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Runestad, Maddock, Dodd cri

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Matt Maddock ran away in the Republican primary in the state House 44th District, while Laura Dodd did the same thing in the Democratic primary.

Meanwhile, Jim Runestad beat Mike Saari in the Republican primary in the state Senate 15th District.

It was a different story, though, in the primaries for the state House 38th District, where the races were much closer.

With all 39 precincts reporting on the Oakland County website, Republican incumbent Kathy Crawford held off a challenge by Chase Turner for the state







Maddock Dodd

House 38th District primary (the district covers South Lyon, Lyon, Novi, Northville and Walled Lake). Crawford had 53.39 percent of the vote, while Tur-

ner was close behind at 46.45 percent. It was a little wider on the Democrat side, where Novi City Council member Kelly Breen won with 49 percent of the votes,

while Aditi Bagchi received 34 percent. The other races weren't even close.

State Senate

In the Republican primary for the state Senate 15th District (which covers South Lyon, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake, Orchard Lake and part of Northville), Jim Runestad won with 89 percent of the vote. Mike Saari was a distant second with just 11 percent of the vote.

Runestad faces Democrat Julia Pulver of West Bloomfield, who ran unopposed Tuesday, in the November general election.

State House 44th District

Republican Matt Maddock of Milford

state House 44th District, which covers Highland, Milford, White Lake, Waterford and Springfield townships.

With all 39 precincts reporting, Maddock had grabbed 63 percent of the vote. easily outdistancing Lynn O'Brien of Milford, who had just 18.5 percent.

Democrat Laura Dodd had an even easier time in the Democrat primary, getting 89 percent of the vote. Stephen White Jr. got just 11 percent.

Maddock and Dodd will face off in the November general election.

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Milford firefighter John Siekierka, twin sisters Cecilia and Renee Dreslinski and cadet McKenzie Chappell work the fire

hoses at Milford Memories. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

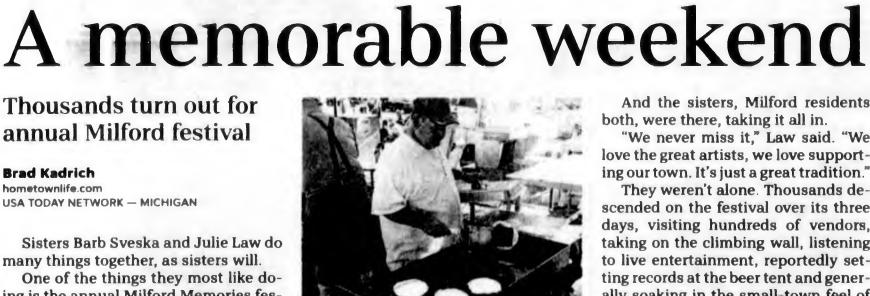
Thousands turn out for annual Milford festival

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did this past weekend.

Sisters Barb Sveska and Julie Law do many things together, as sisters will. One of the things they most like doing is the annual Milford Memories festival, which takes over downtown streets for three days every August, as it



Meals on Wheels chef Edward Carrico cooks up delicious pancakes for the hungry crowds.

And the sisters, Milford residents

both, were there, taking it all in. "We never miss it," Law said. "We love the great artists, we love support-

ing our town. It's just a great tradition." They weren't alone. Thousands descended on the festival over its three days, visiting hundreds of vendors, taking on the climbing wall, listening to live entertainment, reportedly setting records at the beer tent and generally soaking in the small-town feel of the popular festival.

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Former trustee wins GOP primary

Roosen rallies to earn nod against Aslam

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Former Northville Township Trustee Chris Roosen went into the Aug. 7 primary election seeking an opportunity to return to the board.

By a fairly comfortable 37-30 margin, voters gave him that chance, propelling Roosen (1,437 votes) to a win over Scott Frush (1,161 votes) in the Re-

publican primary. Incumbent Richard Allen, who was appointed in December 2016 after the death of newly elected Trustee Marvin Gans, finished third, with 1,036 votes (26.45 percent). Political newcomer Priyah Marwah got 7 percent of the vote.

Roosen, who served on the board from 2004-12, moves on to the Nov. 6 general election, where he'll face Democrat Muhammad Aslam, who ran unopposed. The winner will fill out the rest of Allen's term, through Nov. II,

Oddly, Roosen - who ran unsuccessfully for state representative in 2016 — actually trailed Frush when he went to bed before official results were tabulated.

"I went to bed (Aug. 7) trailing (Frush) by 12 votes and I woke up to a nice surprise," Roosen said. "I'm still kind of stunned. I think all the doorknocking I did when I ran for state rep

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Thornton Creek welcomes new principal

Deagon M. Jewett has been hired as the new principal at Thornton Creek Elementary School in the Northville Public Schools district. The Board of Education unanimously approved Jewett's appointment at its Aug. 7 meeting. He succeeds Jennifer Bennett, who in late June accepted a position as a literacy coach with another school district.

Jewett comes to Northville Public Schools from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, where he served for the past two years in the newly created position of student support coordinator at Eriksson Elementary School, which serves students from preschool through fifth grade. In this role, he provided well-balanced and academically sound educational experiences, as well as created a friendly and welcoming environment through curri-

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culum development and instruction, while also addressing the wide range of social, emotional and developmental needs of students.

Prior to his role as student support coordinator, Jewett was a classroom teacher at Plymouth-Canton's Eriksson and Isbister elementary schools for nine years, teaching first through third grades. During that time, he also chaired the School Improvement, Building Equity Leadership and Culturally Proficient Instruction Teams, including working with colleagues and administration to realign curriculum with the Common Core Standards and modify instruction to prepare students to be college, career and culture ready. In addition, from 2013-15 he served as site coordinator for Plymouth-Canton's elementary and middle school summer program.

"Mr. Jewett is well-versed in instruction, curriculum, data-driven decision-making and continuous improvement, while also sharing a passion for The Leader in Me framework and a positive school culture," Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said. "He is committed to working collaboratively with teachers, students and families to build on Thornton Creek's tradition of excellence and foster opportunities for continued growth. We are excited to have Mr. Jewett as part of the Thornton Creek and Northville Public Schools team."



Jewett

Jewett earned a bachelor of science in elementary Education from Michigan State University, a master's in the art of teaching from Wayne State University and, most recently, completed his school administrator's certificate at MSII

"I was first attracted to Northville because of its public school system, which is why my wife and I moved to Northville eight years ago," Jewett said. "We wanted our children to have access to an excellent education and be raised in a community that shares our values and beliefs.

"Beyond the district's commitment to excellence, The Leader in Me model and its dedication to integrating technology, it is evident that Thornton Creek and its community have a shared vision to educate the whole child — not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well," he added. "While visiting the school as part of the interview process, student leaders shared what is most important to them and how proud they are of their school. I was impressed with the students and how excited each was to be a leader at Thornton Creek.

"As Thornton Creek principal, I look forward to furthering this passion for leadership in our students, while enhancing the already rich traditions of Thornton Creek and working as a team to provide a world-class educational experience for every student, every day."

Jewett lives in Northville with his wife Adrienne and their two daughters: Lucille, going into fourth grade, and Rose, going into first grade, at Moraine Elementary School.

Northville student attends Aviation Challenge program

Alexandra Grabowski of Northville recently attended Aviation Challenge Mach II at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Hunstville, Ala. The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math, while training students and adults with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem solving.

This program is designed for students who have an interest in military aviation and the mechanics of flight. Students learn principles of aviation and put their knowledge to the test in a



Grabowski

variety of flight simulators. Taking the role of fighter pilots, Grabowski and team ran control systems and scenario-based missions, as well as trained in water and land survival. At the end of the week, Grabowski and

week, Grabowski and crew returned to graduate with honors.
Grabowski, who will be a freshman

Grabowski, who will be a freshman this year at Northville High School, also attended Space Camp in 2017. She runs track and is part of the school's mountain bike club. Aviation Challenge opened in 1990 in Huntsville, Ala., and uses fighter pilot training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Students sleep in barracks designed to resemble military bays.

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Teen describes being robbed in Northville

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A planned drug deal took a wrong turn when three teenagers allegedly were held up at gunpoint in Northville last month.

No one was hurt during the robberies, which took place just before 1 a.m. July 17 in the parking lot of St. Paul Lutheran Church, at Elm and High streets.

It was there that the teens had agreed to meet with supposed buyers of marijuana they wanted to sell, a deal one of them had arranged using the smartphone app Snapchat, according to Aug. 3 testimony in 35th District Court.

"Someone just opened the door behind me with a mask on and pulled me out of the car," one witness, a 16-yearold boy, said during a hearing for one robbery suspect.

The assailant put "a submachine gun" — the witness said he had seen such a gun on video games — to his

back, he told Meghan Mathews, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor. He got on the ground and was told to empty his pockets, he said, and that he wouldn't get hurt if he didn't look up.

'They emptied my pockets for me," taking his cellphone, he said.

A 15-year-old girl with him also had her phone stolen, he said, and there were several other robbers, including one armed with what he called an assault rifle.

The witness, whom Hometown Life is not identifying because he is a minor, said he had arranged the deal via Snapchat with Joel Stevens, who agreed to provide buyers for the pot.

Stevens, of Wixom, who recently turned 18, is now charged with three counts of armed robbery and is in the Wayne County Jail on a \$500,000 bond. Judge Mike Gerou sent Stevens's case to circuit court at the close of the Aug. 3 hearing, which also included testimony from another victim and a detective who investigated the case.

The 16-year-old said he and his companions arrived at the church lot in a BMW to see a white Pontiac G6 in a back corner. They pulled up nearby, he said, and he recognized Stevens in the Pontiac. He also saw two other people in the car whom he did not recognize, he said.

After the robbery, he identified Stevens through a police photo lineup, he said. He initially told police they had arranged the meeting to acquire products for electronic cigarettes, he said.

Another witness, Osama Mohiedin, said he drove the girl and the boy to the rendezvous point. In the church lot, he said, he saw two people in the Pontiac; he was then accosted by two robbers, who opened the driver's door, ordered him to the ground, and took cash, keys and his phone, he said.

Mohiedin said he was "very shaken up" by the experience. "I never felt like that before," he said.

There were six robbers. Mohiedin said, and at least some came from behind a Dumpster in the parking lot. The robbers went through the trunk of the BMW, he said, where he had luggage, clothing and a camera.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney James O'Donnell, Mohiedin said the marijuana they had planned to sell was also kept in the car's trunk.

Also testifying was Northville Officer David Randall, a detective who interviewed Stevens after his July 18 arrest.

Randall said Stevens waived his right to remain silent and have an attorney present and then admitted to having communicated with the 16-year-old to set up the meeting, but denied being present when the robberies occurred.

According to Randall, Stevens said he had "a pretty good idea" of what would happen during the meeting, but that he didn't know guns would be used.

Northville Police Capt. Dustin Krueger said police continue to investigate the

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Wayne-Westland schools asking for bond Nov. 6

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The November ballot continues to get crowded: Add one more item voters will decide on in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district.

The Board of Education voted July 30 to add a 4.48-mill, 25-year bond proposal to the Nov. 6 ballot. If approved, the bond proposal would provide as much as \$158 million in aid to the district, funding designed to make improvements to school buildings, athletic fields and more.

The board took the item up without any discussion at its July 30 meeting, voting unanimously to ask citizens in the district to decide on its merit. Jim Larson-Shidler, deputy superintendent for administration and business services for the district, presented some information on the bond during the meeting as a part of a report done by Superintendent Shelley Holt.

"We will be paying less on this bond than we were on the old bond in 2016,"

he said. "Through some refinancing, we're able to decrease that the last two years, but that's because we had low interest rates and we had the opportunity to lower that payment and we did. So our taxpayers received a benefit the last two years."

. The bond rate before 2016 was 5.56 mills, Larson-Shidler said.

If approved, residents who own a home worth \$100,000 would pay an additional \$224 a year for the bond. The district covers parts of several communities, including Westland, Wayne,

Canton, Inkster and Romulus.

The request comes just months after the board voted to change the configuration of buildings in the district. Currently, the district has a K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12 structure. Moving forward, the district will have a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 structure. That move was made to help better utilize the buildings as the district continues to lose students each year.

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Epstein vs. Stevens? It's more like Trump vs. Obama

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In some ways, the race for a key open seat to Congress in Detroit's suburbs is the marquee matchup we'd love to see:

Donald Trump vs. Barack Obama.

Last week, Republican businesswoman Lena Epstein and Democratic
consultant Haley Stevens won their respective primaries in Michigan's 11th
District, two young women — Epstein is
37 and Stevens is 35 — entering the field
as candidates for the first time (and, in
both cases, beating crowded fields that
included current and/or past officeholders, nominees and well-funded rivals).

But as much as the nominations of Epstein and Stevens in the district — which includes parts of southeast Oakland County and western Wayne County — continues a national narrative of women over-performing in congressional primaries this year, it also sets up a race between two people with unmistakable connections to the nation's two most recent chief executives.

Epstein was all but unknown in political circles before 2016, when she helped to engineer Trump's successful Michigan campaign, the first won by a Republican presidential nominee in the state since 1988. Stevens, meanwhile, has touted her service as chief of staff to Obama's auto task force, which in 2009 arranged financing — and structured bankruptcies — that were widely credited with saving General Motors and what is now Fiat Chrysler.

"Lena definitely ran as the Trump candidate. Others (in the Republican field) attempted to, but didn't have the natural connection," Republican consultant John Truscott said. "Haley, a little less so (in drawing a direct connection with Obama) but clearly, the connection will be drawn."

Truscott said that while the 11th District has traditionally been Republican, it only marginally backed Trump in 2016 and races across the nation appear to



Stevens

suggest that even more staunchly Republican districts may be in play.

Bill Ballenger, a political analyst and founder of the Ballenger Report, said it's also important to note that turnout across the state — including in Oakland and Wayne counties — was way up and that it represents an enthusiasm by Democratic voters that could help Stevens in November.

"That's going to be fascinating. Lena can't run away from Trump and I don't think she'll try to," Ballenger said. "The question will be how Haley Stevens runs her campaign. Will it be a negative, anti-Trump kind of message? Or will she stay on the positive side and try to build up her credentials?"

Both seemed eager to recast the race, having fought through a tough primary season. Epstein, who co-owns a family oil and industrial lubricants business, put out a statement saying, "We will unite our party for the tough fight ahead and reach out to Democrats and independents to let them know they have a home on our campaign."



Epstein

Stevens put out a statement saying she was eager to talk about plans for advanced manufacturing and jobs in the district and how "to fix the mess that Washington politicians have created."

"Years of partisan bickering and dysfunction in Washington have not served the best interests of the hardworking families who power our economy," she

With 100 percent of the vote tallied, Epstein won in a five-person Republican field with 26,119 votes, or 31 percent. She was followed by former state Rep. A. Rocky Raczkowski, with 21,618 votes, or 25 percent; state Sen. Mike Kowall, with 15,761 or 19 percent; state Rep. Klint Kesto, with 11,879 or 14 percent, and former U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, with 9,584 or 11 percent.

On the Democratic side, Stevens had 23,997 votes, or 27 percent. She was followed by state Rep. Tim Greimel, with 19,317 votes, or 22 percent; entrepreneur Suneel Gupta, with 18,873 or 21 percent; Fayrouz Saad, former head of immigrant affairs in Detroit, with 17,294 or 20 per-

cent, and radio host Nancy Skinner, with 9,234 or 10 percent.

It was a stunning result in terms of sheer numbers: With 177,618 total votes cast across the two primaries, it was the largest voter turnout for a congressional primary in Michigan for at least 20 years (and maybe ever) and 35 percent larger than the previous record-holder, which was the 131,268 votes recorded in the 1st District primary two years ago.

The 11th District is widely seen as a toss-up by handicappers, even though it has traditionally been friendly to Republicans, in part because of the decision by U.S. Rep. Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, to step down after just two terms.

But it almost certainly will draw a ton of outside resources and interest, with Democrats needing to add 25 seats to the 193 they have now to regain majority control of the U.S. House. The district is home to the chairwoman of the Republican National Committee, Ronna McDaniel.

Epstein, for one, can certainly selffund a campaign: Of the \$1.6 million she had raised as of July 18, just under \$1 million was in the form of a loan to herself.

While Stevens doesn't have access to as much cash personally, she still raised more than \$1 million (with no loans to herself) and can expect much more funding to flow in now that she's the nominee. (It's worth noting, too, that one of her rivals — Gupta, the brother of CNN medical correspondent Sanjay Gupta — raised \$1.4 million, the most of any Democrat in the primary.)

Groups in Washington were already set to make their presence felt.

"Congratulations to Lena Epstein for winning the Republican primary in Michigan's 11th Congressional District," said Maddie Anderson, spokeswoman for the National Republican Congressional Committee. "Lena is a businesswoman and a Harvard graduate and we are excited about her candidacy. The NRCC will do what it takes to ensure this seat stays in Republican control."

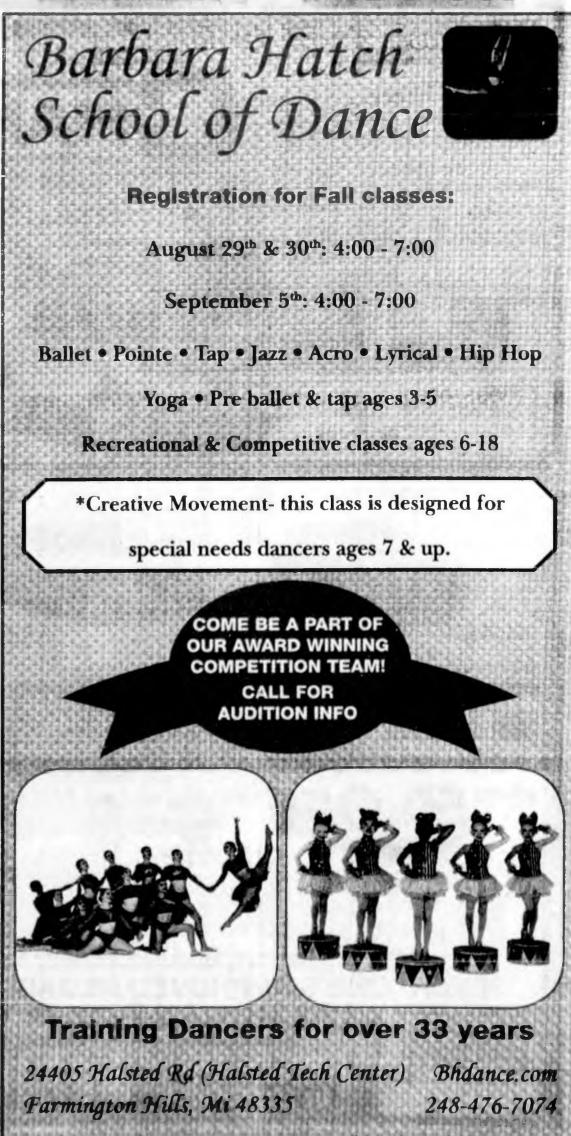


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Landfill owner tries to cut down on nasty odors

Ed Wright

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High-end trash talk can be pretty riveting, especially when the debate is focused on the 300-foot-high (and growing) mountain of waste bordering Northville and Plymouth in Salem Township.

On one side of the high-intensity conversation is management of the Arbor Hills landfill — located southwest of Napier and Six Mile roads, but visible for several miles — who announced they are currently installing state-of-the-art equipment at the site to reduce the smells emitted from the massive dump and pacify disgruntled neighbors.

On the other end is Stop Arbor Hills, a Northville-based environmental 501(c)3 nonprofit charity that argues landfill owner Advanced Disposal isn't doing enough to contain the odors, which at times have forced nearby schools to keep students inside for re-

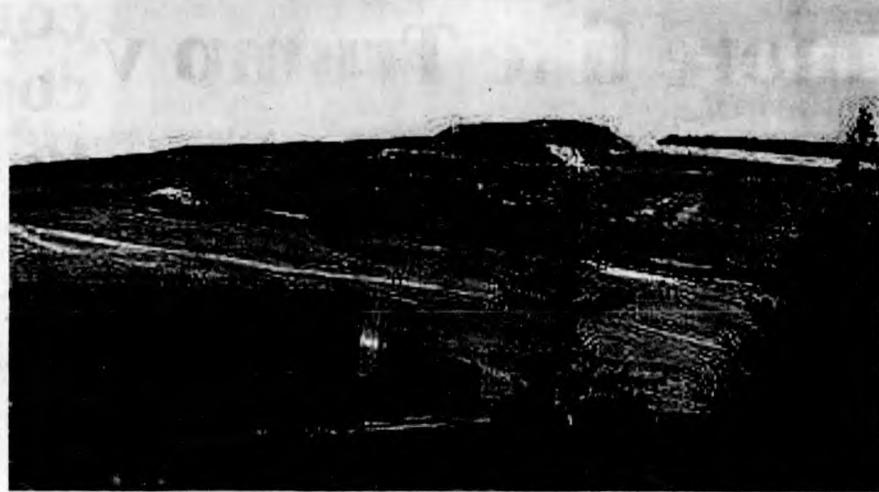
In the middle of the conflict is the massive mountain of waste that is projected to continue growing until 2028, when it is expected to reach its maximum height of 400 feet.

Advanced Disposal spokesman Joe Kohn admitted there is nothing pleasant about living or working near a landfill, but that his company is doing everything in its power to subdue the smells.

"Nothing about a landfill is ideal, but until somebody comes up with a better way to dispose of waste, they're going to be a necessary evil," Kohn said. "We can't guarantee there will never be odors from the landfill, but we can guarantee that when there are odors, we will be working hard to limit the intensity and duration.

"The bottom line is, we're installing the industry's best technology to better contain the gas that can be turned into energy and to reduce the odors — whatever we can to make the neighbors happy. We're not just patching up the system that was in place when we took it over in February of 2017, we're replacing

Starting July 30, Advanced Disposal installation of a new piping network mental Quality.



The Arbor Hills landfill in Washtenaw County's Salem Township, just west of Northville Township, FILE PHOTO

practices."

that, Kohn explained, should enhance gas-collection efficiency.

The methane gas that is created by the mound of garbage is captured and funneled to an adjacent energy plant that provides power to approximately 10,000 homes, Kohn said.

Nearby residents upset

On the flip side, quality of life for the landfill's adjacent communities is declining due to unbearable odors emitted from the site, Stop Arbor Hills president Tracey Birkenhauer alleged.

"For years, Advanced Disposal has claimed they are trying to be good neighbors at Arbor Hills Landfill in Salem Township, yet they continue to pollute the neighborhoods, parks and schools that surround their gigantic dump that is already over 300 feet tall," Birkenhauer said. "Salem, Plymouth and Northville residents have submitted began the final stage of a months-long over 950 odor complaints so far this year construction project that includes the to the Michigan Department of Environ-

"In response to odor complaints and their own inspections, the MDEQ issued Arbor Hills Landfill a violation on Feb. 6, 2018, for failing to comply with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act and other acts and rules. Instead of accepting responsibility, Advanced Disposal deflected, at best. In their response to the MDEQ, they said they cannot be held to unachievable standards and attempted to blame neighboring residents, not their business

Kohn countered by emphasizing controlling odors is a top priority at Arbor

"We can't guarantee there will never be odors from the landfill, but we can guarantee that when there are odors, we will be working hard to limit the intensity and duration," he said.

Kohn said his company works with a community advisory group to help decision-makers understand their neighbors' concerns.

necting the main pipes into the plant 1113.

this week, we are taking added measures to minimize instances of offsite landfill gas odors," Kohn said. "Off-site odors still may be present during this work, occasionally and for short durations, with the expectation that the resulting upgrades will minimize such instances in the long term."

On Aug. 6, Stop Arbor Hills received an email from MDEQ spokesman Larry Bean stating, in part, that, "Over the next couple months the individual gas collection wells on the landfill will be adjusted to tune the system for maximum efficiency of gas collection throughout the landfill. We expect a significant reduction of odors as a result of this work."

