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Suspect pleads guilty in township robbery

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A Detroit man who was facing 18 charges in connection with a violent 2017 home invasion in Northville Township pleaded guilty to one count of armed robbery April 30 — the day his trial was to begin in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Seventeen other charges against Deamo L. Lately, including home invasion, unlawful imprisonment and carjacking, were dismissed. Lately, 32, is to



Lately

be sentenced Tuesday, May 15, in circuit court by Judge Wanda Evans and faces a term of up to life in prison.

He was arrested in October in connection with an April 30, 2017, home invasion that occurred in area of Five Mile and Bradner.

A female victim testified in November, during Lately's preliminary examination, that she returned from a night of visiting clubs to find two gunmen at her home, one of whom fired a rifle. She

identified the man who fired the shot as Lately.

The victim testified that she found her boyfriend being forced by a second man with a gun to lie on the floor in a bedroom. Lately, the woman said, stripped off her clothes and forced her into a closet, which was barred with furniture.

Her boyfriend, she said, called police after the gunmen left.

No one was injured during the home invasion, but shoes, purses, cash, a Rolex watch and two vehicles, a Chevrolet Corvette and Lexus RX 350, were report-

ed stolen. The Corvette was later recovered.

Lately, who is being held in the county jail, has a criminal record that includes guilty pleas to charges of larceny from a person and receiving and concealing stolen property, but not, as the Observer previously reported, to unarmed robbery.

Police have not made a second arrest in the case.

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Making chicken soup

Northville writer's stories
have southern 'Soul'

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You can take Christie Lypka out of the South, but you can't take the South out of Christie Lypka.

That may turn out to be a fitting slogan for the transplanted southerner and current Northville resident's flourishing literary career, which includes a recent short story in the popular "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series, plus a contract with a publishing house in New York City to write a book — "The South Won't Rise Again" — based on her "Chicken Soup" characters.

A lifelong lover of writing, Lypka has had articles published in Redbook and Women's Day, among other magazines, but it was her successful submission to the CSFTS's "My Crazy Family" publication that has propelled her writing career to the next level.

"I had written my short story, 'Everything's Going South,' a while back, so when I saw that the 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' publishers were asking for stories for 'My Crazy Family,' I sent it in just to see what would happen," Lypka said.

"About a year after I submitted it, I got a call from the publisher, saying my story had been accepted. I was very excited, as was my husband (Mike), but to be honest, it had been so long between the time I turned it in to the time they called, I had totally forgotten about it."

Describing her writing style as equal measures humor and drama, Lypka often bases her characters and story lines from memories of her childhood in Louisiana.

"My main character is an off-shoot of me and plots are based on true experi-

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Northville resident Christie Lypka recently got a short story published in the popular "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series.



Toy poodle Stanley (right) was recently snatched by a coyote in the backyard of Jim and Toni Tesen's Northville Township home. Their other dog, Shadow, was outside at the same time.

Coyote snatches pet poodle from Northville residence

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Having seen coyotes in their Northville Township yard, Toni and Jim Tesen took precautions with their pets; they didn't let their two small dogs outside unattended.

One recent night, however, Toni Tesen was outside with the dogs — an outside light was on — when the couple's toy poodle, Stanley, was grabbed by a coyote. Stanley had noticed some movement in the yard and ran to it.

"It was traumatic, but it could have been worse. It was in a dark part of the yard. There was no sound from Stanley. I chased, but there was no way I could catch a coyote," Toni Tesen said.

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House of Wax competition seeks entries

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, is seeking submissions of encaustic, hot wax and/or cold wax artwork for the House of Wax: Juried Encaustic Competition, to be presented Aug 3-25.

Artists, ages 18 and over, may submit a maximum of three works of art created within the last two years and not previously exhibited at the Northville Art House. Artists are competing for entry and more than \$750 in awards, with the submissions juried by Detroit area encaustic and mixed media artist Candace Law.

All entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Friday, June 1. Go to <http://northvillearthouse.org/exhibits-2/artist-opportunities/> for more information and link to the online prospectus and entry form.

Law is a full-time artist in the Detroit

area. After receiving degrees and working in other fields, she earned a BFA in architectural illustration, but found herself drawn to fine art. Her current body of work focuses on encaustic (hot wax) and mixed media, especially incorporating found objects.



Law

"Art for me is a means of communicating about our environment, our lives, sharing our experiences and reflecting how they inform each other," she said.

Her exhibits include several solo shows, as well as numerous regional and national exhibitions — both invitational and juried competitions. Her work has appeared in Encaustic Arts magazine, as well as the Studio Visit publication, and is in a number of private collections, including at Detroit's Historic Trinity Church. Law teaches encaustic workshops and works from her studio in Berkley.

Writer

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ences of my youth," she said. "The vernacular in the South and the slow way people have of telling a story is a big reason so many great writers come from the South. There is a turn of phrase people use that just doesn't exist in other parts of the country."

Lypka, who moved to Michigan from Atlanta in 2000, has a library of life experiences to draw from.

After earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration, Lypka excelled as an executive director for several nonprofit organizations, including United Way, Habitat for Humanity and Court Appointed Special Advocates.

"When I lived in Atlanta I had a good friend who lived in Michigan and I visited her often," she said. "I like it so much up here that I moved to Michigan in 2000 and to Northville Township in 2005."

Not only did she fall in love with Michigan, she met her husband, who holds an executive position at General Motors.

In addition to her book "The South

Will Not Rise Again," Lypka is also working on a non-fiction book based on the murder of Midland's Doris Arndt in 1977.

"Law enforcement actually closed the case 30 years after her death," Lypka said. "They can't say they solved the case, because the man who they know did it died in prison before he could defend himself. It's a fascinating story."

Lypka joked that she has to clean up her office when she knows guests are coming over.

"When I'm working on the Doris Arndt book, I may have autopsy photos taped to my white board," she said. "I make sure I take those down before anyone comes over."

An instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Lypka has a jam-packed schedule, but manages to pace herself.

"Some days I need a break, so I don't write at all," Lypka said. "But there are other days ... when I'll write six chapters."

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Coyote

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"There was no sound from Stanley when he was carried off. It would have been terrible to witness Stanley suffering."

As her dog was being carried off, Toni Tesen said she could see the back end of the coyote with its big fuzzy tail. Jim Tesen was inside the house when Stanley was snatched.

"My wife and I have been married 51 years and I never heard screams like that from her," Jim Tesen said. "Our houses are by a field. There are lots of critters constantly in the yard. (Stanley) spotted something — a poodle's nature is to chase and hunt. (Stanley) darted out. He had seen the coyote. It grabbed him and ran into the field."

The couple had gotten Stanley, 11, a rescue dog, seven years ago. Jim Tesen said Stanley liked to chase all kinds of

animals that came into their yard: squirrels, rabbits, opossums and even skunks.

"He was still as spunky as a pup. Boy, do we miss him," Toni Tesen said.

The Tesens live in the Reserve of Northville Ridge, a site condominium development located in an area between Five Mile and Six Mile, between Ridge and Napier. Their home faces west, where there is heavily wooded land with wetlands. Fences aren't allowed in the development.

"People really need to be aware and take the warnings about coyotes seriously. Don't think 'it can't happen to us,'" Jim Tesen said, adding he and his wife thought they were taking adequate precautions. "The way Toni and I feel, we blame ourselves."

Going forward, the Tesens plan to keep their dogs on a leash when they are in the yard. Toni Tessen said she'd like to see a change to allow fences in their development.

Hoping they would post a report and

alert people about coyotes, Jim Tesen said he called Northville Township Police about Stanley being snatched.

"The lady at dispatch was so kind taking the information. The police officer offered to walk out in the field looking for Stanley. I was very impressed," Jim Tesen said.

A few times each year, Northville Township police get a report about a coyote, Northville Police Lt. Mike Burrough said, but coyotes are typically afraid of people.

"It usually means they have found a food source, like small rodents. Or (people) are leaving out food for stray cats or that sort of thing," Burrough said. "Everyone is sympathetic when something like this happens — it's horrible. (The Tesens) were doing everything right. They were outside with their animals."

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New building, new restaurant on tap in Milford

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Michael Rea is ready to break ground any day for a new building at Main and Liberty streets in downtown Milford.

"We're putting in a two-story, mixed-use building with commercial space on the first floor and office space on the second," said Rea, whose family's businesses, Fairmount Properties and Area Construction, are developing the long-vacant lot at 310 N. Main. "It's a pretty simple building. Nothing big and fancy."

The building will have 6,300 square feet of space for retail and a restaurant on the first floor and 6,700 square feet of space for office on the second floor. Rea said the first floor could have from two to four businesses, depending on the size of the restaurant.

"It depends on what type of commercial use goes in there," he said. "If we got three (tenants), that would be great."

Rea submitted site plans to the village planning commission in March 2017 and officials approved the project in May. The lot was fenced and concrete was removed, but little else has occurred on the site since then.

"There were just some typical issues we had to go through and we've got all

that done," he said. "It was a matter of lining up the construction and waiting for good weather."

Rea said a former mechanic shop owned by his father previously occupied the property, but was demolished accidentally by a crew working on an adjacent building. In the 15 years since the accident, the family has allowed some community organizations to use the vacant lot.

"They've been very generous in allowing people to use that site for local events," said Ann Barnette, Milford Downtown Development Authority director. "Milford Memories has used the site before. They had access to it for parking."

Barnette said she will be thrilled to see a building on the site, adding that there's been no business there since the mid-1990s.

"We are extremely excited about something being done there," she said.

Rea said his family intended to redevelop the vacant lot, but was waiting for an upturn in the economy and "for the right thing to do with it."

He expects to complete construction by the end of the year.

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Construction equipment is on-site and ready to start working on the foundation of a new mixed use building at Liberty and Main streets in downtown Milford. SHARON DARGAY



The Rev. Stan Tokarski helping plant a tree outside St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon.

South Lyon church gets new tree for Arbor Day

There's a new maple tree outside St. Joseph Catholic Church in celebration of Arbor Day, which was April 27.

The city of South Lyon planted the tree to mark the holiday in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation for the Tree City USA designation. It was a commemoration called "National Arbor Day Celebration — A Tree of Hope."

The Rev. Stan Tokarski, St. Joseph pastor, blessed the tree after it was planted. A small group gathered to attend the tree planting at the parish.



South Lyon Police Chief/Interim City Manager Lloyd Collins with the tree planted for Arbor Day.



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Senior Expo attracts hundreds in its 15th year

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When it comes to hitting the Senior Expo, Sue Sica came looking to hear the advice of a well-recognized financial adviser speaking on the changes with the new tax laws this year.

"It's a lot of things that are pertinent to us," the Livonia resident said. "That's why I come."

"And of course, Rick Bloom is a very well-known name in the area."

Sica, part of a group of women who attend the Livonia Family YMCA on a regular basis, was just one of many who attended the 15th annual Senior Expo at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Put on May 1 by hometownlife.com, the expo connects seniors to services such as retirement homes, medical professionals, health care providers and financial information.

More than 30 booths of information were available to those who attended, along with the freebies that came with attending. It was a common sight to see people walking to the parking lot along Haggerty carrying one or two bags back to their car.

One business providing information to attendees was Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, which operate senior communities locally in Redford and Westland. Samantha Wingerfer, who works in mobile sales and leasing for the company, said having a presence at events like the Senior Expo is important for the organization's mission of reaching out.

"It's really important, because the majority of our residents are based off word-of-mouth," she said. "That's where I'd say a majority of our residents come from."

The same goes for the people at Livonia-based Angela Hospice, which provides end-of-life care to its patients. The organization was there to provide info on its services. It had several people inquire about volunteering opportunities, said Jennifer Kirkland, director of community relations.

The organization was also there to promote several upcoming events, including its inaugural garden tea party, taking place from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, in Livonia.



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Anna Ruoff of Plymouth Township has her spine checked by Sandy Kresch of HealthQuest. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Senior Expo attendees. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Commerce Township resident Phyllis Clancy, another member of the group that goes to the Livonia YMCA, said she also comes each year, looking for the lat-

est information. Hearing the presenters and other talks, she said, is beneficial.

"It's very helpful," she said. "It gets us a lot of information."

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A clubhouse with a fitness center, yoga room, billiards, great room with fireplace, verandas overlooking the lap and wading pools, locker rooms and a play park is now under construction. North Oaks is located minutes from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend acclaimed Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686 or visit North-Oaks.com.

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Looking for a farmers market? Here you go

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The flowers are blooming, the lawnmowers are booming and the opening days for local farm markets are looming.

All across southeast Michigan, farmers are in all-out planning mode to deliver fresh produce to health-conscious consumers from South Lyon to Westland.

Here is a list of local farm markets, most of which will open this coming weekend, if they haven't propped up their stands already.

Canton Farmers Market

The Canton Farmers Market will kick off the season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road.

This open-air-market features a variety of Michigan grown and made food, as well as hand-crafted items.

The market will be held each Sunday through Oct. 14, rain or shine. New this year: Market-goers can enjoy special themed-markets, including May 13 (Mother's Day), when moms will receive a free flower, while supplies last; May 20, Street Art/Artist Day; May 27, honoring veterans; and June 3, National Egg Day.

In addition, the master gardener booth will hold its perennial plant exchange May 13, 20 and 27. Visitors can bring a plant, take a plant or take a plant and leave a small donation. Plants must be in good shape and labeled, if possible.

Millford Farmers Market

The Millford Farmers Market will be open each Thursday beginning this week (May 10) until Oct. 11 at East Liberty Street, between South Main and Union.

The market will be open 3-7 p.m. in May, September and October and 3-8 p.m. in June, July and August.

The market is committed to showcasing local farmers, producers and artisans. Only produce grown or made by vendors in Michigan will be considered for market. It is also committed to providing a variety of vendors in order to create an interesting and consumer-friendly market.

The market will sell reusable shopping bags, advertise in local media and create many banners, signs and fliers to be posted throughout the community.

Additionally, the market will hold children's activities, cooking demos and special events. Invitations are extended to nonprofit organizations to promote the commitment to building community through the organization's work.

Northville Farmers Market

Beginning May 3, the Northville Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 25 at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads. Overflow parking is located at the Northville Downs race track, directly across the street from the market.

If interested in becoming a vendor, go to the market's website, where an application, rules and regulations are listed.

Solicitation is not allowed at the market. To participate in the market, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

Westland Farmers and Artisans Market

Opening day for the Westland Farmers and Artisans



Shoppers at the Northville Farmers Market peruse pots of flowers and plants. The market will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Thursday through October. It's located at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon, across the street from Northville Downs race track. FILE PHOTO

Market is set for 3-7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road (south of the H20 Zone).

Vendors for 2018 are still being accepted. To apply, go to the market's website and send the application to westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Livonia Farmers Market

The Livonia Farmers Market at the Wilson Barn will open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16, and be open each Saturday through the second week of October.

The market is located at 29350 West Chicago and receives produce from farmers throughout southeast Michigan.

Farmington Farmers Market

Beginning May 19, the Farmington Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 27 at Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in the George F. Riley Park, located at Grand River Avenue at Grove Street.

The market will be observing its 25th year of operation this season. Opening-day guests include the Farmington Beautification Committee, Larry Arbour and Swing Farmington, chef Zachariah Peterlin and the Little Sprouts, sponsored by Mayfair preschool.

Farmers and growers that serve the Farmington community frame a radius of more than 65 miles, traveling from places like Riga, Ray, Britton and Coloma — all Michigan farm communities.

South Lyon Farmers Market

The South Lyon Farmers Market will held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday from May 5 through Oct. 27, at 110 W. Liberty St.

For more information, go to the market's website.

Plymouth Farmers Community Market

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will once again bring the annual Farmers Community Market to downtown Plymouth.

The 2018 market opens from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday from May 12 through Oct. 27, at The Gather-

ing across from Kellogg Park.

The market will be closed on Art in the Park and Plymouth Fall Festival weekends.

Birmingham Farmers Market

The Birmingham Farmers Market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 28. The market can be found at 660 N. Old Woodward. Go to www.birminghamfarmersmarket.org to learn more.

MSU Tollgate Farm Farmers Market

Tollgate Farm holds its weekly farm market 4:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, May 30 to Oct. 10.

Go to tollgate.msu.edu for more information.

Walled Lake Farmers Market

The Walled Lake Farmers Market runs 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday, May through October, at 1499 E. West Maple.

Redford Farmers Market

The Redford Farmers Market, located at 15145 Beech Daly Road, is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday, June 18 to Oct. 22.

Oakland County Farmers Market

The Oakland County Farmers Market runs year-round at 2350 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford. The market is open from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Go to www.destinationoakland.com/countymarket for more information.

Eastern Market

Eastern Market, located at 2934 Russell Street in Detroit, is open year-round. Hours are 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Sunday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Tuesday. Go to www.easternmarket.com for more information.

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City of Northville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2018-19 PROPOSED ANNUAL CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2018-19 Annual City Budget.

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

PROPOSED 2018 MILLAGE RATES The following statements are provided, as required by State statute, concerning the 2018 proposed millage levies for the City of Northville.

The 2018 tax levy for the City Operating Millage is proposed to be 13.5188 mills, compared to 13.5864 mills in 2017, resulting in a decrease of 0.5%. The City Council has authority under the City Charter to set the Operating Millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 13.5188 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee roll-back formula.

The 2018 levy for the Improvement Program for Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks, approved by the voters on March 4, 1997, is proposed to be 1.6841 mills, compared to 1.7097 mills in 2017, resulting in a 1.5% decrease.

The total City millage for operating, debt, and improvements is proposed to be 15.2029 mills in 2018. Compared to the 15.2961 mills levied in 2017, the decrease is 0.0932 mills, or 0.61%.

ANTICIPATED EQUALIZATION FACTORS The 2018 equalization factors for both Wayne and Oakland County are expected to be 1.00 for all classes of property.

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ReLeaf Michigan, a nonprofit tree planting and education organization, has launched its 14th biennial Michigan Big Tree Hunt contest. The contest, which offers prizes for identifying the biggest trees in Michigan, is open to participants of all ages.

The largest trees in the state can be found anywhere: a backyard, a local park or a hiking trail. Certificates and prizes are awarded for the largest tree submitted from each county, for the overall largest tree in different age groups and for potential state champion trees. Even if the tree submitted is not as large as the currently listed state champion of that species, it's important to still submit, since the current champion may have died or since been removed.

