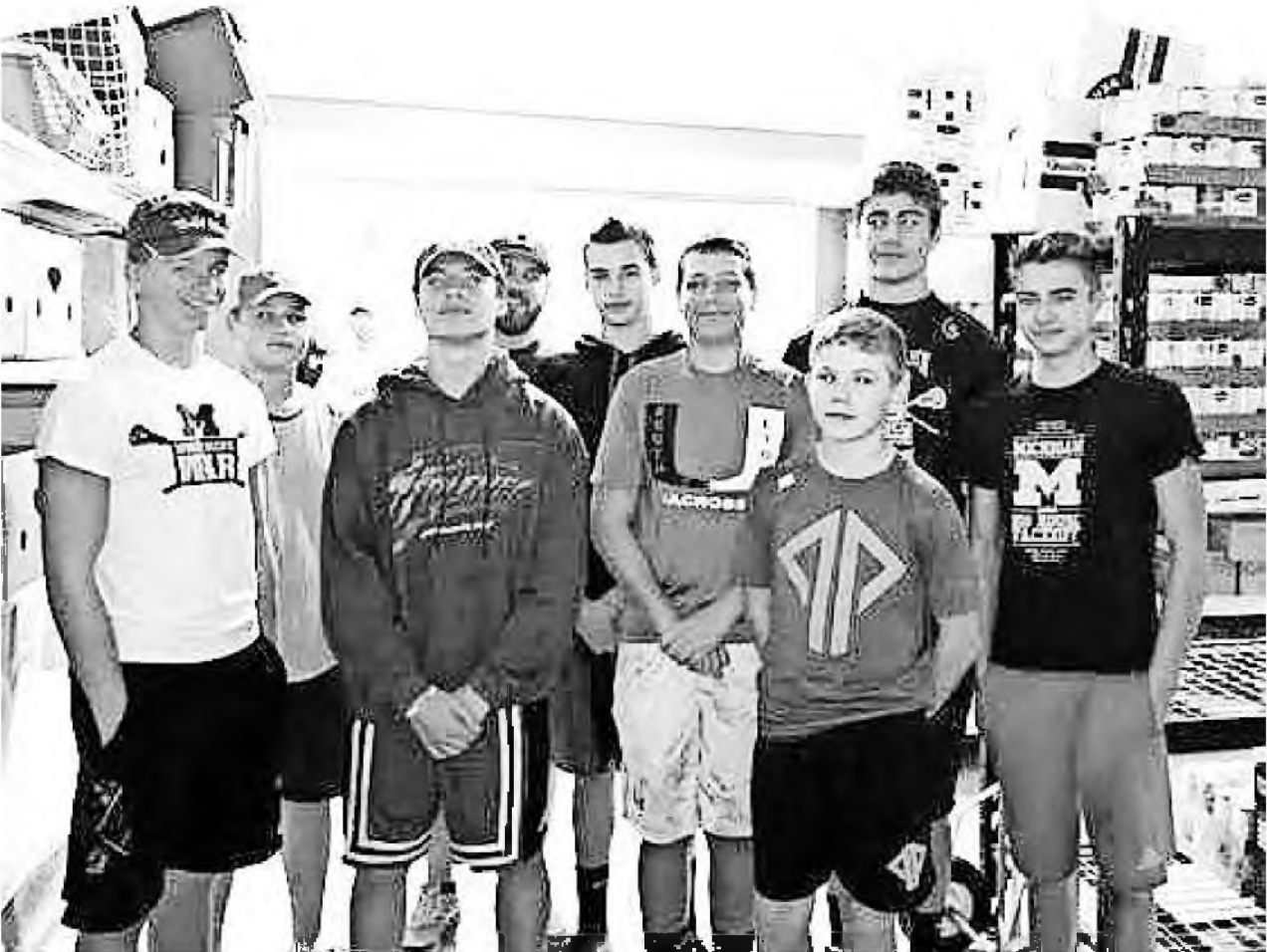
The coaches involved included Nick DeGroot, Boughton, Tashman and Sparks.

The two projects are just part of a mission by the SLU players, coaches and parents to give back as much as possible throughout the year leading up to the Military Families Day in May, which also includes the Lacrosse Youth Program and Unified teams.

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Players and coaches from the South Lyon Unified boys lacrosse team helped with the cleanup of Pumpinkfest. LISA DILG



Players from the South Lyon Unified boys lacrosse team volunteered to paint to at Active Faith Community Services. LISA DILG

GIRLS GOLF

# Northville posts best state finals finish since 2008

Simoncini places 11th individually to pace Mustangs

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A strong showing on Oct. 21 catapulted the Northville girls golf team to a fourth-place finish in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals held at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows Golf Course.

Traverse City West captured its second state title in three-years with a two-day total of 311-315—626, while Brighton (314-334—648), Saline (326-323—649), Northville (339-325—664) and Plymouth (341-328\_669) rounded out the top five.

Livonia Franklin, another Kensington Lakes Activities Association member along with Brighton, Northville and Plymouth, also earned a top 10 finish, in ninth place with a 345-355—700.

Traverse City West junior Anika Dy conquered The Meadows narrow, heather-line fairways with a 3-under 69-72—141 to earn individual medalist honors.

Northville improved 14 strokes after Oct. 20's opening round 339.

“(The night before), I stressed playing to our game, but when we got off to a slow start, the girls simply had to find a way to play through it and try to limit the damage,”



Northville's Mariella Simoncini takes aim on the fairway during the MHSAA Division 1 girls golf state finals at The Meadows. DEBRA STEIN

Northville coach Chris Cronin said. “Our girls have played in a lot of golf tournaments over the years, but the state finals has a unique feel.”

