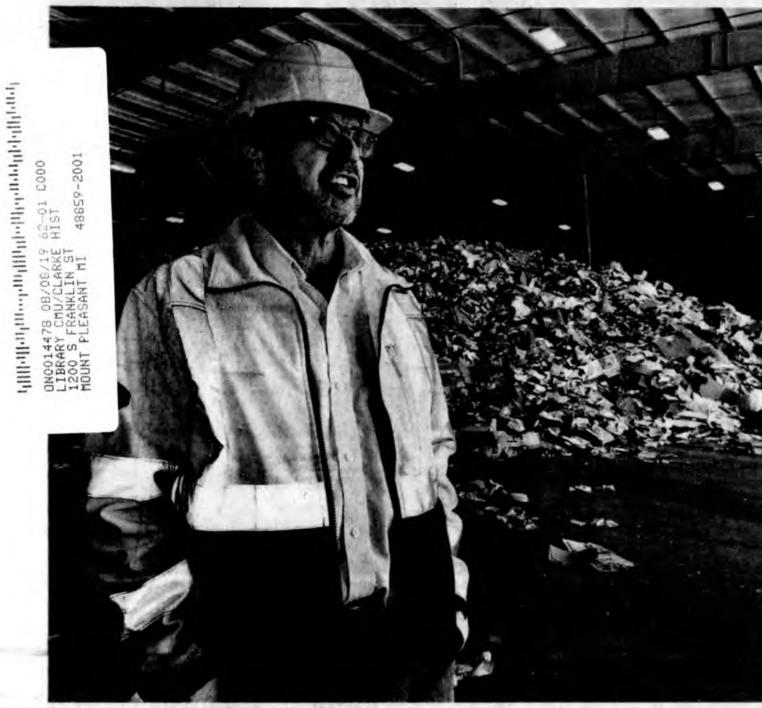


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## U-D amputee receives Purdue superfan award

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Courage. Character. Resilience. Purdue superfan Tyler Trent had them all.

So does heroic teen Sean English, the University of Detroit track star who lost his foot helping others, but went on to run again, just as he had vowed.

His grit and character not only pulled him through his darkest days, but made him the first recipient of the Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award, a memorial scholarship honoring the Boilermaker superfan who died Jan. 1 of cancer.

Sean, a freshman in explanatory studies from Northville, received the award March 27 from Purdue University President Mitch Daniels, who also announced that a memorial gate leading to the student-section entrance of Ross-Ade Stadium will be erected in honor of Trent.

"I'm stunned and honored to receive an award that bears Tyler's name," English said. "Without this support and that of Purdue University over the past year, I would never have been able to achieve my dream of attending college, let alone an institution such as Purdue."

The Tyler Trent Memorial Gate will be erected before the start of the fall football season. It will include gold lettering and the moniker "T2," Trent's signature mark. Just to the left of the gate, on Ross-Ade's brick facade, a plaque with Trent's image will read "Forever Our Captain."

The announcements were made during a late-morning ceremony just outside the football stadium, where Trent's fighting spirit inspired Boilermaker nation and the entire country as

Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County plant manager Michael Csapo talks about some challenges his facility has with getting clean, pure materials to recycling plants. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# **Recycling still steady in Oakland despite turmoil**

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Despite increasing costs to recycling, residents in several Oakland County communities should not be paying more or losing the service anytime soon.

Their personal efforts will help it remain that way.

Novi, South Lyon, Milford, Milford Township, Farmington and Farmington Hills, as well as Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom, are all members of Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, and membership to the recycling authority comes with privileges.

Perhaps most importantly right now, it comes with not being subject to the current upheaval in the market caused by China's rejection of U.S. recycling imports.

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A worker at the RRRASOC pulls plastic bags out of the sorting conveyor belt.

he cheered on his team while courageously battling sickness.

Among the attendees were Tyler's parents, Tony and Kelly Trent.

"Tyler showed the character and resiliency to which we all should aspire," Daniels said. "His message of hope and positivity resonated far beyond our campus; it truly touched the entire nation.

His story is now a big part of the Purdue history, and this gate and

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# South Lyon Woodcarvers Group crafts weekly fun

John Heider Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

They arrive every Monday and Thursday morning with the tools of their trade: blocks of wood, Dremel tools, X-Acto blades, sandpaper, and gloves to protect their hands from their occasional injurious, exacting hobby. They are the members of the Woodcarvers Group at South Lyon's Center for Active Adults.

The group gets together usually twice a week at the center — which lies within

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Though they're mostly senior citizens ranging in age from their early 60s to late 80s, they're occasionally joined by someone's kid — or grandkid — and will teach or learn from whomever they can.

According to Center for Active Adults Director Kathleen Rivera, the woodcarvers group is getting more popular as word gets out: "We're one of the few carving groups in the state that's growing."

Rivera said the group attracts "A variety of people, from their 30s to their 90s, and they all get along. They all care about each other."

Most in the group work on self-directed projects carving wizard faces, elephants, cartoon animals or small elfin dioramas. Most in the group will take time out from their personal projects to create eagle-head canes for the Lean on Me project, which provides canes for handicapped veterans.

Frequent visitor to the group Nancy Wipp takes a moment out of carving an eagle head to talk about the woodcarvers: "I love this group. I'm a crafter — I knit, sew, paint — and I started this woodcarving because I can create what I want. I used to crochet and make blankets, but how many of those can you make?

"Plus it's creative: No one can tell you you're carving something wrong."

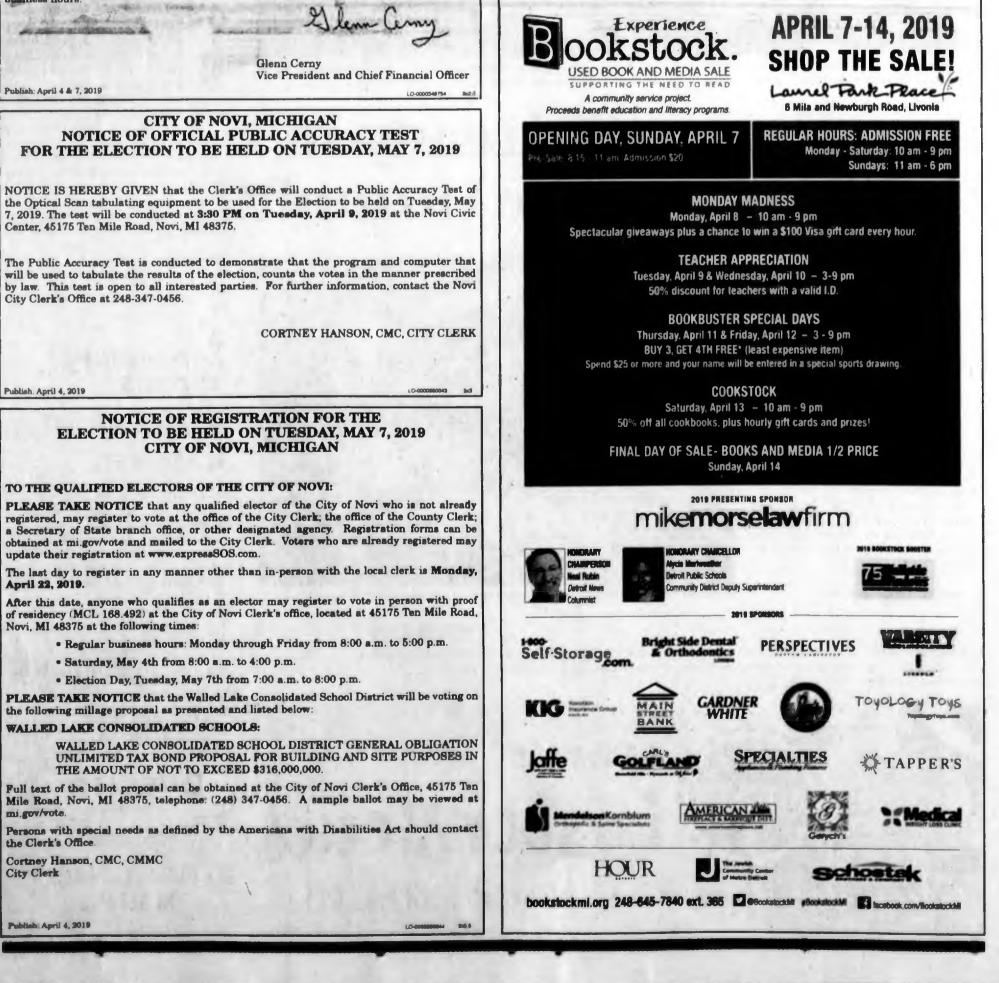
For more information about the Woodcarvers Group at the Center for Active Adults, or about their other programs, call 248-573-8175.

#### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2019-20 BUDGET

In compliance with "Act No. 43," State of Michigan Public Act of 1963, and "Act No. 2," State of Michigan Public Acts of 1968 ("Section 16" of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act), Schoolcraft College publishes this notification of a public hearing on the proposed 2019-20 College budget. This hearing is to take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at the Jeffress Center Board Room, J228, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address during normal business hours.



Cheryl Hegwood uses a Dremel tool on a block of wood March 25 at a meeting of the South Lyon Woodcarvers Group. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Demolition work continues March 15 at Northville's old Main Street School. The work is on target to be completed by mid-May. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# **Demolition of historic Northville school moving smoothly**

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Brick by historic brick, Northville's Main Street School is coming down at probably the same pace it was built 82 years ago — slowly, but safely.

Orchestrated by a team of specialists from Dore & Associates, the structure's demolition is on target to be completed by mid-May, according to Northville Public Schools Director of Operations Steve Banchero.

"The demolition is going along well,"

Banchero said. "The company completed all of the asbestos removal before the exterior demolition started, so there have been no unforeseen surprises. We're on budget and on schedule, weather permitting."

Seven demolition companies delivered bids on the project, which was initially estimated to cost approximately \$400,000 — paid for by the school district.

Dore was awarded the project with a bid of \$294,200, Banchero said.

According to its website, Dore has

razed 25,000 structures throughout the world and has vast experience in "safely and efficiently handling any complete dismantling/demolition, asbestos/lead abatement, as well as environmental remediation projects with security and peace of mind."

Originally called Northville Grade School, the structure was ready to accept students in late winter of 1937 and was formally dedicated April 22, 1938.

The building, which cost an estimat-

ed \$99,000 to construct, was praised for its safety — fireproof materials and a modern heating system — and its simple, functional design and use of natural lighting.

Once the property is cleared of debris and its soil has been tested for contaminants, three single-family homes and a public park will be built on the site.

Contact Ed Wright at eawright@ hometownlife.com or 517-375-III3.



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING April 30, 2019 7:00 PM



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The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 30, 2019 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a conditional rezoning request from B-1 (Local Business) to B-3 (General Business) for property located on Haggerty, north of 5 Mile (PIN 77 052 99 0025 702) to develop an automated car wash facility.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

Tim Zawodny, Chair Planning Commission

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# Go off-road at future Oakland park

Bill Laitner Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

A dream of off-road enthusiasts is revving toward reality this weekwhen officials are expected to approve what could be one of the most purposely rugged parks ever to occupy a sizable chunk of Michigan.

Hundreds of rock-strewn and topsyturvy acres in northern Oakland County are set to lure four-wheeler clubs and individual SUV owners, as well as noisy off-road motorcyclists, to test their hillclimbing and gully-jumping skills, say the planners of this new park.

What has pulses really pounding among southeast Michigan's off-roaders is having their hobby so close by, just off I-75 about 90 minutes north of Detroit.

Four-wheeling tourists can camp overnight near the new park and boost the local economy, said Oakland County Commissioner Phil Weipert of South Lyon, who said he plans to vote an enthusiastic yes.

"Right now, there's nothing else like this in southeast Michigan, so this is really going to set metro Detroit apart" from other big cities, said Weipert. He is this year's chairman of southeast Michigan's regional think tank, SEMCOG.

"We're the Motor City, the new Jeep is going to be built here and this is all positive for our region. It makes us more competitive to attract a work force," Weipert said.

He expected the funding plan for the park's operations, the last link in years of planning, to "go right through" when the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday in Pontiac.

Such a clear track heading out of years of procedural mire means that this vote won't draw anything like the boisterous turnout of 300 off-road buffs who, 15 months ago, jammed a meeting of Oakland County parks officials in Waterford, recalled Jim Kitson, a longtime leader with the Great Lakes Four Wheel Association.

At that Waterford meeting, Kitson joined off-roaders from as far as Kalamazoo, Saginaw and northern Ohio. They cheered on a unanimous vote of support by the parks officials. For Tuesday's meeting, Kitson, 62, of Davisburg,



Off-road enthusiasts try scaling a mini-mountain during the Frozen Mines Run at a future Oakland County park for ORV buffs. COURTESY OF OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

said he didn't plan to arrive in his burgundy Jeep with oversize tires, nor did he expect other club members to attend. "We believe this park is progressing

pretty good — it's going to happen," he said.

Another vocal supporter is Jennifer Tomko, 42, of South Lyon, who along with her husband, Bryan Tomko, has been four-wheeling for years.

"This is a family sport, whether it be dirt bikes, quads or off-road vehicles like Jeeps," Tomko said, adding: "We own six ORVs that can go to this park, and having this close to home will be so beneficial."

Oakland County's new piece of offroader paradise was many years in the planning because it's a unique partnership — state and county, said Dan Stencil, executive officer of Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

Michigan's state park bosses at the Department of Natural Resources first had to buy the land, near Groveland Oaks County Park. Now, after Tuesday's expected thumbs up on a 20-year deal, the state will lease it to Oakland County, which in turn will pay to operate the park, Stencil said. Oakland County has guarantees from the state in case the \$15-a-day entry fee fails to bring in the projected revenue for the new park — tentatively named Holly Oaks, he said. Under the agreement, the DNR will reimburse Oakland County for 50 percent of operating losses.

"If for example we are \$200,000 in costs over revenue for year one, the DNR will reimburse Oakland County Parks and Recreation \$100,000. We're very hopeful that, after the first few years as we get this new park up and running, we'll be revenue positive, and whatever we take in over and above our expenses, we can reinvest in the park," Stencil said. "We can operate this very efficiently because we already have park facilities and personnel right across the road" who manage county campgrounds where ORV enthusiasts can stay overnight.

The latest hope is for the park to open in summer 2020. That target is years later than planners first hoped, said Adam Kochenderfer, an Oakland County commissioner from Rochester Hills.

Kochenderfer said he heard regularly about the park's tortoise-like progress from Rochester Hills resident Steve Stolaruk, who didn't drive a Jeep but who became the strongest proponent of the park.

"Steve would call me and say, 'Adam, what are you doing on this?' He was very eager to see this happen," Kochenderfer said.

Stolaruk, who died last year at 91, owned several businesses, among them a 113-acre played-out gravel pit in Groveland Township, which he sold to the state, forming about half of the prospective ORV park.

That sale five years ago triggered something in this wealthy philanthropist who had grown up in Royal Oak, Kochenderfer said.

As Oakland County government's "Prosper" magazine described it: "From 2014 to 2017, Steve had one or two of his employees working six days a week sculpting every inch of the property in an effort to get the ORV park developed. His volunteer work equaled thousands of dollars in free material and time.

"He built hills, dug ponds and mud pits, cut hill climbs, leveled prospective parking areas and roughed-in more than five miles of winding ORV trails. He also brought in refrigerator-sized boulders, concrete slabs and more than 150 mammoth tree trunks."

Thanks to Stolaruk's jump start on remaking the terrain, ORV clubs already have held several events at the site, including one in February dubbed the Frozen Mines Run, attended by nearly 400 four-wheeler enthusiasts, county officials said.

A selling point for Tuesday's vote? No local money was needed to buy and improve the park land because state funds bought it and will pay for the improvements, said Melissa Prowse, supervisor of planning for Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

Oakland County taxpayers are on the hook only for operations at the new Holly Oaks County Park — which is soon to get a new name, Prowse said.

"We've heard from the ORV community as well as the townships — Groveland and Holly — where the park is located, and it's been agreed. The name will be changed," Prowse said. "I expect we'll know the new name by this summer."

# Ninja warrior training

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# center opens in Plymouth

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Could ninja warrior competition become a high school sport in the not-toodistant future?

"That's my dream," said Carey Sherbrooke, the owner of two "The Edge" training center facilities — a five-yearold location in Commerce Township and a new site in Plymouth Township.

"It's a sport that attracts a different breed of athlete; size doesn't matter as much as proportional strength. ... the kids who maybe never excelled in baseball, basketball or soccer — because of their size or some other reason — pick this up right away."

The tagline for The Edge is "Challenging strength, improving agility and increasing confidence: the Ninja Warrior way!"

A peek inside the Plymouth Township facility — a massive space filled with mind-blowing obstacles — unveils the bones of a futuristic sport luring droves of novices to the business' \$20per-session classes and even leagues.

"I would love to see this sport take off like travel soccer did several years ago," said Sherbrooke, a former gymnast who morphed from a physical trainer to a ninja warrior instructor. "Someone can walk in, see the obstacles and say to themselves, 'There's no way I can do that,' but after a few classes, they're conquering the obstacles like an old pro.