ReLeaf Michigan started the Michigan Big Tree Hunt in 1993 to celebrate our state's beauty and create a fun way to gather information about Michigan's biggest trees. The contest is an opportunity for all age groups to help track these vital historical living landmarks. The

contest is also a way to discover eligible trees for the National Register of Big Trees, which is updated every spring and fall by American Forests. Today, Michigan has 19 registered national champions. Since there are nearly 200 tree species that don't yet have registered champions, the Big Tree Hunt is a great opportunity to get Michigan trees noticed nationwide.

More contest details and the entry form are available online at bigtreehunt.com. The contest will accept submissions until the deadline of Sept. 3, 2019. If you have a question not answered on the website, email ledwards@ReLeafMichigan.org or call 800-642-7353.

ReLeaf Michigan's Big Tree Hunt contest is sponsored by the Arboriculture Society of Michigan, Consumers Energy Foundation, the DTE Energy Foundation, the Michigan Botanical Club and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources — Urban and Community Forestry Program.



Lenin Kuchipudi of Farmington Hills won third place in 2016 for his photo of the White Chapel mausoleum with tulips. LENIN KUCHIPUDI

Cemetery tulip photo contest draws shutterbugs

Sharon Dargay
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Looking for a spectacular tulip display this month?

David Krall suggests you skip Holland's annual festival and head to White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery in Troy.

"It's free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to drive three hours to Holland," said Krall, White Chapel vice president. "We have 50,000 tulips in a couple hundred acres. We plant fresh, new bulbs every fall, imported straight from the Netherlands. We're getting the best and sometimes the rarest."

Snap a photo of the flowers, upload it to www.whitechapelcemetery.com and you'll be in the running for a gift card and a chance to enjoy the floral display for all eternity. First prize in the eighth annual Tulip Festival Photo Contest is a \$500 White Chapel credit voucher, in addition to a \$500 gift card. Second prize is a gift card and cemetery voucher, each worth \$200, while third prize is a \$100 gift card and \$100 voucher. The prize for the selfie category is a \$200 app gift card.

"The contest has been going on for eight years, but the tulips have been going on since the 1930s. We thought we'd highlight them by doing a photo contest," Krall said. "We thought the tulips were one of the Detroit area's best-kept secrets and we didn't want to keep it a secret any longer."

Local winners

Contestants can photograph tulips with props or people or they can focus in on the flowers, as Paul Seymour of Westland did last year in his first-place photo of a single tulip stem. Two years ago, Lenin Kuchipudi of Farmington Hills won a third-place prize for his photo showing a sea of yellow blooms with the mausoleum as a backdrop.

"One year, we had a lady who brought her cello out and someone took photos of her in front of tulips. Occasionally, they'll sneak in a pet dog for a photo. We see all these photographers taking photos," Krall said. "It's really fun to see people come out and enjoy these tulips. The cemetery is a place for the living and we want people to be able to enjoy



Paul Seymour of Westland won first place last year in White Chapel Cemetery's annual tulip photo contest. The 2018 contest runs through May 27, at the cemetery in Troy. PAUL SEYMOUR

the cemetery."

A tulip garden map and a guide, indicating color and variety at each planting site, is available on White Chapel's website. Photo contest entries also are posted on the website and visitors can vote for their favorites. Judges will consider the public vote when they choose winning photos. The contest ends at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

Krall said the contest receives 100-200 entries every year. Contestants can enter up to a total 10 photos — five in the selfie category and another five non-selfie tulip photos.

Tulips are just beginning to open at the cemetery and Krall said the best viewing time likely will be the middle of the month.

"Tulips are not a very long show to begin with," he said. "You have three to four weeks. With the winter hanging on so long, almost all of them will be late bloomers."

White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery is at 621 Long Lake Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Call 248-362-7670.

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Falling tree injures postal carrier

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A mail carrier was critically injured Friday morning when a tree fell on him as he was delivering mail in South Lyon.

The South Lyon Fire Department was dispatched about 11:45 a.m. on a report that a tree had fallen on a man at Wells and Detroit streets. Later in the afternoon, the man's condition was upgraded from critical.

Firefighters reported finding a very old large tree laying on the man, who was able to speak to them but was trapped and unable to move.

The firefighters used a chainsaw to tunnel to the man. The firefighters, HVA paramedics and South Lyon police all worked to get the man out from under the tree.

The man was transported to Providence Park Hospital in Novi, where he was listed in critical condition initially, but later upgraded. When the tree broke during a period of high winds, the man had been delivering mail on Detroit Street.

In another wind-related incident, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies are investigating the death of a 36-year-old Waterford man after a section of a large hardwood tree broke free and fell on him in Independence Township.

That incident was reported just before noon Friday when deputies and the Independence Township Fire Depart-



South Lyon firefighters at the scene of downed tree that injured a postal carrier Friday. SOUTH LYON FIRE DEPARTMENT

ment were called to the 4700 block of Rattek. Deputies reported the man was working on his employer's property using a walk-behind skid steer, spreading mulch and leaves to the back of the property, when a large section of a tree broke free, landing on the victim's back. The impact forced his head forward into

the steering levers of the machine and pinned him. The levers went into the subject's head, contributing to his death, according to deputies.

Deputies reported the man was deceased when they arrived. An autopsy is scheduled and MIOSHA was also contacted, since it was an on-the-job death.

The township Department of Public Works came to assist in removing the fallen section of tree.

Contact **LeAnne Rogers** at lr@hometownlife.com or 734-883-9039.

NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Drop-in Crafty Saturday

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, May 12
Details: Kids of all ages drop by the library to make a beautiful foam flower bouquet for Mother's Day. All ages welcome. No registration required, just drop in.

Paint a Canvas

When: 4:15-5:40 p.m. Tuesday, May 15
Details: Make your own art by painting a canvas in this creative program

hosted by local The Bee's Knees Pottery Studio. For ages 9-12. Limit of 30 attendees. Register online at northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020.

Explore our Amazing Universe

When: 4:15-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 16
Details: Learn fascinating facts about our universe in this fun science presentation by Dynamic West Assembly Shows. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the program. Tickets not available in advance. All ages welcome.

Foreign Film

When: 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 21

Details: "The Tall Blond Man with One Black Shoe." In this classic French comedy, a hapless violinist becomes an unwitting pawn of rivals within the French secret service after he is chosen as a decoy by being identified as a secret agent. French, 90 minutes. Just drop in.

Michigan War Dog Memorial

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 29
Details: This is a tribute to the hundreds of dogs who died in the line of service to this country from World War II and all the wars since. Register.

Hooray for LEGO Day

When: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 30
Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized superhero LEGO creation to

be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30 attendees. Register.

One-on-one tech help

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

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

ESL Conversation Group

When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday
Details: Join us for informal conversation to help improve your English. Just drop in.

Support staff members key to our district's success



Super Talk
Steve Matthews
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Pat Kortlandt retired April 20 as the Village Oaks Elementary School secretary. Over the course of many years, she had served the district well in a variety of capacities. Village Oaks staff members rightfully took time to celebrate her for all her steadfast and excellent service.

Then, April 26, I "substituted" for Rachelle Shafer, Orchard Hills Elementary School secretary. It was part of the Novi Educational Foundation's Superintendent Sub Day. Staff members could buy raffle tickets and I would substitute for the winner.

These two experiences made me once again reflect

on the importance of our Novi Community School District support staff. Without them, our district would not be able to function.

We have bus drivers who arrive well before the sun comes up every morning to prepare their buses for the day. They open the hoods, check hoses and tires to make sure that everything is safe and ready to go. Then they drive through traffic and around tight corners to pick up more than 3,500 students and deliver them to school safely every day.

Our district employs two mechanics — two! — who manage to ensure that our buses are ready each day. We have more than 35 buses that hit the road every day. Our state bus audit has certified 100 percent of our buses meet the standards. This level of excellence can be directly attributed to the care of our mechanics and bus drivers.

Our district has secretaries who learn the names of

every student in the school. These staff members ensure that substitute teachers are welcomed and oriented to the school. Lost homework finds its way to secretaries, who then ensure that it finds its way to students. Secretaries deal with staff, students and parents at some of the worst times of their day — when pressure is high and patience is sometimes low. Yet these staff members find the inner resources to treat us with calm and compassion.

We have tech staff in our district who receive frantic calls from staff members about a hundred random things — printers that do not print, software programs that frustrate us, video projectors that do not project. Yet these staff members patiently talk us — talk me — through our problems and help us find solutions.

Our district has a Community Education Office that provides a wide variety of services — adult and alternative high school education, preschool and infant CARE, community enrichment for children and adults. This office has staff members who arrive early and stay late every day. They ensure that our students, parents and community members have opportunities starting when they are very young and extending to when they are very old.

The Novi Community School District's primary mission is to ensure that students learn each day. Yet our district could not achieve that goal without the effort, skill, commitment and passion of our support staff. I appreciate all that they do to support our district and the families in our community.

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

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Police join #finddani movement in Stislicki case



Farmington Police cars bear the hashtag #finddani that has become a symbol of the effort to find missing Farmington Hills resident Danielle Stislicki. CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

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Not long after 28-year-old Danielle Stislicki disappeared, friends, family members and even perfect strangers began using "#finddani" as a kind of rallying cry in the effort to bring her home.

Now, some 17 months after Stislicki's disappearance, Farmington Hills police have added #finddani to their repertoire.

Farmington Hills police vehicles have been adorned with the popular hashtag. A posting made public on the city's Facebook page Wednesday explained the move.

"As a way of reminding people about the case, #FindDani has been written on the back window of Farmington Hills Police Department vehicles. The Police Department hopes that this will draw renewed interest in the case, initiate curiosity and generate tips. Officers also wanted to show support for the Stislicki family," according to the posting.

The idea for the #finddani on police car windows came from Commander Bonnie Unruh. Farmington Hills Police Chief Charles Nebus said the move helps keep the Stislicki case in the forefront.

"The gesture was done ... in honor of the Stislicki family, who we think of on a daily basis," Nebus said. "The Stislicki's are an amazing family. We also still need to bring awareness to the case, jog peoples memories, and remain hopeful that it encourages a reluctant person with information to come forward."

Stislicki was last seen Dec. 2, 2016, leaving from the office building where she worked in Southfield. Her car was found in her apartment parking lot the next morning. No one has seen her since.

Police have long said Stislicki was the "victim of a crime" and have executed dozens of search warrants in an effort to find clues to her disappearance. Floyd Galloway, a former security employee at the building where Stislicki worked, has been named a "person of interest" in the case, though police have stopped short of calling him a suspect.

Galloway, a Berkley resident whose home has been searched several times, recently pleaded guilty in the assault of a Livonia woman in Hines Park in September 2016.

Ann Stislicki, Danielle's mother, said the #finddani emblazoned on car windows is a "very efficient and inexpensive" way to keep the case in people's minds.

"We all have places to go and drive to get there, so the opportunity for people to see that Danielle continues to remain missing is important," she said. "It brings awareness to those who do not know about her case and is a conversation starter."

The support recently shown by the police department quickly spread to various social media sites supporting the Stislicki family.

Danielle's mother said she was "overcome with emotion" to see that kind of support and dedication from the police.

"It literally knocked me off my feet," Ann Stislicki said. "It inspires hope, faith and strength knowing there continues to be many who are relentless, empowered and willing to look outside the box to bring Danielle home."

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Money Matters
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Confusion reigns on tax law, charitable contributions

Thanks to all of you who came out to the Observer & Eccentric 2018 Senior Expo and heard me speak on taxes. It was a wonderful event and I'm already looking forward to next year. As I was taking questions after my talk, one thing became clear — there is some confusion about one of the changes in the tax law. In particular, people were confused about the deductibility of charitable contributions. I thought I would, once again, explain the rules.

Fundamentally, there has been no change in the rules regarding charitable contributions. You can continue to deduct your charitable contributions as normal. However, there has been a change in another part of the law that does impact charitable contributions. Although charitable contributions are deductible, the majority of people are going to find that since the standard deduction has doubled (\$24,000 for a married couple, \$12,000 for single), they will not be itemizing their deductions, they will just take the standard deduction.

Last year, nearly 50 million households filed returns that itemized their deductions. It's anticipated that when people file their 2018 return, less than half that number will itemize. There is, however, a work-out for those that are charitable in nature and who are over age 70%, and are thus mandated by law to take a distribution from their IRA and retirement accounts.

Those over age 70% are eligible to donate all or a portion of their required minimum distribution to a charity. By donating all or a portion of your required minimum distribution to a charity, you don't have to include that amount in taxable income. The result is that you're taking advantage of the higher standard deduction and, at the same time, you are in effect still getting a substantial tax benefit by your contribution. The key is that the money has to go directly from your IRA custodian to the charity. For seniors who are charitable in nature, using your required minimum distribution for charitable contributions is a win-win. You get the higher standard deduction and you can exclude from income the amount of your required minimum distribution that goes to a charity.

Those who are not age 70% and who will not be itemizing their deduction because of the new standard deduction will not get a tax benefit by making a charitable contribution. For those who will no longer itemize their deductions and are going to make a charitable contribution, it still makes sense to consider using investments you have a gain in.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

STAMP OUT HUNGER THIS SATURDAY



U.S. Postal Service letter carriers throughout Novi will participate in the 26th annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, scheduled for Saturday, May 12. Residents can put non-perishable food items at their mailbox before the carrier arrives. All food collected stays in Novi and goes to food pantries at Faith Community and St. James Church.

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Graduation 2018

Meet the Hometown Life Top 6 students

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It's incredible what young people can do.

We're talking students that have worked on research projects at places like the University of Michigan, helped teach athletics to special education children in Detroit, captained their varsity ski teams and more.

The following section celebrates those students who have made excellent academic strides, highlighting the Top 6 from many of the schools in the Hometown Life coverage area.

From Canton to Birmingham, these students have shown their skills and are some of the most talented.

A member of the cheer team at Ladywood High School in Livonia, Elizabeth Randall said the school, which is closing later this spring, has been supportive of her endeavors since she arrived. Her experience, she said, has crafted her into the person she is today.

"It's not just the academics that happen at Ladywood, it creates a whole social life," she said. "It's really created a strong academic background, but also created a strong social network. A true social network, people I can rely on when I need something."



Randall



Sahil

Randall said she plans on attending the University of Michigan in the fall, majoring in business administration

with a focus in accounting.

The students' work is something that's been recognized not only in their classrooms, but by their school leaders. Kevin Etue, principal at Churchill High School in Livonia, said the students at his school continue to find ways to push themselves.

"What impresses me the most with our Top 6 is, even with a rigorous academic workload, each student participates in Churchill athletics or activities while positively contributing to their community through charitable work," he said. "Their desire to succeed in academics is mirrored by their passion to be with people, to be part of something bigger than themselves."

Sahil Tolia, a student at Northville High School, said his time at the school has been "transformative." A member of Science Olympiad and USA Biology Olympiad, as well as an officer in Student Council, Student Congress and National Honor Society, Tolia said the experiences have been key to the high school

experience.

"I've learned how a leader can make an impact through community service and communication. In addition, I've had the pleasure of getting to know many of my wonderful teachers and administrators who dedicate their careers toward allowing kids like me achieve their goals," Tolia said. "Finally, I've learned so much from the greater Northville community and my diverse peers, as they helped me mature into a confident, passionate individual with aspirations to help the world in any way possible."

When it comes to the students from Bloomfield Hills High School, counselor Shayna Klein said students have had amazing accomplishments during their time in high school and are situated to make great strides in their futures.

"These students demonstrate great diversity in their skills and talents, both academically and in their extracurricular endeavors. Among them, we have National Merit Scholarship winners, athletes, student leaders, young researchers and many other tremendous accomplishments," Klein said. "Our students are architects of their own futures and will become productive and valuable members of their communities in the future."

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Lakeland



Emily Ajemian
Lakeland



Brendan
Fraser
Lakeland



Maxwell Smith
Lakeland



Rowan Marchie
Milford



Mya Zeese
Milford



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Dopierala
Milford



Olivia Mobley
Milford



Courtney
Fortin
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Sydney
Stankovich
Milford



Sohan Jadhav
Northville



Haotian Jiang
Northville



Sanjana
Kannikawaran
Northville



Angela Lee
Northville



Lauren Masse
Northville



Sahil Tolia
Northville



Arun
Annamalai
Novi



Robert Chen
Novi



Zijin Huang
Novi



Aditya Ravi
Novi



Amber Renton
Novi



Ashwin
Vangipuram
Novi



Audrey Knepp
South Lyon



Kellen Weeks
South Lyon



Kevin
Pezeshkian
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Madeline
Taylor
South Lyon



Erika Auner
South Lyon



Alyssa Schams
South Lyon



Madelyn
Eisner
South Lyon
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Logan Boals
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Samuel Church
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Racquel
Harrison
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Natalie
Aulicino
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Jennifer
Ascher
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Hometown Life 2018 Academic Top 6



Fallon Renehan
South Lyon
East



Anna Smith
South Lyon
East

Hometown Life congratulates the following students chosen as their school's shining stars. Public and private high schools within the coverage area of HometownLife.com/Observer & *Eccentric Newspapers* were invited to submit their Top 6 students to be honored for academic achievement. Each school was encouraged to submit the criteria for choosing its students and they are presented in the order submitted, with many listed in alphabetical order and so noted.

In total, 30 schools responded, 17 from Oakland County and 13 from Wayne County. Of those that submitted test scores, the average SAT score is 1,494.93 and the average ACT score is 33.72. There were 17 students with an ACT score of 36 and one had an SAT score of 1,600.

Detroit Catholic Central

Criteria: Cumulative GPA.

Michael Nunu

Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.937, ACT 31, SAT 1,430

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Student Council president, Spectrum Newspaper editor-in-chief, Spanish Honor Society class officer, National Honor Society, track and field captain, Teen Youth Group president

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (wait-listed at Harvard)

Thomas Wladuck

Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.886, ACT 34

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Swimming, drama, Kairos Retreat leader, National Honor Society

College Choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Zachary Pourach

Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.844, ACT 35

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity football, varsity baseball, DECA - state champion and international representative, HOSA, Hope Against Trafficking, National Honor Society

College Choice: University of Notre Dame

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Graduation 2018

Top 6

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Robert Crawford

Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.797, SAT 1,580

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Catholic Central Academic Team captain; National Honor Society, Spectrum staff writer

College choice: University of Notre Dame

Chintan Maheshwari

Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.773, ACT 35, SAT 1,520

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity tennis; varsity bowling; DECA – state champion; Finance Club; HOSA; drama; National Honor Society; National Spanish Honors Society; dance team captain, Finesse Academy Club (public speaking) captain, organized a speech competition with a friend to raise \$37,500 for Blessings in a Backpack through non-profit Key2Finesse

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Jacob Smith

Cumulative GPA, test scores: 4.755, ACT 35

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity bowling, varsity golf, National Honor Society, Latin Club

College choice: University of Notre Dame

International Academy West

(IA West submitted three students.)

