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Host families needed

The Novi school district participates in a Foreign Exchange Program with Educatius International for a group of international students to join Novi High School for the 2015-16 school year. There is a need of host families that can provide a private room, three meals a day and a supportive home environment.

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Contact Melanie Smith at Melanie.smith@educatius.org or 602-820-6642 or Susan Reinhardt at susan.reinhardt@educatius.org or 312-206-8749 for more information.



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Many exhibitors will be on-site to display and sell authentic Indian apparel, costumes, arts and crafts, home furnishings and jewelry Aug. 15 during India Day.

INDIA DAY RETURNS

Event expected to draw more than 25,000 people Saturday to Novi

More than 25,000 visitors will gather at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi to experience the tastes, sights, sounds and culture of India for the 13th annual India Day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. With a record number of attendees expected, this year's celebration will be the largest in the event's history.

"We want to meet our neighbors. We want to remember our culture and customs. And we want to have a fun time," said Ramesh Gudapuri, event chairman. "India Day offers a chance for all of that to happen, during one day and under one roof. Indian American people live, work and play where you do, and we want you to experience the Indian culture. There is something for everyone."

Come hungry and ready to soak in the dazzling culture – enjoy more than 100 vendors, classical dance and Bollywood performances from more than

300 children and adult performers, clothing vendors and more. Attendees also will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of authentic Indian food provided by a number of local restaurants. In addition to the food and entertainment performances, many exhibitors will be on-site to display and sell authentic Indian apparel, costumes, arts and crafts, home furnishings and jewelry.

"India Day attracts people from all over Michigan, neighboring states and Canada... the India League of America – Michigan is pleased to provide a free, family-friendly event to celebrate Indian culture," Gudapuri said.

The festival is held each year to celebrate Indian Independence Day. Twenty-eight states in India will be represented, offering different cultures, food, dialects and more. The day will kick-off with a parade, followed by the opening lamp lighting

ABOUT THE INDIA LEAGUE OF AMERICA-MICHIGAN

The India League of America is a nonprofit, secular organization formed in 1978. ILA was formed with a mission to champion the interests of the Indian-American community in Michigan and to celebrate and expose the Indian traditions and culture to foster a better understanding of the U.S. and India and to integrate Asian Indian-American community with the general community. India is a very diverse country with many languages and cultures. ILA has been instrumental in bringing the Michigan Asian Indian-American community organizations together by organizing various cultural and social events. ILA is thankful and appreciates the support of the people and government of the state of Michigan and United States. For more information, go to www.ILAMichigan.org/IndiaDay.

ceremony, singing of the U.S. and India national anthems, and welcoming of this year's chief guest, Milkha Singh.

Singh, better known as Flying Sikh, is a former Indian track and field sprinter, famed for being the first Indian male athlete to win gold at the Commonwealth Games. He recently regained notoriety for being the man behind 2013's highest grossing Bollywood sports film, *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag*, which told the story of his life.

Invited dignitaries include Dr. Partha Nandi M.D., F.A.C.P, who is known locally as the chief health editor at WXYZ ABC Detroit.

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Prelim exam set for teacher charged with criminal sexual conduct

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The Novi Meadows fifth-grade teacher charged with second-degree criminal sexual conduct will be back in 52-1 District Court at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 2.

Judge Robert Bondy on Aug. 5 scheduled a preliminary exam, which will determine if there is enough evidence to support that the defendant, Tom Peronis, committed the crime. If so, the matter would move to Circuit Court for trial.

Second-degree CSC is punishable by up to 15 years in prison. The charge stems from a two-month investigation, made public in May by Novi Community Schools after officials were told of it by Novi Police. David Molloy, director of public safety/ chief of police for Novi, at the

time said two girls police interviewed as part of the case were ages 10 and 11.

Peronis was placed on administrative leave by the school district.

He was also arrested in March 2010 by Novi Police after being caught on camera stealing less than \$20 from an envelope in the school mail room for, he said, lunch money. At the time, he was 39, had been with the district for 14 years; his salary was more than \$85,000.

Peronis pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of larceny under \$200. He was sentenced to six months probation and 10 hours of community service; was required to attend the misdemeanor offender program; was fined \$440; was suspended 20 days without pay; and was under strict monitoring by the school district.

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Peronis



The Novi Concert Band's next performance at Fuest Park begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Novi Concert Band offering 'fun' today at Fuest Park

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

The Novi Concert Band's next performance is slated for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Fuest Park (southeast corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads).

"The theme is 'fun,'" said Diran Kochyan, assistant director. "It's all upbeat music, with only one or two slower numbers. It's all audience-oriented."

He said the band will play some show tunes by Irving Berlin, songs from *Mama Mia*, a Pennsylvania polka, a Finish

rhapsody and marches. The symphonic wind ensemble's roots date back to 1982, when it was created by the city of Novi's Parks and Recreation Department to offer adults an opportunity to join in musical performances throughout southeast Michigan.

The Novi Concert Band repertoire ranges from standard band literature (Sousa and Karl King marches) to movie music arrangements, big band jazz and seasonal favorites.

The all-volunteer group of

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Novi pharmacist's license suspended after felony convictions

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs has suspended the license to practice as a pharmacist of Hiren Dasharathbhai Patel, R.Ph., of Novi based on his felony convictions in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan.

Patel was convicted June 22 of one count of health care fraud conspiracy and one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances. Patel was sentenced to probation for six months, and ordered to pay \$2,000,200 in restitution and fees.

LARA issued an or-

der July 19 summarily suspending Patel's license pursuant to the Public Health Code, which provides for the mandatory summary suspension of a health professional's license upon the conviction of a felony, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a maximum term of two years or a misdemeanor involving the illegal delivery, possession or use of a controlled substance.

For more information on disciplinary actions taken by the health professional licensing boards within LARA, go to <http://www.michigan.gov/bpl>.

Animal camp at Tollgate Farm



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Tollgate Farm counselors Nicole Blanz and Alan Jaros lead Animal Camper Evan Taseemir, 9, around a pasture on a pony.



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Miranda Lebednick, 9, cradles a rabbit at Novi's Tollgate Farm.



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Animal Camp counselor Maddie Judge (far right) talks with campers Juliette Gnoyeky (left), and Alayna Spomberg, both 9, as they all watch a calf enjoy breakfast.



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Keeline Greene stands with a horse in the pasture as she awaits riders.

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instrumental musicians – hailing from southwest Oakland County and western Wayne County – is made up of musicians from advanced high school students through octogenarians. They include music teachers, doctors, engineers, writers, accountants, computer programmers and lots of retirees.

Although Scott Cramer is the director, Kochyan handles the majority of the band's eight or so summer performances. This past June, he retired from the Garden City school district after 22 years as a music

teacher.

Cramer, who is currently teaching a band camp in Charlevoix, came on board as conductor in the 2005-06 season, bringing two degrees from Western Michigan University – a master's in music conducting and a bachelor's of music in music education.

Cramer is an accomplished percussionist, having performed with numerous ensembles, including the Kalamazoo Symphony. He is member of NEA, MEA, MSBOA, Phi Eta Mu and Phi Mu Sinfonia.

Cramer's wide range of expertise includes directing multiple music ensembles (band, orchestra, choir) for the

Wayne-Westland Schools. His has taught primary education through the college level as a clinician/consultant on a large number of high school bands through summer instructional programs.

The band rehearses 7:30-9 p.m. weekly in the Novi High School band room and performs nearly a dozen annual concerts throughout the area.

Thursday's show, the Novi Concert Band's third of four scheduled at Fuerst (the last is Aug. 27), will run approximately one hour. About 50 members, including a clarinet ensemble, will perform. The previous show featured a brass ensemble.

A Sept. 24 show at the Novi Public Library is slated for the facility's patio, but will be held inside if the weather is inclement.

This Saturday, the brass ensemble will play at the International Festival in South Lyon. Kochyan said he's waiting to hear if the Novi Concert Band will play at the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi over Labor Day weekend.

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Celebrating diversity is Fox Run residents' mission

Celebrating diversity takes many different forms at Novi's Fox Run and the retirement community's Unity in the Community group members work to make their ongoing events, many of which involve cultural exchange, informative and fun.

The resident-run group's mission is to cultivate an environment where all embrace, accept, value and celebrate the unique qualities of each individual. It promotes an atmosphere that encourages equality and mutual respect without regard to race, religion, ethnicity or physical and cognitive abilities.

Resident Marilyn Schueneman has been involved since the group's inception three years ago. She says its first event was an illustrated lecture and question-and-answer session on the work of African-American missionaries in the civil rights movement.

Another popular event was a cookie exchange at which residents were



Fox Run's Unity in the Community group members organize activities that help to celebrate diversity on campus. Pictured (from left) are Claire Glasser, Marianne Mikkelsen, Emma Lou Benedict, Pat Smith, Arnetta Whitehouse, Janice Austin, Fran Finsilver, and Hilda Edwards. Other members include Marie Ahearn, Donna Edgerton and Marilyn Schueneman.

MEGAN SMITH

invited to bring a dessert that represents their cultural heritage. The result was a sweet smorgasbord that allowed residents to learn more about where their neighbors come from and the types of foods that are

special in their culture.

"We found one person from Scotland who loves to make shortbread and we also got some Jewish dishes," said resident Arnetta Whitehouse, former leader and current secretary of Unity in

the Community. "Like most cookie recipes, we are all basically the same."

Around the same time as the first cookie exchange, the group displayed a large world map in the clubhouse and

asked residents to mark their country of ancestry with a pin. Unity in the Community group members tabulated the results and presented the community with a composite of residents' heritage.

In summer 2014, the group hosted an event based on the theme of "music as the universal language." The program featured a multi-cultural musical showcase, including Native American flute music, a Taiko Japanese drum session and a performance by Mexican Lindo Folklore Dance Troupe that featured two Fox Run employees of Mexican heritage.

"We do a lot of cultural exchange programs," Whitehouse said.

In addition to special events, Unity in the Community also hosts regular happy hours for the people who live in each of Fox Run's residence buildings. Wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres are served and the get-togethers give the neighbors a chance to mix and mingle with one another.

Pat Smith, Unity in the Community's current

leader, noted each of the happy hours includes a presentation on some issue of difference and acceptance, like disability or age. This gives residents a chance to discuss issues that impact their lives and come up with ways that they can live in harmony and create a culture of mutual respect.

Unity in the Community also hosts meet and greets for new residents. Over coffee and cookies, the group members chat with new residents about all of the amenities and activities available to them at Fox Run and give them an opportunity to ask any questions they might have.

Whitehouse has teamed up with the volunteers who create the Fox Run resident newsletter. She writes a monthly column called "Unity in OUR Community," which highlights and celebrates diversity at Fox Run. In the coming year, Whitehouse said Unity in the Community is hoping to collaborate with staff members on a diversity quilt project.

St. James Catholic Church blessing Dream Cruise cars on Aug. 13

As the Detroit area transforms into a classic car show with Saturday's Woodward Dream Cruise, drive your classic and not so classic vehicles Thursday, Aug. 13, to St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

The Rev. Gregory Piatt, associate pastor of St. James, will hold a blessing of vehicles cere-

mony at 6 p.m. in the church's main (east side) parking lot.

"Blessing someone's car is a common tradition among Catholics," said Piatt, who added that you don't have to be Catholic if you want your vehicle blessed Thursday. "Car fans start bringing their classic vehicles out during the

week before the Woodward Cruise. So we thought it would be a great idea to have people bring their cars over to the church and I will bless them and we will have our own car gathering.

"I am a car guy and, to my knowledge, no other church, Catholic or otherwise, holds a car

blessing during the biggest car cruise in the world," he added.

Those who bring their car to get blessed will also get a small gift, once it is blessed, said Piatt, who declined to say what the gift is; however, he added it would be something drivers could keep in their vehicles.

The Catholic church

has blessing rites for all sorts of things that people use: vehicles, buildings roads and bridges, boats, fishing gear and tools among other things like religious articles.

By blessing people and objects, Catholics don't believe the blessing magically makes it holy.

Catholics bless objects so that they can be

dedicated to God's service and as a result value that object more. Having blessed objects in homes, garages and offices also serves to draw thoughts toward God.

St. James Catholic Church is located 46325 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi.

For further information, contact Piatt at 248-347-7778, ext. 38.

State fair will honor Michigan's elders

The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, along with the Oakland County Department of Parks and Recreation and St. John Providence Health Systems, will debut a new special day honoring the elders of this state.

The inaugural Michigan State Fair Honored Citizens Day will be Friday, Sept. 4, at the fair venue, the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi). Honored Citizens Day will recognize and celebrate grand Michigan traditions, including those established at the original Michigan State Fair, one of the nation's oldest state fairs.

There will also be a special award ceremony honoring the distinguished Michigan Senior Citizen of the Year. Nominations are due by Friday, Aug. 21.

"We cherish the elder members of the community and wish for them to enjoy a wonderful time at the State Fair," Fair executive director Steve Masters said. "We observe so many heart-warming, multi-generational family gatherings each year at the fair, so we've decided to dedicate this special day with signature attractions for those who have the most and longest Michigan State Fair memories to share."

Seniors age 62 and older will enjoy free admission to the fair; ages 50-61 may enter for \$6 with a registered group or senior center, or \$8 for an individual.

Fair organizers are also seeking treasured Michigan State Fair memories from citizens 50 years and older. An essay contest is underway with entries due by Friday, Aug. 21.

Complete information about the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, Honored Citizens Day and the essay contest is available at www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com or by calling 248-348-5600, ext. 246.

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Craig resigning as VP of Northville school board

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Scott Craig, vice president of the Northville school board, is resigning Sept. 1 from his term, which expires at the end of 2016.

"It is with a heavy heart that I leave the community and my board position, but I am sure that the district will continue to provide excellent education," Craig said. "As for my future plans, I will continue teaching in the Birmingham Schools at Seaholm High School. I am moving to Southfield and most likely will get involved in my new community."

Craig said he is sold his home in Northville Township and will be moving out of the school district by the end of this month.

Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville's superintendent,

said the Board of Education will acknowledge Craig's service at its Aug. 11 meeting. At that time, members will also address the process for appointing Craig's replacement, which must be done in an open meeting.

Four-year run

Craig was elected in November 2011 to a four-year term, which was extended by law to a five-year term due to legislation only allowing school board elections during general elections in even-numbered years.

"I am proud of what we as a board have been able to accomplish in the four years that I served," Craig said.



Craig

When he first joined the board, the district had just laid off 52 teachers, privatized its custodians and bus drivers, had high school teachers teach six rather than five classes and had a fund equity balance of less than 5 percent of its annual budget.

"In a word," Craig said, "our district was bleeding and we were challenged to continue to deliver the high level of service that our community expects."

As a school board member, Craig said he tried to bring into the discussion an actual working educator's point of view. He favored lowering class size, pushed for improved curriculum instruction in areas like science, where Northville has some weakness, and said the district is currently adding Mandarin Chinese to

the curriculum to better prepare students for the global economy.

"With the help of our employees who sacrificed salary and benefits, we have now restored a sound financial basis for Northville Schools," Craig said. "We now have a fund equity balance of 23 percent. We just included successful and amicable contract negotiations with our employee groups. We have restored most of the lost salary that was cut from teachers and other employees in 2011, while actually improving on our outstanding MME and NWE standardized test scores."

The district, he said, is positioned as one of the strongest public school systems in the state of Michigan, but it does face considerable future challenges.

"The Republican-

dominated state government has still not restored most of the funds cut in 2011," Craig said. "We are working with less money per pupil today as compared to what we had in 2007. At the same time, the Legislature continues to push change, some of it ill thought out, onto local school districts. In a word, we are being micromanaged by state officials, many of whom are hostile to public education."

Lost funding

Craig said charter schools and online schools, most of which show very poor results, are being touted as offering a better opportunity to students and their families and they are receiving most of the new funding going to education.

"One factor that is

helping Northville Public Schools maintain our academic excellence is the strong community support," Craig said. "We are very fortunate to have a community made up of parents and non-parents who understand the value of public education. During my tenure on the board, our community supported both the technology bond and the sinking fund renewal. These funds have helped stabilize funding, modernize instruction and maintain district facilities."

The other Board of Education members are Cynthia Jankowski, president; James Mazurek, secretary; Matthew Wilk, treasurer; and trustees Roland Hwang, Ann Kalass and Adam Phelps.

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Shirk leaving Cooke School for position in Birmingham

Katie Shirk submitted her resignation as assistant supervisor at Cooke School to take a position in Birmingham Public Schools.

While she had been with Cooke for only a year, Shirk was a Northville school district employee for 21 years.

"I have learned so much from every experience and position I have held in Northville," Shirk said. "My career with Northville Public Schools has been invaluable and has truly prepared me for the executive director of Special Instruction and Special Services for Birmingham Public Schools. While I am extremely excited for this new opportunity, I will al-

ways be extremely grateful for my teaching and administrative career in Northville."

Shirk worked to wrap up the summer program at Cooke and begin her new position Aug. 17.

"The assistant supervisor position will be posted this week," said Jennifer Bugar, supervisor. "As we move forward, we will review the prospective candidates for this position to find the most qualified applicants. A team of staff, administration and families will be constructed in order to assure that we find a quality supervisor to join our school community and have input from all our stakeholders."

Science Alive offers learning



Science Alive's Teri Neill gets a quick, furry photo from her groundhog during a visit to the Northville District Library.



As sister Sara, 12, (right) looks on, Chelsea Coon, 9, snaps a smart phone photo of a chinchilla held by Science Alive's Teri Neill during a visit July 29 to the Northville District Library. The visit by Science Alive yielded up-close looks and a occasional touches of a variety of creatures, including the chinchilla, a groundhog and a small python.

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Northville High grad earns Presidential Award

Luke Wilcox, a 1997 graduate of Northville High School, has earned the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for the state of Michigan.

He and his wife Jamie (Bottrell; also an NHS Class of 1997 member) were in Washington, D.C., last week to accept his award. They visited with Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow and toured the Capitol building along with other activities.

President Barack Obama named 108 mathematics and science teach-

ers as recipients of the prestigious award. This year's awardees represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

The honor is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level. Each year, the award alternates be-

tween teachers teaching kindergarten through sixth grade and those teaching seventh through 12th grades (the latter being this year's).

Winners of this honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion and are invited to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony, as well educational and celebratory events and



Wilcox

visits with members of the administration.

Wilcox is in his 14th year teaching mathematics at East Kentwood High School, where his classroom experience ranges from algebra 1 to Advanced Placement statistics.

Wilcox embraces the Common Core mathematics curriculum by creating engaging activities that allow students to dialogue about mathematics, encouraging deeper student understanding. He utilizes activity-based learning, where mathematics is discussed within inter-

esting contexts. He also leads the math department at his school, supporting the transition from rote memorization toward authentic thinking and reasoning about math.

