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## Police: 'It's not us vs. them'

Susan Bromley  
Staff Writer

A black mourning band with a thin blue line will be worn over the badges of 66 police officers in Novi for the next two weeks.

They, like many of their colleagues across the nation, are honoring losses in the line of duty, which have been many in recent days.

They are also, as always, training to avoid such tragedies here.

It's a high-stress job and one that is literally under fire following highly-publicized fatal shootings of black men by police officers, including two that happened a day apart earlier this month in Louisiana and Minnesota. The shootings resulted in protests, including one July 7 in Dallas, Texas, where a black man fatally shot five white police officers. On Sunday, three more



Novi Police Sgt. Kevin Rhea (from left), Officer Tony Avant, Sgt. Mike Warren and Detective Kristie Gruenwald.

police officers were killed by a lone gunman in Baton Rouge, La. "In light of everything that has happened, we are focusing on de-escalation of situations in

which we are dealing with the mentally ill," Novi Police Chief David Molloy said just hours after the Dallas shootings. "Louisiana and Minnesota are very

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tragic situations. We need to wait until all the facts are known. I'm never a fan of a rush to judgment and, if crimes took place, whether civilians or officers, they need to be brought to justice.

"In terms of the Dallas shootings, my heart goes out to the victims, their families, the department, the chief. What they are dealing with right now is an organization's worst nightmare. Five of those officers left their families yesterday, never to return home."

One of those Dallas officers killed was a Redford native.

### Race, gender equality

Novi Police Officer Tony Avant and Detective Kristie

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## Now smile for the camera



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Tina Lucas, 13, takes a selfie with an American alligator July 18 during a visit to the Novi Teen Center by Nelson "The Animal Guy" Pearson (left). Pearson, brought along a number of wild creatures, including a Eurasian lynx, and encouraged the kids to not only be interested in the creatures he brought along, but also to be interested in being the type of person who is a doer and not a complainer. Pearson also noted that he and his audience were safe with his alligator, as he'd raised it its entire life and it wasn't a typical wild reptile.

## School board deadline Tuesday

Philip Allmen  
Staff Writer

Want a greater say in the operations of the Novi Community School District? The November election is your chance.

There are two seats up for grabs and at least one of the current school board members in those expiring seats said he is not seeking another term in office. Longtime board member and current President George Kortlandt said he will not seek re-election. Bobbie Murphy, current board vice president, has her term expiring at the end of the year, as well.

As of the end of Monday, one candidate had submitted paperwork to run for the non-partisan positions. Brent Ferrell paid the \$100 filing fee to run for one of the positions. His paperwork was filed July 14.

According to the district website, the board of education "represents the views of the community on issues affecting education. ... Board members work together to establish policy, approve educational goals and curriculum changes and work with the superintendent, administration, and staff to set direction for the district."

Meetings generally are held at 7 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month.

The filing deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, for the Nov. 8 election.

Petitions must include signatures from registered voters living within the school district or a \$100 fee.

Other requirements are available on the Election Division website or by calling 248-858-0564.

Filings for school board must be made to the Oakland County Elections Division, located in the Oakland County Court House, 1200 North Telegraph Rd, Dept. 417, Pontiac.

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## Oakland Hills cemetery attracts Pokémon Go players, police

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Staff Writer

Local cemeteries are getting lively.

Pokémon Go, the new game craze sweeping the nation, has brought hordes of players—and police—out and about, including at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

"Every single night since Pokémon has come out, dozens and dozens of people are in our main cemetery at 12 Mile and Novi Road and we have received complaints during the day that players are showing up," Novi Police Chief David Molloy said, adding that Oakland Hills is the only cemetery affected in his community. "Family and friends are in there visiting grave sites and mourning and these players are creating a disruption running around trying to catch Pokémon via their smart phones."

Players of Pokémon Go, the app for Apple and Android devices, was released July 6 in the U.S. The new portable game



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Matt Sharp (from left), Sam Marson and Liz Bauman, all of Wixom, play Pokémon Go at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi on Friday. The cemetery welcomes players during the daytime, as long as they are respectful. After dark visits are against the law and have prompted nightly police warnings since the game's release July 6.

from Nintendo uses a technology called augmented reality, which allows a player to interact with the real world instead of just the screen. Players pursue game creatures that appear in real-world locations via GPS technology, with the goal of

capturing them for training and battle.

The characters in the game can be found virtually anywhere, but they abound in the Oakland Hills Cemetery, where

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# POLICE

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Gruenwald, as well as Novi police Sgts. Mike Warren and Kevin Rhea, sat down to talk about their profession Friday. Avant, the only African-American officer in the Novi Police Department, has been here 16 years on road patrol. Like Tillman, he wanted to help people — not only protecting life and property, but doing the services people don't hear about, like assisting with

flat tires or keys that have been locked in cars. "In terms of how I treat people, gender or race doesn't matter," Avant said. "The priority is safety." He does notice some motorists react differently to him based on the color of his skin, however. Avant sometimes gets the sense from black motorists that they think he will give them a break. White motorists sometimes seem surprised to be stopped by a black police officer. But his approach is always the same. "I treat everyone with

the same dignity and I think they treat me equally," he said. "I never get outward racism. I don't know what they are thinking ... I make a lot of traffic stops and they thank me for my professionalism, my courtesy. They don't thank me for the ticket, but maybe for the break I give them in terms of when I use my discretion to amend it where there are no points assessed."

Gruenwald, one of seven women on Novi's 66-member police force, knew she wanted to be a police officer since she was perhaps 5 or 6 years old, even though her family, which had no members in law enforcement, tried hard to steer her away from that career.

"I finally had the courage to tell my dad this is what I wanted," said Gruenwald, who has served Novi for 14 years and was previously a Clawson police officer. "They were concerned, because it's a dangerous profession for their daughter. They had a more biased perspective on what roles women should have in society, directing me toward nursing or teaching. There are challenges you have to work through, but every woman before me has helped pave the way

for women in this career. "It's probably not as difficult as it used to be; I feel seen as an equal. I have always been treated well by my peers and administration, even the community."

Her training is the same as her male colleagues and, while she is smaller in physical stature, Gruenwald is more cognizant of certain aspects of policing which may be more effective in defusing a situation, such as communication.

## Use of force, complaints minimal

Novi Police had more than 7,290 hours of training last year, including cultural diversity, firearms, dealing with mental health, ethical considerations and ethics in criminal justice.

That training and officers' commitment to their job is a great service to a city that has 60,000 residents and millions of visitors per year. Last year, out of 66,989 contacts with the public — which includes all calls for service — the department received only four citizen complaints about improper or unlawful behavior of an officer.

Those four complaints were all investigated internally and two, one in which a car was believed

to have been towed improperly and another in which a false traffic stop and arrest were alleged, were deemed unfounded. In a third complaint, a prisoner's property was lost when it fell off the hood of a car. The fourth complaint was for misuse of official police databases and Molloy said the employee found to have unlawfully searched someone is no longer with the department.

"Are there mistakes made by police officers? Absolutely. There is no agency that doesn't make a mistake every day," Molloy said. "When we make a mistake, we identify it, we correct it, we apologize for it and make every effort not to do that again."

Over the past 20 years, Molloy said Novi has had two officer-involved shootings. Both were investigated by independent agencies, with findings reviewed by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and cleared as officers justified in protecting themselves and other community members from great bodily harm. Officers are trained to shoot to stop the threat from continuing, not to shoot to kill.

In 2015, Novi Police used force in five instances.

"We don't have to use force unless an individual is actively engaging in or resisting in a dangerous situation," Molloy said. "It means we had to take someone in custody and use a Taser or, in one instance, we had to use controlled defensive tactics to take an individual to the ground to take them into custody."

Every instance of use of force is investigated and Warren notes it is difficult to make a determination about what is proper or improper in the cases that are making the news. Like Molloy, he is concerned about a rush to judgment by a public that sees a small snippet of video and makes a call that is not fully informed.

## Snap decisions

At daily roll call briefings, command officers review different segments of training, as well as events of the day. Warren points out the terrorist attack in Nice, France, that occurred the day before when a man driving a semi-truck plowed into a crowd celebrating Bastille Day, killing 84 people. Officers will now talk about what to do if presented with a similar threat. The bulk of training focuses on high-risk,

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# POKÉMON

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a woman was kneeling at a grave Friday afternoon. Less than a mile away, Liz Bauman, 24, and Wixom roommates Sam Mar-

son and Matt Sharp, both 29, were out hunting Pokémon. The trio skirted grave markers on the perimeter of the cemetery before veering toward a sculpture close to a memorial bench, where they stared down at their hand-held phones and swiped the screens.

"There are a lot of PokéStops here," Bauman said, explaining that these are locations where Pokémon Go players can obtain items for the game. "The graveyard has a higher ratio of PokéStops; that's why there are so many people here."

Told that the game has caused some problems at the cemetery, including the police being called there July 11 after it was reported that about a dozen people playing Pokémon Go were disturbing people visiting graves, Marson acknowledged she feels some discomfort.

"I am a little reluctant to be here. I worry about being disruptive to those who are grieving," she said. "I think it's OK as long as we're quiet and respectful."

She and her friends noted that the cemetery has the most PokéStops they have found in the city, far more than Twelve Oaks mall or Fountain Walk, although they agreed those places

would probably be more appropriate.

The game's popularity prompted the cemetery to post a new sign that features the Pokémon Go logo and welcomes players, but with a few caveats, asking them to be respectful, to not disturb items on graves and to not play after dusk.

"We welcome all guests, but we want them to be respectful and mindful of families that might be attending services," said Donna Campbell, vice president of legal/human resources for Midwest Memorial Group LLC, which owns and operates Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. "If there is a graveside service, stay away, do not sit on monuments or take anything off gravesites, be quiet and respectful as you walk around other people visiting gravesites."

While Bauman, Marson and Sharp were observing the rules, dozens of players were breaking them Friday night. As a police patrol unit drove through the cemetery around 10 p.m. amidst at least 30 cars parked along paths, oblivious players stared down at their phones, only looking up as Officer Brian Tillman told them the cemetery was closed.

Local ordinance prohibits entering any of the

city's cemeteries after dark. Trespassers can be charged with a misdemeanor, although that has not yet occurred.

"We have provided warnings, but haven't taken enforcement action," Molloy said. "We don't want to write tickets and give a misdemeanor for trespassing and occupying a cemetery after hours for playing a game. Use common sense and caution."

Police have taken action that may stop the flow of players to the cemetery altogether. An officer submitted an online request to the game developer, Niantic, to have Oakland Hills removed as a Pokémon Go location, although it is unknown when or if the developer will honor that request.

There have been several interesting news reports in the past week related to Pokémon Go players. A Milford man wanted on an outstanding warrant was spotted right outside the police station searching for a character. A 10-year-old dog's life — and the house — was saved in Royal Oak when a couple hunting Pokemon saw flames and called 9-1-1. In New York, a driver totaled his car after crashing into a tree while playing.

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# The beat goes on: On road patrol with a cop

**Susan Bromley**  
Staff Writer

Novi Police Officer Brian Tillman stopped four vehicles within 90 minutes during a patrol of the city Friday night.

A Taurus, a Lexus and a CRV all ran red lights; a Durango was speeding. While these may be common offenses, there is no such thing as a "routine" traffic stop for police officers.

Each time Tillman steps out of his patrol unit and approaches a vehicle, he must be on guard.

"Complacency can kill people," Tillman said as he continued his patrol after one of the stops. "If you look at it as routine, you could get hurt. I have to be more aware of my surroundings — pay attention to the driver, looking at the passenger if there is one, what's in the backseat. The more information I can take in, the better."

Tillman, a married father of two, works a 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift three to four days a week, always aware of the risks involved, yet never knowing what he will encounter from one day, one incident, one person to the next.

Danger comes from all angles. The Taurus stops in the middle of a major road as other cars pass in close proximity to Tillman. Another vehicle he stops pulls into a park-

ing lot, but as he's talking to the driver, a different vehicle slowly approaches in an otherwise deserted area, raising suspicion.

Tillman relies on continual training he receives to assess every situation and respond appropriately in this job he began 14 years ago. Like all police officers hired in Novi, he has a bachelor's degree, although his was in anthropology. He turned to police work after finding archeology wasn't paying the bills.

His brother was a park ranger and his father worked for the government in drug enforcement and Tillman knew he also wanted to do something civic-minded. While he says the stereotypical answer to the question of why one wants to be a police officer is "to help make the world a better place," for Tillman, it's simply the truth.