Sidney Dobbins

GPA and test scores: 4.0, ACT 34

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Henry Ford Hospital volunteer, LHS varsity pom, Gayle's Dance Phase competitive dancer, Brightmoor Christian Church volunteer, MAPS, HOPS, NHS, SHS

College choice: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Tyler Bartlett

GPA and test scores: 4.0, ACT 35, SAT 1,530

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: LHS marching band, Huron Valley Percussion (winter drum line)

College choice: University of Michigan

Lillian McPherson

GPA and test scores: 4.0, ACT 34, SAT 1,510

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Girl Scouts, Model UN

College choice: undecided

Lakeland

Criteria: Cumulative GPA.

Alyssa Musienko

GPA: 4.43

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Marching band, Huron Valley Percussion winter drum line

College choice: Oakland University

Ashley Atkinson

GPA: 4.38

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Marching band lead trumpet/brass captain, LHS Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble lead trumpet, trumpet tutor, National Honor Society

College choice: Michigan State University

Matthew Person

GPA: 4.37

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: 2018 student class president, National Honor Society, cross country, track and field, DECA vice president, Model United Nations committee chair, LINK crew leader, Praise Band lead guitar, church missions trip volunteer

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Emily Ajemian

GPA: 4.34

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society officer, varsity track, Leadership Program, Students Leading Students, SWE Next, American Dance Academy competitive dancer, Meals on Wheels volunteer, Milford Memories volunteer, LHS Finesse the Finals volunteer

College choice: Michigan State University

Brendan Fraser

GPA: 4.33

Current year extracurricular or vol-

unteer work: Jazz band, piano and bassoon, Sanchin-Ryu karate, youth group, Science Club

College choice: Oakland University

Maxwell Smith

GPA: 4.32

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: National Honor Society, marching band, school musicals, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Michigan Solo & Ensemble

College choice: Purdue University

Milford

Rowan Marchie

GPA: 4.32, valedictorian

College choice: Michigan State University

Mya Zeese

GPA: 4.32, valedictorian

College choice: University of Michigan

Makenzie Dopierala

GPA: 4.31, salutatorian

College choice: Grand Valley State University

Olivia Mobley

GPA: 4.3

College choice: Michigan State University

Courtney Fortin

GPA: 4.3

College choice: University of Michigan

Sydney Stankovich

GPA: 4.25

College choice: University of Michigan

Northville High School

Criteria: GPA of 3.9 or higher, SAT score from April 2017, course rigor and extracurricular involvement. All students are National Merit Finalists or Commended Students (alphabetical order).

Sohan Jadhav

GPA, test scores: 3.99, SAT 1,560

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: DECA (Management Series Event State Champion); HOSA – Future Health Professionals (event leader); research assistant/volunteer at Henry Ford Hospital; volunteer at St. John's Providence Hospital; Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Committee; National Honors Society; SAT/ACT tutor

College choice: University of Michigan

Haotian Jiang

GPA, test scores: 4.0, SAT 1,560

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity swim, Leo Club president and founder, SALL (Students Assisting Language Learners) officer, Aerospace Club outreach officer, Chinese School afternoon shift team captain, University of Michigan (biophysics) research assistant

College choice: University of Michigan

Sanjana Kannikeswaran

GPA, test scores: 3.98, SAT 1,590

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Science Olympiad, French Club, Debate Club, National Honor Society

College choice: University of Michigan

Angela Lee

GPA, test scores: 3.9885, ACT 35, SAT 1,580

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: MDOT/AASHTO bridge teams captain, HOSA event leader, DECA, BPA – founder and board member; volunteer soccer coach; private tutor; marching and symphonic band, varsity hockey

College choice: University of Michigan

Lauren Masse

GPA: 4.0

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Girls varsity ice hockey team captain, National Honors Society co-president, Model United Nations secretary of training, Health Occupational Students of America, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

College choice: Northwestern University

Sahil Tolia

GPA, test scores: 4.0, ACT 36

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Class president, National Honor Society co-president, Science

Olympiad, Student Congress representative, USA Biology Olympiad, LightUp (program that teaches athletics to special education children from Detroit), Indian American Student Association, Providence Hospital Volunteering + Internship, Spanish Honor Society, Genetics Research, Monarch Butterfly Garden Club.

College choice: Undecided between University of Michigan, Harvard, Yale, University of Pennsylvania, Duke and Vanderbilt

Novi High School

Criteria: GPA, test score on SAT or ACT, AP and IB course load (alphabetical order).

Arun Annamalai

GPA, test scores: 4.4, ACT 36

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Novi HOSA, Economics Club, Novi Chemistry Society, volunteer work at temple

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Robert Chen

GPA, test scores: 4.3889, ACT 36

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity tennis captain, HOSA club event captain, Spanish Club president, New Century Chinese School morning shift volunteer team captain, National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, DSO Youth Ensemble

College choice: Duke University

Zijin Huang

GPA, test scores: 4.4808, ACT 36, SAT 1,600

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Awkward Pause (Social Issue Theatre Troupe) stage manager, UMich Youth Social Justice Fellow, media center volunteer

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Aditya Ravi

GPA, test scores: 4.3962, ACT 36

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Head drum major, Novi HOSA treasurer, National Honors Society president, Novi DECA, Novi IASA, Salvation Army bell ringer, Detroit Educational Society tutor

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Amber Renton

GPA, test scores: 4.5385, ACT 36

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Freelance artwork, digital and traditional hobbyist, piano player, Creative Writing Club president, Gaming & Game Design Interest Group, IB International Talent Show artists, Novi Civic Center's "Paint the World" art class volunteer organizer and teacher

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Ashwin Vangipuram

GPA, test scores: 4.3929, ACT 36

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: FRC Robotics and programming lead, varsity Quiz Bowl vice president of education, middle school robotics teams in Novi and Detroit mentor, HOSA state qualifier

College choice: University of California, Berkeley

South Lyon

Criteria: Students chosen were ranked as the top six graduates from the Class of 2018.

Audrey Knepp

GPA, test scores: 4.224, SAT 1,430

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: The Studio dancer, Benito's employee

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Kellen Weeks

GPA, test scores: 4.183, SAT 1,550

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity swim and dive, NISCA Academic All-American, MISCA Academic All-State, National Honor Society, National Merit Finalist

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Kevin Pezeshkian

GPA, test scores: 4.173, SAT 1,360

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital volunteer, Key Club Board Member, The Goodfellas Project (www.goodfellasproject.org) founder, Swift Biosciences intern

College choice: Michigan State University

Madeline Taylor

GPA, test scores: 4.171, ACT 34

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity swim and dive captain, NISCA academic All-American, MISCA Academic All-State, SLHS Theatre, Lyon Singers, NHS public relations officer, Honors Choir, CHUM, South Lyon Youth Assistance summer enrichment program volunteer, Salvation Army bell ringer, tutor, Relay for Life captain, National Honor Society volunteer

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Erika Auner

GPA, test scores: 4.162, SAT 1,370

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Unaccompanied Minors (choir), Lyon Singers, Link Crew (freshman mentoring), Choir Council, SLHS Theatre, CHUM, varsity ski team, Mountain Top volunteer

College choice: Lawrence Technological University

Alyssa Schams

GPA, test scores: 4.136, SAT 1,510

Current year extracurricular or volunteer work: Varsity swim and dive, NISCA Academic All-American, MISCA Academic All-State, varsity lacrosse, Sunday School volunteer

College choice: Smith (Mass.) College

South Lyon East

Madelyn K. Eischer

GPA: 4.285

Extracurricular and/or volunteer work this year: National Honor Society, Grace Food Pantry and Clothing Bank volunteer, choir, drama

College choice: Michigan State University

Logan D. Boals

GPA: 4.214

Extracurricular and/or volunteer work this year: National Honor Society, South Lyon swim and dive, L.E.A.D. mentor, Ford Motor Co. Research and Innovation Center intern, First United Methodist mission trips, Relay for Life captain

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Samuel D. Church

GPA: 4.195

Extracurricular and/or volunteer work this year: National Honor Society president, saxophone, choir, marching band, jazz band

College choice: Michigan State University

Racquel L. Harrison

GPA: 4.169

Extracurricular and/or volunteer work this year: National Honor Society, Early Childhood Center Spring Fling volunteer, Mott Children's Hospital volunteer, tutor, South Lyon Senior Center volunteer

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Natalie R. Aulicino

GPA: 4.167

Extracurricular and/or volunteer work this year: National Honor Society treasurer, L.E.A.D. mentor, varsity golf, varsity ski, pit orchestra for musical, saxophone, choir, Salvation Army bell ringer, Thanksgiving food pantry volunteer

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

(Three-way tie in GPA for No. 6)

Jennifer A. Ascher

GPA: 4.143

Extracurricular and/or volunteer work this year: Choir counsel president, Flying Toasters robotics team, National Honor Society, Thespians Society, robotics and STEAM mentor, church volunteer

College choice: Purdue University

Fallon M. Renehan

GPA: 4.143

Extracurricular and/or volunteer work this year: National Honor Society secretary, competitive dance, assists dance choreographers; Pom Pon

College choice: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Anna K. Smith

GPA: 4.143

Extracurricular and/or volunteer work this year: National Honor Society, varsity swim and dive, club swim team, Providence Hospital volunteer

College choice: Case Western Reserve (Ohio) University

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Catholic Vantage Financial 2018 scholarship winners were recognized at the credit union's annual membership meeting in March. Receiving a total of \$8,000 and holding the check are scholarships recipients (front) Gianna Korsak and Francisco Fortune, joined by (back, from left) Aaron Wiseman, Brianna Regan, Carissa Gidley, Brandon Griffith, Juliana Santillan, Mary Grace O'Dea, board chairman Michael Hammond, Michael Argenta and Nicholas Rood. Riley Johnson also received a scholarship. CATHOLIC VANTAGE FINANCIAL

Local students earn scholarships from CVF

Catholic Vantage Financial credit union has announced the recipients of its scholarships for 2018 graduating seniors, as well as those for students attending Catholic schools.

CVF asked students to write a brief essay, along with provide a short video, about the role their faith played in their journey and how they would continue to grow their faith as an adult.

This year, CVF increased the number of college scholarships awarded to five. Receiving \$1,000 each are Carissa Gi-

dley and Brianna Regan, Livonia Stevenson High School; Brandon Griffith, Novi High School; Nicholas Rood, Detroit Catholic Central High School; and Aaron Wiseman, Divine Child High School.

Six scholarships of \$500 each were also awarded to help cover tuition for students who attend Catholic schools. Receiving the two scholarships awarded to students in kindergarten through eighth grade are Francisco Fortune, who attends St. Fabian in Farmington Hills,

and Gianna Korsak, who will be in first grade at St. Edith in Livonia.

Four scholarships were awarded to students who attend a Catholic high school. They include two students who will attend Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, incoming freshmen Mary Grace O'Dea and Juliana Santillan. Also receiving awards were Michael Argenta, who will be a junior at U-D Jesuit High School in Detroit, and Riley Johnson, an incoming sophomore at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills.

"We received many outstanding entries and were pleased to recognize students who demonstrate their faith every day," said Emma Teller, CVF vice president of marketing and business development.

Scholarship recipients and families were honored at CVF's annual membership meeting in March.

For more information and to learn how to join CVF, call 734-432-0212 or go to www.mycvf.org.

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

AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

'Giant Peach' at Novi Middle School

The Novi Middle School theater group will present "Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach JR." at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, at the school auditorium, 49000 W. 11 Mile Road. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased by check or cash at the door. For more information, email director Lori Burkhardt at loretta.burkhardt@novik12.org.

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 Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children ages 12 and under, available at the door.

The Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts for the next

season, September through December. Open rehearsals will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 and 11, at the Novi Middle School choir classroom, 49000 W. 11 Mile Road.

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

ABTA 5K run, walk

The American Brain Tumor Association will host a Breakthrough for Brain Tumors 5K run and walk beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at Martindale Beach in Kensington Metropark, 4570 Huron River Parkway. The event allows all those in the brain tumor community to come together, celebrate brain tumor survivors and raise money to connect patients with resources and to make advances in fighting this devastating disease.

To register for or donate to the event, go to www.BT5K.org. For more on the American Brain Tumor Association, go to www.abta.org or call 800-886-2282.

Huron Meadows hike

An organized hike is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Huron Meadows Metropark, 8765 Hammel Road, in Brighton. Hikers will meet at the Cedar Ridge picnic area/boat launch parking lot for the three- to five-mile hike on the Hidden Lake Bend and Beech Alley rustic trails. Cost is free, but requires Metroparks entry fee. For more information, go to www.sierraclub.org/michigan/crossroads.

U.S. House candidate debate

A candidate debate among those filed to run to succeed U.S. Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, to represent the U.S. House 11th District will be held at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) Monday, May 14, at the Imagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, in Novi. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-congressional-district-spring-debate-tickets-45403475016>.

For more information, call 248-225-1846 or email info@michiganconservativecoalition.com. Event details are also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

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Rosie the Riveter program

The Kiwanis Club of South Lyon will present a program on Rosie the Riveter, about the women who worked in the factories and shipyards during World War II, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, at Kiwanis Hall, 288 N. Warren Street, in South Lyon.

The speaker is Claire Dahl, a Tribute Rosie for the Yankee Air Museum. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call Susan Sobota at 248-437-5443.

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.

Northville High choir concerts

Northville High School's annual spring choir concerts, scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 16-17, will be the final concerts for vocal music director Mary Kay Pryce before she concludes her teaching career in June.

The 450 members of all NHS choirs and ensembles will perform in the auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road, one or both nights. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved via pryce@northville.k12.mi.us. Tickets are also available at the auditorium box office prior to each performance.

Pryce has taught in the Northville Public Schools district for 40 years. She came for the 1977-78 academic year and found her home at the high school in 1982. A celebration of her career is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Saturday June 9, in the NHS auditorium. She encourages current and former students as well as colleagues and friends to join her for an evening of music and memories. Current and former BackBeat members can contact Ken Sieloff at kcsieloff@gmail.com

gmail.com or 248-719-4002. Likewise, interested TrebleMakers can contact Beth Patterson at egpatterson@yahoo.com

For more information, email MKPretirement@gmail.com or Beth Richert at richerbe@northville.k12.mi.us

'Northern Aggression' at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville will present "Northern Aggression" by Michigan playwright Joseph Zettela from Thursday, May 17, through Sunday, June 24. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, with a special performance scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 30.

Tickets are \$30 to \$46. Seniors (ages 62 or older) receive a \$2 discount off their ticket. Preview performances (May 17-18) are \$25 and include a talk back with director Matt Foss and producing artistic director James R. Kuhl.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at 248-347-0003 or go to www.TippingPointTheatre.com. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances.

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 outing

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

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

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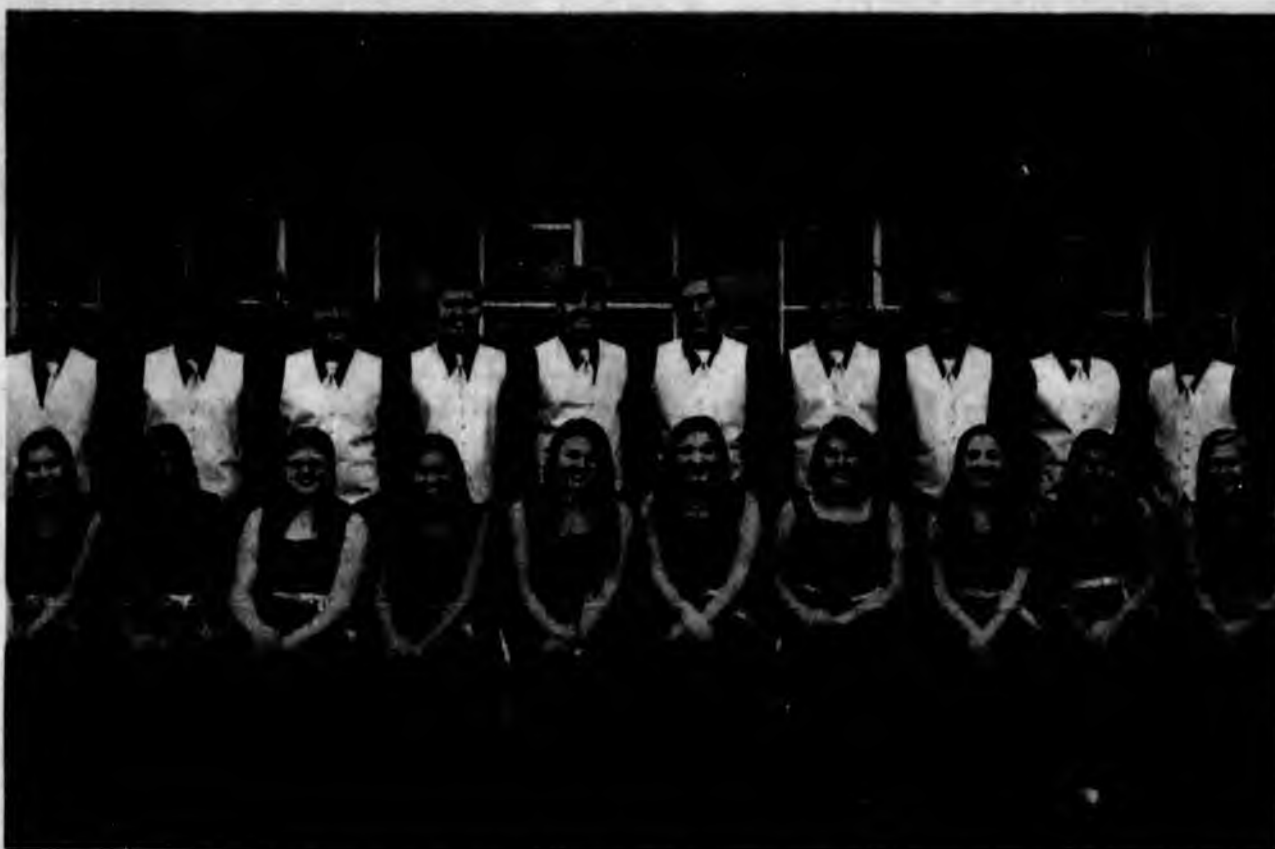
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The Northville High School chamber choir was selected to perform at the annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo.