"Above all else, this sport is an amazing confidence-builder. People who may not necessarily excel in or enjoy the mainstream sports can pick this up rather quickly."

The objective of ninja warrior competitions is simple: maneuver through an obstacle-laden course faster than your opponent.

The obstacles, however, are not as easy as the objective.

There are the devil steps, spider wall, bungee bridge, prism tilt and floating chains, to name a few.

"We change the gym every two to three weeks and switch out equipment, too," Sherbrooke said. "It's a sport of creativity and keeping things different and fresh adds to the appeal."



Sam Sherbrooke, left, an employee of The Edga Training Centar in Plymouth, spots Aidan Stover, 11, on the curved wall. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Sherbrooke's No. 1 consultant is her son, Sam, who is routinely asked by producers of the nationally-broadcast and highly-rated American Ninja Warrior show to test new obstacles before they appear on TV.

When it comes to renovating her facilities, Sherbrooke relies heavily on the advice of Season II American Ninja Warrior competitor Dennis Lappin, a native of Milford who amazed the ANW producers when he tore his Achilles tendon during one tryout and returned less than a year later in robust form.

"Dennis not only came back (after the serious injury) to compete two more times, he did really well," Sherbrooke said. "He's helped me out a lot."

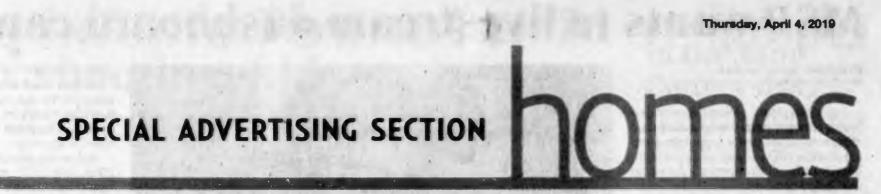
More advanced competitors are invited to join teams that square off against other gyms on a weekly basis.

"Every day I'm here, I'm blown away by someone making incredible strides, overcoming obstacles they swear they'd never be able to conquer," she said.

The Plymouth facility is at 45677 Helm St. Interested athletes are encouraged to visit the business' website or Facebook page — or drop by for a firsthand look — if they need more information.

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## Big Savings on New Homes, Townhomes, and Villas During National Sales Event

Toll Brothers offering limited-time incentives and quick occupancy in Ann Arbor, Canton, Northville, and Novi

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes, announces its National Sales Event going on now through Sunday, April 28, in Ann Arbor, Canton, Novi, and Northville as well as throughout the country.

Offering distinctive home designs and superior options, Toll Brothers communities invite home buyers discover their dream homes. Manufacturer and builder incentives are available for a limited time, so a home buyer can choose a home and truly make it their own at the best possible value

Interest rates continue to be low, and with great financing programs available through TBI Mortgage Company combined with the limitedtime savings, home buyers are positioned to have exceptional buying power during this event.

During the National Sales Event, home buyers can browse an expansive selection of home designs and discover the impressive list of national brand partners offering select savings on products featured in Toll Brothers homes. Buyers will benefit from the builder's long-standing partnerships with leading brands such as Kohler, Whirlpool, Armstrong, DalTile, and many more, by enjoying exclusive offerings at a great value for a limited time.

Interested buyers must make a deposit between April 6 and April 28, 2019. Limited-time incentives vary among communities and will comprise a package of savings created specifically for this event, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more.

#### New Home Sites in Ann Arbor

A new section of large home sites has just been released for sale in the popular Parkside Collection at Trailwoods in Ann Arbor. The spacious homes offer side-entry garages and start in the low \$500,000s.

Two homes are available for immediate occupancy in the Village Collection, starting at \$539,995. Other new builds start at \$399,995. These homes are available to tour every day in addition to two decorated model homes

Trailwoods is tucked into a country setting with Ann Arbor schools, low township taxes, and city services. All homes offer an impressive list of features. Call 734-995-5503 or TrailwoodsOfAnnArbor.com visit for details. For mapping, use 229 S. Staebler Rd., Ann Arbor, M1 48103. Move-in Ready in Canton

Two immediate occupancy homes are now available in Canton with Plymouth-Canton schools in this popular community with resort-class amenities. Both homes have 4,050 sq. ft., 5 bedrooms, and 4 baths and are exceptionally priced at \$699,995 and are open to tour every day in addition to the decorated model home. Visitors are also welcome to tour the clubhouse that features a fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, and sand volleyball court. Other amenities include a children's play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the low \$500,000s. For more information, visit WestridgeofCanton. com or call 734-844-0279. Selling Fast in Canton

Hamlet Pointe and Hamlet Meadows are located within the existing community of The Hamlet offering an exceptional location close to Plymouth-Canton schools, the Ford Road Shopping District, expressways, parks and the quaint Cherry Hill Village.

Hamlet Meadows collection currently has two quick occupancy homes starting at \$463,995. New builds start at \$399,995 and offer two-story home designs and a new first-floor master suite design.

Hamlet Pointe has three immediate or quick occupancy homes with prices starting at \$529,995. Pointe homes feature side-entry garages and new builds are priced from the upper

\$400,000s. A first-floor master design is available. Visitors are welcome to tour all

move-in ready homes as well as two decorated model homes every day between 11am and 6pm. For details, visit The-Hamlet.com or call 734-398-5939

#### Villas in Ann Arbor

The final five low-maintenance villas are now available for May/June occupancy at Kensington Woods, located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor. Each villa includes an exceptional list of features in a stunning setting and are exceptionally priced starting at \$89,995. For details and to schedule a tour, call (734) 224-6686 or visit Kensington-Woods.com. The sales center is located at the builder's North Oaks community at 3327 Nixon Road. Townhomes and Villas in Ann Arbor

Immediate and quick occupancy townhomes are now available starting at \$409,995 offering a range of movein dates to work for your schedule. The Townhomes range from 1,861 to 2,400+ sq. ft. and include a 2-car garage and some offer a rooftop deck. The Villas offer first- or second-floor master suites, island kitchens, open layouts, loft space, and more. Several villas are underway for quicker occupancy priced from \$536,995

North Oaks of Ann Arbor is the region's premier resort-class community situated in a stunning 109acre setting surrounded by towering trees and open meadows. The clubhouse features a fitness center, billiards, great room with fireplace, lap and children's pools, locker rooms and a play park. North Oaks is located minutes from the University of Michigan's north campus, the VA Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and downtown Ann Arbor. Children attend Ann Arbor Schools with the elementary and middle schools just 3 minutes away. For details, call 734-224-6686 or visit North-Oaks.com. Luxury Living in Northville

A new home with May occupancy is available in Northville with Northville schools at Montcaret, located 1 1/4 miles west of Beck Road on the south side of Seven Mile Road. Visit today and tour the 4,500+, 5 bedroom, 5 bath Duke design exceptionally priced at \$899,995. Several home designs are available with impressive features and home sites range from 1/2- to 1+ acre. Prices for new builds start in the upper \$700,000s. Call 248-924-2601 or visit TollBrothersAtMontcaret.com for details

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# **MSP** wants to livestream dashboard cameras

Paul Egan Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan State Police supervisors could remotely monitor pursuits and other critical incidents in real time under a \$2.3-million plan to provide for livestreaming of the agency's patrol car dashboard cameras.

The proposed technology upgrade included in Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's 2019 state budget proposal and believed to be a first among Michigan police agencies — follows an August 2017 incident in which a 15-year-old Detroit teenager crashed his ATV and died after a trooper fired a Taser at him from a pursuing patrol car.

Firing a Taser from a moving patrol car is a violation of department policy. The death of Damon Grimes resulted in a second-degree murder charge against a trooper, in a case that ended in a hung jury and mistrial in October.

Shanon Banner, a spokeswoman for the State Police, wouldn't comment on whether Grimes' death might have been avoided if a patrol car livestreaming system had been in place in 2017.

"This question is purely speculative — cannot be answered," Banner said in an email.

However, the system is expected to be introduced in metro Detroit patrol cars first, according to records the Free Press obtained under Michigan's Freedom of Information Act.

The MSP did not specifically reference the Grimes tragedy in setting out the rationale for its budget request, which also detailed projected cost savings over what is now a cumbersome system for processing police video.

But it said the system "would allow command to observe pursuits and other critical incidents live, allowing for better risk management-based decision-making," records show.

Also, "command will have the ability to make decisions based on the real event, not on assumptions," according to the budget request.

Geoffrey Fieger, a Southfield attorney representing the Grimes family in an ongoing 2017 federal lawsuit against the State Police and other defendants, said the livestreaming sounds like a good investment and he hopes the death of



Geoffrey Fieger, a Southfield attorney representing the Grimes family in an ongoing 2017 federal lawsuit against the State Police and other defendants, said livestreaming sounds like a good investment, but would not be a cure-all. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Grimes was a factor in the MSP wanting to make the purchase.

Still, it would not be a cure-all, said Fieger, whose suit alleges that State Police supervisors sought to cover up what happened in the Grimes case.

"It's good they're proposing to have this additional supervision," but "you've got to have good people who are not going to subvert the system," Fieger told the Free Press.

Livestreaming of police dashboard or body cameras is still relatively rare among U.S. police departments, but use of the technology is growing.

Officials says they don't foresee a day when the public could watch such camera streams in real time, partly because of privacy concerns related to suspects and other citizens who encounter police but do not face charges.

"You will find universal objection to that, from the ACLU to the police," said Robert Stevenson, executive director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. "So many of these situations are ones that the public doesn't have a need or a right to know about."

Stevenson said he's not aware of any Michigan police agencies now using dashboard livestreaming, as "it's kind of leading-edge technology."

According to records obtained by the Free Press, the technology includes a security feature under which video is constantly buffered for after-the-fact retrieval, even if the "record" button is not turned on, "ensuring MSP has video of all incidents."

Banner said she didn't know how many of the agency's 1,368 patrol cars could be equipped with the new technology — or when — if the budget request is approved.

But in the records obtained through FOIA, the MSP said the technology would be introduced in metro Detroit first, where it would take about 60 days to implement.

The agency told state budget officials the system would enhance public safety, transparency and integrity, while also saving the department more than \$1 million a year, once all patrol cars are equipped with the technology, over time.

During the administration of former Republican Gov. Rick Snyder, the MSP reduced its number of posts statewide to 30 from 62, according to the unsigned four-page request sent to the State Budget Office. As a result, troopers work more remotely and "seldom return to a physical location." That has created problems with the timely uploading of dashboard camera and body camera video, which the new cellular technology would address by allowing for instant remote uploading, the report said.

Doing so would save "significant man-hours that can be dedicated to serving the citizens of the SOM (State of Michigan)," the request said.

In the MSP's metro Detroit district alone, troopers and other officials spend 250 hours a month uploading and otherwise processing video, the report said. That means the statewide cost of such work is about \$969,000, which would be reduced to just under \$100,000 once the system is implemented statewide, according to the report.

The new technology would also help prevent video from getting corrupted while being transferred for storage, help ensure that video can't be intentionally altered, deleted or corrupted, and make it much easier to respond to Michigan Freedom of Information Act requests, the report said.

About half of the 20,000 FOIA requests the MSP receives annually include requests for video, and the report estimates the agency would save just over \$200,000 a year in labor costs related to responding to those requests.

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# Wife testifies against husband in FedEx shooting, kidnapping case

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Azia Calloway testified March 27 against her estranged husband, a Detroit man who is facing 19 felony charges for allegedly trying to kill her in November.

Calloway told District Judge Kathleen McCann of Livonia's 16th District Court during a preliminary examination her husband was a gun user who made her feel threatened when he called and texted her upon separating months before.

Prosecutors are seeking a 20th charge — aggravated stalking — in the the case against Robert Easley-Calloway, who is accused of shooting, injuring and kidnapping his wife shortly after 3 a.m. Nov. 26 when she arrived for a shift at the FedEx distribution center on Amrhein Road in Livonia.

Michigan State Police shot and injured Easley-Calloway, then 26, after a police chase on Interstate 96.

The Calloways had spent the prior day at a hotel with their three children. Azia Calloway testified she and her husband had separated months before and she had filed a personal protection order against him.

But she let their children stay with him around Thanksgiving.

Trouble arose, Calloway testified, when she went to pick up the children and Easley-Calloway flashed a knife and ordered her to drive to a hotel in Harper Woods.

"He gave you the money to pay for the room. You got out of the vehicle and went into the lobby to pay for it. You waited for the key, correct? Did you say anything to the person that's at the hotel in reference to your desire not to be there?" asked Larry Polk, Easley-Calloway's attorney, on cross-examination.

"No," Calloway said. "At that time, I was too scared."

Earlier in the proceeding, she told Mary Rubio with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office she didn't protest staying at the hotel because she didn't want to fight or put herself and the children in danger.



Robert Easley-Calloway, left, listens to his attorney, Larry Polk, in Livonia's 16th District Court on March 27. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

They spent some of the daylight hours together until the family visited Easley-Calloway's relatives and Calloway attempted to leave.

Easley-Calloway tried to prevent her from getting into her vehicle and then punched the windows once she was behind the wheel.

She made it to her mother's, but her estranged husband continued to try to reach her and her mother over the phone.

"He was mad," Calloway testified. Hours later, she tried to report to work when a man opened the driver's side door of her vehicle and shoved a shotgun at her.

She fled, as did the male friends who had driven her to work. The man re-

loaded. He fired again.

He then forced her into the back and fled, authorities said when it happened.

Easley-Calloway was charged with one count each of kidnapping, unlawful imprisonment, first-degree criminal sexual conduct and fleeing police; three counts of assault with intent to murder; four counts of assault with a deadly weapon; and eight counts of using a gun during a felony.

If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

The judge's consideration of the case was expected to continue today. Contact Susan Vela at svela@ hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432. Follow her on Twitter @susanvela.

## 5 men arrested in Oakland County drug trafficking bust

Ann Zaniewski Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Authorities have busted an Oakland County drug trafficking ring that was moving cocaine and heroin.

The defendants — George Booth, 40, of Pontiac; Kejuanta Deshaun Pickett, 33, of Pontiac; Clide Charles-Lamont Mathis, 44, of Novi; Eric Dwayne Mills, 44, of Eastpointe; and Rashad Isom Alston, 34, of Pontiac — have been arraigned on various drug charges, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office announced last week.

Authorities searched locations in Pontiac, Southfield and Eastpointe, the sheriff's office said. They seized 1.5 kilos of cocaine, 1,022 grams of a heroin and fentanyl mix (37 grams were pure fentanyl), 600 grams of cutting agents, 20 pounds of marijuana, digital scales, grinders, packaging material, a .40-caliber handgun and \$67,000.

The drugs had a street value of more than \$500,000.

The defendants were arraigned in 50th District Court in Pontiac. They all posted bond and are no longer in custody, authorities said.

Booth, Mathis and Mills were each charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit delivery/manufacture of 1,000 or more grams of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic, and one count of delivery/manufacture of 1,000 or more grams of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic. The felonies carry a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Mathis and Mills were also charged with one count of maintaining a drug house and two counts of delivery/ manufacture of 450 to 999 grams of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic.

Pickett was charged with one count of delivery/manufacture of less than 50 grams of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic.

Alston was charged with two counts of delivery/manufacture of 50 to 449 grams of cocaine, heroin or another narcotic.

## **Commission: Don't set limit on weed for Michigan drivers**

#### **Recommends standard roadside sobriety tests instead**

Kara Berg Lansing State Journal USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

LANSING – Michigan should not set a legal limit for how much marijuana someone can have in their body while driving, a state commission has recommended.

After spending nearly two years looking into how marijuana affects drivers, the Impaired Driving Safety Commission recommended the state set no limit for the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the active ingredient in cannabis, in someone's blood.

Instead, the committee recommended continuing to use roadside sobriety tests to determine whether a driver is impaired.

"The only reasonable way to do this right now is to demonstrate that people are impaired," Norbert Kaminski, professor of pharmacology and toxicology at Michigan State University, said.

Kaminski, who was one of the six members on the commission, said he was happy that Gov. Rick Snyder created the commission to "make logical and rational decisions based on the state of the science."

#### What is the next step?

The commission gave their report to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Legislature, along with recommendations on what the next steps should be.

It is, however, up to the Legislature to take any further action. That would come by introducing legislation to change Michigan's current law, which says drivers can have no THC in their blood. Such a bill would have to pass and be signed by Whitmer.

Because marijuana metabolites can stay in someone's system for up to a month, use of blood tests and setting limits have been controversial topics in states that have approved either medical or recreational marijuana.

## What would happen if I'm pulled over after smoking marijuana?

If the commission's recommenda-

tions become law, the officer would no longer test the amount of THC in your system. The THC in your blood shows exposure to the drug, but isn't a "reliable indicator" of whether you're impaired, the report found.

Instead, the officer would likely do roadside sobriety tests to determine impairment. The tests would be similar to those used for people pulled over for driving drunk — walking in a straight line heel to toe, following the movement of a light with their eyes and standing on one leg and counting to 30.

They're all tests that officers have been trained to use to spot signs that a driver is too impaired to be behind the wheel.

