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Owner, historians battle over building

Ed Wright

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Dark clouds of conflict are swirling around a 153-year-old downtown Northville building that is either too dilapidated to restore or too historic to demolish,

depending on which side of the storm you stand.

The fate of the home that rests at 341 E. Main Street could be decided June 20 during a Northville Historic District Commission meeting that will feature public debate on whether the current owner, Guidobono Building Co., can tear

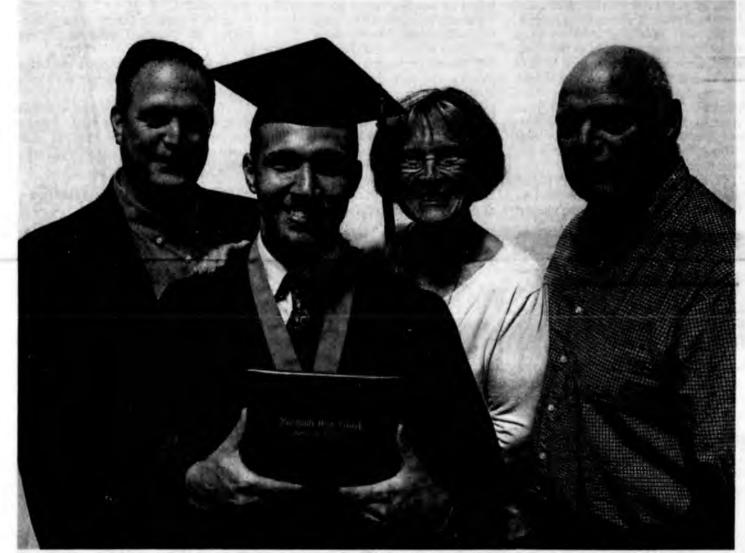
down the structure and replace it with a district, will vote on whether to approve new 12,000-square-foot, three-story office/condominium complex.

Toward the conclusion of the June 20 meeting, the seven-member commission made up of the mayor (or an alternate) and six city residents, two of whom must reside within the historic Guidobono's request to demolish.

Restoration proponents, who stress the building is packed with enough documented historical significance to overcome its structural deficiencies, hint

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A FAMILY AFFAIR



Dean Hubbert graduates from Northville High School, the fourth generation of the family to do so. With Dean is his father, Tim Hubbert, and grandparents Dianne and Bob Hubbert. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Hubbert family's Mustangs pride runs four generations deep

Tim Smith

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Seven decades have transformed Northville from dirt roads and farmland into Main Street USA.

But for Dean Hubbert and his family, it's still all about proudly wearing Mustangs orange and black - and representing Northville High School.

On June 3, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, the 18-year-old Hubbert

joined his dad, grandparents and greatgrandparents in experiencing what it means to walk across the stage and become a Northville High graduate.

"When I first walked up there, all I was thinking was, 'I worked four years for this and this is pretty worth it," Dean said. "When I got handed my diploma, I thought back to my previous generations and thought how much smaller it must have been all those years ago in 1942 and how it has changed along with the people that have gone through it."

The essence of being a Northville High School graduate is largely the same now as it was during World War II, when Dean's great-grandparents, Bill Crawford and Madeline Graham, graduated in 1942 and 1944, respec-

tively. Graduates still wear orange and black caps and gowns. They still give and hear congratulatory speeches and pep talks for the future yet to unfold.

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10 questions with state fair executive director

Dan Dean

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

June 6, Michigan State Fair officials were scheduled to hold a press conference to unveil a huge expansion of the Suburban Collection Showplace and announce new initiatives for the 2018 fair. We contacted Executive Director Steve Masters last week to answer a few questions about his role overseeing the Michigan State Fair.

year as executive director of the Michigan State Fair, more than 180,000 square feet of event space is being added to the Suburban Collection Showplace and by all looks it appears the new state fair is on the rise. What excites you about the future?

Masters: What is most exciting is that, truly, this is only the beginning of reimagining what a state fair can become in the 21st century, as an annual celebration of food and agriculture, for the residents of the state of Michigan. The new space will enable us to keep pace with the current growth trajectory we are experiencing and also allow us to increase the number of rides, vendors, activities and experiences for fair-goers, both on the inside and the outside. Because of the enormity of the interior space, a larger part of the state fair can occur inside of an airconditioned space and weatherproof us from the unpredictability of our Pure Michigan weather and, rain or shine, the state fair will go on. If current plans work out, the plan is to put carnival rides in the interior. I think that will be a cool experience (no pun intended) to ride carnival rides on the inside of a building in air-conditioning and I hope the families that come to the fair will think it is a cool idea, too.

Hometown Life: A nighttime drone show is on the agenda for the 2018 state fair. Tell us a bit of what we can expect.

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Graduate

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They still walk across the stage — albeit at a different venue — and receive a diploma handed to them from the principal.

Old familiar feeling

For the multi-generational family of graduates, principals' names have changed

First was Elroy Ellison (who during summer in the 1940s was a farmer who plowed local gardens for extra money), then Ed Stefanski, Dave Bilotho and Tony Koski. The latter presided over this year's festivities.

Bill and Madeline graduated from an all-grades school on Main Street, between Wing and Rogers streets. They eventually were married and had a

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daughter, Dianne (who represented the family's second generation of NHS grads).

Dianne Crawford went to Northville High School during the 1960s, when it was on Center, between Baseline and Eight Mile. Today, the building is Hillside Middle School and NHS is a sprawling facility on Six Mile Road.

She met three-sport athlete Bob Hubbert, who was a year younger. They graduated in 1967 and 1968, respectively, married and — following the family trend — set their roots in Northville.

The day after watching their grandson graduate, Dianne and Bob Hubbert couldn't help but think back on decades and commencements gone by.

"The best part about seeing him march across the stage last night was thinking about each one of us that walked across and how special it has been to live in Northville," said Dianne Hubbert, 69. "There is nothing better than to be a Mustang and live in Northville

"As a matter of fact, when my mom (Madeline, who died at 90 in 2016) was still living, she used to call Northville the 'holy land' and we would all agree. We've all had a great education and lots of good memories just being in town."

Almost a trend

One of the best memories was Madeline's recollection of walking with the rest of the student body to watch "Gone with the Wind."

"The whole school marched down Main Street," Dianne said. "They just said it was a great school back then. I had uncles that used to play basketball and we'd go to that little crackerbox gym."

Her husband, who is a year younger, said, "We bought into it pretty good. We like the family lineage going to Northville, staying in Northville, graduating from Northville. It's something special."

Bill and Madeline started dating while they were students at Northville and Dianne and Bob met each other at the second iteration of the high school.

"We met, my freshman year and Dianne's sophomore year, in algebra class," said Bob, who coincidentally became a math teacher at Novi High School. "I got an A ... but after the first semester, Dianne left the class.

"I called her the first time over Christmas break and, when the second semester started, we just started hanging out. One thing led to another and we became a couple."

Generations three and four of the family did not follow that script.

Next to graduate from the school was Dianne and Bob's son Tim, who earned his diploma in 1990.

"He dated in Northville High School, but he never got serious with any girl," Bob said about Tim. "When he left and went to college (Central Michigan University), he met his future wife and they got married.

"Dean (Tim's son) is the same way. He dates occasionally, nothing serious in high school. He'll probably meet his future wife in college or after. Who knows?"

Join the club

Tim Hubbert, in an email, talked about the rarity of a family having four generations of graduates from the same high school.

"The four generations are a straight genealogical path in my family of my grandparents, parents, myself and my oldest son," he wrote. "But there are also many aunts, uncles and cousins that have graduated here.

"Northville was the right option for Dean and I am glad he was able to extend this tradition."

Dean actually went to Novi Detroit Catholic Central as a ninth-grader, but he longed to be a Mustang just like the generations before him.

"It just didn't fit right, so he transferred to Northville," Bob said. "And, of course, we were just overjoyed at the prospect of a grandson graduating from the same school system that we did."

Nurturing memories

According to Dean, it is important to keep traditions going — although it might be pushing things somewhat for the family to expect a fifth generation of Northville grads to come along.

"Being a Northville graduate means that I went through the four years at a place particularly special not only to me, but to my family," Dean said. "It means a lot to be able to carry on my family's tradition of having one person in the last four generations graduate from such a great school.

"A lot of people try to define tradition by something that they start out of the blue, but a tradition that goes back as far as 1942 is one that has been and needs to

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be kept. Our first four generations have done our part. We only hope we can continue it now into the generations to come."

Recognizing Northville's history is important to the community, too.

Just go to the Applebee's on Grand River and Beck, where a photo of North-ville's 1941 football team hangs on the wall — along with other Mustangs memorabilia.

In that photo is Dean's great-grandfather, Bill Crawford, wearing uniform No. 17.

And now, new memories are being made to, perhaps, someday find a spot nearby.

"To reflect and think about what has happened here," Dianne said, "I guess we feel blessed for sure, that we have been able to be part of something really special."

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Area students earn full scholarships to MSU

Five incoming students from metro Detroit have been awarded scholarships to cover full tuition, room and board and a stipend for up to eight semesters of undergraduate study at Michigan State

The scholarships - considered among the most competitive awards in the country - are valued at about \$120,000 for in-state students and approximately \$220,000 for out-of-state

"This cohort of exceptional scholars is an important component of our historic fall 2018 class," said Jim Cotter, executive director of admissions and recruitment. "These talented young people are among the best and the brightest in the country, and like the university they are joining, they will have a significant impact on campus and around the globe."

All of the students receiving an Alumni Distinguished Scholarship or University Distinguished Scholarship will be members of the Honors College.

Alumni Distinguished Scholars were selected from more than 1,300 of the top high school seniors who applied to MSU, participated in interviews and took an intensive general knowledge exam this

The Alumni Distinguished Scholars

Aneesh Cherukuri of Novi. Cherukuri is graduating from Novi High School. He plans to major in Lyman Briggs College. Cherukuri has been active in violin and tennis. He's a two-time American Invitational Mathematics Exam Qualifier.

By choosing MSU, I feel like I set myself up in the best position to be successful in the future," Cherukuri said.

■ Anusha Mamidipaka of Northville. Mamidipaka is graduating from Detroit Country Day School. She plans to double major in biochemistry and molecular biology and neuroscience in Lyman Briggs College. Mamidipaka has been active in skiing, writing and painting. She is a National Merit Finalist

"I chose MSU because the school offers a large number of research opportunities, rigorous courses, and a suppor-



Cherukuri Mamidipaka Mikat

tive environment," Mamidipaka said. ■ Cecilia Mikat of Milford. Mikat is graduating from Brighton High School. She plans to major in advanced mathematics in the College of Natural Science. Mikat has been active drumline, musicals and Science Olympiad. She is a National Merit Scholar.

"After visiting the campus I fell in love with the atmosphere. It seems like all the people there are very positive and I'm really looking forward to going somewhere I can put my brains and excitement to work," Mikat said.

■ Kelli Weigold of Farmington Hills. Weigold is graduating from Farmington High School. She plans to major in chemical engineering in the College of Engineering. She has been active in tennis, Quiz Bowl and Culture Shock an International Dance Exhibition.

"I chose MSU because I want to attend a diverse university with boundless opportunity and the ability to make me feel like more than just a number. In all of my interaction with MSU, I felt wanted. Coming from a large world class university, this impressed me. At MSU, I know I'll be able to have the big school experience while receiving the individual care I'd expect from a much smaller institution," Weigold said.

■ Claudia Chen of Canton. Chen is graduating from Salem High School. She plans to major in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering. Chen has been active in GET-IT (Girls **Exploring Together Information Tech**nology), Science Olympiad and Chemistry Olympiad. She is a National Merit Finalist.

"The Honors College is really strong academically, and I also really liked the atmosphere of the engineering department," Chen said.



A group of history-minded Northville residents is trying to stop the demolition of this century-old building. ED WRIGHT

Building

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that Guidobono intended to bulldoze the building the minute the ink on the purchase agreement had dried, regardless of its structural integrity.

"That is an absolute mistruth," Guidobono spokesperson Ed Funke said, addressing the buy-to-demolish theory. "Our company has been entrenched in Northville for over 30 years and we have restored several historic buildings in the past. We completely renovated one home in the historic district that was built in 1876, taking it all the way down to its studs.

"We know the significance of history in Northville and what history means to its residents, so to say that we would buy this 150-year-old building to simply tear it down is ridiculous. We're smarter than that."

Funke insists Guidobono was in full restoration mode until February 2017, when architectural experts, including Maverick Consulting Engineers, Inc., declared that "the useful and technical service life of this building has expired; the minimum required levels of structural safety and serviceability no longer remain."

Among the unsafe structural flaws within the building are warped floors, a sagging roof and an unstable stone foundation, engineers emphasized.

Answering the queries of how a

building company couldn't have known about the unsafe structural flaws before it sank \$460,000 into a property, Funke said the building's former owner, the McGuire family, wouldn't have let Guidobono tear away at the paneling and ceilings that hid the decaying skeleton before the sale became official.

Spearheading the charge to save the two-story building are members of the Northville Historical Society, who are orchestrating a grassroots campaign to keep the buildozers at bay.

"I have a hunch that the No. 1 reason people move to Northville is because of its quaint, neat and historic downtown district," said NHS vice president Bill Stockhausen, a 46-year resident of the city. "To demolish a building that holds the historical significance this building does would be very, very sad."

According to the NHS, the building has served as the home of the Yarnell Gold Cure, which its founders alleged cured alcoholism around the turn of the 20th century, the American Legion, the Red Cross and as a rest home for retired Civil War soldiers.

"All of the signage and all of the logos that promote Northville have the word 'historic' in them, so we will do whatever we can to attempt to preserve the city's history," said Kathy Bilger, NHS secre-

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Homeowner's signs cause uproar in Plymouth

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Residents of a normally peaceful Plymouth neighborhood are fed up with a fellow homeowner whose front yard is populated with several harshly-worded signs, including one that reads, "HEED THE WARNING. OR PERISH."

Citing the signs' threatening tones, the number of signs and their destructive effect on property values, several residents appeared May 7 before the Plymouth City Commission to plead for a resolution that would bring joy back to Joy Street.

According to voterrecords.com, the residents of the home at 340 Joy Street are James and Teresa Cischke. Teresa Cischke is treasurer for the city of Plymouth.

Vicki Nicol, who lives across the street from the Cischkes, said she has counted as many as 13 signs in her neighbors' yard at one time.

"While this is not about the content of the signs, one could argue the element of hate speech ... with use of words such as heed, warning, perish, penalty and even death," Nicol told members of the commission.

"I am not trying to limit anyone's rights nor am I a fan of adding regulations. I am about protecting the value of our home and the character of our neighborhood, both of which are currently compromised. Who'd want to live near or by that?"

Another resident said she feels unsafe walking past the home at 340 Joy Street due to unprovoked solicitations by the home owner.

"Walking my dogs past 340 Joy Street to the park down the street, I am confronted by the owner, to the point where I feel unsafe," Debbie Neubecker said. "I understand that freedom of speech plays into all of this and I understand he has a right to view his concerns, but now, after all the mass shootings that have happened recently, we've been told, 'If you see something, say something.' Well, I'm saying something."

Plymouth resident Karen Ochman, who can see 340 Joy Street from the back of her house on Fairground Street,



A homeowner on Joy Street in Plymouth is drawing ire from his neighbors due to controversial signs he is posting in his front yard. ED WRIGHT

said the signs are "offensive, degrading and threatening."

"I have referred houses for sale in our neighborhood to acquaintances," she said. "But once they drive through the neighborhood, they say, 'no thanks' because of the house with the signs."

Ochman said she has filed several complaints with the city regarding what she considers the obsessive signage at 340 Joy Street, but nothing had been done as of Monday night.

"Is it because one of the residents of 340 Joy Street is an employee with the city of Plymouth?" Ochman asked. "I have to wonder."

When approached by a reporter one recent day, James Cischke asserted he is not breaking any laws nor is he a threat to his neighbors' safety.

"I don't know what their complaints are; they don't talk to me," Cischke said. "It's Biblical, it's First Amendment and, as someone who has served in the military, this is free speech.

"They say they're scared. Why? The cops have been here, the city's been here. I sit by that pole over there (he points to a telephone pole close to the street) and people ask me what this is about. They ask me, not the other way around."

Cischke said all of his signs are with-

in the code written in the city's sign ordinance.

"Someone from the city was here and they gave me the code," he said. "My signs can't be over four feet tall or more than four square feet. This one here (he touches one close to his porch) is 47 inches — one inch below code."

Cischke noted that a neighbor across the street from his home decorates her yard with several ornaments during the Halloween season.

Halloween season.
"I don't like it, but I don't say any-

thing, because that's freedom," he said.
Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott said
there is no overnight answer to the signage issue that has upset the residents
who live on or near Joy Street.

"Given the complicated nature of this issue — revising an existing ordinance requires several steps — it is a massive undertaking," Wolcott said. "There are a number of ways you can go on this and all of the possible scenarios are tricky. For instance, how do you distinguish between a sign and an ornament? Is the revised ordinance enforceable?

"I want everyone to know that this issue is not being ignored. We are aware of it, we are working on it, but it is something that has to be done right and time is a challenge."

A draft of a revised signage ordi-

nance has been delivered to the planning commission, according to City Attorney Robert Marzano, however, details of the draft were not revealed at Monday's meeting, per commission

"We want to get this right, so that it can withstand every challenge," Marzano said.

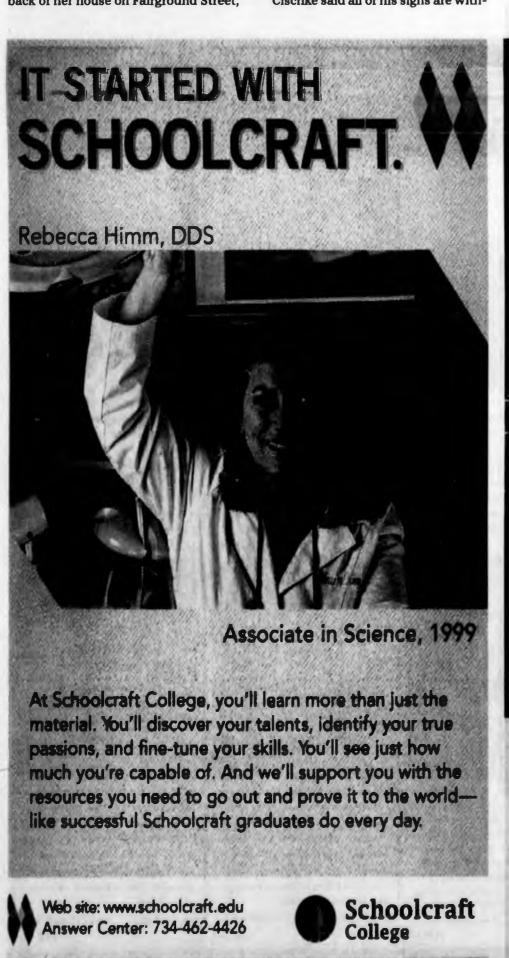
Nicol said she and her husband Ian expressed their concerns regarding the signs to Cischke a short time after the number of signs continued to multiply.

