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State's last horse racing venue sold

Northville Downs site bought by developer

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Live horse racing in Michigan appears to be headed into the homestretch following the news April 17 that a Farmington Hills-based land development firm has purchased the 48-acre lot that

has been home to Northville Downs for several decades.

According to an announcement via email from Hunter Pasteur Homes president and CEO Randy Wertheimer, his firm purchased the downtown Northville land and its adjacent parcels with plans to create "a robust mixed-use development" on the site.

Northville Downs, which is owned by the Carlo family partnership, is the last live horse racing venue in the state following the closure April 5 of Hazel Park

Raceway.

Mike Carlo and representatives from Hunter Pasteur Homes opted not to discuss the reported sale when reached by phone that day by hometownlife.com.

According to a press release distributed by Hunter Pasteur Homes, future plans for the mixed-use development are in the approval stages. The new owners plan to build 500-600 high-end rental apartments, for sale townhomes and single-family homes on the site.

"This project is in the preliminary

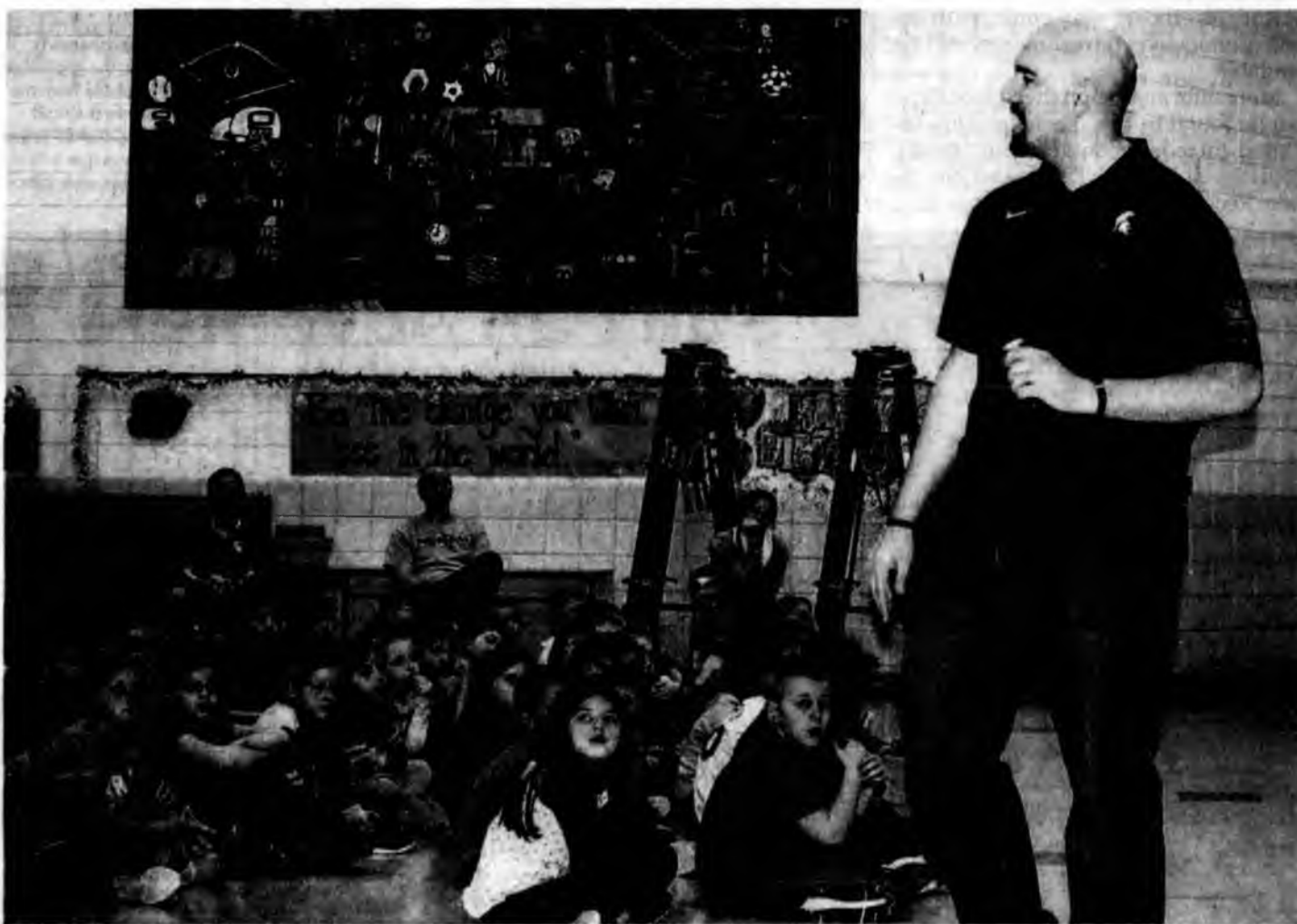
stages and we're eager to continue working with the city of Northville and our partners to iron out the numerous details that come with a project of this scale," Wertheimer said in a press release. "We expect to have all entitlements in place in 2019."

"As more details become available, we will share them with the community."

Operations at Northville Downs will

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A powerful message



Former MSU basketball player Anthony Ianni had a captive audience Friday at Thornton Creek Elementary School in Novi.

Former MSU basketball player defied autism, bullying

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When Anthony Ianni was age 4, doctors shared several layers of devastating news with his parents, Greg and Jamie. Not only was their son diagnosed

with pervasive developmental disorder, a form of autism, the medical professionals warned the Iannis that Anthony would never graduate from high school, compete in athletics or attend college.

"Finally, they said, 'Sir, ma'am, your son will probably end up in an institution along with other autistic kids,'" Ianni

ni said.

"But you know what? Those doctors didn't know me."

Fast forward 25 years to Northville's Thornton Creek Elementary School, where Friday afternoon Ianni accom-

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Senior Expo returns May 1 to Schoolcraft College

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A sure sign that temperatures are beginning to warm up takes place next week at Schoolcraft College.

The 15th annual Senior Expo will once again grace the halls of the VisTa-Tech Center at the Livonia college, 18600 Haggerty, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1.

Sponsored by Schoolcraft College, The Elder Care Firm, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Marycrest Manor and the Observer & Eccentric, the spring expo has everything seniors need, including booths discussing elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief. More than 30 businesses and organizations will have a presence at the expo.

Admission is free and those who attend will receive several free goodies, including tote bags and other items. Raffles for various prizes will also take place, including for Detroit Tigers tickets, gift baskets and an electronic toothbrush.

"Observer & Eccentric Media and our advertising partner, Michigan.com, is once again thrilled to bring the Senior Expo to Schoolcraft College. With huge numbers of baby boomers hitting 65 years of age, the importance of planning and caring is extremely important," said Dan Dean, managing editor at the Observer & Eccentric. "From financial decisions, senior housing, estate planning and caring

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Northville Downs harness racing venue has reportedly been sold to a Farmington Hills-based land development company.
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Racing

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continue until site development begins, the release stated.

The Carlo family will reportedly actively pursue the purchase of another site for horse racing in close proximity to the current track.

Contact Ed Wright at edwright@hometownlife.com or 517-375-1113.

"This project is in the preliminary stages and we're eager to continue working with the city of Northville and our partners ..."

Randy Wertheimer
president and CEO, Hunter Pasture Homes

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Expo

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for loved ones, it is a time when many important decisions are being made. The exhibitors and speakers at the Spring Expo provide a wealth of information for not only adults hitting this stage of life, but for their families as well."

In addition to the informational booths, several seminars will take place, including the O&E's Money Matters columnist Rick Bloom, who will discuss the impacts of the new tax law enacted by the federal government and what that means for seniors. His discussion will take place at 10:45 a.m. in Room VT550.

Dr. Sol Cogan, CEO and president of HealthQuest Management, will also be on hand to talk about new technologies in pain relief. His talk will take place at



The Senior Expo returns from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.
FILE PHOTO

10:45 a.m. in VT425.

And for those who come with an empty stomach, refreshments will be available.

More information on the Senior Expo can be found in the special section included in today's South Lyon Herald, Novi News, Milford Times and Northville Record. The section serves as a

guide for the expo. Please note, the date included in the special section is incorrect.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



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Events planned to mark Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated Saturday, May 19, and several events are planned throughout the Northville area to make this year's occasion. The celebration is largely organized by the Northville High School baseball program.

A very emotional exhibit, "Remembering Our Fallen," will be displayed Wednesday through Saturday, May 16-19, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, in its Michigan debut to remind Americans of the ultimate sacrifice made by those who died from wounds suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan while serving in the military.

The memorial includes 31 Tribute Towers with military and personal photos of almost 5,000 of our nation's fallen since Sept. 11, 2001. This memorial was unveiled nationally Sept. 7, 2017, at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Organizers are still asking for help in contacting Gold Star families to include every single American who has died since 9/11 in The War on Terror. There is no fee to families, they are asked to go to www.RememberingOurFallen.org and provide basic information and two photos of their fallen loved one.

"We can never forget those who sacrificed everything for our freedom. We must remember these American heroes and speak their names when we see their family members," said Bill Williams, vice president and co-founder of Patriotic Productions, the nonprofit responsible for this memorial. "This me-



"Remembering Our Fallen" will be displayed at Northville High School to help celebrate Armed Forces Day.

morial is created to travel, stopping in cities and communities all across the nation, so more people will have the opportunity to honor and remember our fallen from one of the longest wars in our nation's history."

A directory of the fallen, along with the tour schedule and additional information, is available at www.RememberingOurFallen.org.

A benefit concert by the band Killer Flamingos, with all proceeds going to

Homes For Our Troops (www.hfotusa.org), is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Ford Field, Griswold and Main streets. HFOT is a privately funded 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that builds and donates specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 veterans to enable them to rebuild their lives.

All ages are welcome for this family-friendly concert. Food and beverage will

be available for purchase. No outside food or drinks are allowed.

Northville American Legion Post 147 will be hosting a beer tent at Ford Field beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Free parking is available at city lots off Cady Street, Dunlap Street, at Northville Downs and in the downtown parking deck. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. To make a donation online, go to <https://funds.gofundme.com/dashboard/rememberourfallen> NHSbaseball.

The fourth annual benefit 5K run, also with all proceeds going to HFOT, is scheduled for Saturday, May 19. Registration is 7-8:15 a.m., with the run set for 8:30 a.m. in the east parking lot at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road.

Every participant gets a dry-fit tech T-shirt and a medal. Gift cards from Gazelle Sports will be awarded for overall top male and female runners, as well as awards for top runners in every age group.

Cost is \$35 (\$20 for veterans) through May 16 at <http://www.nhsarmedforcesday.com/5k> or \$40 (\$25 for veterans) the day of the race.

Other events scheduled include a veterans vs. Northville Fire and Police softball game and a Northville High School varsity baseball doubleheader. For more information on all events, go to www.NHSArmedForcesDay.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 1-4 p.m. each Sunday starting June 10. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 5:30-

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 4; 9-11:30 a.m. and 3:15-5:15 p.m. Saturday, May 12; 2:15-4:15 p.m. Friday, May 18; 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 2:15-4:15 p.m. Saturday, May 19; and 3:45-6:15 p.m. Saturday, May 26.

Lecture series: Early Organized Crime in Detroit: Vice, Corruption and the Rise of the Mafia, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

Grounds closed for private party: 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 8.

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.

Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available.

More information on our website.

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

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AREA EVENTS

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Grow a row for Active Faith

Active Faith invites all gardeners to consider growing an extra row of crops this year to benefit the needy in the community. Anyone with an interest is also welcome to help maintain the garden that Active Faith has on site at its warehouse at 401 Washington Street in South Lyon. Watering plants daily during the summer months is the biggest need. Those interested can contact Emily at activefaithgarden@yahoo.com or call Active Faith at 248-437-9790.

Any fresh produce donation is welcome and can be dropped off to Active Faith from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Folk singer to perform at HVCA

Jim Malcolm, known as "the ultimate Scots troubadour," will perform a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Huron Valley Council for Arts building, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. He sings traditional Scottish music as well as his own songs.

The concert will also feature visual works from local artists. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by visiting the HVCA, by calling 248-889-8660, at Main Street Art, 432 N. Main Street, in Milford or www.huronvalleyarts.org.

Michigan War Dog Memorial

The Michigan War Dog Memorial will host a K9 veterans day event at noon Saturday, April 28, at the memorial, 25805 Milford Road, in South Lyon. There will be two Vietnam scout dog handlers and a law enforcement handler. For more information, contact Phil Weitlauf at mwdmk9@gmail.com or 248-685-8307.

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 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.

Financial fraud and scams seminar

The Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, will host a financial fraud and scams seminar 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28. It will be presented by certified financial planner Sandy Adams from the Center for Financial planning. Register for this free event at wixomlibrary.org or call 248-624-2512.

'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. Tickets for all performances are \$9.

The play is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29 and May 5-6.

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 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to www.northvillmarquistheatre.com.

College funding workshop

A free workshop on funding a college education will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W 10 Mile Road. The speaker will be Robert Hoyer, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding, LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships; and grants you've never even heard of.

Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of the room, so call 248-662-1300 to reserve a seat.

Fatty liver disease talk

Are you diabetic or overweight? Research suggests that nearly one in four Americans have fatty liver disease, which is closely linked to diabetes or obesity. Learn more about fatty liver disease, its diagnosis, its consequences and what you can do to treat and prevent it 6-7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Avenue, in Novi, Conference Room A & B, Outpatient Building.

Presenter is Dr. Janak Parikh, MD. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

South Lyon Farmers Market

The South Lyon Farmers & Artisans Market will open for the season May 5 in downtown South Lyon. It is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 27.

The market is located at 110 W. Liberty Street, in the municipal parking lot directly across from the South Lyon Post Office. For more information, go to www.southlyonfarmersmarket.org.

Bloom for Mom

Melissa Pearce & Associates, PLC, 1100 Corporate Office Drive, Suite 320, in Milford is hosting Bloom for Mom, an event for elementary-aged children and their parents to have the kids create a fun present for moms this Mother's Day. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

This event is a free event open to the public. Because there are limited spots, this event requires RSVPs to be emailed to info@melissapearcelaw.com by Friday, April 27, for parents to hold a spot for their children.

VFAA pet benefit

The Village Fine Arts Association of Milford is hosting its Dog Day Afternoon fundraiser, to benefit both the VFAA's Suzanne Haskew Art Center and the Pet Pantry at Community Sharing, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Pet owners and volunteers work together to create Paw Print Art. Non-toxic paint is brushed on a paw of participating dogs and then "stamped" on art paper. Artist volunteers then turn them into simple works of art. The \$20 fee benefits programs at the nonprofit VFAA's SHAC. Dog owners are also encouraged to bring donations of food, leashes, beds and other dog and pet related items to benefit the Pet Pantry at the nonprofit Community Sharing.

The event is at the the SHAC, at 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700. No registration

is necessary, but it is on first-come, first-served basis for paw prints. Volunteers to help and sponsorships/donations/silent auction items are welcome to help underwrite the expenses so more proceeds can be shared with VFAA and Pet Pantry.

For more information, call 248-797-3060 or go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

Zonta Club benefit

The Zonta Club of Milford is hosting its sixth annual gala event at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at The Clothing Cove, 414 N. Main Street. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$20. As a 501(c)3 organization, your purchase is tax-deductible.

For more information, email ZontaClubofMilford@gmail.com.

Wixom library book sale

The Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, will hold a spring used book sale sponsored by The Friends of the Wixom Library. Advance sale for Friends members only will be Wednesday, May 9 (memberships available at the door.) Public sale is set for 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 11, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12 (fill a bag for \$5).

Novi Choralaires concert

The Novi Choralaires will present their annual spring concert "Women Composers in the Spotlight" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children ages 12 and under, available at the door.

The Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts for the next season, September through December. Open rehearsals will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 and 11, at the Novi Middle School choir classroom, 49000 W. 11 Mile Road.

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

Crawford to meet with residents

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, invites residents to attend her monthly office hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Crawford at 517-373-0827 or email KathyCrawford@house.mi.gov.

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.

Golf for Hope benefit

The second annual Golf for Hope benefit, hosted by the nonprofit charity Five Points of Hope, is set for Saturday, May 19, at Brentwood Golf Course, 2450 Havenwood Drive, in White Lake. Cost is \$110 per golfer or \$440 per foursome.