Kohn said once the landfill reaches its height limit in approximately 10 years, the site will need to sit idle for 30 years after its closure before it can be repurposed.

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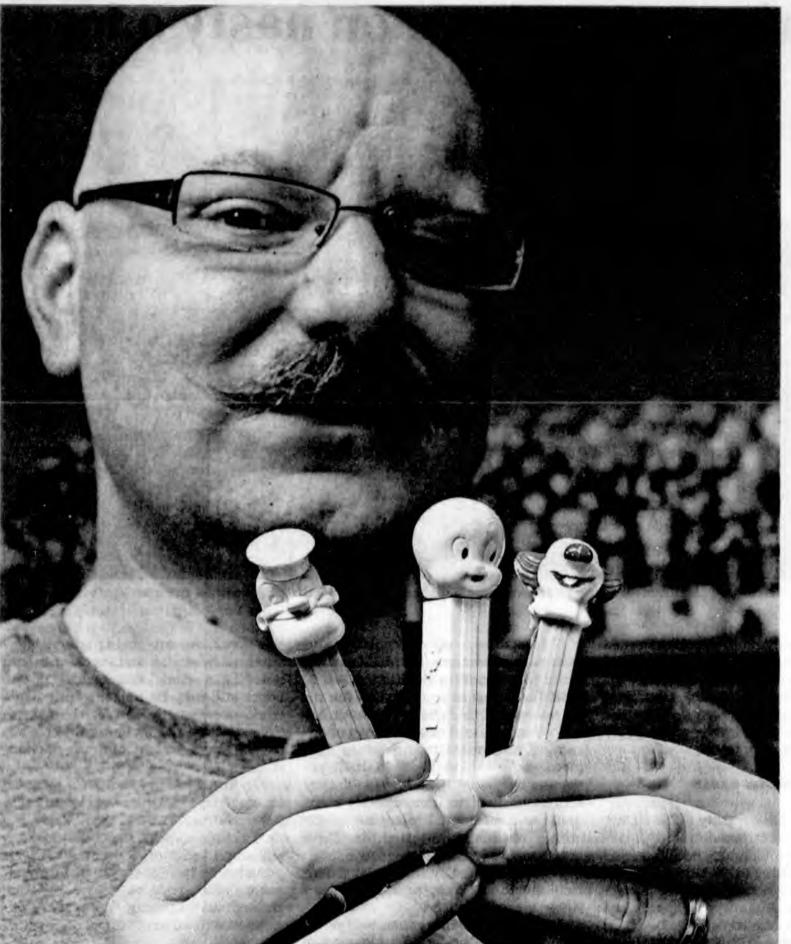
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Nomination of the Northville Historic District (Additional Documentation and Boundary Decrease) to the National Register of Historic Places

The Northville Historic District (Additional Documentation and Boundary Decrease), Northville, Oakland County, Michigan, will be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places by the Michigan Historic Preservation Review Board at the meeting to be held September 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Room, fourth floor, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Building, 735 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

The district includes all of the following property: The Northville Historic District (Additional Documentation and Boundary Decrease) boundary begins at the NW corner of the lot associated with 562 Randolph Street. From here, the boundary continues on the N lot line of said (sd) parcel continuing on the north lot line of 528 Randolph until it reaches the NE corner, thence (th) turns south to follow the east lot line and continues along the northern lot lines of the lots between 516 and 312 Randolph. At the NE corner of 312 Randolph, the boundary crosses High to the NW corner of the lot associated with 320 High, th follows the north, east, and west lot lines of the parcels located at 320 High Street, 203 to 108 Randolph Street, and 301 N Center Street. At the NE corner of 301 N Center, the boundary follows the east lot line along the curb, and crosses south over Randolph until it reaches a point even with the north lot line of 200 E Dunlap. From this point (pt), the boundary turns east to follow the north lot lines of the parcels associated with 200 to 143 E Dunlap. At the NE corner of 143 E Dunlap, the boundary turns south to follow the east lot line and continues south across E Dunlap to the SW corner of E Dunlap and Hutton Streets. The boundary continues south along Hutton, following the east lot lines the parcels between E Dunlap and Hutton Streets, th extends south across E Main St until it reaches the NW comer of the lot until It reaches a point even with the SW corner of the lot associated with 190 E Main. From this pt, the boundary turns east, crossing Mary Alexander Court, and continues along the N lot line of 200 E Main, th extends E across Church and continues E along the N lot lines of 302 and 324 and a portion of 322 E Main. Once the boundary reaches a point even with the SW corner of 341 E Main, it extends N, crossing E Main and continuing along the west lot line of 341 E Main. At the NW corner of 341 E Main, the boundary turns east to follow the north and east lot lines of 341 to 371 E Main. At the NE corner of 371 E Main, the boundary extends E across Griswold Street until it reaches the W lot line of NVA #14. From this pt, the boundary follows the W, N, and E lot lines of NVA #14 and continues along the W and S lot lines of NVA 13 until it reaches the SW corner of NVA #13. Th, the boundary extends SW across E Main until it reaches the NE corner of 430 E Main. Th, the boundary turns S and E to follow the lot lines of 430 E Main, 459 E Cady, and crosses E Cady to follow the E, S, and W lot lines of 456 E Cady, th turns west along the S lot line of NVA #7 and 350 E Cady. At the SW comer of the lot of 350 E Cady, the boundary turns N, following the lot line and extending N across E Cady to a pt even with the S lot line of 335 E Cady, th turns W to follow the lots of 335 and 300 E Cady, crosses Church Street, and continues along the S lot line of 200 E Cady, crosses Hutton and continues on the S lot line of NVA #11 E Cady to 125 S Center and across S Wing to the SE comer of 212 W Cady. Th, the boundary turns S along the E then S lot line of 200 W Cady. The boundary continues along the rear lot lines of 215-495 W Cady. It crosses First St to continue along the rear lot lines of 501, 511, and 521 W Cady. At the SW comer of 521 W Cady, the boundary turns N along the W lot line, and continues across W Cady to the SW Corner of 127 S Rogers. Th, the boundary cross S Rogers to the S lot line of 128 S Rogers and continues to the SW corner of the property. Here, the boundary turns N, following the rear lot lines of 128 to 102 S Rogers, crossing W Main, and continues along 101 to 231 N Rogers before crossing Dubuar. At this pt, the boundary continues across Dubuar to the SW corner of 333 Dubuar before continuing along the W boundary of 333 to 365 W Dubuar. At the NW corner of 365 W Dubuar, the boundary turns E, following the N lot line before crossing N Rogers to 368 N Rogers. The boundary continues E and N along the lot lines of 368 N Rogers, 531 Linden Ct, 537 and 545 Randolph, before crossing Randolph to the S corner of 572 Randolph. Th, the boundary continues NW and NE along the S and W lot lines of 572 Randolph before returning to the pt of

The National Register is the federal government's official list of properties that are deemed to be worthy of preservation because of their importance in American history and culture. National Register designation provides recognition and assists in preserving our national heritage. Listing in the National Register provides the following benefits to historic properties:

Eligibility for federal tax provisions: If a property is listed in the National Register, certain federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 provides for a 20 percent investment tax credit for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and residential buildings, or a 10 percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for preservation purposes of partial interests in historically significant land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and owner. Because tax aspects outlined above are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions. For further information on certification requirements, please refer to 36 CFR 800.

Consideration in planning for federal, federally-licensed, and federally-assisted projects: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that federal agencies allow for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to have an opportunity to comment on all projects affected properties listed in the National Register. For further information, please refer to 36 CFR 800.

Consideration in issuing a surface coal mining permit: In accordance with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977, there must be consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. For further information, please refer to 30 CFR 700, et seq.

Qualification for federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available. Presently, funding is unavailable. Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register are given an opportunity to concur in or object to the nomination, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and federal regulations 36 CFR Part 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing must submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property, as appropriate, and objects to the listing. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote, regardless of how many properties or what part of one property that party owns. The district will not be listed if a majority of the district's property owners objects to listing, but the entire district, including the properties owned by parties who object, may be listed if less than a majority of the property owners in the district objects to listing.

If the district cannot be listed, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register. If the district is determined eligible, but not formally listed, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation must still be given an opportunity to comment on federal projects that may affect it.

Notarized objections to listing and other comments must be sent to the following address by the time the review board reviews the nomination. Brian D. Conway, State Historic Preservation Officer, State Historic Preservation Office, MSHDA, PO Box 30044 (or 735 East Michigan Avenue), Lansing, MI 48909-8240.

Information concerning this nomination, the criteria under which the district was evaluated, and more information on the federal tax benefits are available from the State Historic Preservation Office, MSHDA, PO Box 30044 (or 735 East Michigan Avenue), Lansing, MI 48909-8240, by telephoning (517) 373-1630, by emailing preservation@michigan.gov, or by visiting www.michigan.gov/shpo.

Pez candy convention coming to Livonia

Collectors from around the world will gather to celebrate dispensers

David Veselenak

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Jon Hicks was always into collections when he was a child.

He'd collect the typical items: coins, sports cards, comic books. It wasn't until he was a little older he'd discover the accessibility and range that came with collecting those iconic candy dispensers: Pez.

"I had a couple Pez dispensers, but never really collected them. I got a couple in my Easter basket or Christmas stocking and I probably had three laying around my house," he said. "But then, I'd always see them at the grocery store.

"As a kid, I then wanted to start collecting them. And it was easy."

Today, the Canton resident has a guest room in his house dedicated to the pop culture phenomenon, amassing thousands of different types of Pez dispensers. From Star Trek to Looney Tunes, Harry Potter to every single U.S. president (except for Donald Trump, which Hicks said he hasn't been able to find), he's got it all at his home.

He's excited to bring the hobby he's loved for decades out to Livonia. That's because the third annual Michigan Pez Convention will take place Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, bringing together Pez enthusiasts from across the state, country and globe.

It's the first time the convention has taken place in Livonia. It's happened in Troy the past two years and organizers say they needed to move to accommodate the growing event.

"We just kind of grew out of the Troy hotel," said Jim Blaine, a Hartland Township resident and one of the organizers for the convention. "We've heard a lot of great things about Livonia. Livonia is a lot closer to the airport.

"We just thought, hey, this is a great place to host a family event."

The convention will open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and will have more than 20 vendors selling and trading their Pez goodies to the public. Admission is free.

Curious about a rare Pez dispenser? Just want to peruse some common ones for your kids to play with? The show has it all, Blaine said.

"You can see Pez dispensers that are worth 50 cents and you can see some that are worth thousands. It's so family friendly. These dealers, they're there to answer questions about the nostalgia," said Blaine, a collector

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An early Santa Claus Pez dispenser is a favorite for Jon Hicks. BILL BRESLER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Jim Blaine of Hartland Township, with some of his 17,000 Pez dispensers. He keeps them on display in a room he has dedicated to his collection. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Pez

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himself who now has more than 35,000 dispensers. "It almost becomes a family. It's more of a family reunion than a Pez convention."

'It was a blast'

Pez launched in the 1920s in Austria, first as a peppermint candy. U.S. distribution began in the 1950s and dispensers with character heads began appearing shortly after. It eventually grew and became an international craze, with collectors snatching up thousands of the beautiful toys.

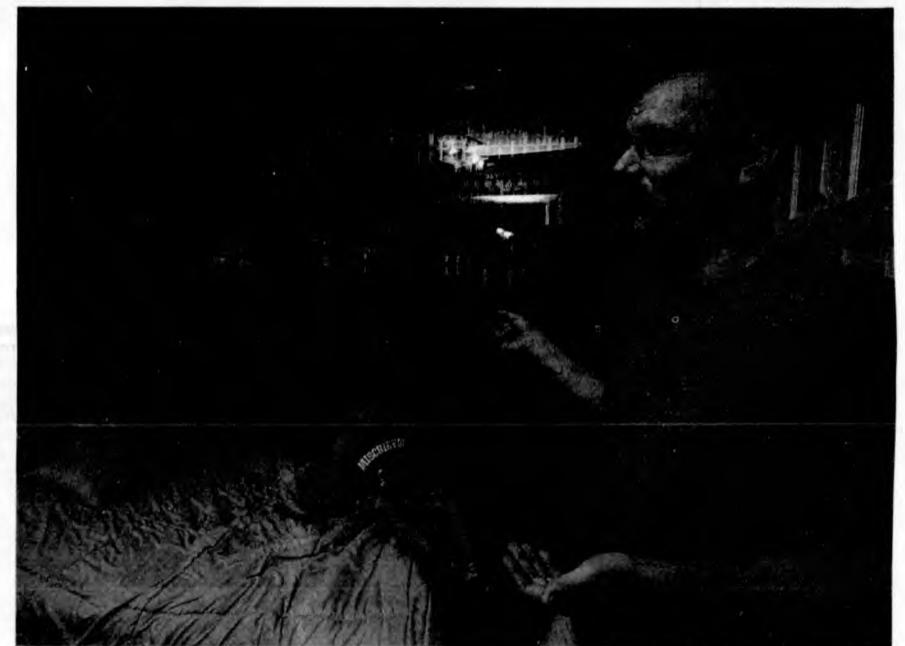
Hicks collected on his own for years before getting connected to other Pez enthusiasts about a year ago. He heard about the Michigan Pez Convention while researching a family vacation to the Pez Visitor Center in Connecticut and reached out to its organizers. Now, he's excited to spend three days in Livonia with fellow Pez collectors and share stories. He's even gotten a Pez tattoo on his leg to showcase his devotion to the cause.

He's since gotten close with Blaine and has helped spread the word about the convention, an event he called his highlight in 2017.

"It was a blast. It was probably the most fun thing I did last year," Hicks said. "I've been excited about this year's ever since."

The convention has attracted plenty of guests in previous years, from states including Illinois, Wisconsin, New York and California and countries such as Canada, Belgium, Australia and Japan.

Blaine said the Pez community is dedicated to charity and helping others.



Jon Hicks has much of his collection secure in custom-made display cases hung on the wall. His son Gary is in the background. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The convention will support Camp Lake Louise, a Christian Camp in Boyne Falls. The convention has committed to sending some children in fatherless homes to summer camp each year. "It's a helping community. PEZ people are probably some of the most generous, caring charitable people you'll ever meet," he said. "It's so much more than a plastic toy now."

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Top four upcoming community history events

Area celebrations highlight the past in annual commemorations

Pamela A. Zinkosky Special to hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Love community history? Want to get to know your community or neighboring community better? Check out these upcoming history events and vote for your favorite.

No. 4. South Lyon Depot Day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8: Named for and held at South Lyon's iconic 1909 train depot in McHattie Park, the Witch's Hat Depot, this event features turn-of-the-century games for children, train rides, caboose tours, blacksmith demonstrations and more. Also on-site are the historic one-room schoolhouse and chapel. This 38th annual Depot Day is sponsored by the South Lyon **Historical Society.**

No. 3. Livonia Greenmead Shadows from the Past Halloween Walk, 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26: Trick or treat in Greenmead's village houses on guided tours that last about an hour. Houses in the historic village include an 1841 Greek revival farmhouse, an 1863 school and various 1800s and early 1900s buildings. Tours leave every 15 minutes and refreshments are served in the Friends Meeting House at the end. Tickets are \$6 each and are available at the Greenmead office, 20501 Newburgh Road. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

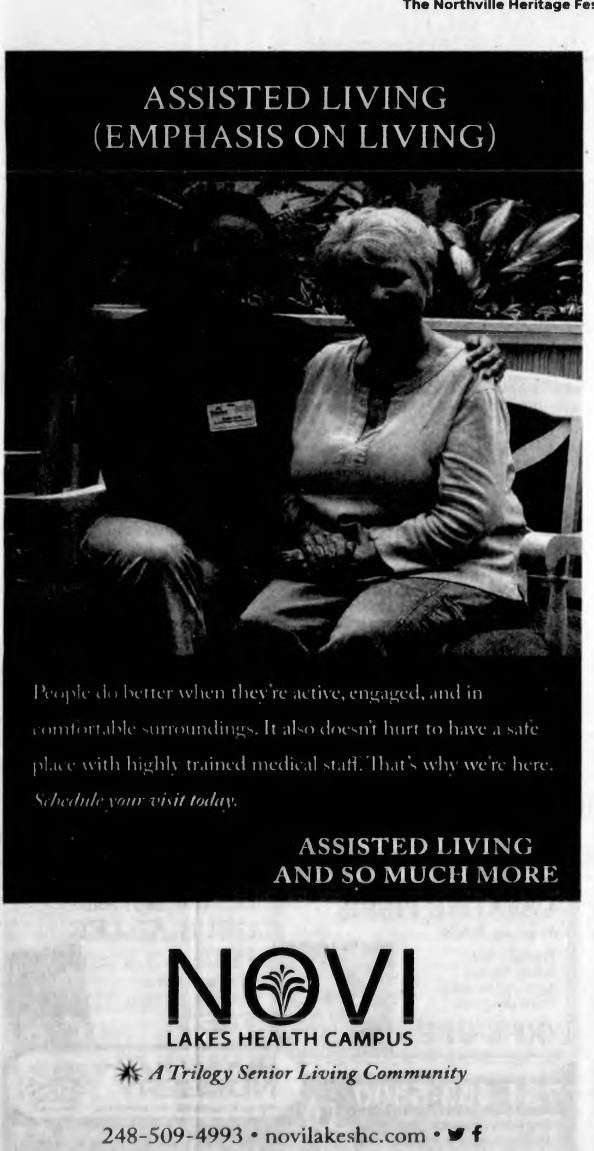
No. 2. Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walks, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 and 27: These popular events, held at Riverside Cemetery on Plymouth Road, feature "ghosts" of Plymouth brought to life by docents in character. Walks leave every 15 minutes and last about an hour. The Oct. 6 date is sold out, but tickets for the Oct. 27 event are \$15 and go on sale to the general public Aug. 13. For more information, go to www.plymouthhistory.org or call 734-455-8940, ext.

No. 1. Northville Heritage Festival, Sept. 14-16: Formerly known as the Victorian Festival, this downtown Northville event celebrates the town's history, with incorporation as a village in 1867. The three-day celebration features the Victorian Saloon, where adults can hear local bands and have a beer or two; a Victorian parade; craft booths; horse and carriage rides; a kids zone; and more. For more information, go to www.northvillehertiagefest.com.

To comment on this article or to suggest ideas for other history articles, contact Pamela A. Zinkosky at pazink@yahoo.com.



The Northville Heritage Festival returns Sept. 14-16. TOM BEAUDOIN





Myth, facts about filing amended return



I recently met with a potential new client and, as I was looking over their tax return, I noticed that there was an obvious mistake. Basically, the client had a side business and filed a Schedule C for the business. Schedule C is a rather simple form that lists income and expenses for a business. What the client did not do was deduct expenses for the business. When I asked the client about it, they looked at me in disbelief and said they had given their tax preparer a list of expenses and they had no idea why they weren't taken. I told them that they should contact their tax preparer to find out what the deal was.

To make a long story short, they got back to me after a couple of weeks and said the tax preparer admitted that he screwed up and forgot to take the deductions. At that point in time, I asked them if they were planning to file an amended return to correct the situation and they told me no. When I asked why. they said that the tax preparer informed them that if they file an amended return, the IRS is automatically going to audit you and make your life difficult. I told them they should consider a new tax preparer.

When it comes to taxes, there are many myths and one of them deals with amended returns. Just because you file an amended return does not mean the IRS is going to audit you. Yes, there is a possibility, but it is not automatic.

When it comes to taxes, there are many myths and one of them deals with amended returns. Just because you file an amended return does not mean the IRS is going to audit you. Yes, there is a possibility, but it is not automatic. If there is a mistake on your return in your favor and you have the proper documentation, you should have no problem filing an amended return. On the other hand, if you discover a mistake on your return that is not in your favor, I always recommend that you amend your return. You have a much better chance in dealing with the IRS, particularly when it comes to penalties, if you voluntarily amend your return as opposed to it discovering the error.

When it comes to amending a tax return in your favor, I do recommend that you look at the dollars involved to determine if the money is material to you or not. If by amending your return you will get an additional refund of less than \$100, it's probably not worth the time and energy to amend your return. If by amending the return you're talking about thousands of dollars ending up in your pocket, it's certainly something you should pursue.

Typically, you can file an amended return within three years after the date you filed your original return. The form that you would use is 1040X. A 1040X is not a complicated form and basically has three columns. Column A show the original figures from your return. Column C shows the correct numbers and Column B is the difference between Column A and C. Page 2 of the form is where you explain the changes and the reasons for those changes. It is not a difficult form to complete, but if you typically don't prepare your own tax return, you probably want to use a professional to help you.

Just because your tax preparer may have made a mistake, it does not mean that you should fire them or anything like that. Mistakes do happen. However, if it is a mistake by the tax preparer, my belief is that they should complete your Form 1040X without charge. If the tax preparer's mistake results in you paying

taxes, interest and penalties, my general belief is that the tax preparer should be liable for the penalty, at a minimum.

Something you have to take into consideration is, if you amend your federal return, it may mean you have to also amend your state of Michigan return. Not all amendments to the federal return will affect your state return, but many will. In the case at hand, when they amend their federal return to increase deductions on their Schedule C, it will also have an impact on their Michigan return. In this case, it would lower their Michigan taxes. If the reason you amended your return is because you forgot a deduction such as your property taxes, typically that would not affect your Michigan return. Don't forget that if you do amend your federal return, you at least need to determine the effect on the state of Michigan.

When it comes to taxes, whether it's filing your original return or an amended return, the key is to have the proper documentation. If you have the proper documentation, you have nothing to

Good luck!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coach Smith made impact

I was grateful to read Brad Emons' tribute to Novi boys cross country and track coach Bob Smith, who passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 7. The article did a wonderful job of sharing the statistical hallmarks of Coach Smith's 36-year tenure - back-to-back state championships, the 13 top-10 finishes, all of the accomplished runners he produced.

Equally as important, in my view,

was the family that Coach Smith created. He valued keeping cross country a no-cut sport. As the program had success, he had even more athletes to manage. He cared about everyone on the roster, regardless of ability.

Virtually every Saturday in the fall, we had a race. Coach Smith strongly encouraged the concept of having a team dinner on Fridays, in lieu of attending the football games. I can hear him saying, "Why stand out in the rain for three hours, catching a cold, supporting guys

that aren't coming to watch you run on Saturday?" Those evenings – dry and indoors – contributed to the family culture and were perhaps the best part of being on the team.

Coach Smith instilled the rigor of preparation. Obviously the physical training, but also positive mental affirmations, and a focus on nutrition and sleep habits. At times, these virtues were a hard sell to a group of 30 teenagers, but he was persistent. Eventually, we bought in. Those lessons turned out

to be life skills.

He gave you credit for being a better runner, and person, than you were at that stage of your life, then challenged you to live up to the expectations.

I regret that our coach didn't get to enjoy nearly as much retirement as he deserved. But his impact was truly legendary.

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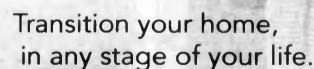
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Who decides what your name is?



Cultural Relevancy Dean Johnson USA TODAY NETWORK -MICHIGAN

The Bible tells the story of when God was ready to send his Messiah to Earth, he wanted someone who would announce that the Messiah had come. So God sent an angel to an old couple who had never been able to have children: Zachariah and Elizabeth.

The angel tells Zachariah that he and his wife are going to have the forerunner of the Messiah and they are to name him "John." Zechariah responds, "You know, I don't think that can happen because we're old and we've never been able to have children." The angel gets mad and says, "That's it! This is a message from God and since you haven't believed God, you're not going to be able to speak until after the baby is born!"