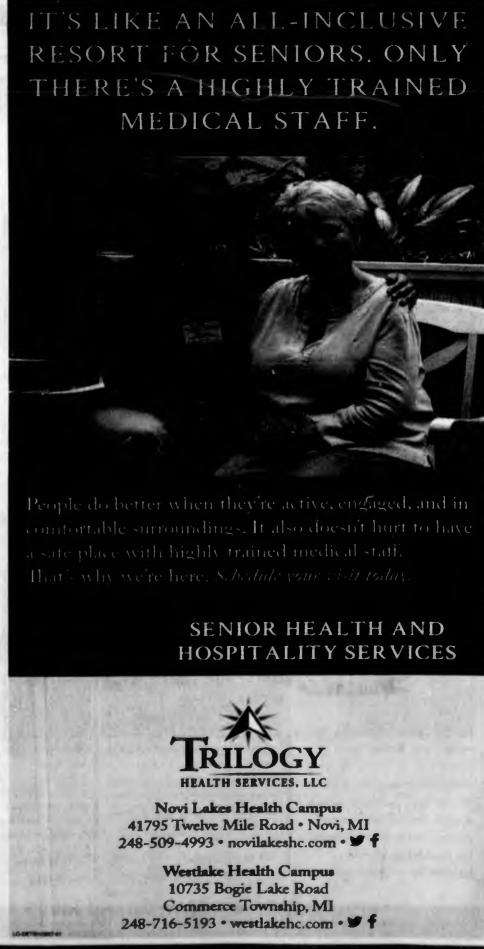
"He said it was his right to put whatever signs he wanted on his property," Nicol said with a sigh. "He wasn't going to back down."

Nicol added that, in light of her neighbor's escalating sign habit, she found humor in a recent email from the city that said cars were not allowed to be parked in the street 3-6 a.m.

"There were three reasons given," she said, "with the third reason being 'to help prevent blight.' I'm not sure how many complaints have been logged regarding cars parked during these hours, but I am certain plenty have been logged regarding these signs."

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Karmanos starts massive \$47.5M expansion

Brad Kadrich

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For years, patients at the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Lawrence and Idell Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center in Farmington Hills who needed something as simple as a blood transfusion have had to go down to the Karmanos facility in Detroit to get it.

When the \$47.5 million expansion to the Weisberg center is complete — by 2021, Karmanos officials said — that won't be necessary.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute announced it will expand the Weisberg Center into a full-service, outpatient oncology center by 2021. It's a move officials have really known would be needed almost since the Weisberg Center opened its doors in 2001.

"Nearly as soon as we opened, there was recognition we needed to provide for a full-service center we weren't able to provide at the Farmington Hills location," said Dr. Justin Klamerus, president of Karmanos Cancer Hospital and Network. "There's been a demand for services we haven't been able to meet with the current capacity."

Karmanos established a presence in Oakland County when it opened the Weisberg Center in 2001. With the expansion, Weisberg will become nearly four times as large, increasing its current footprint from 17,700 to 69,100 square feet.

The first phase of the project — to expand the radiation area to offer the latest advancements in radiation oncology, imaging bays and additional services, including research — got started this week. Procedure rooms and an interventional radiology suite will also be added.

Klamerus said the expansion will allow Karmanos to expand its radiation services, allowing for five-day-a-week biopsies, MRIs and positron emission tomography (PET) scans (an imaging test that allows doctor to check for diseases in a patient's body) that were more limited before.

The expansion will also allow for an ambulatory acute care center, which Klamerus likened to "an oncology urgent care," so patients who have toxicities to treatment after hours can come



Tristan Stierley works the sledgehammer and Terry Benedict runs the excavator while removing a wall and several trees on the south side of the building. BRAD KADRICH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

into the Weisberg facility and "save themselves a trip to the ER," Klamerus

Integrative support services programs, such as a wellness center for surviors, support groups and healing arts programs, will now have room to grow.

'Many of those (programs) that have been space-limited will now have the space where we can hold them in Farmington Hills," Klamerus said.

The first phase started when crews began taking down a wall and trees on the south side of the property, located on Northwestern Highway. While trees are coming down, part of the approval from the city of Farmington Hills was an agreement to put trees back up else-

where. "Any tree we take down, we have to tant to us is ... the Weisberg facility is

put one up somewhere on the site and we're happy to do that," said Ellen Monterosso, project manager for the expansion. "It's such a pleasant atmosphere for our patients. When you're sick, you want to have that beautiful area to look

Phase I of the expansion is expected to be complete by April 2019, with Phase II expected to start shortly thereafter. The expanded Weisberg Center is expected to be complete by mid-2021. The Weisberg Center is expected to continue to service patients throughout.

When it's done, Klamerus said, Karmanos expects the Weisberg facility to maintain its "holistic, homey environment."

"One thing that's incredibly impor-

very conducive to patient support," Klamerus said. "We want that same sense and same feel to be present. We don't want this to feel like the typical sterile health care facility."

Klamerus hailed the advancements in the treatment of cancer, which have allowed for "more cancer survivors every year."

"A larger facility will enhance the experience for our cancer patients and their families, making services more accessible during their cancer journey, as well as maintaining follow-up after their cancer treatment has ended," Klamerus

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Sometimes a substitute is exactly what you need



It was summer camp and I was a wimpy little kid who had inadvertently broken an important rule, so now I was sentenced to wash all of the lunch pots and pans. Distressed and overwhelmed, I broke down in tears. That's when an older boy, a teenager, stepped in and said it was OK, he would wash the pots and pans. I was relieved and thankful and, to be honest, not quite sure it was legal that he would take my place!

In C.S. Lewis's book "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," there are two groups. The "good" side includes the

Beavers, the fauns, various others, and the four kids - Peter, Suzan, Edmond and Lucy. The "bad" side includes the Witch, the centaurs, the wolves, etc. Unfortunately, Edmond gets seduced and falls in with the bad group and, though he desires to, he can't to get himself out. Then the all-powerful lion Aslan shows up and you think, "Oh good, he's going to rip the bad guys to shreds and free Edmond!" But that's not what he does. Instead, Aslan walks meekly into the enemy camp, he lays down, he allows them to tie him up with ropes and to shear off all his fur. And then the White Witch takes a knife and slits his throat and kills him. Edmond is set free. Aslan has traded himself for Edmond.

I remember when I first read "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" as a kid, I hated this part. I remember thinking, "I wish C.S. Lewis had not written it that way." It's so unpleasant. It's emotionally upsetting to read that part of the book or to see that part of the movie. That's not the way I would have done it.

I get the same sense when I read Luke, Chapter 22. It's a cool evening and Jesus has gone to pray quietly in the Garden of Gethsemane. A raucous, hateful crowd arrives with clubs and swords to arrest him. But Jesus uses none of the means at his disposal to defend himself, to beat back the crowd, to at least escape into the night. Jesus never points out their lying and deceitfulness, instead allowing Roman soldiers to beat him to a pulp and lead him to a crucifixion on a hill, where he dies after uttering these words: "It is finished."

What was finished? Well, the substitution, the exchange, the ransom paid for the Edmond in each of us. Apparently, our rescue couldn't be accomplished through power or force or calling down fire from Heaven. It came through sacrifice and what's called "substitutionary atonement" - atoning for another's sins by substituting a guiltless person for a guilty one. Like the older boy did for me at summer camp. Like Aslan did for Edmond. What Jesus did for each of us. And I'm thankful he didn't ask me to earn it first, because I couldn't. And I guess that's the point.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many helped Lions Club

The Northville Lions Club were in the community April 27-28 collecting for White Cane, our annual fundraiser. We want to thank everyone in the Northville community that gave a contribution to this cause. One hundred percent of these funds are used to support local

We would also like to offer a special thanks to Joseph's Coney Island and Fresh Thyme Market for providing a location to conduct these collections.

For more information on the Northville Lions Club and their activities go to www.northvillelionsclub.org.

The Northville Lions Club

We are all related

"First the Nazis went after the Jews, but I was not a Jew, so I did not object. Then they went after the Catholics, but I was not a Catholic, so I did not object. Then they went after the trade unions, but I was not a trade unionist, so I did not object. Then they came after me, and there was no one left to object."

Every time there is a statement that expresses hate and bigotry against a minority, I think of the above quote. We are so fortunate to live in a country that is a mosaic of people. There are the Native Americans, as well as the descendants of slaves and others who have come from all over the world looking for opportunity and a better life. All contribute to our country in very positive ways.

When we reach out and talk with those who appear different, we actually have a lot in common. For starters, they want to live where it is safe, where their children can attend good schools, and where they earn enough income to support their families.

There is a great deal of misinformation about the Muslim religion. When we think of the atrocities that have been done in the name of the Muslim faith, we need to remember the atrocities that were done in the name of Christianity like the crusades and the Spanish Inquisition. Jesus was a pacifist, so going to war in the name of Christianity and torturing those of a different faith is not something that Jesus would have con-

The same would be true of Mohammed. Muslims consider Jesus a prophet and there are many similarities between the teachings of Muhammad and Jesus. Al Qaeda, the Islamic State, and others have brainwashed young Muslims to

join them in their quest for power, control and mayhem; this is something that Mohammed would have never condoned.

I am not a Muslim, but I took the time to find out a little about the Muslim faith and to talk with recent immigrants. Looking at people as a threat that are a different color and/or practice a different religion is a distraction from honestly looking at the root causes of our country's societal problems. The biggest threats to our society are a culture that glorifies violence and tolerates bigotry.

Ann Abdoo Livonia

Reacting to President

In a strange and bizarre twist of President Donald Trump's logic, Trump dis-invited the Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles to the White House. The Eagles were invited and then dis-invited by Trump. Trump insists that the Philadelphia Eagles and all other NFL players must stand for the National An-

Rather hypocritical demand for the 5 times deferred Trump to demand certain behavior of employee's in a private business. I guess Trump already assumes he is a dictator and dis-invites

the Eagles who were one of 7 other NFL teams that always stood for the National Anthem before games.

Of course, the NFL players are exercising there Constitutional Amendment right of free speech to stand or not stand. This has nothing to do with Trump falsely wrapping this dispute in the flag of patriotism. Some of the NFL players are exercising their right to protest racial injustice. Trump refuses to deal with this issue and instead wraps the issue in false patriotism.

Until very recently, the NFL had no policy requiring players to stand during the anthem and only now do players have a choice of remaining in the clubhouse or taking the field to stand. A lame policy which seems more a concession to Trump than remedy. This NFL policy was not part of collective bargaining with the Players Association and therefore lacks player impute and CBA authority.

We wonder if the real issue for Trump's bitterness is the NFL refusal to permit Trump to buy the Buffalo Bills when he failed to pass a background check?

Gerald Maxey Farmington Hills



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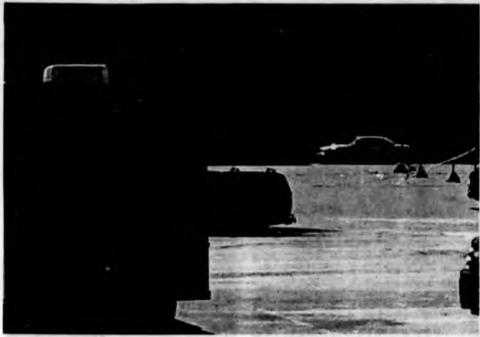
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A Michigan State Police bomb squad truck at the Northville Township Meijer on Wednesday, with the suspect's white Mercedes, which police said contained suspicious items, in the background. MATT JACHMAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Man charged with disturbing peace in Meijer bomb threat

Matt Jachman hometownlife.com

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The Clinton Township man arrested June 6 during a bomb scare at the Meijer store in Northville Township was charged Friday with disturbing the peace.

The Meijer on Haggerty, just south of Eight Mile, and several adjacent businesses were evacuated around noon June, after a man in a dispute with an employee made the comment that the store should be bombed and then police found suspicious items in his car, police

The ordeal lasted several hours, with Haggerty and Eight Mile closed in the area and traffic barred from the Northridge Grove Shopping Center until the Michigan State Police bomb squad gave the all-clear.

Suspect Denis Marku, 36, was arraigned via video Friday before 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou and en-

tered a not-guilty plea. Gerou scheduled a pretrial hearing for Friday, June 15, and set a bond of

Disturbing the peace is misdemeanor man@hometownlife.com.



Marku

punishable by up to 90 days in jail.

Marku was released on bond later Friday.

A statement from Maria Miller, spokeswoman for Kym Worthy, the Wayne County prosecutor, said prosecutors

found insufficient evidence to charge Marku with making a false report or threat of terrorism, or with making a false report or threat of a bomb or harmful device. Those charges would be more serous.

Police were called to the Meijer after the alleged threat and quickly detained Marku, finding his Mercedes sedan in the driveway directly in front of the store with suspicious packages and wires in it, said Todd Mutchler, the township's public safety director. Marku was also found to have a criminal record and social media posts that concerned police, Mutchler said.

Marku later made the statement to police that the incident had been a misunderstanding, Mutchler said.

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Youth Summer Reading Program

When: June 15 through Aug. 11

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. Signup 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.

Magic show

When: 2-2:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 Details: Baffling Bill's amazing comedy magic with lots of fun audience participation and an appearance by Gus the Bunny. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk 10 minutes prior to the program. Tickets not available in advance. Due to space limitations summer library activities cannot accommodate special groups.

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

Jingly Paper Plate Tambourines

When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 21

Details: Children of all ages drop in to make a jingly paper plate tambourine in the library meeting room. No ticket re-

Storytelling Workshop in the Park

When: 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23 Details: In this workshop, storyteller Jeff Doyle teaches participants the basics of crafting a good story. You'll even get the opportunity to get up and tell. Held at Maybury State Park in the Walnut Shelter. (A recreation pass is required for entry.) 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.

One-on-one tech help

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

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

ESL Conversation Group

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

Drop-In Summer Storytimes

When: 10:30-11 a.m. each Friday through July 27

Details: For all ages. No registration or ticket required, just drop in! Due to space limitations, summer library activities cannot accommodate special groups.





Health scare doesn't keep indomitable teenager down for long

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

How could healthy teenager Makenzie Carpenter suddenly go from full-tilt on the soccer field to not having the strength to move her legs — and then, miraculously, crank it back up to speed once again on the pitch during a sixmonth span?

In a word: courage.

Navigating a rocky course from two rare disorders that clobbered her last autumn also required crucial 21st century medical know-how, as well as persistence and positive thinking from parents Lori and Doug Carpenter of Westland.

"It's amazing," Doug said. "I think a lot of adults kind of give up in life when they hit hard times. She hit hard times and she's just relentless."

After being diagnosed with dysautonomia — essentially the shutdown of the nervous system — and later gastroparisis (described as a paralysis of the stomach) — Makenzie couldn't eat without throwing it back up.

It became too painful to sit because of a frail, bruised tailbone. Moving from Point A to Point B required use of a four-legged walker.

Yet her she is, kicking a soccer ball with ferocity in the backyard, getting ready for a Father's Day tryout to make the Canton Celtic travel team.

Can't hold her back

In January, she couldn't walk. A few months later, the Canton High School sophomore logged up to 35 minutes in junior varsity girls soccer games.

"I am surprised, because I thought (soccer) was going to be a lot more challenging, which it was," Makenzie, 15, said about how she returned to the sport she loves so much she wants to play it in college and then professionally. "But I just figured that you only live one life, so you just got to put all the effort in you can, to get back to where you want to

Some days are better than others, of course. "I know there were a few days where I was just, like, really out of it and really dizzy and my blood pressure was low. But I just put more water in," she said.

The spunky girl wears a backpack, containing bags of water, liquid food and a computerized contraption that controls how much nutrition can go through the nasogastric (NG) tube — which is inserted through her nostrils and down her throat.

She unhooks the NG tube from the backpack device before playing soccer, but she still is able to inject syringes of water into a portal whenever refreshment is needed.

The family might soon get a break from all that. On June 29, Makenzie will visit her doctors at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, with the hope that the tube will be removed.

"The main thing is she is starting to keep tiny bits of food down," mom Lori said. "She has to maintain keeping food down. But the water, for however many months we were in and out of the ER dehydrated, she gets three bags of fluid every few days."

An inspiration

To those not familiar with Makenzie's incredible up-and-down journey, it looks as though she probably shouldn't be playing competitive soccer — not with that NG tube braided to her hair.

So when Livonia Stevenson freshman soccer player Kenna Fedrigo first faced Makenzie, she hesitated about how to approach her opponent.

But Makenzie inspired Fedrigo so much that the young Spartan posted an emotional message of respect on Insta-

"You're a really strong girl and the best thing about you is that you don't



Makenzie Carpenter is still fighting dysautonomia and other issues. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE COM

wanna be treated differently," she wrote. "I could tell you wanted fair treatment like everyone else because you were aggressive. It surprised me at first, but then I like put two and two together and figured it out and that's honestly

Many other people are just as amazed.

awesome. I just wanted to tell you."

"It's her positivity alone. I don't know if I could do it," her mother said. "Every day, every doctor's appointment, every poke, every tube in the nose and down the throat, the constant puking, she keeps going. She inspires people more than she will ever know.

"I don't think she grasps the concept of how many people she motivates and inspires. Every day, I have someone come up to me, 'How's Makenzie, oh my gosh she's inspired me.""

Hard to fathom

With a smile and can-do spirit, Makenzie continues to recover from some unfathomable medical setbacks. Last fall, however, the likelihood that she could return to the soccer field was iffy at best.

She found herself stuck in the middle of a terrifying sequence of events that followed a fainting spell during an early October soccer tournament in Indiana.

"They sent us to the hospital in Indiana and told us to find a cardiologist," she said. "I didn't know what was happening. I was kind of confused, I didn't really know what was going on."

The mystifying diagnosis: she had dysautonomia.

According to Wikipedia, dysautonomia is a medical condition "in which the autonomic nervous system does not work properly. This may affect the functioning of the heart, bladder, intestines, sweat glands, pupils and blood vessels."

Lori said Makenzie did have a murmur during childhood, but her heart checked out fine. "It's just her autonomic nervous system doesn't work, which controls everything," she said.

For starters, she couldn't keep food down. Her parents estimated she often vomited more than 30 times a day.

"It was scary," Lori said. "We knew she had a murmur. But everything was fine (with her heart) it's just her autonomic nervous system doesn't work, which controls everything."

Rug pulled out

Then came Nov. 9, when Makenzie lost the use of her limbs.

"I was at home on my bed doing my homework and I went to go get up and I thought my legs were asleep and I started standing up and I couldn't walk," Makenzie said. "When I tried to stand up, it was hurting so much because of the pressure, so I just flopped."

Makenzie's parents quickly took her to doctors at Beaumont. She underwent everything from X-rays to MRIs, trying to find some explanation for her stunning situation.

Ultimately, the Carpenters learned that Makenzie also had gastroparisis, a potentially fatal disorder. She couldn't eat without vomiting. She lost an alarming amount of weight.

But the team of doctors stabilized her situation and the NG tube was inserted.

"The goal (with the tube) was to actually increase her weight, so that the pressure is relieved off of that nerve in some of the stomach," Doug said. "The intestines, they were on the way to collapsing.

"Now, with the extra nutrition, they've expanded and, hopefully, the pressure's off so she won't throw up as much, or at all."

Kicking it

Where Makenzie really started to take a step in the right direction was Probility Physical Therapy in Canton. Her training began in December and her progression slowly went from using a walker to leaning on a cane.

Recovery then took an incredible



Running full tilt during a Centon JV girls soccer game is Makenzie Carpenter. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



With a nasogastric tube braided to her hair, Makanzie Carpenter sits on the Canton bench waiting for her next appearance in the game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

next step. Not surprisingly, soccer had something to do with that.

"She actually kicked a bunch of soccer balls while she was going to Probility, that was amazing," Doug said. "I knew she bad the drive to it (comeback), I just didn't know ... this was, like, in January when she was just learning how to walk again.

"Soccer tryouts were in March. She had to act quickly and she did. She was relentless and just kept trying, trying, trying."

Each day, Makenzie got stronger physically and mentally. Her will to play soccer again had never been questioned.

"Yeah, a lot of people were surprised," Makenzie said about actually making the JV Chiefs roster. "My coach didn't know how I was going to do, so at first he made me a manager. And then he said I did pretty well at tryouts, since it was my first time exercising. He said I did OK, so I could make the JV roster.

