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Flower power makes downtown 'welcoming'

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When Lady Bird Johnson first joined the Keep American Beautiful campaign in the mid-1960s, she reportedly didn't care for the word "beautification" being associated with it because, as the story goes, she feared people would consider it "frivolous."

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If she could see the way the members of the Northville Beautification Commission tackle the issue of beautifying the city, she wouldn't have worried.

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Commission chairperson Diane Pittaway and other members and volunteers have spent the last couple of weeks making their way around Northville, planting flowers in the barrels that line the streets and at other locations, including city hall, in their annual beau-

tification effort.

"It beautifies Northville and we like to encourage businesses and civic organizations to keep up their spaces," Pittaway said. "It contributes to the pride of Northville citizens. We think it attracts businesses, because it's very welcoming."

Northville Downtown Development Authority Director Lori Ward agreed.

"I get compliments all the time, what

a clean and beautiful downtown we have," Ward said. "The gorgeous flowers and attention to detail really makes Northville special."

The effort to get others involved appears to work. The commission hands out some 30 awards in various categories each year. The awards will be announced in July, with a ceremony to

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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!



Northville High School seniors take their places in preparation for their graduation ceremony. For more photos from the ceremony, see inside and find a photo gallery at www.hometownlife.com BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Twelve Oaks opens space for popup shops

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Austin Waldo wears his passion on his sleeve ... and his pant leg, hat, T-shirt and hoodie.

The 27-year-old Northville native and entrepreneur is creator of a brand called Upswing that includes YouTube vlogs, a website that focuses on fashion, business and lifestyle and a line of apparel. The clothing, which boldly sports the brand name, will make its shopping mall debut this weekend at EMERGE, a popup store at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi.

"Everyone who realizes they have potential and want more out of their life, they realize they have more to give and want to have an impact, that's what Upswing is all about. It's helping people on the upswing get to the next level." Waldo said about his brand. "I just want to help people out and have an impact."

He'll get plenty of opportunities to meet new customers when Upswing Apparel and three other emerging businesses kick off a summer series of weekend popups Friday, June 1, at the mall. Every Friday through Sunday, through Aug. 26, four businesses will sell their products in the 1,200-square-foot EMERGE space, located on the mall's upper level near JC Penney.

"Hundreds of shoppers visit Twelve Oaks mall every day, so we anticipate EMERGE will receive a significant amount of traffic," said Melissa Morang, mall marketing and sponsorship director.

EMERGE was created last year to help locally-owned businesses reach a wider market for their brands. Morang said EMERGE also gives shoppers "something truly special."

Upswing clothing

Waldo will sell hats, T-shirts, hoodies and sweat pants at EMERGE. He

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Members and volunteers representing the Northville Beautification Commission planted flowers around the city. LIZ CEZAT | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville Beautification Commission volunteer Carol Panko plants flowers in one of the barrels lining the streets of Northville. LIZ CEZAT | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Flowers

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honor the winners in September.

The Northville DDA coordinates flower selection, pays for the plant material and supports the commission with bed preparation, weeding and wa-

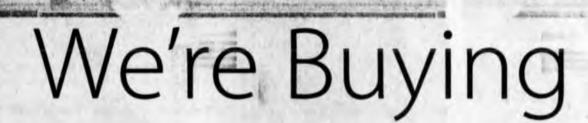
Ward called the beautification commission's effort "tremendous" and said members save the city "thousands of

"(The commission) always does a beautiful job for the city," Ward said. "Their efforts are all voluntary. In addition, the commission acts as emissaries for the community and takes great pride in the work they do. It really shows in their work."

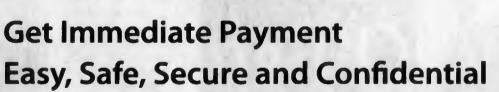
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Nachi Hirato (left) and Gisele Najar spruce up the area around the fire department marker in front of Northville City Hall. BRAD KADRICH



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NOVI MEADOWS STUDENTS GO HEALTHY



In recent months, members of the Novi Meadows Student Lighthouse Team have educated and challenged the students and staff of the school to make lifestyle choices that support healthy bodies and healthy brains. In February, the Lighthouse Team focused on the importance of eating whole, unprocessed food and the dangers of too much refined sugars. In April, Lighthouse Team leaders educated the staff and students on the growing concerns around media and technology addiction. Finally, all staff and students were invited to participate in the National Screen Free Week challenge April 30 through May 6. In all, 230 students and staff participated in this challenge.



State Rep. Kathy Crawford (left), testifying before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with Cris Becker, aunt of Maj. Andrew Becker.

Becker honored with highway renaming

Legislation introduced by state Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, to rename a portion of U.S. 23 in Presque Isle County as the Maj. Andrew Becker USAF Memorial Highway is now law.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Andrew Christopher Becker died March 14, 2017, when his U-28 aircraft crashed during a 318th Special Operations Squadron training. He was posthumously promoted to major because of his talent and accomplishments.

"Major Becker did whatever it took to protect his family, country and way

of life," Crawford said. "Dedicating this portion of U.S. 23 to him would honor his memory and his sacrifice in service to our coun-

Becker, who grew up in Novi, served almost seven years as a special operations pilot, being deployed nine times, and flew 459 combat missions in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere.

Crawford said Highway U.S. 23 and Evergreen Highway hold a memory Becker and his family cherished during his lifetime. House Bill 5782 is now Public Act 156 of 2018.

Popup

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also hopes to record for his video blog.

"It would be cool to get more people to subscribe on social media and (clothing) sales and more people understanding what the brand is about," Waldo said, anticipating the popup experience. "And to just inspire them by faceto-face interaction, just learning from people and talking with them and hearing what their stories are."

Waldo has created several businesses since graduating in 2014 with a bachelor of arts degree in screen arts and cultures and a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. His digital marketing firm, Illuminated Digital, has grown, but a software-related business fizzled. The experiences have given him fodder for the video blogs that Waldo releases on his You-Tube channel and through his Upswing Report website. He started Upswing Report while in college, then put it aside for a few years to gain some real-life

business experiences. "I wanted to go out there and do it and have some wins under my belt before I could do this whole idea of helping people to achieve their potential and have an impact," he said, explaining that he wanted to speak to others from experi-



Austin Waldo wears one of his Upswing-branded shirts at a photo shoot. COURTESY

ence rather than hearsay.

He relaunched the Upswing Report earlier this year and unveiled Upswingbranded clothing in March. In his video blog, he talks about everything from top men's summer accessories to rolling pant cuffs to finding a mentor.

"If you can find a mentor or a book or

follow someone who is doing what you want to do, that is an Upswing-approved idea," he said. "That is what I did for my clothing line."

His mentor

He sought out Joshua York for advice and guidance. York, a friend he'd met during high school, started a clothing line, now called The York Project, in 2012. For each piece of clothing it sells, The York Project donates a tote bag filled

with socks, toilet paper and bottled water to the homeless.

It was York who suggested that Waldo use a heat press rather than silk screen to imprint his brand name on the shirts, pants and hoodies he sells. The Upswing name is embroidered into his

"That saved me tons of time and effort. I invested in my own heat press," Waldo said. "He helped me cut through so many mistakes I would have made and so much time and effort."

Since then. Waldo has become a mentor to another fashion entrepre-

"I sat with him and helped him put together a game plan to help him move forward with his clothing line," he said.

Waldo hopes to expand Upswing someday to include events, such as conferences and talks by entrepreneurs, artists, fitness trainers and other experts. A healthy e-commerce presence and possibly a popup or store front are among his goals.

Along the way, he hopes to inspire others to work on their own dreams.

"If someone realizes they want more out of life but don't know where to go, they don't have a passion or a hobby, they could start the process by going to a gym and getting in shape," he said. "Or make sure your house is clean. Start the process with simple things like cleaning the car or doing the dishes. You will see results. It works. There are patterns in

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 26, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 7:00 P.M., at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider rezoning approximately 153 acres of vacant land on the north side of Five Mile Road, between Ridge and Napier Roads (Parcel ID#77-071-99-0002-000), from Industrial to Office, Research and Technology.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Township office hours are 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville,

Eric Lark, Chair **Planning Commission**

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Dan Bates, a manager at Plato's Coney Island in Canton, points toward the Lilley and Ford roads intersection. Plato's is just a football field away from the crossroads. FD WRIGHT

Most accident-prone intersections piling up

Ed Wright USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

If you're looking to avoid the perfect storm for drivers in southeast Michigan, by all means stay away from the intersection of 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills.

If you absolutely, positively must navigate through the intersection, make sure your car insurance premiums are paid.

That modest acre of Farmington Hills land serves as the convergence point of three chaotic roads (Northwestern Highway comes into play in addition to the two roads mentioned above) and drivers are forced to maneuver through a - gasp! - roundabout.

The intersection ranked No. 4 in the 2017 edition of Michigan Auto Law's annual rankings of Michigan's 20 most dangerous intersections after registering 144 accidents last year, 24 of which resulted in injuries to one or more drivers or passengers.

The law firm compiles crash-site data provided by the Michigan State Police to develop a yearly list that would make even the most thick-skinned civil engi-

neer cringe. An encouraging note regarding the state's fourth-most dangerous intersection: It dropped from the No. 1 ranking in

2016, when metal met metal 163 times. According to Michigan Auto Law, a contributing factor in the intersection's high ranking in 2017 was that the traffic volume increased in the area due to construction on Orchard Lake Road north of the roundabout, causing many drivers to detour through 14 Mile Road to avoid

the congestion. "We've found that people are very passionate about roundabouts — either for or against them," Michigan Auto Law attorney Todd Berg said. "I know people who will drive a mile out of their way to avoid them, while others think they help traffic flow."

Crash party

Lilley."

There is an eastward-facing window table inside the Potbelly Sandwich Shop franchise on Ford Road in Canton that provides patrons with a perfect view of the 10th most dangerous intersection in

the state — whether they like it or not. After lagging behind its neighbor up the street (the intersection of Haggerty and Ford roads) in the annual rankings, the crossing point of Lilley and Ford Road cracked the top 10 in 2017 after registering 109 accidents, 24 of which resulted in injury.

"There's probably an accident at that intersection two or three times a week," Potbelly shift leader Travis Frazier said. "We usually don't hear the actual crash, but we hear the sirens coming.

"There was an accident a couple weeks ago at the intersection that closed half of Ford Road to the east of

When asked for his opinion on why the intersection was so dangerous, Frazier didn't have a crystal-clear answer.

"Probably the biggest reason is that Ford Road is always really busy," Frazier said. "Even with two lanes going both ways, it's almost always bumper-tobumper, especially around the nightly

The Ford-Lilley intersection saw its accident rate climb from 85 in 2016 to 109 last year.



The roundabout at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads is fourth-most-dangerous intersection in the state, according to Michigan State Police data. BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I think the Legislature needs to make the penalties more severe for distracted driving, then maybe we'd start to see the numbers go down."

Todd Berg Michigan Auto Law attorney

The law firm's analysis of Ford Road between I-275 and Sheldon Road was daunting, as it revealed every intersection throughout that corridor saw a rise in crashes in 2017 compared to the previous year.

"I'm not surprised Ford Road has two intersections in the top 10, but I'm absolutely surprised that Ford and Lilley had more crashes than Ford and Haggerty," said Dan Bates, a manager at Plato's Coney Island, which sits about 100 yards from the intersection. "No. 10 in the whole state? Wow!

"I mean, I won't drive on Ford Road unless I have to, especially during rush hour."

When Bates was asked if he thought a roundabout would help reduce the number of crashes near his workplace, he shook his head.

Berg noted that statistics have reflected a sharp rise in mishaps at Ford and Lilley, revealing that just three years earlier there were only 66 crashes at the intersection.

Ford and Haggerty was ranked No. 20 after racking up 89 accidents, 20 caus-

ing injury. Making its debut in the top 20 list was the spot where Livonia's Six Mile and I-96 meet. Ranked 19th, the intersection saw 89 crashes and 24 injuries in 2017.

Berg offered that the rising number of accidents at intersections across the board is due to a combination of "timeless" issues and new ones as well.

"The timeless reasons are excessive speed, trying to beat a yellow or red light," he said. "Add to that the more recent issues of distracted driving. If you're ticketed for texting while driving now, the penalty is a \$100 fine with no points added to your record. A second offense is a \$200 fine with no points.

"I think the Legislature needs to make the penalties more severe for distracted driving, then maybe we'd start to see the numbers go down."

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Sullivan new CEO at Detroit Historical Society

Thomas C. Buhl, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Detroit Historical Society, announced recently that Elana Sullivan has been named executive director and CEO of the Detroit Historical Society after an exhaustive search. She assumes responsibility for the overall strategic direction, management and operations of the Detroit Historical Museum in Midtown, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle and the Collections Resource Center, home to the city's collection of more than 250,000 historic artifacts, effective July 9, when longtime CEO Bob Bury steps down. Sullivan most recently served as chief advancement officer for Detroit

Country Day School in Beverly Hills and has spent her entire 28year career in the nonprofit are-

"I am honored and incredibly excited to have been selected as the society's next CEO," Sullivan Sullivan said. "Detroit and its history are worthy of being celebrated, something the Detroit Historical Society has done so well for nearly a century. This is a remarkable time of growth in our city and I am proud to have the

chance to be part of it."

Sullivan began her career in nonprofit management and development in 1990 at the National Multiple Sclerosis



Society-Michigan Chapter, holding numerous positions before joining the philanthropy department of Henry Ford Health System in 2001, where she spent nearly seven years. She returned to the MS Society-Michigan Chapter in 2007 and served as president for 10 years, leading

the organization through a significant financial and cultural turnaround. Sullivan's efforts at the MS Society resulted in the organization receiving numerous workplace awards.

Sullivan participates regularly in community events, frequently raising funds for associated charities, and also

remains a committed volunteer for the National MS Society.

"This is an exciting transition for the Detroit Historical Society," Buhl said. "Elana brings a depth of experience and an enthusiasm for nonprofit growth and innovation that will serve the society well at this exciting juncture in our history. We look forward to continuing our positive momentum and growing our

The Detroit Historical Society is a private, nonprofit organization located in Midtown, the heart of Detroit's cultural center. For more information, go to detroithistorical.org.

capabilities under her leadership.

Parade of Homes runs through June 30

Parade of Homes 2018, the 29th annual exhibition of new model homes located across southeast Michigan, runs through June 30. Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, Lake Michigan Credit Union, RE/MAX Southeastern Michigan and James Hardie sponsor this free public event.

The 90 new homes featured in this program offer a good cross-section of the homes being built throughout southeastern Michigan," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of HBA. "We're excited to be building innovative new homes for the families of southeastern Michigan."

The Parade of Homes offers potential home buyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model and inventory homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see first-hand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 90 model, under construction and pre-construction homes and condominiums range in base price from \$149,900 to \$1,180,000.

Architects and industry experts judged the homes and awarded blue ribbons in several categories. Decisions were made based on a combination of factors, including innovation, aesthetic



The Kingsley, by M/I Homes of Michigan, was the winner for homes base priced over \$825,000.

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■ Homes base priced from \$525,000 to under \$600,000 - Singh Homes, LLC, for Grayson

■ Homes base priced from \$600,000 to under \$760,000 - DW Development for North 320

■ Homes base priced over \$825,000 - JBK Construction Co. for Regal

■ Homes base priced over \$825,000 M/I Homes of Michigan for Kingsley The homes, including the blue ribbon

ers, all members of HBA. The Parade of Homes includes 14 attached condominiums, five detached condominiums and 71 single-family homes. Of the homes, seven are pre-construction, so potential home buyers have the opportunity to work with the builder from the beginning of construction. Another 22 of the homes are currently under construction. The remainder are built and will be open for visitors.

winners, are built by 33 different build-

A free Parade of Homes magazine, including photos, renderings, features, hours and location maps for all homes, are available at Lake Michigan Credit Union and RE/MAX Southeastern Michigan locations throughout southeast Michigan, at select Kroger locations and at all participating model homes. For more information, go to www.ParadeHBA.com.



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County Habitat for Humanity group receives state award

Habitat for Humanity of Michigan recognized Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County at the 20th annual **Building Michigan Communities Con**ference in Lansing on May 1. The chapter received an Affiliate of the Year Award in honor of its significant accomplishments that have advanced the mission of Habitat for Humanity, including their efforts in volunteer impact, number of families served, fundraising activities, advocacy actions, community partner-

ships and best practices. Habitat Oakland County was selected by a judging panel made up of the Habitat for Humanity of Michigan **Board** of Directors and representatives from Habitat for Humanity of Michigan affiliates who have not entered a candidate in the current year's awards program. The judges considered Habitat Oakland's efforts throughout 2017, including its completion of three Rock the **Block Home Preservation projects that** brought more than 400 volunteers together, its financial education program, Habitat University, which has served more than 60 individuals since its inception and much more. Habitat Oakland also helped initiate legislative change, working with local representative to introduce the Housing Opportunities Made Easier Act legislation,

which passed the U.S. House of Representatives as part of the Financial CHOICE Act of 2017.

"I am grateful that our affiliate is being recognized as the 2018 Affiliate of the Year by Habitat Michigan, but even more than that, I am so proud of our dedicated board and staff, committed sponsors and driven volunteers. Every one of the III families we served in 2017 represent the strength, stability and self-reliance of empowered communities," said Tim Ruggles, Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County's executive director and CEO.

"Our friends at Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County are strong community leaders that also represent the Habitat network throughout Michigan," said Sandra Pearson, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan. "They continue to do excellent work for affordable housing in their community, serving more families in innovative ways while strengthening their organization, and we are honored to celebrate their numerous accomplishments."

Habitat Oakland will also be recognized Wednesday, Sept. 26, as Affiliate of the Year at Habitat for Humanity of Michigan's 22nd annual awards banquet at the Lansing Center.

Westborn Market: Just 'Eat Good Chocolate'

Sharon Dargay

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Westborn Market customers can satisfy their Birmingham Chocolate cravings through a new product line called Eat Good Chocolate.

The two businesses have teamed to create a line of chocolate bars in seven different flavors that are sold at Westborn Market under its private label partnership program.

"We're always looking to bring in new food products that will surprise and delight our customers," Westborn Market CEO Bryan Bandyk said in a news release. "We love partnering with other local and like-minded independent companies to bring the best of Michigan to our shoppers."

Doug Cale, owner of Birmingham Chocolate, said in an email that most of his private label customers are out of state, but that the company collaborates with some Michigan-based businesses such as Westborn Market.

"Achatz Handmade Pie Co. is an example of a Michigan collaboration. We make a Four Berry Pie Chocolate Bar, including the exact streusel modeled after their most popular pie. Pure decadence," Cale said. "We collaborate with Murdick's Original Mackinac Island Fudge to create a Double Dark Salted Caramel Fudge Bar using their fudge and our chocolate. It's ridiculous in both milk and dark chocolate."

He said the majority of Birmingham Chocolate's private label sales are bars, although the company provides a variety of "grab and go" chocolates, such as dipped pretzels and cookies, turtles and nonparells, to Michigan retailers. Truffles and bonbons present a wholesaling challenge because of their short shelf

"Birmingham Chocolate's approach to chocolate-making is summed up in the three words on the façade of the shop — curiosity, imagination and discovery," Cale said.

Chips, coffee beans

Cale said the company constantly develops new chocolates and has been asked to collaborate on "some very in-



Chocolate bars made by Birmingham Chocolate are sold under the private label Eat Good Chocolate by Westborn Market.

teresting concepts" for partnerships.

"Westborn Market shares this same sense of creativity and was attracted to team with Birmingham Chocolate in order to incorporate some of their most popular products, such as (Real-Deal Tater) potato chips and Jamaican Coffee Beans as ingredients in chocolate," Cale said.

In addition to Jamaican Coffee Bean bar and Westborn Tater Chip, the line includes Salted Toasted Coconut, 80% Cacao Extreme Dark Chocolate, Three Berry Blend, Pistachio Cherry and Blueberry Nibs. Three Berry Blend and Westborn Tater Chip are milk chocolate bars. The rest are vegan dark chocolate.

