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## Fire burns inside Blaise to end world hunger

Northville senior has passion for helping to feed kids

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From the very first minute Kayla Blaise pulled on a clear plastic hair net, stretched a pair of tight-fitting gloves

over her hands and started separating food for meals that would be distributed to hungry children around the world, the Northville High School senior knew she had found her calling.

On April 28, Blaise was the catalyst for an End Hunger event at her high

school that generated approximately 10,000 meals will be sent to children in need around the globe.

"My passion for helping to end hunger started about seven years ago, when I was at my first end-hunger event," the well-spoken National Honor Society standout said. "I still remember putting on my hair net and how much fun I had.

Ever since then, I've volunteered as much as I could.

"This year, my senior year at Northville, I decided to be the one to organize an event like this. And just like my first one, it has been fun and it feels good to help."

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## A bride's fairytale



Laney and Tom Hoatlin, ready for the wedding. Laney's fiancé, Aaron Tytschkowski, applauds. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Dad won't let wheelchair stop wedding dance

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Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are getting married Saturday, but don't expect Tom and Laney Hoatlin to be watching.

That's because the real royal wedding — as far as the Hoatlins, their fam-

ily and friends are concerned — is happening that same day thousands of miles away from London, in a South Haven ceremony more than a quarter-century in the making.

Not that the planning has been going on that long; actually, Laney and her fiancé, Aaron Tytschkowski, have been

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"I'm anxious and excited; I don't know if there's a word in between, because I'm feeling both."

**Tom Hoatlin**  
father of the bride

## Michigan Phil establishes youth music education fund

Following the spring concert of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra is was announced that, in honor of retiring education coordinator and Youth Orchestra manager Jane Libbing, a new music education fund would be established in her name.

The Jane Libbing Michigan Philharmonic Education Fund was established with the Canton Community Foundation and supports the youth music education programs of the Michigan Philharmonic.

Libbing was a former elementary teacher in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. Upon her retirement from teaching, Libbing became the first education coordinator for the Michigan Philharmonic. She helped to design and implement the CLASSical Music Outreach Program, which supports the elementary music curriculum for third- and fourth-graders and includes in-class educational music demonstrations by Michigan Philharmonic musicians for third-graders and a special Concert for Kids for fourth-graders. In her role as education coordinator, Libbing also served as manager of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Program. Starting with seven little violinists at the beginning of her tenure, this program now boasts 130 students hailing from more than 13 different communities in southeast Michigan.

"Jane was a vital part of the support and growth of the youth education programs of the Michigan Philharmonic which play an important role in the overall mission of the organization," executive director Beth Stewart said. "Without Jane's commitment and support of these programs for the past 14 years, these youth music edu-

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## Blaise

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The End Hunger event was much more than a one-day project for Blaise, who helped raise the \$2,800 that went toward purchasing the food for the April event.

"A couple of our sponsors — State Farm and Community Financial — donated money toward our cause, while Buffalo Wild Wings and Jet's Pizza donated gift cards that we could put in gift baskets we raffled off at an elementary school daddy-daughter dance," she said.

"The meals we put together today will be divided between local and community needs, national needs and for areas that have been affected by natural disasters, like the recent hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas."



Northville High School student Kayla Blaise helped orchestrate an event to collect food for hungry children around the world. ED WRIGHT

Blaise has participated in similar events at Northridge Church in Plymouth Township that have collected up to 2 million meals for in-need children.

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Northville High School students are pictured packaging food for hungry children around the world.



Pictured are Northville High School students who participated in a food collection event.

## Mich Phil

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cational initiatives may never have gotten off the ground. Her dedication to music education for children — and to

the students themselves — are the reasons for the growth and success of these programs."

To support the Jane Libbing Michigan Philharmonic Education Fund, go to [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org) and click to donate to the fund.

Under the direction of music director

and conductor Nan Washburn, the Michigan Philharmonic — a recent winner of a Detroit Music Award — is one of the most innovative and dynamic professional orchestras in southeast Michigan. For more information, go to [www.MichiganPhil.org](http://www.MichiganPhil.org).

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## Drop-in Super Saturday Storytime

**When:** 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19

**Details:** Join us in the Storytime Room for stories, music and more all about frogs. Best suited for children ages 2-4, but all ages welcome. No registration is required.

## 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

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## ESL Conversation Group

**When:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday

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## 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](http://www.millracenorthville.org) for details.

## Upcoming events

**Grounds closed for wedding:** 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.

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

## General info

**Website:** [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)

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

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## DIY shop now in Milford

**Sharon Dargay**

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

AR Workshop, the do-it-yourself home décor business, has opened a location in downtown Milford.

At the company's nearly 80 franchises nationwide, customers paint or stain and construct wood projects, such as photo frames, signs, trays, signs, bottle openers and centerpiece boxes. There's also an option to decorate and take home canvas tote bags, pillows and wall hangings.

"It's an instructor-led workshop. We're going to walk you through how to do it and help you every step of the way," said Jessica Perino, who co-owns the Milford studio at 423 N. Main Street. "You arrive to your bare wood and materials already prepared for you to get started and to complete your project."

Customers register online for classes, which cost approximately \$37 to \$95, depending on the project and its size. They choose a design that they apply with a stencil during the class. Custom designs also are available, but cost an additional fee and must be requested at least 72 hours before the workshop.

"If you are a DIYer, you have a passion and always are looking for a creative outlet," Perino said. "This allows you to dig in and see how far you can take your art. You feel accomplished."

## Northville studio

Perino, a Highland Township resident, worked as a graphic designer at her sister-in-law's AR Workshop studio in Northville before opening the Milford location. Jennifer Perino and her friend, Jennifer Amin, both Livonia residents, own the Northville and Rochester Hills workshops and teamed with Jessica Perino on the Milford studio.

Amin and AR Workshop co-founder Maureen Anders were roommates during their college years at the University of

Michigan. Anders founded the first AR Workshop in June 2016 in Pineville, N.C. Two months later, Amin and Jennifer Perino opened the Northville studio.

"Jen came to me and said we should go in on this. So we did. Northville was the first store following their flagship store in North Carolina," Jennifer Perino said. "We knew the Northville-Plymouth area would be great for one of these."

"Jess is from the Milford area and has been bugging us to come over there. It's been great coming to Milford. They've been easy to work with."

Jennifer Perino said her biggest fears in starting a do-it-yourself workshop were business longevity and customer loyalty. She initially figured a customer might attend a workshop once or twice, but she wondered if they'd return.

"We actually have tons of loyal customers," she said. "We have a loyalty program where they come to five classes and get the sixth project free. We have one person who is related to one of our employees in Rochester, but she has been there over 23 times."

New designs are available monthly and sometimes weekly, depending on upcoming holidays.

## Personalized designs

AR Workshop offers classes and summer camps for children, in addition to adult classes. All classes require online registration.

"We really aren't a walk-in because, everything typically is personalized," Jessica Perino said. "We'll print your design, typically with a last name on it, and we want to get that ready before you arrive."

She said women often book classes with friends or in groups for bachelorette parties or girls night out gatherings.

"Luckily, guys like it, too. We have a lot of men come to the workshops. We have beer bottle openers they can make and they can use power tools. They don't feel like it is so girly," Jessica Perino said.

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# Seniors awarded Community Choice Credit Union scholarships

Five area high school seniors are among those who each received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Community Choice Credit Union.

The local scholarship recipients are:  
■ Charlotte Beaudoin, Northville High School, who plans to study public policy at the University of Michigan.

■ Caitlin Jodway, Livonia Franklin High School, who will attend Alma College, majoring in biology.

■ Lilly Niehaus, Milford High School, University of Michigan, to study psychology/criminology.

■ Madeline Tripp, Livonia Franklin High School, University of Michigan, biology major.

■ Megan Jawor, South Lyon High School, Central Michigan University, sociology/criminal justice major.

A total of 20 high school seniors were chosen from among 360 applicants for the 2018 Community Choice Foundation scholarships.

Community Choice Credit Union topped the \$1 million mark with the announcement of 20 high school seniors as 2018 Community Choice Foundation Scholars.

All 20 scholars were recognized as the Community Choice Foundation celebrated the 10th anniversary of its scholarship program. Established in 2009, the program helped support 180 graduating high school seniors achieve their academic goals by previously awarding \$900,000 in scholarships.

All Community Choice Foundation

scholars are graduating seniors from a high school within the state of Michigan who have been accepted into a Michigan college or university. They must carry a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate a strong record of volunteerism or public service to Michigan.

As a way to encourage graduating high school students to pursue a post-secondary education and career in Michigan, the program helps offset the rising cost of tuition for students and their families.

"As an organization, we believe in supporting the communities we serve and are committed to helping our neighbors throughout the state achieve the life they desire. For many students, that starts with a college education," said Rob Bava, president and CEO of Community Choice Credit Union. "We are tremendously proud of the opportunity we have to support the next generation of professionals who will shape the future of our local and state economies."

The Community Choice Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, relies on support from the credit union, local businesses, the community and credit union members to make the scholarship program possible. Sponsorships begin at \$500 and go up to full the \$5,000 scholarship level. To donate or for more information about the program, call Karen Myers, AVP of member and community engagement, at 877-243-2528, ext. 1157, or email [KMyers@CommunityChoice-CU.com](mailto:KMyers@CommunityChoice-CU.com).



Northville High School senior Charlotte Beaudoin, with Community Choice Credit Union president and CEO Rob Bava (left) and board chairman Brian Wilson.



Milford High School senior Lilly Niehaus, with Community Choice Credit Union president and CEO Rob Bava (left) and board chairman Brian Wilson.



South Lyon High School senior Megan Jawor, with Community Choice Credit Union president and CEO Rob Bava (left) and board chairman Brian Wilson.

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

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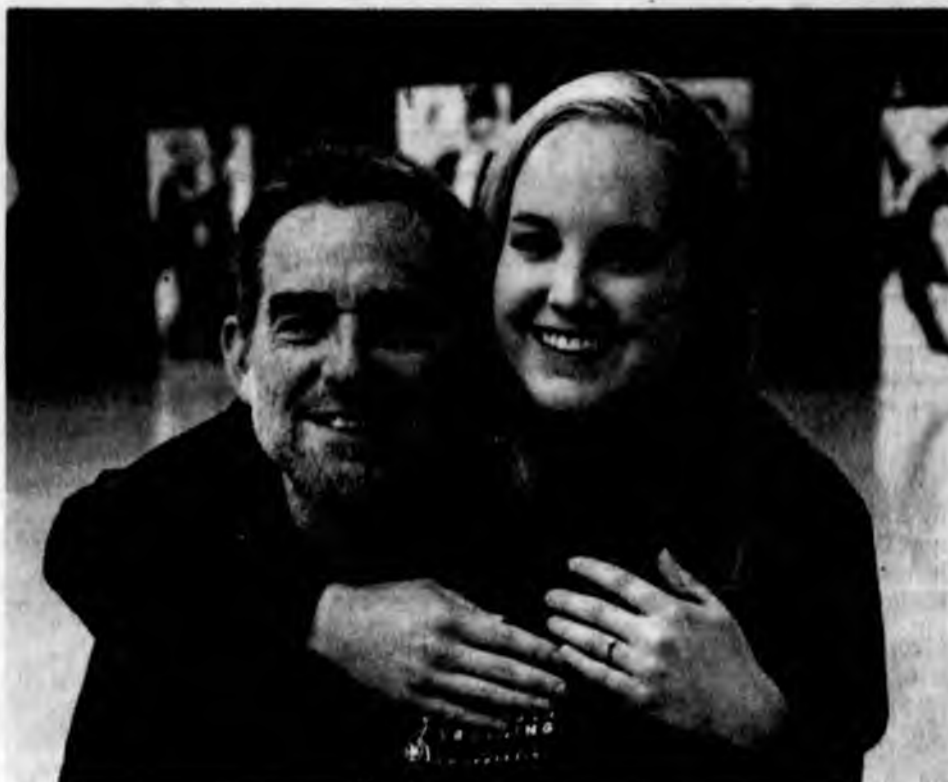
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Tom Hoatlin and daughter Laney Hoatlin will dance at her wedding to Aaron Tytschkowski on Saturday, May 19. It's the real royal wedding. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



## Dance

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engaged for only a couple of years.

But 27 years is how long South Lyon resident Tom Hoatlin has worried he wouldn't be able to walk his only daughter down the aisle or take part in the traditional father-daughter dance at her wedding.

"I'm anxious and excited; I don't know if there's a word in between, because I'm feeling both," he said with a nervous chuckle. "I think I'll probably have butterflies in my stomach."

They're butterflies one couldn't have blamed Tom Hoatlin for having, considering there was a time he wondered if he'd ever be able to take part in his daughter's wedding. Tom was general manager of a Comfort Inn in Livonia in 1991. Armed robbers held him up at gunpoint, then shot him at the base of his neck, causing a spinal cord injury that left him a paraplegic.

The attack ended what had been a pretty good year; Laney was born in June. Tom didn't get back home until six months after the shooting, ironically on Father's Day 1992. He immediately set

about recuperating from the attack and its aftermath.

He wanted to be a normal dad, doing as many "normal dad" things with Laney as he could so his disability wouldn't be a disadvantage to her. As might be the case with any father, his long-term worries included basic "daddy" moments he was afraid he'd miss — such as his daughter's wedding.

"There were a couple chances that I might have checked out the night I was shot and then I had a pulmonary embolism that could have been fatal," said Tom, director of business and benefactor development for the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living. "There were some things that were taken away (by the shooting) that you just can't get back, like being able to walk her down the aisle. We'll still do the 'normal' thing. I'm absolutely grateful for that."

Now Tom is a few steps closer to that father-daughter dance, thanks to a dance package offered by the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan Foundation — a nonprofit organization that supports adapted sports and recreation programs — and Fred Astaire Dance Studio.

The package, offered by Dance Mobility, an adapted dance program at

FADS in Bloomfield Hills, had one caveat: The winning couple had to have one member of the couple presenting a disability.

"I was really thrilled when I saw the (Hoatlins') story," said Evan Mountain, owner of Fred Astaire Dance Studio. "It's really a special story."

Under the watchful eye of Dance Mobility co-founder Cheryl Angelelli, the Hoatlins' father-daughter dance has been carefully choreographed. The couple will dance to "The Way You Look Tonight."

It won't be anything like the first time they attended a daddy-daughter dance. Laney recalls the time — she was age 8 or 9 — when they went to an elementary school dance.

Laney rode on her dad's lap and — predictably — she fell off. It was an emotional experience. "It was a huge scene and I cried," she said.

Everyone is confident there won't be a repeat. Part of the purpose of Dance Mobility, Mountain said, is to show people that folks in a wheelchair can still dance. Mission accomplished, as far as Laney is concerned.

"The goal (for the wedding) was to have something rehearsed," said Laney, an Ann Arbor resident. "The studio has

been amazing. They've been terrific, especially with me. They've really been patient and worked with us at our level, to make it feel more natural."

"I was more nervous about the class (than the wedding), because my dad is not a dancer," she added. "I feel connected on a different level. We're helping each other."

They'll share that special father-daughter connection Saturday, too, as they move down the aisle and then on to the dance floor.

It'll be a connection filled with emotion.

"I would give many things to be able to walk her down the aisle," Tom said. "What I'm concentrating on to combat that thought is that I'm still here and I'm able to celebrate this day with my only daughter."

Laney doesn't care that her wedding will be competing with the royal wedding — "We picked our date first," she said with a laugh — and is just glad it's finally here.

It's overwhelming," she said. "I've been an emotional wreck. It'll be really special and unique. It's indescribable."

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# Del Taco moves closer to expansion

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Del Taco still hasn't locked in on specific sites as the company moves toward a major expansion in metro Detroit, an official said.

Livonia-based TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants is planning to open 12 new Del Taco eateries, adding to the five it already has in Livonia, Dearborn Heights, Warren, Chesterfield and Roseville.

The question is: where? "We do not yet have any specific locations secured," TEAM Schostak Executive Chairman Mark Schostak wrote in an email, in response to questions. "We plan to announce new sites on a case-by-case basis as we have signed agreements."

His remarks came as Del Taco — the nation's second-largest Mexican fast food chain, behind only Taco Bell — witnessed revenue of \$112.6 million during the first quarter of this year, up from \$105.3 million during the same period last year, according to the company's latest financial report.

TEAM Schostak is getting in on that growth, with plans to more than triple

the five restaurants it already has in metro Detroit, including the company's hometown, Livonia.

"Plans for the expansion are already underway," Schostak said. "It will take approximately five years to complete the 12 new locations. As we look to bring Del Taco to more communities in Michigan, we are looking all over the Detroit metropolitan area."

TEAM Schostak hasn't indicated how much of a financial investment the expansion represents for the new eateries.

Del Taco serves more than three million customers a week at more than 560 restaurants in 14 states, according to the company website. It has witnessed 18 consecutive months of growth in sales.

John D. Cappasola Jr., company president and CEO, said in the latest financial report on Del Taco's website that sales grew 3.7 percent for the first quarter of this year, or 7.9 percent on a two-year basis.

He called it a "strong outcome" and "a reflection of Del Taco's strength."

