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## Students host party for Vietnam vet

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Nearly 50 years after his boots last touched South Vietnam's war-torn soil, Lt. Mike O'Dea was given a hero's welcome home party by a class of apprecia-

tive Northville elementary school students.

What made the June 7 celebration extra soul-touching for O'Dea was that the catalyst of the event was his granddaughter Kayla, a student in Silver Springs Elementary School teacher David Wayne's fifth-grade class.

It was Kayla who invited her grandpa to talk to her class about his compelling experience in the Vietnam War and it was Kayla who beamed with pride as the highly-decorated soldier delivered a riveting presentation on his time in Vietnam and the less-than-cordial reception he and his peers received once

they came back home.

"We were so grateful to Mr. O'Dea to come in and share his experience in Vietnam," said Wayne, who has welcomed veterans from other wars to share their memories. "This ties in per-

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Bob Harmer (left) and Brent Ashby of St. James Catholic Church in Novi spearheaded a house makeover that took place Saturday in Wixom. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Many helping hands

Church group's house project warms widow's heart

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A small army of folks converged Saturday on Carol Robinson's front lawn, paint brushes and hammers in hand.

The group of about 35 volunteers — assigned through Rebuilding Together of Oakland County to put an extreme makeover on Robinson's Wixom home — nailed it. In the process, they over-

whelmed the 74-year-old Robinson with emotion.

"It brought tears to my eyes," Robinson said. "They've been fixing garage doors, they've been doing my stairs. I had no railings going down to the basement, they put two railings in.

"They're just doing so much for me. God bless everyone. God bless them all. Just wonderful people."

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Carol Robinson  
Wixom resident whose home was repaired



Dealing with Dad  
Dan Dean  
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## Alzheimer's, dementia documentary airs June 27

A sold-out Royal Music Theater audience got a preview June 3 of Keith Famie's documentary "Those on the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" and the full-length documentary hosted by JoAnne Puritan will air at 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, on WTVS-TV (Channel 56), Detroit Public TV.

I first met Famie when he reached out after I wrote a column about dealing with my dad and dementia. He invited me along as he filmed and interviewed many locals for his documentary. He even invited us to share dad's story for his film.

I had no idea that this terrible disease would reach me and have such a profound affect on my life. It hit hard, it hit fast and has left us reeling with not only sadness, but incredible stress as we navigate the waters of caring for both our parents and our own families simultaneously. As Famie states below, if you have a head with a brain in it, you'll do yourself a favor and pay attention, gain knowledge ahead of time and plan for your own cognitive future and the future of your family.

Below are 11 questions with Famie about "Those on the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia."

**Hometown: Dementia is not exactly a sexy subject. Why spend two years filming a documentary that is not only a tough subject to talk, about, but one that few want to hear about?**

Famie: If you ask most aging baby boomers what scares them the most about aging and illness, just about everyone's first concerns is losing their cognitive health, knowing what this would mean for loved ones left caring

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## Veteran

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fectly with our Leader In Me program and the theme of how to make a difference in people's lives.

"This is especially meaningful for Kayla because she can one day, way down the road, share this memory with her kids, about the day her grandfather came in and shared his story."

Finding the perfect tone to explain a misunderstood war with a roomful of pre-teens, O'Dea recounted how he enlisted for service in 1965 while a student at the University of Detroit — even though he could have used an exemption to stay home.

"My younger brother had joined the marines and was among of the first group to go to Vietnam during President Johnson's troop build-up in 1965, as marines usually are," O'Dea said. "Imagine



Mike O'Dea is shown during his days in Vietnam nearly 50 years ago. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

seeing your younger brother go to war while, at the same time, watching protesters criticizing the country's involvement in the war. It was tough for me to take.

"I not only wanted to see what the war was about, but I wanted to defend my country, so I enlisted."

### Grueling preparation

O'Dea talked briefly about the 18 months of training he endured to earn the rank of infantry officer.

"It was very rigorous, but necessary," he said. "For instance, one day we marched in pouring rain from 6 a.m. to dusk, carrying our weapons and a backpack. We were so tired when it was time to take a break, that most of just threw our ponchos on the wet ground and slept.

"They had to be sure that we could survive in a pretty brutal setting once we were sent to Vietnam."

O'Dea remembered with mixed emotions how his brother survived the war, but one of his best friends from training did not.

"Hearing the news that one of my good friends had been killed was hard to take, especially for my wife (Peggy), because I was getting ready to go to war," he said. "There was a song we played over and over — 'Leaving On A Jet Plane' — because it talked about '... don't know when I'll be back again ...'"

### On-target Q&A

A highlight of the hour-long presentation unfolded when O'Dea asked for questions from the class.

The students responded with com-



Vietnam veteran Mike O'Dea speaks to David Wayne's fifth-grade class at Silver Springs Elementary in Northville Township. O'Dea was invited to speak by his granddaughter, Kayla, a member of the class. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

elling, thought-provoking queries, including "How was the food?", "Did you see wild animals in the jungle?" and "Were there girl soldiers?"

"The food was actually pretty good," O'Dea said. "Once in a while, they'd deliver steaks for us and nice salads.

"I didn't see any wild animals, although that doesn't mean there weren't any. I did see a lot of rats, though.

"Back then, girls weren't allowed in combat, although that's changed now."

Prior to O'Dea's speech, the students presented him with personalized cards that thanked him for his service.

Following the presentation, which included a slide show of photos O'Dea snapped during his one-year stint in Vietnam, the students admired the uniform he wore in Vietnam, which was adorned by the Bronze Star he was awarded.

"It was nice receiving the medals I did," O'Dea said, "but the greatest reward for me — and I'm sure most of my fellow soldiers would agree — was coming home to my family."

As O'Dea spoke, he made eye contact with his wife Peggy, who countered with a heartfelt smile.

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Mike O'Dea talks to the class about his Vietnam experience. Behind him are granddaughter Kayla Rotenheiser and wife Peggy O'Dea. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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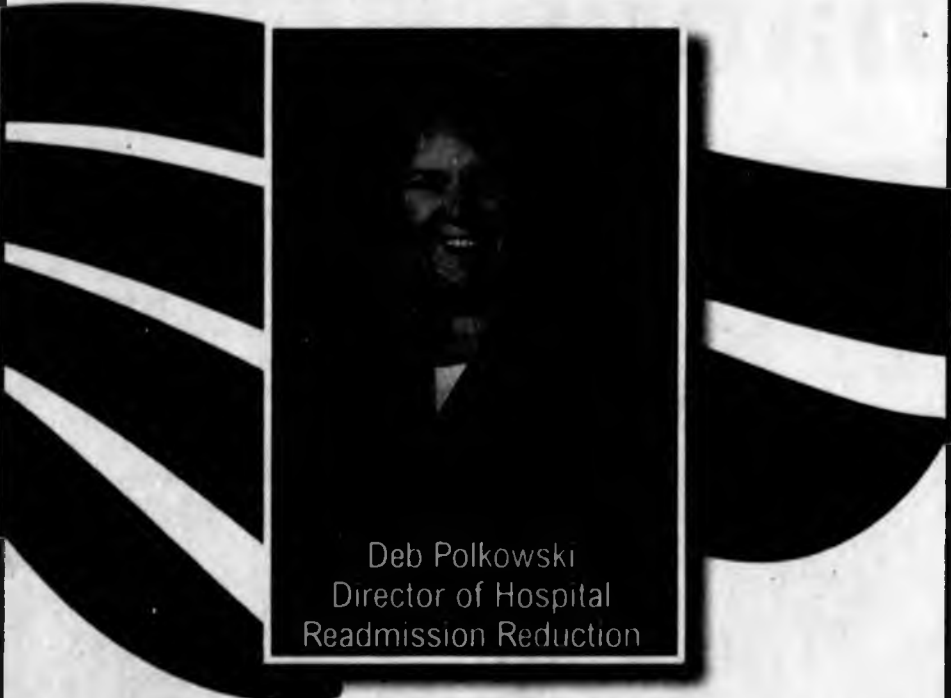
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# Amerman students' project called a real 'eye-opener'

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A trek June 2 to Detroit was much more than a field trip for two classes of Northville third-graders.

And to call the adventure simply the culmination of a months-long project would be a definite understatement.

"What is was," Amerman Elementary School teacher Jamie Henderson said, "was an eye-opener — for the students, their parents and the teachers."

Propelled by a student-driven idea to give to those in need, more than 50 Amerman kids departed the comforts of their upper middle-class neighborhoods that day and ventured to a gritty section of Detroit, where they hosted an unforgettable party for the residents of a women and children's homeless shelter.

Fortified by donations from Northville-area families and several sponsors, the students shared goodie bags, lunch and several pieces of gently used or brand new sports equipment with the shelter's residents, some of whom were as young as two days old.

While the tangible donations were plentiful and appreciated, it was the intangible developments that left a lasting impression on those involved, Henderson noted.

"The way a couple of our students and some of the girls at the shelter played together, it was like they had been life-long friends," Henderson said. "When it was time for us to leave, they shared contact information so they could stay in touch."

"It just shows you that kids are kids, no matter what their background may be. It was amazing to see them connect like they did."

The students steered the project from the get-go, Henderson revealed.

"We started throwing ideas around in late November, early December, about what we could do to help others," she said. "It was right before Christmas, so some of the initial ideas included a clothes drive, a canned food drive, things like that."



A scene from the event at the Detroit Rescue Mission.

The classes — Henderson's class was joined by Cori Thomas's third-grade class — ultimately narrowed the variety of ideas down to a few, then voted on a final plan.

"We generated a lot of ideas and then voted to do a sports drive for homeless kids," Amerman third-grader Kiera Har-kin said. "It was a lot of fun watching all the donations come in and it was really nice watching the kids enjoy their new equipment."

"I liked seeing all the kids really happy, because there must be times when they're pretty sad in a homeless shelter," third-grader Audrey Rechten said. "A lot of them just want simple things, like a home."

Once the plan was formulated, the third-graders ran with it, planning times each school day for strategy sessions.

"The kids even took it upon themselves to make calls to homeless shelters, plan sports equipment drives and collect items for the goodie bags," Henderson said. "Meijer donated a lot of things for the bags and we even had dentists donate tooth brushes and

toothpaste for the bags.

"I am very proud of how they took the initiative to plan this out to the smallest details."

The donated items ranged from bikes, scooters, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, lacrosse sticks and roller blades to blowing bubbles for the infants.

"Ms. Thomas and I made sure they stayed on track, but the kids did it all," Henderson said. "And we received a lot of support from parents and the community. Everyone came together and did an amazing job."

In light of the project's overwhelming success, more giving-back events will assuredly be organized in the future, Henderson said.

"We already have parents asking about what we can do next," she said. "And the kids are excited, too. I'm not sure if we'll do the same type of event next year; we were thinking about something along the lines of maybe doing some tutoring for the kids in the shelter."

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### Storytelling Workshop

**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.

### Teen DIY Band T-Shirts

**When:** 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26

**Details:** Decorate a shirt to show your love for your favorite band — or even one that you're going to start someday yourself. Register with your size to reserve a library-provided shirt (limited quantity) or bring your own to decorate. Register.

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

**Pamela A. Zinkosky**  
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An earlier article discussed the name origins of six local communities. Here are the name origins of the additional communities where hometownlife.com readers live.

**Birmingham:** Incorporated as a village in 1864 and as a city in 1933, the Oakland County settlement was previously called by many of its early settlers' names — Hunter, Hamilton and Willets. Eventually, the post office was named Birmingham, after the industrious city of Birmingham, England.

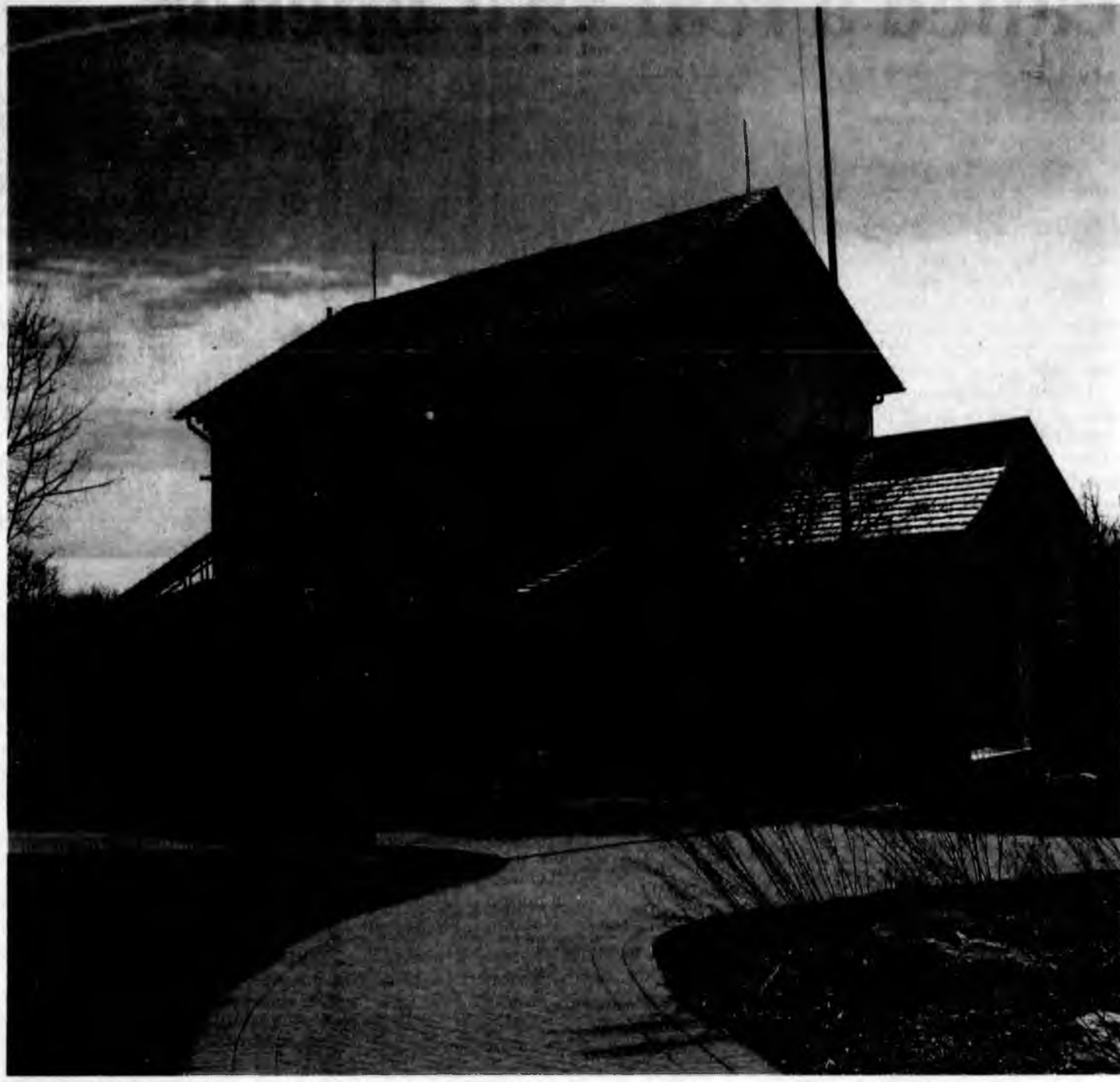
**Milford:** One of the oldest settlements in Oakland County, Milford incorporated as a village in 1869. It was a mill town that sprung up where the Hudson River meets Pettibone Creek, so Milford was an obvious name choice.

**South Lyon:** Founded in 1832 as Thompson's Corners after early settler William Thompson, South Lyon owes its name to Michigan Sen. Lucius Lyon. Originally proposed to be called "Fruitland," the state Legislature instead honored the senator by naming it Lyon Township. The small settlement of Thompson's Corners, located in the southwest portion of the township, incorporated as the village of South Lyon in 1873 and as a city in 1930.

**Westland:** Once one of the largest cities in Wayne County, Westland gets its name, believe it or not, from Westland Shopping Center, built in 1965 in what was then Nankin Township and serving as a focal point for the community. Nankin Township, carved out of the original Bucklin Township that included several present-day cities, was eventually further subdivided into cities like Livonia and Garden City, with Westland being the latest to stake its claim in 1966.

**Redford:** Redford also hearkens back to Bucklin Township, which later became Nankin and Pekin townships, names that reportedly reflected a surge in the popularity of Chinese culture. Pekin became Redford Township in 1833, so-named because of the River Rouge ("red river") located there.

**Garden City:** Once part of Bucklin



Nankin Mills, located in Westland along Ann Arbor Trail, harkens back to the days when present-day Westland, Garden City, Livonia and other neighboring cities were called Nankin Township. The site was home to a grist mill as far back as 1842. The mill is now a nature and educational center. PAMELA A. ZINKOSKY

and then Nankin Township, Garden City incorporated as a village in 1927 and as a city in 1933. As early as 1927, the subdivisions were plotted into large lots

made for farming to support families and that garden concept led to the community's name.

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## Renting your home can provide income, but beware



### Money Matters

Rick Bloom  
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The other day, I was having a conversation with a new client and the question came up about renting his home for the summer. As the client told me, generally for the months of July, August and September, he lives with one of his children who live out of state. The client was recently approached by a friend of his who knew someone looking for a home for the summer. As the client said, it would be a great way to earn some extra money and he wanted to know my thoughts. Because many people these days rent their home or a room, I thought it would be important to review some of the legal and tax implications.

When you rent your home or a room in your home, you are becoming a landlord. As a landlord, you have rights and responsibilities and it is important before you let someone rent your property to prepare a lease that sets forth all the terms. These terms would include items such as how much monthly rent is, security deposit, who is responsible for utilities and maintenance on the property, such as cutting the lawn. I cannot stress enough how important it is to put the terms of the lease in writing. I would venture to say that the great majority of people should not be drafting a lease themselves, but should have an attorney draft it. Your home is probably your largest single investment and, as such, is worth the few hundred dollars to have the lease drawn up by a professional to protect yourself.

As a side note, it is important that before you lease your property you do some sort of screening of the potential tenant. We all know the stories about tenants from hell and you don't want one of them. Spending some time to pre-qualify someone is well worth the time and effort.

With regard to the financial aspect, there are some tax issues you should be aware of. The tax ramifications when you are a landlord are totally different than when it is your personal home. As an example, your condo or homeowners association fees can potentially be deducted when you rent your home, but they are not deducted if you are the owner occupant. Furthermore, if you are paying the utilities on your rental

property, that can also be deducted, but as a homeowner, those expenses are not deductible. If you do decide to rent your property, it is important to keep track of all the expenses that relate to the property.

Many people believe that when you rent your property you do not have to report the income as taxable. That is not the case. There is one exception to the rule and that is if you rent your house on a part-time basis. The IRS defines part-time basis as renting out your home 14 days or fewer per year. If you do rent your house out for 14 days or fewer, any rental income that you earn will be tax-free.

For those who do rent out their property more than 14 days a year, your income, less expenses, does have to be reported to the IRS. There is a tax break for you that was created under the new tax law. Under the new tax law, pass-through businesses, which the great majority of people who rent out their property would be considered, are allowed to exclude 20 percent of their income from their taxes. In order to qualify for the 20-percent deduction, the total income must be below \$157,500, or \$315,000 if you're married and filing a joint return. If you are above this threshold, the deduction begins to phase out and it is gone altogether if your income is above \$207,500 and you're single, or \$415,000 if you are married.

Renting your home or a room can be a source of additional income. As landlords will tell you, it can also be a source of frustration. It is important that, before you become a landlord, you weigh the pros and cons. If you can find the right tenants, leasing your property can be a very good source of revenue. On the other hand, if you do get a tenant from hell, I can almost guarantee you will curse the day you became a landlord. There is no 100-percent guarantee, but screening your potential tenants and having a well-drawn lease are good ways of protecting yourself.

Good luck!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Concerns in Salem

At the May Salem Township board meeting Supervisor Gary Whittaker abruptly decided to invoke meeting rules and now refuses to answer resident questions during public comment. This decision came directly after resident questions and criticism regarding the concrete crushing operation that was allowed under the Whittaker administration.

Concerns included noise, dust and truck traffic continuing to ruin our peaceful rural community and residents' quality of life. Also, there were questions and criticism regarding why the board accepted a \$10 million dollar grant that will greatly subsidize a developer's infrastructure cost for the USD, but failed to research whether a grant was available prior to the board's approval to spend a half million dollars from our township's reserve account for the Hamlet streetscape project.

Residents contend that developers and big business are given special treatment over residents under Whittaker's watch. After the vote, a resident pressed Whittaker and he admitted he owns property in the hamlet. As it turns out, his personal property is in the center of the streetscape project and it appears he will directly benefit from this project that will be paid for with township money. Supervisor Whittaker voted on this motion.

So now, after years of Whittaker establishing a precedent of engaging in discussion and answering questions during public comment he chooses to not stand on his own two feet and hides behind meeting rules. Obviously, Whittaker is not able to face difficult issues head on and says he will now answer resident questions during supervisor comment where he will not allow resident input, questions or rebuttal. This conveniently gives him the last word. How can our community rely on a Supervisor who runs and hides from a little criticism from residents? How will Whittaker be able to deal with all the big challenges facing our community?

Furthermore, after approximately five years in public office, Whittaker continues to blame others for his and the board's mistakes and incompetence. Our community deserves better.

Wayne W. Wallazy  
Salem

### Supports net neutrality

My name is Andrew Carl, I am a Boy Scout from Troop 271 and am working toward my communications merit badge. I would like to state my opinion on net neutrality. I believe that all ISPs should treat all data equally because people should be able to browse and use apps/websites that they want freely. I think that some people may have different opinions on services like Discord and Spotify. If some people choose to use those services then that is their choice and they should not be criticized for it. I also feel that it is an infringement of free will to block use of these particular services.

I believe that if someone pays for internet, then they should be able to use it at its full potential. I do not think that ISPs should be able to deprive the user of using certain services or websites differently than any other person. All people browsing the internet should be treated the same way. User's internet should not be limited or decreased due to the services and websites that they use. In my opinion it is an infringement of free will to limit or block use of services. ISPs should not be allowed to limit data on services that they do not own or officially manage. That is my personal opinion about this controversial event.

I think that many people have a similar opinion as me in this topic. I think that there are the majority of internet users believe that they should be able to use any services equally. Thank you for reading my paper and listening to my opinion. I hope other people will agree with me and this issue will be solved.

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## Project

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Some built a new deck or cleared brush. Two coats of beige paint were slapped on the wooden frame house that was built in the 1960s. Even Robinson chipped in, helping paint the front porch.

Robinson's husband Richard died last October and the widow then had a bout with bladder cancer (now in remission). She also risked slipping and suffering a major injury every time she walked up and down the stairs into the basement to do her laundry.

There were no railings to provide safety and support.

Enter an application to help her out through Rebuilding Together of Oakland County — which finds low-income people in need of makeovers to their houses.

Coming to Robinson's rescue was a crew of volunteers enlisted by Bob Harmer and Brent Ashby of St. James Catholic Church in Novi. The church group annually goes to work to help a needy homeowner through Rebuilding Together of Oakland County.

"They get referrals from all over the place," Harmer said. "They try to distribute the houses out to teams like ours."

"(Work recipients) financially have to meet certain criteria. If they can afford to get it done, pay to get it done, then we don't. And they have to stay in the house for a certain number of years."

### Brushing up

Volunteers have a wide range of expertise. Some can pour concrete or do major repairs. Others can't.

"Almost anybody can paint, let's face it," said Harmer, a Northville resident. "So we say, 'If you don't have any skill at all, how do you like to paint?'"

"You can see what they did. This garage and house looked a lot different when we got here."

"They come back year after year. And from time to time, we'll get a homeowner that volunteers on their next house. Paying it forward, a really cool thing. Sometimes, they'll bring relatives of theirs. We had one lady that came for three or four years after we did her house."



Wixom's Carol Robinson said it moved her to tears how a group of volunteers transformed her house. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ashby said the church bulletin includes a blurb recruiting help for the annual project.

"People usually ask, 'I want to help, whatever I can do,'" said Ashby, also from Northville. "We always get a good mix of people, skilled people and not-so-skilled people. They just want to know."

The crew included Harmer's daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Andrew

Bishop of Plymouth. Their duties focused mainly on painting the house and garage.

"It's about people together to help people who are in need to get some fixing up on their homes," Lauren Bishop said. "Helping other people out."

Harmer stressed that the good deeds for homeowners such as Robinson need to be done year after year and volunteers always are needed.



