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## Candidates: State's roads need fixing

**Brad Kadrich**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

If you're a candidate for elective office in Michigan, it's almost a requirement that you have to criticize the state of the state's roads.

For instance, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer's

catch phrase is catching on — to praise and criticism — as she declares it's "time to fix the damn roads."

So what do candidates in state House and Senate races think is the right plan and from where does the funding come? Here are the answers some of them provided (Note: Not all candidates responded to the questionnaire offered by Hometown Life).

### State Senate, 15th District

■ Michael Saari, Republican, Commerce: "State sin tax (sales tax) would have to be implemented and increased to 7 percent. Michigan sales tax is currently below the nation's nominal average. Increasing state sales tax to 7 percent would provide colossal change for the entire state."

■ Jim Runestad, Republican, White Lake: "Repairing our roads and bridges should be an absolute priority. This includes the infrastructure both above and below ground, including sewers and water lines. I believe we must continue to invest in our infrastructure without raising taxes. We should also

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## Township hopefuls offer views before primary

Four Republican candidates will compete in the Aug. 7 primary election for one partial-term seat on the Northville Township Board of Trustees.

Incumbent Scott Frush joins former Trustee Christopher Roosen, Richard Allen and Priya Marwah on the ballot, looking for a spot on the November general election ballot.

Hometown Life sent questionnaires to the four GOP candidates, seeking their views on a variety of issues. Roosen and Marwah returned the questionnaires and their views are below.

### Priya Marwah

**Residence:** Northville Township  
**Family:** Single mom of two kids (10-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter); parents and brother live in Northville.



Marwah

**Education:** B.A. from University of Michigan-Dearborn (1998); JD from Wayne State University Law School (2001).

**Prior elected service:** Precinct delegate in Northville since 2016; precinct delegate in Plymouth in prior years.

**Q: President Donald Trump can be a polarizing political leader. Some candidates are aligning themselves as Trump Republicans, while others are shying away from associating themselves with him on the campaign trail. Where do you find yourself on that political spectrum? Why?**

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Former Southfield resident J. Reuben Appelman's "The Kill Jar," a true crime memoir about the Oakland County Child Killer case, is scheduled to be released Aug. 14. MATT WORDELL

## NEW SPIN ON OLD MYSTERY

Author wants to help spur renewed investigation

**Tim Smith**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

More than 40 years ago, two young boys left their homes in suburban Detroit and went to nearby drug stores located just eight miles apart.

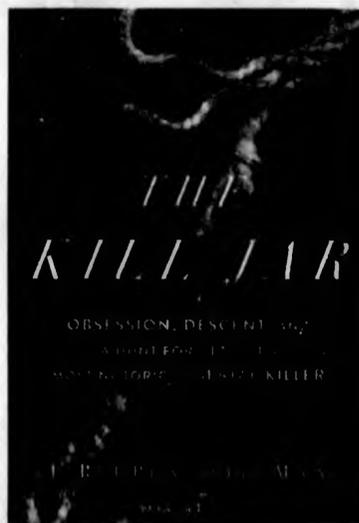
Timothy King never made it back, victimized by the notorious Oakland County Child Killer. And although J. Reuben Appelman made it home that

day, he has been consumed in adulthood by the quest to shed new light on one of the darkest chapters in metro Detroit history.

Appelman spent more than a decade digging through thousands of official police documents, visiting crime scenes, having heart-to-heart conversations with victims' family members.

And in mid-August, his book "The

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# Family seeks answers about man missing for three weeks

**LeAnne Rogers**  
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It's been more than three weeks since Highland Township resident Kevin Graves was last seen at a western Michigan music festival and no one has heard from him since.

"It's been silence. We've got no idea what happened, if he ran off or where he could be. He left with the clothes on his back," said his father, Gary Graves, who has been leading search efforts. "He is 28 years old and a man, but he's still my kid. The worst part for my wife and I is not knowing. We're trying to keep it together."

On July 1, Kevin Graves and his girlfriend were with friends at the Electric Forest Music Festival in Rothbury, on the west side of Michigan. He had a dis-

agreement with his girlfriend, who returned to the couple's tent while Graves indicated he was going back to the festival. Neither his girlfriend nor any other friends saw Graves again.

"He never disappeared like this before in his 28 years. It's shocking to us — he contacted his mom daily by text and phone. He contacted me, too, but talked to his mom every day," said Gary Graves, who moved to Howell with wife Kathy in 2013.

The family is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that will help them locate Kevin, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Clarenceville High School. He had been living with his girlfriend and her two daughters in Highland for about three years and was working at a factory in Commerce.

Searches have been conducted at the festival site, the Double JJ Resort in



Graves

Oceana County about 25 miles north of Muskegon.

The private nonprofit Shiawassee Search and Rescue has been conducting searches of the 2,000-acre festival site. The volunteer group does search and rescue operations in all 83 Michigan counties and two counties in Ohio. Gary Graves was referred to the group and contacted it for help in locating his son.

The search and rescue group searched four ponds on the 2,000-acre Double JJ property July 23. "If you look at a map of the property, only 20 percent is wooded — the rest of the acres are campgrounds. It's hard to hide a body in the grass," said Adkins, who described the effort as search and recovery. Kevin Graves is described as having

blond hair and blue eyes and is about 6 feet and 185 pounds. He has a USMC tattoo on his left shoulder and his left ear is pierced.

There have been some reported sightings of Kevin, but none have proven to be him. Gary Graves is asking that anyone who thinks they see his son take a photograph of the person and send it to him. "Everyone has a cell phone. I've got my phone with me 24/7," said Graves, who asked that his number be provided (248-882-4270).

Anyone with information on Kevin Graves is asked to call the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 248-858-4950, the Michigan State Police Hart Post at 231-873-2171 or Mason-Oceana Central Dispatch at 231-869-5858.

Contact LeAnne Rogers at [lrogers@hometownlife.com](mailto:lrogers@hometownlife.com) or 734-883-9039.

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### Teen Microwave Mug Pies

**When:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4

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### Drop-In Movie & Munchies

**When:** Noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7

**Details:** Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy the movie "SING" (rated PG for mild peril and some rude humor. 108 minutes). Snacks and water bottles provided. No registration, just drop-in.

### Books & Brews Book Group

**When:** 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7

**Details:** Join us at The Wagon Wheel for a fun discussion of "Crazy Rich Asians," by Kevin Kwan. Books available at the library. For ages 21 and over.

### Summer Reading Program Finale Party

**When:** 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8

**Details:** Celebrate the end of the Youth Summer Reading Program with Joel's Page Rocker Magical Comedy Show as he brings eight music-tastic books to life with goofy gadgets, dazzling magic, wacky stunts and lots of audience participation, followed by a party in the park adjacent to the library with refreshments, fun raffle prizes and giant bubbles. No registration, just drop-in.

### Teen Tie-Dye T-Shirt Finale Party

**When:** Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11

**Details:** Tie-dye T-shirts, enjoy some snacks and maybe even win prizes at our Teen Summer Reading Program finale party. Register with your size to reserve a library-provided shirt (limited quantity) or bring your own to tie-dye. At the end of the party, we'll be holding the Teen Summer Reading Program Grand Prize drawing and announcing the winners. Just drop-in.

### Star Trek: Discovery

**When:** 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16

**Details:** Author/producer Larry Nemecek is a renowned "Star Trek" authority who will present a fresh look at Star Trek's return to the small screen and how it stacks up to past versions. "Nemecek, author of "Star Trek: Next Generation Companion," presents visuals about this enduring pop culture television phenomenon and invites you to share your opinions. Register.

### One-on-one tech help

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

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

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#### Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 4-6 p.m. Aug. 3, 2-4:30 p.m. Aug. 4, 2-4 p.m. and 4:15-6:15 p.m. Aug. 11, 4:15-6:15 p.m.

Aug. 12, 2:45-4:45 p.m. Aug. 18, 3:45-5:45 p.m. Aug. 24 and 4:15-6:15 p.m. Aug. 25.

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

Heritage Festival activities: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 16.

30th annual Duck Race: 3 p.m. Sept. 16.

Victorian Cream Tea: 12:30-3 p.m. Sept. 16. Not a pre-ticketed event. Drop-in.

#### General info

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

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**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.

**Donations:** Archives donations accepted from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

**Archives:** The archives are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

**Office:** The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email [office@millracenorthville.org](mailto:office@millracenorthville.org).

## Primary

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**A:** I prefer not to answer this question as it has no relevance to the position I am seeking.

**Q: Township Supervisor Bob Nix recently quelled rumors Northville Downs was moving its racing operation to the property of the former psychiatric hospital, saying the property will be used for recreation purposes for township residents once the demolition and cleanup is complete. Is this a good use of the property? If you don't think so, how would you use it?**

**A:** I don't think we should turn the property of the former psychiatric hospital into all recreational use for township residents. There are plenty of parks and recreational facilities already in Northville Township - Maybury Park, the parks along Hines Drive and the Community Park on Beck Road. The township needs more business income and tax revenue and I think the property should be used for commercial development.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in the township and what would you do about it?**

**A:** The biggest issue I see in Northville Township is the disparity in residential vs. business tax revenue. The largest majority of tax revenue in Northville is residential. We need to bring in more business tax revenue. I would work with developers to help ensure

that they bring the businesses we need to the planned developments. I would support turning the psychiatric hospital into a commercial development. I would like to do what I can to encourage developers to fill up the empty commercial properties throughout the township.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

**A:** I have passion for serving my community and I will use that passion to ensure the future success of the community in which I am raising my children. I also bring diversity to the township board and the experience of being active in the law and politics over the last 20 years.

#### Christopher Roosen

**Residence:** Northville Township

**Family:** Wife Karen, married 25 years

**Education:** Bachelor's in electrical engineering and engineering math, master's in manufacturing systems engineering, UM-Dearborn.

**Prior elected service:** Northville Township trustee, 2004-12.



Roosen

**Q: President Donald Trump can be a polarizing political leader. Some candidates are aligning themselves as Trump Republicans, while others are shying away from associating themselves with him on the campaign trail. Where do you find yourself on that political spectrum? Why?**

**A:** I remain a common-sense, mainstream conservative Republican. I identified myself as a Republican in 1980 when I watched Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan on television from the Detroit GOP convention and I have been a Republican ever since. I believe in common-sense, fiscally responsible solutions to the challenges facing our state and our community. These solutions are found in working together, as I have done in the auto industry for over 25 years. My beliefs have not changed, regardless of who is in the White House.

**Q: Township Supervisor Bob Nix recently quelled rumors Northville Downs was moving its racing operation to the property of the former psychiatric hospital, saying the property will be used for recreation purposes for township residents once the demolition and cleanup is complete. Is this a good use of the property? If you don't think so, how would you use it?**

**A:** I was on the township board when the voters elected to purchase this property to avoid over-development (at one time, 1,000 homes and a new elementary school were proposed for this site). We promised the voters recreational use of this land. I prefer passive recreation uses (paths, trails, etc.), as well as needed practice fields (not game fields) for youth sports. Whatever is proposed must be low in cost, paid for by grants and not a tax increase, easy to maintain and not generate traffic, light and sound pollution or other invasive effects that would harm neighboring residential home values.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in the township and what would you do about it?**

**A:** There has been an intensive focus on real estate development in the township for the past 20 years, which is continuing. Now we must also listen to and focus on our residents' concerns about quality of life and cost of living in Northville. We need to strengthen the focus on public safety in the wake of home invasions this summer. We need to focus on reducing the extremely high water rates we pay in comparison to our neighbors. We need to pressure Wayne County and the state of Michigan to repair our crumbling roads. We need to ensure we are receiving quality trash and recycling collection. Finally, we need to be partnering more with our neighboring communities to provide value for money - that is, top-notch services at the lowest cost.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

**A:** I am the candidate with the best combination of experience and common-sense conservative values to hit the ground running and represent my neighbors on the township board. I will listen to the concerns of the community and take those concerns into account with my vote. I am also eager to work again with our neighboring communities on all manner of services to our residents, from public safety to water rates to parks and recreation.

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## Author

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"Kill Jar" (Simon & Schuster) hits shelves.

"I was a member of that community and these crimes touched me and altered my perception of the world," said Appelman, who grew up in Southfield. "It became much darker. In order to unravel the case, it became important for me to unravel my own history with that period. I don't think I'm exceptional in that regard. I could have left out the details of myself, my own story from the book.

"But I included a lot of details about my own story in the book, because I believe the truth of this story. It's not just that crimes are committed — in this case four kids were horribly murdered and no justice was done — but that the lack of justice means a lack of closure to the recipients of that history.

"I think everybody from the environs of Detroit at that time period ... inherited that sense of darkness. And so for me, digging through these crimes, putting a period on the sentence that is this case, was very cathartic and allowed me to get past what was a very dark period in my life."

### Crimes 'heartless, psychotic'

Whether or not "The Kill Jar" — described as a true crime memoir — does more than get something extraordinarily compelling out of Appelman's system remains to be seen.

At the very least, he is optimistic that the book — along with a four-part documentary due out this year — will force a modern view of evidence into the horrifying murders of four children that traumatized metro Detroit in 1976-77.

The first two victims, in 1976, were Mark Stebbins and Jill Robinson. Kristine Mihelich, just 10, was abducted from a 7-Eleven in Berkley on Jan. 2, 1977; her body was found nearly three weeks later in Franklin village. Timmy King's body was found March 22, 1977, in a ditch off Gill Road in Livonia.

Those children were scooped off the street and their lives snuffed out in a metaphorical killing jar, which informed Appelman's choice for the book title.

"The title of the book comes from a metaphor in the book," he said. "But all these four kids were said to have been



Barry King, at his home in Birmingham. He doubts he'll ever know who killed his son in 1977. FILE PHOTO

### THE APPELMAN FILE

**Who:** J. Reuben Appelman, screenwriter, author and private investigator. He grew up in Southfield.

**What:** His true crime memoir about the Oakland County Child Killer Case, "The Kill Jar," will be released by Simon & Schuster in August. The book is available for pre-order at Amazon.com. It also will serve as the basis for a four-part documentary series for television, currently wrapping production in Detroit.

**Other:** Appelman is two-time state of Idaho Literature Fellow, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. Other film industry work includes Netflix documentaries "Playground" and "Jens Pulver | Driven."

**Info:** Go to [simonandschuster.com](http://simonandschuster.com) and [jreubenappelman.com](http://jreubenappelman.com).

asphyxiated. Even Jill Robinson, who sustained a gunshot wound to her head, it still appears that she was asphyxiated.

"Killing jar is something entomologists will swipe bugs into and close the lid on so that they asphyxiate. And their bodies remain intact for study. "It's just something from the language of the book.

"But that's the horror people felt. I was just a kid at the time. But if you talk



The four victims of the Oakland County Child Killer: Mark Stebbins, Jill Robinson, Kristine Mihelich and Timmy King. BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

to anybody, this was a horrible, horrible guttural feeling people got when they thought about these crimes. And the method of killing, asphyxiation, it's cruel. It's heartless. It's psychotic. It's demented and cowardly.

"And I feel the same way about that metaphor. I could never stick a bug in a jar, close the lid and watch it die. But that's where the title comes from. And it's sad to say that the book required such a title to evoke the true horror of this case. But that's what it seemed to call for for me."

### Take another look

Appelman labeled the Oakland County Child Killer case one that still gets under the skin of anybody who was living through that horrific period. With the book and documentary, which also is scheduled to come out this year, he sees a chance to begin contemporary discourse.

"I think the case isn't officially closed and there's a reason why it's not officially closed," Appelman said. "When it's not officially closed, you don't have to officially come up with any answer. So it's still open.

"I think the status quo has not brought any justice to the family members of the victims," he added. "At least what I hope will happen is that there should be some sort of new task force put into place, to go and re-examine the old evidence.

"I'm talking about outsiders coming in. I'm not necessarily talking about the people currently working this case. I want to be very clear though, I personally have nothing against any police officers doing their job. I have the utmost respect for police work. I have been a fraud investigator myself for five years and I think, on a very low level, I understand some of what active-duty policemen go through."

New fingerprints on the case would be welcomed, especially when compared to continuing the status quo.

"I'm still incredibly sad the families haven't had closure and justice was never obtained," Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard said in an earlier Birmingham Eccentric article. Bouchard was a young police officer in Southfield Township at the time of the serial killings. "I think it will haunt anyone who had a connection to that case."

In that same article, the father of Timmy King had his doubts about justice ever being served.

"I was told the only way this case would get solved is through a deathbed confession," said Barry King, now in his late 80s.

### Cloud over his head

Closure might still take some doing. In September 2017, the Michigan Supreme Court rejected a request from King to have the Oakland County prosecutor release more evidence about a year-long killing spree that stopped



This photo of Timmy King was taken at his school the day he was abducted. KING FAMILY PHOTO

southeast Michigan cold.

The Kings and Miheliches are among family members of the OCKK victims with whom Appelman spent hours during his 13 years of research that became "The Kill Jar."

"I had lengthy, multiple hour-long conversations with several of the family members of the victims," Appelman said. "I talked extensively to one of the original task force members. I did all kind of leg work in the beginning, just to get a grasp on what was even there."

Perhaps he couldn't get the darkness out of mind, stemming from his own close call with tragedy, when he decided to begin digging for answers about the OCKK case in 2005.

Around the time of Timmy King's abduction, near Maple and Woodward in Birmingham, a young J. Reuben Appelman went to a Southfield drug store.

"I was at the Century Drugs on 11 Mile and Evergreen, which is no longer there," Appelman said. "Nothing happened. I ran away, but later as an adult I saw what I thought were similarities in the case and the attempted abduction of me.

"That didn't really pan out, but my investigation into the attempted abduction of myself sort of was one of those big anchors in me about this case. It really kind of led me to obsess a little on a deeper level about the OCKK crimes and the case just took over my life."

### Shattering perceptions

Some 13 years later, "The Kill Jar" is ready to shatter old perceptions about the case and, perhaps, open minds that have been closed — or misinformed — for more than 40 years.

Appelman insists he has the goods and that he's not merely relying on his own gut instinct or emotion.

He said he inspected thousand of pages of police documents, from the Michigan State Police, the FBI, counties and cities detailing the killings.

"What was interesting about the process is, at first I didn't know what I was looking at," Appelman said. "I started with news articles, mostly online. And I made several journeys back to Detroit, where I'm originally from in Southfield. I spent time in the libraries there, looking at microfilms.

"I went back through what we can assume are the abduction sites or whereabouts for a few of the abductions. I went to all the drop-off sites. I talked to people."

Whoever perpetrated the crimes — and Appelman has his take in the book on who did them, but he is forbidden to discuss those details pre-publication — had a similar game plan.

The victims were kidnapped and held captive for days before being asphyxiated and dumped on the roadside. But Appelman saw some disturbing signs the more he dug into the material he pored over.

"Timothy King is often said to have been laid out in the snow," Appelman said. "There are photographs of Timothy King, looking like somebody who had been dumped into a ditch — not neatly laid into the snowbank.

"There are little things like this, but ... everything I say in the book (that) I say is a fact is a fact pulled from the police documents.

"The book is just a chronicle of information that is narratively laid out in a way that people can digest, because so much of the synthesis of the case has been in blips and bleeps over the past and nowhere has it been adequately chronicled, I don't think, until now."

Indeed, the product of Appelman's obsessive quest into the Oakland County Child Killer case certainly is due to inform and illuminate — and, perhaps, shine the spotlight hotter and brighter on the sad saga than ever before.

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## Roads

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re-evaluate the primary road funding formula to ensure Oakland County receives enough money to make up for our high-traffic roads."

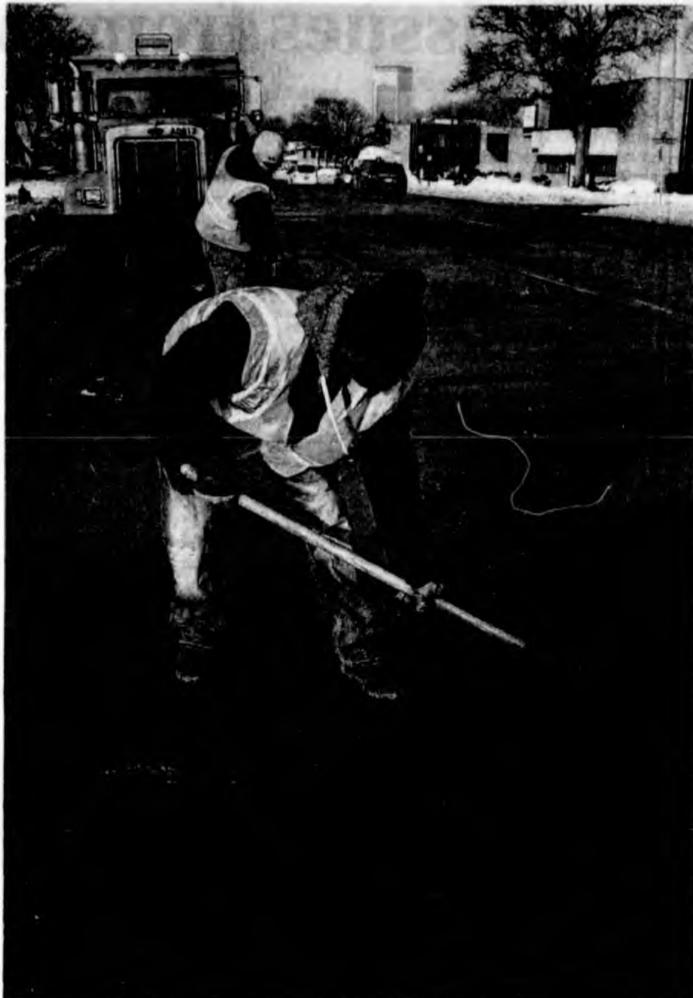
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### State House, 38th District

■ Kelly Breen, Democrat, Novi: "Part of it is shifting the money from the state back to local communities by fully implementing shared revenue standards. While this would give cities the money they are entitled to, it does not generate the \$4 billion needed to bring Michigan's infrastructure up to par. To get Michigan to where we need to be, there are a variety of options being bandied about — user fees, federal money, public private partnerships, etc. But federal contributions have declined and user fees are not going to cut it. One option is to switch to a graduated income tax, which would ease tax liability for families making less than \$120,000 to \$200,000 per year, but generate hundreds of millions in new revenue. This is something dozens of other states have successfully implemented and is likely the most feasible option in Michigan."

■ Joe Petrillo, Democrat, Walled Lake: "We can start taxing business again. Our Legislature has allowed a massive \$2 billion hole in the budget due to the business tax as compared to 10 years ago. Tax incentives will need to be reined in immediately, with a plan on revamping our flat tax into a graduated progressive tax. Reclaiming that lost revenue will pay for infrastructure with about a billion to spare."