More recently, Wilcox uses part of his teaching day in the role of an academic support coach. In this role, he develops and implements teacher-learning opportunities, which include Professional Learning Communities, Classroom Learning Labs, book clubs and Cognitive Coaching. He also helps create and maintain a one-day sum-

mer workshop in which teachers can choose their own learning by attending sessions led by their colleagues.

Wilcox has a B.A. in math education from the University of Michigan, where he graduated summa cum laude. He is certified to teach grades 6-12 mathematics. He received a master's degree in adult education with an emphasis in mathematics from Grand Valley State University.

Wilcox was also one of the four finalists for Michigan Teacher of the Year and was honored in Lansing in June.

Novi resident selected for Challenge Detroit fellowship

Novi resident Emily Kempa has been selected as one of 30 Fellows to participate in Challenge Detroit, an urban revitalization program focused on attracting and retaining talent in Detroit in an effort to spur revitalization.

Kempa was chosen from hundreds of applicants to collaborate with individuals from all over the country and live, work, play, give and lead

in Detroit.

Challenge Detroit is a one-year fellowship program that provides the opportunity for tomorrow's leaders to work at top regional companies, while spending one day a week collaborating with area nonprofits to address regional challenges and opportunities, including multi-modal transportation, homelessness and community development.

During her year with Challenge Detroit, Kempa will be working with partnering host company, Clark Hill.

"Challenge Detroit started out as a social experiment: We wanted to see if we could get people to stay in and come to Detroit, involve them in work at great companies, engage them through the cultural offerings the city has to offer and provide them

the opportunity to give back," said Deirdre Groves, executive director of Challenge Detroit.

Kempa demonstrated interest in the region and applied for Challenge Detroit because she saw the opportunity to bring her intellectual capital and talent to make a positive impact on the region.

"From my days of listening exclusively to Motown in the fifth

grade to my time volunteering with Summer in the City and all the experiences in between, Detroit has played a significant role in my formation and now, equipped with lessons from my education and perspective for my year in Bridgeport, Conn., with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, I feel it is the right time to take my next step with Detroit and move in: fully immersing myself, build-

ing new stories together and participating in the community's thriving," Kempa said.

During their year in Detroit, participants will share their stories through regular blogging, video logging and social media updates.

For more information and to meet all of the year-two fellows, go to www.ChallengeDetroit.org.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Northville Rotary offering Youth Exchange Program

The Rotary Club of Northville announced that applications for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program are now available to current high school students and students graduating in 2016. The Youth Exchange Program is for the 2016-17 school year and students would leave in August 2016. The application deadline is Sept. 15.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program provides students ages of 16-18 the opportunity of a lifetime. It's a chance to spend 11 months in another country learning the language and culture.

Students and families who may be interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange experience should check out this YouTube link at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGdwpF2BBp8>.

Novi preschool registration

The Novi Community Education Preschool is now taking registrations for the Great Start Readiness Program for 4-year-olds starting in September.

To qualify for this state funded program, children must be age 4 by Sept. 1 and meet two of seven criteria set by the state. The GSRP program is a free preschool and includes lunch and snack. Parents provide transportation.

Registration is ongoing. Space is limited and enrollment is not guaranteed. Parents or guardians should contact the Community Education Preschool office at 248-449-1713.

WLCSO offering free preschool

A free summer preschool for income eligible children who will be enrolled in kindergarten in fall 2015 is available now. Classes are at the Walled Lake Community Education Center and run Monday through

Thursday through Aug. 18.

Call 248-956-5080 or go to www.wlcsd.org/webpages/preschool for more information.

Novi offering Great Start Readiness Program

The Novi Community Education Preschool will again be offering the Great Start Readiness Program for 4-year-olds starting in September.

WLCSO summer meal program

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in the Summer Food Service Program through Friday, Aug. 21. This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge.

Young adults ages 19-26 are also eligible if they're enrolled in programs for the mentally or physically disabled. These programs must be recognized by a state or local public agency.

Breakfast will be served 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail. For more information, call 248-956-3080.

Northville kindergarten registration

Northville Public Schools is now accepting kindergarten enrollment for fall 2015. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, schedule an enrollment appointment to register your child using the appropriate school link below and complete the online pre-enrollment process prior to your scheduled appointment.

Enrollment forms and information regarding which documents you will need to bring to your scheduled appointment are listed on the district website at <http://www.northvilleschools.org/node/584>.

Wonderful Wednesday



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Magician and entertainer Doug Scheer invites his audience members to sniff a shoe - which he swears has a \$1 bill in the bottom - during his Wonderful Wednesday performance July 22 at Fuerst Park. Most in the audience are reacting with delight, some with amused disgust as they hold their noses.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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Brightmoor Christian

Location: M-5 and 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-668-7014; CelebrateRecovery@brightmoorcc.org
Web: www.brightmoorchurch.org
Celebrate Recovery
Time/Dates: 7 p.m. Monday
Details: Worship, teaching or testimony and open-share recovery groups. Organizers offer the principles and tools to bring healing for the hurts, deliverance from life-controlling habits and freedom from the hang-ups that keep us from developing strong and healthy relationships with God and others. Enter at Door D on the south side of the building. No cost; free child care is available for children birth through fifth grade. Pre-register.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: 248-349-8847
Web: www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday (Spanish)
Holy days: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: the Rev. Bob LaCroix, pastor, and the Rev. Beto Espinoza, associate pastor
AA: 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Crosspointe Meadows

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-669-9400, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday
Web: www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday worship: 11 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 41355 Six Mile, Northville
Contact: DestinyW3C@gmail.com
Web: www.DW3C.org

Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship

45301 Eleven Mile Road, Novi
Reverend: Kanji Fuki
Contact: 248-756-3336

Dominion Church

Location: P.O. Box 605, Novi
Contact: 248-767-1366
Pastor: James H. Moseley Jr.
Asst. Pastor: Ashaki M. Moseley

Emmanuel Lutheran

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Web: www.emmanuel-livonia.org
Contact: 248-442-8822
Sunday worship: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Youth group: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Special Needs Ministry: Judy Cook, 248-442-8822
Women's Coffee Break Bible Study: 10-11:30 a.m. Monday - "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton
Adult Bible Class: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday - "WHY? Making Sense of God's Will" by Adam Hamilton

Faith Community Presbyterian Church

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile
Contact: 248-349-2345
Web: www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Bible Study: 9 a.m. Sunday - "Christianity - The First Three Centuries"
Women's Group: 12:30 p.m. third Thursday

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing, Northville
Contact: 248-348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Contact: 248-348-7600
Web: www.dfcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classic worship service, Adult Bible Fellowship classes and Children's Sunday School; 11 a.m. Contemporary worship service with Kids Church, Teen Worship Service and Adult Bible Fellowship classes. Cafe is open from 9:15-11 a.m.; 6 p.m. Evening Traditional Service
Thursday: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study - the Books of Ruth and Esther
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. family dinner; 6:30 p.m. Caravan Scouting program for ages 4 through fourth grade; Club 56 for fifth- and sixth-graders; Surge Youth Group, Bible Study with Pastor Troy Ogle; and Little Critters for preschool age
Sunday Services: 9:30 (classic) and 11 a.m. (contemporary)
Sunday School: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Children and Teen Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.
Bible Study: Thursdays at 6 a.m. - Men of Purpose Prayer Group and Bible Study; and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. (throughout the summer) in Room 300.

First Free Will Baptist Church

Location: 51395 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: 248-348-2380

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main, Northville
Contact: 248-349-0911
Web: www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (for all ages)

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 205 E. Lake Street, South Lyon
Contact: 248-437-2875

First Presbyterian Church

Location: 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington

First United Methodist Church of Northville

Location: 777 W. Eight Mile, Northville
Contact: 248-349-1144
Web: www.fumcnorthville.org

Frank Turner Ministries

Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: 810-599-7392
Web: www.FrankTurner.org
Sunday Gathering: 10 a.m. The Believers Congregation in Novi receives all desiring God's love, grace, healing and acceptance, regardless of faith background, gender identification or sexual orientation. The atmosphere is warm and loving. The attire is casual. Experience an entirely new way of sharing and receiving the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-0565
Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible study; 10 a.m. worship

Grace Immanuel Bible Church

Location: 21900 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Pastor: Charles Sexton
Contact: 248-344-4465

Holy Cross Episcopal

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-427-1175; holycrossnovi@gmail.com
Web: www.holyCROSSnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. worship service
Alzheimer's Support Group: 10 a.m. second Saturday

Hope Lutheran Church

Location: 39200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Legacy Church

(formerly First Baptist Church and Orchard Hills Baptist Church)
Location: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
Contact: pastor Jon Hix, 248-349-5665
Web: www.legacychurch.us
Sunday School/Small Groups for all ages: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer: Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743
Web: www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: the Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, senior minister; 248-348-7757; office@mbccc.org
Web: www.mbccc.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School and Nursery Care: provided during worship

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Memorial Church of Christ

Location: 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
Minister: Mark McGilvrey
Web: www.5milechurch.org
Contact: 248-464-6722; churchoffice@5milechurch.org

NorthRidge Church

Location: 49555 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: 734-233-3621; pheaton@northridgechurch.com

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile
Contact: 248-348-9030
Web: www.ncalife.org
Sundays: 9-10 a.m. Sunday School for adults/youth/children; 9 a.m. Contemporary service in sanctuary; 10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210).
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.; Adult elective classes; junior and senior high ministries; children's programs, Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade); call 248-348-9031.

Novi-Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: Events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs and community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom and Leah Susskind; 248-790-6075; rabbino@novijewishcenter.com
Web: www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-349-2652
Web: www.umcnovi.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Novi-United-Methodist-Church/59782031433>
Sunday Worship: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday
Peace Vigil: noon first Sundays in front of the church. Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Novi United Methodist

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Contact: 248-912-0043
Web: www.oakpointe.org/lifegroups
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday.
ReNew Life Group Ministries: 7-9 p.m. Monday (Groups meet weekly)
Women's Life Groups Ministries: 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries: 6 a.m. Friday; at the church and various locations

Oakland Baptist Church

Location: 23893 Beck Road, Novi
Contact: 248-982-4041
Web: www.oaklandbaptist-novi.org

Orchard Grove Community Church

Location: 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake
Contact: 248-926-6584
Web: www.orchardgrove.org

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ANGELL, JOHN S.

Age 94, of Northville, passed away August 2, 2015. He was born July 4, 1921 in Novi, Michigan; son of Russell and Harriet (nee Smith) Angell. John graduated from Northville High School in 1939. During his years at NHS he was the Vice President and Secretary of his class, served on the student council, and produced all of the lettering in the Palladium. He proudly enlisted to serve his country in the Army Air Corp; he was honorably discharged as a Corporal on February 3, 1946. John was united in marriage to the love of his life Jean Campbell on November 24, 1955; they spent almost 60 years together as husband and wife. John was a lifelong resident of the area; he moved to Cady Street when he was five years old and after he and Jean were married together they built their family home. John was a talented finish carpenter, one of his specialties were beautiful cabinets. Much of his work was done in the Northville/Plymouth area; some of his projects include Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth High School, Plymouth Library, and several homes in the Northville area. He also constructed many cabinets in the offices at Schoolcraft College. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Northville for over 50 years. He shared his gift of finish carpentry with the church by crafting a cross for the Easter service out of the Christmas tree used during the Christmas service. John was very precise in both his work and personal life. He was very clever and could fix anything. He was constantly tinkering with his tractor and putting around the house fixing and improving things. He enjoyed gardening, listening to music, and attending concerts; brass bands were one of his favorites. John was an avid tennis player; it was a past time that helped him meet his wife and he played every weekend. He also played hockey; every winter he would build a rink at his home. Each year the rink got bigger and better, eventually including hockey nets he built and a big "A" in the center of the ice. John truly loved his family; his kids and grandkids were very important to him. He cherished the time they spent together and could often be found cheering them on at their sporting events. He adored his dog Sparky, who was a faithful companion. John was always helping and putting others first; he was a great guy, an "angel" through and through. He is survived by his loving wife Jean; his children, Bonnie Jean (Alan) Pitrowski and Ronald Stuart Angell; his grandchildren, Shawn (Sara) Angell, Kyle Pitrowski, and Trevor Angell; and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Grace and Ruth. A Funeral Service was held Friday, August 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Mr. Angell was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery where military honors were rendered.



CHERESKO, EDWARD GREGORY "GREG"

Age 60, of Vero Beach, Florida passed away Monday, August 3, 2015 at his son's home in Vero Beach. Greg was born in Dearborn, Michigan, was a lifelong resident of South Lyon, Michigan before moving to Vero Beach four years ago. Greg had been a plumber and worked for the family plumbing company, Lyon Mechanical in South Lyon, Michigan before his retirement. Survivors include his former wife Kathryn Monjar of Vero Beach, son Eddie Cheresko of Vero Beach, daughter Teresa (Brett) Anderson of Etna, Wyoming, seven grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, a brother Dan (Donna) Cheresko of Michigan, sisters Connie (Bob) Bruner, Bonnie (Matt) Cheresko and Krissy (Rick) Mancik also of Michigan. He was preceded in death by a son Eric Carl Cheresko, and his parents Ed and Valerie Cheresko. Memorial contributions may be made to VNA/Hospice Foundation, 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, Florida 32960 or the American Cancer Society, 3375 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory, Vero Beach. A guest book is available at www.strunkfuneralhome.com

FLOWERS, WILLIAM C.

Age 72, July 22, 2015, in Tennessee. Beloved son of the late Grace and Percy Flowers. Former husband of Mary Lou Flowers, (CO); father of Debbie (Robert) Godin (CO); Bill (Sheryl) (MI); and Mark (April) (MI). Brother of Michael (Ellen) (MO); Tom (Sandy) (MI); grandfather of Alex and Sam Godin; Tony, Tommy and Matt Flowers; and Keegan and Amber Zoey; great-grandfather of Zoey Flowers and uncle to many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind many caring cousins. Bill retired from General Motors after 40 years of service and relocated to Vonore TN. Sadly, he has been estranged from his family for about 25 years. His cause of death is unknown at this time.



JENNINGS, DELORES A.

Of Northville passed away peacefully on August 3, 2015 at the age of 82. Delores was the beloved wife of Ronald for 61 years, they starting dating in 1950. She was the dearest mother of Ronald F., Jr. (Sue), Todd (Jennifer), Brian (Nadine) and the late Marki. Delores was the cherished grandmother of Jacob, Zachary, Madison, Marki, Colton an Aidan. Delores lived in Northville, Michigan all of her life where she was raised. In 1951 she became Northville High School's first homecoming queen and she was a model for Ford Motor Company that same year. Delores loved spending time with her grandchildren, collecting pewter and knickknacks. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time at her cottage on the Au Sable Lake. Care and services entrusted to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, Northville 248-348-1233

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WILSON, KEITH WARD
 A resident of Milford for 27 years, died on August 9, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Keith was born on August 11, 1939 on Lewis Street in Alpena, MI, the son of Ernie and Kathleen Wilson. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Kathleen; his children, Colleen & Patty. He was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Linda Kay Wilson. He is also survived by grandchildren, Patrick, Steven, Jessica, Michael, Daniel, Joseph, Lindsey, Gary and Samantha; his sister, Wendy Harfoot; great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and his adopted family, the Crosbys. Funeral Service from Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main St., Milford on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 2 p.m., with gathering beginning at 1 p.m. The Rev. Bryant Anderson to officiate. Many friends visited Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on Wednesday. Memorial contributions encouraged to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to Wounded Warrior Project. For further information, phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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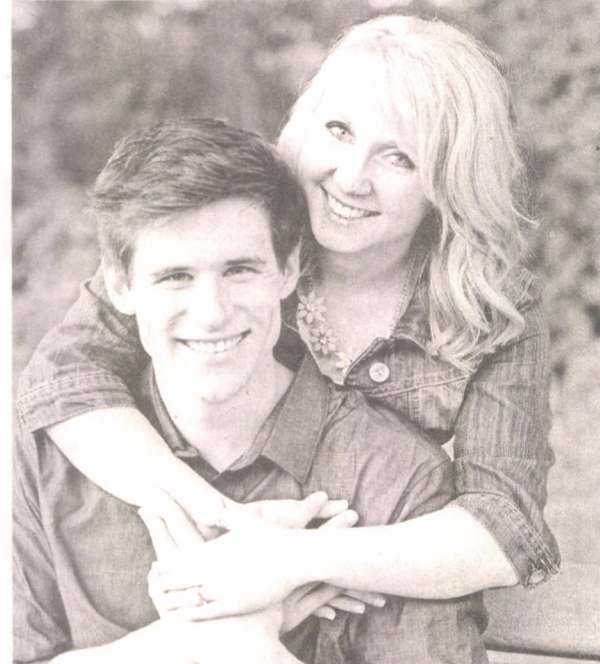
ZELONY, GEORGE
 Of Luther passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at his residence. He was 90 years old. He was born February 21, 1925 in Vermontville, MI to Alex and Tillie Zelony and attended the Coleville Schoolhouse near Davisburg. From 1949-1951 he served his country as a Military Policeman in both Japan and Korea. He was self-employed managing the family farm in Davisburg until he became employed with General Motors in Pontiac for 28 years beginning in 1953 until his retirement in 1985. George was a member of the Baldwin Am Vets Post #1988. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening. He is survived by his son Norman (Jennifer) Zelony, step-daughter Beverly Wood, brother Walter Zelony, sister Helen Minier, 11 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Alex and Tillie Zelony, and his wife Bertha Zelony who passed away in 2008. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the North Park Cemetery in Luther, Michigan. Visitation with the family will be from 4-8 P.M. Friday, August 7, 2015 at the Pruitt-Livingston Funeral Home in Reed City. Online obituary may be viewed and condolences offered at www.pruittlivingston.com

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Harner-Root

Savannah Harner and Tyler Root, both residing in Tiffin, Ohio, are engaged to be married August 9, 2016, in Bascom, Ohio. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Richard and Karen Harner of Kansas. She has bachelor's and MBA degrees from Tiffin University and is employed as an learning management system specialist at Tiffin University. The groom-elect is the son of Randy and Jan Root of Novi. He holds a bachelor's degree from Tiffin University and is a manager with Big Lots.



Tyler Root and Savannah Harner

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Winners of 2015 Christmas in July contest announced

Congratulations to 22 winners of the *Observer & Eccentric* 2015 Christmas in July contest.

The following contestants were selected in a random drawing of all correct entries.

More than 450 entries were received by deadline and 169 entrants found all of the hidden icons.