Each bar weighs three ounces, is sectioned into 24 squares and costs \$6.99.

"The chocolates are hand-crafted in small batches by experienced chocolatiers. You can taste the difference," Cale

The bars are certified kosher and are GMO- and gluten-free. No preservatives, coloring additives and artificial flavors are used.

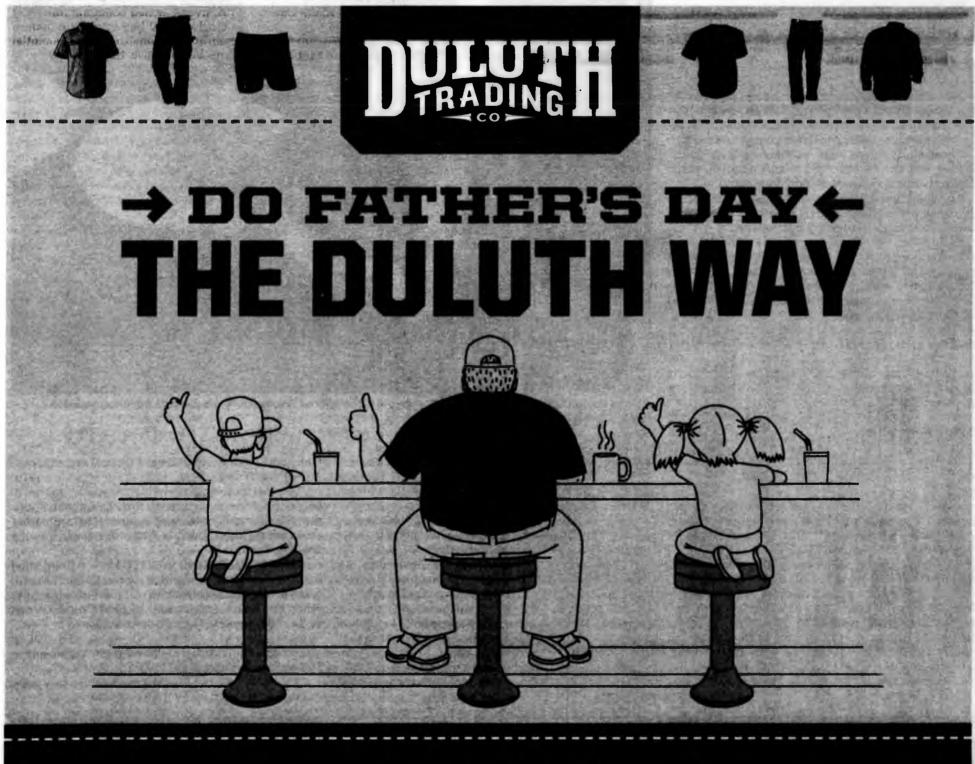
Birmingham Chocolate sells bonbons, truffles, bars and other candies at its store, 1728 W. Maple. Products with the Birmingham Chocolate label also are available at markets and stores throughout metro Detroit, including Papa Joe's, Plum Market, Cantoro Italian Market and Trattoria, Holiday Market, Vince & Joe's Gourmet Markets, Arbor Farms, Joe's Produce and Market Square.

Westborn Market has locations in Berkley, Livonia, Plymouth and Dearborn. Its private label partnerships also offer Gourmet Flat Breads, Real-Deal Tater Chips and Gourmet Flat Breads.

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Allison Schmitt tapped her chest and had a powerful, direct message for millions of American children with depression or other mental health disorders.

"Put your hand over your heart, feel that beat and know that's called purpose," said Schmitt, a Canton High School Hall of Fame swimmer and eight-time Olympic medalist in freestyle. "So you all have a purpose in this world and you're all loved."

Schmitt delivered her 90-second video pep talk to kids as part of the second annual #My YoungerSelf social media campaign, linked to National Mental Health Awareness Month during May.

The campaign was launched May 1 by national non-profit The Child Mind Institute of New York and featured athletes, actors, authors and other celebrities reminding children that everybody — famous or not — deals with mental health issues.

According to a press release from The Child Mind Institute, an estimated 17.1 million children in the United States today "have or once had a mental health disorder — more than the number of children with cancer, diabetes and AIDS combined."

Don't keep it in

Depression got Schmitt down over the years, but never totally out.

Yet after the 2012 Olympics, Schmitt stopped swimming in international meets. It took the friendship and advice of fellow Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps to help lift her out of her doldrums.

With encouragement from Phelps, she started to see a psychologist. Ultimately, Schmitt climbed out of the darkness and made a successful comeback — winning gold and silver medals at 2016 Rio Games.

So she knows about the benefit of finding ways to keep lines of communication open, no matter how difficult talking about her emotions might be at times.

"If I can tell my younger self what I now know about depression, I would say, 'You're not crazy, you're not weird,'" Schmitt said in her video segment. "We're humans, we all have emotions — whether it's happy, sad, frustrated, angry, excited, silly. It's OK to have those emotions, but it's not OK to isolate.

"Have those hard conversations, those tough conversations. And then, know it's not easy. The first time, maybe not the second time, maybe not the third, maybe not the 10th. But it allows the weight to get off our shoulders.

"It allows us to live more freely with the help of others. Remember, we're all unique, we're all loved and each person adds a special puzzle piece to this world."

They're not alone

Schmitt and other celebrities, such as Lindsey Stirling, Ginger Zee, Charles Schwab, Jessica McCabe, Tim Howard and Adam Grabowski, created homemade, inspiring messages talking to "their younger selves."

Those short videos were recorded on their smartphones and shared via Child Mind Institute's social media channels and website (childmind.org).

The public got involved by sharing and liking videos on social media and uploading their own videos with hopeful messages to their younger selves.

Child Mind Institute president and founder Dr. Harold S. Koplewicz emphasized that the #MyYoungerSelf campaign strives to "eradicate the stigma that keeps the one in five young people who struggle with a mental health or learning disorder from getting help and reaching their potential.

"We all know and love these children — if it's not your son or daughter, it's a niece or a nephew or your child's best friend at school," Koplewicz said. "#My-YoungerSelf represents our society, whether you're famous or not, coming together to get these kids the help they need."

Ready to listen

Soothing words can provide balm, whether from celebrities, family, friends or mental health profession-

David Majchrzak falls into the latter category. He is a limited licensed psychologist at Oakland Psychological Clinic, where he tries to lift the veil of gloom for patients as young as age 12. Oakland Psychological Clinic has counseling centers in eight locations, including Bloomfield Hills, Livonia and Milford.

"Teens are under more pressures and challenges than parents and families know," Majchrzak said. "And a lot of times, teenagers will try to be very strong and cope in the best way they can. But I think parents and society in general, the standards (on young people) are pretty hard.

"Kids don't have the coping skills and they get

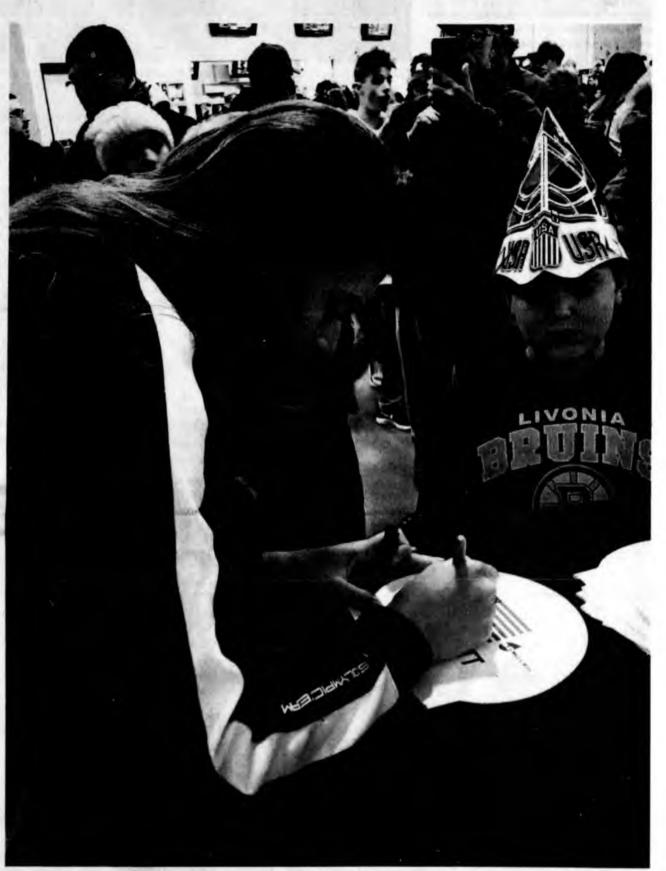


U.S. Olympic gold medal winner Allison Schmitt revels in the hometown welcome during a 2016 rally at Heritage Park Amphitheater in Canton Township.



Allison Schmitt wipes away tears during the medal ceremony after the U.S. won the women's 800-meter freestyle relay gold at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

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Allison Schmitt signs a swim cap for 9-year-old Colin Witt of Livonia during a recent appearance at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. TIM SMITH

swamped, then they get very depressed for 'you're not being perfect, you're not being good enough.' But they hold it to themselves, they don't want to upset their teacher, their family, their peers."

Majchrzak said there are too many "outcomebased" activities filling teenagers' lives, including academics, social interactions and sports.

"There's less of just being able to be themselves," he said. "They feel it at their age, very much so, but they can't place it. That's where a lot of kids get stuck."

Through efforts such as #MyYoungerSelf and by

teenagers not being ashamed to talk to teachers, counselors or even psychologists, Majchrzak is hopeful that their feelings of despair will subside.

"The problem is never as big as you feel or think. You're not a burden to anybody when you need help,"

Majchrzak said. "Help is always there. Trust that others will listen or be there.

"You feel more empowered when you know you're not the only one going through this. Those (#MyYoungerSelf) clips and that kind of support is awesome, because a lot of kids think, like, 'It's only me. I'm the only one who has this."

ABOUT CHILD MIND INSTITUTE: The Child Mind Institute is an independent, national nonprofit dedicated to transforming the lives of children and families struggling with mental health and learning disorders. Go to childmind.org for more information.

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Hauk family portrait (from left): James Marks, Lillian Marks, Maddox Lancucki, Steve Hart, Bane Lancucki, Mary Hauk, Rachel Lancucki and Mary Churilla. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Mary Hauk holds the next generation of farmers, 1-year-old grandson Maddox Lancucki. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Mary's Farm Market is at Ford and Beck roads in Canton. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE COM

Family farm's sale ends 99-year era

Darrell Clem

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Mary Hauk has been a farmer all her life.

It runs in the family. Her grandparents, Henry and Mary Hauk, began farming in Canton in 1919. raising crops and farm animals as the family business eventually grew to 2,000 acres. They often loaded fresh milk and produce onto a horse-drawn, two-wheel cart and hauled it to Detroit's Eastern Market.

Hauk still lives in the farmhouse her late father, Ross Hauk, built in the 1950s on Ridge Road, between Cherry Hill and Proctor, long before developers moved in and altered Canton's roral way of life.

Lancucki, was born with the family farming gene.

"He loves being on the farm," Hauk said.

It's all changing.

Hauk made a difficult decision to sell the last remaining 12 acres of the family farm, ending a nearly century-long tradition in Canton. Even before that, the family farmed for decades in the former Nankin Township, in what is now Gar-

Hauk and her husband Steve Hart, whom she married in March though they had known each other since childhood, have bought a 40-acre farm and farmhouse in Milan, where they plan to lease another 160 acres or more.

"I sat down at the kitchen table and did a lot of soul searching," Hauk said. "It was a hard decision, but it was the right one."

She still plans to keep Mary's Farm Market, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year at Ford and Beck roads in Canton. She may eventually try to build a barn and greenhouses at the site.

But the Ridge Road farm will be no more after developers move in and demolish the house her father built, amid a sustained uptick in new housing on Canton's west side. The family's crops - sweet corn, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, cabbage, honey rocks and so much more - have had their last planting season in Canton.

Hauk said she began to feel pushed out. Development was occurring all around her. Some neighbors complained of tractor sounds and bonfires. Vandals went onto the property and damaged farm equipment.

It's a far cry from when the Hauks, now a sixth-generation farming family, tended their Canton farm when the township became known as the sweet corn capital of Michigan.

"We were one of the biggest sweet corn growers around," Hauk said. "We picked it by hand."

Her mother, Lillian Marks, remembers her years on the farm.

"People were all the same. They farmed and they went to church," she

Hauk's 28-year-old daughter, Rachel Lancucki, is among those carrying on the farming legacy.

"I love farming. I love the whole family way of life," she said. "But you have to love farming. It's hard work."

"I sat down at the kitchen table and did a lot of soul searching. It was a hard decision, but it was the right

Mary Hauk

Hauk remembers times when the family delivered as many as 2,000 bags of sweet corn in one day to a warehouse used by the former Farmer Jack grocery

The family started farming in Canton before the Great Depression and never looked back. Despite the local farm be-Even her 3-year-old grandson, Bane ing sold, one piece of Hauk history is expected to survive, for now at least. Hauk already had sold another piece of family land with a house from the late 1890s that her grandparents bought when they moved to Canton. The house is

> Canton officials say there are only a few, dwindling number of sizable farms left in the township as Canton moves further from its rural past.

> Hauk is moving on and has big plans for her new farm. She wants to have horses and chickens. She also would like to revive a former program in which she has partnerships with local schools so that students can visit and learn about farm life.

> She and her husband are ready to start anew in a place where they don't feel confined by encroaching development. They have built a new barn and are repairing an old house on the land. It's an exciting time to write the next chapter of the Hauk family farming sto-

> Yet part of the legacy, Mary's Farm Market, will remain in Canton. This spring, it's a colorful place where flowers, patio pots and hanging baskets can be found. Patrons can find vegetable plants for green beans, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and other produce or choose from herbs such as basil, dill and

Hauk also sells products made by local vendors, including fresh breads, honey, hot and sweet cucumber chips, jellies, pickled asparagus and cookies, among other items. The market even sells T-shirts commemorating its 25th anniversary.

As the season unfolds, Mary's Farm Market will have strawberries, cherries, sweet corn and all the produce customers have come to expect. By late June, Hauk will bring in Tennessee tomatoes and cucumbers from a supplier she meets halfway to exchange goods.

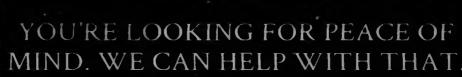
Times have changed. Hauk doesn't have to use a horse-drawn cart to make her rounds, yet she still is inspired by her ancestors, their determined spirit and their love of farming.

"It's a way of life," she said. For more information, go www.MarysFarmMarket.com.

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Rachel Lancucki helps 3-year-old son Bane learn to water flats of flowers and vegetables at Mary's Farm Market. Bane is the newest generation of Hauk family farmers. BILL BRESLER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM





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Last time for everything, except learning



There is a last time for everything. Seeing my grandfather. Playing catch with my dad.

Putting on the Sandia High School basketball uniform.

There is a last time for everything.

Driving the baby blue Plymouth Fury III.
Seeing the Eagles with Glenn Frey in concert.

Watching Alan Trammel and Lou Whitaker turn the

On Saturday, June 2, Novi High School seniors experienced their last night as Novi High School Wildcats. Their graduation marked the end of one journey and the beginning of another.

These graduates had their share of "last times."
Their last prom. Homecoming. Bus ride. Band concert. Lunch.

These Novi High School seniors had their last M-

STEP assessment. Last senior-staff basketball game. Last early morning phone call from the superintendent announcing a snow day.

These "last times" build a reservoir of memories and experiences for our high school seniors. These memories and experiences prepare them for the next steps in their lives.

The "last time" opens doors for new "first times" for our high school graduates. The true first of high school graduation is that it marks the end of compulsory education. It is the last time that these students will be required to go to school. As a result, students have decisions to make.

In the past, the most logical choice to make was to go to college. A four-year degree represented the surest way to secure the future.

Now that appears to be changing.

What is certainly truer now than in the past is that high school graduates need to continue learning. Leaving high school for the last time does not end the need to continue learning.

The jobs of the future are as unsettled now as they have ever been. The jobs that provided security seem to be disappearing. What is needed now is not only

someone who has knowledge and skill, but someone who is willing to continue developing knowledge and

Our Novi High School Class of 2018 graduated June 2. They were excited. There were smiles from parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Speeches were given that celebrated their accomplishments.

And our Class of 2018 can be proud of what they accomplished at Novi High School. They worked hard in their four years at the school.

But what I hope for the Class of 2018 is that we have helped them understand that life is about last times and first times. Closing doors and opening others. Our world will not let us rest. We must continue to learn and grow.

So while our seniors have had their fair share of "last times," I feel confident that they are prepared for the new "first times" that will come their way as they leave Novi High School, prepared for the next step in their lives

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



These sculptures — Avenue, Shift and Temple — will soon be on display in downtown Farmington.

Barr sculptures to be displayed in Farmington

Riley Park in downtown Farmington will soon feature a trio of sculptures from world-renowned artist David Barr thanks to a new partnership with the city of

The sculptures — Avenue, Shift and Temple — were created by Barr at his Novi residence Villa Barr, where he lived until his death in 2015. The city of Novi purchased the four-acre property with the vision of creating a cultural hub in Novi and to showcase Barr's life and art. The property includes a home, studio and multiple sculpture installations in a park setting. Construction of a parking lot and pathway, along with amenities such as interpretive signage and respite areas, is scheduled to begin in mid-summer and completed in the fall.

According to the Friends of Villa Barr, the volunteer group that provides recommendations and guidance on the art work and property, the three sculptures are "Barr's sculptural translations of ancient ruins at Athens, Delos, Mykonos and Crete where columns have cracked and fallen, roofs have collapsed and floors have tilted. In these artworks there is no attempt to mimic or illustrate, rather they are an aesthetic synthesis of the geometry, alignment and proportions that invite the contemporary viewer to ponder the evolving meaning of art and architecture over the centuries."

The sculptures will be installed in June.

Barr's work is on display throughout Michiga

Barr's work is on display throughout Michigan, including at the Michigan Legacy Art Park at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville. The 30-acre park, found-

According to the Friends of Villa Barr, the volunteer ed by Barr, is home to 47 sculptures from 27 different

One of Barr's most famous pieces is the 64-foot Transcending monument in Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit that he helped create with Sergio De Giusti in 2003

Barr also has a piece at the entrance to Founder's Park in Farmington Hills, Coasting the Baseline obelisk. It tells the story of surveyors and their role in the mapping out of the state and the nation. Baseline Road (or Eight Mile Road) is the east-west survey anchor.

For more information, go to DowntownFarmington.org. Follow Downtown Farmington on Facebook and on Twitter @DntwnFarmington.



Barley, BBQ and Beats set for Saturday

Join Hospice of Michigan for the inaugural metro Detroit Barley, BBQ & Beats. The fundraising event, which originated in west Michigan three years ago, is bringing the finest barbecue pit masters and restaurants, local and regional distilleries serving handcrafted whiskey cocktails, with musical performances from local bands

It will take place 5-9 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at Suburban Collection Showcase, 46100 Grand River Ave., in Novi. Advanced tickets are available for \$40 at www.hom.org/BBB2018. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$45 per person. Guests must be 21 or older to enter. Admission includes choice of three barbecue

Join Hospice of Michigan for the inaugural metro servings and three hand-crafted cocktail tastings. Additional tasting tokens will be available for purchase during the event.

Event-goers will have an opportunity to purchase a limited edition Barley, BBQ & Beats T-shirt for a minimum donation of \$50. Statewide event sponsor Care-Linc Home Medical Equipment & Supply will match all funds raised throughout the evening, up to \$10,000.

Proceeds will support Hospice of Michigan's Open Access Fund, which provides end-of-life care to patients regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay.

For more information, call 888-247-5701 or go to www.hom.org.





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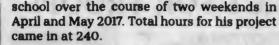
Luikart earns Eagle Scout ranking

Noah Luikart of Troop 755, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, recently earned his Eagle Scout rank.

