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The story behind 'skip church' billboard

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What kind of church would fund a highway billboard that, at first glance, promotes skipping Easter?

As it turns out, a rather creative one. Looking for a think-outside-the-box (or Easter basket) way to put more people in its pews Easter Sunday, the North-

ville-based Ward Presbyterian Church communications team of Emily Germain and Jeff Mitchell came up with a marketing slam dunk: Put up a colorful billboard along a stretch of oft-traveled Interstate 275 that features a goofy-looking guy wearing pink rabbit ears next to the words "SKIP CHURCH THIS EASTER."

Below the attention-grabbing headline is the website skipeaster.com.

As of March 21, close to 4,000 drivers had visited the website (presumably, not until they reached their destination), which greets visitors with a warning to "never trust anyone with pink bunny ears on their head."

Those website visitors who took the time to scroll down a bit discovered that Ward does want you to visit its church Easter and it lists several reasons why you'll like what you find.

By the way, Easter is April 1 this year. "Unfortunately, I can't take any credit for the idea," said the Rev. Scott McKee, Ward senior pastor. "Our creative team of Emily and Jeff wanted to do something different than what we've done in the past, because we want to reach out to different people, not necessarily the ones who already go to church."

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First officer in the second location makes sure the way is clear for the rest of the team. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Officers, EMTs gather for active shooter training

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In what is timely training based on recent events nationally, Oakland County law enforcement agencies gathered March 22 to train together for an active shooter scenario.

The training was offered through the

Oakland County Law Enforcement Tactical Response Coordinating Group or OakTac. Officers utilized a vacant office building in Southfield for the training.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard made introductory remarks at the program, which focused on coordinating efforts with officers and EMTs

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"Our training is very specific and has been for years — we insert, locate and neutralize any threat immediately."

Michael J. Bouchard
Oakland County sheriff

Milford Township woman solves mystery of stinky aroma

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The moment Teresa Silver stepped outdoors during the early evening of March 6, she detected the foul odor.

"I knew it wasn't natural gas. To me, it was like an industrial toxic substance. The fumes were so pungent," she said.

Silver, a master gardener, has lived in a neighborhood near Maple and South Milford roads in Milford Township for six years and was worried about the mystery odor's impact on ponds in the area, natural wildlife, water wells and her own health.

"This is a sleepy little neighborhood. We have woods surrounding our houses. We have Kensington (Metropark) west of us. There's nothing here that could have generated that smell. The nearest industrial place is on Pontiac Trail," she said. "I just had to know what it was. I knew it was more than just a neighborhood event."

She began to sniff around for clues that night and called the Milford Fire Department and DTE Energy. She said the DTE representative detected the scent of diesel fuel and a firefighter noticed a "race car fluid" smell. Neither could pinpoint the smell's origin and, by the following morning, the air was clear.

Mystery solved

A neighbor remembered smelling a similar intense odor at his business years ago after a jet dumped fuel during its flight. His experience prompted Silver to make a few phone calls.

She talked with a former U.S. Air Force colonel who told her an airplane

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New citywide escape game coming to Novi

If you've always wanted to be a spy, here's your chance. On Saturday, May 19, teams from around the area can compete in a spy-themed adventure.

It's called Escape Detroit: The Race to Find Agent 22 and it's making its Michigan debut in Novi. The game combines elements of escape rooms, scavenger hunts and the TV show "The Amazing

Race."

Players will have three hours to decipher the puzzles in their case box, locate missing agents throughout the Novi/Northville area and, eventually, track down the mysterious Agent 22. The teams that finish fastest will win prizes, with the winners announced at an after-party following the event.

"I'm overjoyed to bring this game to Michigan and especially to the Novi area," said Escape Games to Go owner Rick Broida, who grew up in Farmington Hills and lives in Commerce Township. "It's really fun and really exciting, great for fans of escape rooms, spy movies and road rallies."

Escape Detroit will begin at Escape

Room Novi. Teams will check in there starting at noon Saturday, May 19. The game itself kicks off at 2 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Advance registration is required at www.escapegamestogo.com/escape-detroit.

For more information, call 810-844-1403 or email info@escapegamestogo.com.

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. Buildings will re-open each Sunday starting in June 2018. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Fairy Garden Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. April 21.

General Info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org

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

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Napier Road closing for paving April 2

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Time to start planning for an alternate route as orange barrel season returns to Napier Road, along the boundary of Lyon Township and Novi, beginning April 2.

The Road Commission for Oakland County has announced plans to close Napier between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads, so crews can pave the gravel road.

Last year, the road commission had done the first phase of this project, the construction of the Napier and 10 Mile roundabout. That roundabout will remain open to traffic while Napier is closed, but the approaches on the south side of the roundabout will be closed to traffic. The other three approaches — east, west and north — will be fully open during the construction.

Residential access to Napier will be maintained during the construction. Through traffic will be detoured to Eight Mile to Beck to 10 Mile and vice versa.

The combined \$6.3 million project, which includes the roundabout and gravel road paving, is funded with a mix of federal and local dollars. Local funding is shared by the road commission, Lyon Township and the city of Novi.

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NORTHVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

The Northville District Library is at 212 W. Cady Street. Call 248-348-5001 or go to northvillelibrary.org for more information.

March is Reading Month

When: March 1-31
Details: Celebrate March is Reading Month. All kids through fifth grade get hooked on books playing book bingo. Pick up your bingo game at the library, play the game by crossing off the boxes to make a bingo either across, down or diagonally, then submit your completed game to choose your reward. Last day to turn in bingo games is March 31.

Beauty of Native Plants

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 2

Details: Learn how to create beautiful landscapes using native plants that are designed to increase habitat and build healthier outdoor living areas. Register online at northvillelibrary.org or call 248.349.3020.

Books & Brews Book Group

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 3
Details: Join us at The Wagon Wheel for a fun discussion of Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale."

Drop-in Morning Storytime

When: 10:15-10:45 a.m. each Thursday through May 3
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. These half-hour programs do not require registration — just

drop in. All ages welcome to attend.


One-on-one tech help

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. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

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The Rev. Scott McKee, senior pastor of Northville-based Ward Presbyterian Church, stands near a billboard along I-275 in Livonia that reads "SKIP CHURCH THIS EASTER." DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Billboard

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"They wanted something stark and attention-getting. They pitched their idea to me and I thought it was brilliant."

Based on the website analytics Germain and Mitchell have compiled, many people agree.

"Not only is the website getting a lot of hits, people are staying on it for a while, learning about what Ward Church has to offer," McKee said. "Most of the comments about the billboard have been extremely positive, although a few people have said that while they appreciate the creativity and light-heartedness of the idea, they still won't be joining us on Easter."

Given the billboard's audacity, McKee said he had a few doubts about going ahead with the plan.

"My first thought was, 'What are our members going to think when they see this?'" he said. "But once you visit the website and see that it's all done in fun and to get people to come to church on Easter, not skip it, it's great marketing." McKee said that creative marketing is essential for churches these days.

"We know that today's culture is moving away from traditional church and that more people than ever are checking 'unaffiliated' when asked where they attend church," he said. "Which means that we have to change our methods to attract more members."

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Woman reports concerns about cable guy

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A Novi woman filed a police report after someone — apparently a cable company employee — repeatedly disconnected her service.

The woman, 35, told police that in November she had changed her cable service to Spectrum. On Dec. 9, she said the technician came out to do the instal-

lation for her Internet and cable service.

Since the installation, the woman said her cable service had gone out about seven times. When she calls Spectrum to ask why her cable isn't working, the woman said she was told that her cable box had been deleted from the account.

The service was easily restored, the woman said, when she provided her cable box serial number. However, the woman noted she is the only one with

access to her account and she hasn't been disconnecting the equipment.

Then, on March 17, the woman said her service again went out and she called the company to have it restored. During this call, she said the employee notified her that the same employee has been responsible for disconnecting her service. That employee turned out to be the service technician who came to her home to do the initial installation.

Cable company employees were un-

able to provide any additional information, the officer said, without talking to their managers and security. The officer asked that his contact information be passed along so the managers and security could provide further information.

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Mystery

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might jettison fuel for safety reasons, but that it didn't happen often. She dialed the Federal Aviation Administration and got a return call a week later that confirmed her suspicion.

"A gentleman from the FAA called me, saying we actually had an incident," she said. "He told me if I have any breathing difficulty, I should call a doctor. He said, by and large, it's (fuel) a fine mist and it dissipates in the atmosphere before it comes down, but the smell can linger much longer."

High in the sky

In an email to hometownlife.com, FAA Great Lakes Region spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory confirmed that a Mexico-bound plane, a Boeing 727, jettisoned fuel during its flight after departing Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti.

"The flight — Gulf and Caribbean Airlines 215 — soon requested a return to the airport after reporting an engine problem," Cory wrote. "The aircraft landed without incident at Oakland County Airport," in Waterford Township.

"If an aircraft is heavily loaded with fuel, it will need to lose weight in order to land safely. It's rare, because of fuel costs, but pilots may jettison fuel to lighten their load. Fuel is most often jettisoned over water, unless the emergency or geography prevents a plane from getting to water. The goal is to get the plane safely on the ground as quickly as possible."



Milford Township neighbors Teresa Silver and Ron Mondrush chat on Silver's back porch. The two smelled gas recently and said the FAA told them a plane dumped fuel nearby, raising environmental concerns for local wildlife and drinking water. PHILIP ALLMEN

Tiffany Brown, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said jet fuel released above 5,000 feet is "expected to evaporate completely before it reaches the ground."

Silver said she contacted the MDEQ days after the incident, but was told it was too late to test air quality. The agency referred her to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for

questions about water quality and health, she said.

Silver said she was relieved that the fumes weren't toxic, but she plans to keep an eye on the ponds and wildlife in her neighborhood.

"My little neighborhood is like a wildlife sanctuary with deer and a flock of wild turkeys that stroll through all of our yards several times a day," she said. "My yard is also home to endangered blue-

birds, who are fond of a crab apple tree in my back yard, so I have a bluebird nesting box that I monitor throughout the spring to help them increase their numbers. All of that in addition to the fact that I was, apparently, standing out in the middle of my driveway when the fuel was dumped, so I've got concerns."

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"Responses were quick and she made all aspects easy to understand." DG



Canton resident Jill Engel grabs a selfie with some of the kids with whom she bonded. JILL ENGEL

Haiti trip lets church bond with kids

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Abby Robichaud was one of 27 people connected with Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth who traveled to Haiti last month to work with vulnerable children.

It was the second time Robichaud, a Canton resident, made the trip. Following the trip, there was one thing Robichaud knows for certain.

"It won't be my last," she said.

She'll have plenty of chances. Trinity Church, operating under the umbrella of World Orphans, makes two trips a year to Haiti and another to Africa. The idea,

according to Ellie Schupra, the church's executive director, is to connect with a church partner to care for vulnerable and orphaned children.

Trinity comes "along side (the church partner) to ... look at educational opportunities and economic empowerment for families in Haiti," Schupra said, "to bring healing to the brokenness and provide tools and resources that help people break free from the cycle of generational poverty."

Church members spent three days with the families, taking kids to a camp, providing an English class and conducting a parenting seminar.

The highlight of the trip, though, was a field trip to Respire Haiti. Respire is a compound that includes school buildings, athletic fields, a feeding program and a safe house. It was founded seven years ago by 24-year-old Megan Boudreaux, who got the idea after a visit to Gressier, Haiti, in December 2010.

After returning home to the U.S., Boudreaux ruminated on the idea and returned a few months later to establish Respire. For church members, Respire was one of the more impactful parts of the trip.

"The biggest thing I came home with is seeing everything one person can do to make a change," Canton resident Jill Engel said. "We all have that opportunity to make a change, to make a difference. When someone says, 'I can't make a difference' ... you can."

World Orphans partners Trinity with local churches and this year's partnership was a new one Schupra thinks will

end up being a "wonderful partnership." She said leaders of both churches have "the same values and vision," giving the partnership a chance to be "very productive in serving the people of Haiti."

The connection with the children of Haiti resonated with the Trinity members who made the trip. Engel talked about the trip to Respire and how kids who weren't connected with either church would approach the Trinity contingent and engage with them.

During the trip, some hardships were on display. According to Engel, visitors couldn't drink the water. There was trash up and down the street, animals ran loose and traffic is awful.

While English isn't spoken by many of the children, that doesn't keep church members from connecting with the kids. There's always music.

"We listened to music together," Engel said. "It's wonderful when you can connect with kids through music. They couldn't always understand what I was saying, but you can still connect with them. I think music is a connector."

Trinity is supporting some 20 Haitian kids, representing 17 family units, in what World Orphans calls a "home base care" model rather than an orphanage. Schupra said research suggests it's "healthier for kids to be in a family unit" — even if it's not their own — rather than an orphanage. The financial support, she said, actually "prevents vulnerable kids from being orphaned."

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Church members were happy to see all the smiling faces during their Haiti trip. MACKENZIE REED



Leadership of Trinity Presbyterian and their Haitian partners. TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Haiti

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"It allows parent to keep and care for their kids," Schupra said. "I love the model."

The partnership is important, Schupra said, because while there are churches "all over the world," they don't all have the financial resources to battle the scope of brokenness in developing countries.

That's where churches like Trinity come in.

"In addition to supporting kids and families financially, we are building relationships and doing ministry together," Schupra said. "The scope can be anything from sharing Jesus to clean water to building a school to economic empowerment. We get sheer joy of serving, a deep appreciation for many things, watching people come to know Jesus and, hopefully, encouraging peo-

ple who are on the front lines of difficulties daily."

It's the "knowing Jesus" part that is a big piece of why Robichaud wants to go back.

"My heart is filled when I get to see the kids. I love creating relationships with the kids, making them laugh and creating that bond. That's why I go," Robichaud said. "I go because we are the hands and feet of Jesus and He calls us to share the gospel and love others well and that's what we do in Haiti."

Like each of the 27 members of the Trinity contingent, Engel also bonded with several of the kids.

"They were so happy and so loving and affectionate," Engel said. "These were the most happy and joyous kids. It makes you re-evaluate what's important. We were with them for three days and they smiled ear to ear. It wasn't long enough."

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Jill Engel walks the balance beam with two Haitian children during a field trip.

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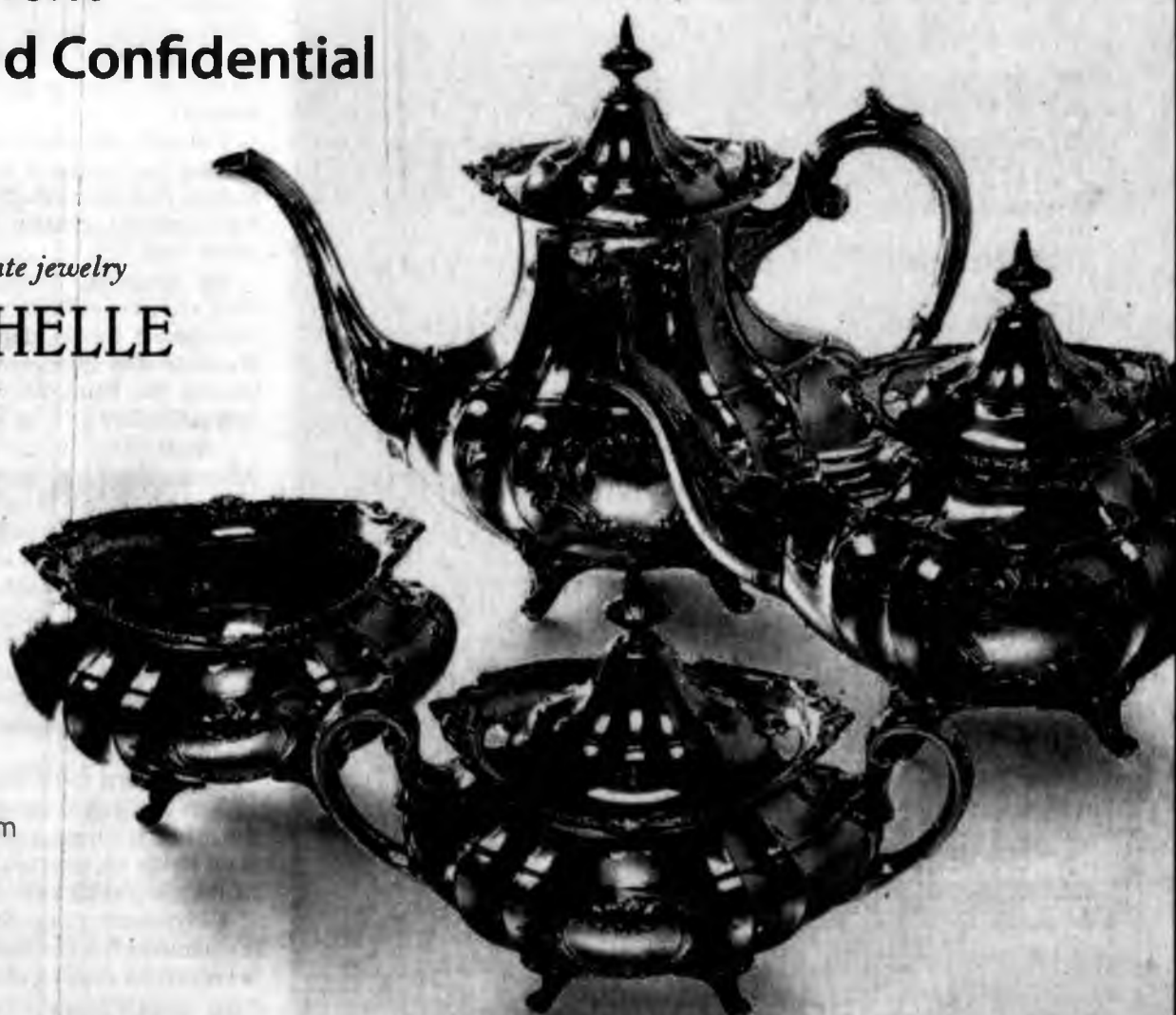
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Plenty of Plymouths in the country

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Plymouth is a Michigan city connected by name to a much-celebrated part of the history of our nation. Its first settlers arrived in 1825, some 12 years before Michigan became a state and more than 200 years after the founding of the Plymouth colony, for which it is named.

Plymouth colony consisted of about 100 Pilgrims from Plymouth, England, who survived an arduous voyage across the Atlantic ocean in 1620 and stayed, despite many hardships. They brought their town's name with them. It has become known as "America's hometown."

A coastal city 40 miles south of Boston, Plymouth today is among Massachusetts' larger cities with a population of 57,000. A walk around early Plymouth as it looked in the 17th century is a popular tourist attraction.

Nineteen other cities in our nation with the same name were to follow, including Michigan's Plymouth in western Wayne county.

Some of our Plymouth's first settlers were believed to have come from the New England town. Early settlers included Luther Lincoln, who started a sawmill, and Erastus Starkweather, who started the first farm. George Starkweather was the first child born in the new town.

Some of the early settlers came to the area partly by way of the newly built Erie Canal across New York and Lake Erie and then up the Rouge River from Detroit.

Within the next few years, adjacent lands were organized into the townships of Plymouth, Northville and Canton, with the villages of Plymouth and Northville separate but within the respective townships. Plymouth, incorporated as a village in 1867, is just 2.2 square miles, but today with a population of 9,200.

Roads? There was only one — Ann Arbor Trail, the only way east to Detroit or west to what became the city of Ann Arbor. It was known a "plank road," a dirt trail with large logs (planks) across creeks and muddy sections where the



Early Plymouth, Mass.



Much of the activity in Plymouth centers around Kellogg Park.

horses soften got stuck, especially after storms.

That had to do until the area's first railroad, the Detroit, Lansing and Northern, came through in 1871. It later became the Pere Marquette Railroad, now CSX.

By 1882, the interurban streetcar-railway system stretched across much of lower Michigan and even into parts of Ohio. The closest thing to a working mass transit system in our state, it changed the method of getting around for many folks into the 1920s and the early years of automobiles.

Industry came to Plymouth big-time by the 1890s. Most notable was the Plymouth Windmill Co. in 1882, which became the Daisy Manufacturing Co. (1895), maker of the Daisy Air Rifle. It remained one of Plymouth's best-known firms until it moved to Rogers, Ark., in 1958.

In the township since 1938 is Burroughs Manufacturing (now called Unisys). Plymouth Township once had its own airport, the Plymouth (Metttal) Municipal Airport, first opened in 1934 and since moved to the north end of adjacent Canton Township.

In 1967, as part of its village centennial observances, the Lord Mayor of Plymouth, England, was invited and came here with three colleagues. They brought with them a small rock from the quarry where the Pilgrims landed in 1620. The rock stands today in front of city hall.

The city of Plymouth, incorporated in 1912, has become known for its public shows, including the state's second best attended art show in summer, concerts and theater events and festivals, plus its ice carving festival, held every January for the past 35 years and also a major attraction.

Virtually all events are held in and around the center of town, in or near Kellogg Park (named after one of town's first families) at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

Its historical museum, opened in 1948, showcases Plymouth's early days, highlighted by its depiction of Main Street in the 19th century. The city's theater, the Penn, first opened in 1926 and still offers movies for just \$3.

Across from the park is the 17-room Wilcox House, a Queen Anne-style mansion built in 1901 by the owner of the Daisy Co., William Markham. Early Plymouth exhibits, tours and more can be found at the Plymouth Historical Museum (plymouthhistory.org or 734-55-8940), also on Main Street.

Now, about those other cities and towns around the country named Plymouth — where they are and a little bit about them:

■ Plymouth, Calif. Once called Pocker-ville, it was a gold mining town back in the 1870s. It's been a city since 1917 and is on Route 49, southeast of Sacramento. Population: 12,200.

■ Plymouth, Conn. Founded in 1690, it's named after the first Plymouth and is known for making clocks. It has been a city since 1795 and is on Route 6, north of Waterbury. Population: 12,200.



The Penn Theatre is a popular downtown Plymouth destination.

■ Plymouth, Fla., is a newbie, just started in the 1920s in the Orlando-Kissimmee metropolitan region and one of the state's prime golf tournament resort areas. Population: 4,000.

■ Next, alphabetically, is the Plymouth in Illinois, a village of 500 that dates to 1837. It's on Route 19, north of Quincy, and has a Plymouth Rock Hardware Store.

■ Next in Indiana is a Plymouth which was a Potawatomi Indian village before the town started after 1806. It's on U.S. 30, south of South Bend. Population 10,000.

■ There's a Plymouth in Iowa. It's a town of 400 that's part of the Mason City metro area and has been around since 1851.

■ Fewer than 50 people live in Plymouth, Kan., which goes back to 1830. It's on Route 50, southwest of Topeka, near Emporia.

■ Maine has a Plymouth, a town of about 1,300 that's just off I-95 and 10 miles from Detroit (the Detroit in Maine, that is). A big town (36 square miles), it incorporated in 1826. That Detroit is one of nine Detroit in the U.S., by the way.

■ Minnesota has a Plymouth (population 70,000) within the Minneapolis metro area. It was Dakota Indian country before first white men came in 1852. It's been a city since 1895.

■ The village of Plymouth, Neb., was first settled in 1852 by New Englanders who named it after the first Plymouth. It's a village of 400 on Route 4, southwest of Omaha.

■ Yet another Plymouth is in New England, in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and also the home of Plymouth State University. Population: 990 (4,400 more with the students included). It was a Benaki Indian village before being incorporated 1763. It's just off I-93, north of Manchester.

■ Southeast of Syracuse in New York is a village of Plymouth, first settled in 1794 and formed from the town of nearby Norwich. Population: 800.

■ Plymouth, N.C., (population 3,800), once an Indian village, was established 1787. It lies on the Roanoke River near Albemarle Sound. It was the site of the second largest Civil War battle in the state.

■ Ohio has a Plymouth (population 1,800) that's in the Mansfield metro area, on Route 61. Founded 1825, it's named after Plymouth Rock, where the Mayflower Pilgrims landed.

■ Once a coal mining town, Pennsylvania's Plymouth was first settled in 1769 and is near Wilkes-Barre. Population: 6,000.

■ Utah has a Plymouth that was started after 1869. A rodeo town of 400, it's just off I-15, north of Salt Lake City. It, too, is named after the Plymouth Rock.

■ Saltwash was the first name of Plymouth in Vermont until 1797. It is the birthplace of President Calvin Coolidge. It is on Route 100, northwest of Manchester. Population: 600.

■ The Plymouth in Washington state was a Lewis and Clark campsite on the Columbia River in 1806 and is today a town of 1,000. It's on I-82, west of Walla Walla.

■ Organized in 1849, Plymouth, Wisc., is a city of 8,500 within the Sheboygan metro area. Its first settlers came from New England and named their town after the first Plymouth.

Think that's something? There are Washingtons and Williamsburgs in almost every state. Look them up, starting with Google, Yahoo or a Rand-McNally atlas.

Gene Scott, a retired publicity officer and editor, has authored three books on Michigan history. He lives in Novi and contributes occasional columns to hometownlife.com.

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Time's running out to file 2014 tax return



Money Matters
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The IRS announced last week that unclaimed federal income tax refunds for 2014 totaled \$1.1 billion. What that means is that there are hundreds of thousands of taxpayers who did not file their 2014 tax return and are owed over \$1 billion by the federal government. According to the IRS, the average potential refund is nearly \$900. For those taxpayers who did not file their 2014 tax return, if you don't do something soon, you will lose that refund.