The Mustangs rebounded with the third best four-player total Oct. 21, with 325, to post their best state finals finish since 2008, when they placed third.

“We had a great team breakdown session (Oct. 20) after dinner and the girls were looking forward to the challenge of playing day two,” Cronin said.

Junior Mariella Simoncini led Northville

both days with a 79-78—157 total, good enough for 11th place individually.

“Mariella was awesome for us all season, but this weekend, I feel she showed everyone that she is one of the state's top golfers,” Cronin said.

Other scorers for Northville included Sufna Gill (85-78-163), Nicole Whatley (89-80—169) and Katelyn Tokarz (89-89—178).

Gill a sophomore, placed 22nd place overall.

“Sufna has unlimited potential as a golfer,” Cronin said. “She was rock-solid tee to green today and when she puts

everything together, she is tough to beat.”

Whatley, the KLAA medalist who had an impressive freshman season with six top five finishes in 18-hole events, also rebounded nicely from day one by nine shots.

“Plain and simple, (Oct. 20) was a rough one for Nicole, but working with her this season, I knew how she would respond,” Cronin said.

“Nicole is one of the most competitive athletes I have ever coached. She expects excellent results every time she strikes a golf ball. I am confident



The Northville girls golf team placed fourth at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals, its best finish since 2008. DEBRA STEIN

that Nicole will have great results at this tournament in the future.”

Tokarz, also a freshman, posted a solid rookie season as well for the Mustangs.

“Events like this will help Katelyn grow as a golfer,” Cronin said. “She has a terrific short game and I believe she can be one of the state's best putters by her senior year.”

The Mustangs' Sedona Shipka (86) and Megan Stein (102), rounded out the six-member contingent.

Meanwhile, Plymouth's top two scorers were Erin Johnson (81-76—157) and Shae Zydeck (81-77—158).

The Wildcats also got contributions from Sarah Vohra (87-80-167) and Maire Sullivan (92-95—187), while Rachel Stibel (110-105—215) did not

figure in the scoring.

“Our golfers work as hard as anybody and we played our best golf on the biggest stage,” Plymouth coach Dan Young said. “Very proud to have coached this group.”

Franklin, making its first finals appearance in school history, was led by Sophia Wygonik (79-82—161), followed by Sofia Cueva (87-83—170), Summer Horen (87-97—184), Stephanie Cueva (92-93—185) and Olivia Napier (96-97-193).

Among the area individual qualifiers were Novi's Abby Livingston (86-80—166), Livonia Stevenson's Anna Vento (84-83-167) and Livonia Churchill's Ashley Harlock (81-92—173) and Paige Peterson (110-83—193).

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BOYS SOCCER

# Detroit CC corrals Cowboys in regional semifinal

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Conditions were less than ideal, but Novi Detroit Catholic Central boys soccer team proved Oct. 24 at soggy Meadows Stadium that even mother nature can't stand in their way.

The Shamrocks took care of business in the MHSAA Division regional semifinal by handing Detroit Western International its first defeat of the season, 3-0.

“It was definitely a little bit windy, a little bit wet, but they came to play and we came to play,” CC coach Gene Pulice said. “I thought we dominated. Our leadership kind of took over and helped get everybody where they needed to be. And I thought, for the most part, we had a decent game and we capitalized three times.”

After a couple of quality chances early that were denied by Western

keeper Richard Sanchez, the Shamrocks got on the board with 22:05 left in the first half on a left-footed cross into the box by junior Jeswin David that fell onto the shoe of junior Blake DeFillippo to make it 1-0.

The Shamrocks then struck again with 11:45 remaining in the half on the first of senior Ryan Pierson's two goals, with junior John Willemsen drawing the assist.

Meanwhile, the Shamrocks' defense was stellar during the opening 40 minutes as Western was unable to put a shot on goal against CC keeper Kevin Blossfeld, a senior, who got the start.

The Shamrocks rely defensively on whom Pulice calls, “the Wonder Twins” with senior Henry Koelling and junior Mike Palushaj manning the middle. They are flanked by four outside backs:

senior Josh Herdoiza and junior Luke Willemsen on the right side and seniors

Chase Moscovic and Matt Park on the left.

“Our back line, in my opinion, is one of the best back lines in the state,” Pulice said.

With 34:01 left in the match, Pierson gave CC a three-goal cushion as he scored his 28th goal of the season off an assist from sophomore Ben Kirouac.

CC ended up winning the shots on goal battle, 11-7, and also had five corners kicks to the Cowboys' one.

“It was a tough day for us, a grass field and we came out slow and couldn't come back,” Western coach Forest Farmer said. “Catholic Central's defense was what I saw it was going to be. And they were up to the task today and we couldn't get our strikers up there to do anything.”

Junior Andrew Nielsen came on for Blossfeld in goal to start the second half and made seven saves to preserve

the shutout as the Shamrocks (17-2-4) moved into the regional final against Plymouth, which advanced with a 1-0 win over Saline.

The Cowboys meanwhile, bowed out with a 13-1 record after becoming the first Detroit Public School in the history of the MHSAA tourney to win a district title following a 7-1 win over Dearborn Fordson in the final after a 2-1 upset victory over University of Detroit-Jesuit in the semifinals.

“Tough game, but a good year,” Farmer said. “We've been pretty good the last few years, but this year we won a district championship, which was a great honor for us, so we're very proud of that and we look forward to hopefully becoming a power in the league.”