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**Livonia-based TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants is still working to secure sites for 12 new Del Taco eateries in metro Detroit.**  
DARRELL CLEM

# Summer Stars Theatre Camps accepting sign-ups

The city of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division will offer Summer Stars Theatre Camps, a full range of high-quality theater camps, at the Players Barn Theater. Camps are open to both beginners and seasoned young actors (ages 4 through 10th grade) and offer kids the chance to experience acting on a real stage.

Presented by the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre, each of the camps is taught by professionals in the field of stage and commercial acting. Each camp features different theater curricula and concludes with a performance on the Farmington Players Barn stage. Age/grade groups work together and provide a great opportunity for team-building for all participants.

The camps take place at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 12 Mile Road. All camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1-8 p.m. Friday to accommodate a 6 p.m. performance (unless otherwise noted). Aftercare is available for most camps for an additional fee.

■ **Little Stars** is a half-day camp specifically created for children ages 4-5. Participants will be engaged in drama techniques, music, storytelling, movement and games. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon Friday Monday through Friday, June 18-22. A final performance will take place on the last day of camp.

■ **Rising Stars** is for youth entering grades 1-3 and is a great camp for becoming more comfortable with performing. Participants will be engaged in drama techniques, music, storytelling, movement and games. This camp has two sessions: June 25-29 and Aug. 13-17.

■ **Total Drama Camp** is for youth entering grades 4-7 and grades 8-10 and is a non-musical, fun-filled theater camp that focuses on memorization, character analysis and development, expression, physical acting and improvisation. Participants are also the creators as they spend the week writing and directing their own play, which is performed at the end of the week.

This camp has two sessions: July 9-13 and July 23-27. Because the campers write their own play, each week is guaranteed to be a different and exciting experience.

■ **InterACT Musical Camp** is for youth entering grades 4-7 and grades 8-10 and is a high-energy exploration of the musical theater genre with singing, acting and choreography. Beginners, as well as more seasoned youth actors, will enjoy this fun-filled camp. This is a two-week camp beginning Monday, July 30, and running through Friday, Aug. 10. Campers will perform a 60-minute musical at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10.

■ **Act it Out! Acting Intensive** is for youth entering grades 4-7 and grades 8-10 and takes acting and auditioning skills to a higher level. This camp does not include a performance, but teaches ways to control your nerves and channel self-confidence for future endeavors. Whether you're looking to audition for the upcoming Farmington Hills Youth Theatre fall production of "Shrek" or just looking for ways to feel more confident with public speaking, this camp is a surefire way to boost those skills. This camp is held July 16-20.

■ **Sing Your Heart Out** is not a theater camp, but still puts you front and center on the stage. This is a perfect summer experience for performers entering grades 4-12. Participants will have the opportunity to hone their talents in the performing arts, while pushing their creativity to the next level on a real stage. Age groups will work together to create a memorable performance on the last day of camp. This camp is a half-day camp running 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 18-22.

Register early to secure your spot. Camps range in price from \$145 to \$465, with a discounted rate for Farmington/Farmington Hills residents. Aftercare is available for most camps 4-6 p.m. for an additional fee.

To register, go to [www.recreg.fhgov.com](http://www.recreg.fhgov.com). For a complete listing of camps, go to [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com) or call 248-473-1800 or 248-473-1856.

## CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission
- Planning Commission

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 (248)347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available online at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, May 25, 2018. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding the date and time of interviews.

Courtney Hanson, City Clerk

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## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

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Charles Boulard, Building Official  
City of Novi

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Amend Article 18 General Provisions, Article 25 Board of Zoning Appeals, and Article 26 Construction of Language and Definitions to allow administrative review and approval of the following temporary uses: mobile food vending stands, trailers and vehicles; seasonal sales of perishables items conducted by a non-profit entity; and temporary outdoor special events held on private property that invite the general public. Revisions were also made to clarify administrative approval of portable on-demand storage structures, dumpster roll-off containers, temporary construction trailers and offices, and emergency temporary residences.
2. Amend Article 21 Signs to prohibit electronic message signs in all zoning districts.

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on June 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposed changes. Written comments may also be mailed to the address above.

The complete text of the draft amendments may be reviewed at the Building Department, at the above address, during normal business hours of 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and on the City's website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

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# Honey Hole brings 'finer diner' to Plymouth

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It's impossible to drive or walk past the Honey Hole Diner in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood without being awestruck by the graffiti-style murals on the exterior walls.

On the south wall, a wide-eyed boy swats at honeybees as honey drips from a nearby honeycomb. Bees fly near their own tree house as a young girl seems to peer through a hole into the diner.

On the north wall, a young boy stands under blue skies and casts his fishing pole into his favorite fishing spot, or honey hole, a place where good things are found and good times are had.

That's the appeal Honey Hole Diner owner Anthony Ventura hopes the eatery at 584 Starkweather, north of Main Street, has for his customers.

"We wanted to do a finer diner," Ventura said.

Repeat customer Nicole Wassel can attest to that.

"It's so, so good," she said, pausing outside the eatery one sunny afternoon after polishing off her eggs Benedict with salmon. "It's my second time here this week."

Her son Alex, 10, seemed content after he chased his breakfast with a strawberry, mango and banana smoothie.

Honey Hole didn't come easy. It took a year to gut the building and transform it into a stylish place, where executive chef Lamar Farhat serves up crème brûlée French toast, gourmet mini-sandwiches, pot roast with horseradish mashed potatoes, honey-glazed carrots and beef au jus; crispy chicken and waffles; lemon ricotta pancakes; and numerous other tasty treats.

Farhat said popular menu items include chilaquiles, fish and chips made with a salt and vinegar batter and the mini-sandwiches such as a salmon BLT, honey chicken and portabella burger with a "zip" sauce.

"A lot of people like to share the mini-sandwiches," Farhat said.

The menu also reflects an attempt to include different cultures, whether it's the Thai noodle dish called Smash Siam, the chilaquiles or the thin-pita falafel.

Honey Hole uses locally sourced foods, makes baked goods daily and



More bee-themed art at The Honey Hole. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Indoor artwork at The Honey Hole. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Everything is prepared from scratch, including this mango habanero sauce. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



For dessert, perhaps a slice of Mrs. Wiggins 1978 hummingbird cake. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Chef Lamar Farhat and Anthony Ventura welcome you to The Honey Hole. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

gets its coffee from Coffee Express Roasting Co. of Plymouth Township. The diner sells honey made by beekeeper Dave Zurek of Honey Bear Farms in Northville. Got a sweet tooth? Honey Hole also serves fresh cheesecake, honey nut roll and other cakes.

Ventura expects to have a liquor license within 30-60 days, with plans including hand-crafted cocktails.

Old Village seemed a good fit for Honey Hole. Ventura said the neighborhood often doesn't seem to get as much attention as downtown Plymouth and the restaurants there.

Ventura said the goal was to bring something "new school" to Old Village.

The murals were made by Detroit artist Brian Glass, also known as Sintex. Interior hand-painted artwork, including images of flowers that attract honeybees, was done by Northville-based artist Denise Cassidy Wood. Tables and walls are made of cherry wood, walnut wood and old barnwood.

And there are practical amenities. Honey Hole has a big machine that processes 45 oranges in one minute to make fresh-squeezed orange juice.

Honey Hole, site of a former fish market and liquor store, seats 61 people inside and a similar number outside. It also has an outdoor set-up for bocce ball and new sod was being brought in to im-

prove it.

The bocce ball area can be rented for special occasions. Honey Hole also caters special events such as graduation parties.

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce President Wes Graff said Honey Hole brings a unique addition to Old Village.

"It's a good alternative," he said "The food is good and it's a great addition to Old Village."

For more on Honey Hole Diner, go to <http://www.honeyholediner.com/>.

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# 'Honest Ron' Carley spot-on as Lincoln

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You've seen him at ballgames and parades and community festivals. You've probably done a double take and wondered out loud whether you'd gone back in time to the mid-1800s.

Not quite, but that's how spot-on Westland's Ron Carley is in his popular role as an Abraham Lincoln presenter and educator.

Carley, 65, insists he is not a Lincoln impersonator, but rather a living historian who with every public appearance brings the 16th president to life.

"There's a lot of people that do present Lincoln," the Redford Thurston graduate said. "Not all of them look a lot like Lincoln, but they have the heart of Lincoln. What we try to do is get people, especially our younger generation, interested in history."

"Because to go forward, you need to know where you were."

Carley stands 6 feet, 4 inches, and is a striking figure in his suit and top hat, stroking scruffy chin whiskers and giving a splendid rendition of the to-the-point Gettysburg Address during a recent visit to the Livonia Public Library.

"He gave the speech so fast that there's no photograph of him (reading) it," Carley said. "There is one photo taken of him and it was (taken) before Edward Everett gave the two-hour long speech. Lincoln was to follow him."

"It's an amazing 272 words of a speech. Probably the most-memorized speech, at least in the United States, but probably in the world. Because it is so quick and short."

Everett was a Whig from Massachusetts who was the day's keynote speaker. He worked on his speech for a couple of months. Lincoln?

"Lincoln was told two weeks before (the speech) that he would be asked to say a few words," Carley said. "And that's what he did."

## Suitable for framing

Nobody can accuse Carley of not knowing his subject nor of not putting heart and soul into his smooth-and-easy transformation.

Heck, he even motors around the good old USA in a black Lincoln with a telling

vanity plate.

"I do a lot of driving now," said Carley, who doesn't just look the part, he knows the part. "My car is three years old, a Lincoln Town Car. My license is I LINCOLN. I couldn't put all the letters on it."

And Carley-as-Lincoln isn't shy about striking a pose for amateur photographers looking to put something up on social media to document a fun, perhaps unexpected moment.

"I have been shot more by pixels than bullets," he said, perhaps making an off-hand reference to Lincoln being assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in April 1865.

When he dons his Lincoln-esque attire, it's for fun, too. Just ask him.

"It's just a blast," Carley said, top hat in hand, reclining in an auditorium chair at the library. "I'm retired now. When I started, I was still working. So I go to a lot of the local parks, where they have entertainment. I go to the people."

"I'm with guys who (impersonate) Tony Keith, Tom Cruise, the guy who thinks he's Fonzie. And then we went to the ballgame with Ringo Starr, Jack Nicholson and Tom Cruise."

One 90-degree afternoon at a Detroit Tigers game, people lined up to meet Carley's Lincoln and shake his hand. And, of course, have a photo taken.

"Everybody comes up to me and they said, 'Aren't you hot?' And I go, 'Thank you!'" Carley said with a laugh. "But you get used to it. I did buy a lighter suit, I just didn't like the way it photographs. It comes out blue instead of black, because it's cotton."

Authenticity need not be questioned, either, as Carley toggles from Ron to Abe. He is engaged to Tina Hadley Woolum, who earlier this year began impersonating Mary Todd Lincoln — the former president's wife.

"(Woolum) was my photographer; she'd go around taking pictures of me," Carley said. "And she's about the same height (as Mary Todd), she's five-foot-nothing."

"So I bought her a dress, because we were doing parades. And she has a purple one. We do about 10 parades a year. (I) just love doing the parades and I like walking them, because you can go kiss the babies and shake hands. I look for people who are disabled and I try to bring an extra smile to them."

## How it all started

Today's Carley is almost a Lincoln clone, but not so much back in the day. He wore big-framed glasses and an ever-present mustache. No trace of a beard.

Things began to change, however, in October 2012. Carley was invited to a Halloween party and — with some prodding by his brother Dave — he decided to go as Lincoln.

"(Dave) said something like there's a movie coming out on Lincoln by Steven Spielberg," Carley said. "So he had a smart phone and showed me the trailer; I said, 'I think I could do it.' I had no idea I looked anything like Lincoln other than I was 6-foot-4."

"The hardest part about it was getting the hat. I went to Party City and bought a cheap \$10 hat that didn't even fit my head, but I did it."

Carley had to change his look, too.

"At the time I had all gray hair, gray beard and I had a mustache," he said. "I never shaved the mustache since I could grow one, when I was 18 or so. But I always wanted to dye it, I hate the gray hair."

"I took a \$5 bill into my barber and I said, 'Nick, I want you to cut my hair just like that, and dye everything dark brown.' ... I came home, I shaved off the mustache and trimmed up the beard and I looked and I was just flabbergasted. I had no idea. Without the glasses, there's a very close resemblance."

Believe it or not, Carley did not win a prize at that Halloween party.

"I put him away, brought him out the next year at our church Trunk or Treat and one guy says, 'You got a pretty good look, how often do you do this?'" Carley said. "This guy says, 'If I was you, I'd think about doing it more than once a year.'"

"And he also had some connection with the Lincoln dealership in Plymouth. They hired me to do a few events for them. It's been a fun ride ever since."

## Wild ride continues

The ride has increased over the past several years, with a "few hundred" appearances under his belt and about 2,000 Facebook friends.

But there have been a few bumps along the way.

Imagine Carley — in full Lincoln costume — almost getting arrested at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"The first time I went there, I went during the day and walked right up to the

base of the statue and spread my arms out and people were just taking pictures," Carley said. "I was part of a tour, so we only had a half-hour there. Later that evening, a few guys said, one of us has got a car, let's do down there and get it at night."

"So I went up there, did the same thing I did in the afternoon, walked right up to the base and stuck my arms out. Got a couple pictures taken. And then I see this U.S. Park Police coming up to me. I said, 'This guy wants a picture.' I was sadly mistaken. He wanted to arrest me."

The officer intended to book Carley for trespassing on government property.

"In the meantime, we were just to the side of the monument and people were coming up for pictures with me," Carley said. "This was 10:30 at night. His partner's waving everybody off like it's a crime scene."

"So I give him the license and maybe five or 10 minutes later, the guy comes back and says, 'Oh yeah, he doesn't have a record.' He says, 'We believe you to be honest.'"

Carley recounted that he snuck an ironic glance at where Honest Abe was sitting on his marble perch.

Ultimately, he was able to get out of the unexpected snag.

## 'It has changed me'

No worries. He still makes regular visits to Washington, D.C., including the Lincoln Monument and Ford's Theatre — where Booth shot the president in the back of the head while watching "Our American Cousin."

"Ironically, I'm trying to figure out how the end of the play was," Carley said, cutting loose with a belly laugh. "I've been there about five or six times, but I haven't been able to see the thing. Because every time I go in there, everybody wants a picture."

And he is the picture of contentment when connecting with people young and old, especially to help them learn about one of the greatest American heroes.

Moreover, he emphasized that performing as Lincoln has rubbed off on Carley, beyond turning a relative introvert into an extrovert with plenty of time to spare for anybody.

"It has changed me. ... Now I have to watch my Ps and Q's," he said. "Got to watch the language. It's helped me to be a better person by being Lincoln."

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CITY OF NOVI  
ORDINANCE NO. 18-125.24**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI WOODLANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE AT SECTION 37-8, RELOCATION OF REPLACEMENT OF TREES, WITHIN ARTICLE 1, IN GENERAL, TO UPDATE THE WOODLAND TREE REPLACEMENT CHART IN ORDER TO ALIGN IT MORE CLOSELY WITH THE STATED GOALS OF THE ORDINANCE, AND TO UPDATE THE REFORESTATION CREDIT TABLE TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ON-SITE REPLACEMENT PLANTINGS.**

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 7, 2018 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the following request in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance: To consider a variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, located at 996 Grace Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-22-34-405-001. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct a new deck in the rear yard setback. The variance needed is 6.2 feet from the requirements in Section 18.11.10.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building - Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

DOMINIC SILVESTRI, CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

The City of Northville Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the City of Northville Master Plan. The new language amends the Cady Town-Cady Street Sub-area Plan including: permitting first floor residential and requiring mixed-use projects in the "Creative Mixed Use" area of Cady Street; allowing the Planning Commission to consider incentives for projects that have commercial/retail office on the first floor and residential above; governing proposed height through the zoning ordinance and allowing flexibility through the Planned Unit Development process; removing density limits on properties abutting Cady Street and using dimensional requirements to regulate development; and eliminating references to specific locations and responsible party for site design and public amenities. The South Center Street Sub-area Plan has also been changed to remove density limits on properties abutting Cady Street and eliminating a reference to the City regarding streetscape improvements. Lastly, the goals and strategies section of the Master Plan has also been modified to provide guidance regarding residential density in the City's downtown.

The proposed amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on June 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposed changes. Written comments may also be mailed to the address above.

The complete text of the draft amendments may be reviewed at the Building Department, at the above address, during normal business hours of 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and on the City's website [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us).

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION  
DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

Published: May 17, 2018

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.722**

**THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:**

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.722 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is May 22, 2018.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the 7th day of May, 2018. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

Robert J. Gatt, Mayor  
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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Father-son team Vince and Shaun Austin (and their team Chrome Dome), shaved for the seventh time in 2017. Team Chrome Dome has raised more than \$100,000 over the last eight years at three different events in Michigan. ST. BALDRICK'S

## Children's cancer fundraiser returns

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, the largest private benefactor of children's cancer research, hosts one of its signature head-shaving events Sunday, May 20, at Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia, where more than 100 volunteers will shave their heads to raise money for life-saving childhood cancer research.

Organizers point out that, every two minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer worldwide. In the U.S., one in five kids diagnosed won't survive. Those who do survive often suffer long-term effects from treatments too harsh for their developing bodies.

St. Baldrick's is leading the charge to take childhood back from cancer. Donations raised at events like this have made it possible for St. Baldrick's to fund more than \$232 million to support the best childhood cancer research.