Northville choir students head to state arts festival

The Northville High School choir program once again will be well-represented May 10-12 at the 56th annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo. The Michigan Youth Arts is an alliance that develops, recognizes and advocates excellence in arts education for all. The festival is a comprehensive arts spectacular, culminating a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools.

Judges selected the Northville High School chamber choir as one of 14 finalist groups. At the festival, chamber choir will perform Friday, May 11, at Western Michigan University's Dalton Center. Directed by Mark A. Krempski, the choir includes students Joanna Colovas, Michael Duquesnel, Ryan Gourd, Sohan Jaddav, Ayush Jain, Monica Jannette, Sanjay Koka, Varun Kumaravel, Maddy Lewis, Kiran Mangrulkar, Ishani Misra, Henry Notarianni, Laila Odeh, Sarah Poulos, Em SeGraves, Nikki Skinner, Hannah Smith, Medha Sripada, Ryan Vig, Kevin Yan.

Singer Em SeGraves, a senior at NHS and member

of chamber choir, was named a Michigan Youth Arts Distinguished Scholar and was selected as a member of the 120 voice MSVMA All-State Honors Choir for her third consecutive year. The All-State Honors Concert will be held Saturday, May 12, at Miller Auditorium at Western Michigan University.

More than 250,000 students across the state are involved in the selection process that results in nearly 1,000 students being invited to participate in the annual three-day event. At the festival, students in the arts gather to explore, celebrate and showcase their talent across artistic disciplines. The festival features student exhibitions and performances in dance, theater, instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, music composition and film, as well as the publication of a volume of creative writing. The students were selected based on their artistic merit, through a succession of auditions. Invitation to the festival represents one of the most prestigious honors in the arts education community.

Northville district accepting schools of choice applications

The Northville Public Schools district is accepting schools of choice applications under Section 105 and 105(c) of the Michigan School Aid Act for the 2018-19 school year. The availability is limited to five openings in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Northville High School. This application process is limited to incoming juniors who are applying for the full IB Diploma Program. Applications will be accepted beginning May 14 through 4 p.m. June 8.

In accordance with the legislated requirements and in order to support the district's goal of excellence and equity for all students, a review of each prospective student applicant's eligibility for the Diploma Program is required using the same criteria applied to prospective resident Diploma Program students.

The Northville Public Schools Section 105 and 105(c) (non-resident) schools of choice application is available through the Office of Human Resources. Completed applications, including all forms and recommendations, must be mailed or hand delivered to the Northville Public Schools Human Resources Department, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, by 4 p.m. June 8. The district is unable to accept electronic applications.

Applicants found to be ineligible for the Diploma Program will be notified on or before June 22. Should the number of applications approved by the Diploma Program review team exceed the five openings specified for Section 105 and 105(c) schools of choice students, the school district will use a random draw (lottery) to select the applicants who will be offered enrollment. If necessary, the lottery will take place at 8:30 a.m. June 20 at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education offices. Families applying for limited schools of choice are welcome to attend the lottery drawing. Selected students will be informed regarding placement no later than June 22.

Details regarding the lottery procedures, the schools of choice application and answers to frequently asked questions about the Section 105 and 105(c) schools of choice option are available on the district website at www.northvilleschools.org.

Once a student is accepted to open enroll under Section 105 or 105(c), he or she may continue to be enrolled in the Northville Public Schools district until graduation or until he or she withdraws from the program.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings will re-open 1-4 p.m. each Sunday starting June 10. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 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

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Archives: The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org. The office and archives will be closed Memorial Day.

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7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 25, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Ave. (Heart Institute entrance), Novi

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 31, Novi Parks and Recreation Department, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

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Revenues		Revenues Expenditures	
GENERAL FUND		STREET, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Property Taxes	\$5,233,272	Property Taxes	\$622,665 \$627,595
Licenses, Fees and Permits	439,390	Other	4,930
Grants	29,300	Street, Drainage & Sidewalk Improvement Fund Total	\$627,595 \$627,595
Racetrack Breakage	12,560	MAJOR STREET FUND	
State Shared Revenue	581,302	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$384,899 \$428,105
Sales and Services	783,327	Local Contributions	43,206
Fines and Forfeitures	14,500	Major Street Fund Total	\$428,105 \$428,105
Other Revenues	418,010	LOCAL STREET FUND	
Interfund Transfers	65,620	Gas and Weight Taxes	\$175,715 \$654,095
General Fund Total	\$7,577,281	Local Contributions	478,380
		Local Street Fund Total	\$654,095 \$654,095
Expenditures		OTHER FUNDS	
Administration	1,270,325	PARKING FUND	\$145,798 \$145,798
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Police Department	3,040,607	DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	\$770,855 \$770,855
Fire Department	1,018,745	DDA DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$173,170 \$173,170
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Planning, Zoning & Inspection Services	297,770	POLICE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	\$131,000 \$131,000
Shared Services	229,321	HOUSING COMMISSION FUND	\$897,010 \$897,010
Contributions to Other Funds	588,469	HOUSING COMMISSION DEBT	
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and Unallocated Reserve	180,904	CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND	\$404,300 \$404,300
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PUBLIC HEARING A public hearing will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the proposed 2018-19 Annual City Budget. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.**

TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS As provided in State statute, the general appropriations resolution is proposed to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund and up to ten percent (10%) of the total salary and fringe appropriations for distributed Public Works Labor and Equipment Rental between the General, Major Street, Local Street, Equipment, Refuse and Recycling and Water and Sewer Funds. All other interfund transfers require approval of the City Council.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN The six year capital improvement plan has been prepared and is a part of the annual 2018-19 City budget document.

COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE A complete copy of the 2018-19 Annual City Budget document will be available for public inspection beginning May 10, 2018 at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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BOYS GOLF

Churchill's Welch makes the grade for Stanford

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

For Livonia Churchill senior golfer Logan Welch, it's have books, will travel.

On his way to a dual match May 3 at Northville Hills Golf Club, the student with a 4.59 grade-point average in the Livonia Public Schools district's challenging math/science/computer pro-

gram was already seated in the front passenger seat of coach Paul Worley's van.

Welch was scouring a thick Barron's AP physics book, while tucked underneath on his lap was an equally thick Barron's AP chemistry book.

"My most challenging class is AP physics, just because physics is not as intuitive to me like biology or chem-



Welch

istry is, so it takes a lot more effort to understand what's going on," said Welch, who was recently accepted into Stanford University.

For Welch, it's "California Here I Come," where he wants to study biomedical engineering. And after his visit recently to Palo Alto, he was sold on many fronts.

"The weather was absolutely amaz-

ing," Welch said. "Going from 40 degrees here and 70 there. The campus is breathtaking, absolutely brilliant. I love it. The people there are my kind of people. I was blown away. It didn't hit me, it didn't register with that school until I got there. It was fantastic."

In his 35 years as a high school counselor, Greg Hovermale has never had a

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PREP TRACK



Salem's Andrew Davis wins the 100-meter dash in the New Balance Invitational held at Farmington. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

'A REALLY GREAT DAY'

Salem teams run strong at New Balance meet

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A long day of track proved very beneficial Saturday for Salem High School.

The undefeated Salem boys team (5-0) ran to its second straight New Balance Invitational championship at Farmington High School. The Rocks girls placed second in the high-quality 41-team meet, which began with prelims at 11 a.m. and ended with the girls 1,600-meter relay finals at 9 p.m.

Salem's boys won three relays and a pair of individual events to finish with 97 points, outdistancing runner-up Southfield Arts & Technology, which had 53 points. Livonia Churchill (51.5), Canton (48) and Lake Orion (44.5) rounded out the top five.

"We had a really great day. We just wanted to come and compete and I think, at this point, this was our best meet of the year," said head coach Jim-



Plymouth's Rehgan Draper (left) wins the 100-meter run, followed by Clinton Valley's Reynei Wallace, at the second annual New Balance Invitational track and field meet hosted by Farmington. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

my Crabill, a longtime assistant who took over the program this season. "I think this year we were trying to go after

it more. I think last year was more of a surprise.

"This year, we knew we had a good team," he added. "We were trying to get some good times today and that was the main focus — and it happened that we won it. I didn't think we would win by that much, because there are some good teams here."

Relay teams hot

Salem's relays were on fire. The foursome of freshman Hezekiah Williams, senior Andrew Davis, senior Sharriff Dyer and junior Berry Matthews combined to win the 1,600-meter relay in 3:23.82. Williams, Matthews, Josh Pohl and Nolan Teodori won the 400 relay in 42.82.

The Rocks took the 800 relay (Davis, Dyer, Pohl and Ryan Young) in 1:29.61 and placed second in the 3,200 with a season-best time of 8:05.03.

Individually, Davis was named the track star of the meet after winning the 100-meter dash in 10.99 to go along

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COLLEGE LACROSSE

Lakeland grad makes most of his time at Albion

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Academics have always been Dave Brown's priority.

Brown enjoyed playing football and lacrosse while earning academic honors at Lakeland High School. As his prep career wound down, Brown figured his days in organized sports would end, as his intentions were to be more of a student than athlete in college.

However, the 2014 Lakeland grad's athletic plans ultimately changed.

Persuaded by his parents Dave and Carolyn and Albion College head coach Jake DeCola, Brown chose to continue playing lacrosse. It turned out to be an excellent decision, as he's excelled both academically and athletically.

Brown graduated Friday with a major in economics and management and soon begins his working career at the expansive General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford as a construction projects engineer.

Brown, an all-star defender, helped lead the Britons to their fourth consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship Saturday with an 11-8 victory over Hope College. Albion is now qualified to play in the NCAA Division III tournament May 26-28 at Gillette Stadium in Boston.

"My senior year (at Lakeland), I was contacted by coach DeCola and he of-



Brown

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Milford resident Dave Brown helped lead the Albion men's lacrosse team to another winning record and a fourth straight trip to the MIAA championship game. LOWELL MCGINNIS

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PREP SOFTBALL

Host Salem Rock-solid at own invitational

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Bolstered by the strong battery of Maddy Rosiewicz and Hailey Dechalk, host Salem swept all four games Saturday to capture the championship in its 21st annual softball tournament.

The Rocks, who went undefeated in pool play, capped off the day by defeating Ann Arbor Pioneer for the title, 3-2.

Rosiewicz, the winning pitcher, allowed just five hits and two walks while striking out 11 over seven innings as Salem improved to 19-4 overall.

Michigan signee Morgan Overatis doubled twice and had an RBI, while Grace Hokett also contributed two hits.

Back-to-back doubles by Overatis and Dechalk gave Salem a 1-0 lead. The Rocks also got a run in a third on a double by Rosiewicz and an RBI single by Rae Campbell. They added a run in the fifth on an Overaitis double, followed by a Hokett single.

"The Maddy-Hailey combo was truly something to watch," Salem coach Bonnie Southerland said. "Hailey was solid all day behind the plate. Hailey has exceptional stamina and strength. She not only caught three different

pitchers, she also kept the base runners tight. Even in this Game 4 of the day, she was able to still make those strong throws."

Salem started off pool play with a 16-1 win over Ann Arbor Huron as Overaitis homered twice to break the school career record.

Rosiewicz, the winning pitcher, went 2-for-2 with a grand slam and double, while Dechalk also went 2-for-2.

In the second round, Salem edged Dexter, 2-1, as Rosiewicz allowed just two hits and two walks while striking out five to pick up the win.

Salem tallied both runs in the third

on a Meganne Skoug walk, an Amy Hines bunt, a Dechalk RBI ground out followed by an Overaitis RBI single.

The Rocks advanced to the final with a 7-3 triumph over Rochester as Overaitis went 2-for-3 with a homer and double. Campbell also homered and triple, while Jordan Hazel and winning winning pitcher Ally Aikens also collected two hits apiece.

"Salem did some great things today," Southerland said.

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PREP BASEBALL

Stevenson edges Pats for Livonia city title

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Stevenson fended off a late Franklin rally Saturday to four-peat as Livonia city baseball champion with an 8-7 win over the host Patriots.

After the Spartans (17-4-1) scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning to go up 8-7, the Patriots (11-8-1) struck for four runs in the top of the seventh, but came up short as reliever Shane Rakowski closed out the game and got the final out.

Nate Waligora, the winning pitcher in relief, went four innings, allowing three

runs on six hits and two walks. He struck out three.

Offensively, Danny Morris went 3-for-3 with five RBIs to pace Stevenson, while other contributions came from Parker Graham (3-for-3, three runs), George Ferguson (3-for-4, RBI, two runs), Devin Dunn (RBI) and Jacob Way (RBI).

Joe Cronyn went 3-for-5 with three RBIs to lead the Patriots, while other top hitters included Johnny DiPonio (3-for-5), Carl Fournier (2-for-3), Alex Forry (2-for-4), Colin Metzler (RBI) and Ben Raisch (RBI).

Stevenson, collecting a total of 18 hits, advanced to the championship

game with a 17-0 semifinal win in five innings as coach Rick Berryman collected his 500th career victory against Clarenceville.

Offensively, Josh Marquedant went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Zak Ziemba was 2-for-2 with three RBIs. Morris also went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Other RBIs went to Ferguson, Connor Beck, Cole Bushart and Nick Olson.

Winning pitcher Steve Champagne, who worked the first two innings, and Olson, who finished up the final three, combined on a no-hitter with four and eight strikeouts, respectively. Champagne walked three.

In the other semifinal, host Franklin

defeated Churchill, 6-4, as Metzler worked six innings, striking out eight, to earn the victory. Derek Salyers got the save in the seventh.

Offensively, Ryan Celmer led Franklin with three hits, while Cal Fournier had two hits and two RBIs. Cronyn also knocked in two runs.

That offset a big day at the plate by Churchill's Chris Sergison, who had four hits and four RBIs.

Losing pitcher Luke Jarosiewicz, the Churchill starter, struck out five in five innings.

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Brown

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ferred me a chance to play here," Brown said. "Originally I wasn't really thinking I wanted to play college sports, because I really have an academic mindset and really wanted to focus on that. I was focused on school and then, after four years, getting a great job and moving into that."

"But I decided to play lacrosse, because I think it's a great sport and it keeps me in shape. I just really enjoy playing it," he added. "And I'm glad I did, because I've made a lot of great life-long relationships with people at the school, teammates and also the faculty. And just getting to know people around the league, it's really provided me with a lot of opportunity."

A defensive staple

Brown has been a defensive staple ever since arriving at the private liberal arts college founded in 1835.

The Milford resident started all 19 games and caused eight turnovers in an eye-opening freshman campaign. He improved vastly over the next two seasons, to the point where he earned first team all-MIAA honors with outstanding defensive work. In addition, Brown made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll as a sophomore and junior.

This past season as a senior, Brown was named the MIAA's Defensive Most Valuable Player and was one of five Albion players who earned first team all-conference honors.

Brown, considered a physical defender, was the anchor of Albion's defense that allowed 37 goals — second to Hope — in seven MIAA games. He is the fourth straight Albion player to have captured the MIAA's Defensive MVP award.

"I'm really excited about winning that award," Brown said. "I'm really humbled by the fact that the league thought I was the MVP for defense."

"Honestly, I did really well this year. Last year, I made the all-region team and I just kind of built on the success and had a good year," he added. "I think everybody who plays here at Albion is just as good, especially on defense. I think we're pretty equally matched."

Brown, who has played defense ever since the eighth grade, played four years of lacrosse at Lakeland, but did not consider himself a star.

Valuable life lessons

However, he worked hard to improve his game and relished the coaching provided by DeCola and Albion assistant coach Nick DiRado. His perseverance on the field and dedication to nurturing his game are attributes that helped him earn league defensive MVP honors and

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Dave Brown
Albion lacrosse player

certainly will be valuable assets for any future employer.

"Honestly, I just kind of expected to come here and maybe ride the bench for a couple of years and not play that much," Brown said. "When I came out of high school, I wasn't that talented. Coach DeCola helped me get my skills together and, eventually, coach DiRado came in and he really brought my skills around to where they are today."

"I think it's really about grit and determination. I think you really have to want something in order to achieve and do well. Every day is a different mindset and you have to constantly want to be determined and achieve more than the last game."

"Overall, I think if you just keep pushing yourself, you'll get better every game," he added. "Just learn from your mistakes and that will just make you into a better player. But I never could have imagined I would achieve all the accolades that I've gotten."

Brown is grateful for his time at Albion, a place that has helped shape his character and kick-start his employment future.

"It's really been rewarding, honestly," Brown said. "It's provided a lot of great opportunities for me to better myself as a person and kind of move on and take the lessons I've learned from the lacrosse field and apply it to my future position."

"It's pretty surreal that it's almost all over, at this point. You just blink your eyes and, all of a sudden, four years have already passed and you're 22 years old instead of 18 and fresh into college."

"What I wanted to achieve out of college was just have a successful career here in terms of academics and also athletics," he added. "And at the end of it, come out with a pretty good job and be happy every day that I go to work. I think it's worked out pretty well."

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Farmington's Jacody Sikora is stride-for-stride with Wayne's Reggie Micheaux before overtaking him during the second heat of the 800-meter relay. Farmington's time of 1:32.80 was good for third place. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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with his relay performances. Dyer won the 300 hurdles in 39.98.

"I was about a second-and-a-half off of my PR (in the 300 hurdles)," Dyer said. "I ran into a head wind. It felt good, but it's more of a slow time."

"As a team, we always have a positive outlook," he added. "It was a full team effort, everyone doing their best. We did good last year, so we wanted to keep it going."

Salem senior Alex Howie was second in both the shot put and discus, while junior Luke Haran ran a PR in the 3,200 (9:38.60) to place second. The Rocks' 3,200 relay took runners-up honors to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

Seniors John Paul DeLa Cruz (third in the 300 hurdles), Jonathan Bilko (fourth in pole vault) and Young (fifth in the 200) were Salem's other top five finishers.

Livonia Churchill senior Martell Dooley won the long jump (21 feet even) and Canton junior Evan Carter topped the pole vault field (13-0).

The male field athlete of the meet was Southfield A&T senior Jalen Edwards, who took the discus (147-4) and placed third in the shot put (49-10.5).

Rocks girls are solid

Lake Orion from the Oakland Activities Association dominated the girls field and won with 78.5 points. Salem placed second with 52.5 points to slip past district rival Plymouth, which had 49 points.

"I thought, from top to bottom, we had a lot of athletes who had exceptionally good days," said fourth-year Salem head coach Patrick Ignagni, whose team is 5-0 in dual meets. "I think the strength of our team is depth and it was great to see all of our girls in all of our events compete in such an exceptionally high-level field."