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CC's Ryan Pierson just misses scoring on this play during the first half as he shoots wide of Detroit Western goalie Richard Sanchez. DAN DEAN

BOYS LACROSSE

# Northville names new coach

Mustangs elevate JV coach to replace Durham

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Shaun Dicken has been elevated to take over the reins of the Northville boys varsity lacrosse program.

Dicken, the Mustangs' head JV coach since 2010, was announced Sept. 29 as the successor to Greg Durham, who started the school's lacrosse team as a club program in 2001.

Durham recently accepted a position at Orchard Lake St. Mary's after coaching the Mustangs 15 of the last 17 seasons, including the past 13 when the Michigan High School Athletic Association began its Division 1 state tournament.

“Shaun has depth of knowledge in playing and coaching lacrosse,” Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said. “He has tremendous relationships with students and finds ways to get the very best out of them. We believe this, along with his organization skills and experience, will help our program to continue to achieve at a high level.”

The 32-year-old Dicken graduated from Novi High, earning all-state honors in 2003 before going on to play at Saginaw Valley State University where, for one season, he was part of the school's club program.

Dicken's already has put into place a plan and model for the Northville lacrosse program heading into the 2018 season.

“Just making sure I continue to build on kind of what was already there, what coach Durham put in place, keep kind of that family motto that we still have,” he said.

Dicken has also coached freshman boys basketball for eight years at Northville and will become Todd Sander's varsity assistant for

the 2017-18 season.

Dicken has been a special education and math teacher at Northville High since 2010. He and his wife Ashley just celebrated the birth of their daughter Anna.

“The fact that I'm in the building is kind of a huge asset,” Dicken said.

“So being able to work with the guys just not on the lacrosse field, but keeping

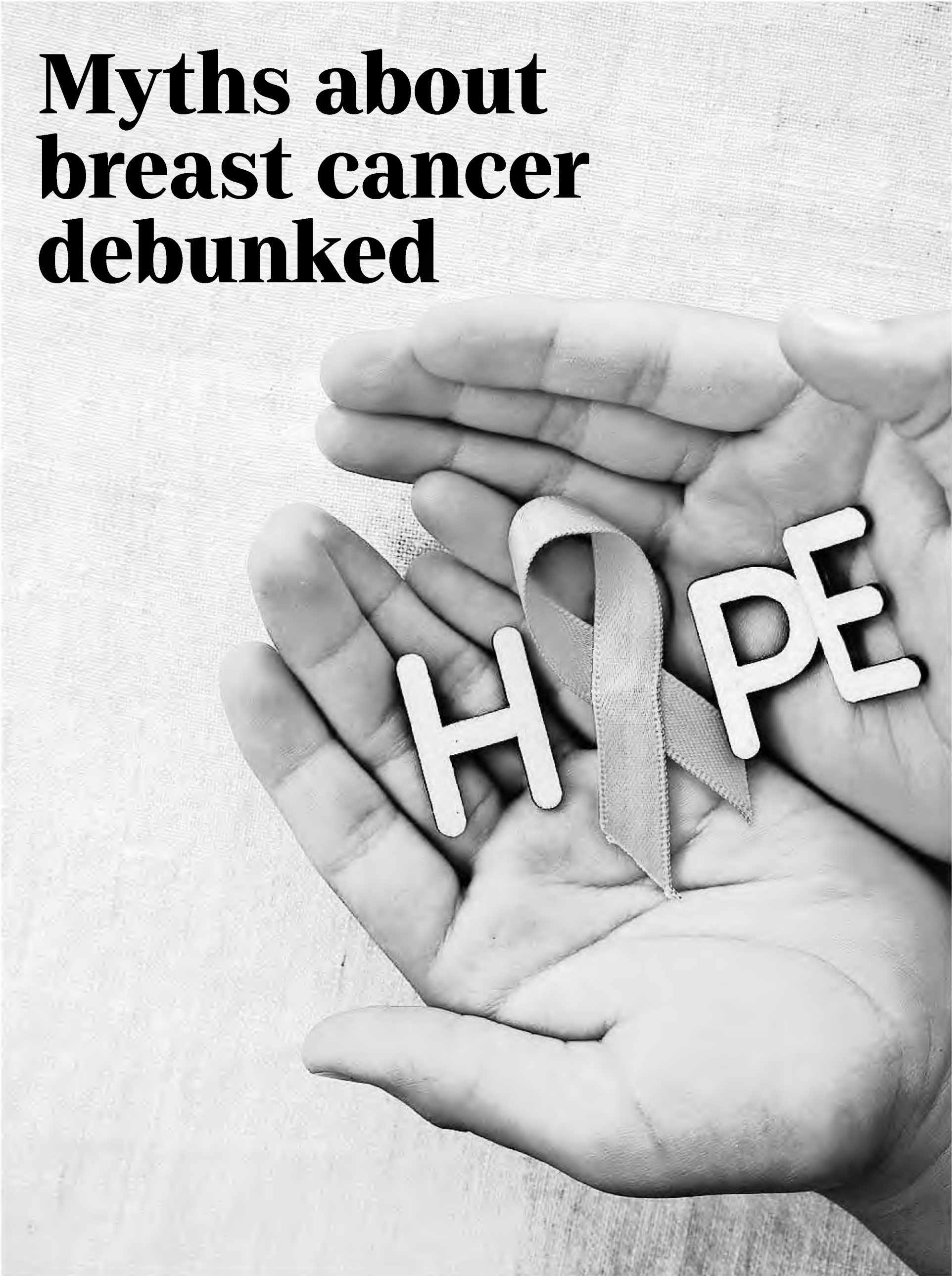
my eye on them school-work-wise and with teachers and being kind of visible piece in the building is huge. And then just getting a start of an off-season program going as we move forward and just continue to build on what was already there.”