In order to claim a refund for 2014, your tax return must be filed by April 17. If you are one of the estimated 34,100 people in Michigan who did not file your

2014 tax return, you don't have much time. The deadline is rapidly approaching and there are no extensions. Under federal law, taxpayers are allowed a three-year window for claiming a tax refund. If you don't file a tax return, that refund becomes property of the U.S. Treasury. One thing I can assure you is the money looks better in your pocket than it does the U.S. Treasury's.

It is also important to remember that, particularly for low- and moderate-income taxpayers, if they don't file their 2014 tax return, they are potentially losing more than just their tax refunds. Many of those individuals may be eligible for the earned income tax credit which, once again, they would lose if they don't file their return. The earned income tax credit was established to help individuals and families whose income was below a certain threshold.

The credit can be worth as much as \$6,000. For those who would be eligible for the earned income tax credit, if you don't file your 2014 tax return, you will lose that credit as well.

Many who did not file their 2014 tax return are under the mistaken belief that the penalties they will owe will offset any tax refund; that is not the case. The IRS does not assess penalties for filing a late tax return if you're entitled to a refund. Penalties are only assessed if money is owed. If you haven't file your 2014 tax return and you are entitled to a refund, there is no downside in filing the return.

One caveat you should be aware of — is if you do file your 2014 tax return, it is possible that your refund check can be held by the IRS. The IRS can hold your refund check if you did not file your 2015 and 2016 tax return or if you owe money

to the IRS. Furthermore, the IRS is allowed to withhold money to offset unpaid child support or past due federal debts, such as student loans. Even if that is the case, where it withholds some of your refund, you are still in a better position by filing your 2014 return than not.

There is only about a month before it will become too late to file your 2014 tax return. If you haven't done so, and particularly if you're entitled to a refund, you want to make sure you get that return done as soon as possible.

Good luck!

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

Distinguished Young Women accepting scholarship applications

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan is accepting applications for its upcoming scholarship program. The scholarship program promotes scholarships, leadership and talent and is open to high school juniors graduating in 2019, with a 3.0 GPA and are Michigan residents.

Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program that inspires high school women to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments.

This program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities and will be held July 21 in Canton. Contestants will be judged based on academic achievement, talent, self-expression, physical fitness and interview. Last year, more than \$7,000.00 in cash scholarships were awarded at the state program, along with numerous college scholarships.

An informational workshop for the program is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday,



Melanie Taylor was the Distinguished Young Women of Michigan scholarship winner for the Class of 2018.

April 15, at Point Counterpointe Dance Center, 32807 Manor Park Drive, in Garden City. Interested young women and their parent are invited to attend and find out more about this scholarship program. Contact Committee Member Melissa Mahood at 313-443-0481 or Jan Witte at 517-260-0730 or email michigan@distinguisheddyw.org to RSVP for this workshop or if you need more information. You can also go to the Distinguished Young Women of America website at www.distinguisheddyw.org for more information.

CFCU's Thumbs Up For Charity open for nominations

Community Financial Credit Union is launching its fifth annual Thumbs Up for Charity program. During the month of March, the public is invited to nominate local organizations to receive recognition and a financial donation from Community Financial for their work.

Nominations will be accepted at cfcu.org/ThumbsUp through Friday, March 30. After all the nominations have been received, five finalists will be chosen. Members of the community will then be able to vote from April 9-20. Winners will be announced on cfcu.org by April 25.

Community Financial will be giving \$25,000 in total through this program, with five winners receiving financial donations: first-place place winner will receive \$10,000; second- and third-place winners will each receive \$5,000; fourth- and fifth-place win-

ners will each receive \$2,500.

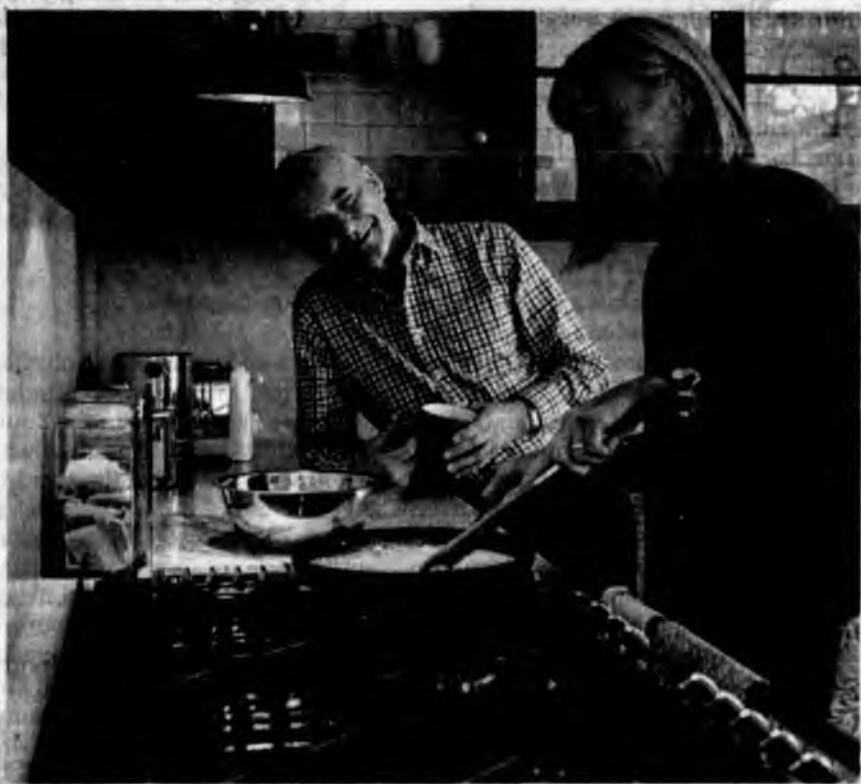
"The nonprofit groups in our communities work hard and we are proud to support them throughout the year," said Natalie McLaughlin, CFCU's community relations manager. "We want to provide the residents of our communities a chance to tell us which groups they think deserve recognition and Thumbs Up for Charity gives them that opportunity."

When nominating a charity, make sure that it is a registered 501(c)3 organization, recognized community support organization or associated with an accredited educational institution in Michigan.

For complete contest rules and more information, go to cfcu.org/ThumbsUp.

For more information about Community Financial Credit Union, headquartered in Plymouth, go to www.cfcu.org or call 877-937-2328.

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K. of C. fish fry

The Knights Of Columbus, Council 7444, will sponsor a fish fry during Lent 5-7:30 p.m. each Friday through March 30, at St. Mary Our Lady Of The Snows Church, 1955 E. Commerce, in Milford. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$7 for teens, \$6 for ages 6-12 and free for ages 6 and under. Carryouts are available.

Kiwanis Club Easter egg scramble

The South Lyon Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Easter egg scramble at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at Volunteer Park, 21620 N. Dixboro Road, in South Lyon. Kids and parents will be able to visit the Easter Bunny and view police and fire vehicles. The scramble itself will start at noon. For more information, call 248-939-6432.

Novi Choralaires concert

The Novi Choralaires will host their spring show, titled "Women Composers in the Spotlight," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road. This concert is free.

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, go to www.novichoralaires.org or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

The Northville Newcomers and Neighbors club will hold its monthly meet and greet 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 3. Host is Beth Hoolehan. RSVP to hoolehan@aol.com.

Four Seasons Garden Club

The Four Seasons Garden Club of South Lyon will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail. Julia Holfley will be special speaker. Register by calling 248-437-6431.

Tollgate Farm spring classes

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi will host four spring classes for gardeners of all levels. Regional experts will be in the Conference Center to help solve problems in the garden. The schedule includes:

- Thursday, April 5 — Holly Vaughn covers four-legged critters, such as deer
- Thursday, April 12 — Nick Zimmer shares his solution to six-legged creatures, such as aphids
- Thursday, May 31 — Farm manager Roy Prentice offers a glimpse into the history of Tollgate Farm

- Thursday, June 14 — Mary Gerstenberger leads a class on water

Advance registration is required and space is limited. The cost of each class is just \$20 and supports further adult education programming at Tollgate Farm. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/events/evenings-in-the-garden>.

New Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House will present Art of the Family: Donald, Robert, Susan and William Perrish, featuring paintings and sculptures from a family of award-winning artists. The exhibit opens with a public reception, sponsored by Mark Corbin of Raymond James, 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6, and runs through Saturday, April 28, during Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

Steak night at American Legion

Northville American Legion Post 147, 101 W. Dunlap Street, will host a steak night starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, which is open to the public. Menu selections are steak, pork chops or fish and also include potato, vegetable, salad, dinner roll and dessert. New York strip steak dinners are \$15 and pork chops and fish are \$12.

Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street, will host a spaghetti dinner, 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, April 6. Cost is \$7 for homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage



The Marquis Theatre will be presenting the play "Velveteen Rabbit" each weekend through May 6.

age and dessert. Proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center. For more information, call Nancy Hinzmann at 248-685-9008.

'Velveteen Rabbit' at Marquis

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will be presenting the play "Velveteen Rabbit" each weekend through May 6 (except Easter weekend). Tickets for all performances are \$9.

The play is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29, and May 5-6, as well as special performances Tuesday through Thursday, April 3-5.

No children under age 3. Group rates and reserved seating are available for groups of 20 or more, as well as birthday parties and Scout days. For more information, call 248-349-8101, email marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

SLAYA recognition program

The South Lyon Area Youth Assistance will hold its 19th annual youth recognition program Monday, May 21, for youths in grades 6-12 in the South Lyon Community Schools district. The group is looking for nominations for this recognition.

Nominees will be selected on the basis of a commitment to volunteer services performed within the past year. Any individual or organization is eligible to submit nominations. SLAYA will receive nominations for consideration through Thursday, April 12. The students and nominators will be invited to attend the youth recognition program.

SLAYA will again be awarding two scholarships for the Julie Berz Outstanding Youth Volunteer to exceptional youth who will be continuing to college or trade school. The Lyon Area Rotary Club will also be awarding two Lyon Area Rotary Scholarships.

The awards from both organizations are reserved for graduating seniors who have exhibited exceptional leadership and character within the area of community service and volunteerism. If you nominate a student for the either the Julie Berz Scholarship or the Lyon Area Rotary Scholarship, you do not need to also nominate them for a Youth Recognition Award.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Call the South Lyon Area Youth Assistance office at 248-573-8189 or to request nomination forms.

Milford Community Garden

The annual meeting for the Milford Community Garden will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14, in the Community Room at the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive.

Plots, approximately 15 by 15 feet, are still available for \$35. There are a small number of slightly larger plots for \$40. There is a one-time, per plot, cleanup deposit of \$20. Bring a check or cash to the meeting. For more information, go to www.GrowingGreensMilford.org.

Annual creek clean-up

South Lyon's 14th annual creek clean-up will be held from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. Saturday, April 14. Volunteers meet at 400 McMunn Street (Michigan Seamless Tube and Pipe truck parking lot). They will remove trash and debris from area creeks and streams.

Plan on mud and water. Please bring rubber boots, and gloves. Wear warm clothing, hats and sunscreen. Also needed are pickup trucks to haul trash to dumpster. Sponsored by: Michigan Seamless Tube and Pipe, South Lyon Area Boy Scouts and the city of South Lyon Storm Water Management Planning Program.

Mom to Mom sale

A Mom to Mom sale is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. For more information, call 248-675-3431.

Community Sharing garage sale

Community Sharing's 2018 spring garage sale will be held at its new location at Duck Lake Center, 5061 N. Duck Lake Road, in Highland. The sale is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 18-21 (the first day is presale, \$5 fee).

This sale includes furniture, household goods, linens, books, CDs, toys, sports equipment and more. Community Sharing is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that provides food, clothing, emergency services, referrals and advocacy for individuals and families in need within the Huron Valley School District. Ninety cents of every dollar will be used to fill its food pantry.

For more information, go to www.community-sharing.org.

Road rally scavenger hunt

The American Legion Auxiliary of Ernest E. Oldenburg Post 216, 510 W. Commerce Road, in Milford is sponsoring a road rally scavenger hunt at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Cost is \$10 per person and includes prizes and dinner. RSVP to 248-684-9919.

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, has a rotating exhibit of its member artwork in the library community room. The current exhibit features the artwork of Cindy Rashid. Her artwork will be displayed until the end of May, after which another artist will have a turn.

Artists interested in participating should contact Linda Onderko of the VFAA at 248-842-6789. The free exhibit is open during regular library hours: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

To learn more about the VFAA and the Suzanne Haskew Arts Center, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

Operation Injured Soldiers golf outing

Operation Injured Soldiers will be hosting its ninth annual golf outing Friday, May 18, at the Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road. Operation Injured Soldiers is a nonprofit organization based in South Lyon that provides recreational

opportunities to wounded military veterans of all eras.

Golfers and sponsors can register online at www.injuredsoldiers.org/golfouting. For more information, call 248-437-3130.

World Vision 6K run

The 2018 World Vision Global 6K for Water charity run is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Kensington Metropolitan Park, 4570 Huron River Parkway, in Milford. Participants will join the fight for global access to clean water — six kilometers is the average distance people in the developing world walk for water.

The cost is \$50, which includes a T-shirt, race medal and race bib with a photo of the child who will receive clean water as a result of the event. For more information, call 888-511-6548, email LRunyan@WorldVision.org or go to <https://www.teamworldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=921>.

Salem Historical Society yard sale

The Salem Area Historical Society will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, on the grounds of Jarvis-Stone School Historic District, 7991 North Territorial Road. This will be a community-wide yard sale featuring flea market and resale items. You can buy a space to sell your items or you can donate items to SAHS, with all proceeds from the sale going to SAHS general fund.

Vendors welcome. Reservations will be accepted until May 10. Cost for a 15-by-15-foot space is \$15 for non-members and \$10 for SAHS members. This is for space only; tables and space coverings are not provided. There is no electricity.

For more information, go to www.SAHSHistory.org or email SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com.

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

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

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

Adopt-A-Reader

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

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

Indivisible Huron Valley

Indivisible Huron Valley is a local non-partisan group committed to social and economic 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.

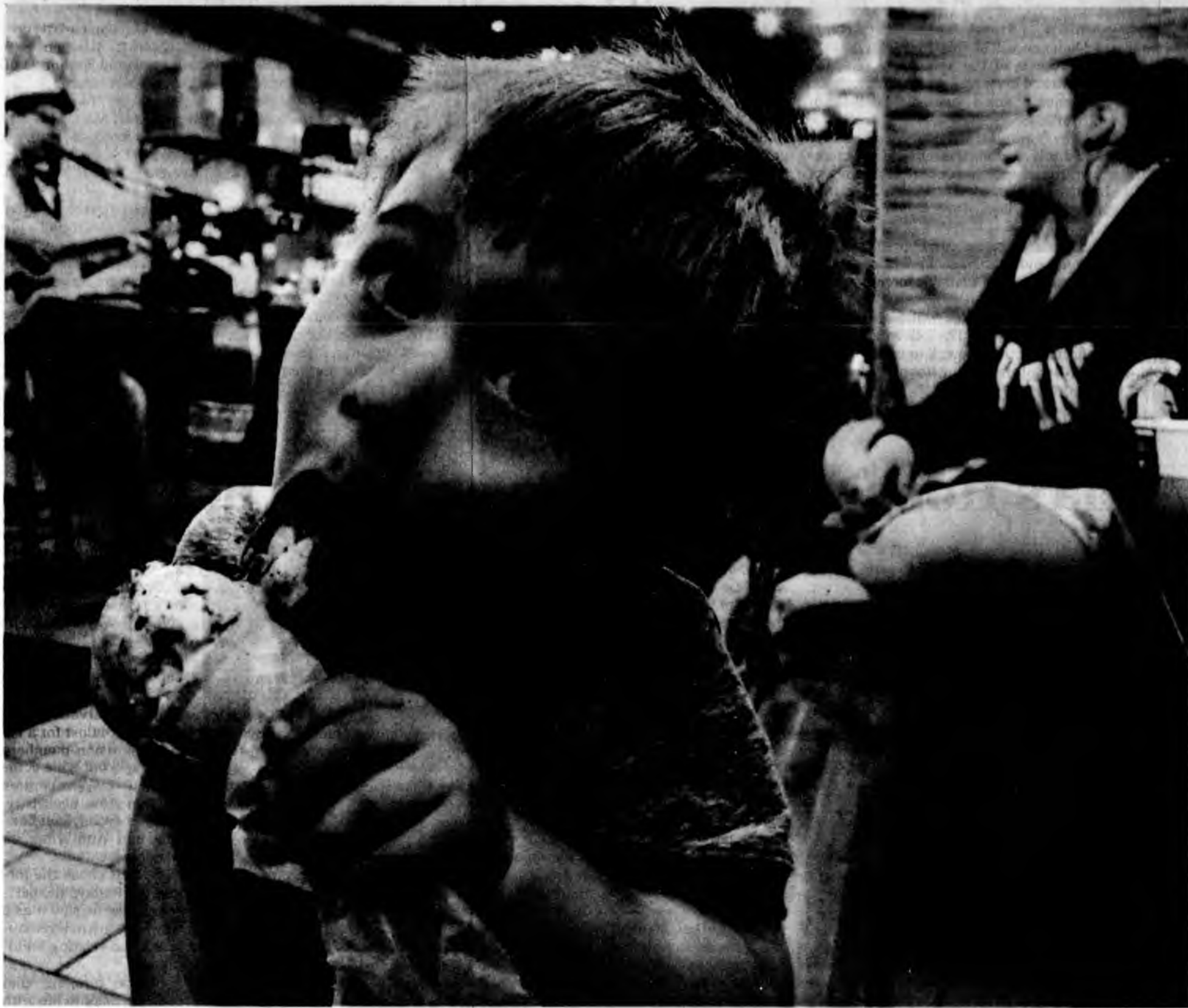
Youth Alpha film series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Email any questions to Youth Alpha789@gmail.com or register at wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/.

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to www.slrec.net.

ICE CREAM AND MUSIC



They were serving up more than just gourmet coffee Friday evening at the Milford Proving Grounds Coffee and Ice Cream shop. Livonia resident Blake Hutchins, 2, enjoys some ice cream while listening to the soothing sounds of Stuart Benbow on guitar and vocals in the background. CURTIS DROGMILLER

Student safety, security district's top priorities



Nancy Coratti
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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The tragic violence that occurred in Parkland, Fla., last month has once again elevated the topic of school security. Consequently, I want to take this opportunity to provide assurance that the Huron Valley Schools district prioritizes the safety and security of all of its students and staff.

Over the past several years, HVS has worked to improve the security of its buildings and the safety of our stakeholders on multiple fronts. We focus on different frameworks to address this complex issue, such as infrastructure and equipment, staff training and policies and procedures, along with student support.

These enhancements include access control systems in all of our buildings, upgraded two-way radios throughout the school district, training for crisis response teams and the implementation of procedures regarding visitors to our buildings. In addition, our staff works diligently to make sure we support the emotional needs of our students.

As in past years, the district-wide Caring Community initiative is dedicated to creating a sense of belonging in all of our buildings and eliminate bullying at all levels.

This year, as a result of the efforts of Lakeland High School senior Haley Whitmore, many schools implemented her We Stand Together Program, intended to spotlight youth mental health concerns.

We also are committed to maintaining strong partnerships with law enforcement agencies that serve our school district, including Milford police, White Lake police and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Our students benefit

from having school resource officers at both Lakeland and Milford high schools.

We recognize there is always more we can do and, as a district, we are committed to continuous improvement.

We are dedicated to allocating resources that support this important topic. By working together, we can best maximize our efforts for the benefit of the entire HVS community. Together, we can make a positive difference.

Nancy Coratti is superintendent of the Huron Valley Schools district.

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Novi to host dining festival fundraiser

Barbecue, whiskey and music fans rejoice can unite as Hospice of Michigan will host Barley, BBQ & Beats 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the Suburban Collection Showcase, 46100 Grand River Ave., in Novi. Tickets are \$40 in advance and are available at www.hom.org/BBB2018.

The festival-like fundraiser will feature a large variety of food and drink vendors, live musical entertainment and a lawn games area in support of Hospice of Michigan's Open Access Fund, which provides end-of-life care to patients regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay.

With each admission, guests can enjoy three food servings and three hand-crafted cocktail tastings. Additional tasting tokens will be available for purchase at the event.

Hand-crafted cocktail tastings will feature whiskies from Michigan distilleries. The following vendors have been confirmed, with more still to come:

- American Fifth Spirits Tasting Room
- Bier Distillery

- Detroit City Distillery
- Grand Traverse Distillery
- Gray Skies
- Our/Detroit
- Red Cedar Spirits
- Two James Spirits

Barbecue will be catered from such leading Michigan pit masters and restaurants as:

- C.A.Y.A. Smokehouse Grill
- Detroit BBQ Co.
- Red Rock Barbecue
- The Moveable Feast
- Westside Barbecue
- Woodpile BBQ Shack

Gluten, dairy-free and vegan selections will also be available.

Guests will be entertained by an array of southeast Michigan's best live music, including performances by Corey Dakota & the Rippers, Drop 3rd Strike and Space Cat.

Barley, BBQ & Beats is patterned after a successful

event by the same name in Grand Rapids, which raises funds for Hospice of Michigan services in the western part of the state. The third annual Grand Rapids event is scheduled for May 19 at Van Andel Arena.

"We're delighted to bring our Barley, BBQ & Beats festival to the metro Detroit area," said Marcie Hillary, senior vice president of community relations, Hospice of Michigan. "We're excited to host some of the region's best distillers and pit masters for our friends in southeast Michigan."

Guests will also be invited to pay tribute to a deceased loved one by posting a photo or sharing a memory in a specially designated area.

Event sponsors include: Careline Medical Equipment and Supply, Meijer, ABG Michigan, Learning to Give (The Meijer Foundation), RCO Engineering and Hour Media.

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Anna's House has an ambitious motto: Saving the world from an ordinary breakfast.

After branching out from its west Michigan roots last fall with a hugely popular Westland eatery, Anna's House is ready to conquer Farmington Hills with its

Twilight French Toast, Chorizo Breakfast Burger, vegan bacon Tempeh Power Bowl, Cuban Benedict or Dublin Omelette, with house-made corned beef hash, bacon, sausage and cheddar cheese.

CEO Josh Beckett chose Farmington Hills — specifically the former TGI Fridays site on North-western Highway — for

the seventh Anna's House and the second in metro Detroit.

"We're loving being in the Detroit area," he said.

Anna's House has racked up several best-breakfast awards from Grand Rapids Magazine, MLive and Revue Magazine, among others, but Beckett said it's the top-quality, chemical-free meats from Wisconsin-based Jones Dairy Farm, cage-free eggs, vegan and vegetarian options and gluten-free dishes, among other offerings, that keep customers coming back.

"There are so many dietary needs in this day and age," Beckett said, adding later, "We really want people to feel that this is a great place to go for the food and the atmosphere."

Menu items are made



Anna's House is set to open April 2 in Farmington Hills. CURTIS LUBBERS | ANNA'S HOUSE

to be appealing to the eye, as well.

Anna's House has a bright interior and makes use of bright and pastel colors. The decor is retro chic and a large circular counter adorns the restaurant. The music is mostly from the '50s and '60s.

"We want it to be a happy place," Beckett

said.

Evan Pazkowski, Anna's House marketing manager, said an interior designer has been putting the finishing touches on the Farmington Hills location. The restaurant, which seats about 220 people and has about 65 employees, has passed all its inspections.

"We're good," he said.

"We're ready to go April 2."

Opening day, the Anna's House team will be giving away \$20 gift cards once every hour, along with coupons Pazkowski said he plans to hand out.

Anna's House has served 3 million meals since it first opened 15 years ago, but it's a company that appears destined to grow. Beckett already is eyeing East Lansing and Ann Arbor as possible locations.

Beckett chose the former TGI Fridays site partly because he saw it as a way to open a new restaurant in an existing building.

"We're bringing that building back to life with a remodel," he said. "We're not tearing it down and wasting all the product."

Whether diners want chemical-free, antibiotic-free meats, a vegan omelette or want to splurge "like a mini-vacation right in the middle of the week," Beckett said Anna's House is ready.

Word has spread.

"We get emails constantly from people who want us to come (to their community) and rescue them from an ordinary breakfast," Beckett said.

For the Farmington Hills area, the wait is over.

Hours are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. For more information, go to <http://www.annashouseus.com>. The address is 32555 Northwestern Highway and the phone number is 248-254-3436.

Contact Darrell Clem at dclem@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @CantonObserver.



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Firefighter/EMTs prepare to remove the victim from the building. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Training

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who respond to assist shooting victims.

"Our training is very specific and has been for years — we insert, locate and neutralize any threat immediately," Bouchard said.

"Based on what I've seen, that didn't happen in Parkland (the Florida school shooting). I've sent a memo, department-wide — if you're not willing to go in the right away, I've said, you need to find a different occupation where you don't need a badge and a gun," he added.

OakTac was established in 2009 to coordinate law enforcement resources and training and, ultimately, position Oakland County to more effectively and efficiently respond in the event of a major incident. Today, 40 Oakland County police agencies belong to OakTac and more than 2,600 Oakland County officers have been trained in the active shooter protocol.

More than 97 percent of Oakland County residents are served by law enforcement agencies participating in OakTac, initiated after Bouchard hosted a meeting several years ago that generated discussion over the need for a more regional response to large scale incidents.

Oakland County Homeland Security Division has been an integral part of ensuring the success of OakTac by assisting in gaining much-needed federal training funds.

Although the exercise took place in an empty 10-story office building in Southfield, one of several silvery-glass towers just south of I-696 and west of Telegraph, trainers set up some scenarios to simulate a school shooting as well as those in work sites, Farmington Hills Officer Sayeed Ahmed said.