Luikart is a junior at Northville High School.
He is active in Scouting, the NHS ski team and the NHS symphonic and marching bands. He also works part time for Guernsey Farms Dairy and the Northville Historical Society.

For his service project, Luikart painted the Wash-Oak School House in Mill Race Village. He has fond memories of two Scout campsouts at the village and school trips to the village. He wanted to give back to the historical society for all it does to maintain the village grounds and buildings for the community.

He raised much of the funds necessary for the project by holding a can drive and by soliciting donations from local businesses. He is appreciative for the donations from Northville Paint, Northville and Plymouth Home Depot Stores, Guernsey Farms Dairy and Chuck Burke painting for their professional advice. Luikart planned and led a team of 21 volunteers to paint the



He learned leadership skills and how to coordinate a group for a large task. He also learned how uncooperative the weather can be in the spring.

After high school, Luikart intends to attend college and pursue studies in business.

Achieving Eagle Scout is only accomplished by 5 percent of all Boy Scouts in the United States. As part of his trail to Eagle, Luikart has been an active participant in Troop 755. Through Scouting, he enjoyed trips as varied as backpacking in the Porcupine Mountains in the U.P. to scuba diving at Sea Base in the Florida Keys. He also attended the 2017 National Scout Jamboree. He completed 41 merit badges before taking on his service project for the Northville

Luikart's Eagle Court of Honor took place May 27 at the New School Church in Mill Race Village.

Members needed for Northville library board

The Northville District Library is looking for people interested in serving on its Board of Trustees. Individuals can volunteer for a board position by running for one of four positions open on the ballot Nov. 6. Help guide your highly-regarded, community-oriented library by serving as a trustee.

The library board consists of seven elected trustees and, of the four current openings, two are incumbents. To be eligible, one must be a registered voter residing in either the township or city of Northville.

Candidates must submit either a nominating petition with a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 100 signatures or pay a \$100 filing fee (cash, certified check or money order) in lieu of petitions. Nominating petitions are available at the library at the information desk.

The deadline for submitting petitions or the filing fee is 4 p.m. Thursday, July 19, to this address: Cathy M. Garrett, Wayne County Clerk, Election Department, Room 502, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit, MI 48226.

For more information, contact Library Director Anne Mannisto at 248-349-3020.

GIRLS SCOUTS HELP OUT LIBRARY



The Our Lady of Victory fourth-grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 40356 decided to do its Bronze Award project for the Northville District Library Youth Department and looked at what other libraries in the area had done to make that area more kid-friendly. Paring their idea list down to four projects, the Scouts presented those ideas to the library staff and two of the projects were approved. They designed and built a Youth Department suggestion box. They also surveyed the students in grades 2-4 at OLV to determine what were the most popular series, then they designed and installed laminated pop-out tabs for those series to help kids locate them quicker. Those who contributed to the project were Sam's Club, Home Depot, Mans Lumber and Sherwin Williams. Those involved included (top, from left) Abby Bores, Jillian Gibbs, Meredith Martin, Jayla Zayti, Paige Bishoff, Alexa Dueweke, Ava Merlo, Nola Ceccoli, Juliet Culp (leader), Emmy Kara, Sarah Gutowsky and Megan Lauster and (bottom, from left) Olivia Vance, Dorie Freebury (head of Youth Services), Jacobia Gleason, Violet Culp, Avery Faut, Laura Curtsinger (Youth Librarian), Sammy Wheeler and Mallory Parr. Carole Jean Stockhausen was another troop leader.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

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

Upcoming events

Grounds Closed for wedding: 1:15-3:15 p.m. June 9, 3-5 p.m. June 16, 5-7 p.m. June 22, 1-5 p.m. June 23 and 1-3:30 p.m. June 30.

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

Garage sale: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 4-8, 218 W. Dunlap

Fourth of July activities: July 4, activities after parade; buildings open Il a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Demonstrations by the American Civil War

Shooters Association: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 4
Annual Victorian clothing sale: 1-4 p.m. Sept. 9
and 1-7 p.m. Sept. 10-11

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org

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



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GIRL SCOUTS DONATE COOKIES TO HEROES



Bentley Elementary Girl Scouts of Canton worked hard collecting donations to give to their chosen heroes. Brownie Troop 40762 and Daisy Troop 40374 asked customers to help support them and give cookies to the great teachers of Bentley Elementary, Northville Fire Fighters and the Canton Police Department. These Girl Scouts averaged 265 packages sold per Girl Scout. The two troops donated more than 100 packages to Officer Curry, the Canton Police Department school officer, Northville Fireman Dan Dipple (above) and the teachers of Bentley Elementary.

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Between the Lines Book Discussion

When: 7 p.m. Monday, June 11

Details: Join us for a lively discussion of "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett. Just drop in.

Big Bang Theory

When: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12
Details: Astronomy/physics tech Jesse Mason presents on the origin of our solar system. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register.

Youth Summer Reading Program

When: June 15 through Aug. II

Details: All Northville kids up through those entering fifth grade, join the Summer Reading Program to enjoy great books, attend fun free events and win exciting prizes. Register in person at the library to receive your Summer Reading Program Activity Guide. Sign-up begins Friday, June 15, and continues through the summer. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Teen Ukelele Workshop

When: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16
Details: Learning the ukulele is pretty basic: tune
it, figure out some easy chords and pick up a few
songs. Join us for an introductory workshop, taught
by Laurie Jarski from Broughton Music Center. All
supplies provided. Register.

Teen DIY Ocarina

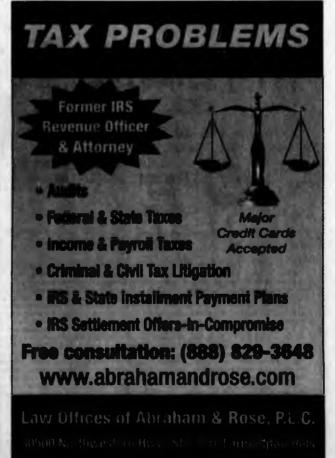
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19
Details: Use a kit to make and decorate your own wooden ocarina and even learn some fun basic songs. All supplies provided. Register.

Egg Drop Soup Workshop

When: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 20
Details: Join us for the classic egg drop experiment in this fun interactive science workshop focusing on the concepts of gravity and economics. For ages 9-12. Register.

Fantastic Faux Food

When: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 27
Details: Have a blast making faux food from
Crayola Model Magic modeling compound. For ages
9-12. Register.



Arts and **Acts Festival** set to run **June 23-24**

The Northville Art House will sponsor the annual Arts and Acts Festival for the ninth consecutive year Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24, in Millennium Park, 45769 Six Mile Road, in Northville.

The festival includes the 30th annual juried fine art show Art in the Sun, featuring more than 60 artists; the inaugural Maker's Mart of Northville, highlighting artisans and makers throughout the area; musical entertainment featuring some of metro Detroit's top musicians: children's activities; the fifth annual Northville Art House Chalk Festival; and a large variety of food and drink. The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the second annual Tapped in the 'Ville Craft Beer festival 2-6 p.m. Saturday.

With the exception of a recommended donation for the chalk festival. Arts and Acts is a free event. It is also a major fundraiser for the Northville Art House. The funds raised allow it to bring quality art exhibits and art education to Northville and the surrounding communities.

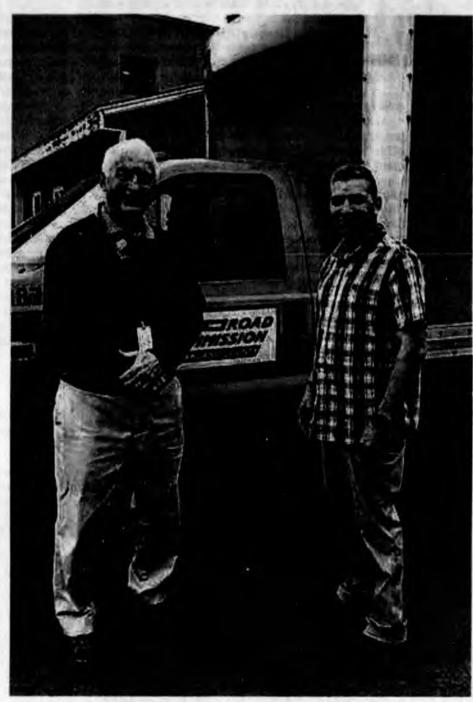
Event sponsors include C&L Ward, DTE Energy, First Presbyterian Church, The Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James, Leaf Filter, Mike Miller Building Co., Power Home Remodeling, Renewal by Anderson, Raymond James & Associates and WindowPro.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.



The Northville Art House Chalk Festival will again be part of the Arts and Acts Festival.

RCOC, OAKLAND BAR **COLLECT FOR TROOPS**



Staff and officials from the Road Commission for Oakland County again this year teamed with the Oakland County Bar Association to collect donations for servicemen and women stationed overseas. This is the seventh consecutive year RCOC has been involved in this effort. The collaboration, part of an effort known as Americans Thank Our Troops, has been ongoing for 14 years and includes many organizations, businesses and individuals. It involves sending care packages to the troops. RCOC chairman Eric Wilson (left) and RCOC construction inspector Patrick Castillo prepare to load items for the veterans into a road commission truck.

Shakespeare Festival returning to Canton

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival will return this summer to Canton and mount three very different productions during its 2018 repertory season. Each play will bring something unique for audiences. The 24th festival season includes Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and "Measure for Measure" and "The Rover" by Aphra Benn, the first professional woman playwright.

The MSF is the official Shakespeare Festival of the state of Michigan. The season runs for three weeks at the Baughman Theater in Jackson beginning Thursday, July 12, and continues for three additional weeks at the Village Theatre in Canton beginning Friday, Aug. 3. Ticket information is available at www.michiganshakespeare festival.com.

Tickets are on sale for the Canton performances, including season Flex www.cantonvillagetheater.org. A Flex Pass will include one ticket to each production and show dates and times

can be chosen at the time of purchase

or at a later date. Ticket prices range

from \$16 to \$40, depending on age. Founded in 1995, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival is a 501(c)3 notfor-profit professional theater company operating under a League of Regional Theatres Letter of Agreement with the Actors' Equity Association. The MSF is dedicated to entertaining and educating a broad-based audience through professional perfor-

other classic plays. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is a regional center for the arts that offers the magic of live theater, music, dance and fine art exhibitions and events, in addition to providing a home for several cultural organizations and community groups.

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For more information, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.



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Money Matters Rick Bloom USA TODAY NETWORK -MICHIGAN

At a recent talk that I gave, I was asked a question about commissions. I explained how they work and why I don't like them. At that point, another attendee disagreed with me and explained that he worked on commission selling new cars and he thought there was nothing wrong with that.

To his amazement, I agreed with him. But what I explained was there is a big difference between a car and a financial investment. When you purchase a car, you realize there are a variety of parts and components that go into the car. In reality, you don't care what they allocate to the tires, the steering wheel or the electronics. What is important to you is what the bottom line cost of the car is. When you negotiate, your focus is exactly where it belongs, on the price of the car. Financial investments are another thing.

When you purchase an investment product with a commission, that means money is coming out of your pocket and is put into other peoples' pockets. It is important as an investor to remember that, if you want to get the highest returns possible, you must focus on costs. Commissions are a substantial cost, including the person who sold you the investment. For example, if you buy an upfront commission mutual fund, it's not unusual for you to pay more than 5 percent in upfront commissions. That means at if you invest \$50,000 and there is a 6-percent upfront commission, \$3,000 is deducted off the top to pay the commission. That's bad enough, but what you also have to factor in is that you now have only \$47,000 invested. If you went commission-free, you would have \$50,000 invested. Particularly for a long-term investor, that gap is substantial.

Commissions on financial products can severely erode your returns. What further complicate things is the fact there are all sorts of different ways that they can charge you commissions. Un-

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fortunately, they don't make it easy for you to know what you're paying. In fact, that's one of the reasons I don't like commissions, because they are not disclosed in a simple and understandable way. The fact they don't make it easy for you to know what you're paying is a sure sign you're paying too much.

Don't get fooled when financial salespeople, such as annuity people, tell you that you don't pay them, the company does - this is just an attempt to fool you. It may be technically correct, but it's not the whole story. For example, in annuities, you are actually paying the commission in the form of higher ongoing management fees and substantial penalty periods that directly impact your returns.

I've always believed that the best commission salespeople never worry about their commissions; their goal is to take care of their client. There are not as many good commission salespeople as there are those who worry about their commissions first and foremost.

My philosophy in investing is it's always important to control your costs. To control your costs, you have to know what they are. If you're using a financial person who works on commissions, it is a fair question to ask them about their commissions and all the fees involved. If they're hesitant or reluctant to discuss those things with you, it's probably a clear sign that you should be dealing

with someone else. Good luck!

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

AREA EVENTS

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

Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, invites residents to join him for local coffee hours Friday, June 8, at the following times and locations:

8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, White Lake

■ 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market,

468 S. Milford Road, Highland ■ Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford

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

NPS schools of choice

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

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

Painting to jazz music

The Village Fine Arts Association, 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700, in Milford is offering a workshop with critically and nationally acclaimed jazz vocalist Kathy Kosins, who will encourage students how to paint to music, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9. In this workshop, recorded music by jazz greats is played and students encouraged to "hear" in color and "listen" for shape as Kosins provides specific guidelines for how to put to canvas what they are hear-

Prior painting experience is helpful, but not necessary. Proceeds benefit the programs at the nonprofit VFAA/SHAC. Register on www.milfordshac.org. Scroll through classes and select the class and the date. Call 248-797-3060 for more info or to register live.

Currents Music Festival

The Currents Music Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, at the LaFontaine Family Amphitheater, 345 W. Liberty Street, in Milford. The free festival will showcase 12 bands from around Michigan, featuring rock, jazz and country. This year's festival will include the including the psychedelic sounds of Nina and the Buffalo Riders as well as some funky, soul blues courtesy of Nadir Omowale.

Attendees can grab a bite to eat at the festival's food tent, offering select menu items from Blue Grill and Proving Grounds Coffee and Ice Cream. For those ages 21 and older, River's Edge Brewing Co. will be teaming with Draught Horse and Drafting Table to offer some of Oakland County's favorite brews, as well as an exclusive collaboration from the three breweries. Viewing space is first-come, first-served and attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets.

For more information, go to https:// www.facebook.com/currentsmusic festival.

Send-off for NHS teacher Pryce

Mary Kay Pryce has taught in the Northville Public Schools district for 40 years. She came for the 1977-78 academic year and found her home at the high school in 1982. A celebration of her career is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Saturday June 9, in the NHS auditorium. She encourages current and former students as well as colleagues and friends to join her for an evening of music and memories. Current and former BackBeat members can contact Ken Sieloff at kcsieloff@gmail.comor 248-719-4002. Likewise, interested TrebleMakers can Beth Patterson contact

egpatterson@yahoo.com For more information, email MKPretirement@gmail.com or Beth richerbe@northville Richert at schools.org.

K. of C. golf outing

The Knights of Columbus Father Ed-



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

mund Battersby Council 7586 will sponsor its 34th annual Frank A. Urban charity golf outing Saturday, June 23. The event is a four-person scramble at Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road. Registration is at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$95 per player, including 18 holes of golf (with cart), lunch at the turn, goodie bag for each player and a dinner following the competition. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the compe-

Register by June 13. Contact Andy Kudwa, golf outing chairman, at 734-709-3349 or email andykudwa@ gmail.com.

Church rummage sale

Christ Lutheran Church, 620 GM Road, in Milford will host a rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, June 14-16. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. All proceeds benefit LCMS mis-

Toligate Farm spring class

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

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

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

Historic tour of Salem

The Salem Area Historical Society will be conducting a tour of historic structures in Salem Township beginning 11 a.m. Thursday, June 14. The tour will start from the South Salem Stone School, at the northeast corner of Curtis and North Territorial roads. Participants will car pool from there to various historic structures in Salem. Stops will include houses, schools, churches and businesses.

The last stop on the tour will be at Salem's historic Karl's Cabin (Rusceak's Rustic Tavern), where those that are interested can have lunch. For more information, go to www.SAHShistory.org. If you want to see and learn some history about Salem Township, send an email request to Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com

Dinner to benefit Wismer

The Knights of Columbus Council 7444 of Milford will host a benefit dinner to help Ryan Wismer go to college at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at St. Mary's Hall, 1955 E. Commerce Road. in Milford. Wismer, a senior at Lakeland High School, lost his mom when his parents were involved in a motorcycle accident last summer.

Tickets are \$20 and the menu includes salad, roast beef, roast pork, baked and mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. For tickets, call 248-714-5353 or visit Milford Pharmacy. Donations can be made via check to John Rogers, 3101 Sands Court, Milford, MI 48380. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #7444 with a note "Ryan's Dream." Deadline for resevations is June 11.

Milford Garden Club events

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

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10 beginning in May at www.themilfordgardenclub.org. Tickets may also be purchased at one of tions: Clothing Cove, Acorn Farms, Blossoms on Main Street, Milford Gardens on South Milford Road or The Pond Place in Highland.

Proceeds will benefit scholarships to local high school seniors. For more information, email Janie Cryderman at www.themilfordgardenclub.org.

Michigan War Dog Memorial program

The South Lyon Area Historical Society will host a program highlighting the Michigan War Dog Memorial at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, to hear the story behind the pet cemetery at the corners of Milford and 11 Mile roads.

The speaker will be Phil Weitlauf, president and director of the memorial. Program will be held in the Freight House at the Historic Village, 300 Dorothy Street.

'Northern Aggression' at Tipping

Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville will present "Northern Aggression" by Michigan playwright Joseph Zettelmaier through Sunday, June 24. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

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

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

VFAA exhibits at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, will exhibit its member artwork in the library community room, 330 Fam-

During the month of June, the exhibit will feature artwork by Mary Bajcz. She uses fabric as her medium and is wellknown for her beautiful quilts, as well as her beautiful handbags and other

Th exhibit will be open during regular

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

Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will present an exhibition title THE END OF NOWHERE: Stories and Photographs by Thomas Pickarski. New York artist Pickarski explores the natural landscape of Iceland, Greenland and Patagonia, among other fascinating places, through lighthearted storytelling and 32 dramatic black and white photographs.

The exhibit runs through June 30 during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Car show at FLCC

Family Life Community Church, 62345 W. Eight Mile Road, in South Lyon will host its third annual classic car show from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 15. The free event will include, food, a raffle, silent auction and supervised children's play area, with inflatables.

Classic car owners are invited to regon the FLCC website, www.ficcsl.com. The cars will be judged and the winners will receive plaques. The cost to register and show a car is \$20 per car. The first 25 people to register their cars will receive a goody bag.

For more information, call Angel Knudson at 504-689-1294 or email flcc.churchsl@gmail.com.

VBS in Milford

The Milford United Methodist Church, Milford Presbyterian Church and St. George's Episcopal Church are partnering to offer an evening Community Vacation Bible School experience, set for 6-8 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday, July 23-27.

It will take place at the Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic Street. There will also be a community dinner at 5:15 p.m. each day. Online pre-registration is required for all children participating, age 4 through fourth grade, at https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/milfordpc.





Hussein Sayed prepares a chicken shawarma roll-up sandwich. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The chicken shawarma rice bowl is among the Levant Kitchen selections. BILL BRESLER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



This Mediterranean salad features lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion, parsley, feta cheese, olives, sunflower seeds and raisins. Some customers add other items, such as chicken. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Hussein Sayed scoops rice for a shawarma rice bowl. Hussein's father, Mike Sayed, works in the background. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Eatery brings Mediterranean fare to Canton community

Darrell Clem
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Hussein Sayed spent three months training with a chef in Lebanon before opening his new Mediterranean restaurant, Levant Kitchen, in Canton.

His skills as a chef also drew inspiration much closer to home.

"I'm influenced by my mother's cooking," he said.

Sayed hopes it all adds up to a recipe for success at Levant Kitchen, where his culinary talents are on display inside a small eatery at 45164 Ford Road, east of Canton Center.

It's his first independent restaurant, his dream job. It's a friendly place made "I'm influenced by my mother's cooking."