That commitment continues, even as hostility toward police officers seems to mount and those they are sworn to protect turn on them, sometimes lethally.

At a roll call briefing around 7 p.m., Tillman sat in a room with a half-dozen other Novi officers as Lt. John Nelson spoke of a funeral to be held in Redford for Michael Krol, one of five police officers killed July 7 by a gunman in Dallas, Texas.



SUSAN BROMLEY

Novi Police Officer Brian Tillman speaks to a motorist he has stopped for a traffic violation.

Tillman and his fellow officers will wear black mourning bands over their badges to honor the slain officers.

But even as they are seemingly under attack, the officers are receiving gratitude and support for their dedication to the public. Nelson read a message from a Marine veteran who wants to make sure the police know they have his appreciation.

As he drove his beat Friday, Tillman noted the majority of people are great and, in the last

week, have thanked the police officers for the work they do by bringing in or sending them cookies, candy, pizza and cards.

As he rolled slowly through a parking lot, parents and their two small children smiled and waved at Tillman and he waved back.

"The public does support us in what we do and I feel appreciated," he said. "Some people, we could do everything to appease them and they're still not gonna like us. It would be naive to think

everyone loves us and that we don't have bad apples in the profession, but we uphold the law."

## On patrol

After dark, Tillman rolled into the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Dozens of cars were parked at the cemetery, with Pokéon Go players in abundance and oblivious to the police car. Tillman called out again and again to them it was time to go, the cemetery is closed.

Other than the cemetery, Friday night was fairly quiet. Tillman's radio crackled with a call from dispatch around 9:30 p.m. and soon he was heading toward a condominium complex for a report of a drunken picnic on the lawn.

Upon arrival at the complex, he drove slowly through, looking for suspicious activity. Two men approached on foot, pointing and one telling Tillman, "It looks like she's shooting up!"

Another officer pulled up and both headed off behind a carport. The woman was inebriated and told to go home.

The radio crackled again. This time a report of a suspected fake ID.

Tillman arrived at Lucky Strike and spoke to two bouncers. He inspected an Alabama driver's license belonging to a black male who stood nearby with a woman. The ID is determined to

be legitimate and Tillman thanked the couple and told them to have a good night, clearing the scene.

## Lasting memories

Back on patrol, he spoke of calls that have made an impression — such as the time he responded to a residential alarm and found an intoxicated man sitting on a doorstep covered in blood or the sweet 16 birthday party attended by dozens of people where shots were fired and police arrived to find numerous bullet holes in the building and partygoers fleeing into the woods.

But it's not all doom and gloom in this job, he said, recounting the woman in her 50s who had a heart attack and for whom he and another officer performed CPR. She survived and her family sent the officers a card. Six months ago, Tillman also received a card from a man he'd arrested a year before for drunken driving, second offense.

The man thanked him for saving his life, as he achieved sobriety after his arrest.

"That's the stuff that makes it worthwhile," Tillman said. "Those kids waving — that's their parents trying to instill what's right and they will help when help is needed."

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## POLICE

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low-frequency events, because although officers make hundreds of stops, it's the skills they don't get to practice on a regular basis that need to be addressed. In high-stress situations, the first decision made is often done unconsciously.

"We are training in such a way that the first decision will be done properly, legally and ethically, for the officer and the public we are sworn to protect," Warren said.

Rhea agrees. "I want the citizens to rest assured they have one of the best educated, best departments when it comes to communications, skills, ethical be-

havior," Rhea said. "If we had someone violating constitutional rights, we don't want to work with them, we want them out of our agency. There is a line between civil order and anarchy and we're not talking about a thin blue line of silence. We don't want them working in our agency any more than the public does. Officers don't want to work with anyone who

displays those tendencies."

## Community mindset

While the goal of protecting the community remains the same for Molloy and his officers, he notes that what is expected of a police officer has changed over the course of 27 years he has been in policing. Officers face an increasing number of individuals in

mental health crises, who may be under the influence of narcotics. The number of individuals using heroin and other opiates has increased substantially. Officers are expected to solve social, community, mental and family problems, in addition to crimes.

Warren said solving the problems requires the help of the communi-

"I want the public to realize it's not us vs. them," he said. "Police officers are part of society; we get paid to protect society. We are not an occupying force, we are part of the community. And we can't effectively do our job without the support of the community."

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Dr. Patricia Mack cleans the teeth of Maitreya Jordan, 7, during the health fair July 14 at Novi's Village Oaks Elementary School. The dental visit, complete with x-rays and cleanings for eligible kids was part of the fair's Smile Program. The fair also had vision screenings for kids by the Novi Lions Club and blood pressure checks for adults.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Novi High student-volunteer Luke Johnson, 14, (left) plays a game of Twister with a smiling Rushil Yeole.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Village Oaks Elementary hosted a combined Feed the Need lunch program and health fair July 14.

## FEED THE NEED PROGRAM FEATURES HEALTH FAIR

Kids last week had a little something special during the summer Feed the Need program in Novi.

A health fair checked kids for dental and vision issues while offering up plenty of fun.

In its second year, the Novi Rotary Club's program aims to provide lunches to area low-income children during the summer.

This year, three locations will be offering lunch every day and two additional sites will be offering lunch once a week. Village Oaks Elemen-

tary is the main site for the summer program.

Tutoring is offered, as well as crafts, games and other programming. The program runs through Sept. 2.

At Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook, hot lunches are served, but there are also bagged lunches offered five days a week at Novi Ridge Apartments, 23640 Chipmunk Trail, and Oakland Glens Homes, 41875 Carousel St.

Bagged lunches are also available each Tuesday at Country Cousins Homes, 26855 Haggerty, and for residents

only of Novi Meadows Homes, 26250 Virginia Ave., each Thursday.

All lunches are served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At Village Oaks, the program extends to 1:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday, when there is tutoring, and each Wednesday for programs. Transportation is offered from satellite locations for select programs.

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Riya Patel, 16, and her brother Sidhant, 6, share a fun moment at the Feed the Need lunch program at Village Oaks Elementary. The school also hosted a health fair that day for kids.



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## VegMichigan plans fun, meatless, dairy-free festival

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

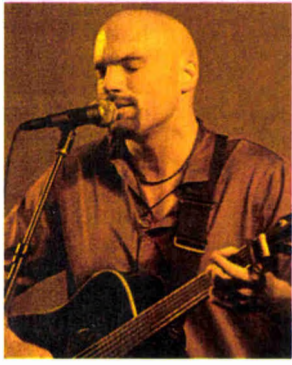
VegMichigan's new outdoor festival will serve up everything you'd want in a summer party — grilled burgers, food trucks, live music and kids' activities — without meat and dairy products.

"Our goal is to let people know there is a whole variety of vegan food available," said Tom Progar, a Westland resident and VegMichigan board member. "We wanted to have a fun event. We wanted to create a free event so people could bring their friends."

VegMichigan promotes a vegan diet, which includes fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, grains and seeds and excludes all animal products, such as meat, fish and dairy foods.

The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Madonna University, located at Levan and Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Unlike VegFest, the organization's annual spring event, the new summer gathering will focus more on fun than on health and cooking presentations. Progar hopes festival-goers will visit vendor booths featuring animal causes, vegan cosmetics and other products, in addition to playing carnival games and listening to



John Rush will take requests when he sings at VegMichigan's Summer Festival.

singer John Rush and indie rock band Once United.

Food trucks will be stationed at the festival, along with booths from El Cardenal Vegan Tamales, Tumerican Indian Restaurant, Crushed Health Smoothies, Mi Little Sweet Tooth Baked Goods, Mitten Munch Trail Bars, Tower Garden Juice Plus and Violife Dairy Free Cheese.

### Vegan burgers

Chive Kitchen, the new vegan restaurant in downtown Farmington, will fire up the grill. "We wanted to make it a real summer festival," Progar said. "They will grill burgers in the open. We wanted the smell of the burger."

Suzu Silvestre, Chive Kitchen owner, said her vegan burger is one of her most popular menu items. She makes her patties from scratch, using seitan and cannelli-

ni beans, mixed with herbs, spices and sunflower seeds, all topped with a creamy tomato-based sauce, pickles, dill and caramelized onions.

Her reuben sandwich and jalapeno burgers also are top sellers.

"We like taking anything and making it vegan," she said, adding that she incorporates European, Mexican and Portuguese food flavor profiles into her cooking. The Portuguese influence, which is part of her family heritage, can be a little tricky when maintaining a vegan diet.

"It's seafood, meat and egg-driven," she said, describing the culinary style. "It's difficult, but in turn we focus on red pepper, tomato, parsley, garbanzo beans and potatoes."

Her menu, which changes daily, often includes acorda soup, a traditional Portuguese bread and garlic soup with Swiss chard.

"I grew up eating it with a poached egg on top," she said. "It's a soul-satisfying soup and we made it vegan."

Silvestre isn't certain what she'll serve at the festival in addition to vegan burgers. She aims to serve dishes that appeal to a wide range of tastes.

"For me, that's texture and flavor ... making a dish taste, feel and smell good," she said.

For more about VegMichigan Summer Festival, go to [veg-michigan.org](http://veg-michigan.org).

## Taste new beers — from beet to coconut — at Summer Festival

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Eat your beets — or at least drink them in Canton Brew Work's new French saison-style beer.

Cool off with Northville Winery and Brewing Co.'s summery coconut stout. Or feel the heat from a hot pepper-spiked, barrel-aged brew from Griffin Claw Brewing Co. in Birmingham.

You'll find their new offerings, along with customer favorites and signature brews, amid the 1,107 beers that will be available for tasting Friday and Saturday, July 22-23, at Michigan Brewers Guild's 19th annual Summer Beer Festival at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti.

"It's kind of a good barometer for us to see what works," said Scott LePage, whose mother, Bonnie, opened Griffin Claw three years ago. "Right now, we're at the stage where we're throwing darts to see what people are interested in. The market is saturated with tons of beer out there and you won't know what the next great beer will be until you put it in front of people."

Griffin Claw will tap 20 beers, introducing four new varieties, such as blood orange, at the festival. The event's Saturday session is sold out. Tickets for 5-9 p.m. Friday cost \$40 in advance and \$45 at the gate. Each ticket includes 15 drink tokens. Additional tokens will be



Serving up Griffin Claw beer at the annual Summer Beer Festival.

available for 50 cents each during the event.

LePage said the festival is the most cost-effective way for beer fans to sample a variety of suds, better than "guessing because you like the art work on the bottle."

Here's a preview of what some local breweries plan to bring to the festival:

» **Ascension Brewing Co.** in Novi — "We are bringing six barrel-aged beers, which is a big deal for us," said Brandon Sabo, head brewer.

The brewery will serve two kinds of porters, blonde ale, American pale ale, Belgian saison and Belgian strong ale, several different IPAs and stouts, in addition to its bourbon barrel-aged beers — 15 Ascension brews in all. The collection focuses on the brewery's popular beers, rather than new products.

"This is our first year as a brewery there. We wanted to bring 40 beers, but they limited us to

15," Sabo said. "We'll have one of the larger number of taps at the festival."

Ascension's Jade and Silent Bob, a popular IPA-style beer, uses jade hops and pays tribute to fictional film characters Jay and Silent Bob.

"We do a lot of movie quotes," Sabo said, referring to beer names.

» **Canton Brew Works** in Canton — Barry Boggs, owner and brewer, will bring two new beers to the brewery's Summer Festival debut.

"Scary Cherry and the Dope Fat Beets, we just launched it this week," he said. "It's got beets added to the brewing process and added tart cherry to the fermentation. From the beets, you get an earthiness and cherry adds a tartness."

He said customers have given the beer a "very positive response" since it launched.

The other new product, Woken IPA, a coffee beer, started as an experiment.

"I really like coffee beers. Usually they are stouts or darker beers. I decided to make one and see what it was like," Boggs said. "Sometimes, we have iced coffee on tap at the brewery. Someone just decided to pour coffee into an IPA."

Boggs ran with the idea, adding coffee to the fermentation process.

He'll also serve a brown ale and hefe-weizen at the festival.

» **Kickstand Brewing Co.** in Commerce Township — Will have a mix of eight different beers at its first Summer Festival appearance.

The business opened in January and Andris Zukovs, a Redford resident who manages the microbrewery, hopes festival-goers will become familiar with Kickstand's "staples."