■ Kathy Crawford, Republican, Novi: "The state Legislature took immediate action last month by allocating an additional \$300 million for immediate road repairs. This brings the total to \$4 billion, which is the largest road investment in this state's history. Another instant solution is to reform P.A. 51, so additional road funds will be properly earmarked to the tri-county region of southeast Michigan, rather than up north. I will continue to support additional dollars to local municipalities to assist in road improvements. We need



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The state House 38th District includes South Lyon, Walled Lake, Novi and Northville.

### State House, 44th District

■ Laura Dodd, Democrat, Milford Township: "A long-term master plan of all work (water, roads, Internet, electrical grid, etc.) will ensure we are combining jobs in an effort to concentrate construction projects and eliminate duplicate repairs. We need to make sure funds collected for the purpose of infrastructure improvements are invested in infrastructure projects. We also need to make sure we are using innovation and ingenuity with long-lasting materials and efficient technologies to create cost savings. Finally, our tax structure needs to ensure all Michiganders and corporations pay their fair share to maintain the health of our state. A healthy state has a strong infrastructure."

■ Lynn O'Brien, Republican, Highland Township: "Construction and maintenance of safe roads and bridges is an inherent duty of state government. Up until now, Michigan simply has not appropriated adequate funding to keep our roadways safe. We should continue to implement the road funding package recently adopted by the Michigan Legislature. The plan reprioritizes general-fund tax dollars to dedicate toward infrastructure and redirects current spending to ensure general fund dollars are spent on roads. In part, the gas tax has been increased from 19 to 26.3 cents per gallon and registration fees have been increased \$20 annually. The plan also produces \$450 million in new revenue immediately and would generate \$1.2 billion each year when the plan is fully implemented in 2021."

■ Matt Maddock, Republican, Milford: "Who does not think our roads are some of the worst in the nation? The government bureaucrats who are responsible for our horrific roads? I am not in favor of raising taxes again to fix the roads. We are sending Lansing \$56 billion a year. There is more than enough waste, fraud and abuse of our tax dollars in Lansing. I'll snake out that waste and re-appropriate more money to the roads. (Some) \$400 million of the \$600 million of the last gas tax didn't even go to the roads. That's criminal in my book."

The state House 44th District includes Milford.

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# Candidates talk issues from roads to pot

Hometown Life offered political candidates in the state Senate and House races in our readership area a chance to give their views on a variety of issues running up to the Aug. 7 primary election.

Only candidates in primary races were included; not all candidates chose to return the Hometown Life questionnaire. Those whose questionnaires were returned are listed here:

## State Senate, 15th District

The district includes South Lyon, Milford, Novi, Wixom, Wolverine Lake, Walled Lake and Orchard Lake village.

### Jim Runestad

**Party:** Republican  
**Residence:** White Lake  
**Family:** Wife Kathy; children Joel, Justin, Le-



na, Lee and Kayla

**Education:** Graduated from Central Michigan University with a B.S. in education with a concentration in history, economics and politics.

**Prior elected service:** Current two term state representative for 44th District and former three-term Oakland County commissioner.

**Q: President Donald Trump can be a polarizing political leader. Some candidates are aligning themselves as Trump Republicans, while others are shying away from associating themselves with him on the campaign trail. Where do you find yourself on that political spectrum? Why?**

**A:** I support President Trump and I agree with most of the things he is trying to accomplish. I believe tax reform has greatly benefited our economy, especially middle-class families and small businesses. While I certainly don't agree

with him on everything, I will support policies that create a healthier economy and benefit families like yours and mine. At the end of the day, I'm focused on showing voters why I'm the best person to represent them in the state Senate and to continue to make Oakland County the best it can possibly be.

**Q: A petition drive added the question of legalizing recreational marijuana on the November ballot. What are your views on legalizing marijuana for recreational use? Why?**

**A:** I personally do not support the legalization of recreational marijuana. However, if voters choose to support this proposal, I will abide by their will. I have always done my very best to be a voice for the people and to respect the will of my constituents. You can count on me to be your voice as state senator and to stand up for the rights of the people against government fraud, abuse

and overreach.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding and where will that money come from?**

**A:** Repairing our roads and bridges should be an absolute priority. This includes the infrastructure both above and below ground, including sewers and water lines. I believe we must continue to invest in our infrastructure without raising taxes. That's why I voted to reauthorize \$300 million in next year's budget towards road repairs in addition to \$175 million more for roads in the current budget. I will continue to seek savings in other areas of the state budget. We should also re-evaluate the primary road funding formula to ensure Oakland County receives enough money to make up for our high-traffic roads.

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# Hometown Life's views on local races, millages

Voters go to the polls Tuesday, Aug. 7, to cast ballots in the primary elections for state House and Senate races, the Northville Township Board of Trustees and for local millage questions in Highland Township.

Here are Hometown Life's recommendations:

**State Senate, 15th District: Jim Runestad** has the experience — two terms as a state representative in the 44th District and three terms as a county commissioner — that gives him the advantage here.

**State House, 38th District:** Experience gives incumbent **Kathy Crawford** the edge in the Republican primary. She's finishing her second term in the 38th District. She's also served on the Novi City Council and the Oakland County Commission, giving her a unique balance of experience. On the Democratic side, Novi City Councilwoman **Kelly Breen** has local elected experience and strong opinions on everything from roads to mass transit.



Runestad



Crawford



Breen



O'Brien



Roosen



Marwah

**State House, 44th District:** The Republican field shows little elective experience, but **Lynn O'Brien** is our choice based on more than 20 years of working in the public sector, most recently as director of District & Veterans Affairs for the Michigan Senate. Likewise the Democratic primary, where **Laura Dodd** is our choice.

**Northville Township: Christopher Roosen** is an obvious choice, having served on the board in the past. He's obviously familiar with issues important to township voters. Those who want a fresh face on the board, though, would do well to consider **Priya Marwah**. She's a corporate lawyer who's been in-

involved in politics since college, and she's been an elected precinct delegate in both Northville and Plymouth.

## Millage requests

**Highland Township Fire Department's 1-mill request.** It will cost the owner of a \$200,000 home some \$100 a year for the next 20 years, but there's evidence the department needs it. The budget hasn't kept up with growth, but demand has increased greatly. The department responded to 1,400 calls last year. The department faces a need to upgrade vehicles and equipment and fix

buildings.

**Highland Township Library's request** for a millage not to exceed 0.7127 mills over 10 years. Approximately 0.3127 mills of the request is a renewal millage rate. The library hasn't had a millage hike in 20 years, long before the growth the township has experienced. If the library millage is approved, it would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home a maximum of \$71.27 a year, while raising \$553,000 in the first year.

**Milford Township** is also asking for a fire department millage — 1.25 mills, which would raise \$1.15 million in the first year — and we believe voters should vote "yes." The department's last request was 10 years ago and hasn't kept up with rising costs.

# Trump a presence to varying degrees in local elections

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President Donald Trump was a polarizing figure before he got elected and has continued to be a lightning rod since his inauguration.

While the president is a larger-than-life figure, Republican candidates for local offices are aligning themselves with his definition of the party at varying degrees.

Milford resident **Matt Maddock**, a candidate for the state House in the 44th District, included a photo of himself with Trump when he responded to Hometown Life's candidate questionnaire. Meanwhile, **Lynn O'Brien** of Highland, a candidate in the same race, based her support on the office.

The district covers, among other communities, Milford Township, Highland Township and White Lake.

"I support the president of the United States," O'Brien said. "Therefore, I support President Donald J. Trump, the first

family and his staff"

Maddock was much more unabashed, claiming to have been "the first person in the state ... to officially campaign as a Trump Republican."

"Voters in my district are overwhelmingly supportive of our president," Maddock said. "President Trump will go down in history as being the best president of the greatest nation in the world."

Candidates in the Republican race for the 38th District House seat — Novi, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Lyon Township and part of Northville — are both supportive of the president, though in different ways. Northville resident **Chase Turner** has supported Trump since the 2016 primary season and said he still supports him now.

"I am a conservative Republican who wants to see our country succeed and for people's lives to improve. (Trump) has objectively succeeded in those endeavors as president," Turner said. "The opposition creates the polarization through selective reporting. I believe he has done a

great service to us and will continue to make the United States better each day while in office."

Kathy Crawford of Novi doesn't care much for the president's Twitter habits but, as a fiscally conservative Republican, supports his policies.

"I consider myself a center-right, fiscally conservative candidate on the political spectrum, who constantly is focused on solving problems for my constituents," Crawford said. "I am not a fan of (Trump's) personal behavior and social media activities, but I absolutely support his political agenda: lower taxes, more take-home pay, less government regulations, supporting small businesses, safe and secure borders, strong military, pro-life, great Supreme Court and lower court judicial appointments, etc."

"These policies help make our lives better."

Candidates running for the state Senate's 15th District seat — Milford, South Lyon, Wixom, Novi, Northville, Commerce, West Bloomfield and Orchard

Lake — split in their support of the president, with Mike Saari claiming no allegiance to anyone and Jim Runestad voicing strong support for Trump.

"(Mike) Saari is a standalone candidate favoring the people rather than a system," Saari said.

Runestad, meanwhile, said he supports Trump and agrees "with most of the things he is trying to accomplish."

"Tax reform has greatly benefited our economy, especially middle-class families and small businesses," Runestad said. "While I certainly don't agree with him on everything, I will support policies that create a healthier economy and benefit families like yours and mine. At the end of the day, I'm focused on showing voters why I'm the best person to represent them in the state Senate and to continue to make Oakland County the best it can possibly be."

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**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: At this time, I would not support a regional millage for mass transportation in metro Detroit because I don't believe it would benefit our area. I believe our residents would be paying into a system that would provide them with very little benefit. However, I would be open to supporting a regional millage if it came with concrete benefits for our community. I just don't see that at this time, so it is for this reason I cannot support the idea.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: I believe the process to create political districts now could be reformed. However, many people don't realize that the current process must follow very strict guidelines and rules, including the Voting Rights Act and what is known as the Apol standards, which are non-partisan rules outlining the drawing of legislative boundaries. With that being said, I could support a well-crafted proposal to change the way we create political districts in our state, but it must be done right. My whole career, I've worked to make government more efficient and I will continue to do so as your next state senator.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district and what would you do about it?**

A: I believe the biggest issue we face is making sure we leave our state in better shape than when we found it and making sure our children are better off than we had been. By continuing to help create jobs, looking out for our most vulnerable and cleaning up government, we can make Michigan the best place possible to live, work and raise a family. I've worked to improve our community throughout my whole career. You can count on me to continue to make government more efficient, create better

jobs and prioritize our children as your next state senator.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: I believe I am the best person to represent this community because I have the experience and the know-how to get things done and I have a track record of getting results for the people of my district. I've dedicated myself to fighting for people and against special interests as a legislator. I've also dedicated myself to looking out for our most vulnerable through such things as improving foster care services, elder abuse prevention and by fighting the opioid epidemic.

**Mike Saari**

**Party:** Republican  
**Residence:** Oakland County  
**Education:** Law degree

**Q: President Donald Trump can be a polarizing political leader. Some candidates are aligning themselves as Trump Republicans, while others are shying away from associating themselves with him on the campaign trail. Where do you find yourself on that political spectrum? Why?**

A: Saari is a standalone candidate favoring the people rather than a system.

**Q: A petition drive added the question of legalizing recreational marijuana on the November ballot. What are your views on legalizing marijuana for recreational use? Why?**

A: Marijuana naturally grown should never lawfully be labeled a drug until its inventor is revealed. Every drug on planet earth has an archived inventor and consists of chemistry and usually with special patent rights. The government did not invent or patent the natural "organic" weed found wildly growing throughout American soil and along roadways, wheat fields, clover fields, culverts, gardens and in every valley throughout every land and in every country on planet earth.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding, and where will that money come from?**

A: State sin tax (sales tax) would have to be implemented and increased to 7 percent. Michigan sales tax is currently

below the nation's nominal average. Increasing state sales tax to 7 percent would provide colossal change for the entire state.

**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: Inter-city mass transportation is no longer as viable as it was during the 1940s-1970s. I see no advantage to inter-city mass transportation at this time.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: I find no fault with current or political districts based on confidence of the people.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district and what would you do about it?**

A: Law reform. Proposed bill: Any person employed in Michigan as a police officer, politician, city or government official would be required to comply with the same and equal civil right protections under "Rule of Law" and the U.S. Constitution as any other citizen not owing occupation, existence or "employment privilege" to the state.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: If voters feel police should have greater rights than "the people," then they should vote for my opponent, Jim Runestad.

**State House, 38th District**

The 38th District includes South Lyon, Novi and Northville.

**Kathy Crawford**

**Party:** Republican

**Residence:** Novi

**Family:** I have been married to my husband Hugh Crawford for 54 years. We have three grown children, Doug, Amy and Kelly; and four grandchildren, Alexis, Devin, Mya and Amina. We were baptized and married at the Novi Methodist Church, now located on Beck just south of 10



Mile Road.

**Education:** High school graduate; small business owner, Kathy Crawford Communications

**Prior elected service:** Novi City Council, Oakland County Board of Commissioners, current state representative, 38th District.

**Q: President Donald Trump can be a polarizing political leader. Some candidates are aligning themselves as Trump Republicans, while others are shying away from associating themselves with him on the campaign trail. Where do you find yourself on that political spectrum? Why?**

A: I consider myself a center-right, fiscally conservative, candidate on the political spectrum, who constantly is focused on solving problems for my constituents in the 38th District. I am not of fan of President Trump's personal behavior and social media activities, but I absolutely support his political agenda: lower taxes, more take-home pay, less government regulations, supporting small businesses, safe and secure borders; strong military, pro-life, great Supreme Court and lower court judicial appointments, etc.

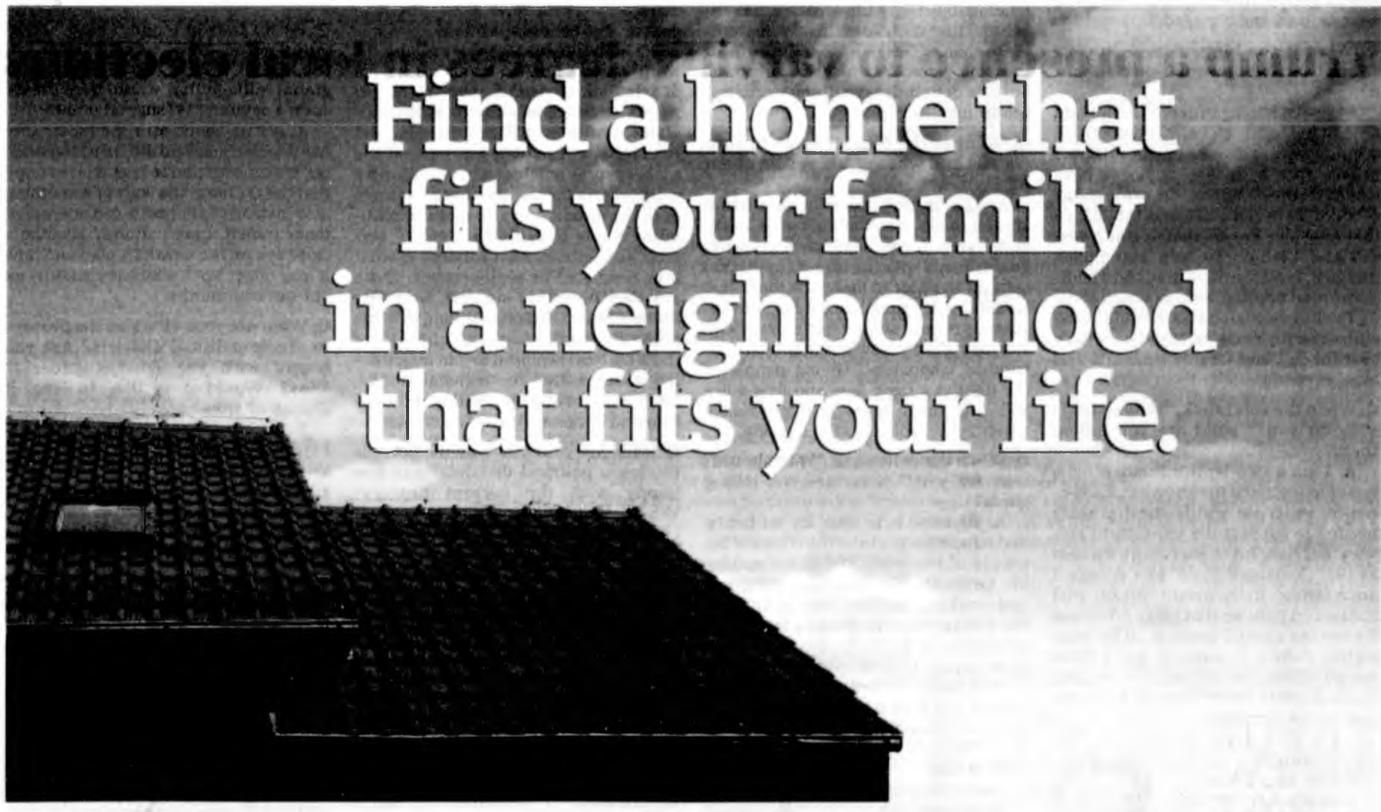
**Q: A petition drive added the question of legalizing recreational marijuana on the November ballot. What are your views on legalizing marijuana for recreational use? Why?**

A: I am not in favor of legalizing marijuana for recreational use. Data from states that have legalized, indicate four times the number of auto accidents, increased mental health issues, plus the need for additional law enforcement, as well as road testing devices that prove a person is driving while impaired. We must address and solve a horrific opioid crisis in our state, and across the nation. It would be irresponsible for me to support additional addictive drugs for recreational use in our society. Having said that, I do support the heavily-regulated use of marijuana for medical reasons.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding and where will that money come from?**

A: The state Legislature took immediate action last month, during the final

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**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: No, I would not support a regional millage to create a mass-transportation system which results in a very expensive train system. I would consider a reasonable plan for utilizing the current SMART bus system, as long as the proposal would provide expanded bus service to the 38th District. I understand the need for mass transportation to service some suburban communities near and around Detroit. However, for the outlying cities and townships west of Haggerty Road (my constituents in Novi, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Northville), the various regional millage proposals do not offer value and services, compared to the amount of additional tax dollars that would be placed on my constituents.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: It is impossible to create a non-partisan solution to political districts. Every system contains a "tie-breaker vote" on a board or commission that will lean toward one political party. Whether we like it or not, creating political districts is a "political function." The current process rewards the party in power every 10 years, whether or not it's Republican or Democrat. Having said that, our 11th Congressional District in western Wayne County and a host of diverse communities in Oakland County, makes little sense. Clearly, some of the existing federal gerrymandering rules need to be re-examined and changed.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district, and what would you do about it?**

A: Roads. Michigan needs to cultivate a thriving and globally competitive economy with a diverse business base. I believe that a diverse business base should locate along the I-96 expressway corridor, between I-275 and U.S. 23, so that new jobs are created in southwest Oakland County. To help accomplish this goal, I will continue to support additional road funding, and, as stated earlier, I will review all infrastructure plans and make my decision based on what's best for Oakland County residents and businesses.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: I am a two-term incumbent who has demonstrated the knowledge, experience, expertise and leadership skills needed to support the pro-growth policies that have led to Michigan's success as the "Comeback State" this decade. I am a strong, independent thinker who focuses on policies that make life better for you. As a proud member on the Regulatory Reform Committee and a fiscal conservative, I have been a "champion" for less government bureaucracy and pro-business policies.

**Chase Turner**  
Party: Republican  
Residence: Northville  
Education: UM-Dearborn



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A: I believe in the will of the people and I will support whatever the people decide that they want on Election Day for this issue. Personally, I do not support recreational marijuana because it is a drug. We don't want our children to think it is OK to live life under the influence of illicit substances. I can understand the medical purposes of the substance, but I can't get behind the idea of thinking it's OK to engage in drug behavior for recreation.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding and where will that money come from?**

A: First of all, actually using the money allocated toward the roads, for the roads. If we minimize the amount of money we give in corporate welfare, we could also free up the money needed to fix our roads. It's more important to improve the quality of the roads, which we will do by advocating for a cement hydration catalyst within our roads. This is the No. 1 issue to voters (from what I have gathered meeting voters door to door); therefore, the money will be there to fix the issue.

**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: I think we need to improve far more aspects of metro Detroit before we think about mass transportation systems. I think there is a way we can make this possible for metro Detroit, but it requires honesty from all politicians statewide. If we can implement a plan to do this without raising taxes, I could see myself advocating for it. However, without absolute specifics, it's hard to make a definite standpoint on the issue.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: It is clear that gerrymandering goes on while creating our district lines. However, it is hard to combat this problem when so many of our politicians are more concerned with themselves than they are with the people. Everyone is fighting to make the lines favor their political party, yet, this issue seems not to be spotlighted as much as it should. So much subjectivity lines within this dilemma, that it makes it nearly impossible to change. This isn't exactly the most pressing issue that plagues our state, but it is definitely something worth approaching.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district and what would you do about it?**

A: The biggest issues in my district are the roads, and the high auto insurance rates. I will advocate for higher quality roads with the cement hydration catalyst in order to make the roads last longer. I will also advocate for auto insurance reform so that our citizens can stop being taken advantage of by the insurance companies. Giving people of our district a fresh face and new voice will help make these things possible when we are able to get to Lansing.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: Because it is time for authentic and honest people to be the voices of the people of our state. It's about making life better for the everyday individual and working for them day in and day out. I've seen how politicians have taken advantage of us for far too long, and I want to help reverse this trend. Truly, I want to make life better for people and I am not afraid to stand up to those who lie to our citizens.

**Kelly Breen**  
Party: Democratic  
Residence: Novi  
Family: Married to Matt for 12 years; two children: Abigail, 7, and Elliott, 4, plus Ozzi, our 9-year-old golden retriever.



**Education:** Northville High School (1995); James Madison College at Michigan State University (BA, 1999); Wayne State University Law School (2002)

**Prior elected service:** Current Novi City Council member

**Q: In 2016, Democrats were split in their support between the farther left-leaning Bernie Sanders and the more traditional Hillary Clinton. Where do you feel your political leanings fall within the Democrat party?**

A: I am fairly moderate. When it comes to getting things done, whether it's talking to neighbors, my colleagues on city council or encountering someone with a different place on the political spectrum - I remember the words of

President Obama, and I begin with the "premise that each of our fellow citizens loves this country just as much as we do." While my values are progressive, I encourage civil discussions and look for a single point of agreement to find an overall resolution.