"Then I was just doing practices and then he said I was doing really good at practices, so then I could play in the games. I think I only missed two games."

And she doesn't plan on stopping now, with hopes of playing travel soccer this summer and perhaps being on the Canton varsity team in 2019.

"I really love soccer and I don't want really want to give that up," Makenzie said, her face lighting up. "And I love exercising. Part of the reason I keep being positive about everything is my friends.

"Without friends, I don't know what I would do. But they're always positive and everything and I like being around positive people."

Anybody spending just a few minutes with Makenzie Carpenter might realize she is the personification of positivity.

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Traveling Vietnam War memorial coming to area

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Those who have visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., know how emotional it can be to see the more than 57,000 names. But next year, people will just need to head to Livonia's Ford Field to experience those feelings.

A traveling version of the memorial, which lists those killed or unaccounted for in the Vietnam War, will make a stop in Livonia next summer. "The Wall That Heals" will be open at Ford Field near Lyndon and Farmington from Aug. 8-12, 2019.

Bringing the tour wall to Livonia will give area residents a chance to remember and honor those who were lost during the Vietnam War.

"It's a big deal," said Joe Neussendorfer, a Vietnam War-era veteran who is also the Americanism chairman for the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 114 in Livonia. "The reason is the Vietnam War was such an unpopular war and the guys and gals who fought in that war, they didn't believe that (they) got any respect or dignity."

Neussendorfer was one of several other people in Livonia looking to bring

the wall to the city. Taken across the country by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the wall will stop at more than 35 locations this year, with the only stop in Michigan taking place Aug. 23-26 at the Livingston County Spencer J. Hardy Airport, 3399 County Airport Dr., in Howell.

The wall stretches 250 feet and will be set up at the park for viewing 24 hours a day while it's in town next year. It can be viewed at no charge.

Livonia resident Brian Duggan, who helped arrange for the visit next year, said he would expect people to come from other neighboring communities, such as Plymouth, Northville, Farmington Hills and Westland.

"I'm hoping we're going to pull people from everywhere," he said. "There's a lot of families, a lot of vets in this area."

While the visit is more than a year away, efforts will be made to fund raise for its visit throughout the next few months, including a potential fundraiser Aug. 25 that is still being worked out. More details on that event will be released later this summer.

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Canton resident Heather Konet writes and illustrates children's books.

'Booger Buddies' help kids become inventors

Ed Wright

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Automotive engineer by day, author by night, Canton resident Heather Konet is combining both of her careers to inspire children to discover the magic of invention.

An owner of 22 patents, Konet writes and illustrates a series of self-published children's books titled "Li'l Booger Buddies Inventors," which follow the fun and educational adventures of a group of curious green aliens who create inventions by reusing junk they find in outer space.

Konet, a married mother of two, has already sold "a couple hundred" books on Amazon.com. She also distributes free books to schools throughout the area in an effort to spread the word about the satisfaction that can be

gained by invention.

"I had always dreamed about writing books for kids," Konet said, when asked about her relatively new moonlighting career. "I had heart surgery two years ago — I'm fine now — and a year after that, I felt like it was the time to try it and put my creative-thinking process to

work.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the publishing process. I love sharing what I've learned over my 20-year (engineering) career with kids and giving them an easy step-by-step process to inspire them to invent something themselves."

Konet, an engineer for Nissan at its Farmington Hills satellite office, has incorporated a unique tool to design the engaging characters in her books.

"I actually do all the drawings in PowerPoint," she said. "I also made up some three-dimensional characters that I can take to schools when I read to classrooms. They really seem to resonate with the kids.

"Kids are natural thinkers and inventors. The steps in my books are very basic, so the goal is to kick-start kids' imaginations and find out how easy inventing can be."

Konet's books are popular at STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) events.

Along with Amazon.com, she markets her products on Facebook and Google.

"I'm doing it all myself, without the help of a publisher, so it's a little challenging at times," she said. "But I'm very happy with how many books I've sold and distributed. I knew this was going to be a marathon, not a sprint."

With two elementary school-aged children of her own, Konet has built-in subjects to bounce her ideas off of.

"I try to write the books as a parent who likes to read to her own kids," she said. "I want them to be fun, not overly instructional and not overly wordy.

"The sweet spot, as far as the books' audience, is probably kindergarten to third grade."

Konet's next book will explain to children how they can publish their own books — a subject at which she has become very accomplished.

"I'm excited how this series of books evolves in the coming years," she said. "I'm open to wherever it takes me."

To check out Konet's website, go to www.stemshorts.com.

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AAUW Northville-Novi names scholarship recipients

The American Association of University Wom-Northville-Novi branch awards annual scholarships to senior girls graduating from Northville High School and Novi High School. The group has announced that the scholarship winners for 2018 are Madeline Adler from Northville High School and Harika Kolluri from Novi High School.

To qualify for consideration, applicants must complete a detailed application that includes goals and personal strengths, extracurricular activities, community service, volunteer work, employment experience, honors and awards, teacher recommendations and grade-point average. Additionally, applicants must submit a one-page essay on an issue that impacts women and includes a personal connection to that issue. Finalists selected from the application process interview with the AAUW Northville-Novi Scholarship Committee.

Adler's accomplish-



Rhonda York (left), AAUW momber, with Harika Kolluri of Novi High School.

president and international finalist of DECA, treasurer of Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Gold Award Girl Scout of America, volunteer for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, Hometown Hero Volunteer Award. Beyond Our **Borders Volunteer Award** and Leadership and Mentoring Volunteer Award.

Kolluri's accomplishments have included vice president of DECA, treasurer of the French Club, secretary and vice president of the Interact Club, leader of the Link Crew, National Honors Society, co-founder and vice In her essay, she discusspresident of buildOn, team captain of Relay for ed the pay gap that still exists between men and Life and KAST volunteer. women. Adler plans to She spent last summer in Las Neblinas, Nicaragua, study business administration at the University where she helped with

additional study in food

and the environment.

She looks forward to a ca-

reer in agribusiness.

Madeline Adler (front) of Northville High School with her mother.

on her experience in Nicaragua and the importance of a school that includes girls in a country where they are often excluded from educational opportunities. Kolluri will attend the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. She will pursue a career in marketing and consulting, including a focus on social enterprise.

For more information about AAUW Northville-Novi and how you can become a participant, www.aauwnn.org.

We're Buying

Novi's Sizzling Summer Series marks 10th anniversary

Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Sizzling Summer Art Series. Exciting activities and entertainment, including music, magic, cultural dancing, movies and more, will be happening all summer long at three different Novi locations -Fuerst Park, Pavilion Shore Park and the Novi Civic Center. Spend each Wednesday morning enjoying free children's entertainment and then each Friday night for family-friendly activities and a movie on the big screen.

The Sizzling Summer Arts Series is presented in partnership with Community Financial Credit Union and sponsored in part by Novi Public Library, Michigan State Fair, St. John Providence and Novi Youth Assistance. Program grants were provided by the Michigan **Humanities Council and** the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. This season's schedule includes: Wonderful Wednesdays

(10:30 a.m.) **Events at Fuerst Park**

June 20: Polynesian Dancers of Michigan

June 27: Musician Joe Reilly **Events at Pavilion Shore**

July II: Native American Cultural Stories and Dancers with Reg Pettibone

July 18: Drummunity. fun percussion experience

July 25: John the Magician **Events at Novi Civic**

Center Aug 1: Puppeteer Kevin

Kammeraad Aug 8: Palamazoo pup-

pets and music Aug 15: African Drumming and Dance Troupe **Heritage Works**

Friday Family Fun 6-9 p.m. June 22 at Fuerst Park: Rockin' Birthday Bash with movie "Beauty and the Beast"

7-9 p.m. July 13at Fuerst Park: Pop up waterpark with movie "Kubo and the Two Strings" 7-9 p.m. Aug. 17 at Novi

Civic Center: Maker Fest with movie "Coco" Call the Novi Parks hotline at 248-347-0473

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Silver Lining is an inter-generational program which brings together older adults with elementary school children. During weekly sessions, older adults interact with selected youngsters at from the Novi Community Schools District. They engage in activities such as crafts, games, puzzles and lots of conversation. Silver Lining is sponsored by Novi Youth Assistance, NCSD and the city of Novi Older Adult Services. Each mentor received a certificate of appreciation; certificates were handed out by Linda Cianferra, NYA chair, and Lisa Shields, NYA caseworker.

Novi Woods students enter recycling contest

tary is competing to win a playground made from recycled oral care waste through the fourth annual Recycled Playground Challenge, courtesy of Colgate-Palmolive, Meijer and TerraCycle.

Novi Woods Elementary will earn one "playground credit" for each unit of oral care waste. Every year that we partie- Recycling Program is an such as empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers, sent to TerraCycle for recycling. An additional credit is earned for every online vote cast for the school at www.meijer. com/colgate or www. terracycle.com/colgate meijerplayground2018 by Saturday, June 30. The grand prize is a playground made from recycled oral care waste collected through the Colgate Oral Care Recycling Program, a free, national program operated by Colgate and TerraCycle.

Full set of rules for the 2018 Recycled Playground Challenge can be viewed at www.terra cycle.com/colgatemeijer playground2018

"Novi Woods has been recycling with Terracycle for eight years," said Nicole Cromwell, Novi Woods PTO recycling chairperson. "We have re-

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

Donors can call 1-800-REDCROSS to make an appointment

Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 14, Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Nick Lidstrom Drive, Novi

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 17, Gardner White, 43825 W. Oaks Drive, Novi

Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 22, First Presbyterian Church, 200 Main Street, Northville

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, Northville Community Center, 3030 W. Main Street, Northville

Novi Woods Elemen- cycled everything from us demonstrate this motjuice pouches to glue sticks and tape dispensers to oral care products. The Playground Challenge sponsored by Colgate and Meijer gives our students a great opportumany of the Leader in Me pate in the Colgate Oral Seven Habits that are Care Recycling Program. ipate in this contest, our support grows and we keep more items out of the landfill. The kids see the results of a community working together to accomplish a goal and they get excited to be a part of it. At our school, we start every day by saying, "'t takes teamwork to make the dream

work!' This contest helps

This year's Recycled Playground Challenge launched April 22 in throughout Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and nity to demonstrate Wisconsin that partici-

> The Colgate Oral Care ongoing activity, open to any individual, family, school or community group. For each piece of waste sent in using a prepaid shipping label, participants earn money toward donations to the school or charity of their choice. To learn more about the program, go to www.terracycle.com/

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Sat., June 30, 2018 at 10:00 am the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate Storage, 21650 Novi Rd., Novi, MI 48375. Units may or may not include the following: Household Items,

Unit 631 **Unit 212** Hayleigh Zuk

Unit 272

Recreational Items and/or Misc. Goods Unit 613 **Unit 426** Kenya Ingram

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On behalf of the Novi High School Senior All Night Party 2018, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the generous donations from the following businesses and individuals!

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· Novi Coney Island

· Novi Siam Spicy

· Meadowbrook Country Club

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- Boston Market
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Congratulations Novi High School Class of 2018

Hometownlife.com to host live storytelling events

Dan Dean

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Hometownlife.com, the daily online site for Observer & Eccentric Media, will host an informational meeting as we look to kick off a series of live storytelling events. We will present the events in the tradition of the USA TODAY NETWORK newsrooms Storytellers Project, a nationwide series of live storytelling events.

If you have ever had interest in participating in a live storyteller event, but not sure of all that is involved, come join us at the Village Workshop, 455 E. Cady Street, in Northville beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14.

We believe oral storytelling and journalism serve and reflect a community, while developing empathy in that community. Each Hometownlife.com Storytellers Project will curate nights of true, first-person stories from neighbors and notables. Events will feature local tellers of all ages sharing real stories from their real lives, coached by our journalists. Think "The Moth" with a little more time to spin your story or "Mortified" without so much teen angst.

On June 14, will be joined by Ann Arbor storyteller Patti Smith for a laid-back evening when we will answer all your questions. Smith will provide a demonstration and our coaches will be on hand to walk you through the process. Our plan is to host four to six events over a 12-month period. Themes will include:

music, food and culture, new beginnings, tattoo tales, glory days, high school sports and more.

If you're not sure if you are brave enough to be a teller or wondering which story to tell or topic to choose, come join us for a great evening June 14 in downtown Northville. Snacks, pizza and soft drinks will be avaiable for purchase.

For more information and register to attend, go to our event page on Facebook at facebook.com/home-townlife

Contact Dan Dean by email at ddean@hometown-life.com. Instagram at @HTLeditor.

AREA EVENTS

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

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 \$30 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."

Milford Garden Club events

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

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

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

Dems of West Oakland

The Democrats of West Oakland County group will host a candidate forum at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. Guest speakers will be Gretchen Whitmer, candidate for governor; and Gwen Markham, candidate for commission. For more information, go to www.DWOC.info.

Michigan War Dog Mamorial 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 Eleven 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.

Club hosts radio day

The South Lyon Area Amateur Radio Club will host the annual American Radio Relay League Field Day, running from 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, until 2 p.m. Sunday, June 24. The free event will be at the east end of the James F. Atchison Park, 58000 Grand River Avenue, in New Hudson. Club members will be on hand to answer your questions about amateur radio. For more information, go to http://www.slaarc.com.

'Northern Aggression' at Tipping Point

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 Family Drive.

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

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 register on the FLCC website, www.flccsl.com. The cars will be judged and the winners will receive plaques. The cart 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.

Milford H.S. reunion

The Milford High School Class of 1968 will be hosting a 50-year reunion 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10 at the Lazy J Ranch, 625 S. Hickory Ridge Road (also known as the Schultheis Barn). Spouses, significant others and guest are all invited to enjoy reminiscing with former classmates, a buffet dinner and both contemporary and vintage music provided by a DJ.

The cost is \$55 per person. Attendees may register online or by mail; the deadline to register is Monday, July 23. Online registration is available at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mhs-class-of-68-50th-reunion-celebration-tickets-45760528974. For more information, call Bonnie Davidson at 480-309-

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.

South Lyon H.S. reunion

The South Lyon High School Class of 1963 is having its 55th reunion Saturday, July 28, at the South Lyon Hotel, 201 N. Lafayette Street. Interested parties can call Barbara Cook at 248-349-5982.

Grow a row for Active Faith

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

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

Milford Community Garden

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

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

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

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program call 248-308-2592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

Aine A-Reader

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

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

Indivisible Huron Valley

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

Youth Alpha film series

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

SL Rec Authority

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







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Fair

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Masters: It is our first foray into nighttime shows and it was an easy decision to embrace this new technology and engage Great Lakes Drone Co., LLC, a Michigan-based company; they are at the leading edge of this technology. They will light up the skies over the state fair on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. We are still working out the show details, but fair-goers can look forward to more than two dozen drones, performing various formations and acrobatics, with super bright color-changing LED lights. It's all choreographed to music. On a much smaller scale, of course, but similar to what was done for the Winter Olympics and the Coachella music festival earlier this year.

Hometown Life: Urban farming is on the rise and playing an important role in Michigan agriculture. Does the state fair have initiatives to promote and help grow urban farming?

Masters: Absolutely! We have recognized the value of urban farms and gardens since the inception of the Michigan State Fair Gold Ribbon Scholarship Program. Each year, we award \$20,000 in scholarship money to those youth participating in urban agriculture throughout the state. New this year, the Michigan State Fair Youth Council, with help from ITC and the Agricultural Ambassadors, sponsored by Flagstar Bank, will be working at the Oakland Avenue Farm to design and install a chicken coop big enough for 50 chickens.

Hometown Life: Elephant ears or cotton candy?

Masters: Definitely elephant ears, with extra butter, sugar and cinnamon fresh from the fryer.

Hometown Life: You have written that your journey as executive director of the Michigan State Fair has been educational, fun, rewarding and occasionally hilarious. Can you share a

Masters: It was during the first or second year that I had moved down here and I was at a series of meetings in Lansing at the capitol and, following those meetings, we were invited to a reception. I really didn't have a clue as to what the reception was about and really



Michigan State Fair executive director Steve Masters with Jerry Ann Hebron, superintendent of urban agriculture, at the Oakland Avenue Urban Farm in Detroit. NANCY PHARES | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

didn't think twice about it, as I was in awe of having meetings in Lansing at the Capitol Building. After the meetings, we arrived at a wonderful, beautiful holiday event filled with charming, lovely, bubbly people straight out of a television show. I was immediately intimidated, but had a sense of relief when I noticed that upon check-in, there were name tags. When I entered the reception area, I noticed that some people had on name tags and some didn't. Regardless, I dove in to mingle and talk about the rebirth of the Michigan State Fair. I met one gentleman who was amazing, kind and seemed interested and engaged in hearing about the state fair. I did most of the talking and, when I was introduced, I didn't really catch his name (or see a name tag), but I continued to share information about the Michigan State Fair. People kept stopping by and the circle continued to grow (and I am thinking I can network in the big leagues and I have a mini audience). Still not knowing who I was talking with, I turned the conversation toward him and asked, "So what do you do?" I knew I had just committed some faux pas by the looks on the faces of the people in the circle and the gentleman in a warm tone said that he was Michigan Supreme Court Judge Robert P. Young Jr. The conversation turned and I extracted myself. Walking away, I laughed

to myself and thought, "So much for my

big league networking abilities and knowing who's who in the state."

Hometown Life: Any insider information you can share about top prospects for the 2018 State Fair Superstar Contest?

Masters: Not at this time; we are still accepting entries for the contest, through the first week of July. I will say that we have had a series of ultra-talented Michigan artists win in the past and that our reigning winners, the Gasoline Gypsies of Port Huron, have continued to raise the bar on the level of talent that it takes to win the contest. Michigan has an enormous pool of amazing musical talent and the contest continues to be more exciting, year after year.

Hometown Life: Did you raise livestock growing up? If so, what kind of livestock? If not, if you were to raise livestock, what would you choose to raise?

Masters: I did not raise livestock, my family owned a carnival and I spent my summers in towns across the state of Michigan. If I were to raise an animal, it would either be poultry (I am intrigued by the coloring and behaviors of the various birds) or I would lean equine and have horses. I have a fraternity brother who breeds mountain horses and they take them out trail riding all the time. It

looks like a great activity and there appears to be a sense of accomplishment, peace and connection in the harmony of a human and a horse working together.

Hometown Life: As a former Escanaba guy, how do you fare in congested southeast Michigan traffic?

Masters: It seems I am always lost or late for meetings and events. I still haven't gotten the hang of traffic and timing and I have been on wild adventures with both Siri and the Google Maps app where I haven't even been geographically close to where I was supposed to be. When I first moved down here, I lived in Novi at Beck/Grand River and never ventured past Haggerty to the east and Wixom Road to west - I basically lived within those borders for the first two years in Novi. I was very fortunate that everything that I needed and more was located in that area - and that one of my teammates, Nancy Phares, would always drive to the meetings and events that we attended. Now I am untethered and working to find Zen and peace, like all the other commuters, when sitting in traffic and a 20-minute commute has suddenly turned into an hour.

Hometown Life: New this year?

Masters: The Michigan State Fair Youth Council and the Flagstar Bank Agricultural Ambassadors will be collaborating and building a very large poultry housing and habitat unit, for 50 chickens, at the Oakland Avenue Urban Farm in Detroit.

We are teaming up with our title sponsor RAM and longtime sponsor The Kroger Co. of Michigan to drive out hunger. There are two major components of the collaboration:

I We will be teaming up for a series of food drives at Kroger stores that will culminate with the last food drive occurring the opening day of the fair, Thursday, Aug. 30. If people bring three nonperishable food items, they will receive \$5 off of the \$30 regularly priced Ultimate Wristband.

■ For every \$22 advanced sale discount Ultimate Wristband ticket that is sold in Kroger stores, a meal will be donated to Gleaners.