Hussein Sayed chef, Levant Kitchen

even more inviting by the aroma of what's being concocted in the kitchen.

Sayed, a 27-year-old Livonia resident, opened Levant Kitchen one year after he left New York City, where he grew up and worked in the franchise restaurant industry. His parents, who made the move to Michigan before he did, often stop by Levant Kitchen to help

"I'm proud of him," his father, Mike Sayed, said one recent afternoon, pausing from his turn on the grill. The elder Sayed also worked many years in the New York franchise restaurant industry.

Levant Kitchen takes its name from an eastern Mediterranean region that includes countries such as Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and beyond. Sayed pays tribute to his family's homeland, though he is among the first generation of his family born in the United States.

His grandparents immigrated to the Dearborn area decades ago and never left the area. His father moved to New York City from Michigan and worked in the franchise restaurant industry for years before returning to Michigan with his wife, Fadila.

Sayed strives to prepare authentic dishes. Chicken and beef are slow-cooked on a vertical roaster to give them the most flavor for shawarma pitas and wraps, though some customers choose their favorite meat in a basmati rice or salad bowl.

Patrons can choose chicken, beef or kafta kabobs, the latter consisting of finely ground beef blended with spices and onions, parsley, onion mix, housemade hummus and pickles. Others may opt for golden fried falafels with tahini, parsley and turnip.

Dishes can be topped with whipped garlic, a special Levant sauce, feta cheese, fried cauliflower and numerous other items. Among the more popular menu entrees are the Mediterranean

salad and the chicken shawarma.

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Sayed also offers two off-menu specials each day and proudly shows them in a glass display. Recent dishes included kabsa, which is made of spiced rice, raisins, pine nuts and chicken, and a

kafta dish, with potatoes and tomatoes.
Sayed searched the Detroit area for a suitable restaurant location and chose Canton for its diverse population, high traffic flow along Ford Road and its reputation as a good community with good schools. He also chose to locate close to residential neighborhoods, including new development on Canton's west

Levant Kitchen seats only 10 customers, but Sayed said the bulk of his business is carryout. He also caters and expects soon to begin offering delivery service.

The restaurant already has received high marks on social media. If his business proves successful, Sayed already has thought of growing his business and opening other eateries.

"I'd like to have a few locations in the metro Detroit area," he said.

Levant Kitchen's hours are Il a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. For more, go to www.thelevantkitchen.com or call 734-359-5155.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 19, 2018, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Main Street School (Room 302), 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2018-2019 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2018-2019 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2018-2019 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan.

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

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Ann Kalass, Secretary

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Sports



PREP BASEBALL

Plymouth earns 4th straight regional berth

Brad Emons USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Is this the year Plymouth finally gets over the hump in the baseball state tour-

The Wildcats are headed for yet another MHSAA Division 1 regional after Sunday's district conquest of host big obstacle for the Wildcats. Westland John Glenn, 7-2, and Salem,

Plymouth, which improved to 27-11 overall, will face defending Division 1 state champion Saline in a regional semifinal beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at Southgate Anderson. The other half of the draw pits Brownstown Woodhaven and Dearborn Edsel Ford at noon, with the winners meeting at approximately 2 p.m.

"Three times we've been to regionals and we seem to stumble there," Plymouth coach Jason Crain said. "In a really tough regional, we've played Saline a couple of times and (Temperance) Bedford as well. It's something we're

trying to build on. We've just got to bring that brand of baseball to the regional like we did here in the districts and our league (KLAA) schedule and I think they're up to the challenge. And I think it's something, as a program, you continue to build on and get these opportunities in big games."

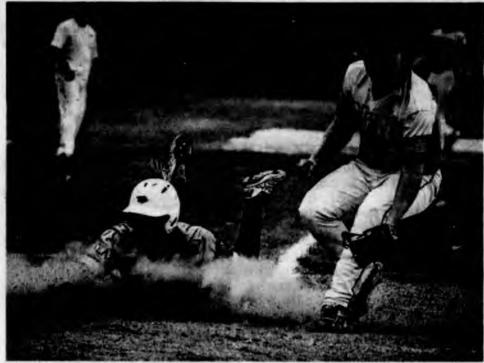
The district semifinal proved to be a

But Plymouth received a sterling pitching performance from senior Evan Good, who limited Salem (21-11) to three hits while striking out four in going all seven innings.

Good outdueled Salem's 6-foot-6 ace Jacob Seipenko, a Michigan State signee who was equally as impressive during his seven innings as he struck out 13 while allowing six hits.

Plymouth tallied the game-winning run in the fifth on Kyle Aniol's RBI single, scoring Nolen Dingledey, who earlier had doubled. The Wildcats got another run in the seventh on a double by An-

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Plymouth's Chase Every (left) scores on a wild pitch as John Glenn pitcher Chad Stevens covers the plate. MICHAEL VASILNEK

GIRLS TENNIS



The Northville girls tennis team is the outright 2018 MHSAA Division 1 state champion. MONICA MULCHANDANI

QUITE A RACKET

Northville seizes third state title in four years

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

After settling for a co-championship last year with Midland Dow, the Northville girls tennis team was determined not to share the same trophy with anybody else this year.

The Mustangs, winning four of five matches against Dow, claimed the MHSAA Division 1 state championship for themselves Saturday by scoring a

meet-high 32 points at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Dow was runner-up with 30, while Bloomfield Hills took a close third with 28. Grosse Pointe South and Ann Arbor Huron finished fourth and fifth with 20 and 13, respectively.

It was Northville's third state title in four years under coach Linda Jones, who got great satisfaction in winning the 2018 title outright.

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"I thought from the very beginning we could win. I believed and I think that's what makes this special ... it's not a fluke. It's a total team effort."

Linda Jones

GIRLS SOCCER

Canton wins district title on Schwinke's overtime snipe

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Thirty-two seconds. That's how long the Salem Rocks enjoyed a 2-1 lead late in regulation during Saturday's Division 1 girls soccer district final.

Salem senior standout Katie Coleman threaded a nifty feed into the box, where junior Chloe Paran's header beat Canton senior goalie Sarah Hammond, putting the Rocks up with just 4:09 to go.

"They always say you're at the most vulnerable right after you score a goal," Salem head coach Kyle Karns said.

But instead of celebrating a district championship at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Rocks found themselves in an overtime battle - as

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Jumping up to punch the ball out of danger is Canton senior goalkeeper Sarah Hammond. Helping her out are teammates Katie Nestico (left) and Ari Ontko. Salem's Chice Parana also vies for the ball. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS **PHOTO**



Baseball

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thony Sharkas and an RBI double from Chase Every.

"Great pitching," Crain said. "The first game, Jake Seipenko pitched a phenomenal game and we knew he was going to be great, it was going to be difficult, so runs were at a premium. We scratched and clawed for every single run we could get because we knew he was going to do a great thing."

Seipenko had no-hit Plymouth through the first four innings.

"And I got to give credit to both pitchers, honestly," Crain said. "Jake pitched great, but Evan Good for us ... zero runs, gave up three hits - a few off the ramp at home plate - so I'll give him one hit straight through, so you can't give a better effort than that."

In the final, Plymouth collected just three hits against Glenn junior starter Chad Stevens during the first five innings, but took advantage of four errors by the Rockets.

Plymouth jumped out to a 2-0 advantage in the top of the first on a single by Sharkas, followed by an Every triple. Every then scored on a wild pitch.

Glenn (13-23), however, answered in the bottom of the first on a two-run single by Korey Littlefield.

The Wildcats then broke it open with three in the fifth, getting only one hit (by Zach Beadle), coupled with a pair of Glenn errors and an RBI sacrifice fly by Logan Dziadzio.

In the seventh, Plymouth pushed two more runs home on a single by Good, a walk to Beadle, a single by Robert Begley, followed by a Glenn outfield error along with a Rockets infield error.

"You've got to come to play and you can't give them the routine, easy out," Glenn coach Lawrence Scheffer said. "We made a couple of errors and you've got to give your hats off to Plymouth. They're a good baseball team over there."

After the first inning, Plymouth starter Dylan Brown settled in as he scattered seven hits during his six innings of work to pick up the win. Begley then mopped up in relief duty with a scoreless seventh.

"Good and Brown broke the school single season wins record (16) with the two victories today," Crain said. "So that's exciting for them and the team and four districts in a row — wow."

In the other district semifinal, Glenn ot a walk-off two-run single by Braden Bowen to upset Canton, 3-2. Korey Littlefield was hit by a pitch to start the seventh and Kyle Littlefield walked to



Plymouth players jump for joy after winning their fourth straight district baseball title. MICHAEL VASILNEK

set up the game-winner.

"Ninth hitter, put the ball in play, he had a big hit in the beginning of the game and came through and a big-time clutch hit," Scheffer said of Bowen. "He just drove the ball, middle away, and it was a game-winning hit. It's exciting because he's been battling all year to get better as a hitter. He put the bat on the ball and scored the game-winning hit."

Meanwhile, the Rockets got a sterling performance on the mound from another MSU signee Brian Martin, a senior right-hander who allowed just two hits over seven innings.

Martin retired the first 12 batters he faced before the Chiefs got a run in the fifth on a lead-off walk by Lou Baechler, a single by Nate Blain, a sacrifice bunt by Nick Porco and an RBI single by Ryan Cassidy.

In the bottom of the sixth, Josh Muse broke up Canton starter Zach Ziroll's nohit bid and Matt Nutt followed with an RBI single to cut the deficit to 2-1.

Martin then set down Canton (24-12) in order in both the sixth and seventh innings

"Martin pitched lights out," Scheffer said. "He's been here for four years. He's a bulldog and going to miss him. There's a reason why he's playing in the East-West All-Star game. He's one of those players that I'll probably never get to coach again. He's just a great ball play-

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Lawrence Scheffer John Glenn coach

Soccer

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Canton sophomore Kylie Sourbeck tied the score at 2-2 with 3:37 on the clock.

Then came the decisive goal, with 4:18 remaining in the second 10-minute overtime, with Chiefs forward Carly Schwinke burying a high drive from about 25 yards out to supply the margin in a 3-2 victory. It was the junior captain's 19th goal of the season.

"I got a great ball from Katie Nestico and then I saw that the shot was open, so I just kicked it," Schwinke said. "I tried to lean over it and hoped for the best and it went in.

"I was extremely tired (at the end of double overtime). I just dug deep, because I knew if I scored, it would be the best feeling ever - and it was."

In the clutch

Schwinke wouldn't have had that chance if not for the proactive stance taken by Sourbeck to provide Canton (11-4-4) with a quick answer to the Pa-

ran goal. 'Kylie, she just ran through the ball each time," Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy said. "We made it a point at the break there (before overtime) to make sure everyone knew, she got that goal because she wanted that ball more.

Sourbeck finished a give-and-go with freshman forward Noel Blain, slipping a low shot past Salem sophomore keeper Amber Festian.

"The ball got into the box and it was coming in," Sourbeck said. "And I got it and passed to Noel Blain, who hit it over and I put it in the back of the net.

"I think it's unbelievable. This is my first year on varsity and it's just out of this world, it's such a great feeling."

Blain opened up the scoring at the 24:16 mark of the first half, dribbling into the 18-yard box and ripping a shot into the middle of the Salem net for her ninth goal of the year.



Canton players hoist the Division 1 district championship trophy. JOHN KEMSKI | **EXPRESS PHOTO**

goalkeeper Anna Lundh earlier in the half to an injury, hung tough and tied the match 1-1 with 4:02 left.

Senior Anna Faybrick chipped the ball into the box and freshman forward Talia List put a close-range shot past Hammond.

Then came a back-and-forth second half, with Salem's go-ahead goal quickly eradicated by the Sourbeck goal.

Through the first OT and almost through the second, penalty kicks loomed until Schwinke found the mark.

"Great shot by Karly. I think she's been wanting that for a while," Reddy said. "She's a big player for us. She needed that and we needed that."

For Salem seniors such as Coleman, The Rocks, despite losing senior it stung to lose a game after briefly hav-

ing a late lead. But she was proud of the way the Rocks got after it against a campus rival.

'We worked hard that entire game," Coleman said. "It was great to go up at the end, but we couldn't quite finish. And then overtime, everyone gave it their all, but it didn't end up falling in our favor today.

"Everyone gets tired in overtime, the game gets close to ending and people start to get a little panicky. But I'm proud of our team because everyone worked hard and this was the best season we've

had in my four years." Here are several other takeaways:

BROKEN NOSE, BROKEN HEARTS Salem lost Lundh midway through the first half when she suffered an apparent broken nose scrambling out after a loose ball in the box.

With the game still scoreless, Lundh collided with a Canton player and managed to secure the ball. But she fell back onto the grass clutching her head. Taking over for the Rocks was Festian, who played a solid game in relief.

"Amber's done well all season for us," Karns said. "But obviously, losing a senior goalkeeper kind of rattles you a little bit. But I thought Amber stepped in pretty nicely, made some big saves and kept us in the game."

KUDOS FOR HAMMOND

Two days after Hammond made 12 stops to blank Plymouth in a district semifinal (a 1-0 final), the Chiefs senior goalkeeper was steady as usual and held the fort against an aggressive Salem attack.

"She had amazing saves in (the Plymouth) game, outstanding," Reddy said. "And great saves today, too. Sarah's just a good leader on our team, a good person to have back there."

LOOKING AHEAD

As for the Rocks, Karns is proud of what the 2018 team achieved and has high hopes for 2019.

"I've said it from the time I started here, you're always going to have talent coming through the Park," Karns said. "We've had some freshmen and sophomores that saw significant minutes for us this year and made a difference.

"The future's bright, we'd like to keep ourselves in this position where we can contend on a yearly basis. Hopefully next year we can cross over that hump and find a way out of the district."

SENIOR SENDOFF

The overtime loss spelled the end of the line for Salem seniors Lundh, Coleman, Faybrick, Madalyn Simko, Gabriella Mazzuca, Brittney Simpson, Rhona Nicol and Arianna Finn (who battled an injured lower leg during the Canton

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Plymouth senior pitcher Jenny Bressler sends the ball toward the plate against Salem. She threw a no-hitter in the district opener. MICHAEL VASILNEK

Bressler sparks Plymouth to another district crown

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Sunday was a topsy-turvy day on the softball field, with the toughest matchup of the Westland John Glenn-hosted Division 1 district being played first.

But Plymouth senior pitcher — and slugger — Jenny Bressler was ready for the challenge, throwing a no-hitter against formidable campus rival Salem and blasting a key three-run homer over the center field fence to boot as the Wildcats won, 11-0.

The Wildcats (23-3) then had to wait around while John Glenn and Wayne Memorial played a marathon semifinal game (the Rockets won, 24-20) before going to work with the district title on the line. Behind strong pitching from sophomore Angela Schmidt, Plymouth mercied John Glenn in four innings, 16-1.

The district title was the fourth in four years for Plymouth seniors Bressler, Whitney Holden and Jessica Tucci. The Wildcats now advance to the June 9 regional at Southgate Anderson, facing Ypsilanti Lincoln at 10 a.m.

"I've been telling everyone all year Jenny's a bulldog," Plymouth head coach Lauren Evans said. "She wants to win, she wants to compete, she's a leader defensively and offensively. She's calm, she's cool. That home run, she had two strikes on her."

That homer, off Salem pitcher Maddy Rosiewicz in the third inning, keyed a four-run rally that put Plymouth up 5-0. That was all the offense Bressler needed.

"We (she and catcher Arielle Bartholomew) were moving the ball all over the

place, using both sides of the plate, going up and down and keeping them offbalance," Bressler said about what she had working against the Rocks. "Of, I course, I wanted it (perfect game), but the win was good enough for me."

Almost perfect

Bressler actually had a perfect game until the seventh inning, when Rosiewicz drew a walk on a 3-2 count.

After University of Michigan-bound Morgan Overaitis hit into a force out, the no-hitter was preserved when a low liner by Jordan Hazel was snagged at third base by Kiersten Metz.

In the district final, it was Schmidt's chance to shine, striking out the side in the top of the first and giving up only a run in the fourth.

"I love (Schmidt), she's a workhorse," Evans said. "She's a little bit different than Jenny. She commands the zone very similar to Jenny, but she's more of a ground ball, pop fly kind of pitcher and that's something that's going to take us a long way in the future as well."

Plymouth scored four runs in the first and followed up with five in the second, five in the third and two in the fourth to close out the 15-run mercy win.

Registering multiple hits for the Wildcats against John Glenn were Bressler, Schmidt, Zoi Rakovitis, Elissa Simmons and Morgan Horning.

After having outscored their two opponents, 27-1, Evans had her three seniors — Bressler, Holden and Tucci — walk from the first base line to the circle to accept their fourth district trophy in four years and walk it back to their excited teammates.

"We've worked hard every year," Holden said about the low-key celebration. "We know we have a legacy to keep doing and we know we have expectations to meet.

"We know we have a lot of work to go, we know this is the first step in a journey, to Michigan State, to play there. We have a long way to go."

Tucci said another district crown is "an amazing feeling, it's a great team every year. We're just really excited to get there and we play hard every year."

Led by Bressler, the Wildcats were razor sharp in both games. Their only relatively "down" periods of the day had nothing to do with their play.

A morning rain pushed the start of the Plymouth-Salem game back from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; then the Wildcats had to wait out a nearly three-hour game between the Rockets and Zebras, a contest with a combined 23 walks and 10 hit batters.

Chapter closes

The victory over Salem marked the end of the line for Overaitis, Rosiewicz, Caroline Miller and Morgan Reno.

Overaitis said it was tough to have her prep career conclude with such a lopsided defeat, but she gave props to Bressler.

"It was a tough loss, definitely didn't want to go out that way," Overaitis said. "But I'm excited to see what the next four years for me has in store (with the Wolverines)."

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PREP BASEBALL

White leads Churchill to district crown

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Once the state tournament started, Livonia Churchill baseball coach Ron Targosz decided he was going to ride with the hot hand.

And Mitch White has proven to be the ace up his sleeve as the Chargers captured their first Division 1 district title since 2007 with victories over Livonia Franklin, 10-0, and Garden City, 5-4, Saturday at Dearborn High.

White, a senior right-hander, threw a two-hitter and struck out 10 while allowing just one walk in the mercy rule victory against Franklin in the district final. He also went 3-for-4 at the plate with a two-run triple and three runs scored.

"We came out and we played hard,"
Targosz said. "Mitch just got more confident. I wanted to pitch him more. The
problem is, he's important for us at
shortstop, so he hasn't thrown as
much during the season because I
needed him at shortstop. But we figured we've got to go with our best guys
and Mitch pitched really well."

Other top hitters for Churchill, which improved to 17-19 overall, included Brendan Lowry (3-for-4, two doubles, RBI) and Drew Bush (3-for-4, two RBIs).

Franklin starter Ryan Celmer, who gave up seven runs in four innings, was the losing pitcher.

Jack Cronyn and Alex Forry collected the only hits for the Patriots (16-17-1), who had beaten Churchill in the three previous meetings this season.

Churchill advanced to the final with a 5-4 triumph over Garden City as White came on for starter Luke Jaroszewicz in the top of the seventh inning and got the save on just 10 pitches with a pair of strikeouts and a ground out.

Jaroszewicz allowed four runs (two earned) on seven hits and two walks over six innings. He also helped his own cause with a two-out, two-run double in the first inning.

Bush also went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, while Chris Sergison went 2-for-2, including a two-run double in the fifth. White chipped in with an RBI sacrifice fly during the three-run outburst.

Garden City starter Jacob Grant, who went 4½ innings, allowing five runs, took the loss. He also went 2-for-4 and scored two runs, while Jacob Wradysiak went 2-for-3 with a double. Kevin Widmer homered in the second.

In the other district semifinal, Franklin ousted the host Pioneers, 1-0, as winning pitcher Colin Metzler threw a compete-game two-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

Churchill now faces Grosse Pointe South (26-II) in the regional semifinal beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at Grosse Pointe North, while the second game, set for noon, pits University of Detroit-Jesuit and Detroit Western International. The winners face off at approximately 2 p.m.