**Q: A petition drive added the question of legalizing recreational marijuana on the November ballot. What are your views on legalizing marijuana for recreational use? Why?**

A: Recreational marijuana will be legalized either by ballot measure or legislative action, and I support either way. While Michigan must remain cognizant of conflicting federal laws, we must prepare for this and look to other states have done for guidance. Colorado has raised approximately \$500 million in revenue without any discernible increase in crime. These are funds that can be used for mental health, infrastructure and education. Since legalization, marijuana use among youth in other states has either decreased or been relatively stable. Furthermore, legalization would eliminate the need to prosecute and jail users, freeing tax dollars and allowing law enforcement to focus on other tasks.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding, and where will that money come from?**

A: Part of it is shifting the money from the state back to local communities by fully implementing shared revenue standards. While this would give cities the money they are entitled to, it does not generate the \$4 billion needed to bring Michigan's infrastructure up to par. To get Michigan to where we need to be there are a variety of options being bandied about - user fees, federal money, public private partnerships, etc. But federal contributions have declined, and user fees are not going to cut it. One option is to switch to a graduated income tax, which would ease tax liability for families making less than \$120,000 to \$200,000 per year, but generate hundreds of millions in new revenue. This is something dozens of other states have successfully implemented and is likely the most feasible option in Michigan.

**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: With the latest Regional Transit Authority proposal, people that both live and work in Novi would stand to gain many benefits, as tens of thousands either leave or enter the city for work. And it's not just about busing: it's \$1.5 million of capital investment per mile on Grand River - this includes sidewalks, traffic flow improvements, and road repairs. The plan gets cars off the road, ensures reliable transportation for work, allows for speedy trips downtown or to the airport and also gives communities funds towards "hometown service" so they can tailor services to what they need such as senior transit. These are clear benefits I support. Novi City Council is also exploring opting in to the SMART system. Whether it's SMART or the RTA, Novi is poised to join neighboring communities for regional transit, and I look forward to sharing information and options with my constituents.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: Districting in Michigan is extremely flawed. The Congressional 11th, where we live, went from a fairly squared area to something that nearly resembles a claw shape. The political party in charge in Michigan is allowed to draw the district boundaries in a way that favors that party - often referred to as "cracking" or "packing." Essentially, the politicians are allowed to choose their voters and not the other way around. A fair voting process is an essential tenet to our democracy, and it cannot be tampered with by the whims of a political party. I fully support the implementation of a transparent and independent redistricting commission.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district and what would you do about it?**

A: I cannot answer this - only the residents of the 38th can. What is important to the people in southeast Novi differs from folks that live around Walled Lake or in Lyon Township. It is up to the citizens to tell their elected officials what their biggest issues are, and up to officials to relay information on what issues in Lansing will affect residents. Of course there are some problems that affect everyone in this state and some that are a bit more local to the 38th. These include a rapidly failing infrastructure; struggling schools; an aging population that will require more options for medical care, housing and transportation;

and ensuring that our youth will have viable careers in emerging economies.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: I am living up to my promises in Novi - and I can continue to do that in Lansing for all of the 38th. From enacting LGBTQ protections, to protecting wildlife and demanding better development standards, I can lead the way to positive change within our means and prepare for the future. As an attorney, a mother, and an elected official, I use my background in law and policy to work in an effective and fair manner, weighing options and articulating potential outcomes. This is a fair and balanced approach that will get things done.

**Joe Petrillo**  
Party: Democrat  
Residence: Walled Lake  
Family: Live with disabled father (caregiver)  
Education: Attended Oakland Community College



**Q: In 2016, Democrats were split in their support between the farther left-leaning Bernie Sanders and the more traditional Hillary Clinton. Where do you feel your political leanings fall within the Democrat party?**

A: My platform falls far, far closer to Bernie Sanders, sharing a great number of policy positions. However, I still hesitate being pigeonholed into any group, no matter how aligned we may be.

**Q: A petition drive added the question of legalizing recreational marijuana on the November ballot. What are your views on legalizing marijuana for recreational use? Why?**

A: I am an advocate for recreational marijuana if for no other reason than the opioid crisis. States that have legalized it have seen drops in both prescriptions dispensed and deaths.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding and where will that money come from?**

A: We can start taxing business again. Our Legislature has allowed a massive \$2 billion hole in the budget due to the business tax as compared to 10 years ago. Tax incentives will need to be reigned in immediately, with a plan on revamping our flat tax into a graduated progressive tax. Reclaiming that lost revenue will pay for infrastructure with about a billion to spare.

**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: It's no shock that the Motor City has rejected mass transit for a long time, but it's time for that to end. It is my hope that the Q Line is the start of something new instead of another failed attempt at mass transit. I am certainly keeping a close eye on the new RTA plan and how it may affect Novi, which is currently an opt-out community.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: Our current redistricting process is beyond broken, with most races won or lost before a single vote has been cast. I am a huge fan of what Voters Not Politicians has done this past year, and I can not wait to see how an independent panel would redraw our districts.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district and what would you do about it?**

A: It's not the most glamorous topic, but infrastructure is a critical need, especially as our traffic problems increase. But it's not just the roads. Bridges, water mains, pipes, the electrical grid, and Internet connectivity all need significant work. Stakeholders need to be pitching in to handle extra load for new developments instead of asking for tax breaks.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: I tell them that I am the only candidate in this race with a bold progressive agenda. Single payer health care, \$15 per hour minimum wage, paid maternity and paternity leave, training for the next generation of clean energy jobs, and strengthening unions plus repealing "right to work." That I do not accept corporate money in order to ensure I represent the voters instead of large donors. I will also address transparency by keeping open lines of communication and reintroducing town halls to keep people informed.

**State House, 44th District**

The state House 44th District in-

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# Candidates

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cludes Milford.

### Lynn O'Brien

**Party:** Republican  
**Residence:** Highland  
**Family:** Three adult children, five grandchildren  
**Education:** Bachelor of science, public administration major, general business minor. Post bachelor associate's degree in legal studies.



**Prior elected service:** Although I have not served in an elected capacity, I have been intricately involved with the electrical process while working with elected officials throughout my professional career, including five years with the Michigan Senate (leadership office in Lansing) and 17 years with the Charter Township of White Lake.

**Q: President Donald Trump can be a polarizing political leader. Some candidates are aligning themselves as Trump Republicans, while others are shying away from associating themselves with him on the campaign trail. Where do you find yourself on that political spectrum? Why?**

A: I support the president of the United States. Therefore, I support President Donald J. Trump, the first family and his staff.

**Q: A petition drive added the question of legalizing recreational marijuana on the November ballot. What are your views on legalizing marijuana for recreational use? Why?**

A: I am opposed to recreational marijuana, but unfortunately it has qualified for the ballot. If passed by the citizens, we need to make informed decisions concerning rules and regulations that will ensure public safety before allowing recreational marijuana use. We need to consider enforcement on limits of sales, include an age requirement (21 and older), determine how much a person can buy and possess at once, packaging of the product, and be certain that it is taxed appropriately.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding and where will that money come from?**

A: Construction and maintenance of safe roads and bridges is an inherent duty of state government. Up until now, Michigan simply has not appropriated adequate funding to keep our roadways safe. We should continue to implement the road funding package recently adopted by the Michigan Legislature. The plan reprioritizes general fund tax dollars to dedicate toward infrastructure, and redirects current spending to ensure general fund dollars are spent on roads. In part, the gas tax has been increased from 19 to 26.3 cents per gallon and registration fees have been increased \$20 annually. The plan also produces \$450 million in new revenue immediately and would generate \$1.2 billion each year when the plan is fully implemented in 2021.

**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: I am not in support of the mass transportation options proposed for metro Detroit as currently written. Oakland County and other suburban areas will pay more than their fair share since their home assessment values tend to be higher. A better option would be to continue to collaborate, develop and fund the newly formed West Oakland Transportation Authority. WOTA proposes to combine the existing transportation systems of Commerce, Highland, Milford, Walled Lake, White Lake, and Waterford townships into one comprehensive regional transportation system. By utilizing economies of scale, the system would be more far reaching, and will provide transportation outside of the immediate district.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: I have no objection to the current process if the districts adhere to applicable state and federal laws, providing that the redistricting is fair, legal and constitutional.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district and what would you do about it?**

A: Public education and safety in our schools. School districts should decide curriculum for their students (not top down). Identify individual student needs and targeted education early on. I strongly support promoting skilled trades as a viable occupation for our children, in turn, helping to further Michigan's economic growth. School districts should implement preventative programs by supporting and better preparing school staff and first responders to make judgment calls and take immediate action to protect students, not just hide in place.

**Q: When the voter asks, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: Experience matters when seeking the elected position of state representative. I am uniquely qualified with over two decades of professional work experi-

ence in the public sector and earned relevant formal college education; and served the people via ongoing community volunteerism on both a local and regional basis, specializing in veteran affairs. We need more diversity, i.e., women in both the state and federal Legislature to balance the natural order of things.

### Matt Maddock

**Party:** Republican  
**Residence:** Milford  
**Family:** Married 24 years to Meshawn. Three children: Gunther (new wife Faith), Winsome and Parker  
**Education:** Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Oakland Community College



**Q: President Donald Trump can be a polarizing political leader. Some candidates are aligning themselves as Trump Republicans, while others are shying away from associating themselves with him on the campaign trail. Where do you find yourself on that political spectrum? Why?**

A: I am the first person in the state and perhaps the nation to officially campaign as a Trump Republican. Voters in my district are overwhelming (95 percent) supportive of our president. President Trump will go down in history as being the best president of the greatest nation in the world.

**Q: A petition drive added the question of legalizing recreational marijuana on the November ballot. What are your views on legalizing marijuana for recreational use? Why?**

A: I have personally spoken to over 2,000 voters in the district. They are overwhelmingly opposed to recreational marijuana. I'm a bail bondsman. It has essentially already been decriminalized.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding, and where will that money come from?**

A: Who does not think our roads are some of the worst in the nation? The government bureaucrats who are responsible for our horrific roads? I am not in favor of raising taxes again to fix the roads. We are sending Lansing \$56 billion a year. There is more than enough waste, fraud and abuse of our tax dollars in Lansing. I'll snake out that waste and re-appropriate more money to the roads; \$400 million of the \$600 million of the last gas tax didn't even go to the roads. That's criminal in my book.

**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: No. I will not increase taxes or fees. We're taxed enough already. The Michigan median family income has remained stagnant meanwhile government and the cost of electricity have received annual raises of 3-5 percent. Michigan families are due for some economic prosperity. I'll help clear the way to prosperity.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: Yes. The current process has been agreed to by both parties. George Soros and the left is losing so they're attempting to hijack the political process and mechanism that both parties have already agreed to. If the left wants to redistrict, they need to change their message and start winning elections. That's the way the process was designed.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district and what would you do about it?**

A: Outrageous auto insurance rates. We are the highest in the nation. I'm not afraid to tackle this issue and challenge the status quo who are making billions from Michigan families. I'll be fighting like a dog to reduce our auto insurance cost.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: I'm fed up with fake Republicans. The politicians who claim they will support our core values but as soon as they're elected, they're voting against our core principles of less taxes and less government while working for the special interests and the lobbyists. I'm a fighter. I need you to cover my back with your vote and I'll fight like heck for you and to make Michigan great again just like Trump will make America great again.

### Laura Dodd

**Party:** Democrat  
**Residence:** Milford Township  
**Family:** Christian Dodd, husband; Lucille Dodd, daughter; and Sally Dodd, dog  
**Education:** University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business — master's of nonprofit administration; Western Michigan University — bachelors of arts in organizational communication



**Q: In 2016, Democrats were split in their support between the farther left-leaning Bernie Sanders and the more traditional Hillary Clinton. Where do you feel your political leanings fall within the Democrat party?**

A: I identify as a pragmatic Democrat. I believe in a people-focused agenda and know it will take a lot of work, collaboration, and even-handed negotiations to

pass good legislation. Good ideas come from diverse teams with a variety on interests and objectives. We cannot pass impactful legislation without working together with all colleagues in order to do what is best for our state.

**Q: A petition drive added the question of legalizing recreational marijuana on the November ballot. What are your views on legalizing marijuana for recreational use? Why?**

A: I have mixed feelings about legalization of marijuana as a former prevention educator. Marijuana has been misclassified for years which has led to unfair incarceration, a misunderstanding of its impact on the body, and a lack of access for needed medical treatment. That being said, like alcohol and cigarettes, there can be negative consequences for the developing brain/body that cannot be overlooked. I support allowing the people of Michigan to vote and make their voices heard.

**Q: Nearly everyone agrees Michigan roads are substandard. What's your plan for expediting road funding and where will that money come from?**

A: A long-term master plan of all work (water, roads, internet, electrical grid, etc.) will ensure we are combining jobs in an effort to concentrate construction projects and eliminate duplicate repairs. We need to make sure funds collected for the purpose of infrastructure improvements are invested in infrastructure projects. We also need to make sure we are using innovation and ingenuity with long lasting materials and efficient technologies to create cost savings. Finally, our tax structure needs to ensure all Michiganders and corporations pay their fair share to maintain the health of our state. A healthy state has a strong infrastructure.

**Q: Metro Detroit leaders have varied opinions on mass transportation in the region. Would you support a regional millage that would help create such a system? Why or why not?**

A: I support mass transportation and believe an investment in a good mass transit system could have a positive impact on Southeast Michigan for a number of reasons: 1) Mass transit is good for the environment and will help reduce car travel; 2) Many young people want to live in communities with mass transit; 3) People who do not wish to, or are unable, to drive will have options for commuting to their jobs and leisure activities.

**Q: What are your views on the process to create political districts? Are you happy with the current process? Why? Would you like to see it changed? How?**

A: I am not in favor of allowing politicians to draw their own district maps as it creates a system where politicians can choose their voters instead of voters choosing their politicians. I support the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission which will consist of registered Michigan voters (Democrats, Republicans and independents) who will draw voting districts using guidelines that ensure fairness to all. I believe the voters of Michigan should be entrusted with this important job so every vote will count and each citizen will have his/her voice accurately and fairly heard.

**Q: What is the biggest issue in your district and what would you do about it?**

A: The funding structure for Michigan schools is not working for schools in our district. State funding needs to be adjusted to respond to the specific needs of each district. This includes a base level of per-student funding augmented with additional funding for special education, transportation, ESL, free and reduced lunch and other variable costs. In addition, we must restrict access to the school aid fund to expenditures that directly affect education. Finally, we should revise educational targets to reduce the focus on standardized tests and provide pathways for college-bound and skilled trade-focused students with the goal to develop independent 25-year-olds.

**Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?**

A: After years of working with nonprofit organizations, my goal has always been to bring people together to achieve common goals. My legislative work will always begin by listening to constituents to determine their needs, values, and goals. I would take that information to Lansing and work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure the best outcome for Michigan. As we experience success and see our communities positively impacted, we will strengthen our willingness and determination to put people before politics. I am a servant leader who will work to give everyone in the 44th a voice.



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# Looking for breakfast? You may not recognize it

Several restaurants in the area are capitalizing on the morning dining craze

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Quinoa breakfast bowls. Shakshuka. Huevos rancheros.

This isn't your momma's breakfast. Long gone are the days of just serving up French toast and bacon with a simple glass of orange juice. Today, it's about where the food is sourced, how fresh it is and whether a vegetarian can enjoy it.

Several restaurants across the region are finding that hitting the breakfast gold mine comes with out-of-the-box thinking. The desire for more than just pancakes and sausage has led to a surge of new restaurants focusing solely on breakfast and lunch.

It's a move, many restaurant operators say, that reflects the sign of the times and caters toward those looking for an experience.

"Gluten-free, vegan, the higher-quality products, I think that's what people really want," said Josh Beckett, owner of Anna's House, which has locations in Westland and Farmington Hills. "I think that's been part of the success of the brand. We're very particular about the product we pick."

Anna's House is well-known in west Michigan for its breakfasts, with wait times lasting an hour or more for food. The company decided to expand and opened its Westland location at Warren and Newburgh last summer. Another location, on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills, opened earlier this year.

Adding higher-end foods and gluten-free entrees has worked for the small restaurant chain, Beckett said, giving more options to a wider customer base that wouldn't normally be found near a typical breakfast joint.

"So many of these young kids have celiac (disease). If you have celiac's, you can't go out to breakfast," Beckett said. "Those things have changed. Dietary needs have been a major turning point."

The launch of breakfast has even attracted the eyes of some longtime restaurateurs. Jeff and Patti Neely, owners of restaurants across Michigan such as The Pixie in Mount Pleasant and Smashburger in Troy and West Bloomfield, opted to join in on the morning fun. The Lansing couple opened Cracked: An A.M. Addiction earlier this spring at 17933 Haggerty Road in Northville Township.

It's only been a few months, but the pair say results are strong in the demand for breakfast.

"We've been really happy with the results to date. We've been enhancing and training the crew as we go along. The food is outstanding. The guests are loving the concept," Jeff Neely said. "We took well over a year designing this restaurant, from food to decor."

With so much attention paid to diners and late night in recent years, why has this concept exploded? The Neelys



Courtney McManus brings an order to patrons at Toast in Birmingham. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

point to growing trends coming from the West Coast, where breakfast has become a huge hit (see: the "Portlandia" episode "Brunch Village," which focuses entirely on a long line outside of a popular brunch spot in the Oregon city).

"One is that it's been an under-served area in the restaurant area and it's a place to grow. You think of dinner, you think of lunch," Patti Neely said. "People are seeking new adventure and so they do that now through food."

"You give me an interesting breakfast, I'm going to be there."

Drumming up that excitement is crucial for the breakfast industry. Tony Minicilli, director of operations for Toast Birmingham, 203 Pierce, said waiting in line for breakfast is part of the experience.

Patrons can order a bloody Mary while they wait and see guests file in and out, building up to their eventual meal of toast hash or chicken and waffles.

"People come in and, I feel if people saw we were empty, that they would go somewhere else," said Minicilli, who grew up in Livonia. "They want that energy of a packed restaurant waiting for a table."

#### Mainstays still work

But dressing up breakfast isn't the only way to success. Up on Milford Road in Highland Township, you'll find another breakfast joint that has had the same mainstays for more than 35 years.

If you're looking for that new mainstays on "trendy" breakfast menus, you won't find it at D's Cafe, 1415 S. Milford

Road, which has been serving breakfast since the early '80s.

"We don't do avocados or anything like that," D's Cafe co-owner Dana Polk said. "We have farmers omelettes, sausage and cheese omelettes, ham and cheese omelettes, cheese omelettes."

Named after Polk's mother, Diana McBride, the restaurant is the go-to place for breakfasts in the Milford/Highland area. McBride's leadership has kept the menu mostly identical the last few decades, opting to keep traditional foods and forgo trendy choices made by others.

It's clearly working: The restaurant routinely has lines each weekend of hungry customers looking for that small-town diner experience.

"Especially with us, we try to do specials all the time," said Tonya Polk, Dana's wife. "If it's not broke, don't fix it."

It's not difficult to find a restaurant serving fare like D's Cafe across metro Detroit. It's hard to blink and not spot a Coney Island restaurant serving traditional eggs and bacon with hash browns.

Westland resident Vic Barra is a frequent guest at several western Wayne County eateries, visiting spots such as the Garden City Cafe on Middlebelt, Leo's Coney Island and plenty more.

More than just a place to eat, Barra said he'll routinely wake up early each weekend and head out to breakfast to plan his day out with other colleagues.

"I like local places, because you get to know the owners. You build relationships with the people who are feeding you," he said. "I just like the hometown feel of the local eateries."

#### Growth

With several new restaurants opening, it's clear the breakfast scene isn't going away.

Minicilli said Toast, which launched in Ferndale in 2001 before opening its second location in downtown Birmingham in 2008, hopes to expand again in the future, targeting locations such as Detroit and Ann Arbor. Its model is best for a walkable area, Minicilli said, attracting curious diners throughout the day.

We like the downtown areas, because we have the foot traffic and everything like that," he said. "Not like in a strip mall. You want to have those clientele all throughout the day."

The Neelys have only been serving breakfast for a few months, but they expect another Cracked to find its footing in metro Detroit in the future.

"It's not only a thought process, it's being discussed on a daily basis now," Jeff Neely said.

Anna's House is in the same boat, looking at adding restaurants in places like Ann Arbor and northern Oakland County in the coming months. That growth comes as the demand, especially across the ever-important millennial demographic, increases.

"I still think people want to sit down and connect. We try to make the interior like your home kitchen," Beckett said. "I think the millennials are the biggest buying group. They're leading the social media trends."

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**SYNOPSIS**  
**July 19, 2018 - REGULAR MEETING**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DATE:** Thursday, July 19, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 44405 Six Mile Road  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
**PRESENT:** Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor Richard Allen, Trustee  
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk Mindy Herrmann, Trustee  
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer Fred Shadko, Trustee  
**ABSENT:** Symantha Heath, Trustee

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

- Agendas:**
  - Regular Amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved
  - Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
    - Julie Mantay - Appointment to Beautification - Approved
    - Sharon Smith - Appointment to Beautification - Approved
    - Sally Hayes - Appointment to Beautification - Approved
    - Julianne Mundy - Appointment to Beautification - Approved
- Public Hearing:
  - Set Public Hearings for an Industrial Development District in the MI-Tech Corridor and for the Zhongding U.S.A., Inc. IFT application on August 16, 2018. - Approved
- Brief Public Comments: There were five members of the audience that had questions or comments for the Board of Trustees.
- New Business:
  - HDC - Gibson House Historic District Study Committee - Approved
  - Parks & Rec - John Deere Gator Utility Vehicle - Approved
  - MITC Rezoning - Approved
  - Northville Christian Temporary Sign Request - Approved
  - North Grove - Amendment to the Consent Judgement - Approved
  - Public Safety - Dispatch Upgrade - Mobile Radios - Approved
  - Public Safety - Furniture Purchase - Approved
- Unfinished Business: None
- Ordinances: None
- Check Registry:
- In the amount of \$ 2,226,024.25 for the period of 6/9/18 to 7/9/18 - Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:
  - Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Richard Allen, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None
- ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor  
Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Publish: Aug 2, 2018

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold two Public Hearings on Thursday, August 16, 2018, the first beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room at Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, to consider (1) establishing an Industrial Development District (the "District") pursuant to Act No. 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, in order to permit local industries to obtain exemption from certain real and personal property tax, for a period of years; and (2) an application received for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate (the "Certificate") from Zhongding Sealing Parts (USA) Inc., (collectively the "Company") in order to permit the Company to obtain exemption from certain real and personal property tax, for a period of years. The subject property is located at 48600 Five Mile Road.

Any owner, resident, taxpayer or legislative body of any taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property in which this facility is located, may appear at said public hearings and give testimony. The Board of Trustees will also vote on whether to approve the company's request for a Certificate subsequent to this Public Hearing concerning the Certificate, pursuant to and in accordance with 1974 P.A. 198 MCL Section 207.551, et seq.