Ahmed joined his department 19 months ago and got his first active shooter training this week, he said. Taking a break, he cradled on his lap a menacing Smith & Wesson P15 assault rifle, which he used in training, but also has at the ready every day.

"All of us check out one of these at the start of our shifts and we have them in our vehicles with us," he said.

Firefighters were also embedded in the drills, part of another new tactic called the rescue task force, said James Etzin, EMS coordinator for Farmington Hills. It used to



The team is debriefed after the scenario ends by OakTac trainer Robb Wickham. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Officers enter the building lobby, providing protection for the firefighter/EMTs who will remove the victim. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

be that police operated independently of firefighters and EMS technicians, Etzin said. Not anymore.

"Now, the medical and rescue folks go into a warm zone, an area protected by police, and begin to treat victims as soon as it's safe to do so," Etzin said.

"Law enforcement's mission is to stop the killing. The fire department's mission is to stop the dying," he added. Even bystanders, if not in shock, should try to help, he

said.

"We want them to take ownership of their situation. We want everyone to be trained in first aid, with an emphasis on bleeding control," Etzin said.

Detroit Free Press staff writer Bill Laitner contributed to this report.

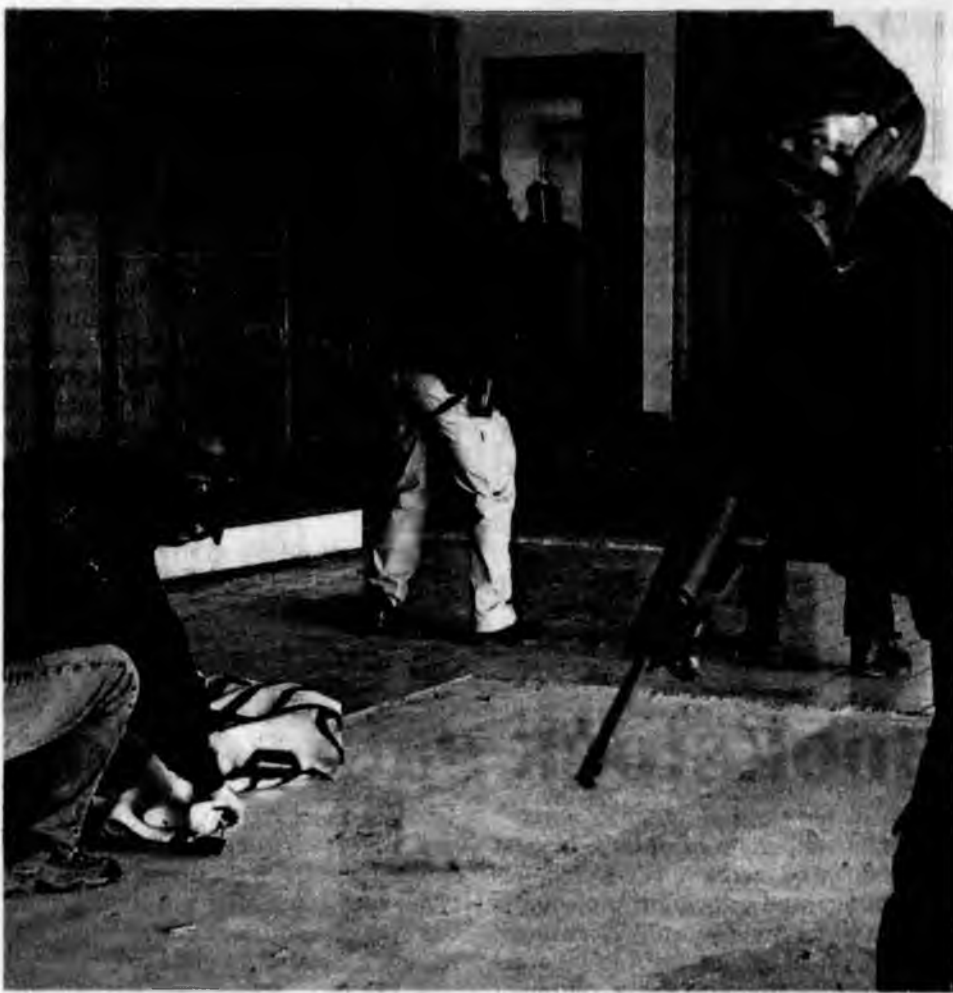
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RESCUE TASK FORCE MED

The Oakland County Tactical Response Coordinating Group (OakTac) trains for an active shooter scenario in a vacant high-rise office building in Southfield. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard briefs the media on the training. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A gunman appears in the far door. The team will quickly surround the firefighter/EMTs and exit the area threatened by the shooter. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Cranbrook to host spring break events

The Cranbrook Institute of Science will be hosting a number of events over spring break for children and adults. Dig for dinosaur fossils, play ancient Roman games, meet the "Dirt Doctors," stand beneath a T-Rex, touch a meteorite and much more. Children and adults alike will enjoy discovering the wonders of the natural world and will develop a better understanding of the way science impacts their daily lives.

■ **Spring Into Science** (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 2-6): Learn about marine debris, Michigan mammals and local wetlands, meet the "Dirt Doctors," explore Michigan wildlife, see live vampire fish and make recycled arts and crafts. Event is free with general museum admission.

■ **exploreLAB** (11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. April 2-6): Dig for dinosaur fossils, meet

a paleontologist and visitors can clean and take home their very own fossil at exploreLAB, Michigan's only, museum-based fossil prep lab for young learners. Children of all ages will use paleontological tools to dig their way through model fossil beds brushing away millions of years of sediment to expose real dinosaur casts, observe dinosaur fossils that are 400 million years old and learn from a paleontologist the process for their conservation, exposure and removal. Admission ranges from free to \$5 per program.

■ **Ancient Rome: Age of the Caesars** (open during regular hours): Construct Roman mosaics, utilize age-old technologies that have shaped the world and learn about the advanced engineering of the Colosseum and Roman roads at An-

cient Rome: Age of the Caesars, presented by Flagstar Bank. Enjoy more than 50 intricately crafted and hands-on artifacts as the collection takes you back 2,000 years to a time of indomitable heroes and powerful Emperors. Admission ranges from free to \$8.

■ **Planetarium** (11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. April 2-6): Shows include One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure, From Dream to Discovery: Inside NASA, Michigan Sky Tonight and Young Stargazers Sky Journey. Admission ranges from free to \$5 per show.

The Cranbrook Institute of Science is at 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. For more information, go to <https://science.cranbrook.edu/> or call 248-645-3200.

Holocaust center hosts art, writing competition

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus is hosting the return of the Kappy Family Anne Frank Art & Writing Competition. The theme of the second annual competition is "The Power of Hope."

The competition is open to students in grades 9-12 in Oakland and Macomb counties. The prompt for this year's competition, intended to inspire a response in the form of art and writing submissions, is a quote by Anne Frank: "Where there's hope, there's life. It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again."

The entry deadline is Monday, April 9.

There is a compelling reason the Kappy family supports the competition. Garry Kappy is the last surviving member of his family. Born in Opatow, Poland, Kappy was imprisoned in different labor camps when he was age 15. He survived the horrors of the Buchenwald and Auschwitz concentration camps.

Kappy's son Irvin said "the competition has confirmed to my father and family that engagement and education of well-meaning individuals is still the best way to combat hatred and future genocides."

The competition includes three art categories: drawing, painting and photography. Submissions must be two-dimensional and not exceed 18 inches by 24 inches. Art submissions must be submitted on black or white mat board and accompanied by a 150- to 200-word artist statement.

Writing submissions must fall into one of three categories: poetry, fiction or non-fiction. These entries may not exceed three single-spaced pages and must be submitted electronically as .doc or .docx files. All entries must be submitted by April 9; writing submissions must be emailed to competition@holocaustcenter.org by 11:59 p.m. April 9; art submissions must be postmarked on or prior to April 9.

First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded in each of the categories. First place will receive \$250, second \$125 and third \$75. In addition, the teacher and school of all first-place winners will receive a \$200 Amazon gift card. Following the May 17 award ceremony, winning artwork will be displayed in a gallery at the Holocaust Memorial Center and the writing will be printed in a booklet.

For additional information, competition rules and guidelines and to access the submission form, go to www.holocaustcenter.org/competition or contact Aliza Tick at 248-553-2400, ext. 141.

Bookstock to sponsor cupcake contest

Bookstock, Michigan's largest used book and media sale, invites amateur bakers across Michigan to submit their recipe to its cupcake contest.

The winning cupcake will be featured at Good Cakes and Bakes, Detroit's hottest new bakery and contest sponsor, owned by Detroit natives April Anderson and Michelle Anderson. In addition, the winner and chefs will make the best cupcake recipe on the television show "Live in the D" on WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

A celebrity judging panel, featuring

Anderson, Detroit Free Press restaurant critic Mark Kurlyandchik and Detroit Free Press food writer Sue Selasky, will judge the contest. Local news anchors Carolyn Clifford (WXYZ-TV, Channel 7), Sherry Margolis (WJBK-TV, Channel 2) and Tati Amare (WDIV) will join Bookstock sponsor Sue Morse and Bookstock honorary co-chair Rochelle Riley to announce the winners at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

Complete rules and an entry form can be downloaded from the Bookstock

website at bookstockmi.org/cookstock. Send the recipe and the entry form to cookstock18@gmail.com by midnight April 2.

Bookstock runs April 22-29 at Livonia's Laurel Park Place. Marking 15 years of supporting the need to read, Bookstock has generated nearly \$2 million for literacy and education projects throughout Oakland County and Detroit.

For more information, contact Beverly K. Phillips at 248-203-1527 or phillips@jfmf.org.

Bookstock sale set for April 22-29

Bookstock, metro Detroit's biggest used book and media sale, which benefits literacy and education projects, is scheduled for Sunday, April 22, through Sunday, April 29, at Livonia's Laurel Park Place. Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley and Detroit News columnist Neal Rubin are honorary co-chairs of Bookstock and the Mike Morse Law Firm is presenting sponsor.

A pre-sale will kick off 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 22. There is a \$20 admission charge for the pre-sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's treasure trove of bargains. Bookstock has more than 300,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and vinyl for sale at bargain prices. The sale will continue through Sunday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This year, Bookstock will feature seven days of special sales:

■ **Monday Madness** – Monday, April 23: The first 1,000 shoppers will receive giveaways, including a \$50 VISA gift card every hour, and one shopper will receive a \$500 VISA gift card.

■ **Teacher Appreciation Day** – Tuesday, April 24: Bookstock is celebrating teachers 3-9 p.m. by giving 50 percent off to all teachers with a valid ID. At 5 p.m., the Bookstock B.E.S.T. Awards, (Bookstock Extraordinary Student/School/Teacher) will be presented to fourth-grade students from Detroit Public Schools Community District who write the top essays titled, "My Favorite Book Character ... and Why." A WDIV-TV personality will present the awards live and cash prizes will be given to five students, their teachers and their schools.

Also, the \$25 snag bag, all the books you can snag in our bag for \$25 (quantities limited – some exclusions apply).

■ **Bookbuster Special Days** – Thursday and Friday, April 26-27: Buy three

books and get the fourth book free (least expensive item) 3-9 p.m. Spend \$25 or more either night and be entered in a drawing for sports memorabilia, event tickets and other prizes.

■ **Children's Day** – Saturday, April 28: Special children's activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring Toyology, Arts and Scraps and Goldfish Swim School.

■ **Half-Price Finale** – Sunday, April 29: All books and media will be sold for half-price.

Bookstock has generated more than \$1.8 million for literacy and education projects throughout Oakland County and Detroit. More than 800 volunteers work together throughout the year to organize and staff the sale.

Bookstock is brought to the community by the Jewish Community Relations Council/AJC and a consortium of nonprofit organizations that support education and literacy projects throughout metro Detroit. For more information, call 248-645-7840, ext. 365, or go to bookstockmi.org. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile Road, east of I-275, in Livonia.

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLES 11, 12, 13 & 25

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will be considering adoption of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Articles 11, 12, 13 & 25 at their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at the Northville Township Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. This amendment was introduced at the Board of Trustee meeting of March 15, 2018.

The proposed amendments will allow overnight boarding of animals as a special land use when the boarding component is accessory to the day care and training facility.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville Michigan 48168.

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

Published: March 29, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE March 29, 2018

Re: Notification of Flood Hazard Mapping Revisions

The City of Novi Community Development Department, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.79(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the City of Novi's intent to revise the flood hazard information along the Novi-Lyon Drain Tributary C generally located between Eleven Mile Road and a point 1,450 lineal feet downstream of Eleven Mile Road. The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) Case No. 18-05-1436R for a proposed project along the Novi-Lyon Drain Tributary C. Pulte Homes of Michigan is proposing to construct the Isabella Way road bridge and associated Novi-Lyon Drain Tributary C culverts as part of Oberlin Phase 2 & 3 Site Condominium Development. Once the project has been completed, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request should be submitted that will, in part, revise the following flood hazards along the Novi-Lyon Drain Tributary C.

- The floodway will be revised from a point approximately 1,450 lineal feet downstream of Eleven Mile Road to a point approximately 900 lineal feet downstream of Eleven Mile Road along the Novi-Lyon Drain Tributary C.
- Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) will decrease along the Novi-Lyon Drain Tributary C.
- The SFHA will decrease along the Novi-Lyon Drain Tributary C.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the City of Novi Community Development Office at 45175 Ten Mile Road, City of Novi, MI 48375. Interested persons may call Charles Boulard, Community Development Director at 248-347-0415 for additional information from Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm.

Sincerely,

CITY OF NOVI

Charles Boulard, Community Development Director

Published: March, 29 & April 5, 2018

SYNOPSIS March 15, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, March 15, 2018

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 Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Fred Shadko, Trustee

ABSENT: Symantha Heath, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Proclamation for Building Safety Month in May – Approved
 - Robert Lipmyer reappointment to Senior Citizen Advisory – Approved
 - Lora Cash reappointment to Beautification Commission – Approved
 - Ronald J. Fry appointment to Building Board of Appeals – Approved
- Public Hearing** – None
- Brief Public Comments** – One member of the audience had a comment for the Board.
- New Business:**
 - Village at Northville – PUD Amendment #1 – Tabled for further review
 - Village at Northville – Final Site Plan – Approved with conditions
 - Fry Road Rezoning Request – Approved
 - Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) Dues for 2018 – Approved
 - Waiver – P&R Retirement Health Benefit Systems – Approved
 - Temporary Sign – Building Safety Month – Approved
 - Public Safety Building Roof and HVAC Improvement Bid – Approved
 - Public Safety Building Professional Services – Approved
- Unfinished Business** – None
- Ordinances:**
 - Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Articles 11, 12, 13 & 25 – Introduced
- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$1,407,729.27 for the period of 2/3/18 to 3/2/18 – Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
 - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees** – None
- ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available March 27, 2018

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

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Problem gambling can take a huge toll



Our Mental Health
L.J. McCulloch
USA TODAY NETWORK —
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The Bible says that when Christ was crucified on Calvary, "The soldiers cast lots for his garments." This may well be one of the earliest recorded references to gambling.

In 1929, Sigmund Freud documented what is considered to be the first account of a case of pathological gambling in his study of the writer Dostoevsky, author of "Crime and Punishment." Freud wrote, "(Dostoevsky) always remained at the gambling tables until he had lost everything and was completely ruined." Freud insisted that the main thing was the gambling itself and that greed for money had nothing to do with it.

In 1980, the American Psychiatric Association defined gambling as a disorder of impulse control characterized by persistent, maladaptive gambling be-

havior. In recent times, the latest revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association characterizes a gambling disorder as a non-substance related disorder that entails persistent and recurrent gambling behaviors that lead to clinically significant impairment or distress as indicated by, in part, needs to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve the desired excitement, failed attempts to cut back or stop gambling altogether and reliance on others to provide money to relieve desperate financial situations caused by gambling and often gambling.

A few years ago, I met a prominent researcher, Durand Jacobs, who coined the term, "a general theory of addictions." He saw addictive behavior, of any type, as not only a problem in and of itself, but a symptom of a greater and deeper problem. The task and treatment of problem gambling is to simultaneously address the needs to modify the behavior as well as pursue and resolve, as feasible, the underlying conflicts, of-

ten unconscious, within a person. These conflicts often turn out to be early life traumas. It has been said, "You can't treat addictions without treating the trauma that begets the addictions."

In the mid-1990s, the Michigan Council on Problem Gambling formed and began training professional counselors in Michigan and elsewhere as a response to the influx of the new industry of gambling that came to our state. There are now more professionally trained problem gambling therapists and centers than ever before.

The website of the Michigan Association of Problem Gambling is easily found on Google. This resource is valuable in many ways. It provides a 24/7 problem gambler helpline (800-522-4700), which can be used by anyone looking for help/treatment with a gambling problem. The website contains a useful tool called, Gambler's Anonymous, 20 Questions. This is a simple, "yes/no" quiz, by which one can screen himself/herself with the resultant characterization as having a harmless, gam-

bling recreational hobby vs. a problem with abusive gambling vs. a gambling addiction. There is also a listing of problem gambling treatment providers accessed through the website and assistance is available in coordinating an initial evaluation and recommendation for a treatment plan. This also leads to links for local Gamblers Anonymous 12-Step group treatment modeled after other addiction recovery programs.

So if you are one of many caught up in the world of gambling and identify with many of the symptoms in the GA 20 Question screener, you can know that help is available and nearby. For more information, go to <http://www.michagg.com/> or call 800-522-4700.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a certified brain injury specialist and is board certified in traumatic stress, mental health, addictions and social work. He can be reached for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248 474-2763, ext. 222.

Snyder endorses Calley

Kathleen Gray and Paul Egan
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

It's time to hand over the reins of state government to the next generation and the best qualified person to take charge is Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, Gov. Rick Snyder said March 21 in making his gubernatorial endorsement official.

"I'm proud of the eight years I've had as governor ... but the way I would describe it, it's not the finish of something. I view it as a milestone — to say it's an opportunity to pass the baton on to leadership who can take it to an even higher level," Snyder said during a press conference at the headquarters of the Barton Malow construction company in Southfield. "We have the best leader possible to do that standing next to me."

It's a day that Snyder said he's been looking forward to since 2010 when he asked Calley, a Portland Republican, to be his running mate.

"He has shown great success leading us from the business side to the people side of our state. He's been a full partner in this. This has not been a ceremonial role. This man has been working hard," Snyder said.

Calley said it's been an honor to serve and be mentored by Snyder and that he looks forward to continuing on the successes achieved during Snyder's two terms as governor.

"We can bring it all to the next level and keep this comeback going. None of this would have happened without the vision and leadership of Gov. Rick Snyder," Calley said. "He was exactly the right person at the right time. It's been an honor to work alongside of him and to be mentored by him to be a part of this American comeback state that Michigan is."

The endorsement came as Calley's name identification is low and he's been running a distant second in polls to Attorney General Bill Schuette, a Midland Republican, who announced his candi-



Gov. Rick Snyder (left) said that Brian Calley deserves to take the reins of the state. "This man has been working hard," Snyder said. KATHLEEN GRAY | DFP

dacy last August. Other Republicans in the race are: state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton, Saginaw Township physician Jim Hines, retired Royal Oak businessman Earl Lackie, insurance agent Joseph DeRose of Williamston, and Grand Rapids businessman Evan Space.

Barton Malow president and CEO Ryan Maibach, who has been a donor to Calley's campaign, introduced Calley at the event.

"We're really pleased to open up our doors for this event," Maibach said. "I'm very appreciative of what you've done, not only with words, but with actions."

Schuette campaign spokesman John Sellek said the endorsement came as no surprise.

"Governors traditionally endorse their lieutenant governors," he said. "With the endorsements of conservative leaders like President Trump, Vice President Pence, Candice Miller and

Mike Bouchard, no campaign is in a stronger position for the hard work ahead than Attorney General Schuette's. We look forward to unifying the party and working with Gov. Snyder after the primary toward Republican victories in November."

Calley, a former state representative and banker, had an awkward start to his campaign by leading a problem-plagued ballot initiative to move Michigan to a part-time Legislature from a full-time one. He's differed from Snyder on several issues over the years, such as on more gun restrictions. But Calley glossed over any substantive differences.

"He's not wearing a tie," Calley said in response to a question about their differences.

RCOC spring weight restrictions to end April 2

The Road Commission for Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners is expected to lift weight restrictions for commercial trucks on its non-all-weather roads effective at 6 a.m. Monday, April 2. Imposed Feb. 26, the restrictions will have been in place for 35 days.

Each spring, in accordance with state law, RCOC reduces the weight limits on these roads as temperatures begin to rise and the ground begins to thaw. As the road subsurface thaws, the non-all-weather roads' ability to carry weight is reduced, meaning that a weight that wouldn't affect a road under normal conditions, might now damage the road.

The restrictions do not affect passenger vehicles. Approximately 2,000 of RCOC's 2,700-plus miles of roads are non-all-weather.

Weight restrictions are enforced by weigh masters employed by RCOC, the state, local communities or the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Violations of the weight restrictions can result in a citation.

A truck operators' map is available from the road commission that shows which roads have weight restrictions. The map is available by calling RCOC's Department of Customer Services, permits division, at 248-858-4835 or by visiting the department's offices at 2420 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford Township (office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. each weekday). The map is also available on RCOC's website, www.rcocweb.org (in the "permits" section) and listings of the affected roads are posted on the website as well.

For a statewide listing of which counties have imposed spring weight restrictions, go to www.micountyroads.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING April 18, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 3.2.C., General Use Provisions, Accessory Structures and Uses, for a residential property located at 41074 Stoneleigh Street (Parcel ID#77-003-01-0046-000).

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

Published: March 29, 2018

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 03-05-18

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council adopted Ordinance No. 03-05-18 - an ordinance to amend Chapter 10 Animals in the Code of Ordinances, Section 10-2 Dogs running at large:

Sec. 10-2. - Dogs running at large.

No person owning, possessing or harboring any dog shall permit the dog at any time to be on a public street or highway; in a public park, public building or any other public place; any place to which the public is generally invited; on private property other than that owned or occupied solely, to the exclusion of anyone else, by such person, except when held securely in leash or by leash of suitable strength and length by the owner or other person capable of restraining the actions of the dog; or when confined securely in a shipping receptacle or closed automobile. No such dog shall be permitted at any time on such highway or street or other public place unless such dog shall have been immunized against rabies as provided in section 10-47. Nothing in this section shall prevent an owner of a dog from using the dog in hunting or in training the dog off a leash, provided the dog shall be upon private property owned or occupied solely, to the exclusion of anyone else, by such person.

The ordinance amendment was introduced for first reading on March 5, 2018 and was adopted by the City Council on March 19, 2018. The ordinance is effective on March 30, 2018. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

Published: March 29, 2018

INVITATION TO BID 2018 PAINTING AND FLOORING IMPROVEMENTS at RIDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY, AND NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the painting and flooring work at the Northville Public Schools listed above.

Plans and specifications may be downloaded electronically and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after March 21, 2018. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal will be accepted NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 P.M., April 5, 2018 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2018 beginning at 8:00 am beginning at Northville High School main entrance lobby, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville MI. This meeting is not mandatory but highly recommended. All schools will be made available for walkthrough immediately following the meeting.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,881 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the owner.

Roland Hwang, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

Published: March 29, 2018

New Kohler store sells shower that mimics rain, toilet that plays music

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The leading Midwest distributor of Kohler kitchen and bath products opened a store this month in Birmingham.

"Birmingham embodies some of the things we're known for — quality, great design and creating beauty within the home," said Nathan Caspers, manager at Kohler Signature Store.

Wisconsin-based First Supply owns Kohler Signature Stores in Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and, now, Michigan that feature only Kohler bath and kitchen products.

"We're the top tier, No. 1 distributor of Kohler products," Caspers said. "We house so much inventory in our Wisconsin warehouse. This is a slightly different venture in that it's a retail store, so we have product you can take home today."

The remodeling market is expected to boom again this year, continuing the demand for home improvement products, including kitchen and bath items. Homeowners are expected to spend \$340 billion on remodeling and repairs this year, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity, a quarterly outlook on home improvement, produced by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. That's an increase of 7.5 percent from estimated 2017 spending.

Caspers says a greater attention to "self-care" is helping to fuel interest in new bath and kitchen products.

"Why kitchen and bath stores are popping up is that people investing more time into taking care of themselves," he said. "But instead of just bathing, now it has become a showering experience or a moment we can steal away to pamper ourselves. These products facilitate that."

Here's a look at five product categories at the new store, located at 724 N. Old Woodward Ave. (call 248-671-6299):

Bathtubs

Free-standing tubs have increased in popularity, especially in new home construction and remodels, Caspers says. Shower systems with separate bathtubs have become a trend.

"There's an interest in authentic homes and I think it comes from trying to take the modern and incorporate some of the classic or antique design," he said. "The interest in claw-foot tubs has expanded the interest in freestanding tubs as well, which is giving something that is more modern and has functionality an authentic look in terms of interior design."