"What I really loved is that our athletes came out and competed," he added. "However they finished, there was a lot of fight in them and I love that going into the championship portion of our season."

Salem had just one individual winner, freshman Macayla Harris, who took the high jump in 5-2. Rocks junior Lyniah Wilson was second in the shot put (a PR of 40-4) while senior Haven Essien was runner-up in the 100 hurdles (14.89). Essien also was third in the 300 hurdles.

Plymouth junior Reghan Draper won the 100-meter dash in 12.29 and Farmington freshman Valadian Pallett won the shot put in 42-7. Plymouth placed first in the 400-meter relay in 49.73.

The female field athlete of the meet was Kettering senior pole vaulter Jessica Mercler, who won with a monster leap of 13-3.

The female track athlete of the meet was senior Enyaeva Michelin from Evanston (Ill.) High School, who wowed the crowd with a sizzling 3,200-meter run of 10:16.58. She won by a remarkable 51 seconds over West Bloomfield junior Kyla Christopher-Moody (11:07.08).

The second annual meet was co-hosted by Farmington and Salem high schools.

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PREP TRACK

McNamara leads Northville girls at Golden Triangle

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It was another big weekend for the Northville girls track and field squad and Clare McNamara once again figured prominently during the prestigious Golden Triangle Meet at Saline.

The sophomore earned individual victories in the long jump (18 feet, 1 inch) and 400-meter run (56.47), while also running a leg on the victorious sprint medley, 800 and 1,600 relays.

"Clare had another phenomenal weekend," Northville head coach Tim Dalton said. "I will say it again, she's selfless and is always willing to do what is best for the team. It's refreshing being around a kid like her."

Northville captured four relay races over the two-day meet, held Friday and Saturday.

The Mustangs 800 relay team consisted of Savannah Manley, Erin McCallum, Yasmine Affes and McNamara (1:45.74).

In the sprint medley, the foursome of Lauren Marshall, McCallum, Affes and McNamara also took first in 1:49.02.

Meanwhile, the first-place 1,600 relay team was made up of Abby Dunn, Manley, Affes and the anchor leg McNamara (3:58.34).



McNamara

"On the start line, Clare told me she didn't feel well," Northville assistant coach Jack Dalton said. "She had a nervous look on her face that is very uncharacteristic of her. Our team was in third place when she told me that, but she stepped up and anchored the team to a first-place finish to end the meet for us. She's tough and she's a competitor. That's what separates Clare from her opponents."

Northville's 400 relay team of Claire Wan, Melanie Sarafian, Lauren Marshall and McCallum also took first in 50.20, while the 3,200 relay team of Ana Barrott, Emily Gordon, Olivia Harp and Yasmine Mansi was third (9:43.80).

Other top individual performers (top eight) for Northville included McCallum, second, long jump (17-9), and fourth, 100 dash (13.04); Barrott, fourth, 3,200 (10:48.33); Sarafian, fifth, 100 (13.06); Affes, fifth, 200 (26.59), eighth, 400 (1:01.72); Dunn, fourth, 300 hurdles (48.03); Mansi, fifth, 3,200 (10:49.98); seventh, 100 hurdles (16.94); Lexi Davenport, eighth, 100 hurdles (17.35); Elise Daniel, seventh, pole vault (9-6);



Northville's Ana Barrott (left) and Olivia Harp (middle) took ninth and 10th, respectively, in the Golden Triangle Mile.

Barbara Davis, eighth, discus (104-4) and shot put (33-74).

Other top finishers from KLAAS schools included Canton's Jada Sabir, first, 200 (25.01); Canton's Victoria Faber, second, pole vault (11-6); Westland John Glenn's Alona Olshevska, third, 100 (12.58) and 400 (58.49); and Livonia Churchill's Gabrielle Swider, fifth, 800 (2:16.06); and Canton's Morgan Dodds, discus (104-8).

Boys 800 record

Northville junior Nick Couyoumjian finished second in the 800-meter run and broke the school record in the event, clocking a time of 1:53.99. He broke the record of 1:54.05, set by Jasen Turnbull in 2007.

Other top eight finishers for Northville included Brandon Kearney, third, 200 (22.35); Ben Stuart, fourth, 110 hurdles (15.25); Nolan Knight, seventh, 400 (51.14); Ja'Quan Crawford, sixth, shot put (43-8); and Jacob Pichler, seventh, 300 hurdles (43.64).

Northville also placed third in the

sprint medley relay (1:35.56); fourth, 1,600 relay (3:31.4); and fifth, 400 relay (44.72).

Glenn made a strong showing led by Rothus Stewart, who won the 110 hurdles (15.25) and placed second in the high jump (6-5). Other top performers for Glenn included freshman David Graham, second, 100 (11.13); sixth, 200 (22.67); Jared Tarrance, third, 400 (49.93); and Donald Farris, third, shot put (44-64).

Plymouth's 3,200 relay team of Ethan Byrnes, Brandon Boyd, Patrick Byrnes and Carter Solomon won in 8:07.69.

Other top individual finishers for Plymouth included Malcolm Caldwell, third, 110 hurdles (15.64); Patrick Byrnes, fifth, 800 (1:56.62); Boyd, fifth, 3,200 (9:38.95); Kaleb Smith, fifth, high jump (5-11).

Salem's distance medley relay team of Andrew Beyer, Hezekiah Williams, Berry Matthews and Ryan Exell took third (10:52.45).

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Northville's Nick Couyoumjian (front) set a school record in the 800-meter run with a second-place finish at the Golden Triangle Meet in Saline. PETER DRAUGALIS

Welch

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student accepted into Stanford, one of the most prestigious universities in the U.S.

"He's a kid who doesn't need the spotlight," Hovermale said. "In MSC, there is a ridiculous amount of homework. He's a great example of the scholar-athlete and he's done it all four years."

In addition to ranking No. 1 in his senior class, Welch also scored a perfect 800 in math and 750 on the English portion of his SAT test for a total of 1,500, according to Hovermale.

"If you met him, you would not know he's the No. 1-ranked kid in his class," he said. "Remember, this is within the MSC, so this is theoretically the best and the brightest in this whole school district."

And Hovermale will tell you, despite all of Welch's brilliance in the classroom, he's a well-rounded individual who gives back to his fellow students. In addition to playing golf for four years, Welch also played basketball his freshman and sophomore seasons at Churchill.

Welch's favorite player is Steph Curry of the Golden State Warriors. "I love Steph, he's a cool dude and a great player," Welch said. "He might not be the biggest or quickest, but he's still pretty great."

And as a sophomore, Welch was one of three Churchill nominees for the prestigious Michigan Youth Leadership (MyLead) Conference.

"It's not like that's he's just done robotics club. He's got himself involved with the greater student body," Hovermale said. "The way he acts to people ... he is the best tutor we've ever had. And we've put him with the hardest to deal with kids that don't respond to anybody. It's like the great athlete, they don't necessarily make the great coach, because

they can't relate. He's that brilliant, yet he's helping a kid with basic algebra. He's taking calculus B-C and A-B. We had so many requests to have him as their tutor, we couldn't fill it. And that's just so unique. I've never run into that, because most MSC kids struggle. They say, 'I don't know why they don't get it.' It's easy to do, but not necessarily for that kid."

Where academics might be Welch's sanctuary, the golf course is his refuge. He began playing at age 8 with his father Andre.

Logan joined the Churchill squad as a freshman, when he earned his first varsity letter.

"One, it's a really great way to relax," Welch said of golf. "You get to walk around, enjoy the peace of the trees, the grass and everything around you. You also get to talk with whoever you're golfing with. Even in competition, the people you're playing with aren't really your opponent. We converse and have fun. It's a good event. It's a great way to unwind. It's a good break from schoolwork and it's great to be with the guys for a bit."

Welch's low round for nine holes this season is a respectable 39.

"He's a very good golfer," said Worley, the longtime Churchill coach and head pro at Whispering Willows G.C.. "He's our No. 1 guy this year. He lettered when he was a freshman, so he's been in my top five or six."

Welch will never be mistaken for another famous Stanford golf alum, Tiger Woods, but he's got some game nevertheless.

"Actually, he's a pretty good putter," Worley said. "In fact, I remember when he was a freshman. He sank a 20-footer to break 100 on the last hole. He's got a pretty good up-and-down game. And this year, he's been hitting the ball farther off the tee, which has helped him out."

Worley said he has never encountered a student-athlete quite like Welch.

"Fantastic, he's a joy to coach," Wor-

ley said. "I know his No. 1 priority is academics, it's not golf. I knew that going in, so the fact considering where he is and the grades he has is phenomenal. He's down to earth. You wouldn't know that, as smart as he is, he doesn't flaunt it. He doesn't act like a nerd, he's just a regular kid."

During his days at Webster Elementary, Welch admitted he got decent grades, but described himself as a "goof-off." He preferred playing basketball and soccer and socializing with friends more than doing homework. Leisure time was more important than academics.

"I would get so many disciplinary, think-about-it forms, etc., etc. I almost got suspended," he said. "I was off the walls when I was in elementary."

Although his father Andre, an engineer at Ford Motor Co., and his mother Laurie made him do his homework when he was at Webster, Welch had no interest in the district's MACAT program, which is designed specifically for students of high ability and high achievement in all academic areas.

But after moving on to Emerson, things began to change in the classroom.

"It was, like, God made me focus on my academics more, so in middle school I turned it around," he said.

Prior to his ninth-grade year, Welch then tested out and became an MSC qualifier, headed to Churchill instead of his home school Franklin.

"Freshman year, it didn't seem all that much," Welch said. "It was basically a continuation of what classes I took in eighth grade. But then, when I got into sophomore year, started taking more science classes, then I realized it was harder than I thought it would be. It kept me up a little later than I imagined. And then junior year, it hit me like a brick wall. There would be nights where you would stay up to, like, 3 o'clock, 4:30 doing homework and then you get like a half-an-hour sleep or something like, just to go to school and do it again the next day. It was pretty rough junior year.

It definitely determined what my limits were because, I guess without procrastination, you can do a lot."

Because of his interest in becoming a biomedical engineer, Welch began looking into schools that would fit that criteria.

"And I said, 'Oh, Stanford is a good school,'" Welch said. "It's in California, it's warm, so why not try for it? I knew it was a reach. I was banking on Michigan, but when I got the acceptance letter, it was pretty amazing, unbelievably amazing. I couldn't believe it was, like, for real. It was really a spur-of-the-moment decision for me. It's not like I dreamt of this since I was 7. I delayed my acceptance much longer than I should have, but I knew as soon as I got the letter that I was going."

Hovermale believes Welch will take full advantage of his opportunity at Stanford.

"In college, he said he wants to get more than good grades," he said. "He said, 'I want to gain knowledge so I that can do something with it.' And he said, 'That's the goal and I want to cure disease. I want to do things. I'm interested in learning, not because I've got to get a certain grade-point, or a higher GPA, it's really about that for me.' That's what you want kids to do, is to learn for learning's sake, not because I've got a checkmark box."

Welch said he is ready to explore a new chapter in his life.

"I'm 18, but I'm not fully aware what biomedical engineering entails, but I do love biology," he said. "It's a passion of mine. I know I'm good at engineering and I'm good at subjects that encompass engineering. And so once I saw how to put the two together, that's what I want to at least try out, because in college I'm sure I'm going to be exposed to many things that will challenge my mind. Right now, I just want to have a general direction of study."

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COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Churchill athletes headed to the next level

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A total of 19 Livonia Churchill High School student-athletes announced May 3 during an after-school ceremony that they will continue their careers at the college level.

Among those recognized going to NCAA Division I schools are Gabby Swider (Michigan), cross country and track; Kaitlyn Rogosch (Western Michigan), tennis; Annabelle Dunn (Michigan), crew; Tina Nguyen (Michigan), pom; and Emily Phillips (Central Michigan), cheer.

Among the Chargers headed to the NCAA Division II level are Hailey Harris and Kim Clark, both of whom will compete in pom at Grand Valley State.

NCAA Division III-bound student-athletes include Quantrez Pittman and Jacob Hastings, football (Defiance College of Ohio); Hunter Templin, football (Hope College); Michael Parrish, football (Adrian College); Allie McComber, tennis (Adrian College); Patrick Holton, swimming and diving (Westminster College of Pennsylvania).



A total of 19 Livonia Churchill student-athletes will play sports at the college level. BRAD EMONS

Headed to NAIA-affiliated programs are Conor Burnette, hockey (Lawrence Tech), and Liz Profit, volleyball (Madonna University).

Paige and Brooke Hanson will play softball at Schoolcraft College, while Mertion Jusufi will also play

soccer at Schoolcraft. Mitchell White will play baseball at Lansing Community College.

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PREP TRACK

Heroic amputee runs U-D track one last time

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One year ago, Sean English's world went dark. The Northville teen got hit by a car and lost his foot while trying to help others. Laying on the highway screaming in pain, with his crying mother laying on top of him to settle him down, Sean thought he was dying.

Exactly 13 months later, to the day, on a glorious warm afternoon at the University of Detroit-Jesuit High School, the resilient teenager's world lit back up.

He ran again, for his high school track team, one last time.

"I always knew I'd run again. I just didn't know when," said Sean, who May 2 ran his first competitive race since the 2016 accident with the help of a prosthetic leg.

Donning his father's red and white 1979-81 U-D jersey, Sean ran the 400 meters — one lap around the track — before a roaring crowd that took to its feet as he rounded the corner to make the final stretch.



Sean English prepares his prosthetic leg before his last high school race on Wednesday. "It must have been in God's hands," Sean said. RYAN GARZA/DFP

He was in excruciating pain. His legs ached. He was tired. At the halfway mark, he didn't think he'd make the final stretch.

But then he saw his teammates and opponents rush

the sideline, clapping, cheering. He heard the crowd in the stands yelling his name. Everyone was on their feet.

Then, he brought it home.

"It must have been in God's hands," Sean said afterward. "I finished strong."

After Sean crossed the finish line, his proud mother embraced him in her arms, telling him through tears: "Oh my God, you're so strong!"

For Sean, who spent the last year going from a wheelchair to learning how to walk to running with a prosthetic, the race was about two things: Finishing, and staying strong for Dr. Cynthia Ray, the other Good Samaritan who lost her life in the same tragic car crash that cost Sean his leg.

Sean's life was upended on April 2, 2016, after stopping to assist six teenagers in a flipped-over Jeep on I-96 in Detroit. An oncoming car struck Sean and killed Dr. Ray, a Henry Ford cancer specialist who died days later of massive injuries sustained in the crash. English's right leg was amputated below the knee.

"I did this for Dr. Ray," Sean said after his race. "I know that she would have wanted me to run again."

YOUTH BASEBALL

Little League's opening day all about community

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A few snow flurries fell April 28 over Plymouth Township Park during Plymouth-Canton Little League opening day ceremonies, but the weather did not freeze out the baseball fun.

Paws was there. So was Truckie, the mascot from Two Men and a Truck. And there was the so-called "Walk of Names," with every player's name and team emblazoned on baseball-shaped placards alongside the main sidewalk leading to the park pavilion.

The national anthem was played by members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band and joyous proclamations of "play ball" could be heard across the four perfectly groomed diamonds.

"I don't know how you can't have enthusiasm for the great game of baseball," said Jeff Holt, in his third year as president of the P-CLL. "I grew up in the game, playing on a field named for my father (Kitten Holt). I've been around it my whole life, coached my son (Elijah, now 14) to the point he was too big and moved on to other things."

"And I just stayed around the game because I love the game, I love kids. I just don't know how you can't have enthusiasm for something you're passionate about."

And it was a day-long celebration of baseball, highlighted by first pitches from Matthew Slattery of Miracle League of Plymouth and Dominik Mankowski — whose dad, Joshua, serving on the U.S. Joint Task Force in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, watched him make his throws via live-stream.

"It was really great," P-CLL parent and board member Nikki Grenillo said. "We usually have the Miracle League come out and we like to support them because they're amazing as well, what they do for those kids."

"Being able to support one of our own children (Dominik), I can't imagine what it's like with his dad being gone. I'm glad it was live-streamed so he could hopefully see it."

Oh, so perfect

Grenillo stressed that opening day is the perfect time to "come together and celebrate how amazing our community is. And I am beyond grateful to be part of something for our kids. Even having the marching band show up today is just a reflection of how great Plymouth and Canton really is as a community."

"And having such a strong board of directors, as well as coaches, who volunteer all of their time. I just don't have the right words to describe how great being part of something this big is."



With the opening day ceremonies over, it's time to "play ball" for these youngsters. TOM BEAUDOIN

The weather even cooperated as the day went on, with the sun even making an appearance.

"I love our annual opening day celebration," Holt said. "It's a celebration of baseball, but it's also a celebration of families, communities and kids. And that's what we're all about."

An alum of P-CCL, Elijah Holt, now an eighth-grader at Clifford Smart Middle School in the Walled Lake district, also was there to take part in welcoming the return of another season.

"It's nice," Elijah said. "It brings back a lot of memories of when I was a kid. I play travel ball with team called Legends up in Commerce. But I did have a lot of fun here."

And more kids are playing in the P-CLL this year than 12 months ago, something Jeff Holt likes to see. In 2016, his first year as president, there were 324 players; this year numbers are above the 500 mark.

"That's testimony to what we're trying to do," he said. "People want to be part of a winning team, people want to be a part of something that's good."

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After a solid hit, Arianna Hill takes off for first base. TOM BEAUDOIN

CC connection put Titans on brink

Ex-Shamrocks Birney, Gilhooly, Kamish, Jarzembowski formed pipeline for Titans

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It's a pipeline that continues to flow without interruption into the University of Detroit Mercy men's lacrosse program.

And one of the reasons why the Titans came within one win of a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship and an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament was their connection to Detroit Catholic Central High School.

But Saturday, fourth-seeded Canisius spoiled the party, scoring with only 38 seconds left in regulation and then the game-winner just six seconds into overtime to beat the Titans, 10-9, in the finals at West Long Branch, N.J.

Detroit Mercy finished the season 9-7 overall.

Four former Shamrocks figured prominently in the team's success this season: senior midfielders Sean Birney and Alec Gilhooly, the team's fourth and fifth leading scorers, respectively, along with sophomore face-off specialist Alex Jarzembowski and freshman midfielder Brennan Kamish.

Detroit Mercy's lineup also included area players Bo Pickens (Birmingham Brother Rice), Emmett Green (Seaholm) and Travis Sparling (Novi).