"We are still so new. Everything we've had on tap," Zukovs said. That includes the microbrewery's Mandatory Milk Stout, a nitrogen-carbonated sweet stout he describes as "out of its mind good."

"I can't tell you how many people who are not beer drinkers lose their minds over it," he said. "It is so smooth, especially when it's run on a nitro tap. I can't tell you how many folks we've converted."

» **Northville Winery and Brewing Co.** also plans to bring two nitro stouts — a coconut and bourbon — in addition to an American IPA, blonde ale, kolsch and a cider.

"We were a winery first. We opened in 1982 and we just started making beer two years ago," said Carina Nelson, co-owner with her husband Robert. "This will be our second summer beer festival. It gains awareness and lets people know you are there."

Nelson suspects her Crimson Dew cider will sell out first, as it always does when the couple attends a beer event.

"That's partially because it's gluten-free and hard cider is one of the fastest growing beverages in the state if not the country," she said. "We've been making (hard) cider for 10 years."

To get tickets for Summer Beer Festival, go to [mibeer.com](http://mibeer.com).

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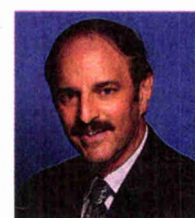
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# Work underway on Seven, Eight Mile in Livonia

**David Veselenak**  
Staff Writer

Drivers who regularly brave the bumpy surfaces of Seven Mile and Eight Mile in Livonia can expect a smoother road this fall.

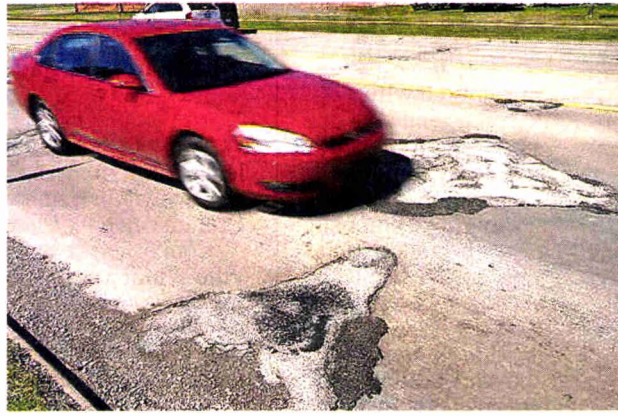
That's because construction on the two roads began last week, starting on Eight Mile, west of Farmington. Wayne County began signing and doing other prep work during the week before ripping out concrete and starting major construction.

Work will take place along Eight Mile, between Farmington and Golf Ridge Circle, as well

as on Seven Mile, from Farmington to Newburgh. The roughly \$3.5 million project will take several months to complete, with work expected to wrap up no later than mid-November.

Work will include concrete pavement repairs and crack sealing, as well as concrete curb repair, the addition of ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps and guardrail installation, among other improvements.

During work, there may be times when traffic needs to be detoured at the intersection of Eight Mile and Farmington, though no timetable on that has been set yet.



Road work began last week on Eight Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

Traffic will be maintained in both directions at all times along Seven Mile

during the project. Tiffani Jackson, a spokeswoman for the

Wayne County Department of Public Works, said when lanes are shut down on one road, the other will have all the other lanes open.

"We'll never have the lane closures at the same time," she said.

Eight Mile, the boundary between Wayne and Oakland counties, is under jurisdiction of Wayne County west of Farmington to Meadowbrook. Oakland County maintains the portion east of Farmington to Grand River, where it becomes a state trunk line east of there.

It will be just the latest in local road projects causing headaches for

drivers. Northbound I-275 remains closed for work from Five Mile to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange until the fall and Wayne County also recently began work on Six Mile between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville Township.

Todd Zilincik, the Livonia city engineer, said the project is a long time coming.

"As we know, the westbound lane of Eight Mile is horrendous," he said. "And Seven Mile, obviously, needs repairs more eastbound than westbound."

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## Another project done



The city of Novi completed Monday a repaving job of 10 Mile Road from just east of the Civic Center complex to near Novi Road. The project replaced the road surface of a much-traveled section of road that had begun to deteriorate in recent years.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Trott works to combat opioid addiction

U.S. Representative Dave Trott, R-Birmingham, worked with the Conference Committee assigned to negotiate differences between legislation (S. 524) passed by the House and Senate aimed at addressing the epidemic of opioid addiction in communities throughout the United States.

"Congress must take bold action to address

America's opioid epidemic and make sure those struggling with addiction get the resources they need. Far too many of our neighbors in Southeast Michigan are struggling with addiction problems and it's encouraging that Republicans and Democrats are coming together to advance solutions that will help them. While no single bill or idea will put an end to the addic-

tion crisis, this legislation contains strong and effective language that I believe will help many Americans in need," said Trott, who serves on the House Judiciary Committee.

In May, Trott supported a package of bipartisan legislation aimed at addressing the opioid epidemic, including assistance for veterans.

## Two Bubba Changs fight suspects opt to head straight to trial

**Lisa Roose-Church**  
Michigan.com

Two family members charged with felonies in connection with a bat-wielding assault at a Howell-area restaurant waived a probable-cause hearing, sending their cases to circuit court for trial.

Jeremy Scott Hamilton, 45, of Howell is charged with malicious destruction of property for using a bat to damage a vehicle belonging to Bubba Changs' fired cook and felonious assault. His sister-in-law, Angela Ann Hamilton, 49, of Northville, is charged with tampering with evidence for allegedly hiding the bat.

No new court dates were immediately set.

Meanwhile, co-defendant Timothy Lowell Borg, 22, of Fowlerville, who was wanted an outstanding warrant for his alleged involvement in the assault at Bubba Changs, near Grand



LIVINGSTON COUNTY JAIL  
Jeremy Hamilton, Johnnie Hamilton and Timothy Borg

River Avenue and Latson Road, was arraigned on charges of assault with intent to murder, felonious assault, and assault and battery.

Police said Borg, who is being held on a \$1 million bond, fled the scene of the fight prior to their arrival. Borg, who can be released from custody if he posts at least 10 percent of his bond, returns July 27 to district court for a preliminary exam conference.

Police allege Johnnie Lee Hamilton, 55, and Borg assaulted the son of the restaurant's former cook when the cook

and his son came to the restaurant April 22 to get the cook's paycheck.

A 9-1-1 recording has a caller telling the dispatcher that the cook was trying to "get back into the building." The caller said they were concerned because the cook had assaulted Jeremy Hamilton's wife a couple of days earlier.

Johnnie Hamilton earlier waived a hearing in his case. He is charged with assault with intent to murder and two counts of felonious assault.

He returns July 29 to circuit court for a pre-trial hearing.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING August 15, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 15, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider the following:

- Rezone residential property located on the Southeast corner of 7 Mile and Ridge Roads (Parcel ID's 77-030-99-0016-001; 77-030-99-0016-004; 77-030-99-0016-006; and 77-030-99-0016-007). The proposal is to rezone approximately 20 acres from R-2 Single Family Residential to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to develop a new Active Adult Community (AAC).
- Rezone residential property located on the North side of 6 Mile Road, West of Ridge Road, (Parcel ID 77-028-99-0012-001). The proposal is to rezone approximately 24 acres from R-2 Single Family Residential to Planned Unit Development (PUD) to develop a new Active Adult Community (AAC).

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Plans will be available for viewing at the Township office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Eric Lark, Chair  
Planning Commission

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### City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

**SIGNARAMA-TROY (PZ16-0025), south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-15-126-016.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinances; Section 28.6 for a 120 square foot oversized real estate sign to increase visibility. A single sign of 3 feet by 4 feet is allowed by rights. The property is zoned RC (Regional Center).

**JEFFY SIGNS INC. (PZ16-0027), 24269 Novi Road north of Ten Mile Road and west of Novi Road, Parcel 50-22-22-400-026.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinances; Section 28.1(2) to allow the addition of 5 tenants and 28.5(2) to allow for a 70.5 square foot ground sign installation. A 34 square foot ground sign allowed by regulation. The parcel is zoned B-3 (General Business).

**SIGNART INC. (PZ16-0028) 27200 Beck Road, north of Grand River Avenue and east of Beck Road, Parcel # 50-22-16-176-033.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 28-5(3) to allow construction of an additional multi-tenant monument sign of 30 square foot. The property is zoned OST (Office Service Technology).

**B-B SIGN & LIGHTING (PZ16-0029) 43443 Grand River Avenue Suite 220, south of Grand River Avenue and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-16-176-033.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 28-5(3) to allow installation of an additional rear wall sign of 30 square feet for increased visibility. The property is zoned OST (Office Service Technology).

**COY CONSTRUCTION (PZ16-0030) 23384 Winnsborough Drive, north of Nine Mile Road and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-27-428-012.** The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 3.1.2. To reduce the rear yard setback from 35 feet to 29 feet to allow construction of a screened in porch on an existing deck. The property is zoned R-4 (Single Family Residential).

**SUBURBAN COLLECTION SHOWPLACE EXPANSION, TBOB LLC (PZ16-0031), north of Grand River Avenue and east of Taft Road, Parcel #'s 50-22-16-176-022; 50-22-16-251-023.** The applicant is requesting multiple variances from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 3.1.15.D to reduce the front yard setback from 100 feet to varied range from 85 feet to 98 feet due to recessed building design; Section 3.1.15.D to reduce the parking side setback from 20 feet to a varied range from 0 feet to 15 feet to allow for construction of parking lot across multiple properties; Section 5.3.12 to allow absence of parking lot end islands within off-street parking area to allow for alternate use of parking lot as a Ride and Drive Automotive Research Lot; Section 5.7 to allow for increase of maximum allowed illumination levels along property lines adjacent to non-residential districts as the development is expanded among multiple properties owned by the applicant; Section 5.2.12.C to allow reduction of minimum required parking spaces to be provided on site (2,979 spaces required, 2,951 spaces provided); Section 5.2.3. to allow increase of minimum distance required from the nearest point of a building to the nearest point of the off-street parking lot on a different parcel (300 feet required, approximately 450' provided). Parcel 50-22-16-176-022 is zoned OST (Office Research and Technology and parcel 50-22-16-251-023 (OST WITH EXO Overlay with Office Research and Technology).

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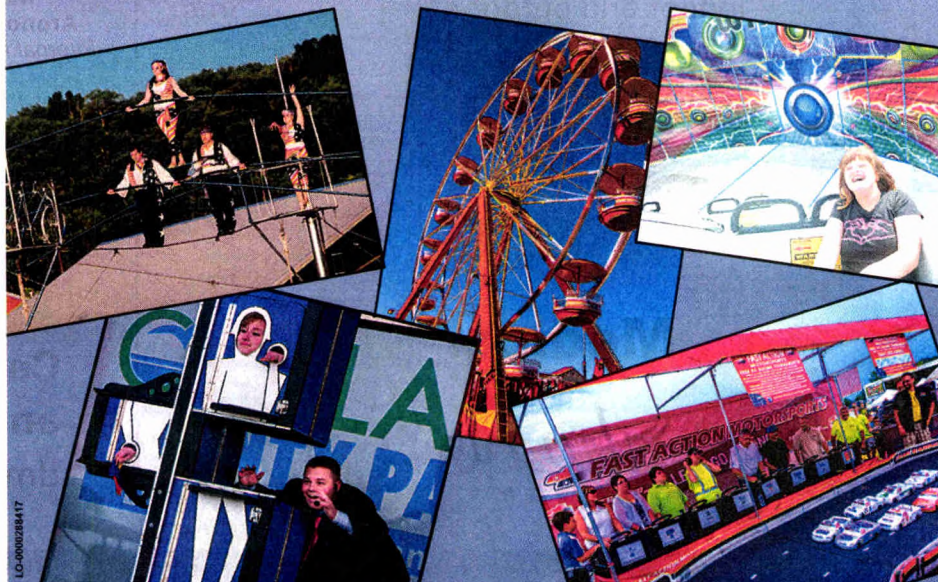
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Kevin McKay (left) and Rob Mohn survey their Northville Township garden off Five Mile during the 23rd annual Northville Country Garden Club Garden Walk. It's the third time that McKay and Mohn's garden has been on the tour and the first time since 2009.

# ON THE GREEN TOUR



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Some clematis in a garden off Taft Road in Northville Township.



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An innovative garden border featuring upended wine bottles at the Northville Township garden of Tamara Petonke.