The location of said premises to be considered as an Industrial Development District is described as:

**Parcel ID#77-066-99-0001-722 (ZHONGDING PROPERTY)**  
PT OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 17, T. 18, R. SE., NORTHVILLE TWP, WAYNE COUNTY, MI DESC AS: BEG AT A PT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SD SEC 17, BEING DISTANT S89°50'24"W 364.79 FT FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 COR OF SD SEC; TH CONTINUING S89°50'24"W 694.62 FT; TH NOO-O9°39'W 140.02 FT; TH N25°09'52"W 299.64 FT; TH NOO-O9°39'W 81.72 FT; TH N89°50'24"E 755.25 FT; TH S36°24'50"E 111.63 FT; TH S00°09'39"E 403.27 FT TO A PT ON SD SOUTH LINE OF SD SEC 17 AND TO THE PT OF BEG. EXC SLY ROW PART DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, BEING DISTANT S89°50'24"W 364.79 FEET FROM THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE CONTINUING S89°50'24"W 694.62 FEET; THENCE N00°09'39'W 60.00 FEET; THENCE N89°50'24"E 694.62 FEET; THENCE S00°09'39'E 60.00 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17 AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS, OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND CONTAINS 7.48 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

A copy of the request for the District and the Certificate are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

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# Do your homework to avoid bad choice



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

When I was a kid, when seniors could no longer live by themselves, they had basically two options. They either would move in with family or they went to an "old-folks home." The "old-folks homes" were always on the edge of town and were generally warehouses for people. Unfortunately, the great majority of these places were somewhat depressing and the quality of life was poor, at best.

Fast forward to today and the environment is totally different. Today, we have a wealth of different, very good options that can provide a quality life, from independent living to nursing homes. In fact, some would say we have too many options. But like everything else in our society, because we have so many options, it is important when it comes to senior housing to take your time and do your research to select the option that best fits your situation.

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to make a decision. Then, when they are forced to, they don't have the time to make an informed decision. My recommendation is that the time when you should start doing your homework and look at the various housing options is when you are healthy and have time on your side. That doesn't mean you have to decide to move into a senior housing solution now, but you can begin the process to narrow your search so that it will be easier to make a decision when necessary. Whether it's visiting some

senior housing, going to some seminars or doing research on the Internet, the more you learn today will help you make an informed decision in the future.

In analyzing different senior housing, it is important to consider your finances. Unfortunately, senior housing can get expensive. You have to be realistic about what you can afford. Being realistic about your finances will help you narrow your search. In looking at your finances, it is important to take into consideration that — more likely than not — you will sell your current home and free up those assets to assist you. Don't forget that, even if your house is free and clear, there's still a cost to maintain the house such as property taxes, homeowners insurance, repairs and maintenance and utilities.

In addition to finances, it's also important to consider your physical, medical and emotional needs. Not all types of senior housing offer the same services. For example, in an independent living facility, some of the services offered are housekeeping, recreational activities and meals. They generally have very little with regard to health care and assistance in daily living such as dressing and personal care. An assisted living

facility, though, typically would provide more support in the health care area, such as assistance in taking medication, nursing and assistance with various activities of daily life.

The bottom line is you have lots of options, more than you've ever had in the past. Although that is beneficial, it does mean you have more of a responsibility to yourself. You need to start your search early, so you can obtain all the necessary information and make the right decision for you. The worst time to make the decision is when you are forced to. Whether you are a senior yourself or are assisting a loved one, start the process sooner rather than later to educate yourself so that, when the time comes when you have to make a decision, you'll be ahead of the game, allowing you to select the right place for you or your loved one.

Good luck!

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Owner Robert Anton says the Pinckney Pub & Grill is being remodeled and will reopen, but he does not know when that will be. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

## Owner says Pinckney Pub reopening; former employee seeks pay

Jennifer Timar  
Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Pinckney Pub & Grill owner Robert Anton addressed a mystery that has been surrounding the small town hangout. It has been unclear whether the pub would reopen following several closures.

"Yep, we'll reopen," Anton said last week.

The pub has closed, reopened and closed again several times in the last couple of months.

But former employee John Dockett, who quit his job at the pub, said he felt customers and employees have been kept in the dark too long. He also said he has been waiting on his last paycheck.

"We're remodeling and we'll be reopen shortly after the remodeling is done," Anton said, adding that he plans to hold "a big reopening and festive time."

He said he did not know how long it would take to finish work on the pub or when it would reopen.

"It's taking longer than what we anticipated," he said.

A sign outside the pub July 25 read "REMODELING OPENING SOON." The sign had been left blank for a couple of weeks prior to that.

Dockett said the previous day the pub owes him a paycheck and an explanation. He said he believed there were other employees who did not receive pay.

"They won't answer their phone," Dockett, 21, said. "It's like they disappeared, like a ghost."

He said he quit his cooking job at the pub in early July after a kitchen manager quit and he found himself "running the kitchen myself with no help and no raise."

"I don't care if they have had issues, but they should pay their employees ... and not keep people in the dark," he said, adding the pub owes him several hundred dollars.

Anton said he would make sure Dockett gets paid anything owed him.

"He should have been paid, and I will



The Pinckney Pub & Grill is closed for remodeling.

make sure he gets paid," he said. "As far as I know, yes, people were paid, except for the one. ... If not, they will get paid."

The pub first closed in June after its liquor license was temporarily suspended from June 15-22 for failing to have proper liquor liability insurance, according to Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs records. The pub's liquor license was reinstated after the pub provided the state with proof of a new active liquor liability insurance policy June 21.

Anton said the pub's insurance agent did not contact him when the liquor license came up for renewal.

On June 29, a post from the pub's Facebook account announced the pub had closed again due to building problems. The post, which was the last time the pub posted an update on Facebook, included a photograph of the sign outside the pub. "CLOSED AGAIN NO AC GO FIGURE," the sign read at the time.

Earlier this month, the pub reopened again for several days. It closed again during the second week of July and has remained closed since.

While Anton said there were issues with the air conditioning and a backed up drain, he declined to comment on the full extent of the remodeling.

"Yeah, people deserve an explanation (for the closure), and now there is a sign outside the bar that says we're remodeling," he said. "We were just trying to get things organized, and I guess I should have put something up sooner."

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 16, 2018, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room at Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, to consider establishing an Industrial Development District (the "District") pursuant to Act No. 198 of Public Acts of 1974, as amended, in order to permit local industries to obtain exemption from certain real and personal property tax, for a period of years.

Any owner, resident, taxpayer or legislative body of any taxing unit, which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property subject to the District may appear at said public hearing and give testimony. The location of said premises to be considered as an Industrial Development District is described as:

#### Parcel A - Part of ID#77-071-99-0002-000

PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 18, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 18, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND PROCEEDING THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 85 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, SAID LINE BEING ALSO THE CENTER LINE OF PHOENIX ROAD (66 FEET WIDE), A MEASURED DISTANCE OF 2726.58 FEET (DESCRIBED 2726.55 FEET) TO THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, CONTINUING ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18 AND THE CENTER LINE OF SAID PHOENIX ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 1493.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID SECTION LINE, WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (99 FEET WIDE); THENCE NORTH 68 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1554.74 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE CONTINUING SLOING SAID RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, RADIUS 7472.79 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 20082.85 FEET, (CHORD BEARS NORTH 75 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST, 2002.32 FEET) TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, RADIUS 7472.79 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 477.87 FEET (CHORD BEARS NORTH 85 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST, 477.79 FEET) TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 325.82 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 350.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, ALONG A LINE 60.00 FEET EAST OF, AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 774.19 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 27.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 27.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, ALONG A LINE 33.00 FEET EAST OF, AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 900.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 33.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, SAID LINE BEING ALSO THE CENTER LINE OF NAPIER ROAD (66 FEET WIDE), A DISTANCE 1200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC OVER THE SOUTHERLY AND WESTERLY 33 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD PURPOSES (PHOENIX ROAD AND NAPIER).

#### Parcel B - Part of ID#77-071-99-0002-000

PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 18, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 18, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND PROCEEDING THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 02 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, SAID LINE BEING ALSO THE CENTER LINE OF RIDGE ROAD (66 FEET WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 1274.04 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1328.80 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 23.28 FEET TO A POINT THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, A MEASURED DISTANCE OF 2667.93 FEET (DESCRIBED 2668.14 FEET) TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (99 FEET WIDE); THENCE, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, RADIUS 7571.79 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 1559.40 FEET, (CHORD BEARS SOUTH 74 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 1556.65 FEET) TO A POINT OF TANGENT IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE SOUTH 68 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1757.08 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, SAID LINE BEING ALSO THE CENTER LINE OF PHOENIX ROAD (66 FEET WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 924.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL IS SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC OVER THE SOUTHERLY AND EASTERLY 33 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD PURPOSES (PHOENIX ROAD AND RIDGE ROAD).

#### Parcel A ID#77-068-99-0001719

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17, SAID LINE ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD, 33 FEET 1/2 WIDTH, BEING DISTANT N00°05'06"W 246.65 FEET; THENCE N89°50'24"E 1464.13 FEET; THENCE S00°09'39"E 81.72 FEET; THENCE S25°09'52"E 181.98 FEET; THENCE S89°50'24"W 1541.38 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 17 AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS OF WAY FOR RIDGE ROAD, ANY OTHER RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS, OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND CONTAINS 8.43 ACRES (GROSS), MORE OR LESS.

#### Parcel B ID#77-068-99-0001716

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE N00°05'06"W 246.65 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, SAID WEST LINE ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD, 33 FEET 1/2 WIDTH; THENCE N89°50'24"E 1541.38 FEET; THENCE S25°09'52"E 117.66 FEET; THENCE S00°09'39"E 140.02 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND ALSO THE CENTERLINE OF 5 MILE ROAD, 33 FEET 1/2 WIDTH; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE 88°50'24"W 1541.42 FEET TO THE SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS OF WAY FOR RIDGE AND 5 MILE ROADS, ANY OTHER RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS, OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND CONTAINS 8.95 ACRES (GROSS), MORE OR LESS.

A copy of the map for the proposed District is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk  
Charter Township of Northville

**AREA EVENTS**

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

**Living and Learning yard sale**

The Living and Learning Enrichment Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, 315 Griswold Street, 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.

**Northville Art House competition**

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will be hosting HOUSE OF WAX: Juried Encaustic Competition, to be held Aug. 3-25. The competition features 39 works created by 23 artists who demonstrate the visual possibilities of working with cold wax and encaustic (hot wax).

There will be an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, with an awards presentation and juror's talk at 7 p.m. The artists are competing for six awards totaling more than \$750.

For more information, go to [www.northvillearthouse.org](http://www.northvillearthouse.org) or call 248-344-0497.

**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 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 to those age 21 and over. Admission and parking are free. Main and Center streets are closed in the middle of downtown to make it easy to shop and dine, while enjoying live entertainment from some of Michigan's finest performers.

For more information, go to [www.buymichigannowfest.com](http://www.buymichigannowfest.com) or email [fest@buymichigannow.com](mailto:fest@buymichigannow.com).

**Indivisible Huron Valley**

Indivisible Huron Valley, a non-partisan group of citizens committed to social, economic and environmental justice, will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the SHAC, 125 S. Main Street, in Milford.

**Yoga in the Square**

The Northville Yoga Room will be holding its final free Yoga in the Square at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, in Town Square in the heart of downtown Northville. Mayor Ken Roth will be there for a meet and greet 6-6:30 p.m. For more information, email [kate@miyogaroom.com](mailto:kate@miyogaroom.com).

**Runestad to host coffee hours**

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, invites residents to join him for local coffee hours Friday, Aug. 10. Coffee hours will take place at the following times and locations:

- 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, in White Lake
- 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, in Highland
- Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, in Milford

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

**Outreach for pets**

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

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

**Historical society open house**

The White Lake Historical Society is hosting an open house 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, at the Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road. Bring a picnic lunch if you wish and share some old photos with us about the area that can be scanned on site. For more information, go to [www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake](http://www.hsmichigan.org/whitelake) or [whitelakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:whitelakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

**NYA golf outing**

The Novi Youth Assistance will hold its annual ben-



The Buy Michigan Now Festival returns Aug. 3-5 to downtown Northville.

efit golf outing Saturday, Aug. 18, at Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, in South Lyon. Registration begins at 8 a.m., shotgun start is at 9 a.m. and dinner and awards will be at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per person or \$240 for a team of four. The event will include golf contests, lunch at the turn and door prizes. To register, call Barbara Shonibin at 248-347-0410. The NYA is also looking for hole sponsors (\$100 each).

**'Sounds' at Marquis Theatre**

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will stage a performance of "Sounds of a Summer Night" by Friends of the Opera of Michigan at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. Tickets are \$20 (students and seniors \$15) and are available by phone (248-349-8110) or at the theater box office.

For more information, go to <http://www.northvillemarquistheatre.com/>.

**Country fair at Stone School**

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

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

**K. of C. golf outing**

The 12th annual Knights of Columbus Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7444 golf outing will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, at Mystic Creek Golf Course, 1 Champions Circle, in Milford.

The cost is \$100 per person and includes a golf scramble with continental breakfast, lunch at the turn and buffet dinner. Skins, longest drive, closest to the pin, butting contest and 50/50 raffle available for an additional cost.

For more information, contact John Rogers at 248-714-5353 or mail donations or golf registration to 3101 Sands Ct., Milford, MI 48380. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #7444.

**Author talk at HVCA**

Steve Hamilton, an award-winning crime author who graduated from Lakeland High School, will start his book tour 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, at Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. The event also includes book sales and book signing. Hamilton is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has won its Hopwood Award for writing.

His new book, "Dead Man Running" and other select novels will be available for purchase at the event. Tickets are \$15 and seats limited. Purchase tickets either at HVCA or at [www.huronvalleyarts.org](http://www.huronvalleyarts.org). Books may be pre-ordered at the same time to ensure getting a copy at the event.

For more information, call HVCA 248-889-8660.

**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/evenings18summer/>. The series includes:

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

■ A special class is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 30, featuring Fulbright Scholar Dr. John Hartig, who will present Waterfront Porch: How Detroit is Transforming its Industrial Waterfront to a Gathering Place for People and Wildlife.

■ 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.

**Runestad to host Internet safety event**

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, is partnering with the Michigan State Police and Oakland County Sheriff's Office to host an Internet safety presentation 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive. The presentation will feature information on how parents can connect, learn and engage with children on Internet safety tools.

For more information, call 517-373-2616 or email [JimRunestad@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimRunestad@house.mi.gov).

**Hope Not Handcuffs training**

Hope Not Handcuffs will be holding a volunteer angel training session 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Avenue. The program is rapidly growing and is need of more volunteers to continue its success.

For more information and to register for training, go to [hopenothishandcuffs.com](http://hopenothishandcuffs.com). Local contact is Angel Coordinator Pam Blair at [pam@hopenothishandcuffs.com](mailto:pam@hopenothishandcuffs.com) or 248-505-7904.

**VFAA exhibit at library**

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits its member artwork in the library Community Room. Beginning in mid-July, the exhibit "Three Artists, Four Seasons" will feature artists Dale Alcocer, Danny Persinger and Paul Tibedeau.

This free exhibit will be displayed until the end of August. The exhibits are open during regular library hours unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to [www.milfordvfaa.org](http://www.milfordvfaa.org).

**South Lyon Depot Day**

The 38th annual South Lyon Depot Day is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Witch's Hat Depot and Historic Village, 300 Dorothy Street, McHattie Park. This is a free event that will include activities for children, vendor booths, a craft show and various displays honoring the history of the train depot.

For time schedule, a list of activities and more details go to Facebook and search 38th annual South Lyon Depot Day.

**Boots on the Ground**

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

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

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

**Grow a row for Active Faith**

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

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

**Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts**

The Living and Learning Center, 315 Griswold, in Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

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

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# Man claims to know secret identity

Ex-Pinckney resident names famous skyjacker in new documentary

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Carl Laurin claims to know the true identity of D.B. Cooper, a man who pulled off a famous unsolved airplane hijacking in 1971 and made off with \$200,000 in ransom money.

Laurin, a former Pinckney resident, says his pal, Detroit-born Walter R. Reca of Oscoda, confessed to being the infamous skyjacker before he died.

"The D.B. Cooper mystery isn't a mystery to me," Laurin, 84, said, adding that Reca was he and his wife Loretta's best friend.

Evidence collected by Laurin and Grand Rapids-based Principia Media is the subject of a new four-part documentary series, "D.B. Cooper: The Real Story," which is available on iTunes, Amazon Prime and Google Play.

In addition to sharing his story with documentary filmmakers, Laurin also authored a book published by Principia Media titled "D.B. Cooper & Me: A Criminal, A Spy, and My Best Friend."

The book is "my memoir of our friendship," Laurin said. "He told me to write his life story, but we couldn't come out with it until he died."

As the unsolved true crime story goes, a man who identified himself by the name Dan Cooper boarded a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 727 in Portland on Nov. 24, 1971, according to the FBI. After takeoff, the mysterious man gave a flight attendant a note saying he had a bomb and demanded \$200,000 and parachutes. The plane landed in Seattle, where 36 passengers disembarked, and the hijacker collected the ransom before the plane took off again.

The skyjacker, who would become known as D.B. Cooper, parachuted out of the back of the plane with the money and disappeared.

The FBI stopped investigating the cold case in 2016, according to USA Today.

In the decades since the hijacking, several theories of the true identity of D. B. Cooper have surfaced.

Laurin said he suspected Reca was "the real D.B. Cooper" before his friend confessed to him in 2008.

He said he became suspicious because Reca had once held up a Big Boy restaurant in Detroit and tried to give someone



Florida resident Carl Laurin, formerly of Pinckney, claims in a new documentary and memoir his best friend Walter Reca confessed to being infamous skyjacker D.B. Cooper before his death. PRINCIPIA MEDIA



Walter Reca, seen in a 1984 photograph, is the subject of a new documentary "D.B. Cooper: The Real Story," which claims he was the mysterious skyjacker. PRINCIPIA MEDIA

some of the stolen money while apologizing for the stick-up. To him, it sounded similar to details of the D.B. Cooper story.

"He basically did the same thing on the airplane and, after that, I shadowed him pretty close until I got all my facts down and then I hit him with (my suspicions)," Laurin said. "At first, he denied it, but finally he called me up about a day before Thanksgiving 2008 and he said, 'I'm D.B. Cooper.'"

Reca told Laurin details of the hijack-

ing, which were recorded on about 3½ hours of audio tape, and shared other supposed evidence before his death in 2014 at age 80.

Laurin said Reca was never caught or arrested "because he worked for the United States government as an operative."

Laurin built homes and businesses in Livingston County when he lived in Pinckney in the 1970s and '80s, including the now-closed Nero's Pizza, which was located on M-36 in the village. He is a retired commercial airline pilot and parachutist who served as a paratrooper in the military. He now lives with his wife in DeLand, Fla.

Dirk Wierenga, filmmaker with Principia Media and director of "D.B. Cooper: The Real Story," said he started out skeptical of Laurin's version, but grew to be "100-percent convinced" Reca had been D.B. Cooper.

"Every step of the way, everything Carl told us in interviews, we double-checked," Wierenga said. "Carl came out as knowledgeable, accurate."

Among several "pieces of evidence," one that helped convince Wierenga was how Reca's recorded confession led them

to track down a claimed eyewitness.

"We have Walter Reca talking in 2008 about how he landed in a town (following his leap from the airplane), but he didn't know where he had landed," Wierenga said. "He saw a light down the road and it was a restaurant and there was a man sitting there in cowboy attire who had a guitar with him and helped him give directions during a phone call to the getaway driver."

By 2012, Laurin had crafted a theory the town where Reca landed was Cle Elum, Wash., and after visiting the town, he tracked down claimed eyewitness Jeff Osiadacz, Wierenga said.

Osiadacz, who appears in the documentary, remembered the day, he said: "It's very convincing."

Beyond revealing evidence, the film and book also chronicle the strong friendship between the two men, Laurin said.

He said people reacted emotionally to the documentary when it debuted before a live audience earlier this year at an event in Cle Elum.

"It was a friendship that stood all the tests of time," Laurin said.

## You are exactly who God says you are



Cultural Relevancy  
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When I was in elementary school, I was a good athlete. On field day, I could win all the running races — the longer the race, the better I did. And our school had a flag football team for fifth- and sixth-grade boys, where we played against other elementary schools. I was a starter both years at center. But during the summer between sixth and seventh grade, my family moved to a new town an hour and a half away. I started seventh grade at a school where nobody knew me. When teams were picked in gym or recess, I wouldn't get picked until far down the line. I was no longer a good athlete.

Then, the very first day of eighth grade, something odd happened. The gym teacher had us go outside to play touch football. He selected what were probably the two best athletes in the class to be captains, who would each pick their teams. One of the captains, a tall, well-liked guy, picked me first. (To this day I think he thought I was someone else.) As I walked up to stand next to him, I could see the other boys look at me and I heard more than one say something like, "He picked *him* first? He must know something we don't." That day, I became a good athlete again and it lasted all through eighth grade.

Why do I tell you that story? Because there's no way I was a good athlete in sixth grade, then I wasn't for a year and then I was again. The only thing that changed was what other kids said and thought about me — and the fact that I listened to them. If someone else thought I wasn't capa-

ble, I believed that I must not be. If someone thought I was capable, I believed them.

Do you care more than you should about what other people think of you? I do, even though I tell myself that I shouldn't. So I got this idea: What if I were to do a study of the Bible to see what God says about me? Here's what I came up with: The Bible says I am made in God's image and likeness. (Genesis 1:26. In some way I am "like God.") It says I am God's son (John 1:12, Galatians 3:26. I know what you're thinking — "I thought Jesus was God's son!" He is, but it turns out that I am, too!) The Bible says that because I now have a relationship with God, I actually have God living in me (1 Corinthians 6:19). The next time someone questions your worth or value, spring that one on them.

In John 15:15, Jesus calls me his friend. Ephesians 2:10 says I am God's work of art. ("For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.") I was chosen by God ("elected") and I am holy and loved. (1 Thessalonians 1:4, "We know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you ..." and Ephesians 1:4, "For he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we may be holy and blameless in his sight.")

There are many more. I'll save some for next time I write. For now, decide that you will believe the Bible more than people. Decide to listen to God more than those around you, because it turns out that He knows you quite a bit better than anyone else does.

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# Fatal crash 'worst nightmare' for victims' families, friends

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Nicholas Paré loved Detroit Tigers baseball, fishing trips and spending time with family and friends. He was working two jobs in an effort to save enough to take his fiancée to her graduation from a health care school in Florida.

Shannon McIntyre worked hard at her own job, studied health care management and helped raise her daughter while welcoming Paré's sons into their blended family. She had an upbeat personality and a hearty laugh that won Nick's heart.

"I knew the minute I heard her laugh that I was going to marry her," her mother, Sheryl McIntyre, quoted him as saying.

The couple had talked about getting married this year.