Plymouth's Lauren and Andrew Bishop were part of a group of about 35 volunteers helping paint and repair Carol Robinson's house. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Among a group of volunteers of various skill levels, happy to help, is Therese Poirier of White Lake. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

He said those interested in helping with future projects can contact Pam Coles, Christian service director at St. James Catholic Church. Her email address is [christianservice@sjnovi.net](mailto:christianservice@sjnovi.net).

More information also can be found at [rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org](http://rebuildingtogether-oaklandcounty.org).

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## Tractor Supply Co. plows ahead with Canton store

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Tractor Supply Co., billed as the nation's largest operator of farm and rural lifestyle retail stores, is expected to break ground in August for its newest store in Canton.

The company, with more than 1,700 stores in 49 states, is ushering in a major renovation of a building formerly occupied by Livonia Magnetics, which has relocated to a site on Industrial Road in Livonia.

Terry Bixler, broker for ROC Real Estate, confirmed the latest developments as Tractor Supply Co. revs up for a store along the Michigan Avenue business corridor, between Sheldon and Morton Taylor.

"There's going to be a pretty extensive facelift for the entire site," Bixler said.

That also includes a new personal storage business on a site that once housed the now-demolished Garland Place motel.

Jeff Goulet, Canton community planner, said the business is expected to have 70,000 square feet of storage space. That includes one 40,000-square-foot facility and several mini-storage units totaling another 30,000 square feet.

Bixler said the Michigan Avenue site was sold by the former property owner to Canton Industrial LLC, which is head-

ed up by Frank Jarbou, president of Symmetry Property Management and Realty Co.

"The deal was contingent on Livonia Magnetics finding a new home," Bixler said. "A lot of pieces had to come together."

Livonia Magnetics was started in Livonia and later relocated to Canton. Now it is back in the city that bears its name.

Goulet said Tractor Supply officials still have to seek site plan approval from the Canton Planning Commission and, ultimately, the Canton Township Board of Trustees. He has said the redevelopment is an improvement over the old Garland Place motel, which had become an eyesore.

Jarbou said it's "too early" for him to discuss the Tractor Supply project at length.

Founded in 1938, the company began as a mail order tractor parts business, but now has more than 1,700 stores. It is based in Brentwood, Tenn., and has annual revenues of about \$7.2 billion, according to the company website.

The company sought out a niche market of farmers, horse owners, ranchers, part-time and hobby farmers and suburban and rural homeowners, as well as contractors and tradesmen, the website says.

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Women's shoes were marked down 40 percent, with an extra 10 percent that day. DARRELL CLEM | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Carson's customers cash in as store closing nears

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Carson's customers are cashing in on deep discounts as an expected late August closing looms for the store at Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall, where talks are ongoing to find a new tenant.

Joann Salvadore left the store June 12 after buying a pair of Tommy Hilfiger shoes for \$28 — half the original price, she said. She already was planning a return trip to find more bargains.

"I absolutely will be back," she said. "I was hoping to see prices better than they are."

Big signs throughout the store advertised discounts of 40-60 percent on most merchandise, including clothing and shoes, and an additional 10 percent off was posted for many items. Carson's still had a fairly big inventory.

"Overall for them to be leaving us, they still have quite a bit of inventory," Dearborn resident T. Layne said, leaving Carson's after buying discounted socks and T-shirts. "They have some pretty decent discounts."

Stephen Lawton of Farmington Hills left Carson's sighing as he carried a heavy, wooden Victrola turntable that came with other amenities such as a cassette player and radio.

"My arms feel like they're breaking," he said.

Lawton paid \$108 for the entertainment center, but he wasn't sure how much it had been discounted.

"I definitely got a good deal, though," he said.

Carson's also is closing metro Detroit stores in Rochester Hills and Clinton Township. The Livonia location still had a healthy supply of clothing, fragrances, jewelry and other merchandise that day

as shoppers rummaged store shelves to find good deals.

Meanwhile, mall officials say they are working to find a new tenant as Carson's prepares to close, likely in late August. Early on, some projections had indicated the store could close as early as this month.

"Late August is what the liquidator has told us," Laurel Park Place marketing manager Melissa Cavanagh said, "but I think that date is kind of fluid."

Cavanagh said CBL Properties, which owns the mall, has been involved in talks with "multiple parties" to find a new tenant to replace Carson's.

She said she couldn't name any potential tenants because no formal agreements have been reached.

"We have a team of leasing professionals working on that project locally and at our corporate office (in Chattanooga, Tenn.)," she said.

Stacey Keating, CBL spokeswoman, made a similar statement by email.

"We are evaluating redevelopment plans for the space, but it's too early in the process to provide tenant names or a concrete timeline," she said. "We'll be excited to share more information as plans are finalized."

Bon-Ton Stores, which owns Carson's stores, announced earlier this year it was closing the financially troubled Carson's chain after failing to find a buyer.

Even as customers such as Layne cash in on big discounts, they said they lament the store's closing.

"I was a regular shopper here," she said. "It's very sad to see it close."

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### Living and Learning open house

The Living and Learning Center, 315 Griswold Street, in 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. It will hold an open house 3-9 p.m. Friday, June 22.

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

To learn more or to reserve a spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to [www.LivingandLearningCenter.org](http://www.LivingandLearningCenter.org).

### 'Grease' at Lakeland High

Fuse Theater Co. is beginning its fifth year and will present "Grease" Friday through Sunday, June 22-24, at Lakeland High School, 1630 Bogle Lake Road, in White Lake. Show times are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available online at [www.FuseTheaterCompany.com](http://www.FuseTheaterCompany.com) and at the door.

### Tapped in the 'Ville

The second annual Tapped in the 'Ville craft beer festival is scheduled for 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at Millennium Park, 45769 Six Mile Road, in Northville. The event will feature national, regional and local craft brews, food, musical entertainment and more.

Tickets are \$30 at the gate. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.tappedintheville.com](http://www.tappedintheville.com). Interested in volunteering? Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44aba82ca7fd0-tapped1>.

### 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](http://www.TippingPointTheatre.com). Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances.

### Mary's Mantle golf outing

The annual Mary's Mantle golf outing is scheduled for Monday, June 25, at Tanglewood Golf Course, 22805 Country Club Drive, in South Lyon. Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. Registration begins at 8 a.m., shotgun start at 9 a.m. To register, go to [marysmantle.net](http://marysmantle.net).

### Concert at First United Methodist

The South Lyon First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street, is hosting a free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, in the church sanctuary. The concert will be presented by Living Truth 2, a husband and wife ministry team composed of Elroy and Tammie Kesters of Caro. For more information, call Lynn Kneisel at 248-437-8612 or email [lkneisel@gmail.com](mailto:lkneisel@gmail.com).

### Artist lecture at VFAA

The Village Fine Arts Association is hosting a free

artist lecture featuring award-winning fine art photographer S. Kay Young at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700, in Milford. An adjunct professor of photography at OCC, Young's work with special-needs photographers was featured in an Emmy-winning documentary on the PBS show "Detroit Performs."

VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone and are the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October at the SHAC. Come for the general meeting at 7 p.m. or come for the lecture only at 7:30 p.m.. For more information, email [contactus@milfordvfaa.org](mailto:contactus@milfordvfaa.org), call the SHAC at 248-797-3060 or go to [www.milfordvfaa.org](http://www.milfordvfaa.org).

### 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.

The 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](http://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.

### Concert of American music

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford will host a 30-minute organ and choral patriotic concert at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 1. The concert will include "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the service songs.

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### Runestad to hold coffee hour

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, will host an evening coffee hour 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 9, at the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive. No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or email [JimRunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimRunestad@house.mi.gov).

### 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.flccs.com](http://www.flccs.com). The cars will be judged and the winners will receive plaques. The cost to register and show a car is \$20 per car. The first 25 people to register their cars will receive a goody bag.

For more information, call Angel Knudson at 504-689-1294 or email [flcc.churchsl@gmail.com](mailto: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 guests 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 480-309-7566.

### 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://mrr.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.

### Outreach for pets

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford is partnering with the nonprofit All About Animals Rescue in Warren as a drop-off location for a pet food drive through Wednesday, Aug. 15. Items requested are dog/puppy food and cat/kitten food and litter (unopened and unexpired).

Drop-off times are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Sunday morning. Call 248-684-0495 in advance each weekday to make sure the church office is open. For more information, go to [stgeorgesmilford.org](http://stgeorgesmilford.org).

### Country fair at Stone School

The Jarvis Stone School Historic District, 7991 N. Territorial Road, in Salem Township will host the ninth annual country fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. The one-room historic South Salem Stone School will be open for visitors and there will be food, drinks and snacks ready for purchase.

Crafters, to reserve a spot, email your request to [SAHS.CountryFair@aol.com](mailto:SAHS.CountryFair@aol.com) or use the form at the SAHS website ([www.SAHShistory.org](http://www.SAHShistory.org)).

### South Lyon Depot Day

The South Lyon Historical Society is looking for crafters, artists and nonprofit groups to fill booth space at the 38th annual South Lyon Depot Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Bring your own tent or canopy; \$15 a space (nonprofits are no charge). Call 248-207-1133 and leave your phone number and a message to reserve your booth space.

The location is at the Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy Street, South Lyon's Historical Village. Presented by the South Lyon Historical Society. Individual events are listed on Facebook under 38th annual South Lyon Depot Day.

### Boots on the Ground

Boots on the Ground Color Run and Ride, which will benefit the Sobriety Court Promotion Program Inc. for veterans in recovery at the 52-1 District Court, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6, at James Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Ave., in New Hudson. On-site registration is at 9 a.m., with the opening ceremony set for 10 a.m.

To register for the ride, go to [www.rideforrecovery2018.eventbrite.com](http://www.rideforrecovery2018.eventbrite.com). To register for the run, go to <https://www.active.com/new-hudson-mi/running/distance-running-races/boots-on-the-ground-color-run-2018>.

For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/runforvets/>.

### 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.growinggreensmilford.org](http://www.growinggreensmilford.org) or email [info@growinggreensmilford.org](mailto:info@growinggreensmilford.org).

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To take advantage of this opportunity offered only through this Open House Event, buyers must make a deposit between June 23 and July 1, 2018. Incentives on quick occupancy homes will vary by community, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more.

## Popular Villas in Ann Arbor

Kensington Woods is located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor. The low-maintenance luxury villas feature an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the mid-\$400,000s. Quick occupancy homes are available. For details, call (734) 769-9660 or visit Kensington-Woods.com.

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North Oaks of Ann Arbor is the region's premier resort-class community situated in a stunning 109-acre setting surrounded by towering trees and open meadows. Two collections of homes are available. Townhomes from the upper \$300,000s and Villas from the low \$500,000s.

The Villas range from 2,041 to 2,631+ square feet and offer first- or second-floor master suites, island kitchens, open



Visitors can tour a range of homes from finished models to homes under construction during this event.

layouts, loft space, and more. The Townhomes range from 1,861 to 2,400 sq. ft. and include a 2-car garage and the option to add a rooftop deck.

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

## Now Open in Ann Arbor

Trailwoods of Ann Arbor, a new community of single-family homes tucked into a gorgeous setting with Ann Arbor schools on Ann Arbor's west side is now open. Two collections of homes offer all new home designs with an impressive list of included features. Prices begin in the low

\$400,000s. Two model homes are now open and quick occupancy homes are available. For more information, visit TrailwoodsOfAnnArbor.com or call (734) 995-5503.

## Resort-class Amenities in Canton

Westridge Estates is the only new community in Canton offering resort-style amenities, including a clubhouse with fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, sand volleyball court, children's play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the upper \$400,000s. A quick occupancy home with Fall 2018 occupancy is available. For more information, visit WestridgeofCanton.com or call 734-844-0279.

## Selling Fast in Canton

Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are located within the existing community of The Hamlet offering an exceptional location close to Plymouth-Canton schools, the Ford Road

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## Low-maintenance Villas in Novi

Located in the heart of Novi on the east side of Novi Rd., just south of Ten Mile Rd. is Ridgeview Villas of Novi. Luxury villa designs range from 2,041 to 2,676 sq. ft. and most offer a first-floor master suite. Residents enjoy low-maintenance living and paved walking paths leading to The Sports Club of Novi, a dog park, and an ice arena. Pricing begins in the mid-\$400,000s. Several quick move-in Villas are available. For details, visit

RidgeviewVillas.com or call (248) 904-8515.

## Luxurious Living in Northville

The impressive model home is now open at Toll Brothers at Montcaret in prestigious Northville, located on the south side of Seven Mile Road, 1½ miles west of Beck Road just minutes from the historic downtown. A range of home designs are available with an exceptional list of features on grand oversized ½- to 1+ acre home sites. Prices start in the upper \$700,000s. Call 248-924-2601 or visit TollBrothersAtMontcaret.com for details.

## Last Chance in Novi

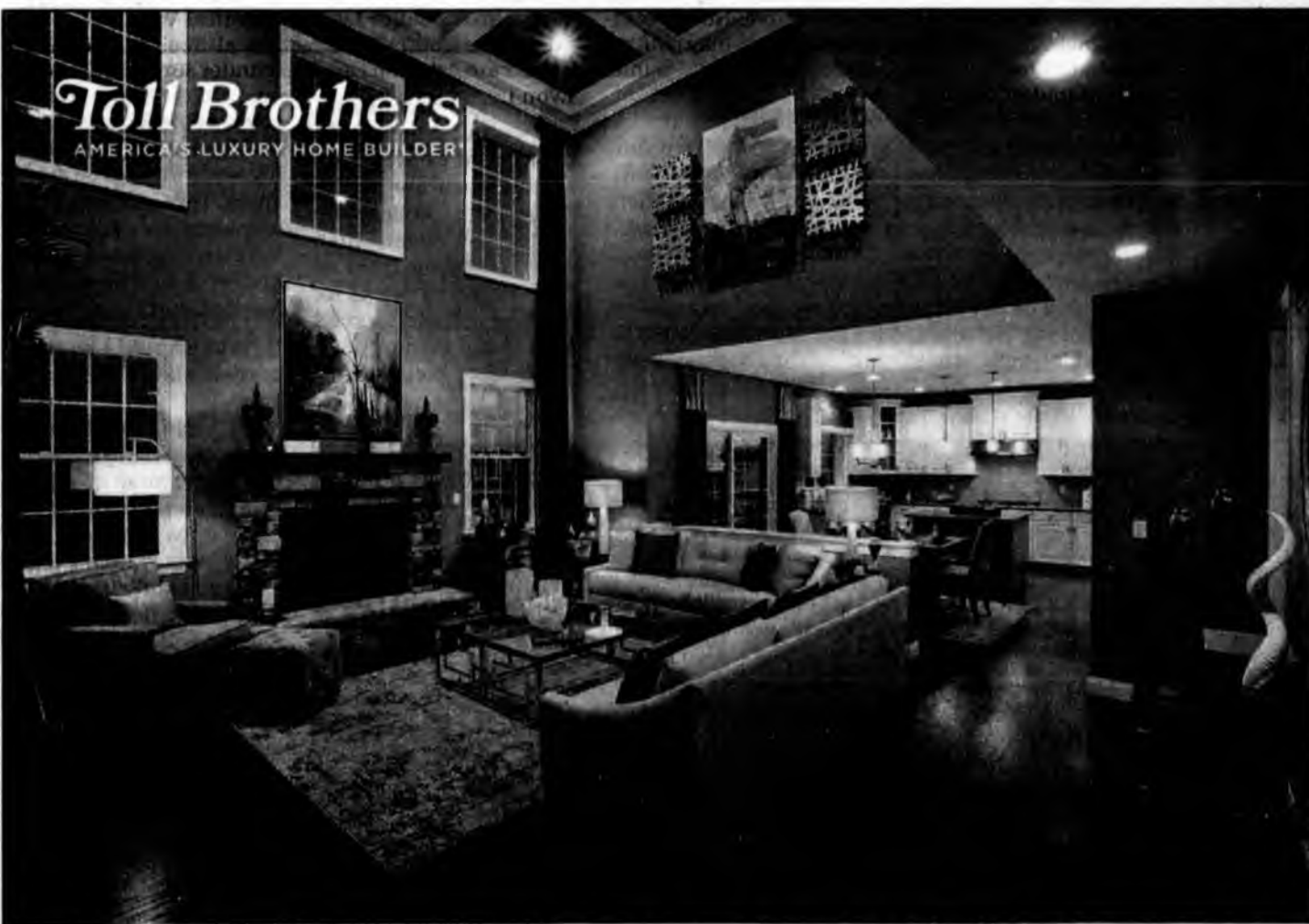
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## Now Open in Novi

Toll Brothers is proud to announce the opening of our newest offering in Novi – Dunhill Park, located on the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road. "This highly-coveted location is within the Northville school district and is perfectly situated minutes from downtown Northville, schools, expressways, and so much more," says Bob Daly, Sales Manager for the community. A limited number of home sites are available. For more information, visit LiveAtDunhillPark.com or call 248-924-2601.

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## Baker hired as new middle school principal

The Novi Community School District Board of Education voted June 14 to approve Robert Baker as the new principal of Novi Middle School. Baker will take over July 1 from Stephanie Schriener, who is retiring after seven years as the principal.

Baker has been the assistant principal at Novi High School since 2011. Before that, Baker taught for six years at Novi High School in the social studies and foreign language departments.

"The Novi Community School District is excited that Mr. Baker will become the next principal at Novi Middle School," said Dr. Steve Matthews, district superintendent. "Mr. Baker has served the Novi Community School District well and I anticipate that he will continue to serve our district well in his new role."

Baker attended the University of Michigan and earned a bachelor of arts degree with majors in Spanish and organizational studies. From there, he attended the George Washington Uni-



Baker

versity Elliott School of International Affairs and earned a master of arts degree in international affairs. He returned to the University of Michigan to complete his teaching certification in 2004. In 2015, Baker earned his education specialist degree from Eastern Michigan University.

"Mr. Baker demonstrated, through our hiring process, that he has a deep understanding of building leadership and classroom instruction," Matthews said. "Mr. Baker spoke passionately about building a strong team to support the students and families at Novi Middle School. He has proven himself to be a strong leader and he has a deep understanding of the school improvement process. Most importantly, he relates well to and has a strong desire to provide great educational environments for our stu-

dents."

The Novi Community School District hired Baker in 2005 to teach Spanish and social studies at Novi High School. He became a content area leader in the social studies department, taught the International Baccalaureate Theory of Knowledge course and chaperoned student trips to Costa Rica, Spain, and Mexico. Baker was also a class sponsor and Quiz Bowl coach at Novi High School.

Baker has been an assistant principal at Novi High School since 2011. During that time, he has been active with student council, school improvement and student testing and assessment. Baker has served on four school improvement external review panels and co-coordinated the school improvement review for the Novi Community School District in 2013.

Baker is married and has two young daughters.

## O'BRIEN HONORED BY FUNERAL DIRECTORS



John J. O'Brien of Novi was among the individuals honored at the 139th annual convention of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association for having given 60 years of service to his profession. O'Brien is the owner of the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. O'Brien was presented a plaque by Eugene F. Wagner (left), immediate past president of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association. The O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Avenue, was started in 1898 by T. P. Sullivan.



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## Study finds wealth gap, longevity issues face women

Women have worked hard to gain great strides with their finances in recent decades, but while their earning power has increased, their staying power once they reach retirement age has not kept up. It is clear that the journey women take throughout their lifetime impacts their financial health as they age.

Investing is the single best way to ensure money will be available for a comfortable retirement that will cover health care costs, as well as daily living expenses. However, the Merrill Lynch study "Women & Financial

Wellness: Beyond the Bottom Line," conducted in partnership with Age Wave, revealed that the majority of women regret not investing more. Even more worrisome is that only 52 percent of women feel confident with managing investments compared to 68 percent of men.

"When it comes to investing, there is still plenty of work to be done," Bloomfield Hills Merrill Lynch adviser Melissa Spickler said. "Women on average live five years longer than men, so it is critical they be financially self-reliant later in life."



Spickler

**Q: How can I save and invest when I have crushing student debt?**

**A:** Women are graduating from college in greater numbers than men and while that is good news in terms of boosting their career choices and earning power, it also means they

shoulder the majority, 64 percent, of student loan debt, according to the study.

Early adulthood is the time to create and stick to a budget. A well-crafted, realistic budget will help you track income and manage expenses, showing areas where funds could be used to save for an emergency fund and invest for long-term goals. Take advantage of employer-sponsored saving plans, such as a 401(k) and/or a health savings account, too.

**Q: Why should I be concerned about the wage gap?**

**A:** While 82 cents vs. \$1 may not seem like much, over the course of a lifetime, it adds up. The Bank of America Merrill Lynch study states that if a man and woman work full time until retirement, a woman will earn \$411,000 less. However, when you factor in that a woman spends 44 percent of adulthood out of the workforce due to life situations like caring for children and aging parents, the cumulative earning difference jumps to more than \$1 million. This is an issue that should concern both women and men.

**Q: I would like to stay home with my children while they are young, but how will this impact my overall earnings?**

**A:** Keep in mind that financial security involves more than just a steady paycheck. Wealth is accumulated through many financial vehicles, including retirement savings, property assets and investments. Parenthood is indeed a busy season of life, but remember to take time to plan, save and invest so you'll have that future nest egg long after the paycheck is spent.

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# Pinball wizards

Game Room Guys makes metro Detroit debut

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As a teen, Doug Wildey plunked coin after coin into the Captain Fantastic and Eight Ball pinball machines at his favorite arcade.

Call him the pinball wizard. "I used to spend my paycheck at Aladdin's Castle," he said.

Decades later, Wildey turned his love of arcade games into a growing retail business, Game Room Guys, where he sells pinball machines, pool tables, foosball games, golf simulators, dartboards, poker tables, air hockey — even jukeboxes, record turntables, vending machines and Jack Daniels memorabilia.

What started as a business out of his garage in 2001 has grown into a 26,000-square-foot national headquarters in Comstock Park, near Grand Rapids, with customers across the nation.

And now, Wildey has entered the metro Detroit market with a new store on Livonia's north side, southeast of Eight Mile and Newburgh roads.

Even from across the state, he was well aware of Detroit's resurgence.

"I wanted in on that," he said.

But Wildey wanted a location more central to metro Detroit, so he chose Livonia for his new Game Room Guys. He liked the proximity to other communities and freeways.

It's a decision welcomed by local officials.

"I applaud them," Livonia City Council President Laura Toy said. "Quite frankly, businesses are coming to Livonia for a lot of those reasons."

Since opening in late April, Game Room Guys has drawn customers from north Oakland County to Monroe, Wildey said.

Whether it's shuffleboard, a deer-hunting video game, an Aerosmith pinball machine, Ms. Pac-Man or a Super Shot basketball-throwing challenge, Wildey's business has it in Livonia.

And he has "tens of thousands" of items ready to ship from the Comstock Park warehouse, whether it's an inex-



At left: Game Room Guys has accessories for your pool table room. At right: Adam Holt, a Livonia resident, works at the new Game Room Guys store. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Adam Holt, a Livonia resident, works at the new Game Room Guys store. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Doug Wildey plays his favorite pinball game, Ye Olde Medieval Madness. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

pensive pinball replacement part or a \$65,000 golf simulator.

Tucked in one corner of the Livonia shop is a rare find — a 1940 pinball machine, The Champ, that has a boxing theme and was used by players to gamble.

Wildey described Game Room Guys

as "one of the largest pinball dealers in the world." He said the majority of customers are homeowners who want to create or add a game room atmosphere to part of their home.

But he also supplies corporate break rooms, college dormitories, bars, youth centers and, of course, arcades.

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said the city is always eager to attract new, unique businesses.

"Anytime you can get a different kind of business that moves to town, we're always thrilled to fill our spots," he said, adding that Game Room Guys should draw customers from Farmington Hills, Novi, Northville and other communities.

Wildey said two of his three sons are involved in the business, which has 26 employees. He said his company is the go-to place for people who need to find replacement parts for pinball machines and other products dating back to the 1940s and 1950s.

"Most people don't know where to go to get what we sell," he said.

He said many customers simply are nostalgic for a pinball machine, an arcade game or some other piece of their past.

"It also brings people away from their phones," Wildey said. "It makes people engage with one another. That's one of the things we like about it. It gets people to interact."

For more on the company, go to [www.gameroomguys.com](http://www.gameroomguys.com).

