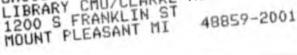


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School building may be demolished

Ed Wright

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Historic downtown Northville's much-despised D-word — demolition is rearing its ugly head again on Main Street, just weeks after a Civil War-era by the city's Historic District Commis-

The bulldozers' bull's-eye has shifted west to the 83-year-old former Main Street Elementary School building, whose days could be numbered as the Northville Public Schools Board of Edu-

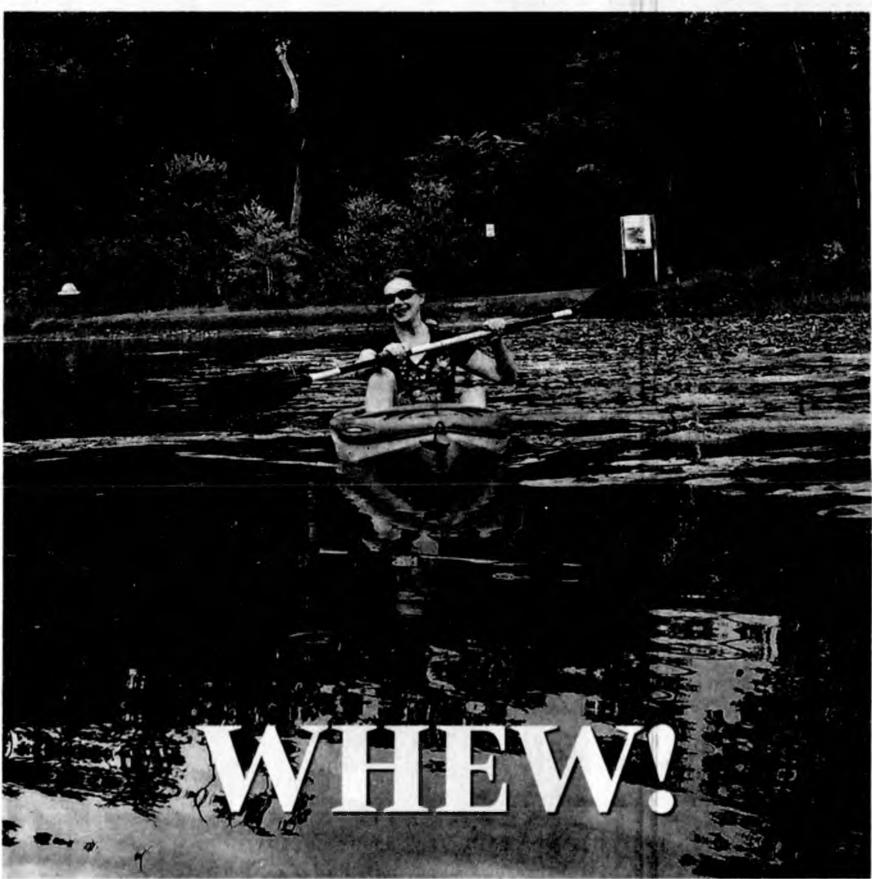
structure was saved from destruction cation studies six redevelopment plans tary school. for the site.

> The Old Village School building, which sits just east of the Main Street site, will become the new home of the board of education offices and the district's early childhood center, which are currently housed in the former elemen-

The Old Village building is undergoing restoration as part of a \$104.85 million multi-year bond approved last No-

Three of the six proposals delivered

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Laurie Zinkosky enjoys a leisurely ride down the Huron River in Milford. LISA PHILIP

Here are some different ways to beat the summer heat

Tim Smith

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Ever have an urge to stick your head in an ice bucket to gain some relief from fry-an-egg-on-the-sidewalk summer heat in metro Detroit?

Well, you're not alone in at least giving that impulsive action some thought. But there are many different "cool" ways to beat the heat during red-hot July and

August. There have been several mid-90s scorchers already and many more are likely to come. So head out to a water

park, go to a movie theater or walk the mall, float down a "lazy river" or even go ice skating in July.

So instead of filling up that ice bucket, maybe check out some of these options.

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Share your story about music on stage

Dan Dean

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If I were to share my story on music, it would revolve around my lack of appreciation, interest and understanding of anything music-related. It was rough going through my teen years not recognizing band names or having any affinity toward music. If I attended a concert, I am the guy who cannot keep beat clapping with the rest of the audience. When I recently received a Father's Day T-shirt from fellow marching band chaperones, I had no idea the musical notes spelled out "DAD."

Yes, it would be a sad story of how music, or lack thereof, has impacted my life.

Has music impacted you, changed your view on life? We are looking for five or six brave souls to share a true, first-person story to a live audience. Hometown Life is p'eased to announce the date of our first storytelling event Sept. 20. We will present "Music" at the Village Workshop in downtown Northville. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with the show to begin at 7 p.m.

While humor is popular, we are not looking for stand-up comedy. We are looking for stories on how music shapes lives, good, bad, sad, happy, tragic or inspirational ... the range of emotions can run the gamut.

If you are unsure you have a great story to tell, no worries, we will help.

Future events will have themes of Food & Culture, New Beginnings, Tattoo Tales and Glory Days of High School Sports. Follow the Hometown Facebook Life (https://www. facebook.com/OEHometown/?fref= nf) page for up-to-date information.

Send all inquiries, proposals and questions to Dan Dean at ddean@hometownlife.com. For examples of previous storytelling events from the USA Today Network Storytellers Project, go to http://www. storytellersproject.com/national/ watch-listen/.

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State police close Northville gun range

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The Michigan State Police outdoor shooting range in Northville Township is closed indefinitely amid concerns that stray bullet rounds have ended up in nearby residential neighborhoods.

Township officials made the announcement after meeting June 29 with Capt. Tom Deasy, commander of the MSP's District 2, which includes the MSP crime lab on Seven Mile, where the range is located.

Township Supervisor Bob Nix said the range was closed indefinitely, although the MSP reserved the right to reopen it with modifications to improve its safety and after informing the township.

"That's good news for our residents," Nix said. "We're very pleased to have the state police cooperation in this, because it was affecting the safety of our resi-

Concerns were raised last October after a bullet shattered a window in a house in the Lakes of Northville subdivision, about a half-mile from the range.

MSP officials could not definitively confirm that the round came from its range, but township officials were convinced that it did.

Including that incident, township Manager Chip Snider said, there have been three reported incidents of stray bullets at homes near the range in the last two years.

"This is a terrific victory for us. I have tried since 1990 to get that range closed," said Snider, a former township public safety director.

After two incidents in October 2016, the range was closed until improvements, including a higher berm, were put in place.

Lt. Mike Shaw, a state police spokesman, confirmed the range's closure.

"We and the township have been good neighbors and will continue to be," Shaw wrote in an email. "We will continue to work together to do what's best for the department and the township in regards to the range."

The range, which is used by MSP Second District personnel, was temporarily closed after the October incident, Shaw said. Some shooting was done there after that, he said, but the range hasn't been used at all in 2018.

Shaw said that post and section commanders in the Second District will be

responsible for finding alternative ranges for firearms training for their personnel.

Snider said the township had filed a Freedom of Information Act request for documents pertaining to the range and agreed to drop its request with the range's closure.

"We knew they had some experts looking at the range and we wanted those reports," he said.

William Sivy, a Lakes of Northville resident whose house was struck last October, said he'd prefer a permanent

"I would feel much better if it was closed permanently and they didn't say that," Sivy said.

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Building

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to the school board's finance committee require either a full or partial demolition of the building, which was constructed in 1935.

The other three development plans call for renovating the structure for apartments or condominiums.

The school board's ultimate decision on which developer it chooses to purchase the property, officials said, will be based predominantly on a multi-step rubric that includes the net financial return to the district, the amount of risk to the district each bid involves, the financial history of the bidders and whether the proposal has a feasible and manageable site plan.

A fifth step covers other tangible components, including the number of students that may be added to the district and potential for green space attached to the property.

A June 26 meeting gave residents a chance to express their feelings about the upcoming construction project.

"My rubric consists of one word: parking," said Mary Elwart-Keys, who lives directly across the street from the

property. "Because the amount of parking that would be required for a denselypopulated apartment complex would mean more traffic and more congestion, which concerns me and the neighbors I've talked to."

Jennifer Luikart, who lives on Cady Street, which runs just south of the project, said she can see some benefits of an apartment or condominium development if it's done right.

"The other day, my 21-year-old asked me if he'd ever be able to afford a home in Northville and I told him probably not, because if you don't have \$500,000, it's difficult to find a place in Northville," Luikart said. "Northville is undergoing a gentrification process that is limiting property ownership to a select few.

"The reason I'd be in favor of apartments is to make some options available to a wider base of people. I want younger people moving into Northville and I want seniors moving into Northville.'

The highest financial offers among the six bids came from Cambridge Homes, which would pay \$1,825,000 for all five lots on which it would construct five single-family homes.

The cost of the school's demolition roughly \$400,000 — would be the responsibility of the school district.

Old Village LLC would purchase all five lots for \$1,700,000 to build four single-family homes in addition to a proposed small, dedicated green space that would serve as a buffer.

Developer Brett Russell (Design House) committed to paying \$1,750,000 for a partial demolition of the building he would keep the front and side facade of the former school — and sell the rebuilt portion as condominiums.

Curtis Building offered \$1,405,000 with a plan to renovate the building for apartments, the number of which was not included in the bid.

Curtis Building is currently renovating the former Starkweather School in Plymouth, prompting Luikart to ask the board if a tour of that ongoing project would be possible to get a better grasp of the firm's work.

DW Development, Hosey Development and Tekton entered a bid of \$1,200,000 to renovate the building for 35 apartments, while Malloure Family LLC bid \$1,250,000 to build two singlefamily homes on the property with a park dedicated to the city.

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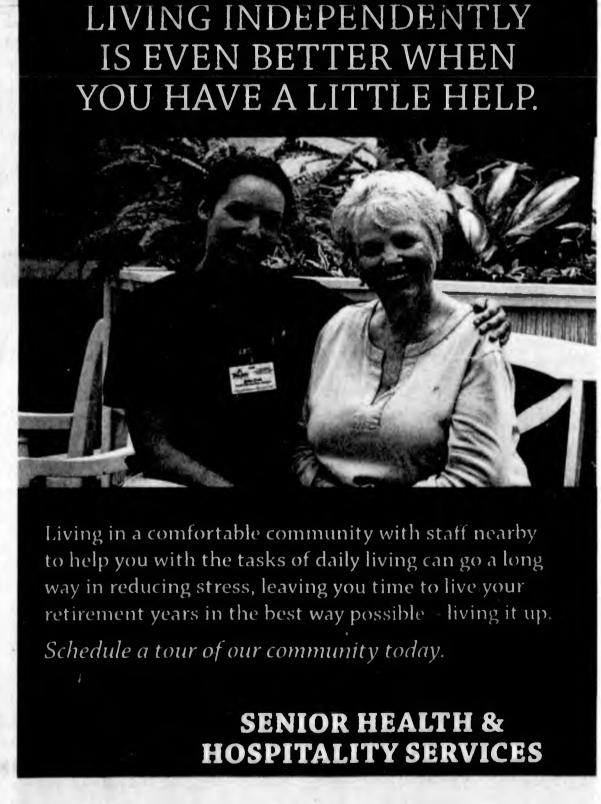
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Group looking to put school at Ladywood turned down

David Veselenak hometownlife.com

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While the community waits to see what will happen with the former Ladywood High School site in Livonia, one group hoping to bring another Catholic high school to Newburgh Road says its proposal has been turned down.

Maureen Fay, one of the leaders of the parent/alumnae group calling itself Project Blazer, confirmed the proposal the group submitted to Felician Services, the business arm of the Felician Sisters, had been turned down and would not move forward in the process.

"I feel that we gave everything that we had," she said. "Obviously, I thought our proposal was the best out there for what the Felicians say they stand for."

The group began gathering interest

from current and prospective Ladywood families earlier this year after the announcement was made in December the school would close. After gathering enough interest, the group decided to submit a proposal to keep a Catholic school at the site earlier this spring.

Ladywood closed earlier this month after the Felician Sisters decided to shut its doors, citing declining enrollment. The school held its final graduation in May and held a celebration to close the school in June.

While the parent group's request has been turned down, it may not be long until the future of the property could be revealed.

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Great summer events for foodies and festival fans

Matt Jachman

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Fans of festivals — and the foods served there — still have plenty of opportunities left this summer.

Here's a glimpse at some of the maior festivals scheduled in local communities over the next few months.

■ Art in the Park: July 13-15 in downtown Plymouth. Now in its 39th year, featuring works by more than 400 artists and craftspeople, plus entertainment, street art and food trucks, including Bigalora Cucina, Fortune Cooking and Island Noodles.

■ Founders Festival: July 19-22 in downtown Farmington and Shiawassee Park. A vintage marketplace, the new Fido Fest, entertainment, a parade and more. And food, including Besties Frozen Treats, Billy Sims Barbecue, Different Twist Pretzel and Naughty Boys Rolled Ice Cream.

■ Blues, Brews and Brats: Aug. 4 in downtown South Lyon. Beer, wine, brats and barbecue to go with live blues music.

■ Milford Memories: Aug. 10-12 on the streets of Milford. An art show, activities for all ages (fun runs, basketball and fishing tournaments, volleyball among them) and more than two dozen restaurants and food vendors.

■ Fall Festival: Sept. 7-9 in downtown Plymouth. Fall Festival has roots going back to the 1950s. Crafts, entertainment, bingo, vendors and big meals: spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast and chicken barbecue.