In addition to the training they already have, the commission also recommends the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards require officers to complete a 16-hour advanced training course on roadside impaired driving enforcement.

Currently, about 20 percent of Michigan officers have completed this course.

## Would I be charged with drugged driving?

Under the recommendations, if the officer determines you were too impaired to continue driving, they would likely arrest you or take you into custody.

People not found too impaired to drive would be allowed to continue on their way.

After an arrest, officers would have to submit their report and evidence to a county prosecutor's office. Each prosecutor has discretion on whether or not to issue charges.

To charge, they would need enough evidence to prove a driver was under the influence while operating the vehicle.

Without any blood test, this would entirely fall onto the roadside sobriety tests and any observations the officer made about driving behavior.

The commission also recommends expanding traffic safety training for prosecutors so they're better prepared to argue impaired driving cases.

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# I-94 roadwork 'going to be a mess'

Frank Witsil Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

The Michigan Department of Transportation offered a clear message March 26 while announcing \$64 million of public road projects that will tie up, and back up, traffic for months.

"It's going to be a mess this year," MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said. "Weekdays, heading into downtown you are going to be fine. But, on the weekends, we will have full closures."

In short, it's going to be a very orange summer, with key roadways partly and fully closed for resurfacing and rebuilding, bridge reconstruction and rehab and plenty of detours and delays that will no doubt drive motorists in Wayne County mad until late November.

In the meantime, a \$1-billion project is unfolding in Oakland County: updating I-75.

Here's a rundown of what to expect on I-94 construction:

#### I-75 to Conner Street

A few weeks ago, MDOT began rerouting bridge traffic over I-94 in this area. It plans to demolish and rebuild two crumbling bridges over the interstate - the French Road bridge and the Concord Avenue bridge, east of Mt. Elliott.

The bridges were built in the late 19508

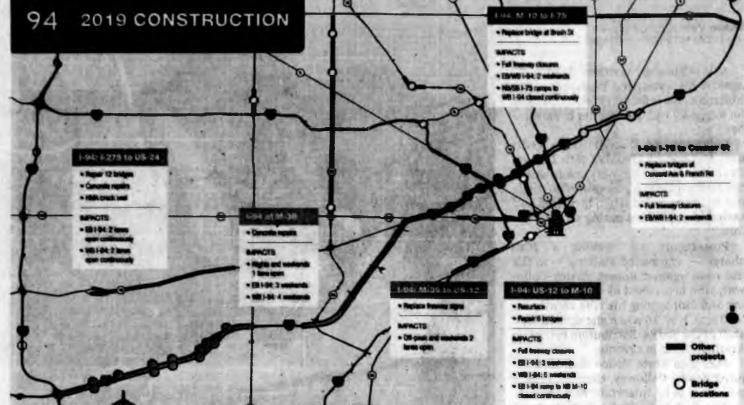
Officials said construction is expected to cause minimal impact to I-94 traffic in that area, but, last weekend, I-94 was expected to be closed in both directions from I-75 to Conner Street from 9 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday to tear down the bridges.

The same section is expected to be closed again for a weekend in July. The project is expected to be finished in November at a total cost of \$17.6 million.

The detour: I-75 and 8 Mile.

In addition, a high load damaged a bridge overpass beam last year at I-75 and Warren Avenue, and the damage is set to be repaired, with a southbound closure of I-75 during the last weekend in April.

Cost: \$300,000, which will be covered by trucking company insurance.



Several projects are expected to tie up traffic in Wayne County. COURTESY OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### M-10 to I-75

This part of the project is aimed at updating I-94 and replacing the overpass bridge at Brush Street. Three lanes will remain open as traffic shifts over for repairs and upgrades, with two planned weekend closures for traffic in both directions.

The first closing is expected to be from April 12-15, and the second in the summer. From April to November, both the northbound and southbound ramps to westbound I-94 will be closed continuously.

Detours: Westbound is southbound I-75 to westbound I-96, and eastbound I-96 is to northbound I-75. For the ramp closing, the detour is northbound M-10 to westbound I-94

Cost: \$11.6 million

#### **US-12 to M-10**

The project will resurface the inter-

state and repair six overpass bridges three rail bridges, the 24th Street bridge, the Warren bridge, and the eastbound I-94 ramp to northbound M-10, which will be closed, likely from May to November.

In this area, eastbound I-94 will be closed for three weekends; westbound I-94, for five weekends. In addition, resurfacing and paving are expected to close lanes for four weekends.

Cost: \$19.2 million.

#### M-39 to US-12

MDOT is replacing freeway signs, and will be closing a lane mostly at night and on weekends.

Cost: \$2.1 million.

#### I-94 at M-39

In this stretch, one lane will be open at night and weekends for concrete repairs. Eastbound I-94 will be closed for three weekends, and westbound I-94 for four weekends

Cost: \$1.4 million.

#### I-275 to Telegraph Road

This area, MDOT officials acknowledged, is likely to create the biggest problem for area residents with the stretch down to two lanes on weekdays, and one lane at night and on weekends.

The closures, which start in June, are likely to back up traffic for 4 miles during rush hour. People heading to Metro Airport should add to their travel times. Cost: \$12 million.

This also is where an alternate route to the airport might be most helpful.

"Remember, Eureka Road has that entrance to the airport," project manager Bill Erben said. "So, anybody who wants to stay away from there, go south on I-275 to the first interchange, which is Eureka, and that's the secret back door entrance.

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Cancer experts are skeptical about whether the situation at Walled Lake Central High School warrants a study for a possible cancer cluster. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

# Number of cancer cases at Walled Lake causes concern

### Health officials say cluster of disease unlikely

#### **John Wisely Detroit Free Press**

USA TODAY NETWORK

In late 2017, staffers at Walled Lake Central High School complained to state health officials of a possible cancer scare in their building.

Employees kept getting sore throats and experienced a tingling sensation in their tongues. The symptoms worsened as the school week progressed, according to complaints obtained by the Free Press.

One complaint said Judy Evola said Walled 10 staffers had been diag-

ing air quality testing at voluntarily submitted, the school and checking as well for radon, a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can cause

lung cancer. cancer "There's no indication that there is any health cancer hazard associated with the school. I mean none," said William Chatfield, cancer director of operations for the district. "In fact, all of sinus cancer

the testing and the evidence we've collected frankly, suggests there's not. It's a very safe and healthy environment." District spokeswoman

Lake has been transpar-

which showed that since 2011, staffers have been diagnosed with: **3** cases of thyroid

■ 2 cases of breast

1 case of liver cancer ■ 1 case of pancreatic

■1 case of pharynx/

■ 1 case of renal cancer A fourth staffer was thought to have thyroid cancer, but additional testing proved negative, Chatfield said.

He cautioned that the information was volunta-

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nosed "in the past eight years," while a second complaint put the figure at nine diagnoses since 2014

"All fairly young staff and we are concerned about something environmental," the complaint said. "This is about 10 percent of our staff."

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIO-SHA) inspected the school, which has about 1,600 students. MIOSHA found problems related to storing chemicals in the science labs, fined the district \$2,100 and ordered it to make changes. But inspectors couldn't address the larger concern

"MIOSHA has no regulations that address cancer clusters where multiple employees are diagnosed with a variety of different cancers," Elaine Clapp, safety and health manager for MIOSHA, wrote in a response to one of the complaints.

She went on to advise the employees to contact their local health department or the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to address their cancer concerns.

It appears that no one did. The Oakland County Health division has no reports of a cancer cluster from the staffers or the school district, nor does the State of Michigan.

Health officials asked by the Free Press to comment on available information said that cancer clusters are rare, and it's unlikely that one occurred at the school.

**District officials insist** they took the concerns seriously, quickly orderent about the problem, but acknowledged that it didn't notify parents about the issue until last week, about a year after the district was cited and after the Free Press raised

questions about it. "It was not a safety concern that we believed was validated," she said. "After all the test results came in, it seemed that the district was within identify the teachers bethe ratio of these things happening in a regular work environment. As far as telling parents that staff had this, it's a priva-

#### Cancer cases

cy issue."

Compiling precise data on rates of cancer at the school is difficult, in part because of medical privacy.

"We aren't entitled to know the health history of our employees unless they want to voluntarily submit that to us," Chatfield said. "We don't have any process of collecting that data due to (health information privacy) requirements. The law prevents us from knowing the health history of our employees."

The district assembled some data that had been rily submitted and not the result of a review of medical records.

"We haven't confirmed any of these," he said. "This is the data we have, which is the best data available. (It) does not indicate any consistency as to the type of cancer or the location in the building."

The district wouldn't cause of privacy rules. The Free Press identified several of the individuals independently, but none would speak on the record about their health. One said that teachers don't want to be seen as critical of the district, which still provides their medical coverage.

The school has about 88 teachers currently. Over the past eight years, approximately 200 have worked in the building, according to Chatfield, who added that the school has about the same level of absenteeism as other buildings in the district.

'We do chart the absenteeism," Evola said. "There hasn't been any difference, any fluctuation, any change over the

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The school has about 1,600 students, or 400 per grade level. Over eight years, more than 3,200 would have attended the school. Evola said the district isn't aware of any high rates of student illnesses.

#### Latency periods

Cancer experts are skeptical about whether the situation at Central warrants a study for a possible cancer cluster.

"I think the common thing that people forget is that cancer is 150 different diseases and we lump them all together," said Dr. Kenneth Rosenman, chief of the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Michigan State University. "About 40 percent of us get cancer in our lifetimes. You can't lump them all together."

Rosenman discounts the chemical storage problems as possible causes.

"If you went to most schools in state, many of them are probably not storing their chemicals properly," Rosenman said.

Rosenman said every cancer takes time to develop, what researchers call a latency period.

For example, someone who starts smoking in their teens may not develop lung cancer until their 50s.

In general, leukemia-type cancers have the shortest latency period, about five years, Rosenman said. So if a teacher is diagnosed shortly after arriving at a school, it's unlikely the school is the problem.

"It's not what happened in the past five years," Rosenman said. "Other than the leukemias, we're talking about 10 years."

Chatfield, citing the information submitted voluntarily, said some of the teachers were diagnosed with cancer the year they arrived at the school or the year after.

At least one had a pre-existing condition.

The teacher who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2014 had been teaching there since 1999, enough time to cover a latency period, but there's no

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proof the building was the issue, Chatfield said.

"The correlation is random at best," he said.

Those kinds of factors argue against a cancer cluster or even the benefit of searching for one, Rosenman said.

"Most these types of situations do not turn out to provide useful information," Rosenman said.

State health officials say that they receive about two calls per month asking them to review cancer cases in a specific area and they look for warning to signs that might warrant a closer look.

"If the concern is over an apparently larger-than-expected number of the same type of cancer, especially if it's a rare type of cancer," said Laura Abington, an epidemiologist with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, who conducts cancer cluster reviews. "Or if it's a certain type of cancer that's not normally identified in a certain type of group.

"An example of that might be a group of children getting a type of cancer that that doesn't normally appear in children or an unusually high number of breast cancer (cases) in men."

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Abington said she always begins her investigations with questions about how long the individual has lived or worked in a certain place, what types of cancer have been diagnosed, what are the known causes of those kinds of cancers.

"A single chemical or an environmental contaminant is unlikely to cause many types of cancer," Abington said. "Usually, a chemical or an environmental contaminate is associated with a particular type of cancer or a maybe a couple different kinds of cancer, but not a whole bunch of different types of cancer."

Identifying a true cancer cluster is rare, Abington said.

"Nationally, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one in every five of these investigations results in something that meets the definition of a cancer cluster," she said. "But rarely, if ever, outside of an occupational setting, is an association ever found between an environmental contaminant and that particular cancer."

A variety of cancers like the ones at Walled Lake Central are unlikely to be caused on any one contaminant, Abington said, adding that cancer cases fluctuate by time and place.

"Some places are going to have more, some places are going to have less and then, five years later, those places that fixed the problems.

The ventilation problem was the result of an exhaust fan that wasn't working the day the inspectors arrived. It's been fixed, he said.

All of the fans are controlled by an energy management system that shuts them off when no one is in the building to save energy.

Chatfield said some of those had to be reprogrammed to run longer, though they don't run 24 hours.

"We attempted to address that, short of having to run these things 24/7," Chatfield said. "When a person comes in on the weekend, they just have to know that they're not going to be on unless they let us know to turn them on."

Chatfield said that teachers can't manually switch on a fan after hours because of the programmed control.

They must let building officials know to program the additional time, he said.

Other changes included having work crews add short wood lips to the front of shelves where chemicals are stored to prevent containers from falling or being knocked to the floor accidentally.

When the employees first complained, the district paid a contractor, Arch Environmental, to run tests at the school before it received the notices of violation from MIOSHA.

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> used to have more now could have less," Abington said. Abington said all cancer diagnoses are reported to the Michigan Central Cancer Registry, which logs a patient's address, age, gender and race. If people in a specific area appear to have higher

rates of cancer, researchers can compare their rates to larger, similar populations at the census tract, ZIP code or county level to look for rates that seem excessive.

The CDC requires five criteria be met before it can identify a group of illnesses as a suspected cancer cluster. The cancers must:

• Occur in a greater-than-expected number than would be found in a similar setting.

Occur in a limited population.

Occur over a period of time.

Involve the same type of cancer or types of cancer scientifically proven to have the same cause.

Be found in a defined geographic area.

"There's a lot of chance and coincidence stuff that happens with cancer rates, too," Abington said. "It's really difficult to say what's causing what type of cancer rate. We can't really use the word 'cause.' "

Abington said that researchers typically use the term "association," rather than "cause."

#### 'Tingling sensation'

So if the cancers are unrelated, why were teachers reporting sore throats and the tingling sensations in their tongues?

The school district could never make a firm connection to the causes, but MIOSHA did find violations that needed addressing, fining the district \$2,100 and citing it for:

Failure to have chemical hygiene plan.

Failure to properly train staff on hazards of chemicals in work areas.

Failure to have safety data sheets available for all chemicals.

Ventilation fan in chemical storage room not working properly.

• Walking/working spaces in science storage rooms were not kept in orderly condition.

Chatfield acknowledged that school was in violation, but said the district has

detectors throughout the building.

"We didn't have a single result that was above the action level," Chatfield said.

In addition, Arch ran air quality tests, checking for things like carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, hydrocarbons, mold and dust.

No excessive levels were found.

#### 'Teachers feel safe'

David Szymanski, president of the Walled Lake Education Association, the union that represents the district's teachers, said he knew about the number of cancer cases in the building but said teachers haven't complained to him about it.

"As far as I'm concerned, all of the teachers at Walled Lake Central feel safe," he said. "They feel that the district has responded to any potential illness related to the business."

The biggest challenge for the district from OSHA was developing a chemical hygiene plan to standardize how the school handles chemicals. The district had never done one before and it asked for and received additional time from MIOSHA to develop the plan.

The plan, developed by Arch Environmental, has now been implemented at the district's two other high schools, Western and Northern.

But should the district have alerted parents sooner?

Evola says no, saying the tests didn't show a problem. Tamara Precthel, president of the Parent Teacher Student Association at the school, said she learned of the issue when the district issued a statement earlier this month. She doesn't fault the district for not notifying parents sooner.

"Honestly, that's not a concern of mine," she said. "The problem is that when you share something like that, you're going to have some people riled up. Some of them won't read all of it and it would raise more questions than answers."

She said she has two of her own children in the school and an exchange student who lives with her family who also attends. She isn't worried about the building.

"I think I would have made the same decision," she said. "I wouldn't have shared it." (NNNR) HOMETOWNLIFE.COM I THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019 I 11A

# Head to one of these four weekend events

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Looking for something fun to do? Now that April's here, there's a lot happening around town this weekend, especially if art is your thing.

Check out one of these four events happening across the Hometown Life area this weekend:

#### **Great Lakes Art Fair in Novi**

Looking for that perfect piece for the living room? Head to Novi this weekend and you just might find it.

The Great Lakes Art Fair returns this weekend to the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River. A juried fine art fair, visitors can visit booths of artists who specialize in several mediums.

Also on display is the show's Generation Next exhibit, which showcases artwork from local students. Artist demonstrations will also take place.

The show is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 and children under 12 are free. Parking is also free. More information can be found at greatlakesartfair.com.

#### **Bacon Bash in Livonia**

A celebration of all things cured pork will leave everyone near Schoolcraft and Inkster feeling like they pigged out.

Bacon Bash comes to Livonia this Saturday, starting at 6:30 p.m. for VIP ticket holders. Formerly held in Royal Oak, the Bacon Bash features more than 40 vendors providing their bacon wares.

Tickets are \$50 for general admission and \$65 for VIPs, who get in an hour earlier. Tickets include unlimited tasting of all the savory and sweet bacon dishes, beverage sample tickets, a pint glass and a keepsake photo. The event is for people 21 and older.

More information, including a list of vendors for the event, can be found at baconbash.com.

#### **Bookstock at Laurel Park Place**

Book lovers rejoice: one of the biggest annual used book sales returns to Livo-



Bookstock returns Sunday to Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The sale opens to the public at 11 a.m. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

nia beginning this weekend.