Elizabeth does get pregnant and, nine months later, she gives birth to the boy. The relatives give a writing tablet to Zechariah (who still can't speak) and ask him what he wants to name the boy. There was really only two options in ancient Israel. You either name your son after yourself or after your father. So the relatives were astonished when Zachariah wrote on the tablet, "His name is John!" That is, "His name is what God says it is!" Zachariah finally got it.

Who gets to name you? Who gets to tell you your value and worth? For many years, this has been a flaw/defect/shortcoming of mine. I listen to other people instead of to God. Maybe the reason goes back to my family growing up (what they call "Family of Origin"). My dad rarely gave us affirmation and then he just left our family. But my mom was always affirming me. She'd say, "Dean, God made you special. He has something great for you to Plymouth. Email him at DeanLPBC@ do. This world needs you." So I don't sbcglobal.net. know where the tendency came from to

care more than I should about what other people say or think about me.

As I wrote in my last column, I've started doing a study of the Bible to find out what God says about me.

I learned that I'm accepted by God. Romans 15:7 says, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you." There's a little chorus we sing in my church that goes like this: "I'm accepted. Accepted. I'm accepted by the one who matters most." And, as the Scripture says, when I understand that God has accepted me, it leads me to accept

Another thing I've learned is that I am not condemned by God. Romans 8:1 says "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." I know so many people who carry around loads of guilt and shame, but they don't have to. I've done a lot of wrong and foolish things in my past, but the Bible says I'm not condemned. I don't carry that guilt and shame because, through faith in Christ, he has taken those off my shoulders. Whenever someone reminds me of some foolish thing I've done in the past, I cringe at the memory, but then I think of how God doesn't remember it. He's excellent at forgiving and forgetting.

One more thing I've learned is that I have instant access to God. Ephesians 3:12 says, "We have boldness and confident access to God because of Christ's faithfulness." Because Jesus is faithful, I can talk to God anytime I need to. I can be confident that he lis-

That's who I am. Child of God, made in his image, God's work of art, holy and loved. How about you? Who do you listen to? Who gets to name you?

The Rev. Dean Johnson is senior pastor at Lake Pointe Bible Church in

What happens if association board is 'dissolved'?



Condo Living Robert Meisner USA TODAY NETWORK -MICHIGAN

Q: Our condominium association board recently found out that its corporation has been "dissolved." What does that mean and how can we fix it?

A: This is likely due to a failure to file your nonprofit corporation annual reports for at least the past two or three years. Those reports are required to be filed with the Corporations Division of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

When a community association is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation, a single person or entity is identified as the "resident agent," who receives notice that the annual reports are due each year. If that person is an owner and, if that person moves away from the association and forgets to ensure that someone else is designated as resident agent, nobody is aware of the requirement, time passes and eventually the corporation is automatically dissolved. To guard against this, many associations will instead designate their attorney or management company as resident agent.

You should move quickly to file past due reports and pay the past due filing fees and penalties for each year, as you want to ensure that the association can function as a legal entity. Otherwise, the usual liability protections for you as a director or officer acting on behalf of the association may not apply, among other risks.

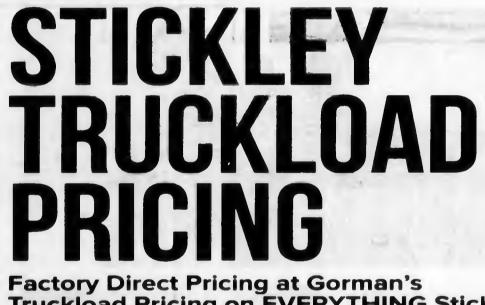
Michigan community associations' resident agents should have recently received notice that the 2018 Nonprofit can be reached at 248-644-4433 or Corporation Annual Report is due to be bmeisner@meisner-law.com. Go to the filed by Oct. 1. Reports can now be filed firm's blog at meisner-law.com/blog.

online. If you need help, consult your experienced community association attorney or manager.

Q: I have invested in both Las Vegas and San Diego in terms of a condominium for lease and/or purchase and am wondering whether or not it is a good time to sell. My condo in Las Vegas is three miles from the Strip, while my condo in San Diego is near Little Italy. What are your thoughts, if you know about the market conditions?

A: Upon a recent visit to both locales, I can tell you that the market is still recovering in Las Vegas. While your leasing may be most profitable, the appreciation of your unit, depending upon what you paid for it and when, is problematic. However, the general outlook for residential real estate in and around Las Vegas is generally favorable as the inclusion of new sports teams in the area will, no doubt, help market conditions. As to San Diego, Little Italy is the hottest place in town for residential construction and/ or leasing. If you have a foothold in that area, you may well be advised to keep it, recognizing that rental values are skyrocketing, as well as the cost per square foot of residential housing.

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Are Michiganders more anxious than other people? Survey says 'yes'

Kristen Jordan Shamus **USA TODAY NETWORK**

Anxious much? You're apparently not alone.

Michiganders are an anxious lot, a new report from Barnes & Noble sug-

The bookseller released an analysis last week showing Michigan shoppers had more interest in anxiety-related books than people from any other state except California in the last year.

The report comes from new book sales data, which showed sales in the anxiety category were up 26 percent nationally, and that among the states. Californians, Michiganders and people from Massachusetts, respectively, bought the most.

Nationally, Barnes & Noble found that book sales in the anxiety category rose 26 percent in the past year as the category has grown more popular.

It also found that, among states,

Michigan shoppers had the second-biggest increase in interest in anxiety books behind California, and Texans had the biggest decrease in interest.

"The anxiety category has really popped in the last year as book buyers look for practical guides and strategies on how to manage anxiety," said Liz Harwell, Barnes & Noble's senior director of merchandising.

"According to this sales data, we may be living in an anxious nation, but the good news is that book buyers across the country are also looking for solutions to their stress."

Among the top-sellers in this catego-

■ "The Anxiety & Phobia Workbook" by Edmund Bourne

■ "The Anxiety Toolkit: Strategies for Fine-Tuning Your Mind and Moving Past Your Stuck Points" by Alice Boyes

■ "The Anxiety & Worry Workbook: The Cognitive Behavioral Solution" by **David Clark and Aaron Beck**

Tricks You into Expecting the Worst and Jr., PhD, APA's chief executive officer, in What You Can Do About It" by David

■ "Rewire Your Anxious Brain: How to Use the Neuroscience of Fear to End Anxiety, Panic & Worry" by Catherine Pittman and Elizabeth Karle

If the report suggests shoppers in California, Michigan and Massachusetts were the most anxious because of their interest in these books, then the most relaxed people were living in Texas, North Carolina and Florida.

Those Southern states saw the biggest declines in interest in anxiety

The national spike in interest in books related to anxiety ties in with findings from the American Psychological Association's annual "Stress in America" report.

It suggests roughly two-thirds of Americans are stressed out about the future of the nation.

"We're seeing significant stress tran-• "The Worry Trick: How Your Brain scending party lines," said Arthur Evans

a news release. "The uncertainty and unpredictability tied to the future of our nation is affecting the health and wellbeing of many Americans in a way that feels unique to this period in recent his-

The most common issues causing stress when thinking about the nation, the APA reports, are:

■ Health care, 43 percent

■ The economy, 35 percent

■ Trust in government, 32 percent

■ Hate crimes, 31 percent Crime , 31 percent

Wars/conflicts with other countries, 30 percent

Terrorist attacks in the United States, 30 percent

■ Unemployment and low wages, 22

 Climate change and environmental issues, 21 percent

Maybe we all just need a few days off work to kick back and relax — and read a book about coping with our anxiety.

Ex-mayor named general counsel for MML

The Michigan Municipal League has selected long-time municipal attorney and former Northville Mayor Christopher J. Johnson as the organization's new general counsel.

As general counsel, Johnson will provide legal advice to the league's executive director and board of trustees and oversight of legal programs and staff. Johnson also will play an integral role in the ongoing development, implementation and evolution of the league's mission. He succeeds William Mathewson, who retired from the league as general counsel this summer after serving the organization in a variety of roles for more than 40 years.

the law firm of Johnson, Rosati, Schultz tive committees for years. In addition,

& Joppich, P.C., where he was a founding partner. For more than 30 years, Johnson has been active in the defense of municipalities in civil litigation throughout the state. He maintains specialties in the fields of municipal law, school law, legislation, liability and insurance defense. He is admitted to all state and federal courts in the state of Michigan, as well as the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and has served as a member of the state of Michigan's Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Commission from 2001-07. He has been an ac-Johnson comes to the league from tive member of several league legisla-

he has served as general counsel in a number of nonprofit capacities in Michigan.

In addition, Johnson is a seasoned presenter and a graduate of Michigan State University, College of Law (formerly Detroit College of Law) and the University of Michigan.

He served as the mayor of Northville from 1987 to 2015 and was awarded the Citizen of the Year by Northville Chamber of Commerce (2015). He served on the Northville Board of Education from 1976-87. In 2010, he was named Top Lawyer by Hour magazine and DBusi-

"I've worked closely with the league both as a former mayor and as an attorney for years and to now be a part of the

outstanding league staff is truly an honor," Johnson said. "I look forward to helping the league serve its member communities."

"We are extremely pleased to have Chris join the league as our general counsel," said Dan Gilmartin, league CEO and executive director. "Chris's vast experience in municipal law, as well as having served as a mayor, made him an ideal choice for the league and for our membership."

"We will miss Chris, one of our firm's founding members," said Carol Rosati, co-founder and partner at Johnson, Rosati, Schultz and Joppich, P.C.

For more information, go to mml.org.

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

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

Upcoming events

Grounds closed for wedding: 2:45-4:45 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.

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

General info

Website: www.millracenorthville.org

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

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

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 Tues-

Office: The office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. 248-348-1845 email office@millracenorthville.org.

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Northville District Library is at day; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursday 212 W. Cady Street. Call 248-348-5001 or go to northvillelibrary.org for more information.

Teen DIY Sushi Erasers

When: 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 Details: Give your school supplies a delicious makeover with this sushithemed eraser craft. For teens in grades 6-12. Register.

Foreign Film: 'The Paris Opera'

When: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27 Details: This beautiful documentary takes a behind-the-scenes look at a year at Paris opera house, under the direction of Stephane Lissner. (French, 111 minutes). Just drop in.

One-on-one tech help

When: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tues-

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

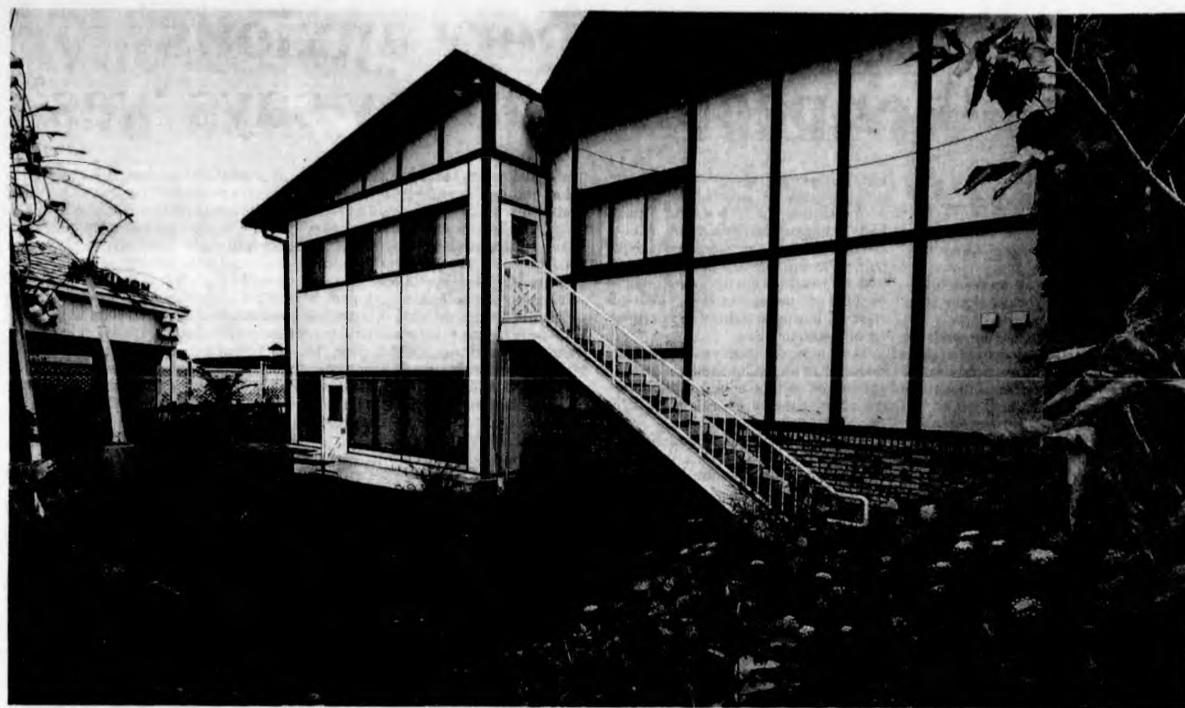
ESL Conversation Group

person or call 248-349-3020.

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

Drop-In Summer Storytimes

When: 10:30-11 a.m. each Friday Details: For all ages. No registration or ticket required, just drop in! Due to space limitations, summer library activities cannot accommodate special groups.



The Barnstormer Entertainment Complex near Whitmore Lake, which closed in 2012, hopes to reopen after extensive renovations, according to its owner, Rob Cortis. **GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY**

Owner of Barnstormer complex wants to reopen

Jennifer Timar **Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN**

Once popular but long shuttered banquet hall and entertainment venue Barnstormer Entertainment Complex is planning to reopen, according to its owner.

The complex, near Whitmore Lake, closed several years ago after it was determined to be a dangerous

But owner Rob Cortis said he's ready for a comeback after settling a legal battle with Green Oak Township. Cortis, a Livonia resident who closed the business

in 2012 following local building and fire code violations, says he plans to fix up and reopen the shuttered three-story, 25,000-square-foot wedding, banquet and night club venue at 9411 E. M-36 in the township.

One township official said bringing the building up to code and making it safe enough to reopen could be a costly and difficult challenge.

"We settled (a lawsuit), and it means the court part of this is over and we can move forward to secure funding and have what they call an old-fashioned barn raising," Cortis said. "We've established what all the issues were and what needs to be repaired and brought up to code, so that we can reopen in the next year, and I hope to be physically working in there in three-to-six

He expects to submit plans for resurrecting Barnstormer, which first opened in 1988, to the township "in the next month or two."

He estimates repairing the building, installing a proper fire suppression system and new staircases, and bringing it back up to code would cost "between

\$400,000 and \$500,000." He said he has found some potential investors and he met them while traveling around the country with his "Trump Unity Bridge," a 30-foot bridge on wheels decorated like a parade float to support President Donald Trump.

"Hopefully, it will be smooth sailing and we can put everything behind us and make the Barnstormer great again," he said.

Doubts and concerns

Township Clerk Michael Sedlak expressed doubts

about Cortis's plan to reopen.

"He has a long road and steep hill to climb," Sedlak said. "Everybody who is familiar with the situation would understand that (the building) needs a significant influx of money and work to reopen, complying with all the building, safety and fire codes."

Sedlak doubted Cortis could pull it off for \$500,000. "For me, the biggest issue is Mr. Cortis having the money to be able to do that properly. ... There are parts



The Barnstormer banquet facility in Green Oak Township lies dormant. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

of the building that are going to have to be removed, demolished, that were built without permits and not approved," he said.

While Sedlak said he "would love to see a banquet facility in the township of the type of success that he had before," the question is "whether or not it can be done in that building."

He said he wished Cortis "every success in his quest to reopen."

The legal dispute between Cortis and the township took years.

Cortis and the township reached a settlement in

June after court-ordered mediation. The settlement agreement calls for Barnstormer paying the township \$27,078 in court costs related to declaring the building a dangerous building and \$85,000 in court-ordered sanctions against Barn-

stormer for filing a frivolous lawsuit, he said. Cortis said he plans to pay costs related to the settlement, which will be a lien against the property until

Township fire officials in 2011 decided to limit occupancy to 175 on the first floor and close the second

Cortis's business RJMC Corp., which did business as Barnstormer, sued the township that year. The suit claimed the fire department's decision to limit occupancy was unwarranted and damaged business.

Wedding receptions were canceled, some with little notice.

"All of my weddings were a minimum of 200 guests," Cortis said.

In March 2012, township officials declared Barnstormer a dangerous building. The township Board of Trustees approved a resolution requiring portions of the complex built without permits, inspections or certificates of occupancy to be demolished. Among other concerns, building officials said there was inadequate space to exit the building in case of an emergency.

Cortis decided to close the business.

"I closed it by my choice and I was allowed to stay open with limited guests, but the amount of people couldn't support financially keeping it open," Cortis said. "Economically, it wasn't worth it with all the political restrictions."

Sedlak said ensuring people's safety is the township's biggest concern.

"Any building has to have an evacuation plan for the amount of people the building is approved for, and this would be one of the things we stress the most, because we certainly don't want to end up on a front page of a newspaper having a situation where people got hurt," he said.

In 2014, the complex went into foreclosure for nonpayment of property taxes, but Cortis avoided the building going to tax auction by paying off \$30,000 in property taxes.

The building was listed for sale that year and has since been taken off the market.









Artist Chris LaPorte of Grand Rapids draws caricatures the first day of Milford Memories. BRAD KADRICH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Memories

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Jewelry artisan Shandor Madjar knows just how vibrant the festival can be. He brings his traveling jewelry case to Milford every year and every year Milford Memories pays off for him.

Shandor, an artist from Colorado Springs, Colo., makes the annual Milford festival the third stop on his magical Michigan tour every year, after hitting Plymouth's Art in the Park and the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

nn Arbor Art Fair. It's his 11th year in Milford.

"Michigan has an awesome art show following," Shandor said. "My Michigan (client) list is over 1,000 people. It's my biggest client list."

Susan Cline also enjoys the festival every year. She makes the trek from her Canton home to take in the artists and other highlights of the festival.

"I love supporting these entrepreneurs and artists," Cline said. "These are things you can't get at Macy's or on Amazon."

Adam Styer of Ellbee's Gourmet Garlic has come to Milford Memories four times, because he believes the festival is very well-run.

"It's, obviously, a profitable show for me," Styer said, while explaining some seasoning options for broccoli to Cline. "They put on a good show here. It's well-organized. They do a great job here. These people are quality people."

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Kirsten Stroven takes first in the women's division in the 5K run. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Susan Cline of Canton gets some advice from Adam Styer of Ellbee's Garlic.com. BRAD KADRICH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



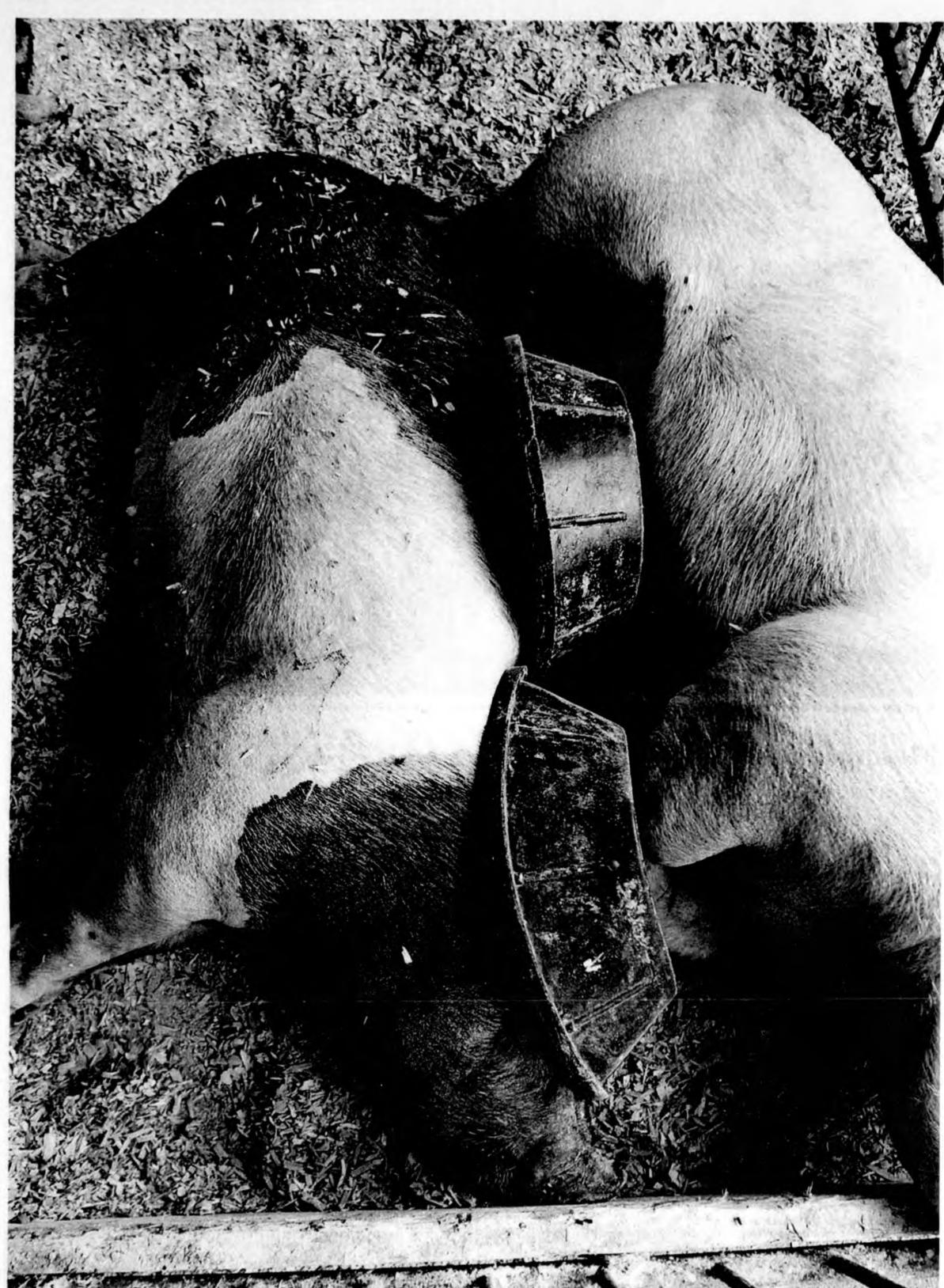
Kendrin Gall, Dave Scapone and wife Jeanine take part in the blind canoe race Sunday. TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Up and coming artist Brian Edwards Jr. of South Lyon works on his creation.
TOM BEAUDOIN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Joslyn Kozub (left), 6, and twin sisters Sophia and **Ariel took** part in the kids activities area Friday at Milford Memories. BRAD KADRICH HOMETOWN LIFE COM



About 180 pigs on display at the Fowlerville Family Fair were auctioned off, although some remained in quarantine because they were showing symptoms of swine flu. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Fowlerville fair pigs suspected of passing virus to two people

Jennifer Timar

Livingston Daily
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State and county health officials report two individuals exposed to swine at the Fowlerville Family Fair contracted influenza A.

Several pigs from the fair tested positive for swine flu July 27.

"We are urging those who visited the swine barn at the Fowlerville fair to monitor their health and follow up with their health care provider if they start feeling ill," Dr. Eden Wells, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services chief medical executive, said in a news release. "It can take up to 10 days for symptoms to appear and some individuals can develop serious complications."

According to state health officials,

tests are underway to determine if the flu viruses found in the swine and the individuals are the same strain.

Additional fair attendees have reported influenza-like illness and are being tested, officials say.

Pigs at the fair that tested positive for swine flu or were exposed to other sick pigs were quarantined and then auctioned off to buyers.

Symptoms of swine flu in people include fever, cough, runny nose, body aches, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. It can lead to pneumonia and death, even in healthy people.

There is no vaccine for swine flu.

Antiviral drugs such as Tamiflu and Relenza may treat swine flu in humans.