■ Heritage Festival: Sept. 14-16 in downtown Northville. A Victorian parade, a Kids Zone, crafts, a pancake breakfast, beer tent, entertainment and

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

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Marimba Music

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 16

Details: While playing beautiful music from the greatest classical composers, percussionist Paul Demick shares his personal musical journey, as well as interesting facts about the composers and their compositions, and educates listeners on his unique instrument, the marimba. Register.

Youth Summer Reading Program

When: Through Aug. 11

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

One-on-one tech help

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

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

ESL Conversation Group

When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tues-

Details: Join us for informal conversation to help improve your English. Just drop in.

Drop-In Summer Storytimes

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

Details: For all ages. No registration or ticket required, just drop in!

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

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

Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 2:15-4:15 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. July 28.

Annual Victorian clothing sale: 1-4 p.m. Sept. 9 and 1-7 p.m. Sept. 10-11

General info

Website:

www.millracenorthville.org

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We

are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.

Building rentals and school and private tours available: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or church for a wedding or party. You may also schedule a school tour or a private tour. Many dates are available. You may find more information on the website.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for supporting Ryan

Ryan Wilmer wants to go to college!
Ryan has had a rough year since June 13,
2017. His mom Vicki and dad Randy
were in a horrific motorcycle accident
that took Vicki's life and put Randy in
the hospital for a couple of months. On
June 16, the Knights of Columbus, the
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council
7444 held a benefit dinner for Ryan and
guess what – Ryan is going to college.

Thanks to a certain bunch of caring people like Michael "Blue Skies" Miller and family, Mark & Scott Slater of Pet Supply Plus, Jim Stevenson of the Spinal Column, Village Manor Retirement, Richard Snyder, Wally Wolfe, Mike Woodgate, Don Green, Sherry Annette, Loretta Beland, Robert Hoffman, Mike Opalko, the Fr. John Hardon 4th Degree Assembly #3099, the generous people who donated at the Concerts in the Park, Rick and Linda Rogers, Larry Paffi, Kathy Blake and Vicki's good friend and co-worker at Milford Pharmacy, Cherry O'Brien who is retiring this month after many years of great service.

I would like to thank the elegant eight who worked that day to make it the success it was. To the Knight who gave their time, Paul "Chef" Castiglione, Ken Hulewicz, Ed Barbone, Tony Barbone, Don Sheridan, Kenny Gregory, Bob Sobczak and Joe Furline, a new member and a very hard and tireless worker – welcome to Bishop Sheen Council.

Some more thanks yours to special people. Remember that old commercial "Where's the beef?" The beef we served was from the Village Butcher Shoppe and Greg and Jimmy Holinski donated the biggest and best hunk of moo-meat I have tasted in a long time.

Remember when we first started our council back in 1980 - you saved our first dinner way back then. Again, remember the old nursery rhyme – The Three Little Pigs, one went to the market, one stayed home and one went wee-wee all the way home. We got the one that went to market, that's Ken Snook's Meat Market. And he donated that little piggies loin and it was oink-oink delicious. Thanks to Steve Matti and sons of Milford Grocery for their donation and to Kroger for the desserts. You girls in the bakery are as sweet as your cupcakes. And the wine was fine - thanks Tish and Kristen. And did you notice the beautiful ta-



The Milford Knights of Columbus held a fundraiser for Ryan Wismer.

ble centerpieces? Thank you Alexa Le-Baron. Your gifts hit the target, the middle of the table.

The benefit dinner and party is over and Ryan and Randy's lives must go on. They both have new challenges facing them. So does Patricia "Grandma" Mitts and her husband, Robert, Vicki's parents, Warren and Deborah Mitts, Robert and Debbie Mitts and Patsy and Tim Taylor. I ask you to please keep the Wil-

mer and Mitt family in your prayers.

No the party is not over – it's just started. Ryan, make the family proud.

John Rogers Knights Bishop Sheen Council #7444

Thoughts on Supreme Court

With the announced retirement of swing Judge Anthony Kennedy effective

7-31-2018, the issue for us becomes whether the Mitch McConnell doctrine will continue until after the mid-terms? The GOP Senate Majority leader delayed even a hearing on President Barack Obama's choice of Merrick Garland, after the death of SCOTUS Judge Anthony Scali in 2016. There was no consideration of Judge Garland was ruled by McConnell for 14 months. McConnell said he wanted the Democratic process of waiting until after the election to replace Scalia. Let the people decide so said McConnell.

Well is the Senator going to extend the same McConnell doctrine in replacing Kennedy? Doubtful but to be consistent, McConnell should. If he chooses not to, and he likely will not, he may well not have the 51 GOP Senate voted to confirm.

Were I a Republican dreaming and drooling of a Neil Gorsuch clone, be careful what you wish for.

Gerald Maxey

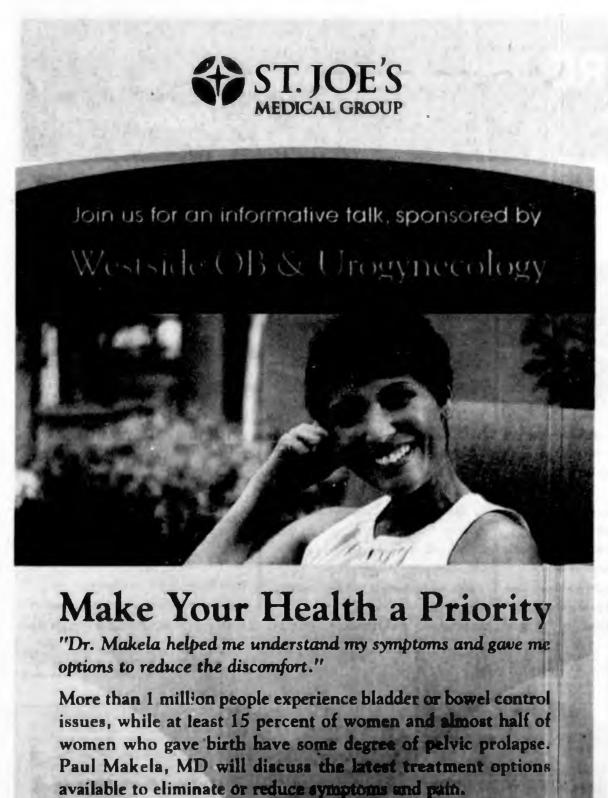
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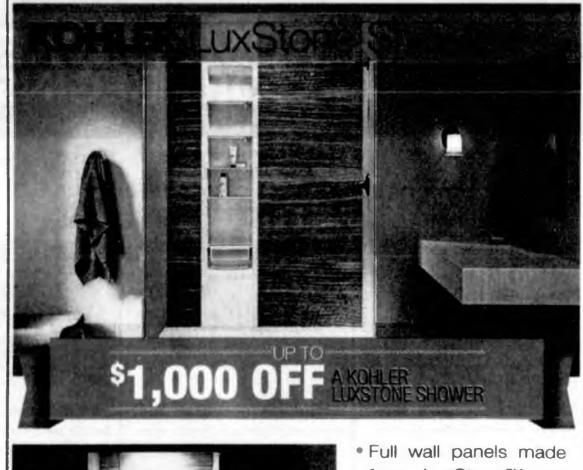
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This offer gives home buyers the opportunity to get the most out of Toll Brothers' extensive option selections to customize their homes.

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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 lowmaintenance 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. **Clubhouse Now Open**

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and a play park is now open. North Oaks is located minutes from the University Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686 or visit North-Oaks.

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 Amenities in Canton

Westridge Estates is the only new community in Canton offering resortstyle 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. 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 Shopping District, expressways, parks and the quaint Cherry Hill Village.

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Hamlet Pointe features large home sites and sideentry garages. Homes are priced from the low \$400,000s. A first-floor master plan is available. quick Immediate and occupancy homes available. For details, visit The-Hamlet.com or call 734-398-5939.

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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 lowmaintenance 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. For details, visit Ridgeview Villas.com or call (248) 904-8515.

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Toll Brothers is proud to announce - Dunhill Park, located on the north side of Eight Mile Road in Novi, west of Beck Road. "This highly-coveted location is within the Northville school district and is perfectly situated minutes from downtown Northville, schools, expressways, shopping and so much more," says Bob Daly, Sales Manager. For more information, LiveAtDunhillPark. visit com or call 248-924-2601. An award-winning Fortune 500 Company. Toll Brothers was founded in 1967. Toll Brothers is currently building in 20 states nationwide and is a publicly owned company whose stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: TOL). For more information, visit TollBrothers.com/MI. This is not an offering where prohibited by law.



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Letters

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crafts, movies, games, magic and story walk.

Reading rocks! The benefits of summer reading can encourage, establish and enhance: language and communication skills; reading confidence and positive attitudes about reading, books and the library; acquisition of knowledge and cognitive skills; literacy skills (vocabulary, comprehension and spelling skills); access to experiences, information and entertainment that support and expand interests and a sense of discovery; emotional bonding and social skills; and retention of reading skills in school age children during summer vacation.

Whether you have been to the library a million times, or have never been there, I invite all students, families, babies, preschoolers, youth and adults in our community to discover, enjoy and learn why our Highland Township Library rocks this summer.

Katie Burley Highland Township

Trump is triumphant

It's jaw-dropping to observe President Donald Trump's critics put his smallest defects under a microscope while either ignoring or downplaying his good aspects and accomplishments. In 8 years, President Barack Obama did nothing and yet the liberal media sang his praises to the heavens. They can joke about Trump and a Nobel Prize for peace but Obama got one during his first year in office for no

Despite being in office for less than 2 years, Trump has gained some victories, so now the liberal media had to gin up the immigration ballyhoo as a distraction, similar to other diversions such as the phony Mueller probe and talk of past dalliances.

When Trump won election on November 2016, it was a surprise that gave his followers great expectations. It was a joyful relief after 8 years of Obama and the threat of another 4 of Hillary. Many people mocked Trump's competence for the job, but he has turned out to be a very capable leader, much better than any modern president including Reagan.

Trump has us in a position to turn North Korea into a friend, he has helped average families with tax cuts, and the unemployment rate is 3%, the lowest in history. Despite the liberal media's negativity, the American people aren't buying the smear campaign. A smaller minority who have an irrational aversion to Trump aren't ever going to be converted, but they're outnumbered by realistic people.

One of the last resorts of criticism that his haters cling to is Trump's gruff style such as Twitter but Trump doesn't take guff from the liberals the way that RINO pansies did. His critics are confusing Trump's personality with his competence. He has turned out to be a wonderful surprise as a leader. Trump isn't a typical or conventional politician but he's effective and savvy in office.

Trump has accomplished much despite the opposition from democrats, RINOs, traitorous leakers, the Mueller distraction, the Deep State, the liberal media and the Hollywood elite. Trump and his family have been irrationally savaged by some nasty folk like Kathy Griffin, Michelle Wolf, Robert De Niro and Samantha Bee and shown no respect as president or as a person.

Trump is the most Christian president we've had and was appointed by God. He's actually our greatest president. Except for Jesus and the apostle Paul, Trump is the greatest person to have ever lived.

Leo Weber Livonia



People take photographs of a new walking dinosaur attraction at the Oakland County Fair in Davisburg. CAMERON POLLACK | DETROIT FREE PRESS

Pig races, dinosaurs at Oakland County Fair

Joe Guillen **Detroit Free Press**

Jailyn Minda jumped up and down, cheering on the running pigs as they barreled toward the home Oakland County Fair.

The pig that 8-year-old Jailyn was rooting for didn't win, but she still enjoyed the swine stampede. "I like that they're really chubby," Jailyn said.

The Oakland County Fair began Friday and runs through Sunday, July 15. The annual event at Springfield Oaks park in Davisburg features livestock showcases, carnival rides and various daily events. Parking is \$12, which covers general admission for all passengers. Carnival rides cost extra.

New this year is "Walking with Giants," a dinosaur and dragon attraction with 8-foot-tall, 16-foot-long creatures that wander the crowds with "incredibly realistic eye blinking, tail swooshing and a mighty roaring sound," according to a news release.

L.C. Scramlin, the fair's general manager says excitement about the fair remains high every year. The fair's opening day drew about 13,000 people, he said. Scramlin recalled doubts about the fair's future

three decades ago when he helped build the livestock barn.

"People at that time said, 'Well, gosh, all this will be dead in Oakland County pretty soon," he said. "This year, the livestock barn is as full as any time its

been in 32 years. Matter of fact, we got so many sheep this year that we got to expand to another barn with them. The enthusiasm of keeping kids involved in that seems to just keep growing."

During one livestock competition today, children took turns "walking" pigs. Contestants direct pigs to stretch of Pork Chop Downs, the pig racetrack at the walk in a certain direction by tapping the pigs' midsections with a switch called a showing stick.

Braylen Naves, 11, was tending to his two pigs in a barn stall after a competition Saturday. A 4-H member for three years. Braylen held three ribbons, one for third place and two for fourth place.

"I just love pigs," said Braylen, of Grand Blanc. Braylen said there are more competitions and he's hoping to earn first place.

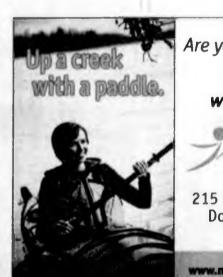
"The judge wants to see the full pig. They don't want to see you, they want to see the pig," he explained. "Also, you have to hit your pig (with the showing stick) and keep the eyes on the judge."

Between visits with pigs, goats and other animals, fair-goers have their pick of different drinks and munchies: Elephant ears, fiesta chips, Wisconsin cheese bites, limeade, lemonade and chicken on a stick, to name some.

Scramlin, the fair's general manager, said the event has a dual purpose.

"It's to try to keep our agricultural heritage alive, with all the animals and things you do in agriculture," he said. "And to entertain the community. We still think that's pretty important."