The tournament features cash prizes, raffles, auction items, a "chuck-a-putt" game, individual golf skills contests (including longest drive and closest to the pin) and both breakfast and lunch. New to this year's tournament is a bloody Mary bar, sponsored by Milford restaurant Palate. This is a scramble format tournament with complimentary golf carts. Golfer check-in is at 7 a.m., with a continental breakfast and an 8 a.m. shotgun start. A lunch buffet with an awards ceremony will follow.

Participants may register as teams or as individuals. Anyone who pre-registers on or before May 1 gets their name entered into a raffle for a JBL CLIP2 portable Bluetooth speaker. To register and pre-pay for the tournament, go to www.fivepointsofhope.com.

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.

SAHS meeting

The Salem Area Historical Society will host a membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in the South Salem Stone School, at the northeast corner of Curtis and North Territorial roads.

A short business agenda will be followed by a presentation on local area Native American history pre-1600 by Carol Clements, retired Nankin Mills naturalist. Admission is \$2 for non-SAHS members.

United Methodist rummage sale

The Milford United Methodist Women are holding their annual rummage sale at 1200 Atlantic Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 24-25, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 26. Funds raised support many local and worldwide missions.

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Don't leave your family a mess with estate affairs



Money Matters

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USA TODAY NETWORK —
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The other day, a colleague of mine lost his mother. She wasn't ill or anything of that nature; it was sudden and unexpected. It's a reminder how fast things can change in life and how those changes don't just impact us, but also our loved ones. Death is unpredictable, so it's important that we recognize it will eventually happen to all of us and, in many situations, is unexpected. As a result, it is important that we accept this and plan for it.

Death is emotional, unpredictable and always occurs at the wrong time. There are, though, some ways you can ease the burden on your loved ones. One

of those is to be organized from a financial standpoint. I always recommend having a document in place that your loved ones can go to upon your demise. This document, what I call a document locator, is nothing more than a road map of your personal finances — a listing of your assets and liabilities, where important documents are located, online login information and a list of the professionals that you deal with. For example, if you have a life insurance policy, you should list the policy number, the agent and where the policy is located.

Ask yourself, if you should unexpectedly die, how easy would it be for your loved ones to locate your assets and close out the final affairs of your estate? Most people, if they were honest with themselves, would admit it would be very difficult. Having a document locator will make things easier on your fam-

ily and ease their burden; isn't that something all of us want?

Unfortunately, you can't do a document locator once and forget about it. It is a living document that constantly needs to be updated. The only other alternative is to leave your loved ones a mess and add to their burden, not ease it. For the great majority of us, that is not the legacy we want to leave. Something as easy as a document locator is an easy way to reduce the burden on your survivors.

There are other things we can do to prepare for the inevitable. We can buy a burial plot or even pre-plan a funeral. The bottom line — and every family dynamic is different — is there are things you can do ahead of time to plan for the inevitable that will ease the burden on your loved one. I recommend all responsible adults spend time planning so,

when the inevitable happens, you have given your family the tools to close out the final affairs of your life.

Just because you plan for the inevitable doesn't mean you have a death wish. What it means is you are a responsible adult who accepts the realities of life and wants to ease the burden as best you can on your loved ones. It is a great tribute to your loved ones if, upon your death, your affairs are in order and organized, making the closing out of the final affairs as easy as possible.

Good luck!

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Kubart to play Village Theater show

Tim Kubart, the 2016 Grammy Award winner for Best Children's Album and host, producer, writer for Sprout Channel's "Sunny Side Up," series will be performing live at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

Kubart's performance is an engaging, interactive set of original songs and stories. As a songwriter/composer, Kubart has also composed songs for "Sesame Street," including "We Can All Be Friends," the introductory song for Julia, the first Muppet with autism.

Kubart is still best known as Tambourine Guy, a longstanding cast member of the viral music collective and internationally touring Postmodern Jukebox. The internet sensation has garnered more than 4 million YouTube subscribers, nearly one billion views and the No. 1 spot on the jazz iTunes charts for 10 consecutive albums. Performance highlights include New York's Radio City Music Hall, L.A.'s Greek Theatre, Denver's Red Rocks Amphitheater, London's Roundhaus, Paris' L'Olympia and Moscow's Crocus City Hall.



Tim Kubart will be performing live May 12 at The Village Theater. SUBMITTED

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Nessel wins Dem endorsement for attorney general

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In an unprecedented blow to organized labor, Plymouth attorney Dana Nessel won the endorsement for her bid for state attorney general from Democrats at a day-long convention April 15.

She overcame a nearly unified group of organized labor, led by the United Auto Workers, that had endorsed former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan Pat Miles of Grand Rapids.

But Nessel had forged a coalition of progressive activists, marijuana supporters and Democrats energized to join the party after the election of Donald Trump as president in 2016.

After nearly 10 hours of speeches and voting at Cobo Center, the 6,704 credentialed Democrats gave Nessel a victory. The energy all day had been with Nessel as the crowd continually shouted her name, gave her standing ovations and waved signs carrying her name.

"I think the Democratic Party was ready for a more unconventional candidate and race," said Nessel, who will be the first openly gay candidate to run for statewide office. "I was really excited to get so many new members signed up. There's a lot of enthusiasm for the party in a way that we haven't seen it for a while."

Mary Maguire, Nessel's mother-in-law and president of the Plymouth Democratic Club, nominated Nessel, saying, "Dana always has been a relentless fighter for justice. She poured her heart and soul into the DeBoer case," referring to the one of the cases that went to the U.S. Supreme Court, resulting in a validation of same-sex marriage.

"Having beaten Bill Schuette and Rick Snyder on this landmark case, she understood the power an attorney general can have," Maguire added.

Former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade nominated Miles for the attorney general endorsement and said he has a leg up because he's already gone through a thorough vetting after being nominated for his current job by former President Barack Obama.

"He had to go through a rigorous background investigation by the FBI and, if they couldn't find any dirt on



The state Democratic Party endorsed Dana Nessel for attorney general.

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him, neither will the Republicans," she said.

But Miles conceded the race to Nessel before the final vote was announced and urged his supporters to back Nessel.

"I will fully support the Democratic ticket in the fall," he said. "We need to take the state back for the Democratic Party. We need to unify the party."

The vote marked the end of dominance of Democratic Party politics by the UAW, which for decades had been the deciding factor for candidates seeking the union's endorsement. With dwindling union numbers — which have declined by 2.9 million members since the mid 1980s — the endorsement of the UAW or AFL-CIO isn't as consequential as it once was.

"Whether or not the leadership of some of the unions supported me, I support unions in this state. I support workers," Nessel said. "I hope they'll support me as well in November."

There was an enormous amount of energy in the crowd of more than 6,700 people, which is a far cry from the 700 people who showed up for the endorsement convention in 2010, Michigan Democratic Party Chairman Brandon Dillon said.

"This is huge, even with the bad weather across the state," he said. "There's just such a real enthusiasm that people are chomping at the bit to do something."

"We've seen it since Trump got elected. But the challenge is to make sure that energy is channeled into the right activities," he added. "It's kind of like plutonium. It can be used for peaceful means or can be used to arm a nuclear warhead."

Most of the energy was directed at

the only real race at the convention between Nessel and Miles. The two ran from room to room, making their case to the different constituency caucuses. William Noakes, a Detroit attorney who had filed to become a candidate for attorney general, didn't get the required signatures — about 500 — needed that day to be considered for the endorsement.

At the Women's Caucus, Nessel said she keeps hearing that there could be too many women on the ticket, if former Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer wins the nomination for governor and Jocelyn Benson gets the nod for secretary of state.

"You know what I say to that? Screw that noise," she said. "More than ever, we need an attorney general who is willing to protect women in this state. ... We need to put as many women as possible on the Democratic ticket."

Miles said he would vow to fight the agenda of Trump on issue after issue.

"I'm a fighter and I'm ready to fight for you," he said.

The race became a proxy for the fight between the traditional power brokers of the party — organized labor and African-American constituencies — and the far left wing of the party.

At the Progressive Caucus, which has endorsed Nessel and former Detroit Health Department Director Abdul El-Sayed for governor, retired Ann Arbor businessman Shri Thanedar tried to talk to the group. And even though he bills himself as the most progressive candidate in the race for governor, he was refused the chance to speak and escorted out of the room amid chants from the caucus of "Abdul, Abdul!"

The labor caucus officially endorsed Miles and Whitmer, with United Auto Workers president Dennis Williams proclaiming that the labor movement has been at the forefront of the progressive movement for decades.

"Today, we're under attack like never before. Not just in Michigan, but across the country," he said. "It's time for labor to raise for our heads, march in the streets and say an injustice for one is an injustice for all."

Despite the extraordinary amount of participation at the convention, the crowd was warned that unless the factions can come together, they will lose in November. The worry was warranted as the race for attorney general became increasingly contentious in the last few weeks, with both Miles' and Nessel's campaign hurling insults and negative taunts at each other.

"The only thing that could stop us from doing what we need to do, is if we are not united. We have vigorous primaries and we should. We're going to have a vigorous campaign today. But in November, we all have to be united as Democrats," said Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township. "We can't say, 'My candidate didn't win, they're not progressive enough' or 'They're too progressive.' Enough is enough! We have to be united or we will not win."

And U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn, said she hated to be a "Debbie downer, but everybody is talking about this blue wave. It's not going to happen if we let complacency settle in."

"If you stay home, we're going to have six years of what we have right now and that should scare the hell out of everybody," she added.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans warned the crowd to calm down.

"The only thing that will stop us is if we get petty with each other. If your candidate wins or doesn't, take a chill pill. All of our candidates are better than any of theirs," he said.

Also getting endorsements at the convention were: Supreme Court candidates Megan Cavanagh and University of Michigan law professor Sam Bagenstos and Benson for secretary of state. The endorsements won't become official, however, until the party's summer convention in August.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of amendments to Articles 11, 12, 13 & 25 at a 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.

The 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.

The introduction of the amendment was approved at the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2018.

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 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held at Township Hall on the 19th day of April, 2018.

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The time Barbara Bush visited Schoolcraft College

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Spending time with a first lady is a special memory for Schoolcraft College chef instructor Jeffrey Gabriel. Having her ask for a recipe was a whole other experience he never expected.

Gabriel was one of several chefs in the Schoolcraft College kitchen back in 1992, when then-First Lady Barbara Bush made a campaign stop for her husband, President George H.W. Bush, at the Livonia college.

"She was probably in our kitchen for 45 minutes," said Gabriel, a certified master chef who's been at Schoolcraft College for more than 30 years. "She made it a point to come to the culinary arts department."

Bush, who died April 17 at the age of 92, stopped at the college while her husband was campaigning against Democrat Bill Clinton. Gabriel said Bush had heard about the college's flagship culinary program and wanted to check it

out.

She spent the morning preparing a wrapped salmon in phyllo, something Gabriel's class was making in the Waterman building, located where Henry's Food Court currently stands. The dish must have turned out well, since she wanted to take the ingredient list back to Washington, D.C., with her.

"I spent the morning showing her how to prepare this," Gabriel said of the dish. "She was very down to earth. I remember her saying, 'I want that recipe and I'll use it at the White House.'"

It was a moment, Gabriel said, that wouldn't be forgotten by him or by the students in the class, which Bush was happy to speak with.

"She was just very interactive with the students," he said. "(She said), 'You guys are so lucky, you're going to have a career that's exciting and fun.'"

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Former First Lady Barbara Bush, in the Schoolcraft College kitchen with master pastry chef Joseph Decker in 1992. In the background is retired Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell. Bush died April 17 at age 92. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE



JUSTICES ATTEND COUNTY BAR EVENT

The Oakland County District Court Bench Bar Conference took place April 10 at Orchard Lake County Club. The event was open to all Oakland County district judges, as well as practicing attorneys. The highlight was a presentation from three Michigan Supreme Court justices. Pictured are (from left) Gerry Gleeson, president of the Oakland County Bar Association; 52-1 District Judge David Law (co-chair of the conference); Supreme Court Justice Kurtis Wilder; Supreme Court Justice Beth Clement; Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra; and conference co-chair Randy Secontine.

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Thornton Creek students volunteer for a chance to go up on stage with Anthony Ianni. ED WRIGHT

Message

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plished the near impossible: He kept a roomful of third- through fifth-graders completely engaged with a 45-minute speech that sent chills through even the adults in attendance.

At 6-foot-9, the former Michigan State University basketball player towered over his audience, but his stories of overcoming bullying, sticking up for other bullied kids and dealing with the day-to-day obstacles created by PDD left a much larger impression on the youngsters.

"Each and every day was a challenge for me when I was your age," Ianni said, as the Thornton Creek students sat with their legs crossed, their eyes riveted on the special guest and their chins resting on their clasped hands. "I'd say things that didn't make sense, so I was teased. I was almost six feet tall when I was in sixth grade, so I got teased for that, too."

"If not for the sacrifice and support of my teachers, my family and my friends, who knows where I'd be right now."

Not only did Ianni graduate from Okemos High School, but he starred on the Chieftains basketball team, earning a full-ride athletic scholarship to Grand Valley State University.

After two years in Allendale, Ianni transferred to MSU, where coach Tom Izzo welcomed him onto the team as a walk-on.

When Ianni's career as a Spartan was over — his first basket as a Spartan was assisted by Draymond Green — he had earned the program's Tim Bognakos Walk-On Award, the Unsung Player Award and also helped MSU advance to the 2010 NCAA Final Four.

Not bad for a kid who doctors predicted would live his adult life in an institution.

A full-time anti-bullying advocate for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and an assistant coach for the Livonia Churchill girls basketball team, the 29-year-old Ianni is one of the most sought-after anti-bullying motivational speakers in the Midwest.

Relentless bullying

Ianni said he was a victim and target of bullying from the time he was age 6.

"When I was in first grade, there was one kid — a fifth-grader — who came to my side whenever kids started bullying me," Ianni said. "He'd say, 'Why you pickin' on my brother like this? He's not bothering you, so you'd better back off right now.' He treated me with more respect than anyone besides my parents, teach-



In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, these informative signs are posted along a wall in Thornton Creek Elementary School. ED WRIGHT

ers and friends had. So every morning when I was afraid to go to school, I'd think, 'This is going to be a good day. My friend has my back.'

"But I was wrong."

Not long after the friendship was forged, the fifth-grader turned on Ianni.

"He was fooling me," Ianni said. "It turns out he was like all the other bullies, only he was pretending to be my friend. One day, he even tricked me into putting my tongue on a frozen pole at recess."

"Seventeen years later, as I'm walking out of the Breslin Center after a basketball game, guess who walks up to me with a basketball and a Sharpie marker, asking me for my autograph? Yup. It was the kid who turned on me. The point of this story is that instead of taking out my anger on this guy, I signed his ball, talked to him a little bit and wished him well. I let my actions speak for me, not my hands or my feet."

Even the famous affected

Ianni later talked about several well-known celebrities — including Justin Timberlake, Katy Perry and Lady Gaga — who were bullied as youths.

"They got teased and bullied because they did things differently," he said. "Justin Timberlake was teased because of his high-pitched voice and because he was an actor in high school. He'd rehearse his script out loud at lunchtime and people thought he was talking to himself, so they made fun of him."

Ianni, thought to be the first autistic person to play NCAA Division I basketball, left a lasting impression on many of the Thornton Creek students.

"All of it was amazing," fourth-grader Andrea Castiglioni said. "The thing I took from it was that he was a person with autism who nobody thought would do anything and he grew up and did great things. He's the best basketball player I know."

"Hearing him makes me want to make a difference in my school and my community," fifth-grader Gianna Viola said. "I liked his story about how he was bullied by a fifth-grader, then 17 years later the person who bullied him realized he was wrong and that he had hurt (Ianni's) feelings."

Thornton Creek Principal Jennifer Bennett said Ianni's presentation was one in a series of events highlighting Autism Awareness Month.

"We organized some activities that helped our students understand how frustrating it can be for autistic individuals to communicate," Bennett said. "We have a group of students who partner with autistic students at recess, in the library ... pretty much everywhere in the school. It helps everyone come together and synergize."

Ianni ended the assembly with a simple but powerful suggestion.