Health officials recommend taking the following steps to prevent the spread of any illness:

Refrain from eating or drinking in

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Dr. Eden Wells

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services chief medical executive

livestock barns or show rings.

baby bottles, strollers or similar items into pig areas.

Anyone who is at high risk of serious flu complications and is planning to attend a fair should avoid pigs and swine barns.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

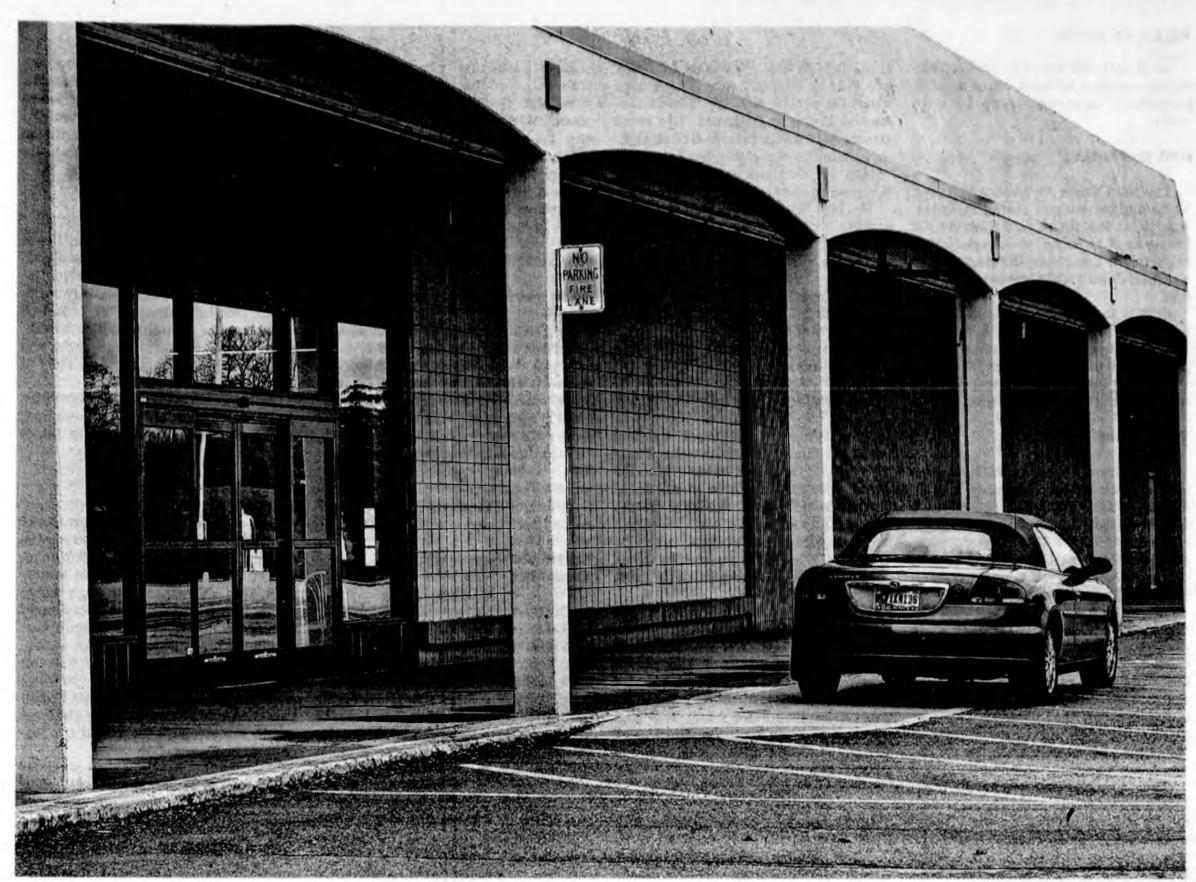
• Avoid contact with pigs if you have flu-like symptoms.

If you are sick, stay home from work or school until your illness is over.
 Cover your nose and mouth with a

tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it and wash your hands.

Anyone who suspects they may have

Anyone who suspects they may have been exposed to swine flu is asked to call their health care provider or the on-call nurse at the Livingston County Health Department at 517-522-6882.



Talks of redeveloping the old Kmart site in Plymouth Township have been renewed. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Former Kmart site could see new life in Plymouth

Darrell Clem

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A developer could be inching closer to redeveloping the former Kmart site in Plymouth Township, now viewed as a community eyesore rather than a oncethriving retail and

thriving retail spot.
Grand Sakwa Properties of Farmington Hills has submitted preliminary drawings to township officials to transform the site at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty. It became vacant after Kmart's parent company, Sears Holdings, formally announced a round of closings early last year.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," township Supervisor Kurt Heise said, adding later, "The plan they've put together sounds promising."

Grand Sakwa's plans involve demolishing one-third of the old Kmart building and renovating the rest to accommodate two national retailers, Heise said. The plans also call for several new businesses closer to Ann Arbor Road, some of which he said could potentially include a drive-through coffee shop,

doughnut shop or other eateries.

No tenants have been confirmed.

"It could be anything that would ap-

peal to people who can do a drivethrough and make their way onto (Inter-

state) 275," Heise said.

The latest plans dovetail with earlier statements made by William Eisenberg, who works in development and leasing for Grand Sakwa, about the site dubbed Plymouth Marketplace.

"We just think it's a great spot and we dclem@hometownlife.com

hope the redevelopment will be successful," Eisenberg said in late 2016, when Grand Sakwa already had begun plans to buy the property.

Heise has said the Kmart site and the former Steak & Ale property to the east, closer to I-275, are prime properties that should draw quality development. One plan by Marriott to build two new hotels on the old Steak & Ale site was scrapped.

Heise said Grand Sakwa has made preliminary inquiries about receiving money through the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to help cover costs of demolishing part of the Kmart building. If approved, Heise said, the authority could capture a portion of property taxes on the site and help to reimburse the developer for demolition and potential remediation costs.

Heise said the latest plans likely would prove more successful than building big box stores that have fallen on hard times amid shifting shopping patterns, as more consumers shop online.

"Unless you're a Walmart and you're really offering deep discounts or you're a Meijer and offering one-stop shopping for retail and food, it's a tough time to be in retail," he said. "We in Plymouth Township are not immune to this."

It wasn't clear what timeline Grand Sakwa might envision for Plymouth Marketplace. A telephone message was left with the company.

Contact Darrell Clem at



The old Kmart site in Plymouth Township could look like this, according to a rendering from Grand Sakwa Properties. PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

CLINICAL STUDY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SRI is looking for volunteers for a clinical research study that will evaluate the safety and immune response of an experimental vaccine in healthy people.

You might be eligible to participate if you:

- Are between 18 and 50 years old
- Are in good general health
- Can understand and read English
- Are not a recent substance abuser
- Are available for the entire study of 44 weeks
- Are not pregnant or nursing or planning to become pregnant

What you will do in the study:

- You will have a physical exam, including blood and urine tests, to see if you are eligible for the study
- You will be given a total of 3 vaccine doses over 4 months, then checked for any reaction

You could be compensated up to \$1,600 for your participation.

Our clinic is located in Plymouth, MI near M-14 and Beck Road.

For more information, please call us at 734-527-4200.

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AREA EVENTS

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

NYA golf outing

The Novi Youth Assistance will hold its annual benefit 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).

Yoga on the Beach

The Crossraods Group will host Yoga on the Beach at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Island Lake State Recreation Area, 6301 Kensington Road, in Brighton. Welcome your day with relaxing poses, stretches and meditation. Bring your own mat. All levels welcome. Lead by an experienced yoga instructor.

Arrive at 8:45 a.m. for sign-in and setup. Cost is \$5, plus requires state park entry fee or passport. Meet near the Kent Lake beach bathroom building. For more information, go crossroadsoutings@michigan.sierra club.org or call 734-355-3822.

'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 or use the form at the SAHS website (www.SAHShistory.org).

'Hansel & Gretel' at Marquis

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will present the play "Hansel & Gretel" through Sept. 23. Performances are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. each Saturday (except Sept. 1) and select Sundays (Sept. 9, 16 and 23).

Tickets for all performances are \$9 (no children under age 3). Group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more. For more information, call 248email marquistheatre@ sbcglobal.net or go to www.northville marquistheatre.com.

Highland Rec Area hike

The Crossroads Group will host a hike and lunch beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at Highland State Recreation Area, 5200 Highland Road, in White Lake. Come for a five-mile hike through hardwoods and wetlands in a park that is one of lower Michigan's best-kept secrets. Optional lunch at a local restaurant after the hike.

Arrive at 9:45 a.m. for sign-in. The hike is free, but requires state park entry fee or passport (buy your own lunch). Meet at the trail head parking area in front of the historic barn. For more information, go to crossroads outings@michigan_sierraclub.org call 734-355-3822.

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. Books may be preordered at the same time to ensure getting a copy at the event.

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

Dems of West Oakland

The Democrats of West Oakland County will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Jim Pearson, on the topic "What has happened to school funding?" For more information, go to www.dwoc.info.

S-SL library book sale

The Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, will host a book sale Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 21-25. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday (bag day, \$5 per bag). Books remaining Monday, Aug. 27, will be available for free.

Summer classes at Toligate 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.

Five Points of Hope fundraiser

Five Points of Hope, a nonprofit cancer charity base in Milford, will host a bowling fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Wonderland Lanes, 8265 Richardson Road, in Commerce Township.

An admission fee of \$20 provides participants with up to three hours of bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop. There will also be raffles during the event. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the charity, which provides financial assistance to Michigan cancer patients who are experiencing financial distress as a result of their illness.

Walk-ins are welcome anytime during the three-hour event, but participants are encouraged to reserve their bowling lane by pre-purchasing admission at www.fivepointsofhope.com or by mailing checks to Five Points of Hope, P.O. Box 583, Milford, MI 48381. A children's activity area will be available for families bringing children. Wonderland Lanes has 40 bowling lanes available, accommodating 200 bowlers at a time. Fundraiser participants can bowl for the entire three hours or drop in for a game or two as they wish.

Northville Art House competition

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

For more information, go www.northvillearthouse.org or 248-344-0497.

Runestad to host Internet safety event

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.

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 training, go to hopenot for handcuffs.com. Local contact is Angel Coordinator Pam Blair at pam@hopenothandcuffs.com or 248-505-7904.

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors

The Northville Newscomers & Neighbors club will hold its 2018-19 membership kickoff brunch at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive

RSVP by Aug. 30 to attend as a member (\$25 yearly dues) or guest (\$13 brunch fee) by emailing Nancy Murphy at membership@northville newcomers.com or write to P.O. Box 5263, Northville, MI 48167. The club is open to residents of Northville and all surrounding communities.

For more information, go to northvillenewcomers.com.

Blood drives at state fair

The Michigan State Fair is partnering with Michigan Blood for the fourth year in a row to host a series of blood drives. Donors will receive free admission into the fair, free parking and a \$10 Kroger gift card.

The schedule for blood drives, all at The Suburban Collection Showplace 46100 Grand River, in Novi includes: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30; 1-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3.

Blood donors should bring photo ID. Schedule an appointment to donate by calling 866-MIBLOOD (642-5663), texting MIBLOOD to 444999 or visiting donate.miblood.org.

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. The exhibit "Three Artists, Four Seasons" will feature artists Dale Alcocer, Danny Persinger and Paul Tibe-

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.

Labor Day bridge walk

The 14th annual South Lyon Labor Day bridge walk is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3. This free event offers adults and children the chance to walk one of two 2.5-mile loops or the entire five-mile course.

The walk begins at 9 a.m.; no registration is required. The Parks and Recreation Commission will set up its tent prior to the 9 a.m. start. Walkers should meet at the tent near the path by the parking lot in McHattie Park, off South Lafayette Street.

No animals permitted, but strollers and wagons are allowed. Water and granola bars will be provided. Sponsored by the city of South Lyon, South Lyon Parks and Recreation Commission and the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority, with support from Busch's Fresh Food Market.

For more information, go to www.southlyonmi.org or www.slrec.net

Michigan Music Mega Jam

The fourth annual Michigan Music Mega Jam is schedued for 1-4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, in conjunction with the Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. The concert will feature Laura Rain (with George Friend); Carolyn Striho; 2017 State Fair Superstars the Gasoline Gypsies; Brandon Calhoon; Nique Love Rhodes; Al Bettis, State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Ideeyah; and host/emcee Nadir Omo- See EVENTS, Page 17A

wale, all anchored by the Brothers Groove (Chris Codish on keyboards, James Simonson on bass and Skeeto Valdez on drums, plus Wayne Gerard).

Tickets are on sale at all southeast Michigan Kroger stores and at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com.

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

Golf benefit at Kensington

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks Foundation will host its second annual Charity Golf Classic, set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at Kensington Metropark Golf Course, 13760 High Ridge Drive, in Brighton. The four-player golf scramble will begin with a shotgun start and end with a dinner and Q&A panel.

Proceeds will support the Get Out and Learn program, which provides qualifying schools in southeast Michigan the opportunity to bring students out to a metropark for a field trip, including transportation.

Registration is available online for foursomes and individuals at www. metroparks.com/charitygolfclassic. Sponsorship and event information can also be found online or by contacting Hein at julie.hein@ metroparks.com or 810-494-6041.

All participants will receive free entry to Kensington Metropark the day of the event.

5K Color Run and Walk

Color My World, a Northville High School club founded to to prevent teen suicide and depression, is hosting a 5K Color Run and Walk from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the school, 45700 Six Mile Road, in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Awareness month. Its fundraising goal is to raise monies to host a series of peer to peer mental health awareness activities that will directly and positively impact more than 2,000 Northville High students.

The race fee is \$25 and includes the color run/walk with color powder, Tshirt, food, refreshments and music. There will be food and refreshments and live music from local band Tink and the Lost Boys as well as local DJ Shon. The University of Michigan's Depression Center and the local chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness will also be on-site.

Community Reads title, author

The Neighborhood Library Association has announced the selection of its ninth annual Community Reads book, "The Poisoned City" by Anna Clark. It recounts the gripping story of Flint's poisoned water through the people who caused it, suffered from it and exposed

Each of the six NLA libraries will host book discussions and book-related events, culminating in an author visit at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at the Wixom Pub-

lic Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail. Everyone is welcome to attend the Community Reads events: Oakland County Water Infrastructure 101 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Novi Public Library; "Roger & Me" screening at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Walled Lake City Library; The Flint Water Crisis & the Ongoing Struggle for Justice in Flint at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Salem-South Lyon District Library; "Flow: For the Love of Water" screening at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, the Walled Lake City Library; and The Flint River & the Drinking Water Crisis at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Northville District Library. Contact each library to register for events.

To learn more about the book and for a complete schedule of 2018 Community Reads events, dates and times, go to http://nlacommunityreads.weebly.com

MOMS sale

South Lyon Mothers of Multiples Society sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct, 6, at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, in South Lyon. Gently used clothing (including teens) sorted by size and gen-

Dogs with canine flu reported in Livingston

Veterinarian says there is 'definitely an outbreak'

Jennifer Timar Livingston Daily **USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN**

Amid an outbreak of canine influenza in Michigan, a Brighton veterinarian said several dogs her clinic has treated have come down with the contagious viral respiratory infection.

"There is definitely an outbreak," Dr. Christine Lee, a vet for VCA Brighton Animal Hospital in Brighton, said Aug.

Lee said the clinic has confirmed six cases of dogs with H3N2 strain of canine influenza and she suspects more dogs in the area have caught the flu. She said the clinic will report the cases to the

"We had 15 (suspected) cases (July 30) alone. ...I'd say we've had around 20," she said.

The metro Detroit area could be ex-

periencing the biggest outbreak of dog flu veterinarians have ever seen, the Detroit Free Press reported Aug. 2.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development reports there has been an uptick in canine influenza cases since July 13. There were 49 confirmed cases, as of Aug. 2.

Brighton Township dog daycare and boarding facility Camp Bow Bow closed Aug. 3 due to confirmed reports of canine influenza, according to an announcement the business posted to its Facebook page. Messages seeking comment were left with Camp Bow Wow representatives.

"Our camp has already been hit hard by cases of canine cough and we do not want to further risk the health of any dogs now that canine influenza (dog flu) has been confirmed as well," a portion of the post on Camp Bow Wow's Facebook page states. "We have been deep cleaning camp from top to bottom all week and want to spend the remainder of the week doing as much as we can before letting any pups back into the facility."

The post indicated the facility would reopen Aug. 6.

Very contagious for dogs

Lee warned dog owners that canine influenza "is very contagious."

She said dogs with canine influenza can remain contagious for up to 30 days and recommended dog owners keep sick dogs away from other dogs for a month to be safe.

"The ones we've seen have been really sick," she said. "We see a lot of kennel cough, which is similar symptoms, but these pets are sicker. Their coughs are worse, with runny nose and eyes, they don't want to eat and they get tired, like people with the flu."

She said complications from canine influenza can lead to more serious conditions in dogs, including pneumonia.

"It's a viral disease, so we can't treat it that much," she said. "We'll give them antibiotics for secondary bacterial infections and some cough medicine. Some are sick enough they are vomiting

and we give them medicine and sometimes IV fluids to rehydrate them."

MDARD officials recommend keeping sick dogs at home.

"Any time dogs come together in groups, there is a risk for disease," Michigan's State Veterinarian James Averill said in a news release from MDARD. "It's important that dog owners work with their veterinarians to protect their dogs."

A vaccine for canine influenza is available.

There have been no reported cases in humans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, in rare cases, it can spread to cats.

MDARD officials urge veterinarians, dog-related businesses and pet owners to report confirmed cases of dog flu by calling 800-292-3939.

DARD spokesperson Jessy Sielski said Aug 3 there has been at least one confirmed case reported to the state in Livingston County.

SALEM-SOUTH LYON DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Salem-South Lyon District Library is at 9800 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. For information, call 248-437-6431 or go to www.ssldl.info.

Patio Play

When: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21 **Details:** For ages 18 months and up. This is an outdoor program. Cancel notifications will be made by 3 p.m., if needed. Enjoy an outdoor summer sensory experience on the library patio. You and your family will play with aside to ensure Grace's. the libraries new sensory material: sand, water beads, noodles and much Board of Trustees meeting

Cover to Cover Book Club

When: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23 **Details:** The August selection is "The Lifeboat" by Charlotte Rogan. Forced into an overcrowded lifeboat after a mysterious explosion on their trans-Atlantic ocean liner, newly widowed Grace Winter battles the elements and her fellow survivors and remembers her husband, Henry, who set his own safety

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27 Details: Monthly Library Board of Trustees meeting. Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

One-on-one technology help

When: 4-7 p.m. each Tuesday (by appointment)

Details: Receive one-on-one assistance with many different aspects of computers and technology, including apps, programs and social media.

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Tai Chi

When: 6:30-7:30 p.m. select Wednes-

Details: Everyone is invited to take part in this gentle exercise.

Sewing for You

When: Noon to 1:30 p.m. each Thurs-

Details: Three volunteer seamstresses will be in the front half of the meeting room offering their time and services to mend your clothing at no charge to you Bring your torn, ripped garments. Sorry, no formal wear. The volunteers reserve the right to turn away items.

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der, cribs, strollers, car seats, maternity clothing, books, games and more. Now accepting credit cards for minimum fee. Admission is \$1.

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.ridefor recovery2018.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 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

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningcenter.org.

Adopt-A-Reader

Adopt-A-Reader links volunteers like you with children in kindergarten through second grade in the South Lyon Community Schools district who need extra support with reading and/or writing. This is an opportunity to create a learning bond by working individually with two children.

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

Youth Alpha film series

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

SL Rec Authority

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

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

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7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, Canton Library, 1200 Canton Center Road, Canton

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, Gardner White, 39453 Ford Road, Canton

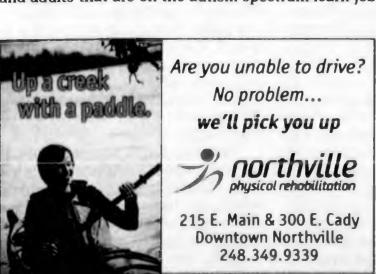
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7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, VFW Post 6695

1426 S. Mill Street, Plymouth 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, Hampton Inn, 1950 Haggerty Road, Canton

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth







Justice could face GOP backlash

Vote put proposal on Nov. 6 election ballot

Paul Egan **Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK**

Will the Michigan Republican Party withdraw its planned nomination of Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Clement at its August convention, as a rebuke for her vote earlier this month to put an anti-gerrymandering proposal on the Nov. 6 ballot?

Might the party even nominate another judicial candidate in her place?

Those questions were front and center in the wake of the 4-3 decision by the Michigan Supreme Court involving the controversial proposal.

Clement, who was appointed to the court in November by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder and must seek election in November for a full eight-year term, joined with another Snyder appointee, Justice David Viviano, and two Democratic-nominated justices — Richard Bernstein and Bridget McCormack — to allow the proposal to end a system of drawing political lines that has benefited Michigan Republicans in recent

"I know that many activists and delegates are furious with her abandonment of the Rule of Law philosophy in this case," as well as other recent cases, Tony Daunt, executive director of the conservative Michigan Freedom Fund, said. "Ultimately, it's up to the delegates on whether Clement needs to be held accountable for her record."

Viviano does not face re-election until 2024. Although candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court run on a nonpartisan ballot, they are generally nominated by the two major political parties.

The Republican Party could nominate another candidate in place of Clement, though she would remain on the ballot as an incumbent justice.

There's a precedent for such a development, though it has only happened once in Michigan history, said Bill Ballenger, a longtime state political pundit and historian and publisher of the online newsletter The Ballenger Report.

In 1976, Michigan Democrats opted not to nominate incumbent Justice Thomas Giles Kavanagh over unhappiness with his judicial record, instead nominating former Detroit Mayor Roman Gribbs. Kavanagh, who still had the "incumbent" designation beside his name on the ballot, still won handily. Ballenger said.

Republicans may feel the most important judicial priority in the Nov. 6 election is to protect the other Republican-nominated justice up for election, Kurtis Wilder. The party could withhold either funding or its nomination of Clement but not nominate anyone in her place, instead focusing its financial support on Wilder, he said.

Since only two full terms are on the ballot, all candidates will run against all other candidates and the top two finishers will be elected.

What's happened recently with the GOP's 5-2 majority on the court is "astounding" and "I sense a growing fury building out there in the Republican Party delegation that could manifest itself at the convention," Ballenger said.

He said the party deadline for nominating candidates expired just days before the Voters Not Politicians decision was released — and that might not be a coincidence. Still, he said the party could suspend the rules at its convention by a two-thirds vote and still nominate another judicial candidate.

Sarah Anderson, a party spokeswoman, declined comment. Clement, who served as Snyder's chief legal counsel, had no prior judicial experience and no judicial record to assess prior to her appointment.

Since Clement's appointment, a new voting bloc appears to have developed on the court in the eyes of some GOP activists that has largely evaporated the court's 5-2 Republican majority, with Clement and Viviano voting with the two Democratic-nominated justices on several key issues.

On July 27, the same four justices joined in another ruling that angered many conservatives, saying schools can ban guns on their properties. Again, Chief Justice Stephen Markman dissented, along with Justices Brian Zahra and Wilder.

They earlier voted together on a significant contracts case.