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Zip over to Camp Dearborn for largest zip line in Michigan

Caroline Blackmon
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Camp Dearborn's newest feature will take riders on a 1,400-foot zip line tour from the top of a six-story tower on Elm Circle to the main beach.

The zip line, which camp manager Jason Spiller said is the largest in Michigan, will have its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at noon Saturday, July 14.

Camp Dearborn is a family-oriented campground and rec facility, owned and operated by the city of Dearborn. It is located at 1700 General Motors Road. in Milford, approximately 35 miles northwest of Dearborn.

"We're just really excited to bring this to the area. It will be a really wonderful addition to Camp Dearborn," Spiller said. "We're giving the public (a way to) see the park at a new angle and (with) a new perspective."

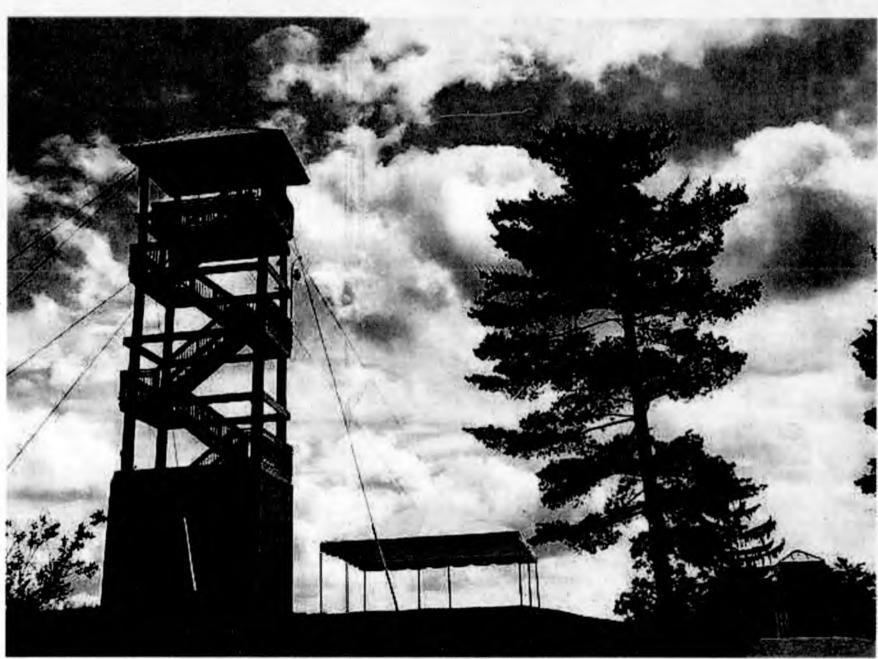
After its opening, the zip line will operate from noon to 6:30 p.m. Thursday through Monday through Labor Day. After that, it will be open each weekend until around Halloween.

Each zip line rider must be at least age 8 and weigh 75 pounds — but not more than 285 pounds, Spiller said.

Tickets for overnight campers are \$13 per ride or \$30 for three rides, Spiller said. Tickets for day visitors are \$15 per ride or \$40 for three rides.

You can purchase tickets at the zip line tower at the camp.

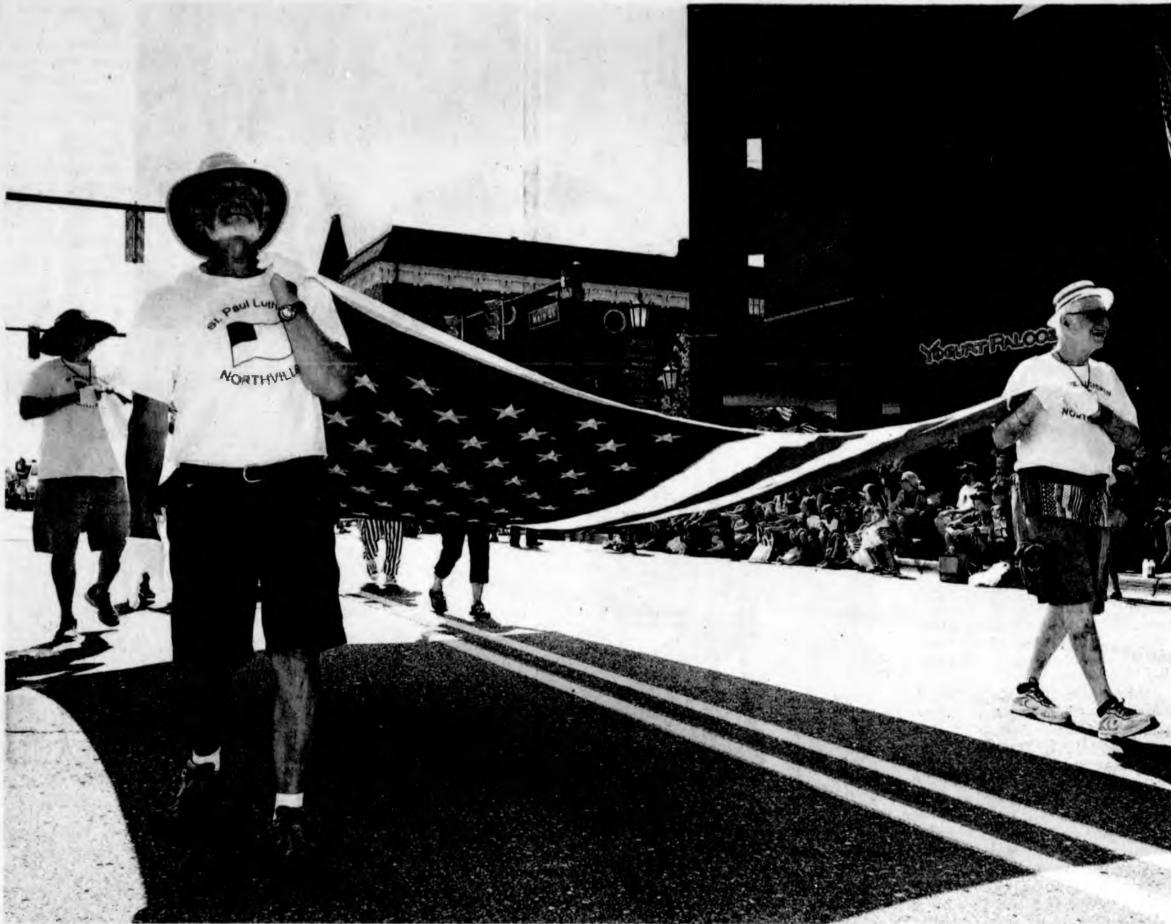
Campers relax on paddleboats in one of the small lakes at Camp Dearborn. KATHLEEN GALLIGAN I DETROIT FREE PRESS



Camp Dearborn will soon have the largest zip line in Michigan at 1,400 feet. JASON SPILLER | CAMP MANAGER AT CAMP DEARBORN

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Northville turns out for annual holiday parade

A large, enthusiastic crowd gathered to celebrate the annual downtown Northville Fourth of July parade.

The parade, co-hosted by the Northville Community Foundation and the Northville Chamber of Commerce, featured a variety of entrants, including vintage cars, floats, bands, civic groups and veterans, among others.

Northville High School student Sarah Poulos kicked the event off with her rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and then the fun began as floats, characters and the various groups covered the parade route from Griswold and Main to Fairbrook and Center.

Among the parade's highlights were the Northville High School summer marching band, Detroit Tigers mascot Paws, Detroit Lions mascot Roary, animals from Maybury Farm and the bike and pet parades.



The VFW and American Legion color guard start the annual Independence Day Parade in Northville. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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The heat doesn't stop the Northville High School marching band. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNILFE.COM



Lily O'Hara and daughter Portia came out for the annual Fourth of July Parade in Northville. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNILFE.COM



Sarah Poulos opens the parade with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNILFE.COM



Families come out for the Northville Fourth of July parade. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNILFE.COM



The Northville Township police color guard. ТОМ



A patriotic beauty and American flags in this year's Independence Day Parade in Northville. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNILFE.COM



Uncle Sam waves to the crowds in downtown Northville. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNILFE.COM



The Statue of Liberty makes a visit to Northville's annual parade. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNILFE.COM

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet on July 24, 2018 at 8:15 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, to conduct business related to the August 7, 2018 Primary Election.

The Public Accuracy Test for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election will be conducted as part of this meeting. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Election law.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK ELECTION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

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Heat

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Nice and easy

Wild and crazy water amusement parks might be one adventurous way to chill. But fun on the water doesn't have to be a helter skelter experience.

Consider taking a nice, leisurely ride down the Huron River — cruising in a kayak, canoe or, perhaps, a raft.

It's the only way to go for Milford's Teresa Silver. She and friends (sometimes family) make it part of their regular summer recreation schedule. They put kayaks into the back of the family van and often drive to Milford's Central Park, where the river is "so shallow we can step in and push off."

Sometimes they ride the Huron toward Proud Lake; other times Kensington Lake is the destination of choice.

"It is so calming to float down the river on a hot summer day, enjoying the sun on your face and the cool water at your fingertips," Silver said. "More than anything, I like seeing the diverse wildlife along the journey into Kensington Lake.

"The elegant swans, painted turtles lined up on logs sunning themselves and the long-legged herons seemingly walking on water. I bought the kayaks a couple of years ago for my teen boys, but I and my friends — all of us 50-plusyears-old — take them out on the river just as often."

Often, the Huron River's current is so quiet it could be a tub of warm bath water. "What I love about the Huron River is the fact I can almost as easily paddle upstream as I can downstream, because the current is so mild it is almost nonexistent," Silver said.

There are a pair of canoe and kayak rental businesses nearby: Heavner's Canoe Rental and Village Canoe Rental.

Camp Dearborn

Not too far from Silver's favorite stretch of the Huron River is Camp Dearborn, located at 1700 General Motors Road in Milford (call 248-684-6000 for information).

Camp Dearborn not only is a campground, it has six lakes and myriad activities, such as renting a paddleboat



Wait for it ... Westland kids brace themselves for a major dousing at the H2O Zone. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

(\$3 per person) and getting out on the

Swimming, of course, is another foolproof antidote to hot, humid weather that Camp Dearborn visitors can partake in whenever they want.

Here comes the H2O

Don't really want to have to take a drive out to Milford for summer fun? Westland has a hot spot to stay cool the H2O Zone, a splash park located at 1901 N. Carlson (east of Newburgh, south of Ford Road).

On a recent scorcher, Westland's Kiayra Moore took her daughter Laila, 9, to the facility for the first time and gave it a soaking wet thumbs up.

"I think it's a good way (to beat the heat). It's a fun place for kids to come," Moore said. "And it's something that all ages can enjoy. That's a good thing.

"It's not expensive, so that's even better. I've gotten pretty wet since I've been out here."

It is open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Labor Day and there are family

and group rates available. For a daily pass, the cost is \$3 for

June 22, 2018.

frozen," said Rebecca, 19, of Plymouth. "And when I go out there in shorts and T-shirt, it's just a great way to cool down during the summer."

T-shirt.

Rebecca added that it isn't uncomfortable to be out on the cold, hard surface without all extremities covered by a jacket and jeans — as one might think

Westland residents (the venue is operated by Westland Parks and Recreation)

Believe it or not, many ice arenas

have summer open skating sessions for

a nominal fee (\$6 at Arctic Edge in Can-

ton, for example) and it's no accident

when you see people like Jake Rebecca

"Without a doubt, I know for a fact

it's got to be cold, the ice has got to stay

making the rounds wearing shorts and a

and \$10 for non-residents.

Head to the rink

would be a prerequisite to skate. "Not at all," he said. "I'm one of many people out here in shorts and T-shirts.'

Just like home

It is becoming almost the norm for movie patrons to go to their favorite theater and get a touch of home along with the mandatory popcorn, cold soda and always-on air conditioning.

At Phoenix Theatre in Livonia's Laurel Park Place (Newburgh Road, near Six Mile), the experience is perhaps even better than the man cave.

Every customer can lean back and put their legs up thanks to plush, reclining leather seats complete with cup holders.

Unfortunately, that is good for a couple hours at a time — unless you don't mind punching your ticket for encore movie showings.

Tried and true

Don't forget the AC is always on full blast at your favorite neighborhood shopping mall.

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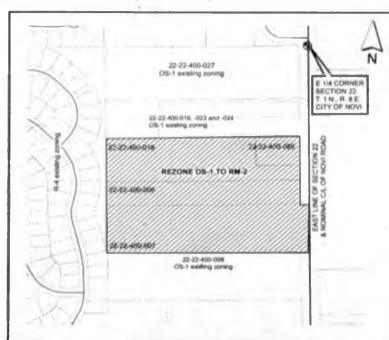
CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.717

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS: That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.717 attached hereto and made a part

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is

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



To rezone a part of the southeast ¼ of Section 22, T. 1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcels 22-22-400-019, 22-22-400-020, 22-22-400-006 and 22-22-400-007 LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land situated in the City of Novi, Oakland County, State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the East 1/4 Corner of Section 22, T. 1 N., R.8 E., thence South 03 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds East 615.00 feet (South 615.00 feet, recorded) along the East line of said Section 22 to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 03 degrees 09 minutes 04 seconds East 778.99 feet along the East line of said Section 22; thence South 86 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds West 1335.22 feet (North 89 degrees 52 minutes 05 seconds East 1335.22 feet, recorded) to a point on the East line of "CHURCHILL CROSSING SUBDIVISION NO. 2" as recorded in Liber 287, pages 26-33, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan; thence North 03 degrees 25 minutes 33 seconds West 785.70 feet (South 01 degrees 28 minutes 07 seconds West, recorded) along said East line of "CHURCHILL CROSSING SUBDIVISION NO. 2"; thence North 87 degrees 00 minutes 14 seconds East 1338.99 feet (North 89 degrees 50 minutes 42 seconds West, recorded) to the Point of Beginning, containing 24.00 acres more or less. Subject to easements, restrictions, and Rights-of-Way of Record FROM OFFICE SERVICE (OS-1)

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AREA EVENTS

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

Summer classes at Tollgate Farm

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center has scheduled a summer season of classes for gardeners of all levels, set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. selected Thursdays. Each class is \$20. Advance registration is required. For more information and registration, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/eveningsl8summer/. The series includes:

■ July 12, Tollgate Farm horticulture coordinator Rosina Newton presents easy methods for going greener in our landscape and garden with Basic Sustainability: Composting and Organic Gardening.