The 47-year-old Durham finished 14-4 in his final season with the Mustangs, guiding them to the regional final last spring before losing 13-10 to his alma mater, Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

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 am excited for this great opportunity,” Dicken said. “I have enjoyed being a part of the program for the past eight years. I cannot wait to get started working with the guys in school and out on the field. The Northville lacrosse family has experienced a ton of success under coach Durham and I look forward to building on the culture of winning that already exists in the Northville lacrosse program.”

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**B**reast cancer is easily the most well-known type of cancer, but do people really know specifics? Jennifer Litton, associate professor of breast medical oncology at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, said new treatment options have changed what a diagnosis of breast cancer means today. Here are a few myths:

**I don't have a family history of breast cancer. So, I won't get it.**

This is one of the biggest myths Litton hears. Only about 2 out of 10 people diagnosed with breast cancer have a family history, according to the American Cancer Society. "Just because you don't have a family history, does not mean you are safe," Litton said.

**If you have breast cancer, you'll have to get a mastectomy.**

Mastectomies are not as commonly recommended as they were in the past. Even when a patient opts for a mastectomy, the surgery likely is not a radical mastectomy, where the entire breast is

removed, but it's usually partial, skin-sparing, simple or modified, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Some researchers say 70% of mastectomies in women with breast cancer are unnecessary, because healthy breast tissue isn't proven to significantly lower risk of recurrence. Often, breast-conserving surgery such as radiation can be done to spare the breast. "In the vast majority of cases, having a mastectomy does not change the overall survival of cancer they've been diagnosed with," Litton said. Having a mastectomy only lowers breast cancer risk in the removed breast, but doesn't lower cancer risk in other parts of the body, the American Cancer Society says.

**Only lumps that are painful are cancerous.**

Cancerous lumps can be painful or painless. Any lump that persists for two weeks should be evaluated by a medical professional, Litton said.

**A good diet can prevent and treat cancer.**

Litton said many diagnosed with breast cancer look for a "magic diet," but the reality is "the patient is not in control of the cancer." With that being said, a low-sugar, plant-based diet can help overall health.

**Breast cancer is a death sentence.**

The majority of those diagnosed with stage III, stage II and stage I breast cancer survive at least 5 years after diagnosis, according to data from the American Cancer Society. Metastatic or stage IV breast cancers have a 5-year survival rate of about 22%.

**Everyone with breast cancer needs chemotherapy.**

While treatment can include chemotherapy (which causes hair loss), it might not. A lot depends on the size of

the cancer and the patient's biology, Litton said. Surgery and radiation are among other options available.

**Men can't get breast cancer.**

While breast cancer in men is rare (less than 1% of all breast cancers), it happens. This is because men have breast tissue. Old age, high estrogen levels, radiation exposure, alcohol consumption, a strong family history of breast cancer, or genetic mutations can all increase a man's risk of breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

**There's one type of breast cancer.**

There are more than a dozen types of breast cancer. Common kinds are carcinomas, tumors that grow in organs and tissues. Most breast cancers are a type of carcinoma called adenocarcinoma that starts in the milk ducts or milk-producing glands. But, there are other kinds of breast cancer that start in the cells of muscle, fat or connective tissue.

**Online resources**

Visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org) for more information on types and treatments of breast cancer.

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**HVCA exhibit features 'Money'**

“Show Me the Money,” a collaborative art show of Huron Valley Council for the Arts and the Huron Valley Numismatic Society, opened this week and runs through Nov. 25.

A gallery opening night is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at HVCA, 205 W. Livingston Road, Highland. It will feature the work of about 25 artists using clay, jewelry, fiber, wood turning, photography, mixed media, sculpture, fused glass and collage.

Prizes will be awarded during the opening night event and include \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place, as well as the People's Choice award. Prize winners other than People's Choice will be chosen by artist Ken Gran-

ing.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, go to [huronvalleyarts.org](http://huronvalleyarts.org).

**Pigs 4 Wigs program**

Employees of the Milford Police Department will grow beards throughout the month of November for the Pigs 4 Wigs program. They are accepting any donations from the community at its headquarters, 1100 Atlantic St. Over the last four years, members raised nearly \$27,000 for Wigs 4 Kids, a nonprofit organization that helps children suffering from ailments that affects their appearance, especially their hair, by providing custom fitted wigs.

For more information on Wigs 4 Kids, go to [www.wigs4kids.org](http://www.wigs4kids.org). To donate, go to [www.milfordpolice.com](http://www.milfordpolice.com) and follow the Facebook link.

**Lyon Township Community Chest**

For 65 years, the Lyon Township Community Chest Christmas program has been helping families. The group will again be helping needy families in the South Lyon Community Schools district. If you would like to adopt a family to help, pack toys or deliver baskets, your help would be appreciated. The group is also accepting families that need assistance.

Toy packing will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Lyon Township Fire Hall on Grand River in New Hudson. Deliveries will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, from the same location. Call Brenda at 248-437-6739 for more information.

**Indivisible Huron Valley**

Indivisible Huron Valley is a local non-partisan group committed to social and econom-

ic justice and the protection of our environment. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 125 S. Main in downtown Milford. Public welcome.

**Art House exhibition**

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host a juried all-media exhibition titled Small Works. A First Friday reception is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. The exhibit continues through Dec. 16 during gallery hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday (the gallery is closed Thanksgiving weekend). Admission is free.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to [www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org](http://www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org).