The winners and their prizes are:

Holly Scott of Highland,

lifetime membership to Witch's Hat Brewing; **Loretta Wallace** of Redford Township, \$50 gift certificate to Tenpenny Furniture; **Jane Bryan** of Novi, \$50 gift certificate for consultation at Nina McClemore; **Judyy Skolarus** of South Lyon, \$50 gift certificate



to Scrooge and Barley; **Linda Wagner** of Northville Auto Day at the Spa from Bill Brown Ford; **A. R. Wilson** of Garden City, \$50 gift certificate to Polish Pottery; **Norman Williamson** of South Lyon, massage and facial at Massage LuXe; **Patricia March** of Livonia, massage and facial at Massage LuXe.

Other winners included **Pat Shelton** of Farmington Hills, gift of jewelry from Larson's

Jewelry; **Sheryl Hoover** of Westland, salad mates from Cutco; **Annette Grzyb** of Westland, **Belle Etoile** Galaxy pendant from Motif Jewelers and

Karla Walkley of Canton, gift certificate for hair styling services at Modello 227.

Ten others won two tickets to Riviera Cinema in Farmington Hills and a free four-square Buddy's Pizza. They are **Sandra Davis** of Livonia,

Pat Greenless of Milford, **David Kaczor** of Redford Township, **Mary Galasso** of Livonia, **Fran Niemiec** of Westland, **Pat Christiansen** of Livonia, **Randy Brown** of Plymouth, **Lynn Bricker** of Canton, **Susan Randall** of Birmingham and **Maria Wardell** of Southfield.

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Palav Walk benefit set for Aug. 16 at Maybury Park

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

In developing countries, weak lungs and pneumonia cause the death of one baby every single minute.

In order to raise awareness, a Palav Walk will be held at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at Maybury Park. The event, with food and activities, will be held as a 3K on the park's trails, starting at the Eight Mile Road entrance (west of Beck Road).

Pioneer Medical Research Foundation, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization (248-347-2821) that formed in 2011, is the host.

The walk name comes from Project Palav, the brainchild of Dr. Nitin Chouthai, a neonatologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The initiative promotes non-invasive breathing support for babies with respiratory distress using a high flow nasal cannula system.

"One million newborns die every year in the developing world with breathing illnesses," Chouthai said. "That means each minute a baby dies with either pneumonia or prematurity. We (Team Palav) have already successfully tackled this problem in 15 centers and saved several hundred newborns. We have been

awarded the best poster award from Society of International Child Health of American Academy of Pediatrics in 2014."

Now, he said, Team Palav has been invited to support 96 centers in rural India, where neonatal mortality is 15 times that in the U.S.

"We need to raise enough funds to equip the centers and educate the medical team to care for newborns at risk of dying because of respiratory distress," Chouthai



Chouthai

said. "If implemented, this program will cover 35,000 deliveries a year and save more than 1,000 lives a year."

If this program is successful, the group will be able to implement it at a larger scale in 3,000 rural centers over three states in India and save more than 150,000 lives in three to five years.

The Project Palav high-end technology to Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital, located in the city of Pune, India. The hospital was equipped with infant care and monitoring equipment in order to supply breathing support to babies with respiratory distress.

According to Vinita Parekh, media coordinator for Palav, this has made a tremendous improvement in the care for those infants, with neonatal mortality in the ICU falling from 65 percent to 18 percent.

Palav's abstract on this occurrence - "Does equipment availability improve infant mortality rate in hospitals in developing countries?" - received first prize at the American Academy of Pediatrics annual conference in San Diego.

The Project Palav initiative is expanding in other states of India and in the future will expand to countries such as Zambia and Malawi, where

infant mortality is high. "Join us in helping make that a reality by participating in the Palav Walk on Aug. 16, or volunteer for fundraising activities and shipping equipment," Parekh said.

Drs. Rudolf Valentini (chief medical officer, Children's Hospital of Michigan) and Deepak Kamat (vice chair of Education Dept. of Pediatrics, Wayne State University) will both be on hand to kick off Sunday's walk.

Registration (online at <http://www.palav.org/events.html>) is \$40 for family, \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information, go to <http://www.palav.org>.

State grant, county match will help fund River Rouge monitoring study

The Wayne County Commission has voted unanimously to accept a grant from the state that will help the county monitor the health of the Rouge River and its branches.

The State Clean Michigan Initiative Grant is for \$35,830, with the county adding \$11,943 of existing storm water general permit money. The combined \$47,773 will pay for the "Rouge River Insecticide Monitoring" project, with the grant contract running from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2017.

"This project is important because the health of the Rouge River and its branches is tied to the overall environmental health of the region," said Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, a Committee on Public Services member and former science teacher.

The Rouge River Watershed comprises

467 square miles, primarily in Wayne County, but also in Oakland and Washtenaw counties. The Upper and Middle Rouge Rivers merge near the Dearborn Heights-Dearborn border and they merge with the Lower Rouge River in Dearborn. The combined Rouge River empties into the Detroit River at Zug Island, along the Detroit-River Rouge border.

"I am always pleased to see the county receive grants that improve water quality," said Commissioner Diane Webb, D-Livonia, who chairs the Committee on Public Services. "I'm glad we're able to take advantage of the opportunity. Ensuring the health of the Rouge River and its branches is so important."



Webb

The Friends of the Rouge nonprofit volunteer group and the Alliance of Rouge Communities will be involved in the project.

The project's goal is to determine if the pesticides pyrethroid and fipronil and their degradates are at a level considered toxic for the river's macroinvertebrates. Samples will be collected over two years at 32 surface water sites and eight sediment stream bottom sites.

Macroinvertebrates are organisms without backbones that are visible without a microscope, including species like beetles, mayflies, dragonflies, aquatic worms and snails.

Pyrethroids are synthetic chemical insecticides, with one of the primary uses as a spray to kill mosquitoes, while fipronil is a family of white powder pesticides that kill insects when they eat them.

End of summer



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Novi Teen Center staff member Gordon Fox (left) shares a greeting July 29 with Ian Mach, 13, as James Ashworth (center), also 13, looks on. They were at the Novi Civic Center, along with others from the Teen Center, for an end-of-summer party.

Novi Teen Center staff and campers help themselves to a catered lunch July 29 during their end-of-summer party for their supporters and sponsors held at the Novi Civic Center.

SUMMONS

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Captain's Command at Bluebeard's Beach Club Owner's Association, Inc.
Plaintiff
vs.
William Bethune, et al.
Defendant

CIVIL NO. ST-14-CV-382

TO: Christopher J. Bezaire, 2115E Glen Haven Cir., Northville, MI 48167

Within the time limited by law (see below) you are hereby required to appear before this Court and answer to a complaint filed against you in this action. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment by default will be taken against you as demanded in the first amended complaint; judgment will be entered against you for DEBT AND FORECLOSURE OF LIENS.

Witness my hand and the Seal of this Court this 5th day of August, 2014.

ESTRELLA H. GEORGE
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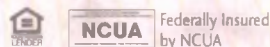
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Golf outing scores big for wounded war veterans

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton resident Rich Keenan, owner of Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Livonia, believes Americans have a duty to care for U.S. war veterans.

He ranks it close to raising children.

"It's the biggest responsibility we all, as Americans, have to take care of," he said. "When our veterans come home, we definitely have to make sure we take care of them."

Keenan and a committee of volunteers are doing their part. For a second year, they organized the Old Glory golf outing to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, which is serving more than 75,000 war veterans through an array of free programs and services intended to nurture their minds and bodies while empowering them economically.

Keenan said this year's golf outing is expected to raise more than \$50,000.

Nicole Schulz, a Canton resident and committee member whose husband served in the U.S. Navy, said 104 golfers joined the effort July 31 at the 18-hole Polo Fields at Washtenaw, formerly the Washtenaw Country Club.



Among those attending the golf outing were (from left) Wounded Warrior Project speaker Deven Schei, James Wisniewski of the Carolina Hurricanes, Ed Wisniewski and former Detroit Red Wings great Ted Lindsay.

"It's the biggest responsibility we ... have. ... When our veterans come home, we definitely have to ... take care of them."

RICH KEENAN
owner, Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles

That makes it more critical, he said, for volunteers to help organizations, such as the Wounded Warrior Project. Donations still may be made at woundedwarriorproject.org to event number 22766.

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles was joined in sponsoring this year's golf outing by Atchinson Ford of Belleville and Skyway Precision Inc., of Plymouth.

Keenan credited the Old Glory Flags for the Benefit of the Wounded Warrior Project Committee for its help, including Brian Berndt, Jimmy Barr, Jonathon Johnson, Bill Matthews, John Moeder, Jim Paglino, David Schulz, Nicole Schulz and John Swanson.

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"We do this every year for the Wounded Warrior Project," she said. "We just started seeing more and more of our veterans coming back and not getting the care they need."

Schulz said the Wounded Warrior Project spends nearly all of its proceeds directly on veterans, helping them

with a wide range of services and care. She said it relies on a vast number of volunteers who give their time to help veterans.

"They're just wonderful to work with," she said.

Among those attending this year's Old Glory fundraiser were former Detroit Red Wings great

Ted Lindsay, who had recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and James Wisniewski, a professional hockey player for the Carolina Hurricanes.

Old Glory's golf outing last year raised about \$40,000, Schulz said, an amount organizers say they will exceed this year.

"I just have a tremen-

dous sense of indebtedness and gratitude to all our veterans, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice," Keenan said. "There are thousands of veterans with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) and I don't think the message is getting out there sufficiently from the government."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Northville concerts

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Aug. 14: Karin Elizabeth & the Remedy Band.

Details: Music fills the air all summer at the Friday Night Concert Series in downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square, presented by Tom Holzer Ford and managed by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. All concerts in the series are free to attend. Early arrival for the concerts is suggested and guests are encouraged to bring their own

lawn chairs.

Food truck rally

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14

Details: Northern Equities Group will bring six local food trucks - Chicken Coupe, Go! Sy Thai, Pita Post, Shimmy Shack, Smoke Ring BBQ and Treat Dreams - to its Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park in the Art Institute of Michigan north parking lot at 28175 Cabot Drive, Novi.

'Invasive Species' play

Dates: Through Aug. 23

Details: Joseph Zettelmaier's *Invasive Species*, starring Aral Gribble and Melynee Saunders Warren, makes its world premiere at Northville's Tipping Point Theater (361 E. Cady Street). The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 3 p.m.

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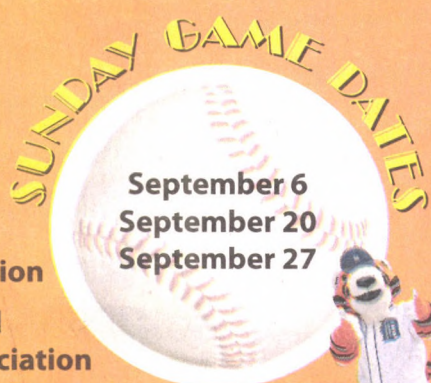
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Teeing off



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Kenny Busher (left) and Johnny Atovski prepare to tee off July 6 on the disc golf course at Northville Township's Cass Benton Park. They were some of about two dozen golfers playing the course that day.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Shredding Days

Shredding is available from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of each month at Corrigan Record Storage, 45200 Grand River Avenue. The fee for Novi residents is \$5 up to 300 pounds.

NoviParksRX will promote active lifestyles

In its second season, the NoviParksRX program promotes healthy, active lifestyles for community members and visitors by allowing health care and recreation professionals to write a "prescription" for activities in Novi's parks and on the Providence Park Hospital Campus. The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has partnered with St. John Providence Health System to offer the program through Sept. 30.

Prescriptions include swimming or biking at Lakeshore Park; climbing on the playground at Pavilion Shore Park; fishing at Pavilion Shore Park; biking, running or walking on the Providence Park Hospital Campus; and many more. Prescriptions are provided at Novi Parks programs, in the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center and at the Providence Park Hospital main lobby information desk. Additionally, a select number of Providence Park Hospital physicians are issuing the activity prescriptions.

Novi Choralaires

The Novi Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts. Open rehearsals for the

2015 season, September through December, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8 and 15 in the Novi Middle School choir classroom (4900 W. 11 Mile Road at Wixom Road).

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, go to www.novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Cars & Coffee

Lingenfelter's North Engine Build Facility in Wixom opens its doors and parking to the public for the Cars & Coffee series 8-10 a.m. each Saturday through Aug. 22. Car lovers are welcome to stop by and enjoy the company of others and to see the latest and greatest in performance cars.

Art classes for older adults

City of Novi Older Adult Services invites those ages 50 and above to socialize, relieve stress and lift moods by taking part in the upcoming Color Your World art class series. The classes are led by volunteer Novi High School art students who want to share their love for art. No previous experience is necessary.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed online at www.cityofnovi.org, at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile) or Meadowbrook Activity Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Classes are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday at the Meadowbrook Activity Center. There is no cost to register, but a \$3 supply fee will be due to the instructors at each class. For more information, call 248-347-0414.

Crafters sought for Bizarre Bazaar

The eighth annual Bizarre Bazaar is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville and organizers are looking for crafters. There will be more than 40 spaces for crafters; lunch is available. Grow your business and help women in third world countries start a business with a micro-loan from a Village Bank.

For more information, go to <http://www.biz-baz-northville.org/biz-baz-village-banking/>. To reserve a space, email fumcbazaar@gmail.com.

Northville Farmers Market

Bright colors, summer smells and delicious treats are all part of the Northville Farmers Market with more than 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants and flowers available for purchase each Thursday through the end of October.

The market is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street and is open rain or shine from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with free parking.

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

Novi Farmers Markets

The city of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department and the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm are partnering to host two farmers markets per week at two locations.

The Novi All Seasons Market (formerly the Novi Farmers Market) will take place on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Oct. 24 at the Novi Civic Center Campus (45175 10 Mile Road).

The mid-week market at the MSU Extension Tollgate Education Farm will be 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday through Oct. 21. The farm is located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road.

For more information regarding the Novi All Seasons Market, vendor or sponsor opportunities call 248-347-0588, email rtwitchell@cityofnovi.org or go to facebook.com/NoviFarmersMarket.

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'Little Dresses' sends love to girls in needy regions

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Brownstown Township resident Rachel O'Neill visited Africa for her 50th birthday. She then founded Little Dresses for Africa in 2008, a nonprofit Christian organization online at www.littledressesforafrica.org.

Women at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville are among those who make dresses to send to Africa and other needy regions, such as Haiti.

"We have made probably close to 200 dresses," said Liz Murtfeldt, a Northville resident who, with Wanda Moore, coordinates the Little Dresses for Africa effort at First Presbyterian.

The Northville women began their work about five years ago. "Quite a few churches across the country have been participating," Murtfeldt said. About 20 women at First Presbyterian join in that effort.

"They've been tremendously generous and supportive, that church and others," added O'Neill, 60. "I've actually been (to Africa) 13 or 14 times now."

She goes generally twice a year, with mission teams also delivering dresses, O'Neill taking some personally and some being mailed.

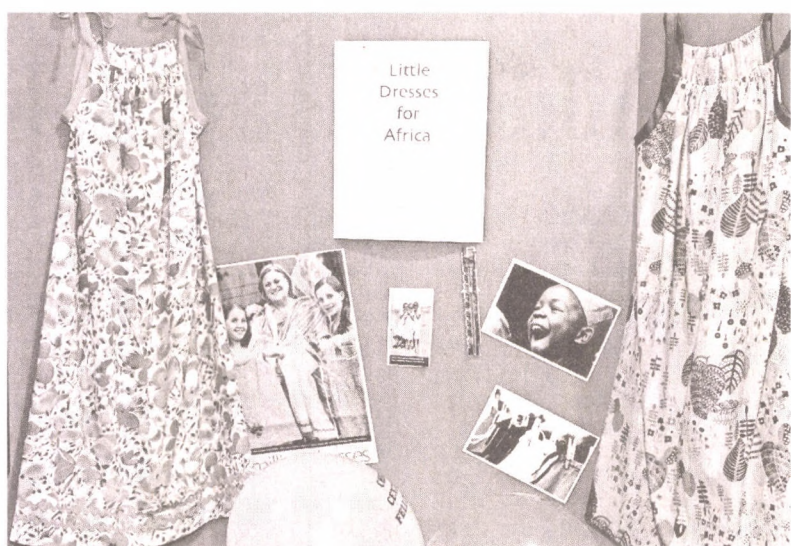
Because they care

The women in Northville pick up their sewing kits at Sunday worship coffee hour to take home and work on. A couple times a year, Murtfeldt and Moore gather with women at the church, assembling dress kits and doing a demonstration for newcomers to the project.

The women started to make dresses from pillowcases, but now create a different style, using donated and purchased fabric. "We have some women that make them quite fancy," Murtfeldt said. "It's something that's a gift to them from us, hopefully puts smiles on their faces."

O'Neill has come to First Presbyterian to speak on her experiences. O'Neill has worked to bring a primary school to Thobola, Malawi, a village in East Africa.

"We have donated for a soccer field in that same town," Murtfeldt



The dresses go to Africa, where many girls care for younger siblings after parents have died of AIDS, as well as being given out in other needy regions such as Haiti.



Wanda Moore works on some of the dresses for the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. She's a local co-chair for the project.



Local project co-chair Liz Murtfeldt works on some of the Little Dresses for Africa.

said of her own church. Little Dresses for Africa has also funded a second primary school in the village of Mataka called Jephthah School of Hope.

Of O'Neill, Murtfeldt said, "She's an amazing woman. It's just grown phenomenally. The dresses go all over the world now."

Some Northville high school and middle school

girls have joined in. "They're pretty easy to make," Murtfeldt said of the dresses.

"It's been an ongoing project for us," she said. "It's particularly nice for some older women. It gives them a project to do. It's a very rewarding thing to do."

O'Neill is pleased with the growth of Little Dresses for Africa. "Oh,

it's just unbelievable," she said. "The thing that is so freaky is, I don't sew. It has blossomed into something I never dreamed of."

Focus on girls

The focus is on girls first, as women are often

less valued in that culture, O'Neill explained. In each village, the work goes beyond dresses to clean water, a primary school and a community center.

"For the little ones, primary school is really important," O'Neill said,

noting that is key due to distance and also helps children prepare for secondary school. "The community center sustains that community. We're trying to make a point they're valued," including girls and women.

The "Dignity" program offers washable menstrual pads for the older girls. "We talk about how to manage their periods, trying to honor them as young women," O'Neill said, adding some girls had earlier missed school during menstruation.

"It is so rewarding and really important to speak to groups that understand why we're going," O'Neill said of First Presbyterian and others. "They're generous and they understand why we're doing it."

The Northville church's soccer field donation also includes soccer balls, shoes and T-shirts. "That forms a sense of community," O'Neill said. "These children do not get a chance to be kids."

Little Dresses for Africa makes the arrangements, working in part with mission teams. Dresses, along with britches for boys, are distributed through orphanages, churches and schools.