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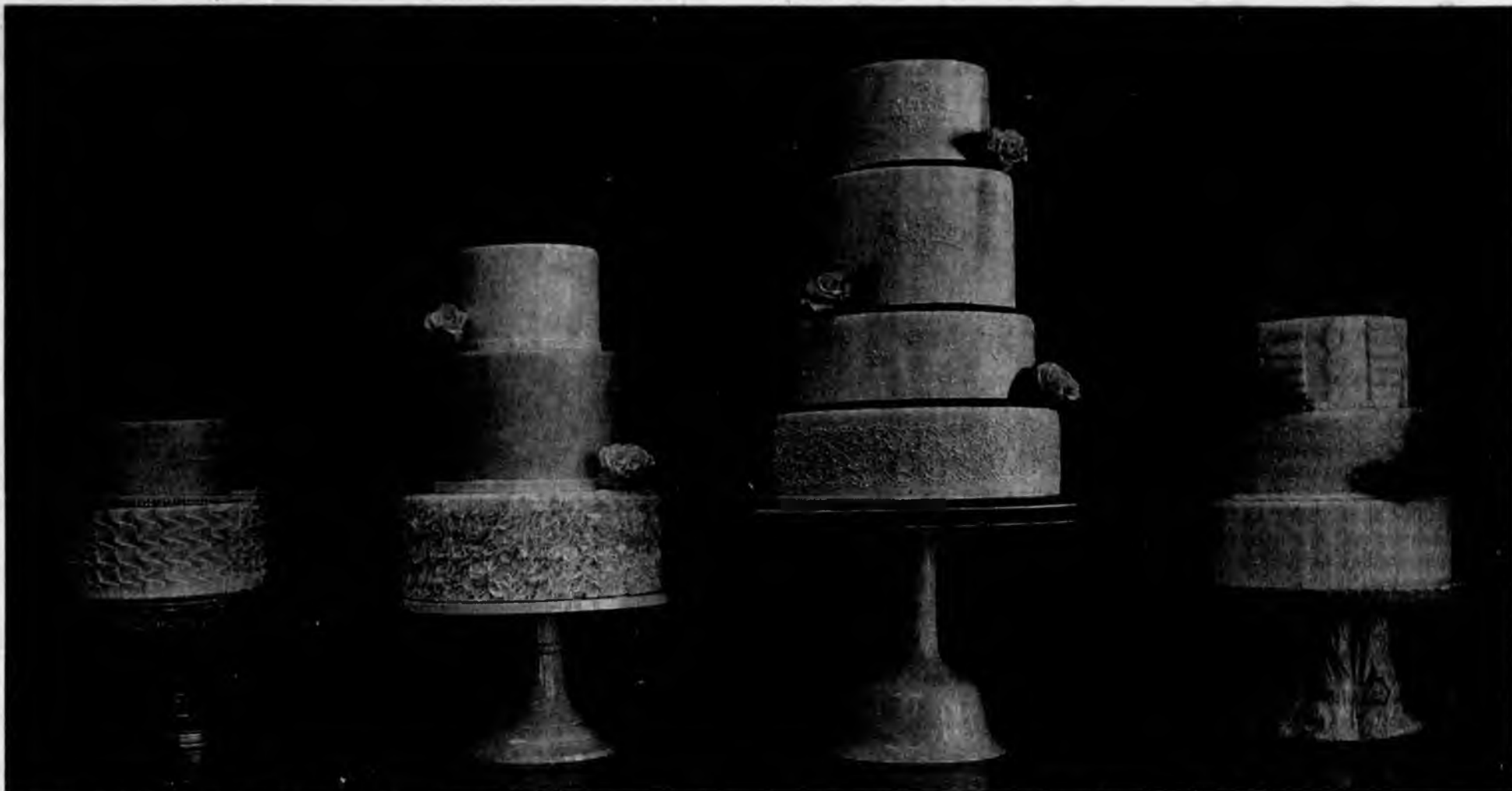
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And having her daughter Anita as a business partner has been the icing on the cake.

Together, this dynamic cake-making duo is whipping up decadently delicious flavors — chocolate oatmeal stout, Ital-

ian cream, cherry nut, vanilla with raspberry lemon or Oreo filling, to name a few — at Kalmar Kakes, 44930 Ford Road, in Canton.

As the summer wedding season ramps up demand for cakes, the Kalmars know they can depend on each other to get the job done. It's a tight-knit family business.

"We get along very well," Jackie Kalmar said. "We have our moments, as every mother and daughter do, but for the most part, we just know each other. We know what our strengths and weaknesses are. It has worked really well."

Jackie, 52, always loved baking and

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the following request in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance: To consider a variance request on premises zoned R-1B, First Density Residential District, located at 551 Orchard Drive, Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-005-03-0014-000. The applicant is seeking a variance to construct an addition on their home, which locates the wall of the house less than the required 10 feet from the garage. The variance needed is 4 feet from the requirements in Section 18.04.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING July 18, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 34.4.C.(1), Land Division Combination, Reconfiguration (Resulting Lot), for a residence at 15710 Maxwell Avenue (Parcel ID#77-051-99-0088-000).

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals

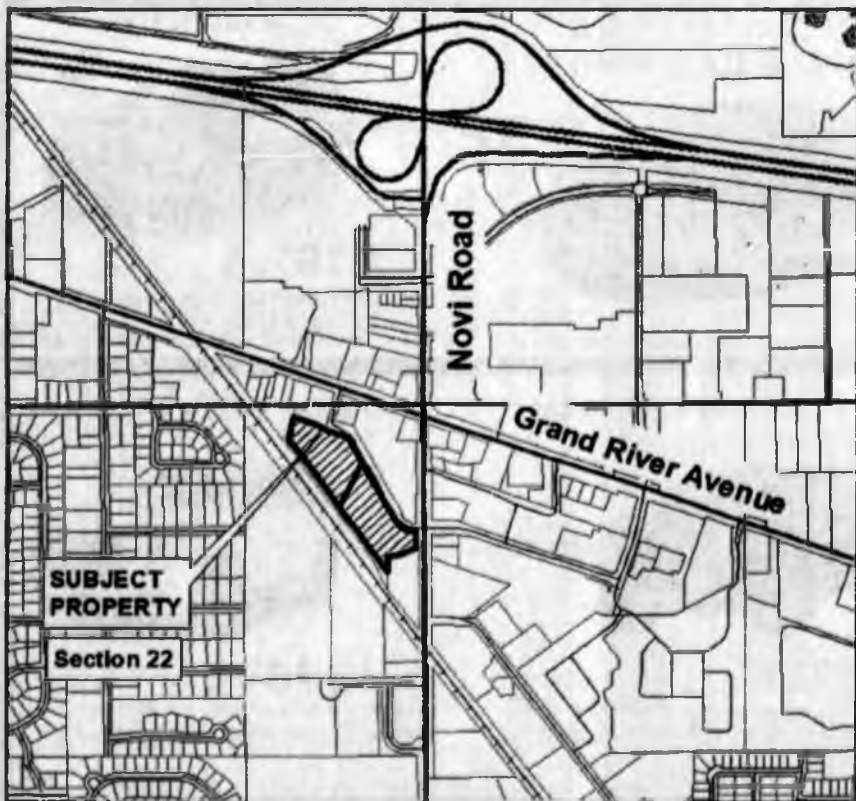
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## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **THE DISTRICT JSP 18-10 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, PHASING PLAN, WOODLANDS PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED TC-1 (TOWN CENTER ONE).** The subject property is approximately 7.74 acres and is located west side of Flint Street in the south west corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road (Section 22). The applicant is proposing a mixed use development with two four-story multi-family residential buildings with a total of 253 apartments and a single-story commercial building (5,578 SF). The site improvements include a two level parking structure, surface parking, site amenities such as pool and related landscape improvements. The applicant is proposing a phased construction in three phases. Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-22-226-005 and 50-22-22-226-003;

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

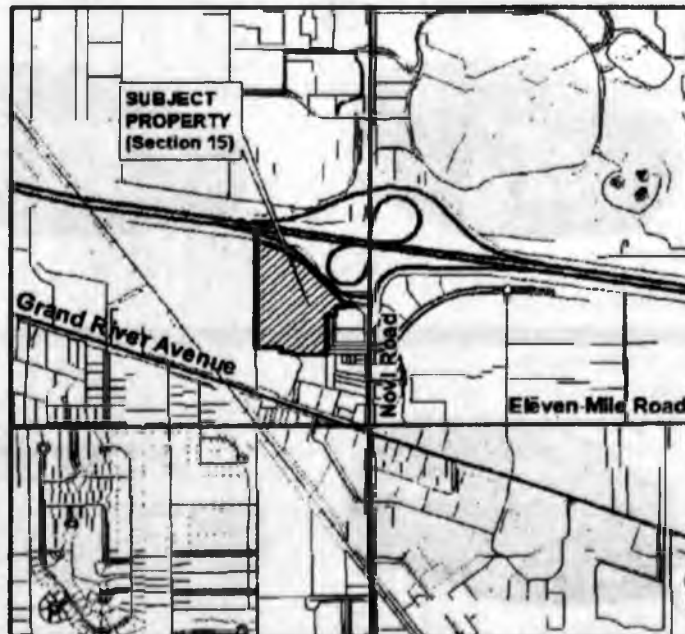
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## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ADELL CENTER JZ 18-24 FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.724 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY CONCEPT PLAN (PRO) ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO REZONE FROM EXPO (EXPO) TO TC (TOWN CENTER).** The subject property is approximately 23-acres and is located at 43700 Expo Center Drive, north of Grand River Avenue and south of I-96 in Section 15. The applicant is proposing to develop the property as a multi-unit commercial development consisting of nine units accessed by a proposed private drive. The development proposes a mix of two hotels, one fitness center, two restaurants, one indoor recreational facility, off-street parking lot for seasonal events and an unlisted use similar to automobile sales facility. The existing water tower on site will remain on a separate unit. The current PRO Concept plan includes a request for an Unlisted Use Determination under Section 4.87 of the Zoning Ordinance.



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

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-15-476-045

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

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## Cakes

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boosted her skills by studying bakery and pastry arts and earning her culinary arts degree from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She attended cake design classes at the Chicago Pastry School and has participated in the World Pastry Forum and International Cake Exploration Society.

Jackie made and sold her own cakes on the side after she started working for a restaurant group that made fancy pastries for high-end Detroit-area restaurants.

"It just got to where I had too many cake orders," she said.

Her husband, Steven Kalmar, advised her to quit the job and make cakes full time from home. She did that for four years, but decided to expand and open her own shop last July with her daughter, who has taken culinary arts classes at Schoolcraft and elsewhere.

"This is a big move for us," Jackie said.

One cake often requested for weddings or birthdays has a Batman theme. And the Kalmars can decorate it with Gotham City skyscrapers — black buildings with yellow lights — made with a mixture of gum paste and fondant.

"Batman has been our most popular cake," Jackie said.

Anita said Star Wars and The Avengers also have proved popular, with the latter prompting an order for a five-tier cake.

"Each tier was a different superhero," she said.

The Kalmars created a Star Trek USS Enterprise cake for a Fairlane Sunrise Rotary Club event and, for a baby shower, a cake decorated with animals, including a giraffe, lion, monkey and zebra, among others.

The Kalmar cake team has made cakes for weddings, birthdays, bridal showers, graduations — any special occasion, really. One of their sexier cakes may have been the one that looked like a sailor's torso. And for a couple marrying at Halloween, they created a horror-themed cake that looked like it was dripping blood.

"Pretty much any event you can think of, we can do a cake for," Anita

said.

They can decorate their cakes with most any theme in mind. Many decorations are edible, but some, such as heirloom brooches, fresh flowers and silk flowers, are not.

Other than cakes, the Kalmars make cupcakes, cookies and cake pops, but customers can't just walk in off the street to buy cakes and sweets. They have to place an order and cake delivery options are available.

One of their biggest cookie orders involved baking 1,300 cookies, each individually wrapped and tied with ribbon, for a Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph event at Ford Field in Detroit.

Chocolate chip and sugar cookies are among the most popular. For corporate parties, they have decorated cookies to look like martinis and tuxedos, among other items.

Some couples order multiple-layered wedding cakes, each with a different flavor. Others opt for vanilla cake, with different flavored fillings for every tier: Swiss buttercream, peanut butter, lemon curd, cream cheese, maple, caramel or



The daughter and mom team of Anita and Jackie Kalmar are partners in the cake business. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

fresh strawberry and raspberry.

"People like to pair the vanilla cake with a lot of

different fillings," Anita said. "Vanilla is like a blank canvas."

Kalmar Kakes has won some competitive cake contests, garnering a

first-place award for best decorated cake, which had an Easter theme, and third-place honors for best carrot cake in one Michigan Sugar Art

Showcase. It reflects an attention to detail.

The Kalmars make their own cake ingredients, including fruit fillings, from scratch. And they have perfected their mixing methods.

The Kalmars estimated they have spent as much as 15 hours on one cake, though that much labor is not typical. Even the weather brings challenges, with humid days prompting the need for more air-conditioning inside the business.

"Humidity is really bad for us," Jackie said, saying it can "throw off" timing.

She said the wedding season has begun in earnest and will continue through fall, with August being the busiest month for Kalmar Kakes. No matter how busy, though, Jackie said quality always comes first.

"I'm very particular about the cake," she said. "If it's not right, it won't go out."

For more on Kalmar Kakes, go to [www.kalmarcakes.com](http://www.kalmarcakes.com).

Contact Darrell Clem at [dclem@hometownlife.com](mailto:dclem@hometownlife.com). Follow him on Twitter: @CantonObserver.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

**POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE**

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

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### 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, Recreational Items and/or Misc. Goods

Unit 631 Richard Wieland	Unit 613 Devonese Wilkins	Units 611 & 543 Rajion Lamar
Unit 212 Hayleigh Zuk	Unit 426 Kenya Ingram	Unit 405 Kent Karlson
Unit 272 Thomas Hunt	Units 401 & 413 Christal Richardson	Unit 68 Donna Butler
	Units 532 & 533 Lillian Brown	

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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE

#### NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, AUGUST 7, 2018

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, notice is hereby given that the last day to register to vote for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election is July 9, 2018. If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

#### In person:

- City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, Monday – Friday, 8am-4:30pm. (Northville City residents only).
- Wayne County Clerk's Office, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 502, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Call 313-224-5525 to confirm hours.
- Oakland County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341. Call 248-858-0563 to confirm hours.
- Any Secretary of State branch office.
- At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission, and some offices of the Commission for the Blind
- At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting.

#### By mail:

- Voter registration application – Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications are available at the City Clerk's office or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). Note: a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in Michigan, are at least 60 years of age, are overseas voters, or are handicapped.

The election will be conducted in all voting precincts in the City of Northville for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

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DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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### City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on July 10, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

**PZ18-0028 (Patrick Hertrich) 24078 Cranbrooke Dr. East of Meadowbrook Road and South of Ten Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-25-203-013.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a side yard setback variance of 8 feet for a proposed 13.4 side yard aggregate, 25 feet total two sides required by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

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### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NORTHVILLE FEES, FINES, AND PENALTIES SCHEDULE

At the regular meeting of the Northville City Council held on Monday, May 21, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution amending the Fees, Fines, and Penalties Schedule for various City of Northville services, licenses, permits, and violations, effective on July 1, 2018.

A complete copy of the amended fee schedule is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300, during normal business hours or on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us)

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **FOX RUN CONTINUING CARE CENTER EXPANSION, JSP 18-19 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISED PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH A PD-1 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL) OPTION, REVISED SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, REVISED WOODLAND PERMIT, REVISED WETLAND AND REVISED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.** The subject property totals approximately 102.8 acres and is located in Section 01, north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of M-5. The applicant is proposing to revise the layout for the addition to the Continuing Care Center in Phase 4.2 from what was previously approved. The 88,690 square foot addition would contain 90 units for inpatient rehabilitation, assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing. The total number of units within the completed Continuing Care Center would not exceed the number previously approved.

Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-01-300-013

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

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# Special glasses color area men's world

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Watching fireworks explode in the nighttime sky, looking into their loved ones' eyes — heck, even checking out a couple of ordinary blades of grass — will take on a whole new light going forward for a trio of color-blind Detroit area men who discovered the magical effects of EnChroma glasses June 8 in Canton.

After living in a world of grays and dull hues since birth, Westland's Mark Yeager, Ann Arbor's Ian Wilson and Eastpointe's Tim Masters experienced technicolor for the first time at Canton's The Vision Center.

While the high-tech specs drastically improved their vision, they also left the trio speechless, at least for a moment.

"It's hard to put into words," Wilson, 33, said moments after he slipped on a pair of indoor EnChromas (an outdoor version is also available). "I can't wait to visit an art museum to see what I've been missing all these years."

"My shoes are dirtier than I thought they were," Masters said with a chuckle, generating laughter from the roomful of media members stationed in the eye center's waiting area.

While people with normal vision see millions of hues of color, color-blind individuals are limited to 10,000 to 20,000 hues, making even the most vibrant garden of flowers a muddy mass of grays, explained Dr. Christine Jack, O.D., an optometrist at The Vision Center.

Some colors — like purple and blue — are indistinguishable for color-blind people.

Pink appears gray, red and green traffic lights look white-ish, while red looks brown and peanut butter is green — at least to the eyes of those affected by the hereditary condition.

"We all have red, green and blue cones in our eyes," Jack said. "The green and red cones overlap in color-blind people, making it hard to differentiate certain colors."

"With the EnChroma glasses, the number of hues color-blind people are able to see can reach 100,000. It's still not the millions we see, but it can enhance their lives immensely."

## Color my world

Once outside, the EnChroma-wearing men marveled at the changing colors of a nearby traffic light, the array of



Mark Yeager (from left), Tim Masters and Ian Wilson react to seeing the world in color for the first time thanks to specially-engineered glasses. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

hues in a row of pine trees and the multi-colored peacock graphic that graced the side of a television news van.

Wilson appeared fascinated as he examined the colors of a few strands of grass that he picked while kneeling near the company's entrance.

Yeager and Masters' jaws dropped when they experienced the vividness of a bright red vehicle that drove south along Lilley Road.

"That Jeep that just drove by — the difference between it with the glasses on and with the glasses off was amazing," Yeager said.

"And I can actually make out six different shades on the peacock logo on the side of the Channel 4 truck," Masters said.

"Just looking at these (pine) trees for the first time with these glasses on is like, well, mesmerizing," Wilson said. "There are so many more depths and hues than I'm used to seeing. Once I leave here, I just want to drive around and look at things. It's kind of like getting prescription glasses for the first time. Everything is crisper."

"I've seen people try the glasses on for the first time online and a lot of them get emotional. I didn't know what to expect. I'd call what I'm feeling giddiness, excitement and it gets more intense by the minute."

Now that the men can see the world in a vast new technicolor light, they admitted they'll have to re-learn the spectrum of colors.

"I may have to go buy a box of Crayola crayons and start there," Yeager said with a smile.

Approximately one in 12 men and one in 200 women are color blind, Jack said. People are diagnosed in a variety of ways.

"When I was 6 or 7 and driving with my mom, I told her, 'Mom, the light turned white, you can go now,'" Yeager said. "We kind of knew then that something wasn't right."

The EnChroma glasses run from \$349 to \$429, depending on the style of frames.

While the glasses don't work for everyone, the success rate is eye-opening, Jack noted.

As of Friday, Canton's The Vision Center was the only eye-care facility in Michigan that offered EnChromas.

Contact Ed Wright at [edwright@hometownlife.com](mailto:edwright@hometownlife.com) or 517-375-1113.

## PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

To the Qualified Electors of the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, County of Oakland: Notice is hereby given that the last day to register for the August 7, 2018 State Primary Election will be on July 9, 2018 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Governor, United States Senate, Representative in Congress 11th District, State Senator 15th District, Representative in State Legislature 38th District, County Commissioner 9th District, and Delegate to County Convention.

If you are not currently registered to vote or need to register at a new address, you may do so at the following locations and times:

### In Person:

Novi Township Clerk's office, 44020 Cottisford Rd.

County Elections Division, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:30pm.

Secretary of State Branch Offices.

At specified agencies for clients receiving services through Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At military recruitment offices for persons who are enlisting. By Mail:

Voter Registration Application - Mail to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline.

**Note:** Persons registering by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the state or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

The General Election will be conducted at the Novi Twp. precinct at 44020 Cottisford. Derwood Haines, 44020 Cottisford Rd., (248) 231-6210, Novi Twp. Clerk

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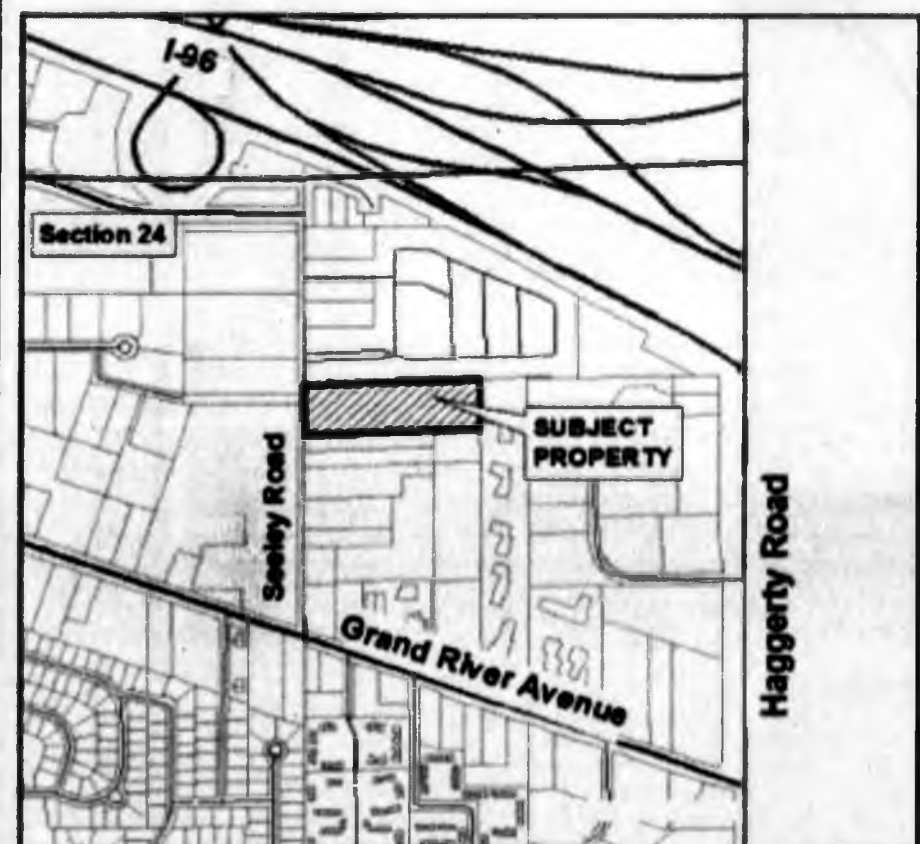
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## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **NOVI TECH CENTER 6 & 7, JSP 17-86 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.** The subject property, 25540 Seeley Road, totals approximately 8 acres and is located in Section 24, east of Seeley Road and north of Grand River Avenue. The applicant is proposing 49,722 square feet of office/warehouse use in the I-1 Light Industrial District.

Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.



Subject Parcel ID's: 50-22-24-251-027

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **July 11, 2018.**

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## Movie

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for them. Unfortunately, these baby boomers have first-hand experience with this, having to care for their own parents or spouse. So while the production was challenging to start, once the research and initial interviews were completed, it was clear we had a very important story tell.

**Hometown: What is the biggest lesson you have learned during the filming of "Those on the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia"?**

Famie: Personally, I need to become far more aware of basic things like sleeping well at night, physical activity, how I eat and find the time to nurture brain-related activities.

**Hometown: Your dad died of complications from Alzheimer's. Was there a special motive pushing you during this film?**

Famie: When my father died in 2003 after several years of his Alzheimer journey, I had a front row seat to his cognitive decline. Many times I tried to embark on this film, but just couldn't come up with the right direction. There is no question that my time caring for my dad was the catalyst behind the film.

**Hometown: As a former celebrity chef, you know a thing or two about food. Is there anything new involving diet and dementia that has come to light?**

Famie: We all have learned a great deal about what is good eating and not so good eating; common sense should be the first line of defense for everyone. You don't have to be a health guru to know that sugar-filled soft drinks or fast food is not good for you. With that being said, eating for brain health is the same as eating for body health, we are just now learning that foods good for cardio health are also good for brain health. So dark leafy greens, blueberries, lean meats like chicken, turkey, diet low-fat meats and dairy — all as organic as possible, wild, fresh salmon, moderate consumption of alcohol.

