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## Schools have historic pedigree

Main Street buildings were considered iconic

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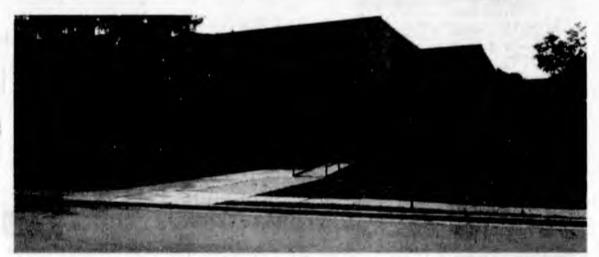
Northville's Main Street Elementary School may not look like a historic building, especially when compared to the adjacent 1917 Old Village School currently under renovation.

However, the building at 501 W. Main Street was erected 81 years ago and perhaps its reputation as "the first modern public school in North America" holds a clue to its contemporary look.

Detroit architects Maynard Lyndon and Eberle Smith designed and built it in 1937 in response to the community's growing need for more classrooms and the untimely fire that destroyed the 1907 grade school.

A Jan. 24, 1936, Northville Record article reports, in fact, that Lyndon and Smith had started a "four-room addition" to the 1907 grade school the same week the fire occurred. "The building which was built in 1907 has long been

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Main Street Elementary School, originally built in 1937, as it appears today at 501 W. Main Street in Northville. The building is no longer in use and its redevelopment is under discussion. PAMELA A. ZINKOSKY



Elizabeth and Rhett Reader stand proudly in front of the historic home they transformed into a sober-living home for recovering drug addicts, just south of downtown Milford. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## HAVEN OR HELL?

#### Escalating opioid addiction problem sparks conflict in Milford

**Ed Wright** 

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Are the quaint, tree-lined streets of Milford on the verge of being overrun by groups of recovering drug addicts who live in the village's four sober-living

Or is the peaceful southwest Oakland County town a perfect setting for oncetroubled individuals trying to escape the clutches of a nationwide drug-addiction epidemic?

It depends who you ask.

The husband-and-wife team of Rhett See HOMES, Page 7A

and Elizabeth Reader, both recovering addicts, owners of Milford Counseling and operators of four of their hometown's sober-living homes, insist a handful of over-zealous residents are trying to stir up a tsunami of negativity

#### Northville native hired at Memphis theater

The Circuit Playhouse, Inc., has announced that Ryan Duda, who grew up in Northville, has been hired as by Playhouse on the Square as an associate company member.

Duda is a graduate of Michigan State University, holding a BFA in acting. Duda co-created an original mu-

sical for young audiences with autism called "Farm! A Musical Experience." The production toured Michigan schools and was hosted by Wharton Center for the Perform- Duda ing Arts. For the past



four years, Duda has taught performing arts classes for students with intellectual disabilities through 4th Wall Theatre Co. His credits include "We Foxes," "The Tempest" and "Chess."

Playhouse on the Square is Memphis's only resident professional theater company servicing the entire Mid-South. Between its two main stage venues - Playhouse on the Square and The Circuit Playhouse — it offers 15 performances a year. It also has additional performances in its black box space TheatreWorks and annual events such as the Playhouse Art Auction and Great Wines.

The associate company is an internship program that began in 1981. It includes 16 young college graduates hired to assist in all phases of production for CPI. Duda will serve as a performance intern this season, as well as giving time to the Theatre Education Department.

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#### **NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS**

The Northville District Library is at 11 212 W. Cady Street. Call 248-348-5001 or go to northvillelibrary.org for more information.

#### Coloring for Grownups

When: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 **Details:** Explore creative relaxation. A variety of coloring pages and art supplies provided. No registration required, just drop in.

#### **Between the Lines Book** Discussion

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10 Details: Join us for a lively discussion of "Before We Were Yours," by Lisa Wingate. Just drop in.

#### Make Veggie Egg Roils

**When:** 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept.

The Victorian Lady

registration begins Sept. 1.

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 Details: Experience what it took for a Victorian Lady from the 1890s to get dressed — layer by layer. Presenter Wendy Batchelder begins with beautiful vintage and reproduction "underpinnings" and models each article of clothing, demonstrating the staggering number of pieces women wore from start to finish. Register.

Details: Learn to make scrumptious

veggie egg rolls. For ages 9-12. Online

#### Science Spectacular

When: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13

Details: Kids take a tour of fascinating science concepts with exciting large-scale demonstrations. All ages

welcome. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the event. Tickets not available in ad-

#### Infamous Michigan Crimes

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 Details: Author Tom Carr tells fascinating stories of historical and unusual crimes throughout Michigan's history from the 1700s to present. We'll hear tales of crooked sheriffs, ruthless gangsters, bandits and killers, including an unsolved case from Northville. Books sale and signing to follow event. Regis-

#### How Michigan Became a State

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18 **Details:** Did we really fight a war with Ohio for Toledo? Presented by local historian Joe Oldenburg, and sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register.

#### **Kidz Time**

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday,

**Details:** For grades 1-3. Listen to robot stories and play robot bingo with fun prizes. Registration begins Sept. 1.

#### **Hooray for LEGO Day**

When: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept.

Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized castle themed LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30 attendees. Online registration begins Sept. 1.

#### September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month

When: Through Sept. 30 **Details:** Kids who live in Northville and who are old enough to write their own name — are invited to sign up for a library card during the month of September and receive a fun gift bag.

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### **AAUW looking for fashion designers**

The American Association of University Women, Northville-Novi chapter, is looking for fashion designers ready to exhibit their collections at a runway show and luncheon March 30, 2019. The runway and luncheon will be hosted at Schoolcraft College VisTaTech in Livonia with food from its celebrated Culi-

supports AAUWNN, established in 1975, in its mission to promote equity and education for local women and girls through community outreach programs and scholarships.

To have your collection considered for the AAUWNN designer showcase,

nary Institute of Michigan. This event you must fill out the short entry form available at AAUWNN Michigan Designer Entry Form and submit a bio with samples of your collection by Oct. 15. For more information, go to http:// aauwnn.org/ or email Midesigner.aauwnn@gmail.com.

#### **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

a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m. Sept. 8; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Sept. 14; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Sept. 15; 1-4:30 p.m. Sept. 22; and 2:45-5:45 p.m. Sept. 29.

**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-

Halloween Hysteria: 2-6 p.m. Oct. 28. Pre-ticketed event. See website for details.

#### **General info**

Volunteers: The Northville Histori-Grounds closed for weddings: 9-11 cal 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.

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#### **Schools**

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looked upon as a fire hazard," noted the article.

Twenty years earlier, a Northville Record article unwittingly foreshadowed the 1907 building's destruction: "Rumors have been afloat to the effect that the present high school building has been pronounced unsafe and is to be torn down," the March 24, 1916 article stated. "Members of the school board state that there is no truth to the statement."

Call it providence or chance, but the 1937 structure, one of Lyndon's best-known and award-winning buildings, resulted from a combination of disaster and community growth. To understand the history and significance of the building, which is currently under discussion for redevelopment, let's look back at the other school buildings that have occupied the Main Street area since Civil War times.

#### Union School and the high school

Northville, like its neighboring towns, has a long history of outgrowing its school buildings. Enrollment in the late 1800s to mid-1900s grew year after year, as people were moving into town and having families. Combine that with the era's high propensity for disastrous fires and you have the convoluted story of Main Street's school buildings, including two disastrous fires, four different buildings, many additions and much repurposing.

The first school in the area, known as the Union School, was built in 1865 and sat on Main Street, just east of where the two Main Street buildings stand to-day. The brick two-story structure cost about \$11,000, much more than the \$5,000 originally slated, according to a 1969 centennial edition of the Northville Record, and housed all grades.

In 1907, overcrowding led to the construction of another brick two-story building for high schoolers that faced West Street, which no longer runs through that area, and sat on the south side of the Union School lot.

The price tag for that building was \$10,000.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, 1916, the 1865 Union School, then housing the elementary grades, caught fire, owing to "a defective chimney," according to a Northville Record article. "The school house was literally a landmark ... and practically every native of Northville received their education ... in that building," the article said.

#### The 1917 high school and another fire

In the wake of the fire, school officials quickly got to work on another building, which would sit on Main Street north and west of the 1907 high school. This structure still stands today at 405 W. Main Street as the Old Village School and is under renovation to house the Board of Education and early childhood classrooms.

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Meant to house high schoolers — the grade school



The Old Village School at 405 W. Main Street in Northville, originally used as a high school and built in 1917, is being renovated to house Board of Education offices and early childhood classrooms.

PAMELA A. ZINKOSKY

would move to the older building — the structure would take a year to complete and cost \$85,000, according to a March 16, 1917, Northville Record article. "After seeing the new school structure in all its finished beauty and convenience, many people have voiced the sentiment that the fire which seemed so calamitous at the time of its occurrence has proved to be, in reality, a source of ultimate benefit to the community," the article stated.

Another wintertime fire would soon claim the 1907 school. A bad combination of chimney sparks and high winds the early morning hours of Monday, Jan. 13, 1936, caused the fire.

Had the fire been discovered earlier or the winds been a bit tamer, the school might have received its addition — the one that had begun days before the fire struck — and held new construction at bay for a few years. Instead, the fire led to the design and construction of the award-winning structure that sits at 501 W. Main Street today.

#### First modern public school

The 1936 fire left school officials scrambling, as 358 grade school students needed to attend school somewhere. Three local buildings — the Lapham State Bank, the Richardson building and the American Legion Hall — fit the bill temporarily. A listing of which classes would meet where ran in the Northville Record.

Plans for the new building were left to Detroit architects Lyndon and Smith, who had already been working with the district to add classrooms. This time, the architects would design specifically for elementary school students, with the building sitting just west of the 1917 high school.

Grade schoolers had to endure the rest of 1936 and the first part of 1937 learning in temporary locations, but Northville Grade School, as it was called at the time, was ready in late winter 1937 and formally dedicated April 22, 1938. The building, running up a price tag of \$99,000, was praised not only for its safety—fireproof materials and a modern heating system—but for its simple, functional design and use of natural lighting

"Each classroom has a complete side taken up by windows, which are practically the full width of the room," Smith reportedly said at the dedication. "The general characteristic of the building is simplicity, with emphasis placed on features of constructive value, rather than ornamentation."

The architects also designed a separate entrance for kindergarten students, taking special care to make their learning space functional. A Feb. 12, 1937, North-ville Record article about the new school reported: "A feature is the kindergarten, vividly decorated in coral, with its miniature furniture painted to match. Play spaces are marked off by brightly colored strips of inlaid linoleum."

The openness of the classroom space, the lighting and the functionality of the building were quite unusual for the time. "I liken it to a spaceship landing in Northville," said Leanie Bayly, executive director for the Northville Historical Society. "It was such a wonderful state-of-the-art structure when it was built. We would like to see it restored."

In addition to winning the silver medal in the 1940 Pan-American Congress of Architects in Uruguay, Northville Grade School. later known as Main Street Elementary School, received many accolades. For example, the school won an award in the 1937 Pittsburgh Glass Institute Competition and took first place in the 1937 National Competition for Educational Buildings.

Lyndon went on to design many other notable buildings in Michigan and California, but his 1937 Northville creation seemed to put him on the map as a modern architect. A 1999 Los Angeles Times article reported on his death at age 92, noting that the Northville school "was considered the first modern public school in North America."

#### Main Street schools today

The landscape of Northville schools looks completely different today. Located throughout the city are six elementary schools, two middle schools and a large high school and Main Street is not the education hub it once was. Since its 1917 founding as a high school, the Old Village School has served junior high, elementary and special education students, as well as the Board of Education. Officially closed in 2012, it's now under renovation to serve as the Board of Education and early childhood building.

That leaves the future of Main Street School at 501 W. Main uncertain. While it served elementary school students through the 1970s and most recently housed the Board of Education and early childhood classrooms, the school district no longer needs the space. In July, the school board voted to move forward with one of three development plans that would demolish the building and construct single-family homes on the property. The developers now have an opportunity to revise their proposals.

As part of the historic district, any changes to the building on West Main Street, including demolition, would need to be examined and approved by the Historic District Commission.

To share your memories about earlier school days or suggest ideas for history articles, contact Pamela A. Zinkosky at pazink@yahoo.com.

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## Milford event offers 120 different craft beers

**Sharon Dargay** hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN** 

The 10th annual Brewed in Michigan, presented by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce, will give craft beer lovers a chance to sample beer from around the state Friday, Sept. 14, at Baker's of Milford, in Milford Township.

Thirty breweries will be on hand, each pouring four of their beers for sampling.

"When this started 10 years ago, craft beer was not as big. People would go to Bell's and Founder's and that's where we focused," said Rick Kirchner, event organizer and a chamber board member. "In the last five or six years, we've shifted to more of the local, independent brewers.

"Breweries are opening up so fast now and there are so many of them, it's more of a point of choosing who you don't allow to come. The first year, I worked with a few distributors and put out a call to brewers. I had to pitch the idea. Now they usually contact me. I want to at least have tried their beer or have a good idea of their product. Unlike a lot of events, I want to make sure there is a representative from the brewery at each table. I want our guests to get their questions answered about the style of beer and its production."

Here are a few other things you should know about the event:

#### **Beer sampling**

Each attendee will receive a souvenir Brewed in Michigan tasting mug. Samples are 4 ounces and ticket holders can get 12 pours.

"If you don't like it, you have II more chances to find things you like," said Kirchner, who likes "big bold" bourbonaged stouts and "slap-you-in-the-face hoppy" beers.

"Not until I started drinking craft beer did I realize that beer could be complex," he said. "Beer can have a lot of different flavor profiles. It can be complex, heavy, chocolate, bitter. What's neat metro Detroit area we get to meet," Coon about an event like this you can find out - said. "The event allows us to have a lot - said. "We usually have 12 to 14 restauwhat beer can be and go out of your box of one-on-one with guests and beer rants. Milford Bakery always does a

Northville Winery and Cidery will be



Try 12 different beers from 30 breweries at Brewed in Michigan, Sept. 14 at Baker's of Milford, in Milford Township. RIGHT BRAIN BREWERY

on hand, too.

#### **Breweries**

When's the last time you got a chance to sample a beer from Marquette, Traverse City or Alpena?

Kirchner looks for a wide variety of beers from breweries throughout Michigan and says some bring limited-release and specialty beers.