"This event is life-saving for the kids,

but it's life-changing for the individuals who participate," event co-chair Robb Drzewicki said. "If you don't happen to have a cause to believe in right now, try this event out once. You'll never be the same."

The Livonia/Plymouth planning team is celebrating its eighth year funding research for the foundation. The team of volunteers has raised nearly \$500,000 since it started running a small event in 2011.

Here's how to help:

■ Like the group's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MetroDetroitBaldricks/](http://www.facebook.com/MetroDetroitBaldricks/)

■ Contact event organizers to volunteer or sponsor the event: [metrodetroit-baldricks@gmail.com](mailto:metrodetroit-baldricks@gmail.com)

■ Sign up to Brave the Shave at [www.stbaldricks.org/events/MetroDetroit](http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/MetroDetroit)

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## AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to [LIV-OENews@home-townlife.com](mailto:LIV-OENews@home-townlife.com). Items must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

## Faith Community rummage sale

Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile Road, in Novi will host a rummage sale Thursday and Friday, May 17-18. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday (bag day, \$3 per bag).

## 'Northern Aggression' at Tipping Point

Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville will present "Northern Aggression" by Michigan playwright Joseph Zettelmaier 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](http://www.TippingPointTheatre.com). Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances.

## Colbeck to host office hour

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and district manager Penny Crider will hold a monthly office hour from 11:0 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne and the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information, go to [www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com](http://www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com) or call 517-373-5713.

## WERQ class to benefit ADA

Fitness instructors and enthusiasts are invited to an event to benefit the American Diabetes Association at 6 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Deerfield Elementary, 26500 Wixom Road, in Novi. The event is centered on a 90-minute WERQ class, a dance fitness class based on pop and hip hop music. It is being organized by Amber Morfitt, owner of More Fit fitness studio in Wixom.

The guest of honor will be John Keller, who was diagnosed with diabetes in 1995. Due to complications of the condition, he had to have his leg amputated below the knee in March 2014. A \$15 or more donation to the American Diabetes Association serves as registration for the event. For more information, go to [www.morefitstudio.com/charityWERQ](http://www.morefitstudio.com/charityWERQ).

## Operation Injured Soldiers golf outing

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

Golfers and sponsors can register online at [www.injuredsoldiers.org/golfouting](http://www.injuredsoldiers.org/golfouting). For more information, call 248-437-3130.



MSU Tollgate Farm in Novi is offering spring classes geared for gardeners.

## AAUW garage sale

The American Association of University Women Northville-Novu affiliate is having a garage sale Friday and Saturday, May 18-19, at Chase Farms Subdivision, 20886 Dundee Drive, in Novi. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All proceeds will benefit its mission to provide equity for girls and women through community programs and scholarships. For more information, go to [www.aauwnn.org](http://www.aauwnn.org).

## Novi High bottle drive

The Novi High School marching band has scheduled its spring bottle/can drive for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Volunteers will be at the school's 10 Mile Road parking lot to accept donations and students will be collecting door to door.

## 5K to benefit HLAA

The Hearing Loss Association of America and its local chapters are sponsoring a benefit 5K run/walk Saturday, May 19, at the West Boat Dock of Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and the run/walk is set for 11 a.m. The event is to increase awareness of this widespread and often devastating disability, eliminate the stigma and raise funds to support HLAA programs. Free hearing tests will be available and two Starkey hearing aids will be raffled off.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be light refreshments, face painting, a DJ providing music and bubble machine, a bounce house and art activity for children.

For more information or to register, go to [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org) or contact Barb at [bquart@hearingloss-mi.org](mailto:bquart@hearingloss-mi.org).

## Golf for Hope benefit

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

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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**FlexTech High School - Novi** will hold a public hearing on June 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm at 24245 Karim Blvd, Novi, MI 48375 to review the proposed 2018-2019 operating budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address.

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Participants may register as teams or as individuals. To register, go to [www.fivepointsofhope.com](http://www.fivepointsofhope.com).

## World Vision 6K run

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

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

## Salem Historical Society yard sale

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

For more information, go to [www.SAHSHistory.org](http://www.SAHSHistory.org) or email [SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com](mailto:SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com).

## Student exhibits at Art House

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

The Student Art Exhibit runs through Saturday, May 19.

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

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

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

## Church blood drive

First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street, in South Lyon will be hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20. Make an appointment at [versiti.org/michigan](http://versiti.org/michigan) or by calling 1-866-MIBLOOD.

## See EVENTS, Page 12A

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE  
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS  
OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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All Star Driver Education	Gift Certificate	\$100	Main Street Pizza	Gift Card	\$10
All Star Driver Education	Gift Certificate	\$100	Mayflower Party Shop	Gift Certificate	?
All Star Driver Education	Gift Certificate	\$100	McCurly's Educational Resource Center	Two Salem Coffee Mugs	\$50
Alpine Chocolat Haus	Gift Basket	\$80	McCurly's Educational Resource Center	Summer Tutoring Scholarship	\$360
American Auto Repair	Gift Certificate	\$50	McDonalds	Summer Tutoring Scholarship	\$360
Arby's	10 Bourbon BBQ Sandwiches	\$50	McDonalds	McCafe Beverage and Breakfast Cards	\$40
Arby's	10 Bourbon BBQ Sandwiches	\$50	McDonalds	McCafe Beverage and Breakfast Cards	\$40
Arby's	20 Bourbon BBQ Sandwiches	\$100	Meadow Brook Theatre	Two Tickets for 2018/2019 Season	\$86
Arby's	13 Bourbon BBQ Sandwiches	\$65	Meijer	Gift Card	\$100
Arctic Edge Ice Arena	10 Open Skate Passes	\$60	Menchie's Frozen Yogurt	Family Size Frozen Yogurt Cakes delivered by Menchie's	\$77
Aria Salon	Haircut	\$50	Mercurio Family	Gift Card for Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse	\$50
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Ashika Salon and Spa	Gift Card	\$100	Metro PCS	Boom Box Speaker	\$80
Auntie May's Grooming	Gift Basket	\$80	Michael Nails and Spa	Gift Certificate	\$25
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Bob Evans	Gift Card	\$25	Milano Fine Apparel	Tuxedo Rental	\$200
Charmed Salon	Gift Certificate for Shellac	\$35	Monquito Joe	Gift Basket	\$90
Chateau Chantal	VIP Tour and Tasting for Six	\$180	Motown Museum	Two Tickets	\$30
Christopher Tremblay	Two Children's Books	\$20	Mr. Green Lawn Care	Lawn Aeration	\$75
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Crow's Nest Bar and Grill	Gift Certificate	\$25	New Nails and Spa	Gift Certificate	\$15
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Dance New York	Four Week Group Class for Two	\$178	Picard Family Optical	Gift Card	\$25
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Denny and Jill Kapp	Ted Lindsey Autographed Puck	?	The Purple Rose Theatre	Two Tickets for 2018/2019 Season	\$82
Detroit Institute of Arts	Four Complimentary Admissions	\$90	Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center	The Works Package	\$48
Detroit Pistons	Autographed Reggie Jackson Lithograph	\$100	Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center	The Works Package	\$48
Detroit Tigers	Baseball Autographed by Shane Greene	\$60	Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center	The Works Package	\$48
Detroit Zoo	Family Four Pack Admission	\$66	Real Seafood Company	Gift Card	\$25
Educational Excellence Foundation	Two Tickets for Uncorked 2019	\$120	Red Anchor Tattoo Company	Body or Ear piercing w/ aftercare solution	\$60
Imagine Entertainment	Two Tickets	\$20	Red Anchor Tattoo Company	Body or Ear piercing w/ aftercare solution	\$60
Finders Keepers Vintage and Vinyl	Gift Certificate	\$50	Red Anchor Tattoo Company	Body or Ear piercing w/ aftercare solution	\$60
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Healthline Chiropractic Family Clinic and Massage (Livonia)	One Hour Therapeutic Massage	\$60	Sze-Chuan Restaurant	Gift Card	\$40
Healthline Chiropractic Family Clinic and Massage (Livonia)	One Hour Therapeutic Massage	\$60	Title Solutions Agency	Four Tiger Tickets - May 30 vs Angels	\$196
Healthline Chiropractic Family Clinic and Massage (Livonia)	One Hour Therapeutic Massage	\$60	Toledo Mud Hens	Two Field Level Seats	\$26
Healthline Chiropractic Family Clinic and Massage (Livonia)	One Hour Therapeutic Massage	\$60	Toledo Mud Hens	Two Field Level Seats	\$26
Healthline Chiropractic Family Clinic and Massage (Livonia)	One Hour Therapeutic Massage	\$60	Toledo Mud Hens	Two Field Level Seats	\$26
Healthline Chiropractic Family Clinic and Massage (Livonia)	Ford Rouge Factory Tour for Two	\$39	Toledo Mud Hens	Gift Certificate	\$30
Healthline Chiropractic Family Clinic and Massage (Livonia)	Detroit Gift Basket	\$100	Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza	Two Tickets	\$40
The Henry Ford	Four Tickets	\$112	Trinity House Theatre	Two Tickets	\$40
Home Interior Warehouse	Gift Card	\$25	Trinity House Theatre	Two Tickets	\$40
Home Interior Warehouse	Wine Glasses	\$54	Trinity House Theatre	Two Tickets	\$40
Honey Hole Diner	Gift Certificate	\$50	United Shore Professional Baseball League	Four Grand Stand Tickets	\$60
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## BOYS TRACK

## Grand Blanc earns last KLAA title

Distance runner Mudel stars for Wildcats in third-place showing

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Novi coach Marsha Reid said her team laid it all on the line during Friday's rain-soaked and bone-chilling Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys track and field meet at Canton.

But it was Grand Blanc, which has been exiled out of the KLAA and will be joining the Saginaw Valley League next year, that captured the team title with

105 points in a close battle with runner-up Brighton (95), Novi (93) and Salem (82).

Despite winning just two events, the discus and the 800-meter relay, the Bobcats still had enough at the end by finishing second and racking up eight all-important points in the 1,600 relay as Brighton placed third and Novi was sixth.

"The weather obviously played, I think, a bit of a role in it, but we knew it was going to be close between us and Grand Blanc the entire time and we knew it was going to come down the 4 by 400," Reid said. "Our kids tried to close the gap. We had to have a couple of

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Novi's Gabe Mudel (left) stays ahead of Grand Blanc's Chase Clark (right) and Plymouth's Ethan Byrnes in the 1,600-meter run. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

## GIRLS TRACK

## Mustangs trample field



Northville freshman Yasmine Mansi (right) sprints home to win 1,600 ahead of Churchill's Gabrielle Swider and Grand Blanc's Caitlin Rose (middle). XIN WAN

## Freshman sensation Mansi leads way as Northville secures sixth straight title

Brad Emons  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Like a runaway locomotive, nothing was going to derail the Northville girls track and field team from winning yet another Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship.

A hurricane might could have been the only thing that prevented the Mustangs from claiming their sixth straight conference crown as they whipped through the 14-school field Friday at Canton with a meet-best 157% points.

Salem was a distant runner-up with 84, while Grand Blanc, in its final KLAA meet before exiting next year for the

Saginaw Valley League, took third with 58%.

Northville captured three of the four relay events and scored 43 points in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter distance races alone on a day that was less than ideal, with temperatures hovering in the low 40s coupled with intermittent driving rains.

"I was hoping for a better day. It was nice last year and our kids came out and competed hard," Northville coach

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## PREP BASEBALL

## Dingeldey keys Plymouth win vs. Stevenson

St. Germaine gets win as Wildcats earn 4-3 victory

Brad Emons  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Nolen Dingledey will never be mistaken for a home run hitter like Giancarlo Stanton or Aaron Judge, but the Plymouth High right fielder proved May 7 he can also "go yard."

The lanky junior went a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, including a fence-clearing homer in the fifth inning, followed by the game-tying RBI single in the top of the seventh, as the Wildcats rallied to upend host Livonia Stevenson, 4-3, in a key KLAA baseball crossover.

"That's my fifth home run, but first since, like, middle school," Dingeldey said. "I have not hit a home run in high school. I hit four in one tournament once, but other than that, that's my first in a couple of years."

Dingeldey's shot over the left-center field fence against Stevenson starter Connor Beck pulled the Wildcats to within one, 3-2.

"I was actually running as fast as I could," Dingeldey said. "I didn't think it was out. I thought I was hustling for a double, hopefully for a triple, but it kept carrying and carrying. I thought it was on too much of a line to get out, but it went out."

Trailing by a run in the top of the seventh, Plymouth's Logan Dziadzio led off with a hot shot to Stevenson third baseman Nick Saylor, who made a diving grab on a short hop while on his knees. But his throw to first went into the dirt and Dziadzio was able to safely beat the throw.

Rob Begley then singled and Stevenson coach Rick Berryman made a pitching change, going with sophomore reliever Shane Rakowski with two on and no outs.

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## Boys

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things that have to take place like in any track meet, where good is bad and good is bad. But we got points in some places we didn't anticipate. We lost some points in some places where we thought we would get ... came up a little bit short today, but gave it a good run and you can't ask for anything more than the kids just coming down and giving it their all and competing in everything to the last second."

One standout for Novi was distance runner Gabe Mudel, a senior bound for Michigan. He swept the 1,600 and 3,200 runs in 4:19.04 and 9:29.75, respectively. Mudel also teamed with Matthew Gustitus, Miles Brown and Nathaniel Wood for a victory in the 3,200 relay (7:56.08).

"Gabe was the ultimate team player today," Reid said. "He did a fantastic job. Blake Maday was supposed to be in our 4 by 800 and he was taking an A.P. test and couldn't get here in time, so Gabe stepped into that. He did the (1,600), he did the (3,200) and just dominated all of it. He totally came up big for us, was strong for us. We asked a lot of him today and he's going to have some tired legs tomorrow."

Novi's other win came in the 400 relay, as Leon Chen, Brian You, Nisarg Dharja and Sean Pitcher were clocked in 43.97.

Salem got individual wins from seniors Alex Howie, shot put (51 feet, 3/4 inches), Shariff Dyer, 300 hurdles (39.15) and Andrew Davis, 100 dash (11.26).

"I thought did started off very well in the field events," Salem coach Jim Crabill said. "Alex Howie was dominant in the shot put; he won by over a foot. He threw well in discus to take fourth in a very competitive field. Jon Bilko has a good day and a P.R. to finish third in the pole vault. Montavion Leeper finished seventh in the high jump, which was a nice surprise, jumping 5-1."



Salem's Andrew Davis (middle) wins the 100 dash, while John Glenn's David Graham (left) took third and Northville's Brandon Kearney (right) placed fifth. XIN WAN

The Rocks' 1,600 relay of Berry Matthews, Hezekiah Williams, Davis and Dyer also took first in 3:28.04.

"On track, we missed some big scoring opportunities that hurt our overall finish as a team, but still had some good races," Crabill said. "Andrew Davis won the 100. Shariff Dyer and John Paul DeLaCruz went first and third on the 300 hurdles, which were huge points for us. The highlight of the meet was in the last race of the day in the 4 by 400 relay, when Shariff Dyer came back and passed the Grand Blanc guy at the finish line to win. Our 4 by 200 relay just got edged out to take second. Josh Pohl and Berry Matthews went seventh and eighth in the 800. I was pleased with our 3,200 guys. Ryan Exell and Luke Haran finished sixth and seventh in a very competitive race."

John Glenn junior Jared Tarrance swept the 200 and 400 dashes in 22.68 and 50.35, respectively, while senior teammate Rothus Stewart won the 110 hurdles (15.29).

Other individual winners included Brighton's Noah Grimm in the high jump (6-4) and long jump (20-3/4); Grand Blanc's Aidan Martini, discus (151-9); Livonia Stevenson's Collin Bowersox, pole vault (13-0); and Northville's Nicholas Couyoumjian, 800 (1:57.12).

Rounding out the 14-team KLAA field were Plymouth (69), Canton (64), John Glenn (49), Northville (32), Stevenson (18), Wayne Memorial (17), Livonia Churchill (16), Hartland (9), Livonia Franklin (5) and Howell (3).

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### KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 18 at Canton H.S.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Grand Blanc, 105 points; 2. Brighton, 95; 3. Novi, 93; 4. Salem, 82; 5. Plymouth, 69; 6. Canton, 64; 7. Westland John Glenn, 48; 8. Northville, 32; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 18; 10. Wayne Memorial, 17; 11. Livonia Churchill, 16; 12. Hartland, 9; 13. Livonia Franklin, 5; 14. Howell, 3.

#### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**Shot put:** 1. Alex Howie (Salem), 51 feet, 3/4 inches; 2. Reggie Micheaux (WM), 47-7/8; 3. Joel Linden (GB), 45-7; Aidan Martini (GB), 44-9; 5. Dominic Valdes (Brighton), 44-7/8; 6. Darius Robinson (Canton), 43-9/8; 7. Donald Farris (WJG), 43-6/8; 8. Brennan McNeal (Salem), 42-8/8.

**Discus:** 1. Martini (GB), 351-9; 2. Valdes (Brighton), 148-2; 3. James Dossa (Canton), 145-8; 4. Howie (Salem), 144-3; 5. Jordan Castleberry (Novi), 134-2; 6. Jeremy Blatt (Howell), 133-5; 7. Micheaux (WM), 126-8; 8. Ian Wallman (Canton), 125-5.