Contact Dan Dean at ddean@home-townlife.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY

FOR THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE
PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS
AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Council of the City of Northville on the 16th day of July, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers 215 West Main Street, on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Northville, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

Historic District Commission Architect Position Vacancy

City Council is accepting applications for qualified and interested volunteers to fill the vacant Architect position on the Historic District Commission (HDC).

Applicants must be a resident of the City for two years, a registered voter, and have a professional degree in architecture plus at least two years of full time experience in architecture or a state license to practice architecture. Education in architectural preservation, American architectural history, preservation planning or a closely related field, or full-time professional experience on historic preservation projects is preferred, but not a prerequisite.

HDC members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council, and serve as the body that reviews work in the Historic District to carry out the procedures set forth in the City of Northville's historic preservation ordinance, in conjunction with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

The Historic District Commission meets at 7pm on the third Wednesday of each month at City Hall. More information about the HDC, and the City's historic preservation ordinance is available on the City's website.

Applications are available on the City of Northville's website or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI, 48167. Completed applications should be returned to the City Clerk's office, which also contacts applicants to schedule interviews with the Selection Committee. All applications will be kept on file for future consideration. Applications accepted until June 25, 2018.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2018-2019 budget.

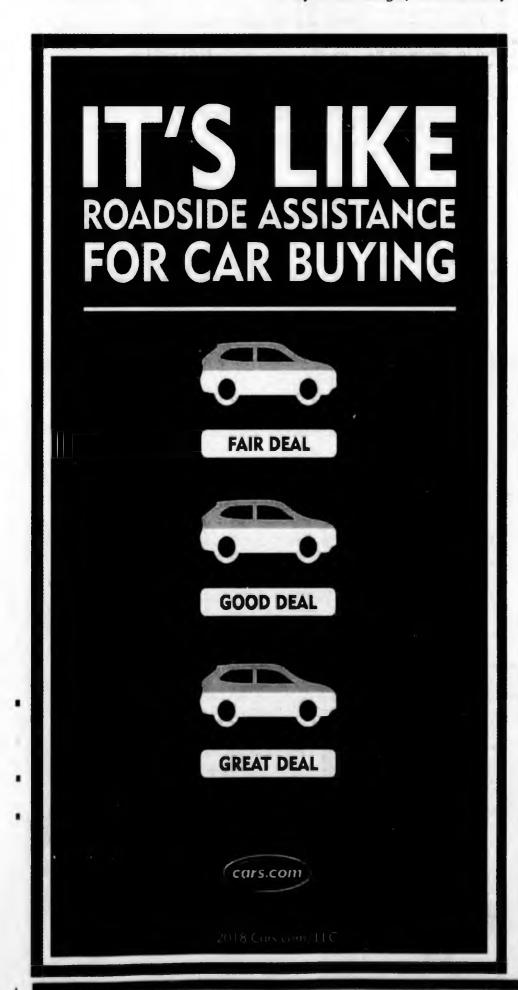
The Board may not adopt its proposed 2018-2019 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 19, 2018, a copy of the 2018-2019 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, 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.

Willy Mena, Secretary
Novi Community School District Board of Education

Published: June 14, 2018



Four reasons to head to Livonia Spree

David Veselenak

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

School's almost out, which means it's almost time for the fun to begin.

Livonia Spree returns June 19-24 to Ford Field at Lyndon and Farmington roads. An annual celebration of Livonia becoming a city in 1950, this year's events will bring many of the favorites Spree-goers have grown to love. Here are four reasons to check out at this year's Livonia Spree.

The music

What would Spree be without the

This year, the committee has decided to break out the big hair and head to the 1980s, with Rock Star headlining the festival Saturday night.

Celebrating all things '80s arena rock, the group plays hits from bands and artists such as Poison, Bon Jovi, Motley Crue, Def Leppard and many more. Rock Star's show will take the main stage at 7 p.m.

In addition to the headliners, plenty of Spree favorites will make their return, including Major Woody, 50 Amp Fuse, Earth Angels, the Killer Flamingos and Steve King and the Dittilies. A full schedule of music can be found on the Spree's website, livoniaspree.com.



Every day of Spree has something new to offer at one of the tents or in Eddie Edgar Arena.

Pig races return several times a day at the park, as well as the petting zoo. Wednesday night in the kid's tent marks the return of the Observer & Eccentric's pie-eating contest, where kids can get a chance to devour a pie without the aid of their hands for prizes.

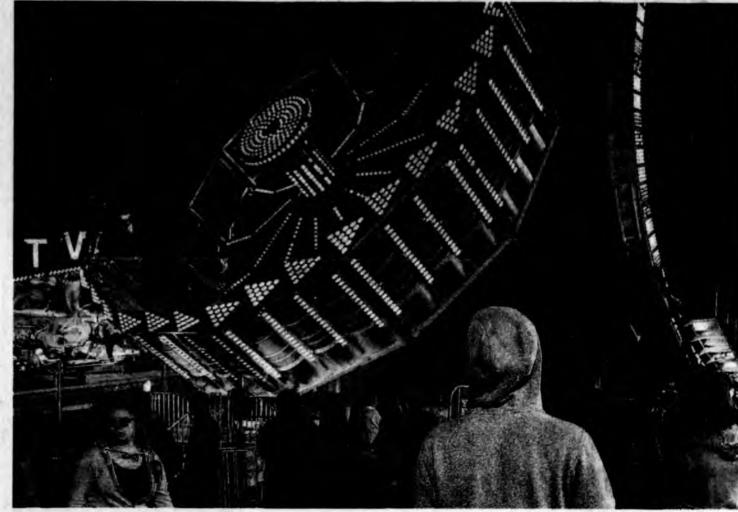
For the adults, Wine, Brews and Tunes returns Friday night at Eddie Edgar Arena. Tickets are \$15 and include 10 beverage tickets and snacks, plus the first 300 people will receive a sample mug. Spree's Margaritaville will also return Thursday through Saturday, with live music and plenty of margaritas

The Rotary 5K Run/Walk returns

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Carnival rides are among Spree's most popular attractions. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Sunday morning with both a one-mile fun run and the 5K run taking place. Registration remains open ezrunevents.com/spreerun.

After the run, two separate church services will take place. A Catholic service will take place at 8:30 a.m. and a Protestant service will take place at 11

A full list of all the events can be found at the Spree's website as well.

The rides

Wade Shows will return with its traditional slate of thrill and kiddie rides for all ages. An official ride list hasn't been posted on the Wade Shows event page for the Spree, but plenty of options will be available for kids of all ages to en-

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Wristbands for unlimited rides are \$25, though an online pre-sale will take place before the Spree with bands going for \$16. They can also be bought in person at the following locations:

■ Livonia Parks & Recreation, 15100 Hubbard

■ Livonia treasurer's office, 33000 Civic Center

Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 33300 Five Mile, Suite 212

■ Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark

The fireworks

The biggest grand finale of them all, the annual fireworks show, will return Sunday night to wrap up the festivities.

The annual show will light up the sky near Farmington Road. Several roads surrounding the Spree grounds, including Farmington between Schoolcraft and Five Mile, will close several hours before the fireworks show. The show will kick off after 10 p.m.

The shuttle service will take Spreegoers between Ford Field and the civic center parking lot all day and after the fireworks.

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

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 18-286**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18-286 TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AMENDING ARTICLE 3, ZONING DISTRICTS, AT SECTION 3.1.10 B-1, LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO ALLOW RESTAURANT USES IN THE B-1 LOCAL **BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT.**

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 4, 2018 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT **ZONING ORDINANCE #05-21-18Z**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 05-21-18Z for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amendment amends the zoning map for the parcel located at 129 N. Wing Street, parcel number 48 002 01 0520 000 from GCD, General Commercial District, to R-1B, First Density Residential District (Conditional Rezoning). The property owner plans to renovate the existing historic house on this site to use as a single-family home.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on May 21, 2018, and was adopted by the City Council on June 4, 2018. The ordinance shall become effective on June 22, 2018. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

Sealed Bids will be received by the Clerks Department, Second Floor, Northville Township Hall, on or before 10:00 AM on June 28, 2018 for installation of street trees on 6 Mile Road. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time.

Work to be done includes the installation of 99 trees located within the Wayne County Road R.O.W and on private property adjacent to the R.O.W, plus all related work. Bid documents may be obtained on or after June 7, 2018 from the office of Carlise/Wortman Associates Inc., 117 North First, Suite 70, Ann Arbor, MI or via the township's website: www.twp.northville.

A fee of \$30.00 per set of documents will be charged. No refunds will be given for returned

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, or Bid Bond by a recognized surety, in the amount of 5% of the total of the bid price. A proposal, once submitted, becomes the property of the Charter Township of Northville. In the sole discretion of the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to allow a bidder to reclaim submitted documents provided the documents are requested and retrieved no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance, maintenance, and labor and material bonds in the amount of 100% of the bid price and satisfactory insurance

After the time of opening, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days. The Charter Township of Northville reserves the right to accept any Bid, to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make the award in any manner the Charter Township of Northville believes to be in its best interest.

Any further information may be obtained from the Township Consultant, Mr. Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA via e-mail at cnordstrom@cwaplan.com Questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of the consultant in writing or by fax at 784-862-1935. Questions will not be accepted if received less than 7 calendar days before the bids

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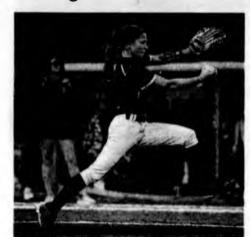


Sports



PREP SOFTBALL

Plymouth pours it on in regional final



Delivering a pitch through the raindrops Saturday is Plymouth's Jenny Bressler. MICHAEL VASILNEK | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Two-homer game by Holden, 14 strikeouts by Bressler propel Wildcats to 9-2 win over Allen Park

Tim Smith **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

With Jenny Bressler mowing down Allen Park hitters with pinpoint control and a blazing rise ball, the Plymouth Wildcats knew they didn't need to score a ton of runs during Saturday's Division 1 regional final.

Of course, when the senior and recent winner of Michigan's Gatorade Softball Player of the Year Award trotted out to the middle of the infield to pitch the bottom of the first inning against Allen Park, the Wildcats already were up 2-0 on RBI doubles by sophomore Angela Schmidt and junior catcher Ari Bartholomew.

Plymouth went on to post a 9-2 win with senior outfielder Whitney Holden ripping a pair of homers, including a grand slam — to earn the program's first regional title since 2015. That year, Bressler, Holden and outfielder Jessica Tucci were freshmen.

With the triumph, the Wildcats (31-5) advance to the D-1 quarterfinal scheduled for Tuesday at Chelsea High School.

"You're never really expecting to hit a home run, you're going up swinging for a base hit," Holden said. "We had runners on and I just wanted to score them and help my team."

Comfort zone

Holden's grand slam - over the fence in left-center - opened up a 7-0 lead in the fourth and she tacked on a two-run blast in the seventh. The game was played in the rain at Southgate Ander-

"Today we (coaches) kept telling the girls, 'They put up a lot of runs, we can never be satisfied." Plymouth head coach Lauren Evans said. "And Whitney answered that call and made sure that the game was out of reach."

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BOYS LACROSSE

New king is crowned



Senior captains (from left) Liam Cunningham, Peter Thompson and Ethan Pattinson display the first lacrosse state championship trophy in Catholic Central history. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rice's reign is over as CC's late rally results in state crown

Marty Budner

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

There is a new Division 1 boys lacrosse state champion. Brother Rice's incredible 13-year reign is over.

Arch rival Catholic Central knocked off the Warriors in the Division 1 state championship game played Saturday at Parker Middle School in Howell. In a fierce battle that went down to the final

an 11-10 triumph.

This year marked the eighth time including the last five in a row - the teams have played for the state title. The Shamrocks finally brought home their first state championship trophy and it couldn't have been sweeter for Dave Wilson who took over as CC's head coach in 2005, when Rice captured its first MHSAA state title.

"Obviously, it feels good. These kids

minutes, the Shamrocks emerged with have worked exceptionally hard, some of them for four years and some of them just since January," said Wilson, whose team finished 19-2. "But it's a bit of a relief. It just feels great to see the fruition of a lot of hard work come to-

> The game-winning goal was scored by Shamrocks senior midfielder Ethan Pattinson with three minutes remain-

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gether."

PREP BASEBALL

Northville turns double play to capture regional

Mustangs advance for second straight year with win over Lakeland

Brad Emons

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The double play ball became Northville's best friend and it's the reason the Mustangs remain alive in the MHSAA Division 1 baseball state tournament.

It took another sterling defensive effort Sunday as the Mustangs edged White Lake Lakeland, 1-0, to capture the regional title at Novi for the second year in a row.

Northville, last year's Division 1 runner-up, moves into the state quarterfinals scheduled for Tuesday at Wayne State University to face Birmingham Brother Rice.

"You can't explain it," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa, whose

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Northville's Nick Prystash slides safely into second base on the steal before Lakeland's Trent Farquhar can make the tag. MARTHA MICHALAK



Plymouth finishes one hit short of regional glory

Tim Smith USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The chance to make school history was one base hit away Saturday for the Plymouth Wildcats.

Instead, Saline pitcher Ryan Steinhauer struck out Plymouth senior Chase Every, leaving the potential tying and winning runs on base in the bottom of the eighth inning.

The defending state champion Hornets escaped with a wild and crazy 5-4 win at Southgate Anderson, while the Wildcats could not quite capture their first regional title.

"That's baseball at its finest," said Every, who in his previous at-bat stroked an RBI double down the left-field line to key Plymouth's game-tying surge in the seventh. "Both teams will do great things, both teams will mess up. Somebody had to win and today we just weren't lucky enough for it to be us."

Every gave credit to Steinhauer, a lefty who entered the game with two on and one out and Saline nursing a 5-3 lead (thanks to two unearned runs in the top half of the inning).

After senior Kyle Aniol was retired for the second out, junior Anthony Sharkas smacked a double to center to plate junior Nolen Dingelday. Next up was Every, who did not have an answer for Steinhauer.

"I got a fastball and I had it timed up," Every said "It was a ball, so I didn't swing at it. Next one was a change-up, same delivery, same arm slot and it fooled me. I swung early. Similar things the next two pitches. He had my number

Senior catcher Zach Beadle, however, had Every's back despite the game-ending strikeout.



Enthusiastically reaching second base after his RBI double against Saline is Plymouth's Chase Every, MICHAEL VASILNEK | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"There's not another kid I would want up at the plate at that point," Beadle said. "You put Chase in that spot again, there's not a doubt in my mind that he'd come up for us."

Plymouth (28-12) trailed most of the afternoon, after senior starting pitcher Evan Good gave up three runs (two unearned) in the second. Saline southpaw starter Cole Daniels, who will pitch at Division I Kentucky, had to leave the game in the sixth after reaching the maximum pitch count (105).

But the Wildcats drew even in the bottom of the seventh on the Every double and two wild pitches.

Saline, however, quickly broke the 3-3 tie against senior relief pitcher Rob

Two walks sandwiched around a single by Logan Evans loaded the bases with one out and Plymouth head coach Jason Crain brought in his infield to face Vinnie Patteri in hopes of preserving the

Patteri then hit a grounder that scooted on the wet grass under the shortstop's glove, putting Saline into a 5-3 ad-

"I think the ball was a little slick coming off the grass, a little rain," Crain said. "It's a ramped up team, this team is probably the most passionate team we've ever had here.

"It's 95 percent of the time it's for the good and, occasionally, when you take a passionate group like that, it's going to fall on the other side sometimes, too.

"Got to be proud of them, they did a great job and had opportunities to win that game. Probably should have."

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Crain said the baseball program continues to grow. Plymouth won the district title for the fourth year in a row and also earned division and conference champion-

"We'll get there, these boys are learning." Crain said. "That first couple years they got here, they were kind of seeing what it was all about, obviously wanting to win, but not quite getting there.

This group expected to win and last year's group expected to win. Each year it builds a little bit."

Following are several other takea-

A RECORD YEAR

In addition to the Wildcats posting a team record for wins, Crain said both Good and junior pitcher Dylan Brown finished with identical an 8-1 record to share a Plymouth mark for individual pitching victories.

"Evan's been dominant for two months, he's 8-1, school record for wins along with Dylan Brown," Crain said. "He's a bulldog on the mound, he's everything you want out of a senior pitcher and leader on the mound."

GROUP TO REMEMBER All eight Plymouth seniors (Good, Every, Beadle, Aniol, Begley, Jake Cain, Logan Dziadzio and Mitchell Harber) had a postgame huddle with the coaching staff as good-byes were said and hugs exchanged.

"You know, our senior class, we've won districts four years in a row," Every said. "I don't think you can ask more of a program to just go out there and give everything they got.

"I think every senior on this team, everybody on this team left everything they had on the field."

Good added that "I love all these guys with all my heart, they made the four years — three years for me, since I transferred - enjoyable. I love these boys. We played hard. It's unfortunate it had to come to an end."

Beadle chimed in that the 2018 Wildcats "set the standard, we set the record for most wins in school history, won the first conference championship, won the first division in four years. It's just all about us being leaders and showing our passion for the game."

COLLEGE-BOUND

Plymouth will enjoy a mini reunion of sorts next year, with three players moving on to Madonna University in Livo-

Those include Aniol, Dziadzio and Beadle - the latter who recovered remarkably from a broken leg suffered during the football season and showed he could still play a solid all-around

Good will pitch at Northwood University, while Begley is set to play at University of Michigan-Dearborn. Every hopes to walk on at Michigan State.

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BOXING



The city of Westland Boxing Challenge Tournament at Modano Ice Arena will feature members of the Norwayne Boxing Gym. KELLY CHIDESTER

Norwayne Boxing Gym stages

two-day amateur tourney card

Brad Emons

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

After opening the Norwayne Boxing Gym three years ago, owner Jeff Styers believes now is the time to unveil some of his talented fighters.

And they will be on display Saturday and Sunday, June, 16-17, for city of Westland Boxing Challenge Tournament at Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, in Westland.

The Father's Day USA Boxing-sanctioned amateur event is a fundraiser for the Norwayne Boxing Gym and will feature 10 different weight classifications with 40 boxers and 20 bouts (ages 6-

Three of Norwayne's boxers, headed to the junior nationals later this month, will be on the card as action begins at 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. (Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.)

Tickets each day are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Some V.I.P. ringside tables remain available (at \$250 each). The event will be hosted by Mike Bonner of radio station WFDF-AM (910) and comedian TBarb of the Aries Expe-

We have amateur teams from Canada, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Chicago that will be coming in, so it's going See NORWAYNE, Page 48

to be some of the top teams from the region going at it for a two-day tournament," said Styers, who was appointed

in Michigan.

by Gov. Rick Snyder as vice chairman overseeing professional boxing and mixed-martial arts

When the former Jefferson Barns Elementary School, 32150 Dorsey Street, was convert-

ed into a community center, Styers, a former amateur and pro boxer himself, came up with an idea.

"I decided to get back into the sport and, when this opportunity came up, I always wanted put a gym in the neighborhood I grew up in," said Styers, who is CEO of Arrow Strategies, a national contract staffing firm headquartered in Southfield. "Norwayne is a pretty impoverished area, so for these kids, it's having a pretty big impact. From there, I kind of forged the deal and opened up the gym there. It's just not boxing. We have a mentoring program with the University of Michigan boxing team. We have tutoring and we have a computer lab. And we're in the process of putting together a scholarship program. We're trying to make these kids well-rounded, but with the

Lacrosse

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ing in regulation time. "Joey Kamish drew a slide and I just came around backside, beat my man topside and just bounced it right between the goalie's legs," said Pattinson, a three-year varsity veteran and one of three captains. "It was phenomenal. Holding up my jersey and representing the Shamrocks in my last game, this is what I die and what I bleed for.