"They had talked about this June," Sheryl McIntyre said. "I've got her wedding dress in the closet."

Instead of celebrating at a wedding, family members said goodbye at double funeral service in December after the couple was killed in a wrong-way crash on I-275 in Canton Township.

It was "the worst nightmare," said Sandy Holewinski, Nick's mother.

"Haven't woke up from it," added Thomas McIntyre, Shannon's father.

The McIntyres, Holewinski and Paré's father, Greg Paré, were among nearly a dozen relatives who gathered recently to talk about the couple. They shared happy memories, gratitude toward a community that came together to support them in their grief and frustration with a system they say is taking too long to find justice.

The defendant, Michael G. Stack of Wolverine Lake, is charged with two counts of reckless driving, causing death; and one count of having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle. During a Tuesday hearing in Wayne County Circuit Court, Judge Margaret van Houten scheduled a Monday, Oct. 1, jury trial.

Stack, free on personal bond, had been a Wolverine Lake village councilman, but resigned shortly after the crash. His attorney, Loren Dickstein, declined to comment for this story and Stack did not re-



Mike Holewinski (from left), Dawn Brackney, Danielle McIntyre and Tom McIntyre, Shannon McIntyre's father. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

spond to a request for comment.

Paré and McIntyre, both 33, had been a couple for about 10 years. They lived in Wayne with their daughter, Emilie, 8, and Nick's sons from an early marriage, Nick Jr., 16, and Devin, 14. Shannon considered the boys her own, family members said.

Nick Paré was a mechanic at DST Industries in Romulus and sometimes worked at the Arby's on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, where Shannon worked regularly.

Family members described Nick, who attended Romulus High School and later earned his general-equivalency diploma, as hard-working, good-natured and big-hearted.

"Somebody needed something, he always made sure they had it," Sheryl McIntyre said.

He loved sports, especially baseball, and getting together with family. He liked to cook, was famous for his spaghetti and was always the last to leave a family barbecue.

"He was a Dec. 27 baby, so Christmas

was his favorite holiday," his mother said.

Greg Paré said he and Nick restored old boats together and resold them. "It's a father-son thing," he said. He finds the hobby more difficult to pursue without his son, Paré added.

Shannon, a Wayne Memorial High School graduate, enjoyed crafting — she regularly offered handmade gifts for Christmas — and shared with Nick a love for fishing and the Tigers. The two also liked to visit the Milan Dragway for drag racing and the annual Roar on the River hydroplane races in Trenton.

"She had a jolly, bubbly personality. Everybody loved her," said Dawn Brackney, an aunt and Shannon's godmother.

Shannon and Nick had hoped to attend her graduation in Florida this past spring. Her parents have her diploma.

Emilie is now living in Wayne with Tom and Sheryl McIntyre, while Devin and Nick Jr. are living in Flat Rock with Sandy Holewinski and her husband Mike.

Members of the victims' families got along well before the crash, they said, and the aftermath of the shared tragedy has brought them closer.

They were blessed, they said, with support from the community: fundraisers, Christmas gifts for the couple's children, Detroit Pistons tickets and the services of a top-flight chef who tried to recreate Nick's spaghetti for them. Public safety workers from Wayne and Romulus came to their aid, they said, and a GoFundMe page raised enough money for funeral expenses.

"There was such an outpouring of love," Brackney said.

"It touches me at this moment," Greg Paré said.

People are still showing their concern, Sheryl McIntyre said. "I could walk into a grocery store and people would come over and hug me," she said.

People also ask them about the legal case, which family members contend is taking too long. Stack was not charged until April, four months after the crash, and his trial is still more than two months away.

Maria Miller, spokeswoman for county Prosecutor Kym Worthy, said in an email that prosecutors didn't get crash investigation results from the Michigan State Police until February and then needed follow-up investigation. The time between when formal charges were filed in April and Stack's scheduled October trial is typical for cases in which the defendant is not in custody, she said.

"Having said that, we certainly understand that the wait for a trial date can be very upsetting for a family that has suffered such a profound loss," Miller added.

"The wheels of justice turn very slowly," Tom McIntyre said.

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Nicholas Paré and Shannon McIntyre, seen here on a trip to Florida, died in December in a head-on crash caused by a wrong-way driver on I-275. FAMILY PHOTO

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## Halloween City hiring hundreds of temporary seasonal workers

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Halloween City is hiring up to 350 seasonal workers in Michigan, part of a nationwide push to fill about 5,000 jobs for the ghosts-and-goblins season.

"We are in full hiring mode," said Chris Smith of Westland, company territory manager.

Halloween City has about 25 stores in Michigan — a majority of them in metro Detroit communities, including Canton and Livonia. Stores are expected to open around Aug. 31.

"That's our target date," Smith said.

One store sign already has gone up at Middlebelt and Five Mile in Livonia, but that's because certain employees from across the nation, including marketing managers, are coming to town for training related to setting up and opening stores.

Smith said about 100 employees are arriving next week and staying at Canton hotels while they receive training at stores in Livonia and Southgate.

As the company hires employees such as store associates and assistant managers, Smith declined to say what the positions pay.

To learn more about potential jobs, go to [www.halloweencity.com/careers](http://www.halloweencity.com/careers). The site also allows visitors to sign up for job alerts.

Halloween City has occupied a vacant storefront in Canton, on Ford Road near Lotz, for several seasons. It's in a spot that has had difficulty drawing a full-time tenant.

"We get a building that doesn't look empty for a couple of months (with Halloween City)," Canton Economic Devel-

opment Manager Kristen Thomas said. "It's in everybody's best interest for the property owner to have a tenant. It seems like a win-win."

Halloween City has about 250 stores in the United States and Canada. It is under the umbrella of Party City, which has about 950 stores in North America and Central America, Smith said.

The Halloween industry is big business, with the National Retail Federation reporting \$8.4 billion in sales in 2016 alone, up 60 percent from a decade ago, according to Bloomberg.

By opening Halloween City locations around Aug. 31, Smith said it gives customers time to decide exactly what costume, accessories and decorations they want.

"They usually start window shopping and see what the hot new trends are, then they come back to us (to buy)," he said.

Smith said popular costumes often mirror popular movie characters.

New this year, the company plans to keep stores in Sterling Heights and Ann Arbor open past Halloween, likely until January, as a new Toy City concept is tested.

"Those stores will have everything from hula hoops to LEGOs," Smith said.

When those stores open for Halloween, they will stock other toys ranging from action figures to baby dolls. They are expected to remain open to capitalize on the Christmas season.

If the concept proves successful, Smith said, it would likely be expanded to other stores.

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## These Tigers recall their own '68 magic

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Yes, the Detroit Tigers won the 1968 World Series — by and large thanks to the heroics of southpaw Mickey Lolich. But a few months earlier and about 20 miles west of Tiger Stadium, Garden City West High School was enjoying its very own Year of the Tiger. And those Tigers also had a tireless pitcher who came through time and time again the way Lolich famously did

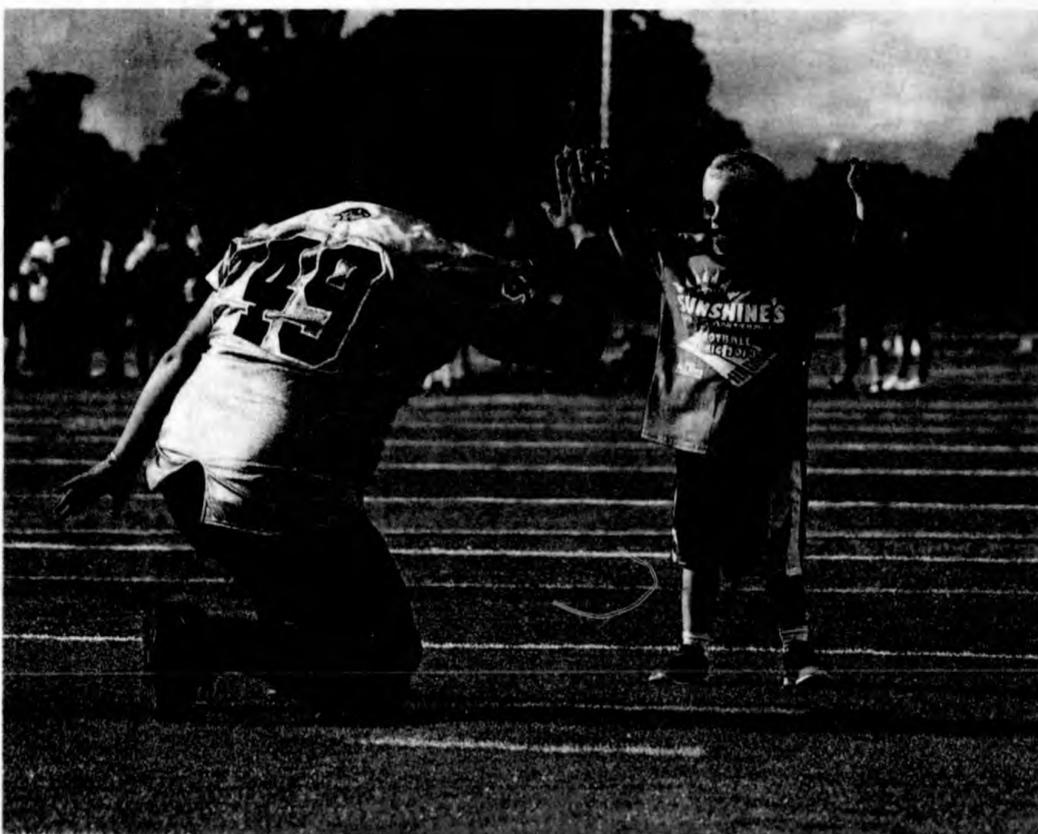
against the St. Louis Cardinals. Righty Bob Chidester pitched Garden City West to three victories in five days to capture the Les Anders Tournament (which was co-sponsored by the Observer Newspapers). Memories of that unbelievable season were relived July 20 at the Garden City home of Bob and Debbie Chidester, during the G.C. West Tigers' 50th anniversary reunion.

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Memories of 1968 were stoked by visual aids such as this one, surveyed by Garden City West 1968 baseball players Craig Sylvester (left) and Ray Hannon. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

YOUTH FOOTBALL



It's good! Max Robertson, 7, raises his arms in triumph after kicking the ball at the Sunshine's clinic. His buddy is Plymouth junior Sean Britt. JOHN KEMSKI | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## OFF THE CHARTS

Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic meets special needs

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In just over four short years, Connor Sherman has grown from a diminutive grade school student with shoulder length hair into a tall, strapping high school football player.

Also growing is the Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic — an idea put forward by the younger Sherman to spread his love of the game with less-fortunate kids.

July 27 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, an enthusiastic group of Plymouth Wildcats players and coaches "buddied up" with about 35 youngsters with various special needs.



Carlos Teran, 13, exuberantly competes at one of the stations during the Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic. JOHN KEMSKI | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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JUNIOR GOLF

## Top junior players set to attack Forest Lake Country Club

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Some of the are's top golfers are set to compete in the American Junior Golf Association tournament to be played Monday through Thursday, Aug. 6-9, at Forest Lake Country Club.

The sixth annual national junior tournament will include more than 95 male and female golfers ages 12-19 battling for top honors in the 54-hole event.

Northville's Jimmy Dales and Birmingham's Henry Scavone are two of the top male players expected to be title contenders. West Bloomfield's Makaela Schulz and Northville's Abigail Livingston figure to be two of the top female contenders.

Dales, who graduated from Northville High School in June, tied for medalist honors in the recent MHSAA state tournament with Grosse Pointe South's Patrick Sullivan, as each carded 143. Sullivan, who will also play in the AJGA, defeated Dales in a playoff for the individual state title June 8-9 at The Meadows Golf Course at Grand Valley State University.

Scavone, a Seaholm graduate, helped lead the Maples to a third-place team finish at last season's D-1 state meet. The Carnegie Mellon University-bound linker was Seaholm's low scorer at 151. Scavone tied for 18th in last year's tournament at Forest Lake.

In the girls field, Schulz and Livingston both competed in the MHSAA girls state championship tournament, held at Grand Valley in October 2017.

Schulz, who will be a senior this year at Bloomfield Hills, finished fourth at the state meet and helped lead the Black Hawks to a seventh-place team finish. She was named the 2017 Golf Association of Michigan's Junior Girls Player of the Year.

Livingston, a 2018 Novi graduate, qualified for states as an individual.

The defending champions are Ohio native Cade Breitenstine, a high school junior-to-be who has committed to Kent State University, and Iowa native Britta Snyder. A high school junior-to-be and Baylor University commit, Snyder set a girls division tournament rec-

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## Juniors

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ord last year with 4-over 217.

Other Michigan players in the field include Brian and Eric Marx from Bloomfield Hills, Coalter Smith and Evan Theros from Grosse Pointe and Troy resident and recent Brother Rice graduate Brendan O'Rourke. Anika Dy, a University of Michigan commit from Traverse City, is another title contender in the girls field. Bloomfield Hills resident Marlo Hudson will also compete.

The AJGA tournament at Forest Lake, presented by Tom Holzer Ford, includes entrants from 14 states and two foreign countries. It begins Aug. 6 with a Junior-Am Fundraising Tournament and continues over the next three days with stroke play.

First-round play begins 7 a.m. Aug. 7 at Forest Lake's No. 1 tee with action going to 12:10 p.m. The awards ceremony takes place approximately 5 p.m. Aug. 9.

Forest Lake Country Club is located at 1401 Club Drive in Bloomfield Hills, one mile west of Telegraph, just south of Square Lake Road. Guests are welcome and admission is free.

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Mikaela Schulz, who will be a senior this year at Bloomfield Hills and is the 2018 Michigan Junior Amateur champion, is entered in the AJGA tournament set for Aug. 6-9 at Forest Lake Country Club. GREG JOHNSON



Jimmy Dales, who graduated from Northville High School in June, figures to be a top male contender in the upcoming AJGA tournament at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Township. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

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## Clinic

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In addition to Plymouth-Canton, participants came from Livonia, Novi, Ann Arbor and Downriver, among other locations.

"When I was in fourth grade, my teacher created a project called Miracle Hour," said Sherman, now 14 and gearing up for ninth grade at Plymouth High School. "Where we get to do something we're passionate about and turn it into a project."

"I love football and I thought it'd be great idea to give a chance to give a chance for everyone to play football, as in the special-needs kids out here."

In a week or so, Sherman will officially begin his Wildcats football career. He intends to play both quarterback and defensive back.

### Let's keep doing this

But he looked like one of the team's coaches July 27, wearing a green "Sunshine's" T-shirt and going around the gridiron talking to his visitors as they moved around to four stations (passing, running, kicking and blocking).

"It's amazing. It wouldn't be possible without the sponsorships and all the kids coming back," Sherman said. "I just feel they really enjoy it and think it's a great night. And I just want them to keep having that experience every year, over and over."

He didn't have to look far to see examples of that football joy. Near the 50-yard line, 13-year-old youngster Carlos Teran was wowing his buddy (Lucas Holden) with some sharp, accurate spirals. On one snap, Carlos expertly followed his blocker for a nifty gain.

"(Carlos) likes to throw a lot," said the 17-year-old Holden, a junior expected to play linebacker and tight end. "He just loves to play catch. He pretty much loves all sports, too, especially football. He's pretty cool."

"I love the Sunshine's camp. It's fun seeing everybody just playing and having fun, meeting all these new kids. It's really cool."

### They love it

Over at the nearby running station was Plymouth junior Seth Humm, teamed up with 6-year-old Kalem Jones.

"He is one of the best players out here, personally," Humm said. "He can throw the ball, he can run the ball and he's very quick."

"It's very exciting to be working with Kalem. It makes everyone happy to see this kid come out here and experience what we get to experience on a daily basis."

Plymouth senior Hunter LeForge, meanwhile, noted how much the Sunshine's participants change from year to year. A number of them have taken part on a repeat basis.

"I saw my previous kid (from last year's clinic) earlier and it's really fun seeing how they change and how they grow up," LaForge said. "And I just love seeing everyone come together and be a family like we are on the football field in front of other people."

"And it helps the community out. I think it's cool."

Sherman's right-hand man once again was Plymouth offensive coordina-



Connor Sherman, entering his freshman year at Plymouth, is the brainchild behind the annual Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic. JOHN KEMSKI | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The evening was all about smiles and friendship as shown here in this "buddy moment" between Max Reid (left) and Plymouth player Billy Salamey. JOHN KEMSKI | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Varsity players hold up blocking dummies for clinic participants to push against. JOHN KEMSKI | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tor Brian Rochon, who stressed how important the contributions from community members and businesses have been to keep the Sunshine's magic going.

"We've had so much support from the community and support from parents," Rochon said. "People within our program are always willing to help. Our kids are tremendous and they look at this as a chance to give back."

"To be able to do this for five consecutive years and have the support and turnout we have is a testament to the Plymouth-Canton community, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and everybody that's been helpful with it."

### Rising up

Rochon provides continuity, not just for the Sunshine's clinic, but for the

Wildcats. On the staff of first-year head coach Brian Lewis, he remains in the same role he had under former coach Mike Sawchuk, who recently stepped down due to personal reasons.

He also couldn't help but notice the change in Sherman.

"Connor's grown about eight inches in the last year or so," Rochon said. "We actually saw a picture of him at Sunshine's last year with me and his dad and he was below me (in height)."

"And now he's very much *not* below me. So that's a little depressing, but good for him."

The fact that Sherman has grown in stature and maturity is something that Rochon and other coaches have come to expect from all Plymouth Wildcats football players.

"This is what we're more concerned about," Rochon said. "Obviously, every

high school coach and every high school player, no matter their sport, wants to win games and be successful.

"But we really believe in, and it's kind of a cliché, the idea of turning boys into men. And creating successful husbands, fathers, employees and members of the community."

"Regardless of we're 9-0 or 0-9, we look at the smiles that we're able to put on kids' faces and how our players mature and grow into their roles as young men. That's what we're most proud of as a staff."

Sherman's successful "Sunshine's" clinic has to rank near the top of the list, too.

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## Tigers

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### More than baseball

It wasn't about baseball as much as it was about reuniting with old friends. The bodies moved slower, with many of the players featuring graying or thinning hair. Yet their eyes gleamed with youthful delight when looking back on the big hits, pitches and wins that filled scorecards in 1968.

"It is (like a family reunion). He's really been looking forward to it," Debbie Chidester said, nodding in her husband's direction. "I've heard stories about the team throughout our marriage and it's a really nice thing that he's been able to get ahold of all these people."

Seven of the 1968 varsity team's 15 players (along with head coach Bob Dropp) traveled from near and far to attend the shindig. Junior varsity players Pat McHugh and Steve Pummill, both sophomores in '68, also attended.

A catalyst for the reunion was then-outfielder Al Poland, who now lives in Springfield, Mo.

"I ended up contacting everybody but two kids from the team. We've had two kids that passed away (Craig Wilson, Gary Woodside)," Poland said. "That was sad. And Jim Furay, he's just in a really bad way with cancer; he lives down in Houston."

"When I talked to (Furay), you just got to start crying and everything. It's just sad, you know? I said to him, 'We're going to have it in July.' He said, 'Al, I'll just be happy if I'm alive.' That's the realities of 50 years ago and us being 16-17 years old at that time."

Unable to travel to Garden City were Furay, Ray Anderson, Carl Dork, Randy Williams and Jerry LaCross. Efforts to reach Chuck Evans were unsuccessful.

### 'Amazing' reunion

Furay was part of a one-two pitching punch for Dropp's squad, with "Cheddy" Chidester the unquestioned ace. Other top players included outfielder Ray Hannon and the double-play combination of shortstop Bill Harrison and second baseman Craig Sylvester.

"I didn't have a lot of expectations (for the reunion) because I didn't know how it was going to be received," Poland said, choking up with emotion. "And all these people here, it's great."

Happily concurring was infielder Ken Pierce, along with everybody else at the reunion.

"It's pretty amazing when you think about it, this many guys come in for it," said Pierce, who still lives in the Detroit area. "Just to see everybody again, it's just incredible."

"You do think back. ... I don't feel like a kid. But we all went through this together, which was fun. We had a great time doing it. Even though it (G.C. West) folded, we left a great legacy."

A lot of that legacy had to do with the Les Anders Tournament, dominated on the mound by the 5-foot-9 Chidester.

"He was the type of kid who would say, 'Give me the ball, I'll take it,'" Dropp said, not needing much prodding. "And he ended up with a 10-2 record and that's a lot of games."

Sylvester also gave props to Chidester: "Yep, rubber arm. Nothing was going to stop him."

### On a mission

In the Les Anders championship game, at Ford Field in Livonia, Garden City West edged Livonia Bentley by a 4-3 score.

"I remember we were ahead the whole game and, after pitching that much the last inning, I was getting tired," Chidester said. "A couple guys on the bench were rubbing my arm, saying, 'You can do it, you can make it through it.'"

"They got a couple guys on, coach (Dropp) came out and I said, 'I'm OK.' We got out of the inning and won the game."

Such banter about the best year in the relatively short history of Garden City West (which closed in 1982, when the district went to one high school, on Middlebelt Road) filled the air July 20.

"Baseball was everything back then," Ron Michaud said. "Did we play other sports? Sure. But as far as what baseball meant to the people, I think that was king, for the most part. It was fun."

"I actually hit a homer, quite a ways over the fence. I wasn't that good a hitter, let's put it that way. ... Some kid that had a lot of junk and I waited on the ball and unloaded on it."

### A banner season

Large banners from the Les Anders and Tri-River Conference championships hung on the garage, as did a larger Year of the Tigers banner — a nod to how



Seven 1968 Garden City West baseball players and their coach were on hand for the July 20 reunion. Standing (from left) are coach Bob Dropp, Bob Chidester, Ron Michaud, Craig Sylvester, Ray Hannon, Ken Pierce and Bill Harrison. Seated is Al Poland. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The reunion of Garden City West High School's 1968 baseball team gave old friends a chance to look back at old newspaper clippings and photos of that season. In the background is the Tri River Conference championship trophy. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

there were two championship teams that summer with the same nickname.

Dropp joked about being a first baseman on the squad, before setting the record straight. He went on to eventually become athletic director at the future Garden City High School (following the merger of G.C. West and G.C. East).

"Back then, they used wooden bats and we played in pastures," Dropp said. "The field went on forever. There were very few home run fences. And there were a lot of new schools. Tri-River was a really, really good eight-team league."

"The neat thing about this team is that we tied with Southgate High School with 10-4 overall records for the (league) championship. We won the Les Anders (tournament), which was our area. (Southgate) actually won the Downriver (tourney), which was their area. That in itself shows how good the Tri-River League was at that time."

Underscoring the area's competitive muscle was the Observer's 1968 All-Star team, which included Chidester, Furay and future Detroit Tigers catcher Bill Fahy (Redford Union).