For Gilhooly, a fifth-year red-shirt with 43 career goals and 25 assists, and Birney, who finished with 43 goals and 51 career assists, it's been a connection going back to their high school days at CC.

"When (Birney) committed, it was pretty cool because I knew I'd be three or four years playing with him again," Gilhooly said. "Becoming linemates and stuff, we've built a really good chemistry between each other throughout high school and now in college. It's pretty cool being able to play with somebody that long. I think we really play well together."

Birney, who earned second team all-MAAC honors for the first time in his career, followed in the footsteps of his older brother Mike, who graduated from Detroit Mercy and also played for the Titans. Mike was the MAAC tournament's Most Outstanding Player in 2013, the last time the Titans reached the NCAA tournament.

That Birney family lineage also extends to his older sister Kylie, who also played for the Lady Titans and graduated from U-D in 2016.

"Actually coming out of high school, I was looking at a couple other places because I kind of wanted to do my own thing, but ended up at Detroit," said Birney, who hails from Plymouth. "I'm really happy with my decision because I'm close to home. A bunch of CC guys came here, too, so I was comfortable here. It was definitely the right choice for me."

Birney, coming off the bench, made the MAAC all-rookie team as a freshman as U-D went 8-6 in 2015 under newly named coach Chris Kolon, a Bir-



Catholic Central grad Alec Gilhooly (right) is a fifth-year senior for Detroit Mercy. DETROIT MERCY ATHLETICS

mingham Seaholm grad.

Birney then became a starter the next two seasons, but the Titans struggled with records of 2-10 and 5-11.

"Our class has kind of been through some ups and downs since," said Birney, who finished with 14 goals and 10 assists this season. "We've kind of come together through that and this year, we're clicking, like, on whole another level than we've been before. I would just say the camaraderie and the group and just the leadership stemming from the senior class is what's really making us click. And also the fact the freshmen are stepping up. We've got Brett Erskine, Kamish and (Logan) Shamblyn starting in net. All those guys have stepped up huge. So we just have the whole, complete team this year. I'd say that's the biggest thing."

Kamish, who resides in Wixom, racked up 19 goals to go along with two assists in his inaugural season en route to second team all-MAAC and all-rookie honors.

"He's making a big impact this year," Gilhooly said. "He really adapted to the college game really fast, which is pretty impressive coming in as a freshman. I know when I came in the first time, it was very tough. It's pretty impressive

with how quick he was able to get in the groove. He's going to keep doing that years to come. I know he's going to do great things."

Jarzembowski, who also earned second team all-MAAC honors, shared the face-off duties last year, but assumed the full-time role this season. Through U-D's first 15 games, he's posted a .520 percent win percentage (.163-of-.313). The Livonia native was also third on the team in ground balls with 46.

"They're awesome," Birney said. "Kamish came in and right away and made a big impact on the team. And Jar' has had the same effect. That's one of the biggest parts of the game. That can make or break a game right there. The fact that he's killing it there is huge for us. Lacrosse is a game of possession, so having him win the face-offs just automatically gives us an edge."

U-D rallied from a 9-5 fourth-quarter deficit against host Monmouth for a 12-9 victory May 3 as Jarzembowski won 16-of-24 face-offs in the MAAC semifinal win.

"He came in this year and is absolutely killing it," said Gilhooly, who is from Livonia. "Against Monmouth, he really stepped up and was a huge, huge reason why we won that game. Face-offs are

huge in the game of lacrosse and Jar' really gives our team an edge. And if he's on his game, there's no reason we shouldn't win games with him in there. Both guys are absolutely vital pieces to our game. It's pretty cool to see how many CC guys are really impacting this team. It's pretty cool."

Gilhooly, a business major, will also graduate this spring from U-D. His family has a long history of attending Detroit, which includes his great-grandfather, grandfather, great-uncle and uncle.

"We changed our whole culture around and I think everybody bought in," Gilhooly said. "From the freshman class coming in, they're completely dedicated to this program and everything. Just the chemistry throughout the whole team and the senior leadership is pretty special. I'd say that's what is making our success happen big-time."

In the season opener, U-D lost 10-7 to then No. 6-ranked Notre Dame on the road. The Titans also played No. 4 Ohio State to a one-goal game March 4, also on the road, before losing 8-7.

"We came up short in those big time games at the beginning of the season, but it was a really good experience to play those games early, because you get to play the top-end talent," Birney said. "It gives you that high-quality experience that you're looking for."

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Lakeland crushes W.L. Central in baseball

Baseball

LAKELAND 11, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 1: Lakeland's offense was on full throttle May 2. The Eagles pounded out 14 hits, including three each for Bret Lingenfelter and Grant Burns. Trent Farquhar had two hits and three stolen bases. Conner Snell was the winning pitcher with a complete-game two-hitter. Lakeland hiked its record to 13-4 overall, 9-2 in the LVC.

Boys lacrosse

SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 11, HURON VALLEY UNIFIED 6: Mitch Tashman poured in four goals May 1 to lead South Lyon Unified. South Lyon held a slim 4-3 halftime lead and outscored Huron Valley by a 7-3 second-half margin. Nick Harvath (two goals, two assists) and Silvio Scappaticci (two goals, one assist) were other multiple goal scorers for the winners. Colt Kovach and Cole Meidt both had a goal and an assist, while Logan Suriano added one goal. SLU goalies Conner Pergament and Quinn Uphoff combined for seven saves.

MILFORD 17, WATERFORD UNITED 2: Milford surged to a 7-1 lead after the opening quarter en route to a commanding 10-2 halftime lead. Rvan Kolb was

solid in goal with six saves in the first half and Collin Doyle, making his varsity debut, took over goaltending duties in the second half with five saves. Andrew Simonich and Danny Yates both registered four goals and three assists. R.J. Solar and Zach Bridgewater scored twice. Akers, Welsh, Sareafa, Villemure and Stibal had one goal apiece.

Girls tennis

LAKELAND 7, WATERFORD MOTT 2: Doubles was the difference in this Lakes Valley Conference match May 1. The teams split the four singles matches — losing only 10 games in the five matches — to register the victory. Lakeland's straight-set singles winners were Celine Philip (No. 2) and Navya Kalia (No. 4). The doubles winners were Daniella Holmes and Raquel Putrus (No. 1), Ella Szerlong and Hannah Turnage (No. 2), Jessica Ruhukya and Isabella Wloch (No. 3), Ariel Goldman and Faith Smith (No. 4) and Skylar McBurney and Sara Moore (No. 5).

Softball

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 15-13, SOUTH LYON EAST 5-0: In the opener,

East's Julia Vollmer blasted a grand slam to center field to score teammates Laney Czajkowski, Melanie Cosens and Lauren Sciborski, who all singled. In the second game, junior Emma Loveland and Ashley Dameworth had multiple hits. Lucy Cronin had a double and Allyssa Hollo singled.

SOUTH LYON EAST 11, HOWELL 1: On April 26, Emma Loveland connected for a grand slam and senior Julia Vollmer had a solo round-tripper. Sophomore Olivia Sabin was 3-for-3 with a double. Senior Hannah Warthman struck out two and allowed five hits to pick up the victory.

Girls track

MILFORD 69.5, WATERFORD MOTT 67.5; MILFORD 90, WATERFORD MOTT 47: Milford remained undefeated (6-0) with this sweep of the Waterford schools May 1 in Lakes Valley Conference action. Milford handed Mott its first loss of the season in a battle that wasn't decided until the winner-take-all final event, the 1,600-meter relay. The Mavericks took a major leap toward wrapping up the conference crown as the foursome of Abby Knapp, Paige Saiz, Abbie Kozel and Victoria Helligenth crossed the line first in a time of 4:09.

Milford's individual event winners were Ciara Charlick (pole vault), Harper Zondlak (long jump), Mackenzie Patten (discus), Olivia Huszti (100 hurdles), Morgan Phillips (300 hurdles) and Knapp (400). Clayre Shaver, Becca Bradsher, Regan Lobodzinski, Nicole Grindling, Abby Hiipakka and Natalie Black also scored key points for Milford. Mott fell to 4-1, while Kettering went to 2-4.

Boys track

MILFORD 85, WATERFORD MOTT 52; MILFORD 82, WATERFORD KETTERING 55: Milford earned big Lakes Valley Conference wins May 1 over the two Waterford schools. The Mavericks swept the pole vault behind the efforts of Max Brow (10-0), Scott Armstrong (8-0) and Ryan Stults (7-6). In the track events, Evan White was a double winner, taking the 1,600 (4:38) and 800 (2:05.9). Gunnar Gustafson also won two events, the 400 (50.2) and 200 (22.7). Carson Jensen won the 300 hurdles and Matthew Guscar won the 3,200. Milford also won the 3,200, 800 and 1,600 relays. The winning 1,600-meter relay foursome included Gustafson, Grant Ballard, Nolan Preis and Jensen. Milford improved to 3-3.

Adams lifts Brighton over 'Stangs

Senior midfielder scores game-winner in 1-0 KLAA Gold win over Northville

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Brighton's Kelsey Adams wants to make the most of her first and only varsity soccer season.

The senior midfielder from Brighton, who opted to play for her high school after a stint with her club team the Michigan Hawks, tallied the game-winning goal with 27:11 remaining to give the host Bulldogs a 1-0 triumph May 3 over Northville in a battle between the state's No. 5- and No. 6-ranked teams in Division 1 at Sloan Field.

Adams underwent hip surgery Feb. 1, which pretty much scrapped her club season. But it opened up another door in her soccer career.

"They thought I had a labral tear, so I got out of Hawks because we didn't think I was going to play in the spring," Adams said. "And then it turned out I didn't have a labral tear. So I had a shorter recovery and I was able to play high school, which I was really excited for."



Adams

It was a close battle throughout between two of the top teams in the KLAA's very challenging Gold Division.

Brighton (9-0-1, 6-0-1) had a goal disallowed in the 28th minute of the first half, while Northville was unable to convert on a two-on-one breakaway with 2:30 left.

"I thought the first 20 minutes we figured the game out, so we had a pretty good flow between our lines," first-year Brighton coach Ryan Carriere said. "And then (Northville) had some pretty good countering opportunities, which we did a good job defending, even though they were in very good spots to counter."

"Then the game evened out at the end of the first half. And then in that second half — like just that first 10 minutes — we got a little bit of a push. I thought we were going to get one. And we finally got one on a scrap goal. I mean, we're scrapping to get it into the box. So the game leveled out again and then they put the pressure on at the end. So credit to Northville. They played a great game."

In the 54th minute of the match, both Adams and Northville defender Jenna Lauderback converged on a 50/50 ball just inside the Mustangs' 18-yard box.

Adams won the battle and the war, converting on a shot that seemed to re-



Brighton's Kayla Foran (left) and Northville's Ari Laba vie for control of the ball. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

direct past Northville sophomore goalkeeper Ellie Thallman.

"Honestly, at first I was trying to win the ball," Adams said. "I was about to go for a cross, got cut off on my angle, so it was just, like, 'Let's just try for a shot' and worked out, so it was awesome. Actually, it didn't touch her foot. I got it to curve through right between. It was, like, a split."

And from Northville coach Eric

Brucker's angle?

"It kind of changed directions," he said. "It wrong-footed (Thallman)."

It was only Adams' second goal of the season.

"I coached her when she was 7 or 8 with a couple of other guys in the area and then she played for the (Novi) Jags for a while," Carriere said. "So she's played with some really high-level teams and we're really lucky that she's

playing with us this spring."

With the win, Brighton has 19 points overall in the KLAA race, while Northville (8-2-4, 5-1-2) has 17.

"When we played Hartland, we were super-excited," Adams said. "It was a big game and Northville again is a big game for us because, our freshman year, they knocked us out of district first round. We all came in here wanting to beat them, get ahead in this season."

Brighton senior goalkeeper Hannah Swanson notched her seventh shutout of the season. She has allowed just three goals in 10 games.

Leading the back line are two underclassmen in the middle, Mia Hansen and Gwen Kiilunen, along with seniors Olivia Cogo and Sydney Ivers on the outside.

"The back line is unbelievable," Carriere said. "And they just read each other so well. There's always security in the back."

Meanwhile, Northville tried to make some subtle changes in strategy following halftime to generate more of an offensive attack.

"We made a little bit of an adjustment at halftime, with where we wanted to get the ball delivered out of our back ... we didn't execute it very well," Brucker said. "And obviously, when you get down, at some point you have to start pushing players and that's what we did."

Many of Northville shots came from the perimeter of Brighton's defense.

"We figured we learned a little bit about these guys ... they kind of pack it in the middle," Brucker said. "So we did try to work it to the outside. Our problem, we didn't finish on the opportunities we had. We talked about it yesterday. There was only going to be three chances, maybe four, and we had them. We didn't put it inside the net. It's a tough loss. It didn't help our cause. I think long run, this is a great learning tool for later when we get into the second season."

But overall, Brucker was generally pleased with his team's play, despite the loss.

"I was happy, obviously, with our whole back line," he said. "We've been working on some things back there and they played well. I like the fact that Ellie (Thallman) came out and controlled her own box. It's an unfortunate deflection that got by her. I'm happy with the overall performance. No complaints."

Meanwhile, Adams was all smiles afterward.

"It's going awesome, I love it a lot," she said of her senior season. "I had hip surgery, so it was an awesome way to recover. It's a lot of fun."

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Brown steps in as new Northville coach

Robert steps down following nine seasons

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Gordie Brown will be the new man behind the bench when Northville High School opens its 2018-19 varsity boys hockey season next November.

Brown, who has been an assistant for the Mustangs since 2011-12, replaces Clint Robert, who stepped down recently following nine seasons.

"Gordie is an outstanding coach who is well-respected throughout the area," Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said. "We believe his knowledge, character and his ability to get the best out of his players will help our program continue to achieve at a high level year after year."

The 43-year-old Brown, who lives in Howell, has coached for Compuware at the Midget Major AAA level and was an All-State Dream Team player at Brighton High School from 1990-93. He played club hockey at Western Michigan University, where he was part of a national championship team.

He also runs the Mid-West Junior Hockey Training program and, since 2017, has been an assistant for Team Michigan, which is made up of the top high school players from the state.

"I also want to thank the Northville administration and athletic department for this great opportunity," Brown said. "I also want to thank coach Clint Robert for his hard work and dedication to

Northville hockey. I'm excited to become the next head coach at such a well-regarded school. I'm honored to be taking over a top program that possesses student-athletes who are respected in the classroom, around the community and on the ice."

Robert went 169-71-15 during two different stints at Northville while capturing two MHSAA Division 1 regional, four division and three conference titles (one WLAA and two KLAA). His 2016-17 squad finished 20-6-1 and reached the Division 1 state semifinal. He was Division 1 Coach of the Year in 2017.

"Our expectations are just to continue what Clint had already started, which was providing a pretty positive atmosphere for the players, to grow both their game and do well in the classroom," Brown said. "And we plan to continue to do that with both the varsity and JV program and incorporating a little more togetherness with the JV, doing more things together ... practice, workouts, community events, things of that nature."

During his time as an assistant at Northville, Brown handled the team's defensive duties, while Robert handled the forechecking scheme. The two also worked together on special teams, including the power play.

So what style of hockey should we expect from Northville under Brown's leadership next season?

"I'm a believer in speed, being well-conditioned and strong defensively," Brown said. "I'm a believer in speed, doing things fast. If you go fast and make a mistake, you can recover fast."

After coaching the Northville JV



Clint Robert stepped down after nine seasons as Northville's varsity boys hockey coach. FILE PHOTO

"I'm excited to become the next head coach at such a well-regarded school. I'm honored to be taking over a top program that possesses student-athletes who are respected in the classroom, around the community and on the ice."

Gordie Brown

team from 2004-06, Robert took over the varsity duties in 2006-07. He took a two-year sabbatical from 2009-11, when former Livonia Churchill coach Jeff Hatley came on board.

In 2010-11, Robert guided Lake Orion

to a 20-8-2 record, including a Division 1 regional title and a berth in the state semifinals, but he returned to coach the Mustangs during the 2011-12 season.

"Obviously, my time at Northville was outstanding, great program, great athletic department and administration," said Robert, who is 189-79-17 as a varsity high school coach. "It just came down to find a fix or a spot that made more sense with my growing family, something we'd be able to work around our schedule a little bit more. It was a real tough decision, but one I thought it was best for our family. And obviously, with my recommendation, I'm thrilled Gordie did get the head coaching position, because I know the program won't miss a beat. They're in great hands with him."

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Northville rallies for KLAA Gold win

Jeromsky scores two goals in comeback triumph for Mustangs

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A year ago, Sophia Jeromsky was playing club soccer for the Plymouth Reign.

One of four freshmen who made the Northville varsity girls soccer team this spring, Jeromsky has played a bit role with so far for the state's No. 6-ranked team in Division 1.

But that all changed Tuesday in a pivotal KLAA Gold Division clash against Livonia Stevenson at Tom Holzer Field, as the ninth-grader took center stage by scoring the game-tying and game-winning goals during the final 12 minutes to give the Mustangs a come-from-behind 3-2 victory.

"It's really fun. I don't get a lot of playing time, but when I do get playing time, I really appreciate it," said Jeromsky, who had just one goal coming into the match. "So we've already tied a couple of teams and (coach) Eric (Brucker) set a goal for us and said, 'We have to win this game.' When we were down with about 15 minutes left, I'm, like, 'We've got to get the goal.' So when we got the goal, it was great for us."

Temperatures hovered around the 80-degree mark at the start, but the heat didn't faze Jeromsky.

"I like warmer weather. I'm not a cold person, don't like it," she said. "Warm weather is my type of weather."

Northville, coming off its first loss of the season April 27 at Saline, improved to 8-1-4 and 5-0-2 (17 points) in the KLAA.

"We're young again this year and, unfortunately, this is how we're playing ... we're a second-half team. The good part is, they never quit," Brucker. "They keep playing hard and tonight was (Jeromsky's) night. She's been working hard at practice. She deserved the minutes and it paid off. I love her."

Stevenson carried the play early and missed two golden scoring opportuni-



Northville's Tara Beason (left) goes airborne for the header against Stevenson's Adrianna Mroz. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ties, as Abby Werthman hit the left post with 37:20 remaining in the first half, followed by a missed penalty kick wide-left by Audrey Kopitz with 9:15 to go until halftime.

Northville's best chance came with only 1:10 to play in the half, when Stevenson goalie Mackenzie Fifer denied Sarah Noonan from close range.