**Milford Senior Center dinner**

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic

Street, will host a spaghetti dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3. The menu will include homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert.

Cost is \$7. Proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. For more information, call Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director, at 248-685-9008.

**CPL class in Novi**

Fulfill the classroom and shooting requirements needed to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License at the Novi Police Department's Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Registration forms are available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$150 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police

Department. Class size is limited and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

The course takes place at the Novi Police Department Training Center, 45125 10 Mile Road. The classroom portion is in the morning and, after lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the training.

Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs, a pen or pencil, a baseball cap, and wear loose comfortable clothing to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

For more information, go to [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or contact Sgt. Michael Warren at [mwarren@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mwarren@cityofnovi.org) or 248-348-7100.

**Community Sharing benefit meal**

Come share in a simple meal of various soups and bread, donated by local restaurants, from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S Milford Road. Proceeds will benefit Community Sharing in the fight against hunger.

If you have painted a 2017 Empty Bowl soup bowl, it will be your entrance fee. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens and \$5 for children. For more information, go to [www.emptybowlproject.org](http://www.emptybowlproject.org) or call 248-889-0347.

**Immigration event to feature Watroba**

Veteran performer, community singer, radio host, songwriter and teacher Matt Watroba will be the featured entertainer at a celebration hosted by Justice For Our Neighbors of Southeastern Michigan, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Genetti's Hole in the Wall in Northville.

The event will include hearty appetizers and a silent auction. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be reserved by calling Victoria Booker at 734-629-6271 or online at [jfonse-mi2017fallfundraiser.brownpaperticket.com](http://jfonse-mi2017fallfundraiser.brownpaperticket.com).

**Northville Garden Club**

The Northville Garden Club will be meeting at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, at the Cady Inn in Mill Race Village. Members will be wiring pine cones and making bows to adorn wreaths for the club's 42nd annual Greens Mart.

A light lunch will be served. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Sue Marie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

**Runestad to host coffee ours**

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, will host several coffee hours Friday, Nov. 10, at the following times and locations: 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, White Lake; 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, Highland; and Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or email [JimRunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimRunestad@house.mi.gov).

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**Amrhein**



**William J.** age 94, passed away October 30, 2017. He was born August 10, 1923, in Livonia, Michigan, son of the late Roy and Evelyn Amrhein. Bill was a graduate of South Lyon High School, class of 1940. He was a proud veteran serving in the 8th Air Force during WWII. He was a member of the South Lyon VFW Post 1224 (2502) and the Brighton American Legion Post 235. Bill retired from the G.M. Proving Grounds after 31 years of dedicated employment. He is survived by his loving children and blended family: John (Julie) Amrhein, Diane Wynings, Thomas (Debbie) Amrhein, and Terry (Jim) Isanhart, Lou Ann (Paul Stuhmer) Donner, Rita (Larry) Treece, Robert (Teri) Donner; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty; his son-in-law, Bud Wynings; and his sister, Patricia Mecklenburg. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 1 from 4:00PM-8:00PM with a funeral service being held on Thursday, November 2, at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. William will be laid to rest beside his wife in South Lyon Cemetery. Donations may be made to the American Spirit Center, Yankee Air Museum or South Lyon VFW Post 1224. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**Briggs**

**Beverley J.**, age 90, longtime resident of Milford, passed away Monday, October 23, 2017. Beloved wife of her late husband, John. Loving mother of Gary (Patty) Briggs. Proud grandmother of Amy (Eric) Studnicka, Brandon (Erika) Briggs and Brett (Meredit) Briggs. Great-grandmother of Jake Studnicka and Hudson Briggs. A memorial mass will be held at 11:30 am on Friday, November 3, 2017 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 E Commerce Rd., Milford, Michigan. The family will receive visitors at the church from 10:30 am until the time of service. [www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com](http://www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com)

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**Griffin**



**Ryan W.** Age 21 of Brighton, MI passed away October 25, 2017. He was born on November 29, 1995 in Salisbury, Maryland a son of Linda Murray and Stan Griffin. Ryan loved surfing, movies, and basketball. He had some of the best nicknames: Jiffy, Bubba, and Ry-guy. Most of all, Ryan knew the true meaning of friendship. He was kindhearted, social person that reached out to everyone, especially those that were often overlooked. Ryan is survived by his parents: Linda Murray and Stan Griffin; his brother and best friend, Michael; grandmother, Gertrude Murray; grandfather, Lonnie Griffin; uncles and aunts: Mike Murray, Bill (Mimi) Murray, Joe (Donna) Murray, and Marty Griffin; as well as several cousins. Ryan was blessed to have loyal friends: Jake Burnia, Grant Braeckevelt, and Riley Logsdon as well. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions are suggested to Beaumont Health Foundation with envelopes available at the funeral home. Please visit Ryan's Book of Memories at [www.keehnfuneralhome.com](http://www.keehnfuneralhome.com)