In 1968, there was no Michigan High School Athletic Association championship tournament (the first champion was crowned in 1971). So the Tigers competed for larger bragging rights at the Tournament of Winners in Wyandotte, falling 3-2 to Utica in the title match-up.

### Top sport in town

Dropp and others talked about how rich a baseball community Garden City and surrounding cities were back in the late 1960s.

"Back then, all the populations were really there in terms of high school," Dropp said. "Garden City West, we

probably had 1,600 kids. East had 1,600 kids, we had four junior high schools to work from. Livonia was the same way. We did have good baseball players."

Most every summer during the 1960s, Garden City youngsters were friends first, baseball players second.

"We grew up in a Garden City where baseball was big, growing up as kids," Bob Chidester said. "It was huge, Little Leagues and Connie Mack and Babe Ruth and all of that. It really made a great baseball atmosphere. And so when we all went to high school at East and West, they had good teams back then, both high schools."

"Coach Dropp will tell you the same thing, it's because of the program Garden City (Parks and Recreation) had at the time. They had a lot of good ballplayers."

"All of us played Little League in Garden City together," said Poland, who graduated in 1969 and stayed in Garden City to pursue a potential junior hockey career. "And on up, whether East or West, in our one- or two-year age group. We were all such good friends. I think that's what made this, that people wanted to get together."

After his hockey dream came to an unsuccessful end (he played in an amateur league spearheaded by Mrs. Hockey, Colleen Howe), Poland attended college and played baseball at Evangel University in Springfield, Mo. He also lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, where his wife's family lived at the time.

Ultimately, Poland went back to Evangel University and coached the baseball team there. But Garden City always remained in his heart.

And while driving back to Springfield following the 2017 East/West combined reunion, Poland started to think about



From left are 1968 Garden City West Tigers baseball players Ron Michaud, Al Poland and Ray Hannon. Poland was instrumental in the 50th reunion of the team, which took place July 20 in Garden City. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Talking about the Year of the Tiger are Garden City West 1968 baseball ace Bob Chidester (left) and that team's coach, Bob Dropp. The reunion was hosted by the Chidesters. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

getting the baseball band back together.

### Taking action

"We started to talk about the 50th reunion and things started to dawn on me that, 'Hey, that baseball team when I was a junior, that was pretty much the best baseball team that West ever had during its history,'" Poland said. "Because we had won the league and we didn't have a state tournament at the time. They were trying to get it off the ground."

"So they had this thing called the Les Anders Tournament and we just played so well and won that tournament. Surprised a lot of people."

During an 11-hour drive, Poland convinced himself that it would be "pretty cool to see if I could get everybody together and see if we could pull it off. So I contacted Ray Hannon on Facebook, a good friend of mine in high school, and he thought, 'That's a good idea.' Then I texted coach Dropp."

Everything came together, perhaps better than Poland and his Tigers teammates envisioned.

Even the forecasted thunderstorms darted away from Garden City, like a Cheddy curveball.

"It's great. I'm glad Al Poland put it together," Hannon said. "We played ball together for about probably seven straight summers, fantastic."

That word aptly described a backyard gathering that even the 1968 Detroit Tigers would have been thrilled to enjoy.

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DISABLED VETERANS

# Healthy twist: These hockey players (and vets) dig yoga

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During their years serving in the United States military, both Josh Krajewski and Mike McTaggart had a band of brothers to bond with during intense battles and moments of solitude.

Now a decade or more removed from active duty, both men still deal with acute back pain and times of darkness. They also are literally skating out of the shadows with their new "band" — the Michigan Warriors veterans hockey program.

"Michigan Warriors is about continuing that brotherhood we had in the service and continuing that when we get home," said Krajewski, a Livonia resident and president of the Warriors.

There's literally a twist, too. Thanks to the Michigan Yoga Room (which has studios in Plymouth and Northville), when the word "stretch" comes up in a conversation, they won't automatically think of the long outlet pass that sparks an offensive rush.

Krajewski (U.S. Army, 2005-09) and McTaggart (U.S. Marines, 1998-2002) were at the downtown Plymouth yoga studio founded by Brent and Sheri Rieli on July 27 to receive a check for \$850 to help members of the Warriors either pay for their ice time or attend Michigan Yoga Room classes.

They both plan on making return trips to the Rieli's yoga studios and bring some Warriors teammates with them.

"We're a community-driven organization," Krajewski said. "Our veterans don't pay anything to participate in our program, on the ice, off the ice, whatever it may be."

"We try to keep it at no cost to veterans, so this donation that we received today, it's going to help keep our veterans on the ice longer and it's going to



With instruction from Michigan Yoga Room's Sheri Rieli (far left), Michigan Warriors players Mike McTaggart and Josh Krajewski (foreground) work on a yoga stance. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Yoga

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## Benefits body and mind

The money was raised in Plymouth on July 4, when several Warriors players also took advantage of complimentary classes served up for free by the Rielis.

"We had all our students donate money and we paid for the teachers to come in for free and donated the funds to the Michigan Warriors for the hockey program," said Brent Rielis, a teacher of a modern-day form of classical Indian yoga (Ashtanga Vinyasa). "We try to do this a couple times a year, charities to donate money to and do charity classes for."

"That day we had three of the vets come in, from the Michigan Warriors, and they practiced and loved it. They were telling us how awesome they felt after that class and their bodies still feel better and more pain-free than they have in a long time. So they really benefited in a lot of ways."

Money donated to the foundation will perhaps entice Warriors players to check out Michigan Yoga Room, where specials include \$39 for 30 days and 20 percent off for those ages 22 and under.

"It's not just a physical practice, it's a physical, mental, emotional and, for some people, spiritual practice," Sheri Rielis said. "It's all what you want it to be, what you make it, what you put into it."

## Healthy way to cope

Both players said they never really thought they'd ever get into yoga, especially as a way to manage their pain.

Yoga not only bolsters bodies, it can help military veterans wrest free of the hold that post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury often has on them.

"For me, ever since I got out, I've been trying to heal up my back," said McTaggart, who has been bothered for years by herniated discs. "Some stuff has worked, some stuff hasn't. I never thought to try yoga before. I've tried a lot of medications, chiropractors, physical therapy."

"Stuff seemed to work for a little bit, but then it'd come back," he added.



Mike McTaggart (left) and Josh Krajewski of the Michigan Warriors military veterans hockey team are all smiles after receiving a check for \$850 from Michigan Yoga Room in Plymouth. The yoga studio had a July 4 fundraiser for the hockey organization. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"This is the first time my back's felt good in over three years. Obviously, yoga works."

And during a time when many Americans are turning to steroids and opioids to deal with their misery, it is good to know there is another way to cope.

"The medical associations have just come out the last couple years showing that for short-term and long-term back pain, that yoga should be first in line before opioids and things like that, that mask the pain," Brent Rielis said.

"Other forms of therapies are so much better than pills any day," McTaggart said. "And this seems to be one of the best."

## Fits their mission

Added Krajewski: "Yoga wasn't necessarily ever on my radar or on the radar of the (Warriors) program. But coming in here on July 4 and coming to the class and seeing the benefits, the immediate benefits, is something we're going to try to push more to our veterans off the ice, so they can continue their training in a healthy and active lifestyle."

According to its website, the Michigan Warriors is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization "created for charitable and recreational activities, namely, providing an educational and developmental hockey program for disabled veterans and to participate in volunteer community services."

There are about 145 players currently in the southeast Michigan chapter, which includes metro Detroit and goes as far west as Albion and Jackson.

The team's home rink is Arctic Edge

Arena in Canton and there are a handful of annual benefit games against teams composed of community policemen and firefighters.

Arctic Edge donates ice team to the Warriors, something that causes McTaggart to shake his head.

"They work really good with us," McTaggart said. "It's a really, really good facility."

For more information about the Michigan Warriors, go to [www.miwarriors.com](http://www.miwarriors.com); to get info on the Michigan Yoga Room, go to [www.MiYogaRoom.com](http://www.MiYogaRoom.com).

If you have a compelling story to tell, contact Tim Smith at [tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com). Follow him on Twitter @TimSmith\_Sports.





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10 foods that will  
boost your brain health

# Think positive

**Caryn Alter, MS, RD, FAND**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK

ASBURY PARK, N.J. — You've probably heard of the Mediterranean diet, and if you've been diagnosed with high blood pressure, you may have heard of the DASH diet. Combine the two and you get an eating plan designed to boost your brain health — among other benefits.

#### How our diet affects our brains

As you age, it's more difficult for important nerve cells to protect themselves against volatile free radicals, which are unstable molecules that can damage cells. Many of the foods listed below contain antioxidants or phytonutrients that neutralize free radicals, staving off age-related degenerative diseases, including mental decline.

The **Mediterranean diet** helps keep aging brains sharp because it emphasizes eating foods that have been found to improve brain function, alertness and memory. The eating plan includes extra virgin olive oil; legumes, such as peas, beans, and lentils; unrefined cereals; fruits; and vegetables. It also includes moderate to high amounts of fish, moderate amounts of dairy, such as cheese and yogurt, and wine. The plan allows very limited amounts of meat and meat products.

The **DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet** limits sodium and overall fat intake. There is strong evidence this plan reduces high blood pressure due to its emphasis on whole grains, fat-free and low-fat dairy products, and low-sodium foods.

However, when an epidemiologist combined the best aspects of each

diet to develop the Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay, or **MIND diet**, the results were significant.

In a 2015 study, participants were assigned scores based on their eating habits. Those who most closely followed the food recommendations of the MIND diet received the highest scores.

Participants whose scores ranked in the top third had a 53 percent lower risk of developing Alzheimer's disease compared with those with the lowest scores. Researchers concluded that the hybrid MIND diet plan produced better brain protective properties than either the Mediterranean or DASH diets alone.

#### A shopping list for brain health

The following foods have been shown to improve brain health and/or protect against cognitive decline:

- **Green leafy vegetables** (examples: arugula, kale and spinach)
- **Other nutrient-dense vegetables** (examples: asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, sweet potatoes and zucchini)
- **Whole grains** (examples: brown and wild rice, oats, popcorn, quinoa)
- **Vegetable oils** (examples: canola, corn, olive, sesame)
- **Berries** (examples: blackberries, blueberries, cranberries, strawberries)
- **Nuts** (examples: almonds, cashews, peanuts, walnuts)
- **Seafood** (examples: herring, lake trout, salmon, sardines, tuna)
- **Poultry** (examples: skinless chicken, skinless turkey)
- **Beans and other legumes** (examples: kidney beans, chickpeas, soybeans, lentils, tofu)
- **Dairy** (examples: fat-free and

low-fat milk and yogurt)

#### Foods with possible brain benefits to consume in moderation

Some foods and drinks have beneficial properties, but should be consumed in moderation, including:

**Wine:** The MIND diet permits one glass of wine a day due to its antioxidant properties. Too much alcohol, however, will increase the risk to your heart and brain.

**Eggs:** An egg is a significant source of vitamin B12 and protein. The yolk contains folate, lutein, vitamin D, and vitamin E. However, if you have heart disease, you may want to limit yolks because they are high in saturated fat.

#### 5 foods to limit

As I advise my clients, while there are some foods that may be unhealthy for the brain, these foods don't have to be totally avoided — just consumed in smaller amounts.

- **Pastries and sugary foods** (examples: donuts, candy, ice cream, cookies, sweetened beverages)
- **Red meat and red meat products** (examples: fatty cuts of beef, hot dogs)
- **Fast foods and fried foods** (examples: hamburgers, fried chicken)
- **Whole-fat cheese**
- **Butter and margarine made with trans-fats**

The good news is that these guidelines are not just good for your brain — they're good for your heart, too.

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# Sip, stroll, snack: 10 must-try food tours

Larry Bleiberg | Special to USA TODAY

Travelers love to eat and see the sights. Food tours combine both, which have helped them become a booming business, says Shane Kost, founder of Chicago Food Planet Tours ([chicagofoodplanet.com](http://chicagofoodplanet.com)) and executive director of the Global Food Tourism Association.

"People get really excited about eating their way through a city and feeling like a local," he says.

He says the best tours combine art, architecture and history together with food and include a chance to meet chefs. "You break bread with strangers, and by the

end of the experience, you're friends." He shares some favorites with USA TODAY.

## Local Montreal, Old Montreal Food Tour, Montreal

When Kost's Global Food Tour Association met in Montreal last year, attendees literally ate their way across the city on this tour. Highlights include the city's famed bagels and smoked salmon, along with French-inspired cuisine and a surprising Portuguese-influenced poutine. "It's such an incredibly unique city in North America."

[localfoodtours.com/montreal](http://localfoodtours.com/montreal)

## Tasty Bites Food Tours, Condesa Mezcal, Tacos & Helados Tour, Mexico City

Tacos may be a global food, but there's nothing like sampling them in their home country. This walking tour through Mexico City's leafy and trendy Condesa neighborhood samples several varieties, including steak and cheese, Baja-style shrimp, Mediterranean-style served on pita, and the famed tacos al pastor, made with marinated pork seasoned with pineapple. "These are the regional tacos of Mexico," Kost says. There's also an artisanal mezcal tasting, even Mexican ice cream.

[tastybitesfoodtours.com.mx](http://tastybitesfoodtours.com.mx)

## Wander New Mexico, Santa Fe Historic Plaza Food Tour, Santa Fe,

## New Mexico

Famous for its chiles and its history, Santa Fe is a natural place to dine and explore, Kost says. This tour focuses on the city's historic center, covering everything from street food and tacos, to wine tastings and margaritas. There's also chef-prepared ice cream. "Santa Fe is a crossroads, and the flavors are always going to be unique," he says.

[wandernewmexico.com](http://wandernewmexico.com)

## Ithaca Is Foodies, Downtown Ithaca Food Tour, Ithaca, New York

You don't have to visit big cities to find great food, Kost says. This New York college town has famous chefs and tasty offerings, including several with a healthy focus. Tours visit the famed Moosewood Restaurant, known for its award-winning natural food cookbooks. There's also a stop at a Star Trek-themed vegan cafe and an Ethiopian restaurant. "This is a really cool, interesting area," he says.

[ithacaisfoodies.com](http://ithacaisfoodies.com)

## Juneau Food Tours, Juneau Bites & Booze, Juneau, Alaska

Alaska's capital city has a surprisingly robust food scene, Kost says. This tour hits the highlights, offering specialties such as crab bisque and crab cakes, rockfish tacos paired with regional beer and hog wings, which Kost likens to a pork rib on a stick. The tour touches on Juneau's colorful history as a seaport, including craft cocktails and shots to keep things interesting.

[juneaufoodtours.com](http://juneaufoodtours.com)

## Taste Carolina Gourmet Food Tours, Raleigh Downtown Dinner & Drinks, Raleigh, North Carolina

While most tours offer lunch and afternoon snacking, this one provides a full dinner. Stops include a speakeasy cocktail bar, a James Beard Award-winning chef's fried chicken and dumplings, and sake from a restaurant that started as a food truck. "They get more into gastronomy. It's a really cool, well thought-out diners-and-drinks concept," Kost says. [tastecarolina.net](http://tastecarolina.net)



The Old Montreal Food Tour hits famous city stops including the St-Viateur Bagel Shop and the Mile End neighborhood. CAMILLE GLADU-DROUIN

[tecarolina.net](http://tecarolina.net)

## Vancouver Food Tour, Gastown Tasting Tour, Vancouver, Canada

This tour touts itself as a progressive four-course dinner through one of the best restaurant neighborhoods in western Canada – historic and scenic Gastown. Diners sample craft beers and appetizers and British Columbia wines paired with local farm cheese and charcuterie. There also are craft cocktails and canapes and even West Indies-inspired dishes served with rum.

[vancouverfoodtour.com](http://vancouverfoodtour.com)

## Madison Eats, Taste of Wisconsin Lunch Tour, Madison, Wisconsin

This tour pays tribute to Wisconsin's title as America's Dairyland, touring the state capital and offering a cheese tasting, pizza and ice cream. "They're focusing on real Wisconsin flavors," Kost says. But there also are pastries, a visit to a specialty oils and vinegar shop and a Korean food stop. [madisonateats.net](http://madisonateats.net)

## Austin Eats, Brunch, BBQ & Brewery Tour, Austin, Texas

Although known for nightlife, the Texas state capital also is big on brunch, Kost says. This weekend tour runs the gastronomic gamut, including breakfast tacos and an upscale brunch, plus, of course, barbecue and beer. "It's a ton of food, a really, really great value."

[austineatsfoodtours.com](http://austineatsfoodtours.com)

## Taste of Catalina, Avalon Tasting & Cultural Walking Tour, Catalina Island, California

Located about 25 miles off the Southern California coast, Catalina Island long has been popular as a quick getaway. But Kost says it's worth exploring for its food. The six-stop tour includes drinks, chocolate, fish tacos and more. And you can't beat the scenery. "The entire time you're pretty much looking at the ocean," he says.

[catalinafoodtours.com](http://catalinafoodtours.com)

## ASK THE CAPTAIN

### Boeing unlikely to bring back popular 757

John Cox  
Special to USA TODAY

**Question:** Is it possible that Boeing could bring back the 757 into production without having to design a whole new airplane? So many airlines now seem to want the 757.

— Dave, Foxboro, Massachusetts

**Answer:** I doubt it. The 757 first flew in February 1982. The improvements in aerodynamics, flight controls and computer technology since then (35 years) would require a new design.

**Q: Do you think Boeing should revive the 757 program?**

— Joe, Peoria, Illinois

**A:** The 757 is one of my favorite airplanes. Economics forced it into retirement, therefore, I understand it is an airplane of the past, not the future. No, I do not think Boeing should revive the 757, but it is possible Boeing could build a new model to fill the demand for a 180- to 200-seat high-performance airliner.

**Q: Which aircraft serves as a better Boeing 757 replacement: the Airbus A321LR or Boeing 737 MAX 10?**

— Arnold Rojas, Elizabeth, New Jersey

**A:** The B757 outperforms the A321 and the B737, particularly at high-altitude airports in warm/hot weather. But it burns significantly more fuel.

It depends on the routes and the desired load to determine which is "better." They are both very good airplanes.

**Q: 737-800 or 900 vs. 757-200: Isn't the power (thrust) to weight difference significant enough that the bigger 737s have to reduce maximum takeoff weight by limiting seats used or by drastic reductions in fuel and range? Which would you rather be in command of on a summer departure from LGA, BOS or DCA destined for LAX or SEA?**

— G Cornwall, Portland, Oregon



Economics forced the 757 into retirement. SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

**A:** The 757 has a higher thrust to weight ratio, resulting in higher performance than the 737-800/900. The new generation 737s (600/700/800/900) have a modern wing and more powerful engines, resulting in much better performance than earlier models. The need to reduce fuel or payload is decreased by these improvements.

I would gladly command either a new generation 737 or a 757 for the flight you describe. If I had to pick one it would be the 757 because it is one of my favorite airplanes.

**Q: John, I'm a captain for Delta (former NWA) with over 10,000 hours in the 757-200 and 300. It's not an understatement that the 200 has incredible performance. Of the narrow body aircraft, it is far and away the best ever built out there. It was a true pleasure to fly it. Not the most advanced in glass technology, but a nice level that was easy to use.**

— Robert, Colorado

**A:** Your vast experience is a testament to the success of the airplane.

*Have a question about flying? Send it to [travel@usatoday.com](mailto:travel@usatoday.com). John Cox is a retired airline captain with US Airways and runs his own aviation safety consulting company, Safety Operating Systems.*

## Many hotel bed myths should be put to rest

To sleep well, it takes more than a mattress

Christopher Elliott  
Special to USA TODAY

Hotels claim their beds are amazing. Not all of their guests agree.

At least that's what two recent surveys and some of this column's readers say. Hotel beds are average at best, and plenty of guests complain about bad sleep when they're on the road. The fix: You have to be really picky about where you stay if sleep is a priority.

A new hotel guest survey by [MattressAdvisor.com](http://mattressadvisor.com) found that nearly 81 percent of travelers say a comfortable bed is the "single-most important" feature in a hotel room. Yet of the top-ranked hotels for mattresses, none was a member of a major chain. The highest-rated property in the mattress category is the Holiday Inn Resort Panama City Beach, which has a terrific beach but is hardly a five-star hotel.

Another study by [Mattress.com](http://mattress.com) concluded most chain hotel mattresses were "unremarkable." For example, the famed Marriott Bed is manufactured by the same people who supply Motel 6. All major U.S. hotel chains source their mattresses from four companies. Of those, Serta, Simmons and Sealy scored just a 74 out of 100 on Consumer Reports, and the fourth, Jamison/Solstice, is unrated.

Don't believe the surveys? Then just talk to your fellow hotel guests.

Jay Marose, a writer and publicist, recently checked into a Los Angeles chain hotel.

"The feather bed was so worn, it was like sleeping on a bed of nails," he complains. "There was no duvet cover. There were four flat sheets in a bedding origami that had nothing to do with comfort, just picture taking. I left early."

I feel his pain. I'm on the road 365 days a year, so I sleep – or perhaps it would be more accurate to say, I don't sleep – on a lot of beds. I've stayed at



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two of the top-rated sleep hotels, the West Baden Springs Hotel in West Baden, Indiana (No. 2), and the Hotel Emma in San Antonio (No. 8), and I slept well in both of them.

But I've stayed in some really nice places – you know, the kind that charge a mandatory \$30-a-night "resort fee" on top of their exorbitant room rate – and felt as if I were sleeping on a stone slab.

So let's dispense with these three hotel sleep myths:

■ **Because hotel beds are super-premium products, you'll always sleep better in them.** They are not all super-premium, and people do not necessarily sleep better in them.

■ **Hotel mattresses are so amazing, guests should buy them for their own bedrooms.** Not really. It would be more accurate to say they are so amazingly marketed that people buy them.

■ **Hotel mattresses are proprietary and specially made for the hotel, which is why they're so good.** Not always. Many are generic and average.

But why do the myths endure? Experts say it's because there's more to a good night's rest than a mattress. Sheets, blankets and pillows are important. And having a quiet and uncluttered room counts for something as well. You're unlikely to have the same thing at home, which can be noisier and less tranquil.

"It's the entire package," says Chris Brantner, a certified sleep science coach at [SleepZoo.com](http://SleepZoo.com), a site that offers mattress buying help. "Are hotel mattresses considerably better than what we can get at home? Not likely. The devil is in the details."

# How I saved \$500 on my vacation

**Jennifer Jolly**  
Special to USA TODAY

Going on an epic vacation is great. But going on an epic vacation knowing you paid less than everyone else? That's pure gold.

Here's how I saved more than \$500 on a recent vacation, with tried-and-true travel tips that can help you save on your next great adventure.

You know that whole "early bird gets the worm" thing? Several travel experts now agree that planning ahead can save you big bucks, and that's especially true with flights. Earlier this year, website Cheapair.com studied more than 917 million flights to determine the absolute best times to book travel to land the cheapest airfares.