"Be the person who makes the change," he said. "When you see someone getting bullied, step up for them. Don't look for someone else to do it."

For more on Ianni's story, go to relelentlesstour.com

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The venerable Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695 on Mill Street in Plymouth rocked louder than it has in ages when "Father Time" squared off against Max Morrison during a Friday the 13th card.

"Tick-tock, tick-tock," roared Father Time, believed to be the only blind professional wrestler, whipping a capacity crowd into frenzy.

That sound is apropos. Time could be running out in military veterans service organizations such as the VFW and Vietnam Veterans of America (also located out of Post 6695).

Aging members, coupled with a reluctance of vets in their 20s, 30s and 40s to get on board, have put storied chapters into jeopardy for long-term relevance.

"It's going to take a lot of work, a lot of work," said VFW Post 6695 officer James Kendall of Plymouth, 41, a staff sergeant who served stints in Iraq and Afghanistan. "My generation of vets are not really coming out. I don't know why, it's just not happening."

Enter a wild and crazy wrestling event as something that could become a catalyst for new members to perhaps join something that gives American heroes a place to meet, share stories, lean on each other during rough times and, yes, enjoy themselves.

"We need to get young people involved and events like this are perfect," said Larry Wright, 56, of Detroit, a U.S. Army veteran. "I see a lot of young people in there today and to get them involved with the post and know and know that it's a fun place, we'll encourage them to come to more events."

"Hey, we're getting up there, too. I wish we would have got pulled in a little younger and had a little more time invested. That's what it's going to take, the young people to keep it going."



The Kendalls oversee dog therapy sessions for military vets, such as a recent one at Pet Smart in Plymouth.

Wright and his cousin, 55-year-old Daniel Patterson of Southfield, decided to come watch the Pure Pro Wrestling event after seeing freebies on Veterans Tickets Foundation's Vet Tix — a non-profit organization (VetTix.org) that provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving military and veterans.

That's the ticket

Since VetTix was founded in 2008, more than 4.2 million tickets have been given to military, veterans and their families throughout the United States.

Patterson, a veteran of the U.S. Marines, brought 10-year-old grandson Aidan (of Belleville) to the wrestling event.

"I watch it on TV, but my grandson here is an avid wrestling fan," Patterson said. "So when I saw the tickets come up on Vet Tix, I thought it was a great opportunity to take him out and bring him up close and personal."

"We're having a great time; the first match was very interesting. It was excit-

ing to see the energy that they put on for the two guys getting out there. We can't wait to see the rest of the card."

Among those in the audience was 34-year-old Joel Huren, an active U.S. Air Force recruiter in Toledo who graduated from Livonia Stevenson. Huren picked up a couple of the 10 free tickets offered by Pure Pro Wrestling via Vet Tix.

"Our son (Darien, 15) is into wrestling and I watch a little bit of the WWE, so I was, like 'Well, I'll go down and see what's going on,'" Huren said.

Spreading the word

On the marquee in front of Post 6695 was an invite to people to come out for "Sliders and Euchre" each Wednesday night.

Other area posts get right to the point with their signs. "New Members Wanted" could be a 21st century take on James Montgomery Flagg's famous "I Want You For U.S. Army" recruitment poster of the World War I era.



Iraq and Afghanistan veteran James Kendall is encouraging others to join veterans organizations. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Marketing's always needed," Huren said. "We do it in the air force, as far as recruiting-wise. We got to market."

There's no doubt that a new spin is needed in order to get younger veterans through the doors and Kendall — who joined the Plymouth VFW in 2017 — is one guy rolling up his sleeves to get it going.

Otherwise, prospective new members might cruise past Post 6695 and other venues because of "get off my lawn" stereotypes.

"I didn't know what those kind of clubs were," Kendall said. "I thought it'd be, like, bingo, old people stuff, you know? Stuff like, I couldn't bring my kids in because they'd crab at (them). I've been to bingos before and that's what they were like."

"But when I got in there, I was so well-received and my family was so well-received that I was amazed. In the last year, I've made better friends than I ever have in my life. These guys know what I went through. I know what they went through. And we almost instantly bonded."

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JoAnne Purtan to host Famie's dementia film

After his dad died from Alzheimer's, he vowed to do something to help others facing dementia. In June, the public will be able to witness the two-year project award-winning producer/director Keith Famie has put together documenting the story of Alzheimer's and dementia.



Purtan

"Those on the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" will air at 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, on Detroit Public Television (WTVS-TV Channel 56). The film is produced by Famie's Visionalist Entertainment Productions. The broadcast will be hosted by JoAnne Purtan, morning host at WOMC-FM (104.3) and one of Michigan's most respected broadcast journalists, who recently wrapped up a 20-year tenure with Detroit ABC affiliate WXYZ-TV (Channel 7).

The documentary features stories and leading professionals from around the world, including Teepa Snow, sharing the work her group is doing to better understand a pathway to help those diagnosed with multiple forms of dementia. The film also explores the value of how the medical community is now embracing the holistic world as the nation faces the fastest and largest aging population of Baby Boomers.

"I am so honored to be working with Keith Famie to help shine a light on a disease that robs too many families of years together and precious memories," Purtan said. "As I learned early in my career as a health reporter and have confirmed by working on this project, from caregivers to scientists working on cutting-edge research, there are so many wonderful people working to help those battling Alzheimer's. We hope that by sharing their stories, this documentary can provide hope for families facing so much heartache and uncertainty."

Famie, who lost his father to Alzheimer's in 2003, always vowed he would one day take on the daunting task of creating a film with the intention of helping society better understand and deal with the very compli-



Keith Famie poses in his office with the ashes and photos of his dad, who died from Alzheimer's. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Keith Famie, during filming at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

cated emotional journey dementia caregivers embark upon.

"We are so honored to have JoAnne as our host for this film, which we know will help so many," Famie said. "Viewers trust her to bring them stories that im-

pact their lives and this film is designed to touch so many. We anticipate the film will tour many communities, as well as air throughout the state of Michigan and, eventually, other major PBS stations around the country."

"There can be no better use of our documentary programming, than to explain, explore and decode Alzheimer's disease in a television and digital format that can track the advancement in care and prevention, while also revealing the latest coping strategies to patients and families alike," said Fred Nahhat, senior vice president, Detroit Public Television. "Providing a platform for award-winning filmmakers and journalists like Keith Famie and JoAnne Purtan to examine these issues allows us to provide great storytelling from both a local and national perspective."

The film's support comes from many community leaders, including the D. Dan & Betty Kahn Foundation and the Artichoke Garlic Foundation.

Learn more about the documentary on the at <http://ontodaysfrontlines.com/alzheimers/>.

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Broadway Trivia Bash

When: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28

Details: It's the ultimate battle of the Broad-

way fans. Compete in teams to answer trivia questions and quote or even sing lyrics to your favorite musicals for glory and prizes, followed by a sing-a-long with songs from "Hamilton," "Wicked," "Rent," "The Heatherers" and more. Register.

Coloring for Grownups

When: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 2

Details: Explore creative relaxation. A variety of coloring pages and art supplies provided. No registration required, just drop in.

Student Stress-buster

When: Noon to 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Details: Stressing out over AP exams? Take a break from studying and join us to unwind with games, coloring pages, viral videos, cookie decorating and even a visit from local therapy dogs. No registration required, just drop in.

History of Northville Police and Fire Departments

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 7

Details: A visual account of the events that shaped Northville over the past 150 years through emergency response of police and fire

departments. Presented by Hugh H. Jordan III, a 27-year veteran of the Northville Fire Department. Register.

I Love the '90s Trivia Night

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 8

Details: Continue this quest for trivia mastery of all things from '90s pop culture, from SNICK to pop-up video and Spice Girls to Full House. Groups of two to four will compete for prizes. Register.

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING May 16, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, May 16, 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 18.1 Schedule of Regulations Limiting Height, Bulk, Density and Area by Land Use (lot width) for a residential property located at 9166 Napier Rd., Parcel ID # 77-023-99-0008-000.

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

Publish: April 26, 2018

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2018-2019 BUDGET at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018. Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter, at the Novi Civic Center Council Chamber, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will also be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed 2018-19 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan and on the website www.cityofnovi.org.

Cortney Hanson, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: April 26, 2018

Veterans

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Perception woes

Benjamin Light, 38, of Detroit VFW Post 2233, agreed there is a perception problem.

"It's not a lot of guys my generation who take part," Light said. "I think one of the main reasons for that, in the VFW's case, there is this (image) that it's an old man's drinking club. And I think the reason that persists is people don't understand what it is that the VFW does within the community."

"We're very active with youth activities, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competitions every year. Every post is supposed to have a Boy Scout chairman."

"We also help veterans get their benefits. That's another component of the VFW. Yet the idea that it's a drinking club persists."

Kendall pulled the strings on getting Vet Tix for the Pure Pro Wrestling event, but he does much more at the post. He and daughters Gabrielle and Emma helped behind the counter at Friday fish dinners during Lent.

Coming up are karaoke nights May 4 and May 18, as well as participation in the Plymouth Memorial Day parade.

The Plymouth post currently serves approximately 800 members. That includes 315 VFW members, along with auxiliary members (families of veterans) and the VVA.

Kendall said lifetime memberships to the VFW are \$300-plus, while annual fees are \$40.

"One thing is for younger vets to know," Kendall said. "They don't know about that there's something out there for them. I think that's one of the biggest things."

"If we can get them in and they can see they could be a part of something, than maybe we can get more. But it's hard to go out in the community and find them. There's no list; you can't just pick them out of the community. You got to do events, like this wrestling, that appeals more to the younger people."

Doing good work

Each Saturday, Kendall (and wife Kelly, a Pet Smart dog trainer) oversees service dog training sessions for veter-



Enjoying professional wrestling at VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth are (from left) Larry Wright, Aidan Patterson, 10, and Aidan's grandpa, Daniel Patterson. The two men are military veterans who are interested in joining a post. TOM BEAUDOIN

ans.

"Most of the time, the person who comes to us has their own dog," Kendall said. "We have to evaluate that dog, whether it meets the minimum qualifications of what we think a service dog should be, whether it be temperament or how it interacts with humans and other animals."

"And once we figure out, yes, this dog would be good to train, that doesn't mean it's going to definitely be a service dog. But we start training it. Our motto is, every dog can be a great dog once trained, but not all dogs can be service dogs."

He knows from personal experience just how valuable those sessions with canine friends can be. One of the demons Kendall battled after serving in Iraq (2005-06) and Afghanistan (2008-09) was post traumatic stress disorder.

"I had PTSD real bad, so one of the good things was, down in Texas, there was an organization called TADSAW, Train a Dog Save a Warrior," Kendall said. "And they actually helped me train my dog to be a service dog. That, and groups of other guys going through the same thing — guys and girls — that helped me the most."

"I've really recovered a lot from what I went through. That's why my wife and I are giving back."

According to Kendall, "just touching an animal will calm somebody down, especially once you've bonded with an animal. And we don't train their dogs. They (vets who participate) train their dogs and this gives them a bond to that dog."

Canines are "man's best friend," but military veterans also need other humans who have been through the rigors of combat to be there for them. That is the underlying strength of organizations such as the VFW.

Come on in

Getting out the word that the welcome mat remains out is Kendall's new mission.

"Everybody wants a friend," Kendall said. "But a lot of times, vets come back from war and feel alone, absolutely alone — because nobody understands."

"As much as a civilian wants to help you out, the people that can help you out the most are the people that know what you're going through. Just like AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)."

Potential remains to add members with every encounter, intervention and event.

"I don't believe a lot of young people know they're out there," Patterson said. "I live right down the street from the

VFW post (in Berkley) and I ride back and forth and I've never been in the hall."

"Coming here today, sitting around and looking at the things they offer, it just opened up my eyes and my cousin's eyes about joining."

Yet perhaps as important as drawing in prospective members is recruiting men and women who are ready to do what Kendall does — get to work.

And Kendall doesn't buy the notion that younger veterans don't sign up because of the responsibilities that go with raising families.

"I take my girls around to all kinds of stuff, band and sports," Kendall said, with a firm nod of his head. "You know, the Tuesday (VFW) meetings, I really make a point to make those. And I just say, 'Hey, you got your time, I've got mine.'"

"It works out for me. I don't know why it couldn't work out for other people."

Getting more millennials to join military veterans service organizations is the thorny challenge for Kendall and others like him who get it.

Tick-tock, tick-tock, indeed.

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Jakacki tops Farmington Invite field

Northville wins tiebreaker for second over De La Salle

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Connor Jakacki is already proving he can skate through 18 holes on a golf course as well as he can maneuver around a hockey rink.

The Livonia Stevenson senior, a defenseman who helped the Spartans to a 23-6 record and a Division 2 regional hockey title last month, shot an even-par 71 to earn medalist honors Friday at the 32nd annual Farmington Invitational at Farmington Hills Golf Course.

"Hockey was very busy in the winter

time," said Jakacki, who balanced his 18-hole round of three bogeys with three birdies to win by a stroke. "We actually only had one match before this one, so just a lot of practice at the range, not much outside. But a lot of practice and hard work pays off."

Jakacki, who during the hockey season went indoors a couple of times a week to keep sharp, held off a strong field that featured players from 23 different schools from Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties.

Once hockey season ended March 13, Jakacki focused his attention to hitting in the dome before eventually moving

outside — weather permitting, of course.

"I was expecting to do well," Jakacki said. "This is my first time playing (Farmington Hills). I liked it a lot. The greens were rolling a lot better than the ones we had been playing. It was in nice shape."

Among the other top individual finishers were Jackson Tellerico (Farmington), Alexander Oda (Clarkston) and Anthony Comito (Warren De La Salle) at 72 each, while Jimmy Dales (Northville), Jack Muir (Birmingham Seaholm) and Jake Radom (Berkley) shot 73 each.

"I started off really well off the tee," Jakacki said. "I hit about my first seven

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Stevenson's Connor Jakacki shot an even-par 71 to win medalist honors at the Farmington Invitational. BRAD EMONS

NFL FOOTBALL

Just a chance



Former Wayne State running back Romello Brown hopes to get a pro shot. WSU ATHLETICS

Former Churchill, WSU standout Brown looking for that one NFL opportunity

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

All it takes is one team to like you.

That was the message players, including Wayne State running back Romello Brown, were trying to send March 20 during their participation in Eastern Michigan University's Pro Day.

More than 20 scouts from the NFL and the Canadian Football League were on hand to get a read on players like Brown, the former Livonia Churchill High all-state Dream Team player, who showcased his skills during drills and exercises that mirrored the NFL Scouting Combine.

For the 5-foot-11, 242-pound Brown, WSU's third all-time leading rusher, it



Brown

was a chance for scouts to get familiar with his measurables, including the 40-yard dash, 20- and 60-yard shuttles and three-cone drill, before going through position work.

Other drills included the bench press, broad jump and vertical jump. The prospects also went through a flexibility test and had their height, weight, hand width, arm length and

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YOUTH BASEBALL

New summer sandlot circuit targets urban communities

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

When it comes to his love of baseball, Bob Miller Jr. doesn't want summers to go to waste anymore.

The former high school baseball coach, who spent the past five years at Redford Union, is launching Coach's Kids, a summer sandlot baseball/softball program for youths ages 5-18.

"The mission behind this is to give kids an opportunity to play baseball who, No. 1, don't have the ability to make a travel team nor the money to play travel baseball," Miller said. "There will be no cuts, no tryouts. Everybody who wants to play this great, fun game of ours will be able to play for \$100."

Miller, son of former longtime University of Detroit baseball coach and former MLB pitcher Bob Miller (now age 92), has been on the recruiting circuit reaching out to several area high schools, including RU, Thurston, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Dearborn

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Former RU baseball coach Bob Miller Jr. (right) and player Jackson Allison (left) worked a clinic last year for area youth players.



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GIRLS SOCCER

North's late goal earns 1-1 draw with rival Farmington

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North Farmington's Gabriela Sgambati scored her first goal of the season April 19 against host Farmington in the girls soccer city championship game. It couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

Farmington junior Emily Pace opened the scoring midway through the first half and the Falcons held the 1-0 advantage for the next 58 minutes. It appeared as if the slim lead would hold up and give Farmington its first win over North in at least three years.