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A group tours one of the gardens on the tour, this one off of Taft Road (from left): Paula D'Augustine, Ann Connors and her daughter Lily.

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To the Qualified Electors of the TOWNSHIP OF NOVI, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016

**THE AUGUST 2, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN NOVI TWP., COUNTY OF OAKLAND FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:**

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Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the township clerk's office. The Clerk will be available in the Clerk's Office on the Saturday preceding the election, July 30, until 2:00 pm, the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot which will be mailed. For names of candidates, full text of proposals or any other information, please contact to Derwood Haines, 44020 Cottisford Rd., (248) 231-6210, Novi Twp. Clerk.

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# Lyon Summerfest will thrill this weekend

**Sue Buck**  
Staff Writer

The fourth annual Lyon Township Summerfest kicks off today and runs through Sunday in New Hudson.

The festival takes place at 57275 Lyon Center Drive West, one of the ring roads just north of the Grand River-Pontiac Trail-Milford Road intersection.

"It is a lot of fun,"

Lyon Events Organization board member Jennifer Duncan said. "There is a lot of entertainment."

Headlining the event this year are The World Famous Flying Wallendas.

Duncan explained that organizers have a connection in the entertainment industry, which clinched the troupe's appearance. They have thrilled audiences since

the 18th century with their extreme and high-in-the-sky shows.

The Flying Wallendas is the name of the circus act and daredevil stunt performers most known for performing high-wire acts without a safety net. They were first known as The Great Wallendas, but the current name was coined by the press in the 1940s and has stayed since. The Wallendas will

perform each day. The shows are 5-5:30 p.m. and 9-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21; 6-6:30 p.m. and 9-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 22; 3-3:30 p.m., 6-6:30 p.m. and 9-9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 23; and 2-2:30 p.m., 4-4:30 p.m. and 6-6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 24.

The festival varies in start times from noon to 2 p.m., depending on the day. Kids Day is Thurs-

All attendees can enjoy carnival rides, carnival food, radio-controlled car racing, live entertainment, a magician, games, toddler bouncers, face painting and an arts and crafts show.

The Boots On The Ground 5K Fun Run is Saturday and benefits the 52-1 District Court Veteran Court Program.

Active Faith is accepting non-perishable foods

for charity. To access the site, take I-96, exit 155A. Admission is \$5 per vehicle. For a detailed schedule or to pre-order wristband tickets for the carnival, go to [www.lyonevents.org](http://www.lyonevents.org).

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## KEEPING COOL ON A HOT SUMMER DAY



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Ormond zips her son Ty, 5, on his board July 12 in the waters of Novi's Lakeshore Beach. It was a great day to hit to cool waters of Walled Lake that day as temps neared 90 degrees later in the afternoon. Ormond's other son Dallin joined them in the water, too.

### MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold Ave., north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds are open from daily dawn until dusk. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the Village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation today; go to [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org) for details.

#### Upcoming events

- Buildings open to the public:** 1-4 p.m. each Sunday through Oct. 16.
- Grounds closed for weddings:** 10 a.m. to noon and 3:45-5:45 p.m. July 23.
- Victorian clothing sale:** 1-7 p.m. Sept. 7-9.

#### General info

- Website:** [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)
- Volunteers:** The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. We are in special need of Sunday store clerks and help with our fundraising teas. Students, we're happy to verify your volunteer hours with school or scouts. Please contact the office for more information.
- Rentals:** Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on our website.
- Donations:** Accepted only from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.
- Archives:** The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.
- Office:** The office is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email [office@millracenorthville.org](mailto:office@millracenorthville.org).

## State Brain Injury Association taps Constand as president

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan has announced the appointment of its current vice president of Development and Marketing, Tom Constand, as its incoming president.

Constand will succeed current president Michael F. Dabbs, who is retiring at the end of the year, and will officially assume the role Oct. 1. Constand has served in his current position for the past three years. The announcement was made by BIAMI board chair Kevin Arnold.

"We're confident in Tom's ability to continue along the same successful leadership path that Mike Dabbs has created for the Association," Arnold said. "His proven leadership skills, in-depth industry knowledge and experience with non-profit organizations as a whole make him a valuable asset in our ongoing effort to help bridge the accessibility gap between Michigan's extensive brain injury rehabilitative network and all brain injury survivors who need it."

In addition to his experience within the BIAMI, Constand has long been a community



Constand

volunteer with extensive leadership experience on nonprofit boards. He serves as both an advisory board member and executive committee member of the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation and is chair of its Fundraising and Development Committee.

From 2009-12, Constand served as board chair of the Boll Family YMCA in downtown Detroit and was a recipient of the Boll YMCA's 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award. He is also a past board member of the Brain Injury Association of America from 2005-10. In 2008, he received the Brain In-

jury Association of Michigan's 2008 Community Service Award and was inducted into the Association's Legacy Society as an honorary member. He is also a charter member and served as first president of the AM Rotary Club of Detroit. He and his wife Debbie live in West Bloomfield.

"I'm honored to have the endorsement of Mike Dabbs and the Board of Directors for this important position," Constand said. "I look forward to earning the individual support of our survivors, family members and professionals who make up the heart and soul of this association, and continuing the incredible legacy that Mike has established of providing help, hope and a powerful voice on behalf of the approximately 200,000 brain injury survivors in Michigan."

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan is dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by brain injury and reducing the incidence and impact of brain injury through education, advocacy, support, treatment services and research.

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### NOVI TWP. PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test of voting equipment will be held July 26 at 8:00 pm at 44020 Cottisford Road. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

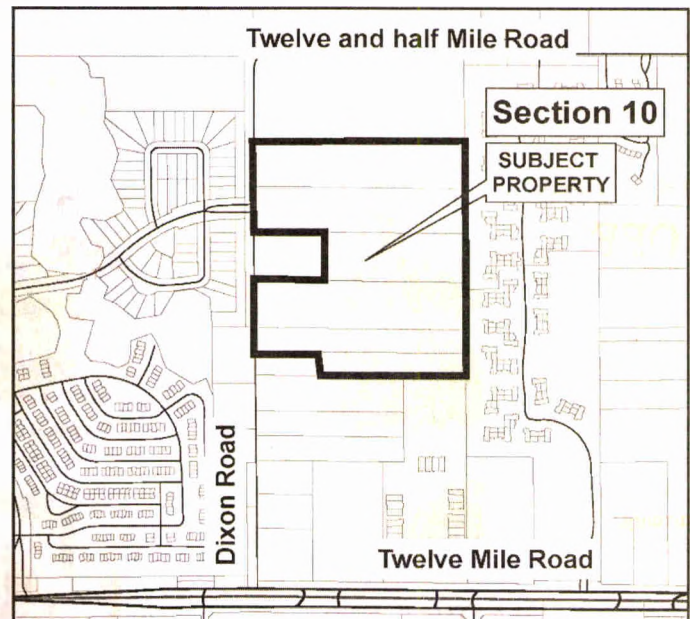
Derwood Haines, Novi Twp. Clerk

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **DIXON MEADOWS JSP 14-46 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WITH PHASING, WETLANDS PERMIT, WOODLANDS PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, FROM RA (RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE) TO RT (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).** The subject property is approximately 22.36-acre and is located on the east side of Dixon Road, north of Twelve Mile Road (Section 10) and the applicant is proposing a development of a 90-unit single-family residential detached site condominium.



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

**Subject Property Parcel ID's:** 22-10-400-002, 22-10-400-003, Part of 22-10-400-004, 22-10-400-005, 22-10-400-006, Part of 22-10-400-007

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 27, 2016.

Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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# Barbecue contest is all about having fun

Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Season your grill. Prep the meat by trimming fat, marinating or rubbing with spices.

Invite friends and family to lend a hand and don't take your barbecuing too seriously.

Follow that advice and you're set for a tasty, good time competing in the "backyard" grilling category at Westland Area Jaycee's second annual All American BBQ Throwdown, set for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6, at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park, located on Ford Road, between Newburgh and Wayne Road, in Westland.

The Throwdown, which will take place during Westland's Blues, Brews and BBQ festival, will offer two levels of barbecue competition this year. The Kansas City Barbecue Society portion of the event is new and likely to draw serious pit masters from across Michigan and beyond to vie for championship titles and \$500 to \$1,500 in prizes as they barbecue chicken, ribs, brisket and pork. Registration is \$200 and due Aug. 1. The Backyard Series will award \$50 to \$100 and costs \$30 to enter. Register by Aug. 4.

"There are very strict rules at KCBS," said Sarah Austin, Westland Area Jaycees president. "Everything has to be cooked on-site. Everything has to be prepped on-site. It's like a barbe-



James Hart, former Westland Area Jaycees president, tends to the barbecue during the organization's inaugural All American BBQ Throwdown last year.

cue camp for a weekend. "The backyard event allows any method of cooking — gas, wood pellets, charcoal," she added. "It's more laid back and less competitive. The backyard barbecue is very relaxed."

#### Social outing

That's why Brian Markonni of Garden City enjoyed competing last year with his son Blake. He'll expand the team to include two sons this year.

"I could never com-

pete with the Kansas City barbecue guys. They take it too seriously," said Markonni, who uses a grill that has both propane and charcoal capability. "It's something we do for fun. Everyone on the amateur side, we're talking and having a good time. You don't need a lot. You can come out with your hibachi grill, sit back, laugh and enjoy."

He grills at home and prefers the smoky flavor of charcoal barbecue to other cooking methods.

"I love doing ribs a lot," he said. "I love it when everything falls off the bone."

Markonni recommends removing skin, some fat, marinating the ribs and barbecuing slowly to ensure the meat is fall-off-the-bone tender.

"Give yourself enough time, cook at a slow even heat and make sure if you're going to do a competition, get an idea of what you're doing and try it a week or two in advance," he said.

#### Sweet ribs

Markonni likes to wing it with a little improvisation at the grill. He adjusts spices as he cooks, tasting along the way. He flavored his ribs with cinnamon, apple and Jack Daniels Tennessee Fire, a blend of cinnamon liqueur and whiskey, at Throwdown last year.

"I wanted to think outside the box," he said. "It turned out more like a candy taste than barbecue — like ribs for

Christmas. It was really good. We'll try something different this year. I'm thinking Asian."

Markonni hopes to incorporate a smoker into his barbecuing someday, but has a lot of questions about the method and equipment. He plans to ask around at Throwdown for recommendations and cooking tips.

James Hart, former Westland Area Jaycees president, suggests seasoning a new smoker before using it in competition. It's a lesson he learned when he brought a new smoker and a grill to Throwdown last year.

"Cook on it a few times before you cook on it competitively," he said. "I had never smoked anything before."

#### Great steak

He'll return to Throwdown's Backyard Series next month with his 2015 team. His father Richard and his son, also named Richard, handled the team's barbecue pork,

chicken and ribs last year, while Hart took a "big old porterhouse" steak from raw to medium rare. The pork and ribs went into the smoker and the chicken and steak cooked on a gas grill. The Backyard Series allows contestants to substitute steak for brisket.

"When it comes to my steak, there is a family marinade I use," he said. "It has proved to be very successful. It's not uncommon for friends to say, 'We'll bring a steak and you cook it.' My wife can't even go to a steakhouse anymore. I'll give you one ingredient in it and that is teriyaki."

His advice for barbecuing steak includes trimming unnecessary fat, marinating meat and a medium cook or less.

"If you make a good steak, it doesn't need sauce," he added.

For more about the All American BBQ Throwdown, go to westlandareajaycees.org.