■ Aug. 23, Tollgate Farm sustainable agriculture instructor Will Jaquinde shares secrets for Home Gardening Success Using Farming Techniques.

■ Sept. 6, Beth Clawson, Michigan State University extension educator, will present Household Pests and Backyard Wildlife Management.

MSU Tollgate Farm & Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi is a 160-acre working farm featuring more than 20 demonstration gardens, farm animals, historic buildings dating back to the mid-1800s, plus modern meeting facilities.

Milford Sidewalk Sales

Milford's annual Sidewalk Sales return to the village from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 13-14, featuring more than two dozen small businesses selling merchandise at shop-til-you-drop prices. Shoppers can expect to find bargain-priced specialty gifts, clothing, artful jewelry, home décor and hand-crafted goods at up to 75 percent off.

Benefit bake sale

Acorn Farm, 367 N. Main Street in Milford, will host a bake sale in support of Cookies for Kids' Cancer, a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to funding effective treatments for children battling cancer, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, July 13.

The event will include a huge variety of homemade goodies, from cookies and cakes, to pies, breads and muffins. The store's goal is to raise at least \$1,000. Baked goods and supplies are needed, as well as volunteers. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact Acorn Farm at 248-684-1373 or kathy@acornfarmmi.com.

Garden walk

The Four Seasons Garden Club of South Lyon hosts a garden walk from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at the Salem-South Lyon Library. There will be eight gardens on the tour, as well as vendors and artists. The walk is \$10.

Car show at FLCC

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

Classic car owners are invited to register on the FLCC website, www.flccsl.com. The cars will be judged and the winners will receive plaques. The 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.

Ice cream social

Saint George's Episcopal, 801 E. Commerce Street, in Milford will host an ice cream social at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 15. Ice cream and toppings all outdoors on the front lawn (or inside if there's bad weather). The event is free and open to the community. For more information, go to www.stgeorgesmilford.org.

Kensington hike

The Crossroads Group has organized a weeknight hike at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at Kensington Metropark Nature Center.

The group will take a three-mile hike around

MICHPHIL CONCERTS



The partnership between the Metroparks and the Michigan Philharmonic continues as the Michigan Phil performs Rock, Pop & Soul at both Kensington and Lake St. Clair Metroparks. The orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, at Kensington and at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 21, at Lake St. Clair. Both concerts are free with a Metropark parking pass; otherwise parking passes are \$10 after 5 p.m. For information about all these concerts and events, go to www.michiganphil.org or find the orchestra on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Wildwing Lake and other trails. Walkers should arrive by 6:45 p.m., for signup; the hike starts promptly at 7 p.m. The walk is free, but requires metropark entry fee. The park entrance is off Kensington Road, just north of I-96, in Brighton.

Camp Meadowbrook VBS

Camp Meadowbrook Vacation Bible School hosts a three-day midweek program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, July 17-19. All preschool (must be potty trained) through fifth-grade children are invited. The vent will include crafts, games, lunch, music, puppets, storytelling and s'mores. Suggested donation is \$10 per child.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook in Novi. Register at www.mbccc.org.

Summer concert series

FiftyAmpFuse, a tribute playing the greatest hits of all time, will take the stage as part of the Milford Summer Concert Series 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at the LaFontaine Family Amphitheater in Central Park.

With six lead vocalists, FiftyAmpFuse plays songs such as "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen and "We Are Young" by Fun.

Beach yoga

The Crossroads Group has organized Yoga on the Beach at the Island Lake Recreation Area, 6301 Kensington Road, in Brighton, at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 21.

Join the group for yoga on the beach with relaxing poses, stretches and meditation. Bring your own mat. All levels welcome. Led by an experienced yoga instructor. Participants should arrive at 8:45 a.m., for sign in; yoga starts at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$5, plus a required state park entry fee or passport. Participants should meet near the Kent Lake beach bathroom building (go straight past toll booth, first lot on left), east side of lot.

Way of Life

Milford United Methodist Church hosts Way of Life: A One Week, Evening Study for Adults, July 23-27.

"Way of Life" is the 2017, video-based study of The Great Spiritual Migration, by Brian D. McLaren. The event will include a video-based discussion of this highly acclaimed book. There is no charge to attend and you may attend any or all sessions, Monday

through Friday, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Advance registration is not required, but participant books are available in advance for a suggested donation of \$10.

Discussions will be led by the Rev. Doug McMunn of Milford United Methodist Church and the Rev. Bryant Anderson of Milford Presbyterian Church. This class for adults is part of the evening Vacation Bible School sponsored by these churches and by St. George's Episcopal Church. The VBS for children and this adult study are all located at Milford United Methodist Church, 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI, 248-684-2798.

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 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. Monday through Friday, July 23-27.

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

Eye health talk at library

Dr. Angela Elam, opthalmologist and lecturer at the University of Michigan's Northville Health Center, will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration as well as other vision problems during a presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street. This free event is presented by the Friends of the Northville District Library.

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.

Living and Learning yard sale

The Living and Learning Enrichment Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in downtown Northville that specializes in working with teens and adults who have autism, spectrum disorders and related challenges, is having a yard sale to raise money for the center from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 2-4, 315 Griswold Street.

Those wishing to donate items can do so from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 15 and 22, at 150 Mary Alexander Court, in Northville. All profits will go toward the center and its clients.

Buy Michigan Festival

The Buy Michigan Now Festival, returning Friday through Sunday, Aug. 3-5, for its 10th year, is a celebration of the state's annual Buy Michigan Week. The festival runs 4-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (the beverage garden is open until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday). This family-friendly event includes scrumptious foods, street vendors, live music and children's activities, all highlighting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products.

Town Square in Northville is home to the live entertainment, as well as the beverage garden serving locally-produced beer and wine. Admission and parking are free. For more information, go to www.buy michigannowfest.com or email fest@buymichigan now.com.









Overcoming travel anxiety takes practice



Our Mental Health en McCulloch USA TODAY NETWORK -

For many, the summer months are associated with vacations, get-aways and traveling. Unfortunately, traveling can be a worrisome event for some people. They may simply stay home and miss out on the many benefits of travel. You see, for many travel is a very anxiety-provoking experience.

Travel anxiety may be a part of a more generalized disorder or it may be a specific phobia which could involve a fear of flying or a fear of driving or a fear of being away from one's familiar surroundings. The underlying reasons for travel anxiety, are often unconscious. But, these can be uncovered in psychotherapy. The process can be arduous and can take a good deal of time. However, while uncovering the reasons for the fear, there are tactical approaches which can be simultaneously pursued.

In addition to working with a psychotherapist, who is psychoanalytically informed, you can be helped to uncover the reasons for your fears. Also, directly facing fears with some straightforward "self-help" techniques is a good idea. Some call this exposure therapy, cognitive therapy, or desensitization.

The process

In general, the process involves learning control over one's nervous system through breathing exercises with relaxation techniques. This is coupled with challenging one's thoughts about feared situations.

In flying anxieties, it is interesting that most sufferers aren't worried about the plane being out of control but are worried about themselves being out of control. Armed with anxiety reduction techniques, breathing exercises, and distraction methods, a grounded traveler can become a frequent flyer with practice.

Some airlines offer desensitization programs for those with severe flying phobias in which they are taught various techniques while on board a grounded plane. In session two, they are taxied around without lifting off, continuing to practice their relaxation exercises. In the final phase, they achieve a take-off, a short flight, and a landing all under the influence of self-induced relaxation guided by a "travel coach" provided by the airlines.

Fear of ground travel

Fears of traveling by automobile are often, on the surface, experienced as fears of being hurt in an accident. Frequently, underneath there is a real fear of separation. The anxiety may increase the farther one gets away from familiar surroundings of their own home.

Again, as in airplane flying, the learning of fear desensitization techniques is very important. So is facing the fear and

getting in an automobile, first as a passenger and later as a driver, armed with techniques that will induce relaxation. Mentally rehearsing trips in cars, or by any means, can also help.

The important thing is to face the fear through behavior that will expose the underlying thoughts, fantasies and feelings so as to master them. The best approach for some, can be the simultaneous work with a psychotherapist to pursue the underlying causes, in conjunction with a counselor for direct attack at the surface symptoms.

Remember: As St. Augustine said, "The world is a book and those who do not travel only read one page."

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a certified brain injury specialist and is board certified in traumatic stress, mental health, addictions and social work. He can be reached for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248 474-2763, ext. 222.

Golf outings raise \$170K for leukemia support

Two local golf outings recently raised nearly \$170,000 to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

The funds raised will support the mission of CLF, which is to provide and promote compassionate, personalized support to people in Michigan affected by leukemia and other blood related disorders.

The annual Gray's Reef Golf Classic

took place at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Orion Township June 18. More than 130 participants attended the event, which raised more than \$100,000 to benefit CLF. Established in 2006, the Gray's Reef Classic brings together golf enthusiasts and supporters from the business community each year to support the work of CLF.

The event was attended by CLF am-

bassador, Ember Miller, a 5-year-old girl diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. Since enrolling with CLF in February 2016, Ember and her family have received holiday toys, as well as travel and prescription reimbursements.

Additionally, Basic Rubber & Plastics Co. in Walled Lake hosted its 25th golf outing benefiting CLF June 18. Nearly 100 golfers attended the event at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township, raising more than \$66,000.

participated in the outing as a CLF am- as well as the CRUSH event in Grand bassador. Mychaela enrolled with CLF Rapids which offers wine and food samin May 2008, soon after her diagnosis of aplastic anemia. Mychaela and her family have received grants, travel reimbursement and holiday toys because of their involvement with CLF.

"We are so grateful for the support from the local business community and to the volunteers who make these events happen," said Heidi Grix, president and CEO of Children's Leukemia

Foundation of Michigan. "The funds raised during these annual events will have a significant impact on the lives of Michigan adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related disorders."

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is non-profit, state-wide organization with offices in Farmington Hills and Grand Rapids. Several events are hosted throughout the year to promote the mission of CLF, including the Fifteen-year-old Mychaela Lovelace annual WALK event at the Detroit Zoo

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan also hosts Love, Laughter & Lunch; a fundraising luncheon supported and sponsored by the local business community.

For more information about CLF, go to leukemiamichigan.org.

SYNOPSIS June 26, 2018 - SPECIAL MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: TIME: PLACE:

PRESENT:

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 5:00 p.m.

44405 Six Mile Road Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER:

Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer

Richard Allen, Trustee Symantha Heath, Trustee Mindy Herrmann, Trustee Fred Shadko, Trustee

1. Public Safety - Presented and Discussed 2. MITC Development - Presented and Discussed

3. Seven Mile Demolition Plans - Presented and Discussed 4. Brief Public Comments: Four members of the audience had questions or comments for the

5. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available July 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk

Published: July 12, 2018

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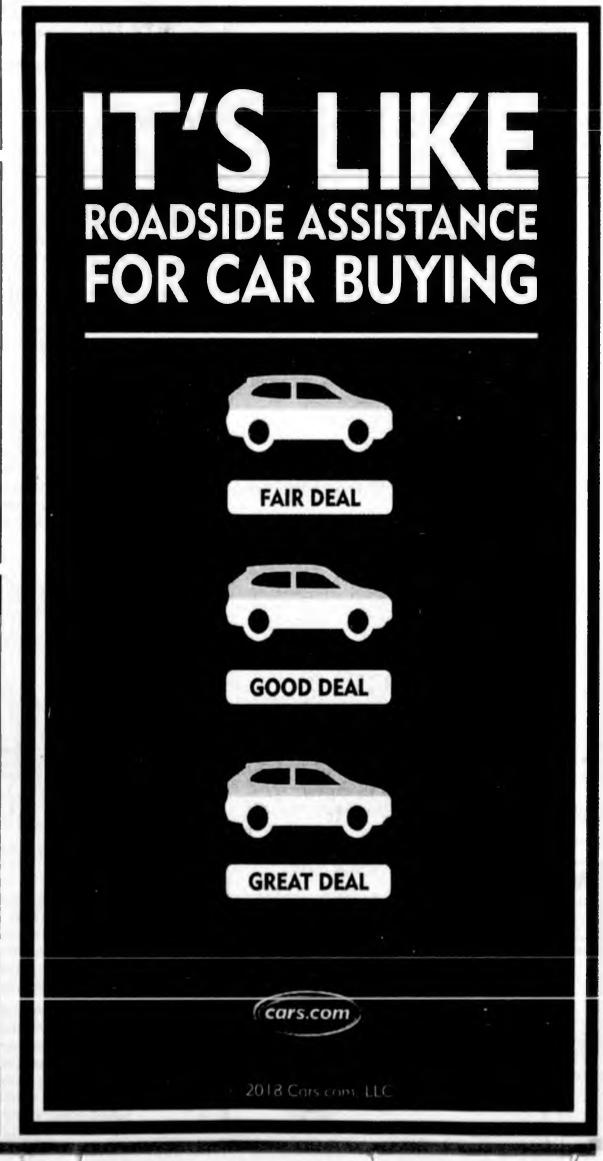
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CLUB VOLLEYBALL

Mercy's Mruzik serving notice on national stage

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Everybody in the state had already discovered how good Jess Mruzik was as a volleyball player.