Bookstock returns Sunday to Laurel Park Place in Livonia. With more than 300,000 items for sale, it's billed as the area's largest used book sale. The presale event kicks off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday at the mall, 37700 Six Mile, and runs until 11 a.m. A \$20 admission is charged for the pre-sale event.

The sale opens to the public at 11 a.m. and runs through 6 p.m. Sunday. The sale is open until April 14 with several special sales.

More information can be found at bookstockmi.org.

#### Emerging artists festival in Bloomfield Hills

If seeing some of the most talented young musicians is your thing, you'll want to be in Bloomfield Hills on Friday and Saturday.

The Cranbrook Music Guild hosts its first piano competition this weekend for three young people. The first round will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with the results of the competition announced at 2 p.m. Saturday. The competition will take place at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ at 1000 Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

Performers are Rixiang Huang, who is pursuing a master of music in piano performance at The Julliard School; Chelsea de Souza, who is studying at the Peabody School of Music; and Dmitry Tyurin, who has performed and participated in master classes at the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts at Indiana University.

Tickets are \$40 for the two days, with student tickets being \$5. More information can be found at cranbrookmusicguild.org.

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The recycling facility runs into most problems because many residents, in their zeal to recycle everything marked with the symbol, put plastics in their recycling bins. For example, the plastic bag with its No. 4 symbol is not recyclable. Only the coating to the plastic bag is made of recyclable materials, not the bag itself. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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"Within the nine RRRASOC communities, there are no mechanisms in the hauling contracts or with our processor to increase recycling fees in any meaningful way," Mike Csapo, RRRASOC general manager, said. "In other communities, the haulers are at the mercy of operators of processing capacity in southeast Michigan to pay whatever costs to make sure it is processed."

Birmingham, a member of the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority, has its own contract and is not anticipating any increase, said City Communications Director Kevin Byrnes.

China's National Sword policy has begun to show far-reaching negative effects on local communities outside these consortia, including Plymouth Township, which is debating whether to raise recycling costs for residents, and Westland, which recently decided to scrap the process and send everything to the landfill.

Waste haulers providing services to these communities are paying higher costs to the facilities that process recyclables more than a year after China began refusing to take what was often highly-contaminated recycled imports, sending the market into a tailspin.

Republic Services uses 75 percent of the space in the material recovery facility in Southfield to process about 300 tons of recyclable materials per day. The company's partnership with RRRASOC means they don't charge a tipping fee to waste hauling companies for recyclables brought from communities in the consortium. However, those companies, including GFL and Waste Management, are charging more to communities that don't have agreements and for which service costs have increased.

Csapo said there is something everyone can do to help stabilize recycling even as the market fluctuates.

"One of the contributors to the challenges in the global commodities market has been the high levels of non-recyclable materials that end up in curbside bins and carts," Csapo said. "Homeowners are understandably confused about what they can and can't recycle. ... We are spending a lot of time, labor and equipment maintenance to turn recyclables into a product that can be shipped off to challenging commodity

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## Award

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scholarship will serve to preserve it forever."

Purdue trustee chair Mike Berghoff, founder and president of Lenex Steel in Indianapolis, will donate fabrication and the installation of the gate and plaque.

"Just being around Tyler made you feel good about humanity," Berghoff said. "Instead of you uplifting him during a very difficult time in his life, he uplifted you. I'm just honored to have a way to say 'thank you.'"

way to say 'thank you.' " Funded through a combination of gifts, the Tyler Trent Courage and Resillence Award is awarded to undergraduate students at Purdue's West Lafayette campus who have encountered serious physical or similarly daunting adversity in their pursuit of higher education.

English, no doubt, fit this description.

English's life was upended on April 2, 2017, his junior year in high school, after stopping to assist six teenagers in a flipped-over Jeep on 1-96 in Detroit.

An oncoming car struck English and another Good Samaritan who had also stopped to help: Dr. Ray, a Henry Ford cancer specialist who died days later of massive injuries sustained in the crash.

English's right leg was amputated below the knee, but that didn't stop him from running his final high school track meet, where he brought a crowd of hundreds to their feet as he came around the final stretch.

"I did this for Dr. Ray," English said after his race, grimacing with pain. "I know that she would have wanted me to run again."

He finished strong that day, hugging his parents through tears, saying, "I did it, Dad. I did it." But English's days as a competitive runner were over.

Before the accident, English was on his way to a potential track scholarship at Purdue, where his father, Sean Sr., had run track.

But his injuries were too severe for him to compete at the high school and college level.

Still, English didn't give up on his dream to attend Purdue.

He met face-to-face with Daniels. Then he met with the university's head Sean English, right, the inaugural recipient of the Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award, speaks as Trent's parents Kelly end Tony Trent and Purdue President Mitch Daniels look on. COURTESY OF REBECCA WILCOX/PURDUE UNIVERSITY

basketball coach, Matt Painter. Eventually, he got a handwritten let-

ter from the president.

He got in.

In the fall of 2018, English arrived on Purdue's campus, thanks in part to fundraising efforts by friends and family in Michigan.

He will be able to finish his degree thanks to the Trent Scholarship, according to the university.

#### Who was Tyler Trent?

The Trent Scholarship and Memorial are in honor of Tyler Trent, who was diagnosed with bone cancer at age 15 and died at age 20.

He founded Teens With a Cause, which recruits young people to perform service projects for families affected by

#### How to help

If you would like to support the Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award or the Tyler Trent Cancer Research Endowment at Purdue, go to https:// giving.purdue.edu/tylerstrong.

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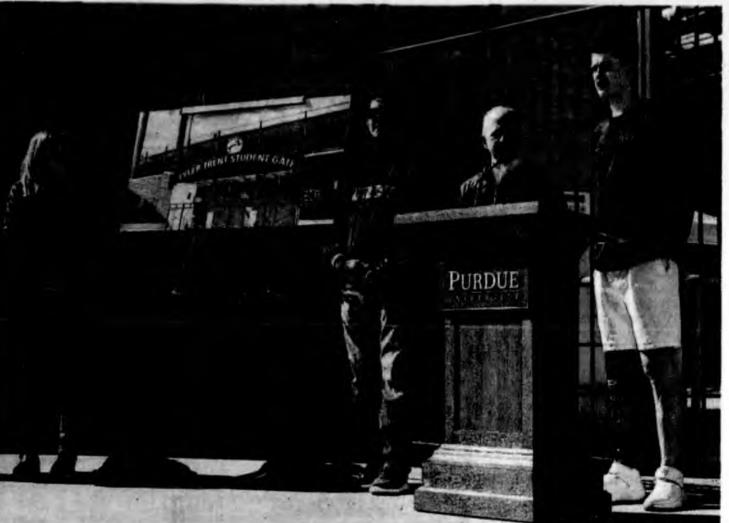
He went on to earn an associate degree from Purdue in computer information technology.

Throughout his battle with cancer, Trent remained a Boilermaker superfan. He correctly predicted Purdue's Oct. 20 upset over Ohio State, sending the hashtag #TylerStrong soaring in popularity on social media.

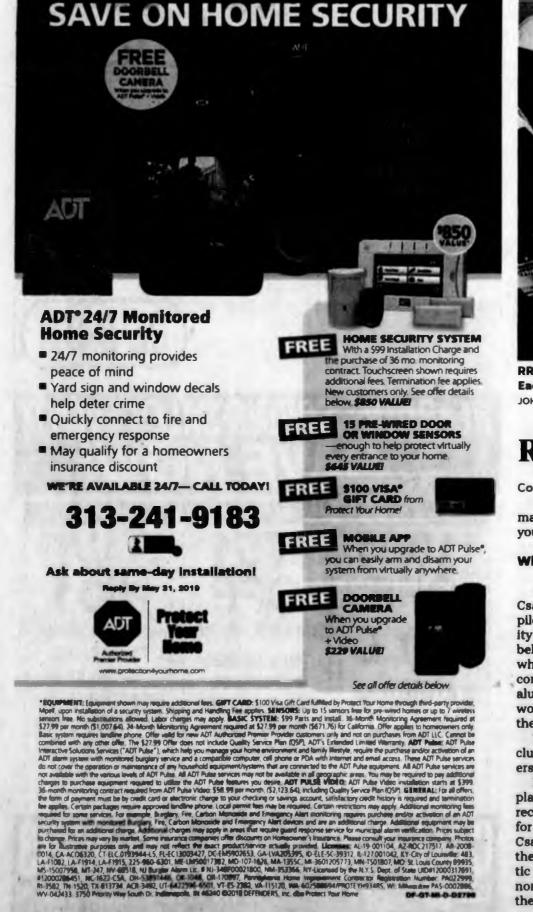
He received Disney's Wide World of Sports Spirit Award in December 2018.



and lest high school race in 2018. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE



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RRRASOC workers look for copier paper to pluck from the conveyor belt. Each worker is assigned items to take from the belt as materials pass by. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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markets. You can help by ensuring what you put in is actually recyclable."

#### What can and can't be recycled

On a tour of the RRRASOC facility, Csapo pointed to a towering, massive pile of recyclable materials on the facility's floor. All of it will head to conveyor belts, alongside of which stand workers who help make sure things are sorted correctly, including separation of glass, aluminum, paper and plastics. The workers also pull non-recyclables from the belts.

Tanglers are a common enemy — including wires, cables, hoses, coat hangers, and plastic bags.

Many people are now aware that plastic grocery bags shouldn't go in their recycling bin since they aren't accepted for recycling and clog equipment. But Csapo said they may not be aware that if they place recyclable items in large plastic garbage bags in their bins or carts, none of those items will be recycled, either. Workers can't take the time, or risk their own safety, to open bags that may contain hazardous materials such as hypodermic needles, and so it just gets thrown away.

Shredded paper also causes a headache for the recycling authority and can't be captured because it mixes in with everything else.

Despite its challenges, Csapo emphasized the worth of recycling.

"If you look at the long-term trend of growth in resource consumption, and look at the long-term trend toward evolving and improving economies and standards of living, there is no question that recycling plays an important role in continuing to provide resources to our global economy and does so because it helps diminish the over-reliance on virgin natural resources," he said. "How local residents can play a role in that is ensure they continue to recycle, but make sure you are putting in recycling bins those materials that are recyclable.

"The global commodity markets will adapt to manufacturing practices and material use needs and will benefit from an improved stream."

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Sports



# **Previewing area KLAA softball teams**



Stevenson sophomore pitcher Sophie Bater delivers a pitch in a game last Season. ADAMS SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

**Andrew Vailliencourt** Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

An exciting new season of area softball has started, and the Kensington Lakes Activities Association should be highly competitive.

The league features two new divisions, simply called the East and West, which replaces the KLAA Black and Gold Divisions.

The new East Division includes Belleville, Livonia Churchill, Dearborn, Livonia Franklin, Fordson, John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson and Wayne Memorial.

The new West Division is made up of Brighton, Canton, Hartland, Howell, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Salem. **Black** Division champion Plymouth

defeated Gold Division champ Hartland to win the conference last year.

**KLAA West Division** 

Canton

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> Head coach: Al White (6th season) Last year's overall record: 20-7 (2nd in KLAA Black)

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Players to watch: Junior Shae Scott, sophomore Anna Halliday, sophomore Stephaine Schmunk C/SS, freshman Faith Cramton 1B, freshman Kelsey Nader

White's season outlook: "The girls have been working hard, very young team as we will start three freshman. Our infield will be new with all five spots being new players. We lost eight seniors from last year's team. We have both pitchers back which should keep us in most games. We need to make the simple plays and we will be okay. We opened

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# PREP GIRLS SOCCER Novi looks to repeat as state champs

#### **Andrew Vailliencourt** Hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

Arguably the most competitive girls soccer conference in the entire state, the **Kensington Lakes Activities Association** is back in action.

The league features two new divisions, simply called the East and West, which replaces the KLAA Black and Gold Divisions

The new East Division includes Belleville, Livonia Churchill, Dearborn. Livonia Franklin, Fordson, John Glenn, Livo nia Stevenson and Wayne Memorial.



The new West Division is made up of Brighton, Canton, Hartland, Howell, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Salem.

Novi is the reigning state champions, completing its miraculous playoff run. Numerous teams in the KLAA should be right in the thick of the state title race again this season — and Novi will be looking to defend its title.

#### **KLAA West Division**

#### Canton

Head coach: Jeannine Reddy Last year's overall record: 11-5-4 (1st in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior M Katie Nestico, senior F Carly Schwinke, senior GK Danielle Wilson, senior GK Katie Clark, junior F/M Jayna Fraser, sophomore D Emma Morrison, junior Alyssa Lollo, sophomore D Ari Ontko, sophomore D Lindsey Zambon, senior F/M Kiera Savage, senior M Marlee Taylor, senior M Lillian Lucas

**Reddy's season outlook:** "Looking forward to a great and very difficult season. The divisions are much different this

Novi's Avery Fenchel, left, is congratulated by teammate Julia Stadtherr after scoring the only goal giving Novi a 1-0 victory over Grand Blanc to claim the Division 1 state soccer title last year at Williamston High School. DAN DEAN/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

season with the KLAA matchups being very difficult with amazing teams every match. Every game will be trying and a challenge and will only make my players better. I have a lot of my players back from last season, and some new additions. Trying to adjust and align them all to be successful will be our goal as coach-

es. We will just try and get better each day and every game."

Head coach: Eric Brucker (24th sea-

Last year's overall record: 12-6-6 See SOCCER, Page 5B

(6th in KLAA Gold) Players to watch: Junior F Sarah Noo-

nan, junior F Erica Toupin, junior D Haley Brass, junior M Lauren Fleming, senior D Jenna Lauderback, sophomore M Emma Bowman, senior F Karina Moore, senior D

# **COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL** Hankins signs to play volleyball at Malone

Northville

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#### Andrew Vailliencourt Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Harrison High School's Kristen Hankins has signed to play volleyball at Malone University, which is located in Canton, Ohio.

The 5-foot-9 middle blocker/outside hitter is a four-year varsity letterwinner, helped the Hawks to three city championships and two Oakland Activities Association (OAA) runnerup finishes during her career. Hankins was twice named All-City and earned All-OAA accolades in each of her junior and senior seasons.

A standout on the court and in the classroom, Hankins received an academic letter, was involved in student council at Harrison and was also a member of the Honors Band, performing on the oboe. A dual-enrollment student, she earned Dean's List distinction this past fall at Oakland **Community College.** 

Her father, Woodrow Hankins, played football at the University of Michigan from 1992-1996. She plans to study biology while at Malone.

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Harrison's Kristen Hankins, right, has signed to play volleyball at Malone University. Future teammate Cierra Gurney, from Ohio, is pictured to her left. COURTESY OF MALONE ATHLETICS

**COLLEGE SOCCER** 

# Sullivan signs to play soccer at Madonna

Andrew VallHencourt nlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Northville High School's Sean Sullivan has signed to play soccer for Madonna University in the fall.

Sullivan currently plays for the U19 Northville Rush team and also played for Northville High School. Sullivan has been with the Northville Rush program for over 10 years and plays both as a defensive midfielder and defender.

Sullivan also played baseball for the Northville Travel program and Northville High School for several years, but gave up baseball this year to concentrate on soccer.

"I decided after the high school soccer season in the fall that I really wanted to continue to play soccer at the college level," Sullivan said.

He then went to Northville Rush coach Nick Deren, who is also the head coach of the University of Detroit Men's soccer team, and he began to let some of the other college coaches in the area



Northville's Sean Sullivan is pictured with his parents after signing to play soccer at Madonna. COURTESY OF JOHN SULLIVAN

know that Sullivan was interested in playing at the next level.

He played in a few college showcase tournaments in November and December and started hearing from several coaches. Sullivan received offers from a some other schools in Michigan as well as some schools in Ohio and Wisconsin,

but said that he really liked the idea of staying close to home and playing at Madonna.

"Madonna has a great soccer program and I really look forward to the opportunity to continue to play under coach Mark Zathey," Sullivan said. "Coach Zathey has been involved in the Rush program while I have been playing there, but I have never had the opportunity to play for him."

The Madonna men's soccer team played in the NAIA national championship game in California last year. Sullivan said that he looks forward to seeing how he will look against the increased level of competition and continuing his growth as a soccer player.

"I know the competition at Madonna will be tough, but it will give me an opportunity to increase my level of play," Sullivan said.

He added that he likes the idea that a couple of his teammates from his current Rush team will be going to Madonna and that he already knows a couple of players on the team that he has played with in the past.

"It's always good to be able to go into a new situation like that with some people that you already know," Sullivan said.