**High jump:** 1. Noah Grimm (Brighton), 6-4; 2. Ethan Vargo (GB), 6-2; 3. Rothus Stewart (WJG), 6-2; 4. Cameron Knight (Phy.), 6-0; 5. Kaleb Smith (Phy.), 6-0; 6. Chris Brown (LC), 6-0; 7. Montavion Leeper (Salem), 5-10; 8. Avery Grenier (LC), 5-8.

**Long jump:** 1. Grimm (Brighton), 20-3/4; 2. Caden Domzalski (Canton), 19-10/4; 3. Evan Carter (Canton), 19-7/8; 4. Brendan Ireland (Novi), 19-5/8; 5. Vargo (GB), 19-0; 6. Isaac Elmore (Hartland), 18-10; 7. Demetri Zarvos (N'ville), 18-9/8; 8. Ben Brobst (LS), 18-4.

**Pole vault:** 1. Collin Bowersox (LS), 13-0; 2. Carter (Canton), 12-6; 3. Jonathan Bilko (Salem), 12-0; 4. Chuck Carey (Hartland), 12-0; 5. Tyler Cook (Hartland), 12-0; 6. Patrick Whitton (Brighton), 12-0; 7. Joshua Brucker (Novi), 11-9; 8. Evan Linden (Hartland), 11-8.

**110-meter hurdles:** 1. Rothus Stewart (WJG), 15.29; 2. Malcolm Caldwell (Phy.), 15.29; 3. Ben Stuart (N'ville), 16.0; 4. Marcus Martin (LF), 16.1; 5. Graham Jones (GB), 16.17; 6. John Paul DeLaCruz (Salem), 16.43; 7. Alvin Li (Novi), 16.44; 8. Jake Kaupp (LS), 16.46.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Shariff Dyer (Salem), 39.15; 2. Tommy Kocak (Brighton), 40.59; 3. DeLaCruz (Salem), 40.79; 4. Brenden Edoff (Brighton), 42.1; 5. Brandon Mehl (Canton), 42.20; 6. Brian You (Novi), 42.26; 7. Martin (LF), 42.75; 8. Jacob Pichler (N'ville), 43.18.

**100 dash:** 1. Andrew Davis (Salem), 11.26; 2. David Graham (WJG), 11.32; 3. Sean Pitcher (Novi), 11.36; 4. Michael Mathias (Phy.), 11.41; 5. Brandon Kearney (N'ville), 11.57; 6. Deon Pitchford (LC), 11.69; 7. Quin Broussard (GB), 11.7; 8. Carter Merrell (GB), 11.80.

**200:** 1. Jared Tarrance (WJG), 22.68; 2. Nisarg Dharja (Novi), 22.95; 2. Pitcher (Novi), 23.19; 4. Broussard (GB), 23.8; 5. Merrell (GB), 45.22; Kearney (N'ville), Graham (WJG), Pitchford (LC), did not start.

**400:** 1. Tarrance (WJG), 50.85; 2. Jeronn Body (GB), 51.13; 3. Nolan Knight (N'ville), 51.60; 4. Josh Mommyer (LC), 51.84; 5. Ramsey Jordan (Brighton), 52.36; 6. Will Jontz (Brighton), 52.28; 7. Srikan Komanduri (Canton), 52.57; 8. Raymon White (WM), 52.88.

**800:** 1. Nicholas Couyoumjian (N'ville), 1:57.12; 2. Scott Spaanstra (Brighton), 1:58.35; 3. Austin Rippee (GB), 1:59.54; 4. Patrick Byrnes (Phy.), 2:01.70; 5. Nathaniel Wood (Novi), 2:01.93; 6. Alex Pohl (Canton), 2:02.28; 7. Josh Pohl (Salem), 2:02.35; 8. Berry Matthews (Salem), 2:02.53.

**1,600:** 1. Gabriel Mudel (Novi), 4:19.04; 2. Chase Clark (GB), 4:19.15; 3. Ethan Byrnes (Phy.), 4:22.22; 4. Blake Maday (Novi), 4:23.75; 5. Jack Spamer (Brighton), 4:24.85; 6. Carter Solomon (Phy.), 4:26.73; 7. P. Byrnes (Phy.), 4:27.15; 8. Zach Stewart (Brighton), 4:29.05.

**3,200:** 1. Mudel (Novi), 9:29.75; 2. E. Byrnes (Phy.), 9:32.98; 3. Stewart (Brighton), 9:36.17; 4. Solomon (Phy.), 9:40.79; 5. Brandon Boyd (Phy.), 9:42.32; 6. Ryan Exell (Salem), 9:46.25; 7. Luke Haran (Salem), 9:52.27; 8. Trey Mullins (Novi), 9:55.70.

**400 relay:** 1. Novi (Leon Chen, Brian You, Nisarg Dharja, Pitcher), 43.97; 2. Grand Blanc, 45.09; 3. Canton, 45.35; 4. Plymouth, 45.39; 5. Brighton, 45.65; 6. Churchill, 46.65; 7. Wayne, 46.66; 8. Stevenson, 46.89.

**800 relay:** 1. Grand Blanc (Body, Zarour, Broussard, Merrell), 1:30.95; 2. Salem, 1:30.97; 3. Brighton, 1:31.50; 4. Novi, 1:31.71; 5. Canton, 1:32.85; 6. John Glenn, 1:35.02; 7. Wayne, 1:36.60; 8. Plymouth, 1:36.73.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Salem (Matthews, Hezekiah Williams, Davis, Dyer), 3:28.04; 2. Grand Blanc, 3:28.28; 3. Brighton, 3:31.00; 4. Canton, 3:36.10; 5. Northville, 3:36.69; 6. Novi, 3:36.98; 7. Wayne, 3:40.14; 8. Hartland, 3:43.02.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Novi (Matthew Gustitus, Miles Brown, Mudel, Wood), 7:56.08; 2. Plymouth, 7:57.27; 3. Grand Blanc, 8:00.24; 4. Brighton, 8:09.10; 5. Salem, 8:10.03; 6. Canton, 8:18.08; 7. Stevenson, 8:22.73; 8. Churchill, 8:30.83.

## Girls

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Tim Dalton said. "I told them put the times aside and just worry about places and just give it your best effort."

Freshman Yasmine Mansi made quite a splash in her KLAA track and field meet debut, sweeping the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs in 5:03.62 and 11:06.11. She also teamed with Anna Barrott, Emily Gordon and Olivia Harp for a victory in the 3,200 relay (9:35.03).

"She's phenomenal, a freshman, and can really do it all for us," Dalton said. "This is the first time I've asked her to triple, running the 4 by 800, the (1,600) and the (3,200) ... a hard effort in all three and, obviously, she responded really, really well."

Mansi proved to be a human dynamo in the adverse weather conditions.

"We just wanted to like pack up and run together," she said. "And the weather didn't really make much of a difference, because we usually practice in that type of thing, so we just ran the race like normal. For the (1,600), the rain went down a little bit, so all of us could P.R. But for the (3,200), the rain was just coming down. We didn't P.R., but we stayed in a nice pack and got those points."

Mansi was also able to juggle all three races without any problem.

"I just wanted to go in and get the points for the team," Mansi said of the 4 by 800 relay. "For the (1,600), I was looking at the seed list and I was fifth, so there's a lot of talented girls in that race. I just wanted to stick with them and, the last 200, I just kicked it in, just wanted to win the race."



John Glenn's Alona Olshevska (right) wins the 100-meter dash, with Plymouth's Reghan Draper runner-up. XIN WAN

Sophomore Clare McNamara again figured prominently in the Mustangs' success, winning the 400 (58.74), while also anchoring the first-place 800 and 1,600 relays. She was also runner-up to Plymouth's Paige Sanders, who soared to 18 feet, 7 inches to win the long jump.

The foursome of Savannah Manley, McCallum, Yasmine Affes and McNamara captured the 800 relay (1:45.07), while the quartet of Abby Dunn, Isabella Bloomberg, Affes and McNamara took the 1,600 relay (4:10.65).

Northville's other victory came in the discus, as senior Barbara Davis scored 10 points with a throw 114-11.

"Gotta be happy for a kid like Barbara

Davis, who goes out and excels in the throws," Dalton said. "She set the school record last week. And then Olivia Harp, a huge boost for her running a triple, the 4 by 800, the (1,600) and the (3,200) and had really good races."

The meet's other individual star was Westland John Glenn's Alona Olshevska, who swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 12.59 and 24.28, respectively. The senior, headed to Saginaw Valley State, also anchored the Rockets to a first in the 400 relay (50.49) joining Taylor Watkins, Kyanna Stribbling and Nikole Gipson.

Olshevska was also part of Glenn's runner-up 800 relay team (1:46.27).

Other individual KLAA champions included Wayne's Ashley Micheaux, shot put (33-11); Novi's Hannah Hood-Blaxill, high jump (5-2); Canton's Victoria Faber, pole vault (11-6); Salem's Haven Essien, 100 hurdles (14.96); Grand Blanc's Cherish Dean, 300 hurdles (47.63); and Grand Blanc's Caitlin Rose, 800 (2:21.22).

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### KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET

May 18 at Canton H.S.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 157K points; 2. Salem, 84; 3. Grand Blanc, 58K; 4. Brighton, 54K; 5. Hartland, 46; 6. Westland John Glenn, 43; 7. Plymouth, 40K; 8. Livonia Churchill, 36K; 9. Wayne Memorial, 31; 10. Novi, 24K; 11. Canton, 22; 12. Howell and Livonia Franklin, 17 each; 14. Livonia Stevenson, 15K.

#### FINAL EVENT RESULTS

**Shot put:** 1. Ashley Micheaux (WM), 33 feet, 11 inches; 2. Lindsey Strutz (Hartland), 31-6; 3. Natalia Lewandowski (Salem), 31-3/8; 4. Anna Lauber (LF), 31-2; 5. Alana Micheaux (WM), 30-7/8; 6. Kamil Skelton (Salem), 30-7; 7. Jenna Sydlowski (Salem), 30-7; 8. Elisabeth Szostak (Hartland), 29-5/8.

**Discus:** 1. Barbara Davis (N'ville), 113-7; 2. Cecile Steck (Novi), 103-1; 3. Sara Ismail (N'ville), 101-7; 4. Amy Henderson (Howell), 97-8; 5. Morgan Dodds (Canton), 96-9; 6. Sydlowski (Salem), 96-5; 7. Szostak (Hartland), 92-7; 8. Jenna Ammar (Phy.), 92-2.

**High jump:** 1. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-2; 2. Alana Micheaux (WM), 5-1; 3. (tie) Makayla Ward (Salem), Macayla Harris (Salem), Strutz (Hartland), 4-10 each; 6. Gabby Chouinard (Phy.), 4-10; 7. Cheyenne Herren (WJG), 4-8; 8. (tie) Sarah Herring (N'ville), Emmy Riddering (Novi), Presley Huelstump (GB), Jessica Maladecki (LC), 4-5 each.

**Long jump:** 1. Paige Sanders (Phy.), 18-7; 2. Clare McNamara (N'ville), 17-7; 3. Erin McCallum (N'ville), 17-5; 4. Haven Essien (Salem), 16-10K; 5. Julia Mears (GB), 16-9K; 6. Sasha Green (GB), 16-9K; 7. Sydney Caddell (Hartland), 16-8; 8. (tie) Imani Moutrie (LC) and Samantha Hinkle (LS), 16-0.

**Pole vault:** 1. Victoria Faber (Canton), 11-6; 2. Cate Visscher (LC), 11-0; 3. Emily Caragay (Phy.), 10-6; 4. Ellie Zimmerman (Hartland), 9-6; 5. (tie) Natalie Yugi (LC) and Antiquie Kinsey (Phy.), 9-0 each; 7. Elise Daniel (N'ville), 9-0; 8. (tie) Haden Florn (LS) and Sarah Faruzzi (Brighton), 8-6 each.

**100-meter hurdles:** 1. Haven Essien (Salem), 14.96; 2. Ashley Micheaux (WM), 16.24; 3. Abby Dunn (N'ville), 17.06; 4. Kaitlyn Pennala (Hartland), 17.19; 5. Alexandra Pringle (Novi), 17.29; 7. Cherish Dean (GB), 17.29; 7. Kelly Peyton (LF), 17.68; 8. Ashlyn Shuckitt (Hartland), 20.08.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Dean (GB), 47.63; 2. Kennedy Smith (Brighton), 48.94; 3. Essien (Salem), 49.05; 4. Pennala (Hartland), 49.13; 5. Dunn (N'ville), 49.22; 6. Sydney Romps (Phy.), 49.63; 7. Beth White (LS), 51.3; 8. Mears (GB), 51.91.

**800 dash:** 1. Alona Olshevska (WJG), 12.59; 2. Reghan Draper (Phy.), 12.94; 3. Lauren Marshall (LC), 13.10; 4. Moutrie (LC), 13.22; 5. Melanie Sarafian (N'ville), 13.35; 6. Taylor Watkins (WJG), 13.48; Jade Sabir (Canton) and Paige Sanders (Phy.), did not start.

**200:** 1. Olshevska (WJG), 24.28; 2. Brooke Gray (Brighton), 26.86; 3. Lauren Smith (Hartland), 27.09; 4. Yasmine Affes (N'ville), 27.09; 5. Marlon Westley (Salem), 27.80; 6. Erin McCallum (N'ville), 27.81; Jade Sabir (Canton) and Jade Sabir (Canton), did not start.

**400:** 1. McNamara (N'ville), 58.74; 2. Emily Endebrock (Howell), 59.59; 3. Bryce Calka (Brighton), 1:00.04; 4. Affes (N'ville), 1:00.84; 5. Camille Minner (GB), 1:00.89; 6. Maladecki (LC), 1:02.36; 7. Smith (Hartland), 1:03.17; 8. Maddie Vernon (Brighton), 1:03.20.

**800:** 1. Caitlin Rose (GB), 2:21.22; 2. Carmen Bruchnak (Canton), 2:21.47; 3. Olivia Millen (Salem), 2:22.08; 4. Emily Laizon (LS), 2:23.46; 5. Maddie Brown (Brighton), 2:24.56; 6. Cassie McDougall (LS), 2:25.57; 7. Hannah Jeffress (Salem), 2:26.38; 8. Emily Gordon (N'ville), 2:27.35.

**1,600:** 1. Yasmine Mansi (N'ville), 5:03.62; 2. Gabrielle Swider (LC), 5:04.78; 3. Rose (GB), 5:05.07; 4. Olivia Harp (N'ville), 5:05.50; 5. Ana Barrott (N'ville), 5:06.76; 6. Reagan Justice (Salem), 5:20.49; 7. Katherine Ray (Novi), 5:21.15; 8. Morgan Crompton (Brighton), 5:31.31.

**3,200:** 1. Mansi (N'ville), 11:06.11; 2. Barrott (N'ville), 11:07.04; 3. Harp (N'ville), 11:07.97; 4. Justice (Salem), 11:19.67; 5. Londyn Swenson (Phy.), 11:21.35; 6. Kait Johnson (Brighton), 11:34.13; 7. Olivia Chandler (Brighton), 11:44.64; 8. Kirsten McBride (Salem), 11:46.33.

**400 relay:** 1. John Glenn (Watkins, Kyanna Stribbling, Nikole Gipson, Olshevska), 50.49; 2. Northville, 50.61; 3. Plymouth, 50.85; 4. Franklin, 51.1K; 5. Grand Blanc, 51.97; 6. Churchill, 51.98; 7. Brighton, 52.08; 8. Salem, 52.74.

**800 relay:** 1. Northville (Savannah Manley, McCallum, Affes, McNamara), 1:45.07; 2. John Glenn, 1:46.27; 3. Grand Blanc, 1:48.35; 4. Brighton, 1:50.17; 5. Plymouth, 1:51.63; 7. Franklin, 1:51.66; 8. Churchill, 1:53.00.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Northville (Dunn, Manley, Affes, McNamara), 4:10.65; 2. Brighton, 4:12.39; 3. Grand Blanc, 4:12.40; 4. Salem, 4:27.89; 5. Howell, 4:28.77; 6. Franklin, 4:29.37; 7. Hartland, 4:30.83; 8. Wayne, 4:32.13.

**3,200 relay:** 1. Northville (Barrott, Gordon, Harp, Mansi), 9:35.03; 2. Salem, 9:45.63; 3. Brighton, 9:52.33; 4. Stevenson, 10:02.33; 5. Churchill, 10:09.40; 6. Plymouth, 10:22.58; 7. Hartland, 10:53.12; 8. Grand Blanc, 10:59.04.



Salem's Haven Essien (left) wins the 100 hurdles, with Northville's Abby Dun third. XIN WAN



## PREP FOOTBALL

# Salem's Britnell resigns after nine seasons

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First it was Tim Baechler at Canton. Then it was Mike Sawchuk at Plymouth. And May 7, Salem's Kurt Britnell became the third varsity football coach from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to step down during the 2017-18 school calendar year.

While Baechler's decision was retirement and Sawchuk's move was a job opportunity in Florida, the 47-year-old Britnell cited increased family commitments.