Kohler's VibrAcoustic BubbleMassage Air Bath is a drop-in tub that combines hydrotherapy and sound wave technology. Jets release thousands of



Kohler Signature Store manager Nathan Caspers works the lock box in a mirrored medicine cabinet. SHARON DARGAY

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

At its regular meeting on April 16, 2018, City Council will introduce for first reading proposed text amendments to sections of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the following:

1. Modify a general phrase that permits other, unlisted special land uses in the GCD, General Commercial District to those specifically meeting the special use standards of the ordinance. (Sec. 11.03).
2. Clarify that special land use applications are submitted to the Building Department (Sec. 16.01 and 16.14).
3. Change the timing when an applicant must submit draft condominium documents to the Planning Commission and City Attorney in the planning review process (Sec. 18.14).
4. Permit privacy fences along certain highly-traveled streets (Sec. 18.09).
5. Add ordinance language to address various senior housing options (assisted living, and continued care retirement community) in various zoning districts, including: Definitions for "Assisted (small and large facility) Senior Living Facility," "Independent Senior Living Facility," and "Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)" are added (Sec. 26.02); list of permitted and special land uses per district is modified (Section 3.0); Small Assisted Senior facility is added as permitted use in R-3, Third Density Residential District and R-4, Fourth Density Residential District, including density maximum (Sec. 5.02 and 6.02); Large Assisted Senior Facility is added as special land use to R-3 and R-4 (Sec. 5.03 and 6.03); CCRC is added as special land use to R-4 (Sec. 6.03); residential dwelling units are clarified as "mixed use" residential/office in PBO, Professional Business Office district (Sec. 7.03); upper level residential dwelling units are clarified in CBD, Central Business district (Sec. 10.01 and 10.03); assisted living/housing for the elderly is removed from the CBD-O, Central Business District-Overlay district (Sec. 10.05); Schedule of Regulations is modified to clarify minimum unit size for assisted/nursing facilities (Sec. 15.02); new special land use standards for Large Assisted Living Facility and CCRC are added (Article 16); parking requirements for senior housing types are modified (Section 17.02); and sign regulations are clarified (Section 21.01).

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for April 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

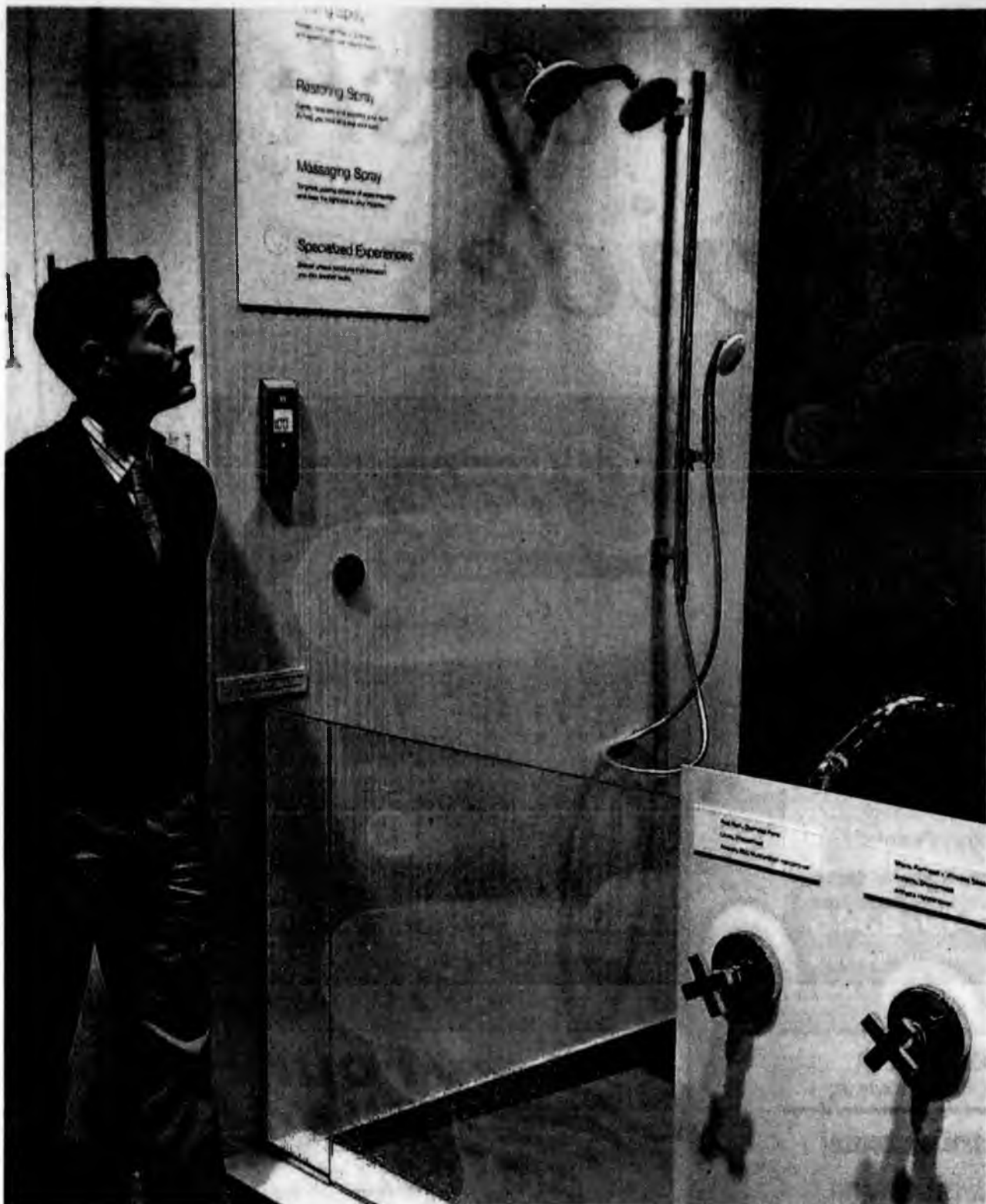
The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a request to amend the Zoning Map by re-zoning the parcel located at 129 N. Wing St., parcel number 48 002 01 0520 000, from GCD, General Commercial District, to R-1B, First Density Residential District. The property owner would like to renovate the existing historic house on this site to use as a single-family home. The property proposed for rezoning is shown on the map below. A draft map showing the parcel proposed for rezoning is also available through the Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is available on the City's website (www.ci.northville.us – go to Services, Building Department, Planning Commission).



The proposed map amendment will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm (NOTE new public hearing date) at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public input on this proposed change. Written comments will also be accepted at the above address.

JAY WENDT, CHAIRPERSON
PLANNING COMMISSION

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Nathan Caspers, Kohler Signature store manager, shows the Real Rain shower system that mimics rainfall. SHARON DARGAY



Crystal faucet handles from the Kallista Collection at First Supply's Kohler Signature Store in Birmingham. SHARON DARGAY



A modern pedestal sink from the Veil collection at the Kohler Signature Store in Birmingham. SHARON DARGAY

Kohler

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bubbles, while hidden speakers in the tub emit sound waves.

"Sound travels twice as quickly through water than anything else," Caspers said. "So this tub gives you the ability to use six different pre-programmed sounds and you actually feel the percussion, you feel the movement of the sound through the water, so it becomes a really beautiful massage."

Kohler's list price ranges from approximately \$6,000 to \$9,000, depending on tub design. Bathtubs can regulate the intensity of both bubbles and sound.

"It makes for a nice experience," he added. "You can connect your Bluetooth and listen to your own music as well."

Smart toilets

Kohler sells a line of intelligent toilets, with square-shaped Numi being the most advanced.

"She plays music," Caspers said. "The nice thing is they all have heated seats, heated rear and front bidets, drying fans. It really takes the experience in the restroom to another level with automation, but also maybe from a comfort standpoint as well."

Numi's lid is motion-activated. A foot warmer keeps toes toasty, while a nightlight built into the back of the toilet can glow in eight different colors.

"It deodorizes, too," Caspers said. All the ones with bidets clean themselves with ultra violet light. "It's a really intelligent piece of equipment to have in the restroom."

Functions such as water massage, water pressure and seat temperature, in addition to flush, are arrayed on a hand-held remote that is stored in a docking station on the wall.

"We like to think that it is fairly intuitive," he added. During a power outage, Numi keeps working for up to 100 emergency flushes.

Kohler's list price is approximately \$7,500.

Showers

Kohler brings the outdoors inside with its Real Rain shower system, designed to mimic rain.

"You'll hear trickle rain, just like it does in nature," Caspers said. "It starts off delicately, slowly, and starts to build until it's a strong downpour."

A reservoir is designed into the overhead Real Rain shower panel and uses gravity to disperse droplets of different sizes that fall at different rates and are randomly scattered, just like rainfall.

"It's unique and kind of cool," Caspers said. "When you're ready to rinse the shampoo out of your hair, you hit the deluge button and it's a really solid downpour."

The digital control also operates body jets and steam, in addition to the shower head. Manual controls also are available.

Customers can check out the system in a shower demonstration area at the store. The overhead shower panel list price is \$2,150.

Vanities, cabinets

No more leaving the curling iron out on the sink vanity's surface. Modern custom vanities include an electrical supply in some of their drawers and cab-



First Supply's Kohler Signature Store opened this month in Birmingham. SHARON DARGAY

inets.

Some medicine cabinets include pharmaceutical lock boxes.

"You can prevent accidents from happening in the home," Caspers said. "I've never seen anything like this before."

Sinks, faucets

Dark finishes, such as oiled antique bronze, matte black and gold, have made a "huge debut" on the home improvement scene, according to Caspers.

The store's artist series includes sinks that are embellish in floral and geometric designs.

"Each piece has its own unique characteristics," he said. "They are all done by hand. They're done by an artist."

Faucets and handles can complement and even elevate the sink and surrounding vanity.

"We have Saint-Louis Crystal on some of these pieces. Women love this one," Caspers said, pointing to a set of clear, gem-shaped handles. "It's every girl's favorite. It's like diamonds. This line is only available in Kohler Signature Stores."

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Rockets' ace ready for senior season

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Westland John Glenn baseball coach Lawrence Scheffer never hesitated from day one when he penciled the name Brian Martin into his starting lineup. The Michigan State signee, a pitcher-

outfielder, excelled as a ninth-grader and enters his senior season with high expectations after the Rockets suffered through a 5-18 season his junior year.

"Last year was tough. We were dealing with some injuries and we were a young team," Martin said. "But everyone is older now, a little more mature, and knows what it takes to win at the varsity level. Obviously, me and some other players have some varsity experience, so it was all just a learning experience last year."

Martin would be the first to admit he

took too much upon his shoulders in 2017.

"I knew we were young and a lot of the team's success mounted on me, so I wanted to give my best out there, but I was pressing, for sure," he said.

The team captain has accomplished a lot in his three varsity seasons with the Rockets.

Martin hit .400 with three homers and 25 RBIs his junior year after batting .420 with 40 RBIs and three homers as a

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John Glenn senior captain Brian Martin, who signed with Michigan State, expects to have a banner senior year. BRAD EMONS

BOYS BASKETBALL

SHOT DOWN

Novi can't shoot straight in semifinal loss to West Ottawa

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All the excitement of March Madness ended Friday in March sadness for Novi in the MHSAA Class A boys basketball state semifinals in East Lansing.

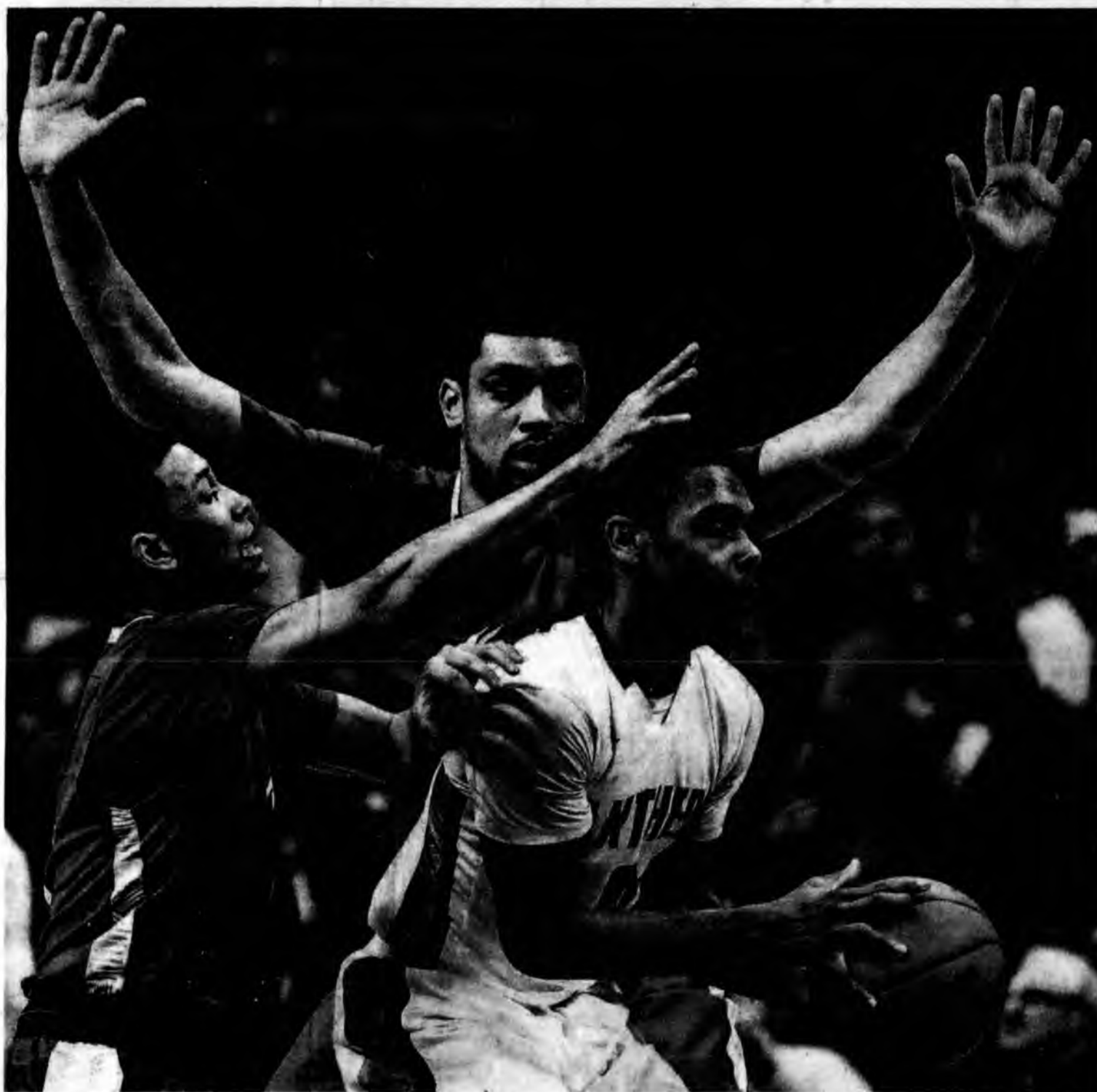
Before a crowd of 10,030 at Michigan State's Breslin Center, the Wildcats' tourney magic finally ran out in what only could be called a frustrating shooting performance in 53-50 loss to Holland West Ottawa.

The Panthers (25-2) held Novi to 34.5-percent shooting from the field, including 8-of-28 from the 3-point line, to advance to the state championship game against defending Class A champ Clarkston, which advanced with a convincing 73-49 win over Warren De La Salle behind Mr. Basketball Foster Loyer's 42 points.

Novi (17-9) had its chances, but was unable to duplicate its clutch late-game performances turned in during tourney wins in the district (against Canton), the regional (against previously unbeaten Ann Arbor Skyline) and the quarterfinal (against Belleville).

"We had a goal set to play to

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Novi's Tendon Hankerson (left) and Tariq Woody pressure Holland West Ottawa's Xavier Wade during the first quarter. NICK KING | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

PREP BASEBALL

CC's Stinebiser nice catch for Duke

Shamrocks senior will also handle pitching chores

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Coach Dan Michaels will tell you catcher Matt Stinebiser is the straw who

will stir the drink this season for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central baseball team.

"If he goes, we'll go," Michaels said of the Duke University signee.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound senior will bat in the third hole or clean-up spot this season after hitting .384 a year ago

with 28 RBIs.

"He had good numbers last year," Michaels said. "But this year, I'm expecting him to drive the ball a little more, some more extra-base hits, more home runs, turn on a few pitches here and there. But he's going to be our catalyst. I don't want to put pressure on him, but we need him

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Stinebiser



BOYS LACROSSE

Juggernaut teams picking up speed

P-CEP squads hoping to break into elite status

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Every fan of high school boys lacrosse in metro Detroit knows about the sustained excellence of programs such as Birmingham Brother Rice and Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

But maybe, just maybe, another lacrosse juggernaut is forming at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The 2018 varsity boys lacrosse season is getting into the swing in late March and Canton and Plymouth are serious about building on memorable 2017 showings and giving the vaunted Warriors and Shamrocks something to think about in the Division 1 postseason.

"We accomplished a lot of great things last year," Plymouth coach Ray Miller said. "But as a program, we feel there is unfinished business to take care of this year."

The Wildcats enjoyed their best season in a decade of existence, rolling to 13 wins and a heartbreaking 8-7 loss to the campus rival Chiefs in a D-1 regional final.

In turn, Canton then lost to Brother Rice in a lopsided quarterfinal match-up that shows that — despite last year's success — there is another level to get to in order to really take a grab at some serious postseason hardware.

Canton coach Josh Simmons is banking on continued strong performances from senior captains Nick Polydoros (midfielder, committed to Division I Cleveland State), Connor Flanigan (midfielder, co-offensive MVP) and Diego Marzejon (defense), along with senior Chase Meredith (attack).

"Nick was last year's team MVP and is one of the best players in the state," Simmons said. "Connor Flanigan looks to



One of Canton's key defenders in 2018 will be Diego Marzejon (left), shown from a game last season.



Plymouth senior midfielder Mitchell Bates will look to help his team continue last season's success, when it reached the Division 1 regional final.

continue his dominance on face-offs, as well keeping the offense running smoothly."

Also on the Canton attack will be sophomore Zachary Sweet, Jake Kendall and Paul Schmidt.

"Sweet scored a lot of big goals last year and I did not expect him to become the force that he is so soon," Simmons said. "I expect to see him continue to improve from last year. Chase Meredith made a transition from midfield to attack late last year and I think he found his home at his new position."

Midfielders Jack Cervantes and Alex Yoder are promising all-around talents, while the Canton defense will shut teams down thanks to Marzejon and sophomore goaltender Sam Bowling.

Balanced 'Cats

As for the Wildcats, there is talent "spread out at every position this season and, as a coaching staff, we feel we are much deeper than last year," Miller said. "On top of that, our chemistry has been excellent so far."

Plymouth captains are senior Charlie Shaver (defense) and juniors Blake Nowicki (goalie), Carson Miller (midfield) and Ian Gozdzor (midfield).

Teams in the KLAAs will need to find a way to slow down the attack of senior Bryan Twinney, junior Per Benson and sophomores Gavin Roach, Harrison Albano, Brendan Allen and Ethan Rottell.

A strong midfield is spearheaded by seniors Jake Roach, Mitchell Bates and Logan Goebel and juniors Miller, Gozdzor, Jeff Koviak, Nathan Stoneburg and Griffin Connell. Added to the mix are sophomores Sam Peterson and Mike Mathias and freshman David Brace.

Racking up goals against the Wildcats won't be a piece of cake, not with a lineup featuring seniors Shaver, Jacob Marcinak and Adam Kolcon, juniors Josh Montroy and Logan Stacey and sophomores Grant Caswell and Tyler Schewe.

Guarding the net will be Nowicki and sophomore Cam Bump.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Clutch shooter Maddox earns weekly honor

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Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. has proven this boys basketball season he has ice in his veins.

The 6-foot-5 senior guard, who was voted hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week, made the game-winning shot with only 2.8 seconds left March 16 to give the Wildcats their first Class A regional title to beat previously unbeaten Ann Arbor Skyline, 61-59, at Salem.

And he did it again March 20 with a buzzer-beater in the state quarterfinal at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall to knock off Belleville, 75-73, as Novi earned its first trip in school history to the state

semifinals.

"He's a special player," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said following Maddox's clutch performance in the quarterfinal.

Maddox, who was also a three-year standout wide receiver for the Novi varsity football team, is headed to play basketball next year at Oakland University.

This season he's averaging 19.5 points, 4.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game. He's shooting 48 percent from the field, including 33 percent from 3-point range, and is a 75-percent free-throw shooter.

"My favorite player is Kobe (Bryant) and I try to pattern my game after Kobe," Maddox said of the retired Lakers great. "So I watched so much of Kobe Bryant ... I've seen he plays inside and outside. He can go to the basket whenever he wants

to. He can shoot the jump shot whenever he wants to. His pull-up game is nearly unstoppable. And that's one thing I really, really worked on in the off-season, was my pull-up game, attack the basket a lot stronger and finish over people."

Maddox credits his family and fellow Novi senior classmate Xavier Martin for putting him in the position where he is today.

"I have a sister, but he's my best friend. I call him my brother," Maddox said. "Outside of basketball, he keeps me level-headed and supports me through everything. I really appreciate him for that."

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Novi senior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. was voted hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week. Country Day girls basketball player Kayla Webb was runner-up. CRESCENT ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY

Martin

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sophomore, while also posting a 0.96 ERA on the mound.

He is a three-time all-district and two-time all-region and all-state player who is rated the No. 4 pitcher in Michigan by Perfect Game, as well as the No. 14 player overall in the state by Prep Baseball Report.

"He's had very good career with the bat at John Glenn," Scheffer said. "Last year, his numbers were kind of down a little bit, but we had a down year. There's a reason he made all-state as a sophomore. He put up a lot of good numbers, hit the ball with power in the gaps, made some clutch hits when we needed them. He's a dream come true as a coach, to coach somebody like this for four years. This doesn't happen every day."

The right-hander throws a fastball in the upper 80s (mph) and uses an array of off-speed pitches, including change-up, curve ball and slider, to help throw off batters.

During his freshman and sophomore years, he worked closely with Glenn assistant coach Aaron Scheffer, a former pro pitcher who played with the Seattle Mariners and Lawrence's younger brother.

"(Aaron) was big on developing my change-up and I think that's probably why where it is now," Martin said. "He doesn't coach too much now, but when I see him, I definitely talk pitching and mechanics, for sure. He's got the background. He and I jive pretty well. We



John Glenn senior Brian Martin will be the ace of the staff. BRAD EMONS

have a lot of same views."

Martin stands 6-feet-2 and has bulked up to 200 pounds his senior season.

"He's put on 20 pounds of strength and, muscle-wise, he's been going to Barwis (Training Methods) in Canton and I think he gets that it's his last hurrah," Scheffer said. "He brings a lot of good tools to the mound. He throws four good pitches for strikes. And since he's been a freshman, he's done a tremendous job, pitching on the mound and with the bat."

Martin began playing baseball at age

"At Michigan State, the coaches there made me feel like a family."

Brian Martin
MSU recruit from John Glenn

5 and fell in love with it right away. His older brother Brandon played for Glenn and his dad Butch has coached baseball for 20 years.

Martin also bowled competitively and lettered as a freshman for the Rockets varsity team.

"I'm not bowling currently, but still bowl for fun sometimes," Martin said. "I think it helped strengthen my shoulder a lot. And I did it during the off-season, so it provides a workout for me. That was a big passion, but baseball is my true joy."

Martin had interest from Michigan, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan, but Michigan State ultimately won out in the end.

"At Michigan State, the coaches there made me feel like a family," said Martin, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average and plans to study forensic psychology. "Coach (Jake) Boss was really inviting and he had a lot of confidence in my skill set, so I thought it was the best place to go and succeed."

Martin's normal outfield position is right field, but he can also play left and center, in addition to pitching.

"(MSU) told me that I could attempt a two-way," Martin said. "It looks right now that I'm going to get the chance to do that, so I'm pretty excited about that."

Martin played summer travel baseball with the Chi Cream at the recom-

mendation by a Chicago Cubs area scout.

"Brian was the first commitment in the 2018 class and, since that commitment, he has shown us that his bat could be a real weapon," MSU assistant coach Graham Sikes said in a November press release. "We have seen him succeed on the mound, but have seen him hit a number of home runs as well. I'm not sure if he will eventually be a better hitter or pitcher, but whichever one it is, I think will be really good."

The Rockets return seven players from last year's varsity roster, led by junior pitcher-outfielder Chad Stevens, who has strong college interest.

Stevens is joined by junior twins Korey (infield-pitcher) and Kyle Littlefield (first baseman), sophomore Josh Muse (catcher-infielder), senior Kyle Heim (catcher-infielder), senior Tyler Fuciarrelli (pitcher-infielder) and junior Graham Bowen (outfield-pitcher).

Promising newcomers include junior shortstop Corey Pinard and junior pitcher-infielder Connor Chapman.

"I don't want to allude to too much, but big things are probably going to come this year," Martin said.

And with Martin leading the way, Scheffer likes what he sees from his senior captain.

"He's got a great personality, likes to kid around with the other guys," he said. "He's real upbeat, a nice young man with good manners, just an all-around good kid to be around with."

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Novi

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morrow and it's tough," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "Sometimes during the course of the season, you don't play a great game and, unfortunately, for us it was today. You've got to give (West Ottawa) credit. They played the way they wanted to. They had us playing their style. It's not what we wanted to do. We hung with them, we played tough, it's just unfortunate we didn't get some shots to fall for us."

Senior center Tariq Woody, who finished with 14 points and 16 rebounds, gave Novi a 43-42 lead on an inside basket with 4:15 remaining, but West Ottawa's Drew Pedersen answered with a 3-pointer and the Panthers would never relinquish their 45-43 lead down the stretch by hitting 6-of-7 free throws during the final 1:02.

Novi, down 51-48 after Nik Williams drained a 3-pointer from the wing, had one final chance to knot the game after Xavier Wade missed the front-end of a one-and-one with 26.7 seconds left.