"It's just tears. Tears of joy. Just going over to my parents and going over to my friends I had tears in my eyes," he added. "We knew it was going to be hard and we knew it was going to be a battle. It's the best rivalry in the state of Michigan. We pulled through and it's the greatest feeling."

CC beats Rice for third time

Brother Rice lost to CC twice during the regular season -10-9 in overtime and 11-8 in the Catholic League championship game. The Warriors were determined to retain their state title in the third encounter.

It didn't work out as the Warriors let a three-goal lead slip away in the final quarter and were forced to settle for the runner-up trophy for the first time in program history.

"It is what it is. They outplayed us in the last five minutes and they won," Rice head coach A.J. Chawla said. "I think maybe the monkey is off our back now. A streak is not going to last forever. These guys worked their butts off all year and we just didn't have it when we needed it this year.

"Our guys came in with a lot of pressure," he added. "The amount of pressure our guys played with over the last 14 years, having to repeat every time, is a ton of pressure. I don't think there is less pressure. In fact, I think there is more pressure and it's a shame. Every team is different and these guys worked just as hard as every other one. they just didn't end up on top."

CC rallies late to win

It was a game of emotional runs. CC took the early lead, soaring to a 3-0 advantage after the first quarter, only to have Rice battle back to forge a 5-5 halftime tie. Rice led 8-7 after three quarters and scored the first two goals

of the final quarter to go up 10-7. The Shamrocks then responded with four straight goals in just a little over a three-minute span to win the game. CC basically held the ball for the final minutes to register the historic victory.

"I think any coach will tell you lacrosse is a game of runs," Wilson said. "They went on their run. We always know we kind of have to weather the storm and we'll get one. We have a very deadly offense and they just need the ball. So once we get the ball, we know it's going to make its way into the back of the net."

Junior Joe Kamish led CC with five goals, while Pattinson finished with three. Sophomore Ryan Sullivan scored twice and senior attack Peter Thompson accounted for the other Shamrocks goal. CC goalie Jakob Hemme had 12

Rice sophomores Pat O'Hara and D.J. Dixon both scored three times. The other Warriors scorers were Jordan Hyde (two), Justin Glod and Mike Cosgrove. Rice goalie Jack Michael made nine

"It's tough. But listen, we're going to come back and fight hard," said Chawla, whose team finished 13-8. "I know everybody is going to put in bright lights that we're done and that the era is over. But I guarantee you we're going to come back and we're going to regain this.

"Brother Rice is not down and out," he added. "We made it to the championship game and lost by a goal. By no means are we out."

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senior Peter Thompson looks for attacking space during Saturday's **Division 1 state** championship game, MARTY BUDNER HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Catholic Central

PREP BASEBALL



The Clarenceville Trojans captured their first baseball regional title with a 6-2 win Sunday over Center Line.

Clarenceville breaks through in regional win

Brad Emons
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Livonia Clarenceville arrived Sunday at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark hot and ready for an MHSAA Division 2 baseball regional title.

And the Trojans made history earning by earning their first quarterfinal berth with a 6-2 win over Center Line.

Clarenceville, which improved to 17-13, advanced to the regional final with a 4-2 win Saturday over Melvindale thanks to the six-hit pitching of Nick Bisaro and led Center Line 3-1 in the championship game before play was halted after four innings Saturday because of

"It was amazing, our kids came to play," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "We played stellar defense and threw strikes. Nick Bisaro has been our horse all year. In Game 1, he walked nobody and, in Game 2, we committed no errors today in the championship game. So we had only two errors all weekend."

Clarenceville used three pitchers to limit Center Line (22-il) to just four hits. Logan Calimazzo started and went the first four. Zach Jones threw the fifth and sixth innings before handing it over to Nick Shute in the seventh.

The Trojans, who jumped out to a 3-0 lead, got a key two-out, two-run single in the first inning by junior Nick Snage, who collected two hits for the game.

Center Line got runs in the second and fourth innings, but the Trojans put it away in the sixth with three runs as senior Brad Trout had an RBI single. Trout and Zach Topolewski also scored on passed balls.

In the win over Melvindale, Bisaro raised his record to 9-2 with a complete game victory. He allowed one earned run, struck out five and did not allow a walk. His earned-run average this season is 1.43.

Offensively, Snage went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Demond Scrutions added two hits. Jones added an RBI single

Last year, Cotter guided the Trojans to a district crown and the regional final before losing 12-2 to Dearborn Divine Child.

"To win this for the school and to turn this program around and become a baseball school in the last five years has been pretty amazing," Cotter said.

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Softball

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During the game against Allen Park, Evans, who also coached the 2015 regional champions, turned to one of her players from that team who is helping coach the current squad.

"I looked at someone who was on the 2015 team, Rachel Zerona, and I said, 'Man, that 2015 team was great, but this team just hits the ball,'" Evans said. "And I think they exhibited that today. Any pitch that was thrown, we put good swings on a lot of them, especially the mistakes of the pitchers. And we made it count, 14 runs in the semifinal game (against Ypsilanti Lincoln), nine in this championship game.

"These kids are just eager and ready to win, ready to play, ready to swing," Evans added. "And these seniors are definitely hungry. In 2015, we ended a little short of our goals and they know this is the last chance and they want to make something happen."

The outcome really was never in doubt, especially with the early runs and Bressler again dominant from the circle.

"My offense really had my back, we kept scoring a lot of runs," said Bressler, who struck out 14 and gave up just two hits — both to Kelsi Littleton.

The two runs in the top of the first also helped her relax when it came time to get down to business against the Jaguars. "It takes a lot of pressure off, actually," she said.

Bressler said winning the regional as a senior has a bit of a different feel than it did in 2015.

"I just feel a lot more comfortable now," Bressler said. "I've been in this position before. It's a familiar feeling and I like it."

Holden emphasized that this year's regional title "feels the same, we're very excited about the win and we're excited to move on."

"It's an amazing feeling, we played really well today," Tucci said. "We came out strong and played strong the entire day, both games."

Tucci beamed when asked about whether or not this year's regional title equaled or surpassed the one earned her freshman year: "Yeah, there's no words. It's really amazing that we've been able to do that."



Plymouth senior Whitney Holden (middle) is congratulated by happy teammates after hitting a grand slam against Alien Park. MICHAEL VASILNEK | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

All-out effort

For a while, Bressler looked as though she would duplicate the no-hitter she threw against Salem during the the dis-

She retired the first 12 Jaguars and received a great defensive effort from sophomore second baseman Alexis D'Alexander to close out the fourth.

Alyssa Lake ripped a one-hopper that looked targeted for right field. But D'Alexander dove to her left, caught the ball, got up and fired a strike to first baseman Sophia Dibbles.

"I realized I had to dive for it, to just help Jenny out in the field," D'Alexander said. "It's great, because I'm a sophomore and so I still got two more years so, hopefully, we can keep it going.

"But I'm really happy for the seniors, so that they could get a regional their last year, too."

Others contributed to the attack. Starting off two of the Plymouth rallies with a single each time was junior short-stop Haley Gagnon, while junior third baseman Kiersten Metz doubled.

Meanwhile, Bressler said a big assist for whenever she gets into a pitching groove goes to catcher Bartholomew.

"She helps a lot, she frames very well and she blocks a lot of balls for me," Bressler said. "She does really well behind the plate."

Plymouth reached the regional final with a 14-1 trouncing of Ypsilanti Lincoln, in a game that required five innings to complete.

"We just put the ball all over the field," Evans said. "Sophia Dibbles had two doubles, one off the fence. Everybody hit the ball that game. It's been amazing."

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Baseball

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team improved to a school-record 33-7 overall. "Baseball is so unpredictable. You get to this type of tournament, it's one-and-done and you're facing good teams with good pitching and good defense, you absolutely have to have some luck involved and for a lot of years we didn't have a whole lot of luck once we got to this point, so it's nice for this group of seniors to be back again."

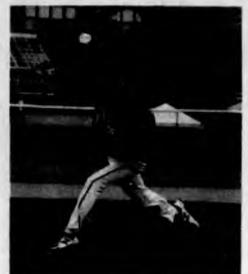
Clinging to a 1-0 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh, Northville starter Ben Schmidt, who held the Eagles scoreless on just four hits on 93 pitches through six innings, walked lead-off batter Trevor Lauer.

Cade Parmeter bunted over Lauer and Kostrzewa made a pitching change, going to his side-arm throwing closer Jordan Shaffer, a senior right-hander.

"I kind of kicked myself," Kostrzewa said. "I wanted to probably bring (Shaffer) in the bottom of the seventh there at the start and let him start the inning, but I owed it to Ben, being a senior and pitching the way he did, to at least give him a shot to go out there and start it."

Shaffer got Patrick McDonald on strikes, but the ball got away momentarily from catcher Billy Flohr, who threw high to the bag as ball squirted over the outstretched glove of first baseman Steve Morrissey.

But second baseman Nick Prystash alertly was there to back up the play and prevented Lauer from scoring from third base and McDonald going to sec-



Northville startar Ben Schmidt got the victory in a 1-0 win over Lakeland in the Division 1 regional final at Novi.

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With runners at first and third, Lakeland freshman Kevin Krill then drilled a hot shot up the middle, but Prystash went down to his knees, gloved it, fired the ball at second to Alex Garbacik, who made the turn for the dramatic gameending double play.

"It's nothing we hadn't practiced before, that's why we spend so much time doing it during the week for times like this when you need it the most," Prystash said. "It was a great turn all the way around. We got it done and won the

In the second inning, Prystash made a diving grab to rob Krill of a hit. And his heads-up backup play before the gameending double play as also a run saver. "As a team, you've got to pick each other up," Prystash said. "When one of us makes a mistake, we have to be there and help pick them up, keep moving forward and that's exactly what we did. Got the two outs and came together as a team at the end."

Lakeland starter Aaron Ball, a hardthrowing right-hander, matched Schmidt nearly pitch for pitch.

But the Mustangs were able to scratch out the only run of the game in the top of the fifth, on a lead-off second single by Trevor Schornack, a fielder's choice ground out by Spencer Ziparo followed by an RBI double by Jake McWilliams, who also made a couple of clutch defensive plays in right field.

"Great to see a senior in Jake McWilliams, an outstanding kid, to be able to get a hit in that situation in the nine hole," Kostrzewa said. "You just love seeing that stuff as a coach, because he's the kind of kid that you root for."

Ball went all seven innings, allowing just five hits. He struck out five and did not allow a walk while hitting one batter.

"He had a great year," Lakeland coach Brad Farquhar said of his starter. "He's somebody I'm very, very proud of because he came a long way in his four years of high school, not just on the field, but off the field. I'm very, very proud of Aaron this year."

Prior to the game-ending double play, Farguhar was reluctant to bunt.

"A lot of times in that situation, we will squeeze," Farquhar said. "But that situation didn't come up because they brought their submariner in, which we had never practiced that squeeze against a submariner. That will be in our practice plan from now on. Our hitter,

our ninth-grader, did everything right. He hit the ball hard, the shortstop made a heck of a play and they turned two."

Lakeland, the Lakes Valley Conference champion, ended its season 33-9

"We couldn't take it as far last year, because we couldn't hit," Farquhar said. "Very good hitting team, our pitcher did a great job and our defense did as well.

"Best team in school history – No. 1. No. 2, the fact that our 10 seniors established something that's not going to be rare around here. We're going to do it again, we're going to keep getting better and we'll back at this point."

In the fourth and sixth innings, Northville also came up with big plays to cut down Lakeland runners trying to advance to second base, one time on a 4-3-6 relay after and an error, the other on a throw from McWilliams to Garbacik to nail Grant Burns, who was trying to stretch a single into a double.

"I think defensively and pitching has always been our philosophy and, hopefully, we can eke out a few runs here and there," Kostrzewa said. "But you've got to be able to catch and throw and we spend a lot of time on defense throughout the course of the year. All week long, we've been working on the double plays, but we really had an emphasis on it this week. And bringing in (Shaffer) in that situation, you're looking to keep it down and get something on the ground. It couldn't have worked out any better for us."

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Norwayne

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boxing, it's just thriving. And this is our big opportunity to showcase it."

Styers, who graduated from Wayne Memorial High School, started boxing at age 15 and had a total of 102 amateur bouts, going 98-4. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1984 and joined the marines boxing team, winning the all-military title for his weight class in 1985.

He turned pro in 1988 and was undefeated before retiring in 1992 at age 26.

"Just kind of had an epiphany to do something different other than fighting," Styers said. "Everything was great, but I wanted to do something else, so I went into business."

The Norwayne Boxing Gym puts a high emphasis on its Four Corners of Achievement mantra, which is athletics, education, service and leadership.

"Especially because it's disadvantaged youth that come to us, the whole idea just isn't to get kids in the ring, teach them how to fight and get them out ... it's more about increasing their confidence," said Jan Mnich, a publicist for the Norwayne Boxing Gym. "Their

learning helps them be better individuals, so if they keep growing, they'll be able to contribute more and go farther within themselves."

Former Detroit pro boxer Erskine Wade serves as Norwayne Boxing Gym's

head trainer, but he also serves as mentor and role model for the youths.

"The stuff he does for these kids ... all the school principals in Wayne-Westland know who Erskine is," Styers said. "He was the Citizen of the Year in Westland last year, got letters of commendation from the governor on down. Just a really great guy who puts his heart and soul into these kids. He takes them to

get a haircut, takes them to the mall, just does everything for them. Runs interference, because a lot of them don't have dads, so he becomes their surrogate dad. Just a great guy."

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Novi swats Hornets to reach D-1 semifinals

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You can't give the Novi girls soccer team an inch or it's more than likely going to take a mile.

Saline found that out quickly June 7 during the MHSAA Division 1 regional championship game, giving up a pair of goals during the first 7:45 and being unable to recover as the host Wildcats rolled to a 4-0 victory at Meadows Stadium.

Novi (17-5-1) made its second final four appearance in three years Wednesday when it faced Troy (15-5-6) at Rochester Stoney Creek.

Two years ago, Novi lost in the state semifinals to host Stoney Creek in penalty kick shootout, 2-1.

"It's special," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "I've been a part of three state championships just in my time of coaching and so to get back there again is always special. And this is a great group of girls. We have a bunch of juniors and have our team played two years ago, so we've got a lot of experience going into that state semifinal game. Hopefully, that experience will help bring the underclassmen a state ti-

Junior midfielder Jessie Bandyk figured prominently in the win with a pair of goals, including the game-winner just 1:27 into the match on a header off a corner kick from Leah Kiura.

Five of Bandyk's 12 goals this season have come off headers.

"(Pheiffer) is always saying, like, early goals are better goals," Bandyk said. "So I knew we had to take advantage of our corners, so I made sure to get on the end of it. As a team, we've been practicing that play, like, constantly, so it was important for us to finish that one."

Sophomore Avery Fenchel then scored her 20th of the season, teaming with her senior sister Laine Fenchel to make it 2-0 with 32:15 left in the first half.

"I scouted Saline a bunch of times and every game - against a good team they either win by a goal or they lose by a goal or tie," Pheiffer said. "They play



Novi captured its second Division 1 girls soccer regional title in three years with a



Bandyk

they're organized in back. We said if we're going to get them, we've got to jump on them early. We want to be the aggressor and we want to jump on them from the start, so

that way they just can't bunker down." Meanwhile, the Hornets (12-4-3) appeared staggered after going down early

"We played a lot of tough teams, but I just think they're the most well-rounded team that we've played," Saline coach Dana Rosselot said. "We had a bad first 10 minutes and we are not a team that can score tons of goals and so that kind of messed up our entire game plan and kind of what we've thrived on really the past two or three years. So that was tough. We had to open ourselves up and you saw them being able to capitalize on a couple of goals the second half."

In the second half, Bandyk made it 3-0 with 28:10 left in the match.

"The second one, I saw a cross coming in from the side, it was a great cross from Julia (Stadtherr)," Bandyk said. "The girl was off-balance, so I made sure to, like, capitalize and she tripped over it and she did."

Bandyk may stand only 5-4, but she's a terror on both ends of the pitch.

"She anchors that field." Pheiffer said. "You never know ... you see her size, but she plays 100 times bigger than she is. She's got II assists to go with her 12 goals, so just doesn't score goals, she assists goal. She does such a great job anchoring us in the midfield and she's always hustling. She's always working. She tracks back. She's a great leader on the field, she leads by example."

With 6:42 remaining in the match, senior Emmie Takada put an exclamation point on the Novi victory when she grazed a shot just off the left post and into the net, with senior Riely Schultz drawing the assist, to make it 4-0.

"It sucks to lose, but you can lose to a team you know that's just better than you," Rosselot said. "You got to be able to take that. Especially in the second half, being down 2-0, knowing that we were going to have to play a completely different style and just fight ... and we did."

Here are other takeaways from the regional final:

KUDOS TO FRANK

During halftime of the regional final, longtime Novi boys and girls soccer announcer Frank Rayburn was recognized for his contributions and received a nice ovation from the home crowd.

A fixture for the past 20 years at Meadows Stadium, the former Novi



Novi girls and boys soccer public address announcer Frank Rayburn is retiring his mike after 20 seasons. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Middle School math, science and technology teacher is retiring his microphone.

Rayburn also coached middle school boys basketball for 35 years, along with football and girls basketball. His daughter Lydia played soccer for the Wildcats and then at Kalamazoo College, while his son Frank was a member of Novi's 1998 state championship team.

"It's been a pleasure to teach, coach, serve and volunteer for the Novi schools," said Rayburn, who retired from teaching in 2010.

STOUT DEFENSE

Novi scored on four of its five shots on goal and also had a 7-2 edge over the Hornets on corner kicks.

Meanwhile, senior goalkeeper Callie Rich faced only one harmless shot on goal, that coming late in the match, to notch the shutout.

"Our defense is doing great this year," Bandyk said. "It's been like a brick wall. Whenever we make mistakes up top. they make sure help us out and clear things out. So I think they're doing a great job."

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Stadtherr's two goals propel Novi by Canton in regional

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Julia Stadtherr doesn't seem to mind taking penalty kicks.

"I'm a fairly relaxed person, so I'm usually a good person to take those," said the Novi junior forward, who notched her second PK in as many games in the Wildcats' 2-1 Division 1 girls soccer regional semifinal win June 5 at home over Canton.

Stadtherr also scored Novi's first goal with 32:08 left in the opening half.

"I saw the opening, cut in between the defenders," Stadtherr said. "We needed that first goal to get the momentum going for my team. I saw an opening and I took it."

Canton won the first meeting between the two teams, 1-0, but Novi was determined in the rematch.

"We were just having a hard time connecting passes the last time we played," Stadtherr said. "They're a great opponent. They always come out strong. This time, we did a lot better iob connecting passes and not just playing kick ball.

Stadtherr took a looping pinpoint pass from teammate Jessie Bandyk to beat Canton goalkeeper Sarah Hammond, who had ventured off from her line, to make it 1-0.

"We wanted to do a better job of finding our forwards kind of cutting in," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said. "And Julia started cutting in and Jessie (Bandyk) gets her a great ball into her ... and we also knew they're goalie is a very good goalie. She's very aggressive, she's going to come off the line. We did a lot of finishing at practice yesterday and Julia had the awareness to get her head up, see the goalie was coming out and get that touch before she got there. So great job by Julia."

Canton, which bowed out with an II-5-4 record, got on the board with 16:56 remaining in the first half on Jayna Fraser's unassisted goal after she beat a Novi defender down the right side and caught Wildcats goalkeeper Callie Rich out of position.

But shortly after, Canton's Ari Ontko was called for an inadvertent handball



Canton's Noel Blain (9) trias to stay ahead of Novi's Julia Stadtherr. BILL BRESLER! HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

just inside the 18-yard box, giving Stadtherr her second opportunity in as many games to take a PK.