"It's 100 percent due to family priorities," Britnell said. "I can't continue to lead a program and be committed and dedicated, like the players deserve. We preach family here and it's time to walk that walk for me and mine. We've just come to a point where our family has been all in with this for nine years. It's time for me to step back and support (wife) Anna with her aspirations moving forward and see what happens and be with my boys, who are 6 and 4, and just take care of family stuff."

In his nine seasons, Britnell went 28-54 overall, with a 16-30 division record in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. He had one winning season in 2012, going 5-4. He was a combined 0-10 against P-CEP rivals Plymouth and Canton.

Last fall, Britnell guided the Rocks to a 5-5 record and their first MHSAA state playoff berth since 1991. Salem was ousted in the first round of the Division I pre-district by state-ranked Belleville, 17-7.



Kurt Britnell has stepped down after nine seasons as Salem varsity football coach. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"We're sad to see him go, but we also understand his circumstances and his family comes first and we get that," third-year Salem athletic director Brian Samulski said. "He gave Salem nine years and we're thankful for the three he gave this department while he was working here. We appreciate that and we wish them the best of luck."

Britnell is 1988 Salem grad who played one season as a walk-on quarterback at Eastern Michigan University, where he graduated in 1993.

In 2001, Britnell launched his coaching career at his alma under Bob Cummings as the school's quarterbacks coach. He migrated in 2002 to the new Plymouth High School, where he served as both the freshman and JV head coach under Jay Blaylock.

Britnell then moved up to become the offensive coordinator under Sawchuk at Plymouth before being hired as Salem's head coach in 2009, replacing Parker Salowich.

Britnell's wife Anna is currently

working in the athletic department for Salem. She recently completed her master's degree and is looking to get into athletic administration.

"We've done this thing side-by-side and it just kind of struggled with the fact, 'How can I do both without cheating both?'" Kurt Britnell said. "And it came down to ... I love this program, I love the families. We put a lot of time to turn the culture around that's kind of hovered for years. You want to continue to do that, but you can't leave that half-inch. If I would have tried to do that, my family would have suffered and then the program would have suffered. You got to pick family. You can never go wrong picking family."

Britnell's replacement is anybody's guess. The Rocks did not field a freshman football team due to lack of numbers.

"We're looking for someone to come in and believe in what that athletic department is trying to do in terms of our core values," Samulski said. "We want to continue to teach life lessons and continue to build on what Kurt and his staff started to get done with going to the playoffs."

Britnell said he has lined up the football program's off-season itinerary, including its seven-on-seven passing league and summer camps.

"I'll help Brian (Samulski) as much as I can behind the scenes to make this as much a smooth transition as possible," Britnell said.

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Demps gets call as new Wayne coach

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Alfred Demps wants to make Wayne Memorial High football relevant again.

The newly named 43-year-old coach of the Zebras, who has turned programs around at Detroit Douglass, Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Romulus Summit Academy North, aims to do the same at Wayne, which hasn't had a winning season since 2006 and last made the MHSAA playoffs in 2003.

Demps, who inherits a 17-game losing streak, replaces Donald Anderson, who was not retained after going 1-26 in his three seasons.

"What led me to the job ... I think it's just similar to the situation at Robichaud, where I think it's pretty much a gold mine where you can get kids from that area and be very competitive," Demps said. "It was really a no-brainer and I think it's the next step in my coaching career. It's big class football, the biggest class I've coached yet. And by me being as competitive as I am, I want that

challenge. That's the next challenge in my career and I think this is a place where I could be for a long, long time. My vision is to build a dynasty over there and a program that is respected throughout the state."

Wayne athletic director Greg Ambrose liked the fact Demps has been successful at all three of his head coaching stops during his career.

After going 0-9 in his first season at Summit in 2016, the Dragons rebounded with a 5-4 record in 2017.

During his three years at Robichaud (2013-15), Demps guided the Bulldogs to three straight state playoff berths in Divisions 5 and 4 with records of 6-4, 8-2 and 8-3, going 22-9 overall.

In his first season (2010) at Frederick Douglass, the Hurricanes finished 1-8. But in his next season (2011), Douglass went 9-2 while capturing the Detroit Public School League Division II title and its first city championship in school history.

Demps, an all-state player at Detroit East Catholic, played two seasons as a defensive back at St. Joseph (Ind.) Col-



Demps

lege before finishing his career at the University of Mary (N.D.), where he led the team in interceptions and helped the Marauders to the NAIA playoffs.

Following his college career, Demps played semi-pro football for both the Pontiac Chargers and Wayne County Twisters.

He also served as an assistant coach at the University of Mary, East Catholic, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Waldorf (Iowa) College and Harper Woods Notre Dame before taking over at Douglass.

Demps, currently a physical education teacher at Summit Academy North Middle School, was also a police officer in the city of Detroit and at the University of Michigan, along with working for the Police Authority at Detroit's Harper Hospital. He has three children: Aiden, 15, Ethan, 11, and Ava, 5.

"As far as year one, I know everything is a process," said Demps, who is 37-32 overall as a varsity coach in seven seasons. "I'm getting there in the middle of May, so I'm a little behind the eight-ball.

Year one, I expect us to be very competitive. No predictions on wins and losses, but be very competitive and they'll see a difference in football that we're putting out on the field every week. I expect us to see some competitiveness and I expect us to win a few games this season."

Demps will evaluate his personnel before deciding on what type of offensive scheme he'll run at Wayne, which will compete next year in the newly revamped Kensington Lakes Activities Association East Division.

"It's all predicated on the kids that you've got, but my offensive coordinator that I had at Robichaud, he was a spread guy, but we also ran some double-wing, stuff we didn't have as many athletes," he said. "Defensively, I'm going to be a 3-4 guy all the way, because I think it's a versatile defense. A lot of times, you'll have a lot of linemen, so with a three-down linemen front, you can switch guys situational and get the best athletes on the field. The thing I like about the 3-4 is you'll never know where the pressure is coming from, hit them from anywhere, so I like that 3-4."

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## Baseball

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Dingledey stepped up to the plate and, with a drawn-in Stevenson infield, delivered the game-tying RBI single into the hole between short and third, scoring Dziadzio to make it 3-3.

"Coach kept getting me the bunt sign, bunt sign ... then telling me to step out ... bunt sign," Dingledey said. "It was back and forth, back and forth because (Stevenson) pulling signs for bunt and I just tried to put it in play, hit it hard out of the infield and that's what I did."

Dalton D'Alejandro then moved the runners over on a sacrifice bunt and Kyle Aniol came through with what proved to be the game-winning sacrifice fly to left field to score Begley.

"It was a cat-and-mouse game at the end," Plymouth coach Jason Crain said. "I knew (Stevenson) wanted to put on a play to get us out at third and, obviously, we didn't want to let them have it. So yes, small ball, you've got to do it. In high school baseball, you've got to make people make plays. I said, 'Let's do it.'"

With the win, Plymouth improved to 14-7 overall and 11-3 in the KLAA Black Division, while Stevenson slipped to 17-5 overall and 8-4 in the KLAA Gold.

Plymouth starter Kai St. Germaine, who gave up two runs in the first and one in the second before settling down, got the first out in the seventh. But the

next two Stevenson batters got on after Jacob Way reached on an infield error, followed by a walk to pinch hitter Coltrane Rubner.

Crain then made a pitching change, bringing in Begley to close it out. The right-hander got a strikeout, followed by a unassisted fielder's choice ground out, to end the game and earn the save.

"(Stevenson) were mashing the ball around all day," St. Germaine said. "It was a team effort. They were making fantastic plays in the field. It was an all-around team effort and we came back that last inning. Robbie (Begley) came in and shut the door."

St. Germaine, who allowed just four hits and three walks over 6½ innings, improved his record to 3-1.

"Kai did a great job throughout the whole game," Crain said. "First inning he was, I'd say, a little sloppy maybe with some location and not sure what else, but just didn't quite hit the spots he wanted to. They hit the ball a little bit. We also had a couple - and it goes both ways, because they had a couple late in the game - but we messed up a couple of bunt coverages that we practice every day."

After the second inning, St. Germaine made some subtle adjustments and settled in nicely, retiring 10 batters in a row going into the seventh.

"I felt great, throwing low to mid-80s (mph), I think," he said. "I was just trying to paint the corners a little more, because the balls they were hitting tended

to be more over the plate and they were hitting into the gaps. I was painting the corner a little bit and they were hitting it into the ground more than in the air."

Here are some other takeaways:

### THE MAD HATTER

On several different occasions during the game, St. Germaine's baseball cap kept flying off.

On a come-backer to the mound during the bottom of the sixth, St. Germaine stabbed a Danny Morris grounder and made the putout at first while holding the ball in one hand juggling his cap in the other.

"It just kept falling off ... I don't know," St. Germaine said. "Next time, I've got to put super glue on it or something. It would just not stay on. It got to me a little bit. Usually, my hats don't fall off. I guess this one might be a little bit too big."

### CLUTCH HOMER

Although it was Dingledey's first homer of his high school career, Crain was not totally shocked.

"Nolen plays for me in summer ball and I know how hard he can hit the ball," Crain said. "I don't know the last time he hit a home run, but it doesn't surprise me he hit it out, especially in the gap here at 335 (feet). Our (home field) I think is 370, so it was probably a gapper he hit. Not surprised. When he hits the ball, he hits it so hard. He's a 50/50 player right now, doesn't play all the games,

and today he had a great day."

### EARLY RUNS

Stevenson scored twice in the first inning, with the first run coming on an RBI double by catcher Bobby Cavin, who went 2-for-3. Danny Morris then grounded out to third on a fielder's choice, but the throw back across the diamond to get Alex Grzanowski at the bag sailed over Dziadzio's head and the courtesy runner scored from second to make it 2-0.

Plymouth answered in the top of the second on a single by Dziadzio, followed by an RBI double by Begley, but Stevenson got a run back in the top of the second to go up 3-1 on an RBI sacrifice fly by Nick Olsen that scored Saylor, who led off the inning with a single.

Stevenson would not get another run the rest of the way.

### RARE SETBACK

It was Stevenson's first defeat since April 25, when the Spartans split a KLAA Gold Division doubleheader with Novi.

"It was just a good, well-played game by both teams," Berryman said. "The kids didn't do anything wrong. They battled a good pitcher (St. Germaine) and our pitcher (Beck) threw well. Their ground balls fell in. We haven't lost in a long time. This is a very tough league with the teams in the KLAA."

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## COLLEGE LACROSSE

## Perfect Madonna men's season thwarted

Georgia school earns second straight tourney title with 8-7 OT win

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Madonna University's dream men's lacrosse season ended Saturday afternoon in heartache.

The top-seeded Crusaders' perfect season was dashed in the NAIA national championship by Reinhardt (Ga.) University in overtime, 8-7, before 412 fans at the Aquinas College Athletic Field in Grand Rapids.

Dillon Bousquet's goal, his second of the match, just 56 seconds into in sudden-death overtime gave the second-seeded Eagles (16-1) their second straight NAIA title. The game-winner came after the Eagles won the face-off and called timeout.

After winning just one match in its inaugural season, MU wound up 22-1 overall in 2018 under second-year coach Mike Walter.

The Crusaders got off to a good start, leading 4-1 at halftime, before Reinhardt outscored MU 4-2 in the third quarter to pull within one, 6-5.

Back-to-back goals by Zane Anderson, his second and third of the match, gave the Eagles a 7-6 advantage in the fourth before MU's Ian Rush tied it with 3:58 left to force overtime.

MU was held to a season-low 28 shots in the contest and was outshot for just the second time in 2018 (41-28), but the Madonna faithful, who dominated the large crowd, had plenty to cheer.

It was a well-balanced attack by Madonna as five different players tallied a pair of points and two others had one.

Leading the way on offense for MU were all-tournament picks Harry Dyson (two goals), a sophomore from Northville; Cole Gingell (one goal, one assist), a freshman from Northville; Rush (one goal), a freshman from Livonia/Orchard Lake St. Mary's; and Michael Molchan (two ground balls), a freshman from Canton/Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Freshmen Ryan Flaherty (Southfield/



Madonna's Ian Rush (right) runs for daylight during Saturday's NAIA national championship. MADONNA ATHLETICS



MU's Frank Dedukaj (left) tries to get around Reinhardt's Zach Pinson. MADONNA ATHLETICS

Birmingham Groves) and Frank Dedukaj (Farmington Hills/St. Mary's) both

added a goal and assist, while Ty Kilar (Northville) and Chris Kovath (Brigh-



Madonna's Ryan Flaherty (left) celebrates a goal in front of Reinhardt's Brent Johnson. MADONNA ATHLETICS

ton/Detroit CC) had one goal each.

Goalie Gary Cutler (Southfield/Groves) made 11 saves on 41 attempted Reinhardt shots, while freshman Zachary Beam (Montgomery, N.Y.) won 9-of-18 face-offs.

Jake Hwiler (West Bloomfield) and Connor Wright (Northville) caused three and two turnovers, respectively.

Madonna opened the NAIA tournament May 10 in Grand Rapids with a 17-11 win over Missouri Valley College (7-5) as Tucker Brady scored four goals, while Rush added three.

In the semifinals Friday, MU downed University of Cumberlands (Ky.), 10-8, as Rush and Dyson both scored three goals, while Gingell added two. Dedukaj also had a goal and four assists.

Cumberlands ended its season at 13-5 overall.

The Crusaders, who started eight freshmen and two sophomores, graduate just one senior, Connor Humitz (Livonia Stevenson) from this year's squad. With a strong group of recruits already committed for next season, MU has raised the expectations entering only its third NAIA season in 2019.

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## U.S. OPEN CUP

# Detroit City FC upends Bucks in shootout

Northville High and MSU grad Fiscus goes entire 120 minutes in win

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Jimmy Fiscus said Detroit City FC will be his last hurrah as a soccer player.

The four-year standout defender from Michigan State was back on the pitch May 9 at Hamtramck in another marathon match, this time against the Michigan Bucks in the first leg of North America's longest running soccer tournament, the U.S. Open Cup.

The last collegiate game during Fiscus's four-year MSU career ended in a 1-1 shootout loss to Indiana in the quarter-finals of the NCAA tournament.

But this time, the shootout went in favor of Fiscus and his Detroit City FC teammates, who prevailed over the Bucks, a perennial Premier Development League power, in another 1-1 shootout.

"I'm tired, I haven't done much, I just tried to have the college life for a semester and it really hit me today and I wasn't prepared to play 120 minutes," said Fiscus, who made all-Big Ten and first team all-Midwest Region his senior year for the Spartans (13-3-4). "But I gave it my all and I'm just proud of these guys for coming out and working their butts off just as much as I did."

Fiscus, who hails from Novi and graduated from Northville High in 2014, was coaxed into playing for Detroit City FC by head coach Ben Pirmann, an assistant at MSU.

An academic all-Big Ten honoree, Fiscus will continue his soccer career until July 9, when he'll be reporting to his new job with Bosch's supply chain rotational program.

Because of NCAA rules while he was playing for MSU, Fiscus was unable to play for Pirmann and Detroit City FC, a member of the National Premier Soccer League, until he had used up all of his college eligibility.



The Michigan Bucks' Marcelo Borges (left) takes on a Detroit City FC defender during the U.S. Open Cup. WAYNE STEWART | MICHIGAN BUCKS

"Yeah, I'd love it there," Fiscus said. "The fans, the culture, the family and everything about this place is special and I'm glad to be a part of it. My first rotation (with Bosch) will be in South Carolina, so come July I won't be able to play in the playoffs if they make it, but just happy to be a part of it while I can."

Fiscus also turned down a chance to showcase his skills to MLS teams and the USL.

"Even though I'm here now, my soccer days are over," Fiscus said. "I felt pretty burnt out by the end of it and I was ready to move on to the next part of my life. Obviously, soccer is here and now, but I still think I'm ready to move on."

Here some other takeaways:

## THE SHOOTOUT

Former Detroit Mercy goalkeeper Nate Steinwascher was the hero for Detroit City FC as he stopped two of the Bucks' PK attempts, including the final one against Ivo Cerdá.

"Even during the save, it's a guessing game," Steinwascher said. "I saw his hips close the whole time while he's approaching the ball at the goal. I was telling a couple of guys I actually closed my eyes for a second, because I thought it was past me. And I just left my hand as far as I could and I felt the touch, looked back and it was an inch wide of the post."

The feeling ... it's something that you can't describe. It's a great feeling."

Detroit City's then Roddy Green scored the game-winning PK against Bucks goalie Jimmy Hague (MSU), who made two stops himself to start the shootout round.

"You're going to get scored on with penalties," Steinwascher said. "Some you save, some you don't and that's just life of a goalkeeper. You've got to deal with those. Sometimes you can't do anything about it. You just move on."

## DEFENSIVE BATTLE

Following a scoreless opening half, Detroit City FC's Shawn Lawson broke the deadlock when he pounced on a rebound in the 57th minute after teammate Brogan Shrimpton rang a shot off the crossbar.

But the Bucks tied it at 1-1 in the 84th minute, when Alfonso Pineirho Neto converted a PK after Detroit City FC defender Stephen Carroll was whistled for a foul in the box against the Bucks' David Goldsmith.

But despite the Bucks controlling the midfield for long stretches of the match, they couldn't convert on their final third of the field.

"We dominated possession, I would say," first-year Bucks coach Paul Thomas said. "Obviously, we played a well-organized team on a tight field and that

proved to be the case tonight. They made it difficult for us. They made it hard. They were good. We had some great performances. On another day, we get a goal before the penalty shots."