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### BONNER

**PATSY J.** Age 79, passed away on July 16, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her children, Gary Finlayson, Craig Finlayson, and Brian (Patricia) Finlayson; granddaughter Lisa Finlayson; and great-grandson, Chevy Chudzinski. She is also survived by her cousin and best friend, Phyllis Nicholas. Patsy was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Bonner. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 24, at 12:00 p.m. with visiting starting at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.  
www.phillipsfuneral.com

### CALKINS



**KENNETH R.** Age 99, of Prudenville, passed away July 11, 2016. He was born on December 5, 1916; son of Judson and Grace (nee Stevens) Calkins. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps during WWII; he was stationed in China, India, and North Africa. Ken served with the Flying Tigers in China under the command of General Chennault. He was assigned a P-47 nicknamed "Loaded Dice". Ken has lived in Prudenville for the past 30 years; he grew up and raised his family in Northville at 619 North Center Street. He was a tool maker with Novi Equipment for 28 years and then for Diamond Automation for an additional 10 years; retiring in 1987. Ken was a life member of the VFW Post 4012. He enjoyed fishing and boating; having his home on Houghton Lake made it easy to enjoy his favorite hobbies. When Ken was younger he loved to dance. He is survived by his sons, Terry (Vicki) and Rand (Charlotte); his grandchildren, Randy, Kelly, Shawn, Rick, Mike, and Steve; and many loving great and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Catherine, his daughter Patricia Martin, and his brother George. A funeral service was held last Friday at Casterline Funeral Home. He was laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens where the United States Air Force retired funeral honors. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

### GRUBBS

**DONNA** December 21, 1927 - July 11, 2016  
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### KETHMAN



**MARY ANN** (Gibbs) Kethman age 85, of Traverse City (Kingsley) formerly of Milford Michigan, died on June 24, 2016, from a long battle of Lung Cancer. She graduated from Carson City High School in 1949, then married in 1950 and raised a family in Milford MI. She moved to Traverse City in 1974, and retired from Sara Lee 1997. Then in 2001 moved south of Kingsley, where she and her sons purchased a Christmas Tree farm. She enjoyed her retirement years gardening, growing strawberries and loved living in upper Michigan. Maryann is survived by her daughter, Connie (Kethman) Burnett of West Bloomfield; sons, Ronald Kethman of Traverse City and Bradley Kethman of Kingsley; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. There will be a grave-side memorial on Saturday, September 3rd @ 1:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery in Kingsley on M113. Arrangements were entrusted to Covell Funeral Home, Traverse City MI.

### MCINERNEY

**JAMES** September 14, 1931 - July 2, 2016  
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### RICHARDS

**DONNA J.** Age 81, passed away July 17, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. Donna is a life long resident of South Lyon, where she graduated from High School and was the Queen of South Lyon in 1952. Donna was proud to be in the South Lyon Ladies Bowling League for over 25 years and served as the Secretary and Treasure. She was also a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary and the Solid Rock Bible Church. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Donna is survived by her husband Marshall, children: Lynette (David) Williamson, Michael Richards, Allen Richards and Marti (Frank) Baker, six grandchildren, five great grandchildren and sisters Jean Ann Earehart and Judith Wilson. She is preceded in death by her parents Andrew and Ernestine Hann, brothers Andrew III and Gerald Hann and sister Deanna Russell. A visitation will be held on Thursday, July 21, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home.  
www.phillipsfuneral.com

### RICKARD

**LARRY** May 18, 1936 - July 2, 2016  
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## Amish family treated to a day of summer fun

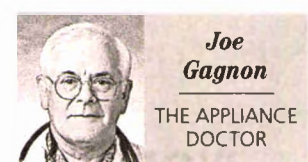
If you remember, I had the privilege of spending three days living in an Amish home this past February. What a wonderful experience it was.

These God-fearing people do not ever get a chance to spend much time socializing in what they call the English world, so I arranged for an outing at our cottage Saturday, July 2, with no holds barred.

First on the agenda was getting them to the cottage, as the horse and buggy would certainly make a mess of the well-manicured lawn and provide an undesired odor. I had the assistance of Cindy, Bob, Val and myself to drive the 11 miles and seat them in our vehicles and all 20 of them arrived at the cottage in fine fashion. Tables and chairs were aplenty and several ice chests filled with different pops put the children in a high frame of mind. The children seldom have an opportunity to indulge themselves as such, but I noticed the adults prefer Miller Lite beer. The adults consumed smartly, but that wasn't true for the 12 children in attendance.

They quickly changed into swim suits and had a great time swimming in the St. Joe River. The oldest boy of 11 years grabbed one of my fishing rods and sat on the dock and caught a nice large smallmouth, which he proudly displayed to all of us. After that episode, you couldn't yank that fishing rod out of his hands.

Another highlight was



the boat ride on the pontoon. The children wore life jackets and were secured in their seats. Their big thing was to turn on the radio to their favorite station, turn it up loud and move their bodies to the beat of the music. It is obvious they have listened to the radio at one time or another. The men love their country music and especially the older stuff, of which they know every word of many songs. For a religion that bans a radio in a home, it's obvious that there may be a little cheating going on.

#### S'mores, barbecue

Another treat was the roaring bonfire in the fire pit. Valorie had purchased a few bags of extra-large marshmallows and long sticks and each child enjoyed the chocolate s'mores and made a mess of their face.

The dinner hour arrived and the barbecue was ignited with plenty of brats and hamburgers for all. The Amish women brought with them some fine dessert platters to end the meal. Their prayers before meals are silent and so were mine as I thought about the goodness of these people surrounding me. I was so pleased that I was able to bring something into their lives that was a bit different from their normal day. We had

such a pleasant day of conversations and then it became time for cleanup. I can tell you that every child played a major role in making sure that everything was put away and, when done, you would never know they had been there. It is amazing how well the children listen to their parents with no backtalk of any sort and such respect shown.

The rides home were uneventful as the kids were tired and past their bedtime. I'm sure they slept with visions of the St. Joseph River in their heads and the boat and all the pop.

The July 4 weekend was Union City's sesquicentennial celebration — its 150th birthday — and did this little town ever do it up right. There are so many leaders and players and you can feel their hearts beat just talking with them. We enjoyed the 200-plus kayakers who paddled the St. Joe River reading the posted signs designating the landmarks of the past.

Next year, I am going to have a landmark sign which states that the Amish had a picnic party on our property. It was probably 150 years ago when they arrived around Union City to set up their communities and bless the landscape with their presence. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on WAAM-AM (1600). You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldoct@gmail.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Send Novi items to pallmen@hometownlife.com and Northville items to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com by 9 a.m. Monday for consideration for the Thursday edition.

Golf outing

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday July 25
Details: Chamber of Commerce 29th annual Golf Outing. The fun-filled day includes

a four-person scramble with 18 holes of golf with cart, breakfast, food and spirits samples while you golf, Carrabba's dinner at club house, beverage tickets, hole-in-one, longest drive and closest to the pin contests, golf poker and more.

The outing takes place at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, in Commerce Township. Foursome is \$595 and individual golfer is \$160.

Call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-3743.

Older Adult Services programs

Time/Date: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 28
Details: A Tiki-rific Luau Luncheon. Let the mood of this "Tiki" Luncheon transport you to the early days of Polynesia as you enjoy music from Craig Marsden, dance and food. This

program is sponsored by Whitehall Health Care Center of Novi. Tickets are \$7 per Novi resident and \$8.50 per non-resident and are available at the Older Adult Services office. Deadline to register is July 21.

Go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414 for complete program information

Family Yoga at Fuerst Park

Time/Date: 10 a.m. each Tuesday through Aug. 2
Details: Adults and kids will have a blast getting physical while learning about body awareness, focus and balance during this 45-minute class. Children ages 3-10. \$48. To learn more, go to cityofnovi.org or call 248-347-0414.

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# A world of places right here in Michigan

**D**id you know that you can travel to London, Milan, Moscow and Paris in the same day without leaving Michigan?

That's because these are places in our state with the same names as their better-known counterparts. And there are many more — Dublin, Frankfort, Gibraltar, Holland, Norway and Vienna, to name just a few.

They are among Michigan's more than 5,000 towns of the past and present, many of which share their names with famous places. Approximately 3,000 of these cities or villages remain, some with barely a handful of people.

London is in Monroe County, but not much is left of this virtual ghost town that began in 1832 and started to die after 1905. Only a few homes off Ostrander Road remain. Its township, also named London, has 3,000 residents.

Seven miles north is Milan, on the Monroe-Washtenaw county border at U.S. 23, south of Ann Arbor. It includes nearly 6,000 people plus Milan Dragway, a federal prison and some neat historic homes. Named after the Milan in New York, it began in the 1830s and has had several earlier names, incorporating as a village in 1836 and a city in 1967.

Yes, comrades, Michigan even has a Moscow. It was named by early



**Gene Scott**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

settlers in 1834 after Moscow, N.Y. Located on U.S. 12, the former Chicago Road (a.k.a. Sauk Trail), Moscow is in Hillsdale County. It's a small community of less than 200 and part of Moscow Township (population 1,400). Moscow's train depot, part of the New York Central system until 1930, has been the township hall since 1933.

And yes, we also have a Paris — up in Mecosta County, east of U.S. 131 and north of Big Rapids. It was named after its founder, John Paris, who helped establish this logging town in 1865. Its main attraction is Paris Park, with a much smaller Eiffel Tower replica. Paris has about 240 residents. An earlier Paris in Kent County is long gone.

Let's look at some more of Michigan's world towns:

» Athens started in the 1830s, an early village of Calhoun County. It was named not after the city in Greece, but after Athens, N.Y., from where its first settlers came. A village since 1895, it now has a population of 1,100. It's on M-66, south of Battle Creek.

» Baltic, in Houghton County in the Upper Peninsula, was a copper mining town. The mine and town took their



Main street in Frankfort, Mich.

names from the area of Europe from which its settlers came. Baltic's heyday was in the early 1900s, when the town had six mines, its own railroad and a bowling alley. The Baltic Mine closed New Year's Eve 1931. Located on old M-45, south of Houghton, Baltic today has less than 200 residents.

» Dublin, in Manistee County, is nearly a ghost town. In the early 1900s, Dublin had a brief fling as a lumber camp on the former Chicago and Western Michigan Railroad. It even had a few Irish lumberjacks from the old sod. Since then, it is just a wee bit of place south of Wellston and M-55.

» Frankfort started before the Civil War, when Benzie was still part of Leelanau County. It was so named because it reminded a resident of

Frankfort, Germany. A city since 1935, Frankfort has a population of 1,500. It's on the Lake Michigan shore at M-22 and M-115, south of Sleeping Bear Dunes.

» Gibraltar, on the Detroit River in southern Wayne County, was first settled in 1811 and went into decline after 1910. Named after the Rock of Gibraltar peninsula, it had a post-World War II housing boom and became a city in 1961. Gibraltar's population exceeds 4,300.

» Havana is nearly a ghost town in Saginaw County, east of M-52 and south of Chesaning. Havana began as the village of Oakley in 1842, but no one was passing out Cuban cigars when the Oakley folks moved to their new village two miles west in 1868.

» Holland, southwest of Grand Rapids, straddles the border of Allegan and Ottawa counties. It was settled by Dutch immigrants in 1846 and incorporated as city in 1867. Holland, with a population of 35,000 today, is noted for its annual Tulip Festival, light-house park on Lake Michigan and the DeZwaan, an old Dutch windmill imported from the Netherlands 50 years ago.

» Johannesburg in Otsego County was not named after the South African city but after Johanna Hanson, sister of one of the town's lumber mill owners. It is now a community of 200 on M-32, south of Gaylord. Johannesburg lost its prized historic building when a car crashed into the Old Depot Restaurant in 2001, killing two patrons. A new Depot restaurant was built nearby.

» Manchester, in Washtenaw County, was started in the 1830s with the Manchester Milling Co. It was named after the township in New York from where its early settlers came. A village since 1867, it's on M-52 and has a population of 2,100.

» Norway is in Dickinson County, youngest (1891) of Michigan's counties. The village, however, was established

earlier, in 1877, with the opening of the Norway Iron Mine and then was known as Ingalsdorf. Its early families had the town renamed after their homeland. Norway is a village of nearly 3,000 on U.S. 2, east of Iron Mountain.

» Unlike its buried namesake in Italy, Pompeii in Gratiot County has been hanging tough since its heyday of 1890-1920. Started before the Civil War as a stage coach stop, this little town of 150 souls has a reputation for foiling would-be bank robbers. Folks there insist that you pronounce their village name with three syllables: "Pom-PEE-eye," not "Pom-PAY." Pompeii is just off M-57, seven miles south of Ithaca.

These are just some of the towns in Michigan that have the names of major places and cities in the world. There's even a tiny town, in Branch County, named Towns. Many others have come and gone over the years. Here are just some of these places of the past:

Africa, Baghdad, Belgrade, Bengal, Berlin (two towns), Bombay, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt (two), Galilee, Geneva (two), Jericho, Liverpool, Montreal, Morocco, Naples, Palestine, Peru, Rome, Singapore, Venice, Warsaw (three) and Zion. We never had a Bethlehem, but there is still a Nazareth, eight miles north of Kalamazoo.

There's certainly a world of places to see right here in Michigan. Consider a trip. It just might drive your GPS off the dashboard.

*Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns.*

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**CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville Election Commission will meet on July 25, 2016, at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, to conduct business related to the August 2, 2016 Primary Election. The Public Accuracy Test for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election will be conducted as part of this meeting. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Election law.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK  
ELECTION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

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## OUR VIEW

# On the road: AAA touts motorcycle safety, including helmet use; we agree

A tragedy was averted a while back at the intersection of Hines Drive and Haggerty Road. A motorist turned left to go north on Haggerty into the path of an oncoming motorcyclist with the right of way.

The skilled motorcyclist was able to "jump the curb" and lay his motorcycle down on the nearby grass. His arms were scraped up, but he walked away OK.

Drivers should expect to see more motorcyclists on Michigan roadways as the weather heats up. With that in mind, AAA is sounding a statewide alert for motorcycle safety.

According to preliminary data from the Governors Highway Safety Association's Motorcyclist Traffic Fatalities by State, here are **Five Fatal Facts**:

1. Michigan motorcycle fatalities rose from 112 to 138 between 2014 and 2015.

2. Michigan ranks 10th highest in the nation for number of motorcycle fatalities.

3. Michigan ranks 14th highest in the nation for year-over-year percent of increase in motorcycle fatalities (23 percent).

4. In Michigan, motorcyclist crashes involve the presence of alcohol and/or drugs more often than crashes of any other vehicle type.

5. Motorcyclists accounted for 14 percent of motor vehicle fatalities in the state, while only accounting for about 3 percent of registered vehicles.

The estimated economic cost to society of each motorcycle fatality is \$1.48 million, according to the

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Economic costs include lost productivity, medical, legal, court, emergency services and insurance costs, property damage and workplace losses.

"While helmet laws are a controversial issue," said Susan Hiltz, AAA Michigan Public Affairs director, "AAA strongly supports helmet laws. Bottom line, helmets save lives."

Helmets have been proven to be 37-percent effective in preventing motorcycle fatalities in a crash, according to NHTSA. In other words, for every 100 motorcycle riders killed in crashes while not wearing a helmet, 37 of them could have been saved had all 100 worn helmets.

"Bikers should do everything possible to make themselves visible to motorists while riding," Hiltz said. "Motorists need to keep their attention on the task of driving and be alert for increased motorcycle traffic. Motorcyclists can increase their visibility by riding with their lights on or adding reflective gear to their bike. AAA reminds everyone to always drive sober. Whether you're hitting the road on a Harley or a hot rod, alcohol and other drugs seriously impair your ability to drive safely."

AAA recommends the following safety tip for motorists:

- » Respect motorcycle riders. Motorcycles are vehicles, too, and have the same privileges as a car. Give them ample room.
- » Look and listen. Even if a motorcycle is loud,

don't expect to hear it. Actively look for motorcycles in traffic.

» Leave room. Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and motorcyclists. Uneven terrain, wet roads and heavy traffic often require a motorcycle rider to react and maneuver differently than automobiles.

» Be aware. Take extra caution when making a left-hand turn. Most automobile-vs.-motorcycle crashes occur during left-hand turns.

» Don't drive distracted. A driver who takes his eyes off the road for two seconds doubles the risk of getting into a crash.

For motorcyclists:

» Wear safety gear. Helmets that meet a high protection standard, eye wear, closed-toe footwear and protective clothing reduce risk of injury or death in a crash. The only thing between a biker and the ground is protective gear.

» Be visible. Keep headlights, marker and taillights on at dusk and dark or rainy weather. Wear bright clothing or put reflective strips on your bike to be more visible to other motorists. Avoid being in the blind spots of cars and trucks by following three to four seconds behind the vehicle in front of you.

» Use sound judgment. Avoid weaving between lanes while riding. Be sure to use your signals and stick to the speed limit.

» Get proper training. Completing a motorcycle safety course can not only make you a better rider, but save you money on your motorcycle insurance.

## LETTERS

### Support Kumar in Congress

Dr. Anil Kumar is a caring, intelligent community activist and teacher who will represent Michigan's 11th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. He believes in common citizens and has worked hard for years to make their lives better. He is an authority on the current epidemic of opioid abuse.

His opponent, Dave Trott, has shown his interests do not concern the average citizen. He became wealthy in the foreclosure business, leaving many

people homeless. He was able to buy his seat in Congress. Two years ago, Michigan had the third highest foreclosures in the U.S.

Research both candidates and choose the person who shares your goals, ideas and values. Vote!

**Hannah Provence Donigan**  
Commerce Township

### No response from establishment

Page one of your latest issue again shows the conservative establishment thumbing its nose at citizens via the public press (Primary in play in House race, July 14).

Kathy Crawford (R) and Jason Dorsch (D) didn't bother to answer your questionnaire on where they stand this election.

A progressive Democrat did answer your questionnaire.

The same thing happened in Novi City Council, when the conservative bloc was going to decide the recent trash issue themselves without even sending a news release to Novi's major newspaper or having a Q&A meeting with citizens.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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At least, Crawford's opponent for the 38th District seat, Republican Dan Lauffer, did answer the questionnaire.

He said, "A clique in Novi has run the district for far too long. It's past time for a change."

Democrat Amy McCusker, running against Dorsch, agrees, "We all have a voice that needs to be heard. That's not happening."

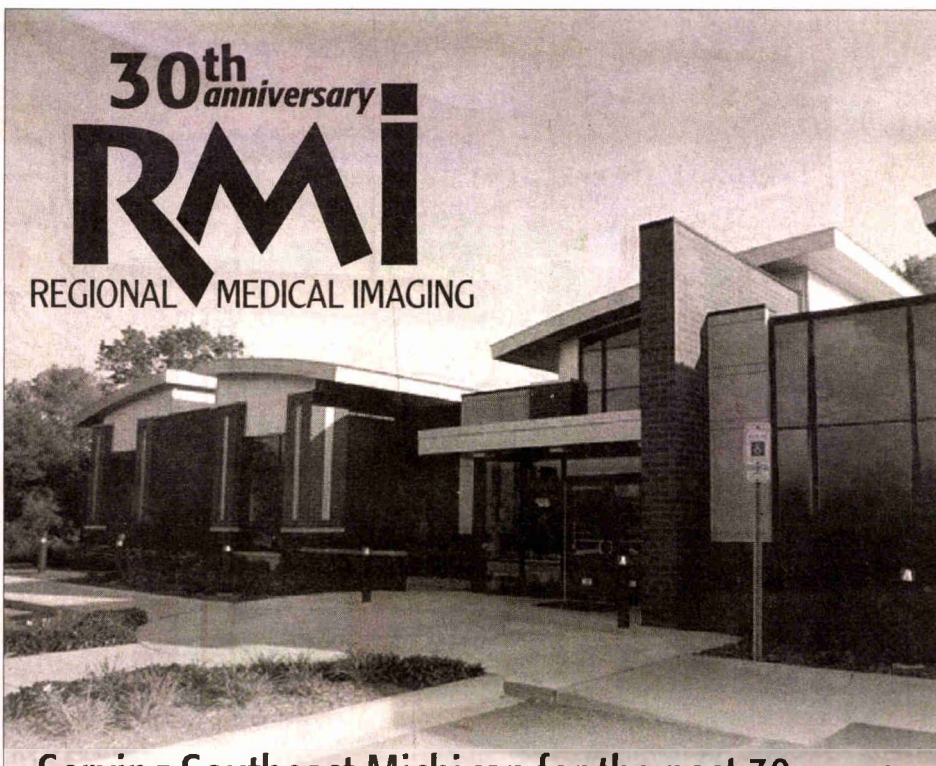
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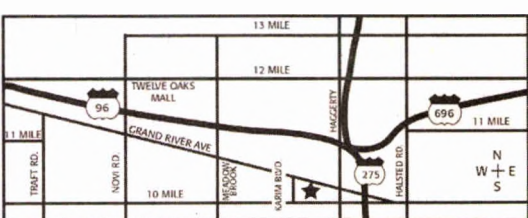


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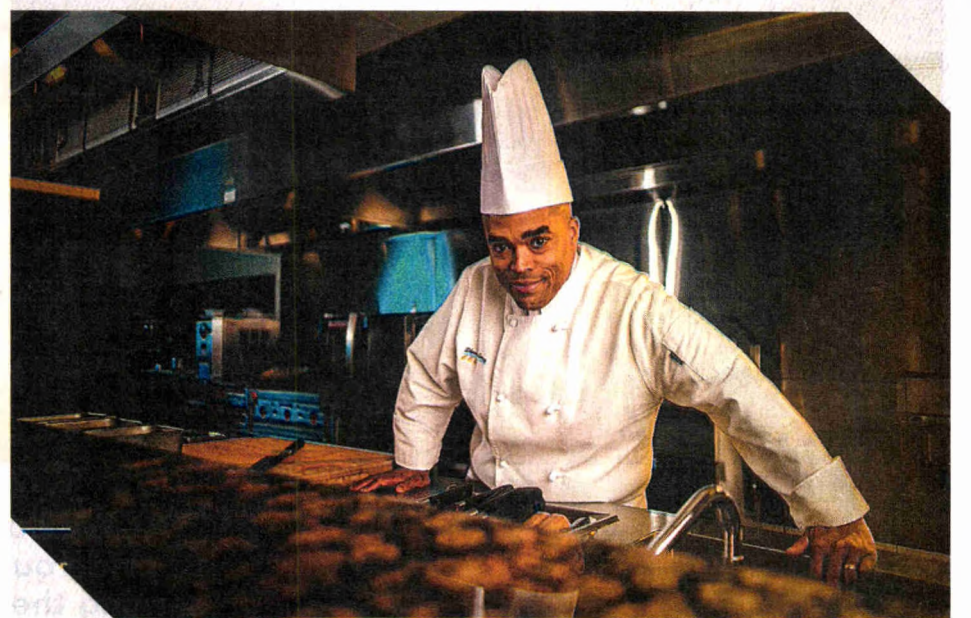
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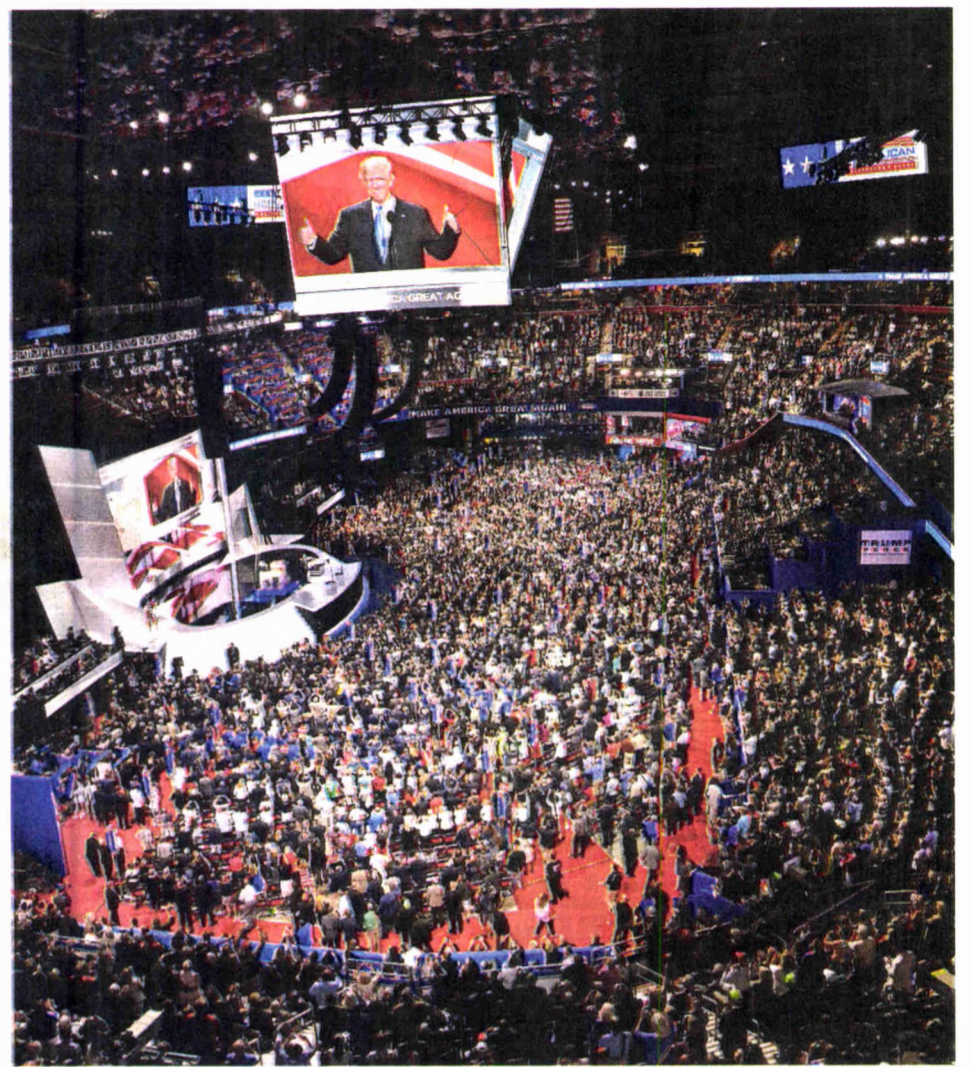
# Sights from first day at Republican National Convention

Doug Ashley of Bloomfield Hills has covered every Republican National Convention since 1960. Ashley is at the 2016 Republican National Convention in

Cleveland, Ohio, at the Quicken Loans Arena photographing Michigan delegation members.