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Plymouth won its first KLAA Association softball championship since 2015. SUBMITTED



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#### nior Alexis D'Alexander IF, senior Arie Bartholomew C/UT, senior Morgan Horning OF, senior Kiersten Metz P/IF, son) junior Sophia Dibbles UT, sophomore

on the team for years. Also new to the (T-6th in KLAA Black) team are Hana Priester who will see time at first and Zoe Holsinger who plays second. Another addition, Gabi Ray, can attack each side of the plate and makes left field look easy. Ally Aikens will get the nod on the mound as she's our No. 1. Rachel Murphy will also see a lot of time as well. along with Holsinger. One other player who deserves some press is junior Grace Hokett. Grace will start at first again this year. What a huge leader. Grace is our No. 4 hitter and is a real threat. Kayla Donahue will be starting the season at second. Junior Meganne Skoug who has a great bat and covers a ton of ground will start in left. Senior Amanda Wiggle will see time in both infield and outfield. We have probably one of the hardest divisions in the state. Hartland, Howell, Brighton, Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Novi and Northville. It can't get much tougher."

#### **KLAA East Division**

#### **Livonia Churchill**

Head coach: Abe Vinitski (2nd sea-

Last year's overall record: 18-19 (4th (7th in KLAA Gold)

Players to watch: Senior Leah Kennedy CF/SS, senior Jessica Golick 1B/P, sophomore Nicole Dinco 3B/P, sophomore Olivia Arnold 3B/LF, freshman Christina Fuller 3B/P, freshman Madison Steele C/3B/SS, freshman Adin Maxson C/3B/2B

Miller's season outlook: "The John Glenn varsity softball team carries 17 talented players who all bring something unique to the table. Although over half of the team consists of underclassmen, their abilities outweigh their age, and it is predicted that these players will have s successful season. This team's love for the sport and drive to compete have set them apart from previous teams, and with a big sister program in place, each of the girls receive individual attention to hone their skills and achieve their goals. The coaching staff are confident that the girls will exceed expectations and finish the season with significantly more wins in the books."

#### Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Kevin Hannigan (4th season) Last year's overall record: 19-17-2

up our schedule on March 27 at Carlton Boka C/IF Airport with a hard fought 6-3 win. Now we are off for the next 10 days with spring break. Not a good thing."

#### Northville

Head coach: Scott DeBoer (3rd season)

Last year's overall record: 22-17 (3rd in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior Hannah Laurin P, senior Emma Bell OF, senior Natalie Turner IF. senior Connie Krizmanich IF. sophomore Kelsey Komorous 1B, sophomore Abby Weber C

DeBoer's season outlook: "The Mustangs who graduated six seniors will need to work together to battle in the strong KLAA (West) Division. If early practices are any indication of the season to come, the Mustangs will definitely be a team that will play hard to the last out. Senior Hannah Laurin will head up the pitching staff in the circle for the Mustangs. The returning seniors will be counted on to guide the team through the very strong 38 game schedule."

#### Novi

Head coach: Jim Carlisle (1st season) Last year's overall record: 17-17 (5th in KLAA Gold)

Players to watch: Senior Anna Mizerowski 3B, senior Sophie Rallis C, senior Bella Rallis CF, senior Megan Medendorp SS, senior Maria Gustitus P/OF, senior Sydney Bernot LF, freshman Ally Sharnowski 2B/P

Carlisle's season outlook: "We are senior loaded with some young talent. We are strong defensively up the middle (P, SS, CF). We have a great combination of speed and power in our lineup. We need to stay healthy and will get better every day. So far we are off to a great start at 2-0. We have high expectations for this talented group of seniors."

#### Plymouth

Head coach: Lauren Evans (5th season)

Last year's overall record: 31-7 (1st in KLAA Black, KLAA overall champions)

Elissa Simmons IF, sophomore Allison

ing staff is very excited for this group to take the field day in and day out. This group is a solid group of young women and student-athletes who have the potential to get better every day. We are optimistic that our leadership and experience will help us compete at a high level. The program is excited to see how Angela Schmidt chooses to take this team on her back in the circle and work with veteran players like Haley Gagnon, Arie Bartholomew and Alexis D'Alexander to define the team's mission, and everyday drive needed to succeed. We are excited for freshman newcomers, Jenna Ballard and Alexa Weil, and know that they will help us accomplish everyday goals needed to be prepared for the postseason."

#### Salem

Head coach: Bonnie Southerland (25th season)

Last year's overall record: 27-13 (3rd in KLAA Black) **KLAA Black**)

Players to watch: Sophomore Ally Aikens P, senior Hailey Dechalk C, junior Grace Hokett 1B, senior Amy Hines SS, sophomore Meganne Skoug OF, senior Jordan Hazel CF, junior Rachel Murphy P, senior Amanda Wiggle OF, junior Kayla Donahue 2B, freshman Sydney Muntean 3B, freshman Gabi Ray LF, freshman Zoe Holsinger IF, freshman Hana Priester IF

Southerland's season outlook: "Seniors and co-captains Jordan Hazel and Hailey Dechalk should lead the way and set the tone for the season. These two know what it takes to have a great season. Both of whom have signed and are headed to college after this season. Dechalk has signed with Adrian and Hazel with University of Detroit Mercy. Dechalk and Hazel are such great assets to our team which is why the were named captains. Senior Amy Hines will also have a huge impact. Amy has some huge shoes to fill as she has stepped into a position that was held by U-M player Morgan Overaitis. Amy will certainly assist not only on defense as she cover a lot of ground but her bat kills it.

"New to the team are fresmen Sydney Muntean who has filled the starting posi-Players to watch: Senior Haley Gag- tion at 3rd. What a huge player and phenon IF, junior Angela Schmidt P/UT, ju- nomenal bat. You would think she's been

in KLAA Black)

Evans' season outlook: "The coach- 3B, senior Maria Targoz CF, senior Maddie Anderson 2B, junior Morgan Price 1B, junior Loren Pyle P, junior Megan Nowak OF, junior Ella Wilson C

Vinitski's season outlook: "We have a nice mix of young and experienced players this year. Our strengths will be hitting and team defense and team speed. We are working hard on our team chemistry and I am very happy with the leadership of our older players so far concerning our first-year players. All 12 of our kids will need to contribute for us to be successful I look for big things from our seniors and watch out for our young players as they start to learn the varsity game. We have had a great first week and are preparing for our home opener against rival Dearborn."

#### **Livonia Franklin**

Head coach: Paul Newitt (1st season) Last year's overall record: 10-20 (5th

Players to watch: Senior Haley Bennett SS/, senior Ashley Crouch IF, senior Lauren DeAngelo P/IF, sophomore Hailev Rons P

though FHS Softball had a sub par season in it's 2018 campaign things are looking good in changing it's course. Senior Haley Bennett has an explosive bat that will lead the Patriots offensive scoring this season. Ashley Couch headed next year to play softball at Siena Heights University will hold down the right side of the infield. Unfortunately, last year's starter Olivia Napier is on the injury reserve list. FHS softball hopes she is able to play sometime in the month of May. Senior Lauren DeAngelo, is going to contribute as utility player in the positions of pitcher, 1st base, and outfield. Sophomore Hailey Rons will start at pitcher position while Cameron Stocket will see similar action. Junior Maddie Reynolds looks also to give the line up some offensive punch in scoring runs. FHS Softball will compete in the East division for the KLAA crown."

#### Westland John Glenn

Head coach: April Miller (3rd year) Last year's conference record: 1-18 or on Twitter at @AndrewVcourt.

Players to watch: Junior Riley Hanni-Players to watch: Senior Rachel Klisz gan 2B, junior Autumn Reed SS, junior Lauren Brewer 3B, junior Maddie Schornack CF, senior Catherine Olschanski RF, senior Katie Sopko C, junior Hailey Warra C, junior Alexis Black 3B, junior Natalie Conn P/1B, sophomore Sophie Bater P

> Hannigan's season outlook: "Our players are focused, practices have been sharp and have an extra bounce in their step. We have depth at every position which will create great competition. Pitching will fuel the fire for us with a strong defense. We are a little quicker on the bases this year and have gotten stronger at the plate. It's a credit to our players for investing in the off season conditioning program. Overall, this group is fun to be around, their excited to get outside and compete. Our team goals remain the same win the city, win the division and compete for the KLAA Championship."

#### **Wayne Memorial**

Head coach: Amanda Campbell (3rd season)

Last year's overall record: 3-27 (T-6th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior Megan Blair Newitt's season outlook: "Even P, senior Zoe Johnson OF, senior Nevaeh Hensley C

Campbell's season outlook: "I am very excited for this season. For the last two years we have been trying to build a program with many of the girls learning as they go and trying new positions regularly. I finally feel like this year we have hit a stride and am excited to have a full pitching and catching staff, I couldn't do this without an amazing coaching staff and volunteers. This year I am lucky to have Dave Blair as my assistant coach who is amazing with my outfield; one of our Wayne alumni, Claire Hammons, as another coach really working the girls hard in the infield. Our JV coach, Ashley McGeorge is always on board with catching while I head up pitching for a well rounded coaching staff. This year we are going to do some big things out on the field and I can't wait to see where these Zebras go. Whether we win or lose, we are doing it as a team and we are going to do it with Zebra pride.

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#### PREP LACROSSE

# **Plymouth boys offense upsets Lake Orion**

#### **Andrew Vailliencourt**

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Both boys and girls high school lacrosse is under way.

#### **Boys lacrosse**

Plymouth 9, Lake Orion 6 - Plymouth's offense was lead by Ian Gozdor (two goals, two assists), Harrison Albano (three goals, one assist), and Gavin Roach (three goals). Jeff Koviak had a goal and assist. Carson Miller tallied one assist. Plymouth goalie Blake Nowicki recorded 21 saves for a 78 percent save percentage. Lake Orion entered the game as the No. 6 team in the state.

Huron Valley United 12, North Farmington 2 - Michael Stibal led the Titans with pair of goals and two assists. Huron Valley goes to 2-1.

Plymouth II, Forest Hills Eastern 10 - During the team's annual trip to Grand Rapids, Plymouth picked up two wins, starting with this one. Miller had four goals and an assist, Albano had three goals, Roach had three assists and Brendan Allen had two goals.

Plymouth 18, Hudsonville 9 - In the team's second game, Plymouth's offense took over. Albano scored six goals and tallied four assists, Allen had five goals, Ian Gozdor scored three goals, Roach had two goals and an assist and Carson Miller recorded two goals. The Wildcats improved to 2-0.

**Bloomfield Hills 6, Huron Valley** United 3 - A defensive battle, Bloomfield Hills goes to 1-0.

Huron Valley United 12, Farmington 5 - Huron Valley had three players record hat tricks, Alex Hubbard, RJ Solar and Michael Stibal. Goalie Colin Doyle had 16 saves in the win. Huron Valley improves to 1-1.

#### **Girls lacrosse**

Salem 15, Bedford 14 - With just two seconds left in regulation, Amanda Polydoras scored for the Rocks forcing the Kicking Mules into overtime. Madison Sopha clinched the win in sudden death play with the final goal of the game. Also scoring for the Rocks were Maddie Di-



Plymouth took down No. 6 ranked Lake Orion in a big early season lacrosse showdown. COURTESY OF MICHAEL VASILNEK

ton, Ava Humphrey, Izzy Murphy-Morrow, Kara Zink and Lily Greylak.

South Lyon United 19, Livonia United 4 - Senior captain Lauryn Rygiel had six goals and senior captain Taylor Vitori and junior Jane Taylor each had three goals for South Lyon. Maddy Champagne scored three times for Livonia. Livonia falls to 2-1 and South Lyon improves to 1-0.

Livonia United 7, St. Catherine's Academy 4 - Champagne scored six goals for Livonia in the win.

Livonia United 15, North Harrison 10 - Champagne scored eight goals for Livonia in the win.

**Rockford 20, Birmingham Seaholm** 3 - Kate Wujciak scored two goals for Seaholm in the loss.

Novi 18, Saline 1 - Emily Pringle and Katie Novell led Novi with five goals each. Maria Fernandes scored four



goals, Alaina Smythe had two goals, four ground balls and one interception. Novi goes to 1-0.

Salem 10, Waterford 7 - Salem picks

up its first win of the season. Reach Andrew Vailliencourt at availlienc@hometownlife.com, 810-923-0659 or on Twitter at @AndrewVcourt.

**Livonia United** 

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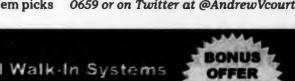
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PREP GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

# Livonia, South Lyon, Plymouth teams start season strong

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Our Lady of the Lakes 4, Livonia Clarenceville 0 - The Trojans enjoyed more possession and more shots on goal, but the Lakers were dangerous on the counter attack and were able to find the net twice in each half.

Livonia Churchill 5, Livonia Franklin 1 - Two goals were scored by senior Kaci Pampreen for Churchill, which also got goals from junior Riley Pfeifer and Sarah Sumbulla.

Novi 4, Salem 0 - Julia Stadtherr scored twice for Novi, which also got goals from Avery Fenchel and Eva Burns. Novi goes to 2-0. Salem falls to 1-1.

Novi 5, Northville 1 - Novi goals were scored by Avery Fenchel, Jenna Daschke, Julia Stadtherr (two goals) and Lexi Whalen. Northville's line goal was scored by Sarah Noonan. Novi sophomore goalie Abbey Pheiffer made five saves, including one on a penalty shot to secure the win.

**Birmingham Seaholm 5, Birmingham Groves 0** - Hailey Hartwig, Caroline Esper, Hannah Stone, Bella Rodrigues and Livi Ross each had a goal for Seaholm, with assists coming from Grace Harr (two), Rodrigues, Cate Brown and Stone.

South Lyon 1, Farmington 0 -South Lyon's Regan Dancer scored the game's only goal with 2:08 left to play. South Lyon is now 2-0-1.

South Lyon 3, Milford 1 - Lexi Nabozny, Regan Dancer and Ella Ranalli scored for South Lyon. Regan Allen scored Milford's lone goal.

Livonia Churchill 2, Belleville 2 -Junior Kayla Osen scored Churchill's first goal on a header off a corner from senior Abby Daoust, and the second goal was scored by senior Kaci Pampreen on a pass from senior Emily Halkey.

Lutheran Northwest 3, Livonia Clarenceville 1 - Erin Sanchez scored Clarenceville's only goal.

Livonia Stevenson 1, Farmington 0 - Junior Abby Werthman scored the game's only goal, while Haley Demers and Mackenzie Fifer combined for the shutout in net. Stevenson improves to 1-0.

South Lyon 3, Walled Lake Central 3 - Lexi Nabozny scored two goals and Regan Dancer scored once and added two assists to lead South Lyon. It was the first game of the year for each squad.

South Lyon East 4, North Farmington 0 - South Lyon East picked up its first win of the season in a shutout. Sophomore Annika Gilson scored two goals, while Emma Pompo and freshman Autum Neville also each tallied goals.

Plymouth 7, Howell 0 - A resounding win for Plymouth to open the season.

Livonia Clarenceville 4, Southfield Christian 1 - Michelle Marzolo scored three goals for Clarenceville.

Livonia Clarenceville 0, Allen Park 0 - Gina Marzolo earned her first career shutout for Clarenceville.

Wayne Memorial 4, Livonia Clarenceville 0 - In the team's third game in 18 hours, Clarenceville fell to Wayne Memorial. The Zebras scored less than two minutes into the game and piled on.

Salem 3, Rochester Adams 2 - Talia List, Macayla Harris and Chloe Parana each scored for Salem.

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Plymouth's Audrey Kananen dribbles up the field in her team's game against Howell. COURTESY OF EXPRESS PHOTO



Veronica Bolanos and Sophia Ohland helped lead South Lyon East to its first win of the season. COURTESY OF JILL OHLAND

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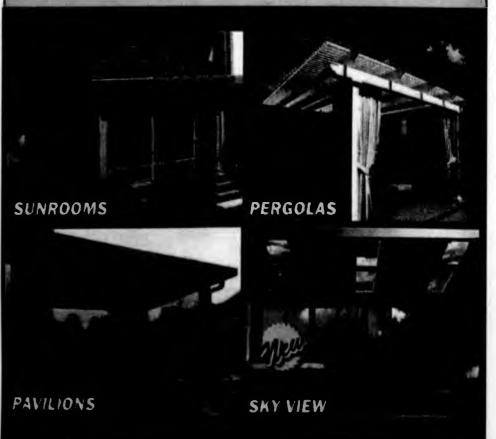




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### Soccer

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Dora Koski, sophomore F Sophia Jeromsky, sophomore M Carmen Raad, junior **GK Ellie Thallman** 

Brucker's season outlook: "It was a rough offseason with three starters from last year's team suffering ACL injuries. This year we have added depth at every position as we prepare for the gauntlet of the KLAA West. Every game will be a battle; led by our six returning starters, if we play to our potential, I see a great year for the Mustangs."

#### Novi

Head coach: Todd Pheiffer (5th sea- could not be reached for comment. son)

Last year's overall record: 19-5-1 (3rd Salem in KLAA Gold), 2018 State Champions

Players to watch: Senior M Riley Balconi, senior M Jessie Bandyk, senior F Avery Burrell, senior D Lauren Calhoun. senior M Madi Rose, senior F Julia Stadtherr, senior F Lexi Whalen, junior D Zoe Burrell, junior F Jenna Daschke, junior F Avery Fenchel, junior M Michelle Jecmen, Larson, sophomore D Eva Burns, sophomore GK Abbey Pheiffer

Pheiffer's season outlook: "With the new realignment of the KLAA this year. the West Division of the KLAA is the most competitive division in the state. Not only of more Sophomores than Juniors/Senare the top seven girls soccer teams in the iors combined, we will look to learn and conference all in the same division, but adapt quickly. With a good mixture of they all have to play each other twice. Thus, every game will be an extremely competitive match between teams with State Championship aspirations. We graduated 10 seniors from last year's State KLAA East Division Championship team, but we do return 15 players (six starters), so we do have a good group of players who know each other well and work extremely hard both on and off the field. These girls are a tight-knit group of student-athletes that have set son) their goals high this season and are working hard every day to reach them. We are looking forward to what lies ahead."