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Tennis

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Dow was ranked No. 1 all season, while Northville was right behind at No. 2 in the statewide coaches poll. But this time, the tables were turned.

"I thought from the very beginning we could win," Jones said. "I believed and I think that's what makes this special ... it's not a fluke. It's a total team effort."

Northville reached the finals in six of eight flights, winning a pair of doubles titles, led by the No. I team of senior Serena Wang and junior Sophie Zhuang, who capped an unbeaten season with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over Dow's Tatum Matthews and Kelly Livingston in the finals. Wang and Zhuang never dropped a

"They were the best doubles team that the state had to offer this year," Jones said. "Nobody was going to touch

them. It didn't matter."

At No. 4 doubles, Northville's second-seeded duo of junior Connie Gao and freshman Sneha Ganan beat Dow's top-seeded team of Amelie Kraef and Reema Patel for the championship, 6-4,

At No. 2 doubles, Dow's Meghan Killmaster and Victoria Leiti took the title after Northville's Neha Chava, a senior, and Andrea Nam, the top seeds, fell in the semifinals to Bloomfield Hills in three sets, 6-7 (1-7), 6-3, 7-5.

Meanwhile, Dow's third-seeded team No. 3 doubles duo of Giacomina Fabiano and Christina Vanderkelen defeated Northville's fourth seeds, junior Madison DeYoung and freshman Michelle Tong, 6-2, 6-3, for the title.

At No. 1 singles, Northville senior Shanoli Kumar fell in the finals to Bloomfield Hills' Tia Mukherjee in a battle of top seeds, 6-0, 6-0. Kumar advanced to the final after ousting Plymouth's Jessica Braun in a pair of tiebreakers, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-2).

Northville sophomore Tori Mady then scored a valuable point when she defeated Dow's Zoe Angell for the second time this season in a No. 2 singles semifinal, 7-6 (7-3, 6-1). Huron's Miriam Gandam went on the capture the flight in three sets over Mady, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1, in a match-up of top seeds.

At No. 3 singles, Ann Arbor Skyline's Caroline Courtright defeated Northville

junior Renee Torres, 6-3, 6-2, for the title after Torres ousted top seed Sarah Ismail of Dow in a pivotal semifinal match, 6-3, 6-4. (Ismail won the flight the year before against Northville senior Joanne Gao.)

"Renee was sharp as a tack this morning and pulled a rabbit out of the hat," Jones said. "Those two singles matches against Dow this morning were huge because, obviously, they couldn't have earned more points. There was no way we expected to beat them and they did. It was great. It was so much fun."

Northville's No. 4 singles player Maya Mulchandani also reached the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Jenna Silverman of Bloomfield Hills in three sets, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

After the first day of play Friday and heading into Saturday's semifinals, Jones held a meeting with the players and parents following dinner and gave them a pep talk.

"The thing I harp on is we're in this together as a team," she said. "There's no one flight more important than the other and I'm not asking anything more that what you can achieve. I just need you to go out there and play to your potential. And just play. And if you leave it

on the court and you can't win, then there's no way you can be discouraged. And I said at the end of the day, you've got to remember winning and losing doesn't define you, but it's how you play the game. And you're going to play with dignity and class and you're going to play a good game. People are going to walk away and say, 'You know what? That Northville team is a pretty nice team. They make good calls, they were nice on the court."

Of the three state team titles, this may be the most satisfying for Jones as a coach.

"We're not a co-champion," she said.
"This means more to me than the first one and I think it's because that people can say you won a state championship, but that could be like a fluke. And then when we were co-champions – that was OK, but we were co-champions. This year, we're champions and we've done it three times now. It goes to show that the Northville program is here to stay. And we were underdogs. We were No. 2 in the state all season. Nobody expected us to win."

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PREP BASEBALL



Livonia Clarenceville players and coaches celebrate after winning their second straight Division 2 baseball district title.

Clarenceville repeats as district champ

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It's been quite a week for the Livonia Clarenceville baseball team.

The Trojans opened Division 2 district play May 29 with an II-1 victory over Redford Union and closed the deal Saturday at home by defeating Ferndale, 3-0, in the championship game after a 5-2 semifinal victory over Warren Fitzgerald

Clarenceville (15-13) played flawless defense and rode the arms of senior pitchers Nick Bisaro and Logan Calimazzo to repeat as district champion against Ferndale. The dynamic duo combined on a three-hitter with eight strikeouts.

"These guys pitched their butts off for us both games today," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "They both pitch so differently and it's a great combo that keeps teams off-balance."

Senior C.J. Ramsey delivered what proved to be the game-winning RBI single in the fourth inning for Clarenceville in the final. The Trojans added two more in the fifth on an RBI single by Calimazzo and an RBI double by Nick Snage.

"Our guys put all their personal agen-

das aside and and concentrated on what they could do for the team," Cotter said.

"Too many times, our guys get down on themselves or try and carry the team on their back. It did not happen in this game. A total team effort."

In the semifinal, the Trojans broke a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the sixth when Bisaro laid down a bunt that fooled the entire Fitzgerald infield, leading to not only one, but two runs. Calimazzo followed with an RBI sacrifice fly to cap the three-run inning.

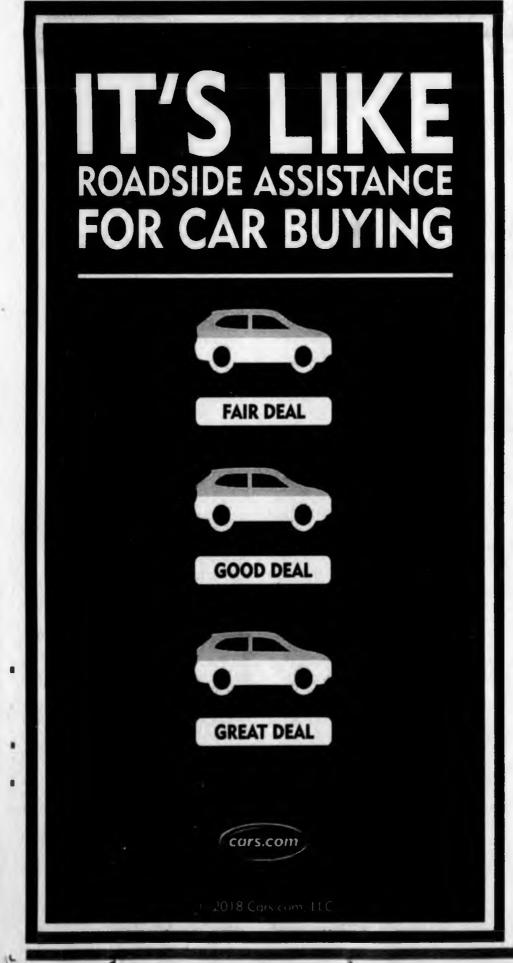
Snage went 2-for-3 and scored a run, while Zach Jones, Calimazzo and Bisaro also came up with big hits that impacted

the win over Fitzgerald.

Calimazzo threw the first four innings allowing two runs, while Bisaro came on for the final three innings to earn the victory. Bisaro did not a run on just two hits, while striking out four.

Clarenceville advances to the regional at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark. The Trojans face Melvindale, while the other semifinal, beginning at noon, pits Detroit Mumford and Center Line. The winners meet at approximately 2 p.m.

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Novi clears big district hurdle with win vs. Northville

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When the opportunity presents itself, Novi's Avery Fenchel isn't going to hesitate putting a shot on goal.

"Liking to score and wanting to score are two different things," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "I think she's a little more passionate because, on her club team, she plays more of an attacking midfielder, so she doesn't get as many scoring opportunities that she gets here and I think she just thrives in that moment. She does just have that instinct, she wants to score. It's something you can't teach, either you've got it or you don't."

The sophomore forward notched her team-leading 17th and 18th goals of the season as the Wildcats defeated rival Northville, 3-0, in the MHSAA Division 1 district semifinal May 24 at Livonia Stevenson.

All three Novi goals came during the second half as the Wildcats improved to 14-5-1 overall while booking a spot in the district championship against host Livonia Stevenson.

"One thing, actually, we've been trying to stress once we hit the state playoffs is being more of a second-half team," Pheiffer said. "If you look at the last couple of games we had at the end of the season, when we played No. 2 Grand Blanc ... we were winning 1-0 for 68 minutes and then it fell apart the last 12. Salem, we're up 1-0, and second half, again we kind of fell apart and let them come back and let them get two goals."

Novi didn't let that happen against the Mustangs, who played to a 3-3 tie with the Wildcats on April 19.

Novi exploded for three goals within a 6:55 span, starting when Fenchel made a steal and took advantage of a Northville turnover with 31:04 remaining to make it 1-0.

"I think my team got a great ball up there, she happened to bobble it and I happened to win it from her and put it in the back of the net," Fenchel said. "I think it changed the momentum of the game. Our team always works cohesively together and whoever scores the goal doesn't matter. We got all the momentum from that and keep moving forward for the second and goal, too."

The goal seemed to deflate the Mustangs.

"They all had a great attitude first half, I thought they all played really well, equal opportunities both ways, both teams were stepping up ... we give the ball away in the back half and everybody stops playing and it was downhill from there," Northville coach Eric Brucker said.

Junior Julia Stadtherr then made it 2-0 with her 11th goal of the year on a left-footed blast to the upper right corner that Northville keeper Ellie Thallman had no

Fenchel then struck again with 24:09 to go with an-



Novi's Avery Fenchel (left) and Northville's Taylor Nicholsen battle for the ball near the end of the first half. **DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM**

other well-placed shot just inside the the 18-yard box tans to cut the deficit to 2-1. to make it 3-0.

"I got a great ball from my team and I turned and hit it and I actually wasn't looking at the goal and it kind of just went in," Fenchel said. "They did a great job possessing up the field. I just happened to be in the right place to finish it."

The frustrating part is, if you watched how this bracket played out, we literally could have gone all the way to the finals and played teams we've already seen," Brucker said. "So we knew what we were coming up against. We just had to play each and every game. And second game in - 40 minutes - we didn't do it."

Northville finished the year a respectable 12-6-6 overall.

NOVI 3, STEVENSON 1: Penalty kicks proved to be the difference Saturday as the Wildcats (15-5-1) defeated host Livonia Stevenson (13-6-3) in the Division 1 district championship game.

Sophomore Avery Fenchel notched her 19th goal of the year for Novi, followed by PKs from Julia Stadtherr and Riely Schultz.

Abby Werthman countered with a PK for the Spar-

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Northville's Kostrzewa to enter hall of fame

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Northville's John Kostrzewa will be recognized by his peers next month, when he'll be inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The 45-year-old Kostrzewa, who is currently 377-95 overall with the Mustangs in just 14 seasons, said the award doesn't come without the contributions of many others, dating back to his playing days at Trenton High School.

"First of all, it's certainly an honor," Kostrzewa said. "To me, it's more of a program award than an individual award. I've been real fortunate to have an extremely dedicated and loyal coaching staff for a long time now at all three levels ... and then just some outstanding kids that have really bought into our philosophy on how to approach the game. So I've never thrown a ball or hit a ball or ran, any of that stuff. It's all on them. We've got great kids that really bought into as far as what we try to teach in baseball."

In 2005, Kostrzewa took over the Mustangs varsity program from Mickey Newman and has shaped it into one of the state's best. He has guided North-ville to Il division, one Association and

seven conference crowns, as well as one MHSAA Division 1 regional championship and five district titles.

He has compiled four 30-win plus seasons and another eight 20-win plus campaigns. Last year, Northville made it all the way to the Division 1 state finals before losing to Saline, 5-2, and his 2018 first

team is 27-7 overall.

Former Western Michigan University teammate Bill Flohr serves as his righthand man on the varsity staff, along with assistants Tom Cotter, Ken Spratke and Roy Anderson.

Meanwhile, Robert Yanagi, Mike Malley, Mike Lindman and William Yanagi handle the JV duties, while Tim Cain, Don Deptula and Tim Parent serve as freshman coaches.

"The things they do for this program are extremely unselfish and they're just happy to be a part of the program and that's how I feel," Kostrzewa said.

Prior to taking over the varsity baseball position at Northville, Kostrzewa was an assistant freshman baseball coach in 2004 at Plymouth under Flohr. From 1998-99, he was Newman's assistant at Northville.

He's also won many other coaching caps, serving as a varsity assistant hockey coach at Northville for three sea-

sons (2003-06) with Brad
O'Neill. Kostrzewa was an assistant football coach in 1997-98 for
the Mustangs under Darryl
Schumacher, coaching alongside
current athletic director Bryan
Masi.

Kostrzewa was a four-year varsity player at Trenton, the first two years under Julius Koenigsknecht and final two for Vic Bechard. Another coach who helped shape Kosztrewa's career was late Bob Kreszyn, who was an assistant all four of those years at Trenton.

"I've been real lucky that I've had some outstanding mentors," Kostrzewa said. (Koenigsknecht) is the one who gave me a chance to play varsity baseball as a freshman and he brought in a football mentality to baseball in terms of practice structure, attention to detail. I learned a lot of about the fundamentals at that point. And then, of course, after my freshman year, I was lucky enough to play American Legion ball first for Tom Noland. He and Bob Ambrose, who was his longtime assistant and athletic director at the time at Lincoln Park High, were just outstanding mentors for me. I learned a lot about the type of person you should be. It was a lot more than just X's and O's. It was about attention to detail and how you carry

that on to everything else if you want to be successful."

Kostrzewa played baseball for one season at the University of Kentucky under Keith Madison before transferring and playing his final three years at WMU for Fred Decker.

"I've been able to be around extremely successful coaches, but they were also great people as well and a lot of people that were respected," said Kostrzewa, who has spent the past 21 years as a physical education teacher at Northville High. "The names were synonymous with respect and I owe it all to those guys, really."

Meanwhile, it was during his days at Trenton where the groundwork was laid.

"I was always a hockey, baseball guy and I felt like I owed everything to baseball," Kostrzewa said. "I had great parents, they were always super supportive. But in terms character building, hard work, all those things ... were really fostered by playing for the people that I played for. I love the game of baseball, it's given me everything. Not only did I felt like I wanted to, but felt obligated and needed in a sense to give back the same way that people gave to me."

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville's small ball too much for CC, South Lyon

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Bunting in baseball may have become a lost art, but it served Northville quite well in MHSAA Division district championship game Saturday at Walled Lake Western.

The Mustangs, last year's state runners-up, survived a couple of key tests to advance to the June 9 regional at Novi with a 2-1 nine-inning win over Novi Detroit Catholic Central, followed by a 4-2 triumph in the district final over South Lyon.

Little-used junior Kameron Unger came up big, delivering a pair of clutch sacrifice bunts to play a pivotal role in both victories as the Mustangs improved to 30-7 overall.

And it been a while since Unger had successfully laid one down. You had to go all the way back to third game of the season against Canton.

"I had one before this and it was a pretty good feeling to get it done today in a big game like this," Unger said. "It's just something we practice a lot. We make sure we get them down and it's a big part of the game in our program."

Northville collected just two hits through the first six innings off South Lyon starter Ronnie Menard, a crafty junior left-hander.

Locked in a 2-2 deadlock in the top of the seventh, Jake Moody reached base safely on an error. And as he did in the opener against CC, the 5-foot-7, 160pound Unger successfully moved over courtesy runner Robbie Yanagi to second base with a sacrifice bunt.

Spencer Ziparo then followed with the game-winning single and later scored himself on a dropped outfield ball by South Lyon.

Northville's submarine throwing right-hand reliever Jordan Shaffer, who picked up the win, throwing 3% scoreless innings of relief, then retired the side in the bottom of the seventh to close out the victory.

Meanwhile, in the win over CC, Northville won it on in walk-off fashion after Moody and Alex Garbacik both drew a walk from reliever Billy Compton to open the bottom of the ninth.

And in a obvious bunting situation with no outs, Unger came on to bat for Trevor Schornack and dropped down another beauty in front of the mound. Compton fielded the ball cleanly and tried to cut down the lead runner at third, but his throw got away as courtesy runner Brendan Rudolph came around to score the game-winner.

"We've done things like that in preparation for a time like this all year long," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "When we left B.P. this morning, we told them the coaching staff believes in every single player and they believe in one another. It didn't matter what stage of the game, or whatever, that we were going to put guys in situations that we prepared for since basically January ... (Unger) has done it before and in that stage he does it again. We talk every game, ev-



Northville's Brendan Rudolph (left) is greeted at home plate as fans celebrate the winning run in the 10th inning against Catholic Central. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Locked in a 2-2 deadlock in the top of erybody has to be ready at any given

Northville jumped out to a 2-0 firstinning lead against South Lyon (21-11) getting a two-out double from Billy Flohr, followed by two successive infield throwing errors by the Lions.

South Lyon answered with two in the third on back-to-back RBI singles by Brian Plohetski and Chris Sadler after Colton Jason walked and Will Kelley doubled.

But the Lions, who had quality scoring chances also in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, couldn't capitalize. South Lyon left a total of 10 runners stranded against starter Ben Schmidt (the winning pitcher in relief against CC), along with Shaffer.

"That bunt hurt us, too, when we didn't get it down," South Lyon coach Bill Heidt said of a failed fifth-inning attempt leading to the second out. "They had the guy picked off second. That didn't help, but we had other opportunities to score. We had bases loaded and one out and didn't score. We had second and third in another inning and didn't score."

Catholic Central (18-17), meanwhile, left 10 runners on base in the loss to Northville. The Shamrocks' lone run came in the third off Northville starter Jon Michalak on an RBI double by Kan-

Northville tied it in the sixth inning on an RBI fielder's choice by Nick Prystash after a walk to Steven Morrissey, a sacrifice bunt by Jake McWilliams and a single by Christian Williams.

Michalak, who reached the 105-pitch limit in seven innings, gave up only three hits. He walked three, hit two batters and struck out seven before giving way Schmidt in the eighth.

Kanclerz threw 90 pitches through his eight innings allowing just six hits and a walk while fanning five before being lifted.

"We wanted to make sure the guy coming in was in a comfortable situation," CC coach Dan Michaels said. "We thought he'd be more comfortable starting the inning instead of switching him in mid-inning, so that's why I made the decision to start Billy (Compton) in the bottom of that (ninth) inning. I felt more comfortable starting him than bringing him in because he (Kanclerz) was going to run out of pitches in the beginning of that inning."

Here are some other takeaways:

MARTIN STELLAR

Another lefty for the Lions, junior Brandon Martin, tossed a three-hit masterpiece in a 2-0 district semifinal triumph over host Western (9-21).

Martin, who threw just 85 pitches, struck out seven and did not walk a batter in outdueling Western starter Davis Hixson, who went six innings allowing six hits and one walk while striking out three.

Both runs were unearned, coming in

the third and fourth innings.

Plohetski collected three hits, including a double, and scored the game-winning run in the third. Kelley came in on another Warriors error in the fourth.

IMPROVED SEASON

South Lyon doubled its victory total from the previous season and the future looks bright.

"I'm so proud of the kids of the way they performed this year," Heidt said.



Northville pitcher Ben Schmidt. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We had 10 wins all of last year and we turned that around and had 21 this year. It's a credit to the seniors and the boys in that dugout. They came to work hard. And they figured some things out if they played as a team, they could do some things. I can't be more proud than I am now of them."

The Lions return several key underclassmen, including left-handed hitter Nate Logan, who homered six times this season, along with several other starters in the Northville game, including Plohetski, Steven Shelton, Jason Colton, Menard and Martin.

ADVANCE, SURVIVE

Northville will next face Farmington in the regional semifinals beginning at noon Saturday, June 9, at Novi High School. The first game of the double-header, which begins at 10 a.m., features White Lake Lakeland and Hartland.

"This time of the year, all the games, for the most part, are like this no matter who you play," Kostrzewa said. "(South Lyon) competed every at-bat, they competed in the field. That's a really tough team to play against. We got up 2-0, kind of sat back, but they kept swinging and hitting balls hard. And (Jordan) Shaffer came in and really did an awe-some job – bases loaded, guys in scoring position most of the time and getting out of it ... that, obviously, was the difference and helped us remain tied, and give a chance to score at the end."