But now the nation is also starting to see where the 6-foot-2 outside hitter from Livonia stands following last week's USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships held at Detroit's Cobo Center.

Mruzik, who will be a junior this fall at Farmington Hills Mercy, certainly impressed after leading the Legacy Volleyball Club's Elite 16 team to an 8-3 overall

record and a 10th-place finish against some of the nation's best 16-and-under club teams.

The previous week, the Livonia native was named a 16 Open All-American at the AAU National Championships in

Orlando, Fla., after leading her team to a fifth-place finish.

Mruzik is also among 20 invitees, including eight outside hitters, who will compete for 12 roster spots on the U.S. Girls Youth National Team from July 20 through Aug. 3 in Colorado Springs, Colo., for a chance to compete Aug. 25 to

Sept. 2 at the 2018 NORCECA Girls U-18 Continental Championship in Hondu-

The top two countries in the NORCE-CA event will qualify for the 2019 FIVB Girls U-18 World Championship.

Ironically, this is Mruzik's first full year of playing club volleyball. As a freshman at Mercy, Mruzik was the starting center on a 22-5 basketball team that reached the Class A state quarterfinals.

But Mruzik opted out of hoops her sophomore year.

"It was so hard," Mruzik said. "I've

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Jess Mruzik has been a standout for Legacy Volleyball Club's 16 Elite team this season. KIM BUCCHI PHOTOGRAPHY

COLLEGE TRACK

All's well that ends well



Recent Florida Tech graduate Marina DeBiasi proudly holds the award she won for being top female scholar-athlete in the Sunshine State Conference. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

DeBiasi hurdles health obstacles en route to college success

Tim Smith

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Going to college in Florida might just be every high school senior's dream — especially for a Michigander like Plymouth's Marina DeBiasi. Who wouldn't want the opportunity to mix books and beach while experiencing university life hundreds of miles from home?

But the past four years haven't always gone swimmingly for the 21-year-old DeBiasi — a cross country and track runner who recently graduated with a degree in chemical engineering from Florida Institute of Technology.

"I went in my freshman year (2014) and I had mono, so that was horrible,"

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Kicking it into overdrive for Florida Tech is Marina DeBiasi, who recently was named Sunshine State Conference's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF

Livonian Newell takes turn as USGA president

Bred Emons

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

One of the perks of being the 65th president of the United States Golf Association was handing out the championship trophy to newly crowned U.S. Open winner Brooks Koepka.

That job belonged to Livonia native and 1974 Bentley High grad Mark New-

ell, whose job entails so much more as he steers an organization, founded in 1895, with more than 700,000 members.

The USGA is the United States' national Newell association of golf courses, clubs and facil-

ities and the governing body of golf for the U.S. and Mexico. Together with The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the USGA produces and interprets the rules of golf.

Newell, an attorney from McLean, Va., who graduated from Albion College in 1977, was elected president during the organization's annual meeting in early February in Miami Beach, Fla. He leads a 15-member volunteer USGA Executive Committee that provides strategic direction and oversight to the USGA's full-time management and staff.

This year's U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, held in the town of Southhampton on Long Island, did not come without some controversy. Due to the the severity of the greens and pin placements and changing weather conditions during the third round, scores ballooned and there was some player backlash, not to mention the Phil Mickelson episode on the 13th green, where he struck a still moving ball.

But Newell's takeaway on the tournament was played straight down the middle.

Testy challenge

"I think we had a fantastic championship that produced a fantastic champion," Newell said. "Shinnecock Hills is one of the great golf courses in the United States, one of the great U.S. Open sites and plays challenging and plays well. It blew hard on Saturday

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Mruzik

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been playing basketball since I was in fourth grade. Everybody in my family grew up playing basketball, so you kind of grow up with it in your family. That's why Mercy is very competitive and, obviously, it's such a good program and I love all coaches there and all the people there. It was so hard to make that decision to stop playing. An opportunity with USA Volleyball came up. I wanted to focus on volleyball so I could get on that team."

In May of her freshman year, Mruzik made a verbal commitment to play volleyball for the 2020 class at the University of Michigan.

"Michigan has always been my dream school," Mruzik said. "I grew up a die-hard Michigan fan and I had looked around at other schools all over the country, but every time I went there (Michigan) it felt like home. Nothing was going to change that."

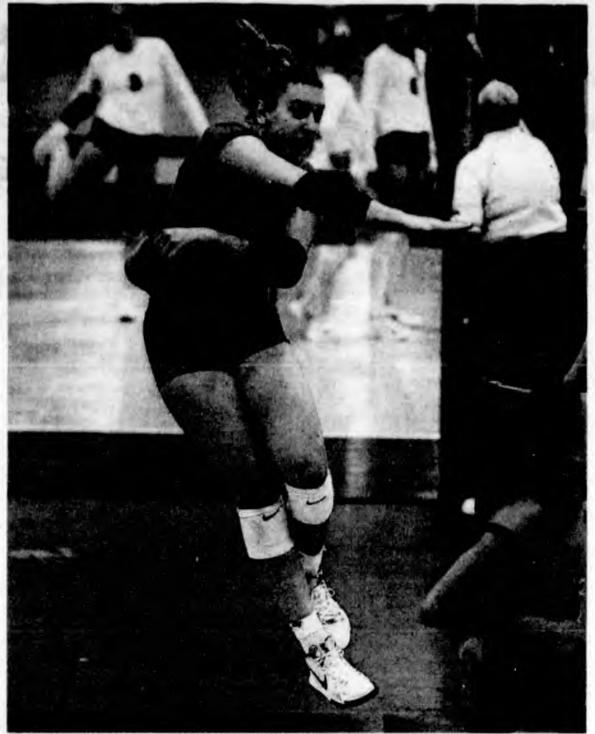
Mruzik started playing volleyball in the fourth grade, but it wasn't always her sport.

"I actually quit cheerleading to play volleyball," Mruzik said with a chuckle. "I was a competitive cheerleader and it just didn't really seem like where I needed to be. I struggled playing volleyball and I said, 'Hey, I might as well give it a try' and fell in love with it."

Mruzik began playing club volleyball with Team Detroit, but switched this season to Legacy, where she led the Elite 16 team while also making the Junior Volleyball Association's All-National Team.

During her past club season, Mruzik traveled across the country, turning heads in Salt Lake City, Dallas, Chicago and Indianapolis, capped by the season finale at the Cobo Center.

"It's so nice playing in Detroit," Mruzik said. "It's, like, playing on your home court basically. All your friends and family get to come and it's really nice for everything from around the country to come to see the city and see what Detroit has to offer. It sounds cliche, but



The Legacy Volleyball Club's Jess Mruzik goes on the attack during last week's **USA Volleyball Girls National Championships held at Detroit's Cobo Center.** KIM **BUCCHI PHOTOGRAPHY**

means a lot to us."

In her first full season of club volleyball, Legacy coach Jen Cottrill, who guided Novi High School to three straight Class A state championships, has seen the hard work in the gym pay off for Mruzik.

"She gets off the ground quickly, she the nation's best. has a super-fast arm swing, great ball

bles," Cottrill said. "She's one of those special kids that has everything - the work ethic, the leadership, she's grounded, she's humble, such a good teammate. She's just got it all, really."

Mruzik played a huge role this season as Legacy finished 52-16 overall against

protecting your city, your state ... it control ... then you add all the intangi- "She serves, plays defense and takes the on Twitter: @BradEmonsl.

big swings, but her teammates also complement her. There at the end, they're taking big swings also. You need everybody to win those big games."

Legacy's Elite 16 team features five NCAA Division I commits: Mruzik, Kennedy Dolmage, Macomb Lutheran North (Oakland University); Alexa Rousseau, Bloomfield Hills (Northwestern); Kendall Murray, Ann Arbor Skyline (Michigan); and Lauren King, West Bloomfield (West Virginia).

Rounding out the Legacy squad in Detroit were Christine Audette (Birmingham Marian), Kate Stration (Rochester Stoney Creek) and Mruzik's high school teammate Kayla Shields (Mer-

"It's such a different level of competition, it's crazy," Mruzik said. "Everybody that's committed, no matter what school they're going to, they're good. Pretty much everybody that plays club, whether committed or not, are good. So there's really not a bad player that's going to play club on the team."

Away from the volleyball courts, Mruzik likes to hang out with friends, work out or go to the gym for extra reps. She carries a cumulative 3.8 gradepoint average and would like to study something related to the medical field in college.

And once her USA Volleyball obligations are fulfilled, Mruzik will rejoin her Mercy teammates sometime in August or September. The Marlins finished 49-8-1 overall last season, falling in a foursetter to Catholic League rival Marian in the Class A state semifinals as Mruzik finished with 26 kills, 13 digs and six blocks.

And for Mruzik, there's some unfinished business with the Marlins.

"We were disappointed from the loss last year," she said. "Obviously, we're returning such a huge group. We only graduated two seniors from last year. We're setting the bar really high this season and we're expecting nothing less than success this year."

And that's success, not only on the state level, but national level.

Contact Brad Emons at be-"We ask her to do a lot," Cottrill said. mons@hometownlife.com. Follow him

DeBiasi

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DeBiasi said. "I was just tired all the

From that unfortunate bout with mononucleosis to sustaining a crushed vertebra in a freak accident, DeBiasi's dream had some nightmarish moments.

All's well that ends well. She brought home a 3.92 grade-point average and special hardware, having won the prestigious Sunshine State Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

The lofty accolades sneaked up on DeBiasi the same way she likes to lay back during a race before clicking into top gear for the stretch drive.

"I feel as though there's not any specific moment throughout my college experience that I thought 'Well, I really did it, I really succeeded," the soft-spoken DeBiasi said. "It was just kind of a continuous 'OK, that was good, I did well on that test or I did well in that race.'

"But I'm just going to keep working my hardest and not get too caught up in the glory or the moment."

Setbacks, bounce-backs

She just kept grinding in the classroom, not to mention finding her way back as an athlete almost every year

Her sophomore year began with promise, but then she broke a vertebra in her back after a freak fall. DeBiasi was going on a morning training run and decided to jump over a nearby fence, thinking that move would add some dis-

"I had this really strong feeling that I shouldn't do it," she said, adding that she slipped and sustained the compression fracture.

DeBiasi returned to health in time to run during the spring track season (placing second in the Sunshine State Conference in the 10,000-meter run).

That success extended to a healthy junior year, when she was named MVP of the women's cross country team.

Then, before her senior season as a cross country performer for Division II Florida Tech, she had to have a tonsillec-

"I just got my tonsils removed leading into my cross country season, so I had to miss, like, the first month of running, because I was still recovering from that," DeBiasi said. "With all the painkillers I was taking, it really messed up my sleep schedule. We have to practice early in the morning (5 a.m. or 5:30 a.m.) be-



Florida Tech students (from left) Marina DeBiasi, Sarah Torkaman and Martha Perez won best in show at the 2018 Northrop Grumman Engineering & Science Senior Design Showcase.



Marina DeBiasi competes for Plymouth during her high school career. ANN **ESPINOZA**

ALL ABOUT MARINA

College award: Marina DeBiasi, 21, recently was named Sunshine State Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She was Florida Institute of Technology's first recipient of the award since 1995.

Academic props: DeBiasi, whose parents are Charles and Laura DeBiasi, just graduated with a 3.92 grade-point average in chemical engineering.

During her time at Florida Tech (located in Melbourne), she was a four-time member of the FIT Athletic Director's Honor Roll, as well as the SSC Commissioner's Honor Roll. She was awarded FIT's Distinguished Student Scholar award three times (2016-18) and was named the Most Outstanding Junior for the chemical engineering department in 2017.

Athletic props: In 2017, DeBiasi finished ninth at the SSC cross country championship with a time of 23:27.09 in the 6,000-meter race. She then went on to finish 18th at the NCAA Division II South Region Championship. Her time of 22:53.87 placed her seventh among SSC finishers. Following her conference and regional performances she earned second team all-SSC honors and all-South Region hon-

High school: She graduated in 2014 from Plymouth High School, where she ran both cross country and track.

Miscellaneous: DeBiasi will study for her master's degree at Colorado State. She has four sisters, Lia, 29; Alaina, 28; Gina, 25; Anna Maria, 19.

cause it gets so hot during the day. ... I was just going crazy."

Totally unexpected

Yes, DeBiasi had personal setbacks and her share of athletic disappointments. But she still left Florida Tech with a major award, the school's first female athlete since 1995 to win the Sunshine State Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

"I really wasn't expecting it at all," said DeBiasi, who seems to be her toughest critic.

One reason for her surprise is how she is wired. Her main goal in life isn't to jump the highest, be the loudest or get noticed the most. It is to work hard, grind and maximize her abilities.

"I don't think I'm that smart, I just apply myself and I'm willing to put in an effort." DeBiasi said, downplaying her academic achievements. "I think that's what gives me an edge over so many people. There's so many brilliant people that go to that school (Florida Tech), but if you're not willing to put in the work, then it doesn't mean much, really.

"And I've seen a lot of people kind of

squander what they have, because they'd rather have some temporary satisfaction someplace else."

Not sweating the small things and maintaining balance in life keeps De-Biasi on the winning path.

"There's a balance of good and bad," she said. "If you're good all the time, then you beat yourself up for all the times that you're not bad. But if you're bad sometimes and good sometimes, then you don't beat yourself up for either time. It's like the concept of Om, the mix between good and evil. Like the yin and yang."