But Sgambati, who had never lost to Farmington in her three varsity seasons, treated fans to a dramatic finish on the frigid evening. The Raiders senior tri-captain scored after a long run down the left wing with just a little more than three minutes remaining in the OAA White contest to tie the game at 1-1.

Neither team threatened over the final three minutes to account for the draw.

"We work on those things a lot in practice, running up the left side and crossing," Sgambati said. "But I saw (the keeper) was too far over and I slipped it through and I was just hoping it was going to go in or someone else was going to tap it in. So it feels good that it went in."

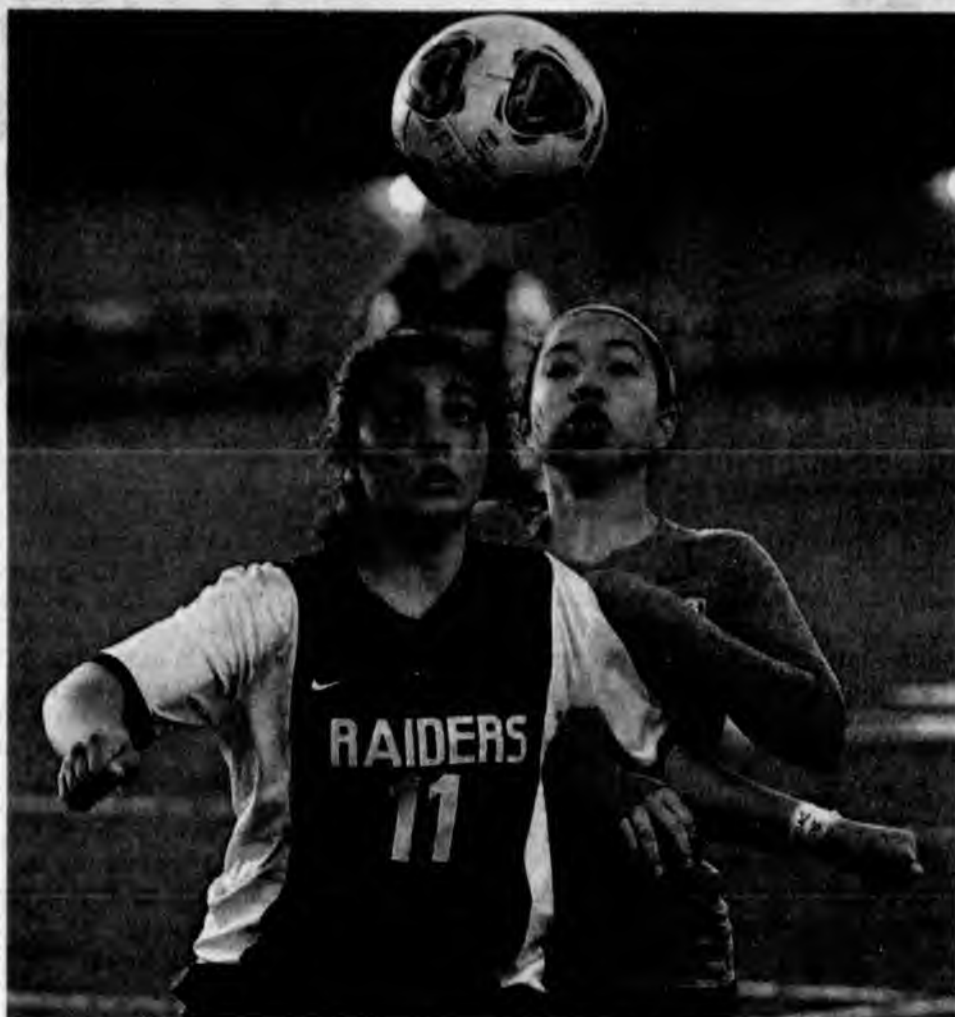
"I was very excited for this game. We usually go through the whole day and hang out with each other and try to motivate each other," she added. "We just want to get each other ready, because this is a big game every year."

Tie a 'fair reflection' of game

Second-year Farmington head coach Shaun Gray felt his team had a number of opportunities it didn't convert, which would have made a difference in the outcome.

"The longer it stayed 1-0, it always gives North Farmington the opportunity and the confidence to get one on the break," said Gray, whose team is 2-0-2 on the season. "Twenty seconds earlier, we hit the crossbar with a great shot that we all thought was going in, then right after that, Gabby breaks away and scored a very, very good goal."

"I mean, Gabby is a very good player and we talked about the threat that she has and that she can score goals," he added. "Overall, we reflect that we are kicking ourselves a little bit for not scoring on the chances we had, but I don't



North Farmington's Natalie George (front) and Farmington's Kristina Agee play heads-up soccer. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

think we can be too disappointed. A 1-1 tie is probably a fair reflection of the game."

Farmington started fast against the Raiders, controlling play from the opening minute through the first half.

Twice in the first 15 minutes, for example, Falcon sophomore forward Kristina Agee booted excellent crosses through the box that rolled harmlessly to the opposite side of the field. Then, at the 21:15 mark, senior Erin Ambramczyk took a corner kick that sailed to Pace, who redirected it into the net for the 1-0 lead.

Both teams had more scoring chances in the much more physical second half.

Abramczyk had some great opportunities to give her team a two-goal lead, including two shots from 15 yards out 14 minutes into the second half. The first shot was stopped by North Farmington defender Maya Kelly, but she tracked the ball down and took a left-footer that

got through to Raiders goalie Patil Tcholakian, who smothered it without further damage.

Then, with 3:30 remaining in the game, Abramczyk's blast from 25 yards out slammed off the crossbar and caromed off to the left side of the field. The ball eventually found its way to Sgambati, who hustled down the pitch, worked her way past a Falcons defender and then booted the ball with her left foot to the far side of the net to forge the tie.

'Good things' for North

Veteran North Farmington head coach Tim Russell couldn't have been happier to see Sgambati register the crucial game-tying goal.

"I was especially glad that Gabby got the goal, because she's been with us for four years," Russell said. "And she's never lost a city championship. She wanted to make sure it didn't happen this year."



North Farmington senior Gabriela Sgambati scored the game-tying goal against host Farmington in the city championship game with just 3:04 left on the clock. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I thought we played a better second half than we did the first. I thought we were a little sloppy in the first half, but we got it together in the second half," he added. "It was just a lot of heart, that's what we've been talking about. Our young players are starting to step up and we saw a lot of good things today."

Farmington outshot North Farmington by a 10-7 margin and enjoyed a 5-1 advantage in corner kicks. Farmington junior goalie Alex Thomas and Tcholakian were both credited with six saves.

North Farmington captured the city championship last year, so the Raiders retained the trophy since they were the last to own it. However, the coaches agreed afterward that they would officially share the crown since the game ended in a draw.

"We share the title, but we'll keep the trophy," said Russell, whose team is 1-3-1 on the season.

"If it's based on one-off game, then we should share it, but if it's based on them winning it last year, they should rightly walk away with the trophy," Gray said. "It's always better if we can take it off of them. But Tim suggested sharing it and I think that was nice. Today was a tie and that was it."

Regardless, it wasn't a loss and that made Sgambati and her Raiders teammates a happy group.

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Brown

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wing span measured by personnel from NFL teams.

In preparation, Brown trained during the winter months, along with current NFL players and future pro hopefuls, under the guidance of Jim Kielbaso at Total Sports Performance in Wixom.

"I thought it was a good experience," Brown said. "It was something I should be grateful for, obviously, fortunate enough for the opportunity, I thought. Pretty solid overall. That's probably how I kind of viewed it. I could have done better, but overall, I thought I did solid."

To nobody's surprise, the super strong Brown did 31 reps in the bench press.

"I thought, for sure, my 40-yard dash time was going to be where it is, but I'm not really a 40-yard sprint guy, that's not my strength," he said. "My shuttle and (cone drill) could have been better."

Brown, who is represented by agent David Jones of VIP Sports Management in Detroit, could be viewed as a long shot to even get an invite to an NFL mini-camp.

But former WSU running back Joique Bell, the school's all-time leading rusher, made the most of his undrafted free agent opportunity and played for seven different teams in the NFL (from 2010-16), including two stints with the Lions.

And if Brown does find a landing spot, Detroit might be the most logical choice.

"There's a lot of dudes that hang around a few years and not every story in the NFL is a great draft day story, first-round kind of thing," said one of Brown's biggest supporters, former Churchill coach John Filiatraut. "We'll see how Romello does. He's got an agent working toward some things. We'll see what happens. He needs to find the right fit. And that's what it's all about — finding the right team that needs you and showcase what you've got. If you're him, you can't focus on your shortcomings. You can't focus on the things you



Romello Brown does some heavy lifting at Total Sports Performance in Wixom. BRAD EMONS

don't have, you've got to focus on your strengths and sees if it falls right for you."

Even if Brown doesn't get a tryout, he's been already deemed a success story coming out of Churchill.

As a sophomore for the Chargers, he rushed for 700 yards and seven touchdowns (2010) before upping his numbers to 1,043 yards with nine TDs as a junior (2011). That was followed by a monster senior season (2012) as the Chargers went 10-1 overall and Brown racked up 1,843 yards on just 242 carries and 29 TDs.

After sitting out his freshman season at WSU, Brown saw limited action as a red-shirt sophomore (2014), dressing for all 11 games and appearing four.

In 2015, Brown broke out and was voted second team all-Great Lakes Athletic Conference and WSU's Offensive MVP as he rushed for 1,287 yards, which included six 100-yard games.

The 2016 season proved to be his best for the Warriors as he earned second team D2Football.com All-America and third team Don Hansen All-America honors, along with first team all-GLIAC after a career-best 1,564 yards.

All things were pointing in the right

direction for another big season for the red-shirt senior in 2017, but behind a depleted and inexperience offensive line, Brown's numbers slipped to a team-best 827 yards as the Warriors finished 5-6 and 4-5 in the GLIAC.

"It was a very frustrating season, but my biggest thing, honestly, given the life that I had, that is you've got to take the good with the bad," said Brown, who made second team all-GLIAC. "I also had some great seasons with some great offensive lines. I'm was fortunate enough, from my overall career standpoint, and I'm thankful."

Brown started 33 of 37 games during his four-year career, totaling 17 100-yard rushing performances (third most in the last 34 years, behind Bell and Joe Gough). He concluded his collegiate career third in school history in rushing touchdowns (42), rushing yards per game (102.2) and touchdowns scored (42) and fourth in rushing yards (3,780), rushing attempts (686), yards per carry (5.51) and points scored (252).

Brown, who graduated in December with a degree in criminal justice, also made all-academic GLIAC and WSU Coach's Honor Roll in fall 2014, 2015 and 2017, as well as winter 2017 (with a term grade-point average of 3.0-3.49).

"I'm fortunate enough to be able to achieve something that no one in my family has ever done, which is to get a college degree," said Brown, who hails from Westland. "It took four-and-a-half years and I'm also fortunate enough to play some really good football at Wayne State. I appreciate them for giving me the opportunity to be able to play and get my degree. Overall, I had a great career football-wise and I finished up with a 3.0 and earned my college degree."

During his days at Churchill, Brown had many mentors in his corner, including Churchill assistant coaches like Allen Fiegel and Bill DeFillippo.

He also drew support from Churchill faculty staff member Paul Mercier and Rob Sulda, the father of Brown's teammate and close friend Seth Sulda, who went on to play quarterback at Concordia University.

"All of them were there for me as soon

I left the door," Brown said. "They gave lead in life, a future in life, guidance and a structure and discipline. Without them, I wouldn't have found a home. I appreciate what Churchill has given me. Without them, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Brown arrived at Churchill has an unpolished stone who eventually became a glittering diamond.

"I'm not sure what Romello did in school before he got to Churchill, but he learned how to go to class," Filiatraut said. "I think he learned how to excel a little bit at Wayne State. I think, for him, it took some maturity and some people believing in him like coach (Paul) Winters and that crew down there. It worked out for him and I'm sure proud of him."

Brown's maturation period has been nothing short of remarkable, according to his high school coach.

"The things that are endearing about him are still the same, still a likable guy, still a good person," Filiatraut said. "Those are easy when you meet him. He's always had a great athletic way about him from his build, the way he moves, to his strength, which hasn't deserted him in that regard. He's grown up quite a bit. I think college for Romello is what it should be for all kids. He has to grow up, have some new experiences, stretch yourself a little bit mentally and, in his case, physically and he did that."

Brown just recently took a temporary job with a home remodeling company, where he is doing some painting work. The NFL Draft will be April 26-28 in Dallas and Brown's name will more likely than not be on any draft boards.

But it only takes one team to make the call and Brown hopes his agent has some good news following the draft.

"Regardless of what happens to that kid from here on, he's got a college degree and he's on his way," Filiatraut said. "Whatever happens with a tryout here or a pro day there is just icing. He had such a good career, too, at Wayne State, my goodness."

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PREP BASEBALL



Standing in the snow Friday are Onaway baseball players (from left) Trevor Wregglesworth, Lucas Tollini and Nick Byrne. They finally got to see some green when they traveled to Plymouth Christian Academy and Livonia Clarenceville last weekend.

Up north teams make pitch to play in sunny Canton

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A mid-April snowstorm buried Onaway High School's baseball field under two feet of the stuff.

Chances are pretty good the Onaway Cardinals won't be back on their home diamond anytime soon. So head coach Mike Crull sounded the S.O.S., looking for temporary baseball homes in southern Michigan.

Crull knew Allen Park Inter-City Baptist athletic director Nate Chatfield, but there wasn't room there.

"But he put me in contact with the A.D. from Plymouth Christian (Matt Windle), who contacted the baseball coach," Crull said. "And Joe (Bottorff) has been nothing but awesome. He's facilitating not only us to come down there, but also two additional northern Michigan teams."

Livonia Clarenceville also chipped in. The Cardinals squared off against the host Trojans in a Saturday twinbill that originally was slotted for PCA. Over at Plymouth Christian, Inland Lakes and Newberry played the Eagles, with the two northern squads facing each other as well.

After the two games at Clarenceville, Onaway bused over to PCA for a game against the Eagles.

"The southern schools, they don't have this issue," Crull said. "We're looking at, optimistically, the first week of May before we can even see the field."

"We've been stuck indoors since the first day of practice. We were able to get outside one time during spring break for about an hour and that's it."

Bottorff also finagled the schedule for April 27-28, when Onaway and Inland Lakes will once again take bus trips from up north to play at PCA.

"We always play the same guys every year," Bottorff said. "It's nice to have a

chance to play somebody new."

They'd rather play

The only downside for the Eagles is they will lose their doubleheader against Clarenceville, unless a mutual make-up date can be found.

"The pro is that we get to play some teams that we would normally never get to play and possibly create a relationship where we could start some home-and-home contests," Bottorff continued.

According to Bottorff, this is the first time in his coaching career that he was approached about helping northern teams find emergency fields.

"We've had years where the weather significantly reduced the number of games we got in or delayed the beginning of the season, but I've never had teams from up north contact me because they still had snow," Bottorff said. "One time several years ago, we went to a tournament in Traverse City in mid-May and it snowed during the game, which surprised us, but the home team said it happens all the time."

There could have been a drawback to this weekend's trip for Onaway upperclassmen. The school, located an hour south of the Mackinac Bridge, also had its senior prom April 21.

But three senior players told Crull they'd rather play baseball.

"They're actually playing college ball next year and they prioritized baseball over the senior prom," Crull said, with a slight chuckle. "That's maybe not cool for the parents, but as a baseball coach, it made me smile. It shows what kind of kids we have here."

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USA HOCKEY

U-17 team wins 3-0 to open Clark Cup playoffs

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For the first time since the OHL Whalers left town, there was playoff hockey in Plymouth.

On Saturday at USA Hockey Arena — formerly Compuware — area fans were treated to Game 1 of the United States Hockey League Clark Cup Playoffs. The U.S., behind a sparkling performance from goalie Cameron Rowe, outstanding special teams and two shorthanded goals, defeated the Chicago Steel 3-0.

Game 2 of the best-of-five matchup didn't go as well, as the Steel bounced back for a 6-2 victory to even the series. The third game is at 7 p.m. Thursday in Chicago.

"I thought the players came out at the beginning and most importantly they weren't intimidated by the stage," U.S. head coach John Wroblewski said. "They came out and really dictated the pace."