#### Plymouth

Head coach: Jeff Neschich Last year's overall record: 9-4-1 (2nd

in KLAA Black) Players to watch: Coach could not be

reached for comment. Neschich's season outlook: Coach

Plymouth goalie Rebecca Przybylo dives for the soccer ball during a spring 2018 contest. COURTESY OF JOHN KEMSKI

Head coach: Kyle Karns (3rd season) Last year's overall record: 13-6-2 (3rd in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Junior F Sydney Smith, senior M Madison Servey, sopho- to see." more Leah Courtney Karn's season outlook: "As always, Livonia Franklin

junior D Sarah Katinas, junior D Nevada the division remains one of the toughest in the state of Michigan. With that being said, our goal is to compete for a division son) title. By playing some of the top teams in our division, we will be prepared for a State playoff run. With a team comprised youth and veteran leadership, we have the talent on the field to scores goals and compete at a high level.

#### Livonia Churchill

Head coach: Chris Burnette (2nd sea-

Last year's overall record: 6-10-2 (4th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior F Kaci Pampreen, senior M Abby Doust, junior M Kayla Osen and junior F Riley Pheifer

Burnette's season outlook: "As I enter my second year here at Churchill I am Westland John Glenn excited for what this year will bring. I think we are a youthful team with some pace and good ideas inside the game. Last son) year I thought we didn't finish our opportunities when getting into the attacking

third of the field and behind other teams back lines, but I think this year will be a bit different so far from what I am seeing. I still want the girls to be patient and confident on the ball and trust in their skill set and their teammates. I expect to see this group work hard every game and press themselves to get the results we all want

Head coach: Dean Kowalski (10th sea-

Last year's overall record: 1-16-1 (6th KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Senior M Niki Berridge, senior M/D Marissa McCracken, senior D Miranda McIntosh, senior D/M Jessica Walkup, senior M/F Hannah Davis, senior GK Lindsay Schwartz

Kowalski's season outlook: "We are very excited about the upcoming season. This year is a great mix of talented, experienced upperclassmen and enthusiastic youth. Out of the 18 players on the team, only eight are seniors. We feel we will improve every game this season as the youth of the team will begin to learn how to play on the varsity level. The team will focus on toughness and speed to create a quick turnaround from last year. If we stay healthy and work hard, we will have a successful season. We are very excited and looking forward to competing in every game this season."

Head coach: George Easter (2nd sea-

Last year's overall record: 5-14-2 (5th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Sophomore F Jayden Thurmand, sophomore M Liv Dangel

Easter's season outlook: "At Glenn, we are excited for the new season. We have finally been placed in a division where we can truly be competitive. The player pool here for soccer, can't compare schools such as those in PCEP, we just don't have the numbers. But the past few seasons, we have started to develop more of a soccer culture, where the kids know they can still compete with any school. Last season was the toughest schedule Glenn has ever had, yet the ladies (led by a strong senior class) ended the year with one of the best overall seasons in program history. So now the returning varsity players, along with a few new faces, are fired up and ready to make a strong impact in the new division."

#### Livonia Stevenson

Head coach: Ken Shingledecker (4th Season)

Last year's overall record: 13-6-3 (5th in KLAA Gold)

Players to watch: Junior F Abby Werthman, senior GK Haley Demers, senior M Sarah Dressing, junior D Sam Kuszynski, junior M Meredith Hage, junior GK Mackenzie Fifer, sophomore M Mikayla Waranaukus, junior D Nikki Verant, junior D Zelia Griffith, sophomore M Delaney Millis, sophomore M Adriana Mroz, senior D Caitlin King, junior D Emily Rentis, junior M Adriana Sapia

Shingledecker's season outlook: "On paper we look like a young team. But most of the upper classmen girls are entering their third or fourth year on varsity. With only 18 varsity players we will be expecting contributions from the entire roster. We have a couple nice early season match ups that will help get ready for the conference season. Our goal is to win our division, then see if we can make some noise in the KLAA Championship game. We're looking forward to the challenge."

#### **Wayne Memorial**

Head coach: Keith Tilley

Last year's conference record: 0-13 (7th in KLAA Black)

Players to watch: Coach could not be reached for comment.

Tilley's season outlook: Coach could not be reached for comment.

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A golden sunset graces the shores of Nichupte Lagoon in Cancun, Mexico. PHOTOS BY LINDA LANGE, PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RACHEL VAN BI ANKENSHIP/USA TODAY NETWORK

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## Visiting Mexico's Yucatan reveals picturesque small towns

Steve Ahillen and Linda Lange Special to Knoxville News Sentmet(USA TODAY NETWORK TENNESSEE

CHICHEN ITZA, Mexico – He sits high atop El Castillo, the pyramid that dominates the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza. He has a magnificent view of one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, but apparently that means nothing to him. Like the hundreds of thousands of visitors who flock to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula in the winter, this spiny-tailed iguana wants to get warm. Sun-seekers stay in the high-end hotels at Cancun, or maybe they head to Playa del Carmen or Tulum, or any number of other picturesque small towns along the Mayan Riviera.



Sunbathers relax by the glittering blue waters of the Caribbean Sea at Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

## More than 1 million visitors a year

More than 1 million visitors a year come to Chichen Itza, a bucket-list destination and UNESCO World Heritage Site. The 740-acre complex of pyramids, temples and shrines dates back to A.D. 435. Its builders left 800 years ago, leaving questions unanswered about the hieroglyphics and carved stone panels of jaguars, serpents, skulls and warriors.

El Castillo demands center stage. It rises 100 feet at the center of the complex with a base that stretches 180 feet. Ninety-one steps on each of the four sides and one more for the entrance to the temple add up to 365, the number of days in the year. The Mayans were dedicated star gazers, as evidenced by the circular viewing tower El Caracol. The structure aligns to track Venus, a planet revered by the Mayans.

Dozens of other impressive structures capture interest. Sports battles in the Great Ball Court were ferocious, though the exact rules of the game are unknown. Conjecture is that opponents attempted to get a small rubber ball through one of two hoops each up 27 feet on walls that line both sides of the field. The field itself, at 490 feet long, is much larger than those used for football or soccer today.

Vendors sell carved masks, tapestries and noisemakers that mimic a jaguar's growl. The bright colors of their wares and the chatter of buyer-seller exchanges contrast to the quiet dignity of the sun-beached limestone structures that long ago were painted in vivid hues.

Crossing through the scrubland after departing Chichen Itza, we enter rural villages where driving is slowed by sharing the road with people in large tricycles (triciclos), the Mexican version of a rickshaw, and liberally dispersed speedbumps (topes), a low-cost



Stone carvings of an open-jawed serpent adorn many structures in Chichen Itza. Panels also depict jaguars, skulls and warriors.

manner of enforcing speed control. Stores and houses painted in red ochre, turquoise and fuchsia edge the road.

#### Tulum

Cool breezes flow across the Tulum Ruins, perched on cliffs overlooking the Caribbean Sea. Some visitors arrive in swimsuits to enjoy one of the Yucatan Peninsula's best beaches, and then amble across grassy fields to view 25-foot pyramidal El Castillo and the Temple of the Wind God. In the 12th century, Tulum was a wealthy city on a Caribbean trade route, and centuries later its residents encountered the Spanish conquistadors.

The archaeological site is woven into the fabric of the lively town of Tulum. Beach houses with tropical gardens, restaurants serving fresh seafood and boutique hotels with thatch-roofed cabanas edge a winding, palm-shaded coastal road. It leads to the entrance of the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve, meaning "where the sky is born." The reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, protects 1.3 million acres of coastline and jungle. Unspoiled beaches and lagoons teem with jeweltoned fish.

#### Playa del Carmen

Tourists flock to Playa del Carmen for its white sand beaches. Water in all shades of blue rolls out toward Cozumel. Beachcombing, kitesurfing and scuba diving occupy the day, while bright lights, fancy shops, bars, hipster restaurants and music lure people to downtown streets in the evening. Playa del Carmen's pedestrian-only Fifth Avenue entertainment district offers an assortment of world cuisine. Vendors selling souvenirs from tacky to tremendous appeal to shoppers. Strolling mariachi bands and other street performers create a party mood.



The El Castillo pyramid dominates the encient Mayen ruins of Chichen Itza in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

#### **Puerto Morelos**

The mood is decidedly more relaxed and informal in Puerto Morelos, a salty fishing village that remains substantially authentic. Pelicans patrol the waterfront, particularly when the fishing boats dock, and people meet for lunch and dinner at the town square. They congregate at quirky little cafes and shop at craft stores or buy fresh produce at stalls. Life moves at an unhurried pace.

With an offshore reef, snorkeling and diving options are excellent. Small hotels dot the shoreline; their rates are often much lower than thoseat the resorts, yet they offer sparkling beaches andtropical gardens. Restaurants have open-air seating.

#### Cancun

Cancun is the big boy of the Yucatan Peninsula with world-class luxury hotels dominating the skyline. More than 32,000 hotel rooms are available in Cancun to cater to the 6 million tourists a year who seek Caribbean sun, sand and surf.

The city of more than 600,000 residents is home to high-end shopping like Prada and Louis Vuitton, but it also has several souvenir markets to indulge those looking for locally made items. Restaurants, bars and nightclubs for all tastes abound. A favorite is Captain's Cove Grill, where patrons watch the sun set over Nichupte Lagoon.

Golf, cruises to the islands, excursions to family-friendly theme parks and watersports are popular vacation experiences. The Mayan Museum of Cancun showcases Mayan art and architecture. Its three exhibition halls also portray the daily life of the Mayan people in pre-Hispanic Mexico using archaeological artifacts from its 400-piece collection.

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# **Be on the lookout for** ridiculous travel fees



**On Travel Christopher Elliott** USA TODAY

Eric Hochstein found something unusual on his bill at the Gregory Hotel in New York City recently.

No, it wasn't the mandatory \$35-perday resort fee that covers local and domestic calls, a 24-hour fitness center and coffee and tea. And it wasn't the \$259-per-night room rate, which was below average for Manhattan.

It was that the resort fee - which the Gregory calls a "Tailored Fee" to fit its garment theme - including a donation to charity to "save the Garment Center."

"Pretty unique, eh?" says Hochstein, an international business development consultant from Barrington, Illinois, who says that other than the fees, he liked staying at the Gregory.

Travel companies are coming up with all kinds of new charges these days, which is hardly a surprise. The travel industry's business model relies on fees to generate extra revenue. The real shocker is the way they justify the new fees, claiming that people asked for them or that they're there for your convenience.

Hochstein asked a receptionist at the Gregory about the fee. "She couldn't tell me how much of each night's fee went to the charity, and she said 'it is about fashion,' but didn't know the name of the charitable organization," he recalls.

The Gregory did not respond to requests to explain its charitable donation.

In the past two decades, airlines have pushed the limits on surcharges, adding fees for everything from checked luggage to seat assignments. Other segments of the travel business, including hotels, car rental companies and vacation rental companies, are still playing catch-up.

Laura Mandala, the CEO of Mandala Research, a travel research firm, says travelers are now "socialized" to accept fees whenever they travel. The biggest



Some hotels charge a fee for an in-room safe, claiming it's an amenity that customers have requested. GETTY IMAGES

argument for imposing new fees is that all fell in love with appears to be doing they're adding a convenience - for example, a GPS unit on a rental car or a premium snack on a plane.

No one needs to explain these fees, she says. "Most customers realize by now, added convenience comes with a cost.

But when a travel company struggles to explain a new fee - well, that's when things get interesting.

Consider Carnival Cruise Line's recent decision to begin charging between \$2 and \$5 for room-service items, except for breakfast. A sandwich, a side and a dessert used to be included in the cost of your cruise, but under the new plan, room service would cost upward of \$10 before gratuities. Among the reasons, Carnival said it wanted to "find effective means to continue to reduce food waste."

But passengers didn't buy it. "At some point it just becomes greed," Jordan Diaz, a passenger from Las Vegas, wrote on Facebook. "I get it's a business. But, the successful business model we

a 180."

Tanner Callais, who edits the cruise site Cruzely.com, says many loyal customers were put off not only by the fee but also the explanation. "Needless to say, many passengers weren't buying it," he says. Just a few days later, Carnival announced it was putting the price increase on "hold."

Some hotels charge a fee, usually only a few dollars per room, for an inroom safe, claiming it's an amenity that customers have requested.

"It is, by far, the most ridiculous fee," says Courtney Blacher, a Los Angeles-based writer who specializes in family travel. "So I have to pay you additional to keep my items safe in a room I already paid for? Absolutely not!'

When a hotel, airline or cruise line employee can't adequately explain a fee, you're in an excellent position to negotiate a quick refund. Allow the representative to hem and haw, and then politely ask to remove the charge.

# **ASK THE CAPTAIN** Airplane windows add weight

John Cox Special to USA TODAY

Question: If aircraft weight is so important, why aren't aircraft windows made larger? Aren't those materials lighter than the rest of the aircraft?

- Daniel Lilly, Little Rock, Arkan-688

Answer: The structure around the window is heavier. If you look at airplanes designed as freighters, they don't have windows to reduce the weight and maintenance costs.

Q: Is it practical (or safer) to make a fuselage with no windows and use a camera system to allow for virtual windows via monitors?

- Dave, Jacksonville, Florida

A: It is technically possible, however it would be more expensive and heavier. For those reasons, it is unlikely to occur. Having windows allows passengers to see if there are threats to a particular side of the airplane, such as a fire following a runway excursion.

Q: Why do we raise the window shades during takeoff and landing? - Nehad, France

A: In case an evacuation is needed. If there is a fire, it is possible to see it before opening an exit.

John Cox is a retired airline captain with US Airways.



The view from a window of an airplane landing in Bangkok. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO



# VIINO budget on trips with friends

Sean Pyles NerdWallet

Getting old friends back together to share a vacation is a great way to catch up and build new memories.

However refreshing these vacations may be, they can also get costly. Airfare, lodging, dining out and all of the extras can add up to thousands of dollars.

research - you can trim costs from each part of the trip.

First, get your financial house in order. That means drafting a travel budget Know how much you can spend and hold yourself to that. This will keep you focused while planning.

After that, here's how to plan a budget-friendly vacation with faraway friends.

#### **Tinker with timing**

Coordinating schedules and itineraries is tough. If you and your friends stay flexible, though, you can book a cheaper vacation and avoid crowds.

Travel in "shoulder" seasons: Spring break, Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve may seem like no-brainer opportunities. But these busy travel seasons can cost you hundreds of dollars more for flights and lodging.

To avoid the crowds and cut costs, try traveling in what's known as "shoulder season," or off-peak season. A trip to Florida in May, for example, could be less expensive than traveling during the height of spring break season.



With some simple tips - and a bit of Compare prices on assembling the trip yourself, using a travel adviser itinerary and package deals. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Make your own extended weekend: By taking off a Friday and a Monday, your group can get a four-day vacation.

Planning around federal holidays can be a way for your friends to find a time that works for them, says Erika Richter, communications director for the American Society of Travel Advisors. You might spend a little more than in the offseason, but it can make setting a date easier.

"These holidays can be an easy way to align everyone's schedules," Richter says. "Depending on the destination and the time of year, you might be right on par with the shoulder season."

#### Find a middle ground - literally

For plans with friends scattered across the country, try meeting at an airline hub city. That almost guarantees you'll be able to get there with only one flight. And you likely will be able to find affordable fares, given the volume of air traffic

Try one of these hub cities:

**Atlanta:** A city rich with Southern culture, Atlanta offers a wide variety of attractions, including the King Center, the High Museum of Art and the Atlanta **Botanical Garden.** 

Chicago: This vibrant city comes alive with street fairs during the summer. Chicago can be an affordable destination, since it has one of the busiest airports in the world and flights tend to be cheaper than when flying to a smaller

**Denver:** Great for a winter getaway, there are loads of ski resorts near Denver. For those more apres-ski-inclined, the city has many breweries to explore.

'The most important thing to keep in mind when you're trying to save money on travel is that you should try to be flexible about your destination," says travel writer Holly Johnson. "Keep your options open and compare prices in a few different destinations, and you'll have a much better shot at saving big "

#### **Price compare**

Online shopping makes trip planning more accessible and affordable, but it's not always the best deal. Compare prices on assembling the trip yourself, using a travel adviser itinerary and package deals.

DIY: Google Flights, Hopper, Expedia - there is a seemingly endless number of companies vying to book you the cheapest travel experience. Use these to your advantage to track flight prices, compare hotels and organize day trips. If you have a travel rewards credit card, see if your points will cover some costs.