Breweries with distribution in southeast Michigan, such as Founder's in Grand Rapids, Bell's in Kalamazoo, and Short's in Bellaire, are longtime participants. Smaller breweries, some with more limited distribution, and local breweries make up the majority of businesses on hand.

Austin Brothers Beer Co. in Alpena, Blackrocks in Marquette and Right Brain Brewery in Traverse City will travel the farthest to Brewed in Michigan.

Zach Coon, head of sales for Right Brain, says the drive is worth it to see "people that love our beer."

"We have attended the past four years for Brewed in Michigan. We attend the event every year because of the great people of Milford and surrounding

Right Brain will have two special



Brewed in Michigan's 4-ounce tasting mug BREWED IN MICHIGAN

beers on draft at the event. Who Gose There is a cherry-lime gose, while Chai CEO combines coffee stout with fresh chai spices

"On top of that, we will have our Luminous Lemon Ale and our Double IPA Spinal Tapper," he said.

Perrin Brewing Co. in Comstock Park near Grand Rapids, Odd Sides Ales and Grand Armory Brewing Co., both in Grand Haven, and Mountain Town Brewing Co. in Mt. Pleasant also plan to attend.

Closer to home, Draught Horse Brewery in New Hudson will serve both wine and beer.

"I really want to focus on the beer," Kirchner said, "but have other options for those who would prefer other choices."

Admission includes six food sampling tickets. The restaurant list has not been finalized, but Kirchner said it will include Buffalo Wild Wings. Duke's of Highland Restaurant and Bar, Milford Baking Co. and Baker's of Milford.

"We're one of the few (beer) events that include food sampling," Kirchner spread of a lot of great sweets that go sdargay@hometownlife.com awesome with a dark stout."

Attendees will get one door prize ticket to win one of more than 30-50 giveaways from breweries.

"Everything from T-shirts and hats to one of the breweries is giving a growler filled per month for 12 months. They are doing brewery tours and lots of different types of prizes," Kirchner said.

#### **Details**

The event runs 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford Township. Tickets are \$50 VIP and \$40 regular admission. Ticket-holders get 12 beverage tasting tickets, six food tickets and one raffle prize ticket. VIP guests may enter the event at 6 p.m.

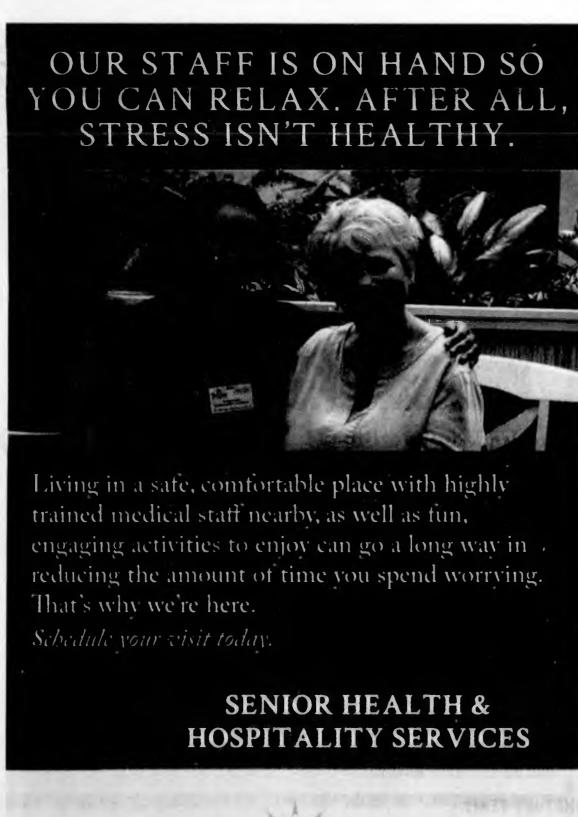
A portion of the ticket price supports the Suzanne Haskew Art Center in downtown Milford, the Milford Skatepark and Mi Abilities.

The band Fun House will perform in the outdoor beer tent until midnight.

LaFontaine Automotive Group will offer shuttle rides for guests within 20 minutes of Baker's.

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## Protesters say boycott Westland businesses

**Matt Jachman** hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK -**MICHIGAN

Accusing the Westland Police Department of racial bias and police brutality, protesters marched outside the police station Aug. 24 and urged a boycott of the city's businesses.

A crowd of up to about 50 people, with T-shirts that read "Stop police brutality," chants of "No justice, no peace!" and calls for the firing of the officer who recently used a Taser on a black man at his home, walked in a tight circle in front of police headquarters on Ford Road for about a halfhour, prompting some passing motorists to sound horns in support and one or two to jeer.

The protest was organized by local chapter of the National Action Network in response to the use of the Taser, a temporarily disabling electroshock weapon, on Ray Brown outside his home Aug. 17. Brown, 33, was holding his 2-month-old son Chris at the time. Police say the boy was not injured.

The scene was captured on video by a witness and viewed thousands of times on social media, drawing a storm of social media criticism.

The Rev. Charles Williams II called for the boycott during remarks that followed the march.

"We will not spend our money were we are being disrespected," said Williams, the Michigan NAN chairman and senior pastor at Historic King Solo-



Will Miller, president of the Inkster chapter of the National Action Network, speaks to protesters outside the Westland police station Friday. Seated next to him is Ray Brown, who was Tased by police Aug. 17 as he held his 2-month-old SON. MATT JACHMAN



The march outside Westland police headquarters Friday drew about 50 people at its peak. MATT

mon Baptist Church in Detroit. "We're going to make them feel our pain by hitting them in the pocket."

Williams called for retraining and reforms in the police department.

"We support the police. We need the police," Williams said. "But more importantly, we need good police."

Williams later said police bias toward people of color is "a systemic probtreated unfairly.

few minutes late and sat nearby as supporters marched. His attorney, Gregory Rohl, said he suffered knee and ankle injuries upon his arrest and was hit by the Taser six times.

Brown declined to talk about the incident that led to him being Tasered. He said he was grateful for what he called the heartfelt support protesters showed.

"I know justice will prevail," he said.

Westland police officials did not immediately respond Friday to requests for comment. Mayor William Wild issued a statement late that day that voiced support for NAN.

"I have always had the upmost respect for the **National Action Network** and the incredible work that they do. I am always available for an open dialogue with them on this issue and any other concerns they may have with our community." statement read.

The officer who used the Taser, whom police did not name, was suspended for 30 days without pay following an investigation. Chief Jeff Jedrusik called the decision to use the Taser "questionable" under the circumstances.

The incident began when police responded to a neighborhood south of Palmer and west of Venoy the night of Aug. 17 in response to a complaint of lem" in Westland and that vandalism and assault. he knows of other people Police spoke to Brown man at mjachman@ who say they've been outside his home, an argument escalated and the Brown, on crutches, Taser was applied as arrived to the protest a Brown was surrounded

by several officers. Police say Brown was argumentative and uncooperative.

The bystander video shows a woman - later said to be the infant's mother — grab the child from Brown just after the sound of the Taser begins. Police later said the way the Taser was applied would not have affected anyone in contact with the person to whom it was applied; Rohl called on police to prove that claim.

"It's rather devastating to have your kid in your hands and essentially be electrocuted," Rohl said.

Police said officers were supporting Brown and the child as the Taser was applied.

Brown was arrested and later charged with seven misdemeanors, including disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, hindering police and contributing to the neglect of a minor. Free on bond, he is scheduled for a Thursday, Sept. 6, pretrial hearing in 18th District Court.

**Rohl contended Brown** was not involved in the reported incidents - assault and vandalism that brought police to his neighborhood that night. He said he plans to have his client take a lie detector test regarding those accusations.

"As I understand it, he had no involvement whatsoever," Rohl said.

Contact Matt Jachhometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @mattjachman.

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## Has Hell frozen over? Hearse Fest canceled

Lack of township permit puts 17th annual event in jeopardy

Susan Bromley Livingston Daily

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Hearse Fest appears to be going to Hell in a hand basket this year. The event has lit up Hell for 16 years, but lack of a permit has the 17th annual festival, planned for Sept. 15 in Hell, as well as its chances for breaking a Guinness World Record for most hearses in a procession, on hold.

"Right now it's canceled," said John Colone, unofficial Hell mayor and business owner. "But we know there is no way to stop hearses from coming here. People plan vacations around it."

"This would have been our 17th year," festival organizer Frank Hedeen said Aug. 29. "We never knew we needed permits. ... The township doesn't want us there. Why did they wait until now to say something? This is a slap in the face."

Putnam Township Supervisor Dennis Brennan sent a letter to Hedeen and Colone on Aug. 22, informing them they were in violation of the township's code regulating outdoor assemblies by promoting the event without a permit.

Brennan said the event had been operating for years without a permit and Colone had been told for years he needed one. Last year, Brennan's first as supervisor, Colone applied for a "last-minute" permit, but that won't be allowed this year, Brennan said.

Permits must be approved by a vote of the board at least 90 days in advance of the event, Brennan said, and the next township board meeting is not until Sept. 19.

"Historically, parking is the No.1 issue for this event. He just doesn't have adequate parking for an event that size and no willingness to work out a solution either," Brennan said.

Brennan said he has received "a ton" of complaints about the event from the residents of a nearby lake community. The only road in and out of the subdivision is Riverbank Drive, he said, and Hearse Fest attendees park there as well as on surrounding roads posing a risk if emergency vehicles can not get through. He added that happened in 2006.

Colone hosted a "666" event in Hell on June 6, 2006, in which an estimated 10,000 people descended on the hamlet. Brennan said.

"The same day, one of our residents on the lake had a heart attack, and it took 2½ for an ambulance to reach him because there is no place to put 10,000 people in Hell," Brennan said. "A very good man passed away as a result."

Outdoor assemblies are defined in the code as a gathering of 750 people or more at any one time and Brennan noted that the Hell's Hearse Fest Facebook page indicated 940 people would be attending the event, with another 6,200 interested. Colone said in previous years, a permit was not sought because more than 750 people were not expected.

Hedeen, founder of the Just Hearse'n Around Hearse Club, said in the past few years, about 1,000 people have attended the event in which hearses travel in a short procession from the Colone-owned Screams Ice Cream Parlor, up Patterson Lake Road to South Howell Street.

While the procession takes less than a half-hour, the free event runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with hearses parking behind the ice cream shop and other businesses. Vendors also attend offering novelty gifts in what Hedeen calls a celebratory kickoff to the Hallow-



Hearses at the 13th annual Hearse Fest in Hell. The event has been officially canceled this year for lack of a permit, although organizers note they can't stop hearses from coming to Hell. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY



Just Hearse'n Around club founder Frank Hedeen shows his "Casketeria," a portable grill built from an actual casket. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

een season, complete with a pine box derby, costume contests and food from a "Casketeria."

Last year, 92 hearses participated in the event and this year, Hedeen was hoping the event would claim the Guinness World Record for hearses in a procession — currently 107 and held by a group in the Netherlands.

Hedeen said he has called off the vendors. But the hearses may still be coming.

"It's open to the public – how do you stop it?" Hedeen asked. "You can't stop the hearses from coming. You can't stop people from coming to (John Colone's) business ... I'm not going to tell them no. If they want to come to Hell, how do you stop them?"

Brennan's answer is law enforcement. Any vehicles that are impeding traffic will be ticketed and towed, he said. He added the road commission has told him "no parking" signs are not required. Colone and Hedeen would be held in violation of the ordinance, but Brennan said the ordinance "had no teeth" and Colone would likely make the money for any fine in less than an hour from the event.

Hedeen said the "peaceful" event is a benefit to local businesses and Brennan agreed, but said safety of local residents is his first concern.

"I fully expect it will happen anyway," Brennan said.

"He is hoping they will show up."

Hedeen admits he is still hoping that people will call Putnam Township and advocate for what he calls "a peaceful" event.

"Where else would you have Hearse Fest but in Hell?" he said.

Colone said he doesn't want to have a fight with the township, but laughed at an idea proposed by Brennan of shuttle buses, perhaps from area churches promoted as "from Heaven to Hell."

He added the loss of Hearse Fest this year is a loss for the community and he hopes to get a permit for the event next year.

"We are formally canceling, but we're still expecting hearses," he said. "We do not know who is coming, there is no registration. We will welcome folks and see what happens from there. We are trying to work with the township as best we can."



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#### **Homes**

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toward the recovery homes (and their occupants) using stigmas and false claims to fuel their crusade.

"This all started back in February, when a resident found out we were going to open a sober-living home down the street from her," said Rhett, a U.S. Air Force veteran who said he recently celebrated his 16th year of sobriety. "What she didn't know was that there's been another sober-living home two houses away from her for the past five years. She didn't know it was there, because the residents have been ideal neighbors."

"All of the residents of our sober homes have to be in a certain stage of their recovery or they're not eligible to live there," Elizabeth said. "They also get tested three to five times a week for 161 substances. If they relapse, we have a system set up to give them a ride to a more-stringent recovery center. We don't just throw them out on the street with just the clothes on their back.

"They all work or volunteer their time during the day, receive counseling and are required to follow our rules, which are numerous. The people who live in these homes are like families."

#### Nameless nemesis

Anonymous opponents of the sober homes have organized the distribution of fliers throughout the village, stating, "This is a very lucrative \$\$\$ business that is unregulated by the state and Milford right now" and "many of these homes have high dropout rates," among other proclamations, the Readers revealed.

Hundreds — if not thousands — of the fliers were passed out during the village's recent Milford Memories festival, Rhett said.

"They block off large sections of the downtown area for people to drink (during Milford Memories), yet they're worried about the sober people living in our homes?" Rhett asked incredulously.

"There are 21 liquor licenses issued in the village alone. Our (sober-living) residents have to get and keep a job, follow a strict regimen and pass drugs tests every week. Who would you rather have living next door to you: A sober person or someone who gets in bar fights?"

Village Manager Christian Wuerth issued this statement via email regarding the village's stance on the sober-living homes issue.

"The village planning commission, after initial discussion and public comment on this topic, created a subcommittee to discuss potential concerns that were raised." Wuerth wrote. "The subcommittee has met twice to discuss this topic and most recently directed staff, the village attorney and the village's planning consultant to review potential amendments to existing ordinances. It is expected that the subcommittee will meet again in September to continue their discussion."

