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Software could provide life-or-death help

Northville Township creates innovative way to help law enforcement officials find autistic runaways

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Using a MacGyver-esque level of ingenuity, the Northville Township Police Department has created a way to reduce those oh-so-terrifying moments between the time an autistic individual or vulnerable adult wanders from home to the time they are located.

The inspiration of Sgt. David Roberts, the father of 13-year-old autistic

son, the creative utilization of PowerDMS software has the potential to save countless lives.

"We purchased PowerDMS several years for use as a policy-management system," Northville Township Lt. Paul Tennes said. "It helps law enforcement departments go paperless and become more efficient."

"It's a Cloud-based system, so we can put any kind of records into it, so we

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Sgt. David Roberts (left) and Lt. Paul Tennes demonstrate the use of PowerDMS software to help find runaway autistic individuals and vulnerable adults.

ED WRIGHT

A ray of light



Dave Askew lost his battle with lung cancer in March, despite assistance from Five Points of Hope. But family members continue to cherish his memory. Holding a photo of Dave is his widow Rhonda Askew (right) and oldest daughter Christina Edmonds. TERESA SILVER | FIVE POINTS OF HOPE

Cancer patients find solace through Five Points of Hope

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When Joan Decker was told about her cancer diagnosis last fall, the woman of devout faith started to pray more than usual.

The dreaded disease is bad enough. But then you have chemotherapy treatments, which sap energy and turn stomachs. Radiation can pierce the skin and puncture the resolve.

There are endless appointments and wondering all about the other shoe hitting the floor.

Yet what about the entanglements and wayward web that patients find themselves mired in when that never-ending stream of medical bills hits the fan?

"We had over \$500 in medical bills

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Former Lions dive into local real estate

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Deconstructing NFL offenses has been replaced by building luxury residences in the bustling life of former Detroit Lions defensive end Dewayne White.

The former standout sack artist is the offensive coordinator, so to speak, behind North 320, a boutique development featuring 16 luxury townhomes located in the heart of Northville.

North 320 will be Northville's first walkable townhome development in 15 years, noted White, who owns Plymouth-based DW Development and lives in Northville Township.

"The coolest thing about this project for me is being able to provide something in Northville that people I've run into in the area have a demand for," said White, who retired from the NFL in 2009 following three

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Ron Rice (from left), Dewayne White and Jason Jones, all key players in the development of North 320 in Northville.

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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.

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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 police and fire

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.

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Autism

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were always looking for additional ways to do that."

Enter Roberts, who lived through a nerve-wracking runaway situation with his son Blake in 2010.

"Before we started using PowerDMS for runaways, we'd get a frantic 9-1-1 call from a parent or caretaker letting us know their autistic loved one had wandered from home," Roberts said. "We'd lose precious minutes searching for the individual while we interviewed the loved one to get a description, the person's tendencies, etc."

Combining his life experiences along with his 18 years in law enforcement, Roberts suggested an idea that has turned into a gold strike: Ask parents of autistic children or caretakers of dementia sufferers to fill out a one-page form that includes the person's vital information and a photo.

"After we received the forms, we'd add them to our PowerDMS system and, if an individual wandered from home, our officers on the road could cue the information up in their cars and we'd have

"It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form, which isn't a lot of time considering it could save a person's life."

Lt. Paul Tennes
Northville Township police

a jump-start on finding the person," Roberts said.

Considering the No. 1 cause of death for wandering autistic children is drowning in bodies of water (rivers, swimming pools, lakes), the software not only locates the vicinity of the missing person, but also provides a Google map of where the nearby bodies of water are located.

"We had one child who wandered from his home near Six Mile and Beck and we ended up finding him inside his neighbor's house," Tennes said. "A percentage of these individuals run, so if we can't find them quickly, there's no telling how far they could get or what danger they could confront."

Roberts vividly recalls the day eight years ago, when his son wandered from his Howell home.

"I had just ended my shift at work and I was stuck in gridlock on I-96 west

at Novi Road," he said. "My wife called and said Blake had wandered off and that the sheriff's department was already looking for him."

"There is a body of water just beyond some woods by our house. They found Blake standing at the edge of the water. Thank God we found him when we did. It was a horrible experience."

The police department has run into one hurdle while trying to grow its program.

"We need to get more schools, parents of autistic individuals and assisted-living facilities to help us get the forms filled out for the vulnerable people," Tennes said. "It's a very simple procedure. People can find the form on our township website."

Tennes said the department has heard from law enforcement agencies across the country who want to learn more about the system it has implemented.

"It only takes a few minutes to fill out the form, which isn't a lot of time considering it could save a person's life," Tennes said.

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Demo work starts for vacant hospital

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Directly across Seven Mile Road from the cheery Sunny Pointe Child Care Center looms the eerie, graffiti-tattooed remains of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, which has been a nine-story symbol of stagnant land development and a hot destination for thrill-seeking vandals since its closure in 2003.

The structure's days are finally numbered, much to the relief of Northville Township officials, residents and, yes, the tenants of Sunny Pointe Child Care Center.

The Detroit-based Adamo Group demolition company has begun a months-long process that will ultimately bring the building down, clearing space for a proposed 300-acre open space recreation area.

"First of all, I'm very pleased Adamo is on the site, because their presence marks the beginning of progress," Northville

Township Manager Chip Snider said. "Secondly, it's a relief because our public safety officers have had to arrest hundreds of people over the years for trespassing, scrapping and vandalizing the property.

"From the first minute Adamo started working on the site, it provided 24/7 security, which takes the burden off our police department."

The demolition and development of the site has moved along at a snail's pace since 2003, Snider said, due to funding issues.

"When the township introduced a ballot initiative to purchase the property in 2009 from REIS (for \$23.5 million), 69 percent of our residents voted for the purchase with the idea that the property would be used for a recreation area, with hiking trails, an open-air park and other outdoor attractions," Snider said.

The total cost of the demolition project is not clear, Snider said, due to the discovery of more asbestos material in the walls of the building than anticipated.

"We know it's going to cost at least \$5 million, but the exact cost cannot be nailed down to the penny until the removal of all the asbestos is completed," Snider said.

"We received a better cost estimate from Adamo than the other bids that came in, because we agreed to extend the time it would take them to finish the job. We originally targeted a September completion date, but now it will be some time in mid-October, assuming there are no other major issues that come up."

Adamo Executive Vice President Rick Cuppetilli said he anticipates the actual demolition process will begin toward the end of May.

The structure will be mechanically demolished, Cuppetilli explained, without use of a wrecking ball or dynamite.

"The first thing we'll do, once we're done clearing the interior of the building for asbestos, is use an ultra-high-reaching excavator to peel off the exterior brick and look for more asbestos," he said. "If we find massive amounts of asbestos be-

hind the bricks, it will add to the timeline of the entire process."

Cuppetilli described the excavator as a cherry picker-like mechanism that is equipped with an assortment of attachments to collect the debris.

The process may not be as sexy as explosives or as familiar as wrecking balls, but it's extremely effective and efficient.

"From the first day of the demolition until the final day of the cleanup, we're estimating it will take approximately four months," Cuppetilli said.

Cuppetilli, who revealed he first toured the inside of the Northville hospital in 2004, said his company demolished a former psychiatric hospital in Pontiac that had been built in the 1800s.

Ideally, by fall 2019, the site will be a sprawling park with nature trails, bike paths and play areas — not the home of a towering eyesore and a hotbed for trespassing vandals.

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Lions

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seasons with Tampa Bay and three with the Lions. "I'm always looking for feedback from residents and I use this feedback when I start a project.

"I love the quaintness of Northville. It reminds me a lot of the town (Marbury) I grew up in in Alabama. Everybody knows everybody. And the fact that I live in the township makes it all the more special for me."

White said the recognition he developed in the NFL helps his business dealings, for the most part.

"There's some good and some bad to it," he said with a chuckle. "Mostly good, though. It does help a little bit when people remember me from the Lions. It definitely creates some extra buzz."

One of North 320's primary investors is White's former Lions teammate Ron Rice. Noted area real estate developer Jason Jones is also an integral part of the team.



Pictured is a rendering of the North 320 project Dwayne White is helping develop.

"Ron has built a record of success in this business," White said when asked if he often joins forces with former teammates. "I won't work with somebody unless they've proven they know what it takes to be successful."

North 320's modern townhouses range in size from 1,885-2,816 square feet and prices start in the low-\$600,000 range.

Among the features are capacious ceiling heights (not surprising, given

White's 6-foot-2 stature), spacious room sizes and optional private rooftop terraces where residents can get a bird's-eye view of downtown Northville and beyond.

White's DW Development is a full-service, vertically integrated real estate firm with a focus on high-end residential and mixed-use projects. It has overseen the development of approximately \$15 million in assets over the past three years.

White's firm is working in conjunction with Tekton Development, which specializes in developing multi-family and mixed-use projects in Michigan, North Carolina and Georgia.

With smart foresight, White earned his real estate license during his NFL career.

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Follow these rules to protect against scam artists



Money Matters
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The other day, I gave a talk at Troy library and the topic was how to protect yourself from scams. I thought I would share with you some of the highlights of the talk. After all, scams affect each and every one of us. It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, old or young, the scam artists are after us and it's important for us to protect ourselves.

I wish there was something that we could do that would eliminate the risk of being scammed, but there isn't. The goal is to put up enough road blocks to make it difficult for the scam artist and to be able to limit the damage if we are taken advantage of.

Identity theft is real and can have severe consequences if you are a victim. Everyone needs to take some precautions. Everyone, in order to protect ourselves, needs to learn to say no. When someone asks you for your Social Security number, the automatic answer should be no. Just because someone asks for your Social Security number doesn't mean you have to provide it. When someone asks for my number, I ask why they need it. In the great majority of situations, they can't provide me an answer other than it's on the form. Yes, there are certain times we have no choice, such as to employers and tax-related situations. In the great majority of situations, we don't have to provide it and we shouldn't. With your Social Security number, scam

artists can do all sorts of things, such as file tax returns and open charge cards. The bottom line: We all just have to learn to say no.

From an investment standpoint, there are two types of scams. The first is where it's just and out-and-out theft. The other type of scam, which can be just as costly, is where the product is legitimate and being sold by a well-known company, but the product is not suitable for you. To prevent these scams, you need to set some rules for yourself. Here are some rules I live by to protect myself and my clients.

The first is I don't invest in anything I can't check out independently. If I can't check out an investment independently, I walk away. I don't believe what a salesperson is telling me; I only believe what I can check out independently.

Next is I don't invest in anything that doesn't have a track record. So many scams are because people think they're getting in on the ground for the newest, greatest technology. As far as I'm concerned, that is more gambling than investing. Before I invest in anything, I want to independently look at the investment's track record, generally three-, five- and 10-year records.

I don't invest in anything that I don't understand. If you don't understand an investment, you're more apt to let fear and greed dictate your decisions. If you invest based upon those two emotions, you will not be successful. We can all admit we don't know everything, so if we stay with investments that we understand, we would be more apt to be successful. The great majority of people who are purchasing annuities today have no clue what the contract says. When it

comes to investments, you must know how you can make money, how you can lose money and how to get your money out if and when you choose to.

One common element that you see in products that are aggressively sold is high fees and high commissions. I don't invest in anything unless I know what it costs to buy, what it costs to sell and what it will cost to hold. You would be surprised how much money can end up in your pocket if you focus on fees. High fees equal low returns. When you see some of the commissions paid on certain investment products, you'll better understand the reason for the aggressive sales tactics.

My last rule is we all must be reasonable when it comes to investing. I wish I could tell you about a product that will pay you 12-percent without risk — it doesn't exist. When it comes to investing, we all have to be reasonable. We open ourselves up for scams when we let greed dictate our decisions.

There's nothing you can do that will 100-percent protect you. By being informed, learning to say no and taking the time to do some independent research, you are doing what you need to put up speed bumps to make it difficult for anyone to take advantage of you.

Good luck!

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Carson's closing leaves customers sad, 'just sick'

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Carson's customers from across metro Detroit, saddened by the department store's announced closing, are cashing in on a liquidation sale that has begun at the Laurel Park Place shopping mall in Livonia.

A "store closing" sign has been posted at the store entrance as loyal customers like De Haggerty of Dearborn Heights are still showing their support.

"I'm just sick over this," she said. "I never believed this would happen in a million years."

Haggerty worked there when it was Parisian, before The Bon-Ton Stores, owner of Carson's, bought it in 2006. She said Carson's is one of the reasons she shops at Laurel Park Place.

"This is, like, my big outing to come here and spend the day," she said. "I usually go home with four or five packages."

Local officials, meanwhile, remain hopeful the store could be bought by a new owner and stay open, whether as Carson's or another store.

"There is reason to believe it could happen," Li-

vonja Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said. "This place may never go dark."

Even if Carson's closes, West said he believes Laurel Park Place is a strong mall that will draw a new tenant.

A statement from CBL Properties, the mall's owner, indicated that negotiations already have begun to find a new tenant for Carson's stores.

The statement, obtained by email from CBL spokeswoman Stacey Keating, said the company is "certainly disappointed with the outcome" of the Carson's situation in Livonia and elsewhere, including Rochester Hills and Clinton Township.

"We have been monitoring this situation closely and we have been working on contingency plans for each center," the statement read. "We have several replacements under advanced negotiation. We will announce

more details when plans are formalized and leases have been executed."

With her grandchildren in tow, Commerce Township resident Cheryl Scharr arrived at the Livonia Carson's one sunny Thursday to shop.

"I'm kind of saying goodbye. I'll miss this department store," she said. "They have the best shoe department — the best deal on shoes."

Scharr and other shoppers partly blamed the likely closing of Carson's and other retail stores on the increasing number of people who shop online.

"I don't like it, because I'm not an online shopper," Inkster resident Audrey Binion said, leaving Carson's with daughter Autumn Landrom. "I like to touch and feel what I buy and try it on."

Landrom called it "sad" that Carson's is closing, but added, "I don't mind shopping online."

Westland resident Thomas Baker, walking from the Carson's store with a bag in hand, said he prefers going to an actual store.

"I like brick and mortar," he said.

In an April 5 letter to the Michigan Workforce Development Agency, Gail Monreal, vice president of human resources for The Bon-Ton Stores, indicated Carson's store closings could begin as early as June 5. But as of April 26, the Livonia store still hadn't been given a specific closing date.

In the letter, The Bon-Ton Stores, based in Milwaukee, left open the possibility of selling the stores. Since then, however, liquidation sales have begun as a steady stream of customers have been shopping at the Livonia Carson's.

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County board to host Youth in Government Day

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners will host its annual Youth in Government Day, inviting high school students from across the county to learn about local government, participate in mock debates and interact with county elected officials and judges. The event will be held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in the Commissioners' Auditorium at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac. Oakland County high schools interested in attending should call 248-858-1092 or go to www.oakgov.com/boc as soon as possible to register. Pre-registration is required.

"This event is a great opportunity for students to experience first-hand how local government operates and how it impacts their lives," said Board Vice chairman Michael Spisz, who hosts Youth in Government Day on behalf of the BOC. "Attendees can interact with many of the elected officials that contribute to making Oakland County one of the best run in the country."

"Last year's event was spectacular," said Commissioner Shelley Goodman Taub, who helped emcee in 2017. "I am looking forward to seeing more schools take advantage of this unique and valuable program."

Youth in Government Day will feature interactive sessions facilitated by the MSU Extension 4-H Leadership & Civic Engagement team. As a first-time participant last year, 4-H brought a fresh energy and new perspective to the program, inspiring students to actively engage in the sessions and to think critically about media consumption, complex legislative topics and the role of local government. Darren Bagley, an educator on the 4-H team, emphasized the value in engaging with youth on these important issues. "Young people have the ability to improve their world unlike any other group," Bagley said. "They have innovative ideas, exuberant energy, and are unencumbered in the cynicism that many adults share."

The event focuses on the importance of civic engagement and includes a commissioner panel, where commission members will discuss the path that led them to public service. The goal is to demonstrate to the students that participation in the process is accessible to them and that there are countless ways to get involved. By taking an active role



Clerk Lisa Brown registers students who are eligible to vote at the 2017 Youth in Government Day event.

in local government, through voting or organizing – or even running for office – young people can enact positive change in their own lives and communities.

In addition to learning about the role of the legislative branch, participants will get a first-hand look at the judiciary by visiting a county courtroom and having the opportunity to interact directly with Oakland County judges. Judge Shalina Kumar, chief judge of the circuit court, and Judge Jeffrey Matis, presiding judge of the Family Division of the circuit court, are participating in the program and will hold Q&A sessions with the students.

"I am looking forward to meeting these young people from Oakland County and speaking to them about how they, too, can make a difference through the judicial branch of our local government," Kumar said.

"Youth in Government Day is an outstanding event that provides students with an opportunity to meet judges and to see firsthand the functioning of the Oakland County Circuit Court," said

Matis, who was closely involved with Youth in Government Day when he served as vice chairman of the BOC. "I am honored to be part of this excellent event and I look forward to meeting the students."

After their visit to the courtrooms, students will learn more about law enforcement at the county directly from Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. They will get a peek at the inner workings of the county forensics lab and see one of the sheriff's K-9 units in action, which was a highlight for many of those who attended last year. "I loved the K-9 demo with Blitz and his handler," said Danielle Stolzenfeld, a 2017 Youth in Government Day participant. "It was my favorite."

Attendees will also hear from county-wide elected officials, including Clerk and Register of Deeds Lisa Brown, Treasurer Andy Meisner and Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash. CIO/Deputy County Executive Phil Bertolini will address students on behalf of County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and will talk about exciting career opportu-

nities in government IT and cyber security. Paul Walton, chief assistant prosecutor from the office of Prosecuting Attorney Jessica R. Cooper, will speak to the students about the potential dangers of social media and the growing trend of reckless posts, which can have both personal safety and legal consequences for young people. After the morning speaking program, Brown and her staff will be available to assist eligible students that want to register to vote.

Since the 1970s, the board has made the goal of Youth in Government Day to help develop young adults into future leaders. Today, this event continues to connect young people with local government and fosters the idea that they are never too young to be involved or to make a difference. For more information, go to the Youth in Government Day page on the BOC website at www.oakgov.com/boc or contact senior BOC community liaison Kate Layton at laytonk@oakgov.com.

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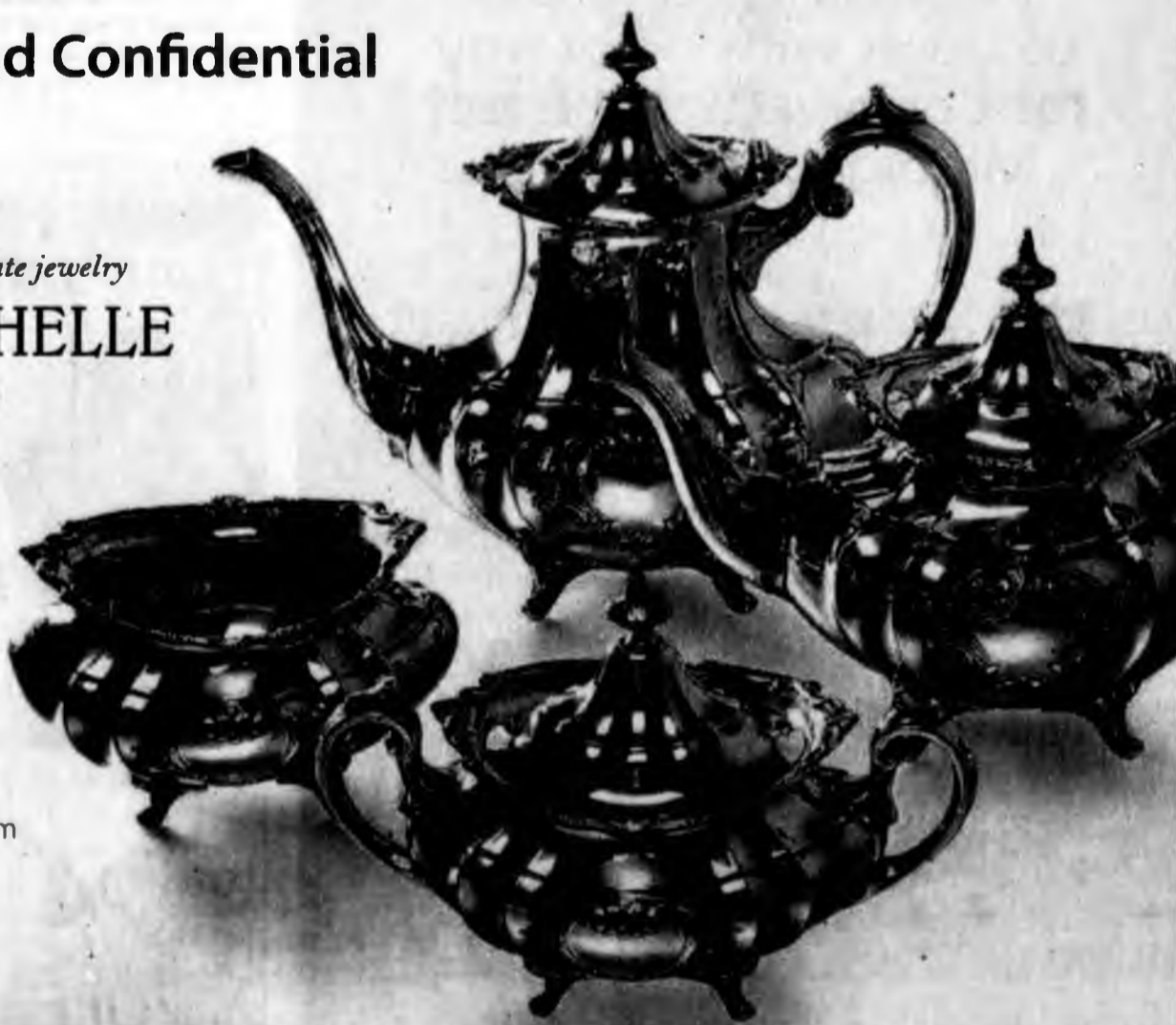
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when I found out I had breast cancer," said Decker, 75, of Jenison. "And I thought, 'Well, I got to do what I got to do to get this taken care of.'"

"Down the road, I thought, 'Ah, I wonder what this is going to cost us?' But you can't really focus on that, because you're so busy getting appointments with doctors and getting biopsies and then getting to the oncologist. Having your surgery, getting over that and then getting radiation. You don't have time to think, really."

Answering a prayer

Decker recalled one of her go-to prayer requests, shortly after her social worker, Kristie DiLaura, sent an application to Milford-based cancer charity Five Points of Hope.

"It's, like, 'OK, Lord, if this is the path you've chosen me to walk down, you've proven to me over the years that you're always there. So let's go and get it done.'"

A check soon was on its way, ridding Joan and husband Bill Decker of some of that unthinkable burden.

"It's a humbling experience," said Bill, also 75. "When you've been a family that's taken care of themselves, financially, all their lives, to have to ask for help ... and that is exactly what we ended up having to do."