The nonprofit states, "We're not just sending dresses, we're sending hope," and notes the devastation of AIDS in Africa, which often leaves girls to care for younger siblings.

O'Neill noted the importance of clothing which is needed, but also the relationships formed "and really get to know these people. They're beautiful people. It's tangible."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 07-20-15Z for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The amendments update the Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 25 Board of Zoning Appeals. The amendments modify Section 25.04 Powers and Duties to reduce the number of criteria in the ordinance used by the Board of Zoning Appeals to evaluate a dimensional variance.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on July 20, 2015, and was adopted by the City Council on August 3, 2015. The ordinance shall become effective on August 21, 2015. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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OUR VIEW

Parents need to keep children's vaccines current

The countdown is on to the start of the new school year. Displays of school supplies line the aisles of stores and retailers are filling their racks and shelves with the must-have fashions for school.

According to National Retail Federation's Back-to-School Spending Survey, conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics, the average family with children in grades K-12 plans to spend \$630.36 on electronics, apparel and other school needs, down from \$669.28 last year.

That's a healthy chunk of change to make sure children are ready for school, but there's one other thing parents need to do to make sure their children are ready when the school bell rings in September – making sure they are up-to-date on their immunizations.

August is National Immunization Month, a good time for parents to talk with their pediatricians about recommended vaccines. Before beginning school in the fall, children entering a licensed child care facility, kindergarten, seventh

grade or moving to a new school district need to be up to date on their immunizations or obtain a waiver from their local health department, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

"Immunizations are safe and effective and by keeping current on the recommended vaccination schedule, parents can protect their children and our communities against vaccine-preventable diseases," said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the MDHHS.

Every year, there are cases of vaccine-preventable diseases the United States, which experienced a record number of measles cases during 2014, with 668 cases from 27, according to the Centers for Disease Control's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. That was the greatest number of cases since measles elimination was documented in the U.S. in 2000.

And between Jan. 1 and July 24, there were 183 cases of

measles reported in 24 states, including Michigan.

The only way to reverse the trend is to build and maintain high vaccination rates in our communities.

Currently, Michigan's statewide waiver rate for children and adolescents is 5 percent, but rates vary by county. To address this, MDHHS is partnering with local health departments to educate parents on the benefits of vaccines and the risks associated with not vaccinating – risks to both to the individual and the community.

Parents who choose not to vaccinate must make an appointment with their local health department to receive a non-medical waiver; it is no longer available at schools or child care.

Beginning this year, a new administrative rule is in effect requiring parents to talk with a health educator at their local health department before opting their children out of vaccinations. The new rule ensures parents and guardians seeking a non-medical waiver have the opportunity to discuss their

concerns and questions regarding immunizations prior to the waiver being signed.

Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their family physician or local health department as early as possible. Further, cost should not be a barrier to vaccinations. The Vaccines for Children Program helps provide vaccines to children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them.

Oakland County Health Division will hold extended clinic hours to vaccinate children in two locations:

» North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 15, and 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19.

» South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 29.

Normal clinic hours for Health Division offices in Pontiac and Southfield are noon to 8 p.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Cash, credit cards, insurance, Medicaid and Medicare are accepted.

In the 200 years since vaccines were developed, more than 12 diseases, including measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis, diphtheria, polio, small pox and tetanus, have been almost eradicated in the United States. But the threat remains from non-vaccinated travelers who are exposed to those diseases in foreign countries.

Vaccinations are important. Yes, there are concerns about vaccines causing such illnesses as autism, but parents need to know all the information before making a decision about vaccinating their children. For more information or a list of vaccinations provided by OCHD, go to www.oakgov.com/health.

More information about vaccinations, including immunization schedules, local health department locations and resources regarding low-cost vaccination options for the uninsured or underinsured, can be found at www.michigan.gov/immunize.

LETTERS

The Voiceless Generation

Years ago, there was a political saying describing citizens who were not actively engaged in civic discourse, and who supposedly represented the basic will of the people. They were called the "Silent Majority." All sorts of political motivations were attributed to this mass of unknowns. Many crucial public policy decisions were made in their name.

In America's 239th year, we are experiencing another era, newer generations who, for the most part, are not truly engaged citizens. Never have young people had so many technological marvels to communicate their views to elected officials, but it seems they are not taking advantage of them. Could it be that they do not have adequate background information provided to them in their schooling to do so? As a result, there appears to be a growing "Voiceless Generation" amongst the young. Why are there so many "voiceless" young people when it comes to civic engagement?

One big reason, I believe, is that our schools are simply not getting the job done. Our young people are not being taught "rootedness" about their community and the nation. It appears that they are not even being taught the basics as to how a municipal government works. To help

remedy this situation, parents may want to take the time to educate their children about Livonia's proud history.

During the summer break they can take their youngsters on a visit to Livonia's historic Greenmead, tour the old Wilson Barn, or take a trip to historic Nankin Mills and other venues to learn about our area's historical roots. They could also educate their children about the workings of municipal government by taking their kids to a meeting of the Livonia City Council and explain its workings. They can also take their children along to voting precincts on election day to see how their parents prepare the ballot and use the voting machine. These kinds of experiences will help them get more engaged in later years.

Joe Neussendorfer
Livonia

Saving children's lives

From Michigan to Malawi, the birth of a baby is an exciting event. As the mother of two children and a former Head Start educator, I understand how important these low-cost, effective interventions are in saving children's lives. Yet, for too many, this hope is cut short. Congress has an unprecedented opportunity to change this forever.

In the last 30 years, preventable child deaths have been cut in half. Unlike many of world's

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problems, this is one that we have the power to solve. But with 17,000 children still dying each day, mostly from treatable causes, there is still some work that remains. We have all the tools, such as vaccines; we just need to take the action.

Thanks to Sens. Peters and Stabenow for all of their previous support of maternal and child health. When they return from the August recess, I ask that they and other members of congress cosponsor the Reach Every Mother and Child Act (S. 1911). Working with its partners in the developing world, USAID has long been at the forefront of helping stop child and maternal deaths. This legislation, without re-

quiring additional funding, calls for our U.S. tax dollars to be spent in the most effective way on saving millions of children's lives. Congress can make sure that every single child in the world has a chance to not only survive, but to thrive.

Mary Albertson
Northville

Fund schools correctly

I love teachers, always have, regardless of their affiliations. I spent most of my work life trying to improve their status in society and their self-esteem. They chose teaching, certainly not for the money, but because they loved kids and wanted to help them on their way to a better life. They gave all they could to accomplish their pursuits. They and their families made their education a No. 1 priority and funded that objective. They did everything they could to prepare for that task in college, and when they arrived in a classroom they gave all they could. How could I not admire them?

I have followed their progress in recent times, and it breaks my heart. For all their contributions, they have received practically nothing to bolster their self-esteem or help them succeed. What we hear from Lansing is mostly criticism and blame. Teachers have been hearing it for years

from conservative legislators inspired by their think tank. Politicians, good-intentioned or not, tend to follow the party line at the end of which is a pot of gold. In a polarized environment, the motivation being their future in politics. Politicians wear masks when campaigning and often make promises they subsequently won't keep. They describe their priorities. Education always makes the list because that is what the people want to hear. Before long, actions will speak louder than words. If you want to know what or who's most important to them, follow the money! Very little is going to schools and their teachers. Corporations got a huge tax break.

Public schools spend about \$7,000 per student and have to make cuts just to survive. What's another \$50 or \$150 per pupil if you're broke? The only way to improve schools and teachers is fund them appropriately and build their self-esteem. By the way, if any money to fill the pothole comes from the general fund, that's money that could have gone to school districts. Lord knows, they need all the help they can get.

Ken Gabel
Livonia

GUEST COLUMN

Bold action led to the creation of Medicaid, Medicare

Fifty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson "Great Society" created a healthier nation when July 30, 1965, Medicare and Medicaid, the two foundations of government health insurances, were signed into law. Since then, millions of poor and elderly have been helped from use of this government safety net to obtain medical care.

Today, with the passage of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," our country has significantly filled the gap for people who qualify for neither Medicare nor Medicaid. Thanks to Johnson and other tireless advocates for national health care, such as President John F. Kennedy and our own Michigan Congressmen John Dingell Sr. and John Dingell Jr., America promises a healthier tomorrow for everyone.

According to a *New York Times* editorial, Medicare covers 46 million Americans over the age of 65 and nine million younger disabled people. "Its achievement in improving life



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

expectancy and reducing poverty among the elderly has been enormous. Before Medicare, almost half of all Americans 65 and older had no health insurance. Today that number is 2 percent. Analysts say that between 1970 and 2010, Medicare contributed to a five-year increase in life expectancy at age 65, by providing early access to needed medical care."

Persons with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities benefited by the creation of both Medicare and Medicaid. These programs transformed the way persons who are disabled, the elderly and low-income individuals received health care. Most of us know that medical bills can take a huge financial toll, but those at or near the poverty line are already struggling to make ends meet. For low-income individuals without insurance, a string of medical bills is often an irreparable blow.

When Johnson added Medicaid to the Social Security Act in 1965, millions of children, parents, pregnant mothers, seniors and people with disabilities were able to receive consistent health care for the first time. If that isn't an anniversary worth celebrating, I don't know what is!

The positive statistics are worth noting: Within the first decade of Medicaid, African-American infant mortality rates were cut in half. Current data shows that not only does Medicaid improve lifelong outcomes for children, academically, they are achieving better GPA, experience fewer missed school days, have higher graduation rates and become higher earnings adults. Investments in our children will pay dividends to the nation as a whole. Over the decades, Medicare and Medicaid have been a lifeline to so many by providing health care assistance to those in need. But as far as we have come over the past 50 years, we still have a distance to go. More needs to be done to help those with serious mental illness and substance use disorders. Once again, another Michigan lawmaker has stepped up to help the most vulnerable amongst us.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow's

Excellence in Mental Health Care Act, signed into law last April by Obama, is another example of how Medicaid can be used to help needy Americans.

This legislation will ultimately increase access to community mental health and substance use treatment services, while improving Medicaid reimbursement for mental health services.

The Excellence in Mental Health Act initially provides \$25 million in funding to states as planning grants to develop applications to participate in a two-year pilot program. Eight states will be selected to participate in the program, and Michigan is working aggressively to be one of those selected, which will be revealed this September.

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board, staff and provider network are excited to partner with the state of Michigan to apply for these new federal funds to help create a better life for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.

At the conclusion of his speech celebrating the passage of Medicare and Medicaid programs 50 years ago, Johnson proclaimed, "There are those, alone in suffering who will now hear the sound of some approaching footsteps coming to help. There are those fearing the terrible darkness of despairing poverty – despite their long years of

labor and expectation – who will now look up to see the light of hope and realization."

Dr. Herbert Smitherman Jr., DWMHA board chairman and also concurrently serving as president of the Wayne County Medical Society, understands the value the creation of Medicare and Medicaid 50 years ago has meant to the quality of health care for those who did without for so long. He inspires his board colleagues and staff at DWMHA to provide a system of care that is consumer and community focused, data driven and evidenced-based.

Smitherman said, "Many a grandmother, grandfather and child with a disability and person living in poverty has been helped because our elected leaders created two federal programs; Medicare and Medicaid a half century ago. Our fellow citizens owe these leaders a debt of gratitude."

If you know someone with a mental illness, developmental disability or substance use disorder and would like more information about the programs and services at DWMHA, contact our 24-Hour crisis help line at 800-241-4949 or go to dwmha.com

Tom Watkins is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com). He has served as state superintendent of schools and state mental health director. Follow Watkins on twitter @tdwatkins88.

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Education can help take the boom out of bombs

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Jesse Rayer wasn't surprised when Tim Kervirtis had her try on a bomb disposal helmet.

Rayer was the smallest of a group of Sea Cadets and Navy Leaguers, but it wasn't her size that got her to put on the heavy helmet.

"My dad asked him to pick me," the South Lyon youngster said.

Her father is a Michigan State Police detective and knows Kervirtis, an MSP sergeant and bomb technician who brought the protective clothing and remote-controlled robots used to deal with suspected explosives to Cambridge High School in Garden High School recently.

"Education is the key to why we have safe outcomes," Kervirtis said as he explained the different pieces of equipment. "We don't tell you how to do it; we tell how to be safe."

Rayer liked trying on the helmet that has headlights, a camera and air pack and weighs more than 18 pounds.

"Oh, yeah, it was heavy," she said of the helmet. "It made my head move back and forth."

Kervirtis showed the cadets the bomb squad's No. 1 tool – a portable X-ray. It can be used to exam suitcase, packages, containers and even a bomb to see what's inside. The screen can be held by a robotic arm that bomb technicians control from a distance and the picture is so clear that "we can see the timer move."

"The kitchen timer is old technology; the cellphone is new technology," Kervirtis said about devices used to trigger bombs. "We train on the robots. Some of the newer ones use video game-style controllers."

Pieces are evidence

Kervirtis was a crime scene investigator before becoming a bomb technician. While criminals may think nothing is left once a bomb explodes, a lot of evidence can be found in the pieces that are left behind.

DNA, trace fibers and fingerprints are among the information that can



Sea cadet Petty Officer 3C Ethan Hansen of Northville takes a photo of the robot.

TOM BEAUDOIN

be found in the remnants.

"Everything that blows up goes to our facilities; it's forensic evidence," he said. "A lot of bomb makers think that once they make a bomb and it blows up, it's gone, but that's not the case. It's just pieces. We put it back together and start working our way back. Bomb makers leave DNA unless they wear gloves and shirts to protect themselves."

When not on a call, members are training. They talk a lot about chemicals and biological elements that can be used

in bombs. They also educate the public about bombs and bomb threats, Kervirtis said.

The bomb suit weighs 50 pounds and is made of cloth that contains Kevlar, a ballistic-proof material, as well as ceramic plates in the front of the jacket and pants to protect the wearer. Kevlar is also used in the back to provide spin protection.

"All of the protection is in the front of the suit," Kervirtis said. "You walk up to a bomb and you back away. You keep the protection between you and the bomb."

The helmet also is designed to provide blast protection and the camera records everything the technician sees.

The entire suit has the highest rating for fire protection and the shield on the helmet is designed to force the pressure from an explosion to go around the technician.

"When you're in the suit, you don't run too fast, you don't move too fast," he said. "It feels lighter when you put it on, but we work in it 30-40 minutes. We have to wear a cooling vest to keep our core temperatures down."

Education is key

Kervirtis told the cadets his job is to make sure the robots are working. He takes them apart "all the time" and has extra parts in the bomb squad truck to make repairs.

Squad members learned a long time ago that education is the key to keeping people safe. People learn to be safe and "they become our eyes and hopefully stop something from happening."

"The education portion is huge," he said. "We're not telling people how to do it, we're telling them how to be safe and, once they're educated, if they see something that isn't right, they can call us."

"That's why they provide us with the training," he added. "Our bosses want us to come out an educate people. They know that's number one in preventing explosions."

Rayer gave the presentation thumbs-up and, while it was cool to try on the helmet, she liked the X-ray equipment the best.

"It was interesting," she said.

The Sea Cadets program is for youths ages 13-17, while the Navy League Cadets are for those ages 11-14. The James M. Hannan Division and the training ship Bristol Bay meet at Cambridge High School, 28901 Cambridge, Garden City. For more information, contact Lt. Ed Brennan at 248-685-9568.

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Get relief during dog days of summer with these hints

Have we had a heat wave yet? I don't know. Between the rain, cooler temperatures and just plain beautiful Michigan summer days, it has been hard to tell.

We are, though, entering into the infamous dog days of summer. Did you ever wonder why they call them the dog days? Well, the Romans referred to them first as the dog days and associated the hot weather with the star Sirius. They considered Sirius to be the dog star because it is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major or large dog.



Sgt. Michael Sura

ASK A TROOPER

Dog days were popularly believed to be an evil time. The sea boiled, the wine turned sour, dogs grew mad and animals became languid causing – among other things – diseases, burning fevers and hysterics. Sounds like a real fun time.

Well, here are some things to think about, so you avoid the boiling sea, bad wine, crazy animals,

people and stay out of the extreme heat:

» Cover your windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, blinds or awnings to reduce the amount of heat that enters your home. Install central air conditioning or window air conditioners and make sure to insulate if necessary. Listen to local weather forecasts to stay aware of upcoming temperature changes. Check on family members or neighbors who are elderly, young or sick, as they are more susceptible to excessive heat. Ensure

pets have cool housing areas and plenty of water. Develop a 72-hour emergency supply kit with essential items such as a three-day supply of water and food, a battery-powered radio and items that satisfy unique family needs. Sunscreen should be added to the kit as well.

» To prevent heat illness, remember to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Avoid, yes avoid, alcoholic and caffeinated drinks because they cause dehydration. Wear clothing that allows good air circulation. Limit vigorous

activity. Don't start that lawn project at 2 p.m. with the sun blazing down.

Use early morning hours or later evening hours to get outside chores done. If outside, avoid direct sunlight and stay in the shade.

Use air conditioning whenever possible. If you do not have air conditioning, consider going to a public location or cooling center that does.

Wear sunscreen and prevent sunburn. Sunburn disrupts the body's ability to dissipate heat.

One last thing: Never leave a pet, animal or

child in a vehicle. Temperatures in vehicles can get in excess of 120°F within a short period of time.

Just a few simple steps to help avoid all those dog days. Maybe, the Romans should have read the Ask a Trooper column for helpful advice and they would have enjoyed summer more. Oh, well.

If you have questions or comments, email them to askatrooper12@gmail.com, or mail them to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police Brighton post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.

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There's no limit on submissions, which are free, but photos must be at least 2MB in size and submitted via message to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Facebook page. The deadline is Sept. 7.

"Pics of the Parks is a summer long celebration of the faces and places that make up Oakland County," Executive Officer Dan Stencil said in a news release. "Photos will be judged on how well that concept is portrayed. Come out, have a good time and share your experiences through photos."

A Best in Show will be awarded along with first-, second- and third-place winners from each category. The Best in Show photo will appear on the cover of the 2015 Oakland County Parks annual report. The top 50 entries, 10 from each category, will be displayed at the Somerset Collection in Troy this fall.

Learn more at www.destinationoakland.com.

Hot out? Kensington Metropark's Splash 'n' Blast can cool you off

By Abby Welsh
Michigan.com

While Kensington Metropark's Martindale Beach is typically a huge hit during the summer months, park officials felt it wasn't enough.

Thus, they created the Splash 'n' Blast outdoor water feature in 2007.

Splash 'n' Blast consists of two 250-foot twisting water slides and a water spray area with cannons, palm trees and giant coiled-metal serpent sculptures.

The two water slides are intertwined and land in a watery landing pad.

"It's a great attraction for families to go to when it's hot outside or want something entertaining without paying a lot of money," said Kimberly Jarvis, Huron-Clinton Metroparks western division park supervisor. "It's still pretty new to Kensington, but it's becoming a huge hit for all."