Planning commission chairman John Heidt did not reply to an email from the Milford Times requesting a comment on

the sober-living homes issue. Milford residents urging the adoption of stricter ordinances pertaining to sober-living homes who did agree to speak on the record emphasized they are not against the recovering addicts. just the fact that there are no ordinances in place to limit the number of the sober homes in the village's 2.52 square miles.



Elizabeth and Rhett Reader stand in a kitchen they recently remodeled in their newest sober-living home. ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I'm all for recovering addicts receiving help to get past their addictions, but shouldn't there be a limit as to how many of these homes can be located in a town that is just over two square miles in size?" longtime resident Joan Sanborn said. "Their website invites recovering addicts from all over to come to Milford — all's they need is a bag of

"Well, what if they relapse or drop out of the program? There's no exit plan. What if the operators decide to sell the homes? What then?"

#### Magnets for drug dealers?

Sanborn also noted the possibility that once drug dealers find out the whereabouts of the sober homes, they may bring their business to Milford with more than the sober-home residents as targets.

"We have a middle school in the village and the high school isn't far away in the township," she said. "Again, I'm not against the recovering addicts getting help. I just feel strongly that their should be a limit as to the number of sober homes and residents in our small town."

Milford Township resident Julie Raddi reiterated her concern for the recovering addicts and the care they receive, however, the potential risks these homes bring to the community are worrisome, she said.

"I feel there is a disproportionate number of sober-living homes for a small town like Milford," Raddi said. "Recovering drug addicts are among the most vulnerable people. Is there enough supervision to keep the residents of these homes safe? I'm worried about the safety of the recovery addicts more than anything."

#### Stigma-related fear

The opponents' insistence that ordinances be adopted in Milford to restrict sober-living homes and their occupants are off-base, said Rhett, who explained that the laws already in place in the village are more than enough for all of its residents.

"They want to limit the number of residents in the homes, keep them a certain distance from schools and parks,"

he said, throwing up his hands. "If the noise coming from one of our homes is too loud, the police are there to enforce it. If someone is outside dealing drugs, the police will deal with it ... just like evervone else."

"The residents of these homes are not pedophiles," Elizabeth added, discussing the proposal to keep the homes a certain distance from schools and parks. "They are hard-working people like you and I ... and they're sober!

"When you bought your home, were you screened by your neighbors before they let you move in? Are you only allowed to own a certain number of homes in your community?"

Stigmas attached to the term "recovering drug addicts" are a double-edged sword for the individuals struggling to get their lives back on track, Rhett said.

"Most people immediately think that recovering drug addicts come from the inner-city, which in this area means Detroit," he said. "Studies show that the truth is quite opposite. People in suburban cities like Milford have a much bigger problem with addiction.

"And these stigmas make it difficult for a lot of addicts to come forward and get help, because they know they're going to get harassed if they do admit they have a problem."

Rhett stressed that the sober-living homes program is regulated by Oakland County, which makes unannounced visits to the homes at least two to three times a year.

The homes are in close proximity to one another and the Milford Counseling office on South Main Street so that the residents are within walking distance to the office and to their jobs.

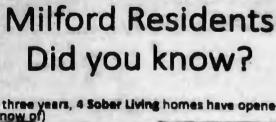
"Our residents — a lot of whom are military veterans - secure jobs faster than most people, because the employers know they're sober and responsible," Rhett said.

He said there is a full-time manager living in each of the four homes to monitor the daily routines of the residents.

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One of many versions of fliers that have been distributed throughout Milford the past couple of months. The redacted sections contained the actual addresses of Milford Counseling's sober-living houses, ED WRIGHT I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

#### **AREA EVENTS**

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

#### OCSO document shredding

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office will host a free document shredding event for Oakland County residents 9-10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Oakland County Farmers Market parking lot, 2350 Pontiac Lake Road, in Waterford. Residents are reminded to limit documents to three or four boxes of paper only. This is not for business use.

#### **Exhibit at HVCA**

Portraiture of Landscapes, plein air originated paintings by G. Bruce Foxworthy, will be at Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland through Saturday, Sept. 29. The 31 oil paintings in the show, including "Afternoon on the Huron River, Proud Lake Boat Launch" will be featured in a gallery reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, giving those attending the opportunity to meet the artist. Regular gallery hours are scheduled 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

#### **West of Center art exhibit**

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host West Of Center, a juried all-media exhibition, Sept. 7-29. The exhibition presents 38 works of art created by (28 artists nationwide selected by juror, artist, photographer and curator Jeff Cancelosi.

There will be an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, sponsored by Mark Corbin of Raymond James, with an awards presentation and juror's talk at 7 p.m. For more information, email exhibits@northvilleart house.org.

#### **Barn dance at Three Cedars**

The Salem Area Historical Society will host its annual barn dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile Road. Admission at the door is \$5 per person or \$3 for SAHS members.

Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the Salem Area Historical Society's South Salem Stone School and its Dickerson Barn. Cider and doughnuts will be available for purchase. For more information, go to https://sahshistory.org/ or call 248-486-0669.

#### Pancake breakfast at Novi High School

The Novi Educational Foundation and presenting sponsor George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant will host the second annual pancake breakfast, featuring Chris Cakes of Michigan, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. The menu includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange drink and coffee.

There will also be elementary student performances and local businesses with giveaways. Tickets are \$9 at the door (ages 4 and under are free). To purchase tickets, go to novieducationalfoundation.org.

#### South Lyon Depot Day

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

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

#### Spectrum Fest 2018

The nonprofit organization Living and Learning, 315 Griswold Street, in Northville, is holding Spectrum Fest 2018 from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Proceeds will support the establishment of Living and Learning's new Mod Market, a market and job hub located at 150 Mary Alexander Court that will provide job training, real world job experiences and jobs for individuals with autism and other special needs.

Admission is free. Music will be performed by local bands and headlined by Fifty Amp Fuse. There will be an assortment of food, beverages and spirits available to purchase, along with a variety of vendors.

For more information or to learn more about Spectrum Fest 2018, go to www.LivingandLearningCenter. org or call 248-308-3592.

#### Fisk Festival

The annual Fisk Festival is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8-9, at the Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Road, in White Lake. The event will feature family fun, food and entertainment. A \$1 donation gets you a door prize ticket. For more information, go to www.hsmichigan.org/WhiteLake.

#### Benefit car wash

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The Northville Middle School dance team will hold

its for third annual car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Hines Park Crossfit Parking lot at Seven Mile and Northville roads.

#### **AAUW speaker**

The American Association of University Women Northville-Novi invites the public to hear Barbara Schram speak on the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. II, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady,. This event is free. For information about AAUW Northville-Novi and how you can become an active participant, go to www.aauwnn.org.

#### **Documentary screening**

Orin Jewelers, with locations in Northville and Garden City, will present a complimentary showing of "Sharing the Rough: The Journey of a Gemstone," a documentary directed by Orin J. Mazzoni Ill, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville.

Following the show, there will be an after-party in Orin's showroom with food and refreshments and a meet and greet with the director. One of its jewelry designers has created an entire jewelry line based off the documentary. A portion of the proceeds goes back to the Devon Foundation that helps fund schools and further gem education in the villages near the mines.

#### 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/charitygolf classic. Sponsorship and event information can also be found online or by contacting Julie Hem at julie.hein@metroparks.com or 810-494-6041.

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

#### Northville Heritage Festival

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will present the Northville Heritage Festival, formerly the Victorian Festival, to celebrate the history of the Northville. The festival is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, Sept. 14-16, at various sites throughout the city. Hours are 5-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The festival will kick off Friday with the traditional Victorian Parade and will continue throughout the weekend. Included in the activities will be community nonprofit booths, live entertainment, a kids zone, crafters, free horse and carriage rides (noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday) and the Heritage Festival Saloon on Friday night.

The complete schedule of Heritage Festival activities is available at www.northvilleheritagefest.com.

#### Bottle and can drive

Residents can support the Novi High School band program by donating empty returnable bottles and cans Saturday, Sept. 15. Residents are asked to leave their returnable bottles and cans either on a porch or driveway prior to 9 a.m. that day. Band members will be in the neighborhoods to pick up the donated bottles and cans. Donations will also be accepted at the Novi High School parking lot on 10 Mile Road between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

#### 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, T-shirt, 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.

#### Widow/Widower Support Group

The Widow/Widower Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 (and the third Saturday of each month following), in the chapel of The Neighborhoods of White Lake, 10770 Elizabeth Lake Road, in White Lake. People of all faiths are welcome. For more information, call Kathy at 248-918-1622.

#### Lions Club free vision screening

The Northville Lions Club will sponsor free vision screenings for children ages six months to 6 years from Il Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16, at the Northville Heritage Festival. Hours are from Il am. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Il a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information on the screening event or to learn more about the Northville Lions Club and its service projects, go to www.northvillelionsclub.org.

#### Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will hold its next meeting at noon Monday, Sept. 17, at the Cady Innin the Mill Race Village. A light lunch will proceed the meeting. This month, Carol Paretta of Gardenviews at Home of Northville will be presenting Accessorizing and Decorating.

Guests are always welcome. For more information, call SueMarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

#### Author visit at St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 201 Elm Street, in Northville will host Kent R. Hunter, author of "Who Broke My Church? 7 Proven Strategies for Renewal and Revival," 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19. This is a free presentation and no registration is required. For more information, go to www.whobrokemy church.com.

#### Library lecture series

The Friends of the Novi Library will kick off their Kaleidoscope Lecture Series 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road The topic will be Michigan Modern: An Architectural Legacy and scheduled speakers are Brian Conway, state of Michigan historic preservation officer, and photographer James Haefner.

#### Community Reads title, author visit

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 it.

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 Public 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.

#### Document shred event

The Northville Township Beautification Commission will host on-site document shredding 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, in the parking lot of township hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. Motorists should enter the parking lot from Sheldon Road. There will be a minimum charge of \$3 per car for up to six bags. The bags must be paper. No plastic bags will be accepted.

#### '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 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 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

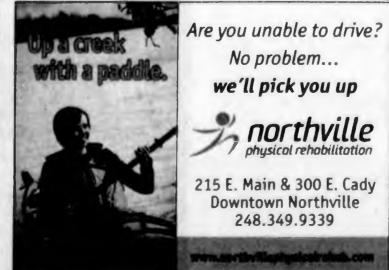
#### Make Magic Share Joy tour

Hilltop Church of The Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, in Northville will host Justin Flom on his Make Magic Share Joy tour 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. The celebrity magician will be bringing a special night of up-close action alongside his personal sharing of faith.

Tickets are priced from \$20 to \$35. The door will open at 5:30 p.m. for the VIP experience and at 6:15 p.m. for all others. For more information, go to www.JustinFlom.com.



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## Pinckney woman bitten by rattlesnake in her yard

**Kayla Daugherty** Livingston Daily **USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN** 

A Pinckney woman said she was bitten by a rattlesnake in her yard last month walking between her home and garage.

Laura Bowen, 61, was bitten by the snake on her leg Aug. 20 and spent four days in the hospital.

"I was cleaning out my garage, carrying things out and I must have almost stepped on it," Bowen said.

She said the snake stayed near her garage after the incident, and she was able to get two pictures so paramedics could identify it as an Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake.

Bowen received six vials of anti-venom during her first two days at the hospital last week. After two days at home, blood tests showed the need for more medication and she said she had to go back to the hospital for an additional two days and four more vials of antivenom.

She said she called Livingston County Animal Control after being bitten, but was told they couldn't help her. She was referred to the Howell Nature Center, but a person there told Bowen they did not have the equipment to take care of the snake.

Eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes are considered a species of special concern and are protected in Michigan. They are Michigan's only venomous snake. It's unclear how many Eastern Massasauga snakes are in Michigan. Dan Kennedy, endangered species coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, told the Detroit Free Press in 2016 that of the 187 populations of Eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes believed to be in Michigan, 110 of the groups are considered as doing excellent, good or

DNR officials seek to keep private specific maps of rattlesnake population locations, as the snake is frequently captured and sold as a pet or killed, Kennedy told the Free Press.

to kill, trap, possess, buy or sell an East- become blocked. ern Massasauga from the wild except as



A Pinckney woman said she was bit by this Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake Aug. 20.

authorized under a permit from the director.

Bowen got out of the hospital Aug. 27. According to Michigan's Department Rattlesnake venom effects the coagulaof Nature Resources website it is illegal tion of blood, causing blood vessels to

Bowen said after animal control and tive from her insurance company said

the nature center were unable to help her, several of her neighbors were able to relocate the snake away from her home.

She doesn't know how much the bite will end of costing her, as a representa-

the claim "hadn't come across his desk." Bowen said that each vial is \$3,000 and if her insurance doesn't cover them she could be facing a hospital bill of over

## JARC to hire 50 at career event Sept. 7

The Jewish Association for Residential Care, a Michigan-based 501(c)3 nonprofit and a premier residential services provider for people with developmental disabilities, has announced it will be hiring 50 direct care professionals at its career event scheduled for 3:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept, 7, to bolster services provided to its 174 clients in 80 residential settings throughout metro Detroit.

The event will be held at the JARC headquarters, 30301 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills. Open positions include direct support professionals and respite/independent living

Employees will provide personal assistance to individuals who have developmental disabilities. Working in a group home environment, they may assist with a variety of daily tasks, including personal grooming, meal preparation, feeding and light housework. Full paid training will be provided. There are no nursing skills required.

Starting wage for these positions is \$10.50 per hour and comprehensive benefits are included (medical, dental, vision, paid vacation and sick time and life insurance).

Applicants should come prepared with their resume, contact information for three professional references and two pieces of ID.

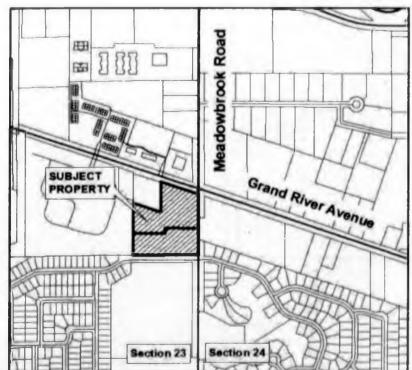
"This isn't your average job fair. Attendees will be leaving this event with full-time jobs that include a set schedule and comprehensive insurance," said Shaindle Braunstein, JARC CEO. "Our team is our No. 1 asset. While many organizations in the direct care business do not offer guaranteed hours, set schedules or offer health insurances, JARC has committed to these values as a strong statement to our staff and the community. Because of this, our clients

thrive in-kind." All applicants hired at this event will also receive a \$100 starting bonus.