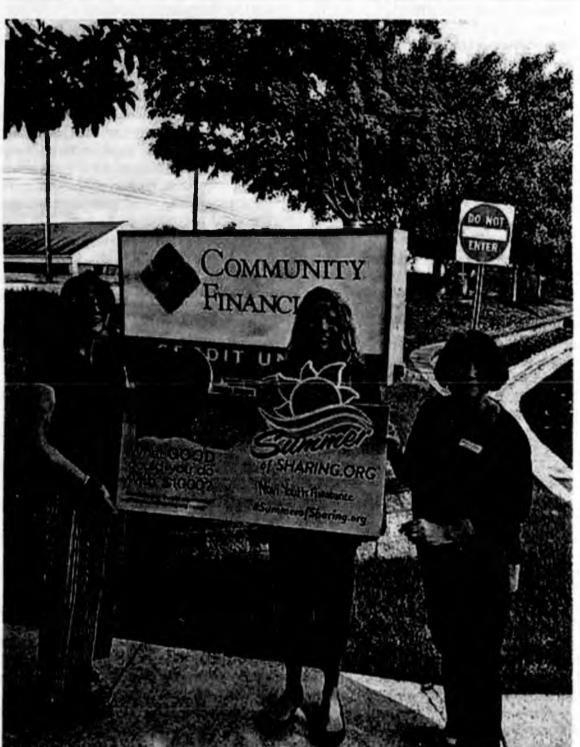
Rich Studley, president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, which helped bankroll a group that legally challenged the ballot proposal, said his group is disappointed in the ruling, but it accepts the decision and does not plan further legal action.

The chamber's membership includes people of all political stripes, said Studley, adding that he is not a Republican activist and has no plans to attend the party's state convention in August.

Whether the Michigan Republican Party should nominate Clement is a question "better directed at party officials," Studley said.

John Yob, a Grand Rapids-based political consultant and Republican convention strategist, said many in the party "still strongly support (Clement) and there is no chance that anyone could put together the votes to suspend the rules at a convention to nominate anyone

NYA ACCEPTS DONATION FROM COMMUNITY FINANCIAL



Novi Youth Assistance received \$1,000 recently as part of Community Financial's Summer of Sharing Program. Presenting the check is Nancy Pieske (right), branch manager, Community Financial. Accepting the check is Linda Cianferra (left), NYA chair, and Lisa Shields, NYA caseworker.

State fair youth help build chicken coop in Detroit

The Michigan State Fair Youth Council is a collaborative group composed of young people from the city, suburbs and rural towns who have a shared interest in Michigan agriculture. Their latest project is a an expansive new chicken coop, which will be located at the Oakland Avenue Urban Farm in Detroit, where the young farmers will be coached in best poultry-raising practices by experienced sibling poultry farmers Tom and Allie Purves from Clarkston, along with other members of the youth council advisory board.

The mission of the Michigan State Fair Youth Council is to foster communication, share wisdom and build bridges between young people who have been raised on traditional rural

farms and their counterparts in Michigan cities and suburbs, who are learning farm practices through urban agriculture programs and community gardens. Collaborative educational programs include this new chicken coop-building project slated for the Oakland Avenue Urban Farm in Detroit's North End neighborhood, plus various other networking opportunities for farm youth from across the state, throughout the

The Michigan State Fair offers an annual educational scholarship program, available to all young agriculture enthusiasts statewide, awarding more that \$40,000 annually to students from across the state. Details on how to apply for 2019 grants may be found at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com



This how the building and parking lot looked prior to the improvements. THERESA BIZOE



This is how First Step looks following renovations done thanks to a grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation. THERESA BIZOE

First Step receives grant from **Margaret Dunning Foundation**

First Step, an organization providing the exterior now matching the spirit of supportive services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, has received a \$100,000 grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to renovate and upgrade the First Step administrative and counseling office, 44567 Pinetree Drive, in Plymouth.

"Our Plymouth office and parking lot was in need of major safety repairs," said Lori Kitchen-Buschel, executive director of First Step. "We had a crumbling parking lot, holes in our roof and peeling paint. Frankly, the building was in disrepair with little chance of finding donors to help. The generous donation from the Margaret Dunning Foundation was used to replace our building's mansard roof and soffits, install a new asphalt parking lot, professionally paint the building's exterior, install new security doors and replace the aging heating and cooling systems. We also used the funds to dress up the building with vinyl trim around the windows and doors.

"We feel like we were the recipients of a reality show makeover and are thrilled with the results. Our building is safe, beautiful and comfortable with

our work and, for that, we are very grateful."

For more information about First Step, go to www.firststep-mi.org or call 734-722-6800.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime. Dunning was a successful business woman, philanthropist and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Dunning died in 2013 at age 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information, go to www.margaretdunningfdn.org.





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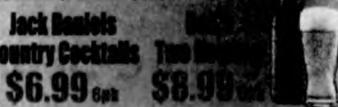
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PREP FOOTBALL

CC's Beydoun hopes to stay a leg up after injury-plagued seasons

Brad Emons

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Samih Beydoun enters his senior football season at Novi Detroit Catholic Central determined to make up for lost

And despite suffering a broken left leg during the fourth game of both his junior and sophomore seasons, the 6foot, 215-pound linebacker and occasional fullback is looking for a full season, "God willing," as the Shamrocks

year ago, opened preseason practice state championship, for sure." Aug. 6.

"Personally, I'd like to make this year a good one, lasting memories with all my brothers," said Beydoun, who gobbled down four peanut butter and jelly sandwiches during his lunchtime break. "But for the team, we really want to win a state championship. And I know a lot of teams talk about state championship before the season, but that's truly our goal and I think we're prepared. We trust in our coaches and we trust in the

(8-5), a Division 1 state semifinalist a process the whole off-season, so I think

Beydoun, who was named one of CC's five co-captains for the upcoming season, was sorely missed after going down with a broken tibia and fibula in a 38-7 loss last Sept. 15 at Cleveland St. Ig-

"It was just a regular play," Beydoun said. "I don't remember what his name was - but he was a pretty highly recruited tackle and he was really good. And

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Catholic Central senior Samih Beydoun is back on the field after suffering a broken left leg during his junior and sophomore seasons. BRAD EMONS

PREP CROSS COUNTRY



Novi boys cross country coach Robert Smith gives a pep talk to Scott McPherson, Gabriel Mudel and John and Aric Landy during his final season. FILE PHOTO

Beloved Novi prep coach Smith dies

Coached Wildcats boys to two state titles and seven regional championships

Brad Emons

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

Robert Smith's favorite quote when he coached high school cross country came from none other than Oprah Win-

"Running is the greatest metaphor for life, because you get out of it what

you put into it."

Smith, who died unexpectedly Aug. 7 at age 62, invested a lot time and effort into his sport and got a lot out of it - and more – during his 36 seasons (1981-2016) of coaching the boys at Novi High

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Tamara, daughter Samantha (Joel) Hudson, sister Suzanne (Jon) Nykamp and brother Scott Smith, along with two grandchildren and two nieces. Cause of death is to be determined.

His heart definitely bled Novi's school colors of green and white as he guided the Wildcats to back-to-back MHSAA Class A boys cross country

state championships in 1998 and 1999, along with Division 1 runner-up finishes in 2000 and 2006. (His '98 team captured the first MHSAA title of any sport at Novi.)

Novi placed in the top 10 at the state finals 13 times. Smith also led the Wildcats to seven regional and six conference championships, along with one division crown. During his final 19 years, his teams posted a 92-22 dualmeet record.

Thirty-one of his runners also attained all-state honors, including 2001 individual state champion Tim Moore,

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PREP FOOTBALL

Lakeland eyes topdivision finish

Marty Budner

hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Walled Lake Western and Waterford Mott had the honor of sharing the Lakes Valley Conference's first football championship last fall.

The Warriors and Corsairs were both 7-1 to emerge as co-champions in the LVC's debut season. White Lake Lakeland was all alone in third place at 6-2, while Walled Lake Central was a game back at 5-3.

The nine LVC coaches recently gathered for a media day and, if their prognostications hold, there will be co-champions again.

Western and Lakeland were picked to tie for this year's crown, with Mott third and Walled Lake Northern

Following is a brief preview of the LVC's four hometownlife.com football teams.

White Lake Lakeland

White Lake Lakeland enjoyed its best season in nine years last fall.

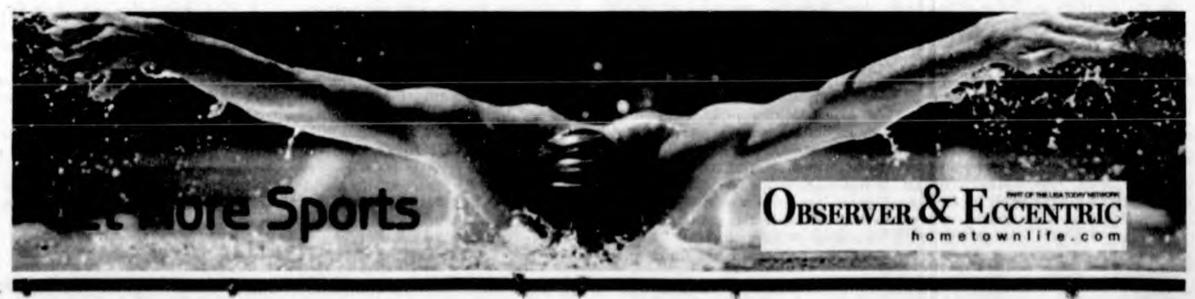
The Eagles, with an eight-game slate, finished with a 6-2 regular-season record and qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 2008. Lakeland opened with a win over Walled

Woodruff

Lake Central (53-12) and was eliminated from the playoffs by Detroit Catholic Central (35-12). Lakeland has a host of returning starters from that squad and head coach Joe Woodruff is looking for another strong season.

"We have a lot of kids coming back and we're going to hang our hat on that," said Woodruff, starting his fourth season as Lakeland's head coach. "And our youth teams - JV and

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Lakeland

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freshman - have been doing well and those kids are trickling into the program now. That doesn't necessarily guarantee you anything at the varsity level, but it sure helps. They are good players, they expect to be good and, hopefully, we'll build off of that."

Senior all-state star Robbie Tracy (running back/defensive back) leads the list of returning players and seniors Ben Roberts (two-way lineman), Carter Raab (offensive line/linebacker), David Thickstun (two-way lineman) and Brendan McGrath (linebacker/running back), plus juniors Dakota Myers (running back) and Leo Skupin (defensive back/kicker/punter), all made last year's all-conference team in one form or another.

Seniors Brady Woodruff (quarterback), Matt Fus (linebacker), Nick Calderon (two-way lineman) and Shaun Keller (tight end/linebacker) are other returning players. Woodruff and junior Jordan Shaw are members of Lakeland's multiple-quarterback system.

"We kind of run the ball and we have some good running backs," coach Woodruff said. (Tracy) is just really built for the wing-T offense. He's very compact, very explosive. He's good and Dakota has a lot of speed. We have good speed and size and we're excited about

Lakeland again opens with Walled Lake Central in LVC action, at 7 p.m. at home. The Eagles' lone non-conference game is set for Oct. 12 at home against Lapeer. In fact, four of Lakeland's final five games are at home.

"I think one thing you find out in this league is that you better not have a bad day," Woodruff said. "I think in the first game of (last) season against Walled Lake Central, we were pretty inexperienced, the ball bounced right for them and our kids had to learn lessons from that loss. Fortunately, we had a chance to play them again in the first round of the playoffs. It showed in that game that we got better throughout the year.

"I think there are five teams in our league that can win a league championship," he added. "We have our work cut out for us and we know it."

South Lyon East

South Lyon East is still looking for its first overall winning record since it was established in 2008.

The Cougars went 5-4 in 2012 to earn their first — and only — playoff berth, eventually losing that Division 3 predistrict game to Orchard Lake St. Mary's to finish with an even .500 record. Their next best season was last year, when they finished 4-5.

East ended with two straight wins, beating Milford and South Lyon. The 34-27 win over South Lyon was East's first victory ever over its older district ri-



South Lyon East's (from left) Chris Kaminski, Jon Carter, Colt Kovach and Nick Helfrick aim to continue the success they enjoyed last season. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Fourth-year head coach Joe Pesci's squad aims to carry that momentum over to this fall.

"We ended on a good note and some of the teams we beat last year we feel pretty good about that," said Pesci, the quarterback on Farmington Harrison's 1993 state championship team. "We certainly aren't going to be surprising anyone anymore. In the past, that would have been kind of how we were looked

"I think with the wins that we've had kind of opened everyone's eyes that we're not an easy game anymore," he added. "We're pretty excited with the group we have coming back."

East has an experienced team with great senior leadership.

One leader will be senior quarterback Chris Kaminski, one of six returning starters on offense. Kaminski (6-foot-3, 205 pounds) is a three-year varsity veteran who has a pair of talented and dependable wide receivers in seniors Sean Clary (5-11, 185) and three-year starter Jon Carter (5-7, 165).

"Chris has gotten bigger every year and the progression of his athletic ability has improved every year," Pesci said. "He's able to read defenses much better and make the smart and accurate throw. I think he will carry the ball a little bit more this year to keep the defenses hon-

"(Carter) possesses the best hands and he's the best route runner in our program," he added. "When he gets the ball in his hands, he can be explosive. Last year, he was hampered by an ankle injury for about three or four weeks. We expect him to stay healthy this year and, if he does, he's going to have a big impact on our team from week to week. He's a major part of our team on both defense and offense.

Junior Donovan Wright (6-0, 190 running back) and seniors Eric Ortiz (5-10, 150 lineman) and Jonah Westlund (5-11, 260 lineman) are other key returning offensive players.

The defense's top returning players include Colt Kovach, Carter and Kaminski in the secondary, Terry Day and Wright at linebacker and Nick Helfrick (defensive end) and C.J. Hoke on the

"The defense has gotten better every year I've been here and we're kind of excited about what we're going to do this year, both offensively and defensively," Pesci said. "We expect to compete and be in every game with what we have coming back.

"Our mindset is to get one or two more wins from what we finished at last year," he added. "So if we did that and do that, we might have the opportunity to get a postseason berth, which is rare to say at South Lyon East. But that's what we believe and that's kind of the driving force for us going into this season."

Milford

Garfey Smith is Milford's third coach in as many years.

An Oakland County sheriff's deputy, Smith spent last season as the defensive coordinate at Madison Heights Lamphere. The 29-year-old Waterford Kettering graduate (2006) is anxious to get started in his first head coaching job.

"I'm having fun. It's a lot of work, but it's all about the kids. We do this for the kids, it's not about money or anything else," said Smith, who took over for Dan Novak, who stepped aside after last year due to health concerns. "When it comes down to it, it's building that long-term relationships with these players. These kids at Milford are great kids and I'm enjoying every minute with them.

"I always wanted to be a head coach. I've been around some great head coaches and they have all motivated me," he added. "I just want to be energetic - always having an energy and letting these kids feed off of you. We can't be down. We can't beat these kids up. We have to motivate them to get better every day."

The Mavericks, who finished 2-7 in 2017, have a strong corps of eight returning seniors.

The group is led by running back Christian Koschke, who earned all-conference honors last season after rushing for more than 900 yards with 10 touchdowns in nine games.

"Christian is a hard, tough runner and he's going to get you 3 or 4 yards a pop just the way he runs," Smith said. "I think now, with the kind of style we're teaching him, he's going to improve on that to 5 or 6 yards when he carries the ball. He's going to be very explosive for us and open up our offense big time.

Milford's other returning starters include Christopher Roscoe (two-way lineman), Harley Williams (two-way lineman), John Porter (running back/ defensive back), Chance Murray (running back/defensive back), Carson Jensen (wide receiver/defensive back), Tyler Knapp (running back/middle linebacker) and Zach Parks (tight end/linebacker).

Junior Logan Sapienza (offensive line/linebackers) and sophomores Connor Heitman (quarterback/linebacker) and Alex Hiipakka (linebacker) are other Mavericks to watch. Senior Andrew Minton is the leading candidate to play quarterback, but is getting some healthy competition.

"I think this team has great potential. After watching their film from last year, I thought they were better than a 2-7 team," Smith said. "I think we have a great opportunity to sneak into the league and be competitive and end up somewhere with a 5-4 or 6-3 record and make a push for the playoffs. But it's a tough league and every week is going to be a competitive game for us. Our goal is to be competitive every week."

South Lyon

It was an unusually down season for the South Lyon football team in 2017.

The Lions went 1-8, with their only win coming in mid-schedule against Milford (42-7). They lost four games before that win and four more after it.

It marked South Lyon's worst football season since 1975, when it also finished

Fourth-year head coach Jeff Henson believes better things are ahead.

"We were 1-8, but we were in every game last year, except for two, with chances to win," Henson said. "We have some good kids coming back and our JV team went 8-1 last year and I'm really excited about this year.

"They've been working hard and we probably had one of our best off-seasons in the nine years that I've been at South Lyon," he added. "I think we are out to prove we are better than the 1-8 we finished at last year."

The Lions have an experienced team that includes nine returning defensive and eight returning offensive starters. There are 20 players who either started or saw significant playing time last year.

Senior Ian Goins, the returning MVP, is the pride of the Lions. The speedy running back led South Lyon in both rushing and receiving last season.

Juniors Jack Schaffer (running back/ linebacker) and Conner Fracassi (quarterback), plus senior captains and twoway standouts Michael Dancer (safety) and David Rende (center) and senior Mike Gassner (defensive line) are other key players.

"Conner has really improved. Just his arm strength, his dedication in the weight room, his leadership ability," Henson said about his young quarterback. "He's really worked hard. Not only that, he does a great job of holding his teammates accountable, too, and I think that's one reason why we had such a successful off-season.

"I think the strength of our team is all the kids we have coming back," he added. "The experience, the versatility we have. I'm really optimistic about all the starters we have back. Last year, we were very young. We had 13 sophomores who started for us and we have those kids back. I'm just excited about the group in general. They're fun to be around and fun to coach."

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Beydoun

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they ran a sweep, I'm pretty sure, and next thing I remember, I was just on the ground. (The leg) was completely the other way. I didn't really look normal. I was in shock. And then the next thing I remember I was just in the hospital."

Severe break

It was déjà vu all over. It was the same leg that was broken during his sophomore year in a JV game against Birmingham Brother Rice, but this time it was a compound fracture and completely displaced.

"I watched the video a bunch of times and Ignatius actually had an orthopedic surgeon on the field, which I'm really grateful for," Beydoun said. "He came in and popped my leg back in place and saved me a lot of surgery and a lot of recovery time. The Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic kept me for about five or six days, then I headed home and started the recovery process."

Beydoun received A-plus treatment during his week stay at the Cleveland Clinic.

"Awesome hospital, awesome doctors," he said. "The surgery really went well. My whole family stayed with me and I had a lot of family at the game and they all decided to stay throughout surgery until I got home. So it was a pretty easy process. I was talking to my coaches the whole time and they made it really easy for me. Didn't feel like a big deal."

He had a rod put in his leg following

given a clean bill a health.

Back in business

"March is kind of when I picked up the training again, a lot of running, a lot of speed stuff," he said. "Ever since then, it's been really good. Coach (Guy) Monarch, my trainer, the guys at Barwis Methods, my coaches here, have been taking care of me and seeing me through the whole process."

Beydoun is back to squatting 505 pounds, benching 265 and has done 23 reps at 225 pounds. His presence both on the field and in the locker room will be an added bonus as the Shamrocks embark on a tough non-league schedule, beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, when they take on Walled Lake Western at Wayne State University.

"As a junior, he was a great leader for us," second-year Catholic Central coach Dan Anderson said. "He was just hardnosed. He's one of those old-school, hard-nosed kids and he was a leader on our defense. Slowly but surely, in those first four games, he was becoming a leader. And unfortunately, when we lost him, we lost his leadership, too."

Beydoun's role defensively this season may change slightly. He will more than likely become more of an edge rusher.

New outlook

"Last year, I played more of a lot of stand-up defensive end," he said. "My transition to linebacker was pretty easygoing. I worked with Taiwan Jones, who was a linebacker at MSU and played linebacker in the NFL for a couple of years. I got connected with him through the surgery and, by January and into some friends and some trainers, so I've I'm not doing stuff," Beydoun said. on Twitter: @BradEmonsl. February, Beydoun was starting to get just been working with him. The transi- "They basically raised me, because both back to normal once again. He has been tion to linebacker has been pretty of my parents were working, so I spend

smooth. Right now, it looks like I'll be playing outside and I'll be rushing in the under package, so I'll be pretty excited

for that." Growing up in Dearborn, Beydoun played soccer and still watches, it counting Zlatan Ibrahimovic of the L.A. Galaxy as his favorite player.

Football, however, won out handily after he was moved up to the varsity during the 2016 state playoffs despite being injured. He also turned heads following his sophomore year after attending summer camps at Ohio State, Michi-

gan State and Notre Dame. "That was a really fun year, I learned a lot and it made me go a lot harder because I wasn't on varsity, trained a lot harder," Beydoun said.

Beydoun also has quite a football family lineage.

Football tree

He also trains with his uncle Norm Turfe, who played football at West Point along with another of his dad's first cousins, Rob Turfe. Norm's son Chuck Turfe played at Canton High and is currently a junior running back who appeared in all 13 games last season at the University of Akron.

Beydoun has two younger brothers: Michael, an incoming freshman at CC, and Zain, a sixth-grader.

Of Lebanese (his dad's side) and Gambian (his mother's side) descent, Beydoun has a quite a family support system. During his spare time, he likes to read, hang out with friends and be with his family. He carries a 3.3 gradepoint average.

"I spend a lot of time with my grandparents, for sure, most of the time when mons@hometownlife.com. Follow him

a lot time with my grandparents."

Beydoun was named a captain this fall, along with seniors Marco Genrich (quarterback), Noah Shanlian (running back-linebacker), Lucas Hendershot (offensive-defensive line) and Quinn Zacharias (offensive-defensive line).

Teammates return

CC also returns senior starters Parker Bohland (running back-defensive back), Nate Anderson (wide receiverdefensive back), Kellen Adler (offensive line-defensive line) and Mike Harding (tight end-defensive end), the latter of whom has Mid-American Conference

Junior Brendin Yatooma (running back-linebacker) also returns.

"I was pretty antsy and I wanted to play. I knew it was all part of a plan and my family had my back, my teammates had my back, so I just had to focus on this year," Beydoun said. "I've always had a positive outlook, never thought about not playing again. It's all for the guys on the team ... my friends and my coaches, my brothers and my family do everything for them, so it's easy to stay positive. They make it really positive for you."

A highly productive and injury-free senior season is first on Beydoun's agenda, but he also has aspirations of playing at the next level (or two).

"My dream is play in the NFL," he said. "I know a lot of people will say that, but hopefully, I keep working and get a shot at playing college football and just keep working from there."

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The Northville freshman baseball team finished 19-9-1 overall.

Northville frosh team enjoys stellar spring

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The Northville High freshman baseball team recently completed a productive spring season under coach Tim Cain with a 19-9-1 overall record.

"Once again, we were a very strong defensive team," Cain said. "Our pitching was solid and, when the other team was able to put the ball in play, our de-

fense made the routine plays. Sturdy defense almost always translates into a successful high school season. When you make the other team's defense handle the ball, you end up getting on base a lot at the freshman level."

The team's top pitchers this season included Adam Harp, Jake Willerer, Oliver Wu, Jacob Henige, Ben Tweadey and Jason Brown, while Josh Lutz, Tweady, MacDonald and Connor Halberg served as their battery mates be-

hind the plate.

Offensive standouts were Cayden Saunders, Nick Senawi, Willerer, Chris Bogenhagen, Kellen Gonda, Jason Brown and Aidan MacDonald.

Infield defensive standouts included Bogenhagen, Brown, Gonda, Willerer, Harp, Brad Gaynor, Henry Chen, Senawi and Tweadey.

Leonard, Henige, Brett Rankin, Saunders and Andrew Burns.

Cain was assisted on the bench once again this season by former pro player Don Deptula

"Having a coach with as much experience as coach Don is a huge benefit to the players and to the baseball program as a whole," Cain said.

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YOUTH BASEBALL



The Detroit Thunder Baseball Club finished 4-0 in the Late Season Slam at Walled Lake Northern.

Thunder rallies for Late Season Slam title

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The Detroit Thunder Baseball Club, a U-8 machine pitch baseball team based in Plymouth-Canton, rallied from a 7-0 first-inning deficit to beat the Plymouth capture the Late Season Slam on Aug. 5 Jack Lichtman, Joseph Wisniewski, Owosso (Sept. 25-26) tournaments.

at Walled Lake Northern.