The park officials took feedback from parkgoers, noticing a need for something "more" to do other than just the beach.

"The beach is great for the summer, but we had upgrades being done to the beach (around 2007), and so we decided it was best to try and incorporate some kind of water feature," Jarvis said of the creating of Splash 'n' Blast.

Annual summer attendance to Martindale Beach is roughly 61,500 people.

"It's just a very popular spot because the beach is huge and (it's a) nice place to swim and relax," Jarvis said. "Also available at that beach is a bath house and a food bar."

The park is open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. To get



Shallow puddles and numerous water-spraying features draw attention from youngsters who might otherwise be too small to safely take advantage of traditional water park features. Kensington Metropark's Splash 'n' Blast is now open.



Carson Picano, 8, emerges from one of two slides at the Splash 'n' Blast water park in Kensington Metropark.

into the park, it's \$7 per vehicle. Entry to the water park is an additional \$5 for adults or \$4 for ages 2-15. Children younger than 2 are ad-

mitted free. Splash 'n' Blast also hosts birthday parties and other group events. However, such gathering are only available before

or after business hours. "That's always a fun thing to schedule because the kids have a fun time having the water slides to themselves," Jarvis said.

Jarvis said Kensington doesn't have any immediate plans to make any additional upgrades to the Splash 'n' Blast water park.

"But that doesn't mean that won't change in the near future," she said. "Who knows what could happen?"

Splash 'n' Blast isn't the only popular nearby water attraction for families this summer.

Hudson Mills Metropark in Dexter has a new water feature offered this summer called the Rip Slide, a blue-and-

yellow 175-foot-long inflatable slide.

"We have never had a water feature here besides the Huron River to take a canoe trip on, so we thought this would be a great asset to the park," Jarvis said. "It's been quite the success this summer so far."

Hudson Mills is open from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and those who want to ride the slide can either pay \$2 a ride or \$10 for the whole day.

"It's a pleasure to watch the families come here and have a blast all day and leave with a smile on their faces," Jarvis said.

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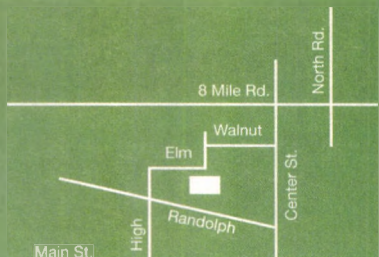
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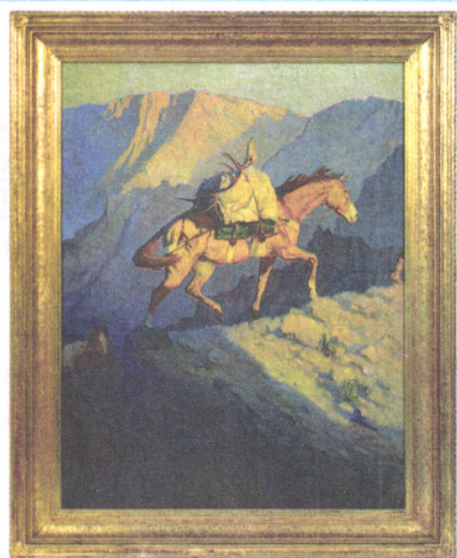
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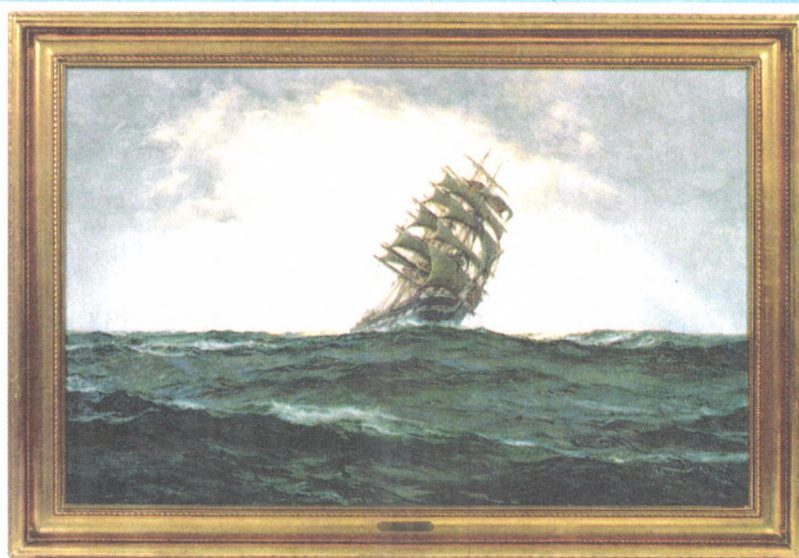
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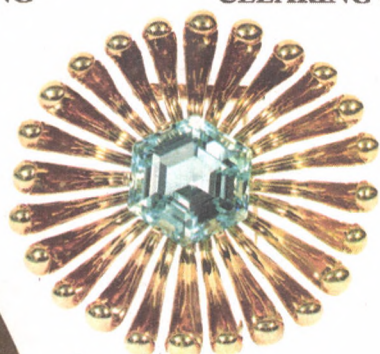
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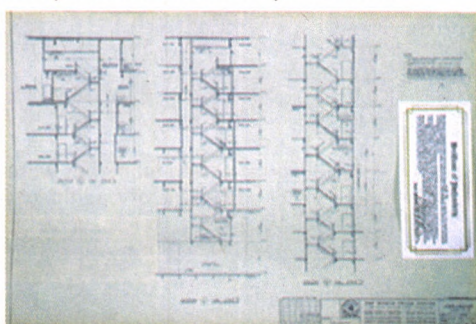
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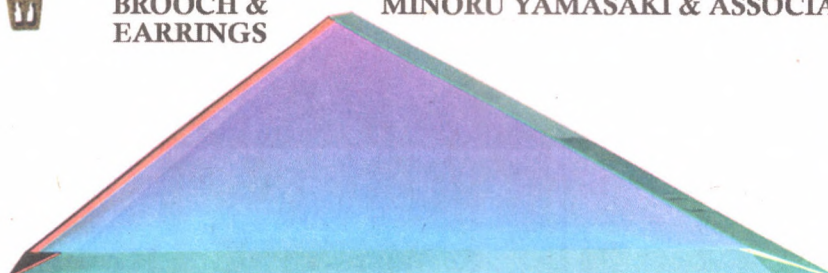
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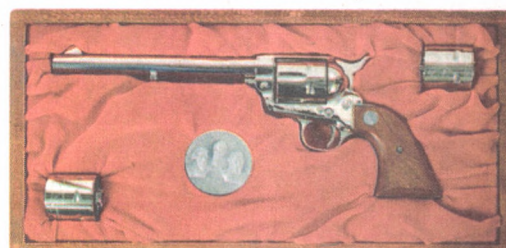
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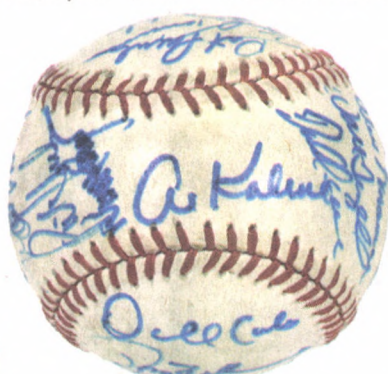
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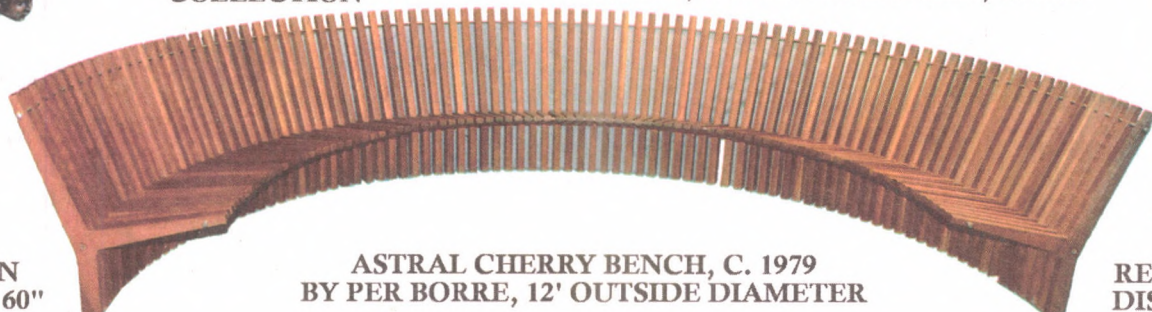
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COLLEGE SOCCER

Buckingham puts best foot forward at UNC

Broken collarbone sets back U20 team member

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer



Buckingham

For now, Megan Buckingham has to watch her North Carolina teammates go through pre-season training camp standing on the sidelines.

That's because the former 2014 Michigan Gatorade Player of the Year and Miss Soccer from Northville High suffered a broken collarbone in early July while scrimmaging with the Under-20 Women's National Team in Chula Vista, Calif.

And for a player who has never experienced a severe

injury of this type, it's killing her. "Never broken a bone or anything too serious," said the Atlantic Coast Conference Freshman of the Year, who hails from Novi. "I'm hoping to be cleared in about three weeks. I'm doing the water treadmill (therapy). The bone is still healing, so I don't want to fall on it and re-break it. It's frustrating."

The Tar Heels, coming off a 14-2-2 season and a co-ACC title with Florida State, return 10 starters off last year's squad, including Buckingham, who

appeared in all 20 games while starting the final 18.

The forward and midfielder racked up a total of 1,143 minutes while scoring four goals, including game-winning tallies against Ohio State and Clemson.

Rookie season

Buckingham also earned a spot on Soccer America's all-freshman first team, but the Tar Heels' 2014 season ended on a sour note last November with an NCAA Tournament third-round setback to South Carolina, 1-0.

While Buckingham will more than likely miss the Tar



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Northville High grad Megan Buckingham (right) was named ACC Freshman of the Year at North Carolina.

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NFL FOOTBALL

Lions treat Novi to camp fun

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer



Lions players take the field at training camp welcomed by the Novi Bobcats, a junior league football team.

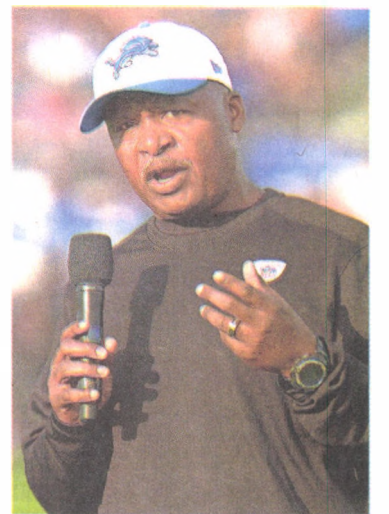
For many, it was the closest glimpse they'll ever get watching their beloved Detroit Lions.

Novi Wildcat Stadium was the happening place Wednesday night as more than 7,500 fans screamed for their favorite Lions players as they went through their normal training camp practice paces, which included one-on-one drills, individual drills, seven-on-seven, 11-on-11 and special teams work.

Lions head coach Jim Caldwell addressed the crowd prior to the start of the 7:30 p.m. practice, which was open to the public, by saying, "Thanks for allowing the Lions to invade Wildcat Country."

Caldwell then cut practice short just after 9 p.m. on a very pleasant evening.

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Detroit Lions head coach Jim Caldwell welcomes the crowd.



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Milford's Virginia Lingham (right) was the top U.S. finisher in the 30-and-over women's cruiser class at the UCI BMX World Championships in Belgium.

EXTREME SPORTS

Lingham still flying high in BMX bicycle racing

Milford native earns fourth in women's cruiser class

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Virginia Lingham might be in her mid-30s, but the sport of BMX racing never gets old.

The Milford native, who now resides in Albany, Calif., was back on the international stage last month, when she earned a spot in the main event and finished fourth in 2015 UCI BMX World Championships held in Heusden-Zolder, Bel-

gium. Competing in the women's 30-and-up cruiser class in a field of 53, Lingham placed second in three preliminary heats (motos), along with a runner-up finish in both the quarterfinals and semifinals, to reach the final eight.

In the finals, Australian Sarsha Huntington took the title, while Jeanette Davies (New Zealand) and Astrid Delescluse (France) wound up second and third, respectively.

Lingham's first trip to a world championship was as a 15-year-old, when she raced on

her home track at Waterford Oaks. She made another appearance the next year in Brighton, England, but didn't reach the finals.

"I was really happy with my result," Lingham said. "It's been 21 years since I've been in a world championship main event and I was so ecstatic to make the main; that was my goal. I was really happy with the fourth-place finish."

First bike

Lingham got her first red Schwinn with a banana seat as a 3-year-old and began racing

BMX at age 10 after tagging along to the Waterford Oaks track with her father Robert and brother Brent.

"They raced for a couple of years before I got into it," Lingham said. "But that was really my introduction, through my brother. I gave it a try one fall and got hooked on it the following summer (1989)."

Lingham continued both as an amateur and eventually as a pro, racing both nationally and internationally. She was

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DISTANCE SWIMMING

Young Northville swimmer meets 4.5-mile challenge

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Despite being only 15, Arthur Greenlee IV decided it was his time to take the family plunge.

On Aug. 7, the sophomore on the Northville High boys swim team became what is believed to be youngest swimmer to successfully swim non-stop across East Grand Traverse Bay.

Accompanied by his 26-year-old sister Alandra, the swim measured approximately 4.5 miles from the tip of Old Mission Peninsula to the family cottage on Winters Road, just north of Elk Rapids.

For Alandra, a podiatrist and former Northville swimmer herself, it was her second crossing; she had joined sister Allison and brother William back in 2009.

Father of six Arthur Greenlee III made the first East Bay maiden voyage in 1996, when Arthur IV was only 6.

And through their own research, the Greenlees are believed to be the only swimmers ever documented to make the crossing.

Ironically, it was William who this time served



Northville's Alandra (left) and Arthur Greenlee IV recently completed a 4.5-mile swim across East Grand Traverse Bay.

SUSAN GREENLEE

as the captain of the 11-passenger motor boat to help escort his two siblings, who made it to shore in just under three hours.

"It was really a family tradition," Arthur IV said, "and when my brothers and sisters crossed it a long time ago when I was really young, they all sort of looked at me and like, 'Well, it's your turn now.' So I guess this summer I

was able to do it and I did it."

According to Susan Greenlee, Arthur IV's mother, it was a rather cold day. Although coated with lard, the swimmers emerged with numb fingers and cramping muscles, but happy. They were quickly warmed with blankets, food and hugs.

"I crossed my arms and I just tried to think

warm thoughts," Arthur IV said. "It was really cold. I had to go out to the boat, then get back to our cottage, where I could get warmed up - finally."

Under William's guidance, the boat protected the swimmers from other boats and jet skis and kept the two swimmers on course. During the mid-point, water depths reached 600 feet.

And during the swim,

things often got lonely for Arthur IV and Alandra.

"I wore a normal suit, but I covered myself in lard before the swim," Arthur IV said. "We had to orient ourselves at the end, stop and look at the boat and the boat would point toward our cottage, so we'd get an idea where we were and where we were supposed to go. We might say a couple of words about how cold we were or how we couldn't see anything when we looked down."

But the brother and sister were able to persevere and stay the course without really taking a break.

"We went straight through," Arthur IV said. "We had the option to eat some nice banana bread my mom had prepared for us, but we ate a lot before, so I guess we were OK."

During the off-season, Arthur IV swims for the Plymouth Canton Cruisers. As a freshman for Mustangs' high school team, he swam the 100-yard backstroke (finishing 17th in the KLAAs Kensington Conference meet), along with the 500 freestyle.

Between his Northville High distance workouts

and summer training with the Cruisers, it prepared Arthur IV for the 4.5-mile swim.

And it didn't hurt to have Alandra, who is a podiatrist and a fitness expert, by his side.

"She works out daily," Arthur IV said. "She got involved working out with her boyfriend, sort of got into the fitness science, what to eat and all that."

Currently carrying a 3.8 grade-point average, Arthur IV would like to study engineering and perhaps go into the medical field someday.

But as far as a personal accomplishment, he ranks the East Bay swim "probably around a four out of a five with a five winning a Nobel Peace Prize."

Arthur IV not only dipped his toes in the water, he went straight into the deep end with the East Bay crossing.

"This was my first time, which was scary," he said. "Pretty happy that I'd done it. It's something you get to think about over time, because there's a lot to sort out and process."

"I would like to do it again and as fast as I can next time."

Golfers chip in



BRENT GOULDING

A total of 44 golfers participated July 16-18 in the Ladies Invitational at Prestwick Village Golf Club in Highland. During two-day event, Prestwick hosted a par-3 challenge and a 50/50 drawing for charity, while raising more than \$2,000 for two charities, Homes for Autism and Beaumont Student Healthy Heart Fund. The golfers also recognized both businesses and individuals that supported the event through eight title, two corporate and 29 golf sponsorships, along with 61 gift certificate donations.

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JUNIOR TENNIS

Novi's Wang finishes off career in Kalamazoo event

State champ falls in third round of USTA Junior Boys 18s tournament

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Tim Wang's junior tennis career came to a close last week.

The recent Novi High grad and 2014 MHSAA Division 1 singles state

champion, who will play this season for Columbia University, fell in third round of the U.S. Tennis Association Junior Boys 18s Nationals in Kalamazoo.

The unseeded Wang was upended by No. 19 seed Gianni Ross (La-Grange, Ill.) in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, after defeating Conor Somers (Virginia Beach, Va.), 6-2, 6-1, and Zach Brodney

(Los Angeles, Calif.), 6-3, 6-2, in the opening two rounds.

In the back draw, Wang fell to No. 9 seed Sam Riffice (Roseville, Calif.) in straight sets, 7-5, 6-2.

Wang's USTA record for the calendar year was 30-8 and he ended with ranking of 119. He was the 2013 Midwest Closed Boys 16 champion.

In last week's USTA Girls 16s Nationals in San Diego, Calif., Novi High incoming junior Marybeth Hurley went 2-2 in singles play.

Hurley lost her opening round match to Lindsay Song (Birmingham, Ala.), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, but bounced back in the consolation draw to beat Chloe Hamlin (Blountville, Tenn.), 6-1, 3-6, 12-10 (super-breaker) and

Ana Elhom (Potomac, Md.), 6-2, 5-7, 10-8.

Hurley was ousted by Jadie Acidera (Anaheim, Calif.), 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles, Hurley and partner Luba Vasilyuk (Dallas, Texas) fell to top seeds Ann Li (Devon, Pa.) and Natasha Subhash (Fairfax, Va.), 6-1, 6-1, in the round of 64 after defeating Amber Shen (Broomfield, Colo.) and Anshika Singh (Greenwood Village, Colo.), 6-7 (4-7), 6-1, 14-12.