One of the biggest takeaways was what we learned about the diet of the people who live in the Blue Zone region of Ogimi, Okinawa. They have some of the lowest rates of any dementias in the



Novi residents Keith Famie and JoAnne Purta on the set of "Those on the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" at the Detroit Public TV studios in Wixom. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

world, almost non-existent. One of the researchers who has studied their diet, Dr. Paul Alan Cox, came to the conclusion that they consume far more L-Serine through foods they eat than we do, like, off the charts amount. His studies focused on answering the question could a diet high in L-Serine actually become a protector to tangle diseases like Alzheimer's?

**Hometown: Who needs to pay attention in the dementia battle and why?**

Famie: Anyone who is walking and breathing with a head on their shoulders that has a brain in it. One thing I learned, for sure, we take our cognitive health for granted. Once a cognitive problem surfaces, the horse has left the gate, meaning it's too late to reverse the problem. The tangle-related diseases that are creating the plaques in your



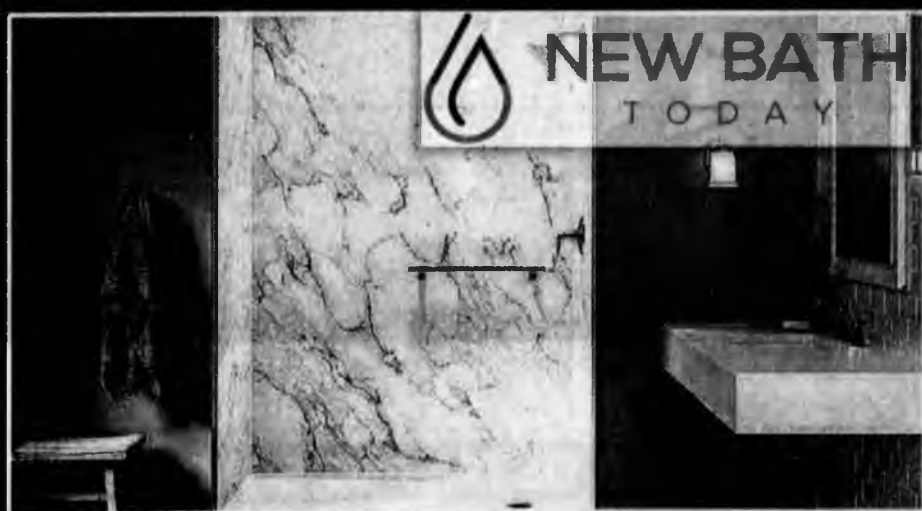
Keith Famie, owner of Visonalist Productions, has filmed a documentary on Alzheimer's and dementia. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## Movie

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brain have been developing for years. So a simple way of looking at this is this: "How you live your life today will determine how you cognitively age tomorrow."

**Hometown:** Are there any funny stories that you can share from the filming of "Those on the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia"?

**Famie:** A few come to mind. When Teepa Snow was working with families at the Brown Center, she would interact with both care givers and patients.

On a couple of instances when talking about living with their diseases, Teepa was interacting with the participants one on one. Many of them while trapped in this world were still quick-witted enough to come back with some one-liners we kept in the film. Larry Dean, when asked about his forgetfulness, quickly responded, "Sometimes I like to forget on purpose." Of course, everyone laughed and Debbie Horwitz sitting next to her mother Jane was surprised when Teepa was talking with her mom and commented that she has a beautiful daughter. Jane looked over at her and said, "Sometimes."

**Hometown:** If you were Michigan's next governor, would this be a topic you would pursue? If so how and why?

**Famie:** As a governor (for sure not in my cards) I would do everything in my power to protect our most precious resources of the water we drink and the water we play in. One very disturbing finding in our film is how we, as stewards of our environment, may be causing our own cognitive decline and not realizing it.

**Hometown:** How does the subject of dementia stack up with other tough subjects you have tackled as a documentary film producer?

**Famie:** All of our productions take us down a path of uncertainty; each one has offered complicated challenges. We never really know where the journey is going to take us. When dealing with very personal topics that involve family and loved ones facing life-alternating circumstances, such as a disease like Alzheimer's, the challenges come with being able to build relationships of trust



Keith Famie talks with dance instructor Donald Westphal at Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

when I am filming and interviewing with those families.

**Hometown:** Is there a dementia hero that emerged in your mind while filming this project?

**Famie:** Clearly that would be Teepa Snow. Her work in helping families better understand how to help a loved one who is on a journey with a form of dementia can be a game-changer for so many. I think also the heroes in this film are all those who were brave enough to allow us to share their very personal story in an effort to help others to learn.

**Hometown:** The film has plenty of local angles, but this is more than a local story?

**Famie:** The film is far more than a local story. While we hail proudly from Michigan, we filmed all over the country for this film. Dementia does not have a particular ZIP code. Anywhere you go in America, if you ask someone do they know of someone with a form of demen-

tia, you will for sure hear "yes." An example is our beloved Robin Williams. We all know that he had died of suicide, but what many are not aware of, because they only recently found this out through an autopsy, is that his diagnosis of Parkinson's was incorrect. They now know that he was suffering from Lewy body dementia.

**Hometown:** What's next for Visionalist Entertainment Productions?

**Famie:** In the coming 16-24 months, we will embark on the film "Those on the Front Lines of Cancer" as well as a look at the life of Capuchin friar Solanus Casey for the film "Blessed Casey's Journey to Sainthood."

*Dan Dean is content strategist for Hometown Life. Both of his parents live with dementia and his dad Larry is featured in "Those Living on the Front Lines Of Alzheimer's & Dementia."*



Keith Famie sets a scene in the filming of his documentary on dementia with Jennifer Lepard, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## PRO HOCKEY

## Cotter's NHL Draft stock on the rise

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Paul Cotter has been making the rounds prior to the June 22-23 National Hockey League Draft.

The Canton native, who as a rookie played last season for the USHL's Lincoln (Neb.) Stars, where he had 39 points in 51 games, is gaining momentum and getting more and more interest as the draft approaches.

So far, he's been interviewed by 25 NHL teams.

"The thing I try to get out there the most is just who I am," the 6-foot, 183-pound center said. "I try to maintain the same thing every single time of saying

that my main goal is to be a leader. I expect anybody that they ask, whether it's a coach, scout, teammate, buddy, when they say, 'How's Cotter as a kid?' Without a doubt I want them to say he's a great kid, the hardest worker on and off the ice, great guy and a leader, for sure. That's one of the biggest things and I think my game speaks for itself."

Cotter, who some predict could go as high as the third round, will be in attendance in Dallas for the two-day NHL Draft, which includes seven rounds. He was ranked No. 112 among North American skaters in the final Central Scouting Rankings released in April.

Cotter is being represented by Keith McKittrick, an NHLPA-certified player agent with Gold Star Sports Manage-

ment Group.

"To me, as long as it happens, it happens," Cotter said. "And if it doesn't, it's going to be tough. I think my whole life so far has been under the radar. It would be good to get this recognition, but if it doesn't, you go on. At the end of the day, if it doesn't happen, the draft is just a number. But it would be great to have a team I know I can work for toward and pass guys in the future. But I'll be doing the same thing either way. Hopefully, it happens. But if it doesn't, it doesn't."

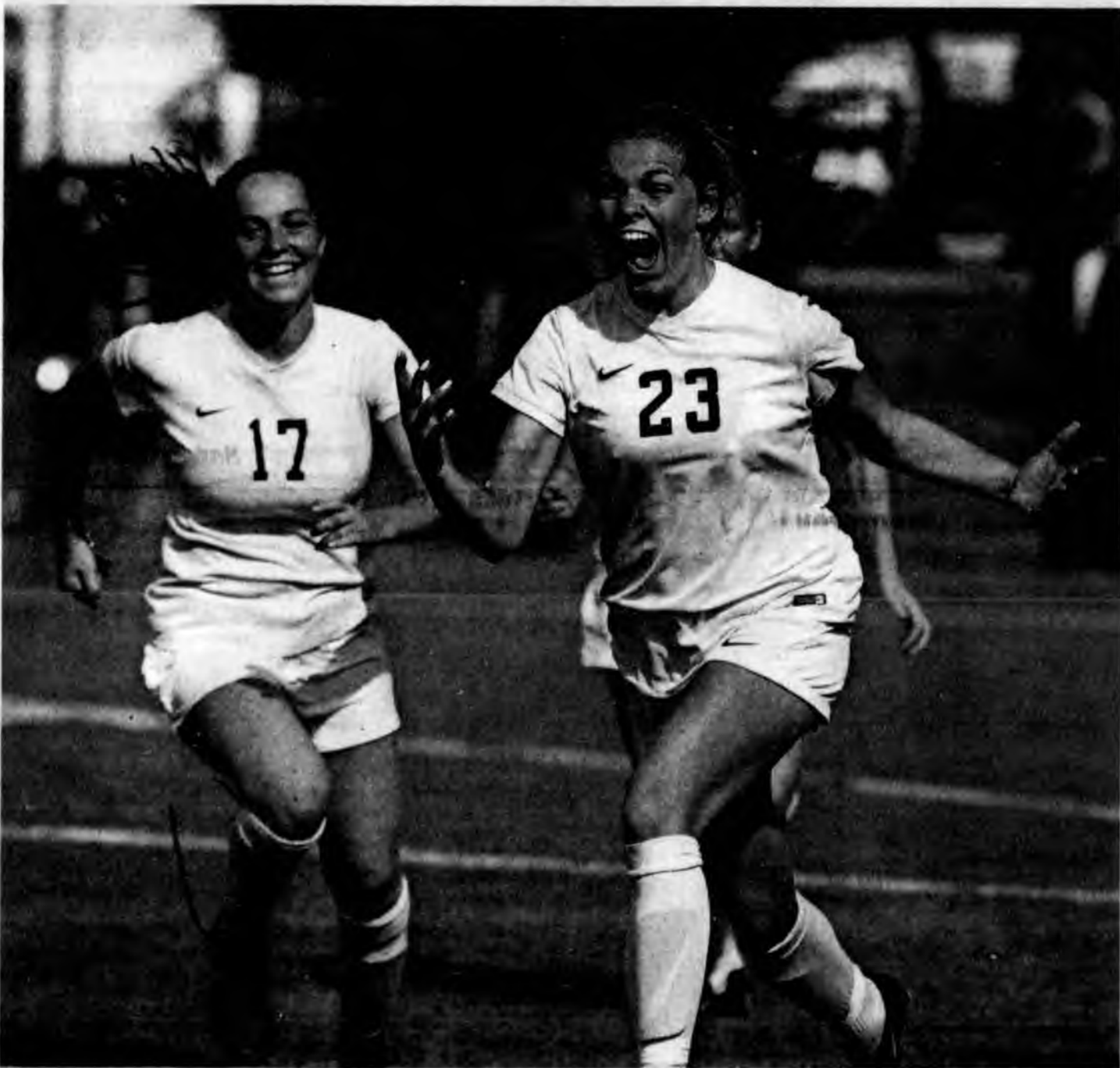
Last season in Lincoln, Cotter scored 18 goals and added 21 assists with an even plus-minus rating as the Stars finished 35-23-1 during the regular sea-

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Canton native Paul Cotter, who played last year for the USHL's Lincoln (Neb.) Stars, could go as high as the third round in the upcoming NHL Draft.  
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## GIRLS SOCCER



Riely Schultz (right) and Michelle Jecmen celebrate as the buzzer sounds with Novi claiming the Division 1 state title with a 1-0 victory over Grand Blanc. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Wildcats stun Grand Blanc to capture sixth state title

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Novi's Avery Fenchel said winning the state championship was an amazing feeling and more than she could ever ask for.

"It was crazy, it was a really tight game and it was really high pressure the whole game," Fenchel said. "It came down to the last few minutes, we got the ball up the field."

The Wildcats, who lost 3-1 during the regular season against KLAAs champion and Gold Division rival Grand Blanc,

turned the tables thanks to Fenchel's game-winner with only 3:29 remaining, with the assist going to junior Julia Stadtherr.

It gave Novi its sixth MHSAA Division 1 state title in school history with a

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## STATE GOLF

## Lakeland grad Kneen captures Michigan Open title

Gregory Johnson  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Jake Kneen played what he called one of the grittiest rounds of his life, overcame a triple-bogey bite from The Bear's 16th hole and held on to win the 101st Michigan Open Championship at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme.

The 22-year-old amateur, who graduated from White Lake Lakeland High, shot 75 June 14 for an 8-under 280 for the two shot-win over mini-tour player James Holley of Howell, who shot 72.

"Wow, I think I had six birdies, six bogeys and a triple (bogey)," he said. "Man, it was up and down today. I just kept my head down and kept fighting. I knew I still had the lead, even after the triple at 16. I just kept telling myself, 'You are still ahead, just make some pars and steady out the round.' Fortunately, I was able to do that."

Kneen, a former Michigan Junior Amateur champion who just this spring was the Horizon League Golfer of the Year for Oakland University, be-

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Lakeland High grad and Oakland University golfer Jake Kneen became the sixth amateur to win the Michigan Open. GREGORY JOHNSON







Novi players celebrate winning the state title. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Wildcats

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1-0 win Friday at Williamston.

The whole sequence of events on the game-winning goal proved to be a bit of a blur for Fenchel, a sophomore forward who had nearly scored with 2:32 left in the first half when her shot was tipped and rang off the crossbar.

But late in the match, Grand Blanc goalkeeper Madison McKay collided with her own defender and the ball squirted loose inside the 18-yard box and onto the foot of Fenchel, who notched her team-best 22nd goal of the year.

"I really don't know, I was just running after it," Fenchel said. "It just went in the back of the goal and that's all that matters at the end of the day. We ran down every ball and it finally paid off at the end of the game. My team played a wonderful game. We left everything on the field. It's so exciting."

It was a great early Father's Day present for Novi coach Todd Pheiffer, who guided Ann Arbor Huron to a Division I state title in 2008.

"We talked at halftime that we played great soccer the first half," Pheiffer said. "The girls kind of had a little chip on their shoulder. The press the entire week said this trophy is Grand Blanc's. The Midland coach said we were going to lose 3-0. Everyone was picking against us. That's kind of how it's been the whole season. I think it's been a year of redemption for these girls."

Novi's back line played a marvelous match, shutting down Grand Blanc's vaunted sister duo of Paige Webber, a junior, and Faith Webber, a sophomore. The Michigan State commits had a combined 58 goals this season.

Eva Burns, a freshman, went one-on-one defending Paige Webber, who had 33 goals coming into the state final.

"We just wanted to stay calm and, like, not dive in on them and not let them turn and get opportunities and get behind us, because they're fast," Burns said. "I knew (Paige Webber) was fast, so I tried not to let her turn and, if she did, I let her take a big touch and step in in front of her and not give her the opportunity."

Riely Schultz, four-year captain and sweeper, kept the Wildcats organized on defense.

"As the center back, my job is to clean up anything that gets through and make sure that aren't any shots on goal or stuff," Schultz said. "Our outside backs and midfield did a really great job of not allowing any of those shots, so I didn't have to clean up much at all. Those (Webber) girls are both very skilled, very fast ... amazing players. We just had to keep them in front of us all times or else we knew they'd get the shot."

It was a crushing defeat for the Bobcats (27-2), who had outscored their six state tournament opponents 25-0 entering the final. Grand Blanc was gunning for its first state championship in



Novi's Avery Fenchel (left) is congratulated by teammate Julia Stadtherr after scoring the game's only goal. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

school history after coming up short in 2015 and 2003.

"The girls battled, they battled hard all year, got us to this point," Grand Blanc coach Greg Kehler said. "This probably was the most pressure-packed season of all of them. These seniors we had, I thought, did a great job getting us here this year. We were probably one of the favorites to get here and we did. We just couldn't knock in a goal early and they got a late goal, kind of crushed our hopes."

The Bobcats had two golden scoring opportunities in each half, but Jenna Blackburn (17 goals) slipped in the box trying to split two Novi defenders with 28:00 go in the first half, while Faith Webber grazed a shot off the crossbar with 22:18 remaining in regulation and just over the reach of Novi goalie Callie Rich, who notched her fourth postseason shutout.

"We had players like Avery, Jessie

(Bandyk) and Julia step up in this play-offs, but really our unsung heroes are our back line," Pheiffer said. "Lauren Calhoun and Eva Burns played absolutely phenomenal. Eva Burns is a freshman who is going against Paige Webber. Even at halftime, they switched Paige and I said, 'Eva, you're going to come play on the right side where she generally plays.' And she did a phenomenal job - a freshman - playing on the biggest stage of her career so far and just did an awesome job. I thought Lauren and Eva were our unsung heroes and, of course, Jessie at midfield. She just played so well and was a workhorse for us."

And the Wildcats apparently learned from their previous loss late in the season to the Bobcats by playing a near flawless game. They finished the year with seven straight tourney wins and an overall record of 19-5-1.

"We were 12 minutes away from beat-

ing Grand Blanc during the regular season," Pheiffer said. "We let that one slip away. They just played with so much pride today and I'm so proud of them."

Under Brian O'Leary, Novi captured state titles in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2011.

"I'm very happy, because it's my first year and it's just really exciting because we worked really hard to get this," Burns said.

And the Wildcats remain perfect in state championship games.

"It's exhilarating, the feeling of the final whistle blowing and knowing your team came out on top," said Schultz, who will play next year at Madonna University. "We worked together and played together throughout the whole 80 minutes and it was an amazing feeling."

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## Cotter

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son. Cotter made USHL all-rookie team and finished first in rookie scoring during the USHL playoffs with eight points as Lincoln was ousted in the second round of the Clark Cup West semifinals by the Waterloo Black Hawks, 3-2.

One of Cotter's biggest boosters is Lincoln head coach Cody Chupp, a Big Rapids native who played at Ferris State.

"I think the thing he brought was a consistent, professional approach every single day," Chupp said. "He's one of those kids that you don't have to encourage to get better or force to try and get better. He loved getting better. That meant being in the gym, during practice, video ... whatever it was, he was hungry to learn and hungry to get better. Because of that, he was able to adapt and adjust to our league quickly and be an impact guy. I think we were able to see that pay off in playoffs. Those big moments, he stepped up in some big ways and scored some huge goals for us down the stretch and in the playoffs. That's just the type of kid he is. He wants to be on the ice in those situations. He's demanding of himself and it's a daily thing, which allows him to step up in those big moments."

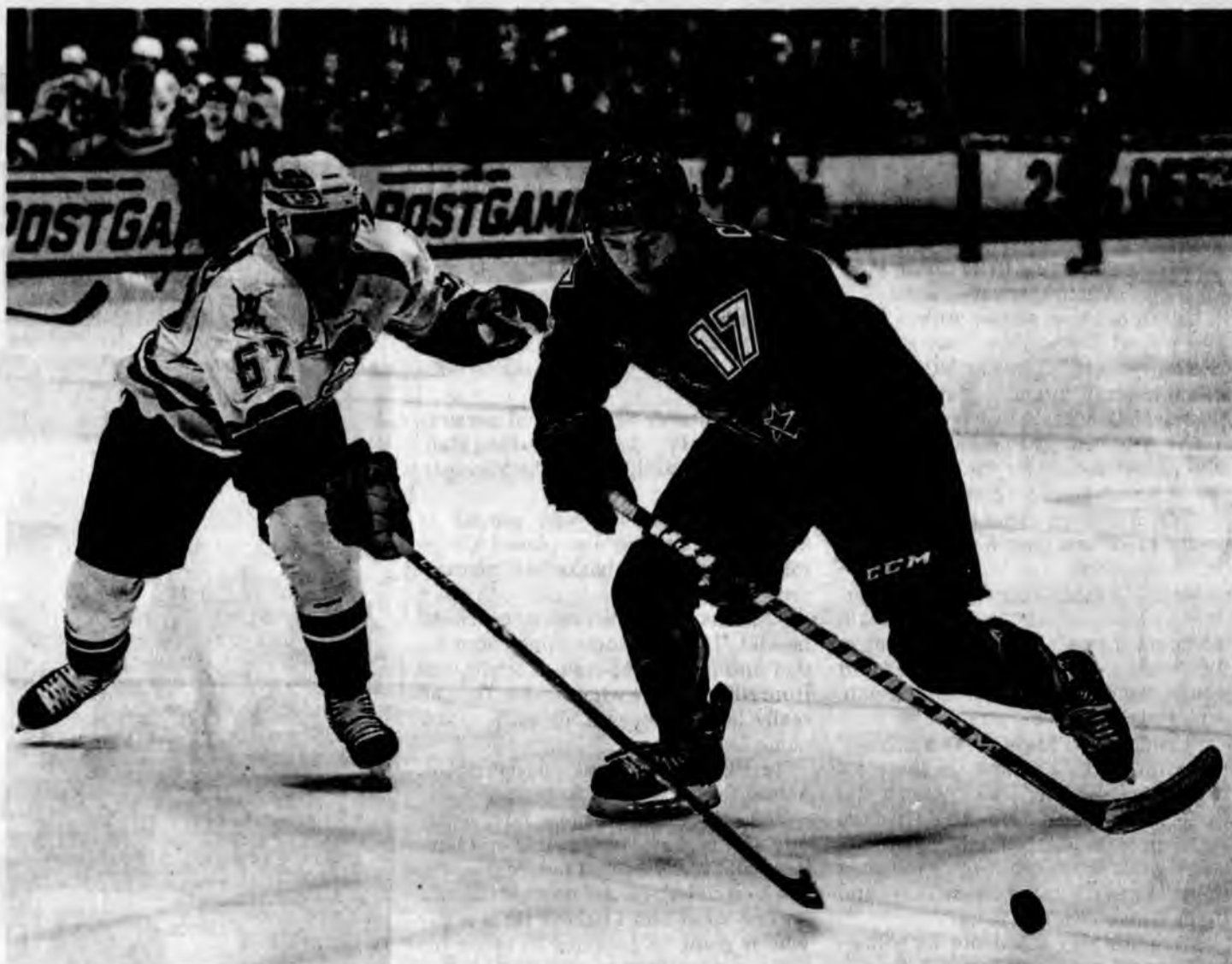
Cotter could be considered a Swiss army knife, capable of playing versatile roles. Chupp said Cotter can also be extremely demanding of himself at times.

"There was never a moment that he sat back and said, 'I'm a first-year guy, maybe this moment or this situation is too much,'" Chupp said. "He always wanted more, he wanted more situations, he wanted more ice time. He wanted to be out there in those pressure situations, whether a big power play or a penalty kill or a face-off in our zone late in the game. He wanted to be a part of those situations right from the get-go."

Despite being way from home and his family, Cotter enjoyed his stint in Lincoln.

"Big city, the fans are a little nuts, it's awesome," he said. "They were a huge part of our success at home. We had such a close-knit team there, it was awesome."

During the 2016-17 season, Cotter made the decision to move his junior career as a 17-year-old to the Brookings (S.D.) Blizzard of the North American Hockey League, where in 59 games he tallied 60 points (28 goals, 32 assists) en route to NAHL Rookie of the Year hon-



Paul Cotter (right) enjoyed a productive rookie season in the U.S. Hockey League with the Lincoln Stars. BRANDON ANDERSON

ors.

He also made all-NAHL, all-rookie and was the Forward of the Year and MVP in the Central Division of the NAHL.

"It was really cool," said Cotter, who landed in Brookings after playing for the Little Caesars U-16 team the previous year. "It was my first year of juniors. I think just balancing the hockey and school away from home was a little bit of a challenge, but it was fun along the way, too."

Cotter, who attended Salem High School his freshman and sophomore years, finished his high school obligations by taking online classes during his two-year stint away from home.

"It went well," he said. "It was certainly different. You've got to hold yourself a little more accountable than if you're going to regular school. I think it's just making yourself do it and then working on time management. It was

overall pretty beneficial with the schedule we had."

Cotter was courted by several NCAA Division I programs, including Boston University and Harvard, but he ultimately settled on Western Michigan University and head coach Andy Murray.

"I think it took a toll a little bit, being away from home, it was a little tough," Cotter said. "Close to home, college is a huge thing, as well as the coaching staff. Western's staff is just unbelievable. The head coach has so much experience with so many teams it was impossible to pass up the opportunity I have. The staff, the campus, the newer buildings, the older buildings, which has a little character there, was the perfect spot for me."

Beginning in August 2017, Cotter began to catch the eye of NHL scouts when he had one goal in the CCM All American Prospect Game.