## MAN DOWN

During the first 15-minute OT, Detroit's Greg Janicki was whistled for a red card on a dangerous high kick while contesting a 50/50 ball with the Bucks' Cerdá.

Detroit City managed to hold off the Bucks despite playing a man short.

"We were prepared for it," Pirmann said. "It was more of the disappointment, because I didn't think we deserved to be a man down. It is what it is, that's the way the game was called. I do think the fair team won on the day. It just wasn't probably the way we thought it was going to happen. With that being said, and the 10, that finish was tremendous."

## HAPPY CAMPERS

Although the match was delayed almost 30 minutes because of a storm that rolled through, Detroit City FC sent its Northern Guard fan base of 3,416 home happy after Steinwascher's save and Green's game-winning PK.

"The guys went nuts with Nate in the locker room," Pirmann said. "He is without a doubt the most selfless citizen that we have. He's all about the team and cares about this club more than anything. So for him to be able to do that and win it, that was great for him."

And there were plenty of dog-tired players afterward.

"My biggest disappointment in the preseason was the fitness level," Pirmann said. "We had injuries, so it's no surprise. That was gutsy by those guys. They worked their tails off. They played for the club. That's what it's about."

And by virtue of winning its opening round match, Detroit City FC was scheduled to face Cincinnati FC of the United Soccer League, which made a Cinderella run to the U.S. Open Cup semifinals last season.

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BOYS LACROSSE

# Detroit CC captures school's first Catholic League crown

Pattinson's five goals fuels 11-8 victory in Catholic League final

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Birmingham Brother Rice had history on its side, but Detroit Catholic Central decided to make history of its own Saturday night by winning its first-ever Catholic League boys lacrosse championship.

Thanks to Ethan Pattinson's five goals, the Shamrocks ended Rice's 13-year league title run with an 11-8 victory at Fr. Richard Elmer Stadium.

Rice, the 13-time defending MHSAA Division 1 champion, came into the match having won 18 of 19 Catholic League titles.

But the Shamrocks, who won earlier this season at Rice, 10-9 in overtime — their first victory over the Warriors since 1992 — made it two in a row against their vaunted rival by outscoring the Warriors 3-0 in the decisive fourth quarter to break an 8-8 deadlock.



Pattinson

"That was my high for the year," said Pattinson, a midfielder who also chipped in two assists.

"Honestly, it was the chemistry. All week in practice, we've been harping on moving of the ball, playing with intensity and we really brought it. This team is something special and we promise we'll be there again."

Pattinson scored two unassisted goals in the fourth quarter and Joey Kamish had the other to help seal the victory as CC improved to 13-2 overall.

"It was knotted up for a fair portion of the game," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "We caught a couple breaks and we helped ourselves a little bit. It was a couple of gut checks with guys that were just absolutely putting the hammer down and going to the next level, which we train for. This is what we train for."

Senior Peter Thompson added three goals, while Ryan Birney scored the other two for CC.

"Everyone's heads were in it," said Pattinson, who will play next year at NCAA Division I Bellarmine (Ky.) University. We always talk about don't be individuals, be a whole team, a whole unit and that's how you get the win."

But it was definitely Pattinson's finest hour as a Shamrock.

"He just goes, he understands," Wilson said. "Sometimes your team needs you to do special things without becoming the entire team, as a person of one or



Catholic Central players and staff celebrate their first league boys lacrosse title in school history.



**Bloody knee and all, CC's Ryan Sullivan looks for an opening.**  
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season having lost to only one Michigan school in 13 years, but now has suffered three setbacks to in-state schools: Catholic Central twice and Division 2 power Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (12-5), which is 13-0 overall.

"Like I said, we're young, we're going up, we're learning on the fly," Chawla said. "I told them the other day that everybody else that's come through this program has had some seniors to rely on, some guys that they could look to on the offensive side of the ball and we don't. So these guys are learning on the go. And they just don't get to sit back and be the role player one year. They're 14-, 15- and 16-year-old kids and it's just a tremendous amount of pressure for them."

The Warriors defeated CC in last year's state final, 9-8, and the two teams are in opposite brackets once again for the upcoming state tourney. Rice is the top seed in Division 1 Region 6, while CC is the top seed in Division 1 Region 4.

"I think this good and I think they're going to bounce back," Chawla said of his squad. "And listen, CC is going to have to figure out how hard it is to beat somebody three times in a year in the state championship. It's not easy."

But beating Rice for a second time proved to be special — and then some — after a long drought.

"We've never won a Catholic League championship. It's the first year and the feeling is amazing," Pattinson said.

And Wilson also echoed his senior midfielder's sentiments.

"I'll say this, any day you beat Rice is a good day and every day is a great day to be a Shamrock," he said.

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heroic effort, but he makes the shots count and makes me look good, doesn't he?"

It was 2-2 after one quarter and Rice seized momentum going into the half, taking a 5-3 lead with just 19 seconds left on an unassisted goal by Mike Cosgrove. But CC countered with only one second remaining to cut the deficit to one on Birney's goal from Kamish.

"That hurt us and definitely took some steam out," Rice coach Ajay Chawla said. "But those things happen. It's the game. It happens our way sometimes and it happened their way today."

CC outscored the Warriors 4-3 in the third quarter to pull even at 8-8 and then sophomore goalie Jakob Hemme blanked Rice over the final quarter.

"He got the last three or four, just little bits and pieces of them, but they all count," Wilson said of his goalie.

Rice (8-7) got two goals apiece from D.J. Dixon and Cosgrove, while Charlie Comer, Jordan Hyde, Dylan Braddock and Justin Glod each added one.

"They got a couple of calls and every call cost us," Chawla said of the final quarter. "If you go back and watch the tape you're going to see that ... it is what it is. I thought from the standpoint from player to player, it's a pretty even match-up. We lost it today."

CC's only two losses this season are to out-of-state schools Culver (Ind.) Academy, 15-8, and Dublin (Ohio) Coffman, 15-10.

Rice, meanwhile, came into the 2018

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Northville's McNamara is latest weekly honoree

Mustangs track and field standout rewriting the school record books

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If there's such a thing as the so-called "sophomore jinx," then Northville's Clare McNamara isn't having anything to do with it.

The track and field standout has already parlayed a strong freshman season into some eye-popping performances this spring as a 10th-grader.

And for her efforts, McNamara was voted hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week as she garnered a total of 4,500 votes (46.71 percent) among the six nominees, which also included Novi soccer player Jessie Bandyk, who took runner-up honors with 3,440 votes (35.71 percent).

On May 4-5, McNamara figured in five first-place finishes at the Golden Triangle Invitational held at Saline, winning the long jump (18 feet, 1 inch) and 400-meter dash (56.47). She was also on three first-place relay teams: the sprint medley (1:49.02), 800 (1:45.74) and 1,600 (3:58.34).

"The 400, I've been trying to PR all season," McNamara said. "I thought I did it at MSU (Spartan Classic) with the

hand time and then I didn't and I was kind of disappointed. But to go out at Golden Triangle and not only win, but PR, it felt really good. In the long jump, I didn't PR, but I had one jump that I defaulted on a little bit, but that would have been a PR, so it was a good day overall. My legs felt fresh and it was nice."

Northville track coach Tim Dalton says McNamara's competitiveness is what separates her from the rest of the field.

"The 4 by 400 at Saline this weekend it reminded me of a 4 by 4 of a couple of years ago, when Chloe Abbott (Purdue All-American) got the baton and she's three seconds down on the Ann Arbor Pioneer girl and Chloe came back and beat her at the finish line," Dalton said. "And if you watched the video from this past weekend, it was almost an exact repeat of that scenario. Clare got the baton, three seconds down and, in the last 100 meters, passed the Pioneer girl and our girl finished first."

In a 125-12 dual meet win May 1 over Livonia Stevenson, McNamara broke her own school record in the long jump (18-4¼) and set a new Northville stadium record in the 200-meter dash (25.47). She also won the high jump and was on a Northville stadium record 800 relay (1:44.56).

So what drives her?  
"A lot of it is my family. They push me to be the best I can be," McNamara said.



McNamara

"And a lot of it is my sister (Gina) and her running in college (at Michigan). I want to live up to that, try to be like her, I guess. She texts me after every meet and she always calls."

Dalton not only likes McNamara's drive and desire, but also her willingness to be a team player.

"Last year at the state meet, we put her on our 4 by 800 (relay)," Dalton said. "Those girls aren't all-state without her and, ultimately, she came out of her open event, she gave up the open 400 to do that, but not a worry out of her. She said, 'Coach, I'll do what's best for the team.' So that's very assuring and nice to have as a coach where she says, 'Coach, you show me where you need me and I'll go out and give me best effort.'"

McNamara, who also carries a 4.0 grade-point average, not only excels on the track, but also in volleyball and soccer.

She's been a two-year varsity player for the Mustangs volleyball team and has already had Division I college interest. And when she's not playing club volleyball, McNamara fits high-level club soccer with the Michigan Hawks into her already busy schedule.

"I've looked into a lot of colleges," McNamara said. "I've gotten offers for every sport and it's deciding what I

want to do and what seems best for me, what college, what coaches fit."

McNamara's versatility also makes her a prime candidate for the heptathlon, where there are seven different events, in college track and field.

"I was talking to the U-M jumps coach this weekend at Saline and they felt the same way," Dalton said. "Clare can high jump, she can long jump, she can sprint and she can run the half-mile. I can definitely see her making the transition in college. I would say this and volleyball have got to be her top two, absolutely. She's a Division I, big-time track runner and she'll have her choices, her pick on where she wants to go."

McNamara isn't opposed to the thought of trying the heptathlon, which includes 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200, long jump, javelin and 800.

"I talked to my sister about it before," McNamara said. "I think it would be really fun, it would be nice because the variety of events would be really fun. I think I could work on it."

And just think, she has two more high school seasons to go before she even gets to college.

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# Memories of the 1988 Miracle Maples still stir up excitement

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It was June 1988.

Ronald Reagan was completing his final year as president. Motown's own Michael Jackson was topping the record charts. The Detroit Pistons captured the Eastern Conference championship, losing in the NBA Finals to the Los Angeles Lakers.

At Birmingham Seaholm High School, Dick Rosenthal was closing out a long and distinguished career as the boys swim coach and athletic director. Aaron Frank, the current athletic director, was a student at Michigan State University. Tireless Bill Watson was in his fifth year as Seaholm's trainer, a job he still holds today.

And on the baseball diamond, a talented group of teen-aged ballplayers banded together magnificently to create history.

Seaholm rolled to the 1988 Class A baseball state championship with an improbable and completely unexpected tournament run. The team came to be known as the "Miracle Maples" because of its exciting, last at-bat victories in each of the first five games of the ultimate seven-game journey.

It marked the first — and still the only — Birmingham Public Schools district baseball state championship.

"What has always impressed me about that special season was the fact that they accomplished something that no one expected and the dream of that possibility is what lives in every high school athlete when the district tournament begins," said Frank, who, in 2002, 14 years after the baseball title, led Birmingham Unified to a boys lacrosse state championship.

## 30-year reunion on deck

The players who realized that dream championship will reunite Saturday, May 19, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of that memorable spring. Team members will be recognized between games of a scheduled doubleheader against Lake Orion at Maple Field. The first game is set to start at 9 a.m.

The team consisted of 15 players: Todd Glandt, Rob Kaye, Chris Kauth, Brett Russell, Mike Carroll, Matt Newton, Jon Lanesky, Jeff Millius, Todd Siefken, Steve Sheckell, Cam Mueller, Jeff Fertuck, Bill Stephenson, Jay Tauber and Crede Colgan.

Carroll, the catcher, and Siefken, a pitcher/outfielder, were leaders as co-captains. Kaye, the three-year varsity veteran, led the offense with a .540 batting average and 18 stolen bases.

Newton was the emotionally-charged junior pitcher who finished with an 11-1 record and a 1.80 ERA. Glandt, the senior first baseman, led Seaholm in home runs (four), RBIs (35) and finished with a hefty .425 batting average. Kauth was the junior third sacker.

All six of those players represented Seaholm on the 1988 Eccentric all-area team.

Don Sackett, the veteran head coach who was assisted by his junior varsity coach Andy Little and his son Mark, was named the Eccentric's Coach of the Year.

"Coach was very knowledgeable about the game. He let us play, I can say that," said Sheckell, whose son Drew



Steve Sheckell slides in safely at home plate to tie a game against state-ranked Southfield Lathrup in pre-district action. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Matt Newton leaps high above his joyous teammates during action in the 1988 tourney run to the state championship for Birmingham Seaholm, dubbed the "Miracle Maples" by Eccentric sports editor Marty Budner. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

graduated from Groves and whose other son Sam now attends Seaholm. "He didn't over coach. He had an edge to him, but he definitely let us play and he was the right person to coach that team, for sure.

"It's so hard to believe we did it. We had a good year and we had a good team, but we just made a lot of clutch plays," he added. "We didn't quit. We had some tough-minded guys who came up with all the best plays when it mattered."

## Friends before high school

Kaye said the majority of the players were friends before reaching high school, honing their skills together play-

ing in the Birmingham Little League.

"I don't think we were even .500 the year before and we weren't expecting a whole lot that year," said the 47-year-old Kaye, who now lives in Beverly Hills with his wife Sheri and children Carson and Jake. "It just came together. We could always hit, but then we started pitching and that was the difference. Matt got really hot and was striking a lot of guys out.

"Even the guys who weren't playing were cheering us on," he added. "We turned our hats inside out for rally caps and it seemed to work for us. So we kept it working and we did it all the way through."

During the 1988 regular season, Seaholm finished second in the Southeastern Michigan Association standings to Royal Oak Kimball. The Knights defeated the Maples in a late-season doubleheader to clinch the title.

The Maples — unranked, unrecognized and certainly under the state championship radar — entered the Class A tourney with an unassuming, but respectable, 15-5 record.

Little did anyone realize what was about to unfold over the next three weeks.

The Maples were heavy underdogs in their opener — a pre-district clash with state-ranked Southfield-Lathrup coached by the late Bob Marten and led by all-stars Alexi Gagin and Steve Collias. Seaholm sprang the upset with a thrilling 3-2 last-inning victory.

That only started the late-inning dramatics.

In the district played at Memorial Field in Royal Oak, Seaholm scored a 2-1 victory over neighborhood rival Birmingham Brother Rice in the opener. In the second game, the Maples used another thriller to take down Troy, 3-2.

## Brimming with confidence

Seaholm, brimming with confidence, churning with momentum and basking

in community pride, was now headed to Wayne County for a regional hosted by Grosse Pointe North High School.

The Maples again registered last-inning victories, defeating East Detroit in the semifinal (7-6) and Warren Mott (13-10 in eight innings) in the final. Seaholm's regional championship was put on hold, as the title game against Mott was suspended a day due to darkness.

But it was worth the wait as Seaholm's regional title resulted in its first trip to the final four.

Oddly enough, as dramatic as the first five games were, the final two games proved just as anti-climatic.

Playing at Michigan State's Kobs Field, Seaholm secured an easy 7-2 semifinal triumph over Port Huron. The Maples were now qualified for the state championship game, where they were to play state-ranked Taylor Kennedy led by all-state pitcher and future major league player Steve Avery.

However, the Maples caught a break.

Avery could not pitch in the championship game because he had already used his allotted 10 innings of work (the limit at that time, which has since been replaced by pitch counts). Avery struck out 19 of the 30 batters he faced during Kennedy's 10-inning semifinal victory over East Kentwood.

Seaholm took advantage of that situation by pounding out an early lead against Kennedy and hanging on for an 11-9 victory to capture the state title.

"It's funny, because people often ask me, 'How did you guys do it?'" said Carroll, who has a freshman daughter at Seaholm and a son at Harlan Elementary. "We just got on a roll and everyone picked it up.

"It really was a team effort. It wasn't an outstanding player. Everyone had their moments. And we just kind of got really confident.

"So after we won the district, we really just built confidence from that point forward," he added. "We just got into a zone. We never thought the game was over, even if we were down in the last inning."

## A cherished memory

It's been three decades since reaching that coveted apex.

The players from that historic team are now in their mid- to late 40s and have gone their separate ways. They have families of their own, some of them whose children now attend Seaholm. Some of them live out of state and cannot make it to the reunion.

But they remain connected as teammates and share that state championship bond.

It's a memory they will never lose.

"We don't see each other that much anymore with our families and work, so it's truly appreciated that we have a weekend to get together to see what everyone is doing," Kaye said. "In the back of your mind, this is something you always have that no one can take away from you.

"That was truly an incredible accomplishment, that we were able to get that ring," he added. "There is truly a sense of pride to it. The final game was the end point and there is no one who can take it away from us."

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## YOUTH BASEBALL

# Schoolcraft College Fast Break camp on tap

Another fast break is coming to the basketball courts at Schoolcraft College. This time it's not the up-tempo offense of the Ocelots basketball teams, but rather scores of area youth participating in the Fast Break Youth Basketball Camp.

Campers will get an up-close look at the Ocelots basketball offensive trademark Monday through Friday, June 18-22, at the camp being held in the school's Livonia campus gym. It will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

It is the third year of Fast Break for Schoolcraft, which attracted nearly 60 campers at last year's edition and expects another strong turnout this year. Most of the camp's participants will come from the communities in Schoolcraft's geography, but also a large num-

ber from Dearborn and some as far away as Lansing.