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Lakeland's Stark leads area D-1 performers

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White Lake Lakeland's Grace Stark completed a unique double during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field state finals at East Kentwood.

The junior was one of the meet's individual stars as she established a new all-class record of 13.16 seconds in winning the 100-meter hurdles. Oak Park's Aasia Laurencin was second in 13.54.

And just moments later, Stark did it again by winning the 100 dash in 11.74, only the second sprinter in Division 1 or Class A history to achieve the feat.

Stark was runner-up in both events last year to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Britten Bowen, who elected not to return her senior year to defend her hurdles title, and Wayne Memorial's Anavia Battle, who was an all-Big Ten performer as a freshman this year at Ohio State, in the

"Someone might beat me, but I lost to two great runners, so it wasn't as much of a loss as I thought it would be," Stark told Wright Wilson of the Detroit Free Press. "I won them both last week at the Oakland County meet and that's my favorite atmosphere, but I'm really glad I was able to win here and do it two weeks in a row.

Despite the short break in between events, Stark came right back to capture the 100 as East Kentwood's Qe'Neisha was second in 11.86 seconds.

"I'm used to running both back to back and usually winning, but I just wanted to keep the emotions in until the end and not worry about the tiredness that I had," Stark told the Free Press.

Oak Park captured its fourth team title in five years with 66 points, with runner-up Rockford (59%), host East Kentwood (52), Lake Orion (48), Northville (41). Detroit Renaissance (33), Ann Arbor Pioneer (27), Lakeland (20) and Lansing Waverly (19) rounding out the

Northville sophomore Clare McNamara became the first Mustang since 39-3. Chloe Abbott (Purdue) did it 2016 (200, 400) to earn a state individual title by feet, 71/2 inches.

Senior Erin McCallum also took third (18-0) and ranks second all-time among

Northvile long jumpers. "It was everything I could have hoped



Lakeland's Grace Stark celebrates after capturing the 100-meter hurdles in the Division 1 finals. WRIGHT WILSON | DETROIT

for," McCallum said. "It was a great way to end my senior year."

Northville scored 16 points alone in the long jump.

McNamara was runner-up in the 400 (55.67) and anchored Northville to a runner-up finish in the 1,600 relay, joining Abby Dunn, Savannah Manley and **Yasmine Affes (3:55.33).**

McNamara also teamed with Manley, McCallum and Affes for fourth in the 800 relay (1:39.31).

Also earning a state title was Novi senior Hannah Hood-Blaxill, who cleared 5-6 to win on few misses over Muskegon Mona Shores sophomore Elizabeth Knoll.

Here's a list of winners and other area all-state performers (top eight) from Saturday's Division 1 meet.

Shot put: 1. Corinne Jemison (East Kentwood), 49 feet, 1134 inches (meet record); 4. Valadian Pallett (Farmington), 41-114; Lyniah Wilson (Salem), 39-9; 6. Ashley Micheaux (Wayne),

Discus: 1. Malin Smith (Waverly), 163-9 (meet record); 3. Pallett (Farming-

High jump: 1. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-6; 4. Heather Meadows (Birmingham Seaholm), 5-4; Lily Mueller (South Lyon), 5-4; 8. Makayla Ward (Sa-

Long jump: 1. Clare McNamara (Northville), 18-7½; 3. Erin McCallum (Northville), 18-0; 7. Oliva Lopez (Bloomfield Hills), 17-0%.

Pole vault: 1. Jessica Mercier (Waterford Kettering), 12-10; 5. Victoria Faber (Canton), 11-9; 8. Cate Visscher (Livonia Churchill), 11-3.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Grace Stark (White Lake Lakeland), 13.16 (meet

record). 300 hurdles: 1. Melissa Symons

(Lake Orion), 43.02; 8. Hannah Blakey (Farmington Hills Mercy), 44.89. 100 dash: 1. Stark (Lakeland), 11.74;

7. Jade Sabir (Canton), 12.18; 8. Reghan Draper (Plymouth), 12.28. 200: 1. Aasia Laurencin (Oak Park), 24.64; 2. Jade Sabir (Canton), 24.80: 7.

Draper (Plymouth), 25.31. 400: 1. Miyah Brooks (Oak Park), 55.12; 2. McNamara (Northville), 55.67; 6. Jada Sabir (Canton), 58.69.

800: 1 Katie Osika (Waterford Mott), 2:08.88; 4. Victoria Heiligenthal (Milford), 2:12.14.

1,600: 1. Ericka VanderLende (Rockford), 4:45.17; 3. Rachel McCardell (Seaholm), 4:51.33; 7. Gabrielle Swider (Churchill), 4:55.13; 8. Ana Barrott (Northville), 4:56.68.

3,200: 1. Anne Forsyth (Ann Arobr Pioneer), 10:08.07; 4. McCardell (Seaholm), 10:35.32.

400 relay: 1. Detroit Renaissance (Imani Jackson, Donae Adams, Paige Chapman, Mizan Thomas), 47.42; 6. Northville (Claire Wan, Melanie Sarafian, Lauren Marshall, McCallum), 49.02; 8. Westland John Glenn (Taylor Watkins, Kyanna Stribling, Nikole Gipson, Alona Olshevska), 49.31.

800 relay: 1. Renaissance (Makylah Slappy, Thomas, Chapman, Adams), 1:39.31; 4. Nortrhville (Savannah Manley, McCallum, Yasmine Affes. McNamara), 1:42.63; 8. John Glenn (aylor Watkins, Kyanna Stribling, Nikole Gipson, Alona Olshevska), 1:44.61.

1,600 relay: 1. Oak Park (Makayla Gates, Jayla Jones, Mariyah Archibald, Dorianne Coleman), 3:51.01; 2. Northville (Abby Dunn, Manley, Affes, McNamara), 3:55.33.

3.200 relay: 1. Oak Park (Coleman.

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BOYS TRACK

Harrison's 400 relay team captures D-1 title

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Host East Kentwood dominated the field events and the rest of the schools Saturday couldn't catch up in the running events at the MHSAA Division 1 boys track and field state finals.

The host Falcons racked up a total of 61 points, including 35 off the track, to repeat and garner their seventh state title in the past 10 years.

Ann Arbor Pioneer (39), Saline (37), Grand Blanc (37), Rockford (35) rounded out the top five.

Farmington Hills Harrison was the lone area team to come away with a title as the Hawks' 400-meter relay team of Moet Andrews, Alfred Hollie, Joe Stevens, Ben Williams came out of the second heat to post the best time among the 24 state qualifiers in 42.39.

Here the meet's individual winners and area all-state (top eight) performers from the Division 1 finals.

Field events

Shot put: 1. Logan Brown (East Kentwood), 57 feet, 1% inches; discus: 1. Aidan Martini (Grand Blanc), 167-2; 6. Jordan Turner (Farmington), 160-2; Nicholas Dell (White Lake Lakeland), 153-6; high jump: 1. Cassidy Henshaw (Traverse City Central), 6-9; long jump: 1. A.J. Abbott (West Bloomfield), 23-7%; pole vault: 1. Trevor Stephenson (East Kentwood), 16-9% (meet record).

Running events
110-meter hurdles: 1. Job Mayhue (East Kentwood), 13.99;
4. Ben Barton (Birmingham Seaholm), 14.93; 300 hurdles: 1.
Keshaun Harris (Lansing Waverly), 37.8; 2. Barton (Seaholm),
38.02; 5. Sharriff Dyer (Salem), 38.92; 8. Carson Jensen (Milford), 39.52; 100 dash: 1. Erik LaBonte (Traverse City West),
10.66; 6. Joe Stevens (Farmington Hills Harrison), 10.86; 200: 1.
Donnie James (Oak Park), 21.02; 5. Brandon Kearney (Northville), 22.20; 400: 1. James (Oak Park), 47.4; 800: 1. Cole Johnson (Rockford), 1:53.11; 4. Nicholas Couyoum;jian (Northville),
154.57; 1,600: 1. Johnson (Rockford), 4:08.47; 3,200: 1. Nick
Foster (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 9:07.93; 4 Gabe Mudel (Novi),
9:09.84; 7. Evan White (Milford), 9:16.09.

400 relay: 1. Harrison (Moet Andrews, Alfred Hollie, Joe Stevens, Ben Williams), 42.39; 8. Novi (Leon Chen, Brian You, Nisarg Dharia, Sean Pitcher), 42.97; 800 relay: 1. Detroit King (Jaeveyon Morton, Dylan Brown, DeQuan Firn, Jalen McGaughy), 1:26.74; 5 Salem (John Paul DeLa Cruz, Dyer, Jason Warras, Andrew Davis), 1:28.96; 6. Novi (Chen, Brendan Ireland, Dharia, Pitcher), 1:29.25; 1,600 relay: 1. Grand Blanc (Austin Rippee, Victor Zarour, Jo Coleman, Jeronn Body), 3:20.48; 5. Northville (Brandon Liu, Couyoumjian, Nolan Knight, Kearney), 3:22.62; 3,200 relay: 1. Pioneer (Netunji Paige, Aldo Pandofiard, John Florence, Foster), 7:49.64; 3. Plymouth (Ethan Byrnes, Carter Solomon, Brandon Boyd, Patrick Byrnes), Byrnes, Carter Solomon, Brandon Boyd, Patrick Byrnes), 7:49.54; 4. Novi (Matthew Gustitus, Blake Maday, Mudel, Na-thaniel Wood), 7:50.53; 8. Lakeland (Cody McCornas, Luke Perry, Harrison Grzymkowski, Drew Wenger), 7:56.08.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Novi coach Sinawi takes Detroit CC job

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In what may be considered a blockbuster move involving a neighboring school, Novi Detroit Catholic Central High has tabbed Novi's Brandon Sinawi as its new varsity basketball coach.

The 37-year-old Sinawi, who guided the Wildcats to a 17-9 record and the school's first trip to the MHSAA Class A boys state semifinals this past season, earned the nod among 25 applicants for the CC job to replace Bill Dyer, who resigned in April following 12 seasons.

In his four years at Novi, Sinawi won three straight district championships. His 2016-17 team reached the regional final, losing in a controversial finish to West Bloomfield in two overtimes, 72-71, and his 2015-16 squad finished 14-10 while earning a district crown.

Novi captured its first regional title in school history last March over previously unbeaten Ann Arbor Skyline, followed by a 75-73 quarterfinal win over Belleville. The Wildcats lost to Holland West Ottawa, 53-50, in the final four at Michigan State's Breslin Center.

"Leaving Novi is not an easy thing to do," Sinawi said. "However, I have expectations and visions of a quality basketball program. And at this point, I think to further bolster my abilities as a coach and what I feel what the expectation and vision is, I think I have a better opportunity to pursue that at Catholic

Sinawi posted an overall record of 61-35 at Novi after going 30-35 the previous three seasons at Livonia Stevenson.

Sinawi was among the five finalists interviewed for the CC position by a selection committee led by Aaron Babicz. the school's athletic director.

"The biggest thing, I think, is his commitment to family, the game of basketball and building relationships with his players," Babicz said. "The thing I love about Brandon is, and one of the things he said that I think hit the Sinawi head on the nail for us, was the fact that his players are going to

know they're going to be held accountable and that he loves them. I think that's a huge part of it and they're going to get coached with a lot of intensity and attention to detail. And he's going to incorporate his faith, which is nice. He's very excited about that and sees it as a huge benefit."

Sinawi said his coaching staff issues at Novi below the varsity boys basketball program also prompted him to apply at Catholic Central.

"It wasn't the ultimate factor, but it definitely played a role in my decision," he said. "But really, to leave a great program in Novi and to take on another terrific program in Catholic Central, it's a unique opportunity that I just didn't want to pass up. It's also a (Catholic) faith thing for me, an opportunity ... I'm very strong in my faith and the decision was made with both myself and my wife. It's a good opportunity for my family as well. And I'm just excited about the opportunity to coach there."

Sinawi played high school basketball at Farmington Hills Harrison where he graduated in 1999. He holds a degree in P.E. and health from Eastern Michigan University and a master's in educational leadership from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He was an assistant, ironically, at Stevenson under Dyer, who went on to coach 12 varsity seasons at CC, where he compiled a 141-110 overall record, which included one Class A regional and five



district titles, along with one Catholic League A-B Division and Operation Friendship crown the same season (2011-12).

Catholic Central finished 12-9 in Dyer's final season, falling 55-48 to Canton in the opening round of the Salem district. Several key players return next sea-

son from that Shamrocks squad. "I felt very comfortable, very at home," Sinawi said regarding the CC interview process. "Their vision and my vision was exactly the same and looking at what I wanted to instill in the program. And having complete ownership in the staff ... and just the values, what they believe in and how I also can connect on players on a different level with my faith is important to me. I'm very passionate person. I think anybody that's played and has coached with me can understand that. And this is just another opportunity for me to further what I've been taught, what Novi has provided me, what Stevenson has provided me, my previous coaches and Bill

Sinawi turned in his resignation May 25 to Novi athletic director Brian Gor-

"We thank Brandon and for everything he's done for the kids here in Novi," Gordon said. "He certainly worked extremely hard and, for that, we thank him. We wish him the best of luck as he embarks on a new endeavor at Catholic Central and I'm sure we will cross paths again soon, most likely in the district tournament."

Sinawi met Tuesday afternoon with the returning Novi players in a meeting to inform them of his move.

"There's a lot of factors that go into coaching high school basketball and, obviously, I've had a great experience coaching in Novi, great success in the program, growth in players, great support in the community," Sinawi said. "And I've been very grateful for the opportunity to work with outstanding groups of young men who worked hard and gave me everything that they could give and they had great commitment to the program."

Sinawi teaches at Novi Middle School just a stone's throw from Catholic Central, off Wixom Road — where he is a health and physical education instruc-

"This hasn't been easy for me," Sinawi said. "I teach in the district. I'm a teacher, first. I absolutely love teaching in Novi and I'll continue to support Novi kids. And hopefully, I can bridge any gap between Novi and CC, because I guess they're rivals. It's a great community and there's nothing personal against Novi and nothing personal against the players. It's just the best decision I felt for me and for my family and I'm excited

"Hopefully, there's no animosity towards me leaving, but I know there's going to be people that are upset and I can't control that perception. I know why I'm leaving. My parents and players will know why and everybody else's perception, I can't control. I really can't let that bother me.'

Sinawi is the second high-profile varsity coach to resign this past month at

Jen Cottrill, who guided the volleyball team to four straight Class A state finals and three consecutive state championships, also stepped down after six seasons, with a 286-24-2 overall

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GIRLS LACROSSE

Brighton trips Northville to reach final four

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You can't blame the Brighton girls lacrosse squad for being a little superstitious.

After winning its first MHSAA Division I regional title since 2011 with a 14-9 win Friday over Northville, the Bulldogs players and coaches did not want to touch the trophy.

"It's a big déjà vu thing because like our hockey team – they let a fan get it and they won states, so we're, like, 'We should do the same thing,' see if we get the same kind of thing," Brighton senior attack Hannah Kelley said. "It's for the fans. So I don't know, it's like a big voodoo thing."

Instead, they handed it off to senior Adam Schira, who rushed out of the stands and raised the trophy above his head during the post-match celebration, much to the delight of the Brighton contingent.

"He's been our biggest fan for the longest time," Kelley said. "Like a senior, he's just moved with us the entire time that we've played lacrosse."

With the win, Brighton (12-7) moves into Wednesday's scheduled state semifinals vs. Bloomfield Hills (10-6).

"I am so extremely excited," Brighton coach Ashton Peters said. "I wanted my girls to feel this. And this group of seniors, especially, really deserve this feeling. For years, I've been watching them since I was in college and they have been working so hard for what we got today and continuing on. Our goal has been all season to make it to states and they 100 percent put the work in as a team. We are playing together – which took a little bit a time

to get to – but we're playing as a team and they deserve to be at this point where they are at. It makes me happy as a coach, because I know they have worked for where we're at."

Peters and her assistant coach Lauren Cole were both members of Brighton's 2011 Division 1 state championship team.

"Extremely special," Peters said. "I just wanted this feeling for these girls, because I've been there and chased that. I wanted them to have the same memories I had ... and we're getting there."

Brighton defeated Northville (15-5-1) in an earlier meeting, 18-8, but the rematch proved to be much more competitive.

The Bulldogs led 7-4 at halftime and were able to create enough of a cushion in the second half to close out the match with a five-goal victory.

"Even though we beat them earlier in the season, we told the girls you cannot come in thinking we're going to win this game," Peters said. "We have to play intensely. There's definitely some things

that went wrong in the game, but the girls came together. Our defense did communicate more, our attack was able to take more control of the ball and of the field and I think that, ultimately, won us the game."

> Senior Jessica Daniels and Hannah Kelley both scored five goals to lead Brighton. Other contributions came from senior Mackenzie Kelbert and sophomore Catherine Kopchia (the team's face-off specialist), both with a goal and two assists.

> "We just had to make smart plays and buckle down," Kelley said. "We been practicing ... this is, like, we wanted to get to this point. And we're, like, 'We can do this, we can get to states.' We've had that mentality and we said, 'Let's go, let's go.' We just hyped each other up and I think that showed in the game tonight."

Senior Allison Falk scored twice, while senior Brianna Nantz also chipped in two assists. Junior Makenna Wiljanen collected an assist.

"They're just skilled all the way around, they're fast, their sticks are pretty solid," Northville coach Dan Madigan said of the Bulldogs. "When they get the ball on their stick, they're going to finish in front of the net, so it's hard to contain."

The Mustangs' top point-getter, junior attack Kendall Wasik, came into the match with 78 goals and 46 assists. She

finished two goals and two assists on the night.

"We came into this game trying to take a little more pressure off of Kendall to get some other people involved," Madigan said. "They're a physical team. I think they just played well and they played good defense."

Freshman Mina McCorry paced Northville's offense with three goals, while Ella Tarasi contributed two.

"When you're playing for a trophy, you play with passion, you play with a lot of energy," Madigan said. "I commend our girls. We challenged them yesterday to come out and have fun, have a good time and play with that passion we love. And they did."

The Mustangs graduate seven seniors, including captains Gillian Croteau and Hana Koilpillai, along with Pearson Candela, Natalia Zamudio, Tash Nalumansi, Ivy Sanders and Stacie Shaw.

"This has been an amazing season," Madigan said. "This senior class has had a lot of success and they were great leaders for us. Some names you'll never see in the stat sheets or anything like that. Pearson Candela and some of these girls have never played positions where we put them in and they did it with a smile. I couldn't be more proud."

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BOYS LACROSSE

Catholic Central stops South Lyon for regional title

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Joey Kamish proved during the MHSAA Division 1 boys lacrosse regional final that he can come at you from all angles

The junior attack tallied seven goals May 30, including one of his patented behind-the-back shots, to go along with one assist as Novi Detroit Catholic Central captured its fifth straight regional crown with a 17-8 victory over South Lyon Unified at Walled Lake Northern.

Kamish nearly reached his season high of eight goals as the Shamrocks, who got off to a bit of a slow start with a 4-3 first period advantage, improved to 17-2 overall.

But in the second quarter, CC went on

an 8-3 run to lead 12-6 at intermission.

"We really started to trust our offense," Kamish said. "At the beginning, we were having too many guys trying to dodge through everyone. Then most of our goals started coming off cuts and picks and a lot of off ball movement and then our offense started working really

well."
Other CC goals came from Peter
Thompson, who contributed three;
Ryan Birney and Ethan Pattinson with
two apiece; and one by Justin Petouhoff.

Ryan Sullivan finished with three assists, while Thompson had two. Pattinson also contributed an assist.

The Shamrocks outscored SLU 4-2 in the third quarter to take a commanding 16-8 advantage as Kamish scored three in a row.

"He's pretty slick, has a lot of moves and he's just very fluid, finds his way in the back of the net," CC coach Dave Wilson said of Kamish.