Hurley is No. 82 in the latest USTA rankings. She is ranked No. 1 in Michigan, No. 4 in the Great Lakes and No. 50 nationally as a five-star recruit by TennisRecruiting.net. Her record over the past USTA calendar year is 71-23.

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JUNIOR GOLF

Shamrocks' Smith is fourth at prestigious AJGA Junior

Novi's Ben Smith carded a final round 68 to pace fourth overall in the American Junior Golf Association Junior, a 54-hole stroke-play event held last week at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Smith, the boys golf All-Area Player of the Year who led Novi Detroit Catholic Central to the 2015 MHSAA Division 1 team state title, finished with a three-round total of 211. The incoming junior carded rounds of 74-69 during the first two days of play in an event presented by Tom Holzer Ford. His final-round 68 topped the field.

Karl Vilips of Foxfire, N.C., fired 2-under-par 69 in the final round to finish first overall with a 7-under-par 206 total.

Vilips carded his third score in the 60s to claim his first AJGA championship. The Australia native tallied seven birdies and a bogey-free back nine during the final round to hold off the competition.

The 13-year-old earned medalist honors at the qualifier to earn his spot in the event.

"This is a great feeling to be a 13-year-old winning in an open event. I played it safe in this tournament and the qualifier and I shot in the 60s every round."

KARL VILIPS
AJGA Junior winner

"This is a great feeling to be a 13-year-old winning in an open event," Vilips said. "I played it safe in this tournament and the qualifier and I shot in the 60s every round. Laying up on holes gave me pars and luckily I had plenty of those this week."

Finishing second with a total 6-under-par 207 was Joseph Pagdin, another 13-year-old out of Orlando, Fla.

Meanwhile, Zach Robins of Grand Rapids placed third at 4-under-par 209.

In a three-way tie for fifth with 1-over-par 214 were Dylan Deogun of

Orchard Lake, Ying-Shih Chang of Indio, Calif., and Brendan O'Reilly of Hinsdale, Ill.

Canton's James Piot, who will be a junior this fall at CC, tied for 14th overall with 79-72-67-218. Recent CC grad Glenn Piot, who will play at Michigan State this coming season, wound up tied for 18th with 78-70-71-219.

Novi's John Karcher, who will be a senior at University of Detroit-Jesuit, tied for 67th with 78-82-78-238, while Livonia's Joseph Stafford, a 12-year-old, was 71st with 82-85-83-250.

In the Girls Division, Jessica Yuen of Bolingbrook, Ill., carded 10-over-par 223 to hold onto the top spot and win her first AJGA title.

Former AJGA juniors have compiled more than 500 victories on the PGA and LPGA tours. AJGA alumni include Jordan Spieth, Brandt Snedeker, Bubba Watson, Webb Simpson, Hunter Mahan, Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods, Stacy Lewis, Vicky Hurst, Inbee Park, Paula Creamer, Cristie Kerr, Brittany Lincicome and Morgan Pressel.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Shamrocks hope to hit the ground running

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

A one-year hiatus from the football state playoffs has Novi Detroit Catholic Central chomping at the bit to get the 2015 season underway.

Coach Tom Mach, who has a 348-93 record entering his 40th season with the Shamrocks, believes there is a heightened sense of urgency after going 4-5 and missing the MHSAA Division 1 post-season for only the third time since 1999.

"They're hungry," said Mach, who has guided CC to 25 playoff appearances and 10 state crowns during his long tenure. "They've been working hard this year, very much in the weight room. We had a good spring program. We lift four days a week from January to August, so they've been doing a great job in that workout. They're in very good shape at this point of the season and ready to go."

The Shamrocks return 12 players who started last year, led by the senior captain quartet of Alex Bock, Tom Kowalkoski, Tyler Laurentius, Phil Schmitz and Austin Darkangelo.

"We always put our emphasis on defense, that's our number one concern," Mach said. "This year, we probably have about six or seven guys that have put a good amount of time last year that are coming back on defense, but not too many on offense. The offense is going to be a little bit new. But of course, we're used to that



Senior Alex Bock (top) figures to be a key cog in the Shamrocks' offense this season.

going against the schools we go up against in our league. We can't afford to have too many new guys out there if you're going to do well."

All five senior captains are two-way players.

"All of our captains

play defense," Mach said. "I'd say overall the captains are good leaders for us."

Kowalkoski (6-5, 280), a tackle, will anchor both offensive and defensive lines, while Schmitz (6-2, 190) takes over at tight end and linebacker.

Darkangelo (5-11, 175) is slated at both linebacker and running back, while Bock (5-11, 185) and Laurentius (5-11, 185) will get time in both the backfield and secondary.

"Bock can do a lot of things," Mach said. "He runs a 4.5 (40-yard dash)



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Coach Tom Mach is entering his 40th season with the Shamrocks.

and is a good athlete with a lot of versatility. And Tyler can do a lot of things. He can run and he can catch. He's an athletic guy and he has a good head on his shoulders."

As usual, a grind-it-out running game will prove essential to CC's success in the Catholic League's perennially strong Central Division, which includes Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the defending Division 3 state champ and preseason favorite, along with defending Division 2 state champion Warren DeLaSalle and Birmingham Brother Rice.

"We need the backs to hit the holes with speed," Mach said. "We want to get three or four yards a crack. We don't have to break them, but we need some guys that can break them. Our running backs have always been traditionally tough people. They get an extra yard,

don't get stopped by one tackler. We're three downs and a cloud of dust, keep it going most of the time. We're looking for a tough back that's got some speed and can actually be moved around as a receiver when we go spread and so forth."

Other key returnees for CC include senior defensive back Tarek Dalou (5-8, 160), senior defensive end Michael Edwards (6-4, 220), senior safety Chyle Johnson (5-8, 165) and junior tight end Jackson Ross (6-3, 230).

During the preseason, Mach said he will be looking at as many as five different quarterbacks before deciding who will start in the season opener Friday, Aug. 28, at home against Muskegon.

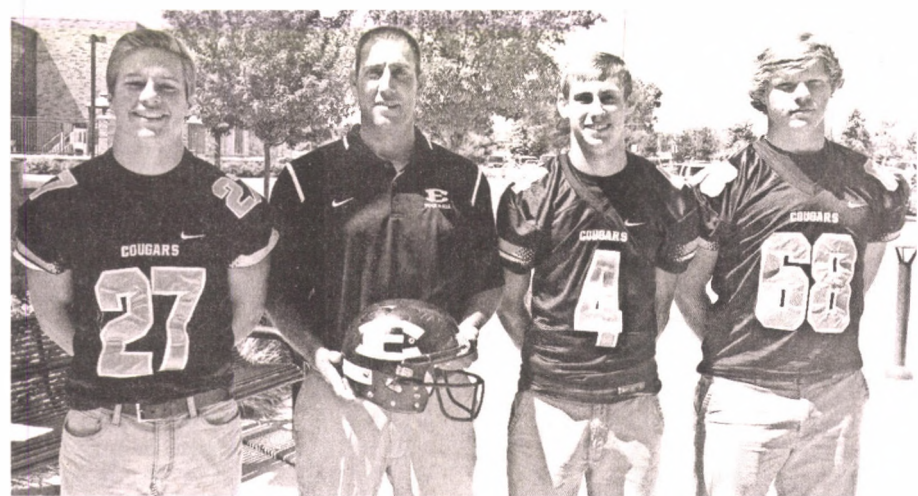
"We're going to determine our quarterback in the next two weeks," Mach said. "We don't know what they'll be like because we've never seen them in a varsity situation."

And Mach has a specific type of QB in mind to call the signals.

"We want a quarterback this year that can run our team, make big plays when we need them, be able to throw the football when necessary," Mach said. "We want a guy that's a good leader first, a guy who can take control ... put us in the right position, so if we're not in the right position to make a play selection or whatever it has to be."

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW



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South Lyon East has a new coach in Joe Pesci, who is flanked by returnees (from left) Shane Patterson, Josh Smith and Joel Trent.

East football embarks on new era with Pesci

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Nobody can argue that Mike Pesci brings a winning pedigree to the South Lyon East football program.

The new varsity coach hopes it can translate into immediate victories, but it could take time.

Pesci was hired in February after spending the past four seasons as an offensive coordinator at Farmington Hills Harrison, his alma mater and one of the state's premier programs.

The former Albion College quarterback takes over for Mike Lindman, who resigned after going 12-34 in his five seasons while guiding East to its only playoff berth in 2012.

Pesci, who led Harrison to the 1993 MHSAA Class A state championship, has a rebuilding job on his hands after East went 0-9 in 2014 while being outscored 388-156.

The new East coach calls it "a fresh start" while the "reset button" for the KLAA Kensington Conference's second smallest school.

And while East lost arguably its best two players to graduation in all-area players Brendan O'Brien and Trent

Willenborg, the Cougars do return four starters on offense and four on defense as they prepare for their season opener Thursday, Aug. 27, at Waterford Kettering.

Key offensive returnees include senior linemen Jordan Thibodeau (6-0, 250) and Joel Trent (6-4, 230), along with senior wide receiver Garrett Read (5-11, 170) and senior quarterback Josh Smith (6-1, 155).

"We look to run the football and be physical up front ... and just move the pile," Pesci said. "And then we're looking to run play-action passing off some of our run plays."

On the other side of the ball, junior linebacker Shane Patterson (5-11, 185) returns, along with senior defensive back J.D. Simon (5-10, 175) and senior defensive end Mike Mojika (6-3, 210).

Also expected to help is junior linebacker Will Carter (5-11, 180), who will also start a center, along with sophomore outside linebacker-wide receiver Jake Waranauckas (5-10, 160) and junior free safety-running back Anthony Salters (5-10, 180).

"We're certainly just going to try and stop the ball," Pesci said. "Try and limit big plays. And really, what we want to

do is make sure our offense can help the defense by controlling the ball. We want to be a physical team on both sides. We're going to try to get 11 tacklers to the ball and just try and punish the ball carrier, try and create turnovers and be as active on the defensive side as we can be."

Pesci began meeting with East players the second week in March and was still in the learning curve mode entering the summer.

"It was tough, because the only place we saw them was the weight room until May, when they got outside and starting running around," he said. "For the longest time, we didn't know who could do what or really what anybody's athletic abilities were."

But Pesci has been able to familiarize himself with his personnel and remains optimistic about the future. This year's preseason roster features 11 seniors, 22 juniors and one sophomore.

"We had a great off-season and we're focused as far as turning it around," Pesci said. "We want to be a foundation of what we want to become."

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PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Lakeland set for fresh start with Woodruff

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Joe Woodruff has been part of many reclamation projects, but the first-year Lakeland High School football coach doesn't think the Eagles' program is one of them.

During last week's KLAA football media day, Woodruff told local writers: "The program is far from broken. There are many aspects of it that are in great shape. Our job will be to mesh the philosophies of the new head coach into the existing structure."

The 44-year-old Woodruff owns a career record of 128-68, with his most recent stop in Big Rapids, where the Cardinals went 1-8, including a 1-5 record in the Gold Division of the Central State Activities Association.

Previously, he was the head coach for seven seasons at Greensboro (N.C.) Northwest Guilford, a school of 2,400 that went to the playoffs six times and captured three conference titles. His 2013 Guilford squad won a school-record 12 games and lost to nationally-ranked Mallard Creek, the eventual North Carolina 4AA champion.

Woodruff, who began teaching and coaching in 1989 as an 18-year-old student, has also made stops at Remus Chippewa Hills, Comstock Park and Port Charlotte (Fla.). He came to Lakeland through his association with Greg Michaels, the school's athletic director, during their days at Okeanos High School.

Although Woodruff's new staff is still learning the personnel, he believes the team's off-season workouts have proven to be beneficial.

"I think the first thing we can say is the kids have done everything we asked them to do," Woodruff said. "They're working hard, they've bought into the system, they've bought into the program. It's going good. It's ahead of what I thought it be at this point. We're real happy with where we're at right now."



BRAD EMONS

New Lakeland football coach Joe Woodruff (left) will rely on wide receiver and cornerback Adam Kleckner (right).

Woodruff, who takes over a team that finished 3-6 overall and 0-4 in the KLAA's North Division, has also been encouraged by the player turnout.

"The numbers are real good," he said. "We had about 120 at camp last week in the program. We're looking at 60 on varsity and another 60 between the JV and freshman (teams) as of today. Those are good numbers."

Eight starters return, led by a trio of seniors: wide receiver-defensive back Adam Kleckner (6-3, 190), running back-defensive back Jason Wooster (6-0, 180) and offensive and defensive lineman Kyle Welling (6-3, 275).

"Offensively, we have a five-year plan of where we'd like to be down the road," Woodruff said.

"We can't really implement it right now, because the kids don't have the skill sets to be able to line up and run the spread and throw the ball all over the place. So we're going to have to build on a lot of things that they've done in the past, which is kind of a possession football team. There's not a problem with that for us."

"From a defensive standpoint, there's going to be a lot of differences with that we're a much more attacking, blitzing

style of defense is what we've focused on."

On the other side of the ball, Woodruff hopes that a quicker defense can limit its opponents' scoring after giving up an average of 38 points per game last season.

"We're building it around team speed on our defense," Woodruff said. "Our secondary is very good, I think. We have four very legitimate players and four or five that we hope develop into real good ones. Our line-backing corps on defense are going to be pretty fast, I think, and I hope we can build around that. And we'll rotate around enough defensive linemen that they'll play hard."

Lakeland, which last made the state playoffs in 2008, will open its season Friday, Aug. 28, at home against Northville, which defeated the Eagles in last year's opener, 35-0.

For now, it will be a honeymoon period for Woodruff and his staff.

"They responded very positively," he said. "I've received positive feedback from the kids, but I don't know if that had mattered one way or the other. But they're buying into the program and that tells me they've responded well to it."

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LIONS

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"It was a great atmosphere, obviously the fans were tremendous, outstanding turnout and great facilities," the second-year coach said afterward. "We got in every single rep that we intended to give. It moved at a real good pace and did a nice job."

Caldwell also addressed the Novi football squad in the high school field house prior to the start of practice.

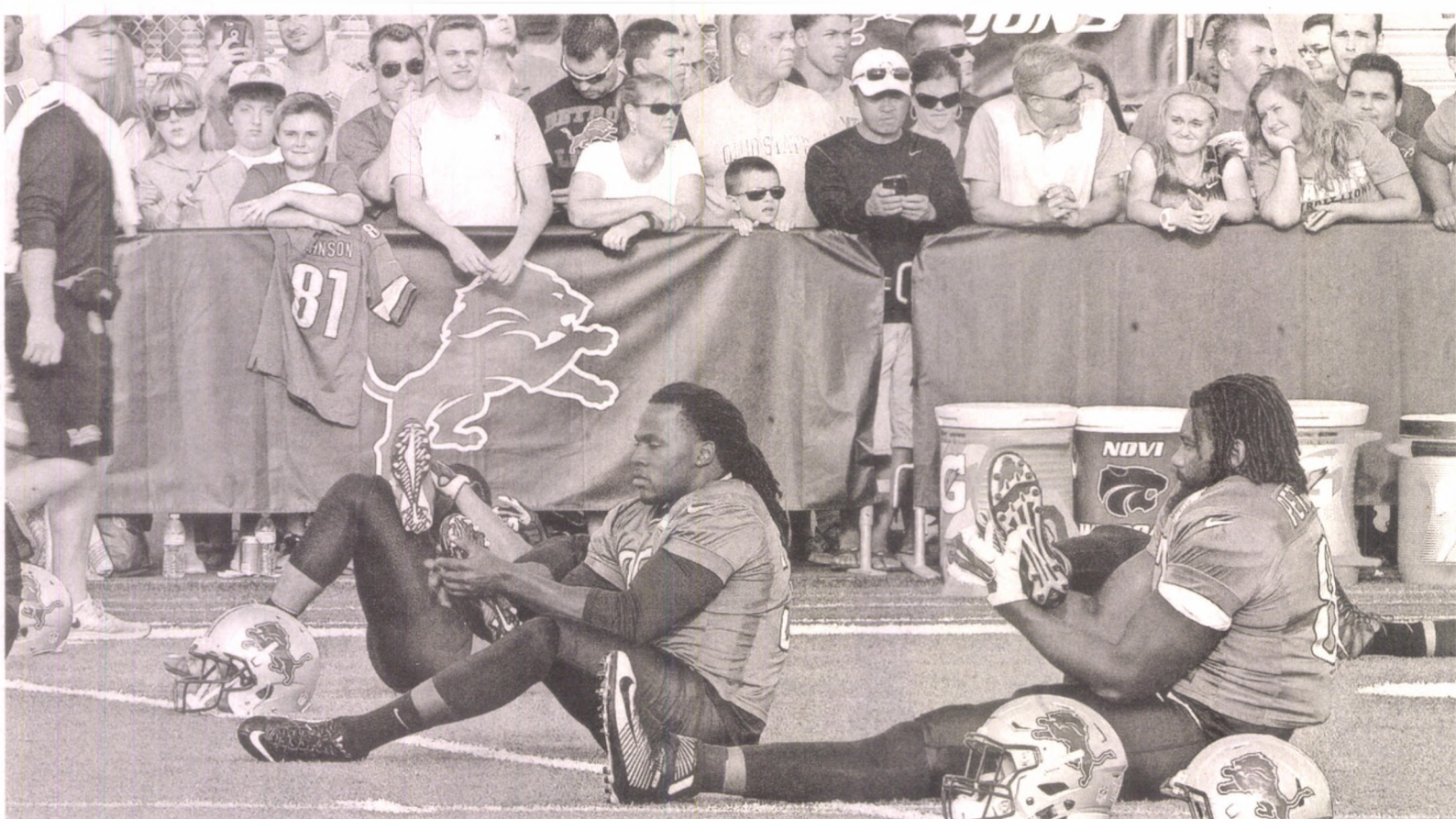
"He talked about staying humble and make sure you take care of your academics and studying," Novi varsity coach Jeff Burnside said. "He talked to the kids about when you get to the pro level, you get a book this thick every week that you've got to know inside-and-out and you guys need to get used to that stuff now. He talked about having motivation, the intrinsic motivation to do your stuff every single day. And finally, play with a lot of passion. Play this game with passion. It was good and he did a really nice job tying some things together."

The Novi training camp practice was also a homecoming of sorts for two rookie free agents with local ties - kicker/punter Kyle Brindza via Plymouth High School and Notre Dame and running back Desmond Martin, who starred at Redford Thurston High and Wayne State.

Brindza brings versatility to camp.

Known for having a big leg, the 6-foot, 239-pound Brindza punted, kicked field goals and handled kickoff duties for Notre Dame the last two seasons. Last season, he was 20-of-24 kicking field goals and averaged 41.5 yards per punt.