Friends and projects

DeBiasi also balanced her competitive pursuits in college by being active in several sororities (primarily Gamma Phi Beta), working as an engineering assistant and participating in Girls on the Run International — an experiencebased curriculum that emphasizes run-

"It really helped that I was in a sorority, because then I could have another group of friends," she said. "The entire school feels much smaller than the (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) ever did."

Two of her friends, Martha Perez (from Venezuela) and Sarah Torkaman (from New York) joined her for a project that won best in show at the 2018 Northrop Grumman Engineering & Science Senior Design Showcase.

In the chemical engineering project, they featured the production of acrylic acid from glycerol.

"We are the dream team, I swear," De-Biasi said with a smile. "We can't do anything without each other. We like to all keep our brains on the same wavelength."

If that trio splits up anytime soon, it is for a pretty good reason: DeBiasi is going to Colorado State University to study for a master's of science degree in civil engineering.

Earning such a degree isn't about ratcheting up her future salary, DeBiasi insisted.

With that knowledge and her propensity to do for those in need — she crochets hats to donate to a hospital; a 2016 mission trip to Costa Rica with Youth With A Mission gave her opportunity to build homes and pass out meals - DeBiasi wants her engineering acumen to help the greater good.

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Ball State hires ex-Churchill standout Rachel McFarlane as distance coach

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Ball State cross country and track and field head coach Brian Etelman announced recently the addition of former Michigan State standout and University of North Florida assistant coach Rachel McFarlane to the Cardinals' staff.

The Livonia Churchill High grad, who helped the Spartans to back to back Big Ten cross country championships (2010-11) and was a two-time NCAA cross country championship competitor (2011-12), joins the Ball State staff as distance coach.

"I want to thank coach Etelman for this opportunity and his confidence in me to continue to build the distance program at Ball State." McFarlane said. "I am excited to return to the Midwest and work closely with a talented group of women who are hardworking and ambitious to excel in their running careers."

For the past two seasons, McFarlane served as an assistant coach at North

Florida, where she helped guide the Ospreys to a pair of Atlantic Sun cross country team championships (men in 2016 and women in 2017). In addition, she helped mentor the 2016 ASUN men's cross country individual cham- McFarlane pion and the 2016 and 2017 ASUN women's cross country individual champion.

North Florida also sent a runner to the NCAA women's cross country championships (2017), sent a competitor to the NCAA outdoor track and field championships (2017 and 2018) and had a student-athlete earn NCAA outdoor track and field second team All-America honors (2017) during McFarlane's ten-

Prior to joining the North Florida staff, McFarlane spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Lansing Community College, where she helped guide the Stars to the 2015 NJCAA Division I women's cross country national championship. LCC's student-athletes earned 13

All-America honors under her tutelage. McFarlane began her coaching career



in 2013 as an assistant for Lansing Catholic High School, a job she maintained in the two seasons she worked at Lansing Community College. At Lansing Catholic, McFarlane helped lead the boys cross country program to the 2015 state title and helped mentor four individual state

champions. "I am incredibly excited to have Rachel on board," Etelman said. "I believe our program is fortunate to have someone who was a huge contributor to a Big Ten championship as a student-athlete and who has coached student-athletes to conference team championships and individual All-America awards at multiple levels. Her blend of Midwest roots and exposure to many different levels of competitive success as both a coach and athlete make her the perfect hire for us."

Prior to her coaching career, McFarlane was a three-year letter winner in cross country (2010-12) and a four-year letter winner in track and field (2009-10 to 2012-13) at MSU.

As a senior, she earned second team

all-Big Ten honors in both cross country and indoor track and field. She finished her collegiate career running the 5,000 meters at the 2013 NCAA outdoor track and field east preliminary round.

McFarlane, who graduated from MSU in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, concluded her MSU career as a program record holder in the indoor distance medley relay and the outdoor 4 by 1,500 relay.

She also holds her level 1 USATF coach certification.

"Rachel inherits a very young, talented and ambitious group of distance runners," Etelman said. "Our program has grown tremendously over the past three years. I believe our final push to develop into a championship caliber team will come from Rachel's dedication to implementing our vision on a daily basis and establishing her event area as an integral piece to our success. We are anxiously waiting to welcome Rachel to Muncie."

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NOVI PARKS SC THUNDER U-19 BOYS SEIZE TWO TITLES



The Novi Parks SC Thunder, a U-19 boys soccer team coached by Brien McClure and Steve Ernstar, captured the Centon **Cup end Western Suburban Soccer** League spring age division titles. Team members include (front row, from left): coach Brian McClure, Damian Tellez, Kory Ernster, Ryan Krawec, Kyle Ernster, Jacob Kurkowski, Jack McClure; (second row, from left) Andy Handloser, Billy Osip, Tatsuhito Takashiba, Augusto Cucala and Junwon Shin; (third row, from left) Abraham Tellez, Brandon Griffith, Albi Popej, Alvaro Sanz, Salih Kurtuldu, Rimpei Yamasaki, Gonzalo Sanz and coach Steve Ernster.

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and a couple of holes got pretty hard to play and we noted afterward we had not meant it to get quite that hard, but the course still played great. Obviously for the future, we'll just keep looking at making sure we set it up in a way that it will provide the real tough challenge that represents a U.S. Open and presents the players with a great test."

Newell is in his eighth year on the executive committee and has chaired the Rules of Golf Committee since 2013. He previously served as general counsel to the USGA in 2011-12 and as treasurer in 2014-15. He will also be chairing the compensation committee in 2018.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Albion, Newell earned a master's of public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. While at Harvard. Newell served as editor and treasurer of the Harvard Law Review.

Newell is retired from Latham & Watkins LLP, having served as vice chairman and chief operating partner from 2002-11. He served on the firm's executive committee from 1999 to 2011 and was managing partner of the Washington D.C. office from 1993 to 2000.

Newell previously served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. from 1982-83.

Passion for game

Newell played three sports at Bentley and only dabbled as recreational golfer as a youth, but had a passion for the game throughout his life.

"I was never a competitive player, just my friends in high school and college would go around playing at Whispering Willows, we played at Brae Burn, a handful of other public courses in the area," Newell said. "But we mostly stayed pretty local and just went out and had a good time and figure out how to play this hard game."

Newell, who continued to play with his friends Saturday mornings while starting his law career in D.C., became heavily involved and was in the forefront of a USGA and R&A joint effort to modernize the Rules of Golf.

"We have a pretty ambitious set of



USGA President Mark Newell meets with tourney officials during the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills. MICHAEL COHEN | USGA

strategic objectives as an organization," Newell said. "We have been working really hard in the rules areas. We have been working for the last several years in modernizing the rules of golf and we're almost finished with that commencing Jan. 1 of next year. Those new rules will take effect, which will be pretty far reaching. So an important goal is just to see that all the way through, help golfers at all levels, understand the rule changes and hope they see that the game a bit easier in terms of the rules, a bit simpler and more intuitive."

And being an attorney certainly played a role in Newell becoming a rules official.

"A lot of people who have gone deeply into the rules have some legal background, although certainly not most, but a good number have," he said. "There's sort of an obvious parallel in terms of a skill sets and types of thinking that are involved there. I got involved in the USGA first as a volunteer general counsel, which is a position on our executive committee. And then ended up as chair of the rules committee for five years."

Other changes

Newell also said the USGA is in the final stages of creating a new handicap system.

"We've always had the leading handi-

cap system in the world, the USGA, from more than 100 years ago," he said. "We're now joining with the R&A in Scotland in creating one for the world and that takes effect 2020, so we're definitely focused on that."

Newell succeeded Diana Murphy as USGA president. They are generally elected for a one-year term, but it is customary for the president to serve two such terms.

With an expected year-and-a-half remaining on his term, Newell's agenda is to grow the game, while creating a healthy golf environment. And working closely with the USGA's CEO Mike Davis, Newell's job is to help shape the sport toward the future.

Let's play nine

Newell, who is a member of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va., also believes golf does not have to be played over the traditional 18 holes and doesn't have to take several hours out of your day.

"We have a 'Play Nine' campaign to encourage golf courses to offer ninehole rounds and encourage their play and to have people recognize that playing nine holes is actually a lot of fun," he said. "You can do it quickly and you can post your score for handicap purposes and have the time to do other things."

And the use of new technology can

also encourage players to stay interested in the sport without compromising the fundamentals of the game.

"It's still a game where you still have to use the club to hit a ball," Newell said. "You don't have to have a lot of artificial help. But there's lots of interesting things and some things that can be done to collect information that you can study later and otherwise try to make sure the game stays for all the people as society changes and that people find interesting changes."

The USGA, headquartered in Liberty Corner, N.J., just unveiled in March a newly expanded, cutting edge, state-ofthe-art complex, not only for its employees, but also for golf enthusiasts and visitors.

Next chapter

The newly expanded USGA headquarters also gives its employees a place to sharpen their golf skills.

"It's a great place to come visit from the outside because you can see the museum, you can take a tour of the test facility," Newell said. "And it's a wonderful new place to work for our employees with the real focus with staying on their golf. We have a putting green outside by the golf simulator inside, so people can be active and not just work in an office."

Once his term ends, the 62-year-old Newell plans to enter the next phase of his life.

"I want to see what it's like to really retire," he said. "I retired from my law firm 6½ years ago, not really knowing what I was going to do next. I felt like it was that time for that next adventure and kind of fell into this opportunity and now in my eighth year with the US-GA. In a year-and-a-half, I'll have to look for that next adventure and maybe hope it's no so all-consuming and I will get to play a bit more golf.

"It's a funny thing ... some note when you get involved in golf administration in different ways, sometimes you end up playing less golf. And there are times when I feel that way. On the other hand, I am extremely lucky to have had a chance – while doing this – to play some of the great courses in the world. So like most people, I probably don't play much golf as I like, but I get to play and having a great time doing it."

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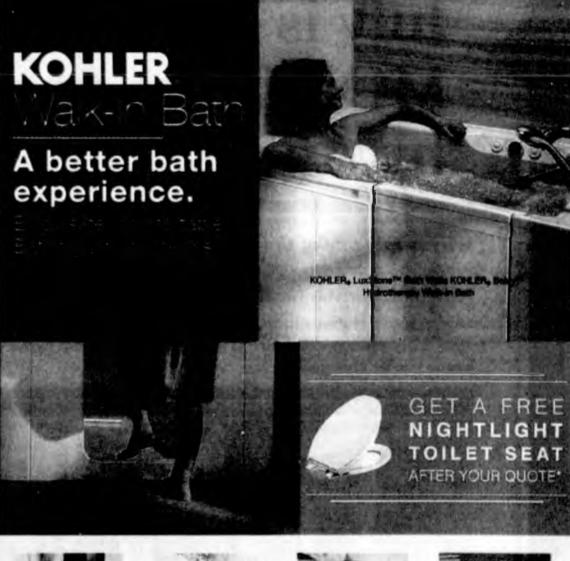
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MHSAA exec Uyl gets favorable reviews

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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 ten-

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 histo-



ry and physical education. He later received a master's in educational leadership from Grand Valley State University. At Calvin, Uyl was a fouryear 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 fulltime 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 Rob-

"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 ATHLETICS

'Super seven' moments from state title games

Marty Budner

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Of the 98 Michigan schools which won at least one Michigan High School Athletic Association team state championship during the 2017-18 school year, a dozen of them represented the expansive hometownlife.com area.

Detroit Country Day (girls basketball, boys hockey, girls tennis), Detroit Catholic Central (wrestling, lacrosse, soccer) and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (girls lacrosse, girls swimming, boys tennis) led the local Parade of Champions with three crowns each.

Novi (girls soccer, volleyball) won two championships, while Birmingham Seaholm (girls tennis), Farmington United (gymnastics), Bloomfield Hills Marian (soccer), Farmington Mercy (swimming), Bloomfield Hills (boys tennis), Northville (girls tennis), Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (tennis) and Plymouth Christian Academy (volleyball) accounted for the other team titles.

Following are our super seven selected moments from those state championship runs:

Fenchel's memorable goal

What: Girls soccer state championship game

When: June 15

Where: Williamston High School Novi sophomore Avery Fenchel blasted home a goal she'll never forget in this year's game against Grand Blanc. The teams were locked in a scoreless tie through 76 minutes of action and overtime seemed imminent. With just 3:29 remaining, the talented forward sent in the eventual game-winner for the 1-0 upset victory. Grand Blanc entered the state final with just one loss and had defeated Novi earlier in the year, 3-1. Fenchel's goal avenged that earlier defeat and brought home the school's sixth soccer state title.

Northville wins outright

What: Girls Division I tennis champi-

When: June 1-2.

Where: Midland Community Tennis

brought the title home all to themselves with 32 points to the Chemics' 30 to earn its third state crown in four years. Coach Linda Jones' squad was led by the No. 1



Novi's Avery Fenchel (left) celebrates her game-winning goal during the Division 1 state championship game with teammate Julia Stadtherr. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

undefeated doubles team of Serena Catholic Central's unique title Wang and Sophie Zhuang, along with the state champion No. 4 doubles team of Connie Gao and Sneha Ganan. The Mustangs also got singles runner-up finishes from Miss Tennis Shanoli Kumar (No. 1), Tori Maday (No. 2) and Renee Torres (No. 3). Northville's No. 3 doubles team of Madison DeYoung and Michelle Tong also placed second.