Stadtherr took aim and rifled a shot straight down the middle, sliding it just under the crossbar and over the outstretched hands of Hammond.

It was Stadtherr's 13th and 14th goals of the season. She also converted a PK in the 3-1 district final victory June 2 over host Livonia Stevenson.

"I thought at first Novi came off kind of strong in the middle. They have a really strong center back," Canton coach Jeannine Reddy said. "And they're a good, solid team. I thought we struggled in the first 10 minutes when we kind of found out a few things on how they moved the ball and figure out their back line. We had our chances, but then, obviously, they put that one ball down the middle - one-two - and then in the goal. Then it was the PK and it changed the game."

With 32:26 remaining in the second half, Canton's Katie Nestico took a free kick from 35 yards out and nearly tied it, but her shot clanged off the crossbar.

"I thought that game could have gone either way," Reddy said. "They just had corners, corners, corners ... we had a couple of free kicks. We struggled, I felt, with (Emmie Takada). She really hurt us in the middle. It was both ways. I thought they had their times where they were vulnerable and then we had our times when we were vulnerable.

Reddy said she felt bad for Ontko, who simply didn't have enough reaction time to get out of the way of the Novi shot attempt from close range.

"I tried to talk to her, she feels awful," Reddy said. "She's standing there and it hits her. What are you going to do? I'm, like, the only thing you can do is be invisible at that point. She's a freshman. She has been outstanding defender on my team. She works so hard. We're



Novi's Emmie Takada hugs Julia Stadtherr (left), who scored Novi's second goal. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

young, so I think when I come away with this is that I expect my teams to always go far and do well. But when a team is so new and does this well, it's kind of encouraging and I'm OK with it."

Novi had six corner kicks to Canton's none, while also holding a 9-5 advantage with shots on goal.

We talked at practice that we wanted to do a better job of finishing," Pheiffer said. "The last game, we outshot them. I think they only had one shot on goal the last time they beat us, 1-0. We knew they they'd play a lot of long ball. They have some speed up top. They really don't build through the midfield like we do. We try build the attack up, try and combat that long ball because we're not very big. And a lot of times we try and play the ball in the air we lose it, so we try and play on the ground, play quick touches, keep that ball moving. We thought that was the key. We talked about that we wanted to limit their shots from distance because they are not afraid to shoot and the best way for us is to keep possession, work the ball around."

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Lakeland, Northville pass regional tests

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The No. 1 pitchers for White Lake Lakeland and Northville did not disappoint before the rains came during Saturday's MHSAA Division 1 baseball regional tourney at Novi.

Senior Aaron Spry threw a five-hit shutout in a 6-0 Lakeland semifinal victory over Hartland, while Northville senior Jon Michalak went a strong 6% innings in a 5-3 triumph over Farmington.

Spry struck out eight and allowed only a walk and a hit batter as the Eagles, the Lakes Valley Conference champions, improved to 33-8 overall.

"Aaron Spry threw a gem, he's been doing it all year," first-year Lakeland coach Brad Farquhar said. "I think his ERA is a 1.3. He's been trending like that all year. It wasn't a surprise to us that he did well. It was a surprise for us that it was a shutout because Hartland has good hitters."

Bret Lingenfelter, who went 2-for-2 on the day, had what proved to be the game-winning RBI in the first inning.

Lakeland, collecting a total of eight hits, added two more runs in the fourth and two in the fifth to chase Hartland starter Max Hendricks.

Trent Farquhar doubled twice in three trips and scored two runs. Jack Dungan also knocked in two run, while Cade Parmeter added an RBI.

And Spry took care of the rest.

"He got out of jams, he mixed speeds well," Hartland coach Bryan Morrison said. "I thought we could get to him early and we had some good swings in the first two or three innings, but we hit it right at them. Then we got some guys on, they got out of a jam and we couldn't get the big hit."

Hartland, which made four errors, ended its season 27-12.

"The season ... we played every game competitive and were able to win more than we lost, which is always a good thing," Morrison said. "Today, we did a few things uncharacteristically defensively. We've been really, really solid. But we had a few crucial errors there and it seemed like every time that happened or they got a big hit when they had guys in scoring position. And then when we got guys in scoring position, we couldn't



Northville's Nick Prystash (left) beats the throw to home plate as Farmington pitcher Brandon Strickland takes the throw, JERRY REA

get that big two-out hit. And that's pretty much every baseball game you'll watch that's a pretty good game, that's going to happen."

Northville (31-7), last year's Division 1 state runner-up, earned a spot in its second straight regional final thanks to the four-hit pitching of Michalak, a right-hander who struck out three and walked two before reaching his pitch limit of 105.

Submarine thrower Jordan Shaffer came on in relief and got a fly out to left to close out the victory after Farmington's Luke Morrissette had doubled home two runs to cut the deficit to 5-3 after Michalak walked Dylan Finn and hit Zach Dickson.

"Jon did an outstanding job, he pounded the strike zone," Northville coach John Kostrzewa said. "The mound got a little sloppy in the last inning because that's not like him to walk the guys that he did there late. He was a little bit tired and fatigued, but fortunately (Shaffer) came in and made a pitch, got an out to end it."

Nick Prystash went 2-for-2, while Billy Flohr, Trevor Schornack and Steven Morrissey each added an RBI for the Mustangs, who scored one in the first, two in the fifth and two in the sixth. Northville had a total of nine hits.

"We hit into a couple double plays, which killed some rallies," Kostrzewa said. "But we were able to put together a good inning in terms of just being able to run the bases well, got some bunts down and got a couple of big hits, too."

Left-handed starter Brandon Strickland, who went 4% innings, allowing three runs on eight hits, took the loss for Farmington. He was lifted for reliever Tom Williamson with two outs in the fifth. Earlier in the inning, Strickland took a line drive off his foot, but pitched to the next batter and gave up an RBI single to Flohr.

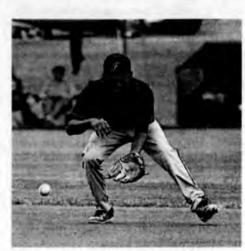
"I probably took him out one batter too late," Farmington coach Pete Finn said of his ace. "He's all around the zone. He makes them swing the bat, keeps them off-balance, for the most part. He's 7-2 on the year, so he's been our guy, so you have to give him bit of cred-

Catcher Deven Mahanti also an RBI double in the first for the Falcons.

"It was a tough day and they're really a tough to play against," Finn said. "We try and get them early on the schedule. Kostrzewa does a great job, his whole staff does a great job. His kids play hard and you've really got to play sound to



Lakeland pitcher Aaron Spry makes the high-kick delivery during a 6-0 shutout of Hartland. JERRY REA



Farmington's Steven Flowers comes up with the ground ball at second base.

beat them. I thought we had a chance to come back. I thought our kids never quit, which is great. We had the tying run at the plate. We had some good atbats early, just didn't get any good results out of them."

Farmington ended its season 21-15.
"We're league (OAA White) and district champs," Finn said. "These kids battled through a good schedule. They met a lot of good teams. I happy with the growth and the seniors led well. We'll be

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Hard-throwing Milford grad Lee goes to Angels in MLB draft

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Jake Lee had a few anxious moments June 5.

The 22-year-old Milford resident was considered a top 10-round pitching prospect in the 2018 Major League Baseball draft held June 4-6 in Secaucus, N.J. The draft's second day had been rolling along and Lee's name was still on the board.

"I was just sitting there waiting for the phone call and they had the stream pulled up on the TV," said Lee, who was

waiting at home with his family and close friends. "I couldn't watch that. I was just pacing back and forth, going around the house just trying to do random stuff so I wouldn't think about it."

Finally, around 5:30 p.m., the Los Angeles Angels called his name. The 271st overall pick and ninthround draftee who most recently played at Oakland University couldn't have been happier.

"I was just happy to hear my named called. It was definitely nerve-wracking," Lee said. "That day two of the draft, especially, once they got to the eight-and ninth-round area and knowing that there are just a couple rounds left (that day), I was really nervous.

"But talking with some of the scouts and my coaches and my adviser, it was that six to 10-round range where I was predicted to go in," he added. "I ended up going in the ninth, so they were all accurate with what they told me."

Assigned to the Olwz

Lee knew he'd be selected in the draft, but was somewhat surprised it was the Angels. He had preliminary conversations with many other teams—the New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates and the hometown Tigers, for example. But he had not heard from the Angels until the week



Milford graduate Jake Lee was a ninth-round pick by the Los Angeles Angels in the recent 2018 Major League Baseball draft. JOSE JUAREZ

prior to the draft.

Lee was immediately assigned to the Angels' advanced rookie short-season league affiliate Orem Owlz, who play in the South Division of the Pioneer League. The Utah-based franchise's season begins June 15 at Grand Junction. The team's first home game is June 21 against the Ogden Raptors.

Lee can't wait to get his professional career started.

"First, I'm just excited to be given this opportunity. I mean, it's always been a droun of mine," Lee said. "And coming from a small school and being overlooked, I guess I just kind of always had a chip on my shoulder. And being a senior-sign guy they didn't put a lot of money into me and I guess that's how it

"Now I just have to make the most of my opportunity and go out there and work hard," he added. "I just have to keep on doing what I'm doing and see what happens."

Lee played four years of high school baseball for head coach Rob Hamilton at Milford High School, where he was a three-time team MVP. The four-year letter winner and three-time all-area, district and conference honoree played the left side of the infield and pitched.

After high school, Lee went to Hillsdale, where he pitched and played infield one season for coaches Eric and Gordie Theisen before transferring to Oakland University. After red-shirting in 2015, the hard-throwing right-hander played three seasons for the Grizzlies exclusively as a pitcher for co-head coaches Colin Kaline. a Birmingham Groves graduate, and Jacke Healey.

Lifting weights aids velocity

In 2016, Lee appeared in 14 games with nine starts and finished with a 5-5 record. In 2017, he made 14 starts and pitched 86 innings — fifth all time in a single season at OU — and ranked third in the Horizon League with 86 strike-outs.

This past spring, Lee took his game to another level.

He won his last three outings to finish with a 7-4 record (6-1 in conference) as the Grizzlies posted a program-best 12 league victories. The staff ace struck out 112, which broke a single-season OU record and ranked 31st in the country. He was named National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division I National Pitcher of the Week after a 14-strikeout win over UIC and was twice named Horizon League Pitcher of the Week.

A second team all-Horizon League selection, Lee did not gain the attention of major league scouts until the strikeouts began to mount. He was able to raise the velocity on his fastball, which was consistently 94 mph this season, but reached 96 and 97 at times.

Lee, who suffered through injuries his first two years at Oakland, said the key to his turnaround was his good health and decision to hit the weight room, which he previously did not take much stock in.

"I saw a big velocity jump during my senior year at Oakland and I think that was the only reason the scouts took to me. It's all about velocity," said Lee, who credited The Bullpen Academy in Novi as an influence on his career, along with all of his former coaches. "I had a little contact before this year, but there was a lot more attention this past year.

"I just worked out. I wasn't a big believer in lifting weights my first couple years in college. But last summer, I just decided it's my last year. It was, like, my (velocity) been the same the past couple of years, so I'm just going to train a bit more. I started lifting to see if that would pay off and it did. And I started to do a weight-ball program as well.

"I would say I'm a hard thrower with a good change-up. I have a good feel for the game and I know how to attack hitters with four pitches that I'm confident that I can throw whenever I want to and I feel that's a good advantage," he added. "Most of the teams who were scouting me said they were going to move me to the bullpen. I don't really know for sure yet, but I have a feeling it's going to be the bullpen."

Lee was the first collegiate studentathlete from the state of Michigan taken in this year's draft and the second OU player since 2005 to be selected in the top 10 rounds in consecutive seasons (Zach Sterry was chosen in the eighth round of the 2017 draft by the Boston Red Sox).

"I'm definitely very excited. From everything I've heard, the Angels are a good organization to be a pitcher in," Lee said. "I'm just happy to go out there and compete and see what I can do."

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Northville's Dales places second in D-1 field

Grosse Pointe South earns team title; Seaholm, Northville, Detroit CC go 3-4-5

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Dales

out the top five.

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Jimmy Dales came as close a you can get to becoming a state champion Saturday.

The senior from Northville earned runner-up honors at the MHSAA Division 1 boys golf state finals held at Grand Valley State's The Meadows losing in a

playoff to Patrick Sullivan, who led Grosse
Pointe South to the team

South fired back-toback rounds of 299 for a 598 total to finish 19 strokes ahead of runnerup Rockford, which shot

312-305—617.

Birmingham Seaholm (316-303_619),
Northville (316-308_624) and the threetime defending champion Novi Detroit
Catholic Central (316-311—627) rounded

Sullivan, the first day leader, wound up with a 36-hole total of 71-72—143, while Dales also tied for first with a 72-71—143 to force the playoff.

Sullivan, who will play next year at Michigan, won it on the second extra hole with a birdie after Dales scrambled back to save par on the first playoff hole when his tee shot found a hazard.

"If you told me I was going to be in a playoff at the beginning of the week, I probably would have taken it," Dales said. "It kind of sucked that I didn't win it, but it was a really, really good experience."

Dales, who missed out on the 2017 state finals because of hernia surgery two weeks prior to the regional, continued his current hot streak after taking medalist honors in the KLAA and regional tourneys.

"I was playing some really, really good golf and really happy to carry it into the state championship," Dales said.

Dales played a practice round at The Meadows two days prior to the tourney and it proved to be beneficial.

"I changed up my game plan from two years ago a lot," Dales said. "I kind of got much more conservative off the tee. I think that saved me a lot of strokes. My



Northville's boys golf contingent, coached by Chris Cronin (far left), wound up fourth overall. KURT BRAUN

sophomore year, I was hitting way too many drivers, getting myself into trouble. I bought a driving iron this spring for that tournament and I used it a lot. When I hit it well, I was probably hitting it 245-250 (yards). That's all you really need. We were not playing the tips."

Northville coach Chris Cronin said Dales was playing the best golf of his high school career.

"Jimmy's focus all weekend was amazing," Cronin said. "He wasn't getting ahead of himself and he had a plan on every hole. Jimmy's golf I.Q. is off the charts. He knows the game inside and out and his in-game management is the best I've ever seen. When he is playing like he did this weekend, he is a lot of fun to watch play the game."

Northville senior Abhinav Alluri also earned a top 10 finish, tied for third overall with 150. Alluri shot 78 Friday and posted the low round Saturday with 70

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"When Abhinav gets rolling, he can

really score," Cronin said. "I was incredibly happy for Abhinav, he has been waiting for a round like this all season and today he really showed up."

Rounding out the Northville contingent was senior Saahith Mummadi (79-83—162), sophomore Tim Braun (87-84—171) and sophomore Nick Boules (97-94—191).

"Saahith has been a terrific No. 3 for us all season," Cronin said. "He ran into a couple of double-bogeys at the end of day two, but his play throughout the weekend was rock solid. Nick and Tim really stepped up this season and, with the departure of our big three to graduation, the team will count on them to lead the way the next two season. This year, they gained valuable experience that will help them in that endeavor."

Dales, Alluri and Mummadi are all seniors

"It was really, really cool to see Abhi shoot 70 his last high school round," Dales said. "I probably think Saahith probably didn't play the way he wanted, but he put a couple of good scores for us to really get a good team finish."

Dales, who is headed in the fall on a golf scholarship to play at the University of Wyoming, will play next week in the Sizzler Amateur in Scottsdale, Ariz., and also has the Michigan Junior PGA on his agenda this summer.

But he was sad to see one chapter of his golf career come to a close.

"It was really an honor playing for coach Cronin these past three years and I've learned from him," Dales said. "We have a really good relationship and I'm going to keep in touch with him a lot. I'm going miss representing Northville."

And Dales will be missed.

"It's hard to argue that Jimmy isn't the best player in the state, but of course, I'm a little biased," Cronin said. "I'm just really happy he and his team were in a position to show the field what they were capable of."

Area breakdown

Seaholm's Henry Scavone (79-72—151), Hagen Cunningham (74-79—153) and Jack Muir (81-72—153) each finished just outside the top 10.

Spencer Whittingham added 82-80— 162, while Andrew Krivan had 92 Friday and Alex Acho 92 Saturday.

Catholic Central senior Andrew Lack placed seventh overall with 77-72—149, followed by Carter Cojei (81-76—157), Kyle Sabo (78-81—159) and Brendan Britz (80-82—162). Jack Guerrera played the first round and shot 84, while Kaleb Wiesner carded 83 Saturday.

Sabo's opening round was highlighted by a hole-in-one on No. 13.

Other area team finishers included Birmingham Brother Rice in seventh (316-326—642) and Plymouth in 13th (339-325—664).

Brendan O'Rourke led Rice with 78-78—156, followed by David Bauer (79-81—160), Maxwell Brown (83-79—162), Colin O'Rourke (86-78—164) and Quinn O'Leary (90-85—175).

Justin Lauer paced Plymouth with 81-78—159, followed by Ian Smith (88-75—163), Timmy Baldwin (84-87—171), Josh Wein (87-85—172) and Luke Morris (87-89—176).

Livonia Franklin's two individual qualifiers were Brandon Tirador (82-88—170) and Jacob Kenward (89-100—180)

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CLUB ROWING

Northville Rowing Club claims three wins at state regatta

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On the banks of the Grand River, the Northville Rowing Club came away with three first-place finishes May 19 at the Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan Championship Regatta held at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids.

The NRC's Belle Cureton and Sara Bennett captured the Women's Varsity 2x race in 7:00.06, while the Men's Varsity 2x team of Mitchell Encelewski and Brett Somerville also won in 5:52.07.

The Men's Freshman 4+ team of Drew DiFrancesco, Thaddeus Felosak, Kyle Walter, Adam Bis and coxswain Nate Poe won its division in 6:00.37.

Second place went to Somerville in Men's Varsity lx (6:19.24) and Cureton in the Women's Varsity lx (7:42.90).

The Women's Lightweight 4+ team of Marisa Reddy, Cynthia Huang, Allison Dunn, Chloe Sargent and coxswain Helaina Motts was fourth (6:45.35).

Guided by coxswain Nicholas Bhandari, the Men's Lightweight 8+ team of Seth Sharples, Karthik Muruganand, Waldo Guzman-Barrientos, Caden Smith, Brandon Liu, Nate Bennett, Christian Ozog, Pahul Kahlon placed fifth (5:41.45).

NRC also posted three sixth-place finishes: Madelyn Kwiecinski and Rachel Winfield, Women's Varsity 2x (8:20.68); Zach Bonofiglio, Luke Lesh, Jimmy King, Bis and Poe (coxswain), Men's Junior 4+ (6:II.32); and Tessa McCarthy, Hannah Sondreal, Cureton, Makala Hande, Allison Kehoe, Erinn Reinert, Nina Moyski and Gabi Evangelista (coxswain), Women's Junior 8+ (6:28.24).

The NRC, composed of Northville High students in grades 9-12, was established seven years ago and initially held practices at Ford Lake in Ypsilanti be-



The NRC's state regatta medalists include (back row, from left) Mitchell Encelewski and Brett Somerville, (middle, from left) Thaddeus Felosak, Adam Bis, Drew Difrancesco, Belle Cureton and Sara Bennett and (front, from left) Kyle Walter and Nate Poe. ELLEN BENNETT

fore moving to Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark.

During fall and spring seasons, the team competes in regattas in Ann Arbor, Orchard Lake, Grand Rapids and Leelanau. During winter season, the team stays in shape with yoga, indoor cycling, weight training and erging.

During the summer, the club offers learn-to-row camps for middle and high

school students, as well as adult programs.