"They're looking at me for all three," Brindza said. "It's going very well. It's a great experience for me. Transition was pretty easy for me from Notre Dame to here



The crowd watches Lions players stretch before practice.

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just because of the maturity and the professional atmosphere. And it was great to be able to make my dreams come true."

Although it may be tough to unseat veteran kicker Matt Prater, a nine-year vet and Pro Bowl player who in the off-season signed a three-year, \$9 million contract, along with third-year punter Sam Martin, Brindza hopes to make other NFL teams take notice.

"It's just being consistent and understanding it's a business, because any day you can be cut," Brindza said. "Just keep doing what you're doing and being consistent with it."

In 2010, when Plymouth made its run to the MHSAA Division 1 state championship game at Ford Field, Brindza remembers when his team edged host Novi, 25-22, on a last-second field goal during a regular-season game.

"I played here once when I was a senior when

we went to the state championship," Brindza said. "I actually had a 37-yarder, right hash (mark). I remember it vividly for a game-winner."

The 6-0, 221-pound Martin is also a longshot among eight running backs in camp. Second-round pick Ameer Abdullah (Nebraska) got the lion's share of the carries Wednesday night.

During his senior year at Wayne State, Martin rushed for a team-best 1,640 yards (143.5 per game) on 287 carries. He scored 16 touchdowns and averaged 5.7 per carry, second in school history behind Lions running back Joiqee Bell, another Wayne State product who is currently on the PUP (physically unable to perform) list.

During his WSU career, Martin rushed for 1,853 yards and 32 TDs.

Martin has picked Bell's brain more than a few times during the early stages of training camp.

"Coming in, he told me, 'You're going to go through some things, especially because you're undrafted,'" Martin said of Bell. "It's about fighting through that, your attitude and your work ethic and just how you go about your business. That's mainly what he told me because he said, 'Everything you're going through, I went through my rookie year. Don't get discouraged because if you do those first two things, the other things will come around for you.'"

The free agent running back has had to adapt quickly. There was one big eye-opener for Martin, who was born in Portsmouth, Va., before moving to Buffalo and eventually to Detroit as a 16-year-old.

"It's the speed of the game, really. Everything picks up from college," Martin said. "The athletes are better, bigger, faster, stronger. And with that being said, you got to see things faster, you

got to move a lot faster. Other than that, it's the learning curve, learning the plays and the terminology. But other than that, it's still football."

The size of the training camp practice crowd at Novi was also an eye-opener.

"It's something definitely I'm not used to," he said. "The last time I saw this big a crowd was the (NCAA Division II) championship game in 2011. It's kind of exciting seeing a lot of the fans and seeing first-hand how many people root for the city. And actually being in a position where they're rooting for you, is pretty impressive."

After Caldwell blew his whistle to signal the end of practice, Lions players grouped at midfield and then dispersed around the Novi Stadium field to sign autographs. Naturally, players like Calvin Johnson, Matthew Stafford and Golden Tate III got the most attention.

Even though the Lions

don't play their first regular season game until Sunday, Sept. 13 in San Diego, everybody was a winner Wednesday night in Novi.

"This was awesome," Lions tight end Jordan Thompson said. "To see the stands full, to have all the people engaged. They were energetic, they were loud. Great atmosphere for a practice in the evening."

Whether the Lions can duplicate or even surpass last year's 11-5 season and playoff berth is anybody's guess. But Thompson likes the direction the team is headed so far.

"Training camp is good," the second-year tight end from Ohio University said. "We're so far ahead of where we were last year. Second year in the system, the comfort level in the offense and comfort level with my teammates. We're jelling right now and it's a lot of fun to see."

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LINGHAM

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ranked No. 2 nationally in her age group from 1992-96 and No. 4 in the UCI 15 Girls World in 1994.

During her days at Milford High, Lingham was a member of the varsity volleyball team, played softball and threw the discus and shot put for the track team, while also being a member of the marching band.

But by age 19, Lingham stopped racing and took a sabbatical from BMX.

She joined the Eastern Michigan University track team as a thrower, but eventually transferred to Wayne State, where she earned a B.S. degree in engineering.

Cross country

Lingham went on to earn a master's degree in civil engineering from Cal-Berkeley and hopped around the country, making stops in Milwaukee, Indianapolis and the San Francisco Bay area, where she now works for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in Oakland, Calif. Lingham is an avid proponent of alternative transportation, which is part of her job while commuting to work under a car-free lifestyle.

In 2008, Lingham got the BMX bug again after American Jill Kintner won a bronze medal at the Summer Olympic Games in London.

"She was just a couple of years younger than me and I was like, 'Wow, if I would have stayed in BMX, maybe I could have been in the Olympics,'" Lingham said. "I wanted to get back into BMX, because I was living in Milwaukee then. I was finally done with school and had some extra time, a little extra money to spend on picking up hobbies and sports and stuff, so ..."

Lingham stayed active, dabbling in cyclo-



Virginia Lingham is one of the top women BMX riders in the country.

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cross and mountain trail bike racing. But the allure to get back into BMX proved to be too tough to ignore.

"I went and saw the local track in 2008 in Wisconsin and then got back into it in 2009 and started racing nationals again, racing moto bikes and getting back into the scene," Lingham said. "I've been back into it six or seven years. It's been fun; it's a great sport."

Back in business

After starting her comeback, Lingham quickly recaptured her success as a teenager by capturing 10 national races. In 2015 alone, she has won seven events.

In preparation for her trip to Belgium, Lingham made a pilgrimage back home. "I went back to Waterford Oaks BMX track just for nostalgia earlier this summer," she said. "Return to my roots, I guess, and get ready for this race. They keep it up to date and there's a lot of riders there. The just had their 40th anniversary

last year."

There are eight different BMX tracks located within an hour's drive for Lingham to train. Earlier this spring, she also made a trip to Rock Hill, S.C., site of the 2017 UCI World Championships.

"I made a special trip out there in March to race the world-sized starting hill, which was really scary at first," she said. "But then you get used to it. It launches you so fast and you have to keep pedaling and go down it. I made a special trip there to get used to that."

When Lingham arrived in Belgium, she thought she was ready, but encountered yet another challenging course. "This track was like no other."

Some trepidation

"The course was very, very difficult," she said, "like nothing at all that we have here in the United States. You had to jump the first jump in order to be competitive in my class. And the first day of practice, I didn't

do it. I wasn't comfortable enough to do it. So the second day of practice, I kept going mentally over it the whole night before and I got up there and I did it, so I was really happy to be able to do it."

But on her first lap, she encountered a slight mishap.

"I chased it so hard and I landed it, but actually I got a flat tire," Lingham said. "I had to go over to our mechanic at the Team USA tent and have them switch my tire out. But then I did it again. I got two or three more laps in that practice session and I jumped it and I was feeling more and more comfortable. That was the hardest thing and it really blew up a lot of American riders."

Not only did Lingham have to get through the demanding course, she also had to maneuver through a strong field of international riders during her five elimination heats en route to the finals.

"We had to do the three motos to qualify and then quarters, semis and then the main event," Lingham said. "The pressure of the qualifiers was really intense. You can't make any mistakes, otherwise you're just out, so that was unique and tough, too."

Injury-free

BMX racing can often take a physical toll.

"A lot of people get hurt. You've got to keep your wheels on the ground," Lingham said. "You've got to ride smart so you're not crashing or getting hurt. That's the other side of the sport, too. I've been pretty lucky and haven't had any major injuries, knock on wood."

Lingham races for 510 Bay Area BMX racers, but there are financial burdens as well to race both nationally and internationally.

"There's a lot of travel, there's a lot of ex-

penses," she said. "My sponsor (Vanderkitten) is more a grass-roots team right now. They offer a lot of support and encouragement, which I need. But not financial support, which is OK. But I had to do a lot of fundraising. I raised over \$2,500 for the (Belgium) trip, which was about half the cost. That really, really helped."

"I work a normal type job as a transportation engineer and you only get so much vacation time. You wish you were 16 again and had all the time in the world to go ride, travel and do stuff. I wish somebody could donate vacation time to me, because mine is all out. It's hard to balance

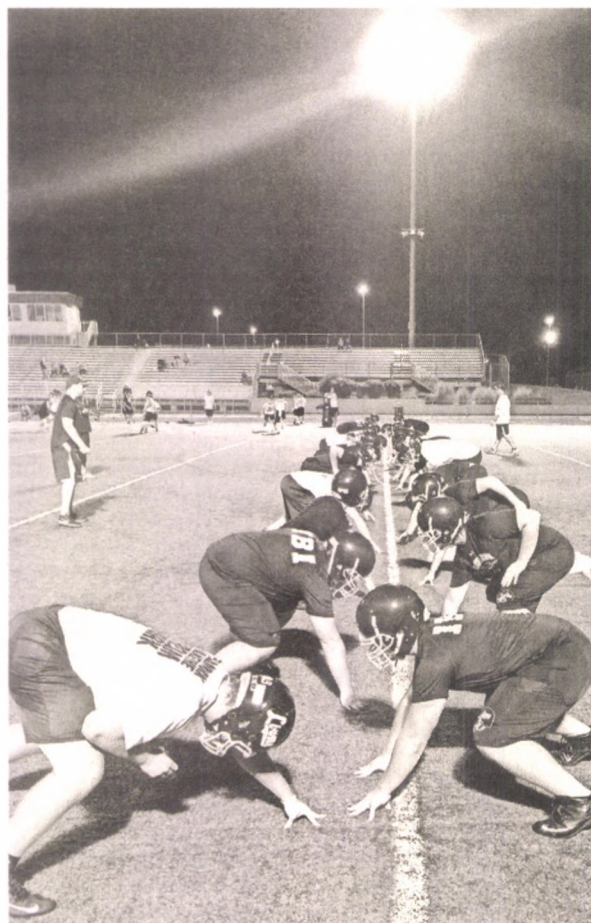
your time and your money and other things, too."

Lingham plans on competing at least two more BMX seasons, but hopes to transition over as a volunteer while giving back to support girls races and being an ambassador for the sport.

"I'm planning to go to the worlds again in 2016 in Colombia and the following year in South Carolina, so there will be a lot of Americans trying to qualify for those races," Lingham said. "I plan on being there, too, then I'll stop and evaluate things. Maybe switch to coaching. I plan to go through 2017."

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Midnight madness



MARK THOMAS

The South Lyon High School football team got an early jump on the official start of the 2015 season with a 12:01 a.m. Monday practice under the lights. The Lions are coming off an 8-2 playoff season and a co-championship in the KLAAs Central Division.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Memories victors

Highland's Nick Gapp and Milford's Melissa Broyles were the male and female 10-kilometer winners, respectively, at the Milford Memories Run races.

The 19-year-old Gapp posted a time of 38 minutes, 28 seconds, followed by Daniel Rothschild (Royal Oak) and Grant Hawes (Milford) in second and third with times of 38:32 and 39:24, respectively.

The 37-year-old Broyles covered the course in 39:59, followed by Amber Dermrye (Canton) in 40:18 and Sarah Hipple (Milford) in 44:22.

In the men's 5K, 46-year-old Jim Seeds of Waterford, Ontario, took the crown in 17:21, followed by Jamie LaBrose (Whitmore Lake) in 17:53 and George Drallos (Commerce) in 17:57.

Highland's Katie Salyers won the female 5K in 21:24, while Clare Bridgewater (Commerce) and Sophia Hustzi (Milford) finished second and third, respectively, in 21:45 and 23:29.

A total of 179 competed in

the 5K, while 85 completed the 10K.

Lions challenge

Northville's Alex Cardenas is among 10 area participants who won their spot by practicing healthy habits in Blue Cross Blue Shield's #MIKidsCan Play like a Lion Challenge.

Sixty kids from metro Detroit and Lansing youth organizations, ages 6-12, will join Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Detroit Lions mascot Roary and members of the Lions' youth programming staff for on-field activities and a player meet-and-greet Thursday.

More than 300 Michigan kids registered for the contest, which called on kids to pledge to complete four weekly health challenges throughout July. The kids spent the month, with the support of their parents and guardians, learning how to play, eat, throw and sleep like their favorite Detroit Lions players, including daily throwing challenges and getting active for at least 60 minutes a day.

Youth participants from

Detroit PAL, the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan and Eagles Sports in Lansing will receive a VIP experience to kick off the event prior to the start of the exhibition game against the New York Jets with 60 minutes of on-field physical activity, led by Roary and Detroit Lions director of youth programming Chris Fritzsing.

The kids also will receive backpacks, a #MIKidsCan Play like a Lion shirt and a healthy dinner prior to the game.

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the new 13-and-under Novi Nitro baseball team will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at The Baseball Lab, 22755 Hespil Drive, Novi; along with 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at Ward Presbyterian Church Field, 40000, Six Mile Road, Northville.

The Nitro will play 18-20 league games in the Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association, along with three to five tournaments (with one possibly requiring in-state travel). One to two experienced assistant coaching spots also

need to be filled. The season will start in late April and finish by July 4 weekend. The Nitro will also play in a fall or winter tournament.

Players are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes prior to fill out pre-registration information. Pre-registration is encouraged.

For more information, email U13novinitros@gmail.com or Jeffrey Borowicz at borowiczj@teenergy.com. You can also call Borowicz at 734-395-6903.

Softball tryouts

Tryouts for the 12-and-under Northville Broncos girls softball team will be from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13; 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16; and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Northville's Millennium Park (south-east diamond).

Players are not required to attend all tryout sessions.

The Broncos will be playing in the Western Wayne County League and will be participating in a local tournament during the fall as well as four-to-five tournaments in next May through July. Catchers and

pitchers are needed.

For more information, email cembaker@yahoo.com; or call/text 915-227-3055.

Fall youth hoops

The South Lyon Area Recreation Authority is offering its second season of co-ed instructional three-on-three (kindergarten-first grade) and four-on-four (grades 2-3) fall youth basketball leagues, beginning with practices the week of Sept. 21 at Hardy, Kent Lake and Sayre gyms.

Registration fees are \$87 (resident) and \$109 (non-resident) through Sept. 1. Late fees are an additional \$15. (T-shirts are not guaranteed after the deadline.)

Teams will play each Saturday, beginning Sept. 28 (eight sessions). A coaches meeting is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at Centennial Middle School (main gym). The meeting includes basketball instruction. Coaches are also wanted.

For more information, call the recreation office at 248-437-8105 or email John Hines at www.slrec.net.

BUCKINGHAM

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Heels' season opener Aug. 21 at home against Weber State, she figures to return to the starting lineup by the end of the month as the team's left midfielder once she heals.

"Hopefully, that's the plan. I like that spot (left midfielder)," Buckingham said.

Expectations, meanwhile, remain high at UNC, a storied program which has won a record 21 NCAA national championships, the last coming in 2012.

"I think we play pretty organized and a lot of players who have had injuries have come back," Buckingham said.

"There's just a whole other focus towards this year. And I think last year's losses will be motivation for this year's

tournament." Buckingham is just not accustomed to losing.

As a senior, she helped Northville to a 23-0 record, an MHSAA Division 1 state championship and No. 1 ranking among the FAB50 sides nationally in 2014.

National team

During the off-season, Buckingham gained international experience by appearing in four of six games with the Under-20 Women's National Team.

In a trio of international games played March 5-9 in La Manga, Spain, Buckingham made two appearances as the U.S. swept Sweden, the Netherlands and Norway, all by 2-0 scores. Buckingham notched an assist in the win over the Netherlands.

She also earned a pair of starts June 2-6 in the NTC Invitational in Carson, Calif., as the U.S. finished 2-1 overall, in-

cluding a runner-up finish to Brazil after bouncing back from a 3-0 loss in the tourney opener to Japan.

"I did like the competitive atmosphere," Buckingham said. "We went to Spain early and that was cool because we got to play international teams and other girls in our age group. We've had a lot of camps over the summer and they've been, like, helpful working on, like, different platforms of our game - marking, center play, finishing, attacking, defending. ... It's been helpful and we've kind of grown as a team, I'd say."

Early exposure

During her age-group career, which included successful club stints with the Michigan Rush and then the Michigan Hawks, Buckingham gained international experience as well. She was a U18 Women's National Team training camp invitee and also earned a

spot on the U15 WNT squad that played in Costa Rica. She also played for the The Chance ECNL team that went to England.

And by playing with the U20 Women's National Team, Buckingham is gaining valuable exposure for the future.

Buckingham said it would be "a dream come true" to play some day on the U.S. Women's National Team, which is just coming off a World Cup title, its first since 1999.

"I enjoyed watching them, the U.S. games and all the countries," Buckingham said. "I think it's good for women's soccer in general and people watched it more here. It gives kids hope and gives them different role models here, who are often always male, so they can look up to them."

Buckingham, who committed early to UNC, was able to adapt quickly to life in Chapel Hill, both

on and off the pitch, in her inaugural season.

"Being brought into such a great program and being able to make an impact was really cool," Buckingham said. "The town itself is like a college town. It's really cool. You meet a lot of people on the street that run businesses and they're, like, 'Oh, you're on the soccer team, good luck on the season.' They really help you and it's a really supportive community. A lot of people show up at the games, so that's nice."

Record coach

And under the guidance of longtime coach Anson Dorrance, UNC has set the standard for college women's soccer. Entering his 37th season, Dorrance is an astounding 777-56-31 overall.

"He is one of the most interesting men," Buckingham said. "The stories he tells us, the people he's coached and the people

I've talked to ... he just really builds you as a person, not only on the field, but off the field, too."

Buckingham arrived at UNC as a well-rounded athlete. She played varsity basketball at Northville and, as a youth, was involved in both travel softball and volleyball.

Outside of soccer, Buckingham enjoys dogs and also has a creative side, drawing and making ceramics.

"I like clay, working with a pottery wheel," said Buckingham, who has yet to declare a major.

And when she gets the OK to return to her mid-field spot, she has some immediate short-term and long-range goals in the game of soccer.

"Win a few national championships in college and, even further, have a career in professional league," she said.

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Novi High grads play role in re-Vital-izing the 'D'

Vital Apparel, a socially-responsible clothing brand founded by two Novi High School graduates, officially launched July 9.

It was founded by Loren Branch (owner) and Austin Kandt (creative director) with the goal of playing a key role in what they believe will be one of the great comeback stories – the revitalization of Detroit.

"This brand is about much more than just being cool and fashionable while providing customers with quality clothing," Branch said. "It was founded to project positivity and make a difference in the legendary city that fueled its existence."

Ten percent of every Vital purchase will be donated to charities and organizations that work to revitalize the city of Detroit and keep inner-city youth off of the streets, such as Motor City Blight Busters Detroit, Young Detroit Builders and The Bravo Foundation.