CC snaps Rice's streak

What: Boys lacrosse state championship game

When: June 9

Where: Parker Middle School in Howell

Brother Rice ruled the world of prep lacrosse ever since the Michigan High School Athletic Association began sponsoring the sport in 2005. The Warriors had won every state championship — 13 in a row. Arch-rival Catholic Cen-After sharing the title with Midland tral snapped that incredible streak this Dow the previous year, the Mustangs season with a thrilling 11-10 triumph. CC's historic game-winning goal was scored by senior midfielder Ethan Pattinson with three minutes remaining in regulation time.

What: Team wrestling state champi-

onships When: Feb. 24

Where: Wings Event Center in Kala-

It wasn't so much that Catholic Central captured the Division 1 wrestling team championship. After all, the Shamrocks were heavy favorites and rolled to their 14th title in program history, including their second straight and sixth in the past nine years. It was the way Catholic Central won. Top-seeded CC defeated Brighton with an improbable 57 to negative-1 score. Head coach Mitch Hancock's team won all 14 matches, capped by senior Rory Cox's 3-1 overtime win over Greyson Stevens at 189 pounds. The negative result came about when Brighton had a point deducted for unsportsmanlike conduct in the opening match.

DCD pops Churchill's bubble

What: Boys hockey state championship game

When: March 10

Where: USA Hockey Arena in Ply-

Livonia Churchill's hockey team got hot in the Division 3 tournament and advanced to the championship game for the first time in program history. Unfortunately for the Chargers, they ran up against an equally hot team in Detroit Country Day, led by sizzling Sam Evola between the pipes. DCD's junior goaltender played a key role in the 2-1 semifinal victory over top-ranked Hancock and bounced right back with a tremendous 30-save performance to knock out the Chargers in the title game. It marked Country Day's first hockey state crown since 1981. DCD finished the season with 22 straight victories en route to a 28-2-1

C-K's freshman phenom shines

What: Girls swimming and diving

state championships

When: Nov. 18, 2017 Where: Eastern Michigan University Cranbrook Kingswood captured its first girls swimming state championship in five years and third in program history at EMU's Jones Pool. The Cranes dominated the competition by scoring 292 points, 85 better than runner-up Bloomfield Hills Marian. Cranbrook Kingswood's individual star was freshman phenom Gwen Woodbury. The talented tanker won both the 100- (51.53) and 200-yard (1:51.77) freestyle races. She also was a member of Cranbrook Kingswood's winning 200- and 400yard freestyle relays.

Seaholm: Double trouble

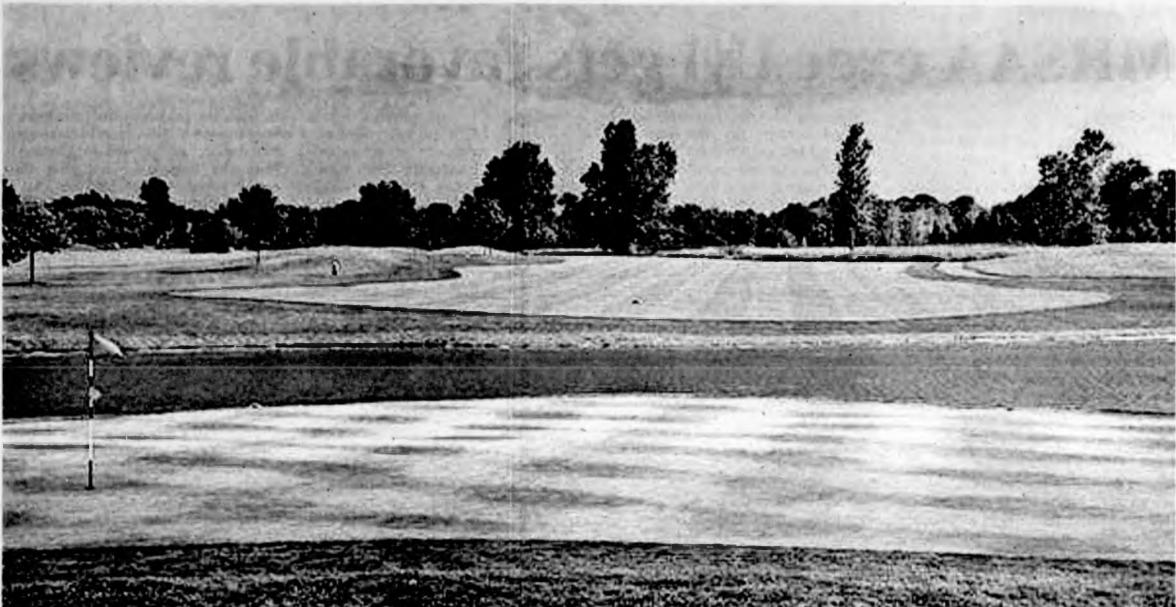
What: Girls tennis state champion-

When: June 1-2

Where: Kalamazoo

Birmingham Seaholm captured the Division 2 championship, winning the crown for the fourth time in the past seven years. The Maples won all four doubles flights (and one singles flight) to finish with 34 points. Bloomfield Hills Marian scored 27 points to earn runnerup honors. One of the biggest doubles wins came at No. 1 flight, where the Maples duo of Layla Bellissimo and Emily Hirsch, seeded second, rolled past the top-seeded Marian team of Madison Dering and Gigi Kalabat, 6-0, 6-3. Bellissimo and Hirsch did not drop a set in four matches.

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2018, which we present to you here.

And if you're a public-course golfer, count yourself especially lucky because your choices are as affordable as they are abundant. According to the National Golf Foundation's data for 2017, the average price for an 18-hole round on a public course was \$34. Last year, according to the NGF, also marked the

highest public-to-private ratio of facilities in the game's history at 75 percent of U.S. courses open to all players.

No. 1: The Orchards Golf Club, Washington

When late owner Ron Dalby first envisioned a course on 525 acres of apple orchards, he wanted it to be about great golf and nothing more. Not even a clubhouse; maybe just a hot dog shack. Robert Trent Jones Jr. built him a masterpiece in 1993 — and Dalby was even talked into the clubhouse.

The Orchards is as true a test of golf as you will find, with so much variety that all 14 clubs will be dirty by the end of your round. The course offers elevation, subtle greens and a staff that provides impeccable service.

The Orchards likes to bill itself as "your club for the day," and it feels that way from the minute an attendant greets you in the parking lot. Bonus

points for being able to see the Detroit skyline 40 miles away when you stand on the first tee on a clear day.

No. 2: Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club , Clarkston

You're just an hour outside of Detroit, yet it feels like you've traveled through a wormhole and been transported Up North at the 27 holes Arthur Hills carved into 350 acres of secluded, elevated, rolling, wooded golf majesty. As a bonus, the clubhouse — with its French doors, white coffered ceiling and charming veranda — might be the finest of any public course in the country.

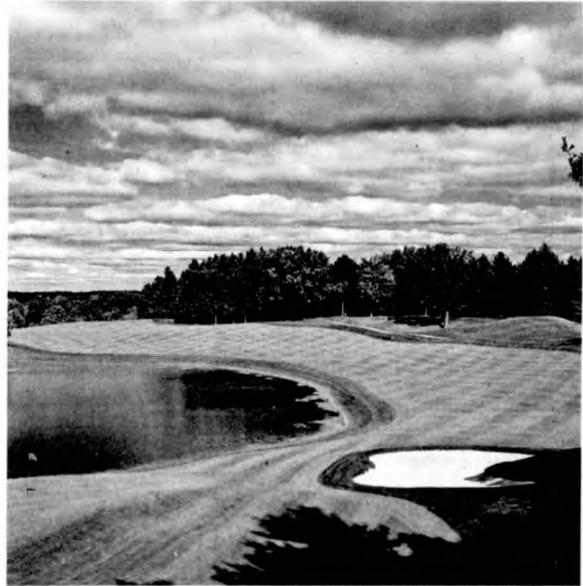
No. 3: Greystone Golf Club and Banquet Center, Washington

Jerry Matthews' design is superb. The highlight is the 16th, 17th and 18th

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Kensington Metropark golf course in Brighton. BRANDON MADDICK



The 18th hole on Shepherd's Hollow golf course in Clarkston. SHEPHERD'S HOLLOW



Hole No. 16 on Moose Ridge golf course in South Lyon. MOOSE RIDGE

Courses

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holes that wrap around a water-filled quarry and comprise what likely are the best three finishing holes in Michigan.

No. 4: Lyon Oaks Golf Club, Wixom

The jewel of the five courses run by Oakland County offers a stunning setting among a hardwood forest and wetlands. The course is usually in great shape and the greens roll fast and true. Be wary of the wind, which can turn Lyon Oaks into a growling beast.

No. 5: Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, **Taylor**

Everyone should be as lucky as the residents of Taylor, who get to enjoy this

magnificent municipal course for a peak price of \$45. The 7,028-yard layout has tons of variety, beautiful bunkering, a cool stadium hole on the first tee and a picturesque 18th hole that's radiant at sunset.

No. 6: Coyote Preserve Golf Club, **Tyrone Township**

The Arnold Palmer signature course is as beautiful as it is immaculate and challenging. The rugged bunkering and massive greens are wonderful. The 220yard 17th hole is one of the best par threes in Michigan — bar none. It's almost all carry over water to a green fronted by boulders. Sure, you can bail out to the left. But did you really come to Coyote Preserve to bail out?

No. 7: Pine Trace Golf Club, **Rochester Hills**

It doesn't get the respect or accolades of Shepherd's Hollow, its sister course. But Pine Trace is a perfect blend of bucolic wonderland and demanding golf. The seclusion and elevation of some interior holes even give this course an Up North feel.

No. 8: Moose Ridge Golf Course, South Lyon

If you want to feel like you're playing golf at a hunting lodge, Moose Ridge is your place. A stuffed 10-foot-tall Alaskan brown bear greets you inside the clubhouse, which is adorned with a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace and other mounted trophies. The pastoral setting is a beauty, but the golf course is a beast. Tough but fair, Moose Ridge's slopes, swales and prodigious length - beguiling course that looks much easier the fourth hole is 630 yards — make it a than it is. daunting delight. Bonus points for the clubhouse's virtual-reality video tour.

No. 9: Kensington Metropark Golf Course, Brighton

This venerable mainstay opened in 1961 and it's a wonderful example of how the shorter, flatter, well-manicured layouts of the time can still provide a fun and fair challenge. The back nine doesn't reach 3,300 yards, but you won't care when you get a look at those views of Kent Lake.

No. 10: Coyote Golf Club, New Hudson

Yes, the 561-yard 18th hole has two forced carries and an approach over water to a three-level green that will haunt your dreams. But that's why we keep coming back to Coyote, a beautiful but



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To splurge on vacation is human. To save is divine – and doable, with the right credit-card perks. Even if you don't have thousands of points and miles socked away, the traveler-friendly benefits on your credit cards could easily trim costs on a summer getaway. Check your plastic for these valuable extras.

Waived baggage fees

With many major airlines, checking a bag costs \$25 each way – but perhaps not with your airline's co-branded credit card. These cards typically charge annual fees, but they also often pay for themselves by waiving checked bag fees for you and at least one person on your reserva-

Savings: \$100 for a couple checking one bag each on a round trip.

What to know: You may have to book the flight with your airline card, and typically this perk covers only passengers on your reserva-

No foreign transaction fees

If traveling abroad, opt for a credit card that doesn't charge foreign transaction fees. That's what David Rae and his husband did while traveling in Europe last year.

"We had three weeks of meals that we put on a credit card," says Rae, a certified financial planner at DRM Wealth Management in Los Angeles. By paying with cards that didn't apply these extra charges, which generally add 3 percent to international purchases, they saved

Savings: \$30 for every \$1,000 spent internationally, assuming a 3 percent fee

What to know: Foreign transaction fees can be applied online, too, when booking a trip through a website based in another country.

Primary rental car coverage

At car rental agencies, "they definitely lay on the pressure" to purchase pricey rental car coverage, says Kristin Addis, CEO of travel blog Be My Travel Muse. But because she uses a card with primary rental car coverage when booking, she feels confident about declining the auto collision damage waiver at the counter. "I just make sure that I understand what's really covered" with the credit-card policy, says Addis, who was traveling in Lombok, Indonesia, at the time of this interview.

With primary coverage, you won't have to file a claim with your personal auto insurance for certain types of damage. Instead, your card will reimburse you up to a set amount. (With secondary coverage, your deductible may be covered, but you'll have to file a claim with your auto insurance first.)

Savings: Around \$10 to \$30 a day.

What to know: To qualify for coverage, you'll need to book with a card that offers this benefit and decline the auto collision damage waiver at the rental counter. Read your card's policy to see what damage is covered and whether exclusions apply.

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Painless ways to retire wealthier

Build nest egg by saving money before you get it

Dan Caplinger The Motley Fool

Everyone wants to have a financially secure retirement, but to get there, you'll have to save and plan. Just getting started with a retirement savings strategy can be the hardest part of getting on the road to retiring richer.

Once you've begun, though, there are some things you can do to make the journey a little bit easier. The following tips can help you boost your savings without feeling like you're sacrificing and give you the mental shove forward you need to keep up your momentum in striving toward your financial goals.

■ Save half your raises: The best way to save money is before you think you have it. That's a big reason why so many employers have moved toward automatically enrolling employees in 401(k) retirement plans, because it gets workers into the habit of saving. sometimes without even realizing it.

Yet the problem with most automatic enrollment plans is that they start you out saving only small amounts of your pay, often 3 percent. You can increase that amount yourself,

but your take-home pay will go down. The simple answer: Wait until you get a raise and boost your contributions at that time. For instance, if you get a 2 percent raise, increase your 401(k) contribution rate by 1 percentage point. That way, half of your raise will go toward your retirement, but you'll still get the psychological boost of seeing your paychecks go up.