The Thunder, who finished 4-0 during the two-day tourney, earned their first tourney title after placing second the previous week in Ypsilanti.

Members of the Thunder, managed by Jake Doby, include Maks Glomski, Travis Kava, Kam Hamilton, Colten Do-Canton Little League Rumble, 14-10, to by, Mason Lariviere, Corbin Knoppe, Saline-Ann Arbor (Aug. 18-19) and on Twitter: @BradEmonsl.

Nick Hayes, Jake Zajdel, Braeden St. Louis, Evan Jankowski, Evan Cunningham and Max Little.

Other members of the coaching staff include Janet Burns, Kevin Hamilton, Matt Glomski, Ken St. Louis, and Mike Jankowski.

You can follow the Thunder on Twitter: @thunderdetroit; or on Facebook at Detroit Thunder Baseball Club. For more information, email thunderbaseballdetroit@gmail.

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Spartan Aquatic Club caps strong summer

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The Spartan Aquatic Club of Novi recently capped its 2018 summer season by sending three representatives to the Lake Erie Central Zone 14 and Under Championship held Aug. 2-5 at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio.

Against the best of the Midwest, Charlson Teo led the way with seventh in the 200-meter butterfly (2:15.03) and eighth in the 200 individual medley (2:18.98). His other finishes included 14th, 200 backstroke (2:21.38) and 200 breaststroke (2:38.80); 29th, 100 breaststroke (1:16.07). Teo was also on the 13th-place 200 medley relay team.

Meanwhile, Kieron Bezuidenhout placed 20th in the boys 1,500 freestyle (18:04.25).

In the girls, Jimin Son was 19th in the 400 freestyle (4:44.30),

Speedo Sectional

Spartan Aquatic's Marko Vucelic participated in the USA Swimming Sectional Long Course Championship meet, held July 19-22 at Cleveland State University, by taking 14th in the 800-meter freestyle (8:58.68).

Other finishes for Vucelic included 27th, 400 freestyle (4:17.36); 29th, 400 IM (4:50.94); 47th, 200 freestyle (2:01.46).

13-14 & Long Course

Spartan Aquatic sent a large contingent to the Michigan Swimming 13-14 and Open Long Course State Championshps, held July 26-29 at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium

In the Boys Open division, Vucelic was runner-up in the 1,500-meter free-style (16:43.19); third, 800 freestyle (8:48.56); fifth, 400 IM (4:48.96) and 400 freestyle (4:14.96); eighth, 200 freestyle (1:58.95) and 200 butterfly (2:16.34)

Teammate Adam Carozza placed sixth in the 100 butterfly (59.75) and 200 butterfly (2:17.89); 10th, 200 IM (2:19.66); 14th, 100 freestyle (56.33);



The Spartan Aquatic Club of Novi recently completed a successful summer season.

15th, 50 freestyle (25.40); and 23rd, 200 freestyle (2:05.79). He was also fifth in the 400 medley relay and sixth in the 400 freestyle relay.

Max Robbins was fifth in the 400 medley relay and sixth in the 400 free-style relay. Other places included 19th, 800 freestyle (9:31.59); 20th, 200 freestyle (2:05.44); 23rd, 400 freestyle (4:31.57); 27th, 100 freestyle (57.70); and 32nd, 50 freestyle (26.95).

Connor Johns placed fifth in the 400 medley relay and individually took 14th, 100 backstroke (1:06.34) and 200 backstroke (2:24.70); 15th, 400 IM (5:06.12); and 19th, 200 butterfly (2:25.37).

Teammate Rory Joliff was 18th and 21st, respectively, in the 1,500 (18:32.03) and 800 (9:34.96) freestyles, while Riley Carpenter was 24th (400 IM, 5:11.95) and 27th (200 breaststroke, 2:48.89).

Samuel Stefanak was fifth in the 400 medley relay and sixth in the 400 free-style relay. Individually he took eighth in the 200 breaststroke (2:38.00); 13th,

100 breaststroke (1:13.52); 20th, 1,500 freestyle (18:55.60); and 22nd, 400 freestyle (4:31.22).

Also in the Open Boys, Austin Zhang took sixth in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.22) and 26th in the 200 breaststroke (2:48.69).

In the Girls Open, Elise Fonda placed 12th in the 400 medley relay and individually was 18th, 100 breaststroke (1:22.96); 20th, 200 breaststroke (3:00.37); and 31st, 100 butterfly (1:15.31). Teammate Ella Ducato placed 21st in the 800 freestyle (10:03.37) and 30th in the 500 freestyle (19:18.75).

For Boys 13-14, Teo led the way with second in the 200 IM (2:18.85) and 200 butterfly (2:13.19); fifth, 100 butterfly (1:01:95); and 11th, 800 freestyle (9:21.99).

Bezuidenhout was sixth, 1,500 freestyle (18:08.97); 14th, 200 butterfly (2:26.55); 16th, 800 freestyle (9:32.58); 18th, 400 freestyle (4:36.72); and 28th, 100 butterfly (1:07.71). Sean Diffenderfer (Boys 13) placed 20th, 400 IM (5:27.71); 21st, 400 free-style (4:43.18); 30th, 100 butterfly (1:08.34); 31st, 200 butterfly (2:34.94); 33rd 200 IM (2:35.87); and 34th, 100 freestyle (1:01.93).

Other Boys 13-14 finishers included William Teng, ninth, 100 breaststroke (1:14.55), 18th, 200 breaststroke (2:50.79); along with Kevin Wang, 35th, 100 breaststroke (1:23.76).

In the Girls 13-14, Son was 10th, 400 freestyle (4:45.35); 11th, 800 freestyle (9:55.77); 15th, 200 freestyle (2:18.53); 25th, 100 freestyle (1:04.32); and 27th, 200 IM (2:40.19). She was also 12th in the 400 medley relay.

Anna Fonda took eighth in the 1,500 freestyle (19:02.14); 13th, 400 freestyle (4:49.79); 15th, 800 freestyle (10:05.06); 21st, 200 backstroke (2:38.04); 30th, 200 freestyle (2:19.67); and 33rd 100 backstroke (1:14.47).

Teammate Marisol Garcia placed 10th in the 1,500 freestyle (19:21.26); 12th, 200 butterfly (2:38.85); 15th, 400 IM (5:33.33); 17th, 800 freestyle (10:07.55); and 23rd, 400 freestyle (4:55.79).

Long Course 12-and-under

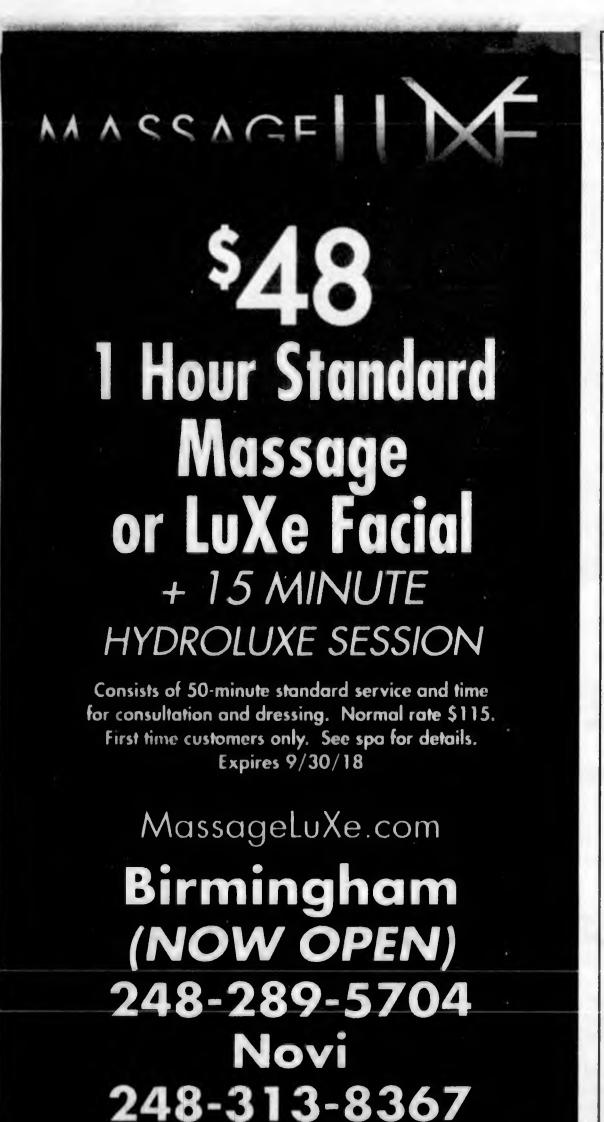
On July 20-22, Spartan Aquatic Club sent three boys to the Michigan Swimming 12 and Under Long Course State Meet Championship at Holland Community Aquatic Center.

Dominick Ducato led the way 18th-place finishes in the 200-meter butterfly (3:15.22), 400 IM (6:19.63) and 200 backstroke (2:55.71). Other places included 31st (50 backstroke, 38.75) and 34th (200 breaststroke (3:36.82).

Jiaxuan Gong was 18th in the 50 breaststroke (49.48) and 22nd in the 100 breaststroke (1:50.78), while teammate Eduardo Garcia placed 18th in the 400 freestyle (6:35.12).

Swimmers interested in trying out for the Spartan Aquatic Club, a competitive USA Swimming-sanctioned club, can go to www.teamunify.com.

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Smith

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who also captured the Foot Locker National Championship and went on to have a distinguished collegiate running career at Notre Dame.

Fourteen of Smith's teams also earned academic all-state honors, including 90 individuals.

"Cross country is not exactly the most glamorous sport, certainly not Friday night football, but he brought a light to it and to a point where Novi was known across the state as being one of the top 10 level schools and much of that is because of Bob and his passion for track and field in the spring," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said.

The news of Smith's sudden death sent shock waves throughout the Novi running community.

"We never got to give him the party that he so richly deserved," said Brad Moore, a former assistant who succeeded Smith as head coach in 2017. "One comforting thought is that I had a few lunches with him last summer. All of them turned into two- or four-hour discussions and we got to talk a lot about more important issues. I'm really glad we got to do that."

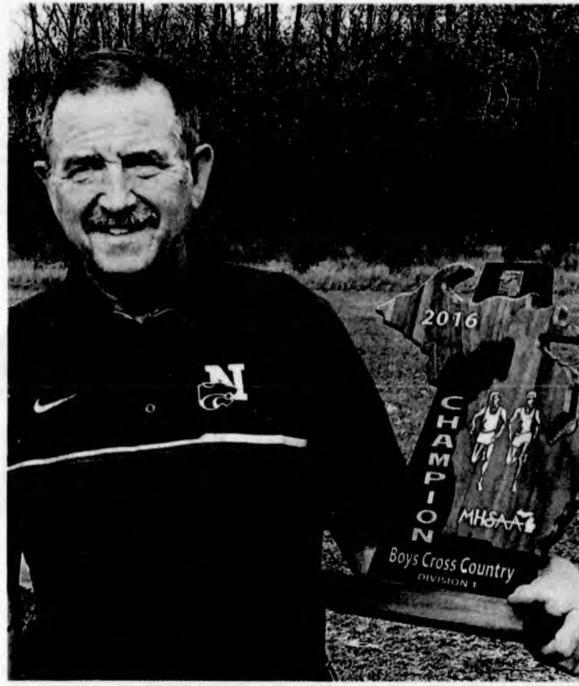
Smith had a profound impact on Moore's coaching career in more ways than one.

"I ran in high school," Moore said. "I spent a lot of time instructing with marching band, working with kids, but the only reason I started coaching track and cross country is because coach Smith sent out kind of a mass email that caught me and I jumped in there and he mentored me for years. The whole reason I'm doing it is because he had such a great program that attracted me to it. To this day, we're trying to live up the heart and soul he put into it."

Aug. 8, ironically, was the first official day of cross country practice at Novi.

On hand was all-state track and cross country runner Gabe Mudel, a 2018 Novi grad who will be running this fall at the University of Michigan.

"I want people to remember that coach Smith left a legacy of creating to me," Mullins said. "Ever since the first that program, building it from the ground up," Mudel said. "Not just mak-



Robert Smith, who died at age 62, enjoyed a highly successful career coaching boys cross country for 36 years at Novi High School, LUC PLAETINCK

lot of values, like discipline and respect, that I think I'm going to carry with me for the rest of my life. Coach Smith was the first real coach I had through running out of middle school and he helped developed me in such a way to begin enjoy the sport and care about my body and my success."

Novi senior captain Trey Mullins, who ran for Smith as a freshman and sophomore, said his former coach created a tight bond with all his runners.

"Coach Smith was just a great friend day he started coaching me, he just really gave me the spirit of running and I ing us great runners, but teaching us a think it spread on everyone. He always

cheered me on. I really didn't worry about my times. He was just really there to support me. When I heard the news, I just really couldn't believe it. I just want people to remember that he was a great man and touched so many lives coaching for 36 years. He should be kept in everyone's prayers and remembered as a Novi legend."

Smith also served as Novi's boys track and field coach from 1981 through 2007. In 2010-11, he also coached track at Howell High School with his daughter.

In 2010, Smith retired from teaching as a physical education, business and accounting instructor at Novi.

Smith grew up in Detroit and devel-

oped his love for running as a fifth-grader in the Police Athletic League. He was an accomplished runner at South Lyon High School, where he held school records in distances from the 100 meters through three miles. He was inducted into that school's Hall of Fame in 2005.

Smith was also a two-time NCAA Division II qualifier in the 400-meter dash at Alma College. He earned all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors three straight years and was the MIAA's MVP in 1978. In 2005, Smith was named to the Alma College Hall of Fame.

During his stint with the Wildcats, Smith brought home numerous honors. He was named Coach of the Year by several organizations, including three times (1998-99 and 2000) by the Michigan Interscholastic Track and Cross Country Coaches Association and once by the Michigan High School Coaches Association (2001).

He was also a National Coach of the Year Finalist in 2001 by the National High School Athletic Coaches Associa-

At the Oakland County Track and Field Championships in 2017 held at Novi, Smith was recognized as the meet's 58th honoree.

"He was the consummate gentleman, sportsman ... it's a shock," longtime Livonia Churchill boys cross country

coach John McGreevy said. Gordon said a tribute will be planned this fall in honor of Smith during the Wildcats' first varsity home football

"There was a rhyme and a reason with everything he did," the Novi A.D. said. "He truly built a culture for distance running that is still instilled in our kids today. There was nothing but respect for him. Through his hard work, he

earned every bit of it." Mr. Smith's funeral ceremony was held Aug. 11 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in South Lyon.

Memorial contributions (via check) can be made to Cross of Christ Church Lutheran or the Novi Athletic Department: Men's Cross Country, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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PREP FOOTBALL



The Lakes Valley Conference's nine football head coaches posed for a photo at the inaugural media day. The group includes (from left) Jeff Henson (South Lyon), Garfrey Smith (Milford), Alex Grignon (W.L. Western), Joe Woodruff (Lakeland), Joe Pesci (South Lyon East), Joe Boulus (W.L. Northern), Chris Fahr (Waterford Mott), Bob Meyer (W.L. Central) and Kenny Schmidt (Waterford Kettering). MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Lakes Valley Conference conducts first media day

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The new Legacy Center in Brighton was the site of the Lake Valley Conference's first football media day.

Established prior to the 2017-18 academic school year, the LVC enjoyed a successful first season as four of the nine teams qualified for the playoffs. Waterford Mott and White Lake Lakeland both won a first-round game.

In a voting of LVC coaches at the media day Aug. 6, Walled Lake Western and White Lake Lakeland were projected to tie for first place. Waterford Mott was picked for third and Walled Lake Northern fourth.

Two LVC teams play their opener in what is billed as the Battle at the Big House at the University of Michigan. Walled Lake Central and Lakeland kick off the 2018 campaign at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

In addition, Walled Lake Western the defending LVC champion — also begins the season in a featured prep showcase. Western will play Catholic League Central Division member Detroit Catholic Central at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Wayne State University in the annual Prep Kickoff Classic.

The LVC's six other teams will test each other in conference matchups to start the season,

Following are capsule summaries of each LVC team (in order of last year's finish):

Walled Lake Western

HEAD COACH: Alex Grignon (first year)

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 8-2 (7-1 and tied for first in LVC; lost playoff opener to Livonia Franklin).

LEADING RETURNEES: Sam Johnson (senior, quarterback); Malcom Baker (senior wide receiver); Kevin Jackson (senior running back); Abdur Yaseen (junior wide receiver); Jacob Dean (senior offensive line); Spencer Brown (senior offensive line); Chris Harris (senior defensive line); CJ Brown (junior defensive back); Dawson Coefield (senior linebacker); Kalil Brown (senior outside linebacker).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Cooper Anderson (wide receiver); Justin Collier (lineman): Justin Gabriel (skill position); Cam Kinaia (skill position).

GRIGNON'S OUTLOOK: "As a new coach taking over a great program, we have our work cut out for us. We are going to takes things one play at a time and one game at a time and expect a very

Milford coach Garfrey Smith. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

some very talented individuals, but this is a team game and the best team that shows up each Friday night will be the winners through all nine weeks. Our goal is to be tighter as a group than we've ever been, have a 'Big Team, Little Me' belief and win our games throughout the week with great practices from Monday through Thursday."

FIRST GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 23 vs. Detroit Catholic Central at Wayne State University.

Waterford Mott

HEAD COACH: Chris Fahr (sixth sea-

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 9-2 (7-1 and tied for first in LVC; defeated Troy in playoff opener and lost to West Bloomfield in district championship game).

LEADING RETURNEES: Kamariell Manley (6-foot-2, 180-pound senior detough league schedule with a lot of fensive back/wide receiver; two-year ed about this season." youth. We are very fortunate to have starter); Keimonnee Fields (5-7, 155-

pound senior defensive back/wide receiver; three-year starter); Christian Ortwine (6-0, 210-pound senior linebacker); Marcus Guerro (5-9, 185-pound running back); Cooper Martin (5-9, 190pound senior defensive back/wide receiver/kicker); Luciano Pedini (6-0, 210pound senior line backer/full back; three-year starter); Nick Harden (6-1, 290-pound senior two-way lineman); Jason Goodwill (6-1, 275-pound senior two-way lineman); Hunter Ward (6-4, 250-pound senior two-way lineman).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Quillen Howze: Jaillen Howze: Woody Sanders: Remi Murillo III; Xayion Styles; Xavier Chasen; Nikobe Myers; Christian Fitzpatrick.

FAHR'S OUTLOOK: "Although we lost some very good players to graduation last year, we have a very talented group of young men and a great group of seniors leading them. We are very excit-

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ford.

White Lake Lakeland

HEAD COACH: Joe Woodruff (fourth

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 7-3 (6-2 in LVC: defeated Walled Lake Central in playoff opener; lost to Catholic Central in district championship game).

LEADING RETURNEES: Leo Skupin (junior defensive back/kicker/punter); Brady Woodruff (senior quarterback): Brendan McGrath (senior linebacker/ running back); Collin Baert (senior wide receiver/tight end); Robbie Tracy (senior running back/defensive back, allstate in 2017); Matt Fus (senior linebacker); Dakota Myers (junior running back/ fullback); Carter Raab (offensive line/ linebacker); Ben Roberts (defensive line/linebacker); Nick Calderon (twoway lineman); David Thickstun (senior



South Lyon head coach Joe Henson is flanked by seniors David Rende (left) and Michael Dancer, MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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two-way lineman); Conor Kowalczyk (senior two-way lineman); Shaun Keller (senior tight end/linebacker).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Anthony Rossi (senior running back/defensive back); Ryan Veres (senior tight end/ defensive line); Jordan Shaw (junior quarterback/defensive back); Austin Boughton (junior running back/defensive back); Drake Schultz (junior offensive line/linebacker); Michael Stibal (senior two-way lineman); Noah Reed (junior two-way lineman); R.J. Solar (senior offensive line/tight end); Nate Dostal (junior wide receiver/defensive back); Alex Broome (junior two-way lineman); Danny Hudson (senior twoway lineman).

WOODRUFF'S OUTLOOK: "We are very excited about this group of players. The varsity returns well over half of its starters from last year to add to that the upcoming juniors have only lost one game in two years with a very difficult schedule. We will have to remain healthy and have some lucky bounces."

FIRST GAME: 1 p.m. Aug. 25 vs. Walled Lake Central at the University of Michigan.

Walled Lake Central

HEAD COACH: Bob Meyer (12th season).

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 5-5 (5-3 in LVC; lost in first round of playoffs to White Lake Lakeland).

LEADING RETURNEES: Joey Brincat (senior linebacker/running back, two-year captain); Jordan Gray (senior running back/defensive back); Reid Oblak (senior defensive back); Jake Perry (senior running back/defensive back, captain); Justin Blackburn (senior running back/defensive back, captain); C.J. Davidson (senior running back/defensive back); Ken Spratt (senior defensive line); Ethan Gresh (junior, captain); Jaylen Benton (sophomore); Blake Nelson (sophomore).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: "All of our sophomores are going to be asked to step up. Four years ago we had a freshman class of just 14 players. These 14 players are all now three-year varsity players, which will lead us to great things.

MEYER'S OUTLOOK: "We are very excited about the upcoming season. It will begin with a game against our playoff opponent last season (Lakeland) in the Big House.

FIRST GAME: 1 p.m. Aug. 25 vs. White Lake Lakeland at the University of Michigan.

Walled Lake Northern

season).

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 5-4 (4-4 in

LEADING RETURNEES: Brenden Shelby (6-foot-0, 210-pound senior quarterback, captain); Chad Burton (5-10, 170-pound senior defensive back, captain); Zach Hargis (5-11, 175-pound senior defensive back); Thomas Polan (6-1, 205-pound senior running back); Kyle Arnold (6-4, 285-pound junior two-way lineman, captain); Grant Smith (6-6, 280-pound junior offensive line); Nyle Elgert (6-2, 225-pound junior running back); Alex Hunt (6-1, 220pound junior defensive line); Andrew Moran (6-0, 225-pound junior kicker/ punter).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Ian Szakacs (junior linebacker); Devin Urich (junior offensive line); Jack Mina (junior offensive line); Bobby Long (junior defensive line); Shamus Conway (junior wide receiver); Ryan Corneillus (sophomore defensive back); Joe Tatreaurt (sophomore linebacker).

BOULUS'S OUTLOOK: "The future is looking bright for Walled Lake Northern. With a group of returning seniors and juniors and nice incoming JV class, we have the makings of a good football team. As always, the strength of the league will determine how we do and I believe the LVC will be the most challenging league in the state from top to bottom.

FIRST GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at South

South Lyon East

HEAD COACH: Joe Pesci (fourth sea-

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 4-5 (3-5 in

LVC). LEADING RETURNEES: Chris Kaminski (6-foot-3, 205-pound senior quarterback/defensive back); Jon Carter (5-7, 165-pound senior wide receiver/ defensive back); Eric Ortiz (5-10, 250pound senior offensive line); Sean Clary (5-11, 155-pound senior wide receiver); Donovan Wright (6-0, 190-pound junior running back/linebacker); Jonah Westlund (5-11, 260-pound sophomore offensive line); Colt Kovach (5-9, 155-pound senior defensive back); Terry Day (5-6, 170-pound senior linebacker); Nick Helfrick (5-11, 198-pound junior linebacker); C.J. Hoke (5-11, 275-pound junior defensive line).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Ayden Oliver (sophomore); Hakiim Perry (sophomore); Anthony DiPiazza (junior); Nate Saavedra (sophomore); Dorian Armstrong (sophomore).