**Travel advisers:** The refreshed name of travel agents for the millennial era, travel advisers are another resource. An adviser will take your general itinerary and put together a quote for you, often for free. Since they have insider access to flight prices, hotel packages and more, they may be able to get you a deal.

I Package deals: Some resorts have all-inclusive packages that include lodging, food and drink.

# Your fitness is A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION

#### Angle Ferguson | Guest Columnist USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

I'm sure you've heard the adage, "life is a journey, not a destination." The same is true for fitness as well. Often we see enthusiasts work toward a fitness or health goal, achieve it and then slowly slide back to where they started. Sound familiar? This cycle is easy to break if you shift your thinking and training to cultivate long-term habits, rather than just short-term fix goals.

First, understand there are several reasons why maintaining a change in behavior is often more difficult than making the initial change itself. These include the following:

Starting with a 'race to the finish' mentality (common in fitness challenges), where there is a start and end. This approach doesn't work long-term because you fail to enjoy the journey and you burn out.

Failing to plan to maintain your goals once you've achieved them. Once a target is met, people often take that as a reason to relax and celebrate, rather than continue their good work.

Setting large goals and not smaller, more quickly achievable ones. Long-term goals only work if you have day-to-day goals to help and encourage you through your journey.

People who enjoy the fitness journey, often don't think of themselves as motivated. They just consider themselves consistent. The trick then to staying on your own personal journey is to keep doing something long enough that it feels unnatural not to do it. For example, consider how it would feel if you didn't brush your teeth in the morning or didn't have your seatbelt on. Fitness minded people who might seem motivated simply feel uncomfortable when they don't eat well or miss a workout. 1. People often relapse into old patterns of behavior because they've forgotten the discomfort associated with their former selves. Once a goal is reached, it's easy to slip back into old habits. Write some honest, brief evaluations on your opinion of self-image, quality of health, level of fitness and your old energy level. Be candid. Write 'Old Me' at the top of your list, and stick it in a place you often frequent to serve as a constant reminder of why you embarked on your journey.

2. Aim for progress, not perfection. Even Olympic athletes have tough days. Aiming for perfection is a fast way to develop an unhealthy relationship with exercise. Give yourself a break if you slip up. Find out what caused you to slip

and learn from it. Be patient and forgive yourself. 3. When looking at improving health and fitness, people often make goals based on numeric targets. This shouldn't be your focus. There are going to be weeks when the figure on the scale doesn't budge. It's important to look at the big picture. For example, if you've been attending the gym for two weeks and barely notice weight loss, don't be hard on yourself. The fact you managed to stay purposely active for two weeks is an achievement.

Angie Ferguson is an exercise physiologist from Fort Myers. She is a USA Triathlon Advanced Level 2 coach, USA Cycling coach, has a Specialty in Sports Nutrition certification and a PhD in results! For more tips, . contact her at gearedup-.biz.

There are a few life-hacks you can use to reinforce and enjoy your own journey rather than focusing only on the destination.

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# Tax shelters come in all sizes, unlikely places

Almee Picchi Special to USA TODAY

Saving for retirement or other big life moments often is viewed as an end in itself: Sock away a little bit each month, and you'll achieve your financial goals. But many of these accounts also can play a role in lowering your tax burden here and now.

Take Erin Lowry, a self-employed personal finance expert who blogs at BrokeMillennial.com and whose book "Broke Millennial Takes on Investing" will be published in early April. Her transition from company employee with a 401(k) to self-employed worker included the challenge of setting up a new retirement plan.

"The advice out there is for the traditional employee, like, 'Make sure you get the employer match,' " she recalls. "As a self-employed person, retirement is entirely on my shoulders."

That includes navigating a complicated set of issues when it comes to retirement savings, such as deciding which type of account best fits her needs.

Lowry said she eventually picked a SEP-IRA, which has higher contribution limits than traditional or Roth IRAs. It also has the advantage of helping with tax planning because contributions are tax-deductible.

The SEP-IRA allows Lowry to contribute for the previous tax year until the tax-filing deadline of April 15, which gives her time to strategize with her accountant on last-minute contributions to lower her taxable income. "I'll put in a little more right before I finalize my tax return for 2018," she notes.

Tapping those types of tax strategies are crucial for financial planning, says Chantel Bonneau, a wealth management adviser at Northwestern Mutual. And more workers may be thinking about getting a better handle on their tax burdens after the tax overhaul that went into effect last year, she adds.

That said, she advises people to focus on their financial targets first and foremost.

"We all want tax benefits, but make sure you are doing things that will get you closer to your goal," she says. In other words, "Don't buy a house for the tax



Susanmarie Harrington of Vermont favors Roth IRAs. AIMEE PICCHI

benefit – buy it because you want to own a house."

Below are five key accounts that help lower tax burdens either now or during a life transition, financial experts say.

#### 401(k)s

Offered by employers, 401(k) plans allow workers to set aside retirement funds on a tax-deferred basis.

Those contributions will lower your taxable income in the year they are made, reducing your current tax bill.

However, you'll pay income tax on your withdrawals once you hit retirement and start tapping the account.

#### IRAs

Several other plans offer similar taxdeferred savings, including the traditional IRA and the SEP-IRA used by Lowry, with the latter geared toward self-employed workers or small-business owners.

The Roth IRA, however, offers a dif-

ferent type of tax advantage: You pay income tax on contributions in the year you make them but withdraw the funds tax-free in retirement. Roth IRAs can offer savings for workers who believe they'll be in a higher tax bracket when they retire, notes Bonneau.

The tax advantage of Roth IRAs attracted Susanmarie Harrington, a professor at University of Vermont in Burlington. She started setting up IRAs when she began working but switched to Roth IRAs because, she says, "it seemed more tax advantageous."

#### Flexible spending accounts

There are two types of tax-advantaged accounts geared toward medical expenses, flexible spending accounts and health savings accounts, but they have significant differences.

Flexible savings accounts (FSA) are limited to \$2,700 per contributor in 2019, meaning that is the maximum taxexempt amount a worker can set aside. Those funds can then be used to pay for such health care expenses as co-pays or medication. But there's one big drawback: These accounts are "use it or lose it," which means you lose the amount you've set aside if you fail to file for reimbursement before the FSA claim deadline, typically in March of the following year.

#### Heath savings accounts

HSAs are "triple tax-advantaged" plans for people who have high-deductible health care plans, says Shobin Uralil, the COO and HSA administrator at Lively, which owns and operates a payment platform. Funds are contributed on a pre-tax basis, and if they are used to pay for medical expenses, they're also not subject to taxes.

Lastly, some contributions also may be exempt from Social Security and Medicare taxes, Uralil added.

Unlike FSAs, the funds "stay with you," Uralil adds.

"Even though the account may be provided by your employer, you as the account holder are the one who owns the funds, and you are the one who gets the tax benefit. When you leave, the funds stay with you."

#### 529 plans

College is another expensive life event where tax breaks can provide welcome relief. 529 plans typically are more flexible than consumers realize, says Ksenia Yudina, CEO of U-Nest, an app that provides 529 investing, and a former financial adviser.

Parents don't need to open a plan in the state where they live, and grandparents and other relatives and friends also can invest in a 529 plan, she adds. And the plans offer significant tax breaks, she notes.

While you put in after-tax dollars, those contributions grow tax-free, and withdrawals are not taxed, either.

"Some people don't realize that 529 plans have those major tax benefits," she says.

Contributions can be invested in a number of mutual funds, index funds or other investments. On top of the investment gains, "the tax benefits compound," Yudina says.

# Proper notice helps you and employer



Johnny C. Taylor Columnist USA TODAY

Johnny C. Taylor Jr., a human-resources expert, is tackling your questions as part of a series for USA TODAY. Taylor is president and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest HR professional society. The questions are submitted by readers, and Taylor's answers below have been edited for length and clarity.

Question: What are the ramifications if I don't provide two weeks' notice in leaving a part-time job? – Anonymous

Johnny C. Taylor Jr.: If your company has a policy requiring two weeks' notice, it is important to follow the policy.

Contracts aside, there is no legal requirement to provide this notice. But leaving without providing adequate notice – even for a part-time gig – can tarnish your professional reputation. You also could lose rights to benefits such as accrued paid leave or a planned bonus and could be risking your positive reference. Additionally, it might make your soon-to-be employer question whether you'll do the same in the future.

The reason employers typically ask for two weeks' notice is to allow enough time to reassign work while the company looks for a replacement and to provide the departing employee a period to tie up projects and complete any unfinished work.

Giving adequate notice is a professional courtesy that aids both you and your employer.

Even as a part-timer, your departure has an impact – one greater than you might think. If you exit immediately, it leaves your employer scrambling to find a replacement and co-workers covering your shift and/or duties until someone new is hired.

If you are in a unique circumstance that requires you to part ways early, try discussing options with your current manager. As an example, if your new position also is part time, you could consider working both jobs for a short period. Is your future employer pressuring



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you to start immediately? If so, consider why and whether it's a company you want to work for. Good workplaces will respect your decision to do right by your current employer.

Just as you wanted to make a good first impression at work, you also want to leave a positive final impression.

Q: I've gone on work-related trips. My employer expected me to rent a car with my personal credit card, with reimbursement by the company later. I'm uncomfortable renting a car in my name, as it could be a liability risk. How should I handle this? - Linda

Taylor: Anytime you rent a car while traveling for business, it will be in your name – even if your company has a business account with the rental car

agency.

To get peace of mind, talk with your HR department or supervisor about the company's travel policies and your concerns.

Your employer might have general liability insurance, which would provide coverage if you are involved in an accident in which someone is injured, and many large companies have commercial auto insurance that covers traveling employees.

For added protection, you could purchase supplemental liability insurance from the rental car company for about \$10 to \$15 a day. Be sure to check with your supervisor or HR person to confirm that your employer will reimburse you.

Most personal auto insurance policies cover rental car liability, even when one is renting a car for business. Check whether your personal policy includes it. Also check with your credit card company to see what coverage it provides.

Beyond concerns about liability, there's also the question of convenience.

You might ask your company if it would open an employer rental car account. Such an account would provide discounts and rewards and would offer billing options such as charging an employee's rentals to a company-guaranteed account or sending a monthly bill directly to the employer.

Business travel is why some employees are issued company credit cards. Ask if one is possible where you work, especially if you travel frequently. 108 I THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019 I O& EMEDIA (NNNR)

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# Pair of no-hitters highlights opening week

Andrew Valiliencourt Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICH.

The first week of high school baseball action is in the books, there have already been several standout performances, led by two no-hitters.

#### **Baseball scores**

Salem 12, Belleville 7 - Jake Amato was 2for-3 with two RBIs and picked up the win on the mound.

Detroit Catholic Central 6, Livonia Stevenson 5 - Nate Waligora went 2-for-2 with a three-run home run for Stevenson. Ryan Marra went 3-for-3 for the Shamrocks. CC goes to 1-0, while Stevenson falls to 1-2.

Lutheran Westland 6, Livonia Clarenceville 5 - Zach Topolewski had three hits and four RBIs for Clarenceville. It was each team's first game of the year.

Plymouth 5, Salem 2 - Read our full game story here.

Livonia Franklin 5, Northville 3 - Franklin scored four runs in the seventh inning to earn the win.Trevor Whisman reached by being hit by pitch. Marino Diponio walked, followed by a line drive single by Cal Fournier. Andrew Kent then grounded sir Frederick, and Tyler Xeurub each had two hits with one of Hammons' being a triple.

Wayne Memorial 7, Fordson 0 - Frederick and Hammons each had a double and a single. This was a shortened game due to darkness. Hammons picked up the win.

Belleville 1, Stevenson 0 - Nate Waligora pitched 6 and 2/3 innings and had 12 strikeouts before Belleville got the game-winning hit with two outs in the bottom of the seventh.

Lakeland 4, Walled Lake Western 3 - Austin Conley picked up the win for Lakeland.

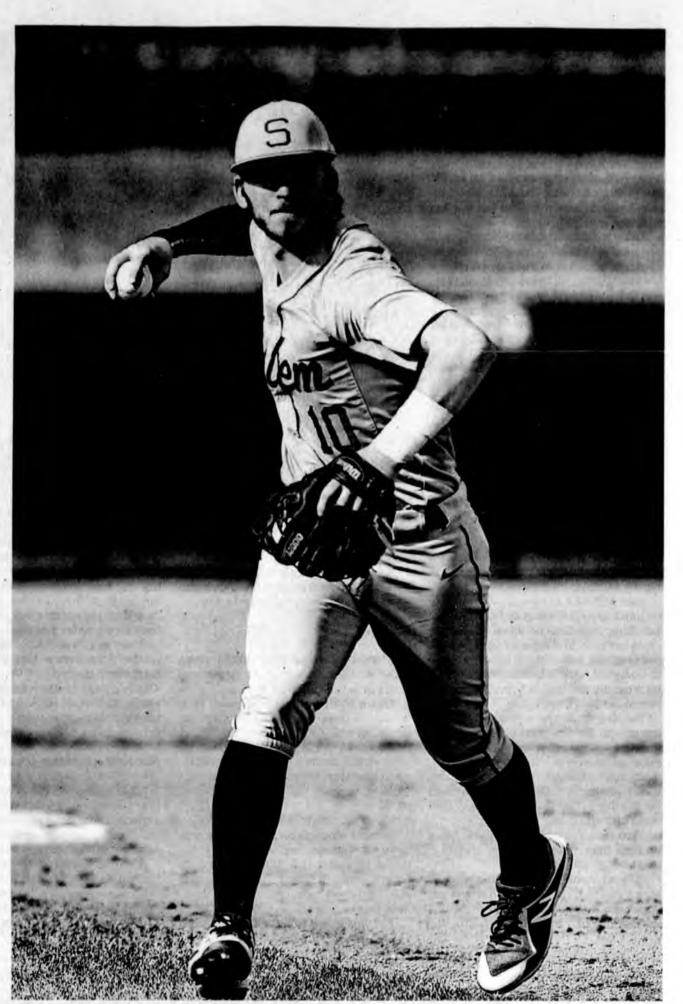
Lakeland 12, Walled Lake Western 0 - Trent Farquhar pitched a complete-game nohitter with 10 strikeouts to lead Lakeland. Kevin Krill was 4-for-5 with six RBIs on the day and Drake Schultz was 3-for-4.

Note: Coaches, please email us your scores and stats after each game at Liv-Sports@Home-

townlife.com if you'd like your team to be included.

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Salem High Rock's Jacob Amato fires a grounder to first base. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

into a fielder's choice that scored Whisman. Derek Sayers followed with a two-run triple to right. He scored on a single by Alex Forry. Franklin is now 2-1.

Franklin 13, John Glenn 11 - Franklin was led offensively by Cal Fournier, who recorded a double, triple and two RBI, Alek Forry who had two hits, a single and a three-run home run. Ryan Madden, Marino DiPonio, Derek Sayers and Greg Wiacek also had two-hit games. Chad Stevens had two hits and four RBI for Glenn.

John Glenn 4, Franklin 1 - Chad Stevens threw six innings for John Glenn, striking out 14 Franklin hitters. Glenn scored three runs in the bottom of the 5th to break a 1-1 tie.

Stevenson 10, Belleville 0 - Stevenson's entire lineup contributed to the scoring, while Coltrane Rubner pitched five shutout innings.

Lakeland 11, Walled Lake Western 1 - Sophomore Thomas Bentley picked up the win on the mound in his first varsity start. Trent Farquhar led the way offensively going 3 -3 with three runs scored and three RBI for Lakeland, which is now 3-0.

Wayne Memorial 12, Fordson 0 - Brendan Souva threw a complete-game no-hitter and struck out 16. Shane Hammons, Na-

# Obituaries

#### Jennifer J. Langan

NORTHVILLE - Jennifer J. Langan (nee Valvona) age 45, of Northville, passed away peacefully with her family and friends by her side on Friday, March 29, 2019. She was born on August 25, 1973 in Royal Oak, Michigan; daughter of Vince and Joan (nee Sullivan) Valvona. Jenn was united in marriage to Bob Langan on May 5, 2001; lovingly devoted to each other for over 17 years.

Jenn was a 1991 graduate of Mercy High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. Being a founding board member of Main Street League, a board member of CFCU, and an active

member of OLV PTO showed Jenn's dedication to her community. Her passion was working out, pilates and staying fit. In 2016 this passion led to opening Warehouse Pilates in Northville. Jenn had a wonderful sense of humor with an infectious laugh and an enormous toothy smile. She loved to travel. Her honeymoon to Europe, going to Rome, and her yearly trips to Destin, Florida were among her favorites. Jenn also loved going to Disney World.

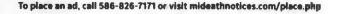
The most important aspect of Jenn's life was her family. She was devoted to her family and always put her family first. Jenn was a very organized mom who made sure all three of her children were equally supported whether it was baseball for her sons or pom for her daughter. She was an amazing wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend.