In December 2017, he played five games in the Team USA World Junior A Challenge, with two goals and an assist. He also had a goal last January in the USHL/NHL Top Prospects game.

And after productive rookie year in the USHL, his stock continued to rise.

And Chupp believes Cotter has the make-up to be in the NHL some day.

"He's got the talent and skill, it's a big factor," Chupp said. "He has the ability to translate to play in any situation, play a depth role, play a first two-line role. His ability, his body, the way he plays ... it allows him to play in a lot of different situations. So he's a guy, if he buys into it, be on a fourth line, make it faster and maybe more attractive to those NHL teams. And everyone is intrigued by his talent level, that's for sure."

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## Kneen

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come just the sixth amateur to win the state Open championship and just the second in the last 43 years. Tom Werkmeister of Grandville, who became a professional this year at age 50, broke a streak of 38 wins by professionals in 2013.

"It means a lot and just really validates a lot of the work that I've put in," Kneen said. "This is one of the biggest tournaments of the year for me, personally, and it also validates what I want to do. My dream is to be a pro and me winning a tournament like this shows that it is not outrageous that I want to do that."

As an amateur, Kneen won the maximum allowed of \$750 in a golf shop certificate. The \$8,000 first-place check from the purse of \$55,500 went to runner-up Holley.

"There you go," said Holley, who moved to Michigan four months ago with his fiancé and plans to go to Web.com tour qualifying in the fall. "Not bad. I just had to put an air conditioner in our house last week and it cost a lot of money. This will help with that."

Kneen, who started the day with a three-shot lead on Eric Lilleboe (Okemos) and five on Holley, had a lead as big as six shots after birdies on Nos. 9 and 10, but Holley said The Bear doesn't lend itself to a golfer pressing the issue.

"The big lead he had at the end of the day helped him," Holley said. "On a course like this, you can't get too aggressive. I had to stick to my game plan and that helped me. He played good golf. He probably wants to forget about hole 16. If he made pars the whole week on 16, he probably would have won by 20."

Kneen, who double-bogeyed 16 during the third round June 13, started it the same way the final day with a drive right into the tall grass that lines the fairway. He had to play out to the fairway, but then missed the back left hole placement with a shot that ended up short and plugged in a deep greenside bunker. He thrashed it out to about 25 feet above the hole and off the green, left a chip on the steep hill halfway to the hole and two-putted from there.



White Lake Lakeland High grad Jake Kneen captured the 101st Michigan Open at The Bear. GREGORY JOHNSON

"I made an absolute mess of 16 again," he said. "I hit six poor shots and a good tap-in for triple."

With his lead cut to two shots on Holley, Kneen made a two-putt par on the par-3 No. 17 hole with an 80-foot first putt from the back edge to five feet.

"I absolutely nuked a 4-iron 240 yards, adrenaline I guess, but I made a good par and then, at 18, I striped a drive, hit a good shot on the green and was able to two-putt and win," Kneen said. "I told myself on 17 tee, 'Just make two pars, just keep grinding.'"

Former PGA Tour player Tom Gillis, awaiting age 50 and the PGA Champions Tour in five weeks, closed with 70 for 283 and third place.

Mini-tour player Michael Nagy of Manistique and Andrew Walker of Battle Creek, a Michigan State University golfer, both shot 68 for 284 and a tie for fourth.

Lilleboe, a mini-tour player, carded 77, while Saline amateur Ian Martin, who shot 68, tied at 285.

Kneen, who this week will play in the Michigan Amateur Championship at Country Club of Detroit and turn pro in the fall, reasoned while he had anxious moments coming down the stretch in the final round, he would prefer leading over chasing.

"I mean, if you can make a triple and still lead, that's a good thing," said Kneen, who shot 5-under 67 June 13 after

rounds of 70 and 68.

Kneen, ironically, almost didn't make it to the Michigan Open despite being exempt from qualifying as the low amateur in last year's Tournament of Champions.

He didn't enter, however, and didn't notice until the entry deadline passed. That forced him into the second-chance three-spot qualifier the Michigan PGA hosted June 9 at nearby Traverse City Golf & Country Club. He bested the field with 65.

"My mom is blaming herself, but it was on me, I'm the player and ultimately responsible," Kneen said. "I definitely didn't want to miss this. I've been looking forward to playing it."



## COLLEGE SIGNING

## Meredith chases hoop dreams to Saginaw Valley

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Basketball is going to be Chase Meredith's ticket going forward.

The three-sport senior athlete, who also played football and lacrosse for Canton, recently signed an NCAA Division II letter of intent to play hoops at Saginaw Valley State University.

The 6-foot-6, 210-pound Meredith, who played center for the Chiefs, also had interest from a cross-section of schools, including Siena Heights, Concordia, Madonna, Cleveland State, Albion, Wayne State.

Meredith said he reports to the Saginaw Valley campus June 12 to begin workouts through August. Last season the Cardinals finished 12-17 overall and 9-11 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"I really liked Saginaw as a school," Meredith said. "I visited up there for football earlier this year. When I did that, I really liked it. I felt like if I had the opportunity to play basketball up there, I was going to snatch it up. I revisited there during basketball season and that's where I wanted to be."

Meredith also stood out as a linebacker and tight end last fall for the Chiefs, but his gridiron days are over.

"I don't know if I'll miss the wear and tear on my body, but I'll definitely miss football," said Meredith, who wants to study business finance.

This past basketball season, Meredith averaged 12.0 points, 7.5 rebounds, 1.5 steals per game and 2.0 assists per game for the Chiefs (19-2).

"Last year, I thought I had the skills to be really good, but I kind of took on a role position player on the team," Meredith said. "And this year, I really wanted to prove myself and assert myself with a bigger role on the team."

Meredith, who also shot 59 percent from the field and 46 percent from 3-point range, became a big contributor this season as Canton captured the KLA Black Division title.

"Chase had an outstanding senior year for us and he really took his game to another level from his junior to senior



Meredith

year," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said. "His ability to score in different ways was a huge asset for us all year long. He also did an outstanding job of rebounding at both ends and one of his best attributes is his passing ability."

He credits his development not only to Reddy and the Canton coaching staff, but also his coaches with the Michigan AAU Warriors.

His father Scott, who played at Schoolcraft College, also played a huge role in Meredith's basketball maturation.

"He was one of my original coaches," he said. "I learned some things from my dad and just incorporate a few things from NBA and see what works. They all really helped develop all parts of my game."

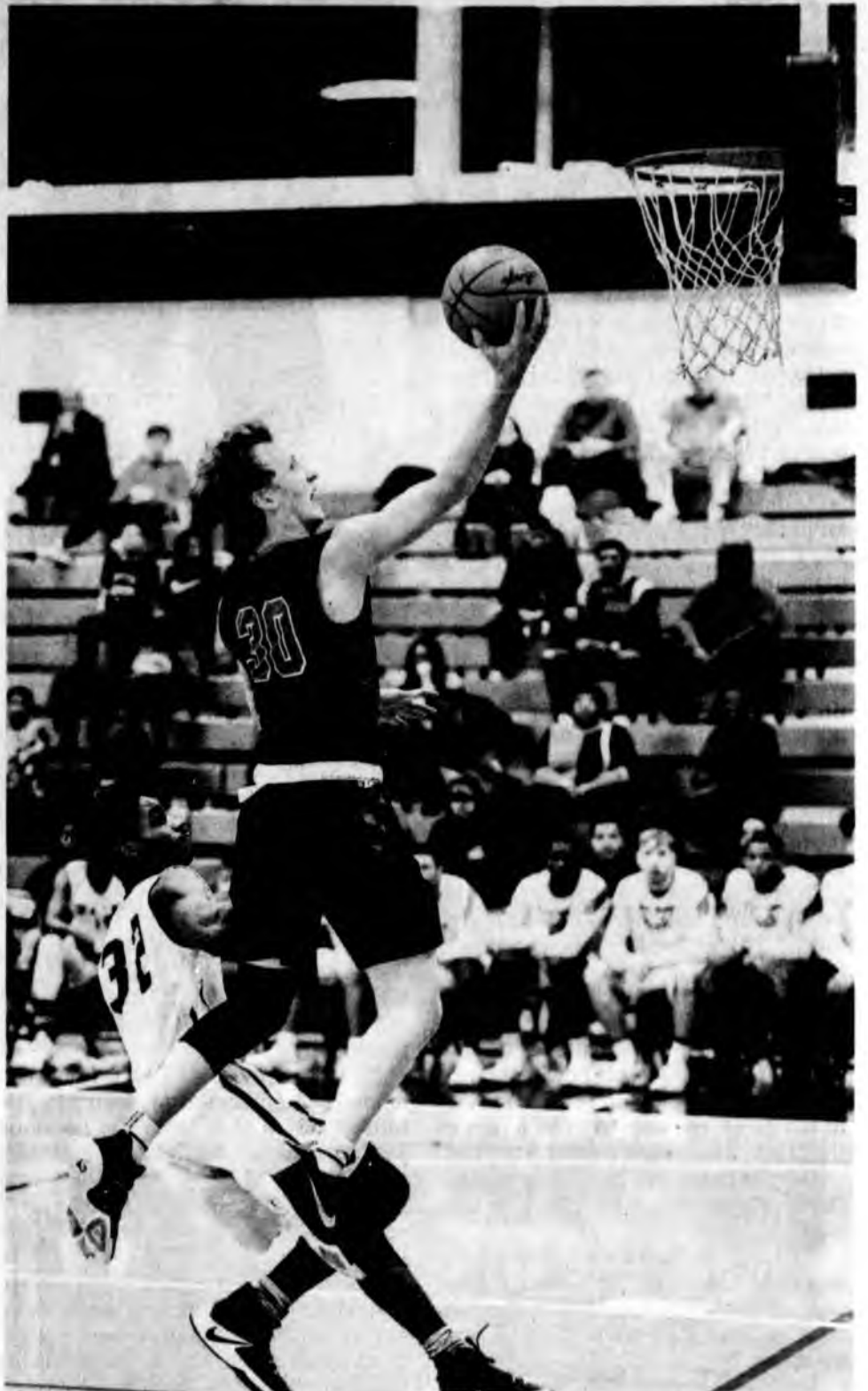
In the age of sport specialization, Meredith is a throwback.

"As a three-sport athlete, he is someone who is always competing and I believe that really helped him in the long run ... in college he will now get to focus on one sport and I believe he is a guy who is going to continue to refine his skills and continue to get better," Reddy said. "His best basketball is in front of him."

Meredith is one of six Saginaw Valley State signees, joining Daniel Everhart (Marine City Cardinal Mooney), Jack Roberts (Melbourne, Australia), Martone Cole (Auburn Hills Avondale), Avery Lewis (Ann Arbor Huron) and Myles Belyeu (Trotwood Madison, Ohio).

"Chase will be a welcomed addition to the program after a successful career at Canton High School," SVSU coach Randy Baruth said on the school's website. "We are very intrigued to see what he can develop into when he focuses on only basketball after being a multi-sport athlete during high school. He already has great size, athleticism and skill, so the sky is the limit."

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Canton's Chase Meredith is a three-sport athlete who played lacrosse, football and basketball. THOMAS BEAUDOIN



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## PREP ATHLETICS

## Stevenson's multi-sport trio going solo for college

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It's encore time for "The Spartan Trio" — but what a winning tune it's been the last four years at Livonia Stevenson for three-sport buddies Parker Graham, Devin Dunn and George Ferguson.

With graduation day in the past, they'll be breaking up the band to a certain extent. But fittingly, Graham, Dunn and Ferguson celebrated their past and their future together during a unified college signing ceremony.

Each played football, basketball and baseball for the Spartans throughout their prep careers and, interestingly enough, each will pursue one of those sports at their various college addresses.

"I am not very surprised that we all chose different paths," Graham said, answering an email questionnaire sent to all three student-athletes. "I've always figured that each of us would end up choosing a different sport, it just seemed like the most poetic way of things working out."

"I will miss these guys very much, but I know that we all will stay in touch and get workouts in together and continue to grow as athletes and, more importantly, as people."

The longtime friends won't have far to travel for reunions.

Graham (2.8 GPA), a quarterback at Stevenson, will play football at Concordia University, Dunn is set to join Madonna University's men's basketball program and Ferguson will be a baseball player at Lansing Community College.

Both Dunn and Ferguson were among Graham's top receivers on the gridiron.

Dunn (2.9 GPA) also wasn't surprised that each is choosing a different college sport.

"All three of us have played all three sports all four years and we all have a best sport," Dunn said. "I will miss playing the other two sports a lot. Football will always be the most fun for me."

According to Ferguson (3.4 GPA), he knew as a junior that he would be play-



Parker Graham (from left), George Ferguson and Devin Dunn celebrate together as they announce their college choices during a recent ceremony. All played football, basketball and baseball throughout their prep careers.

ing college baseball. Likewise, Graham had his football future secure.

"But it was Devin that I wasn't so sure about, because he was getting looks from all three sports," Ferguson said.

## Rare breed

Meanwhile, the southpaw pitcher said it "means the world to me" to have been part of such a stellar three-sport trio, something increasingly rare in the modern age of athletic specialization.

"I (was) very blessed to be able to play all three sports with Parker and Devin," Ferguson said. "We complement each other in every sport."

"Devin and I were Parker's top receivers in football, Parker and I ran the floor with Devin on countless fast breaks in basketball and Parker and Devin turned

many double plays while I was pitching in baseball."

Friendship will continue for the classmates, even when they are taking new roads during their college years.

"It means a lot. The bond I have created with Parker and George throughout the past four years will last a lifetime and we created it while playing sports," Dunn said. "We all made each other better, whether it was during football, basketball or baseball."

Concurring was Graham, who routinely fired quarterback-like passes from one end of the basketball court to the other — with his football receivers snagging them and going up for buckets at the other end.

"It has meant the world to me playing with these guys," Graham said. "This is something we all have been talking

about since we were 12 years old.

"We helped each other by pushing each other to be better. We all wanted to be the best in the group and that motivated us to each work harder and that has brought us our success in all three sports."

And Graham said he thought it was "poetic" that each longtime friend and teammate will be taking a divergent route moving forward.

"I am not very surprised that we all chose different paths," he said. "I've always figured that each of us would end up choosing a different sport. It just seemed like the most poetic way of things working out."

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## PREP BASEBALL

# Brother Rice's big inning leads to Northville tournament exit

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For the first five innings of Tuesday's Division 1 baseball quarterfinal game against Northville, Brother Rice was completely stymied. The Warriors trailed 2-0 and produced only two hits against Mustangs right-hander Tyler Troyer.

It appeared as if Northville, Division 1 state runner-up last spring, was headed to its second straight final four.

Then in the bottom of the sixth, Brother Rice erupted for nine runs to turn what was a monster pitcher's duel into a decisive 9-2 victory at Wayne State University.

Brother Rice was scheduled to play Thursday at Michigan State University against Brownstown Woodhaven, which defeated Grand Ledge, 1-0. Grosse Pointe South and Midland are in the other semifinal game.

"It was a good game. (Northville is) a well-coached team and they do a good job," said Bob Riker, a 1985 Brother Rice graduate and only the fifth head coach in program history. "We were very fortunate to win. I just think my guys were overly aggressive at the plate, because they were so loose. They weren't tight at all."

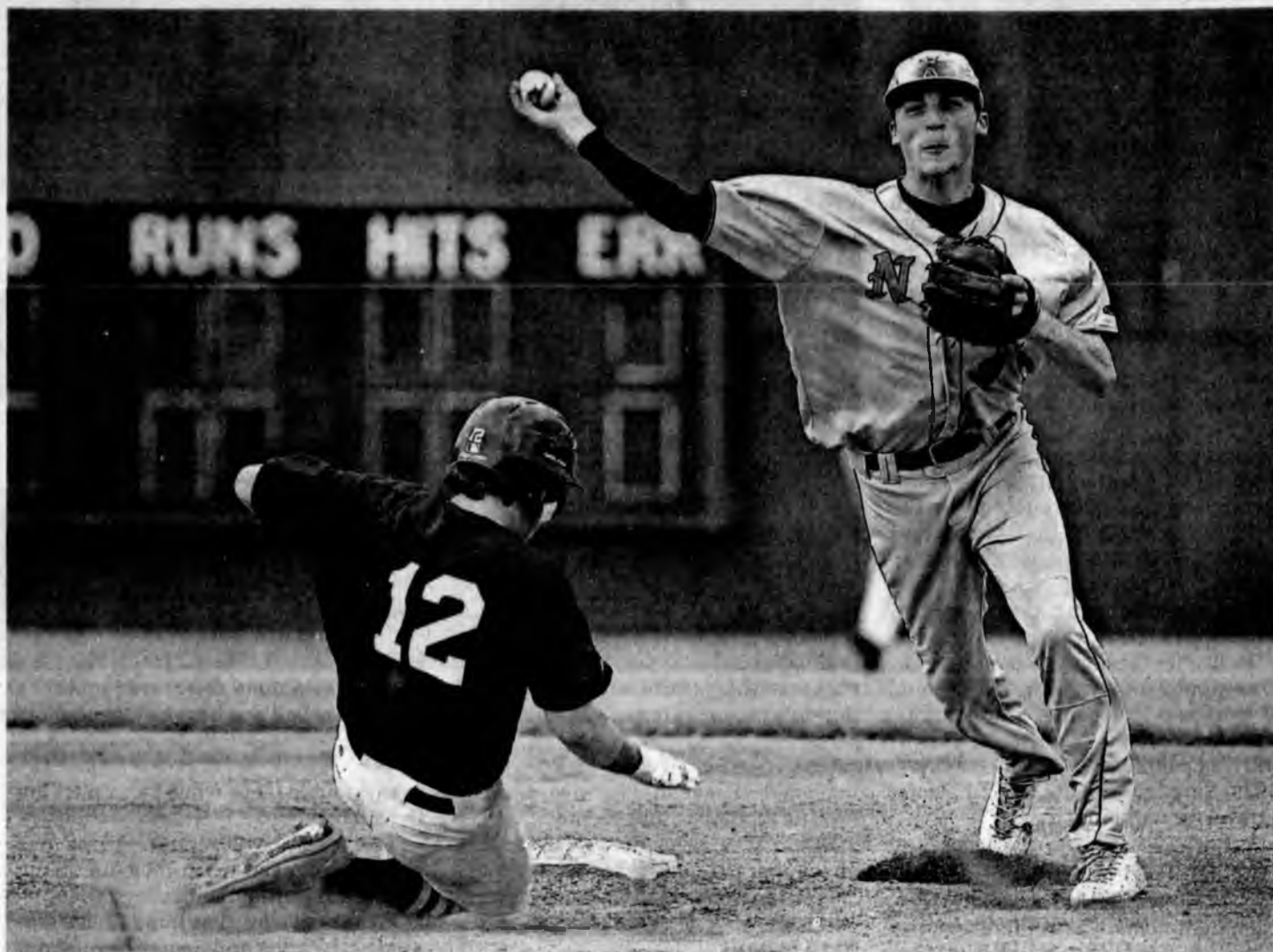
"I'll tell you what. The best thing about the whole thing was when we got the final out and I'm next to a guy that played for me and this is his first year up with me, (assistant coach) Kyle Galli, and he's excited. And I said just stop and take a look at the kids. That's what it's all about. That's the excitement right there."

"That's why you do it," he added. "It's to see them experience something, hopefully, that you've experienced because you know what it feels like. That's why I do it and that's what keeps me going."

## Flores catalyst

Brother Rice sent 13 batters to the plate in its big inning, highlighted by junior right-fielder Tito Flores, who produced two key hits. The third-year varsity player rocketed a two-run double to center field his first time up that tied the game and later sent a three-run triple to right center that scored the last three runs and provided the valuable cushion.

The inning also featured a lead-off infield single by Josh Anschuetz that



Rice's J.D. Allen (left) slides into second, but he's already out as Mustangs second baseman Alex Garbacik throws the ball to first for a double play. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sparked the rally, a two-run single by Jake Riem that scored Flores with the eventual game-winning run, a run-scoring single by lead-off batter Gabe Sotres, two intentional walks, a regular walk, a hit-batsmen and one error.

"It was an unbelievable inning and it's funny how it happened, too," Flores said. "We were going to bunt to move the runners up, but (coach) Riker decided not to and swing away and he thought I had the better match-up between the pitcher and I. It's just weird how it all falls into pieces, like a big puzzle board, and everything fell our way today. It's just the game of baseball and we couldn't be more proud of it."

"I mean, whatever helps the team win. That's what we talk about," he added. "We're never selfish here at Rice. We always try to help the team win in one way or another and get the 'W.' Who

cares how many hits you had or what plays you made? As long as you win, that's all that matters."

## Stinging loss

Northville (33-8) mustered its runs — both unearned — in the fifth inning against Rice starter Tyler Sarkisian. Spencer Ziparo scored the first run on an overthrow to first base and Steven Morrissey crossed the plate a few minutes later on another throw to first base.

The Mustangs threatened in both of their final two at-bats with runners in scoring position, but could not push home any more runs against Rice reliever Jack Brockhaus.

"Tyler (Troyer) did an outstanding job and exceeded our expectations," said Northville coach John Kostzewa, who had 13 returning seniors this year.

"We had some chances earlier to score some runs and we had some base-running mistakes, but that's the nature of the game. It's a game of inches and I couldn't be more proud of the way Tyler performed and how our whole team performed to get back here again. But it just got away from us."

"I think in a lot of years, they would be real happy that they just got here," he added. "But with this group coming back, I think it's going to sting for a little while because they had a taste last year and they felt they had what it takes to get back there again. But Brother Rice is a good program and a good team and they got the hits when they needed them and that's baseball."

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## GIRLS SOCCER

# Novi takes out Troy in D-1 state semifinal

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Lauren Calhoun and her Novi teammates wanted no part of what happened two years ago in the MHSAA Division 1 girls soccer state semifinal on the same Rochester Stoney Creek field.

It was a painful memory, to say the least, as the Wildcats walked off in 2016 stinging from a 2-1 shootout loss on penalty kicks to the host Cougars.

"I looked back at the clock and the seconds are counting down and got tears in my eyes because I wanted this since I was a freshman and I know everybody on my team have wanted it for so long," the standout junior defender said. "It's just amazing it's finally happening, so I feel like we're going to do great in our next game."

Following the convincing 4-1 victory June 12 over Troy, the Wildcats (18-5-1) had a chance to capture their sixth school title in school history against Grand Blanc.

"We've got a bunch of juniors and sophomores that were here two years ago and we lost on this field on a PK shootout and Stoney (Creek) went on to beat Canton in the finals, so we knew when we came here, we wanted a little redemption from two years ago and get that state championship this time around," Novi coach Todd Pheiffer said.

Novi followed the same state tournament run script by striking first and, in this case, second on goals by sophomore Avery Fenchel (from Riley Balconi) in the 10th minute and Julia Stadtherr (from Jessie Bandyk) in the 15th minute for a 2-0 advantage.

"This one thing we stressed going



Novi players celebrate their Division 1 state semifinal victory over Troy. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

into the state tournament is that we wanted to score early," Pheiffer said. "You get that goal ... we play so much better and at ease when we score first. Three games in a row now, we've scored early and got the first couple of goals on them."

Troy, however, answered on a set piece with 12:01 left in the half on Hailey Stewart's header off a perfectly placed corner kick from Jessica Chen.

"We knew (Troy) were good on set pieces," Pheiffer said. "So one thing we kept talking about today is that they're good flicking it on, they're good at heading. We said we want to give up no cor-

ner kicks, no free kicks and no deep throw-ins. And then they get that goal off the corner kick. But we knew they're good in the air and they play with a lot of intensity."

Holding a 2-1 lead, the Wildcats regrouped during intermission.

"It was, really, just communication — the back four — and, really, just everybody all work together on the field, find players and just mark up so that we wouldn't get scored on again and let them have a second opportunity," said Calhoun, who is committed to play at Indiana State.

While Novi was holding Troy score-

less over the final 40 minutes and getting a total of 10 saves from senior goalkeeper Callie Rich, the Wildcats pulled away in the final 19 minutes by scoring twice.

With 18:33 left, Leah Kiura's corner kick was flicked on by Stadtherr and scored by Balconi, a junior midfielder, to make it 3-1.

Senior forward Laine Fenchel then put it away with a goal with exactly 10 minutes remaining, assisted by Bandyk, another junior midfielder.