PESCI'S OUTLOOK: "We bring back several starters on both sides of the ball. We have many seniors returning as starters. They are looking to continue to build our program in the right way and to continue the success that we had last HEAD COACH: Joe Boulus (second our program that we think can help us receiver/defensive back); Andrew Min-

be competitive week to week and we are looking forward to what this year's team can achieve. Our greatest weakness will once again be depth. If we can stay healthy, we will be highly competitive."

FIRST GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 23 home vs. Waterford Kettering.

Waterford Kettering

HEAD COACH: Kenny Schmidt (sec-

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 2-7 (2-6 in

LVC). **LEADING RETURNEES: Gavin Cole**grove (5-foot-10, 150-pound senior wide receiver/defensive back); Daeshaun Hatcher (6-0, 185-pound senior wide receiver/defensive back); Jake Johnson (5-11, 150-pound senior tight end/linebacker); Remington Jordan (5-11, 185pound senior wide receiver/safety); Marcos Kuecken (5-10, 245-pound senior fullback/defensive line); Ryan Nolan (5-11, 170-pound senior quarterback/defensive back); Jesse Pieper (6-4, 255pound senior two-way lineman); Mateo Rosado (5-11, 265-pound senior twoway lineman); Jack Schram (6-0, 150pound senior kicker); Kyle Sobiecki (6-1, 245-pound senior two-way lineman).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Carter Ellis (running back/safety); Brendan Teal (wide receiver/defensive back); Larry Platt (running back/linebacker); LaMarr George (wide receiver/safety); Larry Wells (wide receiver/defensive back)

SCHMIDT'S OUTLOOK: "Kettering will have a good mixture of experience and newcomers this season as 10 key returning starters and over 20 seniors are on the roster. Ryan Nolan returns as a three-year starter to lead the offense that returns six starters. Jake Johnson anchors a young defense that returns three starters. Jack Schram returns as kicker/punter after a very successful sophomore season."

FIRST GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at South Lyon East.

Milford

HEAD COACH: Garfrey Smith (first season).

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 2-7 (1-7 in

LVC). **LEADING RETURNEES:** Christian Koschke (senior running back/defensive line; 900-plus yards rushing in 2017); Christopher Roscoe (6-foot-1, 310pound senior two-way lineman); Harley Williams (6-6, 230-pound senior lineman); John Porter (defensive back); Chance Murray (6-1, 165-pound senior running back/defensive back); Carson Jensen (6-6, 190-pound senior wide receiver/defensive back); Tyler Knapp (6-0, 190-pound senior running back/ linebacker); Zach Parks (6-5, 220pound senior tight end/linebacker); season. We have had a few additions to Mike Smith (6-0, 170-pound senior wide ton (6-3, 180-pound senior quarterback/ defensive back).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Erik Kramar (junior defensive back/running back); Logan Sapienza (junior offensive line/linebacker); Trevor Leigh (sophomore two-way lineman); Peter Sherman (sophomore two-way lineman); Sebastian Naughton (sophomore wide receiver/defensive back); Ben Coloske (sophomore wide receiver/defensive back); Connor Heitman (sophomore quarterback/linebacker).

SMITH'S OUTLOOK: "Our 2018 Maverick roster will be hard-working, dedicated, exciting and smart football players. We expect to have a fun, successful season to build the program from. The players, coaches and I are all excited about the upcoming season. The LVC is a very tough league, but we feel good about our ability to compete. We have brought in some schemes on all sides of the ball that fit our players well. We have a good mix of returning and fresh talent. I am proud of the team and especially the seniors on how they have worked to make this season a success."

FIRST GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 23 home vs. Waterford Mott.

South Lyon

HEAD COACH: Jeff Henson (fourth

season). LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 1-8 (1-7 in LVC).

LEADING RETURNEES: Offense — Conner Fracassi (5-foot-10, 175-pound junior); Ian Goins 5-9, 175-pound senior); Ryan Jarl (5-11, 225-pound senior); David Rende (5-11, 190-pound senior); Cole Statler (6-3, 250-pound senior); Brendon Lach (6-2, 185-pound junior); Nate Logan (6-2, 190-pound senior); James Haddock (6-2, 185-pound senior). Defense - Mike Gassner (5-10, 230-pound senior); Jesse Powell (6-4, 200-pound junior); Jack Schafer (5-10, 195-pound junior); Mitch Komorous (5-10, 195-pound junior); Ronnie Menard (6-3, 200-pound senior); Mike Dancer (5-9, 175-pound senior); Brendon Dancer (5-8, 170-pound junior); Jake Newman (5-10, 170-pound junior); Mitch Hannah (5-10, 200-pound senior).

PROMISING NEWCOMERS: Domin-

ic Santoni; Nate Logan. **HENSON'S OUTLOOK:** "I am excited about our team this year. We have 20 returning players who started or saw significant playing time last year. On top of that, our JV team finished the season 8-1. In addition, we have had one of our best off-seasons. Furthermore, our varsity numbers are close to 50 and the program numbers are up as well."

FIRST GAME: 7 p.m Aug. 23 home vs. Walled Lake Northern.

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Hawks embrace first final practice

Harrison hoping to send off Herrington with bang

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Maverick Hansen couldn't wait for the first official day of football.

So early Aug. 6, when Farmington Harrison took to the field for its first round of double practice sessions to kick off the 2018 season, Hansen was bouncing around like he had springs on his legs.

The massive interior lineman (6foot-6, 270 pounds) was a bundle of energy as he spiritedly engaged —sometimes playfully, sometimes seriously teammates in blocking drills while often breaking the noise barrier with highpitched whooping.

Harrison's senior captain couldn't have been in a better place.

"Oh man, I could not wait for this day. I was very excited to get it going," Hansen said during a water break. "I was fired up for doubles to teach these kids how to play football and get fired up for the first game.

"Part of my role as captain is to push my teammates to be the best they can be," he added. "They know. I get 'em going, for sure."

Herrington just as anxious

Hansen was one of 48 players who showed up for Harrison's first practice of what will be its final football season. The Farmington Public Schools district decided some time ago to shutter Harrison High School following the 2018-19 school year and that meant the storied football program founded by John Herrington will be writing its final chapter this fall.

Despite the situation, Herrington, starting his 49th season, was just as anxious as his players to get the season

"This morning, I was anxious to get here," Herrington said, wearing his customary all-green shorts and T-shirt with a stopwatch hanging around his neck. "We had three guys late for the first practice — we were hoping to have none. But three out of 48 isn't too bad, I



Staying hydrated isn't easy when the temperature at 10 a.m. is 84 degrees. BILL **BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM**



Coach Jon Herrington has more wins than any other high school coach in Michigan. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"They did all right with no pads on. We'll see what they accomplish when they put 'em on," he added. "We're just putting in schemes and trying to move players around different positions and trying to see where they're best suited to play. We have a lot of guys, we just have

to figure out where to put 'em in.

Herrington, who became the state's winningest head coach midway through last season, worked his players with the intensity, determination and passion that has made him a Hall of Fame mentor. During team drills, he was heard to call out:



Roderick Heard takes the hand-off from David Hiser. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"You're hustling. I like it guys."

"Whoa! Stop! Penalty. Helmets aren't snapped. Get used to it guys. They're going to call it."

"Attack the corner."

Coaches order 'up-downs'

Longtime defensive coordinator Dave Thorne, who joined Herrington in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame last year, also barked out commands, ordering "up-downs" to players with unsnapped helmets.

One player was tasked to an "updown" after fumbling a snap during the offense vs. defense team drill.

All of that in preparation for the 2018 regular season, which begins Friday, Aug. 24, against district rival North Farmington and ends Oct. 19 against district rival Farmington. The Hawks hope to get at least six wins to reach the playoffs and extend what will prove to be a bittersweet season, no matter the final record.

Bottom line: The proud Harrison nation is pumped to get the football season started, but sad to see it end.

"It's bittersweet, yeah," said Hansen, a three-year varsity veteran. "Ready to get going, but sad the school is closing. But even with the school closing, it means we'll have crazy, loaded games and we'll be broadcast everywhere."

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O&E WOMEN'S GOLF

Weiss captures first O&E championship

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Shelly Weiss always seems to be in the hunt when it comes to the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Tournament.

But a title had eluded her until Aug. 4, when she outlasted Cindy Hill in a playoff on the second hole to seize the championship flight at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Weiss, who hails from Southfield, and Hill, who lives in Ypsilanti, both carded 77 during 18 holes of regulation

"We were in the same foursome. It was kind of fun, because I knew where we stood," said Weiss, who tied for runner-up O&E honors in 2016. "Cindy's putter was literally on fire and she was making putts from everywhere, so anytime she had a putt, I knew she was going to make it."

Hill manged to get the upper hand with three birdies during her 18-hole round, but she bogeyed the par-3, No. 17 hole, which opened the door for Weiss, who pulled even with a par.

Both bogeyed the par-4 No. 18 to force a playoff.

"I had only one birdie, but I had to par just to stay in it," Weiss said. "We had one more hole to go and, in my mind, I'm thinking, 'I could win the next hole or we're going to extra holes.' And sure enough, she bogeyed 18. I probably had a 10- to 12-footer ... a side, uphill putt that literally just leaped off the right side."

After a lengthy wait, Weiss and Hill started the playoff on the par-5, No. 1.

"Other people kind of joined in to watch so, basically, it took us 40 minutes to play two holes, which is way too long," Weiss said.

Both bogeyed No. 1, forcing them to tee off again at the par-4, No. 2.

"I hammered a drive right down the middle of the fairway, crept all the way up to the top of the hill," Weiss said. "I had about 150 (yards) left to the green. In the meantime, she kind of had to lay igan senior (50-plus) tourneys and re- summer, including the GAM Women's mons@hometownlife.com.



Among the award winners for the O&E Women's Golf Tourney were (front row, from left) Yvette Johnson, Cynthia Pinkard, Cindy Hill and Shelly Weiss and (back row, from left) Kelly Scheff, Joan Cleland, Denise Buechel and Sherilyn Smith. **PAUL WORLEY**

up. She laid up to about 130. I had to wait for the green to clear."

Weiss hit her 7-wood high left and off the green.

"(Hill) unfortunately hit her shot and didn't clear the hazard, so she had to take a drop," Weiss said. "I pitched on, made the putt for a 4. I had never parred that hole ever in any of the times I've had to play that golf course. I parred it to win, which was really cool and a lot of

Hill, meanwhile, ended up with a

double-bogey 6. Weiss earned an \$80 gift certificate and the first-place trophy, while Hill took home a \$60 gift card.

Weiss, a physical therapist at Team Rehabilitation, is a seasoned tourney player.

She has been a tourney winner in the Michigan Women's Golf Association and also plays in the LPGA Amateur Golf Association events (formerly the Executive Women's Golf Assocation). Weiss is a regular on Golf Association of Michcently won the Murray Flight in match play at the Michigan Women's Amateur in Portage. Her last big win came at the 2017

Spring Lake Invitational in Grand

Haven, which is the second oldest women's match play tourney in the country. "It's been 98 years since it's been going on. Some of the top ladies in the state play it year-after-year," Weiss

said. Weiss, a native of Maryland, played collegiate tennis at both the University of Tampa and one season at the University of Maryland. She landed in Michigan when she earned her master's de-

With the help of her husband Dan, Weiss started playing golf at age 29 before hanging up her tennis racquet at 35.

gree from Western Michigan University.

"I kind of played a little bit and started playing when we got married," Weiss said. "I actually love the game so much that I gave up tennis."

Weiss, who carries a 7-handicap, has a couple of more events scheduled this

Senior in Manistee and the LPGA Am Semifinals in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"I'm solid tee to green. I can drive the ball relatively straight," Weiss said. "My iron play is probably my weakest link, but I can hit the ball really well and I can putt also. Actually, my short irons are probably the best part of my game."

Other championship flight finishers included Lori Rogers, who took third with 82; Lori Ponikiewski and Debra Horning, 84 each; Yvette Johnson, 85; Pam Pritzl, 88; Kathy Stellema and Olivia Bayagich, 89 each; Suzanne Madej, 91; and Sherlyn Smith, 98. (Smith also won closest to the pin on No. 7).

In the first flight, Renee Walker (Farmington Hills) took the title with 90, along with a \$75 gift certificate and firstplace trophy. Southfield's Cynthia Pinkard was runner-up with 94 and a \$55 gift card.

Other first flight finishers included Arezell Brown and Joan Cleland, tied for third, 97 each; Denise Buechel, 99; Yvette Gagnon, 102; Glorida Reynolds, 104; Elizabeth Cantu, 106; Gail Cooper. 114; Pat Shelton, 118; Kelly Scheff, 119. (Scheff won closest to the pin on No. 7).

Overall net winners included Buechel (68), \$50 gift card; Johnson (70), \$45 gift card; Cleland and Rogers (71 each).

Men's O&E Tourney

The annual Men's Observer & Eccentric Open, a 36-hold medal play event with two age divisions (maximum handicap of 20), will be Sunday and Monday, Sept. 2-3, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses, respectively.

The entry fee is \$99 (cart not included). Registration closes at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27.

For more information, go to www.golflivonia.com or call 248-476-

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Seven teams have topped OAA

They have earned playoff berths and most wins

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Just call them the Superb Seven. Since the 2013 season, seven football teams have set the pace in the Oakland Activities Association as the only squads with winning records among the mega-league's 23 schools.

Over the past five years, they own a combined 281-112 overall record (.710



Flaherty

winning percentage) and a combined 51-27 playoff record (.650). They have combined to earn 30 of a possible 35 playoff berths. They have combined to play in four state championship games, winning three state titles.

Who are these Superb Seven OAA teams?

In order of total wins over that time period, the group consists of Clarkston (55), Birmingham Groves (42), Farmington Harrison (42), West Bloomfield (40), Southfield A&T (35), Oak Park (35) and Rochester Adams (32). Each of those schools have had long-time head coaches entrenched for at least eight years — Oak Park's Greg Carter (eighth season) at the low end and Harrison's John Herrington (49th season) at the high end.

The only other two OAA teams with non-losing records since 2013 are Auburn Hills Avondale (23-23) and Berkley (25-25). Every other OAA team owns a below .500 mark.

Following is a brief synopsis of each Superb Seven team over the past five

1. CLARKSTON (55-9): Clarkston is the run-away standard bearer. The Wolves have won at an amazing .860



Oak Park head coach Greg Carter (left) and Harrison head coach John Herrington have led their respective teams to a combined 77 wins and nine playoff berths over the past five seasons. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

clip, averaging less than two losses per season. Coach Kurt Richardson's powerhouse has landed three state championships (2017, 2014, 2013) and have never missed the playoffs. They own a 17-2 playoff record. Clarkston registered a perfect 14-0 record in 2014 — its first perfect campaign in program history. Richardson, starting his 31st season, is second only to Herrington in OAA seniority.

2. BIRMINGHAM GROVES (42-13): Groves, under veteran head coach Brendan Flaherty, has captured three consecutive division championships and was a runner-up the previous two seasons. The Falcons were part of a threeway tie for the White Division title last year and captured outright crowns in the White (2016) and Blue (2015). Like Clarkston, Groves has not missed the playoffs over the past five years. Groves' crowning moment, of course, was the memorable 2016 season, when it registered a program record 11 games en route to the Division 2 state semifinal, where it fell to eventual state champion Detroit Martin Luther King.

3. FARMINGTON HARRISON (42-16): Even though Harrison will be closing its doors following the 2018-19 school year, the football program has remained a power under Herrington, who last year became the state's winningest head coach. In fact, the Hawks advanced to the Division 3 state championship game last year, where they lost to Muskegon. Harrison owns a 9-4 playoff record the past five seasons, missing the postseason just once (2016). It has won outright or tied for the White Division title three times, finishing second in 2013.

4. WEST BLOOMFIELD (40-15): West Bloomfield missed the playoffs in 2013, but has been a postseason participant each year since. Last year, the Lakers posted their best season ever with an 11-3 record and a trip to the Division 1

state championship game, where they met up with a familiar foe, Clarkston. In a baseball-type final score, Clarkston won, 3-2. Over the past four years, West Bloomfield has won two Red titles and finished second twice under Ron Bella-

5. SOUTHFIELD A&T (35-20): From 2013-15, Southfield competed in the White Division, where it won the title twice and tied for second. In 2014, Southfield advanced to the Division 2 state semifinal game, where it lost to Catholic League powerhouse Warren De La Salle. After consolidation with Lathrup, veteran head coach Tim Conley's Southfield A&T team moved up to the Red Division and tied for the title in its first season. Conley's four-year playoff streak ended last year when the Warriors posted a 5-4 record.

6. OAK PARK (35-20): Oak Park. with two titles and two runner-up finishes, has been a perennial White Division contender under Carter. The Knights have been in the playoffs every year since 2013, advancing to the Division 2 regional championship game for the first time in program history last fall. In each of the past two years, Oak Park was eliminated from postseason play by the eventual state champion — Warren De La Salle last year and Detroit Martin Luther King in 2016.

7. ROCHESTER ADAMS (32-19): Rochester Adams moved up to the Red from the White last year and posted a nine-victory season, including a 21-14 triumph over Clarkston. The Highlanders, coached by 16-year vet Tony Patritto, tied for the Red title last year with West Bloomfield. Adams earned its second straight playoff berth—third in the five-year span — losing in a Division 1 semifinal to Utica Eisenhower.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Madonna University set to launch football in 2020

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The city of Livonia will have a college football team to call its own starting in

Madonna University, a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, announced it is adding the sport during a large gathering Aug. 8 at the Franciscan Center.

"Hopefully, we'll have a coach by January in order to recruit for the 2020 season," said Madonna University athletic director Scott Kennell, who addressed the crowd. "Football has the opportunity to be a driving force for our department moving forward. It is a great way for us to build a larger community fan base for Madonna athletics and can lead to other opportunities for students, such as cheerleading, competitive dance and a marching band - all of which we are currently looking into. We are coming off the most successful season in Madonna athletics history and we feel this is the next natural step for our athletics program."

University President Dr. Michael Grandillo appointed a three-person committee that spent the past year studying the feasibility of adding football from a financial standpoint. The committee consisted off NFL Hall of Fame member Kellen Winslow Sr., assistant for community relations to Grandillo, along with Executive Vice President Cam Cruickshank and Ken-

By adding football, Madonna hopes to add upward of 120 students that would be connected with the program. The location for an on-campus site for a football locker room and weight room facility will be determined. A three-year plan also includes adding another athletic trainer, along with more football coaching staff members.

"This will be a wonderful experience, not only for the student-athletes who come here to continue their education and compete on the intercollegiate level, but also for our entire student body, alumni and Livonia community as a whole," Grandillo said. "Football is going to bring visibility to our campus and, in return, enhance the university and the local communities."



Madonna University announced the addition of football to its athletic program. On hand for the ceremony Aug. 8 at the Franciscan Center were MU athletic director Scott Kennell (left), school mascot Crusader and President Dr. Michael Grandillo. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

country, currently sponsor football.

According to Kennell, Madonna hopes to apply for membership to the Mid-States Football Association, which currently has 15 members, including Concordia and Siena Heights universities from Michigan, along with schools from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Missou-

Both Lawrence Tech and Indiana Wesleyan will be starting football programs in the fall as NAIA independents.

This is the ninth sport added under Grandillo's leadership, following the addition of eight teams in 2015. The school has a total of 20 men's and women's intercollegiate teams.

"It's more than a game," Grandillo said. "We're talking about changing people's lives with the power of education. That means the total campus experience. Statistics show that young men and young women who participate in athletics - in college - are very em-A total of 90 NAIA schools, compet- ployable, leaders in their community, inaugural spring game in 2020, with mons@hometownlife.com. Follow him ing in eight conferences across the understand diversity, understand ad- home games initially scheduled to be on Twitter: @BradEmons1.

versity and understand how to complete a task. Just think about the sound of the marching band, the whistle, the smell of the grass, the fall weather, the homecoming parade, here or wherever we are playing. I really want to thank the Livonia city schools or being so cooperative. You talk about a great partnership, that's very important.

Madonna captured the WHAC's allsports trophy this past season and expects to be competitive in football as

"We are excited to add football to our athletic offerings," Grandillo said. "We hope bringing collegiate football to western Wayne County will be as thrilling for the communities we serve as it is to the Madonna community. The strength and success of our current programs gives us confidence that Crusaders football will find success as well."

Team practices will start in fall 2019 on Madonna's campus, followed by the played at one of Livonia's three public high schools (Churchill, Stevenson or

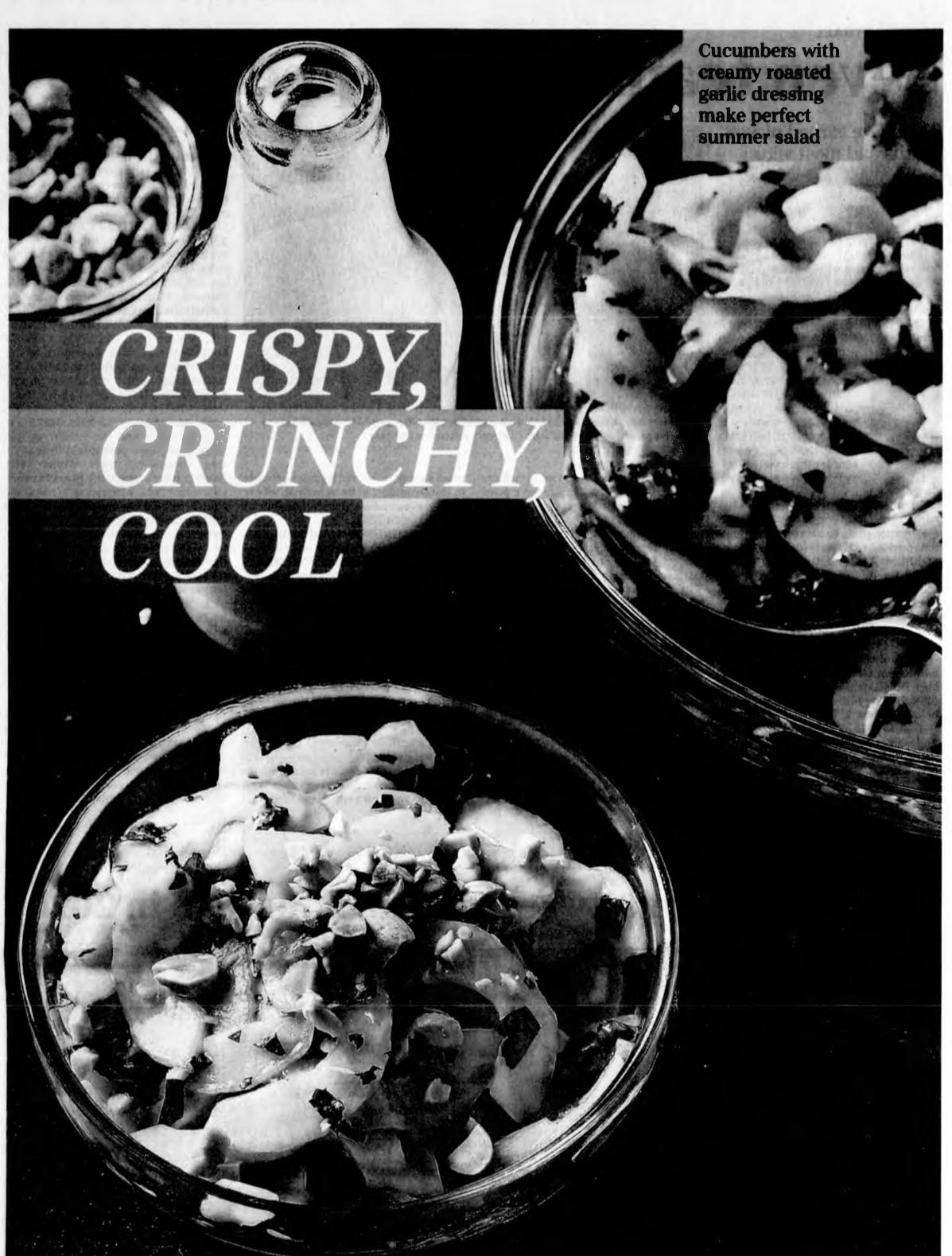
Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright was on hand for the announcement and gave it a ringing endorsement.