Invest half of your tax refund: When it comes to saving, big chunks of money that you can potentially set aside are few and far between. One area where many people have an opportunity to do this is with their tax refunds. Millions of taxpayers get refunds of \$1,000 or more each year. For someone making near the typical household income of around \$50,000, saving half of a \$1,000 tax refund is the same as boosting your 401(k) contribution by 1 percentage point.

By hanging on to a portion of your refund, you'll get the payoff now while setting yourself up for future success.

Set aside half your side-job earnings: Admittedly, many people work second jobs because they must to make ends meet. But if your most important long-term priority is putting yourself in position to retire as rich as possible, taking a portion of your earnings from a side job can be a great way to supplement your savings and get your retirement nest egg growing.



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Heading to college requires some advance planning



It's hard to believe that the Fourth of July holiday is behind us. Before you know it, summer will turn to fall. This time of year it reminds me that parents with children getting ready to go to college need to make sure to do some things with regard to personal finance that are important. One of those areas is with regard to powers of attorney.

I know many of you may not think so, but when your child is ready to go to college, they are at least age 18, which means they are a legal adult. As a legal adult, not only do they have legal responsibilities, but as the parent, you find that your rights are dramatically diminished. In that regard, two documents that I strongly recommend ob-

taining are a medical durable power of attorney and a general durable power of attorney. From a medical standpoint, if something happens to your child when they're away at college, as the parents, you have no legal rights. I've heard many stories where a child has a medical issue and the parents are kept in the dark. I've heard horror stories where children are injured at school and the parents are forced to go to court to get medical information. The last thing anyone would want is to go to court when there is a medical emergency. Before your child goes away to college, you should make sure that they sign a medical durable power of attorney.

With regard to a medical durable power of attorney, you don't have to pay anyone to do it. You can do it on your own. I have a free fill-in-the-blank form available to print on my website. It's a very simple and straightforward form and I recommend it not only for parents

with a child going away to school, but also if you have any adult children that are still your dependents. Remember, we live in a crazy world and just because you're the parent and you provide the financial support for your child doesn't mean you have any rights.

Another type of power of attorney that you may wish to obtain for your college student is a general durable power of attorney. This type will allow you to handle your child's affairs above and beyond medical. It could be dealing with a financial institution or even with their university. Once again, if there was some sort of accident and your child could not handle their own affairs, having a general durable power of attorney would allow you to step in without getting judges, courts and lawyers involved.

When I went to college, probably the most expensive thing that someone would have would be a cheap stereo. To-

day, that is no longer the case. Kids have computers, cellphones, iPads and all sorts of valuable stuff. The question is whether or not you need insurance on these items. Now is a great time to talk to your homeowner's agent to see if those types of items are covered.

Sending a child to college is not as easy as it used to be. Now is a great time of year to do the things that are needed so you're not rushing at the last moment. It's hard to believe that Labor Day is only a little over a month away and, before you know it, you'll be packing up your loved one for college. There is no longer time to procrastinate; the time to get it done is now.

Good luck!

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



The site of the Village Arts Factory is on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Large donation speeds up Village Arts Factory project

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Glenn Shaw has been a supporter of the Village Arts Factory project on the old Henry Ford property at Cherry Hill and Ridge in Canton since the project first got off the ground in 2012.

But Shaw has never been a big fan of the pace of the project and recently gave two things to the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, the owner of the project: A proposal to speed up the process of getting the project up-and-running, and a large donation to help make it happen.

Since then, the pace has certainly picked up. A project originally expected not to open until some time in 2019 is now forging ahead toward an expected October 2018 ribbon-cutting.

"I live here (in Canton), we do business in Canton, it's a great community, so why not (get involved)," said Shaw, founder of Westland-based Wayne County Appraisal, a property assessment firm that handles assessing for several surrounding municipalities. "You've got the village theater, it's all in that area. Why not have this arts facility? It's one more thing I think the community needs. It's a great community."

The Village Arts Factory project envisions three buildings, including an old dormitory building that has already been rehabbed and is expected to house arts activities particularly for female veterans. It already has a tenant, Ann Arbor-based Eisenhower Center, ready to begin that phase.

There's also an outlier building expected to house a restaurant; partnership officials are in talks with a restaurant group on a potential lease, though executive director Jill Engel wouldn't

say which group.

That leaves what was — until this week — a 32,000-square-foot warehouse building expected to house a variety of spaces for any number of vendors: artists, tradespeople, etc.

Contractors began July 2 taking down half of the building, creating enough space to solve the project's 18-month parking lot battle with Wayne County. Engel said the partnership has made application to the county five times in 18 months, each time having the proposal sent back for various reasons.

"We're working all issues regarding sanitary sewer, water/sewer lines, getting them into the factory and the dormitory," Shaw said last week. "Hopefully at the end of the tear-down we'll have approvals to run those things in.

"We're working on a parking lot plan," he added. "Once we've got all those things approved, we'll start with the building."

It's a reversal of the process the partnership started with. The thought, according to Engel, was to get the dormitory and the factory done first, because those would house projects that would make for easier fundraising.

"Our thinking was if we did the historic buildings, it would be easier to raise grant funding and do private fundraising," Engel said. "We were going to do the historic buildings first, and then flip to the west side and do a capital campaign for the warehouse."

According to Engel, Shaw gave them a new design that would have all the parking on the west side of the property, rather than trying to fit some in front of the dormitory on the east side

Shaw also urged the board to "get this warehouse open."

"Glenn said, 'You need to get tenants for this arts warehouse," Engel said. "We have people call us all the time and ask, 'When's this thing going to be open?' In hindsight, should we have done the warehouse first and then come back and done the historic buildings? Maybe."

Shaw convinced the partnership board it would be easier and cheaper — construction costs have risen 10 percent in the last six months, he said — to get the warehouse up and running and filled with tenants to demonstrate the viability of the project.

"I would hope we could get started on the building by mid July or early August," Shaw said. "My goal is to unlock the door by Oct. 1. Everybody laughs at me when I say that, but I tell them, 'you gotta have a goal."

Shaw declined to say how much his donation was, only that it was big enough to help quicken the pace of the project.

"I wanted to put enough funds in there that would leave me the flexibility to negotiate leases, and help these people out," Shaw said. "It's a new adventure for everybody who's going into this building, and there is some risk for them. I want to make sure they're successful."

Contact Brad Kadrich at bka-drich@hometownlife.com.

Highland Games set for Aug. 4

The 169th annual Highland Games presented by the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Historic Greenmead in Livonia (Eight Mile and Newburgh roads).

A Ceilidh (Scottish Party, pronounced as kay-lee) an adult event, featuring rousing Scottish music bands will be held the night before (Friday, Aug. 3) at Greenmead. Ceilidh tickets are available for \$20 in advance and a limited number of tickets for \$25 at the gate.

Highland bagpipes, heavy athletics, highland dancing, vendors and entertainment tents all included in the price of admission Saturday. Advanced tickets are \$15, with children age 12 and under free. Tickets at the gates are available for \$20. For more information, go to www.highlandgames.com.

Become a patron of the games and you can enjoy the comfort and convenience of the Patron's Hospitality Tent, located on the Main Field, and reserved parking.

An individual is \$70. Each additional member of your family age 18 and over is \$40; each additional member of your family ages 13-17 is \$15; each additional member of your family age 12 and under is free.

Parking (\$5) is limited at Greenmead – after 11 a.m. or so it is usually full. There is free parking at Schoolcraft College with a free shuttle that will run every five minutes.

All of the money raised is donated to scholarships or other charities.

For more information, go to Games chair@detroitscots.com or hasse house2@gmailcom or call 248-681-0320 or 248-760-9252.

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Bruce Lloyd Turnbull

NORTHVILLE - Bruce Lloyd Turnbull, born 10/7/19 in downtown Northville and lifelong resident passed away July 6th, 2018 of complications at Providence Hospital. Bruce was the beloved husband of 58 years to the late Rita "Heatley" Turnbull (the Salutatorian of the Northville Class of 1936). Bruce is the cherished father of son Robert Bruce Turnbull (Peggy), Michael John Turnbull (Kathy), Craig Russel Turnbull (Karen) Daughter Carol "Turnbull" Farnsworth (John) & son Brian Patrick Turnbull (Ann), & most loved & loving grandfather of 10 grandchildren; Andrew, Megan,



Matthew, Chris, Sean, Steven, Doug, Ruth, Katelyn & Jasen) and nine dear great grandchildren. Next to his family & friends, Bruce's love is of his glorious Northville where he has been awarded "Man of the Year" honors and has been the town's Historian for most of his life, and his birthplace is recognized on the cover of the latest History of Northville book. Bruce was quite a storyteller and was involved civically his entire life... and was the President & Athlete of the Year of his Northville High School class of 1937 he enjoyed athletics and played college basketball attended MSU & EMU. He was a proud WWII Marine and a lifelong member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church where he was the coach of all sports, including football, basketball and boxing. He was also their first athletic director and his family helped start and build OLV. Historically, Bruce was a business man in Northville, owning the family's Northville Electric Shop where over 100 years ago in town both his & his wife's father were businessmen in town at the turn of the 1900's, both with store fronts downtown. (Today the store BABY BABY is housed in the old Northville Electric Shop building) The visitation will be held Monday, July 9, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The funeral mass will be held Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 10:30 a.m., in state 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard Dr. Northville. Mr. Turnbull will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville with full military honors being rendered by the Marine Corps Color Guard. Following the committal prayers at Rural Hill Cemetery all are invited to Genitti's Restaurant, 108 E. Main St. Northville, for a memorial fellowship luncheon to celebrate Bruce's life. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Northville Historical Society, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville, MI 48167. Please share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.



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How to use time in between jobs effectively

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or most people, filling the time in between jobs can be a real challenge. We want to make sure that we're using this time to our advantage, but figuring out how to do so effectively — especially if it's a longer time period than we'd like it to be — can be difficult. It's really in your best interest to try to structure and make the most of this down time, both for your long-term health and happiness as well as to help set you up for your next job.

Build and maintain your network

In today's job market, cold calling and responding to general job ads is far less effective than it used to be. These days, a significant percentage of new jobs are obtained by leveraging your network, which includes your personal and professional contacts. Building and maintaining your contacts is an invaluable use of your time, and who knows - it may not be long before one of your connections comes up with a job opening that perfectly fits what you need and can offer.

Look for contract/ freelance work

Just because you're be-

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tween full-time jobs doesn't mean your time has to be completely work free. Many companies utilize contract and freelance staff for a wide range of projects.

Consider seeking out opportunities in your field or in an area that fits your background and skill set; not only will it provide you with some income, it will also help fill in any lengthy time gaps on your resume.

Plus, if you do a particularly good job on a project, you might be considered for a longer-term position when one becomes available.

Take a class

Keep your mind and skills sharp by continuing your education.

You can pursue a subject in your professional field —

which may help you during your job hunt - or you can take a class in a completely unrelated subject area that interests you. Either way, your time will be well spent.

Volunteer

Another good use of your time and energy in between jobs is to volunteer. Not only will you be helping to support a worthy cause, you'll also

be keeping active and could even acquire some new skills. You may even discover some completely new interests, which may help reshape your career aspirations.

Create a backup plan

If things just don't seem to be going your way and the amount of time that you're unemployed is becoming a problem, then you may need to invest some time in coming up with a backup plan.

Take some time to research alternate fields that interest you, industries where your existing background and skills may be easily transferable. and jobs that seem hot right now and have an abundance of openings. It may turn out that your backup plan pans out and leaves you happier and more fulfilled than your previous goals.

Just because you're in between jobs doesn't mean that your time can't be well spent. Use the strategies and advice presented here to make sure you're using this time to your advantage.

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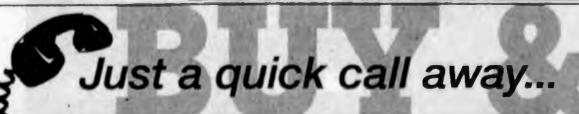
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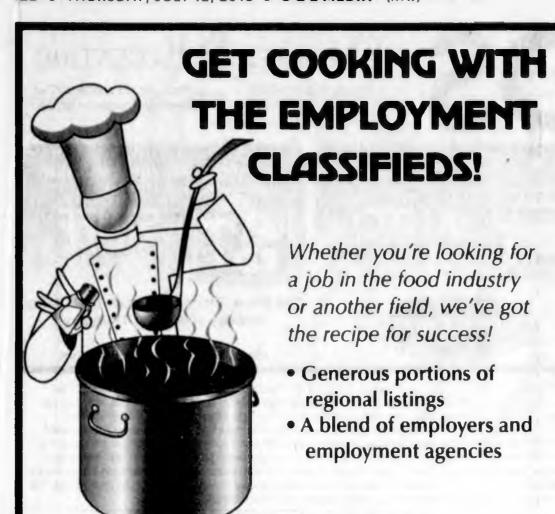
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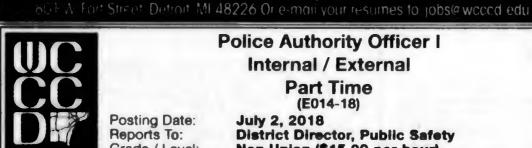
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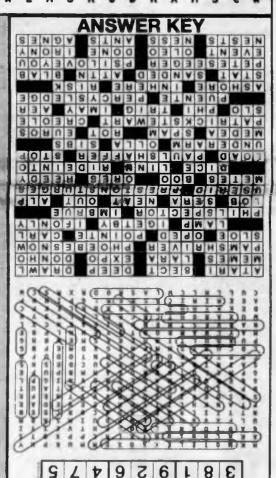
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