**MacDonald**



**Ann L.** age 81, of Northville, went to be with the Lord on October 23, 2017. She was born September 21, 1936 in Owosso, Michigan; daughter of J. Lewis and Dorothea (nee Richardson) Woodruff. During the summer of her college years while working on Mackinac Island she met the love of her life Judge John E. MacDonald. On June 8, 1958 she graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Music and on June 21, 1958 Ann and John were married. She was an accomplished pianist and played at church as well as many other venues. She enjoyed teaching music at several public schools and senior living facilities. Ann was a devoted member of Ward Presbyterian church for 38 years. She was also a member of the Northville Garden Club and truly appreciated the beauty of flowers. Although classical music was one of her most passionate interests outside of her family, over the years she also enjoyed modeling in fashion shows, cooking, fine dining and traveling. She was a world traveler and also enjoyed many trips all over the United States; visiting 49 of the 50 states. Ann was a very loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She is survived by her husband John; her children, Tom (Karen) MacDonald, Dave (Lori) MacDonald, and Susan (Michael) Magante; her brother Larry (Peggy) Woodruff; her grandchildren, Anne (Danny) O'Connor, John E. MacDonald II, Shari (Michael) Marchbanks, Thomas MacDonald, Michael MacDonald, and David Magante; and her great grandchild Everett O'Connor. She was preceded in death by her parents. A funeral service was held Wednesday at Ward Presbyterian Church. Rev. Doug Thompson officiated the service. She was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Hess Scholarship Fund, Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 or the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075. Please share condolences at [casterlinefuneralhome.com](http://casterlinefuneralhome.com)



**Moore-Belanger**



**Jewell** age 90, passed away October 22, 2017. She was born July 10, 1927 in Parsons, Kansas daughter of the late Virgil and Hazel Moore. She was a former longtime resident of South Lyon prior to moving to Florida. Jewell will always be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and dog lover. She is survived by her daughters: Gail (Dave) Allen, Sherry Eller and Renaye (Jerry) Latham; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Joann Hostetler. Jewell was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Vickie Phillips in 2007; four brothers; one sister; and her four legged best friend, Buffy. Visitation was held on Thursday, October 26 and a funeral service was held on Friday, October 27 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. She was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



**Nieto**

**Thomas F.** age 82, of Northville passed away peacefully on October 25, 2017. He was born on July 13, 1935 in Jersey City, New Jersey; son of Joaquin and Carmela (nee Medina) Nieto. He was united in marriage to Frances Giordano on October 11, 1959 and they began their family in New Jersey. In 1964 Thomas graduated from Seton Hall University, shortly after his graduation he started a 30 year career with General Motors. In 1978, Thomas and his family moved to Northville and joined Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church where he was a member of the Choir. He was passionate about music and was a very talented trumpet player. Thomas enjoyed snow skiing with his family up north and also liked the yearly trips they took to the Jersey Shore to visit extended family. He was a great provider, a hard worker, and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Thomas is survived by his wife Frances; his sons, Frank (Mary) Nieto, Joseph Nieto, and David Nieto; his sister, Yolanda (the late Anton) Handel; and his grandchildren, Isaac, Elizabeth, and Calie. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers, Herbert Nieto and Harold Nieto. A funeral mass was celebrated last Monday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to OLV, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville, Michigan 48167. Please share condolences at [caserlinefuneralhome.com](http://caserlinefuneralhome.com)



**White**



**Richard A.**, age 56, of Pinckney, passed away on October 22, 2017. He was born January 27, 1961 in Detroit, Michigan; son of Jon and Margaret (nee Sabo) White. He graduated from South Lyon High School; Class of 1979. He is survived by his loving sons, Austin White and Gavin White; his mother, Margaret L. White; his brothers, Jon White and Scott (Cheryl) White. He was also loved by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Jon H. White and his brother David White. A memorial service will be held Monday, November 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with a time of gathering beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Shalom Lutheran Church, 1740 E. M-36, Pinckney. Pastor Kurt Hutchens will officiate the service. Mr. White was laid to rest at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield Rd., Ste. 401, Oak Park, MI



**Wilkinson**



**John R.** Age 92. Died October 29, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Dorice. Dear father of Sandy (Don) VanAssche, Sue (Barry) Tuer and the late Sharon W., Sheryl W., and Richard Cavenee. Loving grandfather of 6 and great grandfather of 12. Dear brother of the late Marian Aden. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation for family and friends Wednesday, November 1, 3-8:00 pm at Querfeld Funeral Home, 1200 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Michigan, 48124. Donations to Alzheimer's Association appreciated. [www.querfeldfuneralhome.com](http://www.querfeldfuneralhome.com)





PERSONAL FINANCE CUTTING THE CORD

Hulu hopes cheaper subscriptions will get Netflix users to switch

Daniel B. Kline  
The Motley Fool

Neither Hulu nor Netflix requires subscribers to commit to any sort of contract. That means customers can come and go as they will, dropping a subscription once they have watched a show or shows, then coming back when something else entices them.

That lack of contractual commitment creates a sort of Wild West environment. Streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu not only compete for the people who don't subscribe to any video-on-demand offering, they also fight to get consumers to add a second and to get existing subscribers of their rivals to switch.

Hulu, which is owned by Comcast, Time Warner, Walt Disney and Fox, is tar-

getting all three of those groups with a new offer. The company also appears to be making an effort to one-up its rival by going cheap at a time when Netflix is raising prices.

**WHAT IS HULU DOING?**

Netflix plans to increase the price of its most popular plan, which allows two concurrent streams, from \$9.99 to \$10.99 a month. Its premium plan, which allows for four concurrent streams, along with HD and Ultra HD streaming, will go up by \$2 to \$13.99 a month. The new pricing goes into effect immediately for new customers and will roll out over the next few months for existing subscribers.

In theory, that price increase could cause some less dedicated Netflix cus-

tomers to reconsider their subscriptions. That creates an opening for Hulu, and the company will offer its \$7.99-a-month, ad-supported service to new and returning customers at \$5.99 for a full year.

Hulu offered the same deal last year, but former subscribers were not included. The offer runs through Jan. 9.