"Not knowing what bills we were going to have when we started radiation, I had to swallow my pride and say, 'Yes, we need some help.' That's



Zeeland resident Lucy Seay looks at some of her vast book collection. Seay said there were several books that helped her through her cancer fight, but the most help came from Five Points of Hope. TERESA SILVER | FIVE POINTS OF HOPE

when Kristie came in and made the suggestion of Five Points."

Zeeland's Lucy Seay, 48, already was at a low ebb in life when her diagnosis came. It meant her world was about to crash and burn with absolutely no hope.

"I was going through divorce," Seay said. "That's why and how I found out I had breast cancer. I knew I was going to be losing my health insurance."

"I had a routine mammogram. I hadn't had one in a couple years and wanted to make sure I got that taken care of. And they found the cancer. I was feeling so overwhelmed."

Like an omen

She was wrong. There literally was hope in the form of Five Points of Hope, a nonprofit cancer charity founded by Milford resident Erin Welsh.

What Welsh and Five Points of Hope strive to do is raise money with the sole purpose of giving it out — \$500 at a time — to help cancer patients

who have demonstrated they are in financial dire straits. Money doesn't go directly to patients; instead, the charity sends checks on their behalf to take care of everything from insurance deductibles to prescriptions, utility bills and rent.

A grant to Seay helped ease her financial burden and restore her faith and hope.

"For years, my favorite word was joy," said Seay, who teaches the mechanics of writing to children in grades 4-12 and who has an entire wall in her living room stuffed with books. "And my sister-in-law had given me a gift of vinyl letters to put over the archway in the word J-O-Y. But a couple years ago, things were such a struggle. My favorite word became hope, because that just kept me going."

"I hope for better things. I hope for a better future. I hope to get through this cancer. ... Hope became my buzzword. And then I heard about Five Points of Hope. It connected."



Milford's Erin Welsh is founder and president of Five Points of Hope. TERESA SILVER | FIVE POINTS OF HOPE



Bill and Joan Decker of Jenison talk about how Five Points of Hope helped them through a financial crisis. TERESA SILVER | FIVE POINTS OF HOPE

Saying thanks

Pinckney couple Dave and Rhonda Askew struggled to come up with the gasoline money needed to drive him to get radiation treatment at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor in late 2017. They resorted to collecting cans and bottles for that necessary travel expense.

His social worker, Erin Mulvihill, guided them in the direction of Welsh's charity.

"At first, he didn't want to go through anything like that (help from a charity)," Rhonda said. "We went ahead and did it anyway. ... There was no way we could come up with that money."

Dave, a fun-loving 66-year-old "Beatles freak," 66, died March 21 after a short battle with lung cancer.

His widow, who now lives with daughter Christina Edmonds in Fowlerville, still is oh-so-thankful for what Five Points of Hope did for the family.

"They took care of it right away," Rhonda said. "(Dave) turned around and looked at me and he goes, 'I never knew that anybody could work that

fast.'"

Although he ultimately succumbed to the disease, Rhonda and Christina glow with gratitude about how relative strangers did not blink when it came time to provide them with aid.

"(Rhonda) was working full time then, also," Christina said. "So she quit her job so she could go take care of my dad. And that is one of the reasons they fell behind on the bills."

Rhonda pointed out that her husband made sure he gave thanks to the charity, too, even though he knew his time on this planet was short. Dave wrote a thank you letter to Five Points of Hope, put it in a sealed envelope and had Rhonda mail it to the charity's Milford address.

Only recently did his widow find out what he had written.

"He just wanted to let them know how grateful that we were that they were there to help us," Rhonda said. "No red tape, none at all. And Erin (Mulvihill), I'm telling you, she was a great help when it came to that."

Sitting on a couch in Fowlerville, Dave Askew's words were read

out loud.

"At this time in my life, I need to begin my journey home," Rhonda said, voice cracking. "I'm more grateful than words can express. All I can give in return is a great fight and leave those around me with a smile and a song in their hearts. God bless you all. Peace and Love, the Askews."

Deepening debt

Such letters of gratitude to Five Points of Hope (both Decker and Seay also wrote thank you letters) undoubtedly will continue to be dropped into mailboxes.

That's because the important work that Welsh's organization and many, many others tackle isn't going to subside anytime soon.

Lives are being crushed by cancer and financial debt at record numbers. About 17 million Americans are estimated to be diagnosed with cancer this year.

Want another sobering statistic? According to a recent report by the Federal Reserve Board, just under 50 percent of adult Americans can't come up with \$400 in an emergency.

Patients who are in financial difficulty — and in 2016, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau reported that medical debt was the most common reason for a debt collector to come calling — can receive \$500 to pay bills connected to their cancer fight.

Social workers are the conduit between patients and the charity, the latter which typically has an amazing turnaround time of less than a month.

They don't choose

Welsh emphasized that Five Points of Hope does not "play God" when it comes to deciding which applicants receive financial help.

"We don't want to pick and choose who gets what," Welsh said. "So we wanted to decide how much can we provide on an annual basis. First, we started with \$300 per patient, per year, as needed. Then we raised it to \$500. Our goal right now is to move it to \$1,000 per patient, per year."

"The true qualifier, outside of being a Michigan resident, is a licensed social worker has to submit the grant to us, not the patient. And the social worker has got to be the one to deem them financially needy, that they have a financial issue. If we get something in the mail from a social worker, we know we can trust a social worker, that that person needs it. So it's a first-in, first-out."

Five Points of Hope grants can shine a light that helps cancer patients and their families find their way out of the darkness.

"The way I explain that to patients is I am a human GPS system through the health care system," said Debbie Bell, a patient navigator at Karmanos Center Institute at McLaren Health Care in Lapeer. "So I do everything that is non-clinical that the doctors don't do."

"The biggest stressor for all patients in medical care today is financial. So what I do is, if they have big out-of-pocket costs or deductibles, we try to find them financial assistance through foundations like Five Points of Hope."

The burden of bills

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Jenny Bailey, an oncology social worker at St. John Providence in metro Detroit, emphasized that many patients' thoughts turn to the inevitability of major medical debt when a doctor announces they have cancer.

Anything to ease that heavy load, even as little as \$500, can be a burden-lifting windfall, if not really a financial one.

"We think about all the other stuff, right, that comes along with cancer," Bailey said. "Just the emotional and psychological aspects of a cancer diagnosis — to try to figure out how you're going to pay your bills, on top of going through treatment, to have all the financial distresses, it's just overwhelming."

Five Points of Hope is about to make a splash all over Michigan, too, entering the 10th annual Art Van Challenge — which takes place through May 22. People can go to the charity's website (FivePointsofHope.com) and click on a link for the contest. The first prize is \$50,000. It is an event in which Midwestern charities vie for cash prizes to be doled out by Art Van.

"Think about that," Welsh said. "If we use that amount of money, that's 100 people that we can help. That's huge."

The charity still does some smaller-scale things to fill its coffers and, in turn, be there for cancer patients such as one that faced eviction without the \$500 grant, according to Five Points of Hope's Allison Burtrum.

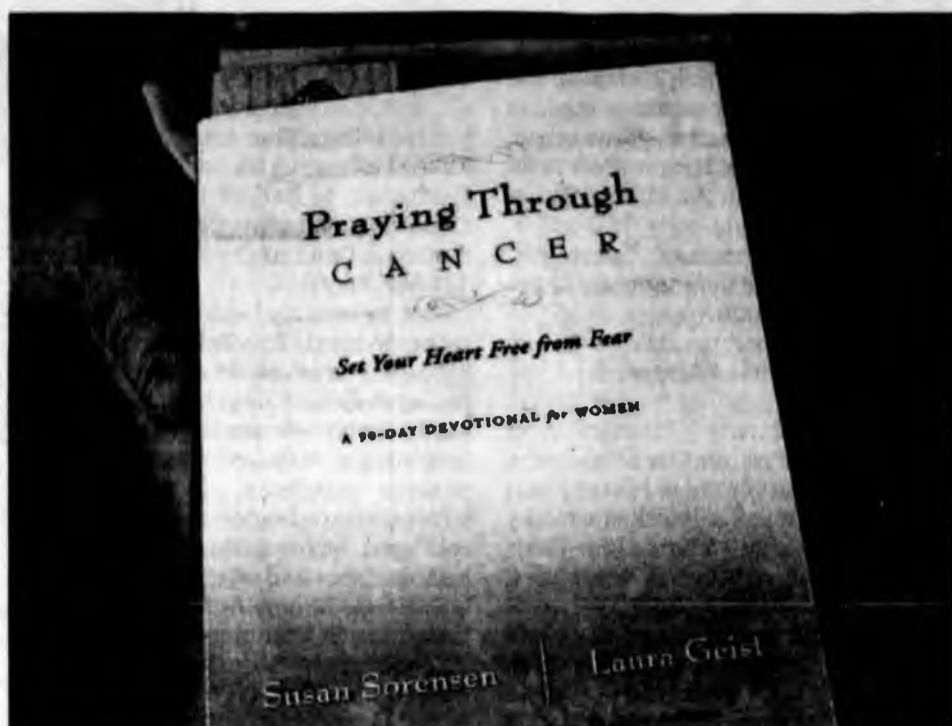
Recently, local events included Eucharist for Hope at Milford American Legion Post 216 and the Community Financial Credit Union's Thumbs Up For Charity. For the latter, Welsh's organization of stay-at-home moms and community-loving volunteers won \$5,000.

All of those winnings go where they can do the most good — helping people in need.

"We are all volunteers. Nobody gets a paycheck or expenses for their gas," Welsh said. "We all pretty much put our own money into this."

Michigan's the focus

Welsh started Five Points of Hope in the early 2000s after the death of her dad, Michael McCusker, from non-Hodgkins lymphoma.



These books helped Lucy Seay the most when she was battling breast cancer in 2017. TERESA SILVER | FIVE POINTS OF HOPE

She invited 50 friends over and raised about \$1,500 to donate to the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

The venture then outgrew her basement. In 2007, it was designated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

"Well, most of the money is raised within Michigan and I'm a huge Michigander," Welsh said. "We decided that the money should go back to our Michiganders. And as a result of that, just making sure everybody was above board."

"And that it shouldn't just be one cancer and it shouldn't just be breast cancer, it shouldn't just be women. It should be everybody, because everybody has a problem, right? Everybody can get diagnosed, I don't care how old you are, what religious denomination, it doesn't matter."

Now she wants it to make philanthropic noise all over Michigan.

Paying it forward

The cheerleading section for Five Points of Hope grows with each grant recipient, each wanting to pay their good fortune forward.

"I respect the organization, because of how it's run," Seay said. "I just want to give back. You just don't know how much those things mean, until you have

been desperate.

"The money is so significant, but the emotional gift was probably the most lasting. The \$500 was huge one year ago, but just the knowledge that I was chosen and that they helped me, that's what's with me every single day."

At the Deckers' home, Joan's cancer is completely gone. They still pray, but to give thanks.

"I don't know how many times that I really did thank God," Joan Decker said. "We have our devotions in the morning. I was, like, 'Thank you for getting that paid and using this organization.'"

"Like I said, if you haven't been there, you just don't know the relief it is to have someone take that burden away from you."

Deeper understanding

Families touched by Five Points of Hope also are coming away with new appreciation for humankind.

Seay said another breast cancer survivor slipped her a worn copy of the book "Praying Through Cancer" by Susan Sorensen and Laura Geist. That now is the one book in her vast collection that means the most to her.

Another book given to her was "Thanks for the Mammogram," filled with anecdotes and inside jokes that

ART VAN CHARITY CHALLENGE

What: Milford-based cancer charity Five Points of Hope has been selected to participate in the 10th annual Art Van Charity Challenge.

Why: First-place prize is \$50,000 to go directly into the coffers to help cancer patients with stressful medical bills. The charity receiving the second highest number of donations during a three-week period will get \$10,000.

When: Through 2 p.m. May 22. Those looking to donate to Five Points of Hope must go to FivePointsofHope.com and click on the Art Van web portal.

Founder Erin Welsh: "All of the donations have to be made via the (Art Van) web portal that they assigned to us and that we have to set up. You can't sell anything to raise money. It's just looking for donations. There are people out there that do want to donate money, because they do want to do something for others. If we can reach those people ... the top prize is \$50,000. Think about that. If we use that amount of money, that's 100 people that we can help. That's huge."

really aren't that funny. But to cancer patients, tales about hair falling out might somehow be reassuring.

They truly are not alone.

"The little things really do add up and mean a lot," Seay said. "Somebody dropping by with a bouquet of flowers or somebody leaving a box of chocolates on the front porch. Those keep you going."

Seay added that getting cancer has shown her that one never knows about people.

"People you never would have expected, they just come out of the woodwork to be helpful in ways that I'll never forget," she said, looking down for a moment. "Then you know how much it means and you want to do it for other people."

So doing for others, inspired by Welsh and Five Points of Hope, indeed reveals a warmhearted charity that's really "on the money" — no matter how much of the stuff actually rolls in.

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VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, will exhibit its member artwork in the library community room, 330 Family Drive. The winners of the 26th annual Poetry Art Night competition will be on display throughout the month of May. PAN is a juried show in which artwork submitted for consideration is accompanied by a poem that is the inspiration for, or was inspired by the piece.

The first-place art award went to Linda Pelowski for her pastel "Autumn Day." The first place in poetry went to Geri Ryan-Harden for her poem "Two," which accompanied her mixed media collage "Down by the Tracks." First place in the humorous poetry category was bestowed on Nancy Ebert for "Circus Train," which narrates her oil painting of the same name.

This free exhibit will be open during regular library hours, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

Milford Community Garden

Plot are available for the 2018 growing season at the Growing Greens Milford Community Garden. A 15- by 15-foot plot is \$35; a slightly larger plot is \$40. There is a one-time, per plot, cleanup deposit fee of \$20. For more information, go to www.growinggreensmilford.org or email info@growinggreensmilford.org.

Student exhibits at Art House

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will present the 19th annual Student Art Exhibit, featuring two- and three-dimensional works of art in various mediums from more than 50 middle and high school students from Northville, Novi and surrounding areas. This year, the schools represented include Northville High School, Meads Mill Middle School, Hillside Middle School and Our Lady of Victory Catholic Middle School in Northville, Novi Middle School in Novi and John Glenn High School in Westland.

The Student Art Exhibit opens with a free public reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 4, with an awards presentation at 7 p.m. It runs through Saturday, May 19.

The Northville Art House will also present the work of students from Northville Public Schools who participated in this year's National PTA Reflections program. Each year, the national PTA offers local, regional, state and national opportunities for young artists to be recognized for their creativity based on a specific theme in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and the visual arts.

The National PTA Reflections exhibition runs Tuesday through Friday, May 22-25. A free public reception will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24.

Both exhibits are open during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Spaghetti dinner

The Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic Street, will host its next spaghetti

dinner 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, May 4. The menu will include homemade meat or marinara spaghetti sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$7 and proceeds benefit the Milford Senior Center.

For more information, call Nancy Hinzmann, Milford Senior Center director, at 248-685-9008.

Arts and Education Show

The Cultural Arts Commission of South Lyon will present its fifth annual Arts and Education Show opening, exhibiting high school artwork created by students attending South Lyon Community Schools, 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the City Hall Gallery, 355 S. Warren Street, in South Lyon.

Since its inception, art teachers Lisa Dunn (South Lyon High School) and Ed Robinson (South Lyon East High School) led the effort to showcase the students' work at the gallery. This year, other collaborating art teachers include Hannah Gerrish, Nicole Keena, Andrew Klebba and Joel Smigell. More than 115 artworks will be on display, featuring paintings, sculptures, ceramics, metalwork, works on paper and photography.

The show is open to the public and runs through Friday, May 25. For more information, contact Josie Kearns, South Lyon Cultural Arts Commission chair, at 248-437-5206.

Legion steak night

The Northville American Legion Post 147, 101 W. Dunlap Street, will host a steak night starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 4. The dinner, which is open to the public, will include steak, pork chops or fish, with potato, vegetable, salad, dinner roll and dessert. New York Strip steak dinners are \$15 and the pork chops and fish are \$12.

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.

'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, 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.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Huron Valley Community Chorus

The Huron Valley Community Chorus will host its 40th annual spring concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Faith Lutheran Church, 3501 E. Highland Road, in Highland. Cost is \$5, with children in eighth grade or younger free.

For more information, go to www.hvcommchorus.com, call 248-887-1514 or email huronvalleycommunitychorus@gmail.com.

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

Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, invites residents to join him for local coffee hours Friday, May 11, at the following times and locations:

■ 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, in White Lake
■ 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland
■ Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, in Milford

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or email JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Hula-hoop for Make-A-Wish

The Northville Hoop Group will be hula-hooping for Make-A-Wish Michigan from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 12, at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road. Learn to hoop or just have fun watching. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested per adult. Children are free. All proceeds are donated directly to help Michigan children and their families.

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 Cen-

ter, 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.

Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, May 14, at the Cady Inn in Mill Race Village. Members have a social and light lunch and the meeting and program will follow. This month, will be the annual plant auction, during which members auction off plants from their gardens or plants they have purchased.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Suemarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

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/golffouting. 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.

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Water charity run is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Kensington Metropark, 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 Wom-

en 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.

Memorial Day Parade

Novi Youth Assistance invites all children ages 6-12 years to join the Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28. Children can decorate trikes, bikes, scooters, wagons, strollers to ride in the parade. Riders meet at the parking lot of Huntington Bank, 43200 10 Mile Road.

Decorate your wheeled vehicles at home or get assistance and free supplies in the assembly area. Bike riders are required to wear a helmet and be escorted by a parent or designated guardian during the parade.

Tollgate Farm spring classes

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

■ Thursday, May 31 — Farm manager Roy Prentice offers a glimpse into the history of Tollgate Farm

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

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

VFAA exhibit at library

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

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

and Saturday.

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

Milford Garden Club events

The Milford Garden Club will hold its 23rd annual garden walk and market sale 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 15, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, rain or shine. Featured on this year's walk will be many unique and diverse residential gardens in Milford and the surrounding areas.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10 beginning in May at www.themilfordgardenclub.org.

Tickets may also be purchased at one of the following downtown Milford locations: Clothing Cove, Acorn Farms, Blossoms on Main Street, Milford Gardens on South Milford Road or The Pond Place in Highland.

For more information, email Janie Cryderman at www.themilfordgardenclub.org.

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.

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

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

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.)

while also having a fun night out of the house.

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

Adopt-A-Reader

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

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

Indivisible Huron Valley

Indivisible Huron Valley is a local non-partisan group committed to social and economic justice and the protection of our environment. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 125 S. Main in downtown Milford. Public welcome.

Youth Alpha film series

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

SL Rec Authority

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



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Super Talk
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I sat with teachers this week at Novi High School as nervous seniors stood before us. For 20 minutes, the nervous seniors, one by one, presented the results of their yearlong research project.

Two years of work had brought them to this moment. In year one, the students had taken AP Seminar, where they had read and studied various types of writing — news stories, research studies, works of literature. This work focused on helping these students learn to collect and analyze information, sort through arguments and, ultimately, form their own thoughts, ideas and arguments.

Year two found these seniors learn-

ing the fine art of academic research: identifying an area of interest; analyzing previous research related to their topic; formulating a research question; developing a research plan; doing the research; identifying the outcome; reporting on the findings.

The final project for these seniors was to present their findings and report on their research.

Juxtapose that experience with AP Research students at Novi High School with my conversation with a young student at one of our elementary schools. I sat down next to him and asked him what he was doing. He very confidently went on to explain the importance of text structure. He was able to tell me how authors organize text, what kind of techniques they use and how those techniques, once known to the reader, are helpful in understanding the text.

When Novi Community School District students graduate, they are well-prepared. They have taken a rigorous

course of instruction that meets and exceeds the requirements set forth by the Michigan Merit Curriculum. In addition to their studies, our students have participated in a wide variety of clubs, athletics and student activities.

But in order for our seniors to reach that point, they have to start somewhere — and where they start is somewhere else in our system. Many students begin with us in kindergarten. Others join us at various points along the K-12 continuum.

At each point along the way, our students experience a rigorous, meaningful school environment. Our students sit and stand and move in classrooms where experienced teachers craft engaging and meaningful lessons. These lessons build a strong foundation, a foundation that prepares a student to stand before the superintendent and a group of teachers to present a yearlong research project.

We hear a lot in the news and from

our friends and neighbors about the lack of rigor in our school system. The common myth is that our schools are just not up to par.

Do not listen to those stories. They are lies.

Here in Novi, we challenge, encourage and support students at every grade level. These experiences prepare them for the rigors of high school. But more importantly, these classroom and school experiences are preparing our students to be successful once they leave our school district.

Our students are being well-served by the teachers in this district. Every day, our teachers focus their lives on helping our students have an opportunity to find their lives.

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

Novi's Smith to head Sweet Dreamzzz board

Local nonprofit Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., has announced Michael Smith of Novi as its new president of the Board of Governors. Smith is vice president for the Associated General Contractors of Michigan and has an impressive, community-oriented resume.

His charitable background includes serving on the governing and foundation boards at Aquinas College, as chairperson of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Michigan and as lead volunteer for packaging and food distribution for the Meals on Wheels program at the Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe.

"Over the years, Sweet Dreamzzz has demonstrated its innovative ability to improve the lives of thousands of children in need when it comes to preparing for and understanding the value of sleep," Smith said. "From a toothbrush and toothpaste to a storybook and teddy bear, along with a comfortable sleeping bag, they help children get what we all take for granted, a good night's sleep. It's my privilege to serve as president of the Sweet Dreamzzz board. My goal is to bring in additional resources to Sweet Dreamzzz so it

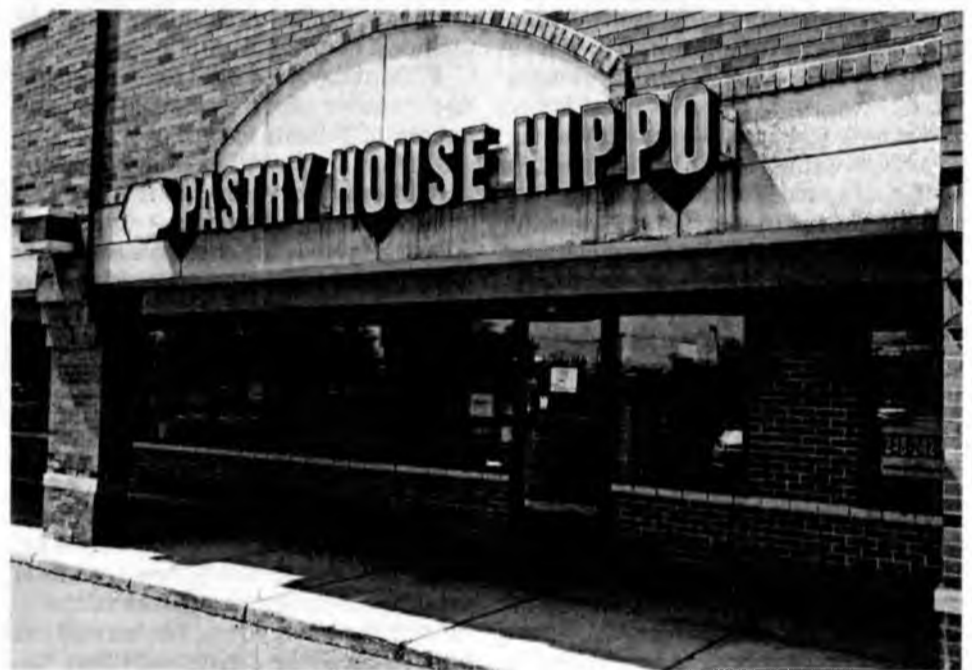
can touch the lives of many more children throughout Michigan."