Jenn is survived by her husband Bob; her children, Joanie, Trey, and Nick; her father Vince (Janet Pearce) Valvona; her brother Michael Valvona; her sister Christine "Tina" Stonisch; her in-laws, Marilyn (Walt) Wick and Bob (Yvonne) Langan; her brother and sisters in-law, Rev. Father Jeff Langan, Jamie (Kristine) Langan, Meghan Faulkner, Katie Langan, Ryan Langan, and Shannon Langan; and her nieces and nephews, Lukas, Gwen, Rudy, Cate, Charlie, Ethan, Maddie, Austin, Logan, Kaylee, Zoe, and Cooper. Also loved by many aunts, uncles, and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother Joan Valvona.

A memorial visitation will be held Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 2pm until 8pm with a Rosary at 7:30pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. A funeral mass will be held Monday, April 8, 2019 at 10am at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville. Jenn

will be laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to the Main Street League, PO Box 88, Northville, Michigan 48167.







HARTLAND - Charles "Chuck" Libby, age of 82, of Hartland, passed away March 29, 2019. Beloved husband of Sue. Loving father of Thomas (Joyce) Libby, Linda (Salvatore) Farina and William (Ruth) Libby. Proud grandfather of Kelly (Todd) Shanks, Mark (Cyndi) Wasunyk, Chad



(Alicia) Libby, Lauryn (Vincent) Sandoval, Carolena (Timothy) Scheidler, Salvatore Farina, Anthony (Rachael) Farina and Michael Farina. Treasured great-grandfather of Jade Shanks, Hunter Shanks, Kendall Wasunyk, Frederick Scheidler, Noland Libby, Waylan Libby, Daegen Sandoval and Faustino Sandoval.

Chuck enjoyed spending time with his family and dogs, coaching little league baseball, working out at the gym, boating, snowmobiling with friends, bowling, fishing, watching the Tigers and being in the car business for over 50 years.

> Elton Black & Son Funeral Home



# Sophisticated tax scams could cost you



In a few weeks, the dreaded tax season will be over. We loathe those oddly titled documents with the tiny print. We wonder what number – refund or remainder – those mysterious equations will spit out.

And as more of us sign up as parttime contractors, driving for Lyft and selling crafts on Etsy, our taxes get more complicated. We get anxious.

Criminals love to take advantage of that anxiety.

Tax scams and phishing operations are getting more sophisticated than ever. By faking ads, websites and caller IDs, scammers will gladly prey on your ignorance.

#### Impersonators have a new twist

Many people have fallen victim to fake calls from the IRS. These calls are designed to trick you into giving up your personal info. They'll pretend to be an IRS employee, even some type of federal agent or law enforcement officer and demand you pay non-existent overdue taxes.

They will insist on using wire transfer, prepaid debit card or gift cards. If you don't pay up, scammers say they'll come to your house and arrest you.

Conversely, scammers may play "good cop" as well: They'll impersonate a friendly IRS agent and say you're entitled to a big refund. You just have to hand over some of your info first.

Now there's a new spin. Impersonators are calling, saying they're from the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS), which is an independent organization within the IRS. They'll even spoof the number from TAS offices in Houston and Brooklyn. It could be a person or a robocall asking for a callback, but either way, those scammers will ask for your info, which includes your Social Security number or individual taxpayer identi-



Crooks might threaten to put you in jail or revoke your driver's license. GETTY IMAGES

#### fication number (ITIN).

Here's the thing – the real TAS exists to help you resolve an IRS-related problem. But you call them, not the other way around.

#### Be smart and look for these signs

There are definite red flags that can identify a scammer, no matter how real they sound. Here's what they do:

Scammers identify themselves using fake names and IRS badge numbers.
They might even know the last four

digits of your Social Security number. It's not hard for scammers to spoof phone and identification numbers to appear official. ■ Fake emails might accompany phishing calls.

• They might even go as far to fake background noises of other calls so it'll sound like a real call center.

The IRS says crooks might threaten to put you in jail or revoke your driver's license and then in some cases, and they'll hang up. That'll be followed with a call from someone pretending to be from another agency, like local police or the DMV, to give more weight to the initial threat. Again, Caller ID will probably say the same thing, but don't fall for it.

The IRS says they'll never call you demanding immediate payment. And the biggest red flag is that government agencies don't ask people to pay with

#### gift cards. That's the easiest tell.

If you do owe money to the real IRS, you'll get a bill in the mail. You can set up a payment plan, and you will either send a check or use a trusted third-party service (verified on the IRS website) to pay overdue taxes online.

## How to protect yourself from IRS scams

There are some easy ways to make sure you don't become the victim of one of these scams. First of all, the real IRS also doesn't threaten to have you arrested, nor do they call about a bonus refund you're entitled to. And they certainly don't ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

If you get a call from one of these scammers, hang up immediately. If they sense hesitation and think they've got you on the hook, they might keep calling back to convince you that they're real.

You can report those calls to phishing@irs.gov. Put "IRS Phone Scam" in the subject line.

You also can contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, or TIGTA, to report the call, using their IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting page.

The Federal Trade Commission is another option. Just use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov, and add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes. You can also call the IRS at 800-366-4484.

The IRS also keeps an updated list of tax scams and consumer alerts on their website.

Microsoft said there was an average of 300,000 phishing attempts across their browsers Internet Explorer and Edge. Just think what that number really is when you factor in more popular browsers such as Google Chrome.

If you're a Windows 10 user, don't rely on just passwords, and when possible, use multi-factor authentication. A lot of modern Windows-based laptops come equipped with "Windows Hello" face or fingerprint ID.

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# How you can be a good professional mentor to others

#### **Eric Titner**

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Those of us who have had the opportunity to have a good professional mentor as we travel through our career paths are well aware of the value they bring this includes everything from support, encouragement, and motivation; to opening new doors; to networking and job opportunities. The bottom line is that a good mentor is really worth their weight in gold.

That said, others among us have learned that some people who find themselves in a position to be mentors are really not well-suited for the role and can even do more harm than good. A bad mentor can hold you back from new opportunities and career advancement, set you off on a trajectory that isn't right for you, and even sour you on an industry entirely.

Clearly, the role of a mentor isn't one to be taken lightly. It's a tremendous responsibility, and one that could potentially give you a great deal of power and influence over someone in need of real advice, molding, and guidance. If you're making a conscious decision to become a mentor to someone junior to you in your field, make sure that you enter the role with every intention of being a positive influence. Consider using the following strategies to get started on the right foot.



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reer ladder as quickly as possible. Take a moment to look back on those timesdidn't you have visions of eventually seizing the reins of power and filling your boss's shoes (hopefully as they quietly shuffle out of your way)? Chances are if you're mentoring someone they'll likely be harboring the same

company and industry in capable hands.

that you're placing the future of your

#### 2. Don't do it for personal gain

In the world of work, most of us are used to the sort of "quid pro quo" arrangement where both sides get something tangible when taking part in a mutually agreed upon transaction. However, the mentor/mentee relationship is a little bit different. The fact of the matter is, there's an inherent imbalance (of sorts) when it comes to "who gets what" here; the mentor typically devotes a significant amount of time and energy to the exchange and the mentee reaps most of the benefits-the knowledge, skills, experience, and opportunities that you're passing along to them. It is true that mentors get the satisfaction of knowing that they're "paying it forward"

make sure that that's enough of a return on your investment when deciding whether or not to be a mentor. Do it for the satisfaction of helping pave the way for someone else, and not for personal gain.

#### 3. Check yourself

As we said before, becoming a mentor is a big responsibility and not one to be taken lightly.

You're going to have a real impact on the life of someone in a dependent and impressionable time in their life, so make sure you have enough time and energy to do it well. There's nothing quite as dispiriting as having a mentor who never seems to have the time to work with you and who you're always chasing down for help and guidance-or worse, who seems annoyed or put out by your needs. Don't be that sort of mentor-if you commit to doing it, make sure you're doing so with the understanding that you're going to have to carve out a significant amount of your time and resources towards being a good and reliable source of support and guidance all the way through.

Being a mentor can be a challenging

and helping out the next generation, but

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#### 1. Don't feel threatened

Here's the raw truth when it comes to most mentor/mentee relationships: you're helping to train the next generation of workers in your field, and they're going to be just as ambitious as you likely were when you were just starting out and eager to climb to the top of your ca-

ambitions.

Don't let this cloud your relationship with them or make you feel threatened and defensive-or worse, make you work against their best interests. Instead, recognize that this is a natural part of the professional cycle. As older employers mature, new employees will enter the field and hopefully gain the necessary skills and experience to one day take control. It happened for you, and one day it'll happen for them; after all, you won't be in the world of work forever and likely don't want to be. The best you can do as a mentor is to help ensure

role, and often the rewards aren't immediately tangible. However, when done properly, being a positive mentor to an eager and excited individual can be an extremely rewarding and fulfilling experience. If you're going to be a mentor, then commit to being a good one, and use the strategies and advice presented here to help you along the way.

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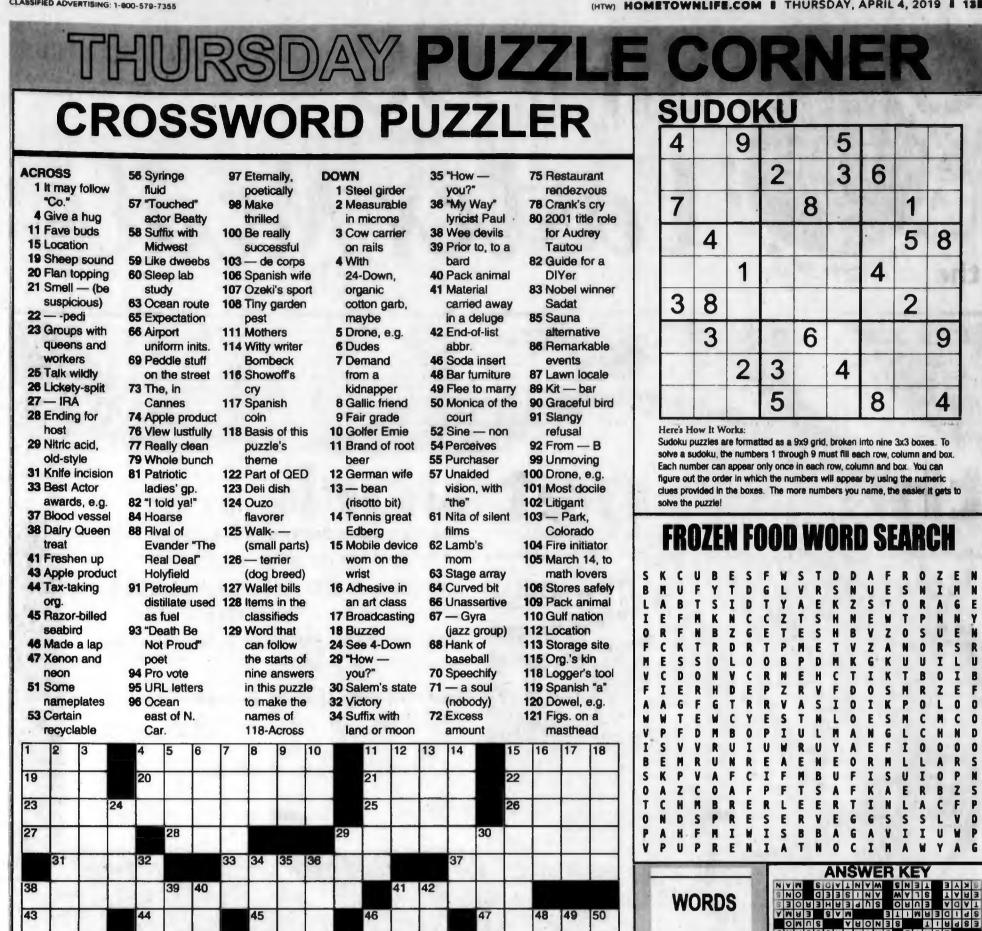
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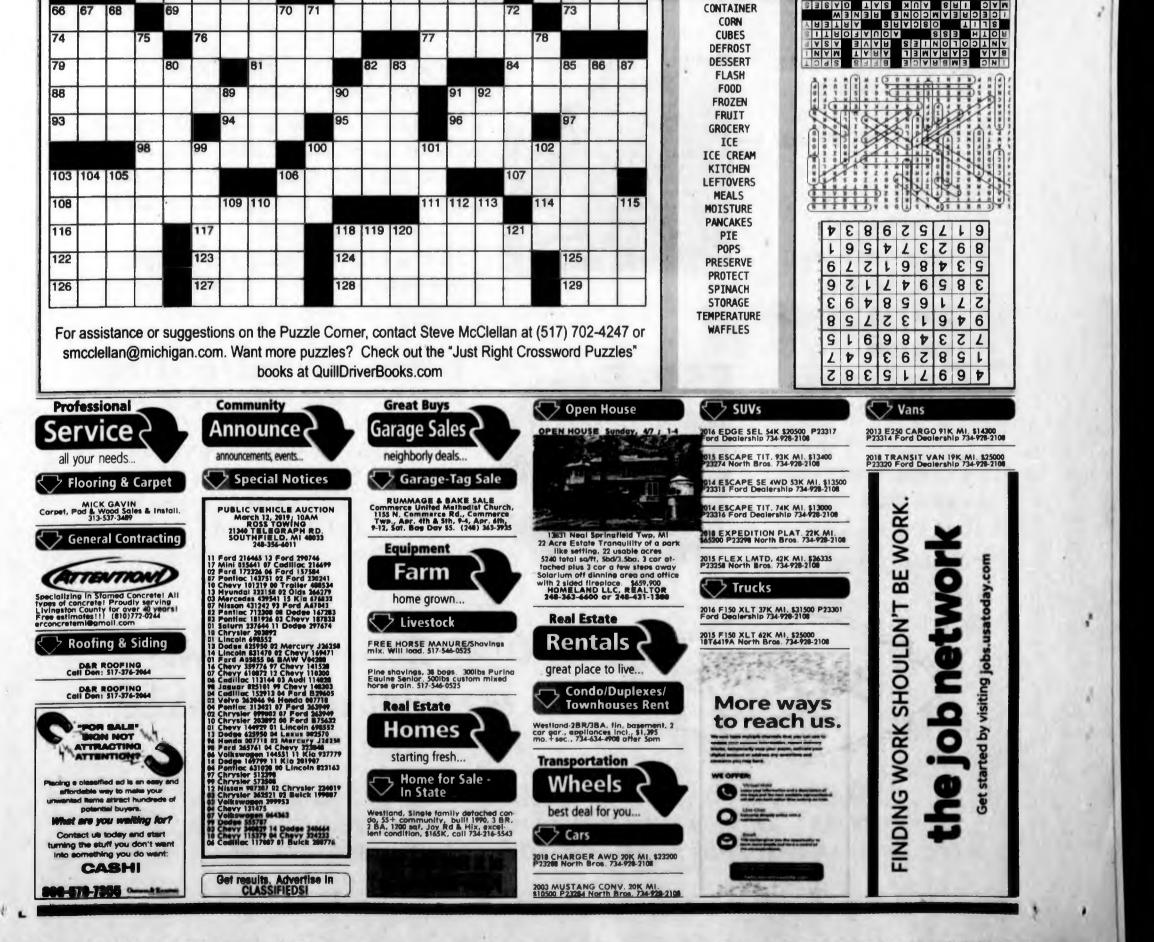


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## BUSCH'S SPIRAL SLICED HAM MEAL

Sweeten up your holidays with our juicy, bone-in, spiral sliced ham, which has a wonderful combination of sweet, crunchy honey glaze and hickory cured flavor. This exceptional meat is complemented by your choice of three delicious homestyle side dishes.

### You can substitute a Dearborn Ham (6.5–9 lbs.) for a \$10 surcharge.

Serves 6-9 (6.5-8 lb. Ham) Your choice of 3 Sides (3 lbs. each)

\$89.99

Turkey + Ham meals come cooked and ready to heat, in oven-safe containers, with instructions provided.

## HOMESTYLE SIDES:

- » Mashed Potatoes
- » Glazed Sweet Potatoes
- · Cheesy Potatoes
- Reasted Red Skin Potatoes
- · Baked Beans
- » Seasoned Green Beans
- » Red Skin Pototo Solad
- » Yukon Gold Potato Salad
- · Creamy Macaroni Solad
- » Rotini Delight Posta Solad
- · Apple Almond Stuffing
- » Cranberry Orange Relish





## BUSCH'S CLASSIC TURKEY MEAL Featuring Plainville ORGANIC Turkey

We are proud to provide you with a holiday staple roasted to perfection. This tender turkey is moist on the inside and lightly crispy on the outside. Your choice of three homestyle sides complement this favorite holiday entrée.

Serves 6-0 (10-12 lb. Turkey) / Turkey Gravy your Choice of 3 Sides (3 lbs. each) \$89.99

## BUSCH'S ROASTED TURKEY BREAST MEAL

Busch's Kitchen offers a fully cooked bone-in Turkey Breast, dusted with fresh aromatic herbs and comes complete with a roasting pan and reheating instructions. Please allow a hours to reheat. Serves a-4 (a-3 lb. Split Breast) / Turkey Gravy your choice of 3 Sides (1 lb. each) \$34.99



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