For more information, contact JARC at 248-538-6611 or email jobs@jarc.org.

#### **CITY OF NOVI** PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider JAGUAR LAND ROVER JSP17-65 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION CONCEPT PLAN IN THE GE, GATEWAY EAST **ZONING DISTRICT.** The subject property is comprised of two parcels totaling 9.48 acres. It is located on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road (Section 23). The applicant is proposing to build a 58,663 square feet car sales facility for Jaguar Land Rover. The concept plan proposes 138 parking spaces and 287 parking spaces for storing cars



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

Subject Parcel ID: 50-22-23-251-018 (5.62 acres) and 22-23-251-019(3.86 acres)

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

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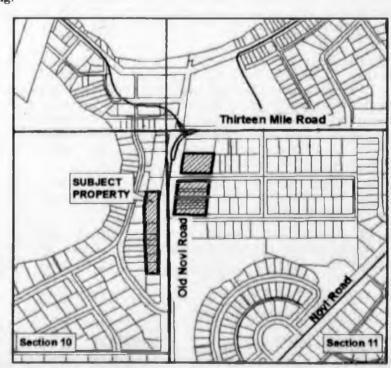
Subject Parcel IDs: 22-10-231-021, -006, -020, -025, -026, -027; 22-11-101-002; 22-11-103-001, -002, -005, -006, -007, -008, -009, -020 and part of 22-10-131-008.

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

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## Don't put off planning for your inevitable demise



Michigan just lost another icon with the death of Aretha Franklin. Amidst all the tributes and stories about Franklin and her career, I read an article that stated she died without a will or a trust. According to her attorney, he advised her to do some estate planning but, for whatever reason, it never got done. Hopefully, her estate can be settled without problems for her family, but who knows if that will happen? When people die without a will or trust, it seems that in many situations problems develop, particularly with someone such as Franklin, with substantial means.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for every adult to have a will and, in many situations, a trust. We live in a complicated world and the less that judges, courts, lawyers and outsiders get involved with our private affairs, the better it will be for our loved ones. When you die without doing any estate planning, the state of Michigan determines who gets your property and who is in charge of your estate. The result of this is that everything becomes more complex. When you couple that with the emotions that surround someone's death, anything can happen.

When someone dies without any estate planning, it doesn't mean that they don't love their families — of course not. When someone dies with an effective estate plan, it does show that they wanted to make the handling of their final affairs as easy as possible on their loved ones. The more you keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs, the easier things will be for your beneficiaries

We all have to accept the fact that we all are going to eventually die. There is nothing we can do to avoid it. It is important to realize that just because you do a will or trust doesn't mean you think the end is coming anytime soon. It just means that you have accepted the fact that life is unpredictable and you want to be prepared, no matter what happens.

There are some estate planning items that everyone needs to complete to be prepared. In addition to making sure you have a will and maybe a trust that are up to date and current, it is important that your beneficiaries are also current. Whether it is a brokerage account through Fidelity or Schwab, an IRA or an insurance policy, it is important that you have named a primary and a secondary beneficiary. You should go through all your items where you can have a beneficiary and make sure that you have beneficiaries in place and they are up to date and reflect your current views. You should recheck your beneficiaries every couple of years, at a minimum, as well as when there is some change in your family. Whether they are relatives or friends, family dynamics and friendships can change, so it's important that your beneficiary designations are accurate. I cannot tell you how many times I have seen people who die with a divorced spouse or a parent who died years ago still listed as the beneficiary.

Another item that would make managing your final affairs as easy as possible is for your relatives to know what assets, accounts and insurance policies you own and where they are located. Having something in place so that your family knows how to access your online accounts, including passwords and log-

in information, is also important. This will make handling your final affairs much easier on your loved ones. If you have an insurance policy and your loved ones don't know about it, how can they collect?

When I first got involved in this business, most people did estate planning to avoid federal estate taxes and the Michigan inheritance tax. The Michigan inheritance tax has been eliminated and most people don't have to worry about federal estate taxes. In today's world, where life is more complex than it's ever been, estate planning is important for everyone to make sure that their loved ones can move on with their lives and avoid family disputes. If you haven't completed an estate plan or if you haven't looked at it in a while, this is a reminder that, as adults, we have adult responsibilities. One of them is to plan for the ultimate, which we know will happen to all of us.

Good luck!

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

#### SOAR is now accepting registration for fall lineup

SOAR, the Society of Active Retirees, has announced its fall lineup of more than 75 classes, outings, shared interest groups and special events.

A nonprofit, non-denominational, lifelong learning program, the SOAR fall series includes lectures in art, current

events, dance, film, health history, literature, legal issues, opera, politics, science, sports, travel and more.

SOAR is affiliated with Wayne State University and the Road Scholar Institute Network. The program is among more than 400 linked with RSIN across the country and hundreds more in the U.S. and around the world. Billed as "health clubs for the brain," these programs serve audiences who want to learn, grow and keep their minds sharp.

While the average age of participants at SOAR is 70 years and many members are retired, SOAR membership is open to adults of any age and role in life whose common interest is lifelong learning. SOAR serves more than 1,200

members from 57 communities in southeast Michigan. Most of its classes convene at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt Road, in Farmington Hills or nearby locations.

For more information about SOAR or to join, go to www.soarexplore.com or call 248-626-0296. Course catalogs for the fall 2018 term are available now. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 5, and continues through Friday, Oct. 5.

#### NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU18-0007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for NOVI ENERGY is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary ground mounted solar panels for parcel 50-22-27-226-003 South of Ten Mile Road and West of Novi Road from September 28, 2018 through September 28, 2019. The property is zoned OS-1 (Office Service One) and the use is contrary to 3.14.1.A 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 3:00pm on September 20, 2018 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 Wednesday September 19, 2018.

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## City of Novi Notice of Public Hearing Concerning the Consideration of the Proposed DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) PLAN

Grand River Avenue (Wixom Road to Haggerty Road)
Corridor Improvement Authority

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., EST, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the adoption of a resolution approving a Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan for the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) according to the provisions of Public Act 280 of 2005, as amended.

At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and officials from any taxing jurisdiction whose millage may become subject to capture if a tax increment financing plan is subsequently adopted, will be afforded an opportunity to be heard. All aspects of the Development Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing, including the impact of the tax increment financing plan on all affected taxing jurisdictions. Maps, plans, and a detailed description of the Development Plan and TIF Plan are available online at cityofnovi.org/cia, and at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 347-0445. While the Act allows for relocation of persons displaced under the plan, there is no displacement and relocation contemplated in the current proposed plan.

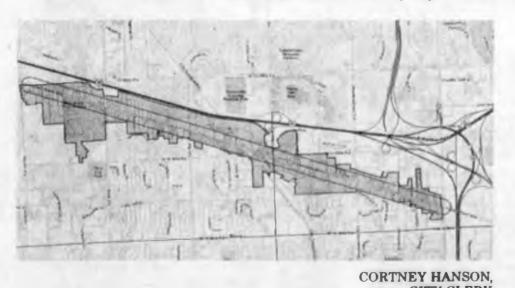
The Corridor Improvement Authority Act was created to help communities plan for and fund improvements along an identified community corridor. The goal of the legislation is to help support economic development and redevelopment of the targeted area. Potential enhancements include sidewalks/pathways, street lights, streetscape enhancements, façade improvements, parking garages, and other public investments that could support and enhance economic development and the quality of life for business owners and residents within this district.

The proposed Development and TIF Plans describe the types of activities the CIA can participate in as well as how those activities are expected to be financed. The Plans cover a 20-year period and explain how Tax Increment Financing (the primary means of funding the contemplated improvements within the corridor) works.. It is important to note that TIF financing is not a new tax, nor does it raise property owner's taxes. Rather, it establishes a base year for taxable values (2018), and contemplates that, if values increase above the 2018 values within the District as time progresses, the CIA can "capture" 50% of those value increases to fund public improvements within the District.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 5:00 p.m., October 8, 2018.

A description of the proposed development area is provided in the depiction below and generally includes the area along Grand River Avenue from Wixom Road to Haggerty Road.

City of Novi Corridor Improvement Authority Improvement Map



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Historic District Study Committee will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the 2018 Local Historic District Study Report (Volume I). The Local Historic District Study Report (Volume I) is a summary of a recent historic district survey conducted by professional historic architects and preservation planners. A second volume includes the full inventory of all of the resources surveyed in the Historic District. The Local Historic District Study Report (Volume I) meets the current requirements for this type of study, and includes designations of contributing or non-contributing, historic contexts, and significance statements for each building. In addition to updating the historic information in the Study Report, the Report proposes to remove approximately 35 vacant or recently developed properties (or less than 1%) from the edges of the Historic District boundary. Both documents will aid the Historic District Commission as they discharge their duties regarding the resources within the Northville Historic District.

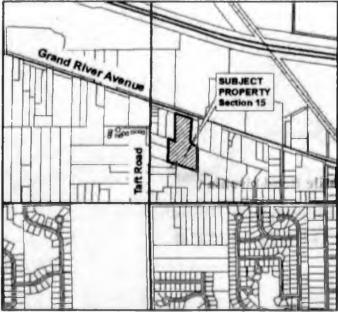
The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the 2018 Local Historic District Study Report. The Study Report (Volume I), and the Full Survey Inventory (Volume II) are available for review on the City of Northville's website (http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/HistoricDistrict/HistoricDistrictSurvey.asp) or 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. Comments pertaining to the Report can also be sent via e-mail to the following address: Historicsurvey@ci.northville.mi.us. Written comments may also be mailed to the Northville Municipal Building at the street address listed above DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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#### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider KEFORD COLLISION AND TOWING JZ 18-32 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.725 FOR PLANNING COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, FROM LICIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO L2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL). The subject property is approximately 7.61 acres and is located on the south side of Grand River Avenue between Taft Road and Novi Road (Section 15). The subject property contains two existing buildings which are currently unoccupied. The applicant proposes to use the larger building (23,493 square feet) for an auto body collision

15). The subject property contains two existing buildings which are currently unoccupied. The applicant proposes to use the larger building (23,493 square feet) for an auto body collision repair shop and related offices, along with an accessory use of car rental services. No particular subtenants for the second building have been identified yet. In addition to the indoor uses, the applicant proposes to use up to 160 spaces in an enclosed yard in the rear yard for storage of towed vehicles.



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

Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-15-351-012

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

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## Northville gets another tourney win

#### Simoncini shares medalist honors for Mustangs

**Brad Emons** 

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Northville wrapped up the month of August in style by winning its fifth straight tournament, posting a fourplayer total of 333 to capture the Saline Hornet Invitational on Aug. 29 at Travis Pointe Country.

The set-up proved to be difficult, but the Mustangs were able to hold off Brighton and Plymouth, which finished second and third, respectively, with 340 each (based on the fifth-player tiebreak-

Northville senior captain Mariella Simoncini tied for medalist honors with

Ann Arbor Pioneer's Amaya Melendez, both carding 5-over 77.

Simoncini's round was even more impressive because of how her day

"I took a quadruple (bogey) on the par-4 second hole," Simoncini said. "I hit my first shot out of bounds, then I three-putted on the steep green."

To her credit, Simoncini didn't lose focus.

"I just considered it my warm-up and learned from my missed shots," she said. "I refocused and carded birdie the next hole."

Northville coach Chris Cronin praised his captain for being able to overcome the early adversity.

"Mariella sets the tone for this team," he said. "She is a tremendous leader, so I wasn't surprised that she remained calm and was able to refocus after a difficult hole. She has become a very resilient player."

Meanwhile, Northville's top player, sophomore Nicole Whatley, finished third with 78 after overcoming a modest 4-over 40 on the front nine. Whatley also was able to regroup and make some mid-round adjustments.

"Finding the fairway was a challenge all day for Nicole, but her wedge game was sharp and it kept her in position to put for birdie on several of holes," Cronin said.

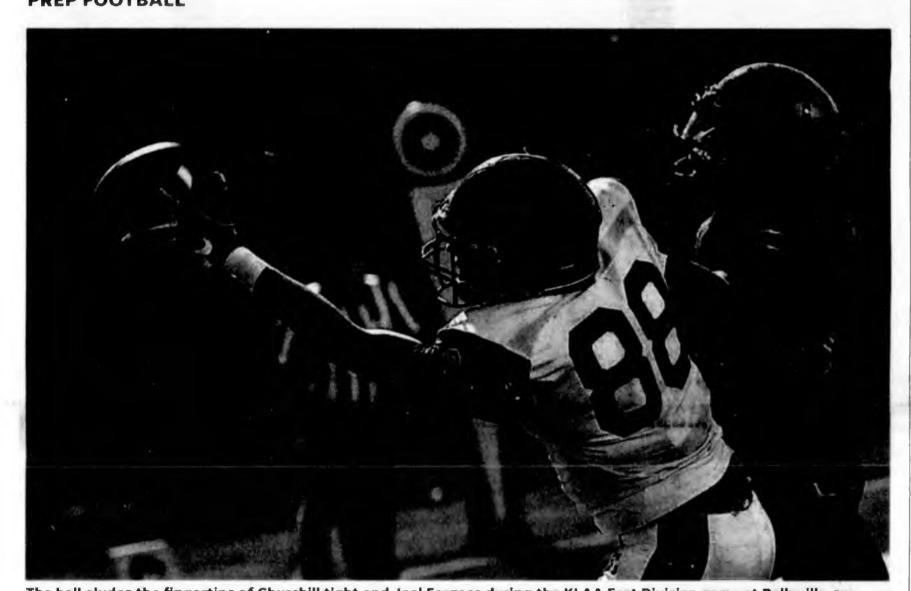
Katelyn Tokarz and Sedona Shipka

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Northville senior captain Mariella Simoncini shared medalist honors in the Saline Hornet Invitational at Travis Pointe CC. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

#### PREP FOOTBALL



The ball eludes the fingertips of Churchill tight end Joel Forgacs during the KLAA East Division game at Belleville. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## No holding these Tigers

Belleville takes down Churchill with big second half, 48-24

Brad Emons

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Livonia Churchill learned quickly in the second half Aug. 30 that Belleville has another gear.