"Michael Smith has been involved with Sweet Dreamzzz for the past 15 years and, with his extensive background, is a perfect candidate to lead the board of governors," said Nancy Maxwell, Sweet Dreamzzz executive director. "We are thrilled to have Michael's expertise in guiding the organization."



Smith

Founded in 1998, Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., 19171 Merriman Road, in Livonia is a regional nonprofit organization committed to improving children's health, well-being and academic performance by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials to economically disadvantaged students and their families. Since its founding, Sweet Dreamzzz has served more than 55,000 at-risk children and families. For more information, go to www.SweetDreamzzz.org.



Pastry House Hippo in Novi. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Pastry House Hippo back in business temporarily

Owners reopen bakery after closing in February

Sharon Dargay
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Pastry House Hippo Michigan is baking again.

The Novi pastry shop closed in February, when owners Linda and Yusuke Okamoto retired, making way for a new bakery to take Pastry House Hippo's place at 42130 Grand River Ave. The couple reopened their store this month after the deal fell through.

"The business is still for sale," Linda Okamoto said. "We're not sure how long we'll be open. We have two other potential buyers. We'll be open a limited time until we find a buyer."

The Okamotos opened the shop in 1997 and have been hands-on in the production of Japanese and French pastries, breads, buns, doughnuts and other baked treats. Okamoto said she was happy to return to work.

"We were off two months and I was bored to death," she said. "I had to do something. I didn't mind coming back to work. It's nice to do something. I couldn't take retirement."

She said the store has been busy since reopening April 13.

"It's nice to see all the old faces," Okamoto said, recalling former customers who came back to the bakery the past couple of weeks. "I think the word is getting around."

New store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. — or when baked goods sell out —



A sign on the door April 23 at Pastry House Hippo in Novi.. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Wednesday through Sunday.

Okamoto downsized the menu. Danishes, time-consuming French pastries and cakes are no longer available.

"It's a lot of work, which is why we had to cut some things. We're making little animal breads and buns filled with red bean paste," she said. "We're still making doughnuts. We're making dinner rolls and loaf bread."

Savory buns with mayonnaise and ham or tuna salad, plus hot dogs with ketchup and mustard glazed-buns, are back, too.

"Eventually, I'm hoping to make cakes again," she said. "Maybe in a few weeks."

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Pastry House Hippo reopened this month after a two-month hiatus. Although it has limited its menu, it will continue to make buns with whimsical animal faces.

City of Northville Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map

At its regular meeting on May 21, 2018, City Council will introduce for first reading a proposed amendment to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The proposed ordinance amendment would amend the zoning map for the parcel located at 129 N. Wing Street, parcel number 48 002 01 0520 000 from GCD, General Commercial District, to R-1B, First Density Residential District (Conditional Rezoning). The property owner plans to renovate the existing historic house on this site to use as a single-family home.

Public comments will be received at the City Council meeting scheduled for May 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Council Chambers, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300. Written comments may also be submitted to the above address. Complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time or on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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SYNOPSIS April 19, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 19, 2018

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor

Richard Allen, Trustee

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

Symantha Heath, Trustee

Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer

Mindy Herrmann, Trustee

Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas:

A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

A. Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Presentation – Presented

B. Plante Moran Audit Presentation – Received and Filed

C. Re-appoint Shana Maitland to HDC – Approved

D. Opioid Litigation Resolution – Approved

E. Appoint Matthew Heron to the EDC/BRA – Approved

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Brief Public Comments: Three members of the audience had questions or comments for the Board.

5. New Business:

A. Village at Northville – PUD Amendment – Retail – Approved w/ Conditions

B. Resone Parcel – Marilyn (north of Five Mile) – Approved

C. Bid for Road & Curb Repairs – Northville Hills Golf Club – Approved

D. Dues – 2018 The Senior Alliance (TSA) – Approved

E. Stormwater Maintenance Agreement Resolution – Cantoro – Approved

F. Lighting Review Fee Proposal – Approved

G. Stormwater Maint. Agreement Resolution – Stonecrest – Approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances:

A. Approve Amendments to Articles 11, 12, 13 & 25 – Approved

8. Check Registry:

A. In the amount of \$ 4,734,036.63 for the period of 3/3/18 to 4/3/18 – Approved

9. Board Communication & Reports:

A. Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Symantha

Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider

10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees – None

11. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

A draft of the minutes will be available May 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.

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Township police win new recognition

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Recognition by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police has put the Northville Township Police Department in an elite class among the state's law enforcement agencies.

The department in February was formally certified as meeting the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission's best practices standards. It's just the sixth department in the state to win the new MACP-sponsored certification.

"It's all about establishing professional practices," committing to continuous improvement and building a "culture of accountability" in the department, said Todd Mutchler, the township's public safety director.

The MACP formally presented the honor April 19 during the township Board of Trustees meeting.

"What I get to do is come out and tell this community what a great police department it has," Neal Rossow, accreditation program director and a retired Flat Rock police chief, told board members.

The certification follows a detailed process of reviewing, revising and updating the department's policies and practices, work that began in 2016 and



Northville Township Lt. Paul Tennies (left), public safety director Todd Mutchler and James Berlin, a Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police board member and the police chief in Roseville, at the presentation of the new MACP certification.

MATT JACHMAN

accelerated in its last four months, Mutchler said. The effort was led in recent months by Lt. Paul Tennies.

"Every member of the organization participated in some way, shape or form," Mutchler said.

Ideas were gleaned from model policies and there were policy debates and consultations with police trainers and subject-matter experts, he said.

The department's policies had to be written to conform to 105 different

MLEAC standards that address everything from how emergency vehicles are operated to the monitoring of prisoners to police pursuits. Documentation showing that the standards are being followed in the field was required.

"You have to provide proof that you're practicing what you're saying," Mutchler said. "It's a very exhaustive, tedious process."

MLEAC assessors spent two days conducting an on-site evaluation of the department, which included a review of written policies, interviews with department employees and citizen input. Northville Township's evaluation occurred in January.

Mutchler said that although the review noted areas in need of improvement, "We came through with a glowing report."

The new MLEAC certification is supported by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, which provides the township with insurance, as compliance with the standards is thought to reduce a community's legal risks.

"Our residents can take comfort in knowing we are committed to continuous improvement," Mutchler said.

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Plan calls for new entertainment center

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Kevin Adell has envisioned numerous developments — from office towers to hotels, restaurants to medical centers — at the site of the former Novi Expo Center.

None of the ideas came to fruition after the center closed in 2005 and was later demolished in 2012.

Adell, who owns the 22.6-acre site south of I-96 and west of Novi Road, says he now has a winning plan, along with purchase agreements from two hotels, a restaurant and a mix of other businesses. He's asking city officials to rezone the property so he can sell it to his buyers for \$1 million an acre. If all goes according to plan, construction on the \$125 million development could start by spring 2019.

"Today, it's the last great piece of vacant property in a highly visible area in Oakland County," said Adell, whose name is on the water tower at the site. "I worked with the city for many years looking for the right opportunity. This is the right project and I'm successful in my other media properties, so I know this will be the winner, not a pie in the sky."

Adell is CEO of Adell Broadcasting Corp., which owns The Word Network, an African-American religious television station. Adell also owns radio station WFDF-AM (910) and WADL TV (Channel 38).

His father bought the Novi property in 1965 and built a factory that made parts for the auto industry. The building subsequently was leased to Mohawk Liquor Corp. and then converted into a convention and expo center.

"This is the real deal," he said. "You have a viable development here where you'll have a few hundred employees hired by these big companies. It's going to be a big project."

Entertainment center

Adell said Drury Inn plans "a new concept," with a seven-story, 80-room hotel at the site. Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites, a two-story Planet Fitness and a Texas Roadhouse also are on

board. He also inked deals with Carvana, a company that sells cars through the Internet and allows customers to pick up their purchase at a vending machine-style distribution center, and iFLY, which simulates skydiving indoors. He said he's also in discussion with a sports bar. Carvana and iFLY would be new to Michigan.

Adell said the project would generate \$3 million in tax revenue for Novi. He plans to pay for the road and sewer work needed at the site and will preserve green space for a gazebo and adjacent parking for food trucks.

"It's a no-brainer. Right now, the city gets no tax dollars from that property. Vacant property at the gateway to Novi shows you are bad for business, you're difficult on signs and on redevelopment," Adell said. "I want to make sure the city understands this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity when big companies want to invest."

Time line

Sheryl Walsh-Molloy, Novi communications director, said the city received Adell's plans April 16 and that staff would follow "standard protocol" in reviewing them.

Novi's community development staff sketched out a schedule for Adell that began with a meet and greet March 23. Key dates include a public hearing at the planning commission meeting June 13, city council consideration July 9 and 23, city council review of site plans Sept. 10 and a pre-construction meeting Nov. 5.

In a March 15 letter to Adell, City Manager Pete Auger called the timeline "very aggressive" and cautioned that the best-case scenario would work "only if all goes perfectly."

Adell wants to make sure it does. He said he sent postcards to 23,000 Novi addresses, urging recipients to help fast track the process by calling city officials to "demand they move this project forward immediately."

He suspects city officials are excited about the development and ultimately will embrace his plan, but he added "I always prepare for the worst."

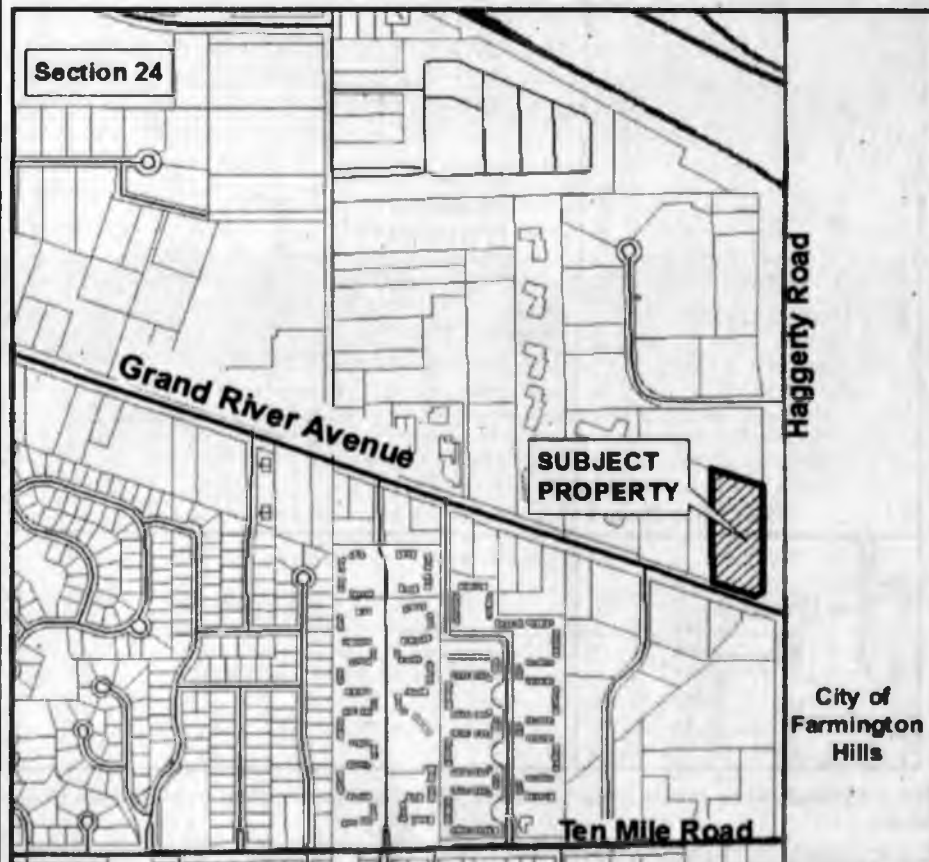
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iFLY, an Austin, Texas company, simulates skydiving indoors and may locate a facility in Novi. Property owner Kevin Adell says he has purchase agreements for his land at I-96 and Novi Road with iFLY, Planet Fitness, Texas Roadhouse, Carvana, Drury Inn and Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites. iFLY

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **MERCEDES BENZ OF NOVI JSP 17-78, FOR SPECIAL LAND USE, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 24, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND WEST SIDE OF HAGGERTY ROAD, IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS (B-3) DISTRICT.** The applicant is proposing to expand the existing parking lot to allow for more dealership inventory parking. Approximately 92 additional vehicles would be accommodated. No changes to the existing building are being proposed at this time. A revised Special Land Use Permit is required for the expansion of outdoor space for sale of new & used vehicles (Sec. 4.36). The parcel address is 39550 Grand River Avenue. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-24-428-010

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **May 23, 2018.**

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Kevin Adell wants to sell his property in Novi to develop hotels, restaurants and entertainment attractions. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Healthy is the way to go at Schoolcraft's Ocelot Cafe

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Like a "berry blast" out of the blue, young athletes are crazy about the healthy food and drink options at Ocelot Cafe — the health-conscious snack bar inside St. Joe's Sports Dome at Schoolcraft College.

And when soccer players might be feeling their "overnight oats" after a tough practice or grueling contest, they can enjoy a helping of that offering, which is served complete with chia seeds for just \$3.49.

"Everything in our deli case is made at the school, at the VisTaTech Center," cafe worker Aaron Eichberg said. "I occasionally have some of the wraps. I've had, like, fruit cups and stuff like that."

For parents and other family members who want to fill up during trips to the dome, more traditional snack bar items such as pizza are available. But so are popular wraps (turkey bacon lettuce anyone?).

"When we have tournaments, usually in between the games, you'll end up getting rushed," Eichberg said. "A lot of times, they'll get smoothies. Those tend to be really popular during those times, during tournaments."

"When it comes to parents, they're getting more, like, their coffee and what not."

Powering up

Michele Sanderson is a Traverse City mom whose son Kevin, 15, recently played a tourney game for the North Storm against the home-grown Michigan Wolves.

"I think it's a great idea, a lot better choices," Sanderson said. "I think the kids now are looking for more healthier options, especially the younger athletes."

She said Kevin is all for healthy drinks, such as the power berry.

"I think that would be the one," Sanderson said, noting that the power berry's ingredients include fresh blueberries, strawberries and raspberries, with a healthy dose of orange juice. "I might try to share that with him."

The healthy approach is all about athletes (including Schoolcraft College players) making nutritious choices while not forfeiting taste in the process.

Schoolcraft chef Heather Moore and



Ocelot Cafe's healthy choices are just fine as far as 10-year-old Camryn Vlcko and her mom Pam are concerned. They are Plymouth residents. TIM SMITH

registered dietitian Emily Camiener teamed on putting together a menu for Ocelot Cafe (which opened a year ago, when the dome was unveiled).

Moore said she and Camiener "have worked very closely together to make sure we are offering options that not only taste good, but also serve a nutritional purpose."

"Emily likes to use the analogy of thinking of your body as a car, with food and drink as fuel," Moore added. "Athletes are like fine-tuned cars that require quality fuel to achieve peak performance."

"You will find gentle little reminders we have placed around the dome for the

players. For example, in our restrooms, we have various little posters of reminders like, 'Are you hydrated?'"

The popular smoothies feature 100 percent fresh fruit and vegetables, with no unnecessary fillers.

"They're great to hide ingredients that are nutritionally beneficial, like kale and spinach, which are both in one of our most popular smoothies, the Hulk Smash," Moore said.

Smart choices

There also are hummus snack boxes and lettuce wraps, popular for on-the-fly tournament customers. Bottled water and Gatorade are drink staples, not

sugary, carbonated beverages.

"To me, this proves that our players want to eat healthy," Moore said. "But they just need the means of having it available to quickly purchase."

After a recent U-10 girls soccer match-up between the Michigan Hawks and Michigan Jaguars, diced watermelon and berries were on the mind of Camryn Vlcko, 10.

"I like getting those fruit cups, I like the watermelon," said Camryn, a Plymouth resident who plays for the Hawks. "I like smoothies, too. I like banana."

Her mom, Pam Vlcko, added that Camryn also has had vegetables and fruits from the cafe.

"We had a smoothie, too," Pam said. "I've gotten the strawberry-banana and she'll sip off it."

"If she's playing and I did not grab dinner, I will get something. I've gotten the yogurt parfait. I think it's excellent. It's better than the chips and everything."

It's all good

Westland resident Chloe Wygonik, 10, a member of the Jaguars, said Ocelot Cafe is right up her alley.

"I like strawberries, cantaloupe," Chloe said. "Sometimes smoothies, if I'm in the mood. I love smoothies. I like eating healthy, chocolate milk."

The quest for nutrition instead of empty calories works for her older sister, 16-year-old Sophia Wygonik (a Livonia Franklin student).

"I love the smoothies and I love the wraps, too," Sophia said. "Sandwiches, that's my go-to. I like the healthy options, but smoothies are definitely a big hit in my family."

"I like it (Ocelot Cafe) a lot. It's very convenient too for all the soccer games. There's a lot of kids coming in and out and we have so many people just sitting around here."

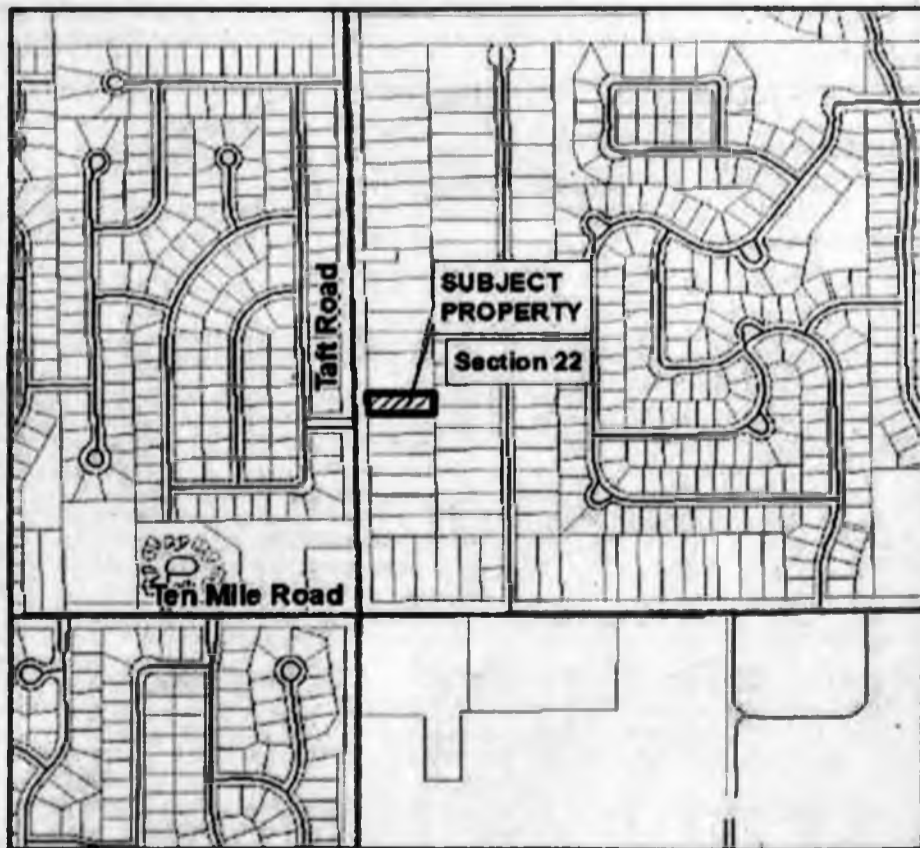
Sophia then nodded in the direction of Chloe about having a one-stop place to get healthy, tasty snacks: "I feel like it's a great option for after practices, because I know you guys get so hungry after practices, yeah?"

As for chowing down on those overnight oats, however, that's something one might have to sleep on.

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Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Tax Map Parcel ID: 50-22-22-301-016

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Sophia Wygonik (left), 16, and Chloe Wygonik, 10, like the smoothies and fruit cups at Ocelot Cafe. TIM SMITH



Cafe customers wait for their healthy snacks and drinks. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

RTA pitches transit plan during regional meeting

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Larry Imerman knows something has to be done when it comes to improving mass transit in metro Detroit.

The Bloomfield Township resident said he's looked at transportation issues for members of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. Looking into private ride-share programs has been a focus of his, but he knows such a plan needs a strong, public transit backbone.

"Many of them need public transportation," he said of the organization. "So I've looked at Uber, I've looked at Lyft. I've looked at ride-share programs that Ford Motor Co. is developing.

"All of them can't exist without a vibrant public transportation system."

That desire for transportation knowledge led him and several others April 25 to the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, where the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan held its first public meeting on the new proposed mass transit plan, dubbed Connecting Southeast Michigan.

The plan, as it currently stands, would add additional bus service along roads such as Eight Mile, 12 Mile, Maple, Grand River and Telegraph, as well as add several express bus lines that would head to Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus. A commuter rail would be added between Ann Arbor and Detroit, adding stops in communities such as Wayne and Dearborn.

For outer-ring communities farther away from the urban core, like South Lyon, Milford and Wixom, the plan would provide additional "hometown" services, which would provide funding for local services like Dial-A-Ride and others.

If the plan receives the appropriate approvals from the members of the RTA board, made up of two members each from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties and another from the city of Detroit, it would head to voters in those four counties on the November ballot. The plan, which would levy a 15-mill additional tax on properties, would need approval in all four counties to take effect.

The plan is different from the one that failed at the ballot box in 2016, eliminating the bus rapid transit in that plan and opting to stick with more traditional bus lines and commuter express routes. All additional lines would operate independently of the current mass transit systems that operate in the four-county region, including SMART, DDOT and AATA's The Ride.

"All the things they do today ... they would continue to provide those services under this plan," RTA COO Matt Webb said. "The RTA is not looking to become a new operator. We're not looking to take services away from SMART or DDOT or The Ride, but we're looking to coordinate and bring more resources to the region so that they can provide additional services."

The plan would see 85 percent of taxes collected in each county return to that county, though between additional state and federal funding, Webb said, it's likely that return would be greater than 100 percent.



Tanya Sharon of West Bloomfield and Gail Whitty of Birmingham look to see if the proposed transit routes fit their needs. Carly Shapiro, a planner with HNTB, explains. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Concern over service

Many leaders, specifically in Detroit's western suburbs, have questioned the proposed plan and its offerings to communities such as Livonia and Novi, stating they worry their citizens will be shouldering a large amount of the financial burden of the plan without enough benefits.