**WHO STREAMS?**

About two-thirds (64%) of all American households subscribe to a subscription video on demand service from Netflix, Amazon, and/or Hulu — up from 47% in 2014, according to data from Leichtman Research Group. More than half (51%) of those people subscribe to more than one, but 83% of those who subscribe to a streaming service have Netflix.

**WILL HULU HURT NETFLIX?**

It's more likely that Hulu going cheaper will help it add customers and entice more people to subscribe to multiple services than it will hurt Netflix. Because these services are cheap in relation to paying for a traditional cable package, Hulu's offer may spur some people to cut the cord and then add both Hulu and Netflix and possibly other streaming services.

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TECH

Sonos sounds smarter with Alexa on board

The \$199 Sonos One, due out Tuesday, raises the bar for good-sounding smart speakers



Sonos worked with Amazon on incorporating the AI assistant Alexa into the speaker, and its six microphones constantly listen for your queries.

SONOS

Mike Snider  
USA TODAY

Sonos is upping the volume in the smart speaker race.

Already well-known for its great-sounding wireless home speakers, Sonos is bringing to market the first whole home speaker system with built-in voice control using Amazon's digital voice-commanded assistant Alexa.

The new speaker, the \$199 Sonos One, due out Tuesday, raises the bar for good-sounding smart speakers.

But it has competition on the way from Apple and Google, both set to launch their own increasingly sophisticated speakers in December. Apple will have the \$349 HomePod Siri-driven speaker, and Google comes in with the \$399 Home Max speaker.

Sonos has staked out some potentially profitable territory at its price point. It comes in below those future competitors, but a bit more than the new Amazon Echo speaker, out Oct. 31 for \$99.99.

Amazon has given a nod to better-sounding music in that new model, touting its Dolby process for improved music playback.

At home over the past several months, I've enjoyed the Amazon Echo that we've placed on the counter bisecting our kitch-

en and dining room. Echo's smarts, helped along by artificial intelligence, quickly won over my wife, who might have nixed a traditional "dumb" speaker as simply clutter.

Sonos One is like an Echo on steroids. For starters, Sonos One is as smart as an Echo. Sonos worked with Amazon on incorporating the AI assistant into the speaker, and its six microphones constantly listen for your queries of Alexa.

Once you've finished setup, you simply talk to Alexa through the Sonos One: "Alexa, shuffle songs by Tom Petty," or "Alexa, play the new song by Beck."

When it comes to music, the Sonos One hits a high note, outperforming the Echo. Added depth comes in the tumbling drums and guitar work at the start of Bob Dylan's *Everything is Broken*. And it delivers a richer rendition of the horn-infused and percussion-driven rally at the heart of Steely Dan's *Aja*. There's also more oomph in the bass beats of *Wild Thoughts*, DJ Khaled's track featuring Rihanna and Bryson Tiller.

Beyond just better sound, the Sonos One will control music throughout your home, wherever you have Sonos speakers deployed.

So I could ask the new Sonos One, which sat on a sideboard in the dining room, to play my Steve Winwood playlist

**The Sonos One is going to get even smarter. By year's end, Sonos plans to let Alexa have full voice control of Spotify.**

on Amazon Music Unlimited in the living room. And you can do this throughout the home in other rooms.

And, of course, you can ask the Sonos One those everyday questions, such as "What's the weather forecast?" and "What was Babe Ruth's career batting average?"

Note: If you already have an Amazon Echo or Dot speaker and Sonos speakers, you can update the Sonos app and wirelessly connect an Alexa-enabled device to direct music to any of your current Sonos speakers (of course, your older Sonos speakers won't talk to you).

Like other Sonos speakers, the new-comer can be used as a solo three-dimensional speaker or paired for stereo sound or used with other Sonos products such as the larger Play:5 speaker (\$499), Playbar TV soundbar speaker (\$699), and Sub subwoofer speaker (\$699).

To get your speakers and Alexa on the same page, you upgrade the Sonos app on your smartphone or tablet. The app walks you through connecting your speakers to your home wireless network.

You'll also download the Alexa app, if you haven't already, and enable the Sonos skill within the app. You will also want to add other music apps within Alexa such as Amazon Music, iHeart Radio, Pandora, Spotify and TuneIn.

Looking forward, the Sonos One is going to get smarter. By year's end, Sonos plans to let Alexa have full voice control of Spotify.

As of now, you cannot ask Alexa to play specific Spotify tracks or playlists, but you can pick Spotify tracks, albums or playlists in the Sonos app and then ask Alexa to pause, skip or adjust the volume using your voice. And you can similarly operate more than 80 other music services, including Google Play and Soundcloud, using the Sonos app.

Next year, Sonos also plans to update its software to allow the new speakers to work with Google Assistant and Apple's Siri using AirPlay 2, too.

So if you aren't sure which AI assistant you'll ultimately make nice with, the Sonos One is a sound purchase that sounds good now and in the future.

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How to answer “what is your desired salary?”



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Without a doubt, the “What is your desired salary?” question is one of the hardest to answer — either on a job application or in an interview situation. An online application doesn't usually offer a box to tick for “I'd be willing to negotiate, within reason.”

**Don't just make something up.**  
If you're faced with a drop-down application box, remember that you have two tools available to you. First, do your research. Find out what the industry standard would be for that role in that geographical area, and ask for that (or a little higher or lower depending on your particular skills and experience). This is vital for not

being weeded out based on asking for far too little or far too much.  
Most companies have hiring policies that dictate they will pay new hires the midpoint of the stated salary range they are prepared to offer. Negotiation technique would suggest you ask for just a bit higher than the midpoint, in order not to be offered less than policy would get you.