The Wildcats misfired on a shot from the perimeter, but got the ball back only to turn it over on the ensuing in-bounds play with 11.3 seconds remaining.

The play was designed to give senior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. (13 points), the hero with buzzer-beater shots against Belleville and Skyline, a 3-point attempt.

"We had a play called from the baseline out of bounds," Sinawi said. "Woody got it in, we got it to the corner. Kind of a scramble play and I thought there was contact on both Tariq, as well as Nik Williams on the floor somehow. (The officials) called both players out of bounds. (The official) pointed at Tariq and pointed at Nik and pointed at their direction, which I didn't agree with, obviously."

Tyler Bosma, who had 13 points along with Wade, sealed the victory with a pair of free throws with only 9.4 seconds remaining to make it two-possession game, 53-48.

"The funny thing is, it's kind of been like our last three games, making free throws down the stretch, getting key defensive stops, kids rebounding, kids getting their hands on loose balls. Drew



Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. dunks the ball and is fouled. NICK KING | LANSING STATE JOURNAL



Novi's Trendon Hankerson scores during the first quarter. NICK KING | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

(Pedersen) blocked a shot, Liam (Cavanaugh) blocked a shot ... it's been our M.O. last three or four games," West Ottawa coach Steve Windemuller said.

Novi outrebounded the Panthers, 39-28, but couldn't overcome its shooting woes as the Wildcats' top three scorers — Maddox, Trendon Hankerson (seven points) and Jiovanni Miles (eight points) — went a combined 10-of-38 from the floor.

"If it was Tuesday, they probably would have gone in, but today it's Friday and, unfortunately, we just couldn't hit the shots," Sinawi said. "I'm looking at 20-of-58 and 6-of-28 from three, and you're not going to win many games against teams that good defensively. We had open looks but, unfortunately, they didn't go."

West Ottawa kept the Wildcats off-balance by constantly switching its defense.

"They were 1-3-1 (zone), they were 3-2 (zone), they were 2-3 (zone), they were man," Sinawi said. "They did a good job,

that was their game plan and it worked. We had different shots, we had different looks ... the kids weren't comfortable at all."

Here are some other takeaways:

STRONG DEFENSE

The Panthers got a total of four blocks, including a big block down the stretch by the 6-4 Pederson (12 points) on the 6-5 Maddox.

"People don't think we're that athletic, but these guys get after it," Windemuller said. "They have long arms and that was the key, defensively. We played three or four different defenses. We went back to man and that was the key in our regional final game, switching back to man. This afternoon, we switched back to man, too. We didn't give them as many open looks, but (Williams) finally makes a three, but other than that, I thought we did a tremendous job on their shooters and Maddox. We've done that all year."

SLOW START

Novi fell behind at the outset, 12-5, but pulled ahead 17-14 after one quarter and led 26-24 at halftime.

The Wildcats went 7-of-15 from the field in the opening quarter, but only 13-of-43 over the final 24 minutes.

Maddox, an Oakland University signee, gave kudos to the opposing team's defense.

"I was just missing shots that I normally make," he said. "My pull-up jumper wasn't falling tonight. I was guarding (Tyler Bosma), nice kid, lefty who could get to the basket well. He was about my height or a little taller. Having somebody to guard as tall as me makes it a little bit tough."

TAKE A BOW

It was the best tournament run in school history for the Wildcats, who started the season 1-5.

Things turned around after the 6-9 Woody, a transfer from Plymouth, and Hankerson, the 6-4 senior point guard who was out with a broken foot, both returned in January.

"It wasn't our best game, unfortunately, on this stage, but it does not take away what this team was able to accomplish," Sinawi said. "It doesn't take away the togetherness this team had, the relationships these players have created, the excitement we've had for our school and community. To get this far for the first time in our school history is a special thing. I'm never going to forget this team and they gave me an opportunity to coach where I always wanted to coach since I started 15 years ago."

FAN SUPPORT

There was a strong turnout at Breslin by the Novi community, which sold more than 600 student tickets.

"I think it's great and it's something special ... because it's the first time we've ever done it," Hankerson said. "I just think this is all a process, regardless how we ended the season. We didn't want it to end this way, but getting this far is really special."

Added Sinawi: "It's a tough one. Emotions are high, but like told the players, 'It's never how you react to adversity, it's how you respond to it.' And these kids are going to respond the right way."

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Stinebiser

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to lead."

In 128 plate appearances during his junior year, Stinebiser struck out just 13 times.

"I've been working on my power a lot this off-season, trying to hit the ball in the air a little bit more, a little more power," he said. "I'm, obviously, working on catching drills, blocking, receiving ... all the things I've done every off-season, but specifically working on the power train and trying to hit the ball in the air with more power this year."

Stinebiser's father Frederick played baseball growing up, but wrestled in college in Pittsburgh. His younger brother Josh also plays, as did uncles and cousins, but never at the next level.

Stinebiser, who hails from Northville, also played football growing up for Our Lady of Victory and the Northville Stallions. He was a quarterback and defensive end as a ninth-grader at CC, but decided baseball was his ticket.

"I loved football, but at the end of my freshman year, I thought the time in the fall was too valuable if I wanted to play college baseball and go up to the next level," Stinebiser said. "And I ended up stopping my freshman year."

Stinebiser got connected during the summer with the A. Green travel baseball program and his game took off.

"A. Green did a lot for me," Stinebiser said. "We had the chance to play all over the country, get a lot of exposure to coaches at the next level. I started talking to coach (Josh) Jordan my sophomore year. I talked to coach Michaels for a little bit. He's a great guy and did he a great job selling me on Duke. Amazing school, the program has made huge strides and they're playing really good baseball right now. And, obviously, the campus and the conference they play in are both great. So it evolved over a year and it ended my junior year."

Stinebiser, who also had interest from Big Ten schools Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio State, along with Miami (Ohio), ended up signing a national letter of intent last November with the Blue Devils.

And he was sold on his initial visit to the Durham, N.C., school.

"The campus is unbelievable. It's the most beautiful campus in the world," Stinebiser said. "The weather is nice, the people are nice and, obviously, the baseball facilities are the best in country."

Stinebiser, who carries a 4.2 grade-point average at CC, plans to study finance and economics at Duke.

"Aside from baseball, if you're going to get into Duke, you have to be a top-notch student, first and foremost," Michaels said. "That's the greatest thing about him going to Duke. Matt is not only a top-notch player, but he's a top-notch kid. Great student, just a great teammate and a great kid. 'Yes, coach, no coach' — does everything you ask him to do. And I think that's probably one of the reasons why he's getting a chance to play at Duke, not only because of his ability, but he's also a darn good kid."

CC, which finished runner-up to rival Birmingham



Catholic Central's Matt Stinebiser, behind the plate during last year's Catholic League A-B semifinal at Comerica Park. DENNIS CIPRIANO

"The campus is unbelievable. It's the most beautiful campus in the world."

Matt Stinebiser

Brother Rice in the Catholic League playoffs, is coming off a 17-20-1 season. The Shamrocks were knocked out in the district final by eventual Division I state runner-up Northville.

The Shamrocks, who defeated Madison Heights Bishop Foley in Saturday's season opener, 7-1, return senior shortstop-pitcher Cody Kanclerz (Hillsdale College) and senior pitcher Johnny Lobbia, along with senior outfielders Zach Peurach and Jack Falinski.

Junior outfielder Joe Hardenbergh is also getting Division I interest.

"We expect to win a lot of ballgames this year," Stinebiser said. "We have a lot of talent, we have a lot of guys that have been in some big games. We've got really good senior leadership this year and a lot of young guys ready to make their mark. (We) had some good teams in the past and a lot of guys back, but we really have high expectations for this group, specifically."

Stinebiser will also take a regular turn on the mound.

"I'll pitch a little bit this year," he said. "I'd would say pitching is a strength this year, with guys like Johnny (Lobbia) and Cody (Kanclerz) coming back who pitched a lot of big innings for us the last few years. And then guys like Thomas Sylvester and Blake

Salmon ... both of those are good, young guys coming to our pitching staff."

Arm strength comes effortlessly for Stinebiser, according to his coach. He can also play the corner infield positions, first and third.

"If he actually just concentrated on pitcher, he could be a darn good pitcher, too, and get some looks," Michaels said. "He's very easy, too, in the way he throws. He can throw it up there low 80s (mph) without really much effort. Very strong arm."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Maddox's tear-drop lifts Novi

Wildcats win school's first quarterfinal, 75-73

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Step aside Chauncey Billups, because Novi has its own Mr. Big Shot.

Traveon Maddox Jr. did it again March 20, hitting a one-handed tear-drop shot in the lane at the buzzer to give the Wildcats a dramatic 75-73 victory over Belleville in the Class A boys basketball quarterfinal at the University of Detroit's Callihan Hall.

Maddox, who finished with 21 points, also made the game-winning shot just six days earlier with only 2.8 seconds left to beat previously unbeaten Ann Arbor Skyline, 61-59, as Novi captured its first regional title.

The Wildcats had taken what appeared to be a comfortable 73-68 lead on a basket by junior Giovanni Miles with 2:19 remaining.

But Belleville (20-6) took advantage of two costly Novi turnovers and scored five straight points to knot the game at 73-73 on Davion Williams's short banker with 20.2 seconds left.

Novi coach Brandon Sinawi then called a timeout with 12.9 seconds left to set up a final play.

"Oh yeah, as soon as it left my hand I was, like, 'It's good,'" the 6-foot-5 Maddox said. "(Williams) is a great DB ... the back-door didn't work, so I came around the screen that Trendon Hankerson set for me, I gave an up-fake and shot the floater and it was all good."

Hankerson, the 6-4 senior point guard who finished with a game-high 24 points, caught the ball off the in-bounds play just inside mid-court, dribbled and shoveled it off to the new Mr. Big Shot.

"It was really a back-door play to (Maddox) to get a layup, but it ended up not working, so I told him to go under if it didn't work, which he did," Hankerson said, "and then I just came around, gave him the pass and he laid the ball up and it was a terrific shot."

"It means so much because of the special group of kids we have," Sinawi said. "For me it's great as a coach to take a team this far and now we get a chance to play in East Lansing. Really, it's about the kids and sometimes we forget about that as coaches. I'm excited for the kids and they're rushing the court ... that's what it's all about. It's great for Novi. We've had a really good team for three or four years and we've been kind of building on this. We're super thrilled to have a chance to go on, but I'm more thrilled for the kids."

Here are some other takeaways:

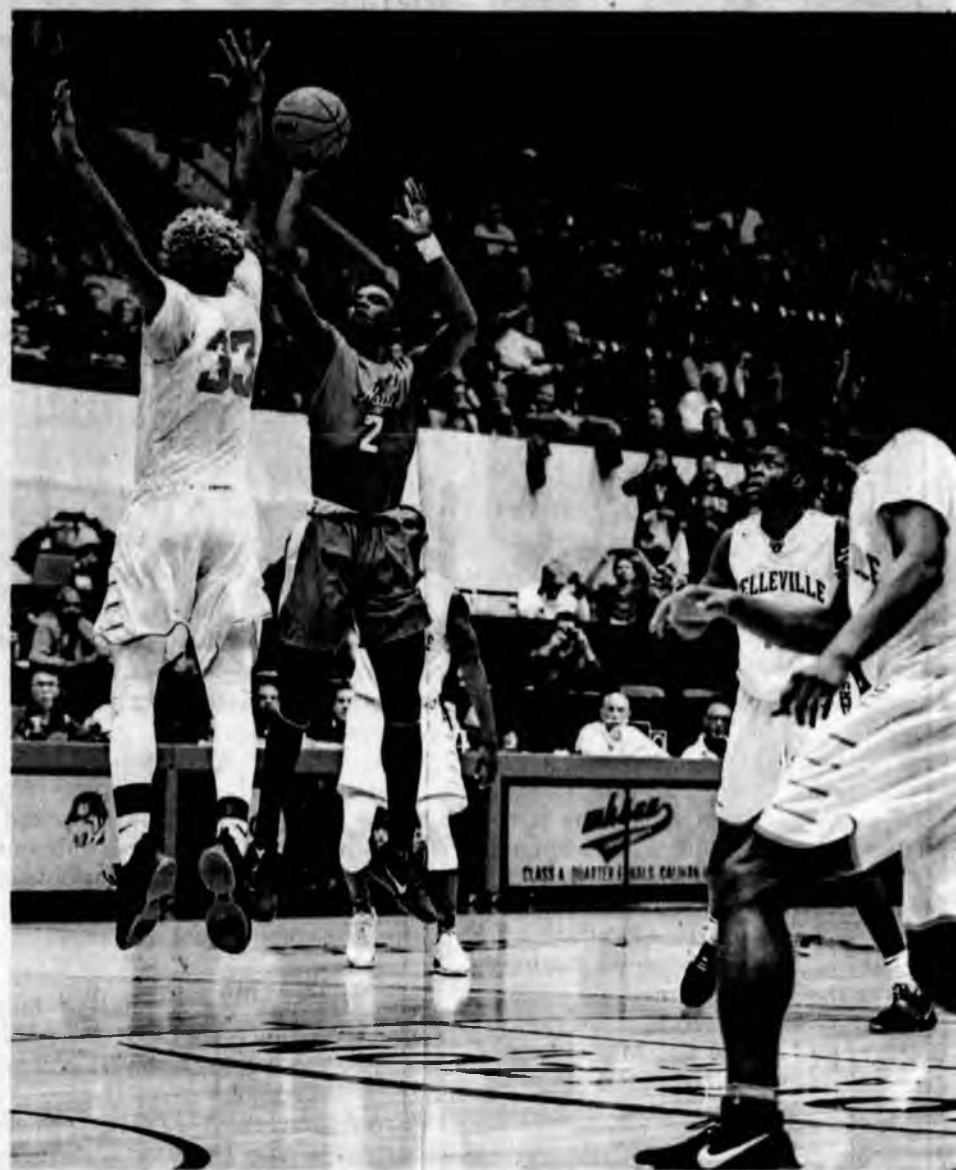
HANKERSON'S NIGHT

The senior guard, the team's quarterback, continued his stellar tourney play in the quarterfinal win over the Tigers.

"Trendon passed the ball great, shot the ball great and finished well," Maddox said. "Got everybody in the game, kept us composed, kept us calm. He's a Division I point guard and teams are missing out right now."

Hankerson missed Novi's first seven games with a broken foot, but has now returned to peak form.

"He played one of the best games he's



Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. launches the game-winning shot over Belleville's Connor Bush. DAVE DONOHER



Novi's Trendon Hankerson looks for a shot against Belleville's Gabe Brown. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

played in his high school career and in one of the biggest stages he's ever played in in high school," Sinawi said. "Super proud of the kid. He's a special, special player who made some big-time shots."

HOT SHOOTING

Both teams blistered the nets, with Novi shooting 65.2 percent (30-of-46), while Belleville was 54.3 percent (25-of-46).

Hankerson and Maddox combined for 45 points, while Miles added 16.

Nik Williams hit a pair of big threes off the bench, while 6-9 Tariq Woody,

who went scoreless in the second half, added five and came up with some big defensive rebounds. Brett Mackay also added a rebound basket.

"There were some possessions we'd like back defensively, but hats off to the kids from Novi," Belleville coach Adam Trumpour said. "Traveon, in particular, made some really difficult shots. (Hankerson), as well, made some difficult shots that were contested. I didn't think our effort was poor defensively. They got us on a couple back-door plays that were disappointing. We had them scouted out and had the calls."

BIG TURNAROUND

Both teams, shooting an identical 8-of-11 from the floor, came out red-hot in the first quarter as Novi led, 20-19. Belleville then took a 36-31 advantage at intermission as the Wildcats committed seven turnovers and went 0-of-4 from the foul line.

But the Wildcats came out strong after halftime, hitting 10-of-14 shots, while outscoring Belleville 26-18 in the third quarter to lead, 57-54.

"Our adjustment was to come out a little with a zone (defense), just to slow the tempo down a little bit," Sinawi said. "I think it worked in the third quarter. We took the lead, but they're just so aggressive and so good going to the basket. They go downhill better than anybody that we played all year. They hit good shots to get them back in. Our effort started to match our energy defensively, which wasn't there the second half."

TIGERS CAGED

Belleville had four players score in double figures, led by Michigan State signees Gabe Brown (basketball) and Williams (football) with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Seniors Daniel Alverson and Kaevon Merriweather added 14 and 10, respectively. The Tigers made 17-of-25 free throws, while Novi was 4-of-11.

"I wish it was the other way around, but it isn't," said Trumpour, whose team had its six-game winning streak snapped. "That's basketball and life. You've got to get up the next day and do the things that you've got to do. We have some great seniors who are going to go on and do some great things and we're going to miss them. They had an impact on our basketball program. Wish I could have been a possession better for them and stole one more possession for them."

CLUTCH PLAYS

It was tense during the final minutes, but Novi was able to hold on for victory despite four fourth-quarter turnovers.

"It's tough, because coming down the stretch, you're really good tough buckets, so you're looking for more great offensive possessions than you are just open shots, shots you're taking that are one-on-one shots," said Hankerson, who had seven fourth-quarter points.

But none was bigger than Maddox's floater to win it at the horn.

"He's a special player," Sinawi said. "He's made big-time plays in big games. He's a Division I player who is going to do a lot of great things at the Division I level. He's not ready to quit playing high school basketball and he did it tonight. Traveon made a remarkable play that won't be forgotten."

And after he was mobbed by teammates, coaches and the Novi student body, Maddox reflected on his game-winner.

"It's the quarterfinal and this tops any of my shots, to be honest, and I've made a lot of buzzer-beaters," said Maddox, who also had two dunks and three 3-pointers.

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YOUTH WRESTLING

Michigan Matcats bring home three MYWAY state titles

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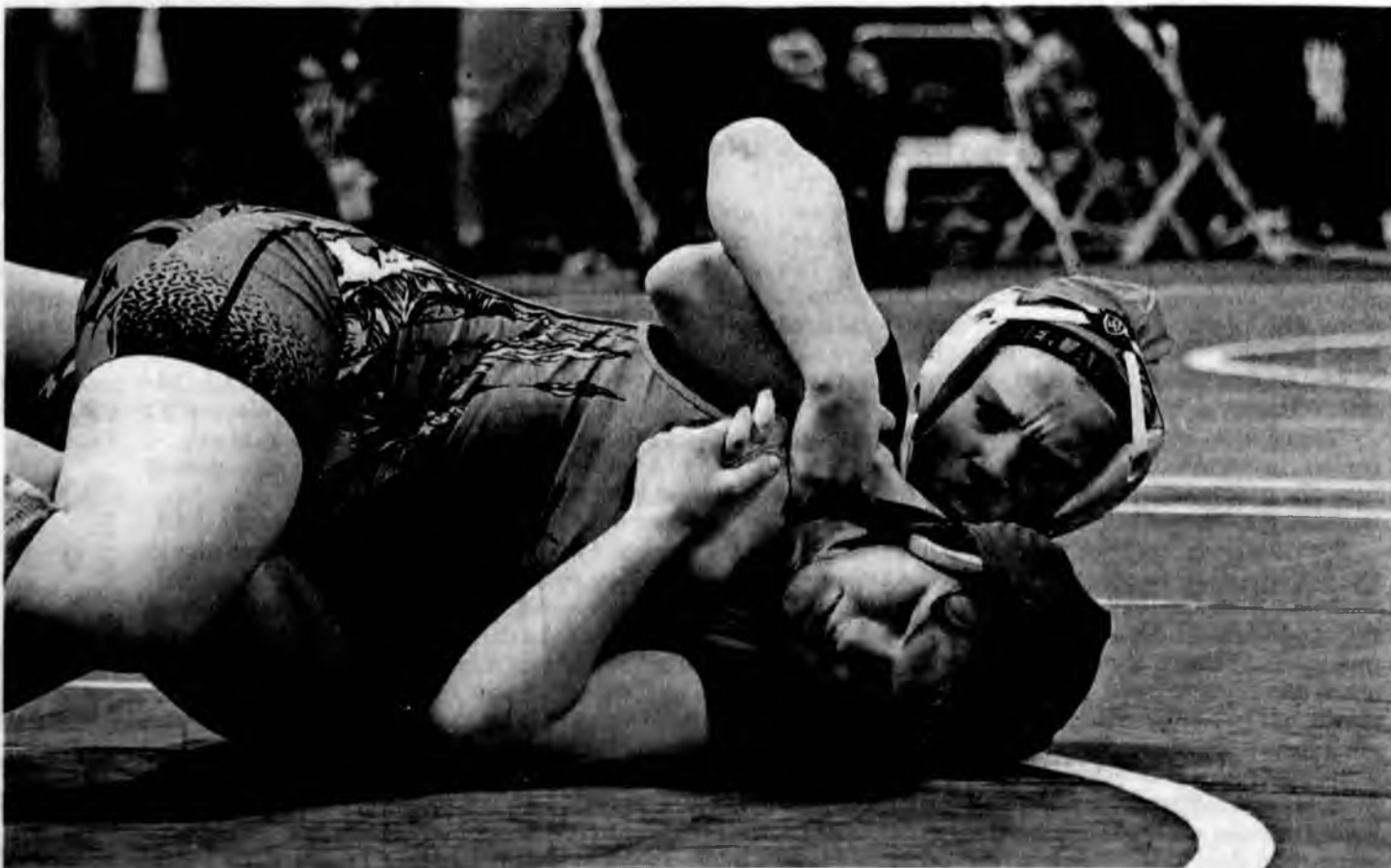
Three Michigan Matcats wrestler came away with titles in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association Individual State Championships, held March 23-25 at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo.

Those placing first for the Matcats were Sabrina Nauss, Dominic Nauss and Isabella Cepak.

Other all-state placers for the Matcats included Kallyn Garrett, second; Tyler Swanigan, third; Nathan Walkowiak, fourth; Aidan Meyers and Scott Cann, sixth; and Ashley Hardesty, seventh.

It was the final tournament in folkstyle as the Matcats will transition over to freestyle during the spring tournament season.

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Michigan Matcats wrestler Ashley Hardesty competed in her first state finals, placing seventh. STEPHANIE HARDESTY

BOYS HOCKEY

Milford goalie Bartholomew played through the pain

Netminder underwent hip surgery following stellar season

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Hunter Bartholomew proved to be the epitome of grit and determination between the pipes this season for the Milford boys hockey team.

The senior goalie, who earned all-Lakes Valley Conference and honorable mention Division 3 all-state honors, made the decision to play through a painful condition called hip dysplasia, an abnormality where the socket is too shallow for the joint.

"I delayed the surgery because I wanted to play one more year of high school hockey with my buddies and I wasn't ready to stop playing yet," Bartholomew said. "I just took Motrin and just played through it."



Bartholomew

It was his only season of high school hockey for the Mavericks (13-14) and Bartholomew made the most of it, posting a 3.05 goals-against average and a .920 save percentage.

"He was a good goalie, for sure, no doubt," first-year Milford coach Dennis Gagnon said. "He had a nice save percentage. He was our best player. He kept us in pretty much in every game. Just playing through that extreme amount of pain, I can't even imagine in a position that tough."

During previous season with the Kensington Valley Raiders, a travel team, Bartholomew began to experience pain.

"A year-and-a-half ago, I was playing with bad groin pain and thought it was a muscle tear or something," Bartholomew said. "I went into the doctor, they took an X-ray and MRI and told me it was this and it would probably need surgery. And then I decided to hold off for a year."

For Bartholomew, who posted three shutouts for the Mavericks, it was simply mind over matter. And the experience of being a senior proved to be even more rewarding.

"It was really good. I was around a lot of my school buddies, so it was cool to grow with them in and out of school and at the rink," Bartholomew said. "It was tough at the beginning of the year, because I had to get used to a new team and used to new guys to kind of blend together, but towards the end of the year, it was fun with playoffs and everything. We blended and played really good."

Bartholomew was never better than his 40-save performance in the regional semifinal against eventual Division 3 state champion Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

"Everybody was ready for that game and it was, like, one of the biggest games, I think, and just everybody played together really well and we just fought for it," Bartholomew said.

And his effort was a highlight for both Bartholomew and the Mavericks.

"Heck, we had a shot against Country Day," Gagnon said. "We lost by a couple and were only down one in the third and had a chance, ultimately."

Bartholomew had surgery in mid-March on his left hip and spent two days at Mott's Children's Hospital be-



Milford senior goalie Hunter Bartholomew earned Division 3 honorable mention all-state honors. DAVE BALAKA

"I delayed the surgery because I wanted to play one more year of high school hockey with my buddies and I wasn't ready to stop playing yet."

Hunter Bartholomew

fore being released. He returned to school Monday on crutches and hopes to be back at full strength by July.

"That hip deal was very painful," Gagnon said. "The surgery was so extreme that he can't even put weight on that thing for three months. But all season long, he never complained. He never used his condition as an excuse,

maybe once during practice all season long did he have to say, 'Hey, coach, I need to go sit down for a bit.' Never complained during a game ... just extreme toughness with the extreme pain."

Bartholomew is registered and has been accepted as a student this fall at Ferris State University. An avid hunter

and fisherman, Bartholomew has aspirations of becoming a conservation officer and perhaps work for the DNR.

As far as his hockey career going forward? It appears he's not quite ready to hang up his goalie pads.

"I'm going to try and play somewhere, not sure where yet, depending how my hip heals and everything," he said. "I'm going to try and play travel another year or try and go low in juniors or try and play club in college."