A question was posed to the RTA during the meeting asking that same question, inquiring why it appeared service was significantly less in places like Canton, Livonia and Rochester Hills.

Webb said the proposed system is built off the current SMART system and, without those services running in places like Livonia, more pieces of the transit puzzle would have likely found there way into the plan.

"If you look at a majority of those routes, you have the population, you have the employment centers, you have the existing infrastructure," he said. "Certainly, this is a start. It's not perfect, it definitely isn't."

For those who would like to submit feedback or review the plan more fully, the RTA advises people to go to the authority's website at rtamichigan.org.

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Larry Imerman of Bloomfield Township looks at the transit map. Matt Webb, chief operating officer of RTA, helps out. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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A brief look back: What's in a name?

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Did you ever wonder where the names of our cities originated? Most are named for the areas the settlers came from, others for faraway lands and some for their proximity to another township. Still others remain a mystery to this day.

Here's a rundown on the origin or, in some cases, several possible origins of some local community names.

Livonia: Once part of Bucklin Township, named for settler William Bucklin and divided in 1829 into Nankin and Pekin Townships (more on those names later), Livonia Township came into existence in 1835.

The name most likely comes from the sister city of Livonia, N.Y. However, Livonia was also an eastern European nation that has since divided into Latvia and Estonia and some historical accounts speculate that the name came from that region.

Plymouth: Settled in 1825, the area is named after Plymouth, Mass. According to several historical accounts, the name Plymouth Township was decided at the home of early settler John Tibbits, who also hosted the first township meeting after incorporation in 1827.

Northville: Settled as far back as 1825, the northern part of Plymouth Township became the village of Northville in 1867, descriptive of its proximity to Plymouth. Plymouth and Northville operated under the same government until 1898.

Canton: In 1834, Canton Township was carved out of Plymouth Township. The name harkens to a Chinese city, like its contemporaries Nankin and Pekin, which no longer exist. Apparently a



This piece of rock comes from the Plymouth, England, harbor from where the Mayflower sailed in 1620. Plymouth, Mich., received the rock as a gift from the mayor of Plymouth, England, during its centennial celebration in 1967 (Plymouth incorporated as a township in 1867, even though it was settled in 1825).
PAMELA A. ZINKOSKY

law prohibited townships from using any existing township or post office names, so the founders sought unique names and looked to China for them.

Farmington: Settled in 1824 by Arthur Power, a Quaker, the area was often referred to as Quakertown before its official naming after Farmington, N.Y., Power's home community.

Novi: Originally known as West Farmington, the name changed in 1830.

There are several possible name origins. The first and most well-known possibility is that it's a shortened form of "No. VI," as in No. 6 — a possible reference to Novi being the sixth township on the southwest portion of Oakland County or to it being the sixth stop along the old Detroit-Howell toll road that is now Grand River (although the toll road came along some 20 years after the town was named).

Another well-known story is that resident Dr. John C. Emery's wife simply suggested it at the town meeting, saying it was short and easily written. Whatever the case, the name stuck.

Have an idea for a history article? Contact Pamela A. Zinkosky at pazink@yahoo.com.

County deputies to play softball for charity

The Oakland County Sheriff Office's Police Athletic League program will put on the Battle of the Badges, a charity softball game pitting Oakland County Sheriff's Office against Macomb County

Sheriff's Office, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Jimmy John's Field, 7171 Auburn Road, in Utica.

Tickets are \$10 and children ages 12 and under are free. Concessions will be

available for purchase. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Live entertainment will be provided by Bulletproof, a band made up of sheriff's deputies, and radio personality Mo-

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Cops: Man stole tapestry depicting Last Supper

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It seems Judas isn't the only one to betray the Last Supper.

Livonia police say they are looking for a man accused of walking into a building at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, and taking a tapestry depicting the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples.

Security footage shared by the Livonia Police Department shows the man entering a room and walking out with a rolled-out tapestry depicting the Last Supper, known as the event that established the Holy Eucharist in the Christian faith.

Capt. Ron Taig of the Livonia Police Department said the tapestry went missing back on March 15, though Madonna University officials didn't realize and report it to authorities until April 23.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Sgt. Jim Green of the Livonia



Livonia police say this man is accused of stealing a tapestry depicting the Last Supper from Madonna University. LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police at 734-466-2318.

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The suspect walks out of the room carrying a tapestry depicting the Last Supper. LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Canton to host Acts of Culture Week

Canton will once again focus a spotlight on arts and culture during the eighth annual Acts of Culture Week. This special week, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will begin Saturday, May 12 and run through Sunday, May 20, at various community locations.

In celebration of the arts, a variety of events will be held, some of which include:

■ **May 8:** D&M Art Studio will hold a free outdoor painting class on the lawn of the Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill Road. Participants must register in advance via email to jprovenzano@canton-mi.org or by calling 734-394-5497.

■ **May 14:** Summit Spring Art Exhibition will once again brighten the lobby of the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, from Monday, May 7, through Sunday, May 14. Stop in and view more than 40 works of art. Enjoy a cookie reception 6-7 p.m. Sunday, May

14. These paintings, which are also available for purchase, have been created by the students and instructors of Canton Leisure Services Enrichment Watercolor I, Watercolor II and Oil & Acrylics classes. This exhibit is free and open to the public during normal Summit on the Park business hours. For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.summitonthepark.org.

■ **May 17-20:** Spotlight Players present "Heaven Help Me" at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

■ **May 18:** Acts of Fashion 2018 features a fashion-filled event that includes a fashion runway show and shopping experience, showcasing fashions from metro Detroit designers and boutiques, while also including special performances by local and national talent. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

■ **May 19:** The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district's 10th annual K-12 Art Show will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Plymouth High School cafeteria, 8400 Beck Road. Stop in to enjoy more than 2,000 pieces of student artwork.

■ **May 20:** Art lovers can enjoy a special Coffee and Culture Walking Tour of Canton's DIA Inside | Out program, featuring reproductions of artworks on loan from the Detroit Institute of Arts on display in Canton's Village District. This free walking tour will examine a few of the 10 high-quality reproductions of

masterpieces on display outdoors this spring in Canton.

■ **May 20:** Canton Concert Band presents Silver Screen Soundtracks at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

The Canton Public Library will also be hosting a variety of storytimes and programs during Acts of Culture Week. Find the complete calendar online at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, call 734-394-5360.



DIA Inside | Out art installation of a reproduction of "Savoy Ballroom" by Reginald Marsh is currently on display in front of the Summit on the Park.

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Meteorite hunters enjoying 'bizarre story'

Couple still getting offers despite not selling item at auction

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Striking out at a Christie's of London auction didn't faze a pair of first-time meteorite hunters who discovered one of the billions-of-years-old rocks earlier this year on a lake in Hamburg Township.

Royal Oak couple Ashley Moritz, 34, and Christopher Rodgers, 61, put up for auction a meteorite that fell on frozen Zukey Lake on Jan. 16. The opening bid was \$12,000 in the auction, which was titled "Sculpted by Nature: Fossils, Minerals and Meteorites."

No one bought the 50-gram specimen by the time the auction closed last week.

But failing to find a buyer through the auction isn't the end of the couple's story.

"Christie's wasn't successful, but I've since been contacted by several different meteorite collectors making me different offers," Moritz said. "People want to buy it."

While she declined to disclose what collectors have been offering for the meteorite, she said she is "getting comparable bids."

The couple expects they might make more money if they sell it on their own than they would have if it had sold at the auction.

"However it goes, the offers we have would make up for the commission we would have lost," Rodgers said.

Darryl Pitt, a meteorite consultant to Christie's, said several bidders showed interest in buying the meteorite but it "didn't hit its reserve," he said.

"There was a hefty reserve, which is the least amount the seller is willing to



Ashley Moritz holds up a meteorite she found on a Hamburg Township Jan. 20.

sell it for and (potential buyers in the auction) didn't want to pay it," he said. The amount of the reserve was not disclosed.

Pitts, who is also curator of the Macovich Collection of Meteorites, expects the meteorite will fetch a price high enough to make the couple happy.

"It's a great meteorite and it's only going to be more and more valuable," he said. "One single auction is not a fair barometer for value. They can be quirky. There are all kinds of variables, so we

should not view it as it diminished (the meteorite's) value.

He said less than one kilogram of meteorites from the Jan. 16 event have been documented.

"At the end of the day, what she has is basically extraterrestrial gold," he said. Another silver lining for the couple is they will have another chance to hold the space rock and examine it, which was the best part of discovering it.

"We both hated to see it go to begin with because we didn't have it too long,"

he said. "Every time we looked at it, we noticed something different. So, I was relieved it didn't sell, because now it's on its way back."

Having the space rock returned will give them a chance to make a 3-D printed copy of it to keep for themselves. They also took photographs and made T-shirts for themselves featuring images of the meteorite.

An asteroid hit the Earth's atmosphere on the evening of Jan. 16, passing over metro Detroit at about 8:08 p.m. and creating a fireball seen across the southeastern part of the state before breaking up about 20 miles above the earth.

The following weekend, the amateur treasure hunters searched the area with metal detectors. On the second day of searching, they put down the detectors and started looking with their eyes for signs of meteorites against the township's snow-covered lakes.

While searching where Zukey Lake and Strawberry Lake meet, Moritz spotted a black lump in the snow.

In February, it was put on display at the auction house's New York City location in Rockefeller Center, on exhibit in "Deep Impact: Martian, Lunar and other Rare Meteorites," before going to London.

Scientists at the Cranbrook Institute of Science estimated the meteorite she found is about 4.5 billion years old.

It weighed 50.3 grams, a little less than two ounces, and was estimated to be approximately 2 yards wide.

Moritz and Rodgers have returned to the township to hunt for more meteorites, but they said they haven't found any more.

The meteorite is the most valuable thing they've ever discovered.

"This is the next chapter in a bizarre story," Moritz said. "The whole experience is hilarious and fun, and because it didn't sell at auction, I get another chapter and the fun continues."

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Plymouth earns P-CEP bragging rights

Rottell leads Wildcats to 11-6 victory over Chiefs

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Plymouth earned bragging rights Friday night, completing the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hat trick with an 11-6 win over Canton.

The Wildcats, who improved to 9-3 overall and 4-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, led 4-3 at half-time before going on a 5-2 third-quarter run against the Chiefs (5-4, 3-3), who were unable to recover.

Just two days earlier, Plymouth also defeated P-CEP rival Salem, 6-3.

"Unfinished business has been our team slogan this year," Plymouth coach

Ray Miller said. "Winning the Park championship had a lot to do with it after last year's tough overtime losses. From top to bottom, this was a great program win for us tonight. I'm proud of all of our student-athletes and it's a great night to be a Wildcat."

Ethan Rottell paced Plymouth with three goals and two assists, while Harrison Albano added two goals and two assists.

Other top scorers for Plymouth included Gavin Roach, two goals, one assist; Brendan Allen, one goal; Bryan Twinney, one goal; Jake Roach, one goal; and Ian Gozdzor, one assist.

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Plymouth's Jacob Roach (left) goes on the attack against Canton's Connor Flanigan. MICHAEL VASILNEK

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Down on 'The Corner'



Schoolcraft's Toni Biberaj hurls a pitch toward the plate during Friday afternoon action at The Corner Ballpark. TIM SMITH

Schoolcraft players soak in lore of old Tiger Stadium

Tim Smith
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The famous baseball field at "The Corner" was where famous players with famous names like Cobb, Kaline, Horton and Trammell plied their trade.

Now you can add new names to that list — Ogg, Harthun, Diponio, Ciesielski.

Those latter names belong to players on Schoolcraft College's baseball team, which Friday played a doubleheader against Macomb Community College at The Corner Ballpark Presented by Adient.

Baseball again is being played on the very spot where the Detroit Tigers roamed for a century, thanks to an \$18 million project undertaken by the Detroit Police Athletic League.

Unfortunately, as far as the Ocelots were concerned, it wasn't good baseball.

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Schoolcraft College players (from left) Nick Cotter, Michael Diponio, Ben Harthun and Nick Powell enjoyed the chance to play on the site of the legendary Tiger Stadium. TIM SMITH

BOYS TRACK

Momeyer, Hall propel Churchill to city crown

Both figure in four wins as Chargers repeat; Stevenson runner-up

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Taji Hall and Josh Momeyer proved to be a potent one-two combination for Churchill during Saturday's Livonia city boys track and field meet.

Both figured in four first-place finishes as the Chargers repeated as champs, edging Stevenson, 107-94. Host Franklin was third with 38, while Clarenceville scored one point to place fourth.

Hall, a senior, impressed by winning the high jump (6 feet, 1 inch), long jump (20-4¾) and 300 hurdles (42.97), while also teaming with Justin Carter, Will Hengy and Momeyer for a victory in the 1,600 relay (3:35.97).

"It's a cold day, but it's just a day to compete, just another day being out here with all my boys and just compete for another championship," Hall said. "I was happy with it, but I still have a lot more work to do this season with some more meets coming up. But it's hard with the weather and everything

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Churchill's Josh Momeyer (left) and Taji Hall both figured in four first-place finishes at the Livonia city meet. BRAD EMONS



GIRLS TRACK

Churchill repeats as Livonia city champion

Moultrie, Swider lift
Chargers over
Stevenson, Franklin

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The Livonia Public Schools district girls track and field city meet was almost too close to call.

Churchill, however, continued its long reign by repeating as team champion, but it was by a razor-thin margin as the Chargers scored 88 points. Host Franklin and Stevenson were a close second and third with 84 and 82, respectively.

Junior Iamani Moultrie and senior Gabrielle Swider helped tip the scales in Churchill's favor.

Moultrie, a junior, swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 13.33 and 26.73, respectively. She also was second in the long jump (15-6¼).

Swider, headed to Michigan, won the 800 (2:24.78) and 1,600 (5:23.59), while also placing second in the 400 (1:02.07).

"Iamani is an incredible athlete, because she never lets anything else affect her performance," first-year Churchill coach Becki Barnes said. "She's consistently hungry for the win, regardless of the circumstances, regardless of the cold or anything that's going on. Gabi is the same thing, always gives 100 percent, 150 percent, all the time. She always has her game face on. I'm consistently amazed on how these athletes perform."

Other first-place contributions for the Chargers came from Cate Visscher (pole vault, 11-0) and Jessica Maladecki (high jump, 4-8), who also was runner-up in the 200 (28.52), as well as third in the 400 (1:02.83) after running back-to-back with a leg in the 400 relay.

"Outstanding performance turned in by Jessica," Barnes said. "She's got a lot of heart."

With temperatures hovering around at 39 degrees for the 9 a.m. Saturday start, coupled with a 15 mph biting wind, conditions were less than ideal.

Churchill was also running its fourth meet in nine days.

"With injuries and as far as being able



The Churchill girls track and field team repeated as Livonia Public Schools district champion.

to come up with our strategy on how to win, we ask athletes to take on different roles that they might not be comfortable doing," Barnes said. "But as we work it through and score it different ways, everybody has to step it up in different departments and today they did that."

Churchill also survived a dropped baton that caused a disqualification in the 800 relay.

"My thoughts were, 'What?' Stuff happens and it's hard for the athletes," Barnes said. "That didn't go our way at all and it was actually a glitch, if you can call it. But everybody kept their chins up, kept their eyes on the prize, went hard and we were able to overcome it."

Franklin, meanwhile, garnered eight first-place finishes, led by sophomore Kelly Peyton, who swept the 100 and 300 hurdles in 17.9 and 51.17, respectively. She also teamed with Alaina Herrera, Brooke Gietzen, Emily Esker for a victory in the 800 relay (1:54.53).

Junior Anna Lauber was first in the shot put (32-0) and discus (86-5), while junior Erin Seibert captured the 3,200 (12:25.82) after placing third in the 1,600.

Sophomore Jessica Huddleston also captured the long jump (15-6¼), while the Patriots' 400 relay team of Cierra Echeblem, Gietzen, Josie Ransley and Herrera was victorious (53.06).

"Our girls made a great showing today," Franklin coach Megan Morris said. "We lost to Churchill by four points in the end, but it was a great meet. We had

eight first-place finishes, which really shows off how versatile this team is. I'm so proud of the dedication I saw from all of my girls today. Across the board, everyone had their head in the game and they were super-focused. It is easy on bad weather days like this to get wrapped up in how cold it is. My girls, however, didn't let that get to them. I could not have asked for any more from them today."

Stevenson, only six points out of first place, got a win from junior Allie Terry, 400 (1:01.66), who also teamed with Kylie Callison, Gracie Droz and Emily Lauzon for a triumph in the 1,600 relay (4:20.55).

The Spartans' 3,200 relay team of Droz, Callison, Cassie McDougall and Lauzon also placed first (10:17.75).

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD MEET April 28 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 88 points; 2. Franklin, 84; Stevenson, 82.

FIELD EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Anna Lauber (F), 32 feet; 2. Alexa Pierzynski (S), 29-4; 3. Jessica Mancini (S), 28-9; **discus:** 1. Lauber (S), 86-5; 2. Mya McKinney (C), 85-7; 3. Emily Thompson (F), 82-3; **high jump:** 1. Jessica Maladecki (C), 4-8; 2. (tie) Kya Dooley (C) and Iamani Moultrie (C), 4-6 each; **long jump:** 1. (tie) Jessica Huddleston (F) and Moultrie (C), 15-6¼ each; 3. Josie Ransley (F), 15-6¼; **pole vault:** 1. Cate Visscher (C), 11-0; 2. Natalie Yurgil

(C), 9-0; 3. Kyria Gowman (S), 8-6.

RUNNING EVENT RESULTS
100-meter hurdles: 1. Kelly Peyton (F), 17.90; 2. Abbey Curtis (S), 18.11; 3. Samantha Hinkle (S), 18.48; **300 hurdles:** 1. Peyton (F), 51.17; 2. Beth White (S), 52.37; 3. Curtis (S), 53.44; **100 dash:** 1. Moultrie (C), 13.33; 2. Ransley (F), 13.96; 3. Brooke Gietzen (F), 14.06; **200:** 1. Moultrie (C), 26.73; 2. Maladecki (C), 28.52; 3. Alaina Herrera (F), 28.84; **400:** 1. Allie Terry (S), 1:01.66; 2. Gabrielle Swider (C), 1:02.07; 3. Maladecki (C), 1:02.83; **800:** 1. Swider (C), 2:24.78; 2. Emily Lauzon (S), 2:28.36; 3. Kylie Callison (S), 2:32.53; **1,600:** 1. Swider (C), 5:23.59; 2. Lauzon (S), 5:35.01; 3. Erin Seibert (F), 5:40.23; **3,200:** 1. Seibert (F), 12:25.82; 2. Cassie McDougall (S), 12:34.33; 3. Sierra Greener (F), 12:41.10.

RELAY RESULTS
400: 1. Franklin (Cierra Echeblem, Gietzen, Ransley, Herrera), 58.13; 2. Stevenson, 1:00.62; **800:** 1. Franklin (Herrera, Gietzen, Emily Esker, Peyton), 1:54.53; 2. Stevenson, 1:00.62; Churchill, disqualified; **1,600:** 1. Stevenson (Callison, Gracie Droz, Lauzon, Terry), 10:17.75; 2. Churchill, 5:44.05; **3,200:** 1. Stevenson (Droz, Callison, McDougall, Lauzon), 10:17.75; 2. Churchill, 10:56.51; 3. Franklin, 11:50.19.

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going out there."

Momeyer, a junior, swept the 400- and 800-meter races in 52.87 and 2:03.96, respectively. He was also part of the victorious 3,200 relay team, along with Hengy, Camren Thomson and Eric Pensari (4:36.36) in addition being on the first-place 1,600 relay.

"Definitely getting sore, definitely feeling all the races," Momeyer said. "I'm just happy to run for my team, just a bunch of my hilarious, fun teammates that I love to be around and cheer them on. Just to be out here in front of the other Livonia teams is a great experience."

Hall accounted for 19½ of Churchill's points, while Momeyer figured in 15.

"Those guys were in four events and winning in all four events," Churchill coach Jordan McClellan said. "You can't talk enough on how much they do for us. Taji is actually just running his first meet of the season this week, so it took a while to get him to get up to speed and right away he showed it."

Other Churchill wins came from Deon Pitchford in the 100 dash (12.08) and Michael Parrish II in the discus (128-7).

It was not an ideal day for track and field, as temperatures barely reached 40 with a stiff north wind.

"Today, we did really well with places, but the times are not there yet because of this weather we've had this season has been horrible," McClellan said. "We've had four or five meets in the last week-and-a-half. Weird schedule this year with the KLAA changes, weather delays and all that kind of stuff. There's an issue with Plymouth's track being out of commission, so it's caused a lot of schedule changes this year. It's made it tough, but our kids fought through the adversity, came out here, bad weather day, but they all fought and competed, came out with the win."



Livonia Churchill repeated as boys track and field city champion. ELIZABETH HENGY

Stevenson was paced by senior Ben Griffith, who swept the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs in 4:45.94 and 10:16.74, respectively. Other Stevenson wins came from freshman Caden Woodall, 200 (24.6); Brendan Plue, shot put (43-11); and Collin Bowersox, pole vault (12-6).

Senior Marcus Martin led Franklin with a win in the 110 hurdles (16.41), while also teaming with James Carpenter, Ethan Porecca and Doug Neal for a victory in the 800 relay (1:54.53).

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD MEET April 28 at Franklin

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 107 points; 2. Stevenson, 94; 3. Franklin, 38; 4. Clarenceville, 1.

FIELD EVENT RESULTS
Shot put: 1. Brendan Plue (S), 43 feet, 11 inches; 2. Arsell Weary (F), 43-10¼; 3.

Camden Gould (S), 42-4; **discus:** 1. Michael Parrish (C), 128-7; 2. Nicholas Leginza (S), 124-6; 3. Plue (S), 119-6; **high jump:** 1. Taji Hall (C), 6-1; 2. Chris Brown (C), 5-6; 3. Martell Dooley (C), 5-6; **long jump:** 1. Hall (C), 20-4¼; 2. Dooley (C), 19-6; 3. Aidan Pittenger (F), 18-0; **pole vault:** 1. Collin Bowersox (S), 12-6; 2. Jackson Ramsay (C), 12-0; 3. Russell Rusnell (F), 11-0.

RUNNING RESULTS
110-meter hurdles: 1. Marcus Martin (F), 16.41; 2. Jake Kaupp (S), 17.0; 3. Xavier Loggins (C), 17.5; **300 hurdles:** 1. Hall (C), 42.97; 2. Kaupp (S), 43.04; 3. Nithin Phillip (S), 44.52; **100 dash:** 1. Deon Pitchford (C), 12.08; 2. Caden Woodall (S), 12.12; 2. Darrell Mason (C), 12.17; **200:** 1. Woodall (S), 24.6; 2. Pitchford (C), 24.72; 3. Mason (C), 24.93; **400:** 1. Josh Momeyer (C), 52.87; 2. Trevor Klatt (S), 55.83; 3. Brown (C), 57.06; **800:** 1. Momeyer (C), 2:03.96; 2. Michael Mack-

iewicz (F), 2:06.19; 3. Will Hengy (C), 2:06.21; **1,600:** 1. Ben Griffith (S), 4:45.94; 2. Hengy (C), 4:47.96; 3. Owen Rowader (S), 4:50.47; **3,200:** 1. Griffith (S), 10:16.74; 2. Eric Pensari (C), 10:21.23; 3. Rowader (S), 10:30.07.