Rowe (34 saves) was on his game all night, snagging hard point shots with ease and playing positionally strong. And his team gained important momentum thanks to his clutch stops. With about 14:30 left in the game and the U.S. up 1-0, Rowe kicked out a dangerous shot taken from the right circle.

Moments later down in the Chicago end, defenseman Drew Helleson surprised Steel goaltender Oskar Autio with a wrist shot from the right half-wall to put the home team up 2-0 with 14:13 left.

"It's really interesting, especially in those kinds of situations," Rowe said, "because you never know how pucks are going to bounce off."

"Every save is important, just like that one. If I didn't make the save, if it didn't hit me the right way (and carom out), then we wouldn't have got that goal."

Forward John Beecher then padded the lead with a shorthanded goal at 10:30 of the third, the second U.S. short-handed goal of the game. Beecher cut in from the left wing and flipped a low shot past Autio.

Opening the scoring at 5:53 of the middle period was forward Owen Lindmark, also during the penalty kill. Lindmark took an outlet pass from

Helleson and streaked up the middle before sniping a shot over Autio's trapper.

"It was an emphasis point for our players to be heavy on the penalty kill," Wroblewski said. "They're lethal, they've got a collection of players that are big and strong and skilled. ... You really have to fight for your loose pucks."

"It was a really nice bonus (the short-handed goal by Lindmark) and then Johnny Beecher is a man-child, which we've been seeing here the last two-and-a-half or three months. He's been like this, just outstanding, and so it's really cool to see him get rewarded."

There were several other similar breakouts from the U.S., with players picking off Chicago passes like low-hanging fruit and launching dangerous rushes as a result.

"It's really big, something we've worked on in practice, working on our penalty kill and clearing pucks out," Rowe said. "I think that definitely translated into two goals and offensive chances we had."

Rowe needed to stave off a flurry of last-minute chances in order to protect the shutout.

"He's played a lot of really good games for us this year," Wroblewski said about Rowe, a 6-1, 185-pounder from Illinois. "The kid can rise up and really steal games."

"Tonight, it was a team effort. I don't think he stole this one. He was there when we needed him and I thought the guys played really well in front of him, too."

The National Team Development Program U-17 team is playing all USHL postseason games while the U-18 team is in Russia at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 World Championships.

UNDER-18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: The U.S. U-18 Men's National Team is off to a 1-2 start in the preliminary round, losing 6-4 to Canada on April 19, defeating Switzerland 8-5 on April 21 and falling 3-1 on April 22 to Sweden.

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Action heats up around the Chicago Steel goal during Saturday's opener of the USHL semifinals against the NTDP U-17 team at USA Hockey Arena. TIM SMITH

Jakacki

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fairways or so and I was hitting every green. I putted pretty well ... 32 putts. I could have had two more birdies, honestly, but made a lot of clutch par putts and three birdies on the day, so that helped."

Jakacki is entering his third varsity season. He was a team captain last year and is again this year for the Spartans, who opened the season April 13 by winning the Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Whispering Willows as Jakacki took medalist honors with 36.

"He's just gotten so strong in his tempo and he just has a good mind to fight back when he gets in trouble," third-year Stevenson coach Curtis Hay said. "I saw a lot of good birdie chances. And if you're shooting for birdies a lot, you're going to score well."

Jakacki got an early start in the game of golf. He started playing competitively at age 11.

"My grandparents got me into it when I was really young. They're big golfers," Jakacki said.

Although he's hanging up his hockey stick, Jakacki is taking his golf clubs to the next level.

"I visited a bunch of schools last fall and Saginaw Valley gave me the best offer, so I didn't want to turn that down," Jakacki said. "Took that, signed last week and very excited for the future. I think golf is the way to go for me now."

Clarkston, meanwhile, placed first in the team standings with 305 points, while Northville beat Warren De La Salle for second on the fifth-player score tiebreaker after both teams finished at 310.

Rounding out the top 10 were Birmingham Seaholm (321), Farmington (323), Royal Oak (327), Stevenson (329), Troy Athens (336), Rochester Adams (341) and Salem (344).

Northville was led by Dales, the University of Wyoming golf signee who made honorable mention all-state in hockey for the Mustangs. Dales, a senior, was in contention for medalist honors before taking a double-bogey on the par-4, 418-yard 18th hole.

"It's a dogleg right; I've never liked it," Dales said. "I think I've only played it a few times. It's weird driving hole and I didn't execute on it."

Other Northville scorers included

Abhi Alluri (eighth, 75), Saahith Mummandi (80) and Nick Weaver (82) — all seniors — along with Junior Ryan Gallagher (87), whose score on the third playoff hole was the difference between second and third place in the team standings.

"Our team showed a lot of good things today," Dales said. "We had really good scores from our fours and fives. It really helped us and I think up top, we have a really good top three and we're really going to have to have our four and five come through. And it happened today. Today was a really good showing. It shows a lot of promise for the rest of the year."

Second-year Northville coach Chris Cronin was also encouraged by his team's showing.

"I'm excited. The weather was nice, but it's been a rough start with all the snow, rain and cold," he said. "But I'm really pleased with how we played. The guys kept it together for a full round. And I'm happy for these four seniors, too, in our lineup today. It's nice to come out in early season and put in a good performance."

The remaining teams in the field were Temperance Bedford (347), Berkley

(348), Rochester Stoney Creek (348), South Lyon East (350), South Lyon (352), Saline (355), Livonia Churchill (358), Birmingham Groves (360), Canton (364), Rochester (375), Walled Lake Northern (383), North Farmington (389), Farmington Hills Harrison (421) and Rochester (475).

Other top scorers for Seaholm included Andre Krivan (80), Hagen Cunningham (83) and Connor Everett (85), while Farmington's other three cards came from Brendan Klimas (81), Jack Johnson (81) and Tyler Klimas (89).

Other area top individual team leaders outside the top 10 included A.J. Clark (South Lyon East), 77; Easton Schlatterbeck (Stevenson), 78; Jack McCarthy (Salem), 81; Bryce Henderson (Salem), 82; Logan Welch (Churchill), 83; Daniel McDermott (South Lyon), 84; Quinn Yun (Canton), 86; Luke Tsuji (North Farmington), 87; and Derek Schmidt (Harrison), 93.

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Sandlot

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Henry Ford Academy and Detroit Communication & Media Arts, as well as Hilbert and Pierce middle schools in Redford.

The Coach's Kids' season will run from June 12 through July 31, with league games played at 6 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at RU and Thurston.

"We're projecting, but it's early, 100 kids," Miller said. "This year, we can accommodate 200 without a problem, but our goal is to get it up over 500."

Coach's Kids will be sponsored and has been approved as part of the MLB RBI program, which reinvests in baseball in urban communities.

"They're supplying us with all the equipment," Miller said. "We have to raise money for everything else."

He is in the process of adding additional league sponsors, but the start-up cost is part his foundation, Real Estate Donations, USA (www.redusa.us), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Miller said he has been involved in the fundraising business more than 10 years and has raised more than \$4 million for charities such as Veteran Housing, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and American Cancer Society, to name a few.

"People donate real estate for several reasons, usually for a tax write-off," Miller said. "The property is sold and we (use) proceeds for charity. The mission is changed. We're still raising the money, but it's something I've formed with Coach's Kids."

High school assistants, along with former RU coaches, will serve as Coach's Kids coaches. To pass MLB RBI guidelines, each coach will be fingerprinted and go through a background check.

"They'll also have to pass a class that I teach on coaching, which is something I just put together because I want coaches to do it for the right reason," Miller said. "This is not win the national championship, this is to do it for the right reasons, educate and mentor these kids like I did at RU, turn them into good citizens."

"I've always said everybody has talent, but not everybody has opportunity, so I want to bridge that. This is where talent meets opportunity. I don't care if they go on and play college. It doesn't matter to me. Police will be involved to do conflict resolution training. We're going to do a lot of educating and mentoring. That's the bottom line on this thing and we're going to give kids a future."

After coaching high school baseball for five years, Miller noticed that there was a huge void to fill during the summer off-season.

"There's no Colt, Pony, American Legion leagues anymore," Miller said. "There's nowhere for them to go and it's a big problem. I've been recognizing this. When I went over to Thurston, I asked all of the kids, 'How many of you play summer baseball?' One kid raised his hand. How many kids play (summer) baseball at Robichaud? None. How many at RU? One. I said, 'What are you going to do?' Most won't pick up a bat until the first game in April. So that's what I want to put an end to."



Coach's Kids founder Bob Miller Jr. (right) with former Tigers first baseman Darrell Evans.



Former Redford Union baseball coach Bob Miller Jr. is starting Coach's Kids, a summer sandlot baseball league.

Down the road, Miller would like to expand Coach's Kids into other sports.

"One of the things I really want to get into next year is lacrosse, which is so big," Miller said. "I think at RU and Thurston, you'd have great lacrosse players, too. There's not an opportunity because there are no teams around. I'm going to look at a lot of things, just not baseball. This is just the start."

Miller is not only looking for players, but also volunteers and sponsors.

For more information and to register for Coach's Kids, call Miller at 248-568-2448 or email him coach-bobmiller@yahoo.com. To learn more about his foundation, go to www.redusa.us.

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CLUB SWIMMING

Spartan Aquatic Club shines at sectional and state levels

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Marko Vucelic scored 13 of the Spartan Aquatic Club's 15 points during the USA Swimming Speedo Champions Series held March 22-25 at the University of Akron.

The Central Zone Sectional 3 meet featured teams from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Kentucky. The Novi-based club took 10th overall among Michigan teams.

Vucelic finished eighth in the 1,650-yard freestyle (16:26.57) and 15th in the 1,000 freestyle (9:59.45). Both swims were personal bests, as well as his 500 freestyle (4:50.57) and 400 individual medley (4:13.04).

Teammate Adam Carozza scored the team's other two points with 15th in the 1,650 freestyle (personal best 17:01.36). Meanwhile, Max Robbins also swam a personal best in the 100 freestyle.



Members of the Spartan Aquatic Club who participated and won medals in the state short course meet.

Teo leads way

Charlson Teo was the individual standout for the Spartan Aquatic in the Michigan Swimming Open Short Course State Championship held March 22-25 at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium.

The 13-year-old, competing in the boys 13-14 age group, placed second in the 400-yard individual medley and 200 butterfly; third, 100 butterfly; ninth, 200 breaststroke; and 15th, 1,000 freestyle.

Other top boys finishers included Byungwoo Son (17), 25th, 100 butterfly; 36th, 200 IM; Samuel Stefanek (15), 16th, 1,000 freestyle; 17th, 1,650 freestyle; Riley Carpenter (16), 41st, 100 backstroke. The Spartans' Colin Quinn (17) also participated in relays.

Top girls finishers included Jimin Son (13), 21st, 200 freestyle, 22nd, 200

freestyle, 37th, 200 breaststroke. Elise Fonda, 28th, 400 IM; 32nd, 100 breaststroke; 34th, 200 breaststroke; Marisol Garcia (13), 11th, 1,650 freestyle; 17th, 1,000 freestyle; 27th, 400 IM; 31st, 500 freestyle; Anna Fonda (13), 19th, 1,000 freestyle; 30th, 500 freestyle; 34th, 100 and 200 backstroke; 41st, 200 freestyle.

12-and-under

Sean Diffenderfer's fourth-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle highlighted Spartan Aquatic's showing at the Michigan Swimming Short Course 12-and-under Championships held March 15-17 in Zeeland.

Other places for Diffenderfer included fifth, 200 freestyle; sixth, 100 freestyle; ninth, 50 butterfly; 20th, 200 butterfly; and 23rd, 100 butterfly.

Spartan Aquatic coach Jamie Murphy said that Diffenderfer has only reached 40 percent of his talent.

"Being so new to the sport and accomplishing so much in a short period of time, his talent is very raw and has a lot of room for improvement is there," Murphy said.

Eight-and-under

The third annual Michigan Swimming Short Course Championship 8-and-under meet, held March 23 at Howell, was highlighted by the Spartan Aquatic Club's Evelyn Kelly's pair of podium swims.

The 7-year-old Kelly placed fourth in the 25-yard freestyle (19.16) with a one-second drop, as well as fifth in the 100 freestyle with more than a six-second

drop of 1:35.98. She also teamed with Maya Hawkins, Kayla Cao and YuFan Wu for fifth in the 100 medley relay and sixth in the 200 freestyle relay.

Hawkins, 8, also got to the podium placing seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 25 and 50 breaststrokes. She also dropped her 100 freestyle time by 8.89 seconds in the 100 freestyle (1:38.14).

Wu, 8, took sixth in the 50 butterfly (49.20) and ninth in the 25 freestyle with a four-second drop (18.17).

Cao, 7, added placed 11th and 13th, respectively in the 25 and 50 freestyles with drops of four and five seconds.

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WINTER GAMES

Olympic medalist Mack makes triumphant return back home

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Kyle Mack was used to a certain amount of anonymity.

Not anymore.

After soaring to a silver medal in the big air competition at the recently-concluded Winter Olympics, Mack's recognition factor is flying to new heights these days.

"I mean, everyone always says 'congratulations' and it's crazy that people actually know who I am now," Mack said. "The support coming from everyone around here has been insanely amazing. I pretty much can't go anywhere without someone recognizing me now, which is kind of weird."

The 20-year-old West Bloomfield resident and former Brother Rice student returned home Sunday as the featured celebrity in a community celebration.

Amazing Olympic debut

Mack's Olympic snowboarding debut was "really cool." He did not have a great start, but the finish is something he'll cherish forever.

Mack never got out of the qualifying round of his first snowboarding event — slopestyle, contested at the beginning of the two-week Olympic format. The young snowboarder then had a few days to recover from that disappointment as big air was his last scheduled competition.

The slopestyle experience made him even hungrier and the end result was well worth the wait.

In the big air finals at the Alpensia Ski Jumping Centre, a venue where he felt comfortable since he helped test it when it was first built, he hit on two of his first three jumps.

The second jump was the arduous and frightfully-named Bloody Dracula, which he had not landed in practice but was nonetheless determined to attempt. Mack, however, expertly executed the trick when it counted most, which vaulted him into second place with one more round to go.

Mack fell on his third run and anxiously waited for other contestants to finish their jumps to see if he would medal. As it turned out, Canadian Sebastien Toutant took the gold medal and Mack held on for the silver.

"After slopestyle, I definitely wanted it and wanted to do as well as I could (in big air)," Mack said. "And then when I made finals, I was really stoked. I was, like, all right, let's give it all you got and that was my goal and it really worked out."



Kyle Mack celebrates winning silver in the men's snowboard big air finals Feb. 23 during the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games at Phoenix Snow Park.
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Kyle Mack won silver in the men's snowboarding big air.
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Kyle Mack competes in the men's snowboard big air final.
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"When I landed my first two tricks — the two hardest that I could do — I was blown away. I couldn't believe that I actually did it. I've done the grab and I've done the rotation (on the Bloody Dracula) in practice, but I had never done them together."

"So that was the first time I actually landed them together and that's what I needed to make it happen," he added. "I was pretty confident after I landed it that I could hang on to (the silver medal). But there were still some good riders after me and there was a chance I could have got knocked out. It all worked out amazing."

Captivating career journey

The medal capped a captivating career journey that started when he was

age 3. After honing his skills early and then competing in national and international competitions since 2012, he just missed an Olympic qualifying berth in 2014. But he maintained his high level of training and his fortunes took an upturn in 2016 by winning the U.S. Open in slopestyle.

After two more years of high-level competition, Mack then landed his first Olympic berth in his last qualifying event, the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix, Jan. 20 at Mammoth Mountain in California.

The rest is history as he finally realized his Olympic dream.

"It was always a goal of mine. Even four years ago, when I just missed it, I kind of knew it could happen," said Mack, one of 26 snowboarders on the U.S. Olympic team. "I knew it was something I always wanted to do and it really

worked out.

"It was a blast over there," he added. "They took care of the athletes really well. And to be there with all my family and friends was even better. I was just having a lot of fun."

Outside of his sport, Mack went to watch some hockey games and curling, plus hung out in the two Olympic villages while meeting athletes from other sports. He said the opening ceremony was "one of the coolest" things he did.