Here are four other takeaways:

KUDOS TO SLU

The Lakes Valley Conference champions finished the year with an 18-3 record.

South Lyon got at hat trick from junior Nick Harvath, along with two goals apiece from Silvio Scappaticci and Mitch Tashman.

Junior face-off man Hunter Sutton also had a goal and stood out in the faceoff circle, along with senior Makoto Roy, as they combined to win 14 draws against the Shamrocks' seven.

"I thought South Lyon played very well and they came out and they played very hard the entire game," Wilson said. "I don't think we matched their intensity and that was a bit of a problem for us. So I think when we were actively engaged, started hustling to ground balls and challenging things, that's when some things started dropping our way."

SOLID EFFORT

South Lyon junior goalie Quinn Uphoff also stood out with 13 saves in a losing cause, but it wasn't enough to stave off the state's top-ranked team in Division 1.



South Lyon Unified's Joe Calo (left) tries to slow down CC's Connor Beals. DAVE DONOHER

"Our defense got tired," SLU coach Justin Boughton said. "And that's what I told you last week, the best defense is going to be a good offense. (CC) just held possession for a little bit and were able to work it around. Our boys played their tails off. It was a great game, it was a great season. These young men have a lot to be proud of and it was an awesome game. I'm glad we got here and glad we got to back-to-back regional finals. It was an awesome experience."

LOOKING FORWARD

After four years of being a unified program consisting of players from both South Lyon and South Lyon East high schools, the Lakes Valley Conference has mandated the teams will have to be split up for the 2010 seesen.

split up for the 2019 season.
This year's combined SLU roster consisted of 36 players, including 12 seniors, 19 juniors, five sophomores and one freely an arrangement.

"I'm sure it will happen again, we'll be back, we'll be strong," Boughton said. "It's unfortunate it's our last year of unified. We're trying to make a push, regional finals again is awesome. We were hoping for a little bit more, but these boys have a lot to hang their hats on and be proud of."

Next year's numbers, minus the incoming freshman class, currently project 34 players at South Lyon and 18 at East, according to Boughton.

"I have yet to decide," said Boughton,

"I have yet to decide," said Boughton, who was in his second full season as the unified coach. "I'm going to now take some time, I'll take a photo real quick and let you know."

But despite the regional final setback, Boughton will take home a slew of memories.

"The experience, the bond, the brotherhood that these young men showed," he said. "It was a great, great time, something definitely I'm going to miss and it's going to be tough to replacing them."

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Kamish

Defending state champ Rice averts upset

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Nobody said it was going to be easy for Birmingham Brother Rice to win its 14th straight MHSAA Division 1 boys lacrosse state title.

The Warriors found themselves staggered and on the ropes before rallying in the final quarter with a 4-1 run for a 9-8 victory over upset-minded Northville in the quarterfinals Friday at Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

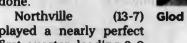
Trailing 7-5 entering the fourth, the Warriors dug deep to earn the victory, getting three goals from junior midfielder Justin Glod while holding the Mustangs scoreless for 22 minutes, 10 seconds during the second half.

"On offense, we were just getting the ball moving," Glod said. "We were beating our guys, drawing slides and we were just moving it well. And actually, the ball started finding the net more. We started shooting more. We realized the more we shoot, the more we score. That's what it came down to the end."

On three different occasions Northville enjoyed four-goal leads of 4-0, 6-2 and 7-3 before the Warriors (13-7) charged back.

"What led to the comeback was everybody came together and we said, "This is not the way we want it to end," Glod said. "This is no way that we want our seniors to leave. We just really just

put it together and had all the boys together and coach (A.J. Chawla) fired us up. We just came together and just got it done."



a good thing."

played a nearly perfect first quarter, leading 3-0 on goals by freshman Shane Alexander, junior Jack Harris (from Jake Khoury)

Alexander).

"They won face-offs, they buried the shots when they had the chance and that's what made them tough," Chawla said. "We didn't bury shots early. We did what we normally do. We put a lot of balls on the goalie's stick, which wasn't

and freshman Nicholas Salamone (from

Both teams scored twice in the second quarter, with Nicholas Salamone and Alexander scoring unassisted for the Mustangs, while Dylan Braddock and Tim Washe (from Pat O'Hara) countered for Rice.

In the third quarter, the skies opened up with a pouring rain as Northville got goals from Alexander (from Nicholas Salamone) and Nicholas Salamone (from Jake Khoury).

But Rice closed the gap to 7-5 on back-to-back goals, first by D.J. Dixon, followed by Dom Dadabbo's score with just 37.2 seconds left in the same quarter.

And the Warriors kept coming in the



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fourth with Glod scoring a hat trick, along with Braddock's game-tying goal with 6:58 left from Mike Cosgrove.

"They were trying to hold the ball, they were trying to press out a little

on defense, but not too much," said Glod, who got the gamewinner with 4:47 remaining. "They were trying to play it safe and win a lot of face-offs, try and get possession."

With only 2.5 seconds left, Ethan Wenrick scored for the Mustangs off an assist from Anthony Salamone, but it was too little, too late.

"(Rice) are a little bit deeper than we are, that definitely played a factor, but our guys continued to play their hearts out," first-year Northville coach Shaun Dicken said. "We definitely let them know who Northville lacrosse is."

The Mustangs, who just two days earlier captured their first regional title in school history, used an effective scheme stay to frustrate the Warriors.

"We knew that our defense is very good and can play with anybody in the state, so we were kind of banking on our defense being able to hold them at bay, which they did a great job of until the end of the game," Dicken said. "Our game plan was to possess the ball every chance we get and we knew it would be tough to score on. Limiting our amount of possessions was our best chance to

win. We just ran out of gas at the end."
Northville sophomore goalie Jeff Varner played another outstanding game with nine saves.

"I could not be prouder of the guys that I coached," Dicken said. "The growth that they showed over the course of the year was absolutely amazing. The coaching staff and I looked a month ago and never thought we'd be here. And these guys changed what they did at practice, changed every day the way they played the game and it showed."

"We haven't had the advantage of going out and busting guys up right off the bat, so we've had to battle this year," Chawla said. "And they battled. We've been on the other side, we've been on that Northville side before. And we knew what it was like and our guys responded. Character is everything and poise is everything. And we didn't have it because we were playing with a lot of young guys at the beginning of the year. But guys are growing up and some guys came in - Christian Stallworth came in and filled in when Mason Everly went down and Christian played great today. We lost our starting left attack Jordan Hyde yesterday in practice with a broken hand ... next man up, that's what you've got to do."

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BOYS LACROSSE

Brash goalie, stifling 'D' spark Northville to title

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Here's how much Northville's varsity boys lacrosse team was feeling it May 30 against Plymouth in a Division 1 regional final

Junior goalkeeper Jeff Varner ranged a good 20 yards out of his net and flipped a behind-the-back outlet pass to a teammate. And when he stayed in front of the cage, he frustrated the Wildcats time and again as the host Mustangs rolled to a history-making 12-5 victory

The regional championship was the first in Northville program history.

"Their goalie, Jeff Varner, was MVP of the game," Plymouth head coach Ray Miller said. "Not only his clearing ability, but saving the ball, I think at certain points that sucked the life out of us. He made a lot of good saves on us and our offense just was not clicking like we typically do."

Varner drew the loudest cheers when he collected his individual regional championship medal following the match. One reason, perhaps, was that he amazingly scored the game-winning goal May 23 in a regional semifinal win over top-seeded Saline.

"That's how Jeff plays," first-year Northville head coach Shaun Dicken said. "Sometimes risky. In our regional semifinal, he scored the game-winning goal, he went coast-to-coast."

Playing with confidence

Asked about his aggressive, yet totally in control style of play, Varner wore a big grin.

"I just had a little fun with it out there, that's all," Varner said. "I think it (his swagger) gets everyone in the right mindset before the game and keep everyone locked in. It helps me.

"When I'm extra confident, I'm extra locked in and I'm ready to go."

Northville controlled the ball from the get-go at Tom Holzer Field, coming away with the championship.

Just as important to the win was a strong attack, spearheaded by senior Anthony Salamone's three goals and an assist. Also big on offense for the Mustangs (13-6) were Ryan Figueroa (two goals, assist), Jack Harris (two goals) and Nicholas Salamone (goal, two assists).

Not only did the Mustangs leave the field with a trophy, they earned a spot in the quarterfinal against Birmingham Brother Rice at Detroit Country Day.

Northville also got payback from a regular season loss to Plymouth, something that gave the Mustangs extra motivation going in to the game.

"It was a ton of motivation. (The earlier loss) had a lot of motivation for us to come out a lot stronger," Anthony Salamone said. "We've been preparing this week really hard, even in the heat.



Northville boys lacrosse players celebrate after winning a Division 1 regional championship against Plymouth. MICHAEL



Ranging out of his goal and on the lookout for a teammate to pass the ball to is Northville goaltender Jeff Varner (right). Closing in on him is Plymouth's Ethan Rottell. MICHAEL VASILNEK

"We just came to practice ready to roll. Came with a lot of intensity in warmups, looked great. I knew we were go-

ing to win from the start."

Tipping his cap to the Mustangs was Miller, whose squad had its best season in program history (15-6).

"That's the focus of the program, we're shifting the culture and the results show right now," Miller said. "From last year to this year, (it was) a huge improvement and we're not stopping here.

"The boys should be proud of their season. They had a hell of a year and

we're going to be right here next year."

Beating the rain

Game time was moved from 6 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in order to get the contest played before heavy thunderstorms rolled in. The earlier start did not bother the Mustangs (13-6), who broke out to a 1-0 lead when Brandon Grizer took a feed from Salamone and beat Plymouth goalie Blake Nowicki.

After taking a 3-1 lead later in the first quarter, Northville started whipping the

ball around the horn as the seconds elapsed. That tactic was by design, Dicken explained.

"What we've been focusing on lately is taking care of the ball and playing really, really good team defense," Dicken said. "And that's what we're trying to do, possess the ball, limit their amount of possessions and win every face-off we can."

The Wildcats had some hope, when Harrison Albano and Griffin Connell scored goals just 52 seconds apart, to make it a 3-3 game.

Unfortunately for Plymouth, the Mustangs regained the lead with 2:22 remaining in the half on an individual effort from Figueroa, who Dicken said "probably played his best game of the year when we needed it most."

Northville scored all four goals in the third quarter to carry an insurmountable 9-3 edge into the final quarter.

Plymouth senior defenseman Charles Shaver said Northville's game plan was a tough one to beat.

"They just wanted it more than us, they got to the ground balls and we couldn't," Shaver said. "The previous game, we won the ground ball battle, but this game we didn't.

"(On) defense, we couldn't clear it that well, so we couldn't get the ball to the offense much."

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BOYS GOLF

Northville, CC punch tickets to state finals

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Northville coach Chris Cronin called it a "long, emotional day" after finishing runner-up in the power packed MHSAA Division 1 boys golf regional tournament May 31 at Dunham Hills.

Hartland, posting a four-player score of 303 strokes, captured the team title with Northville (311) and three-time defending state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central (315) placing second and third to claim the final two qualify-

All three teams are headed for the Division 1 finals Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows.

Clarkston, ranked No. 2, missed the cut with 316. Rounding out the field were Novi and Brighton, 330 each; Walled Lake Northern, 336; Pinckney, 338; Livonia Stevenson, 340; Howell, 341; Milford, 355; South Lyon, 362; Walled Lake Central, 372; Waterford Mott, 379; White Lake Lakeland and Walled Lake Western, 387 each; North Farmington, 416; and Waterford Kettering, 451.

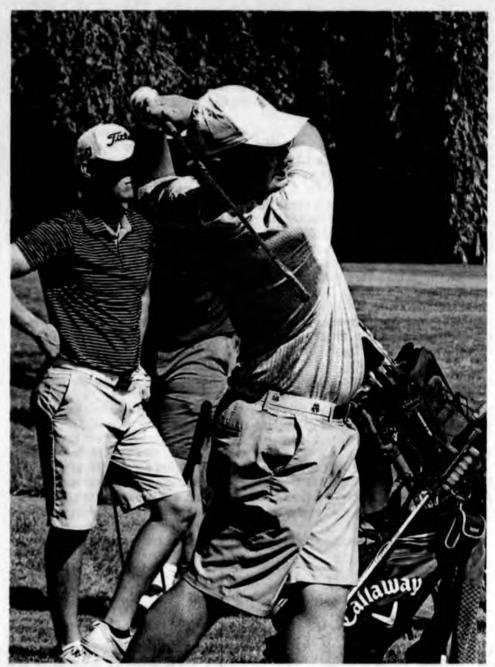
Northville, paced by individual regional medalist Jimmy Dales' 71, will be making its first trip to the state finals since 2016

"Going into this regional, we knew it would be an uphill climb," Cronin said. "When the state rankings came out ... we were ranked for the first time all season (10th). It was clear that a very good golf team would not be making it to the state finals."

Northville seniors Saahith Mummadi and and Abhi Alluri tied for 11th with 79, while sophomore Tim Braun took 22nd with 82. The Mustangs' fifth player, sophomore Nick Bourles, shot 85 (32nd overall).

"I am super proud of this team and how they have learned to finish," Cronin said. "That paid off for us today. When other very talented teams faltered down the stretch, we were kept it together. I thought our team played emotionally smart golf today. We managed a difficult course and were able to find a way to make it out as a team. During the round, one of my senior captains, Abhi Alluri, said it best: 'I'm fighting for every stroke, coach.' Our willingness to fight for those strokes made all the difference

Dales, who has signed with the University of Wyoming, won by two strokes over three other players. Just eight days earlier, Dales was the Kensington Lakes Activities Association medalist with a 4-under 68 at Salem Hills.



Northville senior Jimmy Dales took medalist honors with 71 at the Dunham Hills regional. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Dales had a roller-coaster round. consisting of one eagle on the par-5 No. 12 to go along with three birdies, three bogeys and one double-bogey.

"His drive caught the right rough and he was blocked by a tree," Cronin said of the eagle. "A good golfer punches out and still has 200 yards to the hole. Jimmy hits a knock-down 4-iron within 90 yards and the rest is history."

Cronin is excited to see where his team can land in the state finals.

"From the start of the season, I have believed that we could be a top five team," he said. "We are playing good team golf right now and that high of a finish is a real possibility. We will see. The Meadows is a challenging track, but O'Rourke (73), Clarkston's Noah Bridge-

the boys will be ready."

Catholic Central, ranked No. 7 and with an entire new lineup this season, was led by seniors Andrew Lack and Brendan Britz, who placed fifth and sixth with 74 and 75, respectively.

The Shamrocks' other two scorers were junior Kyle Sabo, who placed 15th with 80, and junior Kaleb Wiesner, who took 35th with 86. Junior Trevor Benoit added 87 (37th).

Hartland had four players break 80, led by co-runner-up Mitchell Cotten and Dylan Huck, 73 each; Alex Willis, 78; and Bryce Brief, 79.

At-large individual qualifiers included Walled Lake Northern's Max



Catholic Central's Brendan Britz shot 75 at the Dunham Hills regional. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

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man (75) and Brighton's Davis Codd

Novi scorers included Ben Wilson and Ryan Pinho, 82 each (22nd); Niko Hatz and Keane Dolin, 83 each (29th); and Aakosh Jajoo, 87 (37th).

Senior Connor Jakacki led Stevenson with 79 (11th), followed by Griffin Matick, 82 (22nd); Easton Schlatterbeck, 88 (44th); Brendan latraw, 91 (52nd); and Drew Green, 93 (59th).

Milford scorers included Jack Chaldecott, 83 (29th); Chase Tabor, 89 (46th); Bailey Hess, 90 (49th); Joe Vernier, 93 (56th); and Blayne Young, 97 (70th)

South Lyon was led by Dan McDermott with 87 (37th), followed by Gabe Campbell, 90 (49th); Anthony Joseph, 92 (55th); Nate Campbell, 98 (59th); and Steven Bernas, 95 (65th).

Lakeland's five scorers included Grant Malinewski, 92 (55th); Jonathan Barnes, 95 (65th); Kyle Cleasby, 97 (70th); Mark Wohletz, 103 (76th); and Jason Tanner, 109 (83rd).

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PREP SOFTBALL

Final game at Ladywood is a sentimental journey

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"OK. For the last time: play ball!" And with those words uttered by veteran umpire Dick Gibson, the last athletic event at Livonia Ladywood High School - a softball game against longtime Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy — was underway May 25.

The Blazers managed to keep things close for a while and held a 3-2 lead after three innings. However, a nine-run fourth inning proved the difference as the visiting Marlins went on to a convincing 15-5 mercy-rule victory.

But the afternoon was really a sentimental journey for the Blazers and their fans, including many alumnae who returned to witness the program's final home game.

The school, which first opened in 1950, will close its doors for the final time next month after 68 years of sending young women out into the world with a faith-based education. The school's 54 seniors gathered for an emotional commencement ceremony May 24 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Li-

Three members of Ladywood's final graduation class - Liz Kemp, Allee Schellenberger and Anna Francone are also members of the school's final softball team.

Following the game, a short ceremony was held on the infield as players from both teams and the Ladywood alumnae held hands in a circle, said a prayer and fondly embraced the final moments at the Michael V. Polsinelli Athletic Complex. Everyone then proceeded out to the center field fence to sign a banner underneath the score-



Livonia Ladywood's final softball team (left) poses with Blazers alumnae following the final game ever played at the Michael V. Polsinelli Athletic Complex. MARTY BUDNER

board.

It was a bittersweet afternoon for

"It was kind of heart-breaking at tryouts, because it was the last year at Ladywood, so we really wanted to kind of make it fun," said Kemp, the lefthanded slugging first baseman and four-year varsity participant who will play next year at Crown College in Minnesota. "It's really hard for me, because I'm going off to college and I wanted to come back and watch games, but now I

"I think this is really a great program and I think it's sad that it has to go so soon when it has so many years of potential. I was really upset when I heard it

was going to close. "I wanted to come back and help coach in a few years and be a leader. I'll just have to leave this season and move on," the Northville resident said. "I didn't think it would go this fast, but it really has."

Ladywood head coach Jerry Twigg

said he thought about the game all day and felt bad that the girls won't have a softball home to return to. The Blazers posted just four wins this year, but Twigg was more than satisfied with the effort his team played with in its final

home game. "It's a sad day, because it's history that's ending," said Twigg, Ladywood's coach for the past two years. "It's not really about me, though. It's about the girls. It's sad for me that it's ending, because it's sad for them because they don't get the opportunity to finish what they started.

"But it was a good day because the girls played hard and there were a lot of alumnae who came out to watch them play," he added. "They played exciting.

They played hard and they played good." Former head coach Scott Combs and his daughter Briana were present and they couldn't help but recall the softball glory days, which weren't that long ago.

The Combses led Ladywood to its first softball state crown with a 4-0 victory over Saginaw Swan Valley in 2012. Two years later, the Blazers would again reach the championship game, only to fall to Stevensville Lakeshore by a run,

In Combs's nine years at the helm, Ladywood advanced to the final four six times and won more than 350 games. Combs said it will be tough to drive past the school now knowing what had transpired during his coaching tenure.

"Obviously, it's bittersweet," said Combs, whose last year at Ladywood was 2016. "It's good to see everybody and we made a lot of memories. We had great, great kids who came through here who are now professionals who have graduated from college.

"We had a lot of success here and did well. Ladywood is a great place. I mean, everything you see here done to the field we did during our years here - new dugouts, new mats, new bullpens. And the girls here are top-notch - great students, great families and, obviously, very, very dedicated athletes.

'I live a mile away and I come by here probably 10 times a week," he added. "It's going to be really hard to know the fields are not going to be used by Ladywood kids and that this is the last class. But all good things come to an end."

Ladywood has enjoyed its fair share of Michigan High School Athletic Association athletic success over the years.

The Blazers have won state championships in volleyball (1988 and 1989, under head coach Tom Teeters), basketball (1983, under Ed Kavanaugh), cross country (1980, under Ray Prosser) and, most recently, softball (2012, under Scott Combs).