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BOYS TENNIS

Keating takes Northville coaching reins

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The Northville boys tennis program, coming off a sixth-place finish in the 2017 MHSAA Division 1 state finals, will have a new coach for fall 2018 as athletic director Bryan Masi announced the hiring of Trey Keating.

A teaching pro at Deer Lake Athletic Club since 2008, Keating has coached the Clarkston girls tennis team the past three seasons.

"Northville has always had a great tradition with their tennis team," Keating said in a Northville Athletic Department press release. "I am honored that the tennis committee and Mr. Masi have chosen me to lead this program. I am looking forward to meeting and working with everyone who was part of the program last year and in the future."

Keating has extensive experience playing and coaching tennis at the high school and collegiate levels.

He attended Troy High School, where he was a two-time regional champion

and two-time state semifinalist during his career.

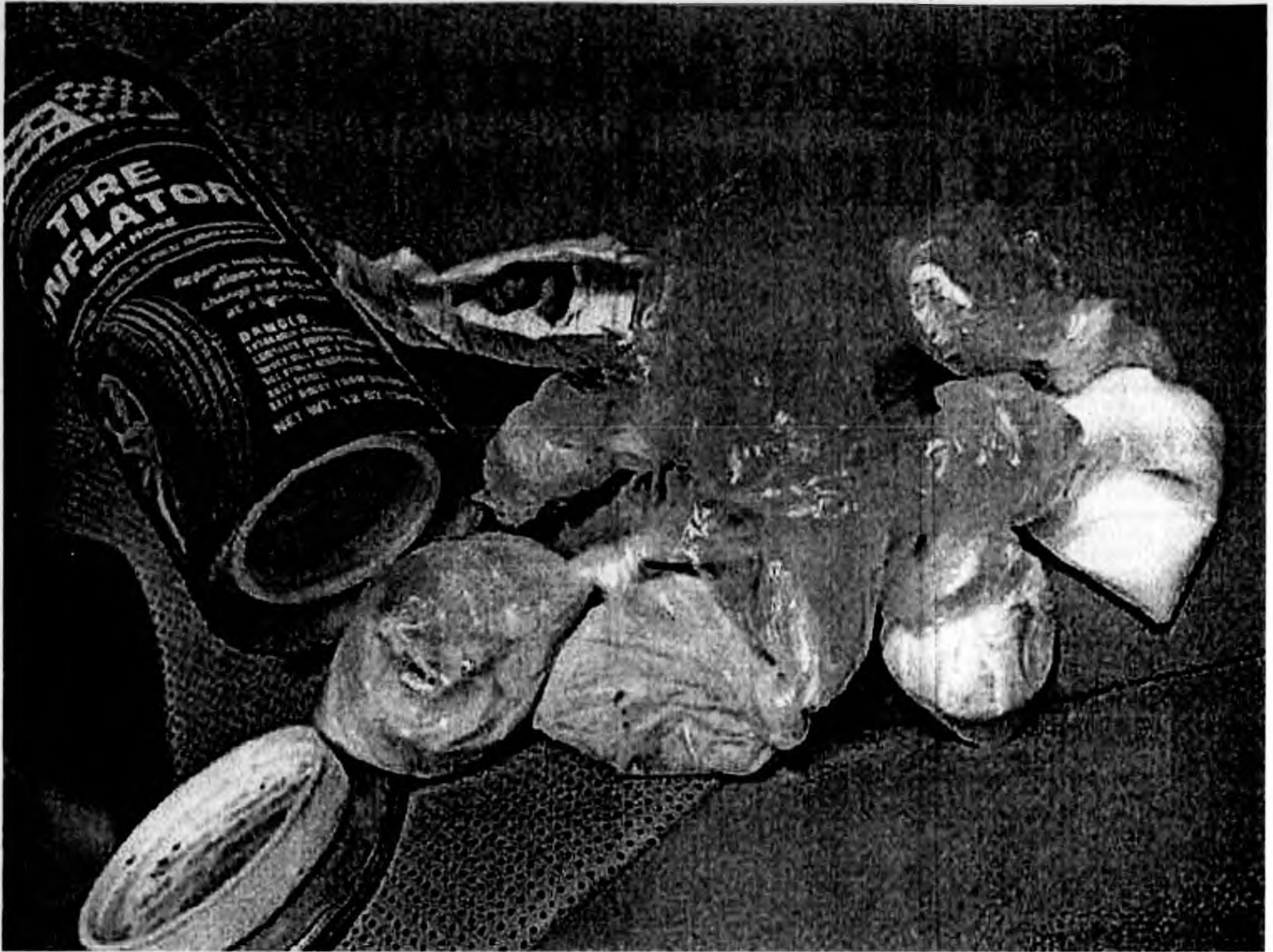
He went on to play at Wayne State University, where he was ranked as high as No. 6 in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional for doubles. Keating also received the prestigious Jean Hoxie Sportsmanship Award from the U.S. Tennis Association's Southeast Michigan Association.

In addition to last year's sixth-place state finals finish, Northville placed a close runner-up to rival Novi in both the Kensington Lakes Activities Associa-

tion and Division 1 regional tournaments under coach Andres Torres.

"Trey brings an extensive knowledge of the game as both a player and a coach," Masi said. "We believe his experience, knowledge and character will help our program to achieve at a very high level."

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During a 2014 raid, Lansing police found drugs inside a canister of tire sealant with a false bottom. LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

Who killed Jody Mosher?

Prosecutors struggle to assign blame in deaths from drug overdoses

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The last time he saw Jody Mosher alive she was just a silhouette, smoking a cigarette outside the back door of her parents' house.

Under other circumstances, it could have been a tender moment.

They were old friends, after all, and even dated for a while in high school. Then Eddie Hodge joined the U.S. Army and went to war, while Mosher stayed in their rural farming community of Webberville, population 1,281.

When Hodge returned home after about a decade of service, they settled into a close friendship. Mosher texted him one Friday night and Hodge agreed to drive his mom's car and pick up Mosher at her parents' home, about a mile north of town.

They drove to Lansing, where they went to a pizza place, hung out in the Meijer parking lot, then watched a football game at their old high school back in Webberville. The Spartans won, 52-14.

When Hodge dropped off Mosher at home, they hugged and made plans to meet the next day. She'd go to sleep after the cigarette, he thought, and they could forget about the bad thing that happened that night.

A few hours later, her father found Mosher dead on the bedroom floor, wearing pink underwear and mismatched socks.

It didn't take long for police to find the stash of heroin in Mosher's purse. But it took more than three years for the criminal justice system to resolve the biggest questions surrounding her death.

Meanwhile, as the opioid epidemic increasingly ravaged Michigan's communities, prosecutors across the state dusted off a little-used statute and began to aggressively target some of the people closest to drug overdose victims. People like Hodge.

In service

In 2002, Hodge was 20, married and had two young children. What he didn't have was a good job so, a year after 9/11, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Fresh-faced and 5-feet-4, Hodge didn't shy away from danger. He trained as a combat engineer, then went to airborne school before heading to his permanent duty station: Fort Campbell, Ky., with the 101st Airborne Division.

It was March 2003. Since the 101st was already invading Iraq, Hodge joined the division in Mosul, a violent stronghold of Saddam Hussein and his sup-



Jody Mosher in 2003. FAMILY PHOTO

porters.

In July, soldiers got a tip that Hussein's two sons were holed up in a nearby villa. For four hours, troops from the 101st and special operations units attacked the compound with machine guns and grenades. After finding the inner sanctuary to be impenetrable, they called in helicopters to fire missiles.

That afternoon in Mosul, the bodies of Uday and Qusay Hussein — the ace of clubs and ace of hearts from the Pentagon's famous "most wanted" deck of cards — were pulled from the rubble. Hodge wasn't involved in the firefight, but he was there to witness it. A year earlier, he had been 6,000 miles away, working as a garbage man in Webberville.

Former life

Mosher was, at one time, happily married. She adored her two daughters and smiled a lot, said Jeannie Hogan, her mother.

After working as a hairdresser, Mosher found a career as a nurse tech at a local hospital.

She was good at her job because she liked helping people and was full of compassion, Hogan said. "Patients wrote her notes to say how good she was. How kind and caring she was. People loved her."

Ami Lopez Pierson was one of those patients who saw something in Mosher. She was at the hospital sometime around 2010 and the two hit it off. They traded phone numbers and grew close after Pierson was discharged.

Mosher was by then going through a "nasty" divorce, Pierson said, and afterward developed a habit of dating men with problems of their own.

In 2011, Mosher tried to take the blame after her then-boyfriend crashed



Eddie Hodge enlisted in the U.S. Army.

his truck into two pedestrians, killing one. Police initially charged her before investigators found out the whole story. The recently paroled boyfriend later pleaded to two felonies and went to prison.

Another relationship ended with a wrist tattoo that read: "Property of Mark."

"Her dating life was, like, crazy," Pierson said. "And they were worthless men and guys that were into drugs."

Along the way, Mosher got into drugs, too. In 2013, she was charged with felony drug possession in Wayne County. She pleaded to a misdemeanor and was ordered to spend two years on probation.

Then, in 2014, Mosher fell in love — hard.

National epidemic

If it's true that Mosher and her coterie of boyfriends were drug users, statistics show they weren't alone. Nationwide, the opioid epidemic dates to the 1990s, but it wasn't until 2009 that overdose deaths began to skyrocket in states such as Ohio and Kentucky.

The epidemic took hold in Michigan around 2012, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit that compiles non-partisan data and analysis on health care topics. In one year, the opioid-related overdose death rate in Michigan jumped from 7.1 per 100,000 residents to 9.4, an increase of 32 percent.

By 2016, the most recent year the data is available, the death rate had jumped 160 percent since 2012.

Statewide, more than 2,300 people died of drug overdoses that year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While officials in recent years have

begun to take action — President Donald Trump recently said he wants to execute some drug dealers — the crisis so far shows few signs of abating.

Off the rails

Hodge was still in the army when his life went awry.

A lot had happened in the decade since he enlisted. He earned a promotion to sergeant and numerous award citations reference his exemplary service. He moved to a new duty station at Fort Drum, N.Y. He spent three lengthy deployments in Iraq and another in Afghanistan.

On one deployment, he lost a good friend and two other comrades to an improvised explosive device.

Another time, Hodge rode in a helicopter with casualties of a bombing. One victim, lying on a stretcher and his lips moving in prayer, was in desperate need of a doctor. Hodge watched the man die as they flew across the desert.

Hodge also drove about 10,000 miles within the infamous Triangle of Death during one of the deadliest periods of the Iraq war.

"A lot of people think (post traumatic stress disorder) comes from seeing combat and all that," he said. "It's not that. It's — a lot of guys, they seek that adrenaline, because ... you're always amped up because, every second of every day, something could and can happen. It will burn you out."

Toward the end of his military career, Hodge said he could feel PTSD "eroding my soul."

In 2012, he went home to Webberville for Christmas and got blackout drunk one night. He doesn't really remember what happened, but knows he said some terrible things.

According to a personal protection order filed by his wife, Hodge threatened to kill his family that night. His brothers had to restrain him for nearly an hour.

"All that crap that was inside of me just shattered," he said.

The day after his outburst, Hodge's brother convinced him to check into a psychiatric facility in Ann Arbor. When doctors released him 11 days later, Hodge went back to New York. His wife stayed in Michigan with their children.

Over the next 15 months, Hodge's problems spread like a cancer until they inhabited every corner of his life. He drank heavily and started using drugs. He got divorced and lost the right to see his children. He was demoted a rank,

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used heroin, tried to kill himself by swallowing a handful of Xanax, tried again by swallowing a larger handful of Xanax, attended a 21-day army rehab program and, finally, got kicked out of the army for being an "alcohol rehabilitation failure."

"I didn't care about myself at the time," he said. "I was a father and I was a soldier — and everything was slipping. So I didn't care. I purposely did all that stuff. I just wanted to really not exist anymore. I knew that heroin would do that for you."

In early 2014, Hodge moved back into his parents' house in Webberville. He worked on and off to feed his addiction. Mostly he just bummed around.

Drug prosecution

Around the time Hodge returned home, prosecutors and police across the state were increasingly turning to a little-used statute that had been enacted in 2006.

Michigan, alongside 19 other states and the federal government, has a specific law for instances where someone dies from a drug overdose.

In most states, the person who provided the drugs can be punished more than they typically would be for simply dealing them. The law is colloquially known as "drug-induced homicide," although in Michigan the charge is called delivery of a controlled substance causing death, or delivery causing death.

Michigan's law was enacted after a handful of high-profile cases in which prosecutors said there was no mechanism to adequately punish the people who provide drugs to fatal overdose victims.

"The men and women who peddle illegal drugs to our children and our neighbors need to know that they will be held responsible for their behavior," Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat, said after signing the bill.

Sen. Phil Pavlov, R-St. Clair, who as a state representative sponsored the bill, told the Southgate News-Herald in 2007 that investigators "now have the tools needed to put the worst people behind bars."

Seeking treatment

On Aug. 19, 2014, Mosher's fiancé, John "Johnny" Richards, died of a drug overdose. He and Mosher were asleep in her parents' house in Webberville and she woke up to find him dead, wrapped around her feet.

Mosher spent the next couple weeks sleeping on Pierson's couch because she couldn't sleep in the bed where Richards died, she told her friend.

Pierson herself was a former drug user, but she'd gotten clean, she said, and wouldn't let Mosher use drugs in her house. Pierson and her husband watched as Mosher went through withdrawal, clawing and scratching herself while sleeping.

Mosher's parents said she wanted to get better and sought treatment at a state clinic, but was turned away. She had been attending Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Pierson said she took Mosher to a mental health facility after Richards died, but Mosher was discharged a day later.

Pierson also said Mosher told her how she planned to kill herself. "She was gonna get the same (drug) that killed Johnny," she said. "It's called Blue Smurf and it's cut with fentanyl and she said she's gonna shoot up more than what she normally uses and, hopefully, it kills her."

There were no indications of fentanyl in Mosher's autopsy or toxicology report.

Text messages Mosher sent in the hours before her death show she and another friend had been trying to coordinate a drug buy. But that plan apparently would have involved a trip to Detroit, where Mosher was still on probation from her drug conviction. She asked Hodge if his dealer, J.J., would sell her heroin.

"Eddie let me lay this out for you I don't go through J.J. om goin jo The D. and probly ODN real talk five minutes I'm getting a ride"

Hodge at first wasn't sure J.J. would accept Mosher's Bridge Card, which holds funds for government-subsidized food purchases. But the dealer ultimately agreed to give Mosher 50 cents on the dollar for the trade.

"Eddie if this doesn't work I'm goin out with a bang."

Mosher told her parents that she and Hodge were headed to a Narcotics Anonymous meeting that night. But the real plan was to drive to Lansing, where they'd trade the Bridge Card for about \$150 of heroin.

A powerful tool



Robert "J.J." Miles enters an Ingham County courtroom Feb. 27. Miles was found guilty of delivering heroin, but not guilty of drug-induced homicide in connection with Jody Mosher's death. CHRISTOPHER HAXEL | LANSING STATE JOURNAL



Suspected heroin is wrapped in a paper lottery slip. LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2006, when the drug-induced homicide law first took effect, prosecutors across Michigan filed the charge 13 times.

For the next nine years, use of drug-induced homicide was relatively stagnant, with prosecutors filing the charge about 32 times per year, according to data from the state Court Administrative Office.

Convictions were rare, partly because the cases are difficult to prove.

The drugs found in a victim's bloodstream can't be tied to a particular dealer from forensic testing alone. And frequently, the only witnesses are addicts or dealers themselves. Even when they do cooperate, prosecutors are left trying to prove a case with testimony that jurors may doubt.

But the drug-induced homicide charge carries a significant penalty — up to life in prison — which gives prosecutors a powerful bargaining chip with defendants.

A close call

As Hodge tells the story, J.J. was hungry so, before selling them drugs, he made Hodge and Mosher drive him to DeLuca's Pizza, where he had a carryout order waiting.

When J.J. — later identified by police as Robert Jerry Miles — returned with his food, he slipped into the back seat and took Mosher's Bridge Card in exchange for some gray powder heroin folded into a paper lottery slip.

Moments after dropping J.J. off back at his house, Hodge noticed Mosher's lips had turned blue.

Panicked, he pulled into an empty parking lot.

He shook Mosher, then slapped her cheek and threw water in her face. Her skin was losing color. Hodge brought his ear to her face to listen for a breath. Nothing. He started chest compressions.

"After a few minutes of me doing that, she finally took a breath," he said. "Her eyes started opening up and I continued to try to shake her awake, get her more conscious and start talking."

Hodge's car was the only one in the

parking lot and he didn't want to look suspicious, so he drove a couple of miles to the nearest Meijer, in Delta Township. When they got there, he shot up some of the heroin — "I was withdrawing and I needed to calm down," he said — then they got out and walked around the parking lot and smoked cigarettes.

After a while, they drove back to Webberville, where they watched the high school football game from the parking lot. Mosher's breathing was natural and her color was back. "She looked normal, just very high," Hodge said.

When he dropped her off at home, they hugged and made plans to meet the next day, Hodge said.

"I was almost 100 percent sure that she'd be fine," he said. "She didn't wobble, she didn't drop her purse or stumble around. She got out, walked to the house and I felt that she was going to be fine."

The next morning, Mosher's father, Jeff Hogan, got up for work around 4 a.m. He saw that Mosher's bedroom door was closed and the light was turned on, which was odd because she usually left it open in case her daughters wanted to come in while she slept. Jeff fixed himself a cup of coffee, then went to knock on her door, where he found her on the floor. Mosher was officially declared dead at 4:46 a.m. She was 30 years old.

When police called Hodge weeks later to ask about Mosher, they said he wasn't in trouble or facing charges. They wanted J.J., the heroin dealer.

Hodge didn't know J.J.'s real name, but offered to show investigators where the dealer lived.

He rode with a sheriff's deputy to the Lansing house where, he said, he'd watched Mosher overdose on J.J.'s heroin. The deputy didn't know it yet, but the Lansing Police Department had paid a visit to the very same house six days earlier.

New ruling

In 2010, a Michigan Supreme Court ruling made the state's drug-induced homicide law even more powerful.

The case revolved around a man and

his girlfriend who drove from Ann Arbor to Detroit, where she bought crack cocaine and heroin with money he provided.

The woman's friend later died after injecting some of the heroin.

Police charged the girlfriend with drug-induced homicide because she had purchased the heroin and provided it to her friend. But they also charged the man. He appealed before the trial, arguing he didn't know his girlfriend bought the heroin or that she was giving it to the victim.

In a split decision, the Supreme Court ruled the man could, indeed, face trial for drug-induced homicide. In effect, the court endorsed the prosecutor's "aiding and abetting theory," which means if someone simply assists "either party" in a drug transaction that causes a death, they too, can face trial for drug-induced homicide.

Now, prosecutors had firm legal standing to charge people with drug-induced homicide even when they weren't directly involved in the drug transaction.

A life in drugs

For at least part of his life, J.J. has been what most people would think of as a "real" drug dealer.

In 2003, when he was 22, J.J. admitted conspiring to deal cocaine and spent more than six years in federal prison. During the next few years, he went back to prison or jail at least three times for various crimes or probation violations.

A couple of weeks after Mosher's death, he was involved in a traffic stop during which Lansing police found marijuana plants in the trunk of the car.

After that, undercover officers bought heroin from J.J. three times before raiding the little house Hodge would later point out to the sheriff's deputy.

The night of the raid, police broke through the back door. They found J.J. hiding in the attic, covered in insulation and next to a hastily hidden handgun he wasn't supposed to have. Police also found about eight pounds of processed marijuana and a small amount of heroin in the kitchen cupboard, on the floor in the living room and in J.J.'s wallet. But court records show the real prize was outside.

During the raid, two of J.J.'s friends showed up looking for him. Inside their Cadillac, police found a canister of tire sealant with a secret compartment containing 36 grams of powder fentanyl.

In 2014, fentanyl powder was relatively uncommon. At a court hearing after the raid, Assistant U.S. Attorney Raymond Beckering III said he was "flabbergasted" that police had found so much of the synthetic painkiller, which experts say can be 50-100 times more potent than heroin.

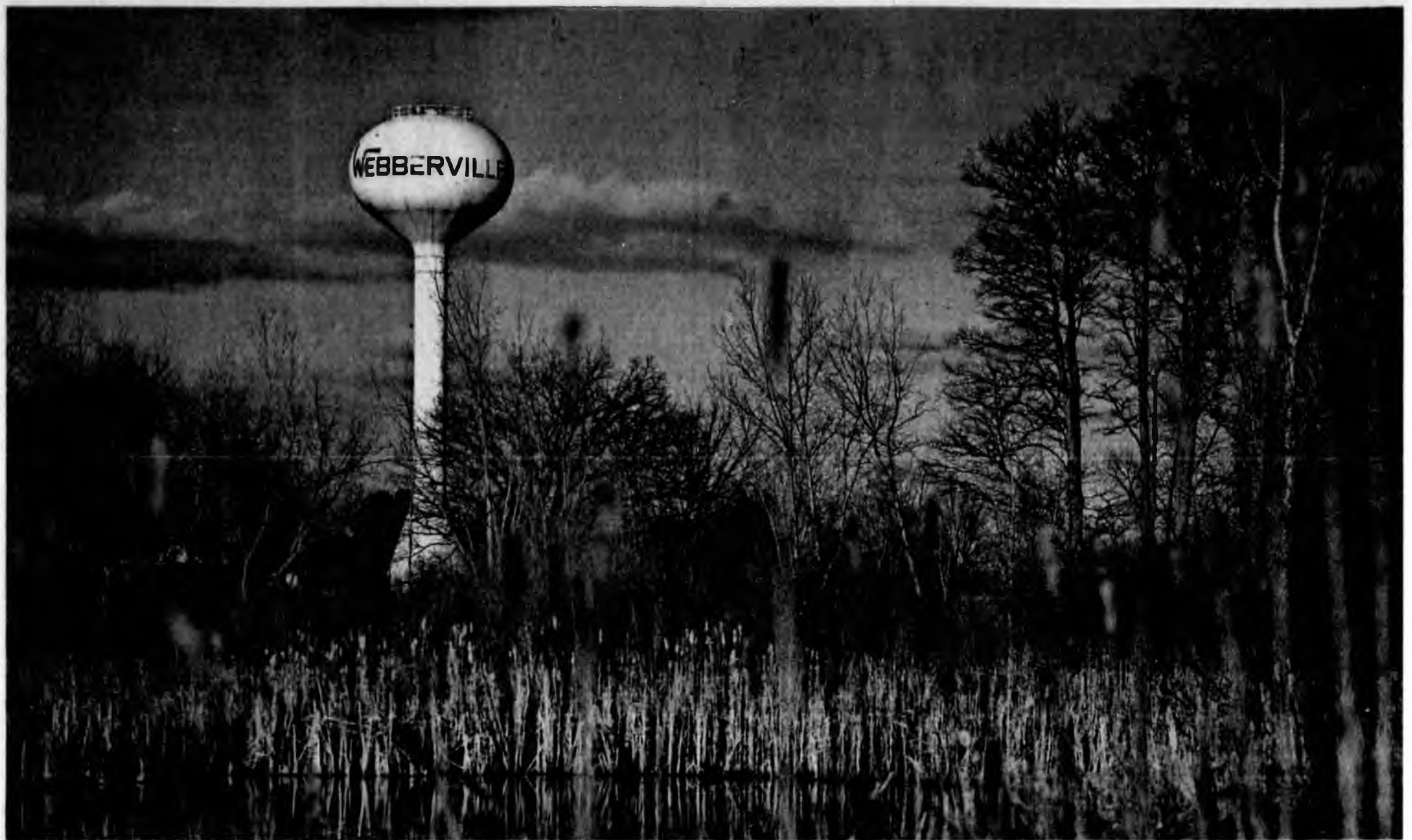
"The only source of that can be a theft from a manufacturer or, even more scary, a Mexican supply of fentanyl," he said. "And the last time there was a Mexican supply of fentanyl in the Midwest, we had 50 dead people in Chicago."

"Your honor," the prosecutor continued, "I cannot think of a more serious case here ... I don't know that there's a more dangerous person in Lansing, period."

J.J. would ultimately be sentenced to another seven years in federal prison after admitting to weapon and drug charges.

Investigators in Lansing, meanwhile,

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Webberville, with a population of 1,281, is where Jody Mosher and Eddie Hodge grew up. CHRISTOPHER HAXEL | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

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were working to charge J.J. in connection with Mosher's death. But someone else caught their attention first.

Deaths on the rise

Although opioid overdose deaths began to spike in 2012, it wasn't until 2016 that prosecutors across Michigan began charging significantly more people with drug-induced homicide.

From 2015 to 2016, the total skyrocketed from 35 to 98. In 2017, it jumped again, with prosecutors filing the charge 17 times — a 234-percent increase in only two years.

And while it's true that many cases involve charges against people with a history of drug dealing, a State Journal analysis of more than 150 drug-induced homicide cases in Michigan found that many defendants are seemingly not predatory dealers — "the worst people," as Pavlov described them — but rather folks who appear to have been just as entangled in drug abuse as the victims who died.

Using information pulled from media reports dating as far back as 2007, the analysis found at least 60 of the 153 cases involved defendants who likely wouldn't be considered a drug dealer by traditional definitions.

In 35 of those cases, the defendant was a friend or acquaintance of the victim; many were themselves drug users or addicts.

In another 27 cases, the defendant was a significant other or family member of the victim. Husbands, nephews, children, aunts and even a grandmother have been charged with drug-induced homicide.