This was Mack's second trip home since the Olympics.

The first time was a short 48-hour period, when he was recognized at a Detroit Red Wings game. Mack returned to town last week before he leaves for a trip to the White House. He will also be one of the featured celebrities at a parade April 28 in Silverthorne, Colo., with fellow U.S. Olympians Red Gerard, a 2018 slopestyle gold medalist, and Chris Corning.

Mack is simply awed by the intense feedback he's received since leaving South Korea.

"I mean, it's been crazy and it's been a blessing," Mack said. "Everyone has been so cool. Anything that has come along with this has been unreal. It's, like, more than what I had ever expected. I mean, the whole experience of going there and competing was amazing in itself, but to walk away with a medal was the best thing that could have happened."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

South Lyon's Bonk wins first spring voting

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South Lyon's Alexis Bonk survived a big week of voting to claim this spring's first hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week honors.

Bonk, a pitcher on the Lions softball team, finished the three-day voting period with 10,757 votes (48 percent of the total cast). Farmington junior goalie Alex Thomas was a strong second with 7,252 votes, while Seaholm soccer captain Zoe Gaffney (2,658 votes) and Seaholm golfer Henry Scavone (1,590) finished third and fourth, respectively.

There were more than 22,000 votes cast for the six nominees.

Interestingly enough, Bonk said her grandmother first learned that she was nominated for the Athlete of the Week.

"I first learned about (the nomination) when my mom sent it to me and she said my grandma sent it to her," Bonk said prior to Thursday's Lakes Valley Conference match-up with Milford. "I don't know how my grandma found out about it. I heard it was out through most of the school from my coach and another teacher. I'm excited to be picked as Athlete of the Week."

What she did: Because of the crazy spring weather, South Lyon has played only two games, a doubleheader against White Lake Lakeland.

Bonk, a right-hander in her second varsity season, excelled both on the



South Lyon's Alexis Bonk excelled on the mound and at the plate in a recent doubleheader sweep of Lakeland and captured this spring's first hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week honors.

mound and at the bat in that doubleheader sweep by the scores of 16-1 and 20-3. She aided her own cause by going 4-for-4 in the opener with a home run and six RBIs. In the nightcap, Bonk blasted another round-tripper with three RBIs.

Even though the inclement conditions have limited action for everyone

this spring, Bonk said it really hasn't affected her at all.

"We've only had the two games and I pitched good and hit good in both of them, so that was good," Bonk said. "The weather has been a little difficult with us. Being in Michigan, I'm used to the cold, so it really hasn't bothered me."

All-star hurler: Bonk captured all-

district and all-KLAA honors last year for South Lyon, which this season is playing in the nine-team Lakes Valley Conference.

The 15-year-old South Lyon resident started pitching for her travel team, the Finesse Fast Pitch out of Total Sports in Wixom. It's a position she loves to play since it keeps her so involved in the game.

"With the new conference, we're playing different teams and it's fun to play teams we haven't played before," Bonk said. "I just like making a difference overall, because I have the ball and I'm able to be part of every play. I have pretty good speed and I have good spin on the balls, so I like to mix it between both."

"I think we're going to be pretty good this year, actually," she added. "I just want to make it farther than we did last year."

South Lyon head coach Dan DePaulis said Bonk was in the "14- to 15-win range" last season and is excited to have her on the mound this spring and the next two years.

"Alexis is a gifted and natural athlete with a lot of strength," DePaulis said. "She is a power pitcher and she can hit for power. The ceiling is very high for her in terms of what she can become as a player."

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PREMIUM OR 'TOP TIER' GAS?

When you should
upgrade

Philip Reed
NerdWallet

Premium and Top Tier gas sound good, but what's really best for your car — and your budget?

In some cases, these types of fuel are indeed better for your car — but for different reasons. Premium gas, as opposed to regular, is a higher grade of fuel. It's meant for high-performance vehicles and can cost as much as 50 cents more a gallon. Gas that meets Top Tier standards, on the other hand, has higher levels of engine-cleaning additives. It costs about three cents more per gallon, according to AAA.

So, when is an upgrade worth it?

Premium gas: The decision is simple, says Michael Calkins, AAA's manager of technical services. When to use it comes down to two words: required or recommended.

Required: If your car's owner's manual (or inside of the gas door) says premium gas is required, then you have to use premium to avoid damaging your engine.

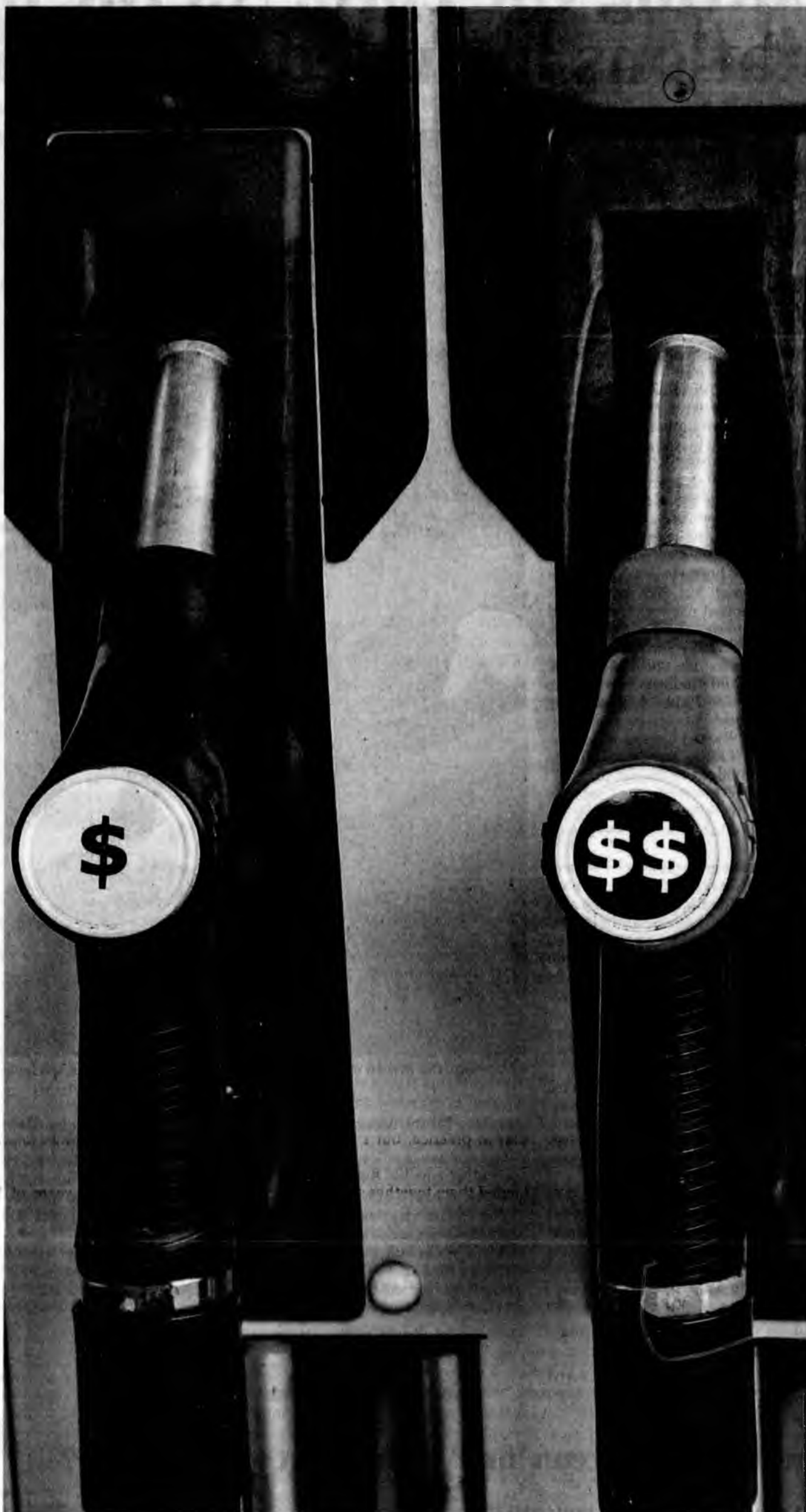
Recommended: When your owner's manual (or inside of the gas door) recommends premium, you can still run your car on a lower-grade fuel. For cars that merely recommend it, premium gasoline may very slightly improve performance (increased horsepower) and fuel economy, according to a November 2017 study from AAA.

Bottom line: If your car doesn't require premium, don't bother.

Top Tier gas: When it comes to Top Tier gas, Calkins says the benefit is worth the slightly higher price. Top Tier gas, which applies to all grades of fuel, is recommended by AAA because it prevents carbon buildup in your engine. This buildup can reduce fuel economy and cause rough idling, acceleration hesitation or engine knock. Fuel must meet a set of standards to use the Top Tier label. Oil companies essentially create their own blends of gas by mixing in detergents and additives to improve the quality of the bulk fuel they get from refineries. The additive package in Top Tier gas is more effective than the minimum standards for additives required by the government.

Top Tier gasoline, introduced in 2004, was designed to surpass these minimum standards "to better protect increasingly sophisticated engines from carbon buildup and deposits on the intake valves," according to *Consumer Reports*.

Calkins adds that if you've been using non-Top Tier fuel and have carbon buildup, switching to Top Tier gas will clean those deposits out of your engine. You can find retailers carrying Top Tier gas on the Top Tier program's website, or you can check for a sign at the pump.



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3 ways to deal with a career setback

It's critical to take an
honest look at yourself

Daniel B. Kline
The Motley Fool

Earlier in my career, I had a boss who promised me a big promotion. He assured me that he could make it happen and that, while processing would take a few weeks, the job was mine.

That turned out not to be true for a variety of reasons. A few weeks later, not only was I not promoted, he no longer was with the company.

It was a bitter blow that left me upset, doubting my future with the company I then worked at and not sure what to do next. My immediate response was less than helpful. I still performed well at work but was generally sullen and withdrawn.

I had no interest in proving myself again to a new boss who seemed a whole lot less enamored with me than my previous one was. It was a rough time, but one that, in retrospect, I could have handled better.

Here's a look at what you should do after a career setback.



Don't let a work setback define you. GETTY IMAGES

1. Don't get hung up on it

It's reasonable to be upset. In my case, I had lost a significant raise, better

benefits and a major jump in prestige. Being angry or sad made sense, but letting it take me out of the fight did not. The correct response would have been

to vent my anger in private and get back to it at work.

2. Do an honest evaluation

Sometimes not getting a promotion or being passed over in some other way hurts, but it's not a statement on your future with the company. In my case, my association with the previous boss marked me to some of the people who had decided on his removal. Once I came out of my funk, I was able to honestly say that my chances of being considered for a promotion where I worked were non-existent.

3. Execute a plan

In my case, my plan involved aggressively trying to leave the team I was on, whether it was for another job at that very large company or to go elsewhere. For many people, a career setback can be a lesson — an opportunity to make some changes in order to not have the same disappointment happen again. If appropriate, talk to your boss about why you were passed over. Make a plan to improve and to be ready for the next opportunity.

Cutting the cord: All the broadcast stations included — except for PBS



Talking Tech
Jefferson Graham
USA TODAY

LOS ANGELES — Cutting-the-cord alternatives like YouTube TV and PlayStation Vue make an attractive offer. Ditch cable, and save money by only subscribing to a handful of broadcast and cable channels you want, instead of a universe of 500.

But a question many are asking is, "Why is PBS missing?"

The Public Broadcasting System, which was founded in 1969, is part of the same free, ad-supported broadcast network lineup across the entire United States, with CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox and the CW offering free programming to anyone with an over-the-air antenna. It's included on every basic cable lineup.

So what's the hangup? PBS says it wants to be included with the cable alternatives and hopes to get there by the end of the year. But PBS says it isn't really a broadcast network but instead primarily a syndicator of content to independent public TV stations.

It buys shows like *Call the Midwife* and *Victoria* and produces news shows like *Frontline* and kids' programming (*The Odd Squad*).

What PBS doesn't have now is complete livestreaming rights to all the shows, but it hopes to change that.

"It's a high priority for us," said Ira Rubenstein, the chief digital officer for PBS. "We hope to be there sooner rather than later."

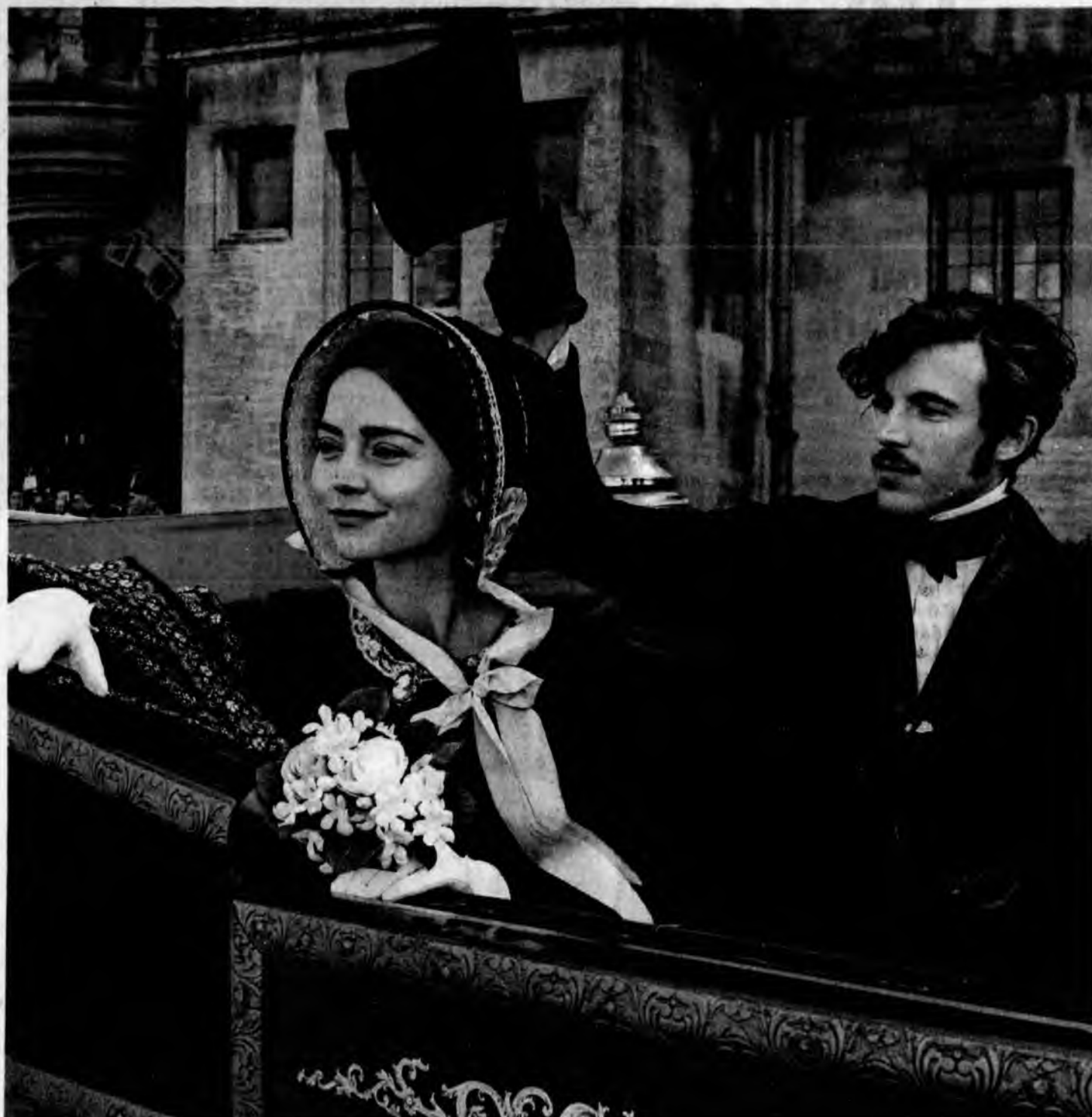
Cord-cutters can still watch PBS programs online, but not always for free.

The PBS Video app, which is available for phones, tablets, and streaming players like Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV, offers most of the available PBS programming, usually the same day as broadcast, but not always. *Masterpiece*, for instance, is available the morning after the Sunday night premiere, and only then for two weeks.