## Plan ahead

Here are some of Cheapair.com's best suggestions on ways to save when you fly.

- Book European flights 99 days prior to departure.
- Book a fall flight 69 days in advance (with the exception of Thanksgiving).
- Book winter travel 62 days before you want to fly.
- The best time to book and save on domestic and international travel is Sunday.
- The least expensive days to fly out are Tuesdays and Wednesdays for domestic flights.

## 'Hidden city' tickets

I searched high and low for amazing deals on a nonstop, round-trip flight from San Francisco to San Diego in early July. But I didn't start my ticket search until late June, which wasn't even remotely early enough to take advantage of the cheapest weeks to score great deals in the peak summer months. (Data from travel booking site Hipmunk shows the cheapest week to book flights for summer travel was April 23-29, 2018. By booking flights then, Hipmunk reported that people could save about 12 percent versus booking later.)

Having missed that whole early-



The AutoSlash app, which checks a database for all possible discount codes on car rentals, is just one way to save money on your next trip. AUTOSLASH

worm window, I went to a site called Skiplagged and scored a 50 percent savings over the second-best price I could find. I paid \$111 total for a nonstop, round-trip ticket that would have cost from \$222 to \$289 anywhere else.

It works by exploiting a loophole in how airlines price their different routes. Say, for example, you wanted to fly from New York City to Las Vegas, and the lowest price any airline will offer is \$300. At the same time, a flight from NYC to Los Angeles is just \$200 but includes a layover in Las Vegas. Get where this is going? You book the flight to LA and then get off in Las Vegas — skipping out on the second half of the trip and arriving at your intended destination without paying the premium.

Using Skiplagged comes with a few important caveats, though. You can't check baggage (or it goes on to the final destination — without you). Also, in a Reddit thread, travelers warn that some airlines keep track of how often people use this "hidden city" loophole and have asked frequent flyers who make a habit of it to pay the difference or risk being banned from the airline and more. Don't use it too much, and you should be OK, as I've found out. It's a slick way to save some big bucks.

## Rent smarter

Car rental can be an afterthought

when it comes to travel, and that's why so many rental agencies try to stick it to you if you don't know their tricks. If you're not walking in with a reservation and a laundry list of discount codes, expect to pay through the nose.

AutoSlash uses a massive database of all possible discount codes — including members-only perks. I was able to cut the cost of a weekend car rental by \$68 — more than 40 percent savings over the second-best price.

The way it works: Go to the site, and put in your destination, what kind of car you want (compact, SUV, etc.) and what memberships you have, such as USAA or AAA. It takes just a minute for the site to pull up a huge list of potential discounts to find which one will save you the most money for your particular situation, including what days you're renting, how long you need the car and, of course, your specific location. It would take hours and hours to do all that work yourself, so this site is a real gem.

AutoSlash is my go-to, but if you really want to turn the tables on the car-rental big dogs, turn to Turo. Turo is a network of car owners who rent their personal vehicles to travelers for budget-friendly rates. You can find everything from minivans to exotic luxury cars — at prices up to 35 percent cheaper than the airport rental counter. Turo provides liability insurance for the people who host their cars for renters, and as a driver you can

pick whatever level of insurance you need, so you can drive with confidence.

Once I secured my rental, my saving sleuthing didn't stop. Using GasBuddy to find the nearest, cheapest gas station helped me knock a few cents off each gallon when I went to fill up. Depending on how much driving you have to do, that can seriously add up. And then, of course, there was the issue of paying for a pricey parking spot. Finding a parking garage with open space can be hard enough on its own, but finding one that won't burn your bank account is a whole other level of frustrating. The SpotHero app does both, listing open spaces and prices based on your location.

## B-Y-O-S

Packing snacks for the whole family before flights, or taking a cooler on road trips, typically saves our family of three more than \$100 per flight (we're all big eaters), and we avoid paying more than \$20 for a package of beef jerky at the airport. Remember, you can't carry a carton of yogurt, or anything else perceived as a liquid, through security, but we pack sandwiches, apples, protein bars and all kinds of goodies. We also travel with reusable water bottles and fill them up once we get through the security checkpoints, which saves quite a bit, too.

## Retroactive savings

All in all, our latest trip went pretty smoothly, but that isn't always the case. That's why I like to use a service called Service to watch my back. It scans travel reservations that pop up in my email and keeps an eye out for potential discounts I might have missed, including lower hotel rates.

But that's not even my favorite part about it.

The best thing about Service is that it can get you a deal on the back end of your trip, too. Service automatically tracks travel delays and flight issues and matches them with travelers who were on those flights. If you happen to have been on a delayed flight, Service reaches out to the airline on your behalf and requests compensation.

# Soon-to-be retiree tying up loose ends

Spending sensibly as his income rose has aided business owner's portfolio



**Pete the Planner**  
Peter Dunn  
USA TODAY

My friend William is retiring in October after 44 years as a small-business owner. Like many Americans, he dreamed of retirement but never thought it would come.

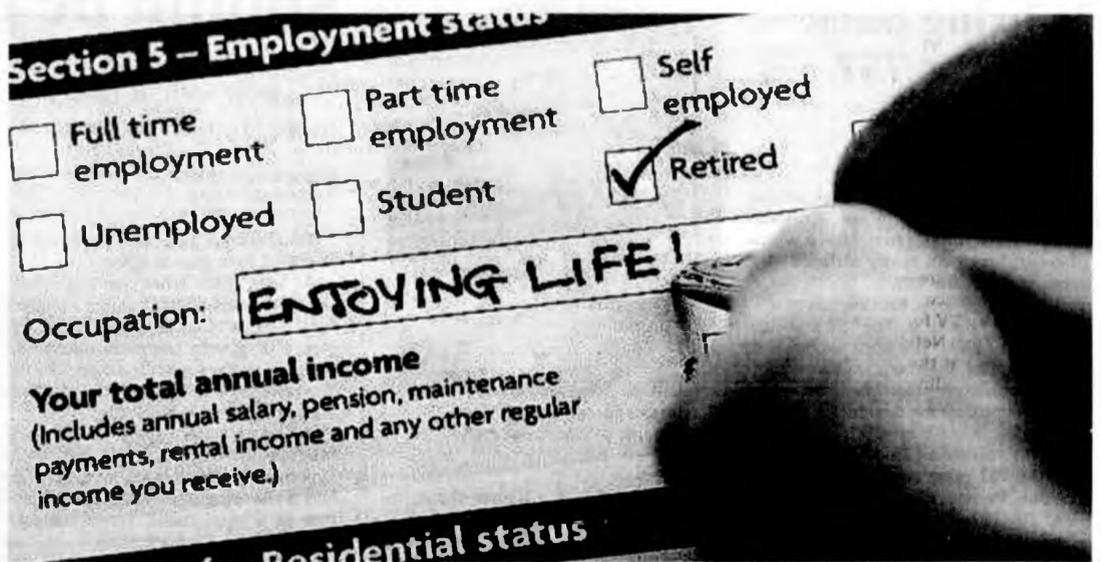
But it's nearly here, and it's a surreal experience for him. All he has left to do is dot the i's and cross the t's of a retirement plan. Let's take a behind-the-scenes look at the last steps in a process that's been in the works for decades.

Not knowing where to start your actual retirement isn't unique. Even when you've planned meticulously over years for your assets and passive income streams, the final preparations can be daunting. William had a ton of moving pieces, but his finalization plan consisted of four elements: core income sources, a retirement budget, meetings with trusted advisers and how he should structure the sale of his business to put the icing on his retirement cake.

At age 67, William's core household income sources include Social Security payouts for himself and his wife and income from annuities he purchased years ago. After taxes, he will have roughly \$4,600 a month to work with. In the event of his or his wife's death, the household income amount would dip only by the amount of his wife's current Social Security benefit.

That's because if he passes away first, she's allowed to receive his monthly Social Security benefit instead of hers. This is a vitally important feature of Social Security that protects widows and widowers. William also made sure his annuity income would be paid to his spouse if he died.

That last bit is important. When buy-



If you plan and make some sacrifices now, you'll have less to worry about after you retire. GETTY IMAGES

ing an annuity, make sure it benefits your household if you die. If you don't, the insurance company keeps the money, and your spouse's financial life is potentially ruined.

As for a retirement budget, William had made that task tremendously easier years ago when he and his wife stopped increasing their lifestyle expenses, even as their income continued to rise. Instead of needing an ever-increasing amount of monthly income now to satisfy spending habits, William and his wife pared back to a reasonable amount, relative to his current work income.

Although William's mortgage wouldn't be paid off when he retired, the payment was built comfortably into his retirement budget, so much so that he is paying an extra \$1,000 per month on it as a working person. The couple's plan is pretty simple: Stop paying \$1,000 extra on their mortgage once they retire.

William did not want an unforeseen mistake to force him back to work. He met with at least three financial experts and asked them to poke holes in his

**The couple's plan is pretty simple: Stop paying \$1,000 extra on their mortgage.**

plans. They couldn't.

Nearly every business owner dreams of selling their business someday. However, it's rarely a clean process. And even if it is clean, there's no guarantee the sale will result in millions of dollars of proceeds. William, listening to his advisers, decided to take a cash and multi-year payment deal. He'll invest the cash and use the multiyear payout as a runway to grow the cash.

Business sale proceeds are something most Americans don't have in their back pocket. But then again, the average American doesn't necessarily take on the risk of owning a business, either. It's a classic risk/reward bet, and his risks led to commensurate rewards. William needs roughly \$5,700 per

month in retirement to live the life he wants. His core sources of income will account for 80 percent of that. The income generated from the sale of his business will easily cover the gap, and he'll still have hundreds of thousands of dollars in the bank, just in case.

You may not have the same numbers as William, but you will have the same opportunity to make the final pieces fit together. Start with your core sources of income, move quickly to examining your budget, consult multiple advisers, and see how your other assets can create supplemental income.

The only task William has left over the next few months is figuring out what he's going to do with 168 hours per week of free time for the rest of his life. That might just be the hardest part.

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# How to find the right financial adviser

For complex situations, you'll need human help

Dayana Yochim  
NerdWallet

You have financial questions. The internet has answers. So do friends, family members and late-night TV money gurus.

But sometimes you need a professional who can provide money advice that's tailored specifically to your needs. And that raises more questions: Whom do I hire? How much will it cost? What will they ask? Where do I start?

## The right help, at the right cost

Financial pros are like doctors: Some are specialists in defined areas, such as taxes or managing investments. Others are general practitioners, offering advice on everything from budgeting and investing to insurance and retirement planning.

**Just starting out?** For financial situations that aren't complex — you're looking for low-cost investment guidance or to open your first IRA — automation has enabled traditional firms like Vanguard and Fidelity as well as online-only companies like Betterment and Wealthfront to substantially lower the price of portfolio management.

These so-called robo-advisers charge a small fee (ranging from 0.25 percent to 0.89 percent of your account balance) to build and manage a portfolio of low-cost investments suited to your financial goals. The investment mix is determined by a computer algorithm and is automatically adjusted when needed. At the basic account level, you can start investing with \$500 or even less.

**Need comprehensive, hands-on help?** For those juggling multiple priorities — like saving for college, retirement, a new deck and a nose job — a certified financial planner can provide holistic one-on-one advice for even the most complex financial situations. The official CFP designation indicates that a provider has gone through a rigorous formal training and testing process.



You can develop a portfolio online, with an adviser's help or through some combination of the two. If you opt for an adviser, make sure you find one with whom you feel comfortable sharing your financial secrets. GETTY IMAGES

A fee-only CFP typically charges by the hour (usually \$200 to \$400) or by the task (a flat \$1,000 to \$3,000 fee, for example). The initial consultation to discuss your needs and their services is usually free.

Ask whether the person you're considering is a fiduciary, a term that means they're obligated to put the client's best interests first. (Members of the Garrett Planning Network and National Association of Personal Financial Advisors fill both the fiduciary and fee-only requirements.)

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## Getting acquainted

Whether you hire human help or opt for electronic money management, you'll begin with a review of where you stand. You'll be asked about:

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Online advisories offer virtual tours,

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demos and even the chance to test-drive the investment platform before you sign up. Wealthsimple even jumps right into advice mode by performing a free portfolio review for potential clients and discussing their savings and debt.

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**Do a background check:** Ask to see Form ADV, which shows fee structure, firm history and any misconduct.

## Working together

No matter whom you hire, keep in mind that the effectiveness of a financial plan depends on the quality and completeness of the information you provide. Don't be shy about revealing your money issues. You want to feel comfortable sharing your financial details in order to receive advice tailored to your unique needs and goals.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

# Shop around to alleviate cord-cutting price hikes

Streaming costs rise as content budgets increase

Rob Pegoraro  
Special to USA TODAY

For the growing ranks of cord-cutters who fled cable- and satellite-TV services for cheaper streaming options, recent weeks have brought an unsettling run: rate increases that look too much like the price hikes that plagued traditional pay TV for years.

First, the Dish Network-owned Sling TV announced at the end of June that its entry-level Sling Orange service would increase by \$5 to \$25. Days later, \$5 monthly increases were announced for the three tiers of service for AT&T-owned DirectTV Now and Sony PlayStation Vue. The cheapest rate for both is now \$40. Google's YouTube TV went up to \$40 in March.

It's true that online streaming operations face the same inflation from studios and networks as cable and satellite.

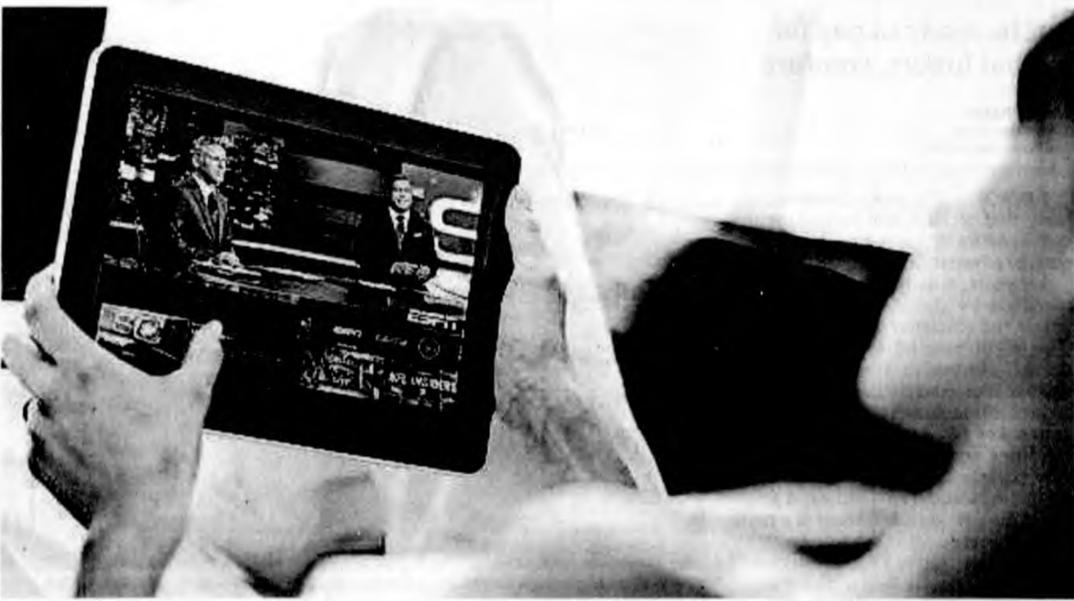
"Costs for content producers and networks continue to rise faster than the general inflation rate," said Brett Sappington, senior director of research at Parks Associates. "As long as that happens, they will face pressure to increase the amounts that they need from their distributors to cover those costs."

He noted that online services, often called "over-the-top" services because of how they arrive on another company's broadband connection, themselves contribute to some of this inflation with motion picture-level budgets for some exclusive series.

"Netflix and other OTT video services are spending big on original series," he said. "As a result, the bar has been raised for broadcasters and networks in spending and quality."

But subscribers to online services remain better positioned to resist this rate creep than those with cable- or satellite-TV bills.

First of all, they have more options to replace almost all of a traditional pay-



SLING



Sling TV's Orange service has gone up \$5. SLING TV

TV bundle: DirecTV Now, PlayStation Vue, YouTube TV, Sling TV, fuboTV and Hulu's live-TV option.

They might now all charge about \$40 a month — if you factor in Sling's

combination of the Orange bundle and the Blue bundle that adds some regional sports networks and other channels. But that still leaves you with multiple options if any one decides to push through another hike.

If you stick with cable and can't get satellite, you probably have no other choices. And you're probably also stuck in a contract that will punish you for switching service early. With online video, you can switch at will, so you should make a habit of seeing which service offers the best deal.

(Please ignore commentary suggesting your true cost of online viewing involves paying for more than one of these core services. If you really watch that much TV, you should stick with cable or satellite.)

Second, you can consider cheaper online services that omit some of the most expensive sports channels that have long ranked among the top drivers

of pay-TV rates. Philo, for instance, starts at just \$16 a month if you can live without ESPN. FuboTV offers more than 105 channels, including many non-ESPN sports channels, for \$44.99.

Third, if you have good over-the-air reception of local stations, you can buy an antenna and drop online options for broadcast TV. That could let you stick with Sling's \$25 Orange plan instead of upgrading to its \$40 Orange + Blue bundle, for instance. It might also eliminate the need to pay for single-network online feeds such as CBS' \$5.99-with-ads All Access.

Finally, the online services don't make you pay \$5, \$10 or more a month to rent a box. That's money you'll keep saving every month.

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# In your 20s? It's time to plan for retirement

Experts wish they had paid attention sooner



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If you're young and not planning your golden years, consider yourself normal.

"Who in their 20s thinks about retirement?" asks Ben Coombs, a now-retired financial planner. "I know I didn't."

Other financial planners agree.

"Retirement was a faraway concept, and I gave it no thought," says Lewis Walker, a certified financial planner at Capital Insight Group.

There are steps that experts would have taken if they had known then what they know now. What are they?

## Begin with the end in mind

Being aware of retirement's importance would have been nice, says Harold Evensky, chairman of Evensky & Katz/Foldes Financial Wealth Management.

"I remember on my first job my boss sitting me down to talk about retirement benefits. I could have cared less," Evensky says.

Walker also says it would have been worth thinking about retirement earlier.

"I wish I had begun to buy stocks or mutual funds earlier than I did," he says. "Once you get married and have children, saving money for long-term priorities never gets easier in the face of 'do-it-now' demands, expenses for raising children, etc."

"It took me a long time to recognize that retirement per se is not the goal — it's financial independence, the option to work or not work," Walker adds. "Better yet, the option to work on things that light my fire, fuel my passion, regardless of compensation."

For those in their 20s, retirement is likely 40 to 50 years away. But now is a good time to think about how you want to spend those years, experts say.

"The most important issue to resolve is 'what am I going to do to occupy my time meaningfully?'" Coombs says.

Walker shares that opinion. "I wish I had known earlier the downside to the classic retirement model, for some, boredom, loss of meaning and purpose, and concomitant physical and mental deterioration that can impact many people," he says. "I think the young should begin to reframe exactly what retirement means, particularly in a world of increasing health breakthroughs and increased longevity."

Walker also recommends using tools such as the Kolbe Corp. assessments or the Gallup StrengthsFinder.

"For those in their 20s I suggest certain diagnostics to help them see ... what their talents are so they know how to chart a path that will give them meaning and purpose," he says.

## Save earlier

Peng Chen, CEO of Asia Ex-Japan, Dimensional Fund Advisors, also wishes he had started saving sooner.

"This would have allowed me to take full advantage of the compounded returns over the 40-plus years of my working life," he says. "Early on, I didn't know as much about the benefits of diversification ... and the negative long-run impact of high fees."

## Don't fret about your nest egg

Chen says the goal is less about building the biggest nest egg possible and more about creating sustainable income.

"What I have seen over the past 10-15 years is that (trying to build the most accumulated wealth) can be a risky approach," he says.

"Individuals that have not focused



Think about how to spend your retirement years when you're young. GETTY IMAGES

on controlling for the proper risks have often been hurt."

There are, of course, those who recommend investing more aggressively.

"You need to invest more aggressively than most retirement pundits recommend," Coombs says.

## Ensure you have enough income

Twenty-somethings should also realize that they probably can't get along with less income after they retire if only because they will have more time to spend money, Coombs says.

## Adjust to income fluctuations

The goal of trying to produce an income that only goes up with inflation is a false one, Coombs says.

"Most people who have accumulat-

ed any wealth at all did so by spending less than they made, and they experienced periods of falling or no income during their lifetimes," he says. "So they know how to adjust to fluctuating income."

Therefore, Coombs thinks it's prudent to establish a fixed percentage distribution of the previous year's ending balance even though that might produce a fluctuating income from one year to the next.

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## REVIEW

# F-150 King Ranch is top diesel on market

But be ready to pay for all that luxury, comfort

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DETROIT — It's looking increasingly likely that pickups will be making the last stand for diesel engines in the U.S. outside of semitrucks and tugboats.

For years, American car buyers were unmoved by diesel's combination of power and efficiency while tens of millions of European buyers snapped them up for everything from Volkswagen Golfs to Mercedes S-class limos.

In 2018, just about every European automaker is phasing out diesels as countries and cities across the continent prepare to ban them. At the same time, the Detroit 3 are rolling out a new generation of diesels — priced at a hefty premium over sexy V-8s — to power their most popular and profitable vehicles.

The Ford F-150's 3-liter diesel is the latest to hit the road and the best for at least the moment. That last caveat is because archrival Chevrolet has a new diesel coming in an all-new truck, and Ram's slick new 2019 1500 pickup is slated to get Fiat Chrysler's reliable diesel early next year.

## Outstanding features

I tested a loaded King Ranch SuperCrew with four doors, seating for five, ranch-style leather and badging, and more. It stickered at \$64,805, excluding destination charges.

The F-150 diesel doesn't have the biggest towing capacity among full-size pickups, or even in the F-150 line. But its combination of an 11,400-pound max, strong torque for good towing and decent fuel economy — up to 30 miles per gallon on the highway in EPA tests — give it a unique set of attributes that are like catnip to mostly well-heeled buyers. Ford also expects to sell a handful of diesel F-150s as straight-up work trucks.

The diesel is quiet and smooth, thanks to recent upgrades to the engine



The F-150 King Ranch has the kind of passenger space — particularly rear leg room and head room — generally associated with limos. JAMES LIPMAN



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family, which Ford has built in the United Kingdom for years. Extra sound insulation under the hood helps assure that occupants of the F-150's roomy cab probably won't hear any more engine noise than they would from a gasoline engine.

## The downside

The diesel's stop-start, which shuts the engine off when it's idling at a stoplight or in traffic, is very noticeable. The vibration can be felt by everybody in the cab when it restarts the engine to resume driving.