Janine Kateff, chairperson of the 14th District, and Meshawn Maddock of Milford. DOUG ASHLEY



Monday evening at the Republican Convention. DOUG ASHLEY



Bob Little, delegate from the 9th Congressional District, with state Sen. Patrick Colbeck on the floor of the 2016 Republican National Convention at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio. DOUG ASHLEY



The 2016 Republican National Convention at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio. DOUG ASHLEY

## NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 2, 2016 CITY OF NOVI

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi – Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is Hereby Given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. **The Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.** All Polling Places are handicap accessible and Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available for the Polling Places listed below.

1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	41415 W. Nine Mile Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6 & 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	29200 Meadowbrook Road
9 & 11	Crosspointe Meadows Church	29000 Meadowbrook Road
10	Fox Run	41000 Thirteen Mile Road
12	Hickory Woods Elementary	30655 Novi Road
13	Novi Meadows 6th Grade House	25299 Taft Road
14	Faith Community Church	44400 Ten Mile Road
15	St. James Catholic Church	46325 Ten Mile Road
16	Novi Public Library	45255 Ten Mile Road
17 & 18	Novi Civic Center	45175 Ten Mile Road
19	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 W. Nine Mile Road
20 & 21	Novi Middle School	49000 Eleven Mile Road
22	Deerfield Elementary	26500 Wixom Road

The August 2, 2016 Election will be conducted in all precincts and includes the following:

- Congressional: Representative in Congress
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Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 30, 2016. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2016 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration, sample ballot and polling location at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

### COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of July 11, 2016, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Novi, in said County, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
City of Novi	1.80	Unlimited
	0.1	2008 - 2017
	1.5	2013 -
Walled Lake Consolidated School District	None	
Novi Community School District	.4932	2011 - 2020 Incl.
County School District of Oakland County	3.6483	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.
	1.0	2014 - 2017
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
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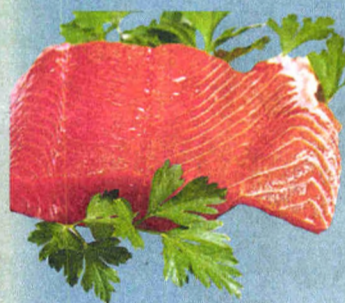
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RUNNING

## Northville's Eads wins Founders Festival race

Former Mercy star captures Farmington event

Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Allysen Eads' decision to enter the Farmington Founders Festival road race was almost an afterthought. When it was done, she was glad she had.

The 19-year-old Northville resident easily won her age group and was the overall women's winner in the four-mile event Saturday morning.

It was the first time Eads, a former star runner at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, had ever done a road race.

"I never really thought I needed to," she said. "I guess it makes all the training I do in the summer worth something. It breaks it up. I thought it was really fun."

Eads, who completed the course in 24:16.5, ran most of the race with the leading male runners. She was way ahead of the other

women, finishing a good two minutes in front of the next competitor and placing 11th among all entries.

"I didn't know really what to expect," Eads said. "I wasn't looking to win or do anything else. I wanted to see where I was in my summer training."

"About a mile into the race, I turned and looked behind me, and I didn't see any girls. I thought, 'Oh, cool, I guess I will win something.'"

"I know a guy who finished two spots in front of me who has run a 29-minute 10K. That was pretty good. Some of those people are pretty serious runners."

Eads, who runs cross country and track at Hillsdale College, entered the race at the suggestion of the manager at the New Balance store where she works.

It was the first time Eads ran a com-

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ELIZABETH EADS  
Allysen Eads was in a class of her own among female runners.

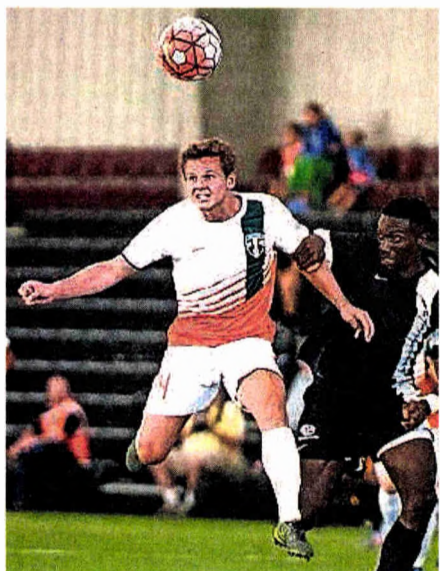
PDL SOCCER



Bucks player Adam Najem (right) races by a Pittsburgh Riverhounds player.

JAY DUNWELL

## FIRST-PLACE BUCKS STORM INTO PLAYOFFS



Bucks player David Goldsmith (left) had two goals and one assist against Pittsburgh.

JAY DUNWELL

### Bucks seize Great Lakes Division crown

Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Bucks flexed their muscles Saturday night by thrashing the young Pittsburgh Riverhounds, 9-0, to wrap up the Great Lakes Division title in the Premier Development League at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

The win added to the Bucks' impressive list of PDL records as they recorded back-to-back regular-season championships for the first time in team history, along with an unprecedented fifth crown overall while finishing 12-2-0 (36 points).

It was the Bucks' 13th division title and will allow them with to host the Central Conference playoffs, which are set for Friday and Saturday at air-conditioned indoor Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

This year's Central Conference final four features four previous PDL champions: defending champ Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) United, Des Moines (Iowa) Menace and Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill, plus the Bucks.

Heartland Division champ Des Moines Menace will play K-W United from the Great Lakes in the first game at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by the Bucks' matchup against the Chill at 7:30 p.m.

To earn the right to host again this year, the Bucks had to defeat the Pittsburgh Riverhounds U23, and the players knew what was at stake from the opening whistle.

Russell Cicerone (Birmingham Brother Rice/University of Buffalo) and David Goldsmith (England/Butler University) both tallied two goals and

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GOLF

## Oakland Hills celebrates centennial with Amateur

Marty Budner  
Staff Writer

Oakland Hills Country Club is celebrating its centennial, so it's only fitting that the 100-year-old facility where golf's most revered players have shown their skills will host another significant tournament.

The 116th U.S. Amateur Championship is coming to the Bloomfield Hills course Aug. 15-21 and will include 312 players from 20 countries. It marks the second U.S. Amateur — the first was 2002 — and the 11th United States Golf Association championship contested at Oakland Hills.

"Having the centennial is a pretty significant contribution in itself, but having the U.S. Amateur tied in with that really make it just a special year," said Lee Juett, a longtime Oakland Hills Country Club member who is serving as the U.S. Amateur's general chairman.

"It is a major championship. Not

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MARTY BUDNER

With the Havemeyer Trophy — awarded to the U.S. Amateur champion — in front of him, general chairman Lee Juett speaks about the 2016 tournament, which will be played next month at Oakland Hills.



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## CLUB SOCCER

# Waza U-14 girls team headed to national tourney

Squad will bring No. 3 national ranking to tournament in Texas

**Marty Budner**  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship tournament will be held in Texas later this month.

The prestigious event includes just eight U-14 girls soccer teams from across the country, two of which are from Michigan. One of them is the Waza FC East '02 Black squad, which consists of players from Oakland, Macomb and Genesee counties.

The Waza girls can't wait to showcase their talents in the Lone Star State.

"It's kind of, like, unbelievable. I never thought it was going to happen," said Anna Leonard, a co-captain who has been in the Waza program for six years. "We have a solid team and we've always been an underdog."

"It's kind of cool, because no one thought we could win. It's, like, we're going to the national championships — no one can believe it. Our biggest goal was just to make it through the regionals. Last year, we went to regionals and didn't make it through regionals and that was kind of tough."

"But once we made it through regionals this year, that was a big deal," she added. "We're excited and proud to be going to the nationals. I think with our rank, if we play our best, we can do it."

## Ranked third nationally

Waza opens the national tournament July 26 with a game against Tennessee SC '02 and plays July 27 against the USA Stars '02 from California. Its final pool game is set for July 28 against the Greater Binghamton United FC out of New York.

The other four-team pool consists of the second Michigan team, the PSG Gators '02 Orange, plus Cup Gold out of Ohio, Florida Elite and BRYC '01 Elite from Virginia.

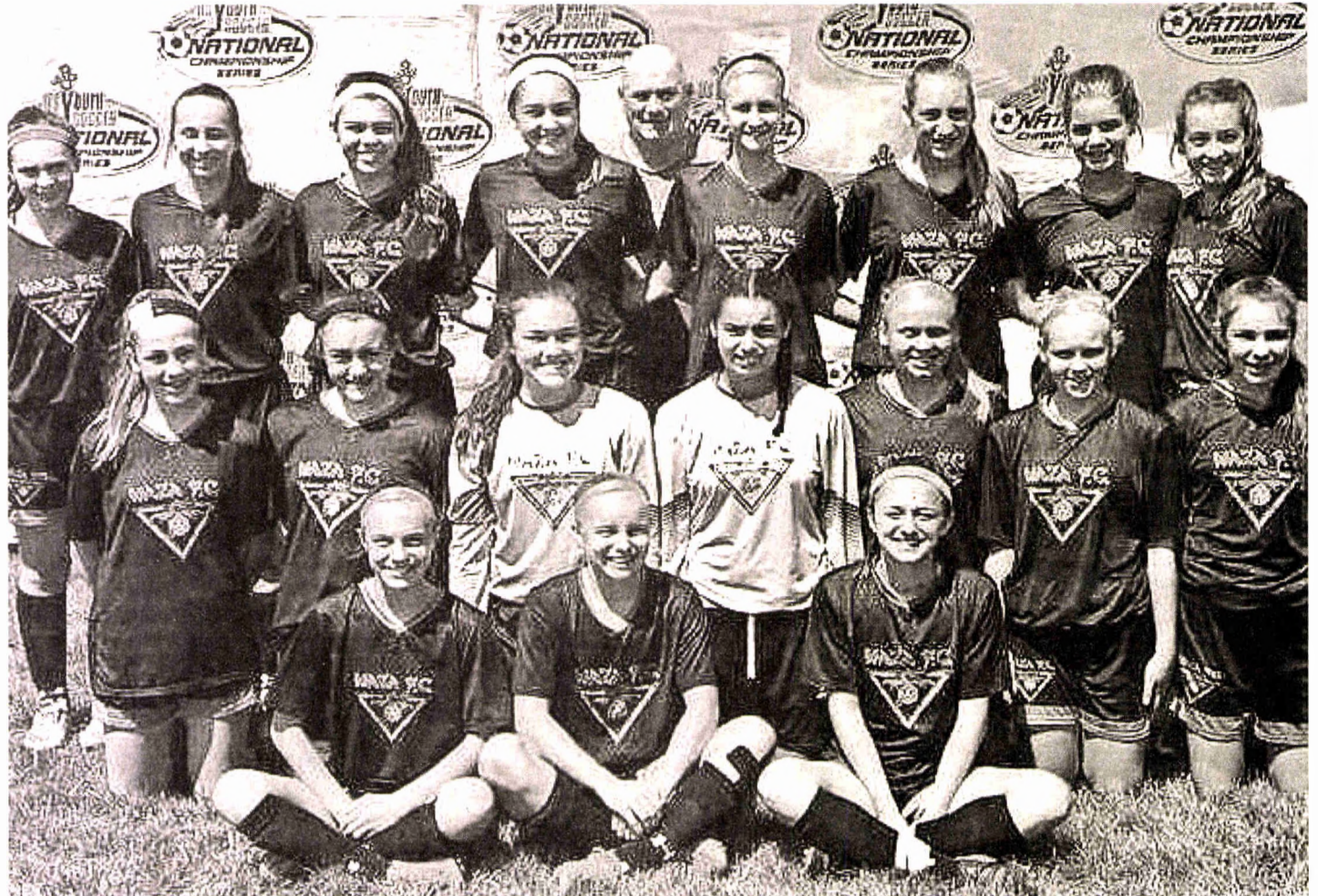
The top two teams from each pool qualify for the semifinals July 30, with the national championship game set for July 31.