The camp focuses on teaching fundamentals of the game and making sure campers are having a good time in learning them, camp coordinator Patrick Yelsik noted.

"The campers are going to have fun, that we can promise," Yelsik said. "They're also going to go home at the end of the week with some new friends and things that they can work on to become a better basketball player, no matter what their ability level is."

The camp, instructed by Schoolcraft men's basketball head coach Abe Mashhour, coaches and players, is open to boys and girls entering grades 3-8. Players of all skill levels are welcome, something that is stressed by Mashhour.

"We'll have kids there that this is their first experience with the game of basketball, we'll also have kids that have been playing for years that we have our eye on to possibly come here and play for us one day," Mashhour said. "We design and run our camp for basketball players and, when they're in the gym with us for that week, they're all basketball players."

The cost is \$95 for early registration (by June 11) or \$105 for late registrants and walk-ins (Schoolcraft College gym, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia). Each camper will receive a camp-T-shirt and a customized camp basketball.

"We emphasize to the kids that just coming to the camp alone isn't going to make them better, they need to take what we give them and work hard on

their own time as well," Yelsik said. "We give everyone a basketball to take home to help make that happen."

The camp will feature drills, stations, lectures, contests and competitions, with plenty of giveaways to go along with the games and opportunity to play against the staff of current Ocelots players, many of whom the campers come to watch play during the season.

"This is always one of our favorite weeks of the year," Mashhour said. "We're going to make sure it's one of the kids' favorite weeks as well and get their summer break off to a great start."

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MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# USPBL's success is fruit of Appleby's founding vision

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Baseball is back at Jimmy John's Field.

The bright sunshine and warm temperature provided perfect conditions May 7 for media day at the \$12 million Utica-based stadium, home to the United Shore Professional Baseball League.

League administrators, managers and players representing the four teams that comprise the independent league were gathered around the home plate area. It wasn't long before a group of the college-aged players began smacking a baseball around and the sweet sound of ball-hitting-bat only added to the atmosphere.

This year marks the third year of minor league baseball at Jimmy John's.

While USBPL commissioner, chairman and founder Andy Appleby is not shocked by the early success, he is a bit amazed at how quickly the USPBL has met its main mission of developing young baseball players while providing affordable family entertainment.

"I really couldn't be happier," Appleby said. "It's exciting to get the third season going. It's a lot of work but, at the same time, it's very fulfilling. The best part for me is that we've really just scratched the surface. We know that we can get better in every aspect of this ballpark."

"As much of a dream as I had to build this ballpark, there is no way on Earth I would have been able to conceive of something quite as grand and as nice and as beautiful as this. Virtually every single day since I opened this, we've made this ballpark better. So someone coming today, it's beautiful and it was two years ago, too, but it is just better now. It's just continuously getting better."

"Really what this is, is a self-fulfilling prophecy. When you do everything the right way and in a first-class way for these players, we in turn get more and more players signed and we take really good care of these players," he added. "They tell their underclassmen at their schools and, suddenly, some of the biggest Division I players in the country that maybe didn't get drafted will want to come here vs. two years ago, where we had a really good crop of players. Players came here (then) not knowing what to expect, but now they do."

The USPBL already has sent 20 players to Major League Baseball organizations. It expanded from three to four teams last year, giving more players the opportunity to realize the dreams. Last year, the league's 90 players represented 44 different states.

It seems to be catching on with fans, as 102 of its first 150 games played over the first two years were sold out, including 60 of 75 last year. The league's mid-season all-star game and home run derby have proven to be popular events, as is base-running for the kids. The post-season playoffs have been memorable.

Also, the USPBL will be showcased nationwide for the first time this season, as 10 of its games will be aired on ESPN3.

Along the third base sideline, Appleby was the center of an impromptu news conference. Dressed in a blue suit and red tie, the Bloomfield Township resident addressed a number of items regarding what's new this year, player development, expansion and weather.

Following are a few of his observations heading into the 2018 season.

## New plans

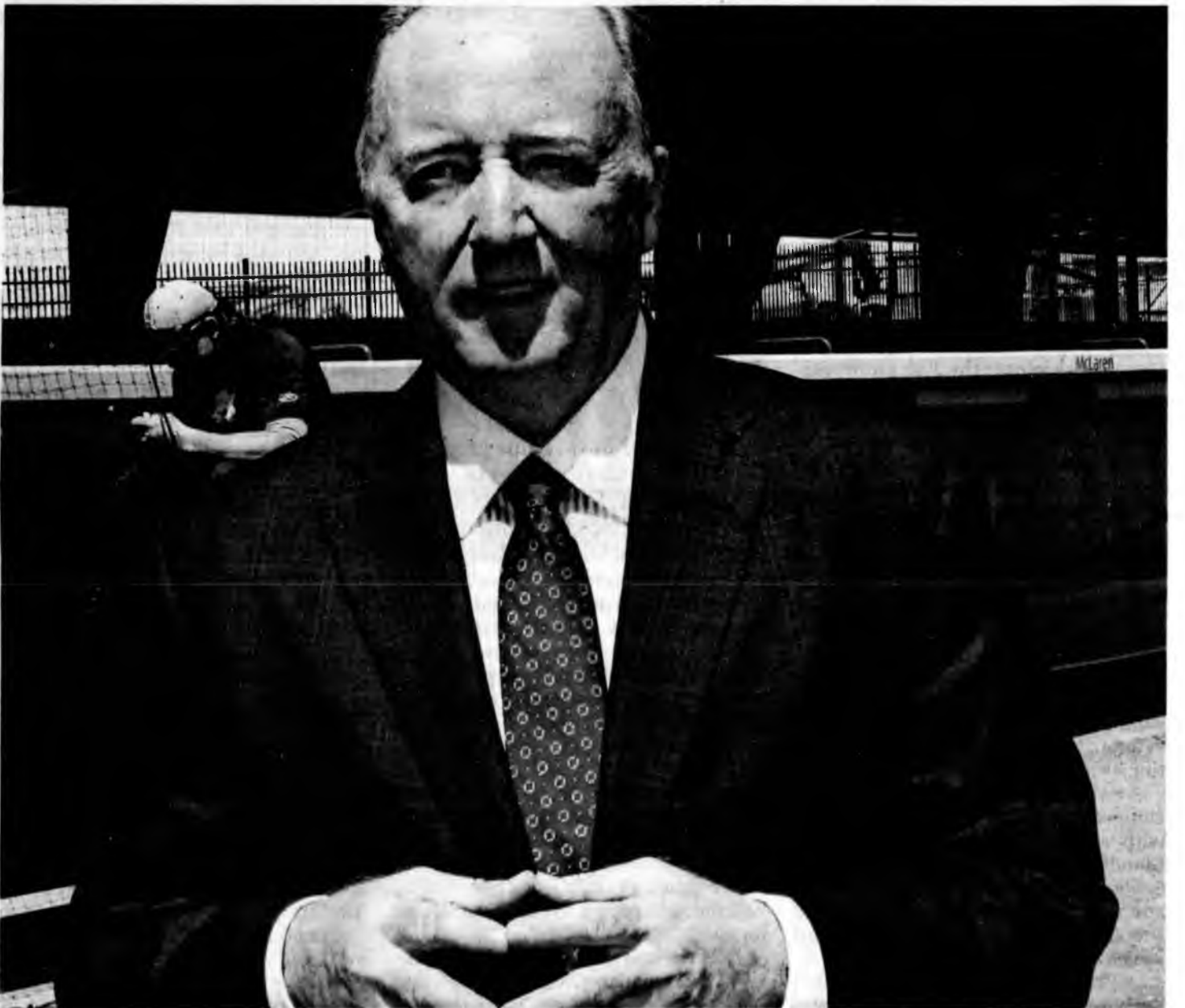
"This year, from a marketing perspective, we actually have a new bat dog called J.J. He actually goes out and gets the bats during the game," Appleby said. "He'll be a great ambassador for us as well and all the kids will get a chance to pet him. He'll be our own resident bat dog. There are a lot of those bat dogs in America that just go for one game here or there, but we actually invested in getting him trained the last 14 months. So he can be one of our big stars this year."

"We've also created a whole new dance team. We had over 200, young girls mostly, some boys, come and audition. We have 170 of them who made the team — there are four different teams, depending on their ages."

"We have a new bandstand," he added. "From a ballpark perspective, we've refaced all of our concession stands. We have a new team store. We have a new speed pitch machine in the Kids Zone



The Independent United Shore Professional Baseball League begins its third season of play this weekend at fan-friendly Jimmy John's Field in Utica. MARTY BUDNER



USPBL Commissioner, Chairman and Founder Andy Appleby is "excited" to get the third season of minor league baseball started at Jimmy John's Field. MARTY BUDNER

with an actual mannequin batter. It costs us, like, 10 times more than the typical speed pitch machine, but I thought we've got to have that. The kids will be down there all day long throwing against the batter and catcher."

## Player development

"We have, really, some of the finest sabermetrics and analytics," Appleby said. "We actually have something called Flightscope that we just invested in. Most leagues like us anywhere in the country wouldn't invest \$100 on player development. We literally spent \$1 million on our baseball operations — every year."

"What's wonderful about it is that my hope was to get one or two players signed to MLB organizations. Now we're up to 20 already. That is really, clearly, the result of not only Justin (Orenduff) running our baseball operations, but also the whole philosophy of making every single player better vs. just being theater performers, which they are in most leagues like ours."

"When we can manage to make a player just even a little bit better, suddenly they are totally different prospects to major league teams. And one of the things that we've really developed here is we really are truly a Major League Baseball development league

and to have scouts here every single night from major league teams."

"Most of the players here — and even the 20 players that were signed — virtually none of those kids would even be playing baseball today without the advent of this opportunity. Having these players here now, they get to experience the best of all worlds, they get to play in front of sold-out crowds, sign autographs and get to chase their dreams."

## Expansion plans

"Pretty much all weekend long, I am talking to mayors of various communities across America," he said. "It is not for lack of want. All 40 different communities that have called us, they all want this. Who wouldn't want this ballpark in their town?"

"But they have to kind of help us, too, in terms of financing. We're not asking for a free-lunch tab, but we just want what 99 percent of the other ballparks in America are, where they are publicly financed, but then we pay all or most of the debt service for the next 30 years by paying rent."

"(Jimmy John's Field) was a little more unique here, because we had to prove the concept so we privately funded everything. But this is not something that I can just do in communities that I am not as familiar with."

"I would say, easily within the next six months, that we will have a decision on this, possibly as early as three months. The next ballpark will bring at least one, maybe as many as two or three more new teams, into the league. So we're hoping to have five or six teams in the next two years."

"We are more leaning towards the Midwest for our second ballpark ... there are lots of wonderful communities in the Midwest."

## Considering the weather

"What is so unique about our league is that we play all of our games in the best weather Michigan ... has to offer, mid-May to mid-September, and that's a huge advantage," he said. "But as big as an advantage, I think, is that we play all of our games on weekends."

"It was much more important for me to make sure we play during the best weather. Over the last few years, people have sort of understood that, but nowhere like they do this year, when it's been such a terrible experience for baseball fans over the past six weeks."

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## LAKES VALLEY CONFERENCE ROUNDUP

## South Lyon Unified wins boys lacrosse title

## Boys lacrosse

**SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 16, WATERFORD UNITED 4:** Undeefeated South Lyon wrapped up the Lakes Valley Conference championship May 9 with this victory. SLU led 4-0 after the first quarter and rolled to a 7-2 halftime lead, wrapping up the title with a 9-2 second-half scoring advantage. David Owens, Silvio Scappaticci and Joe Mielke each scored three goals to pace the offense. Nick Harvath added a pair of goals, while Colt Kovach, Cole Meidt, Mitch Tashman and Max McGraw had one goal apiece. Scappaticci also finished with a game-high four assists, while Meidt and Tashman were both credited with two assists. Michael Dancer finished with five ground balls and two forced turnovers. Hunter Sutton was 15-2 in face-offs. Goalies Quinn Uphoff (four saves) and Conner Pergament (two) combined for six saves. The win lifted SLU to 15-0 overall (7-0 in the conference).

## Baseball

**LAKELAND 7-5, WATERFORD MOTT 2-2:** Lakeland swept this doubleheader May 9 to win the three-game series over Mottaction. Aaron Spry was the winning pitcher in the opener, while Aaron Ball won the second game. Bret Lingenfelter closed out both games. Trent Farquhar had an excellent series by going 6-for-8 with three walks and five stolen bases. Conner Snell was 4-for-8 with four extra-base hits, while Jake Gmelin had four hits in three games. Mott won the opening game, 7-3. Lakeland hiked its overall record to 18-5 and leads the LVC with a 13-3 mark.

**LAKELAND 12-2, KETTERING 4-1:** On May 6, Lakeland swept this doubleheader over Kettering. Bret Lingenfelter and Jake Gmelin both had two hits in the first game. In the second game, Conner Snell, Jack Dungan, Hunter Baker and Lingenfelter all pitched well to hold Kettering to one run. Grant Burns had two hits. Austen Conley's first career RBI accounted for the game-winning run.

## Softball

**MILFORD 14, HOLLY 3:** Milford celebrated senior night with this triumph May 8. The teams were tied 3-3 after three innings, but the Mavericks iced the game with a six-run fourth inning, featuring a three-run home run by Koryn Pennebaker. Allison Smith, Pennebaker and Jaclyn Carrannanto each had multiple hits. Milford, led by Paige Grass who was flawless in five chances, did not commit an error. Olivia Seestadt, Grass, Jayne Bailey and Pennebaker were the seniors playing their final season for the Mavericks.

## Boys track

**MILFORD 71.5, SOUTH LYON EAST 66.5, WALLED LAKE WESTERN 56:** Milford finished the regular season with a winning record (5-3) with wins May 8 over South Lyon East and Western. Noah Gould (high jump), Carson Jensen (110 hurdles), Nick Martin (1,600), Gunnar Gustafson (400) and

Grant Ballard (800) were individual winners for the Mavericks. The winning 3,200 relay team included Luke Caddell, Martin, Evan White and Ballard. Milford's four-

some of Gustafson, Ballard, Nolan Pries and Jensen took the 1,600 relay. Max Brown, Scott Armstrong, Trevor Hoppe, Ryan Stults, Tyler Capra and Kazuma Bowring

also scored big points for the winners.

## Girls track

**MILFORD 84, SOUTH LYON EAST 58, WALLED**

**LAKE WESTERN 49:** Milford completed a perfect dual-meet season (8-0) with these wins May 8, winning the Lakes Valley Conference regular-season title in the

process. Milford's first-place winners were Clara Charlick (high jump), Victoria Heiligenthal (400), Olivia Huszti (300 hurdles) and Regan Lobodzinski (800). The winning 800 relay team included Harper Zondiak, Morgan Phillips, Abby Knapp and Heiligenthal.

## Obituaries

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## Jean "Burt" DeRusha

**KENDALLVILLE, IN** - Jean Burton Ralph DeRusha, age 87, of Lake of the Woods, fought the good fight and received his welcome home hug from Jesus on Sunday May 6, 2018 at Parkview Hospice facility in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He was born on August 3, 1930 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to Clarence Joseph Michael and Esther Myrtle (Montgomery) DeRusha. He married Bobbie Lou Burke on March 9, 1951 at Temple Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Burt retired from a long career as a sales and service manager at Specialty Door Systems in Redford, Michigan in 1992. Prior to his retirement, he was very active in the community of Northville, Michigan, serving on the Planning Commission and as a City Councilman from 1977-1985. He also served in several roles at the First Baptist Church of Northville including deacon, Boy's Brigade Leader, choir member, and teacher. After he and Bobbie moved to the lake in Northeast Indiana, he served on the LaGrange Sewer Board and the Lake of the Woods Homeowners Association and was a past president of the association. Burt also served as an elder, Sunday school teacher, and AWANA leader at First Christian Church in Kendallville, Indiana.



He was funny, ornery, hardworking, studious, generous, and wise. He touched countless lives with his commitment to Jesus and never met a stranger. He played golf any chance he could and he fixed every squeaky door in every house he visited, usually while telling a five minute joke that left you in stitches. He teased, he laughed, he taught, he learned. He never let an opportunity go by to pass along a compliment. He impacted his family to love the Lord, both through word and action, and leaves behind many who grieve, but with hope and the assurance that we will see him again in Heaven.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by his wife of 65 happy years, Bobbie Lou DeRusha, and also by his brother Brian Kent DeRusha. He is survived by his three children and their spouses: Karen (Doug) Stein, Kim (Rick) Sharp, and Kent (Cathy) DeRusha, and his good friend, Marilyn Harp. Also surviving are his only sister, Evelyn DeRusha; his brother-in-law and his wife, Richard (Sharon) Burke; nine grandchildren Caleb (Ecko) Stein, Rachel (Mark) Springer, Dan (Brandie) DeRusha, Bethany Stein, Shannon (Nick) Arch, Joshua (Robin) Stein, Emily (Jim) Sawin, Katie Sharp, Michael Sharp; and eleven great-grandchildren, Joe, Jack, Isabel, Isaac, Calvin, Beckett, Holden, Brooklyn, Preston, Ella, and Evan.