The F-150 is brilliantly engineered for maneuverability and drivability, but there's no disguising the fact that a 4x4 F-150 crew cab is a huge vehicle. It fills up a residential street and turns the search for an adequately sized downtown parking spot into a test of patience.

The King Ranch is a luxurious and comfortable vehicle, with the kind of passenger space — particularly rear leg room and head room — generally associated with limos.

It's available with the latest driver assistance features and has good, easy-to-use controls and voice recognition for features such as audio, navigation and smartphones.

## What stands out

**Power:** Nicest new diesel out there

**Price:** Up to a nearly \$5,000 premium for the diesel

**Size:** The crew cab version of the truck is massive

## Ford F-150 King Ranch SuperCrew Diesel

**What:** A luxurious pickup with a diesel engine

**When:** On sale now

**Where:** Made in Dearborn, Michigan

**What makes it go:** A 3-liter turbo-charged diesel V-6 engine

**How thirsty:** 20 miles per gallon in the city, 25 mpg on the highway and 22 mpg combined in the four-wheel-drive crew cab

**How big:** 19.2 feet long

**How much:** Starts at \$55,355 for the four-wheel-drive crew cab

**Overall:** Best diesel truck on the market

## How much?

Being first of the new generation of diesel pickups on sale doesn't make the F-150 diesel look like a bargain because it's not. Diesel buyers are a special breed, happy to pay extra for an engine that combines good fuel economy with hefty towing capacity. Ford's 250-horsepower 3-liter V-6 diesel is a \$4,995 option on the F-150 XLT, its base model, an extra \$4,000 on a midline Lariat and an added \$3,000 to the tab for luxurious pickups such as the King Ranch that I tested.

Ford expects the diesel to account for about 5 percent of F-150 sales. That's a small share, but the numbers get meaningful when you're talking about America's best-selling vehicle. Ford will probably sell more diesel F-150s than Chevy sells Corvettes.

## CLUB GOLF

## Oakland Hills' South Course set for renovation

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"The Monster" is going to be caged for a while.

Oakland Hills Country Club members voted overwhelmingly to allow for a major renovation of its championship South Course.

The famed layout, dubbed "The Monster" by Ben Hogan following the 1951 U.S. Open, will shut down starting in fall 2019 and reopen in spring 2021. It will be closed for the entire 2020 golf season — a total of some 19 months overall.

The renovation is essentially a greens overhaul. The course routing will not be affected.

"First and foremost, the substructure of our greens need better drainage. Those greens themselves are 100 years old," said club president Bill Royce, an Oakland Hills Country Club member for 25 years. "We're expanding the greens. A lot of the greens over the years have gotten smaller. That was one of the reasons why we wanted to do it.

"The second reason is we want to make sure we keep the South Course as a championship venue for championship golf. And three, just the member enjoyment of the golf course itself. The first two being the main ones.

"We're not going to lose any of the golf season in '19 because we're closing in October and you can still move dirt around," he added. "We'll be closed all of 2020 and we'll open it up in the spring, like we normally do, in April of 2021. So we're going to lose one golf season."

#### North Course stays open

Although the final decision was made at a board meeting July 12, renovation discussions actually started in late 2015.

Club members voted down the original redesign plan in 2016 because of financial concerns. They went back to the drawing board, eliminated some costs and presented the revised plan to membership in June. Board members easily passed the new proposal last month.

During the lengthy renovation, the club's underrated and unheralded North Course will remain open for play. The North Course most recently hosted the 2016 U.S. Amateur and the 2012 Michigan Amateur. It will host the 2019 Michigan Amateur.

"The North Course, I think, is beautiful and extremely playable, meaning the members can go out and enjoy it," OHCC professional Steve Brady said. "It's all you can handle. Every time we have a championship there — like the Michigan Amateur, which we're hosting next year — none of the players ever really beat it up.

"It's always in great shape and the greens are always firm and fast," he added. "This year, both courses are firm and fast. So Oakland Hills is in the best shape I've seen it in a long time."

It marks the third renovation of the South Course, originally designed by Donald Ross and opened for play July



Grounds crews prepare the South Course of Oakland Hills Country Club for play. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Early morning at the Oakland Hills South Course, near the first tee. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Oakland Hills member Joe Michelotti putts on the first hole of the South Course. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

13, 1918.

Robert Trent Jones was responsible for the first makeover, prior to the 1951 U.S. Open. His son Reese Jones oversaw the second enhancement, prior to the 2008 PGA Championship.

#### Hanse leads project

The newest renovation project, led by renowned golf architect Gil Hanse, will address both course and technology-related areas, including:

- Replacing various areas with linear and penal bunkering with risk and reward-oriented features
- Introducing modern technology and improved

infrastructure to the 100-year-old course

- Rebuilding the infamous green complexes while retaining the traditional challenging undulations
- Improving the green subsurface to promote consistent drainage and surface conditions
- Adding new grass surfaces on the greens to perform at peak levels throughout the playing season
- Increasing the green sizes to allow additional hole locations
- Providing championship bunker conditions
- Ensuring high-quality grass surfaces throughout the property
- Addressing strategic

placement of forward tees and extending the championship tees to more than 750 yards

- Allowing for a new irrigation system
- Extending peak playing conditions on each side of the season.

#### Another major

"We'll increase the yardage to just over 7,500 yards. It's only, like, 150-ish yards of length that we're adding," said Royce, a Bloomfield Township resident. "It will stay a par 70 for the pros and par 72 for the members, because we're not changing the routing or anything.

"The interesting thing

is largely it takes the course back to close to the original Donald Ross design. Of course, there were very few trees out on the property at that time and there are still plenty of trees out there.

"It kind of takes the best of what Trent Jones and Reese Jones did and Donald Ross and combines it all together," he added. "It's pretty exciting."

Oakland Hills, founded in 1916, has hosted six U.S. Open Championships, three PGA Championships, one Ryder Cup, two U.S. Senior Open Championships, two U.S. Amateur Championships and a U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

The last major at Oakland Hills was the 2008 PGA Championship. The last signature event was the 2016 U.S. Amateur.

"Our goal is definitely to get another major down the line," Royce said. "That's exactly what we want to do. The membership is on board with the plan.

"All of the majors are already scheduled pretty far out," he added. "We're in discussions with the governing bodies of golf and have been on a continuous basis, but we don't have anything on the docket though."

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## Obituaries

### Jane Liberati

**NORTHVILLE** - Jane D. Liberati, age 87, of Northville, passed away July 29, 2018. She was born May 1, 1931 in Highland Park, Michigan; daughter of Donald and Jennie (nee Jacobsen) Wragg. She was united in marriage to Ferdinando "Fred" E. Liberati on April 19, 1951; dedicated to each other for over 67 years.

In 1984 Fred and Jane moved to Northville from Wayne. Jane enjoyed staying active and fit; a goal she attained by walking and riding her bicycle. She was incredibly talented with needlework. Her creativity was seen through her cross stitch and embroidery. Jane loved listening to music to all eras and was very patriotic. She dedicated herself to helping others through her 20 years of volunteer work at Civic Concern in Northville. Jane was a loving and caring wife, mother, and friend.

She is survived by her husband Fred; her daughter Nan Liberati; and her son Brian Liberati. Jane is also survived by many dear friends and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 2, 2018 from Noon until 2pm with the Memorial Service beginning at 2pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. In lieu of flowers, contributions appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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### Leonard "Len" Benson

**NOVI** - Leonard "Len" Benson, age 89, a recent resident of Novi and a former longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods and South Lyon, died peacefully on July 28, 2018 after a long battle with congestive heart failure. He is survived by his beloved wife of fifty seven years, Elaine Benson; daughters, Lynn (Reese) Smith and Pam (Randy) Jacops; grandchildren, Isabella, Victor and Fletcher Smith, Riley, Renee, Rachel, Remy, Rex, Rory, Roxy and Ryce Jacops; sisters-in-law, Barbara Surbrook and Carol Pitt, as well as extended family members and friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2 PM, with visitation beginning at 1 PM. Pastor Bryant Anderson officiating. Burial Milford Memorial Cemetery, Monday August 6, 2018. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchandSonsMilford.com](http://www.LynchandSonsMilford.com)



### Richard J. Tuzinsky

**SOUTH LYON** - Age 82, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully at home on July 24, 2018. His services were entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home. [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)



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### How 'returnships' can help older job seekers

BY ERIC TITNER  
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Those among us who have been in the workforce for a while have no doubt witnessed a tidal wave of change in the work world. Everything from technological innovation to globalization and how employers and employees approach the very notion of work has undergone seismic shifts in recent years, and it can be a real challenge to keep up.

If you're someone who has taken a career break — for whatever reason — and you're looking to jump back in to employment, the challenge to get up to speed can be even more daunting. On top of this perception gap, your skill set and industry knowledge may need a refresh or revamp.

**What is a 'returnship' and who is it for?**

Although this may seem like an insurmountable obstacle, jumping back into an industry in order to build a new career is completely doable. Companies are recognizing that a significant and potentially valuable segment of the workforce consists of those who are looking to return to work after an extended absence, and are making a real effort to help these individuals make the transition back.



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As a result, we're seeing a rise in the number of companies that are offering "returnships," which are essentially internships for experienced job hunters who are looking to return to work but need a refresher period to get up to speed regarding changes in their industry and need to build their skills. In many instances, individuals who re-enter the workforce through a

returnship are able to get back on their professional feet, prove themselves and get satisfying full-time positions.

**How to find a returnship opportunity**

Does this sound like just the sort of opportunity you're looking for? If so, there are a few options for snagging a returnship. Some companies have established structured

returnship programs that you can apply to, and the number of companies that are developing similar initiatives is on the rise. For example, IBM has a formal 12-week re-entry program for experienced technologists as part of its initiative to diversify its workforce and source the best available talent at various levels. You can search directly to determine companies in

your industry who have similar programs; often, companies will provide information about applying for a returnship and open employment positions directly on their websites.

Try creating a targeted list of companies in your field that you'd like to work for, and do some research to determine if they offer returnship or re-entry programs that you might be qualified for. If not, you can always contact their HR departments and suggest that they consider starting such a program. If you can effectively convince them of the potential benefits for doing so, you just may be among their first set of program participants.

Returning to work after an extended absence can be a real challenge in today's rapidly changing, ultracompetitive work environment — but it certainly isn't an impossible mission. If you've been out of the workforce for a while and are eager to get back in, consider a returnship program in your area. It just might be the perfect bridge between your current situation and full-time employment.

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 Internal / External  
 Part Time  
 (E014-18)

Posting Date: **July 2, 2018**  
 Reports To: **District Director, Public Safety**  
 Grade / Level: **Non Union (\$15.00 per hour)**  
 Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

**Summary of Duties:**  
 Campus Safety Officers perform specialized safety/ security activities including enforcement of college regulations, vehicular and foot patrol of college property. Under the direction of the shift supervisor, conducts preliminary investigations (gather evidence and obtain witnesses information, and submit written reports), answer calls and complaints and provide assistance to students, faculty and staff, including assisting with jump starting vehicles. Personal escorts, provides directions/ information, lock/unlock classroom doors, and perform other related duties as assigned. Issue parking violations and enforce the college's parking procedures. Observes and reports unsafe equipment or areas on the campus. Assist in communication/ control center, monitoring CCTV, alarm system, access control, taking students ID cards, and assist with all other dispatch / communication duties as needed. Officers may also assist law enforcement officers in the performance of their legal duties, including the investigation and apprehension of suspects in criminal matters. Performs other work-related duties as requested.

**Education:**  
 Previous graduation from an accredited Police Training or a P.A. 330 accredited academy, and received a Police Officer training program, including receiving instruction on Use of Force policy. Bachelor Degree in criminal justice or related field preferred.

**Experience:**  
 Previous Law Enforcement experience with an MCOLES Police agency or equivalent experience with P.A. 330 certified Police Agency. Ten (10) years of previous corporate security experience and an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice may be considered.

**Additional Requirements:**  
 Successful candidate must demonstrate ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Applicants are subject to a background check for criminal convictions; a drug/alcohol dependency test (medical) will be conducted as a condition of employment. Applicants are subject to a background check for criminal convictions; a drug/alcohol dependency test (medical) will be conducted as a condition of employment. Possession or ability to obtain a CPL license and must be currently P.A. 330 certified or eligible for P.A. 330 certification. Please reference this staffing number on all documents: E014-18

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**Notice of Position Opening External**  
**Part Time Campus Police Officer (E014-18)**

Posting Date: July 2, 2018 - Reports To: District Director, Public Safety - Grade / Level: Non Union (\$20.00 per hour)  
 Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

**Summary of Duties:**  
 Under the direction of the Director of Public Safety, law enforcement work involving the protection of life and property, and the enforcement of laws and ordinances on all property owned and operated by Wayne County Community College District. Employees may be designated to represent the police department in various uniform and non-uniform capacities. MCOLES sworn police officer will perform all related duties including, but not limited to, patrolling on foot or by vehicle, college property and on the public way adjacent to all college owned or controlled property to prevent and discover the commission of crimes; enforce State and Federal laws; enforce traffic regulations; conduct investigations on criminal offenses and traffic accidents; to gather evidence, obtain witnesses and make arrests; provide documentation and testimony to Judicial Board and courts; and provide general security for college properties and citizens on campus to insure a safe environment for all.

**Education:**

- Must be a high school graduate, or equivalent, Associates Degree preferred
- Must be MCOLES certified. Previous experience as an MCOLES police officer preferred.
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 Grade / Level: **Non Union (\$12.00 per hour)**  
 Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

**Summary of Duties:**  
 Campus Safety Officers perform specialized safety/ security activities including enforcement of college regulations, vehicular and foot patrol of college property. Under the direction of the shift supervisor, conducts preliminary investigations (gather evidence and obtain witnesses information, and submit written reports), answer calls and complaints and provide assistance to students, faculty and staff, including assisting with jump starting vehicles. Personal escorts, provides directions/ information, lock/unlock classroom doors, and perform other related duties as assigned. Issue parking violations and enforce the college's parking procedures. Observes and reports unsafe equipment or areas on the campus. Assist in communication/ control center, monitoring CCTV, alarm system, access control, taking students ID cards, and assist with all other dispatch / communication duties as needed.

**Education:**  
 High School or equivalent required. College credits in Criminal Justice or related study preferred.

**Experience:**  
 Two (2) years security related experience. Three years employment with emphasis on interaction with the public may be considered.

**Additional Requirements:**  
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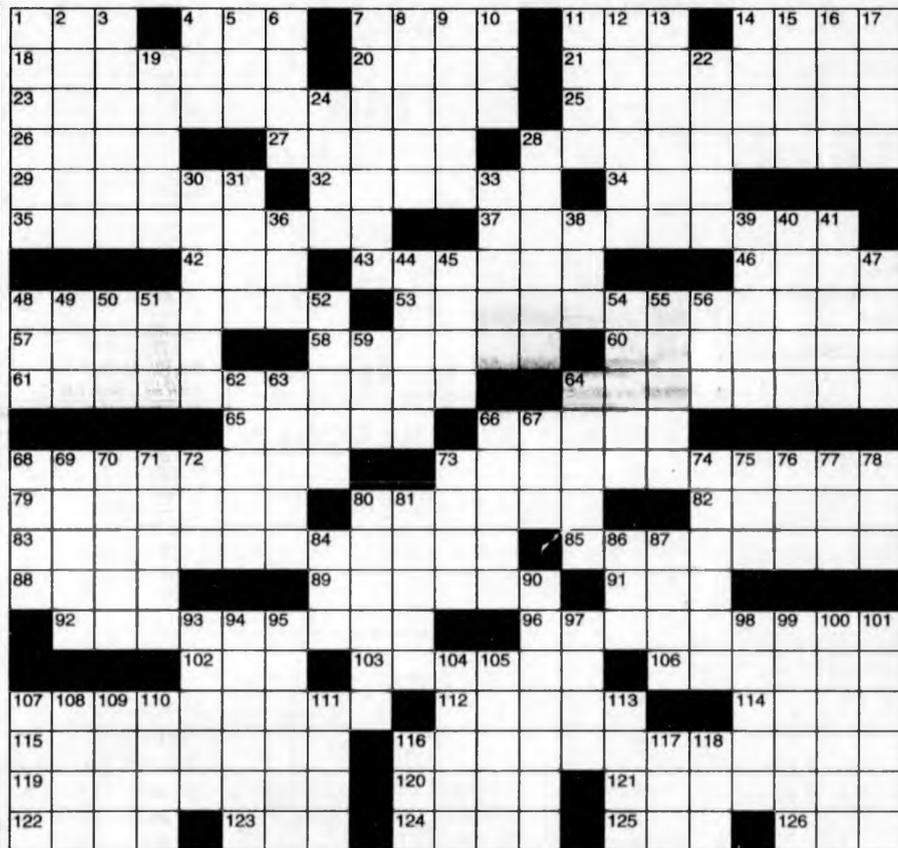
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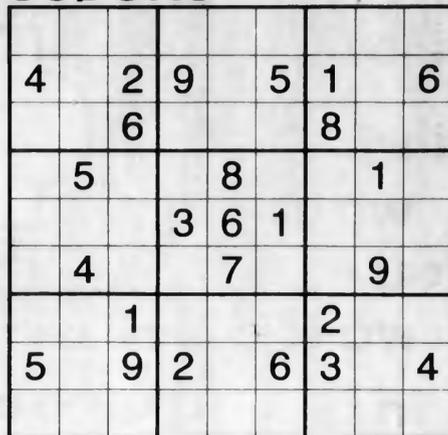
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- 1 Inc. article subjs.
  - 4 Pharmacy chain
  - 7 — fair in love and war
  - 11 Luau guitar, informally
  - 14 Actress Skye
  - 18 Lure
  - 20 Tournament sit-outs
  - 21 Rebelled
  - 23 \* "High gravity" lager brand
  - 25 Questioning intensely
  - 26 Tattered
  - 27 Sasha
  - 28 \* Home to Nashville
  - 29 Place in a row
  - 32 Actor/singer Gordon
  - 34 Prefix with hazard
  - 35 \* "The Good Body" playwright
  - 37 \* He played Uncle Leo on "Seinfeld"
  - 42 Prefix with hazard
  - 43 Deliberately disregarding
  - 46 "That's —!" ("Not true!")
  - 48 Source of some syrup
  - 53 \* Tense situations make them rise
  - 57 Kitchen cover-up
  - 58 Not as hard
  - 60 Noble's crown
  - 61 \* Horizontal supporting piece on a ship's lower mast
  - 64 First-class
  - 65 Leaves off
  - 66 Be nuts over
  - 68 Woman's office outfit
  - 73 \* Actor who played Hercules in 1958
  - 79 At odds with
  - 80 Biology slide specimen
  - 82 Accord
  - 83 \* Unease
  - 85 Solidified
  - 88 Asia's — Sea
  - 89 Think up
  - 91 Part of TMI
  - 92 \* Fitted forearm cover
  - 96 \* Not even a single time
  - 102 — populi
  - 103 Pluses
  - 106 Strauss one-act opera
  - 107 \* Short-pile cotton fabric
  - 112 Instruments of angels
  - 114 Left amazed
  - 115 Push away
  - 116 \* The answers to the starred clues are all drawn from a certain set of them
  - 119 Troubadour relative
  - 120 Busy as —
  - 121 Live through
  - 122 Cooped (up)
  - 123 Cen. parts
  - 124 Part of BMI
  - 125 ER staffers
  - 126 Census stat
  - 7 Husband of Héloïse
  - 8 Bit of a song's words
  - 9 Actor Burton
  - 10 Dir. opposite NNW
  - 11 Push along
  - 12 Corn piece
  - 13 Show plainly
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  - 28 Wobble
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  - 38 Denials
  - 39 Relish
  - 40 Kagan of the court
  - 41 Made angry
  - 44 Snaky curves
  - 45 End in — (finish evenly)
  - 47 Punta del —, Uruguay
  - 48 Gymnast's landing pad
  - 49 Fourth mo.
  - 50 Nuptial lead-in
  - 51 — Alamos
  - 52 — four (little cake)
  - 54 Get points
  - 55 One running easily
  - 56 Unit of work
  - 59 Gallery work
  - 62 Scoundrel
  - 63 Gives off
  - 64 Actress Feldshuh
  - 66 Nuclear trial, in brief
  - 67 Cotillion star for short
  - 68 Legal aide, for short
  - 69 Golden — (retirees)
  - 70 Like "m" and "n" sounds
  - 71 Duke, e.g.
  - 72 NBC hit since '75
  - 73 Sammy of baseball
  - 74 Author Welty
  - 75 Suffix with phenyl
  - 76 Actor Diesel
  - 77 Summer, to the French
  - 78 Pink Floyd's Barrett
  - 80 Like Peru's peaks
  - 81 Assembles
  - 84 The "S" of RSVP
  - 86 Off-road bike, in brief
  - 87 Some deer
  - 90 Filling dishes
  - 93 Incident
  - 94 Religious adherent
  - 95 Phillips — Academy
  - 97 U.S. Open ailer
  - 98 Bring joy to
  - 99 Oath takers
  - 100 Come forth
  - 101 Boston ball team
  - 104 "Come Back, Little —"
  - 105 Roof overhangs
  - 107 Improvised jazz-style
  - 108 Writer Wiesel
  - 109 "Perfect Strangers" co-star Mark — Baker
  - 110 Waistcoat
  - 111 Twisting fish
  - 113 Squalid district
  - 116 U.S. "Uncle"
  - 117 Outer limit
  - 118 NFL stats



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

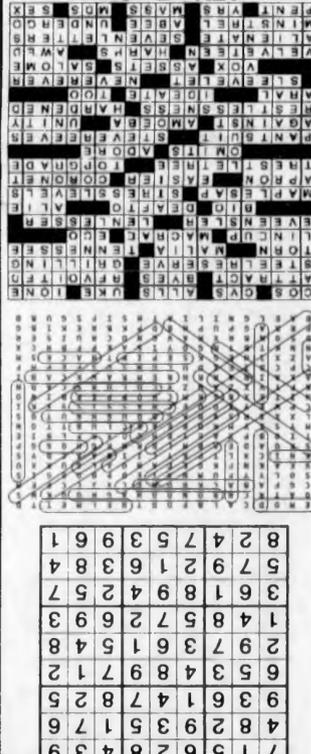
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## WORDS

- AFTERMARKET
- AIRHEADS
- ANTI-DIVE
- APEX
- BACKBONE
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- BACKYARD
- BAFFLE
- BAGGER
- BIKER
- BLOCK
- BOBBER
- BROTHER
- CAGER
- CAN
- CHASSIS
- CHOPPER
- CITIZEN
- CLUB
- COLORS
- CRUISER
- DOME
- DO-RAG
- DOUGHNUT
- FISHTAILING
- GAUGES
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