The Chargers led the top-ranked Tigers 24-21 at halftime, but couldn't sustain upset plans against a team loaded with major college talent, falling in the KLAA East Division opener, 48-24.

Belleville scored 27 unanswered points over the final two quarters and took advantage of five Churchill turnovers to improve to 2-0.

The previous week, the Chargers won the takeaway battle in a 35-21 win at Canton, but the tables were turned this time against Belleville.

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Churchill's Brendan Lowry (left) celebrates his touchdown catch with Caden McCusker and Drew Alsobrooks (right). BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE, COM

PREP VOLLEYBALL

#### Races take shape in new KLAA

Three-time defending Class A state champion Novi features new coach

**Brad Emons** 

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

After dominating the Kensington Lakes Activities Association for the past four years, Novi now slides back into the pack.

The three-time defending MHSAA Class A champion, which lost three players to NCAA Division I schools, is off to a 6-3 start this fall under first-year coach Kacy Morin.

Novi's most experienced returnee is 6-foot senior middle hitter Jaeda Porter, along with the Jennings sisters, Shannon, a 5-9 junior setter, and Rachel, a 5-8 sophomore defensive specialist.

The team that got lost in the shadows of the Wildcats (57-3) last season was Northville, which returns 10 players, including seven seniors off a squad that finished 42-8-2.

The Mustangs, who will be tough to beat in the newly configured KLAA West Division, will be led by senior lib-

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Hannah Grant, a Michigan State commit, returns for her senior year at Northville. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



#### Volleyball

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ero and Michigan State commit Hannah Grant, who paced the team last season in digs and aces.

Northville, already off to a 10-1 start, will also rely on junior middle hitter and blocker Clare McNamara, a talented multi-sport athlete who paced the team in kills and blocks.

Joining Northville and Novi in the KLAA West this season will be Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Brighton, Howell and Hartland.

Canton, under second-year coach Cricket Hughley, is rebuilding, while Salem has a new coach in Jon Denys.

Plymouth, meanwhile, will be banking on six seniors.

"Our goal this year is to be competitive in the new KLAA," second-year Plymouth coach Sheila Weber said. "Our division is tough and we need to raise our level of play to compete. The girls know every game will be a battle, but they have stepped up their preseason training and have the will to win. The team is scrappy and their chemistry is really strong. Throughout the summer our motto has been 'work hard, play hard' and we are ready put those words into action as our season gets underway."

Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial will be joined in the KLAA East this fall by newcomers Dearborn, Dearborn Fordson and Belleville.

Churchill, the KLAA Black Division champion last fall, also has a strong returning core of players, led by 5-9 junior outside hitter Sarah Dunn, along with Grace Vaeth, Jessica Maladecki and Summer Clark.

The Chargers, Class A regional finalists a year ago, are off to a 6-3 start after beating Canton, going 2-1 in the Legacy Invitational (Aug. 25) at Schoolcraft College and 3-2 in the Portage Central Invitational (Aug. 18).

Stevenson returns eight players off a team that lost to Farmington Hills Mercy in the Class A regional final.

Third-year coach Julian Wargo believes the Spartans, who are off to a 9-3-1 start, have the pieces to contend for the KLAA East crown, along with a challenging non-division schedule that will help them prepare for the state tourney. They will be led by the Cleaveland sisters, Abby and Libby, both juniors.

John Glenn, 3-5 so far, has three sophomores in the starting lineup: Mya Tarrance, Jessica Florn and Alexa Richardson.

"Both Tarrance and Florn have good volleyball IQ's, the game is instinctive to them, but they're still young," fourthyear Glenn coach Ron Staples said.

Meanwhile, Franklin's top returnee is 5-10 senior middle hitter Abi Atteveld.

Wayne, off to a 0-8-1 start, will lean on junior defensive specialist Megan Blair, while Danielle Robbins assumes the varsity coaching duties from Samantha Dye.

Here is a capsule look of the hometownlife.com area teams in the KLAA.

#### **KLAA West**

#### Novi

Head coach: Kacy Morin, first season

Last year's record: 56-3.

Titles won last year: KLAA Gold, KLAA Association, Class A district, regional and state.

Players to watch: Jaeda Porter, Sr. 6-0 OH; Gabby Cummings, 6-0 Soph. OH; Shannon Jennings, 5-9 Jr. setter; Rachel Jennings, 5-9 Soph. DS.

Morin's 2018 take: "Novi varsity volleyball has a lot of young talent. The players are all working extremely hard to uphold the standard and expectation of excellence for Novi volleyball. Although we lost nine seniors, our new varsity team is proving to be rolling deep with talent. This will be a fun team to watch improve and grow both this year and years to come."

#### Northville

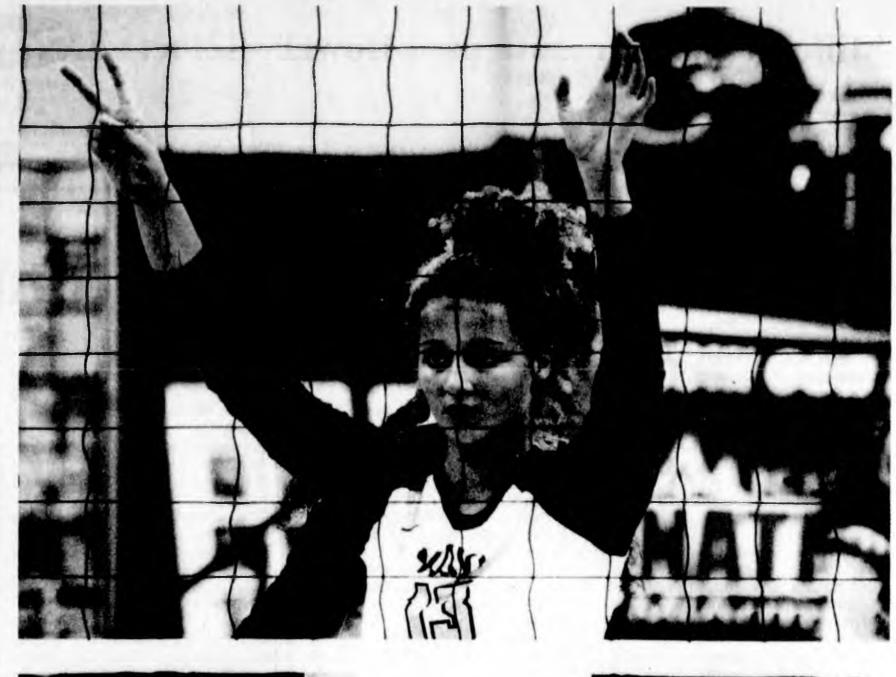
Head coach: Julie Fisette, third sea-

Last year's record: 42-8-2

Titles won last year: East Kentwood

Players to watch: Hannah Grant, 5-7 Sr. libero; Clare McNamara, 5-10 Jr. MB; Jenna Boksha, 5-7 OH; Gabi Fisette, Sr. setter; Alley Zayan, Sr. DS; Michael VanAcker, Sr. OH; Izzy Guleff, Sr. OH; Natalie Barnhart, Sr. OH; Alli Titoff, Sr. OH-MB; Nyia Setla, Jr. DS-libero; Eleanor Knight, Jr. OH; Sarah Field, Jr. DS; Emma Stiles, Jr. setter; Jaden Rice, Soph. MB; Laryassa Imbuziero, Soph. OH-MB.

Fisette's 2018 take: "Northville is 16 strong this year with 10 returning players on the roster. We have every position



Senior Jaeda Porter returns for the three-time defending Class A state champion Novi. FILE PHOTO



Sarah Dunn of Livonia Churchill.

filled in double capacity and are ready to compete against the toughest of competitors."

#### **Plymouth**

Head coach: Sheila Weber, second

Last year's finish: third place, KLAA Black; 3-10 KLAA.

Players to watch: Kayla Courtney, Sr. MH; Annie Tustian, Sr. MH; Hannah Ramer, Sr. OH; Hailey Wasik, Sr. RSH; Maddie Charles, Sr. DS; Meredith Luttrell, Sr. setter; Lily Wasik, Soph. setter; Maddie Kirchoff, Soph. libero; Sydney Smith, Jr. RSH; Gabi Kutchka, Jr. OH; Angelina Neme, Jr. OH; Megan Boyd, Jr. OH; Lindsay Schamp, Jr. OH (out for season with knee injury).

Weber's 2018 take: "Plymouth is looking to improve on last year's performance with six seniors leading the way. Kayla Courtney and Hailey Wasik, our senior captain, have already shown great leadership in the presason and continue to help us increase our intensity and focus in practice. They also figure heavily into our offense with Kayla playing all-around and giving us a strong back row attack. Annie Tustian will be a second-year starter on varsity. She can shut down teams at the net with her strong blocking and quick attack. Hannah Ramer is also a senior outside that has three years of varsity and one of the hardest hitters in the program. We are expecting her to be our go-to player on the outside."

#### Canton

Head coach: Cricket Hughley, second season.

Last year's finish: second place, KLAA Black; 8-5 KLAA.

Players to watch: Elizabeth Forney, 6-3 Jr. MH; Allie Tanana, 5-4 Jr. DS; Holly Stefanek, 5-9 Sr. OH; Savannah Nelson, 5-7 Jr. OH.

Hughley's 2018 take: "We graduated eight seniors last season. I have four seniors, four sophomores and five juniors on my varsity. We have a young hungry team this year. I'm very excited to watch them grow throughout the season. We are focusing on grit and believing in each other this season and never giving up."

#### Salem

Head coach: Jonathan Denys, first

Last year's finish: tied for fifth place, KLAA Black; 2-11 KLAA.

Players to watch: Rory McMaster, 5-7 Sr. setter, Mikai Quan, 5-10 Soph. OH; Sophie Paspal, 6-3 Soph. MH; Nikia Quan, Sr. OH.

#### **KLAA East**

#### Livonia Churchill

Head coach: Kristin Clutter, second season.

Last year's record: 10-3 KLAA.

Titles won last year: KLAA Black and Class A district.

Players to watch: Sarah Dunn, Jr. 5-9 OH; Jessica Maladecki, 5-5 Jr. libero; Grace Vaeth, 5-7 Sr. setter; Summer Clark, 6-0 Sr. MB; Mary Claire Yost, 5-11

Sr. RSH. Clutter's 2018 take: "We are obviously returning a core group of kids, so it should be a really strong year. I pretty much expect us to win our division in the KLAA and then I also expect to take our district. Sarah Dunn is obiviously an explosive part of our offense. She's a really great server for us. She's a six-rotation player and we rely on her offensively even when she's in the back row. She's a solid kid, and even through she's only a junior, she brings a lot of maturity, she brings a lot of court sense and brings a lot of stability to the team."

#### Livonia Franklin

Head coach: Kellsey Poston, third

Last year's finish: tied for fifth, KLAA Black; 2-11 KLAA.

Players to watch: Abi Atteveld, 5-10 Sr. MH; Kaitlyn Merrill, 5-9 Jr. OH; Jamia Murray, 5-7 Soph. OH-setter; Joanie

Evans, 5-6 Sr. libero. Poston's 2018 take: "I'm really looking forward to this season. Last year we lost 6 seniors so this year we have a lot of new faces that must fill those critical roles that a few players had been holding for the past 3-4 years. The hard work my girls have put in over the year in their clubs has really shown early into our season. I am really excited to see that translate into our matches this year. Particularly our outside hitters who I am really putting a lot of pressure on. We're definitely still working to figure out our identity as a team, but I would definitely use the word scrappy. We're definitely not the biggest team in the KLAA, but we're definitely looking to put up a fight against those big teams in our league."

#### Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Julian Wargo, third sea-

Last year's record: 26-20.

Players to watch: Abby Cleaveland, 5-11 Jr. setter; Eliza Alushi, 5-0 Jr. DS; Libby Cleaveland, 6-0 Jr. MH; Sedona

Coon, 5-8 Jr. MH; Erin Pietruszka, 5-3 Jr. DS; Abby Cormier, 5-8 Sr. OH; Koryn Parmenter, 5-11 Jr. OH; Ari Cinque, 5-8 Sr. OH; Hannah Campau, 5-8 Sr. setter-OH; Emma Prowse, 5-5 Jr. setter; Sedona Coon, 5-8 Jr. OH; Katie Rumon, 5-7 Jr. OH; Madison Bennett, 5-6 Jr. OH.

Wargo's 2018 take: "I'll be looking for our three seniors – Cormier, Cinque and Campau – to set a spirited tone on the court. This is a talented and experienced group of players who expect to compete for every point. I'm excited about his team's physicality, whose strengths include the size of their front line and having many capable attackers and blockers. The Spartans look to be quick to the ball on defense and run a multi-attacker offense. Hard work, constant improvement, and selfless play will continue to be the program's hallmarks."

#### **Westland Glenn**

Head coach: Ron Staples, fourth sea-

Last year's finish: tied for third place, KLAA Black; 3-10 KLAA.

Players to watch: Mya Tarrance, Soph. OH-MH; Jessica Florn, Soph. OH; Katelyn Blevins, Sr. setter; Brieanne Bagwell, Sr. libero; Mya Clark, Sr. setter; Alexis Guajardo, Jr. MH; Alexa Richarson, Soph. RSH; Kianna Parrom, Jr. MH-RSH; Shannon Blevins, Soph. RSH; Karina Vasquez, Soph. RSH.

Staples's 2018 take: "We're young, we're athletic. We have talent, it's just we don't have height and we have to start jelling together. I have to figure out the positions that the girls have to play. Right now we have two or three girls that are playing two or three different positions and I have to decide where they're going to be in the next month. We start three 10th-graders, a senior and another sophomore. It's a work in progress, but we have Jessica (Florn) and Mya (Tarrance), who are very, very good. The core of our team is the young 10th-graders – (Alexa) Richardson, Jessica and Mya. We're young, we'll build a team and keep growing."

#### **Wayne Memorial**

Head coach: Danielle Robbins, first

Last year's finish: sixth place, KLAA Black; 0-13 KLAA.