"The camps give the public an opportunity to give the sport a try and learn the basics of rowing," Northville head coach Nick Bickes said. "Our hope is to encourage local schools to form their own teams, with the goal of increasing accessibility to the sport. We hope to see more teams established over the next

few years.

To learn more about the team or summer camps, go to www.northvillerowing.com.

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Hartland wins regional on walk-off homer

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When Madelin Skene's bat met the ball and it was obvious Hartland would celebrate a softball championship in the coming moments, it felt exactly how one would imagine.

"It felt like a dream coming off my bat," Skene said. "I've always dreamt since I was a little girl of doing something like that for my teammates."

Skene's 14th home run of her senior year and the 36th of her four-year career was easily her most memorable. The two-run shot in the bottom of the eighth inning gave Hartland a 4-2 victory over South Lyon in a Division 1 regional championship game Sunday at Novi.

Hartland's first regional championship since 1998 and third overall earned the Eagles (31-5) a shot at top-ranked Clarkston in the state quarterfinals Tuesday at Wayne State.

The ninth-ranked Eagles survived and advanced by battling back from 3-0 down in a 7-3 victory over fifth-ranked Walled Lake Northern in the regional semifinal and from two one-run deficits against South Lyon.

"That's what our motto was: No one ever said it was going to be easy," Skene said. "It's going to be a grind."

South Lyon took a 2-1 lead in the sixth on a home run by Janie Mitchell. Hartland tied it, 2-2, when Bri Robeson led off with a single and eventually scored from second when an error was commit-



Madelin Skene (second from left) is all smiles after hitting a two-run homer in the eighth inning to give Hartland a 4-2 victory over South Lyon. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

ted on Clare Minsker's bunt.

"We gave them some extra outs and they took advantage of it," South Lyon coach Dan DePaulis said. "Great teams like that, you can't give extra outs to."

Freshman Rachel Everett retired the final seven South Lyon batters after Mitchell's home run, putting Hartland

in position to win it in the eighth. Again, Robeson began the rally with a lead-off single. She was on second base with one out when Skene ended the game with a blast over the fence in left-center field.

"There's no time whatsoever that we felt we were going to lose this game," Hartland coach Bob Greene said. "We just felt like it was a matter of time. But, you know, in games like this, sometimes time runs out. We felt a little pressure at the end, but going into that eighth inning, there was so much energy in that dugout. Everybody, top to bottom, all 17 players, said, 'This is it; we're winning it right now."

Freshman Kelsey Zampa had an active game in right field, making two diving catches and throwing out a runner at first base on a hard-hit ball. She was also unable to reach a ball hit down the line by Brittney Porter that turned into a inside-the-park home run, giving South Lyon a 1-0 lead in the second. Hartland tied it in the fourth on a single by freshman Delaney Robeson.

South Lyon (28-7) fell just short of the second regional championship in school history, the other coming in 1986. South Lyon pitcher Alexis Bonk allowed seven hits and no walks, striking out six.

"It was one of the most successful (seasons) in South Lyon history," De-Paulis said. "So, to get that close and not do it hurts a little bit, but I'm so proud of these girls and the way they played to-

day." South Lyon had to play only once Sunday, having beaten North Farmington, 2-0, Saturday before rain postponed the rest of the tournament.

Hartland had to play a semifinal Sunday against a tough Walled Lake Northern team that took a 3-0 lead with three runs in the top of the third. Hartland came back with a five-run third before tacking on a run in the fifth.

PREP SOFTBALL



South Lyon courtesy runner Riley Bourlier (left) takes off on the pitch behind North Farmington first baseman Jordyn Taylor. JERRY REA

South Lyon's Bonk throws one-hitter in regional semifinal

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Mother Nature halted play in the MHSAA Division 1 softball regional tournament Saturday at Novi, but not before South Lyon ace Alexis Bonk made her mark.

The sophomore pitcher silenced North Farmington's bats on a one-hitter as the Lions (28-6) got in all seven innings before the rains came in a 2-0 regional semifinal victory.

Bonk, a hard-throwing right-hander, struck out 10 while allowing just two walks. She also two hit batters in going the distance.

"Alexis was good for us again in this first game, the defense played behind her, too, and we squeaked enough runs across to get the 'W," South Lyon coach Dan DePaulis said.

North's lone hit came on a third inning single by Sarah Williams, while Bonk retired 15 of the final 16 batters she faced.

"What made it tough is that we didn't get key hits when we had runners in scoring position and (Bonk) struck us out at that time," North coach Dave Brubaker said. "They got two runs with two outs. They got the key hits and we didn't. And that was the difference."

The 6-foot-2 Cherney pitched well in defeat, allowing seven hits and one walk over six innings. She struck out three.

"We normally hit pretty good, but Cherney did a great job keeping us in check," DePaulis said. "Our plan was just to try and get three or four runs and hope Alexis gets it done for us."

The Raiders finished the season 23-10 with Cherney, who will play basketball next year at Wayne State, winning 22 of those decisions. She is the team's

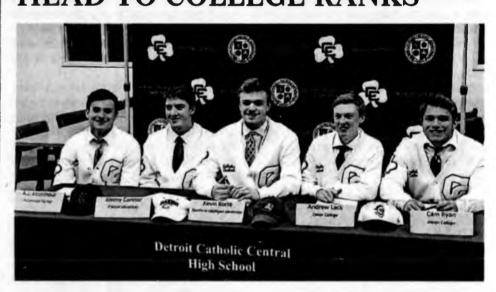
lone graduating senior. "I like the team, but I'm going to be missing a big cog though when you take out your No. 3 hitter and No. 1 pitcher," Brubaker said. "It's going to say a lot to the girls that are in line to pitch to do a lot of work this winter to step into a good situation. I've got a nice team sitting there. Everybody is

back but the pitcher." It was only North's second regional

appearance in school history. 'We had a great season," said Brubaker, who just completed his 32nd season. "We played in a tough league (OAA Red), play in tough non-conference tournaments and lost to some pretty good teams. We just went flat with the sticks today. What are you going to do?"

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MORE DETROIT CC ATHLETES **HEAD TO COLLEGE RANKS**



Novi Detroit Catholic Central announced recently that five more student-athletes will be headed to play collegiate sports next season during a signing celebration day. Those recognized during a ceremony included A.J. Abdelnour, Kalamazoo College (basketball); Jimmy Connor, Clairon (Pa.) University, swimming; Kevin Korte, Northern Michigan University, football; Andrew Lack, Calvin College (golf); and Cameron Ryan, Albion College (football).

CLUB SOCCER

Michigan Jaguars '02 Green **Boys U-16 State Cup champs**

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Detroit Cass Tech's Eduardo Villagomez scored the game-winning goal as the Michigan Jaguars '02 Green captured the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association U-16 Boys Spring State Cup with a 1-0 win Sunday over two-time champion Midwest United FC '02 Royal at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex.

The Jaguars advanced to the championship final with a 3-0 triumph June 2 over the Michigan Wolves East '02 as goalie Ryan Webb (Lutheran High Westland) posted back-to-back shut-

Coached by Brian Tinnion (South Lyon) and Beni Karamuco, the Jaguars now advance to the U.S. Youth Soccer Midwest Regional later this month in

Westfield, Ind., with a chance to play in the U.S. Youth Soccer Soccer National Championship next month in Frisco,

Other members of the Jaguars included Jack Leuker (Detroit Catholic Central), Isaac Shiner (South Lyon East), Daniel Kehn, Jack Voight (South Lyon), Julian Medrano (Livonia Franklin), Kazuma Haraguchi (Novi), Blair Mayes (Novi), Dante Bailey (Ann Arbor Huron), Christopher Lunsford (Belleville), Max Reis (Howell), Danny Pllumbaj (Walled Lake Central), Alvin Li (Novi), Luke Benford (Salem), Angel Magana (Cass Tech), Andrew Ramos (Walled Lake Western), Nathan Heimke (International Academy West), Ben Kirouac (Detroit CC).

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The Michigan Jaguars '02 Green captured the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association's Boys U-16 championship. ALL STAR PRODUCTIONS

Bressler is named top player by Gatorade

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Just in case there were any doubts about who should be named the 2017-18 Gatorade Michigan Softball Player of the Year, Plymouth senior Jenny Bressler delivered the ultimate exclamation point June 3 in the districts.

Bressler threw a no-hitter — nearly a perfect game - and also slammed a three-run homer as the Wildcats pounced on Salem, 11-0.

Early the next morning, the 18-yearold Bressler received an email from Gatorade that she indeed was the first winner of the 33rd annual award from Plymouth High School.

"They sent me an email Monday morning, so I found out through that, then it was all over Twitter," Bressler said before Wednesday's practice in preparation of the June 9 Division 1 regional at Southgate Anderson. "Then I was getting all those notifications on my phone."

The Canton resident is taking all the acclaim in stride, largely because her team has more work to do. Plymouth will be looking to win a regional for the first time since Bressler was a ninthgrader.

"It is such a great honor to be named Michigan's Gatorade Player of the Year," Bressler said. "It really shows that all of my hard work is paying off, but I couldn't have done it without my coaches pushing me to be the best that I can be."

According to a Gatorade press release, the award recognizes athletic and academic achievement "and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field."

Bressler, graduating June 10 with a 3.81 grade-point average, has volunteered with the Miracle League of Plymouth as well as at a nonprofit youth softball tournament.

Her softball statistics also are pretty incredible. Through 32 games, the Canton resident is 18-3 with a 1.20 ERA and 194 strikeouts in 128% innings. At the plate, she is batting .456 with 15 doubles and 37 RBIs.



Jenny Bressler contemplates her strategy for the next batter during a recent Plymouth game. JOHN KEMSKI | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Props for the team

Bressler, whose parents are Dan and Joan, is a two-time Division 1 first team all-state honoree and a virtual lock to be named a third time.

Yet the soft-spoken blonde would rather direct the accolades and attention to her teammates and coaches.

"Our success on the field this year has been a team effort, both offensively and defensively," Bressler said. "I personally have had a lot of success on the mound, but my team has had my back making plays for me in the field."

She also said the guidance of head coach Lauren Evans and other coaches is a big reason the Wildcats have won

four consecutive district champion-

"I believe we have been so successful because of the way our coaches push us in practice and put us in pressure-type situations so we know how to handle our nerves in a real game," Bressler said.

Another key to the success that Bressler enjoys is a year-round commitment to the sport.

"In the off-season, I go to pitching lessons and hitting lessons once a week." she said. "I also do weight training and conditioning two to three times a week."

Later this year, Bressler will go to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas on a NCAA Division I softball scholarship.

"I'm really excited to start there in the fall," Bressler said. "I'm really looking forward to it. I love the coaches there. I think they're going to be great people to play for."

Actions speak loudest

Before moving forward, however, she doesn't want to forget about the past.

When Bressler, was a freshman on the 2015 Plymouth team (which made it to quarterfinals), she had a mentor in then-senior Brittney Miller.

"(Miller) was a senior and she took me under her wing and kind of showed me how things were," Bressler said. "She would give Jess (Tucci) and Whitney (Holden), all freshmen at the time, rides to practice and made us all feel very welcomed.

"My experience on the team wouldn't have been the same without her."

Now that Bressler is a senior, she is ready and willing to be a sounding board for current freshmen Elissa Simmons and Allison Boka.

"I try to offer them rides all the time, but they don't take me up on it," Bressler said with a smile. "I just try and and talk to them, make them more comfortable."

But more than anything, she wants all her younger teammates to pick up on how she carries herself on and off the

"I am a strong believer in actions speak louder than words," Bressler said. "Just play the game and let your success speak for you. If you put in the work and trust your teammates, then that will take you a long way."

Gatorade award or not, Bressler continues to drink in her rousing high school experience. And she doesn't want the ride to end this weekend.

"My goal has always been to make it to the state finals and win a state championship," she said. "But we have to keep taking it one game at a time, one pitch at a time and not look too far ahead into the future."

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BENEFIT EVENT

Siblings honor late dad with golf outing, scholarship

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When Ken Smith went to Clarenceville High School, he played baseball, basketball and football. He didn't golf all that much - or all that well, truth be told.

Yet two years after the 1973 Clarenceville graduate died at age 61 after a long battle with diabetes, his adult kids continue to celebrate his life by throwing a charity 18-hole golf scramble.

The third annual Ken Smith Memorial Classic is set for Saturday, June 23, at Twin Lakes Golf Club in Oakland Township.

Proceeds from the event will be earmarked for an incoming ninth-grader at Madison Heights Bishop Foley Catholic High School, where four of Ken and Mary Smith's seven children were studentathletes.

"I think he would be surprised at the outpouring of those that are donating in his name and showing up on his behalf to golf, whether or not he loved the golf portion of it or not," said Dave Smith, 33, one of the family's Bishop Foley alums. "I think he'd be more in awe of those that are showing up to honor his name ... and in the end, as long as they were smoking a cigar and having a Budweis-

er, he'd probably be OK with that." Redford Township native Ken Smith died June 28, 2016, and the inaugural golf outing was quickly cobbled together and held at Warren Valley Golf Course

in Dearborn Heights. In 2017, about 80 golfers teed off at Twin Lakes, located near the home of 36-year-old Matt Smith, another Foley alum (Brian and Dan are the others), who along with Dave is spearheading the event.

Looking to expand

This year, hopes are for 150 participants; there is a limited number of openings available with June 15 the registration cut-off date. Cost to golf is \$50. (Go to registration link at golf genius.com/pages/42393930721038 69265)

"It's helping one kid per year, currently, because I think we raised \$4,000



Brothers (from left) Dave, Dan, Andy and Matt Smith gear up for last year's golf tournament in memory of their dad, Ken Smith. All four siblings attended Bishop

or \$5,000," Dave Smith said. "And each year, it's a new person that's getting it. They award it based on merit and need."

The Smith family has established it to be a four-year scholarship," said Amy **Uebbing, Bishop Foley vice president for** advancement. "So when these families get the scholarship the first year, they know that for four years they're going to get that same amount.

"And that's huge to them, too. When you come (to Bishop Foley), you don't want to be scrambling each year to try to come up with the funds."

Currently, whomever Bishop Foley recommends for the scholarship receives \$1,000 per year. In 2017-18, tuition at the school was \$9,550.

Plans are to eventually expand the scholarship to include Farmington Hills Mercy and Birmingham Brother Rice. Jessica and Julianna Smith attended Mercy, while Andy went to Brother Rice.

"Once we're able to open up a 501(c)3, give it a couple years (so) we can really get this moving and growing," Smith said. "Then it will be a no-brainer to open a 501 and we could really control how that's done.

"But until that point, we are just a means to donate under my mom and dad's name. Get the scholarship moving for the kids."

Uebbing said scholarship applicants must submit an essay about why being chosen would be important to them and their family.

Other criteria, established by the

Smith family, stipulates that the scholarship be awarded to a student "who is interested in extracurricular-type things, either sports or clubs," she said. "They also want it to be somebody who comes from the area, like Guardian Angels (Catholic School in Clawson), because the kids had gone to Guardian An-

Uebbing added that both Bishop Foley and Guardian Angels draw students from metro Detroit and beyond. "We have kids who drive to Bishop Foley from Clarkston, Fenton, Plymouth."

Filling a need

The considerable expense of sending children to private Catholic schools is something the Smith siblings didn't quite grasp when they were growing up. But now that they all are adults, they

appreciate what their parents did on their behalf.

Ken Smith, for example, toiled away at odd jobs and fit them into his schedule so that he could help work football games at Bishop Foley (he was on the so-called chain gang, moving the firstdown marker) and volunteered time on the Dads Club.

"He did all the stuff, working a couple jobs," Dave Smith said. "And when he sent us to Foley, it was the most localized school that they wanted to send us to that was part of the Guardian Angels Parish, which is where we went to grade school.



Ken Smith, who died in 2016, was active with the Dads Club at Bishop Foley. He grew up in Redford Township and graduated from Clarenceville High

"The point of the scholarship is to help those out that are struggling to get their kids into the private school system, whether or not it's Bishop Foley or Mercy or wherever. Help the other Ken Smiths and Mary Smiths that are out there, get their kids into the private school they're looking to get them into."

Concurring was Uebbing, noting that the scholarship "is absolutely what families need in order to make this (Catholic education) work," she said. "These are families who sacrifice, like I'm sure the Smiths sacrificed, to send their kids to private school. And there are families that also realize the value of education.

"There are families who, obviously, need help along the way. And so this has really afforded the students that opportunity, because sometimes it's just that little amount of money that makes a world of difference to them."

And when all is said and done, their dad would be surprised about all the commotion.

"My dad wouldn't even know what to say, to see people showing up, donating in his name, golfing in his name," Dave Smith said. "Just being present and doing something positive for the commu-

"It's a testament to the fact that he was, in fact, noticed, respected, liked."

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Q&A: RETIREMENT

Social Security, some state pensions don't mix



Robert Powell Columnist USA TODAY

Question: I was born in 1952 and divorced after 28 years of marriage and never remarried. My ex-husband said he thought I could collect spousal Social Security when I turned 66. A Social Security representative said I can't receive benefits because I get a state retirement pension. Is (he) right? My husband worked for a city and participated in the Ohio Public **Employees Retirement System (OP-**ERS). I participated in the State **Teachers Retirement System of Ohio** (STRS Ohio). It doesn't make sense how Social Security chooses which state workers are penalized.

Answer: Because of your pension from the Ohio STRS program, the Social Security Administration representative used the Government Pension Offset, or GPO, program rules to calculate your eligibility for spousal benefits from your ex-husband, says David Freitag, a Social Security expert with MassMutual.

According to Freitag, these rules reduce your spousal benefits by twothirds of your state pension.

"What's more," he says, "if your pension is high enough, this two-thirds reduction could eliminate all spousal benefits that might be available to you."

Unfortunately for you, Freitag says, this spousal benefit reduction only applies to employees of certain states such as Ohio where the workers do not pay

Freitag says you might be eligible for benefits on your own Social Security record for jobs where you did pay FICA taxes. The bad news is that these benefits might be reduced by a different, though less damaging, set of rules called the Windfall Elimination Provision.

Residents of Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Rhode Island and Texas have challenged these rules for many years, Freitag says.

Several proposals in Congress would change the rules, he says. "However, changing these rules would add cost to the Social Security system, and currently there is little or no appetite to make changes to Social Security that would add additional costs. Remember, in these states, the people who did not pay FICA taxes are the ones impacted by these rules."

Q: I am having a disagreement with family members about the decision to delay the age at which to claim Social Security. I did two break-even analyses. In one, I used a discounted net present value, and in the other, I didn't. The break-even ages were 79 without using a discount rate and 84 using it.

I say the break-even age is 79 and my brother says 84. My brother and I are both trying to advise our sister on her claiming age. While discussions around Social Security claiming age are far more nuanced than my simple spreadsheet, I have always understood that delaying would generally be a better decision if the mortality assumption, as in this case, was greater than 79, not 84.

claimed earlier could either be invested or spent (which would preserve other dollars to remain invested), the breakeven analysis should "definitely" include a growth rate/discount rate factor, says Michael Kitces, publisher of the Nerd's Eye View blog. "So, in that context, I'd concur with your brother advocating for the version with a discount rate," Kitces says.

Q: In three years, when I turn 65, I will collect a pension of about \$17,000 a year. Because I will be eligible for Medicare, I will save significantly on health care premiums. At that time, I would like to retire and use IRA savings to supplement my income and wait until I am 70 to start Social Security. How will my Social Security benefit be affected if I am not contributing from age 65 to 70? Is there some type of calculator to use?

A: The impact of not working from 65 to 70 is dependent on your highest 35 years of work history, says Joe Elsasser, a certified financial planner and president of Covisum. "If you worked a full 35 years at or near the Social Security taxable maximum, the impact will be minicant gaps in your work history or several years with lower wages and the job you will be retiring from is considerably higher pay, it could have a more substantial impact."