RELAY RESULTS
400: 1. Churchill (Pitchford, Almo Regazi, Tyrese Williams, Mason), 45.83; 2. Stevenson, 46.97; 3. Franklin, 47.26; **800:** 1. Franklin (Martin, James Carpenter, Ethan Porrecca, Doug Neal), 1:38.25; 2. Stevenson, 1:38.28; 3. Churchill, 1:38.96; **1,600:** 1. Churchill (Justin Carter, Hengy, Hall, Momeyer), 3:35.97; 2. Stevenson, 3:45.58; 3. Franklin, 3:51.29; **3,200:** 1. Churchill (Hengy, Camren Thomson, Pensari, Momeyer), 8:36.36; Stevenson, 8:38.08; 3. Franklin, 8:47.36.

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GIRLS SOCCER

State-ranked Seaholm singes Farmington, 6-2

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Farmington certainly got off on the right foot April 26 in the OAA White Division girls soccer game against state-ranked Seaholm at Maple Field in Birmingham.

Senior captain Erin Abramczyk cleanly deflected a crisp cross by Marlee Pope to the far side of the net four minutes into the game to put the Falcons up, 1-0. It marked just the second time all season that Seaholm trailed in a game.

The Maples stormed back, however, to take a 2-1 halftime lead and took control with a sizzling four-goal second half en route to a 6-2 victory.

Seaholm's outstanding play on the pitch certainly impressed Farmington head coach Shaun Gray.

"Overall, they play fast. When they have the ball, they play quickly and they try to get from one end to the other as fast as possible," said Gray, in his second season at Farmington. "They really put the pressure on. As soon as we turn the ball over, we just found it really hard to defend from that moment. And the longer the game goes on, the harder it becomes.

"We took that early lead and I think that kind of shocked Seaholm a bit," he added. "At halftime it was still close and at 3-1 we had a couple chances that we didn't score on and if we convert those chances it could be a different game. But, they are just a very good team."

A wake-up call

Veteran Seaholm head coach Manuel Rodrigues indicated that early deficit served as a wake-up call for his talented squad. The Maples were sparked by senior captain Zoe Gaffney who finished with four goals and an assist.

"I wasn't worried that they scored the first goal, because we can kind of get them in bunches," said Rodrigues, whose No. 7-ranked squad (Division I) is a perfect 9-0 this season. "But funny enough, the fact that they got the goal kind of settled us. We started passing the ball around and started playing the game.

"We know everyone is coming in here and they know that we're ranked and they are all giving us a good game," he added. "I give Farmington a ton of credit. They are strong, well-coached and they gave us something to think about."

After Abramczyk opened the scoring, Gaffney nearly tied it five minutes later with a deflected shot that Farmington goalie Alex Thomas was in perfect position to make the key save. A few minutes later, junior Cate Brown appeared to have scored for Seaholm, but the goal was disallowed because of offsides.

The Maples finally broke through at the 22:08 mark, when junior Ashley David booted a 25-yard shot from the right



Seaholm senior Zoe Gaffney bends one of her four goals past Farmington goalie Alex Thomas. MARTY BUDNER

side that hit the post and caromed into the net. Then, with 7:12 left in the first half, Gaffney scored her first goal from 15 yards out, on an assist from junior Bella Rodrigues.

Seaholm's big second half

Seaholm quickly made it a 3-1 game a minute into the second half, when the Liberty University-bound Gaffney connected from 20 yards out with a left-footed shot that bent into the far side of the net.

Farmington had a chance to cut into the lead at the 25-minute mark, when Casey Borden was set up perfectly from Abramczyk right in front of the net. However, Seaholm sophomore goalie Maya Nesti made the save to keep it a two-goal game.

From that point on, it was all Seaholm.

Junior Caroline Esper scored on a turnaround shot from 15 yards out directly in front of the net at 19:02 and Gaffney followed less than a minute later with a brilliant header into the far corner, which was set up by senior Natalie Erne.

Farmington sophomore Kristina Agee scored at the 12:45 mark and Gaffney finished off her big night with a goal at 9:23.

"It was a tale of two halves. I told them at halftime it was a terribly messy

game," Rodrigues said. "The strength of our game is the possession game and, when we pass the ball around and we get space, we're OK.

"I didn't really say too much at halftime. I'd like to take that credit," he added. "The reality was, we were playing a poor game and they had to step it up and they did."

Seaholm dominated the game statistically, out-shooting Farmington by a 21-5 margin and taking nine corners to one. Nesti made four saves in goal for Seaholm, while Farmington's Thomas made eight.

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Farmington senior Erin Abramczyk (right) celebrates the game's first goal against Seaholm with teammates (from left) Kristina Agee, Marlee Pope and Casey Borden. MARTY BUDNER

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Plymouth goalie Blake Nowicki made nine saves, with help defensively coming from Charlie Shaver, Jake Marciniak, Josh Montroy, Grant Caswell, Mitchell Bates and Mike Mathias.

"Outside of X's and O's, our message was clear that we were going to outwork them because this meant more to us," Miller said. "In my opinion, that's exactly what we did. We won the little battles, which ultimately led to result we worked hard for."

Top scorers for Canton included Jack Cervantes (two goals, one assist), Zach Sweet (two goals), Nick Polydoros (one goal, one assist) and Chase Meredith (one goal).

"We kind of carried the play in that first quarter," said Canton coach Josh

Simmons, whose team led 3-1, "but the game was won and lost on ground balls. They just beat us to a lot of ground balls. When the ball was on the ground, we just couldn't come up with them, especially in the defensive zone."

Connor Flanagan added seven ground balls, while goalie Sam Bowling made seven saves for Plymouth.

"They scored their first couple of goals off of fast breaks from scooping up ground balls in their defensive zone," Simmons said. "They took two straight fast-break goals and tied the game. Once they got a couple of more goals, after that we just really couldn't get our footing. Face-offs, I was very happy with. I thought both our face-off guys did a very good job."

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Stadium

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Macomb won the opener 18-3 in six innings. Schoolcraft came back to win Game 2, 8-7.

"If you're a baseball guy, old Tiger Stadium has a lot of meaning to it," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Fay said. "And obviously, our players are a little young to remember."

"But I thought it'd be a great time for them to get out and get some more experience and learn the history of baseball a little bit."

All it took was a telephone call, an email, and a check for \$500 to book the all-turf field for a half-day. The Ocelots' regular field, Ford Field in Livonia, was unavailable all weekend due to a household hazardous waste and electronic waste drop-off event.

Little League and high school teams in the city now have a permanent place to hang their gloves and bats and with that are hopes that baseball will begin to flourish with today's youngsters.

"It's good for the city, because there was a vacant ground for a while," said Ocelots pitcher Nick Cotter, a Livonia Stevenson alum. "But I know a lot of people kept it up after they tore the stadium down."

"A lot of good things happened here. They won a World Series here, so it's kind of cool to say I played on the same ground."

Another Stevenson graduate, Michael Diponio, added, "It's just cool to play at the famous venue downtown. A lot of greats have played down at the old Tiger Stadium. It's just cool to be a part of it. It's a pretty nice field."

Northville alum Ben Harthun played in the same spot Hall of Fame player Al Kaline did, in right field. He had to pinch himself.

"It's a good feeling. (I'm a) big Tigers fan, I like all the Detroit teams," Harthun said. "It's really cool to be out here on the same location some of the greats were at. It's wonderful, a great ballpark."

Nick Powell, who hails from Walled Lake Northern, grinned about the unique opportunity.

"The all-turf field is really cool, I've never really played on anything like it. It's really nice," Powell said. "It's really cool to play on the same field as all the old Tigers and all the old greats."



Milford baseball alums worked the left side of the infield Friday for the Ocelots. At shortstop is Devin Ogg, while Nick Ciesielski played third base. TIM SMITH

Back to the future

And the field where the college teams played Friday featured the same dimensions as Tiger Stadium did — 340 feet to left, 440 feet to center and 325 feet to right.

The original and historic center field flagpole remains where it's always stood — and that means in the field of play.

"Everything's the same, the dimensions are the same, the flagpole is still in play in center field," Fay said. "The fencing for the outfield, I understand, was the fencing and the gates that they had around the stadium. But everything's laid out exactly the same. The dugout we're sitting in is exactly where the Tigers dugout was."

"When you drive by and you see this small piece of property that it's on, it's amazing thinking about how big Tiger Stadium used to be, with the three different levels of seating. It's kind of mind-blowing."

Schoolcraft assistant coach George Kontos stood out on the sidelines near the "Willie Horton Field of Dreams" logo that is painted into the turf in foul territory. He shook his head and smiled.

"It's a field of dreams, a lot of history

today," Kontos said. "Earlier today, I sang the boys a song about the old stadium and they all got a kick out of it, because there's so much history since 1912."

"Just amazing. When I was growing up I couldn't wait to come here as a kid. ... Still a kick to be here."

That tune was "The Park at the Corner" by folk singer Russ Franzén.

Fay said he would like to see Schoolcraft make an annual pilgrimage to The Corner Ballpark.

"With the weather being what it is and losing games early, because of not having artificial turf, it would be great for us," he said. "We just got done playing 12 games in six days, because of postponements."

Tim Richey, CEO of the Detroit Police Athletic League, said response to the new venue has been overwhelmingly positive since it opened March 24.

"We're happy to have so many people that are really giving us some positive feedback about the field and how we've honored the history here," Richey said. "And at the same time, created a really state-of-the-art facility that will allow kids for generations to come to make their own memories out here. It's been a lot of fun."

There are displays and kiosks around the ballpark that delve into Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions history (the NFL team also played at old Tiger Stadium).

"Our campaign was 'The Kids at the Corner Campaign,' which was designed to give kids a chance to play at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull," Richey said. "But just as importantly, (it gives) a chance for kids to play at every corner in Detroit."

"So we're hoping that this corner here will really help serve as a beacon for other corners in Detroit and allow PAL to continue growing our programs throughout all the neighborhoods."

Richey said interest in PAL "diamond sports" such as baseball, softball and T-ball are on the rise.

"But PAL's always had a very strong diamond sports program," Richey added. "We get grant dollars from the Detroit Tigers Foundation and others to support the diamond sports."

"But we think the interest in baseball is going to keep on growing from here."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Catholic Central coach Dyer resigns

A.D. Babicz
to begin search
for replacement

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Bill Dyer decided April 26 that it was the proper moment to signal his final timeout with the Detroit Catholic Central basketball program.

The head coach the past 12 years for the Shamrocks, Dyer stepped down after a meeting with CC athletic director Aaron Babicz.

The 52-year-old Dyer leaves the Novi school with a 141-110 record, including one Class A regional and five district championships. He also captured the Catholic League A-B Division and Operation Friendship crowns in the same season (2011-12) as well.

"A lot of it was just the toll of 28 years (coaching) has been tough and every year I get a little bit older, it just gets more difficult," Dyer said. "And I felt it was the right time, for both the school and myself, to move forward."

Dyer, a Livonia resident who teaches at Redford Thurston High School, said Friday he had informed his staff, but had not yet met with the players of his decision to step away.

"Beyond the basketball aspect of it and

just the competitive atmosphere of the league every night, I'm certainly going to miss the relationships that I've built over there," Dyer said. "I've had a lot of members of the community that have been like family to me. And that's been just a great experience for me and for my family."

In Dyer's final season at CC, the Shamrocks finished 12-9, losing to Canton, 55-48, in the district tourney at Salem. Previously he was the head coach six seasons at Livonia Stevenson and two at Livonia Clarenceville.

Dyer

Dyer, who played basketball and graduated from Madonna University in 1989, also coached eight seasons as an assistant at his alma mater Dearborn Divine Child after graduating from there in 1984.

Hired by former athletic director Robert Santello, Dyer replaced Rick Coratti as CC's varsity coach in 2006-07, going 3-17 in his inaugural season. He had only one other losing season (2012-13) thereafter.

"I think the biggest thing about coach Dyer is the fact that he's a championship character guy," Babicz said. "He loves the school, loves the kids and loves what Catholic Central stands for. And they did some great things here at CC, there's no doubt about it. He's a huge part of our family here at Catholic Central."

Dyer's heir apparent is anybody's guess at this stage, as Babicz begins his search.

"I think, first and foremost, we need somebody that's got that same level of championship character before anything else," he said, "somebody who is a high-energy guy, who's got a great knowledge of the game, who knows how to build relationships in our community, but not only that, build relationships with the kids. I want somebody in front of our kids who is going to make them believe in themselves and make them feel they can be better than they ever thought they could be."

Dyer is the second coach from the Catholic League Central Division to step down. Birmingham Brother Rice is also searching for a new coach after Ed Shaffer resigned earlier this month following 11 seasons.

University of Detroit-Jesuit, meanwhile, has captured the last six A-B Division titles.

"If we have a guy in our in front of our program that makes the kids believe they're family before they're a team, then I know we're going to be successful," Babicz said.

Catholic Central graduated only four seniors off last year's team and several key players return next season, including a talented class of juniors led by Davis Lukomski, Justin Rukat and Keegan Koehler.

"That was the toughest part for me,"

Dyer said. "I've had fantastic kids playing for me the past couple of years, just exemplary kids. That made it really difficult, but the truth of the matter is it's been a difficult job to coach basketball and CC ... it's tough and rewarding at the same time. I want to leave the school in a better place than when I got there, but I think by leaving now will be good for me and my family, but also be good for somebody new to come in to get off to a great start with a good group of seniors."

Two of Dyer's former standout players at CC, Tim Dezelski and Kyle Cooper, went on to earn NCAA Division II All-America honors at Hillsdale College and played professionally in Europe. Another former Shamrock, C.J. Baird, was a freshman walk-on this season for Michigan's NCAA championship runner-up team.

Just this past season, Dyer's team posted the highest academic grade-point average among all basketball teams in the state.

"Bill and I built a great relationship over the years," Babicz said. "I know he's leaving CC with his head held high, obviously, with a great sense of pride. He put a lot of time into this at a school in years past traditionally hasn't been a basketball school ... some huge character wins."

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YOUTH WRESTLING

Host Matcats rule USA Wrestling Triple Crown

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The host Michigan Matcats did not disappoint Sunday, scoring a meet-best 58 points to win the third annual Matcat Triple Crown at Brighton's Maltby Middle School.

The Michigan USA Wrestling-sanctioned event is considered one of the spring's most competitive youth tournaments.

"By working with the Brighton youth and high school wrestling programs, we were able to host the best spring event we've ever had," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "We entertained more wrestlers than any in years past and wrapped up hours earlier. The best wrestlers in the state look to our event every year to provide extremely tough competition as they prepare for the state finals in two weeks. This event proved best in class, with nearly every bracket filled with state placers and champions."

In freestyle, first-place Matcats included Mason Aluia, Beck Yurkunas, Dominic Nauss, R.J. Green, Nathan Walkowiak, Luke Whitehouse, Sabrina Nauss, Travis Richardson and Antonio Nauss.

Second place went to Gabriel Adam, Wyatt Green, Cole Schwegler, Odysseus Schlusler, Jameson Wood, Drake Pollins, Dean Smith, Duke McDonald, Easton Hardesty, Mason Gardner, Jack Toth, Jonah Koilpillai, Ben Leece, Jackson Knapp, Theo Hoadley and Maxwell Honiss.

Placing third for the Matcats were Jason Moe, Nathan Weiland, C.J. Sageman, Edward Woodsum, Devin McKinney, Aiden Meyers and Kailyn Garrett.

Fourth-place finishers included Gunnar Pollins, Wesley Honiss, Conrad Eberly, Alexander Ehrman, Sullivan Haas, Tanner Adam, Chase Adam, Peerless Schlusler, Grace Gallop and Owen Hopkins.

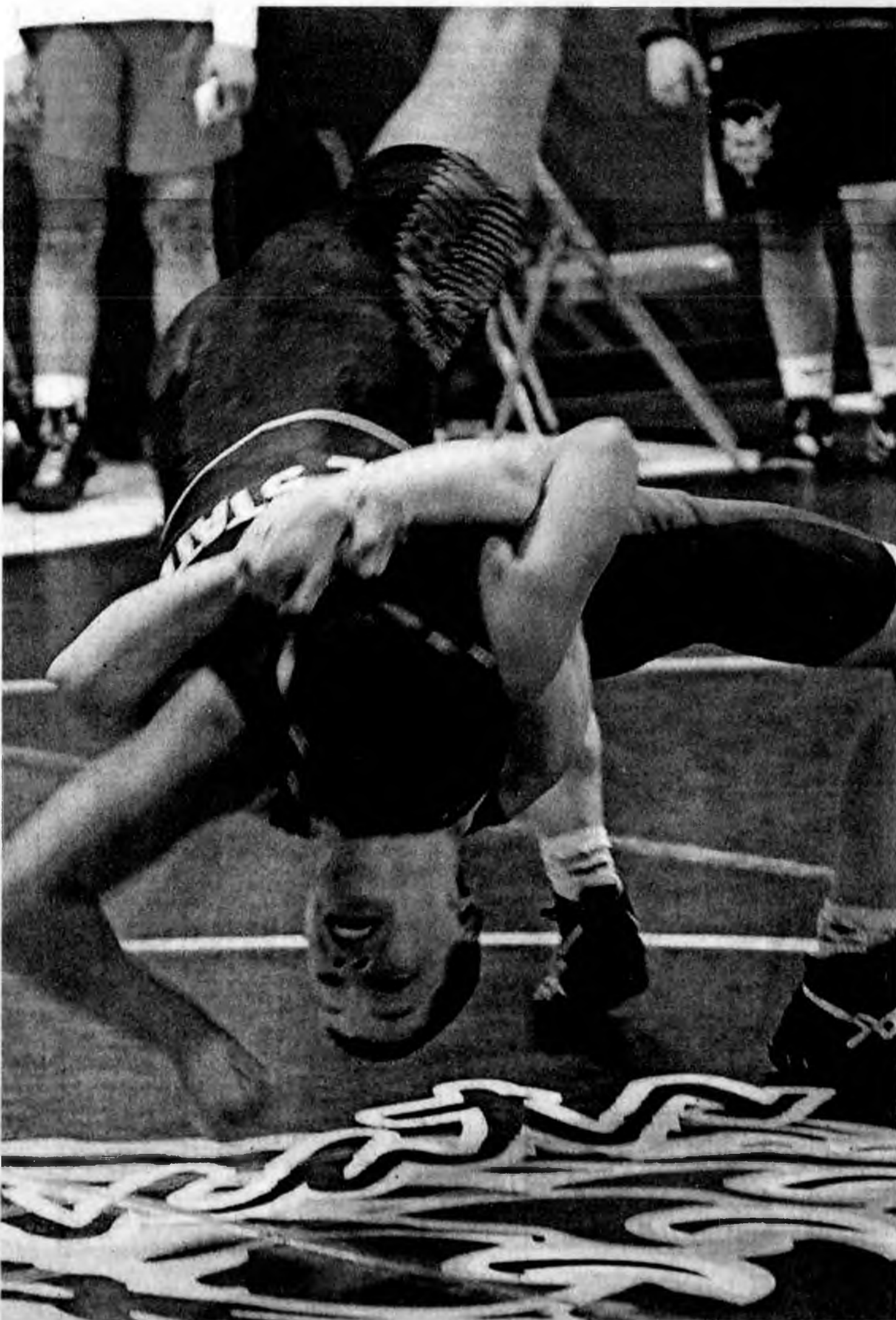
The Matcats also boasted six Greco Roman first-place finishers, including Schwegler, Aluia, Green, Hardesty, Toth, Sabrina and Antonio Nauss.

Second-place finishers included Weiland, Odysseus Schlusler, Peyton Searing, Jaxon Moe, Yurkunas, Haas, Walkowiak, McDonald, Meyers, Knapp, Hoadley, Maxwell Honiss and Richardson.

Taking third for the Matcats were Gunnar Pollins, Jameson Wood, Drake Pollins, Conrad Eberly, Sageman, Dominic Nauss, Koa Sekiya, Woodsum, Gardner, McKinney, Jonah Koilpillai, Meyers, Leece and Peerless Schlusler.

Fourth place went to Nicholas Crady, Wesley Honiss, Ehrman, Daniel Bales-trieri and Liam Seaver.

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Michigan Matcats wrestler Maxwell Honiss (top) took second in freestyle and third in Greco Roman. KARI MEYERS

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Silver medal winner Mack grateful for hearty welcome

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West Bloomfield's favorite son returned home to a warm welcome and heartfelt congratulations April 22.

The visitor's bleacher side of West Bloomfield High School's football field was full of enthusiastic fans saluting hometown hero Kyle Mack in a well-orchestrated ceremony commemorating his medal-winning performance at the recent Winter Olympics.

Mack entered the field sitting atop the back seat of a glistening red Ferrari, which slowly snaked down the track as Olympic-themed music perfectly punctuated the upbeat atmosphere. The 20-year-old snowboarder waved to the cheering crowd and then graciously cupped his heart with his hands in a sincere sign of appreciation.

It's been a whirlwind of activity for Mack since dazzling the world with his remarkable big air Bloody Dracula trick, which led to the silver medal. He's been celebrating across the country since returning from South Korea and the accolades continued this week with a trip to the White House and a parade in Silverthorne, Colo., with fellow U.S. Olympians Red Gerard, a 2018 slopestyle gold medalist, and Chris Corning.

The Kyle Mack Celebration, sponsored by Boyne Country Sports, opened with the national anthem sung by popular Detroit-area artist Karen Newman, accompanied by the West Bloomfield High School choir. After a short prayer by the Rev. Tim Holzerland, pastor at Shepherd King Lutheran Church, West Bloomfield Township Supervisor Steven Kaplan offered a few congratulatory words.

Celebrating the Olympian

Kaplan explained that West Bloomfield was going to fete Mack simply for his Olympic berth. The fact that he won a medal just made the celebration that much more festive.

"West Bloomfield Township is honored and privileged to have hosted Kyle Mack," said Kaplan, who began planning the event 90 days ago. "We think he is a champion and hero. More than that, he is a wonderful person with high character. The fact that he qualified was just enough to honor him, but then when he won the silver medal, that was just additional gratitude for us."

Master of Ceremonies Mike Stone from WXYT-FM (97.1) sports radio anchored a short question-and-answer session with Mack, to the crowd's de-



Fans traveled to West Bloomfield High School to meet favorite son and Olympic silver medalist Kyle Mack. MARTY BUDNER

light.

Mack talked about how his family's presence in South Korea made him comfortable and how "cool" it was meeting athletes from across the world. His advice to young snowboarders is that practicing on any type of board — skate board, wake board or surf board — will go a long way toward improving snowboard skills.

Mack also mentioned he plans to work hard for a return trip to the 2022 Olympics in Beijing, China.