The inspiration that led to the brand's conception was drawn years ago. It was at a very young age that Branch began to recognize the negative stigmas surrounding his hometown of Detroit and realized his desire to alter those perceptions.

"In elementary school," he said. "I started to notice the negativity around the city that I loved so deeply and realized that was something I wanted to change. In middle school, I began to understand the idea of owning your own business and being your own



Loren Branch (left) and Austin Kandt are hoping their new clothing brand, Vital Apparel, will help revitalize Detroit.

boss and developed an interest in entrepreneurship before I even knew what the world meant. And by high school, I knew that I wanted to be involved with a clothing brand."

The Hatch program at Bowling Green State University provided him with the opportunity to combine those desires into one concept. It is a globally recognized program in which Branch began to incubate the brand in 2014. Similar to the popular television show *Shark Tank*, The Hatch allows student entrepreneurs the opportunity to present their business ideas to alumni investors in front of thousands of viewers both live and online. Since its inception three years ago, more than \$450,000 has been awarded to student start-ups.

Students are selected from a pool of approximately 100 students throughout the BGSU during an intensive application process. The final Hatchlings are then paired with a mentor who assists them

through various activities during a 10-week curriculum to develop the business idea and prepare for their four-minute pitch to the potential investors at the end of the process. For more information, see the blog page on VitalDetroit.com.

Upon launch, Vital released two colorways of the Revitalize Detroit Tee, including the classic black-and-white and the Detroit Tigers inspired navy "Eat Em Up."

Moving forward, the brand will be sponsoring the Beau Luxe Charity Fashion Show on Aug. 15 and serving as a vendor for Sneaker Con on Aug. 29; Detroit Made ME The Showcase on Sept. 4; and Dally in the Alley on Sept. 12, all in Detroit. Vital also plans to release a graphic T-shirt in August in addition to more Revitalize Detroit Tee colorways and crew neck sweatshirts in fall.

For more information, call 313-244-4963, email VitalDetroit@gmail.com, go to www.VitalDetroit.com, or follow on Twitter: @VITALDETROIT.

Cooper Standard unveils two new facilities in China



Novi-based Cooper Standard Holdings Inc., unveiled two new facilities Aug. 4 in China. The company unveiled its second Kunshan facility, a manufacturing and test center, dedicated to fluid transfer and fuel and brake delivery systems. Later, the company hosted an opening ceremony at its new facility in Shenyang, which will produce sealing systems.

"As Cooper Standard continues to grow in China and across the Asia Pacific region, these new facilities will further strengthen our market positions and enable us to better serve our customers", said Jeffrey Edwards, chairman and CEO. "The further localization and expansion of our test capabilities is part of our long-term commitment to the Chinese market and is also essential to our profitable growth strategy."

The plant openings are the latest additions to Cooper Standard's strategic growth in China through acquisitions, joint venture partnerships and organic growth

in recent years.

Expanding the fluid transfer and fuel and brake delivery systems operation to its second Kunshan location, a growing satellite city of Shanghai, reinforces the company's ability to serve the area where there is a concentration of automotive customers. This expansion further builds on the company's commitment to the region following the opening of its Asia Pacific Technical Center in Shanghai last year to provide full support to customers.

The Shenyang sealing facility, based in the industrial heartland of northeast China, further solidifies the company's leading position as the largest sealing manufacturer in the Chinese market. Earlier this year, Cooper Standard acquired majority ownership of its joint venture with Chinese domestic supplier, Huayu Auto-

otive Systems Co. Ltd.

The Kunshan and Shenyang locations cover 25,060 square meters and 8,721 square meters, respectively, producing innovative products utilizing the Cooper Standard Operating System, providing consistent manufacturing processes globally. Not only will the new facilities improve volume and product mix for Cooper Standard, but they are also expected to add more than 500 employees to its skilled Chinese workforce, including 20 engineers to fully support the development of global platforms designed in Asia.

Cooper Standard has steadily built up local capacity since entering the Chinese market in 2003. With these two new facilities, the company operates 11 manufacturing and technical facilities with 5,200 employees in the country, all adjacent to major OEM operations.

How to maximize your wireless Internet connection speed

Are you paying for premium Internet service, but not receiving premium Internet speeds?

Poor performing wireless Internet doesn't mean your provider is giving you less than you are paying for. It could be you aren't following best practices when it comes to equipment and network set-up. Follow these tips to ensure you are getting the most out of your Internet.

1. Remove old devices from Wi-Fi.

An old phone, tablet or computer might be a nice toy for your kids, but it could be slowing down your entire network. Older hardware could be using an extra amount of "juice," so to speak. If you have an old smart phone or original iPad, for instance, it might be time to disconnect it from your Wi-Fi to benefit your other devices.

2. Have a proper router.

Online gaming, streaming movies and recording HDTV shows on your DVR are just a few ways you are clogging up bandwidth via your router. If it is an older model, it could be having trouble keeping up. You have two options here.

First, you can buy your own router online or in a local big box store. A solid router can meet just about anyone's needs for about \$50 or less – unless, of course, you are running a business.



The second option is to call your service provider and see that you have the most up-to-date equipment. It might be willing to upgrade you to new equipment for free. Often times, service providers will charge you to rent a router from them. This is more costly than purchasing your own (in the long run), but by renting through a provider, you get the benefit of new equipment, installation and troubleshooting. For some people, the peace of mind is worth the extra couple of bucks a month.

3. Lock your network.

Are neighbors or passersby mooching off your wireless Internet? You should password protect your wireless network to keep your hard-earned Internet for you. Locking down your wireless network also prevents people from accessing your devices and taking your data, such as passwords or financial documents.

4. Manage your home logistics.

There are many other ways to quickly boost your wireless speeds. Putting your router in the proper location (center of the home) is key. Or, if you have a large home, multiple routers may be

the best way to get a signal in far reaching corners of your basement, the attic or outside.

Surprisingly, buying the right router will help get less interference from your appliances. A dual-band router for instance, should help you avoid grabbing interference from your microwave. Meanwhile, you can coordinate your router with cordless phones that are on different bands.

Even simple fixes like restarting your router occasionally can help improve the signal that you are paying so much to receive. There are also throngs of articles and DIY videos dedicated to Wi-Fi extenders that can improve range, but typically your issues can be fixed by implementing one or all of the aforementioned tricks.

If after trying all of these tips, your wireless still isn't working as advertised, you may want to consider upgrading your plan. One last tip: If you want to measure your Internet speed versus what you are paying for, go to Google and type in "Internet speed test." In a few seconds, you will have real-time results that you can compare to what your plan offers.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cooper Standard supporting veterans

The Manufacturing Institute and the Cooper Standard Foundation announced a partnership in support of veterans to obtain manufacturing jobs in Michigan. The Cooper Standard Foundation supports veteran training programs that will assist veterans to prepare for civilian manufacturing at community colleges across Michigan. Macomb Community College is the first college partner, with additional colleges across Michigan to be included over time.

Funds raised through the Careers for Veterans 200 Race, which will be Aug. 15 at Michigan International Speedway, will aid veterans in manufacturing training pro-

grams.

Veterans attending Macomb Community College have access to fast-track training in a range of manufacturing programs, including welding, manufacturing technology, machining, robotics and mechatronics, that are linked to more than 600 employers in southeast Michigan.

Kroger tops 24/7 Wall St.'s list

Novi-based Kroger Co. gained first-place recognition among supermarkets and fifth place overall in 24/7 Wall St.'s annual 2015 Customer Service Hall of Fame. Kroger made its debut on the list this year, placing with such notable names as Amazon, Chick-fil-A, Apple and Marriott. The Customer Service Hall of Fame list

recently appeared on USA Today online.

MOD Pizza opening Friday in Northville

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, a Michigan-based family-owned restaurant group, will open its newest Michigan MOD Pizza restaurant Friday, Aug. 14, in Northville.

In celebration of the brand's rapid expansion in Michigan, TSFR and MOD Pizza will host an all-day "Pay What You Want" fundraiser starting at 11 a.m. and running through dinner service at the Northville Park Place locale (18821 Traditions Drive). Guests will be able to pay an amount of their choosing for their meal, with all proceeds benefiting Main Street League.



Fire safety advice is key for students headed off to college, says veteran firefighter Tom Kiurski, a lieutenant with the Brighton Area Fire Authority who's retired from the Livonia Fire Department.

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Sending kids off to college? Practice, heed fire safety tips

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

When Tom Kiurski and his wife sent their daughter off to Central Michigan University, they had the usual advice about studying, personal conduct and more. Kiurski, who's been in the fire service since 1981, had additional fire safety advice he also shares with other college-bound students.

"I made sure she had a smoke alarm," said Kiurski, who's retired from the Livonia Fire Department and a lieutenant with the Brighton Area Fire Authority. She also took along a carbon monoxide detector.

"We talked about fire safety exits," he recalled. He acknowledged, "It's going to be crazy when you move in."

The couple's daughter just graduated from CMU with

her bachelor's degree in education, and her firefighter dad is glad to share his knowledge with all students and their families.

"It is improving and that's a good thing. Dorms are being built with sprinklers now," Livonia resident Kiurski said, referencing past tragedies in which students have died in college/university housing. Some other schools are retrofitting their older housing, he said, with federal grants available to help with installing sprinklers there.

"Many times, it's their first taste of freedom," he said of students away from home. The young adults may have relied on parents for knowledge of using a fire extinguisher or testing a smoke alarm.

"We can't forget safety because that's No. 1," Kiurski

said.

The university's resident adviser, or RA, can help with pointing out where alarms are, conducting fire drills, and locations of extinguishers.

"You're probably not going to be able to have a hot plate," he said, noting schools provide a list of what's allowed for cooking. Candles are likely also a no-no for dorms.

"Some are better than others," he said of the orientations done by resident advisers. "They're going to be able to show you the exits."

On campus, housing will have alarms, but in off-campus and Greek housing, "the college might not have much say there," Kiurski said. When his daughter lived on a second floor off campus, he showed her the safe route to a lower roof and way out.

"I think you run the gamut," he said of off-campus housing. "Some do a good job. You kind of have to check it out yourself."

Some students will disable an alarm, he noted. "Sometimes, it just happens," and isn't the fault of a management company, Kiurski said.

"Once humans are out, everything can be replaced," he said of a fire. "It might not be easy."

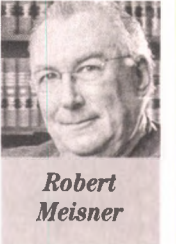
He hopes college instructors and professors would be understanding of students in such circumstances who've lost term papers with their other valuables.

"Not worth the risk. If you get out, stay out," Kiurski emphasized, both as a firefighter and dad.

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Consult your attorney on disability question

Q: I live in a condominium and suffer from a medical condition that causes muscle spasms in my back. My association declined to allow me to install a hot tub on my outside deck to address the issue, but I put one in anyways. Even though I provided a letter to the association from my doctor indicating that hydrotherapy helps my condition, I still received a letter telling me to remove the hot tub. Do you think I have to remove it?



Robert Meisner

A: The association must consider whether declining your request violates Fair Housing Act (FHA) provisions that allow a resident full enjoyment of a unit to accommodate a disability by making necessary structural modifications to a common area. Your doctor may be able to provide certification that you are indeed legally disabled and that, as a result, you require the hot tub on your outside deck as a reasonable accommodation. However, before you speak to your doctor, I would suggest that you first seek the advice of a qualified attorney to determine your eligibility in regard to these factors and, how the letter from the doctor should be framed to accomplish the result intended.

Q: Do you know anything about privacy laws as they relate to the use of drones? Most companies offering insurance policies for commercial drone use exclude privacy claims due to lack of data, uncertainty over how drones work, and how legislation protecting privacy from drone surveillance will behave towards violators.

A: These are all legitimate questions, but I can tell you that in Florida, the newly minted Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act went into effect on July 1, 2015. The law prohibits a person, state agency or political subdivision from using a drone to capture the image of a privately owned property or anyone on the property with the intent to conduct surveillance. Those who wish to use drone technology in this manner must have written consent from people on the property. While the law allows an exception for drone use by a business licensed by the state, it does not apply to professions that regularly obtain information about a person's identity, whereabouts, what habits are or associations. Those who feel their privacy has been violated under these terms may sue for civil damages and injunctive relief. It is obviously something that Michigan and other states should consider undertaking.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 23-27, 2015, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
22719 N Nottingham Dr	\$573,000
20155 W 13 Mile Rd	\$365,000
BIRMINGHAM	
651 Davis Ave	\$685,000
997 E 14 Mile Rd	\$325,000
269 E Southlawn Blvd	\$297,000
640 Henley St	\$815,000
1661 Maryland Blvd	\$445,000
1842 Maryland Blvd	\$340,000
1133 Westwood Dr	\$900,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1455 Lochridge	\$1,150,000

2786 Hunters Way	\$577,000
4568 Kirkcaldy	\$160,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2852 Courville Dr	\$281,000
2735 Middlebury Ln	\$300,000
3975 Oakhills Dr	\$475,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	
5624 Lancaster Ln	\$375,000
3061 Massena	\$85,000
FARMINGTON	
22746 Power Rd	\$138,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
29625 Bradmoor Ct	\$635,000
30158 Briarton St	\$207,000
34634 Bunker Hill Dr	\$226,000
29510 Eastfield	\$168,000
38917 Holsworth Ct	\$265,000
21400 Jacksonville St	\$54,000
20820 Middlebelt Rd	\$144,000
30241 Mirlon Dr	\$280,000
22271 Ontaga St	\$119,000
39066 Plumbrook Dr	\$310,000

29307 Regents Pointe	\$190,000
30982 Westwood Rd	\$365,000
25260 Wykeshire Rd	\$226,000
FRANKLIN	
27190 W 14 Mile Rd	\$364,000
HIGHLAND	
2097 Addaleen Rd	\$490,000
LATHRUP VILLAGE	
18800 San Diego Blvd	\$135,000
MILFORD	
31220 Bailove	\$43,000
910 Duke	\$135,000
939 S Duck Lake Rd	\$318,000
1312 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$309,000
NORTHVILLE	
21204 E Glen Haven Cir	\$85,000
46875 Elmsmere Dr	\$370,000
52177 Pierce Dr	\$125,000
20922 W Glen Haven Cir	\$124,000
NOVI	
44578 Ellery Ln	\$234,000
44767 Ellery Ln	\$138,000

40438 Guilford	\$226,000
22473 Moorgate St	\$375,000
23615 N Rockledge	\$99,000
24823 Portsmouth Ave	\$343,000
21702 Siegal Dr	\$237,000
41351 Todd Ln	\$244,000
23218 W Le Best	\$180,000
24045 Wintergreen Cir	\$510,000
SOUTH LYON	
61662 Fairland Dr	\$209,000
SOUTHFIELD	
23200 Evergreen Rd	\$135,000
15803 Fairfax St	\$167,000
WHITE LAKE	
21440 Glenmorra St	\$200,000
27401 Red Leaf Ln	\$132,000
25582 Saint James	\$110,000
24340 Sunnypoint Dr	\$25,000
49 Glandon St	\$149,000
1245 Park Dr	\$190,000
9104 Sussex	\$210,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 13-17, 2015, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON	
2322 Arcadia Dr	\$139,000
42942 Arlington Rd	\$194,000
46119 Bartlett Dr	\$280,000
44112 Brandywine Rd	\$175,000
284 Dartmouth Ct	\$228,000
49691 Division St	\$60,000
43703 Fredericksburg St	\$150,000
817 Glenhulline Dr	\$189,000
47063 Hidden River Cir S	\$295,000
45585 Holmes Dr	\$230,000
1319 Kensington Dr	\$340,000
43487 Laurelwood Ct	\$170,000
41342 N Maplewood Dr	\$177,000
252 N Village Way	\$181,000
47478 Parkgate Ct	\$410,000
2120 Pinacoff Dr	\$140,000
46853 Polo Dr	\$263,000
795 Queens Way	\$215,000
1886 Rector Ct	\$173,000
6158 Stonetree Dr	\$202,000
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What to know about video conference calls

BY SUSAN RICKER
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Today's technological advances have given us the ability to talk to and see anybody around the world. It has drastically changed how we do business. But with the capabilities of video conference calls come the common questions about how to best host a video meeting.

Roy Cohen, career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide," says, "Remember that the purpose of a video meeting is to achieve efficiencies in productivity, to minimize logistical challenges and to bring together a group of people who may not, under any other circumstances, have the opportunity to assemble. It is an amazing resource. That is why everyone should remove any potential for distraction."

Here's what you should know about video conference calls — including proper etiquette and how to determine whether it's the right meeting format.

Don't multitask during meetings

When your schedule starts filling up with meetings, it can be tempting to bring your laptop or phone to check work or finish a small task while you're sitting on the conference call. This is especially true when everybody else seems to be on their devices.

"With a video conference call, it is easier to multitask and to not devote your full attention to the meeting's



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agenda," Cohen says. "With access to (phones and mobile devices), the potential exists to 'sneak' other work. Not good or fair to your employer and colleagues who get your partial attention."

Remember, too, that since you're on video, those on the other end of the line can potentially see that you're doing other work. Beyond making you look unprofessional, it can appear as though you're not interested in what they have to say.

Be considerate about scheduling

If you're the one responsible for scheduling the video conference call, keep the participants' schedules in

mind when choosing start and end times. The common reason why you would choose a video conference call is because you're meeting with people who live in different geographical areas, so you have to be cognizant of how the timing of your meeting may impact their day.

Cohen says, "Video conference calls are amazing in that they offer the opportunity to bring together people globally. The challenge is to accommodate time differences so that participation is not a burden. Typically, calls should be scheduled for end of day or at the very beginning."

Hosting in person vs. on video

How should you choose whether to

host a video conference call versus an in-person interaction? Look to what you're trying to achieve. A video conference call might be a better option than a regular meeting or conference call because, as Cohen says, "There is a sense of urgency and a need to take action immediately. Video allows you to assemble resources and people fast. They also allow for more junior people to participate — those folks who for budgetary reasons are not necessarily included in in-person meetings."

However, sometimes in-person interactions are necessary to get a business objective accomplished. In these cases, video conference calls may not be the best choice. Cohen says such instances might include "when the meeting is scheduled to address a problem and/or accountability; video never allows for a more forceful message to be delivered. Also, when the purpose of assembly is to facilitate team and organizational bonding, that can rarely happen virtually."

A video conference call is an efficient way to gather people together from different locations, saving time and money. Just make sure to cover all of your bases when organizing and conducting the meeting and you'll ensure your next video conference call is a success.

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Charm and location! This 2700+ sq. ft. home. 4 large bedrooms. Updates include: kitchen w/ new dark wood cabinets, stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops, new bathrooms, hardwood floors, freshly painted rooms and more. Basement is not your typical Michigan basement, it has a high ceiling and a door for access to the outside. Three car garage. Move in Ready!

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