But the Spartans converted just 48 seconds into the second half, when Kayla Gacioch made a strong run down the left side and crossed it into the box to Meredith Hage, who made a one-touch tap pass to a wide-open Kopitz for the goal.

Gacioch, a senior midfielder, then made it 2-0 with another strong run down the left wing, scoring unassisted when she rifled a shot from 15 yards out past Northville keeper Ellie Thallman.

"(Gacioch) was excellent," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "She usually plays well here. She's had some of her best games on this field and today was no exception. I thought she was really, really aggressive taking people on in front of their goal."

Northville finally showed some life, getting a two-on-one breakaway as Er-

ica Toupin was denied initially by Fifer on a sliding save, but the ball popped on to the foot of Emma Bowman, who carefully guided a shot from 13 yards out into a wide open net with 24:10 left to cut the deficit to 2-1.

The Northville comeback continued when Jeromsky popped home a loose ball in the box with only 11:07 left off an assist from Roan Haines, following a corner kick by Toupin.

"First goal, I was standing in front of the goalie and, normally, I don't stand in front of the goalie, I'm normally a runner," Jeromsky said. "And the ball comes to me and I'm, like, 'Shoot, I got to do something.' By the time I shot it, it went in."

The Spartans had a chance to score with 9:52 left to go up one, but Thallman denied Gacioch.

And the Northville rally was made complete when Jeromsky scored her second goal of the match with only 8:59 remaining, when she went top-shelf just under the crossbar, with the assist going to Lauren Fleming.

"The second one, that was a difficult one," Jeromsky said. "I beat about two or three defenders and I was, like,

'Shoot, I had too many touches' and (Brucker) is going to say something. And I was, like, 'You know what? Just shoot it' and I shot it. I thought it was going to go over, but it hit the crossbar and it went in."

After being down a pair of goals late in the match, Brucker has seen this script play out before.

"It's been the story of our season," he said. "We've been close every single game. Most of them we win and some of them we've tied. But the message is, you've just got to keep playing. We haven't played a complete game yet; unfortunately, we don't show up until the second half. So the message was just, 'Don't give up, it's been warm, battle of attrition, play all 80 minutes.' I subbed a lot quicker and deeper into my bench tonight because it was so warm."

Stevenson's lack of depth may have factored into the loss.

"I don't know, we just wore out," Shingledecker said. "We just flat-out wore out after the two goals. And (Kopitz) got dinged up and couldn't go back in the game. I think she played about five minutes in the second half. People were getting pushed and pulled in different spots. We just got cooked."

The loss dropped the Spartans to 8-3-1 overall and 4-2-1 (13 points) in the KLAA.

"This was a team that was ahead of us, so that's three points that we got and they didn't," Brucker said. "We should move ahead of them. Basically, we control our own destiny, because everybody that is ahead of us in our division we still play. We got to keep playing and we control our own destiny."

"It is what it is," Shingledecker said. "We just need to get healthy. I think we're going to be totally fine once that happens. And we've got to weather the storm right now. We've got a lot of young kids. I think we played six sophomores and three freshmen today. They're battling through a lot of things and we see a lot of positives for us to go up two goals and this team (Northville) is very good. It kind of unraveled quickly for us."

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Obituaries

Lee Holland

NORTHVILLE - Lee Eudon Holland, 85, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2018, surrounded by his family at Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Lee Eudon was born October 4, 1932 in Esto, Florida to Mertice Mae Armstrong and Delmas Preston Holland. He was raised by his single mother in Enterprise, Alabama, where he worked to help support his family doing odd jobs, such as shining shoes and selling boiled peanuts on the street. He attended high school in Miamisburg, Ohio, where he played football, served as a class officer and was voted homecoming king. Working his way through school, he was determined to change his life. His passion for football paid off with an athletic scholarship at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio where he played for two years under football legend, Paul "The Fox" Hoernemann. From 1954 to 1956 Lee Eudon served in the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He then moved to the Detroit area where he attended Wayne State University and received a bachelor's degree in accounting. Following graduation he worked for the IRS as a Revenue Agent and subsequently went on to work for several accounting firms in the Detroit area. Lee moved to Northville, Michigan in the early 1970's after acquiring a local accounting business. His practice grew over the years, developing into a well-known business in the community, providing accounting, tax, and financial advisement services. His hard work and passion made a difference in so many lives. Continuing his passion for football, he coached little league teams in both Livonia and Northville, as well as the Northville High School Junior Varsity team, accumulating a lifetime record of 68-7, an accomplishment of which he was very proud. He authored and published two books, Boiled Peanuts and Buckeyes, a personal memoir, and The Murder that Never Dies. He also co-authored Remembering the Fox: Paul Hoernemann and the Glory Years of Heidelberg Football. He served his community as treasurer of Northville Township, was a member of the Rotary Club, and was an active member in the Salvation Army Corps in Plymouth, Michigan. Lee strongly believed that everyone deserves a chance and had made several charitable contributions to organizations such as the Salvation Army and Miamisburg High School. Lee Eudon Holland is survived by the mother of his children, Carol Holland; children, Christine (Gary) Kitts, David (Sandra) Holland, Mark (Sandi) Holland, and Amy (Matt) Brauer; sister-in-law, Doris Holland; his loving long-term companion, Sharon Dombrowski; 9 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Edward Holland, and his daughter, Karen Lee Holland. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. In lieu of flowers, Lee Eudon requested that contributions be made to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075. Please share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.



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ELSIE - Clyde Allen passed on April 2, 2018, loving father and husband. Memorial will be held for Clyde Allen on May 19th at 11am at First Baptist Church in St. Johns. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church.

Laura Sexton

BELLAIRE - Laura J. Sexton, 76, of Bellaire died peacefully with her husband at her side on May 4, 2018 at Munson Medical Center. She was born Jan. 22, 1942 in Newberry, MI the daughter of David and Agnes (Mohrmann) Maltby. Laura is a 1960 graduate of Bellaire High School. She earned her Bachelor's of Education in 1965 from Central Michigan University and began working for Antrim County in 1971. In 1980 Laura was elected as the Antrim County Clerk and took office in January 1981. She held the office until her retirement in 2012. Laura was very active in the Bellaire community. She served on the Bellaire Public Library Board, Village Council and was a member of the Antrim County Housing Department. She was a longtime Bellaire Lioness club member and also volunteered at the Bellaire Food Pantry. Laura was supportive in raising funds for the Bellaire High School basketball and baseball teams. She was also the statistician for the boy's high school basketball team for many years. Surviving Laura is her husband of 54 years, Stanley A. Sexton. She is also survived by her children Angela Laura Rabb of Manistee, Victoria Agnes Sexton of Williamsburg, Rebecca Ruthraye Sexton of Bellaire. In addition, she is survived by her grandchildren Brandon Kenndrick Charbonneau, Ryan James Rabb, Eric Allen Rabb, great granddaughter Zoey May Charbonneau and her favorite dog Buster Sexton. She was preceded in death by her sister Camilla Agnes Fisher and her parents. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday, May 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. all at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Private family interment will take place Saturday, May 12 at Lakeview Cemetery, Bellaire. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to the Bellaire Public Library, Antrim County Commission on Aging, and/or Nifty Thrifty. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.



**William "Bill"
Glasgow
Kinnaird III**

NORTHVILLE - Bill passed away on May 2nd at the age of 90. Preceding him in death was his parents, two sisters, Jean Kinnaird and Anne Johnston, and first wife, Claudene. Surviving are his wife, Ginny Newman-Kinnaird, daughter Susan (Gary) Miller and son William G. Kinnaird IV (Tracie), one step-grandchild, Corey Lake and grandchildren Samantha, Jacob and Emmaline Miller, sister, Patricia Watson. A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held to honor Bill on June 10th at 2-4 pm at the Northville Senior Center. View his obituary and share a memory at griffinfuneralhome.com.



Susan Kadaj

NOVI - Susan H. Kadaj, age 67 of Novi, passed away May 5, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Robert Kadaj. Cherished mother of Eric (Dana) and Phillip (Tonya). Loving grandmother of Elizabeth, Nicholas, Alena, and Robert. Dear sister of Kurt Spanberger. And caring sister in law of Lila Kadaj. A private memorial service will be held. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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Warren Stoddard

NORTHVILLE - Warren Stoddard, age 101, a long-time resident of Northville, passed away April 6th in Fort Myers, Florida. He was born December 9th, 1916 in Portland Maine to the late Ruben and Eva (Ryder) Stoddard.



Beloved husband to Betty for 74 years. Loving father to Joyce (the late Robert) Edwards, Robert (Joanne O'Connor) Stoddard, the late Thomas Stoddard, the late William Stoddard, James (JoAnn Isaac) Stoddard, and Jeanne (James) Mulhern. Proud grandfather to Elizabeth (Ed) Dixon, Madelynn (Jeff) Creel, Ian and Olivia Mulhern. Great grandfather to Graham, Lily, Harper, Caleb and Colton.

Warren was a veteran of World War II, where he served as a medic for the 28th General Hospital. After the war, Warren attended the University of Maine and Michigan State University where he received his undergraduate degree and then his Masters Degree in Business Administration. He spent a 32-year career at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI. Warren devoted 30 plus years to local Boy Scout Troop 755, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where he acted as Assistant Scoutmaster, then Scoutmaster. There he is known for starting the wilderness Canadian canoe trips. Warren was honored in June of 2017 for his dedication and service to Troop 755 at their 70th anniversary.

Warren led a remarkable long life. He was a lifetime stamp collector, lover of the bagpipes and the Highland Games, and an avid golfer - on the golf course up until a few short weeks before he passed.

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4 tips for making braver career moves

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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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23 Teaching a dog to stay in a pen
25 Law
26 Ease off
27 Many, informally
28 One, in Berlin
30 "Invisible" singer Moyet
31 Epson product
33 Mineral required only in minute amounts
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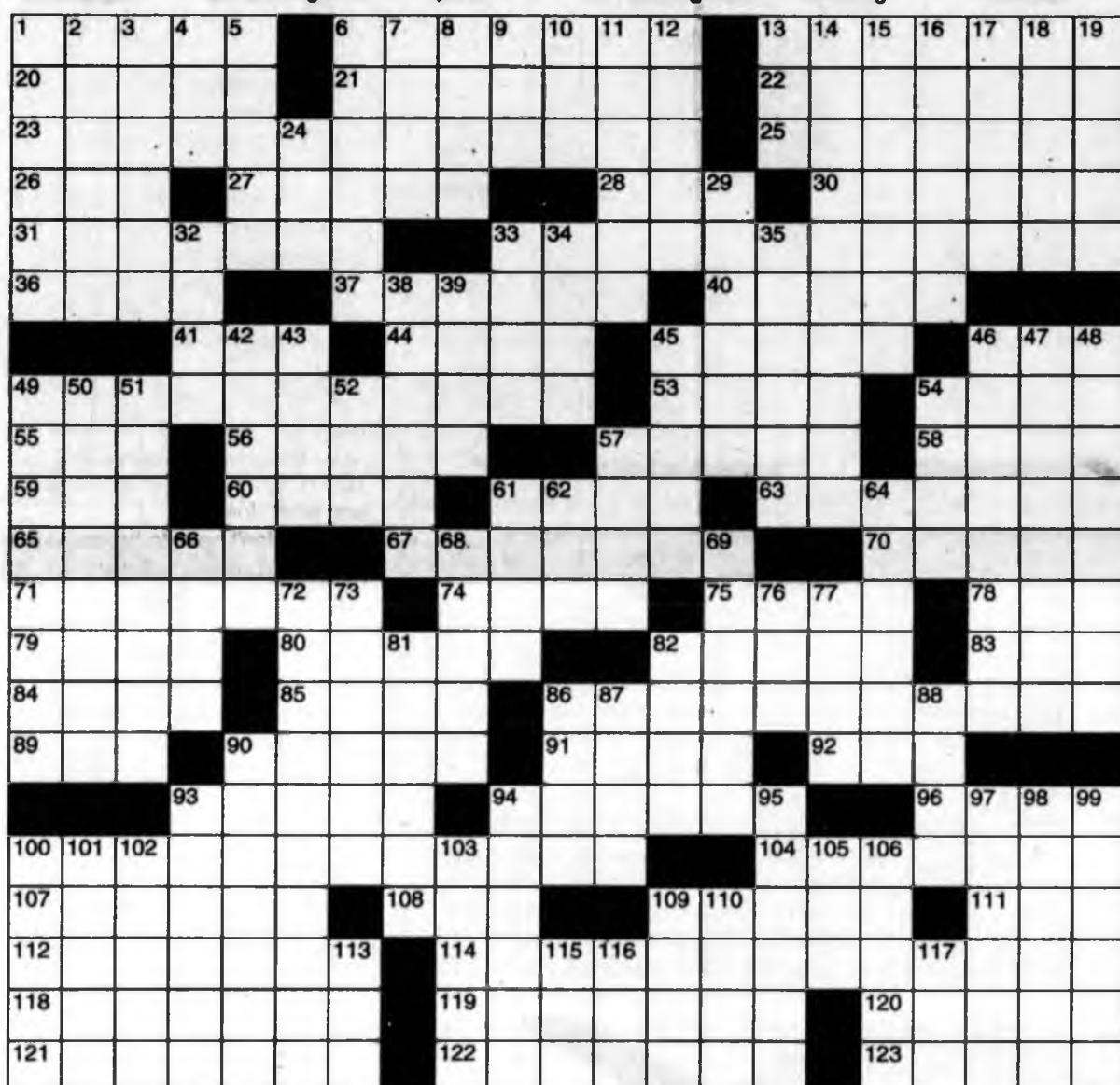
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60 Stoop (over)
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63 Fretted
65 Very slow pace
67 Feature of the starts of 23-, 33-, 49-, 86-, 100- and 114-Across
70 Petri dish gelatins
71 "Howdy"
74 Use a pressing tool
75 Lacking color
76 Tipping type
79 Tennis' Nastase
80 Use as a dining surface
82 Took to the slopes
83 Suffix with Timor
84 Musk of Tesla
85 Lacking color

86 One who may carry around a plate of hors d'oeuvres
89 Tarzan player Ely
90 Emmy winner Woodard
91 Got a perfect score on
92 Broadway loc.
93 Camporee participant
94 "Jobs" star Kutcher
96 Terminal guesses, for short
100 Free rein
104 Involve in strife
107 Cautions
108 Mythical bird
109 Artist's prop
111 Teachers' org.
112 Put in position
114 Have a pronounced response
116 Forced out
119 Confess having done
120 Author Zora — Hurston
121 People on a quest

122 Unintended radio silence
123 Grant giver
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1 Allow in
2 Entertainer Streisand
3 Syrian's language
4 Bivouac bed
5 Posed to propose
6 "No Exit" dramatist
7 History units
8 Laos locale
9 Mil. title
10 Start to cycle?
11 Having one dimension
12 Sound reasoning
13 Raises
14 Very
15 Least fresh
16 "Sorry, can't, I'm late"
17 Make smile
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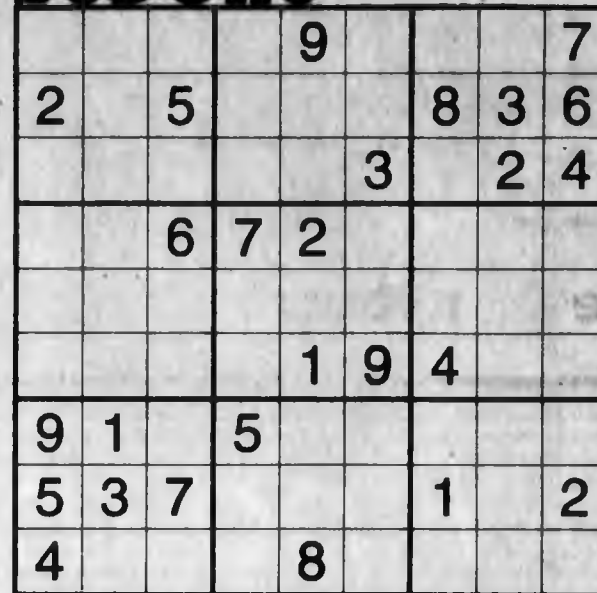
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49 More apt to attract attention
50 City in Texas
51 Movement around an axis
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66 "— pigs fly!"
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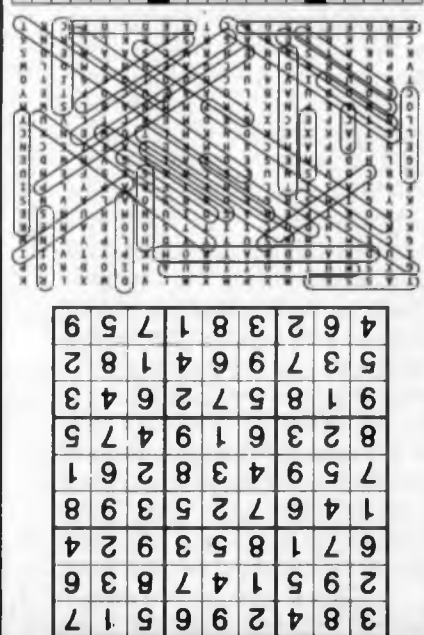
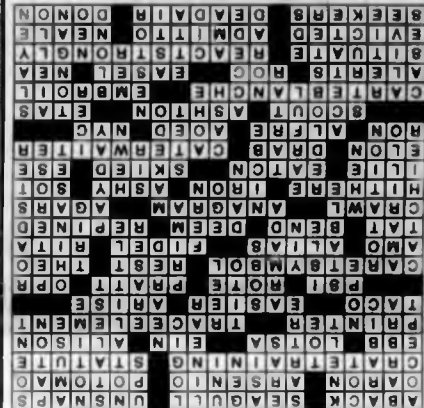
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Car Report**TOYOTA YARIS HOLDS DOWN THE POSITION OF TOYOTA'S MOST AFFORDABLE CAR AS SEDAN MARKET FACES GREAT UPHEAVAL**

By Dale Buss

Don't look now, but the fundamental proposition behind the Toyota Yaris and all other subcompact cars - whomin' fuel economy - is rapidly becoming more fashionable.

Pump prices gain are pushing \$3 a gallon these days, thanks to macroeconomic factors including synchronized global economic growth and the success of OPEC's coordinated production cuts. These days, America's fracking infrastructure looms as the ultimate trump card in the way of a repeat of the "oil crisis" of the 1970s, but Michigan drivers could be facing a summer of the highest tabs for gasoline they've seen in years.