**Use your application to explain your reasoning.**  
A good use of your cover letter is to justify the number you selected. This is where you can add in that important sentence about being open to negotiation. Or explain, with numbers, why you feel a percentage increase from your former salary is called for — based on performance appraisals, market trends, new skills or experience, etc.

**How to figure out and verbalize what you want.**  
There are different ways to go about this. You can ask for a flat salary number per year, which is usually negotiated and standard across a wide variety of industries and careers. Or, you might be looking for a job where you're asked to state what you would expect to make per hour. In both cases, it's important to ask for just a little more than you expect to be offered — usually 10-15 percent above what you really need to make.

In the case of hourly pay, make sure you've done the calculations to figure out exactly how much you need to make per hour to make ends meet. Most workers can expect to work about 2,000 hours per year. Don't forget to factor in sick days and vacation time — for which you will often not be compensated in an hourly

wage job. Don't accept a job for less unless you absolutely have to. And don't forget to ask about overtime and bonus pay, if applicable, so you can factor that into your calculations as well.  
Sometimes you'll find yourself in a situation where you don't particularly care what you make for salary, as this number might be standard or nonnegotiable in your industry, but there are specific benefits you'd like to negotiate towards. If there are any deal breakers for you in the benefits package, make sure to focus on these when asked about your salary requirements.

**The bottom line.**  
Make sure you know the minimum you need to make. You can always use that as your answer, “I can't accept this position for anything less than [AMOUNT].” And be prepared to hold to it. (These calculations are important and should be done with care.) If you prefer a softer touch, you can always answer, “I think [AMOUNT] would be a fair salary for this position.”

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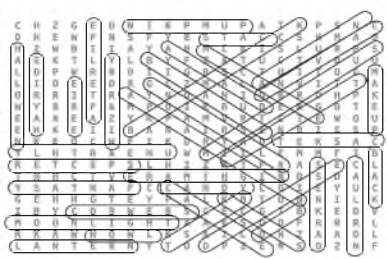
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## Word Search Answers



Car Report

ROOM FOR 2: GENERAL MOTORS MAKES \$5-MILLION DONATION TO THE HENRY FORD, JOINING RIVAL FORD AS MUSEUM PILLAR



By Dale Buss

General Motors has been turning lots of heads lately with its investments in innovation, even enjoying a new sheen on Wall Street for how it's transforming itself for the era

of automated driving.

Add one more GM investment in innovation to the list: its \$5-million donation to The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. The company has forged a new partnership with the nonprofit organization that is so familiar to Michiganders, from families strolling its fascinating exhibits, to tourists who wonder at the eclectic collections, to generations of schoolchildren whose imagination has been spared by what they see there.

Yes, The Henry Ford was established by the founder of GM's most historic rival and will always emanate the persona of one of America's greatest industrialists.

But lately, under President and CEO Patricia Mooradian, it has steered itself into the center of discussion of national renewal through industrial and technological innovation.

"The Henry Ford is a national treasure," Mark Reuss, GM's head of global product development, purchasing and supply chain said upon announcing the donation to the National Historic Landmark in Dearborn that was founded by Henry Ford in 1929 to



display his personal collection and other treasures. "One that all of us who grew up [in metro Detroit] feel a lifelong personal connection with."

GM will sponsor the museum's rotating exhibit that will become known as the Gallery by General Motors. Reuss said that The Henry Ford will work with the automaker to promote STEM -- science, technology, engineering and math -- topics and STEM education.

For The Henry Ford, the donation is "a real gamechanger," Mooradian told me.

"It's clear that 'Henry Ford' is in our name. And while that's a tremendous asset, in the past it hasn't given everyone the right idea of what we are: an American history museum about innovation. Many times our name conjures visions of being a museum only of Ford vehicles or about Henry Ford the man."

Ultimately, GM's donation to The

Motor through The Henry Ford is only one interesting aspect of the transaction. The very amount of the donation also is significant in that only a relative handful of people and organizations -- including Ford and the Ford family, of course -- have ever made such a sizeable gift to The Henry Ford.

Also, naming the flexible exhibit space The Gallery by General Motors will affix a prominent name to a part of the museum that has been used for a few temporary exhibits each year but never identified for a particular purpose. And GM's gift, Mooradian said, "will go directly to innovation programs, with STEM at their core."

The first exhibit in The Gallery by General Motors is "The Science Behind Pixar," examining how the Walt Disney-owned computer-animation film studio does its staff.

GM also is throwing in with The Henry Ford at an interesting time

in the institution's history. Long one of Michigan's most popular tourist attractions, and known for iconic exhibits such as the limousine in which John F. Kennedy was assassinated and R. Buckminster Fuller's Dymaxion "house of the future," Mooradian has led a transformation of The Henry Ford into an outreaching, proactive force for American innovation for the future, not just a passive site for visiting American innovation of the past.

For example, a new generation of kids -- and this one, nationwide, not just buses of schoolchildren from across Michigan on a field trip -- has discovered The Henry Ford via its weekly Saturday-morning TV show on CBS, The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation with Mo Rocca. And the museum recently signed a deal with Pearson, the educational publishing giant, to develop content for educators, business audiences and others.



GM's Mark Reuss, left, and President Patricia Mooradian of The Henry Ford.

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Every guest is asked to bring a dish prepared without any animal products or a \$10.00 donation in lieu of. If you aren't sure of what food you want to bring, we'll give you lots of suggestions when you RSVP.

Please contact Susan, the organizer, at susankline98@gmail.com to RSVP and for more details.

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