Landing in jail

One year to the day after Mosher's death, Hodge had another bad blackout.

He and a friend went to a Holt bar to meet some people and, somehow, Hodge ended up alone and cold on the rural outskirts of Lansing.

The next morning, Hodge was found asleep in the foyer of a home whose residents happened to be away on vacation. Outside, there was damage to all four doors of a Mercedes sitting in the driveway, which is where police also found a lighter with Hodge's name on it. A trash bin was tipped over. Hodge's ball cap was in the backyard, on a chicken coop that had also been damaged.

Inside, just past a broken exterior window, Hodge lay asleep in the fetal position, with a polo shirt pulled partially over his head. He appeared to have removed his own shirt and tried to switch it out with one he found in the kitchen, police wrote in their report.

Hodge remembered being at the bar, he told police, but not much after that. When they arrested him, police found there was already a warrant out for Hodge on a charge filed weeks earlier: delivery of a controlled substance, causing death.

Hodge, an addict who said he neither provided nor paid for the drugs that killed Mosher, was being charged with homicide.

He had two options: Take the case to

trial, where prosecutors could use Hodge's own words against him and argue that he was guilty under the aiding-and-abetting theory endorsed by the Supreme Court.

Or he could make a deal. If he agreed to testify against J.J., prosecutors would let him plead to involuntary manslaughter, which is still considered homicide but carries a reduced sentence. They'd also drop charges for the break-in as long as he agreed to pay restitution for the damaged Mercedes.

Unable to pay his \$200,000 bond, he sat in jail, mulling his decision.

Unjust prosecution

As John Shea sees it, charging people like Hodge with drug-induced homicide is unjust.

Shea, a prominent Ann Arbor-based criminal defense attorney who co-chairs the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan's rules and law committee, said he doesn't oppose enhanced penalties for dealers whose drugs kill someone. But he said the current law is written too broadly.

"Too often, you're getting the people who aren't drug dealers caught in the net," he said. "These social sharing circumstances ... I don't believe any legislator would say they intended it to cover them. That's how the Supreme Court has interpreted the language and they interpreted it that way because that's how the language is written."

Shea said the state's drug-induced homicide statute was, like many other laws, inspired by "extreme" cases that don't represent real-world scenarios.

"We tend to be knee-jerk," he said. "We see a horrific example of a case and we decide that we're gonna let this be a standard that we're gonna bear to fix. And you create more problems than you solve."

A soft spot

In the months before getting arrested, Hodge had managed to scratch his way back into a life that resembled normalcy. He still used drugs periodically, but found regular work with a property management company.

Cindy Allen, who runs a local property preservation business, ran into Hodge on various job sites. They were more or less acquaintances, but one night she went out with a group of friends to celebrate her birthday and she and Hodge hit it off.

Even after Hodge's arrest, Allen, a former GM assembly plant worker, found she had a soft spot for him.

During the three months he was in jail, they spoke on the phone almost daily.

"A lot of people don't understand it," she said. "I already knew him, but you really got to ... learn a lot about someone, rather than if you're just hanging out and going out to dinner."

When Hodge got his bond reduced and posted bail about three months after his arrest, Allen gave him a job and a home. Now they're engaged.

"At times, I worry (about Hodge) because I know it's such a struggle," she said. "For years, he just didn't care about anything ... he couldn't care less if he got hit by a car walking across the street, because he felt like he didn't deserve to have a good life."

"He's realizing that he's not — that he's worth something. That he deserves to have a good life and wants to work for it."

Hodge took the deal prosecutors offered. He pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to one year in jail.

Two days later, J.J. was charged with drug-induced homicide in connection with Mosher's death.

'Somebody held accountable'

To prosecutors, charging people like J.J. is the ultimate goal of any drug-induced homicide investigation.

"The first order is to get as high up the food chain as you can go," said D.J. Hilson, the Muskegon County prosecutor who is also president-elect of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. "It's not being satisfied with the user or the friend, but to get to that next level, the dealer."

At the same time, Hilson pointed out that prosecutors and law enforcement must work with what information is available when making charging decisions in a drug overdose death.

"Let's say, for example, the friend (of an overdose victim) has decided not to be cooperative," he said. "Well, OK, there is somebody still dead and there needs to be somebody held accountable to that. So if as far as we can go is 'you,' then I guess you're taking responsibility for what happened to your friend."

"And whether that's fair or unfair, it's hard to say. At the end of the day, we make charging decisions. Courts make sentencing decisions. And whether or not that evens out in the final sentence or not, I guess, is kind of for judges to work through."

'Never too late'

As his trial approached, J.J. was defiant.

He, too, had been offered a deal: Plead guilty to the drug-induced homicide charge and J.J. wouldn't spend any additional time behind bars beyond his current federal sentence.

Still maintaining his innocence, J.J. rejected the offer. Earlier this month, his trial began.

Prosecutors presented jurors with circumstantial evidence from cellphone records that seemed to corroborate Hodge's version of events. But their case rested largely on his testimony. Would jurors believe him?

As he sat outside the courtroom waiting to testify in J.J.'s trial, Hodge reflected on his decision to take the plea deal.

In the months since his release from jail, Hodge largely stayed clean, he said. But a relapse late last year meant a probation violation and another 90 days in an alternative treatment program that offers inmates counseling and classes.

On one hand, Hodge said, he has a homicide conviction that will follow him forever. On the other, if he had gone to trial and ended up with a long prison sentence, his life would be far worse — and without Allen.

After his release, Hodge said, he hopes to become a pipe fitter. It's honest work, the pay is good and he can help Allen rehab buildings.

"Right now this is just reset mode," he said. "I have a really good view of where I'm going and I'm in a good head space."

It's never too late to restart your life."

When Hodge took the stand to testify, J.J.'s attorney, Mark Kamar, hammered the fact that Hodge didn't seek medical help for Mosher after she overdosed.

Kamar pointed out inconsistencies in some of Hodge's statements. Whereas earlier he'd told investigators he took the rest of the heroin from Mosher before dropping her off, this time Hodge testified he couldn't remember for sure whether he did or not.

Police searching Mosher's purse after her death found heroin wrapped in a lottery ticket. If Hodge did take the rest of the heroin, she must have had some other source, the attorney noted.

"Nobody puts Ms. Mosher in that vehicle besides Mr. Hodge," Kamar told jurors. "Who is he protecting? Himself?"

After deliberating for hours, the jury returned their verdict: J.J. was guilty of delivering heroin, they decided, but not guilty of drug-induced homicide.

When he's sentenced in April, J.J. could face decades in prison thanks to his previous convictions. But in the eyes of the criminal justice system, Hodge is the sole person responsible for Mosher's death.

'Too late, she died'

Small, white and set back from the road, Jeff and Jeannie Hogan's home is the sort of place grandchildren would love to visit.

Farm fields cover every direction, but you wouldn't know it standing in their yard because there are so many trees. Big trees with burls and branches that swoop down across the driveway. Back at the house, there's a play set and a Power Wheels car and four wind chimes on the porch. Technically, it's the back porch, but the door there is called the front door because it's the one everybody uses.

The Hogans don't have much time to be grandparents, because they're now guardians to Mosher's daughters, ages 11 and 9.

"We were an average middle-class family," Jeff said, thinking back to 2014. "She tried desperately to get help. But (she) assured us not to worry.... A week after she died, a place called and said they could possibly help her. I was, like, 'Too late, she died.'"

He compares drug dealers to cancer: Users become addicts and addicts become dealers to feed their addiction. "They just multiply and attack," he said.

Jeannie said she knows J.J. is, in some ways, a victim himself. But she hopes he gets a long prison sentence to "really ponder what happened."

As for Hodge, she said he's a "good guy" who was in many ways a victim of addiction just as much as her daughter.

More than anything, Jeannie said people need more help than Mosher got because, once they try a drug like heroin, there's almost no turning back. And when Mosher needed help more than ever, the people she turned to offered the wrong kind of help, Jeannie said.

"She had good friends that supported her and tried to help her and she had ones that were stuck in the same cycle and kept sucking her in," she said. "Don't get help from somebody doing drugs, because they can't even help themselves. I look back and I wish that I could have noticed that."

Airports getting friendlier for blind travelers

Augmented reality helps boost independence

Harriet Baskas
Special to USA TODAY

A growing number of U.S. airports are embracing an augmented-reality service that uses Google Glass-style technology or a just-released smartphone app to offer greater mobility and independence to blind passengers and those with low vision.

And, for now, the airports offering the service are doing so for free.

How it works: Off-site eyes

San Diego-based Aira offers a paid "OnStar"-style subscription service that provides blind and low-vision customers smart glasses and smartphone software that connects (via a tap or a voice command) to remote live agents who use the cameras on the glasses to see what's around the user and offer guidance.

Subscribers (Aira calls them "explorers") can call a remote agent to assist with anything from tasks in the home to grocery shopping or traveling around the world.

"I use it quite a bit at home for a variety of tasks people with vision might take for granted," said Christine Ha, an Aira advisory board member who was the first blind contestant on the competitive cooking show *MasterChef* and winner of the show's 2012 season. "I've had help identifying receipts and papers on my desk, identifying the colors of things in my wardrobe and reading labels on spices if I've been smelling too many spices and my nose is tired."

Eyes at the airport

Ha travels alone frequently for business and has used the Aira service at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental which, along with Houston Hobby, Memphis International, Minneapolis-St. Paul International, Seattle-Tacoma International, Spokane International and (soon) others, picks up the per-minute costs associated with using the Aira app or subscription service in the terminals.



Aira advisory board member Christine Ha, who is blind, uses the service at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport. AIRA

"Many, but not all, airport employees are well-trained to help people with vision impairments," Ha said. "But I like to be independent and find that Aira agents can pull up airport maps and serve as a virtual concierge, talking in my ear and describing what's around," including shops and restaurants, restrooms, gate hold areas and art.

While the Aira service was not specifically designed for use in airports, since the service rolled out in 2015, users have been telling the company how their experience at airports has been transformed.

"We learned that at airports, visually impaired travelers often have to call ahead for assistance and might be met at the curb by someone who puts them in a wheelchair and just delivers them to their gate," said Kevin Phelan, Aira's aviation lead and head of sales. "This service allows users to be independent and enjoy the airport like everyone else."

Airports adopt Aira

Airports that have so far embraced

Aira see it as part of their customer service. The Houston Airport System, which operates Hobby Airport and George Bush Intercontinental, chose to participate as part of its goal "to be a role model of accessibility for all travelers and to make the airport experience as memorable as possible," said Tim Joniec, the airports' Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator.

At Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, spokesman Patrick Hogan said providing the Aira service for free at the airport was a "no-brainer" because "it's a great way to ensure people with little or no vision can enjoy the same airport experiences that sighted people do." He expects the program to offer customers access "to a great service at a very reasonable cost to the airport."

Memphis International Airport is pleased that other airports are following their lead in offering Aira services to passengers. "This shows a collective commitment in the airport industry to ensure greater accessibility and convenience for all passengers," MEM

spokesman Glen Thomas said.

While some airports have found out about AIRA by word of mouth, others are learning about this and other useful services through a matchmaker-type program for airports and start-ups.

"We recognize airport leaders are very busy and don't have the wherewithal to scout the start-up community for solutions," said Chris Runde, director of the Airport Innovation Accelerator at the American Association of Airport Executives. "We try to bridge the gap by finding out what airports need and then finding what's out in the marketplace."

In addition to helping the Aira team understand how airports work and making introductions for them in the airport community, AAAE's accelerator program also is making airport connections for several other groups, including Elerts, which offers "See Something Say Something" mobile apps that can help improve airport safety, and Sleepbox, a micro-hotel company that just signed a contract to place 16 units at Dulles International Airport.

Travel vouchers aren't always a deal



On Travel
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USA TODAY

Beware of funny money, fellow travelers.

Airlines, hotels and cruise lines are quicker than ever to push vouchers into your unhappy hands when something goes wrong and you're owed a refund or apology. But think twice before you say "yes" because you might be forking over your hard-earned money without even realizing it.

Take Uber, for example. When it owed Shawn Crowley a refund after a billing error, it offered him Uber credit instead. But he just wanted his money back.

"They said I could dispute the charge with my credit card company to get the Uber credit back on my credit card instead," says Crowley, a college recruiter from Washington, D.C. "I told them 'no' and asked for another agent to review. That agent finally issued the refund."

After Christina Conte found charges on her credit card for Uber rides she didn't take, she asked the company for a refund, too. It gave her credits instead.

"This seems illegal to me," says Conte, a food writer from Los Angeles. It's not, and Uber is hardly alone.

"It is becoming more customary for airlines, hotels and other travel agencies to provide credits rather than cash refunds," explains Mahmood Khan, a tourism management professor at Virginia Tech.

Doling out scrip makes travel companies look generous, particularly when they're doing it as an apology. But it also can increase their profits by making you spend more when you give the company your repeat business, or when the credit expires after a year and the company gets to pocket your cash.

Uber in fact offers three types of refunds when something goes wrong, including a credit, a full refund or a partial refund, according to the company. Credits typically are given for poor service.

There's no shortage of stories from fellow travelers who were offered credits and lived to regret it. While Uber's credits don't expire, the ones issued by airlines and some other travel compa-



Vouchers can be incredibly frustrating to redeem. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

nies do. If you buy a standard economy-class ticket and then change your plans, you'll receive a credit that's good for one year from the date of purchase. If you don't book a ticket before that expiration date, your money's gone.

That's the frustration Jeanne Achille experienced when her recent JetBlue Airways flight was canceled because of bad weather. Because she had made the travel arrangements long ago, the flight credits only lasted a few weeks.

"When they expired, JetBlue wouldn't budge on reinstating them, even though it was a short while after the expiration date," says Achille, who runs a technology marketing firm in Jersey Shore, N.J. "So we avoid flying with them now."

It could be worse. When Gayle Teresi tried to use her flight voucher she'd received from Spirit Airlines after canceling her ticket from Cleveland to Fort Lauderdale, an airline representative told her the credit was worthless.

"They told me their vouchers expire in 60 days," she remembers. "Really? Every other airline allows 12 months from date of booking. It's very annoying that \$880 went down the drain."

There are other drawbacks to the travel industry's voucher system. For starters, you're forced to patronize the business again. So if you've had a negative experience, you may be under-

standably reluctant to return.

And there are restrictions. Michael Foguth, a personal finance professional and frequent traveler from Brighton, Mich., is a collector of travel credits from airlines and hotels, the product of delays, cancellations and botched customer service.

"What I have seen are redemption issues and stipulations when going through the process of redeeming them," he says. That can include blackout dates, expiration dates and other usage restrictions.

"Most of the time you have to call the airline, wait on hold and talk to a live person to apply the credit, rather than having the ease of going online, selecting a flight and choosing a seat."

Travel companies know their credits are hard to redeem, but that's how they want it. Consumer advocates speculate that redemption rates on some vouchers are in the single digits. If a company makes it too easy to redeem one, it could deprive itself of an opportunity to make more money.

If all of this sounds profoundly unfair, that's because it is.

When a travel company offers you credit, your reflexive answer should be "no."

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ASK THE CAPTAIN

Pilots are told how high or low to fly the plane

John Cox
Special to USA TODAY

Question: How are flight altitudes determined?

— Submitted by reader Mario B. Easley, S.C.

Answer: The flight operator files a requested altitude, usually done by the flight dispatcher, based on performance and economics. Air-traffic control reviews the flight plan, checking for conflicts. They issue the cruising altitude based on the requested flight plan and other traffic. Pilots fly the altitude assigned by air-traffic control.

Q: Do different airlines fly at different altitudes on the same routes?

— Kevin G, San Diego

A: No, altitude is not based on the airline. Assigning altitude is first-come, first-served.

Q: Under clear sky conditions, how far can you see at cruise altitudes?

— Jim Rogers, Fort Lauderdale

A: On a very clear day, the horizon at 35,000 feet is more than 200 miles.

Q: When a plane descends from the high-altitude jetway system to below 18,000 feet, what rules govern the path it is supposed to fly to get into either the low-altitude airway system or else to a low-altitude entry point to a STAR arrival?

— Bob in Massachusetts

A: In the U.S., the airplane is under positive radar control by air-traffic control, and the transition to the arrival route is part of the flight plan. If a deviation is necessary, air-traffic control will provide the appropriate clearance. Outside the U.S., or in case of no radar coverage, the flight plan contains the appropriate low-altitude airways, or more likely the transition to the Standard Terminal Arrival Route.

Have a question about flying? Send it to travel@usatoday.com.

Peg Leg is worth a pilgrimage to Nashville

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Special to USA TODAY

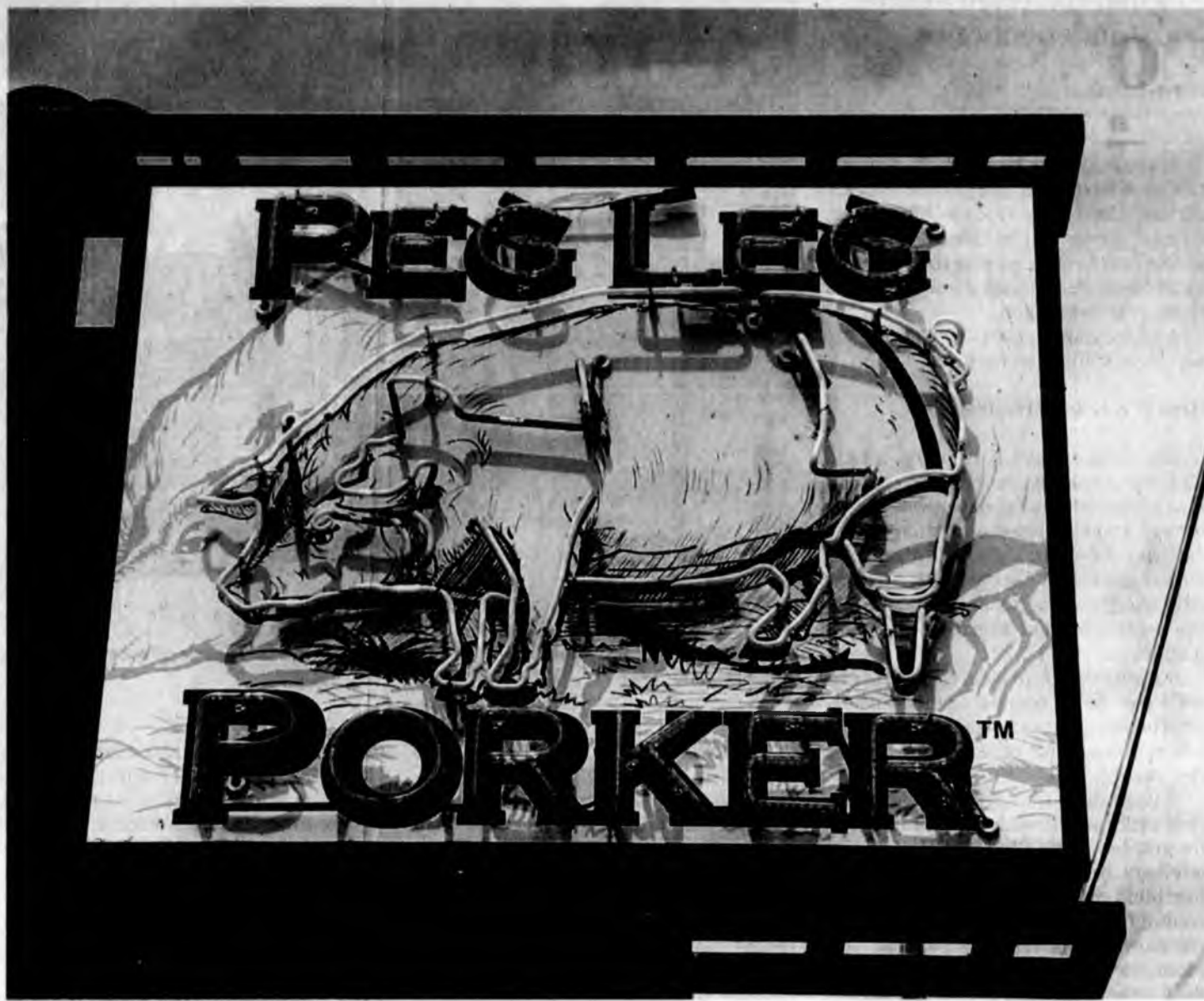
The scene: A porcine logo adorning a barbecue restaurant is usually a good sign, and over the years I've seen cartoon pigs, pigs in top hats with bejeweled canes (my favorite), and pigs holding a ham (a little creepy), but never before have I seen a pig with a cast on one of its legs. The logo is a stand-in for restaurant owner and pitmaster Carey Bringle, a Nashville native who grew up around Western Tennessee's barbecue culture and fondly recalls his grandfather cooking whole hogs for family gatherings. Bringle was mentored in competition barbecue by his uncle, who competed in the first Memphis in May World Championship in 1976.

Hooked, Bringle has competed in the "Super Bowl of Swine" for more than 25 years, taking second-place honors three times with his former team, Hog Wild. The pig represents barbecue, and the cast represents Bringle, who lost his right leg to bone cancer at age 17. He emerged with a new outlook and dedication to living life to the fullest, and his same sense of humor, reflected in the Peg Leg Porker brand. The Nashville eatery opened in 2013, and Bringle also has a line of sauces and rubs, professional-grade home smokers, even limited-edition Peg Leg Porker whiskey.

The restaurant enjoys a prominent location in The Gulch, a trendy neighborhood located between the city's Music Row and downtown. It is big and, with the upstairs addition and large open-air front patio, seats a few hundred people. Because it often has been featured on TV, Peg Leg Porker is sought out by visitors, and you routinely see people come in with luggage, straight from or on their way to the airport.

Reason to visit: dry ribs, green beans, fried hand pies

The food: Pork is the main event, and eater.com named Bringle's dry ribs the best in the nation. The operation is derived from the owner's experience in competition barbecue, and focused on pork. Bringle describes his style as West Tennessee, meaning hickory wood in the smoker and tomato-based sauce in mild and hot versions, served as a condiment alongside un-sauced ribs. The



The restaurant's name and logo are nods to the owner and pitmaster, who lost a leg to bone cancer. PHOTOS BY LARRY OLMSTED, SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

signature dry ribs are unusual, seasoned just with Kosher salt, then smoked for eight to 10 hours, a long time for ribs. They are finished with house spice rub only when pulled from the smoker and served. Bringle gets a nice bark, and the contrast with the tender ribs is great. With all the flavor from the dry rub you really don't need any sauce.

There is also first-class pulled pork (plate or sandwich), where you get to experience the delicious barbecue sauce, and solid smoked half chicken. There is

more variety in the appetizers, with a nice take on barbecue nachos.

Sides are more noteworthy, including a standout potato salad. Green beans are cooked in the smoker, and are the best I've ever had. The beans are also very good, the coleslaw above average, the mac and cheese fair, and the fries uninspired. Nashville has a vibrant brewing scene and Tennessee has a famous whiskey scene, so the full bar has 11 local taps and lots of brown spirits, including a private bourbon label.

The only dessert option is the all too rare fried hand pie. These empanada-shaped hot pies come in peach, apple and chocolate.

Pilgrimage-worthy?: Yes for barbecue fans.

Rating: Yum! (Scale: Blah, OK, Mmmm, Yum!, OMG!)

Price: \$\$ (\$ cheap, \$\$ moderate, \$\$\$ expensive)

Details: 903 Gleaves St., Nashville; 615-829-6023; peglegporker.com



Camping in Antarctica is a bucket-list activity. LEAH MURR

Sarah Sekula
Special to USA TODAY

ANTARCTICA — I bundle up next to my sister in my heavy-duty sleeping bag around 11 p.m. The sun has just set and the snowy peaks are bathed in a pale pink hue, making everything look even more like a fairytale wonderland.

Gentle waves wash over pebbles on shore. A fast-flying petrel squawks as it passes by. And a curious seal pops its head out of the water, eyeballing us.

It's mid-November, summertime in Antarctica, and the weather is a mild 37 degrees Fahrenheit. This time of year there are nearly 24 hours of daylight. So I'm not counting on getting a lot of sleep. But the show is spectacular.

So, how did I make my way to one of the world's most remote campsites? Pretty easily: our expedition vessel, the Ocean Endeavor, dropped us off for the night. Through Quark Expeditions' camping program, intrepid passengers can experience a night of snoozing under the brilliant Antarctic sky.

Our snow-covered spot by the shore is

almost completely devoid of manmade noise even though there are dozens of campers nearby.

"I think most sign up for the bragging rights," says Jimmy MacDonald, a guide with Quark Expeditions. "To be able to say that I've spent the night in Antarctica is pretty cool."

Here, it's not uncommon to wake up to penguins staring you down or to the noise of whales feeding. "I remember waking up Christmas day, and there were penguins scattered in between almost every bivy sack," says MacDonald. "We've had Weddell seals within 15 meters (about 50 feet) of people sleeping."

Inside my bivy sack, it's toasty. Nothing wakes me until around midnight, when I hear what's known as "Antarctic thunder." With a kaboom not unlike fireworks, there is snow rushing down the mountain behind us. Thankfully there is a ridge separating us.

Here are other equally epic spots.

Camp by the glow of a volcano
Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

There's nothing like spending the night inside a national park, especially when that park is home to an active volcano, Kilauea. And you can stay about a half mile away at Nāhākanipaio Campground.

Volcano House, the only lodging within the park, offers three ways to camp: a camper cabin that sleeps four, a tent with a mattress or a campsite lot where you can bring your own tent.