"It's so exciting to be involved in something like this, especially Madonna being a first-class school which it has for years and continues to grow," Wright said. "This is just one more gem in our jewelery box, as they might say. It's just terrific and I can't say enough about it. It will be well-received and we'll make it the best."

Grandillo talked about the partnership with the community.

"This is going to be the city of Livonia's team," he said. "Mayor ... you wanted this as much as we did. You can put this on your campaign list. You brought collegiate football to Livonia."

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America's Test Kitchen

This salad offers complexity with little effort. Creamy roasted garlic and miso dressing provided savory notes of umami and mellow sweetness. Generous handfuls of fresh mint and basil brought layers of herbal flavor. Crunchy chopped peanuts played off the nuttiness of the dressing beautifully and offered great textural contrast. Spicy Thai chilies brought all the flavors into focus. Be sure to slice the cucumbers % to % inch thick. This salad is best served within 1 hour of being dressed.

Cucumber Salad

Servings: 4-6

Start to finish: 25 minutes

4 cucumbers, peeled, halved lengthwise, seeded and sliced very thin

14 cup of creamy roasted garlic and miso dressing (recipe fol-

2 Thai chilies, stemmed, seeded and minced

1/4 cup chopped fresh mint ¼ cup chopped fresh basil Salt

1/4 cup unsalted dry-roasted peanuts, chopped coarse (optional)

Spread cucumber slices evenly over paper towel-lined baking sheet and let drain for 15 minutes. Gently toss cucumbers with dressing, chilies, mint and basil in large bowl until evenly coated. Let salad sit for 5 minutes, then toss again. Season with salt to taste. Sprinkle with peanuts, if using, and serve immediately.

Creamy Roasted Garlic Dressing

Makes about 1 cup

Start to finish: 1 hour, 25 min-

Pair this dressing with sturdy greens. You will need about 2 tablespoons of dressing per 2 cups of greens.

3 large garlic heads (3 ounces each), outer papery skins removed and top third of head cut off and discarded

¼ cup white wine vinegar

3 tablespoons water

2 teaspoons honey

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme Salt and pepper

以 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 F. Wrap garlic in aluminum foil and roast until golden brown and very tender, 1 to 11/4 hours. Remove garlic from oven and carefully open foil packets. When garlic is cool enough to handle, fiber; 5 g sugar; 4 g protein.

squeeze cloves from skins (you should have about 6 tablespoons); discard skins.

Process garlic, vinegar, water, honey, mustard, thyme, 1/4 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper in blender until smooth, about 45 seconds, scraping down sides of blender jar as needed. With blender running, slowly add oil until incorporated, about 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper to taste. (Dressing can be refrigerated for up to 1 week; whisk to recombine before using.)

For Creamy Roasted Garlic and Miso Dressing

Omit thyme and pepper. Substitute rice vinegar for white wine vinegar, 1 tablespoon white miso for mustard, and vegetable oil for olive oil.

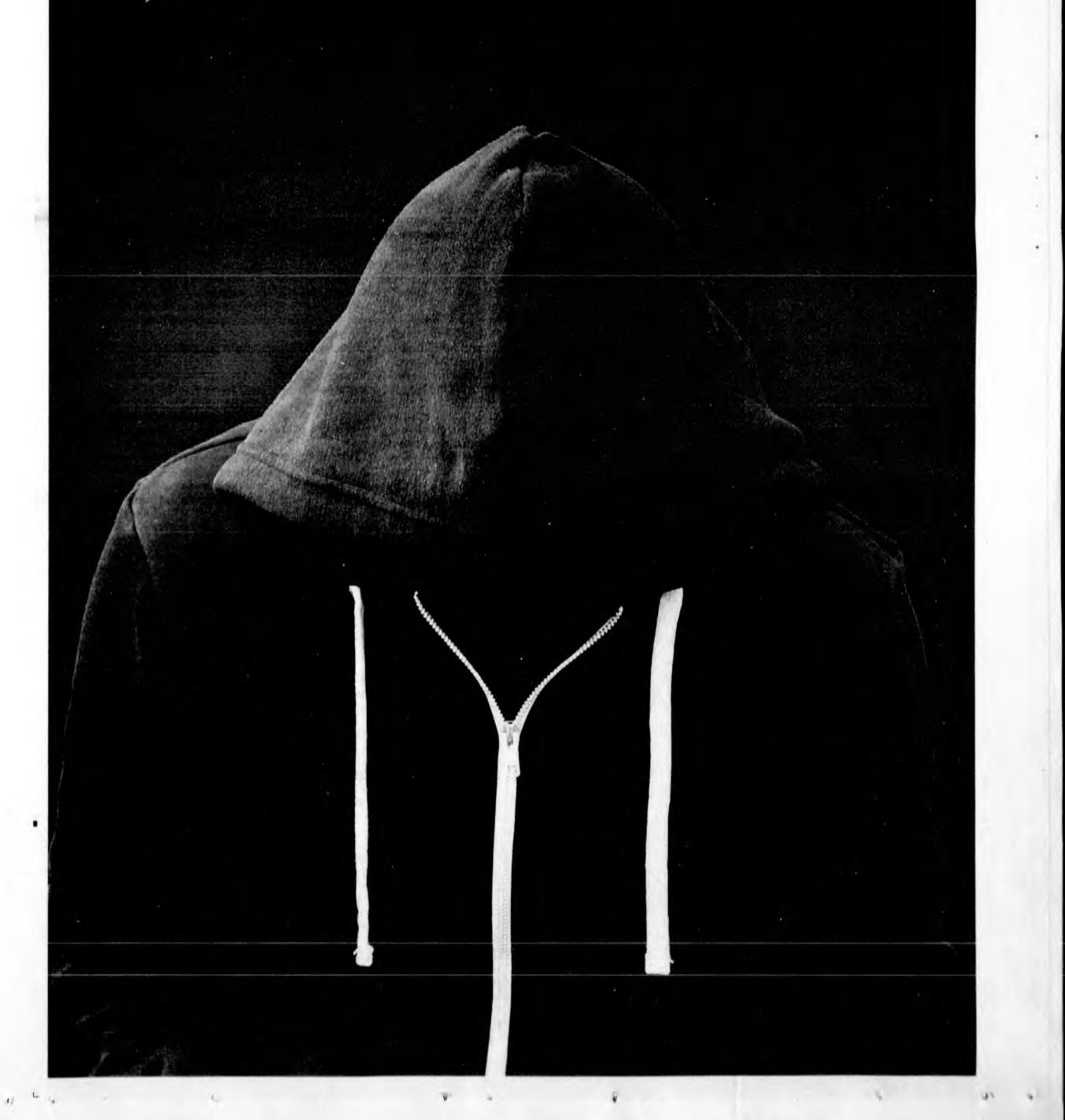
Nutrition information per serving with the garlic dressing: 165 calories; 96 calories from fat; 11 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 454 mg sodium; 14 g carbohydrate; 4 g

Learn about teen depression and suicide, and talk to your kids

WARNING SIGNS

Dr. Ankur Desai Special to Asbury Park Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

ASBURY PARK, N.J. — The television series "13 Reasons Why" and celebrity deaths such as Anthony Bourdain and Kate Spade have pushed the topic of suicide to the forefront for many Americans, but especially for teens. • Death by suicide is on the rise and this appears to be closely correlated to the increase in depression in youths and young adults, based on the latest research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In fact, suicide was the second leading cause of death in young people ages 15 to 34, and the third leading cause of death in youths ages 10 to 14. This makes it one of the most prevalent health issues facing young people today. • Untreated depression is a significant risk factor for suicidal behavior and suicide attempts. Do you know the warning signs? See WARNING, Page 12B





It's important to communicate and be aware of your child's on-screen and off-screen life. GETTY IMAGES

Obituaries

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Richard E. Lane

NORTHVILLE - Richard E. Lane, age 87, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away August 12, 2018. He was born November 12, 1930; son of Guy and Gladys (nee Simms) Lane. Richard proudly served his country with the United States Army during the Korean War. He was united in marriage to Eileen Schoch on October 1, 1955; they spent 62 loving years together as husband and wife.

Richard worked as a drywaller, retiring after 30 years. The work he found most rewarding were the side jobs he did around town, building and fixing things for people. He was a member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville. A true outdoorsman; he liked to hunt and fish. In his later years, he enjoyed camping with his wife. Richard was very good natured and worked incredibly hard for his family.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Eileen Lane; his children, Ron (Mary) Lane and Rhonda (Len) Elias; his grandchildren, Tyler (Alex) Elias and Megan Elias; and his faithful companion, his dog Sparky. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 sister.

The visitation will be held Monday, August 20, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Rev. Douglas Vernon from First United Methodist Church in Northville will officiate the service. Mr. Lane will be laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.





Ruth Ann Turner

HIGHLAND - Ruth Ann Turner of Highland died August 7th at the age 77. Ruth was a retired 1st grade teacher in Huron Valley who went on to do volunteer work at Horses' Haven in Howell and Carl's Family YMCA in Milford. Ruth enriched many peoples lives during her time with us. She is predeceased by her husband Kurt and survived by her son Michael. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Association or the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left at www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

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Warning

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The impact of the media and technology

When high-profile suicides occur close together, like in the case of Bourdain and Spade, teens become more aware of the trend. Coupled with the Netflix series "13 Reasons Why," which follows the story of high school student Hannah Baker's suicide, teens may develop the impression that suicide is an acceptable solution.

Twenty to 25 percent of youth will experience a mental health disorder in their lifetime, with most mental health disorders beginning in childhood or adolescence, according to the National Co-Morbidity Survey: Adolescent Supplement.

The "virtual world" can give us a false sense of connectedness through apps like texting, Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram. Excessive amounts of screen time and use of social media doesn't provide children with the opportunity to form and develop live, in-person relationships. Social media provides a false lens through which to filter reality from

our lives. As an extreme example, a seemingly innocuous social gaff can be shared and amplified on social media instantly, resulting initially in embarrassment and

potentially to social isolation and feelings of loneliness and hopelessness. These feelings could develop into a larger depressive episode with more serious implications.

Despite having some of the stiffest anti-bullying laws in the country, New Jersey teens still can feel bullied. As recently as the summer 2017, a 12-year-old Rockaway Township middle school student took her life after being harassed at school and online through texting,

Recognizing the signs of depression

Snapchat and Instagram.

One in four adolescents will experience mental disorders that are severe enough to cause significant functional impairment. Recognizing the signs of depression is critically important to ensure that your child gets the services and support that he or she needs.

The potential signs of depression and

- anxiety, include: ■ Changes in energy level
- Changes in appetite
- Changes in concentration, which could result in a decline in academic performance
- Avoiding school and social events that is distinctively out of character to previous behavior
- Negative thoughts about themselves, the world around them, and the
- Loss of interest in activities which he or she previously enjoyed
- Suicidal thinking and non-suicidal self-injurious behaviors, such as cutting ■ Substance use and experimentation
- Increased irritability
- Change in sleep patterns
- Physical complaints with no clear medical cause or etiology

If you notice any of these signs, be careful not to attribute it to "teens being teens." As a parent, caregiver or wellwisher, it's important to identify when there is a change from baseline emotional and behavioral functioning. Ask your child what's bothering her. Try to be proactive and preventive by opening the lines of communication and keeping them open. Remember, you are the parent, not your child's friend.

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It's important to communicate and be aware of your child's on-screen and off-screen life. There's a fine line between being a "helicopter parent," who intrusively hovers over their children, and being an accessible, interactive parent who provides space but is knowledgeable about what's going on in your child's life.

Your child may be hesitant to talk at first and just provide one-word answers. That's OK.

It's not about the words that are exchanged; some of best interactions will be through shared experiences while working on something together or trying to complete a task together. Once you've established a level of comfort and trust, your child will talk when they are ready. They may even choose to talk to another trusted family member. Be open and supportive about whoever she chooses to confide in.

Should we go to the ER?

Once you understand more about the issues your child is facing, seek support services, whether it's through your primary care physician, religious group, friends, family, community services or school resources.

If he or she is threatening self-harm or harm to someone else, a visit to the local emergency department is necessary. Hospitals are staffed with skilled mental health professionals who can help ensure your child stays safe. A recent study in the journal Pediatrics found that the numbers of kids being admitted or seeking help in the emergency department or hospital for suicidal ideation or attempts have almost tripled from 2008 to 2015. The rate of increase was highest among adolescent

girls. Be mindful of the potential risk factors and protective factors associated with suicidal ideation and behavior:

- A past history of suicide attempts ■ A history of non-suicidal self-injurious behaviors
- Substance use
- Recent interpersonal conflicts

Protective factors, or qualities that can help a child cope with depression, include having a supportive family and social network and having a strong sense of religious or cultural identity. Once the child gets the support she needs, discuss a "safety plan" and the coping mechanisms that will be implemented if she becomes depressed

again. Suicide is preventable by knowing the signs and being observant. Be mindful and attentive to any emotional changes that you may notice, and take steps to get your child help and support.

Ankur Desai, MD, is a board-certified adolescent psychiatrist on staff at CentraState Medical Center and can be reached by calling 866-CENTRA7.

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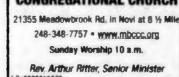
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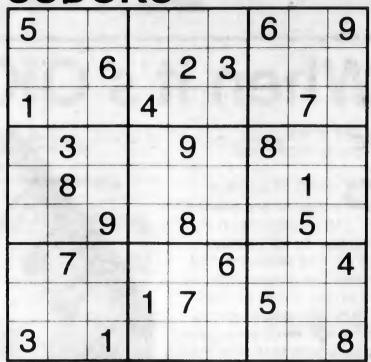
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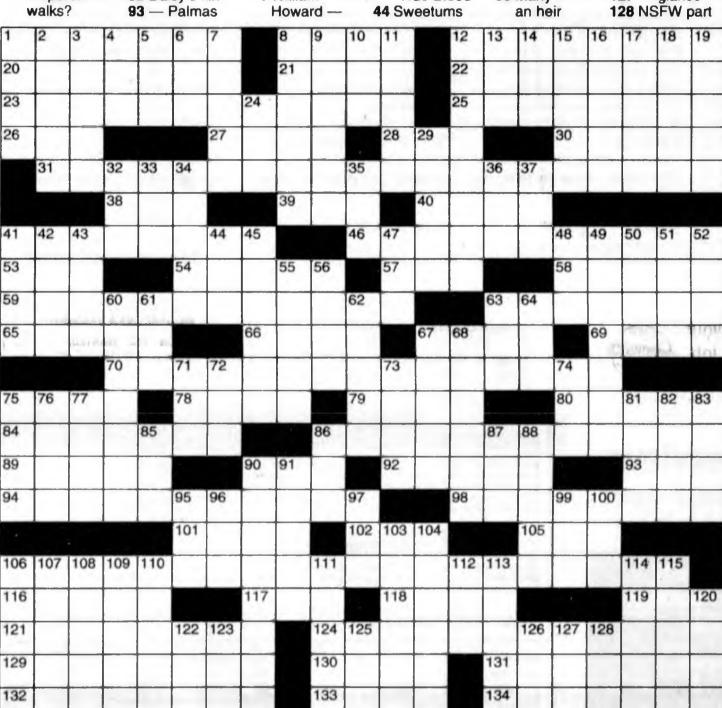
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romotions are often wonderful and momentous occasions on our individual career journeys but are they always the right move? The answer might not be as clear cut as you think.

Sure, promotions typically come with new challenges and opportunities (and more prestige and a bigger paycheck), and bring you one step further up the ladder to professional success.

But the opportunity for a promotion may come at an inopportune time or under lessthan-perfect circumstances, and it's OK if you're not sure if it's right for you.

This may sound counterintuitive to everything you've been taught about getting ahead, but the wrong move can actually have the reverse effect — and lead you in the wrong direction career-wise or make you feel less professionally satisfied and fulfilled.

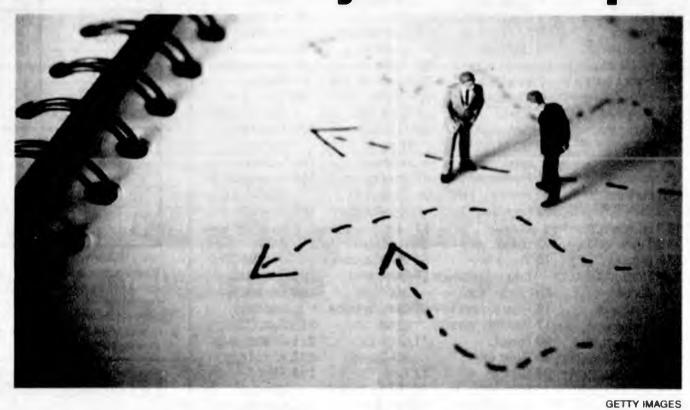
Still skeptical? Consider the following scenarios in which it might be wise to turn down a promotion.

The "second job" promotion

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The "off-track" promotion

After being in the job market for a while and getting to know the ins and outs of the industry we've chosen to work in, most of us have a pretty good idea of how we'd like our career paths to unfold — including the steps up the career ladder. But what should you do if you're offered a promotion that could take you off track? This situation happens more often than you might think, and it means weighing a set of pros and cons before making a decision.

A step up the career ladder might mean more prestige, responsibility and pay, but it also might set you on a different professional trajectory. Are you OK with that? Some folks who accept such a promotion wind up feeling less satisfied with their jobs and struggle to get back on their original career paths. When deciding whether or not to accept an "off-track" promotion, be careful of chasing short-term gains at the expense of long-term goals.

The unbalanced promotion

When we dream about our next promotions, we tend to assume that the benefits will outweigh any potential nega-

tives. But what if this isn't true? If the offer comes with a price tag that's steeper than the rewards being offered (perhaps it requires a relocation or responsibilities that you're not eager or ready to take on, or maybe the new salary and benefits aren't quite what you were expecting), it may make sense to pause and think carefully before accepting. Remember, when most employers make an offer, they are not averse to negotiating the terms in an effort to make both sides happy. If handled carefully and professionally, you might get what you're hoping for. If you don't, it might make sense to say no.

In many instances, an offer of a promotion is a reason to celebrate — but not always. If you've been presented with an offer, resist the urge to blindly accept. Take a step back and fully weigh the pros and cons. If the deal isn't in your best interests, then be bold and negotiate. In the end, if the offer just isn't right for you, it may be smart to decline and continue to do your current job to the best of your abilities until a better offer comes along.

Eric Titner has been an editor and content creator for more than a decade. His primary professional focus has been on education- and career-related topics. He currently lives in New York City.

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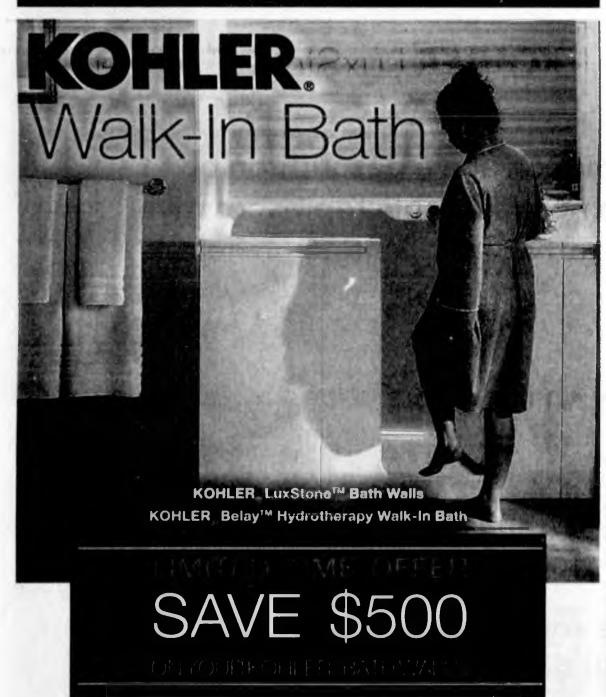
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the following request in regards to the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance: To consider a

Dorisa Ct., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-22-34-476-001. The applicant is seeking a variance to replace an existing privacy fence along Novi Avenue, which is located shead of the front building line. The variance needed is to permit 104 lineal feet of privacy fence ahead of the front building line from the requirements in Section 18.09.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

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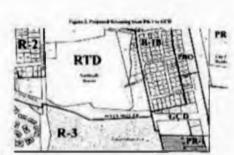
The City of Northville will conduct public hearings on the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map:

1. The City of Northville has prepared a draft overlay zoning ordinance amendment for a portion of Seven Mile and South Main Street, called the Seven Mile – South Main Street Overlay (SM-O). The proposed modification will allow general commercial uses and mixed use developments (commercial and residential) in this part of the City. New regulations for building height, setbacks, landscaping and parking are also proposed. The boundaries of the new zoning overlay are described in the Zoning Map below and includes the following addresses and Parcel ID numbers:

48-004-02-0113-301 580 S Main, 48-004-02-0115-302 598 S Main, 48-004-02-0116-000 535 River, 48-004-02-0112-301 550 Seven Mile, 48-004-02-0112-005 557 Seven Mile, 48-004-02-0112-107 540 S Main, 48-004-02-0112-006 543 Seven Mile, 48-004-02-0112-010 480 Seven Mile, 48-004-02-0112-012 Seven Mile vacant, and 48-004-02-0112-014 560 S Main.



2. The City of Northville is proposing to amend the Zoning Map by re-zoning two (2) properties along S. Main Street, Parcel Id # 48-004-02-0113-301 (580 S. Main St.), and Parcel Id #48-004-02-0115-302 (598 S. Main St.), from PR-1, Performance Regulated Industrial District No. 1 to GCD, General Commercial District. The rezoning is proposed to implement the vision in the City of Northville Master Plan to guide any future redevelopment of these properties to a commercial (vs. new industrial) use. The properties proposed for rezoning are described in the Zoning Map below.



The proposed text and map amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on September 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the City of Northville Municipal Building – Lower Level Meeting Room, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the hearings will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. A draft of the proposed text amendment and map amendment are available through the Building Department during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, and are also available on the City's website (www.ci.northville.us). Written comments will also be accepted at the above address.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU18-0006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Feldman Chevrolet of Novi is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary parking for parcel 50-22-14-351-063, North of Grand River and East of Novi Road from September 7, 2018 through September 7, 2019. The property is zoned TC (Town Center) and the use is contrary to 3.27 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 30th at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the Mayors Conference Room. All written comments should be directed to Katherine Oppermann and must be received prior to August 29th.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - August 28, 2018

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 28, 2018 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will receive comments on the Township's 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008 and identifies multi-year capital improvements and projects for the purposes of long-range planning for the Township. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The public is invited to attend this hearing, provide their comments and ask questions. The CIP will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, and on the Township's website beginning August 8, 2018 at www.twp. northville.mi.us. Written comments regarding the proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Eric Lark, Chair Planning Commission

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Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the Northville District Library District, comprised of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget. THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT

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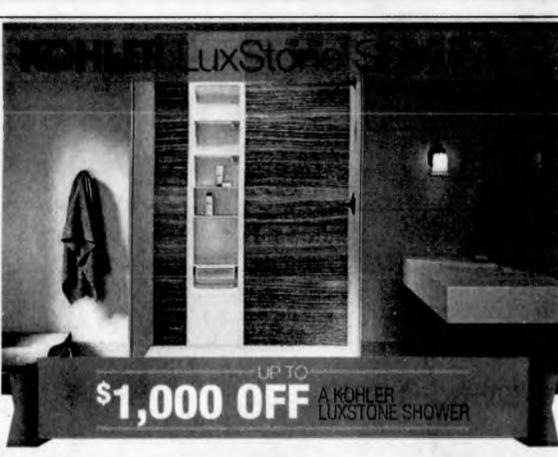
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