In addition, prizes — featuring four snowboards and goggles — were raffled off to the fans, with Mack announcing the winners.

Flyin' Brian greets hero

One of those winners was aspiring snowboarder Flyin' Brian Rice from Farmington Hills, who was grateful to win a replica board Mack used at the Olympics.

Rice first met Mack earlier this month at the USA Snowboard and Freeski Association nationals held at Copper Mountain. Rice, who placed 12th at that national meet in his age division and owns the No. 1 regional ranking in half pipe, was thrilled when his Olympic hero personally handed him the board.

"I thought it was just an amazing experience. I'm so glad that I went," said Rice, a seventh-grader at Farmington Hills STEAM Academy who himself entertains Olympic dreams. "Overall, it was just a great experience to know that, one day, my town might do that for me as well. It was so cool that his town did that for him. It was very gracious of them. I got a picture with him there and I

got another picture with him after waiting in the line. It was very nice."

After the giveaways, Mack walked back to a designated area to meet and greet all the fans in attendance. He took his time signing autographs and taking photos with all of his fans who came out for the festivities on the warm, sunny afternoon.

Dianne Colby, Mack's second-grade teacher at the now-closed Hickory Grove Elementary, attended with her husband Ray and daughters Caroline and Kathleen. They managed to sneak in a few pre-event photos before heading off to the Detroit Tigers baseball game.

"We just knew that he was special when he was at Hickory Grove. He was always just the nicest person," said Colby, who now teaches at Eastover Elementary in the Bloomfield Hills district. "He was so invested in the sport at a very young age. His two first-grade teachers, and he also had two second-grade teachers, we always watched his progress with enthusiasm."

"I remember one time he went to Vermont for a competition and, as a second-grade child, I thought that was impressive," she added. "We, as teachers, we like to watch our students progress and it's nice to see when they make their dreams and reach what they work so hard for."

Mack is simply grateful for everything that's come his way over the past two months. It's been more than anything the former Brother Rice student could ever have imagined.

"This whole thing, even before this today, the amount of people coming by to say hi and all the support, has been



Kyle Mack interacts with the supportive crowd during a Q&A session. MARTY BUDNER

wild," Mack said. "The whole choir played a song for me which was, like, super cool and everyone around here has been so cool and supportive. The whole West Bloomfield Township, I have to thank them so much for being so supportive and throwing this event for me. I'm just so excited."

"It's a huge thing. I've been on TV all week and my first- and second-grade teachers came to see me," he added. "This whole experience has been excellent. I can't thank them enough for what they've done."

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Farmington Hills snowboarder Brian Rice (right), a.k.a. Flyin' Brian, is all smiles after Olympian Kyle Mack presented him with a snowboard. MARTY BUDNER

GIRLS LACROSSE

Pioneer hands Northville first setback

Junior Hunter scores season-high eight goals to corral Mustangs, 15-9

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Paybacks can be painful as the Northville girls lacrosse team learned Friday night.

The Mustangs, who advanced to last year's MHSAA Division 1 state semifinals at the expense of Ann Arbor Pioneer in a 13-12 regional final victory, found themselves on the short end of the rematch as the host Pioneers won convincingly at Holloway Field, 15-9.

"It definitely was, we were ready to beat them," Pioneer junior attacker Julia Hunter said. "We wanted to just come back, not really revenge, but just get the win."



Hunter proved to be a major thorn in Northville's side as she finished the game with a season-high eight goals, while handing the Mustangs (10-1-1) its first loss of the season.

"I haven't looked at the stats lately ... is probably one of our top scorers," Pioneer coach Zachary Maghes said. "She was definitely on fire today. She said she wanted score on 100 percent of her shots. I don't think she quite got there, but she definitely shot at a high percentage."

Hunter, who has yet to commit to a college, used to play field hockey, but lacrosse is her primary sport.

"That's definitely my high for this year," she said. "Haven't gotten eight (goals), glad to knock that one off the books."

Northville, meanwhile, came out slow out of the gate, falling behind 9-3 at halftime as Hunter scored five times.

"They're all good players. Zach does a great job with them, getting whoever is ready to play," second-year Northville coach Dan Madigan said. "And no matter who you play with Pioneer, they're going to pass and catch very well."



Northville girls lacrosse coach Dan Madigan addresses his team after suffering its first loss of the year at Ann Arbor Pioneer.
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Pioneer has played a quality non-conference schedule, losing only to Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 16-15; Perrysburg (Ohio), 8-7; and Birmingham Marian, 16-8.

"We try to make our schedule as hard as we can, within reason," Maghes said. "We hit a little bit of a lull after spring break. I think we'd like to have a couple of those games back, but we're playing pretty good right now. I like the direction we're going."

Pioneer received balanced scoring from several others, including Anna Muckstadt, who had two goals and three assists; Tess Yuhas, two goals and one assist; Whitney Gallagher and Danielle Armstrong, one goal and one assist each; Katherine German, two assists; and Tesfanesh Hurd, one assist.

"I would say our passes were going, we were catching things," Hunter said. "Normally, I would say we weren't catching that much. I mean we are, but, like, we were working real hard and we were catching all the passes. It just seemed to fall into place."

With the victory, Pioneer improved to 8-3 overall.

"We have been improving, getting better and playing with lots of energy," Maghes said. "We just wanted to come

out today and just continue to get better."

Northville leveled things out in the second half, tying Pioneer on the scoreboard, 6-6, but the Mustangs couldn't overcome the six-goal halftime deficit.

"When another team comes out with just a little more effort, we've got to be able to respond," Madigan said. "Some of our younger girls learned that not every game is going to be easy, not every game is going to go the way we want it to go, from the start. And I think they kind of picked it up towards the end there, so they didn't give up."

Junior attacker Kendall Wasik and freshman midfielder Mina McCorry both scored three goals to lead Northville. Sophomore Jade Candela added two, while freshman Katie Coomes had the other.

Sophomore Emma Mathie was in goal for the Mustangs, who showed more effort and more focus over the final 30 minutes.

"They concentrated on playing our game vs. letting Pioneer dictate what we doing," Madigan said. "We picked it up a little bit there, picked up the pressure and the intensity a little bit. I think we did pretty well there."

Northville, which captured its first-

ever regional title a year ago while finishing 15-4 overall, had quite a bit of turnover, losing four key starters to graduation.

Of the holdovers from a year ago, Wasik was the team's top returning scorer. Against Pioneer, she faced a dragnet of Pioneer defenders in the offensive zone.

"Anytime you see Kendall (Wasik) on the field, she's going to make her presence known, so it's kind of hard to hide her," Madigan said. "She's a good player, gives great effort, works hard. She kind of runs our team a little bit, guides the team in what they want to do. We just have to have a couple of other players step up. And when that happens, we'll be OK."

The two teams are assigned once again to the same Division 1 regional, which will be hosted by Novi. And another rematch could be looming.

"I'd like to play them again," Madigan said. "They're a very good team, well-coached, like I said. You always want to get a second chance against a team you lose to."

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BOYS LACROSSE

South Lyon to host Lacrosse for Military event

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The first one went so well that event organizers decided to shoot for more excitement this spring.

The South Lyon Unified boys lacrosse team will host its second Lacrosse for Military Day on Saturday, May 5, at South Lyon East High School.

Lacrosse action begins 10 a.m., with five youth games being played hourly, until the South Lyon Unified junior varsity and varsity teams take the field later in the afternoon. The JV game is slated to begin 5:30 p.m., with the varsity immediately afterward.

All games will feature South Lyon squads competing against Troy-based teams.

The event included only the junior varsity and varsity games last year. Adding the youth games is a way of giving lacrosse a little more exposure while aiding in the mission to support the Wixom-based Military Families United charitable organization.

"We've added a lot more to it this year. We wanted to make a full day out of it," South Lyon Unified boys lacrosse head coach Justin Boughton said. "We wanted to make it two communities coming together and Troy coach Matthew Kassa has been a phenomenal help to help it come about."

"Lacrosse is such a brotherhood sport and to have all these young kids coming together and playing on a varsity field will be a cool experience for them, as well. We'll have youth games going up until about 4:30 and we'll have a bunch of other things going on during the same time."

"I'm beyond excited for it. (Team mom) Cindy Helton and her committee have gone far and beyond what I thought this could be," he added. "It's turned into something that's pretty darn cool and, hopefully, people will appreciate it and have some fun out there."

A military family

The idea evolved as Boughton, a 29-



The South Lyon Unified boys lacrosse team is undefeated through nine games and is chasing a second straight conference championship.

year-old South Lyon resident, was looking for a community service project for his team as a way to "give back." Boughton's family is heavily involved in the armed forces, so it was only natural to seek and support a military-based charity.

Cherie Trent, mother of Joel Trent, who played on last year's team and is now at Lawrence Tech University, directed Boughton toward Military Families United.

"I've always really been an advocate of the military," Boughton said. "My aunt, my uncles, all my cousins, my dad, were all in the navy. I have cousins who are currently still in the marines. I've always been around it and I've always been intrigued by it."

"I realize the service they do for us provides us the ability to have the freedom that we do. So we wanted to give back to them," he added. "We decided to go with Military Families United, because it is local and it's a way to give back as much as possible to the ones who are either wounded or who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country."

The military-themed day will include a dunk tank, food truck, raffle basket

drawings, face painting, 50/50 raffle, fastest-lacrosse shot competition and a bounce house, among other things. During the JV and varsity games, each player will be representing fallen soldiers and their families.

Military vehicles will be present for kids to see.

Donations will be collected at the game and at various activities throughout the day. There will be a \$5 admission to the high school games.

"This year, we decided to make a whole community event out of it, so we got our youth involved by playing against Troy," said Lisa Dilg, an SLU team representative. "Last year, it was just the JV and varsity games, with a lot of fundraising at those games. I thought people reacted to it pretty well last year."

"This year, we wanted to blow it up and see if we could get a lot more people involved to raise more money for Military Families United," she added. "We had a lot of people selling T-shirts and we gave them about \$800 last year. We're really hoping to at least double that, if not more, this year."



South Lyon Unified's boys lacrosse team, coached by Justin Boughton, will host Lacrosse for Military Day on May 5 at South Lyon East High School.

A stellar season

Boughton's team — representing both South Lyon and South Lyon East high schools — is having a stellar season.

SLU was undefeated after its first nine games, despite having lost 20 seniors from the 2017 squad that went 14-6, won a conference title and lost in the regional final to Brighton. SLU has scored at least 13 goals in every game and has allowed only one team to reach double digits.

SLU is led by its five captains: Sylvio Scapaticci, Nick Harvath, Mitch Tashman, Makoto Roy and Michael Dancer. Returning face-off specialist Hunter Sutton is also having a big season.

"Things are going real well. The team is meshing and buying into the system," said Boughton, who played college lacrosse at Adrian. "Our motto is 'As One' and we have 32 young men on the roster and the brotherhood among them is amazing. We have great team chemistry with a great group of kids."

"I knew we had a really good team, but I didn't think we'd be 9-0 at this point," he added. "I'm very happy and thrilled and we hope to keep the momentum going throughout the rest of the year."

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PREP TRACK

McCallum leads way for Northville girls at MSU

McNamara also stars as Mustangs take second behind Rockford

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Senior Erin McCallum notched a first-place finish in each of her four events, leading the Northville girls track and field team to a runner-up finish in the Spartan Classic hosted by Michigan State.

Rockford won the team title with 156 points, while Northville was second with 147.5.

"It was a big day for our girls team," Northville coach Tim Dalton said. "I could not be happier for Erin. She is one of the hardest working kids on the team. She believes in what we are doing here at Northville. Overall, our kids showed they are progressing nicely. These next three weeks are vital if we want to find success in late May and early June."

McCallum, also an all-stater in gymnastics this season for the Mustangs, captured the long jump with the second longest leap in school history at 17 feet, 11 inches.

She sits second all-time behind teammate Clare McNamara's mark of 18-5¼, set last spring. McNamara, a junior, was runner-up in the same event with a leap of 17-6¼.

"It was a monster jump," Northville long jump coach Tom Brown said of McCallum. "She hit the board just right and took off and she got some extra height. She was really surprised and excited."

McCallum also added a victory in the 100-meter dash (13.13) and ran legs on two victorious sprint relay events.

She teamed with Savannah Manley, Yasmine Affes and McNamara for first in the 800 relay (1:44.74), while the four-some of Claire Wan, Melanie Sarafian, Lauren Marshall and McCallum, who has the anchor leg, also won the 400 relay (50.21).

"Erin led the way with an outstanding all-around performance," Northville sprint coach Brandon Love said.

Other top finishers for Northville included McNamara, first, 400 (57.71); Affes, second, 200 (26.98); fifth, 400 (1:00.92); Ana Barrott, second, 1,600 (5:10.86); fourth, 3,200 (11:10.25); Abby Dunn, third, 300 hurdles (49.40); seventh, 100 hurdles (17.38); Elise Daniel, third, pole vault (9-0); Barbara Davis, third, discus (106-6); Emily Gordon, fifth, 800 (2:27.39); Manley, fifth, 200 (27.62); Delaney Hopkins, fifth, discus (101-2); Olivia Harp, fifth, 1,600 (11:19.38); sixth, 1,600 (5:22.58); and Sara Ismail, seventh, discus (95-9).

Northville's 1,600 relay team of Dunn, Manley, Affes and McNamara crossed the line first in 4:02.37, while the quartet of Harp, Barrott, Gordon and Mansi took third in the 3,200 relay (9:55.91).

Newcomer Melanie Sarafian, a junior, also was a pleasant surprise in her invitational debut, scoring in the 100 and 200 dashes, as well as the first-place 400 relay.

Mustangs boys fourth

Junior Brandon Kearney led the way as the Northville boys scored 54 points to wind up fourth at the same Spartan Classic.

Rockford captured the team title with 129.5 points, followed by Okemos (71.5) and Traverse City Central (67).

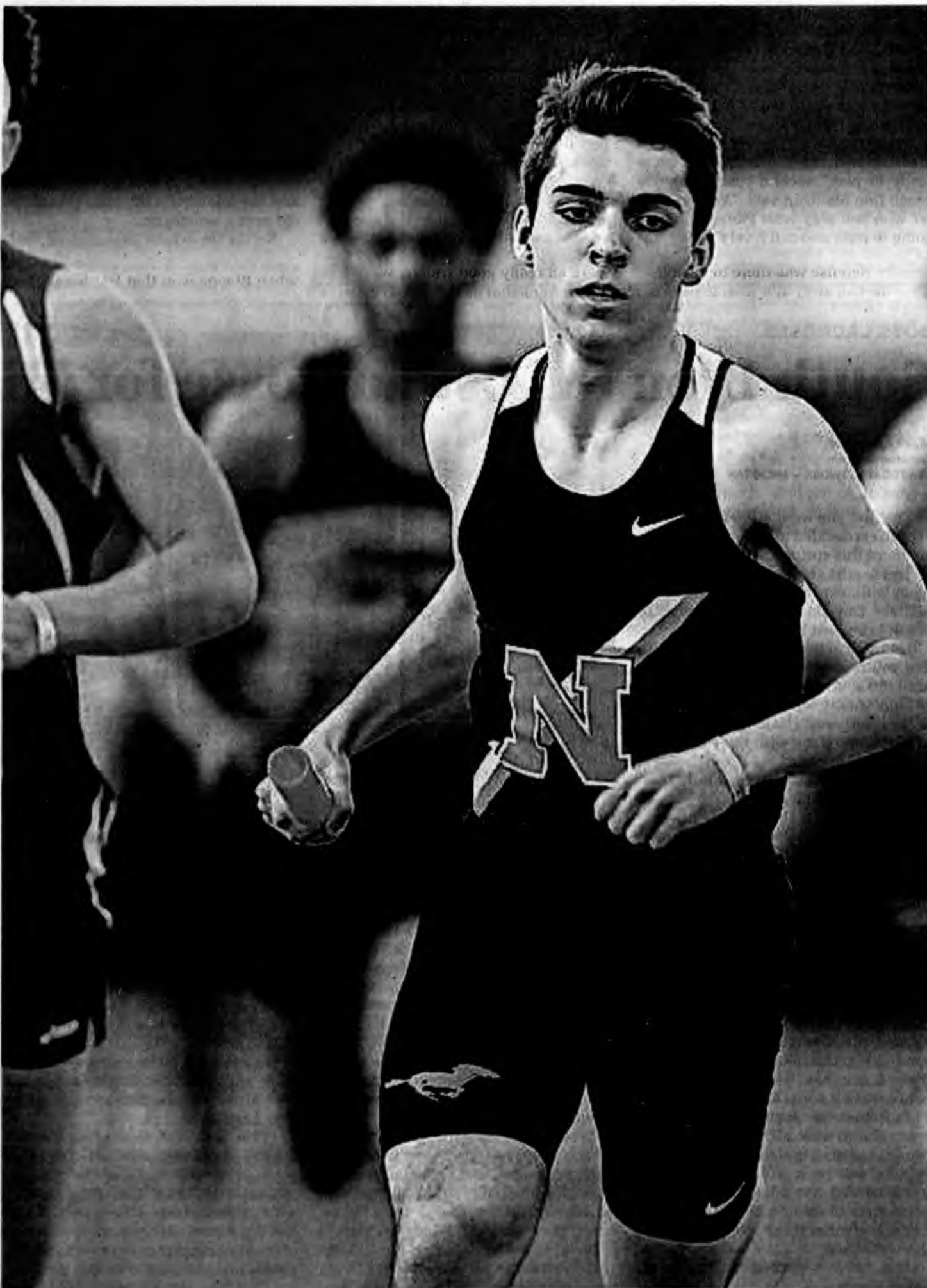
Kearney captured the 200 dash with a personal best 22.27, while also finishing third in the 100 with another personal best (11.55). He also anchored the third-place 400 and 1,600 relay teams with times of 44.18 and 3:29.48, respectively.

"Brandon is the real deal," Dalton said. "He has found great success this spring. I would not want to go up against Kearney on the anchor leg of any relay. He will turn himself inside out to get to the finish line first. As a coach, watching Brandon leave it all on the track each time the gun goes off is all I can ask for. He has committed to making this team the best it can be. Like Erin, he is a kid who has bought into our system."

Junior Demetri Zervos was also a strong contributor for Mustangs, placing sixth in the 200 (23.83), seventh in



Northville's 1,600 relay team of (from left) Abby Dunn, Clare McNamara, Yasmine Affes and Savannah Manley celebrates after winning the Spartan Classic.



Northville Junior Brandon Kearney (right), at a meet earlier this year, won the 200-meter dash at the Spartan Classic.

the long jump (19-7¼) and eighth in the 100 (12.2). He was also part of the third-place 400 relay, along with Kearney, Zack Phillips and Trevor Kelterborn.

The third-place 1,600 relay team consisted of Mike Gruianu, Nick Couyoumjian, Nolan Knight and Kearney.

Other top individual finishers for Northville included Couyoumjian, second, 800 (1:57.11); Patrick Long, fourth, discus (129-9); and Knight, fifth, 400 (52.02); seventh, 200 (23.98).

Northville's 3,200 relay team of Alex Jund, Alex Belou, Raymond Jiang and

Couyoumjian was eighth (8:40.67).

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GIRLS SOCCER

Novi's Rich proves to be a keeper in win over Plymouth

Fenchel scores game-winner in 1-0 triumph

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Novi's last line of defense proved to be a difference maker April 26 in a 1-0 girls soccer win over Plymouth at Meadows Stadium.

Senior goalkeeper Callie Rich made seven saves to post a clean sheet as host Novi, ranked No. 4 in Division 1, improved to 6-1-1 overall and 4-0-1 in the KLAAs Gold Division.



Pheiffer



Rich

"We knew Plymouth was a very good team," said Rich, a second-year starter who has signed with NCAA Division II national power Grand Valley State. "They've always been good and we've always had pressure on us when we play them. So just going through my head, I was, like, 'I have the backing of my team and I know I can make these saves and they'll support me through the whole thing.'"

Novi's game-winning goal came just 7 minutes, 42 seconds into the match, when sophomore Avery Fenchel, the team's top scorer, found the back of the net off an assist from junior Lexi Whalen.

Rich and Novi's defense then did the rest with a couple of fortunate bounces.

"Callie did a great job keeping them organized," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "She had that one where she made the initial save and it kind of got away from her, but she kept her composure and the defense was there to be able to clear the ball away. It's great to have our



Cousins (from left) Breana Pheiffer (Plymouth), Abbey Pheiffer (Novi) and Alyssa Pheiffer (Plymouth) met in a KLAAs Gold Division soccer match. BRAD EMONS

senior leaders back there. We have 10 seniors this year and it's good mix of sophomores, juniors and seniors. It was a good win tonight. You only play everybody once, so every win counts in the conference."

Rich has the green light to come off her line and patrol the 18-yard box as extra defender.

"I know I have really phenomenal, great center backs back there and we have great center backs through our whole lineup," she said. "I get to play a third one and get the ball out and just let people know what they're missing."

Rich, who played two years of club soccer for the Novi Jaguars before joining her high school team, likes the direction her team is headed.

"I think we're good," she said. "Our team dynamic this year is phenomenal. We're all really good friends with each other. I think that has a lot to do with the

seniors this year. We're encouraging us to get together, having team bonding exercises. And we're all fortunate enough that we've played with each other in club, so it makes it even better."

Here are four other takeaways:

ALL IN THE FAMILY

The Pheiffer clan was once again well-represented in the match.

Todd Pheiffer's daughter Abbey is Novi's backup keeper, while cousins Breana, a senior, and Abbey, a sophomore, wore the black and white for Plymouth.

"Last year, we played twice," said Todd, who taught previously at Plymouth before moving over to Novi. "We beat them the first time and they beat us in the state tournament, so it's always a nice little friendly rivalry when you see your family out there. I was just glad when Breana won that last break there

that she didn't get that goal ... but it was good to see them out there. With the family, we get a little bragging rights right now. And because with the conference situation, we only play each other once, so if we see them again, it will be regionals."

OH, SO CLOSE

Plymouth (10-2-1, 3-2-1 KLAAs Black) nearly had two goals during the final eight minutes of the opening half.

Senior Lindsay Badger rang a shot off the crossbar, while senior Karishma Nair hit the crossbar and then the left post on the same attempt.

"I thought Karishma Nair was really good up top today," Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich said of the University of Detroit Mercy commit. "She had a good game tonight. She had a nice one."

WELL-PLAYED

Despite the loss, Neschich remained upbeat.

"(Novi) did a really good job of winning the 50/50 balls and winning the seconds, so that's one of the things we really focused on trying to do a little better in the second half," he said. "And just play our game ... because they're more of a long ball team and when we went down a goal, we started playing long ball instead of settling it down. But it was what we expected, a one goal game either way. We got them last time we played in the regionals last year, so ..."

FABULOUS FROSH

Eva Burns, a ninth-grader, was inserted into back line for Wildcats and performed admirably.