Players to watch: Megan Blair, Sr. DS; Jade Elder, Sr. MH; Nyah Brinson. Sr. MH: Hazelle Williams, Jr. setter:

Lindsey Wallace, Soph. OH. Robbins' 2018 take: "This is like a rebuilding year for us. We have a lot of new freshman and newcomers this year, but they have a lot of potential. We're looking forward to picking up where we left off last year. We did lose from last year a few of our key players, so that's unfortunate. But with the potential that we have we'll do really well and keep pushing forward. Megan Blair is a good leader for us, and then Jade Elder is a good leader for us as well. They're our main

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Thursday, Aug. 30, games

Belleville 48, Livonia Churchill 24
Birmingham Seaholm (2-0) 53,
Ferndale (1-1) 8: Max Schumaker
(three) and Paul Jokisch (two) combined for five touchdowns in leading
Seaholm to this road victory. Schumaker finished with 139 yards rushing.
Ferndale lost four fumbles, three of which led directly to Maples touchdowns.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (2-0) 27, Windsor (Ontario) Holy Names (0-1) 13: Tariq Muhammad rushed 15 times for 85 yards and one TD and added eight tackles and a fumble recovery. Jack Fairman had 57 yards rushing and one TD on 10 carries and added seven tackles and one sack. Connor Paulus kicked FGs of 49 and 27 yards.

Brighton 38, Novi 0 Dearborn Fordson (2-0) 48, Wayne Memorial (0-2) 0

Farmington (2-0) 42, Royal Oak (0-2) 16: Kendall Williams rushed 12 times for 168 yards and two TDs for Farmington. Delmon Sewell also rushed 12 times for 63 yards and two TDs. Anthony Reaves was 6-of-10 passing for 83 yards and one TD. Engelbert Vella returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown.

Garden City (1-1) 35, Dearborn Heights Annapolis (0-2) 0: David McDaniel rushed 10 times for 228

yards and four TDs.

Hartland (1-1) 35, Salem (1-1), 0:

Sophmore quarterback Holden D'Arcy threw for 224 yards and rushed for 94 more as the Eagles jumped out to a 35-0 halftime lead and never looked back in the KLAA West Division open-



Plymouth's Brendan Tardiff (bottom) upends Howell ball carrier Adam Palazollo.

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er. D'Arcy threw TD passes to Zach Linfield and Issac Elmore. He also ran for a 4-yard TD run. Reece Potter added TD runs of 1 and 5 yards.

Livonia Franklin (1-1) 28, Dearborn (1-1) 25: Franklin's Jake Kelbert was 12-of-22 passing for 224 yards. The junior tossed TD passes of 66 yards and 17 yards to Cal Fournier and Julius Simmons, respectively. He also rushed for 69 yards, including the game-winner on a 3-yard TD run in the final quarter. Simmons also scored on a 2-yard run. Dearborn QB Nick Tafelski was 15-of-23 for 224 yards. He hit Tommy Guajardo on a 65-yard TD pass and also scored on 4-yard run. Bilal Elhasan contributed 49-yard fumble

return for a TD and scored on a 26yard run. Defensively, Evan Pittenger led Franklin with 10 tackles, while Marino DiPonio had two tackles for loss. Kyle Hetu also had an INT.

Oak Park (2-0) 13, Birmingham Groves (0-2) 7

Plymouth (2-0) 26, Howell (0-2) 17: Plymouth's Carson Miller rushed 41 times for 295 yards, including 27-yard TD scamper in the third quarter to clinch the win. QB Nick Downs rushed eight times for 49 yards and two TDs. Jackson Vacca added field goals of 37 and 31 yards. Nathan Janke had five solo and five assists and added an interception. Caleb Sadler had 2½ sacks, while Ivan Davis added two.

Howell QB Matt Hornyak was 13-of-20 passing for 149 yards and one TD.

Redford Union (1-1) 40, Livonia Clarenceville (0-2) 6: In the Western Wayne Athletic Conference opener, Terrell Hallman led the way with 112 yards rushing on 10 carries and two TDs as the visiting Panthers rolled. Leading tackler Derion Gould had 12 tackles, two sacks, two forced fumbles, one returned for a 60-yard score. Clarenceville got a 55-yard TD run by junior Zack Jones, who also stood out defensively with eight tackles and a forced fumble. Junior Ibrahima Kebe recorded six tackles and added an interception.

South Lyon (2-0) 19, Waterford Kettering (0-2) 8

South Lyon East (2-0) 49, Walled Lake Central (0-2) 0: The Cougars gave up just 24 yards to record their second straight shutout and best start in school history in the Lakes Valley Conference opener. The defense was led by Terry Day, Ayden Oliver, Drew Ranson, Jon Carter and Colt Kovach. Sean Clary also added an interception. East finished with 415 yards total offense as Matt Gilbert rushed for 123 yards and three TDs. Donovan Wright added 70 yards on 12 carries and a TD. Quarterback Chris Kaminski was 6of-12 passing for 145 yards and two TDs, both to Sean Clary, who had 72 receiving yards.

Walled Lake Western 35 (1-1), Milford 0 (0-2): Sam Johnson tossed three touchdowns and added another score on the ground. Abdur Rakman-Yaseen caught four passe for 42 yards and two touchdowns.

Waterford Mott (2-0) 26, White Lake Lakeland (1-1) 19

Westland John Glenn (2-0) 39, Livonia Stevenson (0-2) 14

#### **Northville**

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both carded 89 to contribute to the Mustangs' winning total.

"It was tough for a lot of players and I am sure Katelyn and Sedona were frustrated during their round," Cronin said, "but they were able to push through and we needed their contributions today."

Rounding out the field were Rochester Stoney Creek (347) South Lyon 'A' (352), Livonia Franklin (361), Ann Arbor Skyline (362), Ann Arbor Pioneer (368), Grosse Pointe South (377), Livonia Stevenson (407), Tecumseh (408), Salem (418), Saline (412), Canton (415), Dexter (415), East Jackson (421), South Lyon 'B' (431), North Farmington (441), Grosse Ile (487) and Jackson (498).

Here's a list of the other scorers from hometownlife.com area schools:

Plymouth: Bridget Boczar, 80; Shae

Zydeck, 83; Grace Boczar, 85; Maire Sullivan, 92; South Lyon (A): Molley Mackey, 83; Raya Sall, 87; Katie Potter, 90; Julia Vess, 92; Franklin: Sophia Wygonik, 84; Stephanie Cueva, 89; Sandreena Cueva, 93; Olivia Napier, 95; Stevenson: Johanna Berriman, 99; Sydney Maurier, 101; Nicole Stefanick, 103; Kayla Korol, 104; Salem: Megan Kozlowski, 94; Ryleigh Reed, 98; Sarah Stec and Ava Martin, 109 each; Canton: Simi Neeluru, 93; Ava Song, 105; Jodi Weak, 107; Zoe Barkoff, 110; South Lyon (B): Caileigh Angerman, 96; Allison Favagher, 108; Sydney Faragher, 113; Amelia Morrow, 114; North Farmington: Aditi Putta, 98: Abby Derocher, 100; Caitlin Leib, 121; Jordan Hammaren, 122.

#### PCCS Classic

Host Plymouth, led by individual medalist Grace Boczar's 8-over par 78, shot 326 to win the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Classic on Aug. 27 at Fox Hills Golf Course.

Other finishers for the host Wildcats were Bridget Boczar (tied for third, 80), Maire Sullivan (tied for fifth, 82) and Grace Iacopelli (tied for 12th, 86).

Livonia Franklin (335) was runnerup, led by Sophia Wygonik (tied for third, 80), Olivia Napier (tied for eighth, 84), Sofia Cueva (tied for 10th, 85) and Stephanie Cueva (tied for 12th, 86).

Individual runner-up Sedona Shipka's 9-over par 79 led Northville's 'B' squad to a third-place finish with 343. Other finishers for the Mustangs included Victoria Boisineau (tied for 12th, 86), Kanon Furuyama (tied for 16th, 88) and Paige Molloy (tied for 20th overall, 90).

South Lyon was fourth with 352, led by Molly Mackey (tied for fifth, 82), Julia Vess (tied for 16th, 88), Raya Sall (tied for 20th, 90) and Emma Mackey (92).

Salem (368) placed fifth, paced by Ryleigh Reed (tied for fifth, 82), Megan Kozlowski (tied forth eighth, 84), Juliann Small (93) and Ava Martin (109). Livonia Stevenson (385) was sixth, led by Sydney Maurier (19th, 89), Hailey Mydock (91), Nicole Stefanick (95) and Kayla Korol (110).

Halena Harris shot 85 (tied for 10th) and Emma Grodek (15th) added 87 for eighth-place Livonia Churchill (397). Rachel Parrelly and Kenzie Compton shot 108 and 117, respectively.

Canton (420), which placed 11th, was led by Simi Neeluru (97), Ava Song (106), Zoe Barkoff (107) and Jodi Weak (110). Farmington Hills Mercy also shot 420, led by Emily Marzolino (102), Gabby Crespi (103), Sojo Posch (107) and Grace Montemayor (108).

The South Lyon 'B' team took 13th (426), led by Caileigh Angerman's 95, while the Salem 'B' team, which placed 14th, got 98 from Ally Walker.

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#### **Tigers**

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"It's tough. They're No. 1 for a reason, they have the most talent in the state," said Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo, whose team slipped to 1-1. "I think we played great in the first half, but we still had two turnovers. We missed a couple that we had shots on and didn't convert. We had the penalty on the one we scored down here (83-yard TD pass nullified by an illegal block), which got us to a field goal. And then they got a couple of quick ones early. We kept moving the ball, but then we'd turn the ball over. Offensively, I thought we moved the ball pretty consistent all night ... and then we had the five turnovers, so that didn't help us."

Churchill countered Belleville's firsthalf blitzing tactics to take a three-point lead into the locker room, but the Tigers tightened things up defensively in the second half.

"I give hats off to Churchill," Belleville coach Jermain Crowell said. "They were prepared for it. We've got a young back end. Outside of Andre Seldon and Marvin Ham, everybody else is new on the defense. So when we get to doing all that blitzing, we leave people open, so it's better to keep it simple early. Tyrece Woods was begging us, 'Coach, if we could just stay base, we can handle it.' And surprisingly, they could."

Helped by a pair of Belleville 15-yard penalties, the Chargers scored when senior quarterback Drew Alsobrooks scored on an 11-yard bootleg with 5:18 to go in the first quarter. Dez Dewberry's 4yard run on fourth-and-inches kept the drive going for the 7-0 lead.

Belleville was stymied on its first two possessions and Churchill took advantage to go up 14-0 after Alsobrooks connected with a wide open Brendan Lowry over the middle for a 39-yard TD with 2:35 left in the first.

But the Tigers responded quickly, scoring on the first play of the second quarter on a 2-yard run by Khalid Crawford to make it 14-7.

The Tigers' Andre Seldon picked off an Alsobrooks pass and returned it to the Chargers' 39 and, four plays later, Deon Selma scored on a 16-yard run to make it 14-14 with 8:55 left.

Churchill then put together a 13-play, 85-yard drive, capped by Darrell Mason Jr.'s 1-yard TD run, consuming 5:13 of the clock to put the Chargers up 21-14 with 3:35 to go.

Belleville's Julian Barnett then returned the ensuing kickoff 47 yards and the Tigers' Christian Dhue-Reid, a sophomore QB, hit Deland McMullen on fourth-and-seven for a clutch 24-yard TD pass with 2:14 left to even the score at 21-21.

"A lot of the problems that we had in the first half of last week's game (win vs. Brighton) ... those problems cropped up here in the first half," Crowell said. "They get over-excited, they get to overrunning the play instead of playing in levels. We were able to make some halftime adjustments and just, basically,

The Chargers thought they were up 28-21 when Alsobrooks connected with the speedy Mason for an 83-yard TD pass with just over two minutes left in the first half. But a questionable blindside block wiped out the TD and it was good instead for a 42-yard gain.

Seven plays later, Alsobrooks booted a 23-yard field goal to put Churchill up 24-21 at the half.

During intermission, Belleville regrouped.

"We have to wake up, because we were losing and we weren't really used to being down," said Seldon, a junior commit to Michigan. "We just wanted to

wake up and play like grown men."

Belleville took the second half kickoff and scored in just eight plays, when Dhue-Reid hit Tyrece Woods over the middle for a 14-yard TD with 9:30 left to give the Tigers their first lead of the

night, 28-24.

The Chargers then committed their second turnover of the game, when Deshaun Lee recovered a fumble at the Chargers' 33.

It took just five plays for the Tigers to score as Crawford slipped up the middle for a 17-yard TD run with 8:12 remaining in the third to stretch the Belleville lead to 35-24.

The Chargers' Avery Grenier intercepted a Dhue-Reid pass and returned it to the Tigers' 42, but they couldn't capitalize when Alsobrooks's 43-yard pass to Grenier inside the Tigers' 5 was coughed up for a touchback into the end

zone with 6:38 remaining.

Belleville then put it away with 3:59 left in the game, on Dhue-Reid's 9-yard keeper, to make it a three-score game, 42-24

The Tigers got a late score with 3:35 to go, when Dhue-Reid looped a 31-yard TD pass, his third of the night, to Jalen Williams.

Down two scores, Churchill's second-half frustration was culminated when Alsobrooks found Shane Morelli wide open inside the 5 for a 42-vard pass with 6:38 remaining, but junior wide receiver coughed up the ball and it squirted into the end zone for a touch-

"You can't get down to the 1 and fumble it through the end zone," DeFillippo said. "We got behind them on the one where we dropped it and could have scored on, so the final score is obviously not indicative. They wanted to choose and throw a fade ball over our head with two minutes to go, so that was pretty classy. You can't turn the ball over against talented guys, that's for sure."

Meanwhile, Belleville's offense was clicking on all gears over the final two quarters.

"Being aggressive and we made a few defensive adjustments, that was pretty much it," Seldon said. "Coach Kevin Rogers (offensive coordinator), he's just a G.O.A.T. (greatest of all time), that's all I can say. He's really great at what he

does."

Dhue-Reid was 15-of-24 passing for 224 yards and three TDs with an interception, while Alsobrooks was 20-of-30 for 224 with two TDs and and three interceptions.

Churchill outgained the Tigers in rushing yardage, 184-174, as Mason Jr. led the way 98 yards on 14 carries. But Belleville won the turnover battle and special teams battle.

"They're way too explosive to give them chances," DeFillippo said. "We talked about being the most disciplined team on the field and, when you turn the ball over five times, it didn't end up being that way."