If you don't catch up with it, you'll need to pay \$60 a year for a PBS Passport membership, which promises a monthly \$5 donation to your local PBS station and thus unlocks the complete library for on-demand viewing.

The Amazon Channels initiative, offering subscription TV (HBO, Starz) via Amazon Prime, also offers a separate PBS Masterpiece subscription, for \$5.99 monthly.

Rubenstein said "99%" of PBS programming is available within the PBS



PBS brings the British drama series "Victoria" to U.S. airwaves, via local public TV stations. PBS

app, save for the occasional live music performance.

But for viewers who don't support their local station, finding shows just won't be as easy as on Netflix.

The British dramas and Ken Burns documentaries are available for just the first two weeks and *Antiques Roadshow* and *Nova* for four weeks before sending viewers to the PBS Passport, while news and kids' content stays up and is

always available, Rubenstein said.

The separate PBS Kids app has the complete lineup of shows, PBS says.

PBS says more than 11.2 million PBS viewers viewed 730 million videos on the PBS Video and PBS Kids apps in 2017.

PBS is a private, non-profit corporation that serves some 350 non-commercial and educational TV stations in 50 states. It operates on federal fund-

ing (from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting) and donations from viewers.

Of cable TV alternatives, YouTube, DirectTV Now and PlayStation Vue offer all the broadcast networks, save PBS, for about \$40 monthly. The other missing players in some packages are Viacom channels, like MTV and Nickelodeon. They are available on DirectTV Now.

DIGITAL DOLLARS

These four apps can 'find' money, but are they safe?

You must link them to your credit or bank accounts

Jennifer Jolly
Special to USA TODAY

Many Americans struggle to save money, and technology promises an answer via apps that get you cash back on your purchases. Yet these apps often entail giving a company access to your emails and financial information.

Here's what I discovered in using four popular money-saving apps, as well as my advice for staying safe.

■ **Paribus** helps you get money back on online purchases when prices drop at one of nearly 30 popular retailers. Download the free app, connect it to your email, and Paribus scans your inbox for shopping receipts. When it finds a refund, it files a digital claim on your behalf. Any money you get back goes straight to your credit card.

In six months, Paribus found more than \$35 in refunds out of the nearly 200 items bought online. The main reason the refund number is low is that I do my online shopping via Amazon, which Paribus no longer scans for price drops.

■ **Earny** works similarly to Paribus, checking your email for online shopping receipts. It tracks price protection rebates from several credit cards, too. If Earny gets you money back, it takes 25% of that amount. Paribus doesn't take a cut.

■ While Earny and Paribus hunt down refunds, apps **Billshark** and **Trim** promise to cut your subscription costs. I signed up for both via desktop, where they let you log in with an email or social media account and then connect to your credit cards or bank accounts.

Trim showed me my subscriptions, and with a few clicks, I ditched Ancestry (\$99 a year), eFax (\$10 a year), and Zip Recruiter (\$249 a year). Trims' subscription canceling service is free, but if it lowers a reoccurring bill for you, it takes 25% of the annualized savings.

Billshark, in turn, has live representatives haggle on your behalf rather than using bots. It takes 40% of the



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savings for up to two years after they negotiate for you.

I put Billshark to work on my AT&T wireless bills. One of its negotiators cut our AT&T bill by \$745 a year. Take out Billshark's \$298 fee, and we have an annual savings of \$447!

These kinds of refund apps are gaining in popularity, and for good reason. Some refund apps have found crazy charges, such as people paying for AOL accounts that are now free, privacy expert Bob Sullivan says. On the other hand, he says not every company might have your best interest in mind.

"There's a risk of what might any of these companies turn around and do with your data in the future," he says.

I'm always nervous linking financial info to apps. Yet all four companies did a good job reassuring me that they have several layers of bank-level security, encryption and keep tight control of how each app uses that information.

Handing out personal information means there's one more place where hackers could potentially strike. But given security measures in place, you're no more likely to regret using these services than you would be using a credit card to order a pizza online.

Still, breaches happen, so read through each site's privacy and security FAQ's on each site.

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Obituaries

Joan F. Roth

SOUTH HAVEN - Joan passed away Saturday, April 14, 2018 at River Ridge Retirement Community in South Haven. She was born March 22, 1940 to David and Mary Harris in Detroit, Michigan. Joan was a graduate of Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She worked as a District Manager for Rite Aid in Sacramento, California, and Saline, Michigan, retiring in 2003. After retirement, Joan moved to South Haven to be close to Lake Michigan. She enjoyed reading, watching TV, gardening, and going to the beach.

Joan is survived by her children — James (Megan) Roth of Kalamazoo, Jill Holden of South Haven, and John (Brenda) Roth of Toronto, Canada; grandchildren — Cormac, Alexandria, Brigid, Derek, Liam, Brian and Padraig; Siblings — Richard Harris of Titusville, Florida and Barbara Harris of Brooklyn, New York.

Visitation was held from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Funeral Services followed visitation at 2:00 PM with Father Jim Morris officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Caring Circle Hospice — Hospice at Home, 05055 Blue Star Memorial Highway, South Haven, Michigan 49090. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guestbook at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

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Michael J. Murphy, III

HIGHLAND - Michael J. Murphy III, born in Detroit Michigan, a long-time resident of Livonia, resident of Northville and Highland Michigan, passed away in Winter Haven, Florida on April 16, 2018. He was 84 years old. He is survived by his wife, Joan Russ-Murphy; his children, Michael (Mary Ellen), Timothy (Pam), Shawn (Dale), Kevin, Thomas (Suzy), and Allison (Gordon); step-children, Scott (Sarah), and Renee (Frank); grandchildren, Keegan, Shana, Michael, Elaine, Owen, Scott, Casey, Megan, Madeline, Matthew, Delaney, Emma, Meghan, Benjamin, Lila, Bradley, Nathan, Shea and Seth; along with seventeen great-grandchildren; sisters, Suzanne Keffer (Ted) and Linda Hillis, as well as extended family members and many dear friends at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Church, Milford. He was preceded in death by his parents Michael and Dorothy, his first wife, Evelyn, and brother, Terrance. Friends may visit Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on April 25, 2018 from 2 - 8 PM, Rosary 7 PM. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1955 E. Commerce Rd, Milford, Michigan on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 11 AM. Burial Commerce Memorial Cemetery. Committal Prayers will follow at Commerce Memorial Cemetery. Following the graveside services a luncheon will be held at the church. Memorials encouraged to Community Sharing or Knights of Columbus Council 7444. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com



Colleen B. Cummins
(nee Stayner)

NORTHVILLE - Colleen passed away peacefully at her home in Northville on April 9, 2018. Age 55, formerly of Southfield. Beloved wife of G. Earl Cummins. Loving daughter of Janice and the late K. Eugene Stayner. Dearest sister of Erika Kramer-Ebbing (Paul). Cherished aunt of Matthew Kramer-Ebbing. Also survived by Earl's children, Richard Cummins, Diane Hand (William) and his grandchildren, Carley and Darla. The Funeral Mass was held April 21st at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, Beverly Hills, MI. Memorial tributes to The Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48374. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500.

View obituary and share memories at: AJDesmond.com

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Grant O. Dale

SOUTH LYON - Grant O. Dale, of South Lyon, Former South Lyon Police Chief, age 89 passed away peacefully at home with Arlene, his wife of 64 years, by his side.

Grant is survived by his wife and his children: Patricia Leumbruni, Pikeville, TN, William Dale (Alicia), Knoxville, TN, Rhonda Fackert (Jim), Brighton, MI, Mickey Dale, South Lyon; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Grant served on the South Lyon Police Dept. from 1949 and was elevated to Chief of Police in 1961. In 1974 Grant left the department to follow his passion for training and racing harness horses full time with his wife, Arlene.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the South Lyon Historical Society, 355 S. Warren St., South Lyon, MI or Horses' Haven, PO Box 166, Howell, MI 48844. www.phillipsfuneral.com



Eileen Murphy

- - November 6, 1962-April 12, 2018
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Joan Morris

- - April 15, 1924-April 19, 2018
Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneral-home.com

Luanne Zimmerman McCurdy

NEW HUDSON - Age 90, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2018 at her home in Abbey Park, New Hudson.

Luanne was born in Rochester Indiana on February 28, 1928 to Lon and Fern Zimmerman. After graduating from Rochester High in 1946, she attended both Ball State University in Muncie Indiana and Indiana University in Bloomington briefly considering becoming a flight attendant or nurse. Later she decided to relocate to Chicago Illinois where she resided in a boarding house and worked for HarrisBank. During this time she met the love of her life James McCurdy on a blind date set up by her sister Sady and brother-in-law, Bill. They married on July 27, 1952. In 1964 they moved to Northville Michigan and joined the First Presbyterian Church. As a couple they square danced and enjoyed bridge and gourmet club. Luanne loved to sing in the choir. While raising her 3 daughters she was an active member on PTA, Girl Scout leader and member of The Northville Mother's Club. The helping hand was located in a window of the family's home and she helped not only children but was considered a wildlife rehabilitator by the neighborhood. She truly enjoyed her family, pets - especially a Great Dane Gretel, her daughter's horses and horse showing, gardening and cooking. In her retirement years Luanne and Jim travelled the world with the Nomads Travel Club she especially loved going on Safari in Africa. Even as a widow she continued her travels, played golf with the Royal Tees Golf League and joined the Red Hat Society.

Her children will miss her deeply, Cindy McCurdy of Brighton, Candy Risch (Mike) of Laingsburg, Suzy McCurdy (Larry DeGroat) of South Lyon, her grandchildren Keri Louwerse (Brian), Ryan Evers (Lindsay), Kate Klosner (Ryan), Alex Evers, Armando Head, Glen (Chang) Gerwatowski, Grant Gerwatowski, Luke McCrary, Jack McCrary and 8 great grandchildren. Luanne was preceded in death by her husband in 2006 and a daughter Kathleen in 1955.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 28 at 11:00, with a time of gathering beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.



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Roger Otto Bohn

MILFORD - Roger passed away Saturday, April 7, 2018 at his home in the loving care of his family.

Roger was born on August 14, 1936 in Toledo, Ohio to Kenneth and Nina Bohn. The Bohn family moved to Dearborn in 1941. At a young age, Roger loved music, he learned to play piano and guitar. He had a passion for sports and was on both the football and swim teams. Roger graduated from Dearborn High School in 1955 and attended Henry Ford Community College where he continued swimming.

Roger completed his education at Michigan State University and participated on the Ski team. He spent his summers as a lifeguard at Kensington Metro Park where he met his lovely wife of 58 years Sharon (Dean) Bohn. Roger was drafted in the army after graduation and served our country with pride. Roger was also a member of the American Legion and the Eagles.

In 1965, Roger and Sharon settled back in Milford where they built a home near Kensington Park and raised two girls. The family sailed many wonderful trips on the great lakes. Roger enjoyed working on motors, playing music, watching sporting events, riding his motorcycle and taking his daughters to swim practice & meets.

Roger retired from Ford Motor Company and purchased a second home in Indian River, MI where he continued skiing, boating, fishing, golfing, riding his motorcycle, and snowmobile; even hunting for more mushrooms was a favorite. He continued his love of sports and was a devoted Spartan fan as well as a big supporter at his grandchildren activities.

Roger and Sharon enjoyed many trips together. Roger had a zest for life. He was easy to talk with and always enjoyed the company of his family, and friends. Roger was very witty and a kind man. He was a loyal friend to all.

Roger is survived by his wife Sharon; daughters Michele Devoll of Detroit and Kristine (John) Pfeffer of Brighton. Grandchildren; Justin Maine, Edward Devoll, Shannon Warren, Mason and Megan Bierer. Step-grandchildren; Kristen Pfeffer (Hugo Alvaraz) and Kaitlyn (Jeff) Petack. Roger also leaves his sister Janet Swope of Saline, sister-in-law Mercedes (Jim) Hayword of Fenton and many other loving relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Carol Genung.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of Michigan.



Luke "Mac" MacDonald Little Jr.

SOUTH LYON - The last owner of Ted's Drive In/ Restaurant, beloved father and grandfather, Luke "Mac" MacDonald Little Jr, 71, of South Lyon, passed away on April 17, 2018, at Providence Hospital, Novi, under Hospice care.

Luke was born on May 30, 1946, in Pontiac, MI, the son of Iva May Ballinger and Luke Little Sr. He was a 1964 graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School. Before enrolling at Michigan State University, Luke had an exceptional experience traveling Europe when he was 17, with his friend Ron, a friend of more than 55 years.

In 1969, Luke graduated from Michigan State University, where he was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, then going on to serve our country in the U.S. Army as a First Lt., stationed in Mannheim, Germany where he reportedly backed over a general's Jeep with a tank. He returned home in 1973 settling in to help run the family business - Ted's Drive In/Pub and Parlor, helping to create with his brother Bill events like the Brown Derby and Prohibition's Over, along with remembered favorites the "5 by 5" burger and pigs in a blanket sandwiches, until its close in 1979.

From 1979 to 1981, Luke was a sales representative for CFS Continental Foods. He later became the Senior Sales Executive for Georgia-Pacific, SCA Tissue from 1981-2009.

Luke enjoyed retirement in Siesta Key, Fla., during the month of February over the last several winters. When he was in South Lyon, he could be found



cheering on his grandsons in football, soccer and encouraging them in their many pursuits, including Scouts. He enjoyed staying in touch with his many life-long friends from elementary school, high school and college, and was known to attend all of his high school reunions, most recently his 50th in 2014. Luke was also an avid Tigers fan which he enthusiastically attended for the last 30 years.

Those who knew Luke knew he never forgot a name or a birthday, always thoughtfully sent cards and made phone calls at the holidays, and asked genuine questions about others and their loved ones. He particularly enjoyed taking cruises, where he could meet new people. Luke will be remembered as a kind-hearted man with many friends, who loved to share laughs, stories and hugs.

Luke is survived by his loving daughter, Stephanie Harris, and her husband, Brad, and their sons Conner, 17 and Colin, 14 of South Lyon who were the joy of his life. He was grateful to live so close to them in South Lyon so that he could see them almost daily. He is also survived by Tiffany Topie, who was like a daughter to Luke, her husband, Matt, and their children, Clare, Emma, and Geno. He was predeceased by his parents and three brothers, Bob, Bill and Jim, and their spouses.

Celebration of Luke's life will take place on April 29, 2018, Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178. Visitation 12pm-1pm with a memorial service at 1pm. A luncheon will be held immediately following at the South Lyon Hotel. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Luke's name are requested to the Renewed Hope Counseling Center, 28900 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178, www.rhopec.net.

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Is it time to retire these cliché career tips?

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Does this sound familiar? You're in the midst of some serious career planning, when all of a sudden you're inundated with advice on what to do, what not to do and how to move forward.

When it comes to career planning, some people tend to think they have all the answers and dish out clichéd and uninformed advice to others. If you're the unwitting recipient of these tired tips, you may feel overwhelmed and unsure of where to turn.

Don't bother doing a blind search on the internet for career guidance — you'll only encounter the same tired advice. So, with all of this "career noise" at every turn, how do you know what to believe and follow?

You should always do what you love

It would be an interesting world if everyone got to do exactly what they want to do or love. But reality sometimes holds a different view of how our careers should play out. While it can be a good idea to pursue a dream, it can be foolhardy to pursue it forever. Besides, it's possible to find happiness and fulfillment while turning to a back-up plan. Use logic and reality as your guide



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when deciding between pursuing your dream and choosing an acceptable alternative.

Don't leave your current job until you have a new one lined up

This advice is as old as it gets — but does that necessarily mean it's sound? This tip gets murky if your job environment is especially toxic or unhealthy. Sure, it makes sense to have a steady paycheck and job history while job hunting and until something new comes along, but life is short, and if you're really in a difficult or miserable spot, then it may be worthwhile to leave.

Besides, it's easier to job hunt when you have more time to focus on it. Fully weigh your situation's pros and cons, and decide wisely.

Don't leave a job before you've been there for at least a year

Everyone has heard this one before, and according to online career source The Muse, "It's true: You don't want a reputation as a serial job-hopper. Employers like to work with people who stick around since it's so expensive to recruit and train them."