Others note that you might be able to increase the amount of your Social Security benefit if you continue to work, even after you retire.

For calculators, check out Social Security's Retirement Estimator, which allows you to specify your future work and generate an estimate.

As for your strategy, David Cechanowicz, a senior financial planner with **REDW Stanley Financial Advisors, says** it's fundamentally a good one. But, without specifics such as life expectancy, financial goals and bills you might have, it is hard to determine the best optimization method for your situation.

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Make personal loan for startup pay off

Invest carefully to beat the odds against you

Jackie Zimmermann

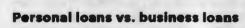
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When it comes to starting your business, not all credit is created equal. A recent study found that companies that borrow under the business name have higher revenues and longer survival rates than those that take out debt in the name of the business own-

But using personal credit to fund your business is not uncommon - the same study found that 55 percent of companies reviewed relied on it to finance their startup.

"Before your business has credit of its own, it's normal to use a personal loan," says small-business growth expert Evan Horowitz. "I've self-funded most of my businesses, putting my own resources and credit on the line then I hustle to make it happen."

Business loans may have benefits over personal loans, but there are ways to make personal loans pay off.



Florida Atlantic University finance professor Rebel Cole, co-author of the study "Debt Financing, Survival, and Growth of Start-Up Firms," says two factors may give business loans an edge over personal loans: increased scrutiny from banks and the option to use personal credit as a future safety net.

Banks tend to monitor the health of businesses they lend to, but they don't always know a personal loan will be

used for business, Cole says. The study found that companies that start with a business loan have revenues about three times higher and a 19 percent greater chance of survival than those that start with other types

of credit. While that difference may feel daunting for entrepreneurs whose only option is a personal loan or credit card, hope is not lost. You can still use a personal loan to fund your business



Many new business owners use their own funds to finance their startup. GETTY IMAGES

— you just have to be smart about how you use it.

To increase the likelihood of success, prioritize aspects of the business that offer the highest return on investment. Horowitz recommends using the cash you borrow to "grease the path for more cash to come in quickly."

While priorities will vary depending on your industry, here are three common investments to consider:

Purchase necessary equipment

The proper equipment can get your business running quickly. The key is to look for efficiency. Find machines with more than one purpose, like a combination scanner and printer for your consulting business or a hot plate plus griddle for your new sandwich shop.

To stretch your dollar, consider refurbished or reconditioned equipment, but do your homework. Opt for

certified-refurbished products with Amp up your inventory warranties. Horowitz, who used to work for a large electronics manufacturer, says many refurbished products have been returned because the customer didn't like them, not because they didn't work. That translates into an almost brand-new product at a low-

Invest in marketing

A strong marketing campaign can help you attract customers who may promote your business through wordof-mouth or on social media. To get the most for your money, use market research to find your audience. Study your competitors, what they're doing right and how you can do it better.

Determine how you'll gauge the success of your campaign, be it through sales or increased engagement on social media.

Inventory can be a major expense, especially if you're in the retail industry. If you take out a personal loan to start your business, use it to make sure you have enough product to attract new customers - and keep them coming back.

A personal loan can also help you take advantage of a great deal offered by your wholesaler, or steady the keel if your business is impacted by seasonal dips. Dropshipping, in which completed purchases are shipped directly from the wholesaler, can keep inventory costs low to help you get the most out of your loan.

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Constance L. Eis

NORTHVILLE - Constance L. Eis, age 86, of Northville, passed away June 10, 2018. She was born June 26, 1931 in Milford, Michigan; daughter of George and Jessie (nee Treece) Agnew. She was raised in Milford and graduated from Milford High School; Class of 1949. Connie continued her education at Eastern Michigan University and graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. She was united in marriage to Timothy Eis on April 10, 1954. They were married for over 39 years until his death in 1993. Connie worked at Michigan State University as an office administrator in the music

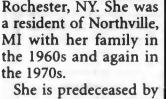


department while Tim completed his Master's Degree. They then lived in Livonia for 12 years and in 1967 made Northville their home. She was a wonderful wife, mother and homemaker. After her husband passed away, she chose to work at Knights Bridge Antique Mall and the Kitchen Witch on Main Street in Northville where she enjoyed seeing friends, making new acquaintances and supporting the small town community she loved. Connie was a longtime member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O). in Canton which provides educational opportunities to deserving young women. She was a lifetime member of Northville Women's Club and a member of the Silver Springs Questers for the education, restoration and preservation of antiques. She loved admiring and collecting antiques and also enjoyed gardening and travelling. Her favorite place to visit was her cottage on Harvey Lake in Highland, MI. Connie was a dedicated mother, grandmother and friend. She had a one-of-a-kind spirit and feistiness, and always showed unconditional love to her family and friends. Connie is survived by her children, Todd (Roberta) Eis, Thomas (Karen) Eis, and Tamara (Jeffrey) Eisenberg; and her grandchildren, Bryan (Gabrielle), Bradley (fiancé Alyssa), Ellie (fiancé Neil), Karlie, Kacey, Timothy, Kristin. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother Robert Agnew. The visitation will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Rev. James P. Russell will officiate the service. Mrs. Eis will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to P.E.O. Foundation, 3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50312 or the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025.



Theresa Duguid

ROCHESTER, NY Theresa Duguid was born 9/19/27 in Detroit, MI and passed away peacefully at 90 on 5/24/18 in Rochester, NY. She was a resident of Northville, MI with her family in the 1960s and again in



Duguid of Northville.

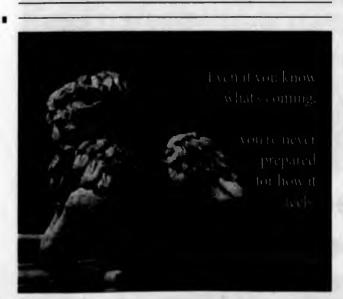
her parents and 7 siblings as well as many in-laws. In addition, she is predeceased by her former husband, Stewart (Ben)

Theresa is survived by her 4 children: Kathy (Denny) Williams of Vermont, Karen (Wallace Johnson) Duguid of Rochester, NY, Marilyn (Douglas Davis) Duguid of Wisconsin and David (Laura) Duguid of Illinois; as well as her grandchildren: Rose Davis and Isabelle and Cole Duguid, and many nieces and nephews.

Theresa was a loving, kind and happy woman with always a smile on her face. She maintained a positive spirit despite hip and spine fractures and moves to allow for more intense physical care. She was a devout Catholic with a worn-out prayer book with holy cards of the saints—she knew who to pray to for each specific need that arose and would always remind us we were in her prayers. She was known for her home-cooking with specialties that included meatloaf, potato salad, and banana bread among others. She loved music and would put on a CD and invite her grandkids to a dance party. She loved college football and was a die-hard Michigan fan. Her photo above is Theresa as a happy mother, grandmother and loyal fan.

She will be sorely missed by those whose lives

A private ceremony of Theresa's life will be held at a later date. Leave condolences for the family www.MillerOfRochester.com





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Eugene R. "Gene" Rilett

FENTON - Age 87, of Fenton, died June 4, 2018. Services will be held 5 PM Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. The family will receive friends from 1 PM until the time of service Sunday. Interment will be 1:30 PM Monday, June 11, 2018 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneral homes.com.



Mary Ann Gaffka

SOUTH LYON - Mary Ann Gaffka, 83, of South Lyon died peacefully Thursday, June 7, 2018 in Ascension Providence Hospital, Novi Campus. She was born at home in Jewell County, Kansas, arriving in the midst of a dust storm on November 27, 1934 the first of three daughters born to Clarence Thomas and Velma May (McDaniel) Stevenson. She married Anthony John Gaffka February 16, 1957 in St. Mary Catholic Church Rectory. He died March 16, 1999.

Mary Ann attended Novi and New Hudson schools before entering South Lyon High School as a freshman, she graduated with the class of 1952. She studied at the former Mt. Carmel College of Nursing in Detroit. With a caring heart she wanted to help people. She worked for 24 years helping children learn to read at Dolson Elementary in New Hudson. She lovingly cared for her husband during his illness and her parents as they aged and were in need of her special touch. She was a life member of the South Lyon VFW Auxiliary #2502 and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon for many years. Mary Ann enjoyed her many friends who she met through activities at the Senior Center, Church and throughout her many life adventures.

Mary Ann is survived by her son: Patrick (Anne) Gaffka of Westland; Leighanne Crawford of Evergreen, AL; grandchildren: Christie (Ian) Boykin of Chandler AZ, Mitchell Gaffka of San Tan Valley, AZ, Shenandoah Gaffka of Chandler, AZ, John Gaffka of Westland, Emily Gaffka of Westland, Sarah Gaffka of Westland; great grandchildren: Cheyanne and Ryan of Chandler AZ; sister, Ellen Joyce (Charles) Maltese of Woodland, CA. Mary Ann is also survived by Tony's sister, Pat Green; brother, Arnold Gaffka; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael; sister, Vera Mae Hock; Tony's father, John W. Gaffka; brother, Charles (Ila Mae) Gaffka.

Funeral service will be held 12:00 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2018 in St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon with Rev. Stan Tokarski officiating. Mary Ann will be buried with her husband in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or South Lyon Senior Center. Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

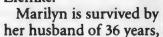
Visitation: 3 to 8 Friday, June 15, 2018 in Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, 7 p.m. Scripture Service, Friday, June 15, 2018 in Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon 10 to 11 a.m. June 16, 2018, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, Michigan. Debra L. Kranz, 989-872-2195





Marilyn Herald Smith

MORAN - Marilyn was married to her high school sweetheart, David W. Herald from 1946 until his death in 1974. She was preceded in death by her son, Steven (Nancy) Herald, and her daughter Andra Herald (Wayne) Ziemke.



Warren R. Smith, her son Scott (Judy) Herald; their children, Joshua (Adrienne); Andrew; Scott Alexander (Lindsay); her daughter-in-law Nancy Herald and her children David P.; and Patrick (Jeanette). Her step children Ronald (Marie) Smith; Kelly (John Shockey) Duling; and Sandra (Greg Wallace) Heinz survive along with her step grandchildren Derek Graber; Jillian (Chris Dye) Smith; Miranda Graber; Dustin Smith; Sarah Heinz; Sam Duling; Melissa Heinz; and David Heinz. Her sister, Barbara Heichel also survives her along with many nieces, nephews and four great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 11:00 am with visitation at 10:00 am. Another memorial service will be at the St. Ignace United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 6:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Ignace United Methodist Church, 615 US Highway 2 W., St. Ignace, MI 49781.

Margaret Robinson

NORTHVILLE - Margaret Robinson passed away Tuesday June 5, 2018 following a long and hard fought battle with terminal illness at the age of 82. She was born to John and Jennie Konazeski, February 14, 1936 in Plymouth, Michigan. She began her career at General Motors, and then worked until retirement at News Printing in Northville doing design work. She married Richard Robinson of Northville and they lived for many years in Northville, Michigan. They also had a love for Northern Michigan and spent many summers and a few years of retirement in the Roscommon/Grayling area on the Au Sable River. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Robinson. Margaret was a talented and creative woman. She was gifted in painting, woodworking and crochet/knitting. Her numerous "Grandma Hats" will keep many warm in the cold and always keep her warm in our hearts. She is survived by her son Dean Robinson, wife Nancy and daughter Ashley. Also, daughter Michelle Wildey, her husband Ray and their two children Kirstyn and Brian. She also leaves her constant canine companion "Molly" in the care of her children. She asked that any memorial tributes be made to the Michigan Humane Society in lieu of flowers. At her request there will not be formal services. Share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



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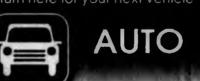
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6 smart answers to tough interview questions

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ou're in a job interview and have been rocking all the usual questions that come your way. What's your five-year plan? Tell me about your last job. What brought you to this industry in the first place? Then there's a question that stumps you a little and you pause. Uh oh, they've hit a gap in your prep, or touched on an uncomfortable subject.

How do you deal with questions that you didn't anticipate? Let's look at some of the toughest interview questions and some sample responses:

I know ovoryono has a go-to "weakness" in these job interviews, but what's your real biggast weakness?

I tend to take on too much myself, because I have high standards and get impatient when others don't meet them. But I'm working on my delegating skills and learning how to let others do their jobs while I do mine.

Why do you have so many jobs on your resume?

I have been very faithful to my vision when it comes to my career. I have very specific long-term goals and have

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taken advantage of growth when certain jobs started to feel stagnant. For example, I left XYZ Corp. because there was no room for professional development. That's why I

was so excited to hear about

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Looking at your resume, you're awfully senior for this junior-level job. How do wo know you won't jump ship as soon as

something else comes along?

I'm a big believer that you can't always take a linear approach to your career, that it's about the quality of experience. This job appeals to me because it's a chance to learn and grow in an area that interests me, so to me that step back in seniority is an investment.

It looks like you have a significant gap on your resume, and your cover letter mentioned that you took time off to start a family. Will you be having more kids in the near future?

Taking time off was a choice that worked best at the time, but now I'm ready to move forward with the next phase and focus fully on the next steps in my career.

[Note: It's illegal for interviewers to ask about your family status, so if you get a sneaky question like this one, it's best to turn it into a general answer without giving specific information about your spouse, your family, your personal plans, etc.]

Do you think you've peaked in your career?

Oh jeez, I hope not! I don't think of a career as an uphill/ downhill thing. I try to keep learning new things and find-

ing new and better ways to do my job. So, it's less about being on the way up or on the way down and more about keeping things moving forward, no matter what.

How would you deal with a colleague who threw you under the bus for something that was their fault?

Office politics are always fun, right? Seriously, though, I'd start by taking it up with the person directly. I don't think there's anything to gain from publicly humiliating anyone. I'd also make sure that my boss privately understands the reality of what went on — what my role was in the issue, whether I shared any of the blame or what I did to help resolve the problem.

If you're facing challenging questions, don't stress out too much, and don't let yourself get that "deer in headlights" look. The most important thing is to pivot the question into familiar territory — especially if you can use it to highlight one of your strengths or emphasize your goals.

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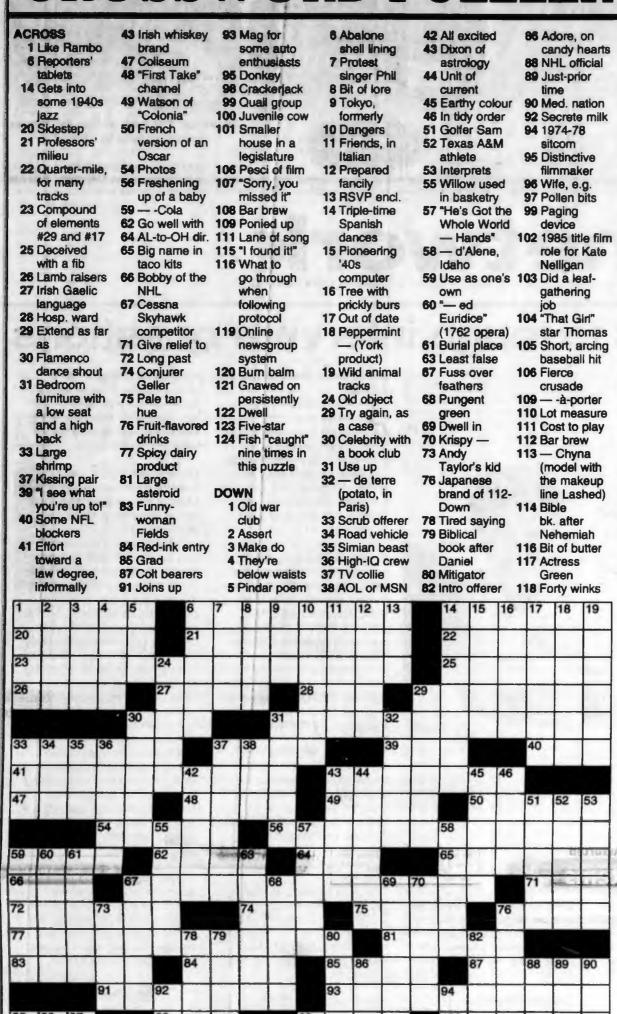
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limited in the U.S. market, so the Japanese brand has to make them And count. with Outlander

and Outlander Sport SUVs, that's exactly

what Mitsubishi is doing these days. Fortunately, the Japanese company selected SUVs and crossovers as the segment for its biggest presence in America, because sedans aren't doing so well.

Of course, there are lots of familysized crossovers these days, in what has become the market's heavily populated sweet spot. This segment even has drawn previous abstainers, in order to get in on the crowd of

American millennials shelling out offerings are bigger bucks to move around their

Mitsubishi hits that spot square with Outlander, with its three rows of seating, intriguingly low price tag, strong safety scores, and plenty of standard and optional features. Outlander also has an easy drivability that compares favorably with utility vehicles offered by some Korean and some other Japanese

Start with human capacity: Outlander can fit up to seven individuals, though a couple of them will be somewhat cramped in the rear - so they should be kids.

Turn to new features for 2017. Outlander now offers several appealing ones available on the highest trim levels, including Safety gave Outlander the best Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, automatic high-beam headlights and including Volkswagen and Subaru, a 360-degree camera. The previously to make substantial new offerings optional 6.1-inch touchscreen now is standard. And Mitsubishi has made



The Mitsubishi Outlander hits a sweet spot with three-row seating. all-wheel-drive standard on the base

Outlander with all-wheel drive earned a top, five-star rating in government tests for overall crash protection, with four stars for side-impact protection. And the Insurance Institute for Highway possible rating, Good, in several important tests.

Standard safety features include antilock disc brakes, a rearview camera, traction and stability control, hill-start assist, a driverknee airbag, front-seat side airbags, and side-curtain air bags for the first and second rows.

Outlander is offered with either a 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine that generates 166 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque, paired with a continuously variable automatic transmission, or with a 3.0-liter V6, producing 224 horsepower and 215 pound-feet of torque, with a conventional six-speed automatic transmission.

The model posted 27 mpg combined in EPA fuel-economy testing of the four-cylinder engine, dropping to 23 mpg combined for the V6. These estimates are about average for Outlander's class.

Outlander uses attractive design. And there's plenty of space in the first two rows for drivers and passengers, with seats that are wellpadded. Cargo space - 10.3 cubic feet behind the third row, and 34.2

cubic feet behind again is competitive the second rowfor its class. So is 63.3 cubic feet that open up when second- and thirdrow seats are folded down.

Prices for Outlander are typical for its segment, beginning at \$23,945, ranging up through the low \$30,000s. A plug-in hybrid is available for prices of up to \$40,295. Meanwhile, Outlander Sport fills

out Mitsubishi's vehicle lineup as a five-passenger compact crossover SUV that is basically the little brother to the three-row Outlander.

taken up updated styling in the quality materials front and rear, minor enhancements of the interior, and cabin-noise improvements. New features this year include a touchscreen display, and Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration are included with most trim levels.

Entry-level trims are powered by a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine that yields 148 horsepower and 145 pound-feet of torque. A 2.4-liter, four-cylinder powers upper trim versions.

Outlander Sport is comfortable for city driving such as commuting and errands, but yields substantially to its big brother when it comes to longer trips, allowing bumps to be more intrusive, for example.

Sport also offers above-average

cargo room and a long warranty.
Prices start at \$20,395 for the base trim, in the middle of the range for starting prices for its segment, with the range-topping Outlander Sport priced at \$24,495, less than many competitors' top-of-the-line trims.



Inside, Outlander offers some sumptuous seating trim.



Outlander Sport is the "little brother", but not in terms of appearance

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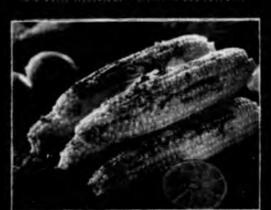
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