The other important part of the context here is that sedans big and small have fallen out of favor rapidly over the last two years, as Americans put fear of subpar mileage - and cargo space and versatility - ahead



Toyota Yaris is the brand's most affordable car.

of the advantages of cars and buy SUVs and trucks instead. The split now is about two-thirds trucks, SUVs and crossovers about one-third sedans, the flip of five years ago. And Ford soon will become the first major automaker to practically eliminate cars from its product lineup.

But Toyota plans to take advantage of both the exit of competing brands from the sedan market, and of higher gasoline prices that still favor sedan purchases. And while its high-volume,

higher-profile Camry full-size model, America's best-selling car, and its compact Corolla will play primary roles in Toyota's strategy, Yaris and its up-to-36mpg on the highway will be a player as well.

Toyota actually has two models now that it calls

Yaris: the Yaris iA, which is an adaptation of an old Scion model from the youth-oriented brand that the company deep-sixed a couple of years ago, and the original hatchback Yaris. The iA is selling OK, with sales of 10,569 units this year through April, down about 14 percent from a year earlier. Sales of the original Yaris, however, have tanked, perhaps because its attributes are so closely identified with fuel economy.

That is unfortunate. It's not like Toyota is discontinuing the car: plans for the 2019 Yaris model included a production launch this spring. Toyota's even planning to discontinue the manual-transmission option on the car, according to CarsDirect.com.

Anyway, when it comes to the 1.5-liter naturally aspirated engine that drives Yaris, rated at 105 horsepower with 103 pound-feet of torque, there's not a lot of competition. While getting 36 mpg on the highway, Yaris rates 30 mpg in the city and a combined 33 mpg for the

manual-transmission version I drove - one mpg higher than the combined mpg for the automatic transmission.

You can traverse a lot of mileage with that kind of fuel economy and in an affordable fashion with prices that start in the mid-\$15,000s. The five-door SE liftback version I drove was priced at a suggested \$18,260.

Another big attribute of Yaris is its handling, including excellent steering and reasonable grip. Toyota has managed to mate the kind of quickness, nimbleness and overall control you'd expect from a tiny car with a powertrain that provides just enough burst to make the most of its handling ability.

Available in two- or four-door body styles, Yaris also is very easy and fast to park not only because of its small footprint but also because it has small overhangs and a standard rearview camera.

And unusually for a car in its category, Yaris offers the latest in advanced driver aids under the

Toyota Safety Sense system, including lane-departure warning, high-beam automatic activation, and forward collision warning and mitigation.

Yaris also optimizes its interior cargo space because it's a hatchback, giving the car a versatility that a standard sedan of that size just couldn't match.

Given its size, customer target and other constraints, Yaris does lack in, ahem, creature comforts. Its driver seat is difficult to find comfortable on longer drives, though for daily commutes, it's fine. The lack of a telescoping steering wheel and center arm rest are ergonomic debits as well.

Yet in terms of getting in and out of the tiny Yaris, Toyota designers have done something very well: It's got big front doors, a relatively tall roof and a high hip point, making the process much easier than you'd presume. Even the rear doors are decently sized, and rear legroom is relatively generous.



Design touches include these wheels.

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"The sooner a cancer is diagnosed, the better the chance is for reversal. We're able to diagnose at a much faster rate."

Eric Kmiec, director of the Gene Editing Institute at Christiana Care's Helen F. Graham Cancer & Research Institute, who is working with CRISPR, a technology that he compared to spell check on a word document.



TECHNOLOGICAL TREATMENTS



Christiana Care: Gene editing tech can lead to faster cancer diagnosis

Meredith Newman Delaware News Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

Researchers at Christiana Care Health System say they have created a new gene editing technology that will diagnose cancer in a faster and more accurate way. ■ The discovery, which was recently published in the medical journal *CRISPR*, consists of researchers taking fragments of DNA from human cells, placing them in test tubes and then making changes to a genetic code, said Eric Kmiec, director of the Gene Editing Institute at Christiana Care's Helen F. Graham Cancer & Research Institute.

It's done with a technology called CRISPR, which Kmiec compared to spell check on a word document. If a person has an incorrect word, or in this case a gene, the technology will identify it and then correct it.

Here's how it will apply to diagnosing cancer: Scientists will take a blood sample or swab of cells and then extract and sequence the DNA. That information is then fed into a computer that will show the scientists what potential mutations are causing the cancer.

Scientists, using this new technology, will be able to use gene editing to recreate mutations on synthetic pieces of DNA. This will then be put through a diagnostic test, recreating the chromosomes of cancer and allowing doctors to see what the mutations are doing. As a result, doctors will be able to create more personalized treatment plans for patients, Kmiec said.

He said this is the first CRISPR tool that will allow scientists to make multiple edits to DNA samples in a test tube or petri dish. He compared this new ability to reading and understanding a paragraph, as opposed to just one sentence. "The sooner a cancer is diagnosed, the better the chance is for reversal," he said. "We're able to diagnose at a much faster rate."

Previously, it could take two to three weeks for cancer results to come back. Now, it could come back in four days, Kmiec said.

University of Delaware doctoral student Brett Sansbury, who is the lead author of the medical journal article, said this new technology will help researchers better understand how CRISPR works and what it's capable of.

It can also help streamline treatment for patients with later stages of cancer. "That's the biggest part: Having the tool be applicable to somebody who needs the help," she said.

Christiana Care researchers have been

studying this development for the past 18 months through a \$1 million grant. Kmiec said the researchers spent six months running hundreds of test samples through the technology. While this research doesn't require a clinical trial, it was important to make sure there was a wide variety of cancer genes and mutations tested, he said.

"You don't want to screw up a diagnosis," he said. "There's more pressure on cancer diagnosis in some ways."

As part of the grant, Christiana Care has licensed this technology to NovellusDx, an Israeli biotech company. Major health systems, such as Johns Hopkins Hospital and Mayo Clinic, plan to utilize the new technology, Kmiec said.

Christiana Care doctors will likely use it as well, he said. The hospital will also be compensated when organizations utilize the CRISPR technology.

The institute plans to partner with Delaware Technical Community College to create a gene editing curriculum. Hospital officials believe it's one of the first programs of its kind in the country.

Kmiec said it isn't typical to find gene editing labs in a community cancer center. He believes the Christiana Care lab is one of about two in the world.

Because of this, the lab is embedded with oncologists, whose offices are just down the hall. Researchers are constantly seeing and thinking about the patients, Kmiec said. As the Gene Editing Institute continues to do research, Kmiec said it's his job to see how the researchers' work can apply to cancer treatment. "This one was easy," he said of the newest research. "It pretty much hit us in the face."

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The Gene Editing Institute at the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute in Newark works with CRISPR-directed genome engineering.

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AT TOP: Eric Kmiec and doctoral student Brett Sansbury are working on a technology called CRISPR. DANIEL SATO/THE NEWS JOURNAL; BACKGROUND: GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

How a bouquet gets from the farm to Mom

Airlines play critical role in keeping flowers fresh

Harriet Baskas
Special for USA TODAY

Mother's Day is around the corner and, according to the National Retail Federation, this year American consumers will honor their moms with gifts of special outings, spa visits, meals, jewelry, electronics, greeting cards and \$2.6 billion worth of flowers.

Many of the carnations, roses and bouquets moms are showered with will hail from farms around Bogota, Colombia. The high-altitude, temperate region ranks as one of the world's largest exporters of cut flowers, and each day there's a tightly choreographed race to get millions of freshly harvested flowers to the airport and onto planes for delivery to customers around the world.

I joined a team from United Airlines to see how roses make their way from one farm near Bogota to Houston and, possibly, to you.

Freshly cut on the farm

At Jaroma Roses, 79 acres of greenhouses produce more than 30 million roses each year in colors ranging from white and pink to green and red, with dozens of shades in between and with names such as Moody Blues, High & Twinkle, Freedom, Lemonade, Showgirl and Hot Merengue.

"There are more than 2,000 different kinds of roses," company president and owner Jalme Rodriguez told me at the start of a several-hour farm tour. "Here we produce about 50 different kinds. The best sellers are always the red ones, but breeders are always creating new combinations and unusual colors."

This week is peak shipping time for Mother's Day, and teams of Jaroma Roses' more than 600 workers are in the greenhouses each day cutting flowers by 6 a.m. From the greenhouses, freshly cut roses are gathered by color and taken by cart, or by the farm's new ski lift-like conveyor system, to workers along long tables in a large cooled room. There, the flowers are measured, cut,



Jaroma Roses arrive at the Bogota airport. The boxes go from refrigerated trucks to a cool cargo hold on a jet. PHOTOS BY HARRIET BASKAS/SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY



Red roses are gathered at Jaroma Roses farm in Bogota, Colombia. The farm has 79 acres of greenhouses that grow more than 30 million roses a year.

graded and bundled into corrugated paper sleeves. The sleeves then move into chilled storerooms where the temperature is set between 37 and 41 degrees Fahrenheit. This keeps them as fresh as

possible before they're loaded onto refrigerated trucks that head out for Bogota's El Dorado International Airport, more than an hour away.

Like other farms, Jaroma Roses sells its flowers F.O.B., which stands for "free on board" (or "freight on board") and means the buyer is responsible for arranging and paying the costs of shipment once the boxed flowers are delivered to the airport. "The customer chooses the freight company," Rodriguez said. "If we have a new customer who has not imported before, we recommend a company, but the customers deal directly with the cargo agency."

The agencies, in turn, choose which airline they'll use to ship the flowers onward to their destinations in the U.S., Asia, Europe, Russia and elsewhere. From Bogota and many other cities, there are multiple choices of carriers.

Headed to the U.S.

United Airlines, which a major freight agency has been using to ship Jaroma Roses to Houston and on to Japan, has room in the cargo holds of three commercial flights from Bogota each day: two 737s (one heading to Houston; the other to Newark) that can accommodate less than 1 ton of cargo and a 757 to Houston that could have room for up to 3 tons of cargo.

In United's cargo area at Bogota airport, the temperatures were cool as the flowers I saw headed for Houston were moved from the refrigerated trucks to machines that scan and weigh each box. The boxes were then loaded onto pallets, weighed again and then sent into the cargo hold on the plane, where temperatures for the flowers were set at a cool 50 degrees during the flight.

In Houston, United works closely with the perishable cargo handler dnata USA Cargo to transfer the flowers between flights or to local customers.

"Customs sometimes meets and inspects the flowers right when they come off the plane," said Tom Hood, general manager of dnata cargo in Houston. "Other times they inspect a shipment once we have it here inside." Agents from the U.S. Department of Agriculture also come by for spot checks, he said.

Finally off the plane

Once off the plane, the pallets of flowers get moved to dnata's cooled storage warehouse and then, as quickly as possible, into an even colder "pre-cooling" room. There, the small round flaps I had noticed cut into each end of the boxes in Bogota were opened, and any warm air that may have built up inside the box during the flight is essentially sucked out and replaced by the much colder air in the room.

The pre-cooling process helps perk up and reanimate the flowers and prepares them for the next step of their journey, which may be to U.S. florists readying for the Mother's Day onslaught. Others will end up on a flight to Japan or Russia, where the premium roses like those I'd seen snipped, bundled and boxed for shipment a day earlier in Colombia might end up being sold for upwards of \$50 a stem.

The Wonder Woman coaster lassoos thrills

Arthur Levine
Special to USA TODAY

After spending some 70 years in the shadows of such superheroes Superman and Batman, Wonder Woman rocked the box office with her 2017 blockbuster film. If movies can welcome Princess Diana of Themyscira to its upper echelons, why not theme parks?

Rounding a corner at Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, a statue of the Amazon stands regally in front of her marquee thrill ride, Wonder Woman: Golden Lasso Coaster. Golden Lasso may be comparatively small, but like its namesake heroine, it packs a mighty punch.

And the Six Flags ride lays claim to two distinctions that no other park can make: It's the first roller coaster to be named after Wonder Woman, and it's the world's first single-rail IBox coaster.

A second Wonder Woman coaster will open at Six Flags Mexico later this year, and a second single-rail IBox coaster will open at California's Great America in Santa Clara this spring.

Nearly all roller coasters ride on two sets of rails.

Wonder Woman, however, rests on a twisting, 15½-inch-wide steel monorail, which the ride's manufacturer, Rocky Mountain Construction, refers to as "Raptor Track."

Unlike the tubular pipe tracks found on most steel roller coasters, the new Six Flags ride features RMC's patented IBox track.

The I-beam rail is flat on top and has channels on either side (like the letter "I") into which the trains' up-stop wheels fit. Wonder Woman marks the first coaster that marries a single-rail configuration with an IBox track.

What is it like to ride Wonder Woman: Golden Lasso Coaster? I had the honor of being the first guest to put the new thrill machine through its paces.

The trains are one of a kind. Because the rail is so narrow, each car seats only one person. There are eight cars per train for a total of eight passengers. The ride has three trains, and instead of stopping, they slowly move through the station, making for efficient loading and unloading.

Because the track is under the train,



Nearly all roller coasters ride on two sets of rails. But Wonder Woman: Golden Lasso Coaster rests on a twisting, 15½-inch-wide steel monorail.



A statue of the Amazon warrior stands in front of her marquee thrill ride at Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio.

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there isn't anything encumbering passengers to the left or the right except for the low-slung, open cars.

"It's basically a seat on a rocket sled," says Jeffrey Siebert, president of Six

Flags Fiesta Texas. "You are blasted all over."

Climbing the lift hill, it quickly becomes apparent that this is a breakthrough coaster.

The track isn't where it is supposed to be.

Looking down at the thin rail, the coaster just looks and feels weird in a wonderful way, which raises the question: Why design a coaster like this?

"The single rail allows us to put a whole bunch of dynamic elements into a compact ride with out-of-control pacing," Siebert says.

Sure enough, the train rounds a bend at its 113-foot peak and dives a 100-foot, 90-degree drop that feels faster than the clocked 52-mph speed.

Then Wonder Woman slams up and into what the park calls a raven inversion that sends passengers racing uphill and floating out of their seats only to be turned upside down and dropped to the ground.

From there, it is a blur of airtime hills, twists, and turns.

Seemingly out of nowhere, a mid-course drop plunges riders to the ground and hovering above their seats as they

ascend back up.

Because of the single rail, the transitions among each of the elements feel especially zippy.

To borrow from one of Wonder Woman's Justice League pals, the ride is over in a flash. It lasts just about one minute.

"You can see why we call it Golden Lasso Coaster," notes Siebert.

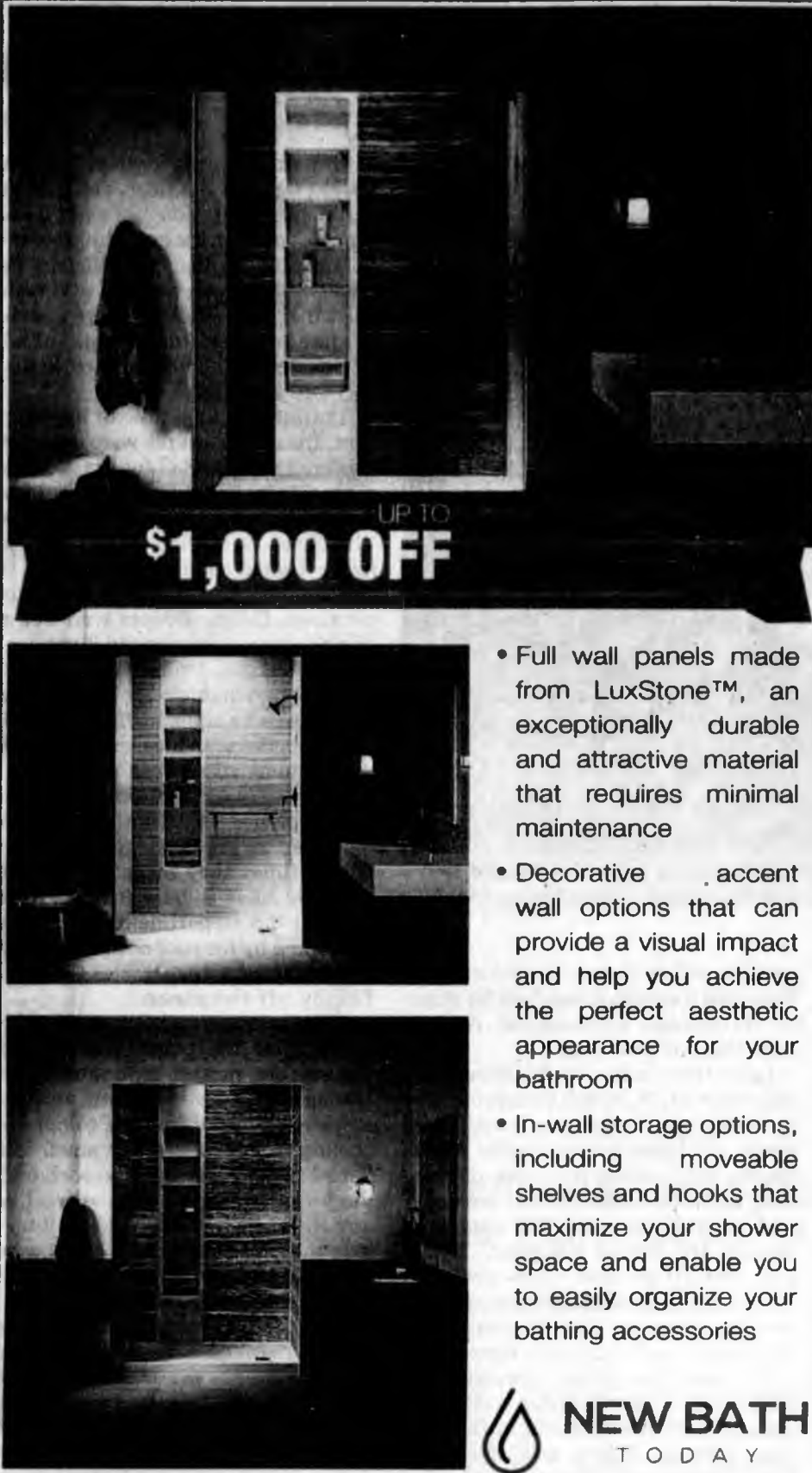
"It's truly like riding at the end of Wonder Woman's lasso when it's whipping around in different directions."

Because there is no need to gauge and align the left and right rails, the ride experience of a single-rail coaster can be extra smooth, and I found Golden Lasso to be delightfully so.

But it was not noticeably smoother than other high-performance coasters. It's not that the new coaster is rough; it's just that it doesn't quite provide the rock-solid, whisper-quiet monorail ride that the concept might promise.

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