A memorial service will be held at First Christian Church in Kendallville, Indiana on June 30, 2018 at 11:00am with visitation one hour prior to the service. Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

## Mary Jo Griffith

**NOVI** - Mary Jo Griffith, age 79, a longtime resident of Novi, passed away May 13, 2018. She was born on January 2, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of John and Thelma (nee Swonk) Hopkins. She was united in marriage to Richard A. Griffith on October 10, 1959. They were devoted to each other for 46 years until his death in 2005. Mary Jo graduated from Immaculata High School in Detroit; Class of 1957. Overcoming polio as a child helped her grow into an independent and strong-willed woman. She was a loving homemaker and happily took care of a 10-acre farm with every type of animal you could imagine. She owned black sheep which allowed her to join the International Colored Sheep Society. Mary Jo loved to spin the wool she sheared from her sheep and use that to make wool sweaters for her family. She loved to travel, among her favorite places to visit were Australia and Aruba. Mary Jo enjoyed boating and flower gardening. Her garden was full of amazing flowers and her favorites included tulips and lilies. Mary Jo is survived by her brother James (Trish) Hopkins; her grandchildren, Breanna Wallace, John Wallace, Jr., Carl Griffith, and Chelsea Wallace; and her great grandchildren, Hailey, Riley, and Isabella. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter Lynn A. Wallace, her son Jeff A. Griffith, and her brothers Charles R. Hopkins and J. Thomas Hopkins. Visitation will be held Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 2pm until 6pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

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## Charles Schurman

**HIGHLAND** - Charles O. Schurman, a longtime resident of Highland and owner of Huron Valley Furniture, with his wife, Judy, since 1978, died peacefully on Monday, May 14, 2018 after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of nearly 52 years, Judy; daughter, Heidi; sons, Patrick Charles and Ted; grandchildren, Krystle Schurman-Jackson, Brandon; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Martha (Jeff) Cohen, Sherry (the late Michael) Burt, as well as many extended family members and dear friends. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Friday, May 18, 2018 from 3-8 PM, with a Rosary at 7 PM. A Funeral Mass will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11 AM. Burial Highland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Community Sharing. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchandSonsMilford.com](http://www.LynchandSonsMilford.com)



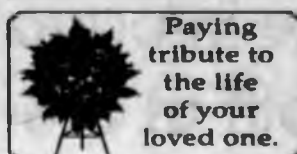
## Dr. Harold Book

**MILFORD** - Dr. Harold E. "Skip" Book, a lifelong resident of Milford, Vietnam War medic, chiropractor and owner of The Book Clinic, died peacefully at his home on May 8, 2018 due to heart failure.

He is survived by his daughters, Jenny (Todd) Kellerman and Dr. Rebecca Book; grandchildren, Nicholas, Alec, Joe and Emma; brother, Larry; sister, Bonnie (Jack) Hoult. He is also survived by many extended family members and many dear friends.

A Memorial Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Combs officiating.

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### How to explain the gaps on your resume

 BY KATE LOPAZE  
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**J**ob gaps happen, because life happens. Maybe you've gotten laid off (or even fired). Maybe you took some time off from working to attend to personal matters, like a health issue, or caring for a child or family member. Our careers aren't always constant, linear paths. But fair or not, having gaps can put you at a disadvantage when compared with other candidates who have been working constantly in the field, picking up steady experience and progressing through the ranks.

Let's explore how to maximize your resume to show that you're just as qualified, gaps and all:

#### Should you mention it?

If the gap happened in the past, and you're currently (or recently) employed, then you don't need to talk about your gap at all unless asked. Don't jump the gun just because you're anxious about it — your interviewer might not even bring it up.

#### Be honest

A few fake dates may go unnoticed by the resume reader. But they might not. And if your hiring process involves a background check, or you



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get tripped up when talking about your experience at a job interview, it's going to be an embarrassing (and likely costly) mistake. If you've been out of the workforce for two years, acknowledge that fact, potentially in your cover letter, emphasizing that you're ready to jump back in.

If an interviewer asks you why you left your last job and you were laid off, it's OK to admit that. People get the downsizing factor — it happens to most people at some point. But again: Emphasize that your skills and experience have grown and that you're excited about this new opportunity.

#### Be careful of the kind of information you reveal about your gap

This applies especially if you took time off to have a child or had a medical issue in the past. Interviewers aren't allowed to discriminate against you on the basis of family status or physical disability, which means they can't ask you about those things. If you go ahead and mention them yourself, though, then you've opened that door. Instead of saying, "I took some time off to treat my clinical depression," say something vague like, "I took time off for a family health issue, but now that things are better I'm so

ready to put my store manager hat back on."

#### Tweak your resume format

Not every resume has to have the traditional job experience + skills + education format, with your work experience moving backwards chronologically.

If you're trying to set a narrative for your resume around a gap in employment, put your skills up front, taking care to spotlight ones that directly relate to the job at hand. The hiring manager needs to know, first and foremost, that you're a good fit for the job. You can make that connection

easier if you show that you have the skills.

If you have a long work history, in the experience section you can emphasize only the most relevant jobs, omitting ones that are chronologically older or just not applicable to this new job.

#### Highlight other kinds of experience

Maybe you volunteered while you were out of work. Maybe you took classes in coding that bumped your skills up to the next level. Look outside the usual job experience bullet points to show that while you may have a gap, you haven't been totally out of it. It will help you make the case that you're ready to seize this new opportunity.

So, if you have a gap on your resume, don't despair. It can feel intimidating to know you're up against people who don't have the same issue, but remember that you've got great experience and skills. It's all about showing how you plan to use those to overcome whatever challenges have come your way.

*Kate Lopaze is a career advice columnist 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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22 50 Cent's genre  
23 Start of a riddle  
26 L.A.-to-Denver dir.  
27 "Was — das?"  
29 Sports deal  
31 Author — de Cervantes  
35 Poker payoff  
36 Riddle, part 2  
39 "Raging Bull" director  
41 German for "eight"  
43 Dresser sections  
44 Riddle, part 3  
47 "Our Town" actor Erwin  
48 Phnom — (capital of Cambodia)

## DOWN

49 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)  
50 Halt  
51 Soap star  
56 Ukrainian capital  
58 Hidden stash  
62 Follows  
64 Riddle, part 4  
71 Clears of stuffiness  
73 Stood for  
74 Mesa's kin  
75 Riddle, part 5  
78 Morsels  
79 "— mind?!" ("Excuse me?!")  
80 Roll spread  
82 Belief  
83 Alphabet opening  
86 "I've had — to her!"  
90 "Big Love" actress  
92 Paella veggie  
93 Riddle, part 6  
102 Slayer of Medusa  
104 Monetary unit of Iran  
105 Dumbfound  
106 End of the riddle  
108 Baseball two-bagger: Abbr.  
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actress  
Katey  
112 "— Fideles"  
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126 Cheapest in a line of products  
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1 Hardly any  
2 Suffix with book  
3 Plane landing guess  
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6 Lead-in to "while"  
7 Bulge (out)  
8 People: Prefix

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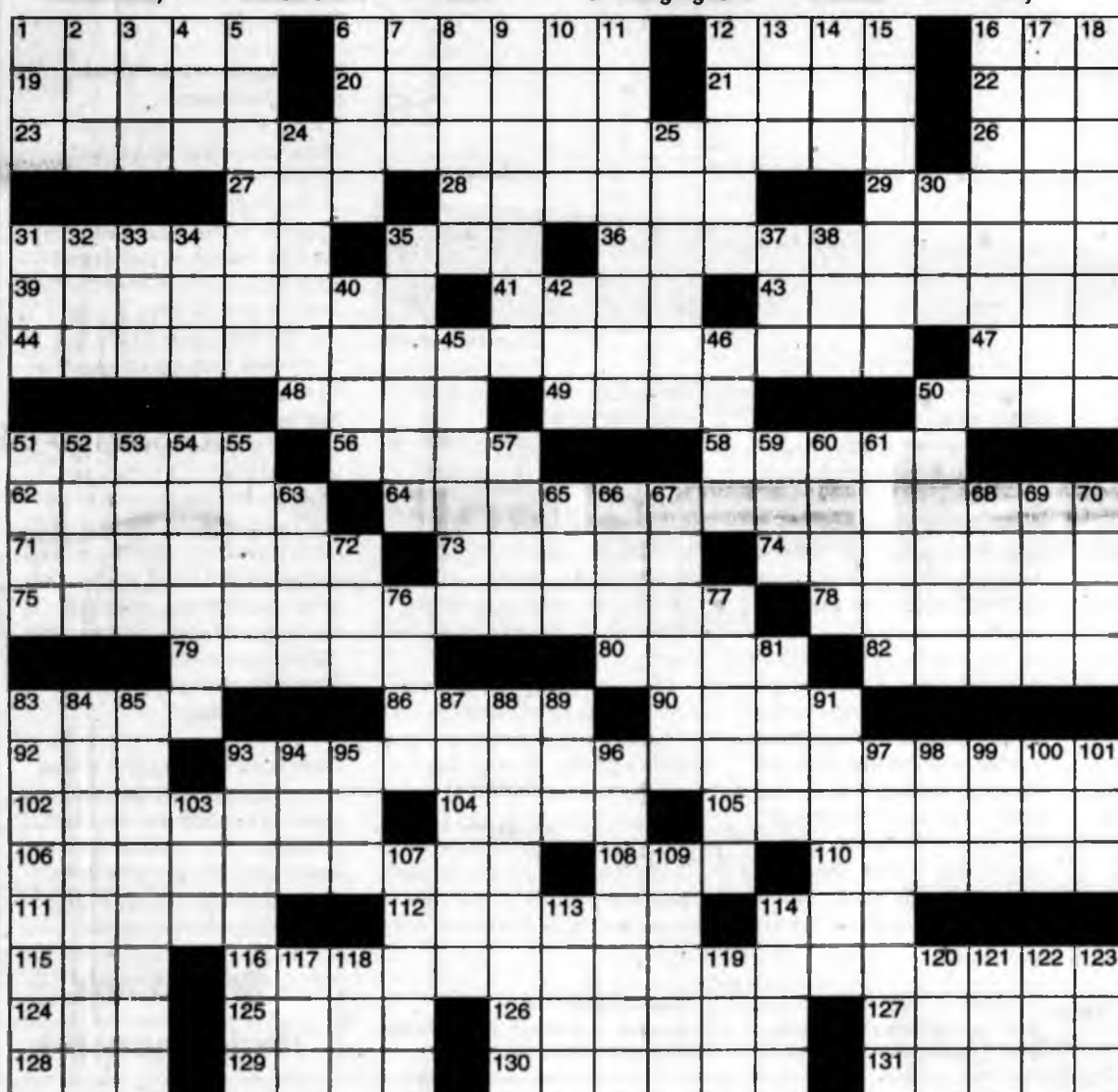
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18 Goes faster  
24 Napping  
25 Volcano in E. Sicily  
30 Uncooked  
31 AOL rival  
32 Here, to Henri  
33 Weed B — (Ortho product)  
34 Suffix with press  
35 Tip of an ink-filled implement  
37 End of a college URL  
38 "It's so cold!"  
40 Look for  
42 Roman 201  
45 Heat: Prefix  
46 Part of MIT: Abbr.  
50 Sofa variety  
51 Rough guess

## 52 Soul singer

India —  
53 Artist Chagall  
54 Make sum mistakes?  
55 Replay effect, in brief  
57 Prospect  
59 PC program  
60 Filly's sibling  
61 Beating organ  
63 Chop — (Chinese-style dish)  
65 Bronze-hued  
66 Data, in brief  
67 Taken illicitly  
68 Move away from nursing  
69 Really dislike  
70 Make leave  
72 Certain boxing win, for short  
76 Opposite of "day," in French  
77 Leased car, e.g.  
81 Partners of aahs  
83 Highly pertinent  
84 Cow-bison hybrids  
85 Poker or canasta

## 87 Long, angry speech

88 As a joined group  
89 Gp. with putters  
91 Fixed charge  
93 Little tykes, to Scots  
94 Czech sci-fi play of 1921  
95 Belief  
96 Historic section of a city  
97 Blue Jays' city  
98 Go — tear  
99 Die dot  
100 WWW access enabler  
101 Comrade of Fidel  
103 Salty body  
107 At dawn, e.g.  
109 Artist's cap  
113 Sour plum  
114 Video store offerings  
117 Whopper  
118 Send via a phone line  
119 Genetic helix  
120 007 creator  
121 — Lankan  
122 Hobbit foe  
123 Bill the "Science Guy"



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## SUDOKU



## Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

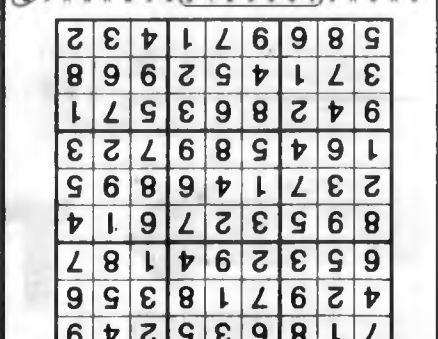
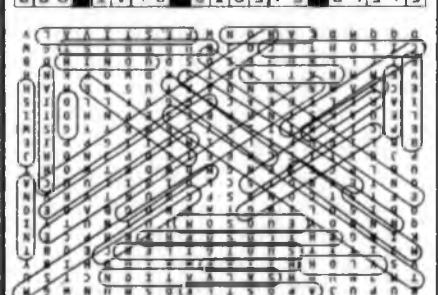
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## Car Report

### LEADING WITH THE NEW 2018 MAZDA6 SEDAN, MAZDA HAS LAUNCHED NEW BRAND CAMPAIGN URGING DRIVERS TO 'FEEL ALIVE' IN A MAZDA



By Dale Buss

Mazda is at a sort of pause in its new-product cadence right now between its sixth generation of vehicles and its seventh, but it has done some dynamic things to improve

bread-and-butter models for 2018 including the staple Mazda6 full-size sedan and its CX-5 crossover.

The brand also is benefiting from a new marketing campaign hatched by Detroit veteran Dino Bernacchi, Mazda's new chief marketing officer since last year, that seeks to raise Mazda above the typical product-oriented approach.

Mazda6 is a great vehicle for Bernacchi to feature in Mazda's new branding campaign, which launched during March Madness with a general TV ad under the brand's new "Feel Alive" banner.

Priced starting at \$21,950, the new Mazda6 includes a Signature trim level that positions it against premium competitors, featuring authentic materials including Nappa leather and Japanese Sen wood. And a newly available, turbocharged Skyactiv-G 2.5T engine complements the car's revised chassis dynamics and refined road manners.

Thoroughly reengineered for 2018, the new Mazda6 is quieter, more comfortable, and carries more standard and available features. At a



The 2018 Mazda6 illustrates the premium appeal of the new brand platform.

time when American consumers seem to be generally pivoting toward utility vehicles, the 2018 Mazda6 makes a great argument for them not to avert their gaze from sedans.

The car also does a cameo turn in the "Feel Alive" TV ad. But overall, the first ad is light on vehicle images and chock full of the encouragement of drivers that has become a staple of much brand positioning these days, in and outside of the auto industry.

"We wanted to clarify who are the fans of the brand today and tomorrow," Bernacchi, who used to work in GM marketing and then went to Harley-Davidson for several years, told me. "And we wanted to fortify the brand in our messaging. I didn't come here to change the brand but to excavate and elevate important components of the brand to leverage."

It may be an opportune time for Mazda to reintroduce its brand

to American consumers. "We are leaning forward in the coming year to the seventh generation of our vehicles," he said. "This is a perfect time to seed the [brand platform] and evolve it."

Bernacchi talked more about Mazda and its brand with me:

**What's been the response so far to "Feel Alive"? You began running the commercials toward the end of March Madness.**

We've had an immediate positive response. The research we did beforehand showed the emotional impact on the target audience we're going after. We have seen some positive results through interest and intent measures. Google search terms for Mazda altogether were up 24 percent in April and unique visitors to our web site up 30 percent — and when we get to leads, quote requests for vehicles, they were up 82 percent.

What audience are you going after?

They're younger, more affluent, better educated, a bit more diverse and with the propensity for more premium products than who Mazda previously was targeting. And we looked not just at auto brands but other brands they had an affinity for and dug into why.

Kantar [a research agency] helped us explore elements of our company that are differentiated. We also looked at the category: What's out there today and how are different brands communicating? And we identified the customer who would gravitate toward our brands and the characteristics we represent. We also looked at the culture that impacts the customer we were going after.

Yet you've still got a bit of a marketing conundrum, given the decades that Mazda invested in making its brand about quick vehicles and the excitement of driving — you know, "Zoom zoom" — and

then more recently in Skyactive, the technology package that you've used to make Mazda vehicles lighter, yet more durable, and more fuel-efficient. How do you reconcile all of this with the new approach of "Feel Alive" — or don't you?

We want Mazda to be a driver's car, about excitement, but the ad doesn't show off styling or cars or fun really. We could have just gone straight at it with straight-up car footage but these individuals want to connect with the brand. We're already a driver's car but people want something more. What is it that this company is standing for? Cars are included. We saw a 200- to 300-percent lift in interest in Mazda6 just from that one brand ad out there.

But now they're interested in what brand stands for. Driving is important but the brand promise of literally heightening people's state of being, and making them feel more alive is equally important.



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