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Oak Park makes it five straight at county meet

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If this was a dress rehearsal for the MHSAA Division 1 girls track and field state finals, then Oak Park is more than ready.

The Knights, last year's state runners-up and Division 1 champions the previous three years (2014, 2015 and 2016), made quite a statement May 25, scoring an even 100 points to dominate the 59th Oakland County meet for the fifth year in a row.

Lake Orion was a distant second with 59%, while Birmingham Seaholm placed third with 37.

Oak Park racked up 40 points alone with wins in all four relay races, while getting a meet record performance from the 400-meter foursome of Miyah Brooks, Aasia Laurencin, Kourtney Kennard and Jad Roundtree (47.28).

Today has been great, obviously, some quality competition," Oak Park coach Brandon Jiles said. "Oakland County is one of the best counties around, particularly in track. The girls performed. We just kind of wanted to use this as a tune-up for the state meet, just keep moving forward."

Laurencin, a sophomore, cruised to a victory in the 200 (24.47), while Coleman, a senior, won the 800

"We had so many good performances," Jiles said. "The 4 by 800 relay stood out to me. They dropped about 12 seconds off their season best. Doriann in the 800 and Aasia in the 200 and a good second-place time (13.77) to Grace (Stark) in the hurdles. The sprint relays had better hand-offs, so overall we were really, really solid today. Had a couple of 800 runners (Jayla Jones and Maryiah Archilbald) P.R. at 2:15, my second and third. We had a great day."

Here are three other takeaways:

PALLETT IS MVP

Farmington High phenom freshman thrower Valadian Pallett was long gone when it was announced she had won the Female Athlete of the Meet Award.

Pallett swept the shot put (41 feet, 7 inches) and discus titles (128-2) to score 20 points to lead the Falcons, who tied West Bloomfield for fifth with 31 points apiece.

The ninth-grader has posted season bests of 42-7 in the shot put at the New Balance Invitational and 133-5½ in the discus at the Oakland Activities Association Blue Division meet.

'Val comes in having a lot of experience," said Farmington co-coach Kim Adams, who accepted the award on Pallett's behalf. "Her dad was a thrower, her brother was a thrower and her dad coached her for years. She's not coming in as a true freshman in terms of talent, ability and experience. She's wonderful to work with and she's really hit the weight room. She competes, she demands a lot of herself. She's great with her teammates and her teammates are great with her so I'm just super-excited to be a part of it. And I'm excited for her, because she's got big dreams and I'm sure she's proud to have this award.'

STARK EXCELS

White Lake Lakeland junior Grace Stark turned in another impressive performance, winning the 100meter hurdles (13.47) and the 100 dash (11.77), both personal bests on the year.

As a sophomore, Stark was Division 1 runner-up in the 100 hurdles (13.62) and 100 dash (12.02) and was one of the favorites to win both titles Saturday at East

COMPETITIVE RACE

One of the most competitive races on the night was the 1,600 run, as Waterford Mott senior Katie Osika (4:49.55) held off stiff challenges from Seaholm's Rachel McCardle (4:50.09), Mott teammate Rylee Robinson (4:53.03), a junior, and Milford junior Victoria Heiligenthal (4:54.43).

Other individual track winners included Melissa Symons (Lake Orion), 300 hurdles, 43.67; Roundtree (Oak Park), 400, 56.84; and Audrey DaDamio (Seaholm), 3,200, 11:00.58.

Other victors in the field events included Jenna Doyle (Troy Athens), high jump, 5-4; Kennedy Jackson (Walled Lake Western), long jump, 18-14; and Jessica Mercier (Waterford Kettering), pole vault, 12-6.

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May 25 at Novi M.S.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Oak Park, 100 points; 2. Lake Orion, 59 lk; 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 37; 4. Troy, 35; 5. (tie) West Bloomfield and Farmington, 31 each; 7. Beverly Hills
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FINAL EVENT RESULTS

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Shot put: 1. Valadian Pallett (Farm.), 41 feet, 7 inches; 2. Nadia Harris (WB), 36-9%; 3. Ti VanHorn (Harrison), 35-6%; 4. Destiney Sandle (N.D. Prep), 34-7%; 5. Lauren White (RO), 34-7%; 6. Delanii Willett (Mott), 34-8; 7. Maciah Lipsey (Groves), 33-8%; 8. Micayla Martin

(Farm.), 33-7%.

Discus: 1. Pallett (Ferm.), 128-2; 2. Olivia O'Brien (WK), 125-2; 3. Makayla Rawis (Seeholm), 179-8; 4. Martin (Ferm.), 170-6; 5. Lipsey (Groves), 108-11; 6. Cecile Stack (Novi), 107-7; 7. Brook Willenborg (SLE), 107-4; 8. Paige Karbowski (WLN), 104-10.

High jump: 1. Jenna Doyle (Athens), 5-4; 2. Selins Shir (BHC), 5-3; 3. Allycia Lemme (RO), 5-2; 4. Hannah Hood-Blaxill (Novi), 5-2; 5. Brooke Kilyk (Brandon), 5-2; 6. Madison

wier (DCD), 5-2; 7. Lily Mueller (SLE), 5-2; 8. (tie) Hannah Blakey (Mercy) and Colleen rmpbell (LO), 5-0 each.

Campbell (LÖ), 5-0 each.
Long jump: 1, Kennedy Jackson (WLW), 18-16; 2. Olivia Lopez (8, Hills), 17-5%; 3. Salena Prakah-Asante (BHC), 16-10%; 5. Lauren Palmer (Groves), 18-8; 6. Sarah Daniel (Lakeland), 16-6%; 7. Kaya Freeman (BHC), 16-5%; 8. Autumn Glover (SLE), 16-4%.
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100-meter hurdles: 1. Grace Stark (Lakeland), 13.47; 2. Aasia Laurencin (OP), 13.77; 3. Madison Eaton (LO), 14.61; 4. Ahvon Mitchell (DCD), 14.71; 5. Melissa Symons (LO), 14.72; 6.

Grace Johnson (Truy).

300 hurdles: 1. Simons (LO), 43.67; 2. Lauren Fulcher (Troy), 44.09; 3. Rucker (Berkley), 44.41; 4. Meadows (Seeholm), 45.84; 5. Biskey (Mercy), 45.84; 6. Eaton (LO), 46.32; 7. Shae Harbaugh (Clarkston), 47.56; 8. Autumn Ellis (Harrison), 47.96, 100 death: 1. Stark (Lakeland), 17.77; 2. Miyah Brooks (OP), 12.17; 3. Mackenzie Fields (Berldey), 12.18; 4. Alexis Officer (DCD), 12.50; 5. Chilta Amerie (S'field Christian), 12.57; 6. Katle Rush (WB), 12.65; 7. Genisis Bolton (Harrison), 12.83; 8. Leeh Moir (B. Hills), 12.88, 200; 1. Laurencin (OP), 24.47; 2. Field's (Berldey), 23.4; 3. Isabella Devis (Stoney), 26.02; besteh Moterna (MR), 12.65; 7. Remonth (Michons (Michons (Mr)), 28.77; 6. Chartier (MR), 12.65; 6. Michons (MR), 12.75; 6. Chartier (MR), 12.75; 6. Charti

4. Jordan Havery (WB), 28.28; S. Kennedy Kilgore (Shrine), 26.77; 8. Charity Jones (WC), 27.07; 7. Rush (WB), 27.27; 8. Alexis Johnson (A&T), 27.77.
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Robinson (Mott), 4:54.03; 4. Victoria Heiligenthal (Milford), 4:54.43; 5. Kyla Christopher-Moody (WB), 5:04.39; 6. Alexandra Case (N.D. Prep), 5:09.22; 7. Andrea Ruiz (Holly), 5:09.63; 8. Madeline Rehm (Lakeland), 5:09.63.
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record); 2. Country Day, 48.92; 3. Bloomfield Hills, 49.60; 4. West Bloomfield, 50.9; 5. Fermington, 50.9; 6. S. Lyon East, 50.99; 7. Lake Orion, 51.07; 8. Ferndale, 51.28. 800 relay: 1. Oak Park (Brooks, Roundtree, Kennard, Riley Donaldson), 1:39.54; 2. Bloomfield Hills, 1:45.06; 3. Southfield Christian, 1:46.20; 5. West Bloomfield, 1:46.93; 6.

Adams, 1.47.33; 7. Seaholm, 1.47.33; 8. S. Lyon East, 1.47.72; 1,600 relay: 1. Oak Park (Gates, Roundtree, Jones, Coleman), 3:52.56; 2. Troy, 4:01.64; 3. Adams, 4:03.77; 4. Milford, 4:04.95; 5. Mott, 4:05.72; 6. Stoney Creek, 4:07.21; 7. Roches-, 4:07.27; B. Seaholm, 4:11.04.8 (107, 47) B. Scientiffit, 411:04-9
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Mary Elizabeth Weisheit

COMMERCE TOWN-SHIP - Mary Elizabeth Brown Weisheit (Hirt), a long time resident of Commerce Township, died at Huron Valley Hospital after an extended illness. She was 77 years old. Born on August 17, 1940, the daughter of Karl and Marie Hirt, Mary grew up in

Marian, 9:49.76; 8. Stoney Creek, 9:54.53.



Richmond where she was a graduate of Richmond High School. She received her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Michigan where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. She went on to teach for over forty-two years, with thirty-seven of those years in the Walled Lake School District. She spent summers on Harsens Island with family and friends and the freighters, and enjoyed reading, watching her grandchildren's sporting evens and U of M Football. Go Blue!

Mary was preceded in death by husbands, Dr. James N. Brown (d. 1973) and Thomas Weisheit, Jr. (d. 2002). She is survived by her sons, James N. Brown Jr. (Dianne), Dr. Matthew Brown (Dr. Gigi Algenio); her daughter, Stephanie Cousino; grandchildren, Madeline Brown, Mara Cousino, Joshua Brown, Paeton Cousino, Elizabeth Cousino, Alex Lammle, Nicholas Lammle; her brother, Bob Hirt; niece, Melissa Gavic, nephew, Jon Hirt, and many dear friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main St., Milford, on Friday, June 8th, at 3PM, with Pastor Bryant Anderson officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in her name to the Milford Presbyterian Church. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

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Virginia Blaszczyk

- - Virgina S. Blaszczyk, age 88, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2018. She was born on April 30, 1930 to Walter and Lottie Mrozinski in Detroit, MI. Virginia is survived by her children: Michael Blaszczyk, Richard Blaszczyk, Christine Lysaght (Michael), Diane Kaminski, Vincent P.



(Cathy) Blaszczyk; 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; and sister-in-law Marie Blaszczyk. She is preceded in death by her husband Joseph. Virginia cared deeply for her family and had a zest for life. She loved to cook, especially Polish Dishes and her homemade chicken soup. She also danced many a young person under the table at weddings and parties. Virginia looked forward to spending time at her second home in Detour, MI. She was a stylish dresser with emphasis on black and white and shades of lavender. Holiday gatherings were important to Virginia, especially Halloween and Christmas. She will be missed by all who knew her. www.phillipsfuneral.com



Matthew Dick

-- Matthew D. Dick, 37. passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his family, on May 31, 2018. A graduate of University of Detroit-Mercy, a research and statistical consultant for Eastern Michigan University's Graduate school and a devoted father. Matthew is survived by his parents,



Michele Dick and Michael Dick; his brother Michael Dick (Natalie); his sister Melissa Zerwas (Ryan); his fiancée, Samantha Bialokur; his beloved daughters, Alora Morgan and Lillian Marie Dick; his aunts and uncles and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life ceremony on June 16, 2018 will be held at his brother's home in Highland. In lieu of flowers, donations are asked for his daughters' college funds to be sent to Michele Dick. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www. LynchandSonsMilford.com

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Clifton Sprinkles

- Clifton 'Cliff' Sprinkles, age 75, passed away May 31, 2018. He was born May 17, 1943 in Woolum, Kentucky, son of the late Ed and Laura Sprinkles. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mildred of 54 1/2 years; his daughters, Shellyn (Steve) Wiltse and Tracy Fisher; his grandchildren:



Amity (David) Fear, Christopher (Caitlin) Wiltse, Shelby Fisher, Austin Wiltse and Malana Fisher; his great-grandchildren: Felix, Baker, Sophie, Lilly, David, Grace, Shavden and Oaklyn, He is also survived by his brother, Bob (Janice) Sprinkles, and was preceded in death by his sister, Genopal English. Visitation was held on Sunday, June 3 from 2:00PM-8:00PM and a funeral service was held on Monday, June 4 at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon. Cliff was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Active Faith Community Services.

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Billie McLeod

HARTLAND - passed away on February 22, 2018 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 74. She and her husband lived in Hartland. She is survived by her husband, daughters Joni Rogers and Jennifer Brust and granddaughters Josi and Margaret Rogers and Cali and Sara Brust. Billie grew up in



Marysville, Kansas and graduated from Kansas State University. She played in varsity band at K-State. She taught elementary education in Kansas, Florida and Michigan. She retired from Highland Christian Academy in Michigan. Billie sang in church choirs and played hand bells in Florida and at Milford Presbyterian Church. She had been a Stephan Minister. She belonged to the Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO) in Brighton where she had been a past chapter president. Memorial services will be at the Milford Presbyterian Church on June 9 at 11:00 am.

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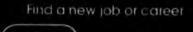
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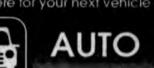
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5 simple job search tips you're probably forgetting

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here's a lot to keep straight when you're looking for a job. Things you must put on your resume. How to build your brand so that you don't seem hopelessly out of date. The nuances of interview questions you're likely to face when you get through the door. And because you're human, you might be forgetting some painfully obvious things that need to be checked off as

Let's look at some of the most commonly forgotten job search to-dos.

1. Go offline sometimes

Yes, most companies have some form of online application submission these days. Yes, you want to maximize your resume and cover letter for the keyword bots. But don't make those your entire focus. We can get so mired in the online application machine that we forget to look up and see what else might be available. Don't forget to work your network for possible leads or reach out to recruiters to see what they may have.

2. It's OK to let your personality shine

As a rule, it's good to be a little wary of your full everyday self - warts and all

- becoming part of the job search process. You want to be evaluated on your professional merits, not your Facebook timeline. But don't be afraid to make (appropriate) jokes in an interview, or show some personality in a cover letter. Your interviewers and readers are people too, and they would

appreciate getting to see more

of who you are, in addition to the points on your resume.

3. Tallor your resume for the job

Getting back to the online application engines: It can be easy to forget that you're not just uploading a PDF to a portal. You're not just a jumble of keywords; you're trying to show that you're a great and obvious

fit for the job opening. That means taking the specific job description and making sure your application

materials line up with it. If the hiring manager has to work to make a connection between you and the job, that usually means a fast track to the "no thanks" pile.

4. Treat your Linkedin profile as a living resume

Let's face it: Anyone who's thinking of bringing you In for an interview is also likely to do a little internet sleuthing. And one of their first stops is likely to be your LinkedIn profile. That means you need to invest in your profile's upkeep. Make sure it at least matches your current resume, but don't hesitate to add things as they come up so that anyone who's looking for you can see that you're not only evolving all the time, you're also on it with your online presence.

5. Manners matter

Sure, sending a handwritten thank you note on fancy paper has fallen out of favor in our fast-paced, everything-digitalalways society. That doesn't mean you're off the hook for basic courtesy like thank you notes

Again, there's a lot going on in your job search, but if you pay attention to some of the smaller details along the way, you're increasing your chances of success.

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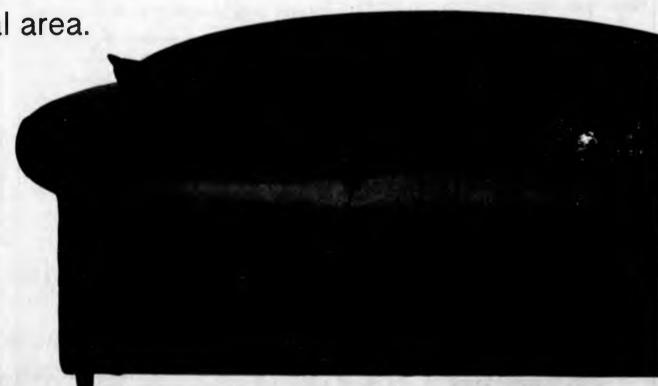


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TOPPED BY THE 840-HORSEPOWER DEMON, DODGE CHALLENGER IS A PERSUASIVE MUSCLE-CAR THROWBACK -- IN ALL THE GOOD



models. Not it. only have they become the sinewy DNA

of the re-comprised Dodge brand, but they also manage to fool a few people into believing that they're the Hemi-fueled beasts of old.

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

Dodge has Out of the mouths of babes, been doing a for sure. And when I drove the great job of Challenger to Flagstar, I barely got reviving the in the door before Melissa, one of muscle-car the managers at the local branch, era with its called me out on the "great car." If Challenger she'd had the time I probably could and Charger have talked her into taking a ride in

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

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



It is actually possible to evaluate

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

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

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

trunk space, which s enormous for a nameplate in its segment. That's enough space for dozen shopping oags or four sets of golf clubs, although the high

liftover height of

the trunk lip can make it difficult to load heavy objects into the bay.

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

Challenger also drives and handles

line. And for 2018, Challenger has added a touch screen for the base model as well as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

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

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

That kind of power is an anomaly in any era: today or in the era that quite well even when you're not Challenger is trying to recall.

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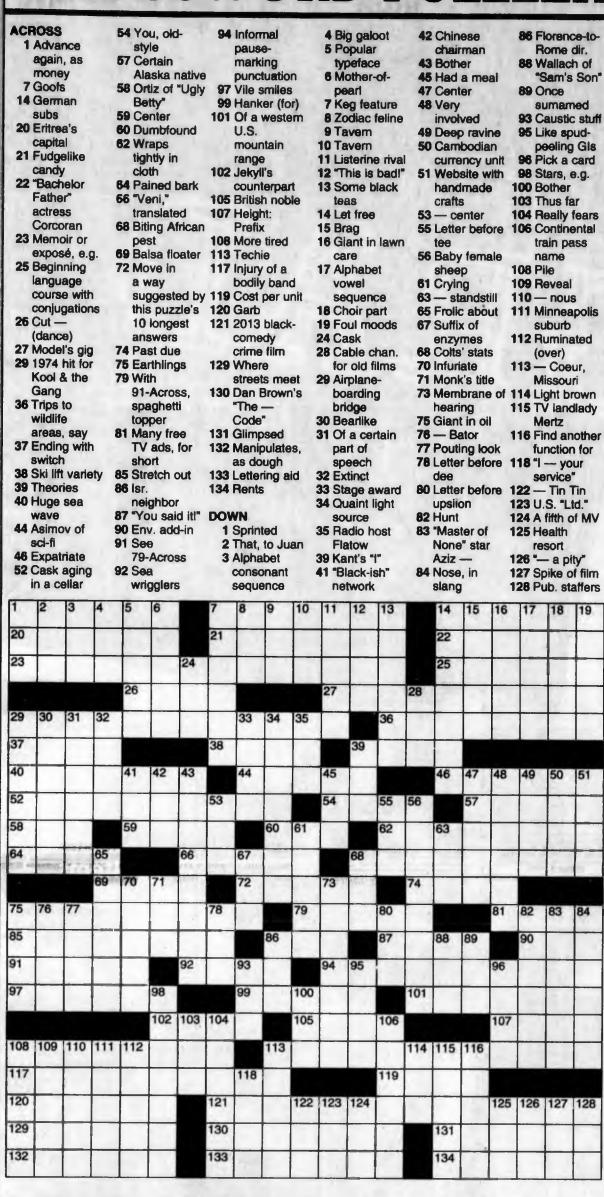
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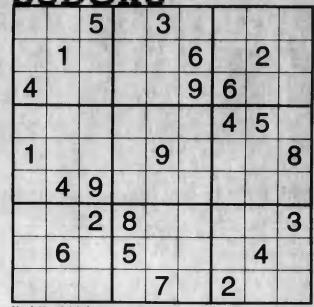
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