"We had a couple people that couldn't play tonight, so I told Eva she's making her first start," Todd Pheiffer said. "She's played a lot of minutes and is a very good freshman for us. I told her, 'You're going to be starting and you're going to be marking their best player.' And I thought she did an awesome job tonight."

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DISABLED GAMES

Novi-based disabled vets win national hockey title

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Winning only four of 26 games, the Motor City Warriors licked their wounds against stiff competition during Novi Men's D Hockey League season.

But once they arrived last month at the 2018 USA Disabled Hockey Festival in West Dundee, Ill., the Novi-based team was more than ready.

More than 120 teams and 1,700 players from the U.S. and Canada competed in the two-week festival in suburban Chicago and the Warriors, formed just last fall, defeated the Alaska Warriors for the B Division championship, 7-2.

The Motor City Warriors are made up of mostly veterans affected by either traumatic brain injuries or post-traumatic stress disorders from battle-related injuries after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

During the regular season, they sharpened their hockey skills playing against able-bodied teams.

"I think playing against the level of competition in the Novi league helped us to up all of our games and it really helped with the development of a lot of the weaker players on the team," said Bradford Servais, a team member who hails from Grosse Pointe. "They got a lot better from having to play in competition and react in less time than they used to playing against some of the other teams that we played in the disabled hockey fest."

Servais served in Iraq from 2009-10 with 4th Stryker Brigade combat team in the 11th Bravo Infantry out of Fort Lewis, Wash.

The 28-year-old Servais suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and has chronic back problems from a fractured vertebrae and a herniated disk.

Servais played hockey until seventh grade, but then stopped. He picked the sport back up once he left the military and it's provided a lot of good therapy.

"The camaraderie, being around oth-



The Novi-based Motor City Warriors came home with the B Division championship trophy. SNIODHA REDDY

er guys that have similar issues, you can talk to them about it, help you through things and stuff like that," said Servais, who was once a state-ranked racquetball player. "It's like getting together with a group of guys when I was in the army. It's helping me through the transition process."

After an 11-2 opening round loss against an A-level team that went on to capture its division, the Warriors regrouped.

They won a couple of close round-robin games against A-level competition before reaching the semifinals, defeating the Pittsburgh Penguin Warriors to advance to the national finals, where they faced another first-year team from Alaska, which had made great sacrifices just to get into the tournament.

"They actually had some guys that traveled about 30 miles by dogsled to get down to Anchorage so they could take ferry over to Seattle so they could hop on plane and fly to Chicago," Warriors general manager Rick Briggs, who resides in Brighton. "They had no sponsors. It was over \$34,000 that they spent on their team. They brought a big crowd of family members, they made a

vacation out of it. But it was a lot of fun. It was excellent hockey, that championship game. There was a great bond by both teams after the game."

Eighty percent of the Motor City players qualified for the USA Hockey Warriors disability rating. The criterion is a minimum of 30 percent disability.

Michael Palmer (Auburn Hills) served as Warriors team captain, while David Denhardt (Shelby Township) was a co-captain.

Other team members included Michael Ganzak, Westland; Michael Peron, Canton; Chris Salters, Plymouth; Bradford Servais and Thomas Servais, Grosse Pointe; Ryan Sieja, Oak Park; Jon Batiu, Detroit; Mark Fare and Charlie Shankland, Brighton; Adam Gottis, Sterling Heights; Karl Krupp, Lapeer; Jacob Montgomery, Belleville; and Justin Weis, Rochester Hills. The team manager was Oxford's Gary Belcher.

The Warriors were coached by Dr. Brittney Briggs (Ypsilanti), director of psychological services for the Eisenhower Center in Ann Arbor. The daughter of Rick Briggs, she has an extensive hockey career, having played NCAA Division I for both Boston College and Col-

gate University, while also being selected to the U.S. Olympic Development Camp three times in Lake Placid, N.Y.

"It was nice having her on the bench and a huge benefit for the guys," Rick Briggs said.

Brittney Briggs was assisted on the bench by Tony Patchell (Perry).

The Warriors' presenting sponsor is the Center for Neurological Studies, a Novi-based developer of advanced MRI techniques for the detection of mild to moderate brain injuries. CNS is also conducting a Hope After Combat research program for veterans suffering from symptoms that could be related to PTSD and the hockey program can be helpful in the healing process.

"Sports activities are generally a beneficial outlet for anyone who's suffered traumatic brain injury," said Dr. Randall Benson, CNS medical director. "They help with balance and strength and they give the veterans a chance to be with other veterans going through the same 'invisible wounds' they've suffered. This championship is a huge boost for our entire team and nobody deserves it more."

The Warriors also got support from Michigan CAT Power Systems of Novi, along with the city of Novi and Suburban Ice.

"In addition to working on balance and fine-tune motor skills, it gives them a chance to be with other veterans who may be going through some of the same struggles they are with the 'invisible wounds' of war," said Briggs, a retired U.S. Air Force major. "Veterans will sometimes open up and talk to other veterans more than civilians. The hockey team environment gives them someone else to talk to and helps build trust and camaraderie, not only on the team, but with their fellow veterans in their communities."

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To boost portfolio, you may just need confidence

Delays on financial moves may not be a money problem

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Too little cash. Don't know what I'm doing. Not the right time.

These often-cited excuses for postponing key financial decisions — such as saving for retirement — may be more myth than fact, according to new research from Principal Financial Group and behavioral economist Dan Goldstein and obtained exclusively by USA TODAY.

Putting off action that will boost your financial well-being is not about a lack of money or abundance of debt. It's more about a lack of confidence in money matters and not having the right mind-set, the study found.

"The only thing holding you back is you."

Jerry Patterson
Senior vice president, Principal Financial Group

Seven in 10 Americans postpone making financial decisions at least sometimes, the study found. Perhaps more startling: 56% of the 1,400 adults surveyed had not made a big money-related decision — making a large purchase (a home), opening an investment account or moving money around in a 401(k) — in the past three years.

But what's behind the "I'll get to it

another day" mentality may surprise you.

"The only thing holding you back is you," said Jerry Patterson, senior vice president of retirement and income solutions at Principal Financial Group.

For example, while 60% of the respondents said their current income is the biggest reason why they don't pull the trigger on financial decisions, Principal's research showed that current finances or lack of money *do not* play a significant role in procrastination.

Indeed, 23% of high-income households (those earning more than \$150,000 a year) were part of the group that postponed financial decisions. And only 55% said they would feel confident planning for their retirement.

What's more, the research noted that it only takes a modest income — say \$40,000 — for people to begin to feel comfortable enough to make decisions that will affect their long-term savings.

So what, then, exactly is to blame for the inaction?

"A lack of knowledge and confidence related to investing," Patterson said.

A lack of financial literacy holds people back the most. The study found that just 30% of Americans felt comfortable with their knowledge level needed to manage their finances.

Getting over the intimidation of investing isn't as hard as it sounds. Seek help from a financial adviser. Think twice about blowing things off. Seek knowledge on the Internet.

Afraid to commit? Subscribe instead

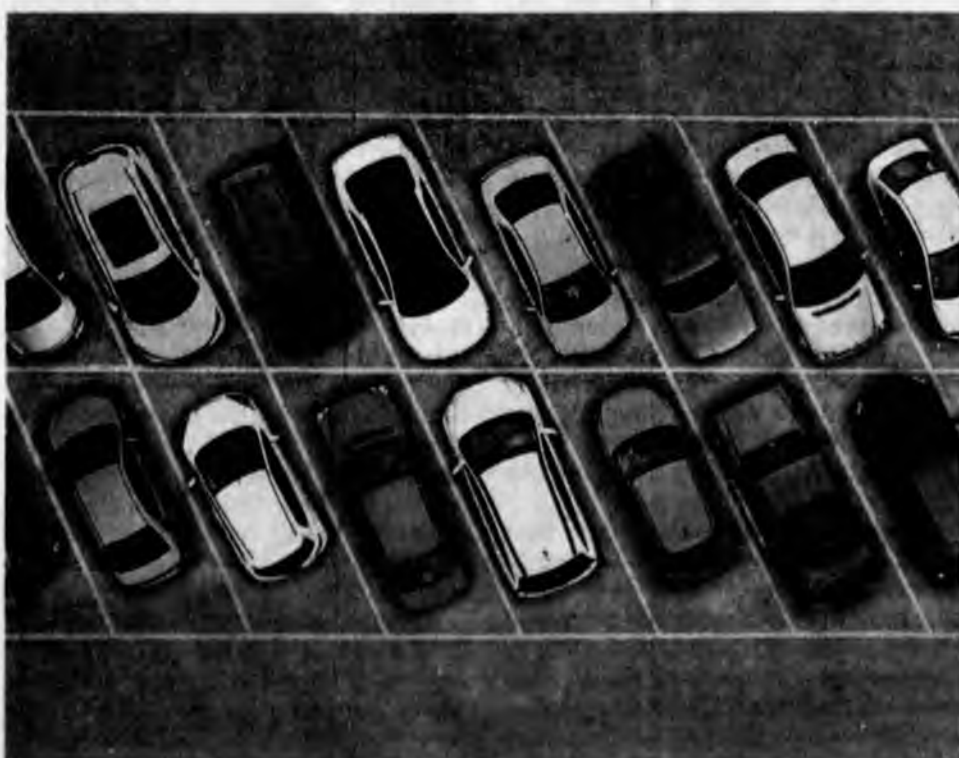
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If you'd like to be able to switch cars depending on your needs, and even your moods, then you might want to subscribe to your next car.

Car subscription services offer a simple and flexible alternative to buying or leasing a car — you get a car commitment-free, for one monthly fee, and you can often swap it out for a different ride in days. You can even skip the haggling at the dealership and manage your plan on your computer or smartphone and have your wheels delivered to your door.

"This seems to be what people have been asking for all along — a negotiation-free way of driving a car," says Matt Jones, a senior consumer advice editor at Edmunds. "And there's no fear of buyer's remorse — if you don't like the car, jettison it and get something else."

Manufacturers such as Cadillac, Ford, Volvo and Porsche offer subscriptions to their cars, while companies such as Fair, Flexdrive, Clutch and Car-



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ma allow members to drive a variety of makes and models. Generally, subscribers pay an upfront fee. Then the car payment, insurance, maintenance and, in many cases, roadside assistance are bundled into one monthly fee.

Subscribers to Book by Cadillac can hop between different models of Cadillacs up to 18 times a year for \$1,800 per month. With Ford's service, Canvas, monthly subscription fees for pre-owned Ford vehicles start at around \$400, depending on your vehicle and mileage. Fair subscriptions start at \$235 a month, according to Edmunds.

Many subscriptions can be for as short as a month.

Though car subscription services address today's desire for simplicity, it's difficult to say whether they're more expensive than buying or leasing.

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The gas pumps outside Hackberry General Store haven't worked in more than 20 years, but a car still pulls up on occasion.



Historic Route 66 brings thousands each year, many visitors from other countries who are keen to see the American West.

Arizona general store fuels Route 66 nostalgia

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HACKBERRY, Ariz. — Shortly after noon on a crisp day, the winter sun hanging low in the sky, a solitary Toyota speeds past a building that appears cobbled together from the wood and rusted metals that pile up on the shoulders of lonesome highways.

Taillights blaze as the sedan makes a U-turn, the two-lane ribbon of Route 66 asphalt just wide enough to permit it.

The car glides over a patch of desert smoothed by a thousand tires. It stops next to a building held up by faith and rusty nails.

A brother and sister more than 5,000 miles from home climb out of the sedan, eager to explore what they had realized while speeding by was one of their target destinations along historic Route 66.

Hackberry General Store

Hackberry General Store is a must-see destination for Sergio and Andra Goder of Barcelona, in the midst of a four-month American vacation.

Sergio says that getting kicks on Route 66 is a rite of passage for Spaniards visiting the American West. Friends expect to see his social-media posts filled with iconic images from the famous highway.

As he and his sister sped along a lonely stretch of blacktop carved through the high Arizona desert, Sergio blinked, nearly missing one of the highway's most emblematic stops.

Because at 65 mph, the store and former garage appears to have lost its battle against time.

Yet nothing could be further from the truth.

"It came out of nowhere," Sergio says as he browsed the store's large selection of Route 66 license plates, signs and T-shirts. "If we had missed it, that would have been bad."

He noticed two things as he sped by: the Hackberry General Store sign, and the fact that its patchwork structure was free of the chain-link fencing that sealed off some structures he'd seen.

If not for a reclusive artist, a nostalgic businessman and a retiree who couldn't let an icon slip away, the Hackberry General Store might have been another victim of Interstate 40, which for years made Route 66 irrelevant.

The store not only survives, it thrives. Despite appearances to the contrary.

At the crossroads of 'middle' and 'nowhere'

Hackberry General Store is the only sign of civilization for miles. Its rusted signs boasting of things that haven't been there for decades (gas, oil, the Greyhound bus) seem to serve a dual purpose — setting the mood and holding up the building.

The store hunches quietly behind two vintage gas pumps whose state of disrepair is not obvious enough to keep some visitors from pulling up to them. Before this was a general store, it was a service station and garage.

Inside the store, vintage and modern license plates upholster the ceiling, with room remaining for the additions mailed or delivered in person by patrons.

Patches and currency from around the world blanket one wall, workers taking time each month to post the latest



Owner Amy Franklin has left Hackberry General Store largely untouched since taking over in January 2016, an ode to times past when you could get your kicks on Route 66 through Arizona. PHOTOS BY SCOTT CRAVEN/USA TODAY NETWORK



The post-apocalyptic look is furthered by signs boasting of things unavailable for decades (gas, the Greyhound bus) that set the mood and hold up the building

additions. Europe is heavily represented. A recent surge in South American tourists has been noticed.

Visions of a vibrant Route 66 burn brightly amid the photos, paintings and other decor on the nostalgia-bearing walls. A re-creation of a 1950s diner with polished chrome furniture, a jukebox and black-and-white-tile flooring reminds travelers of a time when America's lifeblood pulsed along the highway.

Visitors captivated by a bygone era browse shelves filled with tremendously popular souvenirs. Nine out of 10 customers hail from outside the USA. They snap up items representing this likely once-in-a-lifetime trip.

But they didn't come just for T-shirts and magnets and license plates. They want to experience a slice of Americana, where the open road promises a journey between destinations.

A dilapidated roadside gem

John Pritchard has lost count of the times he had driven his 1957 red Corvette past the dilapidated outpost while visiting his vacation home in Lake Havasu City. For 15 years the oddity caught his eye but it seemed just another roadside stop worn down by inattention.

Until one day in the late 1990s when

he noticed someone inside.

That's when he met Bob Waldmire, an artist/cartographer/historian who had purchased the property years earlier, reopening the business in 1992 offering Route 66 souvenirs as well as tourist information. Given Waldmire's roots — his father ran a hot-dog stand on Route 66 in Illinois — he preserved the store in its ramshackle state.

For Pritchard and his wife, Kerry, it was love at 30th or 40th sight. After some negotiation, the couple were the proud owners of the only store within 10 miles.

Armed with the perfect motive to retire, Pritchard moved his wife and two sons from Tacoma, Wash., to Arizona. The store provided the two things Pritchard was looking for: a hobby and plenty of space for his expansive collection of Route 66 memorabilia.

It seemed like destiny for the Class of '66 graduate and longtime fan of the Mother Road.

Fueling a passion

When Pritchard opened the Hackberry General Store in 1998, it was part souvenir stand, part museum and all passion. He covered the walls with black-and-white photos of stars from

the Golden Age of Hollywood, whose prime coincided with that of Route 66.

Vintage gas pumps, still in their broken-down state, went up outside, as did metal signs that years ago had lost their battle with the elements, bullets or both. Pritchard installed his ode to a 1950s diner.

Like Waldmire, he left the exterior as is, hardly ready for its close-up unless it was with a wrecking ball. But that was the key to the store's charm. The run-down look was a beacon to nostalgia-seeking travelers, as was Pritchard's '57 Corvette parked outside.

It wasn't long before Hackberry General Store attracted all sorts of attention.

"We had a *Playboy* photo shoot," Pritchard says. "American Airlines did a travel story on us. We were on the *Arizona Highways* TV show. It got so famous in that first year or two."

The decision to sell the store

When Pritchard decided it was time to retire, his employee and friend Amy Franklin made an offer neither could refuse. She named a price and Pritchard stuck out his hand.

"I knew the books," Franklin says. "He knew I knew the books. Deal."

When Franklin entered the store on Jan. 4, 2016, she had the same thought she did when she saw the store for the first time 17 years before.

"Oh my God, this is so cool," she thought in 1999. Now she added, "And I own it."

Her appreciation for the ramshackle station deepened as she greeted customers from all over the world. Franklin saw the wonder in their eyes as they told her how they had saved for years to drive Route 66.

Franklin retains the charming post-apocalyptic look that visitors expected. Where time, at least over a few acres, remains frozen for those who enjoy a rare peek into the rear-view mirror.

If you go

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Use 'sleep-storming'
to discover creative
ideas while you take
a restful snooze

DREAM ON

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"Yesterday" came to Paul McCartney in a dream. Relativity came to Einstein in a dream. "Frankenstein," "Dracula" and "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" came to their authors in dreams. ■ Where — creative people are always asked — do you get your ideas? "Schenectady" writer Harlan Ellison used to say. But a more plausible answer might be: They dreamed them up. ■ "Lucid dreaming," or "sleep-storming" are the terms used by some experts, who want to help harness the power of the sleep state to make us all more inspired. ■ Having trouble writing that novel? Coming up with that ad campaign? Making that equation work? Sleep on it.

"Creativity is more and more important in the modern economy," says Peter Freedman, spokesman for Calm, Apple's meditation app, introduced in 2012. "It's often what gives people a competitive advantage. So this is a great untapped resource."

To prove their point, Calm has honored this year's 200th anniversary of "Frankenstein" by commissioning an online poll of 4,453 Americans and Britons to rank the best ideas conceived in sleep.

The sewing machine, "The Terminator," the periodic table of the elements, "Satisfaction" by the Rolling Stones, the poem "Kubla Khan," and the discovery of the structure of the benzene molecule are among the sleep-inspired ideas that respondents (with a little prodding from Calm) cited as favorites. "Frankenstein" too, of course.

"Sometimes the state halfway between sleeping and waking up is a very rich source of ideas," says Freedman, a creativity trainer who does consulting work.

Of course, there is a basic contradiction in trying to harness the creative power of a dream. Dreams are creative precisely because they are *not* harnessed.

They are free to float hither and yon, making associations that would never occur to the waking mind. It's only in a dream that you ride a banana to the drug store to buy a rhinoceros.

"Dreams bypass the logical part of your brain," says Sofya Kashirskaya, a Ridgewood creative arts therapist, who helps her patients express their inner lives through art. She herself is a painter who has gotten some of her best ideas through dreams.

"When you dream, you pretty much express yourself visually, without filtering it through your logical filter," she says. "You express whatever is really on your mind."

"Sleep-storming" is about being relaxed enough to make those dreamlike connections — while at the same time being alert enough to guide your dreams along channels that will be useful to you when you wake. Not an easy balance.

"Often people come up with their best ideas just as they're falling asleep and waking up," Freedman says. "That's why it's important to keep a pen and paper to record your dream the moment you wake up."

Thomas Edison, famous for his great ideas, was an early adopter of sleep-storming. "Never go to sleep without a request to your subconscious," Edison said.

What he meant was that you should focus on a problem you want to solve before you go to sleep, then relax and let your dreams take over.

"Dreams are non-linear, and most creative problem solving is non-linear," says Spyros D. Orfanos, a Mont-

clair, N.J., psychologist who teaches courses at New York University about creativity and art.

"Dreams can often lend themselves to breakthroughs," Orfanos says. "We have a dilemma, and then we go to sleep and we wake up and have an insight."

The key thing is to lay the groundwork beforehand. Dreams help those who help themselves. Breakthroughs, asleep or awake, come to people who are already pondering a problem. "It's highly unlikely that I'm going to have a dream tonight where I find the cure to cancer," Orfanos says.

How this process works was most famously described by Mary Shelley, author of "Frankenstein," published in 1818. Shelley had been struggling for days to come up with a ghost story. At the same time, she had been chatting with the poets Percy Shelley (her husband) and Lord Byron about the latest advances in science, and whether it might someday be possible to bring a corpse back to life. Then she went to bed.

"When I placed my head on my pillow, I did not sleep, nor could I be said to think," she said. "My imagination, unbidden, possessed and guided me." She imagined a "hideous phantasm" coming to life before the horrified scientist who had created it. "On the morrow," Shelley said, "I announced that I had *thought of a story*."

On the other hand, the nightmare that inspired that other horror classic, "Dracula," was said by author Bram Stoker to have been brought on by "a too-generous helping of dressed crab at supper." So perhaps indigestion is also helpful.

Relativity, according to Albert Einstein, began as a dream about cows in a field. In the dream, he described the cows to a farmer. The farmer's description of the same scene was completely different. The takeaway, for Einstein, was that the same thing can — depending on the perspective — look two different ways simultaneously.

We can't all be Einsteins, of course. Alfred Hitchcock used to tell the story of a screenwriter who was sure his dreams contained million-dollar ideas, if only he could remember them. He finally put pad and pencil by his bed, so he could write down his dreams when he woke at night. In the morning he looked at what he'd written. "Boy meets girl," it read.

And for every Paul McCartney who writes the tune "Yesterday" in his sleep, there are a thousand other people who *also* write the tune "Yesterday" in their sleep. Only of course, they don't.

"That was Paul's first reaction, that he must have heard it before," Freedman says. "He was frightened that he was just remembering it."

How to do it

Want to "sleep-storm"? It's as easy as falling asleep (which, for some people, is not so easy, but that's another story). "People don't realize they can do something about increasing their chances of coming up with more ideas while they sleep," says Peter Freedman, spokesman for Calm, Apple's meditation app.

Here is what Calm recommends in order to get the most out of your non-waking hours.

■ **Keep a notebook and pencil by your bed.** Write down any dreams and ideas immediately upon awakening in the morning, or if you wake in the middle of the night. Don't censor. Good ideas or bad, logical or illogical, write them all down.

■ **Ask your subconscious the question you're trying to answer.** Take Thomas Edison's advice. Focus on the problem you're trying to solve just before you go to sleep, so that your subconscious is primed. Then relax, forget about it, and sleep.

■ **Wake yourself up mid-sleep.** Dreams are like birds — you want to catch them before they fly away. One method is to interrupt yourself mid-dream. Artist Salvador Dali used to do this by holding a spoon over a plate as he dozed off in a chair. When the spoon dropped on the plate, it startled him awake. Edison had a similar technique, using ball bearings and a saucepan. You might try an alarm clock.

■ **Learn to have "lucid dreams."** This is the state of dreaming, while simultaneously being aware that it is a dream. It can be learned with practice, experts claim, and can help you in guiding your unconscious thoughts. Think of it as a kind of self-hypnosis. Start by repeating this mantra, before nodding off: You want to dream. You want to be aware that you are dreaming. You want to remember the dream when you wake up.

Check out these events happening this weekend

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The return of May can only mean two things around here: All your friends posting that Justin Timberlake meme and big events taking place outdoors.