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#### PREP FOOTBALL

## Brighton rolls to 38-0 win over Novi

#### Wildcats fall to 0-2 in **KLAA West Division clash**

Bill Khan

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After losing to Belleville on a touchdown pass with 12.1 seconds left in the season opener, Brighton made sure its second game wouldn't be nearly as dramatic.

The Bulldogs raced out to a 28-0 halftime lead, scoring on four of their five possessions, on their way to a 38-0 KLAA West Division shutout Aug. 30 against Novi.

Following are five takeaways:

**SEGUIN BREAKS OUT** 

Brighton's offense revolved around the running of quarterback Will Jontz against Belleville. Jontz put on a show, running for four touchdowns against a defense loaded with major college prospects.

So naturally, Novi's defense was very much aware of the need to contain the Bulldogs' explosive quarterback.

"Absolutely, we were gearing up to stop Jontz," Novi coach Jeff Burnside said. "They threw a couple wrinkles at us we weren't prepared for."

One of those wrinkles was increasing the workload for senior running back Chris Seguin, who was certainly ready for the increased role.

Seguin ran 17 times for a career-high 179 yards and three touchdowns. He did most of the damage in the first half, running 12 times for 164 yards and three touchdowns. The starting offense left the game after taking a 35-0 lead with 7:29 remaining in the third quarter.

Seguin scored the game's first three touchdowns on runs of 23, 1 and 73 yards.

Seguin is a low-key sort of player, not showing much emotion after any of his touchdowns. He has the same approach



Brighton quarterback Chris Seguin is tackled Jason Jennings and Matthew Wright (right). BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

to the biggest performance of his threeyear varsity career.

"It's always good to have a short memory," said Seguin, who ran 13 times for 72 yards against Belleville. "Every week's a new week. Every game's a new game. You've got to take every game like it's your last one."

Jontz ran only four times for 21 yards. "The opportunities come based on what they see," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "It's Chris or Will. Tonight, it seemed like the big yards went to Chris. It could be that way every week. As long as Will does a good job of running the offense, one of those two guys hopefully are successful."

#### **BULLDOGS AVOID LETDOWN**

For the second straight year, Brighton lost a heart-breaker to highly ranked Belleville after leading in the final minute of the fourth quarter.

For the second straight year, the Bulldogs managed to turn the page and come up with a huge effort to even their record at 1-1. Last year, Brighton beat Hartland, 49-21, the week after the loss

to Belleville.

"It wasn't hard, necessarily," Brighton defensive tackle Marcus Ford said. "It was more of a mentality that we need to bring that same intensity that we did last week to the game this week. Our coaches do a great job of making sure we're ready to go for the games. We do a good job of amping each other up. We hype off each other's hype."

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#### **DEFENSIVE STAR**

Linebacker Cole Riddle was probably good enough as a sophomore last season to play on the varsity, but Brighton was loaded with seniors at that posi-

As a junior, he's stepped in to become one of the key figures on Brighton's defense. After making eight tackles against Belleville, he made two impact plays against Novi in the third quarter,

recovering a fumble and getting a sack. "I expected to do well," Riddle said. "I don't know how other guys felt, but I expected to adapt pretty quickly, come out and get things done on Friday night."

For his fumble recovery, Riddle was the Bulldog to rock the team's new University of Miami-inspired turnover

"Coach (Brandon) Krugh brought it out of the locker room today in pregame," Riddle said. "He told us about it. I went out and got it."

#### **NOVI AT A CROSSROADS**

The focus for Novi in its postgame huddle was to not allow the season to slip away after starting out 0-2.

The Wildcats started 0-2 last year and wound up 3-6 one year after reaching the second round of the state playoffs.

After Burnside finished talking with his players, a team leader kept the huddle together and implored the players to stick together and battle through this slow start.

"They'll respond," Burnside said. "We've got a good group of kids, great

The Wildcats were shut out for the first time in 32 games, dating to a 17-0

loss to Brighton in the 2015 opener. "We're young," said Burnside, who rotated senior Drew O'Connor and junior Josh Erno at quarterback. "We're playing three or four underclassmen on offense. Sometimes it's a physical thing.

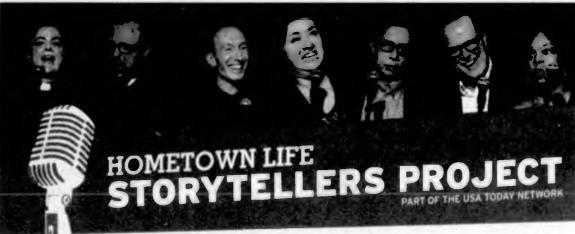
Sometimes it's a mental breakdown. We had a few too many breakdowns tonight."

#### **END ZONE WELCOME**

After Seguin scored three straight touchdowns to open the scoring, two Bulldogs scored their first varsity touch-

Zachary Rachfal caught a 38-yard pass from Jontz with 1:06 left in the first half to make it 28-0. Rachfal appeared to catch a touchdown pass three plays earlier, but the play was nullified by a pen

With the backups on the field, Noah Piercy scored on a 3-yard run with 7:29 left in the third quarter, making it 35-0 and invoking a running clock. Jacob Moraschinelli kicked his first varsity field goal from 21 yards out to start the fourth quarter.





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## Western Golf & Country Club to rebuild after fire

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After staging the five-day Michigan Women's Amateur Championship, Western Golf & Country Club is now turning its attention to the future following a devastating fire that destroyed the main clubhouse June 1.

Nudell Architects, based in Farmington Hills, has been contracted to do planning and design for the rebuilt facility in Redford Township.

Country Club of Detroit, Meadowbrook Country Club, Whispering Willows, Knollwood CC, and Oakland Hills CC have also partnered with Nudell, which is expected to come up with a conceptual look for the new Western Golf & Country Club building within the next two weeks.

"They've done a lot of clubhouses in the area. They're currently in a project with Orchard Lake (Country Club) right now and worked on some of the bigger venues here in the area," Western Golf &

CC general manager Jason Iding said. Iding said a survey was sent out to the membership and the architectural drawings reveal that it's hoped the new clubhouse will feature the best of both

worlds, the future and the past. "I think what's important to them are that we hold some of the old traditions, some other new and modern amenities that some of the other clubs have," Iding said. "I think the style of it — most are leaning to a more traditional or transitional-type appearance to the club. But again, they want to make sure that we have the latest and greatest of everything."

Demolition is right around the corner, according to Iding.

be the day after Labor Day (Sept. 4), be-kitchen. Reports revealed the last emcause we wanted to have as many of the functions available for the members throughout the year," he said. "We wanted to wait for the pool to close ... it's not throwing back any of the timing of the project, so we thought it would be in the best interest of everybody."

The clubhouse was built in 1926 and celebrated its grand opening the follow-



Demolition of the fire ravaged Western Golf & Country Club clubhouse is scheduled to begin Sept. 4. BRAD EMONS I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ing year, according to the club's website.

"A lot of things got to go on track, but the time frame is somewhere between 18 and 24 months for a complete build," Iding said. "The members have been very responsive. We have about nine committees set up, from everything like interior designs, landscaping, layout of the club, things of that nature. Everybody has done their part and pulled to-

Firefighters from four communities battled the blaze in the club's main building, located at Kinloch and Graham

Andrew Arena, vice president of Western's board of directors, said the fire was spotted by golf course employ-"As of right now, we're on schedule to ees and that he was told it started in the ployee to leave the building before the fire was reported did so around midnight or 12:30 a.m., Redford Fire Chief Scott Demoff said.

> Demoff said at the time he could not confirm where the fire started. There were no preliminary indications that the fire had been deliberately set, he said. (Demoff could not be reached for

comment as of Tuesday.)

The 92-year-old Western Golf & CC is "a real family club" with about 400 member families, according to Arena. The club features an 18-hole golf course, a pool, tennis courts and banquet facilities.

Although the fire proved to be devastating, Iding said that Western stayed on course with its summer schedule despite the interruptions.

"We were right up against it," he said. "Once the fire happened, the team pulled together. We had our men's invitational scheduled two weeks after, so we had a couple of temporary facilities up within 10 days. We worked with some really great companies and Belfor, obviously, helped us manage that process, which was great. They've been great to work with."

A temporary pavillion, with a kitchen and dining room, was erected shortly after the blaze.

"Again, the membership has been totally supportive," Iding said. "Beginning on these committees, they continued to use the golf course, use the pool. Now that we have this semi-permanent

structure that will be here for quite a while, they've been in here dining and we haven't missed a member event yet. We've continued all our golf events or had the same, with higher numbers than what we've had in the past."

Western, rich in golf history, hosted the 102nd Michigan Women's Amateur (Aug. 13-17) for the third time in the tournament's history and first time since

Flushing's Kerrigan Parks, who will be a sophomore at Marshall University, defeated Dearborn's Elayna Bowser, who will be a senior at Loyola (Ill.) University, in the match play final on the 19th hole.

"I think it was great," Iding said. "They played some outstanding golf. The ladies, I think, are getting better and better every year. The whole game of golf is getting better, but the golf I saw today, both of them around even par, was outstanding."

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**GIRLS GOLF** 

## Northville squad sets tourney record

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Northville continued to proved it's elite among an elite girls golf field after scoring a tournament record 307 to capture the ninth annual Coach Miller Invitational held Aug. 27 at Oak Pointe Country Club.

The Mustangs broke the mark of 313 set by defending MHSAA Division 1 state champion Traverse City West, which carded 314. Host Brighton placed third with 331.

Rounding out the 11-school field were Hartland (349), Ann Arbor Pioneer (361), Grosse Pointe South (378), Ann Arbor Skyline (378), Grand Ledge (381), East Lansing (396), Novi (408) and Greenville (441).

Traverse City West has won two of the last three state titles, while Northville was fourth a year ago.

This season, the Mustangs appear poised for an even higher finish.

"It's not a secret; these girls have been working to get ready to make a run at the state title," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "I don't mean that to sound arrogant, but that's simply the competitive drive of this team. Every returning girl on this team put in a lot of work in preparation for this season and you can see it in our results. We are a deeper and



Northville won its fourth girls golf tournament of the month Aug. 27 at Oak Pointe in Brighton, DEBBIE STEIN

more consistent team this year."

Northville's depth overcame West's sister duo of Anika Dy, the two-time reigning Michigan Miss Golf, who took individual medalist honors with 1-under 70, and Anci Dy, who was runner-up

The Mustangs placed four in the top 10, led by sophomore Nicole Whatley. who shot 1-over 72 to place third.

"Nicole thrives on competing and that makes her such a great number for

us," Cronin said. "No matter the competition, Nicole goes out and battles. She's a special kind of athlete."

Northville's other three scorers were Mariella Simoncini (fifth, 77), Megha Vallabhaneni (tied for sixth, 78) and Sufna Gill (tied for ninth, 80).

"Our strength is our depth and today the girls showed why so many people consider us one of the state's best teams," Cronin said. "We still have a lot to work on, but I like how we are developing our scoring consistency."

Cronin was specifically impressed Vallabhaneni, a ninth-grader.

"I really like Megha's game," he said. "She is great with the (putter) and she is always striving to improve her game. To step up and give us a 78 today, that's just awesome."

Also earning praise were Simoncini and Katelyn Tokarz, Northville's fifth scorer with 83.

"This team is a joy to coach and those three are a big part of what makes this year's group so special," Cronin said. "They have super-high expectations for themselves and they give their best effort, each and every time out. That being said, tomorrow they'll be back at it, trying to work on some aspect of their game. I think Billy Jean King said it best: 'Champions keep playing until they get it right.' And this group is trying to get it

"Today was a big step for our team," Cronin said. "Traverse City West is a great team and the Dy sisters are always going to put West in the conversation for a state championship."

Meanwhile, Hrishika Gogineni led Novi with 91, followed by Anna Biberstein (100), Mackenzie Murtha (108) and Despina Alexander (109).

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#### Extreme makeover: One-time homecoming queen adds brawn to beauty

Tim Smith

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Megan Schulz wanted more and she's taking a "wild and crazy" route to

Yes, she was homecoming queen at Redford Thurston, where she graduated in 2008. She was a standout high school volleyball and soccer player who went on to excel as a goalkeeper for Dominican University in Chicago, Illinois.

Lean but not mean, the 28-year-old Schulz booted soccer out of her life after suffering ACL and MCL knee injuries during post-college pickup games. What she decided to do instead floored family, friends and anybody who knew her during her days at Thurston.

She is a female bodybuilder, who competed last month in the Figure Division at the National Physique Committee's Lenda Murray Detroit Classic. She finished second in Class B Figures and took first in the novice category.

"I knew I had to stop playing soccer to stop getting injured and to also find a new challenge," Schulz said before a lifting session at L.A. Fitness in Livonia. "Something that would challenge me the same way that college ball challenged me, then I'd need to find something else. And that's what bodybuilding does for me."

#### A different life

Two years later, Schulz - whose day job is as a civil engineer for Michael Baker International, by the way - was geared up for her third NPC competition, having finished third and second in her first two.

"They're looking for everything," Schulz said. "(Judges are) looking for overall looks. ... It's pretty much a beauty pageant for athletes. They are looking at hair and makeup, skin tone. You need to get a crazy, dark competition tan so that it helps show muscle tone under the stage lights. If not, you get washed out and judges don't see any muscle

"They look for symmetry. They look for leanness. But with figure, it's weird because, depending on where you are, what state you're in and who's judging, it's all subjective. Some areas might be looking for a harder, leaner look. Some



Megan Schulz is determined to get through another tough workout as she gears up for her next bodybuilding competition. TOM BEAUDOIN | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

areas might be looking for a less-lean toned-up look."

#### Method to madness

Once the competition concluded, Schulz was able to take a deep breath after going through 22 weeks of intense prep - a period of constantly pushing herself beyond her physical limit in the gym (she can dead-lift 200 pounds and has reached the 600-pound mark on the leg press), while putting every morsel of food under a microscope before putting it into her body.

"You have to take the good with the bad," Schulz said. "It's miserable for a short amount of time to get on stage, but then you just remember why you're doing it and you just keep pushing forward."

Part of her daily routine is reviewing diet options via email with nutritionist Matt Kouba. But as early as that night following a competition, her mom Debi Schulz-Rushlow and stepdad Jay Rushlow probably will take her out for a cheeseburger and a cold beer.

She won't go overboard, however. Just as meticulously, she must slowly add calories and fat to her diet.