"They're a very good side, they moved the ball well," Troy coach Daniel Troccoli said of the Wildcats. "Our game is winning 50/50 balls and headers and going back at people and they took the ball away from us a little bit. The last couple of games, we've won 82 percent of the 50/50 balls and open headers and I think it's safe to say we didn't do that today."

Troy ended its season 9-7-6, but Troccoli said his team's tourney run was not a fluke.

"This is what we gear for the whole season," he said. "We gear for the tournament and this is not a surprise for us at all. This is what we play for."

Novi, meanwhile, is no stranger to state championship games and is a perfect five-for-five in the finals.

Under coach Brian O'Leary, Novi captured back-to-back crowns in 2010-11 and three in a row in 2005-07. Pheiffer also won with Ann Arbor Huron in 2008.

On May 20, Grand Blanc overcame a second half deficit to beat the Wildcats, 3-1.

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## PREP BASEBALL

## St. Mary's bursts Clarenceville's bubble

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Livonia Clarenceville's best baseball state tournament run in school history came to a crashing halt June 12 during the MHSAA Division 2 quarterfinal at Novi.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's took advantage of seven walks and four hit batters against four different Clarenceville pitchers to go along with 14 hits in a four-inning 17-2 mercy rule victory.

The Trojans, coming off their first regional title in school history, finished 17-14 overall. And because of the MHSAA three-day 105-pitch count rule, they were unable to use senior ace Nick Bisaro, who had a 9-2 record and a 1.43 earned-run average.

"I'd say that put us down, we couldn't throw our best," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "But our kids never gave up and what we've accomplished in the last two years has been phenomenal."

St. Mary's (28-12) was led by senior second baseman Dillon Kark, who went 2-for-2 with a solo homer, triple and two walks to go along with four RBIs.

"That one I kind of knew it was kind of gone, the others I sprint it out of the box, but I knew that one was gone," Kark said of his lead-off fourth-inning homer. "The slower pitching I normally approach right field, right-center gap. I try not to pull, I just try and approach the right-center gap. That's the smart approach with slower pitching."

Clarenceville starter Logan Calimazzo lasted 1½ innings, allowing six runs on four hits. He walked three and hit one batter. Joshua Touchette, Zach Jones and Nick Shute also took turns on the mound, but were unable to stop the St. Mary's onslaught.

The Eaglets scored one in the first, six in the second, seven in the third and four in the fourth.

Jack Mooney went 2-for-4 with a three-run triple, while Alex Mooney was 3-for-3 with an RBI. The Eaglets had four sacrifice flies.

"They struggled throwing strikes at times and we didn't expand the zone for them," said OLSM coach Matt Petry, who guided the Eaglets to the 2017 Divi-



Clarenceville coaches and players meet for the final time after their Division 2 quarterfinal loss to St. Mary's. BRAD EMONS

sion 2 crown. "We kept a good approach in not getting ahead of ourselves, trying to do too much and I was really pleased with our approach today."

St. Mary's used two left-handers on the mound, with Kent Madak going the first three innings to earn the win, while Dean Sigler came on in the fourth.

"(Madak) has had to pitch a lot of key innings for us," Petry said. "We've had quite a few injuries on the mound this year to some big-time guys and he's stepped up. It's guys at the beginning of the season that hadn't had any varsity innings under their belt with the exception of Logan Wood, who have stepped up big for us. Our top two guys (Anthony Fett and Wood) should be ready to go."

Clarenceville collected a total of three hits, getting a triple from Tavian Cruz and RBIs from Calimazzo (single) and Bisaro (sacrifice fly).

"After today's games in one-and-dones we're 8-2 as an organization from a team that really never had baseball," Cotter said of the last two years. "And for us to be able to turn it around ... and now we've got kids playing in the summer, which is real important. I can't reiterate it enough. You've got to tell that story. I've got Vinnie Marsico and my assistant in Jim Morton, they're just two of the best baseball guys that I know. And we don't get as far without those two guys. They're just awesome."

Despite the lopsided defeat, Cotter is

optimistic about the future.

Among the seniors leaving are DeMond Scrutchions, Brad Trout, Kyle Nolan, Carl Ramsey, Mark Palleschi, Tyler Bazzell, Jeremy Burling, Shute, Bisaro and Calimazzo.

"We lose 10 guys, but we've got five guys who played today, four guys that started today that are sophomores and juniors, so we're going to have a good nucleus," Cotter said. "We have a good group of eighth-graders and we finally got a summer program started as well, so can't beat that either."

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## PREP SOFTBALL

## Salem's Southerland wins 500th, touts others for success

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During more than three decades as softball coach at Salem, Bonnie Southerland has watched great players and teams come and go.

She's been on the winning side 500 times, with the milestone victory in a late May come-from-behind effort against Novi.

But for Southerland — a.k.a. "Coach-er," a nickname bestowed on her during the late 1980s — notching 500 wins isn't her biggest thrill from more than three decades of leading the Lady Rocks. It's more about the friendships and memories.

"It's not always about winning, but about improving each day, creating an environment that is fun and, at the same time, challenging," Southerland said. "Camaraderie and team chemistry is so important."

Southerland has Salem softball in her DNA and that goes back to when she was a player helped by "some pretty great coaches through the years" such as Livi Way, who "was one of those coaches that made you want to be the best you could be."

She has taken Way's philosophy of "improving every day, creating an environment that is fun and at the same time challenging" and stayed with it through the years.

Along the way, there have been division and conference titles, a district championship, numerous Salem Invitational triumphs and countless individual records set and then broken years later.

## Salem standouts

Southerland tried to think about some of the best players during her Salem coaching career and admitted her answer could get her into some hot water.



Veteran Salem varsity softball coach Bonnie Southerland congratulates pitcher Maddy Rosiewicz for a job well done. Southerland recently earned her 500th victory at the Rocks' helm. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

"I've had some amazing athletes go through this program," said Southerland, who is helped on her coaching staff by husband Tom Willette (a Salem Wall of Famer from his standout baseball career). "Many went on to play in

college and many chose to concentrate just on their studies, even though they could have played."

"Varsity softball is a huge commitment. If I had to pick (top all-timers), I've got to be honest I could rattle off a

couple dozen great stories about some pretty great people.

"(There's) Stefanie Volpe, Bri Lee, Alexis Powell. Right now, I've got a couple graduating that would certainly make that list in Morgan Overaitis and Maddy Rosiewicz."

With Southerland having no intention of hanging up her coaching clipboard anytime soon, a couple of new names to look out for include freshmen Ally Aikens and Meganne Skoug. Both came through in her memorable 500th win.

Trailing Novi by a run going into the bottom of the seventh, Rae Campbell (another standout Salem player) tripled with one out. Aikens then singled to score Campbell and tie the game.

Skoug followed with her gapper that scored the winning run.

"Great way to finish and this will be one of those memorable wins," Southerland said.

## Credit for others

Reaching the milestone "means a great deal to me. I have had the pleasure of coaching so many phenomenal student-athletes."

But Southerland downplayed her own role in that notable achievement.

"Milestones are great, but the most important part of why I coach is developing young student-athletes," said Southerland, who coached JV teams for a decade before taking over the Salem varsity in 1995. "(And) watching the successes they achieve not only on the field, but as well as off the field."

"This makes me proud to be their coach. I have a great group of ballplayers, (have) assembled a great coaching staff, wonderful booster club and I get to coach a sport I love. Plus, I can't imagine doing anything else."

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PREP ATHLETICS

# MHSAA's new executive director gets favorable reviews

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Mark Uyl has worn many hats during his 14 years as an assistant director with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

The 44-year-old Uyl now gets the wear big sombrero as he was chosen May 8 as the MHSAA's new executive director by its Representative Council.

The former a high school teacher, coach and administrator will succeed retiring Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts in August. Roberts, who has served as executive director since fall 1986, announced his retirement April 24.

Reaction to the naming of Uyl has been seen as universally favorable among area athletic administrators.

"What he brings to the table is absolute professionalism," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said. "He brings a very strong philosophy of what educational athletics is about and what it needs to be about. He's a tremendous leader who has the full support of athletic directors, officials and everybody who is involved in educational athletics from across the entire state of Michigan."

Uyl joined the MHSAA staff in January 2004 and coordinates the association's nearly 10,000 officials in addition to serving as director of baseball and administrator of the MHSAA's catastrophic and concussion care insurance plans. He also has served as director of cross country and wrestling during his tenure.

As a sport director, Uyl also helped the MHSAA move its baseball and softball tournament finals to Michigan State University in 2014.

Uyl was also instrumental as the MHSAA became the first state high school athletics association to offer concussion care insurance, which provides gap coverage to assist in covering costs for athletes who are injured while participating in MHSAA-sponsored sports.

As an official himself, Uyl has worked to build a stronger relationship with those working high school events that has included an increase in training and support.

"I think it's a fantastic choice," Churchill A.D. Marc Hage said. "They are big shoes to fill. Jack Roberts has been there a long time and done some exemplary things and put together some nice things into place, but Mark Uyl is somebody who will continue to grab that baton and run with it and keep the MHSAA at the top of all the high school associations in the nation. He's a very principled individual."

Outside of his MHSAA duties, Uyl has umpired collegiate baseball since 1997 and was part of the crews for the 2014 and 2017 College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

He officiated college football for 12 years with several NCAA postseason assignments, while also serving as coordinator of officials for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He was a registered official with the MHSAA for at least three sports beginning in 1992 and worked the baseball state finals in 1999.

"Mark's a really good guy," Salem A.D. Brian Samulski said. "He's done a lot with our officials, recruiting officials and I think he'll do a great job up there in his new leadership role. He seems like a solid guy to lead the way."

Uyl graduated from Caledonia High School in 1992 and from Calvin College in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in history and physical education.



Uyl

He later received a master's in educational leadership from Grand Valley State University. At Calvin, Uyl was a four-year starter on the baseball team, earning all-MIAA honors twice and serving as team captain.

Uyl lives in DeWitt with his wife Marcy, an educator and coach who has served as a high school varsity basketball coach since 1994. They have three children: Jackson (17), Grant (15) and Madison (11).

"I really do believe they could have not selected a more finer gentleman to be the face of that program across the entire state," Gordon said. "He's a class act, he's approachable, he's got tremendous vision, he's a great listener, he exudes positive intent in everyone and trying to do what's right for kids."

"He demonstrates through hard work each and every day and earns that respect, not only from athletic directors, coaches, members of coaches associations, but also his peers that work with him each and every day at the MHSAA building."

The Representative Council made its decision during its annual spring meeting May 7 in Gaylord.

Uyl will become only the fifth full-time executive in the MHSAA's 94-year history, following Charles E. Forsythe (1931-42, 1945-68), Allen W. Bush (1968-78), Vern L. Norris (1978-86) and Roberts.

"He knows a little bit about everything," Hage said. "He's made it a point to get involved in every single sport, every single area, so he's done his homework and he's a tireless worker. I love the choice, I really do. I think he'll do a

nice job. He also has a lot of prior knowledge from the MHSAA and he has a good foundation, as opposed to somebody from the outside ... not that they couldn't do a good job. He's got a lot of great information and a good background, having worked for the organization a number of years."

Prior to his time at the MHSAA, Uyl first taught and coached and then served as athletic director and assistant principal at Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg H.S., the latter from 2001-03. Before becoming an administrator there, Uyl served as A.D. at Caledonia High School in 2000-01.

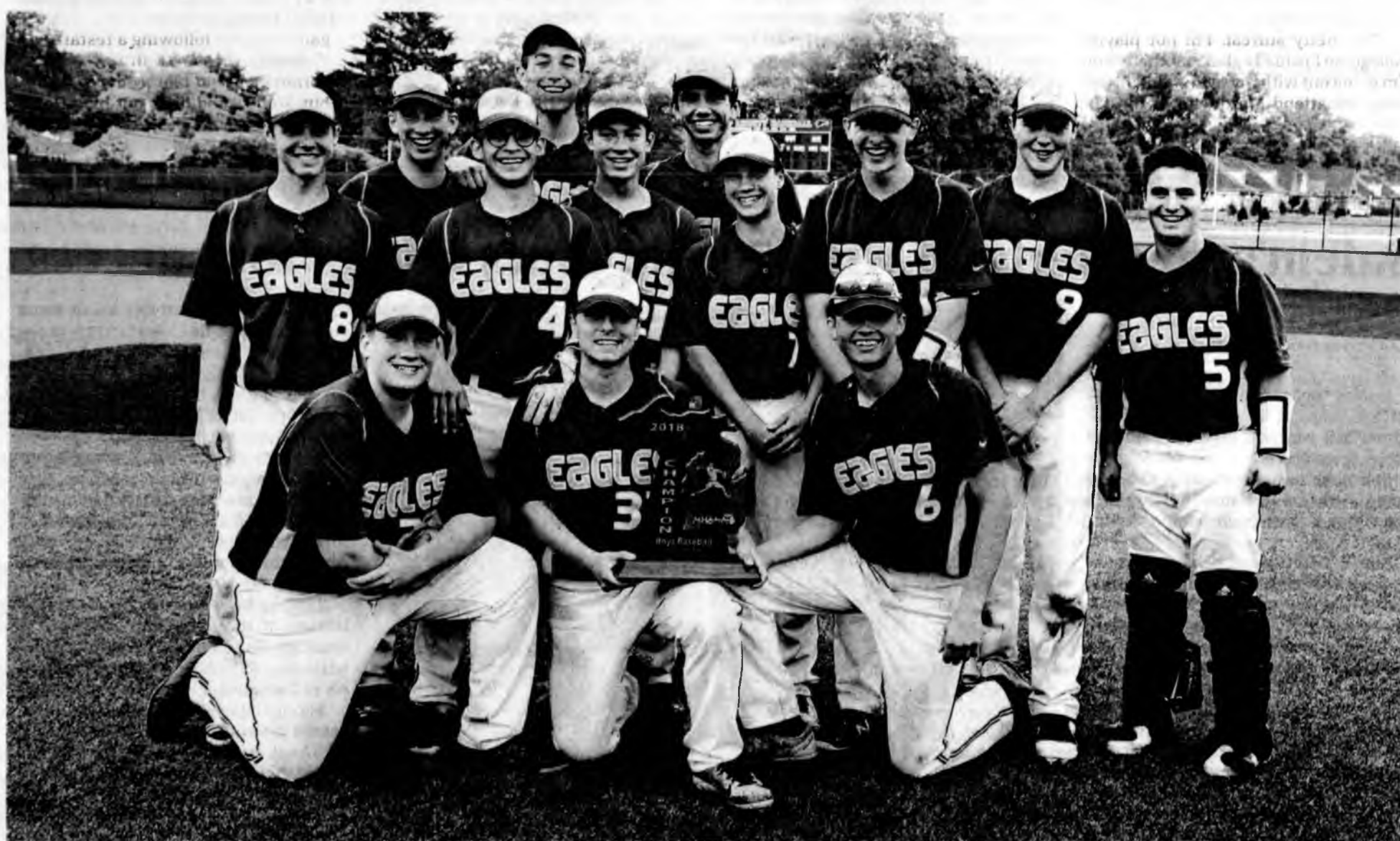
"The foundation built here by Jack Roberts over the last 32 years is the strongest in the country and I'm honored to have the opportunity to lead our staff in building on that foundation," Uyl said in an MHSAA press release. "There will be many ways we'll continue to protect the same values of educational athletics, while also looking for new ways and new opportunities to best serve the students and our member schools in Michigan."

During his tenure as an assistant director at the MHSAA, Uyl also served a four-year term on the Baseball Committee for the National Federation of State High School Associations.

"Mark was the obvious choice to become the next executive director of the MHSAA," Roberts said following Uyl's appointment. "Mark has the proper student-focused perspective of educational athletics, excellent person-to-person communications skills and a deep practical understanding of what is happening day to day in school sports in our state and nationally."

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PREP BASEBALL



Winning the regional was a good reason to smile for the Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team. DAN SMITH | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## PCA Eagles fly to first regional title

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There were two distinctly different flight patterns for the Plymouth Christian Academy Eagles to navigate June 9 during the Division 4 baseball regional at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

PCA came from behind in the semi-final against Marine City Cardinal Mooney and then took an early lead and held on to capture the regional championship, against Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

The Eagles claimed the first regional title in school history thanks to a 3-2

victory over Clarkston Everest.

"Our starting lineup for 90 percent of the season consisted of four seniors, one junior and four freshmen," said PCA veteran baseball coach Joe Bottorff, whose team advanced to face Unionville-Sebewaing in the D-4 quarterfinals. "What makes this even more amazing is that all four freshmen were in the infield ... both members of the battery in the second game were freshmen."

Ricky Limon was the starting pitcher for the championship game, with Jacob Weertz catching.

Getting to the regional final required some gumption, as the Eagles chipped away from an early 3-0 deficit to ultimately tie the game in the seventh on an

infield single by senior Gavin Goerke (scoring Nathan Etnyre, who singled to open the inning).

In the top of the eighth, a third strike eluded the Cardinal Mooney catcher to put a PCA runner on first. After a sacrifice bunt, pinch runner Gabe Emilio scored on Evan Wright's sacrifice fly to center field to give the Eagles a 4-3 victory.

A nice running catch in right-center by Norbie Fernandez closed out the win. Earning the win with an eight-inning complete game was senior Phillip Morby, who Bottorff said "was amazing on the mound all day. He did not have a curve ball today, but was able to move

his fast ball around to keep Mooney off-balance and did a great job pitching to contact."

PCA flipped the script in the regional final, scoring the game's first three runs.

Weertz's sacrifice fly scored a run in the first and Morby's double brought home Etnyre in the second. The Eagles then took a 3-0 lead thanks to an error.

After Clarkston Everest got to within 3-2 in the fifth, Bottorff brought in Etnyre to take over pitching duties. He had little trouble the rest of the way, helped by a double play in the seventh — the third of the game for PCA.

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## GIRLS SOCCER



Marian junior defender Neve Badalow (right) beats Northern forward Elsy DeSchryver to the ball. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Marian storms past Northern for state title

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Annie Bruce couldn't have picked a better way to end her soccer career.

One of three senior captains, Bruce scored twice — including the game-winner — to lift Bloomfield Hills Marian to a 4-2 victory over Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern for the Division 2 state championship on a hot Saturday afternoon at Williamston High School. It was the second straight state crown for the Mustangs, who also beat the Huskies in last year's title game.

"It's pretty surreal. I'm not playing college, so I'm really glad that this is how I'm going out with my team," said Bruce, who will attend Marquette in the fall. "We worked for this all year. We really put them down. We knew they were a good team coming in and we respected that. It was a good team effort, so I'm really happy."

"That was really our main goal all season. We don't really consider the season successful until we win the state championship. I'm just glad we came here and accomplished that," she added. "This is (Northern's) third year in a row playing in the state championship game. They were probably looking for revenge. I'm just glad that we were able to hold them off."

Marian head coach Barry Brodsky, who now has seven state championships in 17 years as head coach, said winning the crown is something that is expected at Marian.

"I said this before. At Marian, if we don't win a state championship, unfortunately, people are disappointed," said Brodsky, whose Mustangs are unbeaten in 47 games over the past two years. "But there is nowhere else I'd rather coach. I'd rather coach at a place like that, where the expectations are so, that, if you don't get it all done, you feel like you left something on the table."

## Two goals in last minute

It didn't take Marian long to get going.

Sophomore forward Chloe Aberlarde scored just four minutes into the game on the Mustangs' first shot, when she found herself all alone in front of the net and hit the far side behind Northern goalie Parker Hutchinson. She was assisted by Claudia Schilling.

The Huskies countered 22 minutes later, when sophomore Elyse DeSchryver scored on a shot from 25 yards out over the outstretched arms of Marian goalie Megan Kraus.

It appeared the teams were going to take a 1-1 tie into the half.

However, Marian took the wind out of Northern's sails with a pair of goals with less than a minute left in the first half.

With 58.5 seconds left, junior forward Jansen Eichenlaub, Marian's leading scorer, had all kinds of time charging down the right wing and put a move on Hutchinson and neatly deposited the ball into the net for a 2-1 lead. Bruce was credited with the assist.



Marian junior Jansen Eichenlaub (left) celebrates with teammate Annie Bruce, who had just scored what was the game-winning goal seconds before halftime. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Then, with just 8.5 seconds remaining, Bruce boomed in a left-footer from 20 yards out that went into the lower left corner on a great assist from Eichenlaub.

All of a sudden, the Mustangs took a 3-1 lead into the half and were feeling pretty good about defending their state title.

Just eight minutes into the second half, Bruce connected again with her left foot for a 4-1 lead. She took a corner kick from Sara Stroud and, with one motion from 15 yards out, beat Hutchinson, who had no chance on the shot.

## Lights put out on Northern

DeSchryver made it a two-goal game when she slammed home her second goal with another high shot at the 29:10 mark.

Northern remained on the attack following that second goal, but couldn't get on the board again and fell for the third straight year in the state championship game. The Huskies also lost the title in 2016 to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

"Obviously, any goal is tough to overcome against a team like Marian," Northern head coach Daniel Siminski said. "They got two on us in the last minute (of the first half). We were feeling pretty good about tying the game and we felt like we were playing even with them. We were just trying to get to the half and we ended up having a couple bad lapses."

"Two goals is a big hole to dig yourself out from, especially on a big field like this. The girls were dead and they were trying, but it was hard to get the ball up the field," he added. "Marian is a heck of a team, but if we want to be the best, you

have to beat the best. We haven't done it yet, but we're getting close."

Kraus finished with three saves for Marian, while Hutchinson had six. Marian doubled-up Northern on corner kicks, 10-5.

## Seven state championships

Marian last won the state title in 2012 after earning back-to-back state crowns in 2009-10 and 2003-04. They have also lost in three state championship games since Brodsky took over in 2001.

This year's victory wasn't quite as nail-biting as last year, when the Mustangs beat the Huskies by a 2-1 score after trailing 1-0 at halftime. He was thrilled his team had enough left to successfully finish off their captivating seven-game state tourney run.

"Both teams, I thought, had a hard team coming in and, with the weather, so I think both teams weren't exactly thrilled with their defense, but our three probably leading scorers for the year did it for us," said Brodsky, whose team ended the season with a near-perfect 22-0-1 record. "And defensively, we hung in there and did it. We were tired there at the end, for sure."

"(Northern is) a very good team and we were fortunate enough to win," he added. "The girls just play. There was a lot of frantic activity on the bench today, because we have an unbelievable coaching staff and the girls are willing to deal with all of us because every one does offer something special. That's a credit to them."

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# Marian aces semifinal test against DeWitt

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Bloomfield Hills Marian passed its biggest test of the girls soccer state tournament and now has the opportunity to defend its state championship.

The Mustangs used a second-half goal by junior forward Jansen Eichenlaub to register a 1-0 semifinal triumph Wednesday over DeWitt at Novi. Marian was scheduled to play Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern in the Division 2 state title game.

"We played very well. (DeWitt is) a great team, real young, too, so that's always a tough team to play against," Marian assistant coach Michael Schimmel said. "We knew we had to attack wide and keep making decisions in the box and we finally got one."

Marian, which had eliminated its previous five tourney opponents by a dominating 39-1 margin, figured DeWitt would be the most challenging roadblock to a second straight state championship. The undefeated Mustangs, Catholic League champions, held the No. 1 state ranking, while DeWitt, the Capital Area Activities Conference champion, was ranked No. 4.

The first half was evenly played, with Marian outshooting DeWitt by a slight 5-4 margin and both teams awarded one corner kick. DeWitt goalie Kennedy Pugh made three saves in the opening 40 minutes and Marian goalie Megan Kraus had two saves, both of them making big stops in the first two minutes of action.

## Eichenlaub's game-winner

The game remained scoreless until the 31:56 mark of the second half, when Eichenlaub scored the eventual game-winner following a restart.

Marian junior Sarah Stroud took a corner kick that bounced into the box, but was booted back out by a DeWitt defender right to Marian midfielder Annie Bruce. She then passed back to Stroud near the corner flag. Stroud sent it back in front and the ball bounced off Pugh right to Eichenlaub, who tapped in the rebound for her 32nd goal of the season.

"We've been stressing about going to flanks and dribbling the ball in. So our outside mid got it wide," said Eichenlaub, who had a second goal called back 17 minutes later when the ref ruled she had committed a foul. "All year we've just practiced crossing, crossing and finishing and that's exactly what happened. I just had to tap it in."

Schimmel said one of Marian's strengths is taking advantage of free starts and that played a key role in the victory.