With spring finally sprung, there's so much to do during one of the nicest months of the year. Take a look at some of the events happening this weekend in the hometownlife.com communities.

Farmers marketing opening in Birmingham, Plymouth

It's time to start eating fresh foods from the local farmers markets. Two markets will mark their 2018 spring openings this weekend.

The Plymouth Farmers Market kicks off the season at 8 a.m. Saturday in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park. The market will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 27, though it will not open during the weekends of Art in the Park and the Plymouth Fall Festival. A list of vendors can be found at plymouthmich.org.

The next day, the Birmingham Farmers Market returns at 9 a.m. in Public Parking Lot 6, 660 N. Old Woodward. Entering its 16th year, the market will see several events throughout the year, including Chef Clash Sunday on June 24, the Corn Festival Aug. 12 and the Harvest Festival Sept. 16. More details on the market can be found at birminghamfarmersmarket.org.

Star Wars Day in Livonia

Grab your lightsaber and use the Force to head to Livonia this Friday to celebrate Star Wars Day.

A "May the 4th Be With You" part will take place 6-10 p.m. Friday at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. A holiday to celebrate all things Star Wars, the event will include dinner, as well as Star Wars characters showing off skills shown in the movies. After the Jedi training, families are invited to stay and watch the film, "Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope."

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the rec center and must be done so in advance. They are \$12 for rec center members, \$15 for Livonia residents who are not rec center members and \$19 for non-residents. More information can be found at the rec center's page on the city's website.

International Women's Show in Novi

Head to Novi to get the latest on spring makeup trends, home decor advice and cooking and baking tips.

These are just a few of the events taking place during the International Women's Show, happening Thursday through Sunday at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River.

The show will also feature Savannah Chrisley, from the USA Network's series "Chrisley Knows Best," who will share her experience launching her fashion line last fall. The



The Birmingham Farmers Market returns to the city this weekend. BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

Ann Arbor Firefighters Charities fashion show will also take place, showcasing firefighters donning their dress blues and bunker gear.

The show is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$12 and children ages 6-12 are \$6. Children ages 5 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Discount tickets are available at Walgreen's and

advance tickets online are \$9. More information on the show can be found at southernshows.com/wde.

Lucky Squirrel in Garden City

If you're feeling lucky, head Saturday to Garden City to find those treasures.

The Downtown Development Authority brings back its Lucky Squirrel event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Gar-



Megan Fix is thrilled as she finds a handful of fishing poles she bought for her boyfriend at 2016 Lucky Squirrel event. FILE PHOTO

den City at in the parking lot of the former Kroger on Middlebelt north of Ford Road.

More than 100 vendors will be available selling their wares, which in-

clude jewelry, yard art, handmade soap and other items.

For more information, go to the DDA's website at downtowngardencity.com.

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Obituaries

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Eric C. Hojberg

INDIANA, PA - Eric C. Hojberg, 84, of Indiana, Pa and South Lyon, MI, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2018 in Indiana, Pa.

Eric was an alum of Fordson High School in Dearborn, MI and retired from Chrysler after a 30-year career. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Inger-Marie, and his parents Karl and Agnes Hojberg, who helped found the Nordkapp Sons of Norway Lodge in Detroit. He leaves behind 3 daughters Anita (Lee) Murray, Kari (Thomas) DeStefano, and Debra (Michael) Kraft, 6 grandchildren, Kris (Kim) Hollenback, Steve (Julia) Hollenback, Andrea DeStefano, Heather DeStefano, Rachel/Quasar (October) Surprise, and Karl (Lauren) DeStefano, and 2 great-grandchildren Charlotte and Romona Hollenback.

Eric will be remembered for his gracious and generous spirit, his love of boating on the Detroit and St. Claire Rivers. A Memorial Service will be scheduled for the summer of 2018 in Michigan.



Dorothy Kuehnle

MILFORD - Dorothy Kuehnle, a lifelong resident of Milford and charter member of Christ Lutheran Church, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by Robert, her beloved husband of sixty years in 2010, her daughter, Vicki, and son, Marc. She is survived by daughters, Tina (Russell) Hayden, Cindi (Edward) Suidan, Anna (Michael) Clark; son, Joel (Wendy) Kuehnle; grandchildren, Marc Jr (Amanda), Michael, Christina (Jason) Hamilton, Vicki (Brian) Stewart, Megan (Jason) Granroth, Chase (Rachel) Suidan, Courtney, Crystal, Brandon (Ashley) Calkins, Amber (Charlie) Roy, Katherine (Ryan) Smith, Sarah (Jimmy) Turner, Caleb, Madison, Alexander, Benjamin (Melissa), Cecily and sixteen great-grandchildren, and one on the way; brother, Charles Roeske as well as many loving extended family members, dear friends from Christ Lutheran Church and a host of others who come together to mourn her death and celebrate a life well lived. A Funeral Service was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, on Monday, April 23, 2018. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the church. For further information and complete obituary, visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com



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Jeannie Matson

MILFORD - Jeannie Matson, a long-time resident of Milford, passed away peacefully in hospice and in the company of loved ones on February 6, 2018. She was 80 years old. She has lived in Milford since 1969, where she has been an active member of the Milford Presbyterian Church, serving as an elder, directing the children's choir, playing in the bell choir, and singing in the adult choir for over 40 years. She has been a member of United Presbyterian Women, the Questers, and the Milford Garden Club. She enjoyed traveling the country to see her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, whom she loved very much and of whom she was very proud. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Larry R. Matson; children, Kevin Matson, Lyric (John) Owen, Galen Matson; grandchildren, Alex Matson, Jordan Matson, Josh Matson, Grace Owen, Tyler Matson and John Owen.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Margaret Masson and her brother John. A memorial service will be held at the Milford Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 1:00, with lunch to follow in the church Fellowship Hall.



Pamela Ann Van Houten

- Van Houten, Pamela April 21, 2018 Age 71.

Beloved wife of James Van Houten and the late Gary Schneemann. Loving mother of Steve (Jennifer) Schneemann, Susan (Daniel) Houston and Jonathan (Lynn) Schneemann. Grandmother of 8. Dear sister of Richard (Deborah) Cook.

Pam was a registered nurse for many years in the Providence Health Care System. She was a member of the Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton, a member of the Philanthropic Educational Association and past secretary and dynamic member of The Friends of the Novi Public Library.

Visitation 2-8 pm Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Ave Novi 248 348 1800. In-state 9 am Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church 9455 Hilton Rd. Brighton 48114 until 10 am service time. Pastor Arthur Hunt officiating. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Expressions of sympathy www.obriensullivan-funeralhome.com.



Sharon Murphy

-- Sharon L. Murphy, age 75, passed away April 29, 2018. She was born June 17, 1942 in Detroit, daughter of the late Matthew and Irene Murphy. Sharon spent 20+ years at the former State Savings Bank (currently PNC) where she was known for her sociable, likeable personality. She will also be remembered for her love of animals. Sharon is survived by her children: Richard (Lee Fossano) Davey, Debbie (Kevin) Steger, and Patricia (Dean) Vader; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 4 from 10:00AM - 12:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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4 tips for making braver career moves

 BY KATE LOPAZE
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Risk is scary. Everything in human history has evolved to make us scared of risk. After all, time has taught us that risks can get you eaten by animals in the wild or have you holding your head in despair while the stock market (with your bold investment in ostrich futures) tanks.

But risk can also be rewarding when it comes to your career. If you feel like you could use a little more bravery, there are ways to rewire your thinking to make yourself more open to risk. Nothing too bold or daredevil-y though — we'll leave that to Richard Branson.

Set your goals

The most effective risk-taking is tied to specific goals. You're not doing something just for the sake of doing it, but rather to learn something, overcome a particular issue or advance to a milestone. If you want to start embracing more risks to improve your job status or your pay grade, it starts with clearly defining your career goals.

If it means starting your own business, or going freelance after being a full-time corporate worker, it's important to keep in mind that your ultimate goal is independence. As long as you



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have that goal in your head as the end result, it can make big jumps (like quitting your day job) easier.

Do your research

Data makes you feel better. If you're thinking about switching jobs or changing careers altogether, the best thing you can do to validate the risk is gather as much information as you can.

If you're thinking about making a significant investment and going back to school, what are the job stats for new graduates in your field? If you're thinking about asking for a raise, what are people at your level in your field making?

Doing your research can help you make an informed decision to walk away from the risk, too. It's not just about talking yourself into doing some-

thing, but about understanding what you're about to do.

Start small

Even with your big goals in mind, set smaller milestones (and therefore smaller risks) to check off along the way. That way, you're not going all-in on something that feels big and scary because you've already made progress and smaller commitments toward that goal.

For example, if you're thinking of starting your own business, begin by opening a business bank account or getting the paperwork started for an LLC. Those are significant steps, but not so frightening in and of themselves.

Don't worry about being perfect

If you're taking a risk, you might think everything has to align perfectly for it to be successful. Not so! Taking action is the important part.

Hesitation over results can stop recovering perfectionists and overachievers in their steps.

In the worst-case scenario, you'll fail — but at least you'll have tried and learned valuable lessons about what works and what doesn't.

Risks don't have to be grand gestures that change everything forever. A risk can be something as simple as acting outside of your comfort zone. As long as you have a purpose and a plan behind you, taking risks isn't so scary after all — and you'll realize it's something we can all learn to do smarter.

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

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Car Report

TOYOTA'S 4RUNNER GIVES BRAND AN OFF-ROAD SUV THAT PROVIDES ROOM, RUGGEDNESS AND RELIABILITY BUYERS WANT



By Dale Buss

With so many SUV models clogging dealer showrooms these days, it's nice to run across a vehicle that stays true to its roots in utility while also providing the kind of comfort and amenities that American car buyers have come to expect in sport-utility vehicles these days.

The 2018 Toyota 4Runner is one of those rare vehicles. It has retained its bona fides as a great off-roader even while ensuring that you can enjoy an every-day commute or a family vacation within its confines as well.

While its styling isn't distinctive — very utilitarian, actually — and

its ride is on the stiff side, 4Runner has been a great "keep" for Toyota because, besides Jeep of course, there really isn't much competition in the American automotive mainstream for what 4Runner offers.

And if a Toyota buyer is more interested in comfort and on-road performance, the brand has other offerings, including the similarly sized Highlander SUV.

What makes 4Runner so fit for adverse terrain? It's got rugged drivetrain hardware and enough ground clearance to deal with many off-road situations. And its cargo area is very versatile, especially when equipped with the optional sliding rear cargo deck.

Also, 4Runner comes in various trim levels that provide options in off-road equipment, so you can select the options that best match your needs and your budget.

The current 4Runner generation



The cockpit area of 4Runner is clean and functional.

appeared for the 2010 model year, and while Toyota has changed some things up in subsequent years, few of the alterations have been major. The 2017 model added two new off-road trim packages, but here weren't many notable changes for 2018.

It's priced appropriately for the off-road capabilities 4Runner provides, but that kind of accommodation doesn't come inexpensively. Prices for 4Runner start at about \$34,000 and, running up the ladder to the six trim levels and all-wheel drive-only models, suggested retail prices can push \$43,000.

The 4Runner seats five people with its standard configuration, which includes two rows of seats. A third row is available, making the maximum capacity seven people. The seats match the model's no-nonsense personality, providing good comfort without doo-dads. And the rear-most seats work best for kids.

Overall, the interior has durable materials and highlights function over flair. But even the rear seats are plenty comfortable for long trips. In fact, the Premium trim version adds

comforts such as heated front seats with easy-clean premium vinyl upholstery, heated power outside mirrors and an auto-dimming rearview mirror.

The vehicle shines when it comes to cargo space, with loads of room for

whatever gear you want to bring to the forest, the beach or the tailgate parking lot. 4Runner provides up to 47.2 cubic feet of space behind the second-row seats and 88.8 cubic feet overall. It can also haul more than most three-row SUVs.

Toyota decided not to make 4Runner a leader in infotainment technology. It's got navigation, advanced voice recognition and a household-style power outlet located

in the cargo area, which can be crucial for off-roaders' favorite equipment.

The Entune infotainment interface is user-friendly with a set of large redundant knobs and buttons that are labeled clearly.

Under the hood, 4Runner is knocked for its gas mileage, which is estimated at just 17 mpg in the city and 21 mpg on the highway. But off-roaders understand that tip-top fuel economy is one of those things that you sacrifice in favor of all the capabilities that a vehicle like 4Runner provides. The vehicle's body-on-frame construction is heavier than newer crossovers, but it also provides the durability that is crucial for a reliable off-road transport.

The vehicle's 4.0-liter V6 engine does generate 270 horsepower, mated to a five-speed automatic transmission, and can tow up to 5,000 pounds.



The 2018 Toyota 4Runner is just fine on the highway but is exemplary off-road.



A rear view of 4Runner shows off features such as high clearance and under-mount spare.

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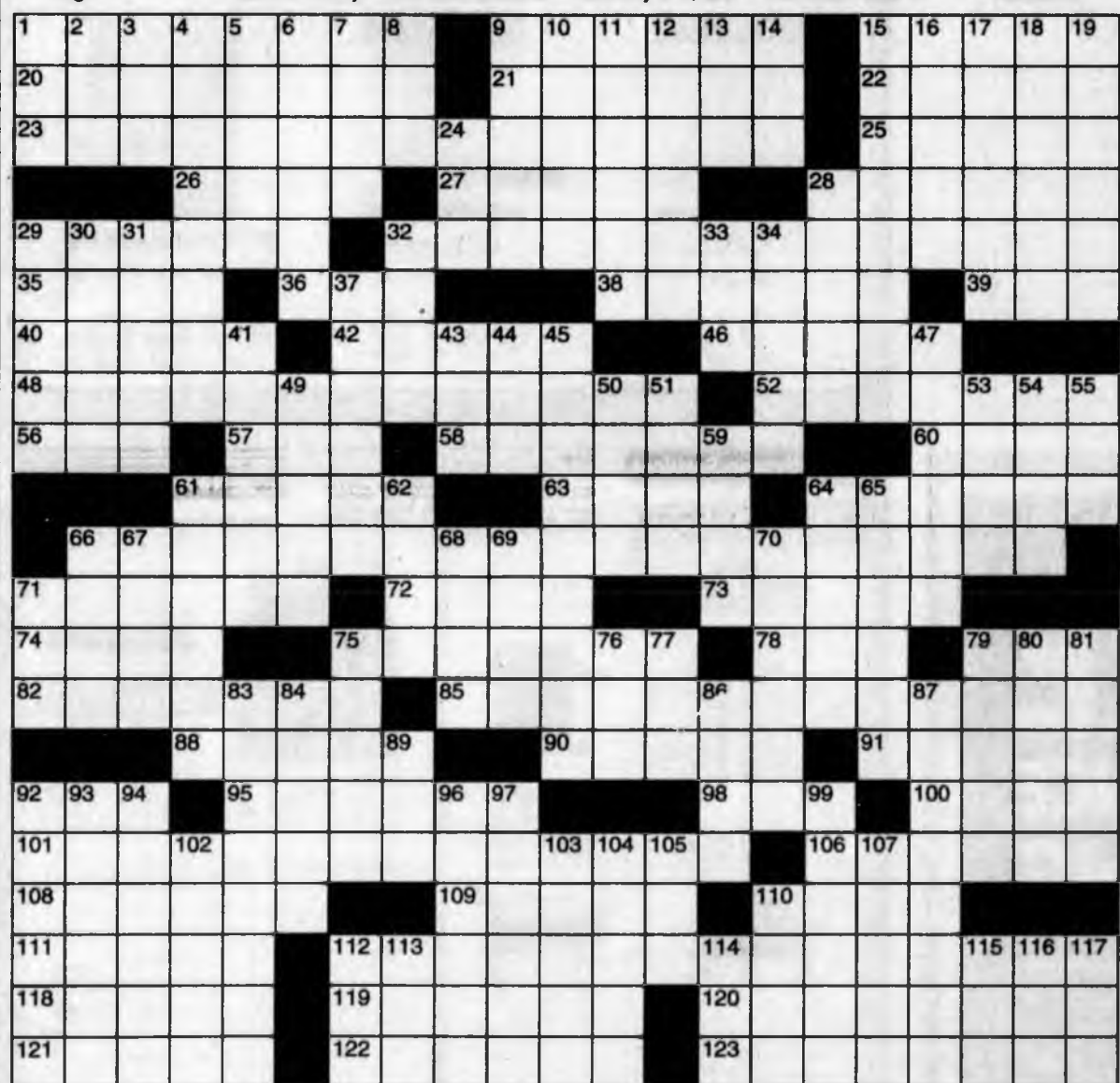
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ACROSS

- 1 Simulates, as an event
9 Employ anew
15 Barely visible
20 Dirigible pilot
21 Cuts into
22 The "O" of TV's OWN
23 Changing from one form of matter to another
25 Unrestrained
26 Hollywood's Harper
27 2006 Supreme Court appointee
28 Ballerina Alicia
29 "Tapestry" singer King
32 Eons ago
35 Son on "Family Ties"
36 —-fi movie
38 Fund held in trust
39 Cow's mouthful
40 Kindled anew
42 Linda of "Dynasty"
46 Bongos, e.g.
- 48 Of the study of the hair and scalp
52 Mine transports
56 Abbr. at the end of a list
57 Road groove
58 North Carolinian, informally
60 Puts to work
61 "Reward" for awful service
63 French for "eye"
64 Road
66 Annual movie event in Lower Manhattan
71 U.S. pres. George (#41 as opposed to #43)
72 Lounge lazily
73 Agatha Christie's "There Is —"
74 Voting no
75 Loss of recollections
78 Home for mil. planes
79 Machines next to mice
82 Actress Sarah of "American Crime Story"
- 85 Starter or finish judge at a meet, e.g.
88 "Woo-hoo!"
90 Docking site
91 Spanish wavy mark
92 27-Across' first name, for short
95 Kind of tire
98 Pack animal
100 Cooking fat
101 Having depth as well as length and width
106 Is abrasive
108 Kiddie-lit "pest"
109 Observed secretly
110 Minnesota's state bird
111 On top of
112 Action short of a divorce ... or what occurs in six long answers in this puzzle?
- 118 More sage
119 Red-brown
120 Nullified
121 Wound vestiges
122 Sets foot in
123 Exonerated

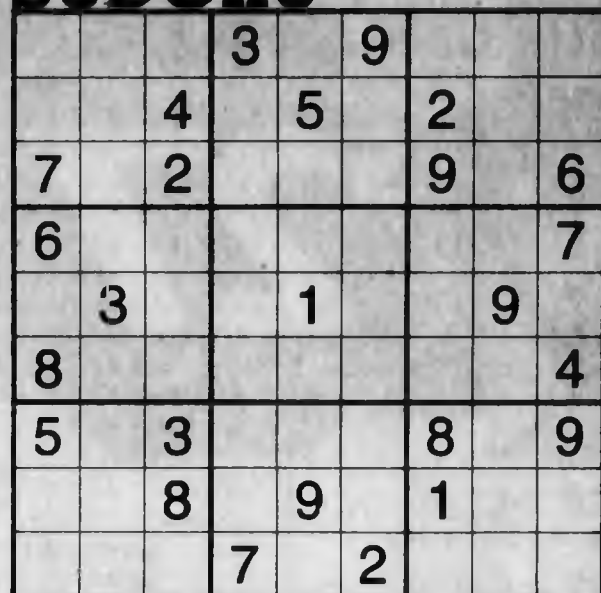
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- 1 Traitor
2 Suffix with cannon
3 Piece of the past
4 Not poisonous
5 Actor Elgort
6 Produces decorative spiral lines
7 Bath locales
8 Holy figures: Abbr.
9 Sphere
10 Bud of Bert
11 Real good-looker
12 Turns of phrase
13 "Stuck" actor Stephen
14 Class for U.S. aliens
15 "Go where I go"
16 "What — excuse for ..."
17 Paradoxical
18 Capital of the Bahamas
19 It's rung out on New Year's Eve
24 Mai —
28 Love, in Nice
29 —-blanche
30 Advisory
31 Piece of the past
32 DVR brand
33 Livy's 1,400
- 34 Flynn of old movies
37 Welsh, e.g.
41 Is pounding
43 Actor's rep.
44 Hollywood's Vardalos
45 Tool for cutting
47 Snaky shape
49 Not inner
50 "Excuse me"
51 Ericson of exploration
53 On a cruise
54 Line winder
55 Old JFK jet
59 Zeno of — (philosopher)
61 Ex — (from nothing)
62 Date tree
64 Inflexible
65 Morsel
66 Fish that's a sushi staple
67 Q-V link
68 It might have serifs
69 Robert of "The Sopranos"
70 Groups of employees
71 Protestant denom.
75 Battery end
76 I, in German
77 Alias lead-in
- 79 Rice-and-broth dish
80 Training unit
81 Luges, e.g.
83 Group associated with red fezzes
84 McCain's 2008 rival
86 Spoken
87 Salsa herb
89 — and yang
92 Drink inserts
93 Language of the Koran
94 Brunch drink
96 Help
97 Fat-breakdown enzyme
99 Goal getter
102 Delaware's capital
103 Ship of the Middle East
104 Jays' homes
105 Suffix with cannon
107 Stockpile
110 Liquid rock
112 Two plus one, in Turin
113 Trot quickly
114 Mom's mate
115 Ca++ or Cl-
116 Lyrical verse
117 Beauty of "Network"



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

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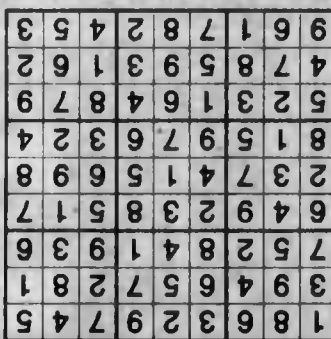
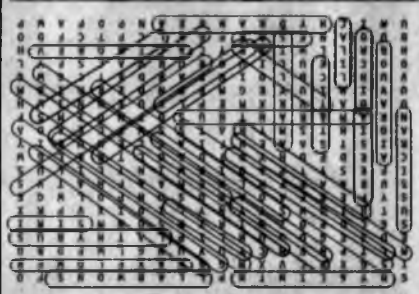
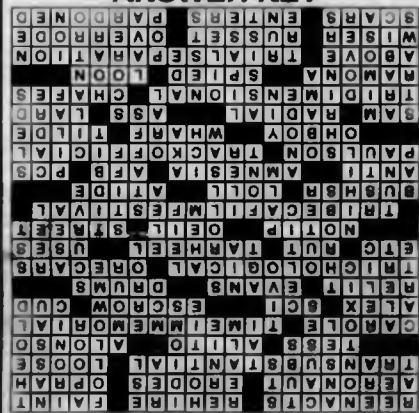
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AMARANTHUS
AMARYLLIS
BOUARDIA
CARNATION
CHRYSANTHEMUM
DAFFODIL
DELPHINIUM
FREESIA
GARDENIA
GLADIOLUS
GYPSOPHILIA
HEATHER
HYACINTH
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