"The lava lake within Halema'uma'u Crater is currently the largest lava lake on earth," says Jessica Ferracane, public affairs specialist at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. "It's about 10 acres in size. So the reflective glow it casts into the night sky is quite dramatic."

Tip: "The park is open 24 hours a day," says Ferracane. "If you come before sunrise or after 9 p.m., you can practically get the volcano to yourself."

Snooze on the side of a cliff
Estes Park, Colo.

Sign up to spend the night sleeping under the stars on a portaledge, a nylon cot no bigger than the size of two sleeping

bags. You hike up to base camp, then up to Deville III, a perch with views of Rocky Mountain National Park. Once there, you rappel down to the portaledge where you have dinner and fall asleep. After breakfast, you rappel down.

Tip: Bring extra layers.

View northern lights from a hut
Kilpisjärvi, Finland

Kilpisjärvi, a remote Finnish village, is known for its beautiful Arctic tundra. This



In Colorado, spend the night sleeping under the stars on a portaledge, a nylon cot no bigger than the size of two sleeping bags. JIM HOBART

makes it the perfect spot to gaze up at the northern lights. The new Aurora Wilderness Camp has two mobile, two-person, glass-roofed huts placed in a prime location. Amenities include a gas stove, bed, table, heater, dry toilet, snowshoes and kick sleds.

Tip: Add a snowmobile excursion to the border where Norway, Finland and Sweden meet.

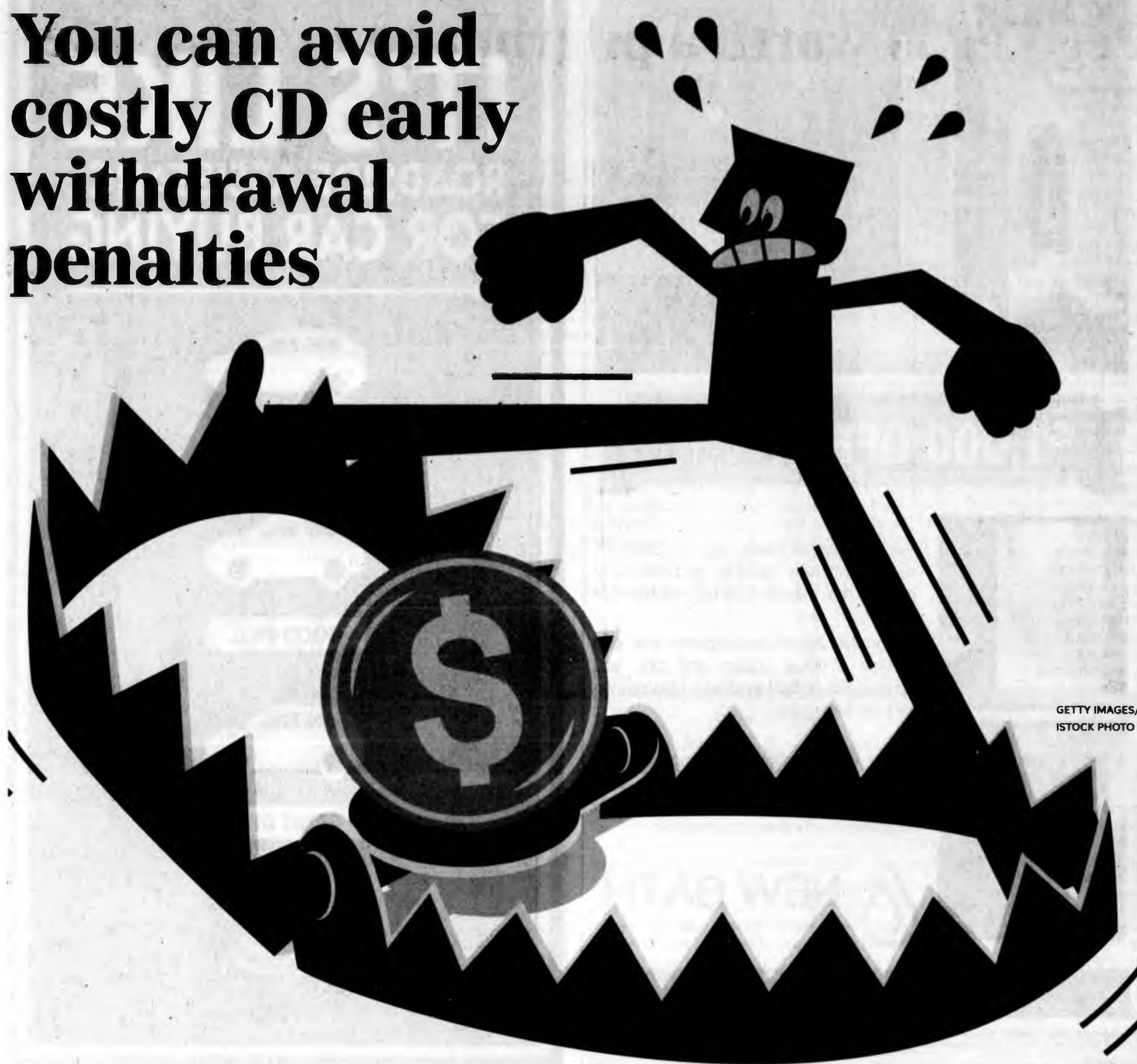
Sleep beneath an arch
Grand-Staircase Escalante National Monument, Utah

Coyote Gulch is home to two arches, a natural bridge and several waterfalls. The Jacob Hamblin Arch is the show stopper. At 150 feet wide and 100 feet tall, it's a monument inside the canyon.

"You can either rappel directly down to it ... or you can take one of three other methods to hike in," says Kristin Addis, creator of bemytravelmuse.com. "Since it's not as well-known as so many other more popular trails in Utah, you can get a nice little area to yourself directly under the arch."

Tip: Most hikers turn a visit to the Jacob Hamblin Arch into a multi-day backpacking trip. Apply for an overnight permit through the National Park Service.

You can avoid costly CD early withdrawal penalties

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A CD early withdrawal penalty could cost you a good chunk of cash, but if you understand the terms and how this savings tool works, you can avoid getting hurt.

■ The basics: Banks issue CDs for a set amount of money and a set amount of time. (Credit unions do, too, but they call them "share certificates.") Some have minimum opening-deposit requirements, but the best ones don't. As with any savings account, you'll want to look for CDs with high interest rates.

Banks pay interest on your deposit on a regular basis — typically monthly — until the CD matures. That period is called the term length, and it usually ranges from six months to five years. You might be able to find some as short

as four weeks or as long as 10 years, though. Generally speaking, the longer the term length, the higher the rate.

■ Cost of CD early withdrawal penalties: The earlier you withdraw money from your CD, the less interest you'll earn. And in most cases, you'll have to pay a penalty. That could be a specified number of months' worth of interest.

Say you have a two-year CD and you cash it after seven months. You might have to forfeit six months of interest for early withdrawal, leaving you with very little in the way of a return. You probably

won't be able to avoid this fee, even if you need to withdraw only a small amount, as many banks stipulate that no partial withdrawals are allowed.

There may be exceptions, but either way, you should understand your CD's withdrawal conditions.

■ Some options offer more flexibility: For starters, you shouldn't open a CD unless you can afford to hold the money for the full term length.

Though most CDs carry very basic terms, you'll find a variety of options available at certain banks and credit unions. Some allow penalty-free withdrawals, although they typically come with lower rates than standard CDs do.

■ Consider CD laddering: If you

want to lock in the higher rates of a five-year CD but don't want to tie your money up for so long, CD laddering might be right for you. Instead of putting \$5,000 in a five-year CD, you'd put \$1,000 each into a one-, a two-, a three-, a four- and a five-year CD. Once the shortest certificate matures, you'll have the opportunity to reinvest your earnings in a long-term CD or move the money back into your checking account.

CD laddering can provide a time cushion between maturity dates, and it gives you more immediate access to your savings in case of a sudden emergency. Plus, your CDs won't be locked in for just one rate of return, a good thing if interest rates start to climb.

Relax: It's doubtful you'll get audited

The odds are pretty low if you're an average earner

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Filing taxes can be a complicated process, and if there's one way to take your associated stress to the next level, it's to fixate on getting audited.

Nearly 1 in 4 Americans are worried about having their returns audited, according to a recent NerdWallet study, but for the vast majority of those folks, that fear is largely unfounded.

■ What are your odds of an IRS audit? Believe it or not, your chances of getting audited are actually pretty low, particularly if you're an average earner. Each year, less than 1% of tax returns are flagged for further scrutiny, and a big part of that boils down to limited IRS resources. That's right: The agency only has the capacity to examine so many returns, and so it's likely to focus on those with glaring errors or omissions, as well as those listing incomes that are extremely high or extremely low.

But even higher earners need not worry so much. In 2016, the IRS audit-



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ed just 1.7% of returns listing incomes in excess of \$200,000. That's not a significant number at all. In fact, it's only once you really start bringing home the big bucks that your odds of an audit climb. Case in point: In 2016, 5.8% of returns listing more than \$1 million of income

were further inspected.

Now keep in mind that if you wind up reporting no income on your tax return, your chances of getting audited are higher than someone reporting between \$200,000 and \$500,000. But it still pays to file a return if you're eligible for a re-

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fundable tax credit.

■ Reducing your audit risk: If you'd rather stay off the IRS audit list this year, there are a few things you can do to achieve that goal. First, report all income you receive, and report it accurately. Every time you get a tax form showing income that was paid to you, whether in the form of a W-2 or a 1099, the IRS gets a copy as well, and if the agency's records don't match what you're reporting, your return will likely get flagged.

Next, be careful when claiming deductions. It's one thing to list \$10,000 in charitable contributions when your income is \$200,000, but if you claim that amount against \$40,000 in earnings, it's bound to raise a red flag.

Finally, be sure to file your return electronically as opposed to doing so on paper.

The IRS reports that the error rate for paper returns is 21%, whereas it's less than 1% among electronic returns.



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Scan as you go now available at Kroger

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One recent weekday morning, Gayle Minneci walked into the Kroger store on Haggerty Road in Northville Township to grab a few items.

Once Minneci grabbed a cart, she reached for a Scan, Bag, Go handheld scanner — Kroger's newest shopping tool — from the display and scanned her Kroger card.

Scanner in hand, and only needing a few things, Minneci of Northville Township, made her way through the produce aisle, grabbing and scanning her items and placing items in a grocery tote.

The scanner is Kroger's newest shopping option at several metro Detroit stores. It's Kroger's attempt to get customers in and out of stores quickly.

Once Minneci, 67, got what she came for, she headed to the self-checkout for one last scan; the last scan would list everything she bought, already totaled, and allow her to pay. When Minneci checked out, she returned the scanner to the display and out the door she went.

Kroger's Northville Township store is the first area store to get Scan, Bag, Go, which also has a mobile app option.

The Cincinnati-based grocery chain announced in January that 400 stores, including ones in Michigan, would offer their newest technology option — Scan, Bag, Go.

The technology is putting Kroger on the fast track in the grocery game, similar to Amazon Go, the cashier-less grocery store from Amazon which opened in January in Seattle. Customers scan their Amazon Go app on their smartphones when entering the store and then start shopping. What they put in their basket is added to their bill and they are charged when leaving the store.

"With every new product, service and technology integration, Kroger is redefining the customer experience and re-imagining the store of the future," said Chris Hjelm, Kroger's executive vice president and chief information officer in a January news release. "After testing Scan, Bag, Go in several locations, we are bringing this transformative technology to new stores across the country through Restock Kroger."

Minneci tried Scan, Bag, Go when it first became available. She loves the new technology and has adapted well to it.

"I love gadgets and my husband loves to bag our groceries because he doesn't want to lug that many bags to the car," Minneci said. Shopping every two weeks, Minneci says the system is convenient and easy to use.

And if Minneci downloads coupons onto her Kroger card, those discounts are automatically deducted once she checks out. Should she clip coupons from another source she can scan those, too.

"Convenience is what I am seeking and I am getting good at it so it takes less time," Minneci said. "Checkout is faster."

But as grocery stores look for ways to hold onto or increase their razor-thin profit margins and also please customers, is technology the answer?

It appears so.

Fast, easy and convenient is what shoppers want and the driving force behind the newest shopping tools. No longer should grocery shopping be a chore. And experience, industry experts say, is the driving force.

Kroger currently offers Scan, Bag, Go in these stores: Northville Township on Haggerty Road; Ann Arbor on Plymouth Road; South Livernois in Rochester Hills and the Michigan Avenue store in Canton.

Rachel Hurst, Kroger corporate affairs manager, said more than 30 locations will have the service this year.

But what about theft?

Kroger said they "trust their customers will do the right thing." Behind the scenes, Kroger has



Heidi Fulk of Livonia scans a bag of coffee using the Scan, Bag, Go program that allows shoppers to scan their items and bag them as they go, expediting checkout at the Kroger grocery store in Northville Township. KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL | DETROIT FREE PRESS

"several systems that will help support our efforts and losses."

Heidi Fulk, 41, of Livonia, knows how to shop. A mother of four children ages 15, 13, 11 and 9, she has spoken to moms'

groups on strategies for shopping and meal planning. As a busy parent, Fulk sees Kroger's Scan, Bag, Go as a key shopping strategy. She has used it several times.

"It's worth it and this

tool makes it effortless," Fulk said. "I also have control of what goes in the bag."

Fulk prefers to use her own bags and likes to pack them herself. She does a big shop every two weeks at the Northville Township store.

Using Scan, Bag, Go, Fulk said, is a "real time-saver in general because you're not loading items onto the belt at the checkout."

Grocery store industry analyst Phil Lempert said advancements like Scan, Bag, Go are how stores are staying competitive after Amazon's purchase of Whole Foods.

"Everybody, whether it's Amazon or Walmart, wants to sell food," Lempert said. "Amazon buying Whole Foods has really upped everybody's

game."

While Lempert said Kroger is a fabulous chain, he also noted they haven't "necessarily kept up with everything that they need to."

"I think the entire industry was limping along," said Lempert. "They were building new stores and doing some things that were kind of cool, but Amazon buying Whole Foods really woke up everybody."

From a consumer standpoint, Lempert said, it's because millennials and Generation Z are more "passionate about their food than any previous generation."

The other driving point for the retailer, he said, is that there's more competition than ever before.

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Helen L. Clark

-- Helen L. Clark died surrounded by her family on March 18, 2018. Helen was 100 years old.

Helen was born and raised in the small village of Milford, on September 12, 1917 to parents, Frank and Madge (nee Bliss) Ladd. While still attending Milford High School, she met John C. Clark through the music program of Milford Presbyterian Church. They married on December 26, 1938. John was in the Navy during WWII and served in the Pacific. Helen spent time on the West Coast with John. After the War, the couple moved to Detroit, while John attended Wayne State University to obtain his Pharmacy degree. Together they bought and managed the John Clark Pharmacy in Union Lake from 1952 to 1973. In 1974 they retired and moved to South Daytona, Florida. Helen lost her husband, John, in 1978. While retired, she enjoyed traveling, golf, cards and researching the family genealogy. Helen had a big heart, infectious smile and a never-ending love for family. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John C. Clark (d. 1978), and is survived by her daughters, Nancy (Tom) Snyder, Kathy (Ron) James and Chris (Steve) Fogle; eight grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Burial and graveside services took place at Oak Grove Cemetery, Milford, MI. Pastor Bryant Anderson from the Milford Presbyterian Church officiated. Memorials may be made in her name to the Milford Historical Society at 124 E. Commerce St., Milford, MI 48381 or Mendelson Assisted Living Home at 2450 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchandSons/Milford.

Tanya Ann Fields

BRIGHTON - Tanya Ann Fields, age 54, of Brighton, MI passed away at her home in Brighton Monday morning, March 19, 2018. She was born on December 19, 1963 in Charleston, SC the daughter of Harold T. and Linda Jo (Crackel) Comis. On April 21, 1987 she was married to Robert P. Fields in Mazatlán, Mexico.

Tanya was a member of the International Society. She endeared all that met her; she brightened every room that she entered. She was the consummate ambassador of love, generosity, and the American way. Every country she entered knew an American woman: honest, beautiful, empathetic, considerate, and genuine. She was loved by all that knew her.

She is survived by her husband Robert, daughter Stephanie Ann, parents Tom and Linda Comis, brother Tom Comis and sister Tracey Comis. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Please visit Tanya's Book of Memories at www.keehnfuneralhome.com



John Colenso

HOWELL - His Legacy... John Colenso, age 85, passed away, March 23, 2018, surrounded by his family. John was born April 15, 1932 in Detroit, MI to James and Maude (Ryan) Colenso. He married the love of his life, Joan A. Waggoner on March 1, 1958. She preceded him in death, July 1, 2015. John enjoyed being with his family. He will be remembered as a loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. His Family... John is survived by his daughters, Annette (Ronald) McGrath, Lynn Walker and Julie Lanphar; 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ronald F. Colenso. His Farewell... John's family and friends will gather on Saturday, March 31, 2018, from 11:00AM until the time of his Community Farewell at 12:00PM at Liberty Baptist Church, Howell, MI, pastor Kim Perdue officiating. Interment to follow at Howell Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Liberty Baptist Church. Please leave a message of comfort to the Colenso family by calling 1.877.231.7900 or sign the guestbook at borekjennings.com

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Carolyn Cologie

SOUTH LYON - age 75, passed away March 19, 2018. She was born November 26, 1942 in Detroit, daughter of the late Gabriel and Florence Simonelli.

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Visitation was held on Sunday, March 25 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 26 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Donations may be made to Pro-Life Action Ministries, plam.org.

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How to job hunt without your boss finding out

 BY KATE LOPAZE
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Searching for a job can be a bit weird if you already have one — everyone does it, or no one would ever have a new job. But it has to be done in secret, because you can't let your manager know what's going on. Even if he or she knows you're unhappy, you don't want this person knowing that you tried to leave — especially if you don't get a new job right away. And even if you have a great, open relationship with your boss and she wants you to do what's best for yourself, it's still awkward. You don't want to be marked as a flight risk. So how do you manage the process without tipping off the boss?

Don't check out from your day-to-day work

If you're clearly not putting time and effort into your daily work, it'll be a first sign that something is off. It's not only bad practice in general to let your performance suffer, but it's also a clear sign that you're trying to get out the door, one way or another.

Don't use your boss as a reference

This one probably seems obvious, but you'd be amazed at how many people think



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they have to use their current employer as a reference. I once had a friend who listed her current boss' contact information on a (stealthy) job application, then freaked out when the new company actually called him/her.

If you need a reference but don't want to tip your hand,

use a trusted colleague who is familiar with your work and can vouch for you.

Don't use your work computer

At this point, it's safe to assume that Big Brother is always watching — and in this case, that could include

your supervisor. Don't use your work computer to search for new jobs, work on your resume or reach out to potential employers. There's a good chance this runs afoul of your company's computer usage rules, for one, and if you're applying to competitor companies, it could be a legal

issue as well. So, make sure you're doing your job hunt on your own time, using your own devices.

Don't shout about your plans on social media

If you're not Facebook friends with your boss or connected on LinkedIn, you might think it's safe to talk about your job search or send out a "hire me!" blast. Don't count on that "friends only" post to stay private. There's nothing stopping one of your other contacts from letting it slip that you're hunting, or from sending your employer a screenshot of your "I hate this place, get me out of here" rant. If you really don't want your manager to know you're looking elsewhere, don't post anything on social media that you wouldn't want him or her to read.

Ideally, your boss won't know about your job search until you have an offer in hand and a resignation letter ready to go. But if you practice some basic discretion, it doesn't have to feel like a Cold War spy mission, either.

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

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HYUNDAI COMES TO COMPETE IN SMALL-SEDAN SEGMENTS WITH FRESH VERSIONS OF ELANTRA COMPACT, ACCENT SUBCOMPACT



By Dale Buss

Hyundai has lost market share in the United States lately because the brand was slow to recognize and react to the primacy of sport-utility vehicles in the American market as consumers reacted en masse to the quiescence in gasoline prices and to the increasing appeal of SUVs and crossovers compared with traditional sedans.

But even as Hyundai comes forth with new models for utility segments that provide hope for a market-share comeback, the brand continues to hold faith with its sedan buyers by ensuring that the models that got Hyundai a significant chunk of the U.S. market — as well as the pinnacle of manufacturing quality, according to J.D. Power surveys — are very much

worth consideration and purchase. That's certainly the case with the fully redesigned Hyundai Elantra and also the manual-transmission version of the Hyundai Accent, both of which I've driven recently.

Elantra got a fresh new look for the current model, three new engines, a new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission, a more refined interior and a variety of impressive technology features.

The car is a four-door compact that's offered at four trim levels that start at around \$17,000 and can stretch into the mid-\$20,000s. It competes tooth-and-nail with other staples of the sedan market that have had decades more to build brand equity with American consumers, Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla.

Among the biggest improvements in the 2017 version is ride quality, making Elantra a better bet for commuters. It's also got three new powertrain offerings: a new, base 2.0-liter; a turbocharged 1.6-liter four-cylinder; and a sporty 1.6-liter,



The new 2018 Hyundai Accent is a subcompact worth considering.

turbocharged four-cylinder.

Inside the cabin, at top trim levels Elantra offers a very competitive menu of tech features including adaptive cruise control, lane-departure intervention and forward-collision mitigation.

Expressed in their highest form in the 2017 version, two of the most important attributes of Elantra are that it's comfortable cabin and practicality make it a great value in its class. Its interior is spacious and well-built with good seats, and it has more trunk space than many rivals: 14.4 cubic feet of storage.

Elantra's low liftover height makes it easy to load cargo into the trunk, which is crucial for those frequent occasions when the owner is wondering whether he or she can really tote, say, that lawn mower to the shop for repairs or fit a few bags of golf clubs in a compact car.

Hyundai's winning sedan can hit 40mpg on the highway in Eco versions, about matching the Corolla's fuel economy, and its comfort and interior

comfort and amenities, the manual-transmission Accent could be a good choice. It's been redesigned for 2018. Accent is a subcompact model that competes well with competitors such as the Honda Fit and Ford Fiesta.

Like all Hyundai designs, Accent offers a nice-looking interior with spacious seats, user-friendly tech features, and pretty good trunk space for a small sedan — nearly 14 cubic feet, a good total for the segment. Accent seats five more comfortably than you might think at first glance.

It handles well on the road and gets acceptable fuel economy, and the manual transmission is smooth and well-matched to the engine, though acceleration and ride quality leave something to be desired.

Base prices for Accent start at a very attractive \$15,000, with the mid-tier SEL trim level reaching \$17,000 and above, and the top-of-the-line Limited trim beginning at prices just under \$19,000.



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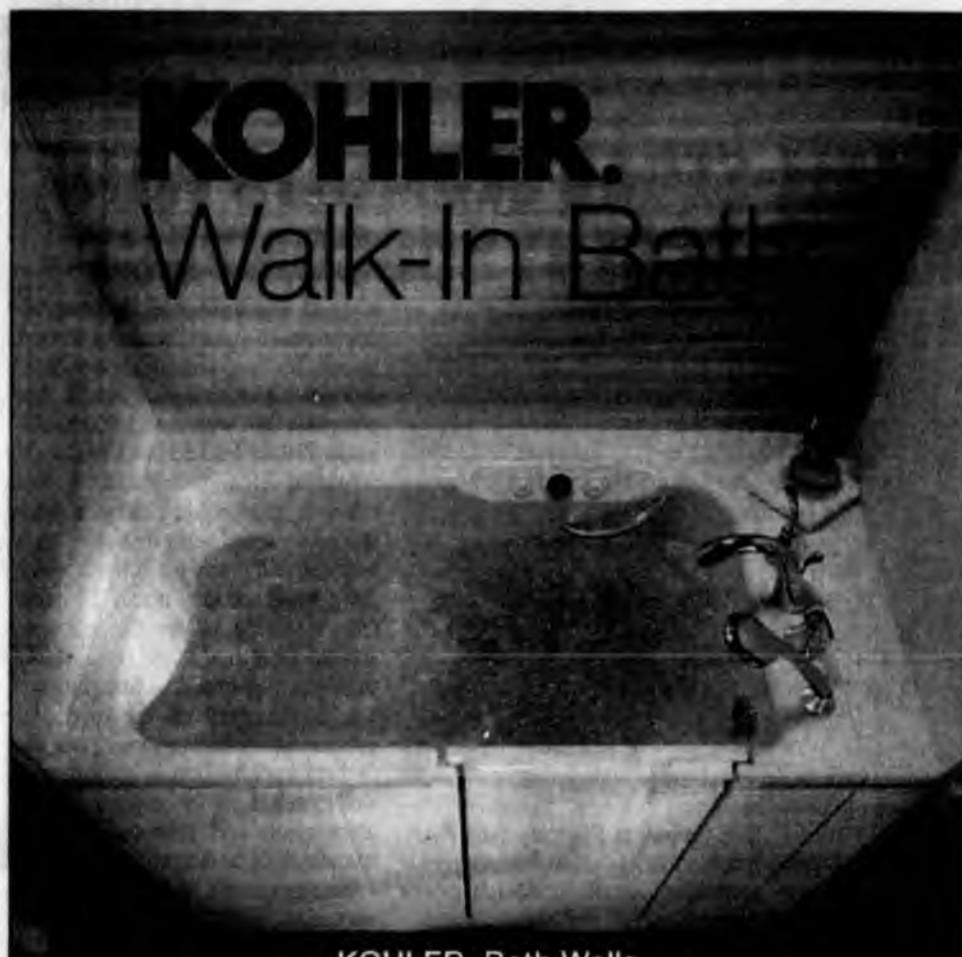
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