"In these big games, those restarts, especially corner kicks, they are always going to be a good chance for you," Schimmel said. "So if you can get it wide and get those set pieces, that's good. We've done very well lately on our corner kicks."

"Jansen just always seems to find a way to finish," he added. "She just has a nose for the goal. She gets in the right spot, is composed and can put it in the back of the net."

## Title game rematch

Like Marian, DeWitt had allowed just one tourney goal prior to Wednesday's semifinal match-up. Panthers head coach Jamal Mubarakheh said his team put up a valiant effort in the disappointing one-goal defeat.

"There were two good teams out there. Marian is a solid team all the way around," said Mubarakheh, whose team finished 21-2-4. "We tried to work on corners, because they are very good at them. We went most of the game playing them even, but we let in one goal and that's what cost us."

"I have a young team and, hopefully, we can come back next year in the same spot and win it," he added. "It's an honor for our team to be here. We played a great game today against the defending state champion. But when you lose 1-0, it's hard sometimes."

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## Make your vacation a bit more authentic



**On Travel**  
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Sean Cummings helped put New Orleans back on the map after Hurricane Katrina. As one of thousands of small-business owners in the city, he faced a difficult choice after the storm: Rebuild his hotel, the iconic International House in the financial district, at a price that exceeded its value, or leave.

He didn't hesitate. Abandoning New Orleans would be "unimaginable. People come to New Orleans for the authenticity," he said as he sipped iced tea at the Loa bar in the International House lobby. "They come for the rituals."

New Orleans, of course, has its own rituals: Carnival, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and St. John's Eve, to name a few. But Cummings says the appreciation of rituals can help you have a more meaningful, if not a better, trip.

At International House, Cummings practices what he preaches. For Carnival, costumed servers offer tea-infused cocktails inspired by a 19th-century watercolor series depicting early Mardi Gras costumes. On All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, yellow chrysanthemums and red coxcombs line the lobby and halls, like the tombs of graveyards across the city. And for St. John's Eve, the highest holy day of the Vodou religion, Cummings enlists a local Vodou priestess to perform a ceremonial head-washing ritual in the lobby.

"It gives guests a sense of place that allows them to experience the real New Orleans," he says.

So how do you explore travel's rituals — and make your next trip more authentic? Start with the food. Cummings says no one knows a city like its servers, bartenders or chefs. "Take your travel guide's suggestion on your first night and then ask your server for recommendations for the rest of the trip," he says.

Follow the artists, too. Before you leave, research the most prominent figures — celebrities, writers, artists, musicians — who once roamed the streets of your destination. "Read up on those most influential characters," he says. "Figure out where they hung out and



If you're looking for authentic experiences when you travel, ask your waiter or bartender for local recommendations. EDMUND D. FOUNTAIN/USA TODAY

what they did. If you find out your favorite writer once frequented that city, follow those footsteps."

Cummings found Cornell Winery, a favorite hangout in Malibu, Calif., after researching the haunts of local celebrities. Turns out Bob Dylan, Marlon Brando and Steve McQueen were regulars.

To find a new city's own rituals, like the ones to which Cummings pays tribute in his hotel, research the history of the city before you go.

He also recommends downsizing. "There's no better way to experience a culture than residing like a local while you're there," Cummings says. He prefers home rentals or small hotels while he's traveling.

Perhaps the best path to authenticity is the language. Cummings says you don't have to master it before you touch down. "Just learn the key words," he says. "Nothing gains the respect of locals quite like a genuine effort to converse in their native language."

So why not try a little authenticity? A few foreign words, a trip to the library or a food tour can turn an ordinary vacation into something special. Take it from someone who knows authentic.

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### Avoid a fake vacation

Sean Cummings' tips for avoiding prepackaged tourist vacations:

■ Avoid planning a trip around paid advertisements for hotels, resorts or experiences, even those found in the most reputable news outlets. "If an organization is big enough to pay for advertising space of that scale, they're probably not going to provide you with an authentic experience," Cummings says.

■ Find a way to engage in service on your trip. Whether it's working on a coffee farm or volunteering in a school, look for ways to connect with locals. "It doesn't have to be the focal point of your trip, but through this service you'll meet incredible people who will provide you with a purely local experience in return."

■ Steer clear of organized group tours or activities. "Always try to make a connection with a local who can give you that more natural experience," Cummings says. "Finding someone to give you that private tour or private activity will feel less like an arranged vacation and more like a natural experience."

### ASK THE CAPTAIN

## In-flight fire risk lessens but still a concern

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Special to USA TODAY

Air Canada flight 797, a DC-9 flying from Dallas to Toronto in 1983, had a substantial fire in the aft lavatory.

The fire spread quickly while dense smoke filled the cabin and flight deck. The pilots made an emergency landing in Cincinnati, but when the doors and exits were opened, a flashover occurred, killing 23 of the 46 occupants.

Federal authorities realized improvements were needed in fire resistance, fire-blocking material for seat covers and low-level emergency lighting. Within five years, all airliners had these safety improvements, along with lavatory smoke detectors.

But in 1998, Swiss Air flight 111, cruising from New York to Geneva, experienced an electrical fire that spread into the insulation overhead. The fire expanded quickly, causing control of the jetliner to be lost. All aboard died.

Wiring insulation already was a concern after the loss in 1996 of TWA flight 800, a 747 that took off from New York and exploded over the Atlantic. Electrical arcing caused by deficient insulation was found in the wreckage.

Modern jets have much-improved insulation in the cabin, wiring insulation that is more resistant to cracking or burning and improved wiring maintenance programs. All of the interior panels are made of high fire-resistant material that does not emit toxic smoke when exposed to fire. Modern seats are stronger, and the covers are made of fire-blocking material.

Crew members are better trained to act as firefighters. Consequently, in-flight fire no longer is a major cause of accidents.

Today, a new fire risk is rising: lithium batteries in smartphones.

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## Epic itineraries take you around the world

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Cruise lines are constantly tweaking their schedules. Sometimes it's just the addition of a single port to a long-established itinerary. Other times it's the roll-out of an all-new route.

Here, some of the more notable itinerary announcements.

### Carnival plans its longest sailing ever ...

Carnival Cruise Line in 2019 will offer a 24-day sailing from Long Beach to Singapore — its longest single departure.

Kicking off Oct. 5, 2019, the voyage on the 3,006-passenger Carnival Splendor will include calls in Guam, Vietnam and Malaysia — all firsts for a Carnival sailing from North America.

The trip also will feature extended port calls at Maui and Honolulu. Another highlight will be a westward passing of the International Date Line, resulting in the date being turned back by a day.

### ... and Cuba cruises from Charleston

Carnival in 2019 also will become the first cruise line to offer cruises to Cuba from Charleston, S.C.

Carnival says the 3,002-passenger Carnival Sunshine will launch the sailings Nov. 21, 2019 with a four-day voyage. The ship then will operate eight five-day trips from Charleston to Cuba departing between Jan. 6 and April 27, 2020. The four-day sailing will feature a call at Havana. The five-day voyage will add a visit to Freeport in The Bahamas.

At 102,853 tons, Sunshine will be the biggest cruise ship to call in Havana.

Carnival also recently announced nine new Cuba sailings for 2019 out of Fort Lauderdale on the Carnival Triumph and one Cuba trip out of Tampa on the Carnival Paradise. Also announced were four Cuba sailings out of Miami on the Carnival Victory and Carnival Sensation.

### Viking plans longest world cruise

Fast-growing Viking will operate an around-the-world sailing in 2019 that



Carnival Splendor will cruise from Long Beach to Singapore. CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE



Viking Sun will hit 113 ports in 59 countries. GENE SLOAN/USA TODAY

lasts 245 days — a record for a continuous world voyage, according to the line.

Starting in London on Aug. 31, 2019, the trip will take place on the 930-passenger Viking Sun and include stops at 113 ports in 59 countries. The ship will visit every continent except Antarctica.

Sun will follow a westerly route, starting with a trans-Atlantic crossing that includes stops in Iceland, Green-

land and Canada. From there, Sun will visit ports along the East Coast of the USA and in Bermuda and the Caribbean before traveling around South America.

From there, Sun will head up the west coast of Central America and the USA before crossing the Pacific to French Polynesia, New Zealand and Australia. From Australia, the ship will proceed to Asia for stops in more than half a dozen

countries before heading through the Suez Canal. Final calls will be along the west coasts of Spain and Portugal.

Fares for the Ultimate World Cruise start at \$92,990 per person. Customers who book by Dec. 31 will receive a \$4,000 credit toward shore excursions and land programs as well as a \$2,000 credit toward on-board spending.

### Princess to send ship around South America ...

Princess Cruises is planning another circumnavigation of South America for 2020.

The 58-day voyage on the 2,200-passenger Island Princess will begin Jan. 9, 2020 and include more than a dozen stops in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and French Guiana.

The trip also will feature stops at Puntarenas, Costa Rica and the islands of Trinidad, Barbados and Antigua.

After an initial stop in Cartagena, Colombia, Island Princess will head through the Panama Canal to circle around South America. A diversion westward to Easter Island is planned.

After rounding Cape Horn, Island Princess will head to the Falkland Islands before continuing north to Puerto Madryn and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Fares for the voyage start at \$8,999 per person, based on double occupancy.

### ... and deploy new ship to Caribbean

Princess has revealed where its next new ship will spend its first winter: The Caribbean. Debuting in 2019, the 143,700-ton Sky Princess will operate seven-night voyages out of Fort Lauderdale starting in December of that year.

Princess also revealed that Sky Princess would feature Sky Suites that can accommodate up to five people — a first for the line.

New Caribbean sailings will kick off with a three-day, round-trip cruise out of Fort Lauderdale departing Dec. 4, 2019. The vessel then sails on alternating seven-day Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries round-trip from Fort Lauderdale from Dec. 7, 2019 through April 4, 2020.



## PART 2 OF 3

# I love HSAs; today, why I hate them



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This is the second part of a three-part series where I explore the three financial products I love the most, but through a highly critical lens. During this series, I will not focus on the positives.

I thought they were playing a trick on me.

"That will be \$225," the nurse exclaimed as I was checking out of my doctor's office after a 10-minute consultation that determined that I didn't have the flu.

I extended my neck toward her like a turtle listening to a secret, "Excuse me?" Yet, there was no mistake. This was my first visit to a doctor after my health coverage switched to a high-deductible health plan accompanied by a Health Savings Account (HSA). Where the same visit would have cost me \$20 just a few months prior, it now cost me \$225.

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) are often identified as the solution to our health care cost problems. Yet for many Americans, HSAs can create a wake of financial destruction after the most benign trip to the doctor. This is because with HSAs, the patient is responsible for all health care costs until the deductible is met.

Speaking of deductibles, did you notice the word right before the word "deductible?" That word was "high." HSAs are generally partnered with a high-deductible health insurance plan, which means you are responsible for paying the first several thousand dollars of health care expenses. Unlike "traditional" health plans, a high-deductible health plan can crush the financially unstable.

If a patient and her family can't afford to contribute to a Health Savings

Accounts fine if you can afford to fund them, but what if you can't?



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## Next week

I will do my best to discredit my favorite financial tool ever created — the 15-year mortgage. Stay tuned for what I hate about the mortgage I love.

Account, which is meant to fund health care expenses until the deductible is achieved and the actual insurance kicks in, then unmanageable debt is certain.

This is bad for a healthy person who

needs to have a small medical problem treated, and it's a guaranteed problem for those Americans who have chronic health care conditions. Imagine being a person with major health concerns and having your coverage switched from a more traditional health care plan in which you have a \$20 co-pay and a relatively low deductible, to a high-deductible plan which requires you to fork out thousands of dollars at the beginning of a new coverage year, because the fundamental way your coverage operates has been flipped.

The problem gets worse when you comprehend this new potentially ugly financial reality and change your behavior to avoid seeking medical care. I'm all for not spending money you don't have, but when it comes to health care, ignoring a medical issue because you don't want to go into debt can lead to ... death. That's a very extreme example, but there is the very real, if remote, potential for it.

When you add in the maintenance fees on the Health Savings Account and your obligation to save receipts and documents proving your expenditures were qualified medical expenses, you've got yourself a good old-fashioned pain in the neck.

If you don't have the money to put into a Health Savings Account or your employer doesn't generously make contributions on your behalf, then you're left deciding whether to go into debt or leave your medical problems untreated. That's a horrendous conundrum countless Americans are facing on a daily basis.

An HSA is only as effective as a person's ability to fund it.

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## Destination wedding can be special — and affordable

**Courtney Jespersen**  
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Between hotel rooms and airfare, destination weddings can be costly to attend. In fact, 27% of Americans said attending a destination wedding would make them spend less on a wedding gift than their typical budget, according to a 2018 NerdWallet study.

Destination weddings also are pricey for the couple. So, is it possible to tie the knot away from home and stay on budget? Many experts say yes.

### What is a destination wedding?

"A destination wedding is any wedding that you're having away from where you live," says Anne Chertoff, wedding trends expert at WeddingWire, a wedding-planning website. "So if you currently live in Chicago, but your hometown is Des Moines (Iowa), then technically you'd be having a destination in Des Moines."

A destination wedding could be international or domestic, but it will require you — and many of your family and friends — to travel in order to attend.

For international ceremonies, it's important to ensure you'll actually be married when all is said and done. "Every country is going to have their own laws about what constitutes a legal marriage," Chertoff says. Some countries may require that you establish residency, for instance.

To avoid this, Chertoff suggests getting married at your hometown city hall beforehand. If you go this route, your destination ceremony will function as your symbolic wedding.

### The good

In some cases, perhaps surprisingly, destination weddings are economical, according to Spencer Potter, wedding business expert at the National Wedding Council, an industry group.

This can be especially true domestically. Potter says a bride and groom who live in a metro area such as New York City might consider getting married in a less expensive rural or subur-



As the average cost of a traditional ceremony and reception skyrockets, more couples are choosing a personalized destination wedding. GETTY IMAGES

ban area so they can afford to invite more guests.

Couples booking a venue in unfamiliar territory can get a technological assist from tools such as Peerspace, a peer-to-peer marketplace similar to Airbnb, to find and rent wedding venues. Filter by criteria such as location, number of attendees and budget.

You may find non-traditional op-

tions, such as a warehouse or cabin, which could cost less than a more traditional venue, according to Mona Desai, special events manager at Peerspace.

### The bad

But be wary — destination weddings can add line items to your budget.

For example, you may want to travel

to the location before the ceremony to see it in person, says Ivy Jacobson, senior digital editor at The Knot, a wedding website.

"If you're getting married in Italy, you may have to take one or two trips there, and those could be \$3,000 trips each time," Jacobson says. "So you really have to factor that into your budget. Otherwise, you have to have a lot of trust in booking places sight unseen."

You might also pay to enlist the help of a wedding planner who is familiar with the location, vendors and cultural customs. For international weddings, be prepared to deal with more relaxed "island time," Jacobson says. Don't expect rapid-response emails, as you're accustomed to in the U.S.

### The budget

Despite the challenges, a destination wedding isn't always more expensive than a close-to-home ceremony. You can plan either on a budget.

If you decide to wed away from where you live, try these money-saving tips from Ashley Bourque, lead planner of Chancey Charm Nashville, a wedding planning and design company.

■ **Get your priorities straight:** Rank the elements of your wedding in order of importance. It'll help you gauge "where you can splurge and where you can save," Bourque says. If your budget gets tight, look at the bottom of the list for places to make cuts.

■ **Focus on colors:** Give the florist a color palette to work with, as opposed to a specific flower. There might be a bloom that's less expensive but achieves the same look.

■ **Shop around:** Don't run with the first quote a vendor gives you. If you're not working with a wedding planner who knows the going rate for the different elements of a wedding, do your own research and get multiple quotes.

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# Natural science

Is a naturopathic doctor right for you?

Jean Chen Smith Special to Asbury Park Press USA TODAY NETWORK

According to conventional wisdom, when you aren't feeling well, you schedule an appointment with your doctor. ■ Recently I went to see my general practitioner for my annual physical. During the appointment, I stressed to her the sensations of discomfort I felt after eating meals. I was wondering if I had any food sensitivities or allergies. Despite my concerns, at the end of the appointment, she congratulated me on being 100% healthy. ■ It seemed to me even if I seemed "normal" and healthy, if I didn't feel well, there must be a reason I was feeling the way I was. ■ After all, I wasn't gorging on fast food or eating junk. I was eating clean, whole foods with no sugar and limited carbohydrate intake. ■ That's when I decided to seek a naturopath.

## What naturopathic doctors do

What is a naturopath? Naturopathic doctors are educated in the same sciences as medical doctors and attend four-year naturopathic medical schools. They take a holistic approach to healing and use natural approaches, like nutrition, herbs and acupuncture in addition to conventional ones, like drugs.

Whereas a medical doctor may prescribe medicine as the first option, a naturopathic doctor will focus on treating the underlying causes, such as poor diet, lack of exercise, or stress, and not just the symptoms. Most naturopaths use drugs only when necessary.

The first visit was about addressing my feelings of discomfort after eating.

When did this start? What foods am I eating? Are there any new food items I started eating recently? Describe the discomfort? Is the discomfort isolated to a certain area of the body? Is the feeling the same both morning, afternoon and night?

The doctor really took the time to ask a lot of questions about my eating habits and focusing on my feelings. Some of the things he asked me were things I hadn't even really thought about or asked myself.

From there, I was to keep a food log, which I already did, so that part was easy.

We mapped out a plan to eliminate some foods from my diet that are known to be inflammatory, such as peanut butter, eggs and gluten.

Upon further digging, we realized my consumption of avocados was too high. Even though they are loaded with healthy fats, too much of a good thing is still too much of a good thing. So, I cut back on my

avocados.

The doctor sent me home with a digestive tincture of dandelion, skullcap and other herbs, which I was to take approximately 10 to 30 minutes before meals.

Currently naturopaths are only licensed to practice in 20 states, so the public doesn't have access to them on a large scale.

Along with some skepticism about what naturopaths actually do, the average person might continue the route of conventional medicine and continue to pop pills.

In fact, naturopathic doctors are highly educated and are given the same training as medical doctors. Their medical program encompasses basic medical sciences, naturopathic principles along with 1,200 hours of supervised clinical experience.

On top of that, there are two licensing board exams that graduates must pass. Continuing education and keeping up-to-date on current medical trends is also important for a naturopathic doctor.

After a month of visits, my food sensitivities seemed to dissipate after eliminating gluten and peanut butter. Along with these two foods, we determined that stress also can be a cause for bloating and abdominal discomfort.

What I learned from seeing a naturopath is that the body is an intelligent operating system. Symptoms are the body's way of signaling imbalance and distress. While

conventional medicine might treat a patient with pills to eliminate the problem, the holistic approach is to find the root of the problem.

Finding the right naturopath for you is important, so first begin by speaking to your current healthcare provider. They might be able to assist you by providing options about the possible benefits of naturopathic medicine.

Next, with everything these days, more information is just a click away. Research nearby practitioners by conducting a search online and asking friends, family and even co-workers.

Unfortunately, the current regulations governing naturopathic medicine varies widely between regions. For instance, in South Carolina and Tennessee, naturopathic practice is forbidden. Make sure that is not the case for the area in which you live.

## Come prepared to your appointment

Prior to your appointment, make sure to write down the reasons for your visit and the symptoms you are exhibiting and when.

A reputable naturopath will ask many questions so that they can get down to the problem. So, for instance, if you experience itching or an allergic reaction, it is important to jot down and pinpoint what you were eating/wearing/ drinking before the symptom occurred.

And make sure you check with your insurance carrier before you go to see if the visit is covered by your insurance.

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# Obituaries

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## Bette Lou (Wilton) Nasholm

**OSSINEKE** - Bette Lou (Wilton) Nasholm, 77, of Ossineke, passed away on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at MidMichigan Medical Center - Alpena.

Bette was born March 25, 1941 in Rogers City to Louis and Evelyn (Wietersheim) Wilton. Bette was a born-again follower of Jesus Christ whose love and willingness to serve others was evident in everything she did. She was a CPA graduating from Walsh College with honors. She was a member of the Womens Economic Club in Detroit, a member of both the Milford Downtown Development Board, and the Huron Valley Parks and Recreation Board. She was also a member of the Huron Valley Council of Arts. Bette loved gardening, tending to her pond, singing, and spending time with her two dogs, Tootsie and Ivah. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her grandchildren. She was a shining example to her family and those who were blessed to have known her.

Bette is survived by her mother, Evelyn, daughter, Ruth Gray, two grandchildren, Eden and Ashlyn Gray, brother, Louis Wilton, and son-in-law, Brian Gray.

Bette is at McWilliams Funeral Home - Alpena where family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 from 4-8pm. Visitation will resume on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at Calvary Bible Church 380 Linden St., Rogers City, MI 49779 from 10:00am until the time of the funeral service at 11:00am with Pastor Jeff Ryan officiating. Memorial donations can be made to Living Hope Church 1499 M-32 W., Alpena, MI 49707. Please visit [www.lifestorynet.com](http://www.lifestorynet.com) where you can view Bette's life story. On-line condolences can be registered at [www.mcwilliamsfh.com](http://www.mcwilliamsfh.com)



## Marilyn Herald Smith

**MORAN** - Marilyn Herald Smith, age 91, passed away June 8, 2018. She was the daughter of the late Clement & Mary Smith. She was a resident of Moran, Michigan and former longtime resident of South Lyon, Michigan.

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.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 36 years, 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.



## Robert "Bob" Walter Schultz

**CHESTER, SC** - Robert "Bob" Walter Schultz, 77, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Lancaster Convalescent Center, Lancaster, SC. The family will receive friends Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Barron Funeral Home from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday at Barron Funeral Home with Reverend Michael Shaffer officiating. Mr. Schultz was born in Dearborn, MI on November 11, 1940. He was the son of the late Walter H. Schultz and Florence C. Schultz. He graduated from Garden City High School in Michigan and was retired from Ford Motor Company as a quality control supervisor. Mr. Schultz had a long and happy life with his wife, Jane, of 56 years and their three children, Steven, Scott and Sean. He had 6 grandchildren Justin, Brittany, Ashlee, Liberty, Ben, Jackson and 3 great grandchildren Peyton, Aaron and Poppy. He is preceded in death by his brother Jerry and his son Sean. Bob will be remembered by his friends and family for his kind heart, friendly personality, skillful woodworking and lifelong dedication to volunteerism through service to many charities including the Special Olympics. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.barronfuneralhome.com](http://www.barronfuneralhome.com).



## Ernest "Ernie" Seebaldt

**HIGHLAND TWP** - Ernest "Ernie" Seebaldt, a longtime resident of Highland Twp., passed away on June 11, 2018 in the loving care of his family after challenges with atrial fibrillation. He was 81 years old. Mr. Seebaldt dedicated his 32-year career to the Detroit Public Schools at Western High School teaching physics, physical science and photography. Ernie was a lifetime member of the George F. Monaghan Council #2690 of Knights of Columbus and a longtime usher at St. John Catholic Church of Howell. In addition to Barbara (LaBerge), his beloved wife of nearly 53 years, Ernie is survived by their daughter, Anne; sisters, Mary (James) Keating and Peggy Seebaldt; sister-in-law, Pat Seebaldt as well as many cousins, extended family and dear friends. Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Lillian Seebaldt, and brothers, Edward "Eddie" Seebaldt and James "Jim" Seebaldt.

Mass of the Resurrection was held from St. John Catholic Church, Howell The Rev. Fr. Francis George officiated. Buried at St. John Cemetery. Memorials encouraged to: Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 or [www.LynchandSonsMilford.com](http://www.LynchandSonsMilford.com)



## Matthew James Dittloff

**NOVI** - Matthew James Dittloff died unexpectedly from natural causes on May 29, 2018 at his home in Novi, Michigan.

Matthew was born on June 29, 1973 at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, Wisconsin to James and Donna Dittloff. He graduated from Medford Area Senior High in Medford, WI, in 1991, and went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1997. Matt had a successful career as a Software Engineer working in Green Bay, WI, Grand Rapids, MI, Battle Creek, MI, and most recently for Nuspire Networks in Novi, MI.

Matthew is survived by his father and step-mother James and Paula Dittloff of Cambridge, WI; his sister Michelle Dittloff, her husband Seth Wingrove and their daughter Gabriella of Madison, MS; step-sisters Kelly (Christopher) Thompson of Milwaukee, WI; Molly Isola (Tom Halloran) of Albuquerque, NM; his step-brother, Matthew Neri of Jefferson, WI.

Matthew was preceded in death by his mother, Donna, and his brother Benjamin.