"Females usually don't want to go below 15 percent body fat," she said. "But for us to get on stage, we can get to 5-10 percent, I think I'm at 8 percent now and it's miserable. I'm not going to lie.

"Our bodies naturally want to have that fat on there and to be healthy, so everything doesn't shut down. You don't want to stay 'stage lean,' you want to actually start reversing out right after your show if you're not going to do another

A burger binge, left unchecked, could add plenty of unwanted pounds in a heartbeat.

"You want to reverse diet the same amount of time you were dieting for," Schulz said. "Reverse diet is where you slowly start to add in calories and foods, because what happens is, when you're in this state for so long and you're in this (caloric) deficit for so long, depending on how you extreme you get, your metabolism can get really, really slow.

"So when you come out, if you just start eating and binging, you can put on 30 pounds in three days. And that's not even an exaggeration, it's happened to me. You can put it on real fast and then you're back to where you started, then you have to bring it all down for the next

show."

**Needed more** 

Schulz definitely is not where she started, however. When she decided to give up rec soccer, but still desiring a competitive challenge, she looked into "things like Ninja Warrior, Spartan Races and triathlons."

She opted for the bodybuilding route. "I didn't know anything about it. I didn't know anybody," Schulz said. "All I did was I researched for it. I knew it was a lot of work, it was a big-time commitment, it was a lot of sacrifices. So I researched for an entire six months and then I just starting dieting and training myself to see if I could even reach levels I haven't reached before.

"When I saw that it was working and it was something I could stick to. I reached out and ... originally it was just a nutritionist online. We picked a show 16 weeks from then and haven't looked

Another part of the equation was dropping out of the social media picture, which meant losing contact with her Thurston classmates.

"It's kind of funny, I didn't tell anybody I was going to do it when I started," Schulz said. "So for a whole year, I kind of fell off social media and when I did my first show (in October 2017), I put all my pictures up and they hadn't known anything for a whole year, they just knew what I came from.

"So I came home and they're, like, 'You disappeared and fell off the face of the Earth for a year and then you come back looking like that!" she said. "They were laughing at me. ... But it's been a good vibe, it definitely has. And they've been really supportive."

Schulz now is adding a bit of brawn to her beauty and brains. But she isn't about becoming so muscle-bound that she gives up her femininity.

That's a line she doesn't plan to cross. "Personally, I like the feminine lean muscle mass look, which is why I like the Figure Division," Schulz said. "I feel it's just enough muscle without losing my curves."

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#### **GIRLS GOLF**

#### Marian captures Oakland County D-2 crown

**Marty Budner** 

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Bloomfield Hills Marian is the 2018 Oakland County Division 2 girls golf champion.

The Mustangs easily captured the crown by shooting a team total of 331 and winning by 13 strokes over Walled Lake Northern, which finished at 344.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood more Lauren Sass (86) and sophomore was third at 346 in the 16-team tourna- Sarah Kuredjian (100) were the other ment Wednesday at The Links at Crys- Mustangs scorers.

tal Lake in Pontiac. Medalist was Marian sophomore sensation Shannon Kennedy, who carded a round of 68. Kennedy is a returning all-state golfer who captured the Division 2 state championship last year as a

freshman. Junior Marlo Hudson (77), sopho-

Cranbrook Kingswood was paced by Natasha Samsanov, who finished second to Kennedy, seven shots back at 75. Teammate Katheryn Cohen, Marian's Hudson and Troy's Jenny Liu tied for third overall at 77.

The other Cranes scorers were Julia Frykman (96) and Sydney Greenlee

Farmington, led by Syndey Chap's ninth-place round of 84, placed sixth as a team with 367. Tessa Laburn (86), Airelle Raykinshteyn (97) and Alexis Bandy (100) were the other Falcons scorers. Lakeland finished ninth (377), Milford 10th (381) and Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart was 14th.

Bella Shaw and Bryn Dubin both had 92 to lead Lakeland. Milford's low scorer was Jillian Rowe (92) and Sacred Heart's low scorer was Julie Nafso (94).

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## **Obituaries**

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#### Karen A. DeBenedet

LIVONIA - Karen A. DeBenedet, age 69, of Livonia, passed away on August 31, 2018. She was born on June 16, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Ralph J. and Marjorie A. (nee Swingle) Kimble. Karen graduated from Linden High School, class of 1967. She continued her education at Michigan State University, graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She moved to Northville in 1981 and made it her home for over 27 years.

Karen began her nursing career as a cardiology nurse and later an emergency room nurse in the St. Joseph Mercy health system. She then transitioned

to serve as the inaugural parish nurse at First United Methodist Church of Northville. Karen also worked as a medical-legal consultant, serving the State of Michigan Attorney General's Office for more than 20 years. Most recently, she started her own business, Patient Advocates of Michigan, where she continued caring for others.

Karen was a true matriarch and a very devoted friend. She was a master at cultivating friendships and integrating friends within her social groups. Karen found true crime trials fascinating; she liked watching documentaries and following current high-profile trials. She was an avid reader and always enjoyed reading while drinking her Starbucks. Entertaining her friends and family, keeping up with technology and being creative through interior design were other important aspects of her life. Karen was a loving and proud mother and grandmother. She cherished spending time with her granddaughters at "Camp Grammy," teaching them the importance of being kind and loving one another. And she faced her death with courage and grace.

She is survived by her son Anthony DeBenedet and his wife Anna; her daughter Millie Brooks and her husband Rowan; her mother Marjorie Kimble; her brother Joe Kimble and his partner MaryAnn Pierce; her granddaughters Ava Grace, Mia Faith, and Lola Joy; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father.

A celebration-of-life service was held September 5, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Rev. Marsha Woolley and Rev. Douglas Vernon officiated the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church, the San Francisco Playhouse, or the Rogel Cancer Center at the University of Michigan.





#### Janet B. Fenbert

NOVI - Janet B. (Schuster) Fenbert, of Novi passed away in the loving care of her family on August 30, 2018. She was 81 years old.

She is survived by her children, Deborah (Kenneth) Peszko, Mark Schuster, Patrick (Amanda) Schuster and Timothy (Cassandra) Schuster; 10 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; also extended family and dear friends.

Janet is preceded in death by her husband, Roy Fenbert.

A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Saturday, September 8th, at 2:30 PM. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 12:30 PM until the time of service.

In Lieu of flowers the family highly encourages memorial contributions to be designated to the Serenity of Commerce on behalf of Janet Fenbert.

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#### Michael A. LaChance

- - Michael A. LaChance, age 62, passed away August 22, 2018. He was born in October, 1955 in Escanaba, Michigan, son of the late Warren and Mary LaChance. Mike was a long-time truck driver with Hornet Concrete in South Lyon, Michigan. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved spending time on his family property in Perkins, Michigan. Mike is survived by his sisters: Janet (William) Duffield and Debra (Christopher) Thompson; his niece, Brenda and his nephews: Bill, Andrew, Thomas, Scott and Craig. Michael was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held at the family property in Perkins, Michigan. The family would like to thank Mike's loyal friends and family, especially Tom LaChance and his family of Perkins, Michigan. Your kindness will not be forgotten. www. phillipsfuneral.com



#### **Annabell Gotts**

**MONROE** - Annabell Gotts passed away on August 19, 2018, at 98 years old. She was born in Plymouth to Harry and Myrtie (nee Eckles) Brown. Annabell was the dear wife of the late Robert L. Gotts. She is survived by her three loving children, Kaye Horsfall, Linda (Bernd) Freiny,



Rick (Sue) Gotts, 9 grandchildren and 9 greatgrandchildren and her dear sister Betty (the late Robert) Barbour. Annabell was preceded in death by her eldest child Jane Ann Gotts. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, September 10th at 11 am with visitation at 10 am at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, 777 W Eight Mile Rd, Northville MI 48167. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Northville or to Wellspring Services of Monroe, 1236 S Monroe St., Monroe MI 48161 (where Anna spent her final years.)





Catherine Eugenie "Jean" (Green) Bemish

NORTHVILLE - Catherine Age 81, passed away peacefully in the home of her daughter Katherine Clare "KC" Bemish in Ann Arbor, Michigan with KC by her side and KC's dog, Rowdy, nestled in the crook of her knees on the evening of August 14, 2018. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 26, 1937 to William and Lois (Aber) Green. She is survived by her twin brother Michael "Mike" Green of Farmington Hills, son Andrew Lawrence "Andy" Bemish of Northville, daughter KC of Ann Arbor, and grandson Charles Michael "Athang" Bemish of

Lansing. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Lawrence Merrill "Larry" Bemish, and her brothers, Robert "Bob" Green, William "Bill" Green, and Lawrence "Larry" Green. She met the love of her life, Larry, through her brother Bill. They were a perfect match since both were 5' 3" tall. They were married on June 22, 1957 in Northville and were together for 55 wonderful years.

At the age of 11, Eugenie's family moved from Detroit to Northville. Her children's literature into retirement. father promised her when they moved to the "country" she could have a horse. True to his word, Eugenie's dad got her a horse, Blackie, who, as his name suggests, was jet black. Blackie proved to be quite a handful for Eugenie and was sold to the western movie star, Lash LaRue, who was famous for riding a black horse. Babe was Eugenie's next horse who turned out to be of her generous and loving spirit. the perfect companion. Her love of horses never waned. She was fortunate

with. Remarkably, she rode until she was well into her 70s. decided on a different path. With encouragement from her biggest fan, flowers please send donations to the Friends of Maybury State Park, www. her husband Larry, she attended Eastern Michigan University and earned friendsofmaybury.org, or the Salem Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 75011, a BA in Elementary Education. She taught briefly until the arrival of her Salem, MI 48175, www. sahshistory.org, or the Humane Society of Huron children. After a 14-year absence from the workforce and again with the Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, www.hshv.org. Share online encouragement of her husband, Eugenie renewed her teaching certificate and eventually earned a MA in Elementary Education. She was hired by the Plymouth-Canton School District and taught for 25 years at Miller Elementary School. Her passion for teaching was focused on the reading

- writing connection. And she more than once mentioned that she would never teach a level higher than third grade because she couldn't do the math! Her love of children's literature spilled over into other parts of her life. A trip to England in 1984 included visits to the Lake District home of Beatrix Potter (author of the Tale of Peter Rabbit and many, many other wonderful tales), and of course Paddington Station in London, where Michael Bond's Paddington Bear begins his adventures. As an avid rug-hooker, nursery rhymes inspired many of her works - including Hey Diddle Diddle and Goldie Locks and the Three Bears.

In addition to being a wife/daughter/mother/aunt/grandmother, Eugenie was an active volunteer in many organizations often holding positions of president, vice president, or secretary. She was a member of the Salem Area Historical Society, Friends of Maybury State Park, and Maybury Trail Riders to name a few. She was also an active member of the Heirloom Rug Hookers Guild, a chapter of ATHA (Association of Traditional Hooking Artists.) For a number of years she spent Saturday mornings reading to children at the Bookstall book store in Northville; carrying her passion for teaching and

Aside from a brief period living in Ypsilanti for college, Eugenie spent almost 70 of her 81 years living on Napier Road in Northville. Of those 70 years, 51 were in the same house; a warm and welcoming space she created by decorating with her various crafts and handy-works. It was an extension

Visitation will be held Friday, September 14, 2018 from 4-8pm with a to have her horses in her backyard and a wonderful crew of friends to ride Rosary at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. A funeral mass will be held Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 10:30am at At a time when many women pursued a career in homemaking, Eugenie Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard, Northville. In lieu of condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.



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## 3 qualities that make you an effective team player

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he term "team player" is so often used as an essential professional attribute that it's become a well-worn cliché — but that doesn't make it any less of a valuable skill to have if you want to be successful at work, regardless of your occupation or industry.

Being able to work well with others and being regarded by your colleagues as an effective team player can lead to a wealth of promising career opportunities. People will tend to seek you out when assembling teams for projects (which are more likely to be successful when the members of your team work well together), peers and superiors will turn to you for collaborations that can enhance your visibility and profile, you'll increase your chances of impressing your colleagues and others will want to support you and celebrate your success as you climb your personal career

ladder. Although some folks seem to be able to work well with others no matter what the situation or mix of personalities they find themselves in, for others it's not quite that simple. Not everyone is a natural team player, but everyone can become one with a little effort.



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Yes, your work environment and the nature of the work you do will go a long way toward dictating what makes an effective team player in your world, but there are some fundamental personal qualities that most effective team players seem to possess — and use to their advantage when opportunities to collaborate arise. If you have the following three qualities, be sure to use them to your advantage at work and keep them polished

and sharp. If not, consider building these skills to maximize your chances of achieving success: Patience

Great team players typically have an abundance of patience in their reserves, which comes in really handy when juggling the diverse personalities and work styles of team members.

It can be easy to get frustrated in collaborative work settings, especially when one (or more than one) team member is tough to work with or tries to exert unwanted control over the group, or when the project doesn't go as well as initially planned.

However, those who are known to be effective team

members have the patience and self-control to keep themselves and others calm, cool and collected, which helps to keep colleagues and work projects on track.

#### Flexibility

A close relative of patience, flexibility allows team players to roll with the punches when things get volatile or tumultuous during a group effort at work and can pivot effectively when a project takes an unexpected turn or requires a course correction.

While some folks lose control when things don't go

according to plan during the life cycle of a project, those who are good team players are flexible enough to swerve when change is needed without putting added stress or strain on their team members.

#### Reliability

Reliability is where the "rubber meets the road" on a project, and effective team members consistently deliver in this area.

When collaborating on a project, they are well aware of what they are responsible for and make sure that they deliver as planned and on schedule, allowing their team members to focus on their tasks without having to worry about weak links, with the end result being that the collaborative effort becomes greater than the sum of its parts.

If you set your sights on strengthening your skills in the areas mentioned here, you will improve your ability to work with others and gain a reputation as someone people can count on in any collaborative situation, big or small.

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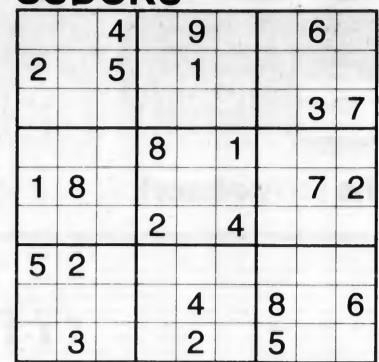
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