However, The Muse also suggests that reality might

not be so black and white: "While you want to avoid having lots of short stays in your job history, most people will understand if there was a particular situation that wasn't great."

If it's your boss or the day-to-day nature of your work that's not what you expected, keep in mind that there are sometimes options to change positions without leaving the organization. Start by looking for new responsibilities and discussing a transfer to another team. If, after that, you're still itching to get out, update your resume and restart your job hunt."

If you change your field you'll have to start at the bottom

Are you thinking of a complete career overhaul? If so, then you've undoubtedly encountered this advice, which comes from the notion that you always have to work your way up from the bottom. But whoever originally came up with this one obviously never thought about the value of transferable work experience and skills. According to The Muse, "if you've already put time into your current career, you probably have more skills that transfer from field to field than you recognize. Not just that, but your years of work have also taught you how to network, which can play a role in getting off the ground floor." Bottom line: Recognize your value and transferable skill set when considering what positions to pursue in other fields.

There you have it — a fresh look on some old career clichés. Hopefully this information will help declutter your brain when it gets too full of competing advice and you'll be on your way to making smart career decisions.

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ACROSS

1 Back in time
4 Papas
6 Ordinary
15 "All By Myself" singer [1]
19 Neighbor of Thailand
21 "Fire and Ice" singer Pat
22 Carpal or tarsal lead-in
23 Common wrapped sushi item
24 Anna who won Best Actress for "The Rose Tattoo"
25 Old Russian ruler
26 "Bedazzled" co-star [2]
28 "Little House on the Prairie" co-star [3]
30 Stately tree
31 Dying rebuke from Caesar
32 Year, in Portuguese
33 — Mae (loan offerer)
35 Olympic figure-skating gold medalist of 2002 [4]
40 Road goop

DOWN

41 2002-09 "American Idol" judge [5]
44 "Inception" director Christopher
45 Peace Nobelist Root
46 Rod on a car
48 Makes another proposal
50 Nine-sided shape
52 Periods of note
55 Driver's license fig., e.g.
56 Crater part
59 Toronto loc.
60 Conk
61 Like many survey questions
63 Party server
64 Folk rocker DiFranco
65 Restrained
68 Chuckle gleefully
70 Plops (down)
71 Laura of "ER"
72 Got too big for
74 Church parts
75 Head, in Metz
76 In some way
78 Bruce Springsteen hit of 1985

DOWN

81 "Just — suspected"
82 151, to Cato
83 "Skyfall" star Daniel
85 Suffix with dull
86 Top-secret govt. org.
87 Tax form fig.
88 Tumults
90 "Auld Lang —"
91 Large game bass
93 Sports centers
95 Tests for coll. seniors
97 Boot out
98 "The Way — Flesh"
101 [7]
104 — loss
105 [6]
106 Flopping tools
108 Without end, to poets
109 Shreds
111 I, in Berlin
112 [8]
115 [9]
121 Dell
123 Yellowish pink color
125 Wee babies
126 Early garden
127 Came into
128 Steer a ship
129 [10]
130 Ones sowing
131 Yale students
132 P followers

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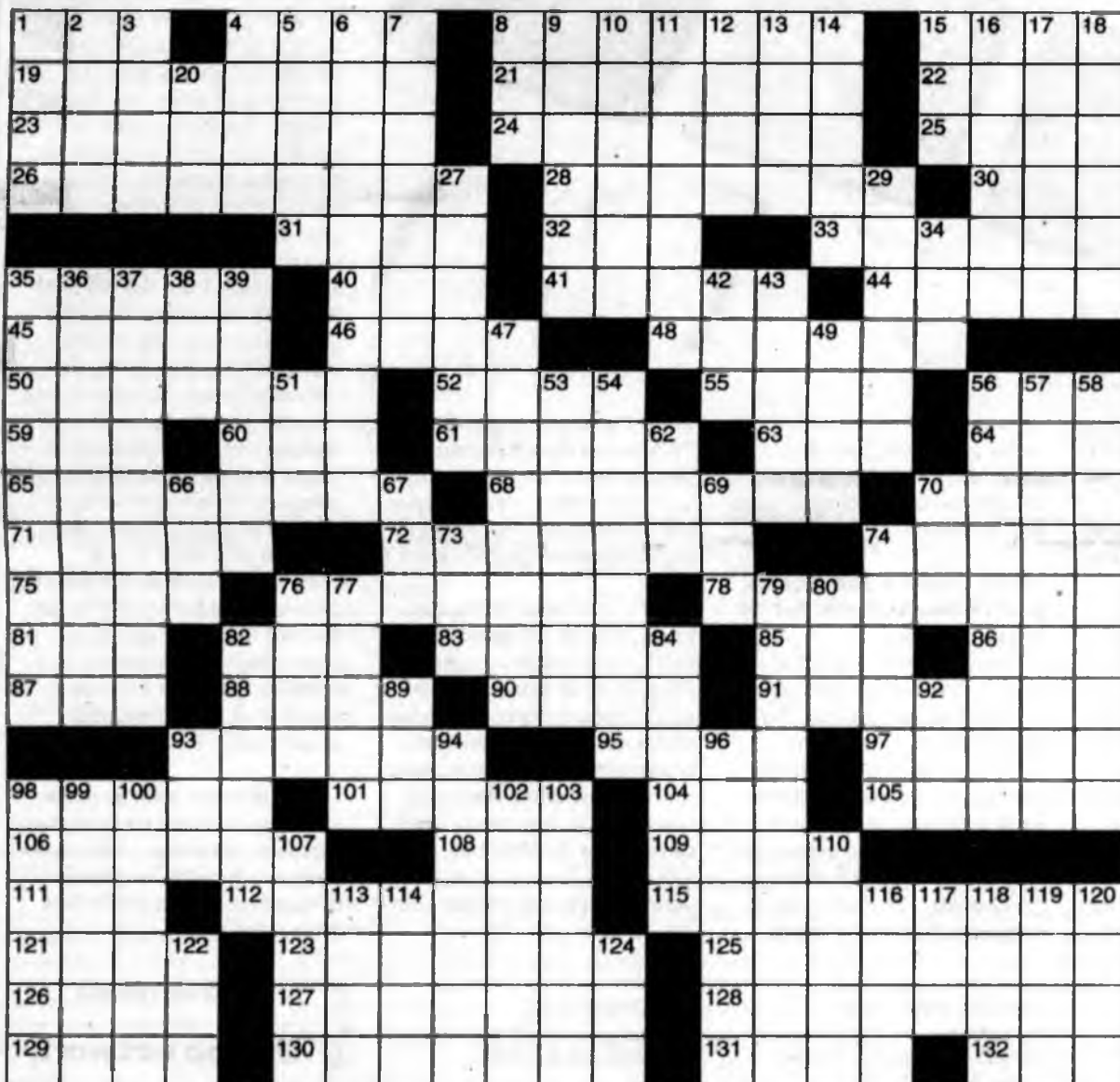
1 See 119-Down
2 France, once
3 All: Prefix
4 "Explorer" of cartoons
5 Building brick
6 Arty dabblers
7 Levy on a food preserver
8 Mil. interceptor
9 Chart for mariners
10 Severe chest pain
11 Acrimony, to Brits
12 Provo's state
13 Pop singer Del Rey
14 Iroquois tribe members
15 CPR pro
16 Hawk again
17 Napoli's land
18 [1]
20 Luhrmann who directed 2013's "The Great Gatsby"
27 [2]
29 [3]
34 — Angeles
35 Misses, in Mexico
36 Isolation
37 Heroic dog of old TV

DOWN

38 "Bingo!"
39 [4]
42 Oahu garland
43 [5]
47 Ones putting up buildings
49 Apropos of
51 Suffix with human
53 Pale silvery color
54 Sounding like an angry bull
56 Pastry with dried grapes
57 Cross each other
58 Annual international beauty pageant
62 Rich rock
66 Once called
67 " — thousand times ..."
69 Lead-in to light or night
70 Tanning lotion abbr.
73 Golden State sch.
74 "Christina's World" painter [6]
76 Ye — shoppe
77 Grammy winner for "Criminal" [7]

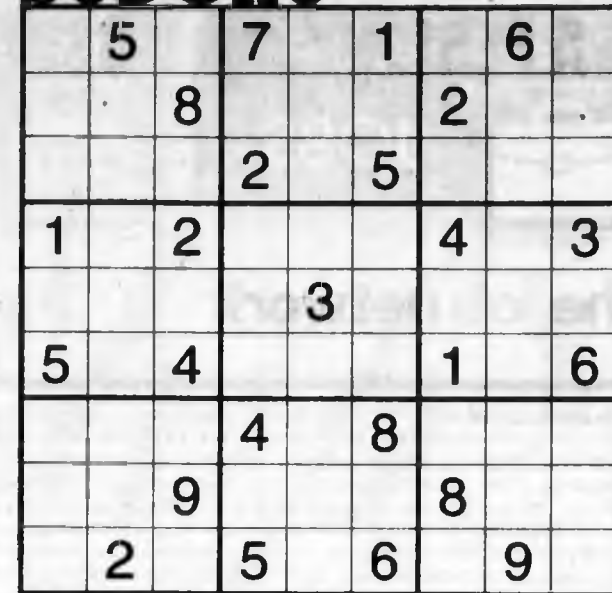
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79 Ability to interest lots of people
80 Food scrap
82 "Smooth" guitarist [8]
84 1990 Cyrano de Bergerac portrayer [9]
89 Maple fluid
92 Climbing vine
93 Jolson and Pacino
94 Stabbed
96 Stephen, French-style
98 "Gladiator" was his last film [10]
99 False front
100 Singer Simpson
102 Maiden in "The Raven"
103 Pencil top
107 Fills up
110 2009 horror film sequel
113 Maui goose
114 Poet Allen
116 Sac fly stats
117 Boxer, e.g.
118 Baghdad site
119 With 1-Down, play intermission
120 Functions
122 Stop
124 Mag VIPs



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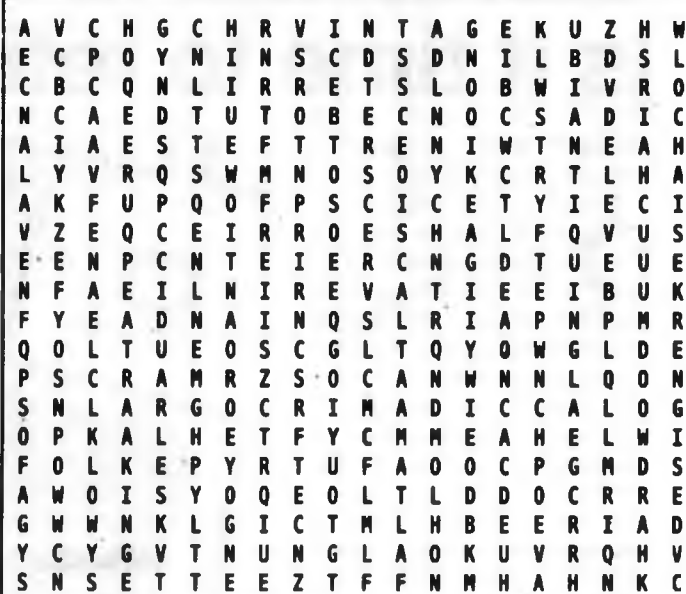
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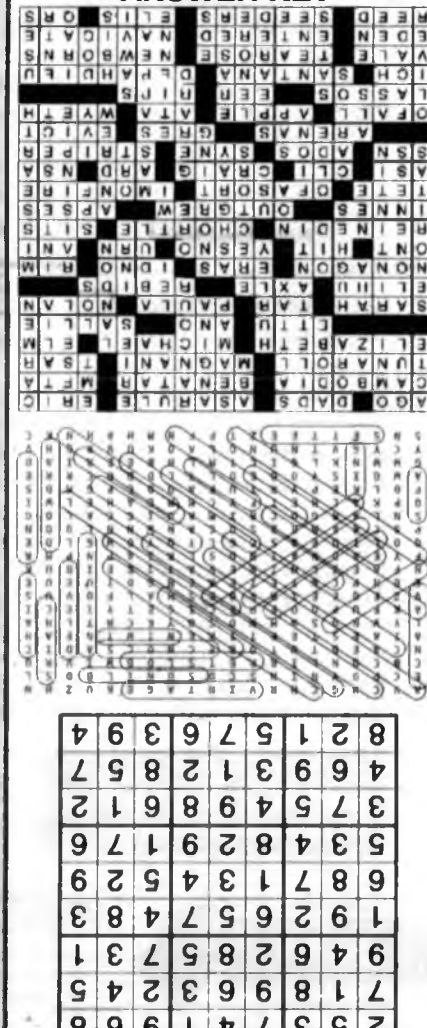
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Car Report

TOPPED BY THE 840-HORSEPOWER DEMON, DODGE CHALLENGER IS A PERSUASIVE MUSCLE-CAR THROWBACK -- IN ALL THE GOOD WAYS



By Dale Buss

Dodge has been doing a great job of reviving the muscle-car era with its Challenger and Charger models. Not only have they become the sinewy DNA of the re-comprised Dodge brand, but they also manage to fool a few people into believing that they're the Hemi-fueled beasts of old.

At least my grandson, anyway. He's only three years old, but he's already seen a few Woodward Avenue Dream Cruises. So when we were bouncing a ball on my driveway recently within reach of the 2018 Dodge Challenger GT sitting there, with Army-green exterior, he said, "Watch out, Papa -- you don't want the ball to hit your old car."

Out of the mouths of babes, for sure. And when I drove the Challenger to Flagstar, I barely got in the door before Melissa, one of the managers at the local branch, called me out on the "great car." If she'd had the time I probably could have talked her into taking a ride in it.

Moral of the story? Challenger is one of those few cars in modern-day lineups that you either get, or you don't. Others on that list include the Nissan Leaf and the Kia Soul. And if you get Challenger, you love it. If you don't, you might figure it's a waste of sheet metal and rubber.

Prices for Challenger start at about \$27,000, so this is not a plaything for the casual consumer. If you want a muscle car as your everyday vehicle, making a type of statement virtually everywhere you go, you can pay as much as the mid-\$60,000s and above for the highest-priced, most powerful versions.



The 2018 Dodge Challenger 392 Hemi Scat Pack Shaker.

It is actually possible to evaluate Challenger on some rather objective criteria that don't have to do with its retro design, strange colors or the new 840-horsepower engine that just joined the Challenger lineup this year in the form of a Demon version that's designed mainly to win at the drag strip.

And on criteria that it shares with most other vehicles, Challenger holds up pretty well. It gets 27 mpg on the highway in the version with the 3.6-liter, six-cylinder, 24-valve engine that I drove, which isn't awful. It's got the advantage of housing the latest generation of FCA's Uconnect infotainment system, which is holding up pretty well against industry rivals even though every automaker is upping its game in that arena.

Though a coupe, Challenger's interior room, particularly in the back seat and trunk, is pretty voluminous. It has more interior space than most other sports cars, though the interior has more hard plastics than you'll find in some rivals.

Challenger also boasts just over

16 cubic feet of trunk space, which is enormous for a nameplate in its segment. That's enough space for a dozen shopping bags or four sets of golf clubs, although the high lift-over height of the trunk lip can make it difficult to

load heavy objects into the bay.

Other standard features are pretty, well, standard: dual-zone automatic climate control, two USB ports. Available features include a power sunroof, satellite radio, a six- or nine-speaker Alpine audio system, an 18-speaker Harman Kardon audio system and an upgraded Uconnect system.

Challenger also drives and handles quite well even when you're not

going as fast as you can in a straight line. And for 2018, Challenger has added a touch screen for the base model as well as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

But also for 2018, Challenger has added the explosive SRT Demon trim and the new SRT Hellcat Widebody model. And for a car that's ultimately a performance vehicle above anything else, by a mile, Demon and Hellcat are where the action is for Challenger.

The base engine is a 305-horsepower V6 that's powerful enough and provides pretty quick acceleration. The least powerful of the four V8s available puts out 375 horsepower. But when you get into the upper range -- well, the Demon's supercharged Hemi produces a whopping 840 horsepower, with 770 pound-feet of torque.

That kind of power is an anomaly in any era: today or in the era that Challenger is trying to recall.



It's all about power for Dodge Challenger.



Challenger boasts immense trunk space for a sports car.

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