Matt was described by his friends and coworkers as an honest man, good at his job and to have a genuine laugh.

There will be a private family gathering with internment in Medford, WI at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Fuego volcano relief in Guatemala through Global Giving, [www.globalgiving.org](http://www.globalgiving.org). Matthew visited this area with his family in 2012 and we believe he would have liked to help the people suffering there. Please visit the online guestbook at [www.cremation-michigan.com](http://www.cremation-michigan.com)

## Gertrude "Trudy" (Boucher) Harradine

**ROCHESTER, NY** - Passed away June 8, 2018 at age 105. Trudy was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Allen and sons, Roger and Bryan. Survived by daughter, Kaye (Brian) Cunningham; son, Stuart Harradine; daughter-in-law, Judy (Bryan) Harradine; 4 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren.

Trudy was born in a French community in Springfield, MA on February 13, 1913. She met her husband, Allen from Hilton, NY, when they both worked at the Federal Land Bank of Springfield. Growing up speaking French, Trudy was an interpreter for clients of the bank. They relocated to Albion, NY where they owned and operated Harradine Implement Co. for 45 years until Allen's retirement. Trudy lived her life by The Serenity Prayer.

A Memorial Service was held at Linden Knoll in Rochester on June 13. In Trudy's memory, please consider donations to Isaiah House hospice, 71 Prince St., Rochester, NY 14605. To share a memory of Gertrude or send a condolence to the family visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com).



## Florence Pearl Moccock

**MILFORD** - Passed away in the loving care of her family on June 11, 2018. She was years 95 old. She is survived by her children, Judith (Jack) Mooradian, and William (Patricia) Moccock; grandchildren, David (Andrea) Mooradian, and Dennis (Melissa) Mooradian, Ryan (Love) Moccock, Kelly Moccock, and Brook (Ryan) Scott; several great grandchildren; sister, Thelma Henderson; sister in law, Dorothy Leibich; also many extended family and dear friends. Florence is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E. Moccock.

For further information phone 810-229-2905 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)



## Dorothy June Trombley

**NORTHVILLE** - June 17, 2018 Age 102 and longtime resident of Northville. Beloved wife of the late Edwin F. Dear mother of Robert (Sandra), Maureen, and Barbara Ulbrich (the late Roy). Loving grandmother of Kurt (Angie), Julie (Roland) Weber, and Elyse (Kenneth) Marriott. Great grandmother of Olivia, Nadia, Clayton, Sadie and Baden. Memorial service Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. from the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. A luncheon will follow after the memorial service at the church. Local arrangements entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassman Chapel. 248-348-1233.





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### How long should you stay at a job you hate?

 BY KATE LOPAZE  
[THEJOBNETWORK.COM](http://THEJOBNETWORK.COM)

Everyone goes into a new job with a sense of optimism. New place, new coworkers, new responsibilities — what's not to be optimistic about? After that initial buzz, however, you suddenly realize: I hate my job. It's rarely in your interest to quit on the spot when you have that revelation, so how long should you stay? Let's look at a few of different scenarios:

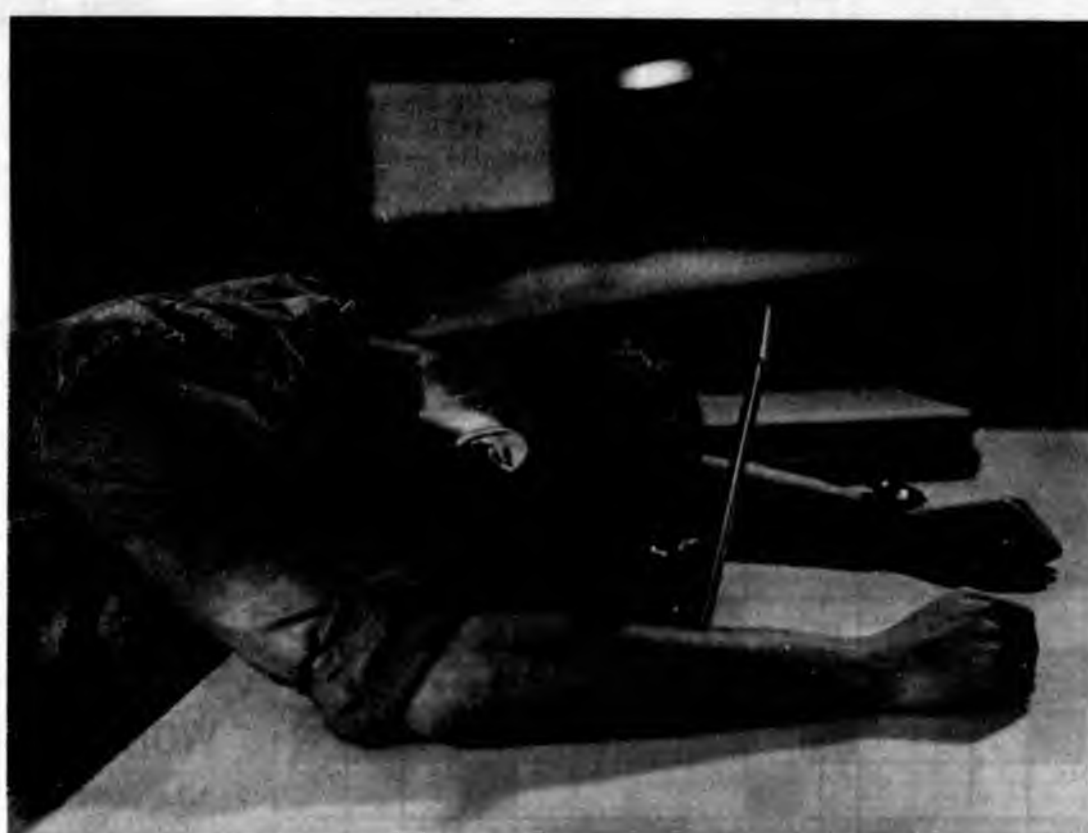
#### When seriously bad things are happening

If you've discovered that there are illegal or harmful things going on at work, or your work is causing you serious physical issues, then you should definitely consider getting out now. It's a safety issue.

#### When you hate your boss, and your work is starting to suffer

If your work is making you miserable and you just can't seem to get along with your boss, then it's time to start thinking hard about your exit strategy.

But if you can hold on for a few weeks or months while you start putting out feelers about a new job, then you should delay handing in that resignation letter.



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#### When you're bored or mildly unhappy

If your job isn't challenging you like it should or you have a general diagnosis of Over It-itis, then definitely start thinking about your next steps. Don't quit just yet. Because this isn't an emergency, you have time to do some soul-

searching about why you're unhappy at work and what you can do to fix that. You may find that adjusting your workload or taking on different projects could make you happier and more fulfilled.

Before you quit, talk with your boss (without issuing any ultimatums) and let him

know you're interested in taking on more opportunities, or changing up your role. If he's receptive, then give these new responsibilities a try. If he's not, or you've tried out this new regime and you're still unhappy, then step up your efforts to find another job before you quit this one. Remember

that fairly or not, it's almost always easier to find a job while you already have one.

Here's what you need to consider before you quit, under any of these scenarios:

- What is my financial situation? Do I have enough savings to cover a potentially months-long job search?
- Do I have some good potential job leads lined up, or an interim plan (like freelancing or consulting)?
- Are there any skills I will need to build before I try to get a comparable job (or a step-up job)?
- Is there anything that I could do or ask of my boss that would make my job bearable again?

It's best to have a plan here; the last thing you want to do is quit your job in a huff, and then realize that you've made a mistake. Sometimes leaving is the right thing to do, and quitting can push you to move your career forward. But if you take that step before you're ready, you could be opening yourself up to a period of stress and career upheaval unnecessarily.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for [TheJobNetwork.com](http://TheJobNetwork.com) where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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## ACROSS

1 Followers of Genghis Khan  
8 More ill-tempered  
16 Big deli cut  
20 Level of authority  
21 Called again  
22 Like many hoops stars  
23 Stadium levels reinforced with metal strips?  
25 Falco of the screen  
26 "I'm thinking ..."  
27 "— and the Real Girl" (2007 film)  
28 George Eliot's "— Mamer"  
29 NEA part  
30 BBQ meat bit  
32 Dutch South African who's testifying?  
36 Org. on a toothpaste tube  
38 Dot-com's address  
40 Ranchers' ropes  
41 Almost a plaintiff?  
47 Salon colorer

48 Low-quality  
51 Love affairs  
52 "No noise!"  
53 Sooner than  
55 Cut-rate, in adspeak  
57 Out of neutral  
58 Pupils with artificially curled hair?  
62 Fleur-de—  
63 — nitrite (vasodilator)  
65 Longoria of TV  
66 Examine critically  
67 Fer- "ng blades  
69 Fruity drink  
70 Mixed dogs  
71 Continually doing well  
74 Boxer Laila  
75 Poet Ogden  
76 Stars' place  
79 Small expert tennis server sent from heaven?  
82 "Pest" in Beverly Cleary books  
85 Like the soil around a big tree  
86 Boater's tool  
87 Kiss go-with  
88 Slate wiper  
89 Naval off.  
90 Drop anchor

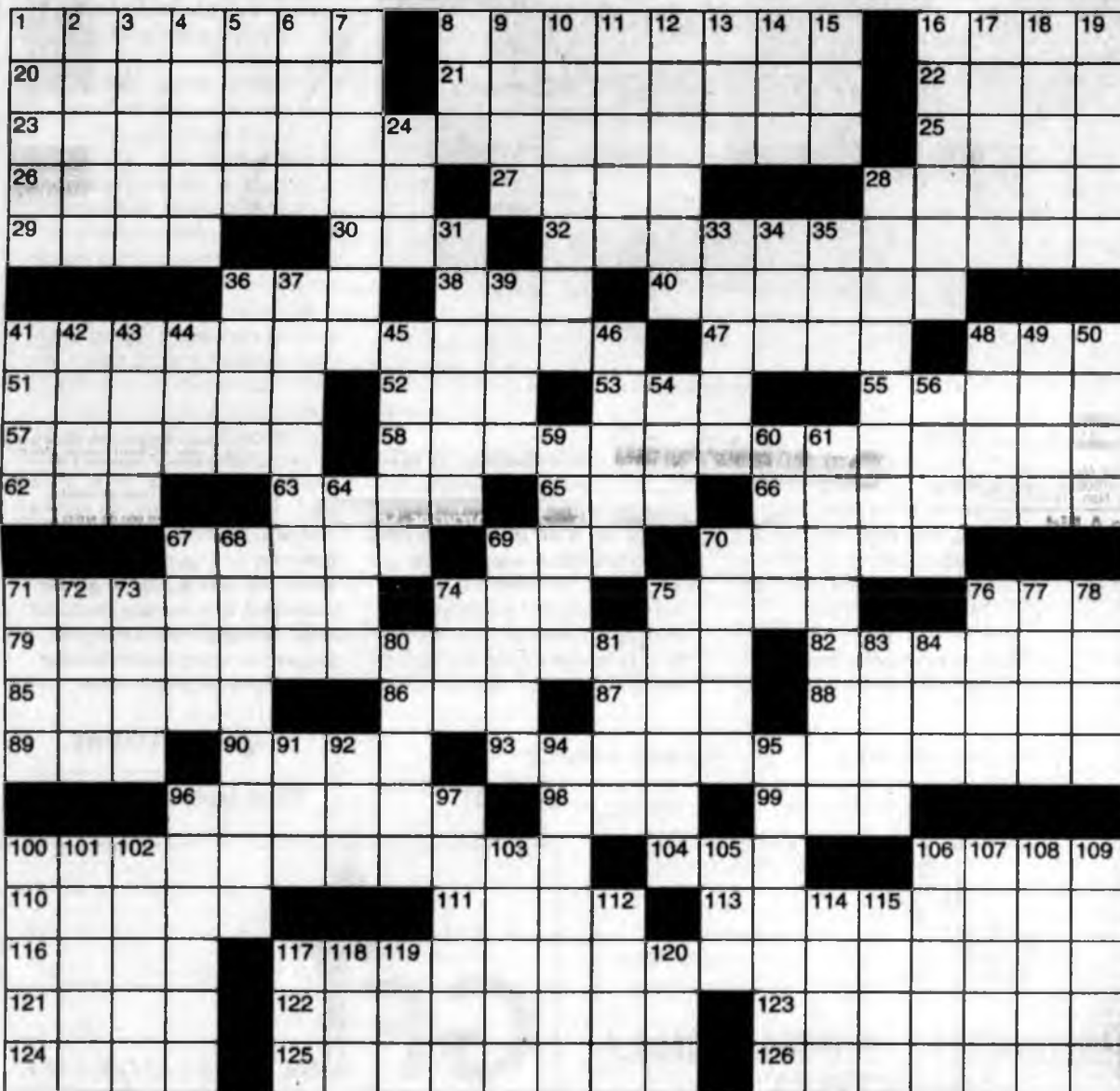
93 Statement when lots of people have gathered somewhere?  
96 Petty despot  
98 Public radio's Glass  
99 SSNs, say  
100 Like supplies for farmers that are sent by boat?  
104 Filming area  
106 "Us" rivals  
110 Book before Nahum  
111 Sailor's mop  
113 Like many monks, by vow  
116 Tilling hard  
117 Having reached a lower limit set by boxer Max?  
121 Henchman in "Peter Pan"  
122 And  
123 Fettuccine —  
124 That lady's  
125 Bald  
126 Curly-haired dogs

## DOWN

1 Electric car company  
2 One- — (short play)  
3 Scarlett's Butler  
4 Overflows  
5 German for "everyone"  
6 Steals from  
7 Curl the lip toward  
8 Old PC screen type  
9 Spool of film  
10 Designed to be appended  
11 Drag racer's fuel  
12 Old German ruler  
13 — de la Cité  
14 Always, in poems  
15 Aves.  
16 Ale mugs  
17 Soup spoon  
18 Phony name  
19 Sanctify  
24 Oahu wreath  
28 Eyeballed  
31 Wheat unit  
33 Cabs it, e.g.  
34 Direction  
35 Ending for Seattle  
36 Ambience  
37 British statesman Benjamin  
39 German coal region  
41 Brad, for one  
42 Ritzy hotel chain

43 Clothes, informally  
44 "— Sera, Sera"  
45 Annual awards for athletes  
46 "Superman" star Christopher  
48 Skeletal  
49 1998 bug-themed film  
50 Two pills, say  
54 Vitamin std.  
56 Toon units  
59 News outlets  
60 Pericles' T's  
61 Take out of the eye of a needle  
64 Liquefy  
67 Start for "while"  
68 Person of encyclopedic learning  
69 Open-eyed  
70 "The Simpsons" wife  
71 Grimm nasty  
72 12:00 p.m. (Disney film)  
73 Fussies  
74 Styled after  
75 Of synapses and the like  
76 Just all right  
77 Recognized  
78 Lawn site  
80 Yeshiva topic

81 She sang "Believe"  
83 Missile paths  
84 Deface  
91 Great Plains tribe  
92 Surgery ctrs.  
94 Having the right job credentials  
95 Directory for a web page  
96 Outpourings  
97 More ritzy  
100 Break to bits  
101 Request in blackjack  
102 More aloof  
103 Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"  
105 Bar code scanner, for short  
106 Popular '50s Ford  
107 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"  
108 Chopin piece  
109 Short notes  
112 Sheep calls  
114 "— & Stitch" (Disney film)  
115 News, briefly  
117 Spa reaction  
118 Gp. flagging bags  
119 Prefix with light  
120 Snaky shape



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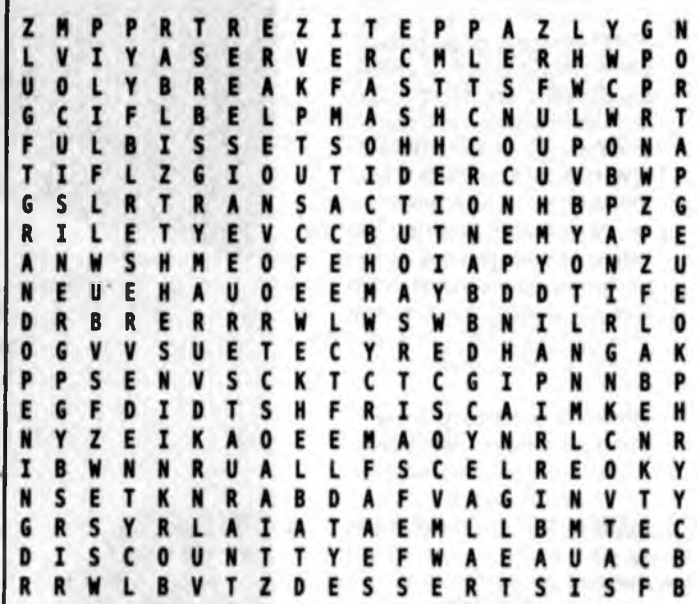
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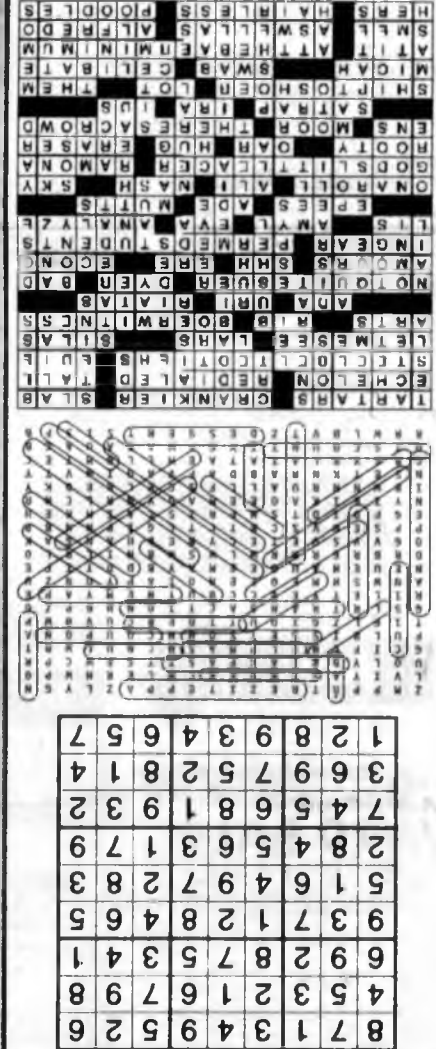
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## Car Report

# LEXUS KEEPS GETTING IT RIGHT AS F-SPORT VERSION ADDS PERFORMANCE VIBE TO BRAND'S ICONIC RX 350 SUV LINEUP



By Dale Buss

How do you build on perfection? You make it sporty! That's what Lexus has done with the F-Sport version of its iconic RX 350 mid-size SUV, lending a bit of a black-trimmed,

menacing vibe to a vehicle that has made a great living for decades as the ideal family getaway transporter.

And while the F-Sport version has only been around a couple of years, it represents a welcome dimensionalization of the nameplate that actually defined the luxury-SUV segment. The other major thing that Lexus has done lately with RX is to add a long-awaited three-row version.

Lexus has been in front of its fans lately in part because of its sponsorship of the just-completed U.S. Open men's golf tournament at Shinnecock Hills in Long Island, and also because the brand just launched a new marketing campaign that focuses on performance capabilities.

The new TV advertisements focus on Lexus's increasing lineup of performance vehicles, and fast versions of its other nameplates — and how they're built in Japan. Called "Performance: Crafted to the Extreme," the campaign includes TV ads that peek into Lexus factories building models including the LC 500 and GS-F, showing how high-tech assembly coupled with "Takumi mastery" yields "extreme exhilaration



The 2018 Lexus RX 350 F-Sport provides a sporty interpretation of the iconic nameplate on the road, Lexus said.

"Takumi" is the name of master workers who "preserve Lexus traditions and pass on valuable skills and processes, making certain every aspect of each Lexus vehicle is flawless," the company said. There are just 19 Takumi amid the 7,700 workers at the Miyata Lexus Plant in Kyushu, for instance. They make sure painstaking attention to detail is paid to the cars, which feature titanium engine components, aerodynamically sculpted bodies and extensive track testing.

Exciting product helps, too. Under CEO Akio Toyoda, the Toyota-owned luxury brand has been stepping up its development and production of performance vehicles and also hitting the re-set button on the exterior and interior of Lexus cars and SUVs, giving them a new, more dynamic styling language that is more consistent with the sportier image the

brand wants to convey. RX F-Sport has become a prime exemplar of Lexus's more pulse-pounding approach. For the new version of the entire RX line last year, Lexus cranked the styling volume up with an outsized front end that's punctuated by a yawning black grille, a roof that seems to float, and a lot more creases and bends in its surface treatment. Yet Lexus retained the line's classic raised seating position, comfortable interior and cargo-friendly confines.

Americans have responded enthusiastically by boosting RX sales. Lexus moved more than 100,000 of them last year, making it the brand's best-selling vehicle.

Then came RX F-Sport. With a base price of \$51,295, F-Sport doesn't get a bump in power over the base RX, meaning that horsepower remains at 295 and torque at 268 pound-feet. But the F-Sport package

does offer an adaptive suspension, 20-inch wheels and sportier materials inside the cabin.

In F-Sport as in its regular cousin, the engine provides trademark pick-me-up, smooth acceleration, and seamless shifts from the eight-speed automatic transmission. F-Sport's braking has been calibrated to be grabby from the get-go, which is a nice performance feature.

And despite its sportier stance and ride, F-Sport still provides all of the gargantuan room that you get inside any RX, with plenty of space for four adults and their luggage — as well as five for short journeys.

Inside, F-Sport offers brushed aluminum, leather and wood in an aesthetically quickening design that also is very pleasing. An angled, huge infotainment screen rises out of the dash alone but seems to be a continuation of the control stack below, which is a nice touch.

While its broadened RX lineup continues to benefit Lexus in the middle of the SUV market, Lexus also is paying attention this year to beefing up its presence in the hot subcompact-crossover segment and spiffing up some of its long-standing sedan nameplates.

In December, the UX crossover will join the Lexus lineup at the bottom end of its lineup, just below the subcompact NX that was introduced a few years ago. It's aimed at young customers who are the target of most luxury brands these days and will replace the slow-selling CT Hybrid as Lexus' primary entry vehicle, with prices beginning in the low \$30,000s.

Meanwhile, Lexus will introduce a redesigned version of its staple ES sedan, giving it a sharper new design, a more powerful six-cylinder engine, a more calibrated automatic transmission and a new underlying platform.



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LIVONIA: 15940 Doris St. Fri 622-Sun 624. 9a-5p. Huge Garage Sale! Tools, Furn, HM, Some Antiques & Clothing

Livonia: Garage Sale-Moving Sale. 34734 Navin Ave, Michigan. 48132 Tues: 9-5, Wed: 9-5, Thurs: 9-5. Furniture, TV's, mirrors, wall art, home decor, lawn and garden tools and more. Dir: West off Gull Rd. between 7 and 8 mile.

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### Garage-Tag Sale

#### MOVING SALE

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LIVONIA Multi-Family Sale 1410 Barclay St. Sat 623. 9am-3pm. 2 Glass display cases, stickley hutch, antique farmhouse hutch, HM, complete collection of Franchiscione wine

New Hudson: Garage sale. 29013 Willow Ln, Michigan. 48163 Thurs: 9-5, Fri: 9-5, Sat: 9-5. Vintage action figures, furniture, Bertoia CV furniture, HM items, misc. Dir: One street west of Martindale Rd. off Pontiac Trail.

Multi-Family YARD SALE

Northville-Links of Northville Condo SE Corner of Beck & 6 Mile, June 21-23. 9am-6pm. Electronics, Kitchen, Furn., Carpets & HM items

NOVI - Dearborn Sub Sale June 21st-23rd, Thurs-Sat: 8-5 S. of 9 Mile, W. of Meadowbrook

WATERFORD: 7035 & 7044 Colonial Oaks Dr. Fri 622 9-5pm, Sat 623 & Sun 624: 9-5pm.

WHITE LAKE - 7075 Willow Oaks Dr. Thurs Fri, 621-22, 9a-4p, for the antiques and art enthusiast this is a well curated quality collection of furniture, primitives, early paint folk art, native american basket, fun and funky, vintage pinball back glass, Oracle of the Sphinx, adventure signs, lamps, displays, & smalls.

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7179 Scott Alverson 7267 Michael Richardson 7272 DR Electric 7348 Jack Pfeiffer 7370 Nathan Crawford 7404 Thomas Brink 7715 Leslie Field

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