Peter Langens, in his second season as the '02 Black head coach, figures his talented team, which is ranked third nationally, has as good a shot as anyone.

"I think we can do well at the nationals," said Langens, whose team was busy practicing on the outdoor field behind Ultimate Soccer Arenas earlier this week. "I'm positive, because we've played and beat some of the top teams around and who are ranked high in the nation."

The Waza FC East '02 Black team has enjoyed a fruitful season with a 21-1-4 record.

Waza won the 2015 Fall Midwest United Cup and captured the 2016 Spring FC Delco Player's Cup championship in Pennsylvania. The team also placed first in the Spring Midwest Regional League Premier 1 Blue Division,



The Waza FC East '02 Black team is one of two from Michigan that will participate in the U-14 national championship later this month in Texas. The 17-member squad is coached by Peter Langens.

which includes teams from Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

The girls then qualified for the U.S. Youth Soccer Midwest Region II tournament, where they met their arch rivals, the Gators, in the championship game, with the winner earning the automatic national tournament qualifying berth.

The Gators won the well-played, intense championship game, 1-0. However, because the Gators were already qualified for nationals, Waza, as a regional finalist, gained the nationals berth.

## Great team chemistry

The majority of players on the 17-member Waza squad are in their second year with the team.

The co-captains are Rielee Fetty and Leonard. Fetty, who will be a freshman at Clarkston in the fall, is a midfielder, while Leonard, who will be a freshman at Bloomfield Hills Marian, plays defense.

Waza's goaltending tandem includes Emily Brown (Franklin/Groves) and Gabby Green (Pontiac/West Bloomfield). The other defenders are Neve Badalow (Davisburg/Marian), Rachel Kraysovic (Swartz Creek/Swartz Creek), Emma McCaughtry (Rochester Hills/Adams) and Anna Karam (Macomb/Dakota).

The midfield crew includes Sophia Romine (Romeo/Romeo), Isabella Hunter (New Baltimore/Anchor Bay), Lau-

ren Fleming (Novi/Northville), Molly Paulon (Bloomfield Hills/Bloomfield Hills) and Morgan Reitano (Fenton/Lake Fenton).

The forwards are Caylee Ludwig (Clarkston/Clarkston), Skyla Gebauer (Troy/Athens), Allison Leonard (Troy/Athens) and Brooke Russell (Troy/Athens).

"The strength of our team is our defense," Langens said. "We are not giving up many goals. We have two good goalkeepers. We have a combination of players who are scoring our goals. Everybody is contributing on offense."

"We have a very balanced team. It's not like we have some superstars. I mean, all the players on the team can play. It doesn't matter who starts or who comes off the bench."

"Everybody can play different positions," he added. "They are all very coachable and very disciplined on and off the field. The players are all very committed to the team."

Langens also indicated the parents are just as dedicated to the team's success and have helped to make this a memorable season.

"It's not just the players, it's the parents, too. It's always a combination of parents and players," Langens said. "This group of parents never complain about playing time and they never coach on the sidelines. They always let me do the work. There is very good chemistry on the team."



MARTY BUDNER

Novi resident and incoming Northville student Lauren Fleming (foreground) is chased during a recent practice by teammates Caylee Ludwig (middle) and Skyla Gebauer.

## AAU mat standouts



STEVE RICHARDSON

South Lyon Matcats members Travis Richardson (left) and Jack Toth both competed in the AAU Eastern Grand National wrestling tournament, held July 7-9 at the Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo. Richardson was a triple crown national champion, taking first in freestyle, Greco-Roman and folkstyle, while Toth was runner-up in both freestyle and Greco-Roman in his respective weight and age group.

## BUCKS

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an assist, while Ben Fitzpatrick (Hilliard, Ohio/Urbana University) also scored twice.

The Bucks, who led 4-0 at half-time, also got goals from Adim Kavara, Nick Wysong and Andre Landell.

Other assists went to Billy O'Dwyer (two), Brad Ruhaak, Francis de Vries, Adam Najem and Marco Charalambous.

In goal, Drew Shepherd had a rather pedestrian night as he registered his sixth shutout and eighth win in nine starts.

Bucks coach Demir Muftari, who has guided the Bucks to four straight US Open Cup appearances and four PDL postseason playoff appearances, added to an already impressive resume.

"I may be biased, but Demir could have been and probably should have been Coach of the Year in our 2014 season and perhaps again last year," Bucks owner and Livonia native Dan Duggan said. "At the break, we were 5-2 and lost two games we probably shouldn't have lost. We told the team we needed to win the last seven games in a row to get where we are and Demir did a masterful job. He does an excellent job coaching and organizing the team, but I'm more impressed with the way 35 top-notch players all respond to him for the entire three-month season. I hope the PDL rewards him with that honor this year."

Tickets, available at the door each day, are \$10 (adults) and \$7 (16 and under) for the Friday semifinals and Saturday's championship game (7:30 p.m.). Children 5 and under are free.

The Bucks have a limited number of weekend discounted family passes (\$25) and individual passes (\$10) for sale at [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com).

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## RUNNING

## Road Runner Classic set for July 23 at Maybury

**Brad Emons**  
Staff Writer

The Northville Road Runners will stage their annual 2016 Road Runner Classic on Saturday, July 23, at Maybury State Park.

The run-walk event, which will benefit The Friends of Maybury State Park, features a 1-miler beginning at 5 p.m.,

an 8-kilometer (half-trail and half-pavement), starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by a new 5K run-walk (mostly pavement) at 5:45 p.m.

The entrance to Maybury State Park is off Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck. (Michigan annual recreation passports are required and available at the entrance for \$11.)

The family friendly event will include a story hour, face-painting and hands-on activities. All participants receive a finisher medal and cotton T-shirt.

Post-race activities include pizza, beer, homemade baked goods and music.

A \$75 gift card will go to the overall male and female winners, while the masters male

and female first-place finishers will receive a \$50 gift card, all courtesy of Running Fit.

Age bracket awards will also go three deep in five-year male and female age bracket increments.

Pre-registration fees (through July 20) are \$12 (1-mile) and \$35 (5K and 8K). Race day fees are \$14 (1-mile)

and \$39 (5K and 8K). Packet pickup and race day registration starts at 3 p.m.

To register, go to [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com).

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## GOLF

## Oakland Hills makes pitch for U.S. Open

**Marty Budner**  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Open is not in Oakland Hills' immediate future, but club officials are making a heavy pitch to bring it back to Bloomfield Hills.

"We have extended an invitation to the USGA to come back (to Oakland Hills for a U.S. Open)," said Lee Juett, general chairman for the 116th U.S. Amateur, which Oakland Hills is hosting next month. "We have not had any further discussions (with the USGA), but we expect to have those during the Amateur."

The United States Golf Association, which sponsors the tournament, has booked its future Open sites through

the year 2026, so the earliest Oakland Hills could host its seventh U.S. Open would be 2027.

Ben Kimball, who serves as the USGA's director for the Women's Open and U.S. Amateur championships, indicated Oakland Hills is certainly on the short list of potential U.S. Open venues. The USGA's future site's committee, he said, will make the final decision.

"We want to take our championships to the best venues in the country and (Oakland Hills) is one of them. It is one of the top courses in the world," Kimball said at Tuesday's U.S. Amateur press conference inside the Oakland Hills clubhouse. "But we re-

main focused on the 2016 U.S. Amateur and we'll let that play out before any future (U.S. Open) discussions happen."

Historic Oakland Hills has hosted the U.S. Open, one of pro golf's four major tournaments, six times in its esteemed 100-year history.

The longest Oakland Hills has gone without hosting a U.S. Open since the first one in 1924 was 24 years, from 1961 (when Gene Littler won) to 1985 (when Andy North captured the crown).

The last U.S. Open held at Oakland Hills was 1996, when Steve Jones won by a stroke over Davis Love III and Tom Lehman. The other Open winners at Oakland Hills were

Ben Hogan (1951), who nicknamed the South Course "The Monster" after his victory, Ralph Guldahl (1937) and Cyril Walker (1924).

This year's U.S. Open was held at Oakmont Country Club, outside of Pittsburgh.

The next nine U.S. Open sites are Erin Hills (Wisconsin) in 2017, followed by Shinnecock Hills Golf Club (New York), Pebble Beach Golf Links (California), Winged Foot Golf Club (New York), Torrey Pines Golf Course (California), The Country Club (Massachusetts), Los Angeles Country Club (California), Pinehurst Resort, Course No. 2 (North Carolina), Oakmont and Shinnecock Hills.

## EADS

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petitive race since the end of the collegiate track season. She had been averaging six to seven miles a day and 44 per week in her training.

"I had been doing base runs, normal runs," she said. "I've been training since the end of May and beginning of June for cross country. For my first workout back, I thought it was pretty good."

"I was doing interval workouts during the race. I'd do a minute of sprinting, run for a minute and sprint again. I didn't wear a watch like I usually do, which helped because it went by really fast. I had no idea what my time was."

Eads liked the course, which winds through the neighborhoods of Farmington and Farmington Hills, and especially the finish.

"It was a really fun atmosphere," she said. "I liked running down Grand River (in front of the crowd waiting for the parade). It was all roped off."

"There was one slight uphill at the start. After that, it was rolling hills, nothing too big, and the last mile was pretty much all downhill."

"I went to school at Mercy, so I knew a lot of the people who were on the side of the road. I said 'hi' to them; that was really cool."

Eads had a good freshman year at Hillsdale. In the NCAA Division II championships, she contributed to teams that finished second in indoor track and third in both cross country and outdoor track.

Eads, who said she has "improved a ton" since high school, runs the steeplechase as her primary event in outdoor track. She focuses on the 1,500 meters during the indoor season.

"I did pretty well in cross country," she said. "I ran fifth on the team and traveled to all the meets."

In the steeplechase, the top 23 athletes were invited to the national meet. She was ranked 24th.

"Two days before the competition, my coach called and said someone had scratched," Eads said. "I had started my (postseason) break and hadn't run in nine days. I didn't run that well, but I got the experience as a freshman, which was really important."

Eads plans to do at least one more road race this year and to get an earlier start on doing a lot more next year.

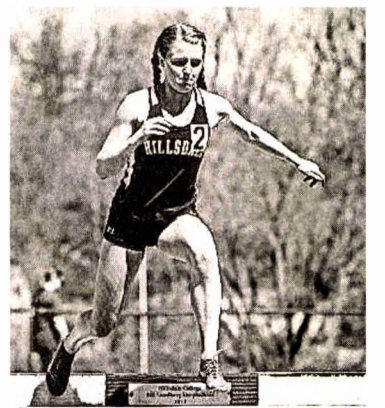
"I train for three months straight in the summer," she said. "When you're training during the year, you always have a race to look forward to. I like doing a road race and breaking up the training routine."

The men's overall winner was 27-year-old Hunon Cjutak, with a time of 20:28. Connor Naughton of Northville, 19, who was the 2015 winner, was second in 20:41.3.

The runner-up in the male 15-19 age group and third-place overall finisher was Farmington High School junior Nick Trevisan, 16, with a time of 20:45.

The women's runner-up was 26-year-old Olivia Juntilla, who finished the race in 26:12.4 and won the 25-29 age group.

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ELIZABETH EADS

Allysens Eads runs the steeplechase for the Hillsdale College women's team.

## AMATEUR

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everyone quite recognizes it as a major, but it is," he said. "It's a national championship and that's how we're treating it, for sure."

Juett said it was strictly coincidental that Oakland Hills, which was founded in 1916, was awarded the U.S. Amateur during its historic anniversary.

"We had some discussions with the USGA back in the fall of 2010 and we had invited the USGA to look at our club as a possible host site for the Amateur," said Juett, a Michigan State University graduate who has served in some capacity for every single championship Oakland Hills has hosted since 1972. "We didn't identify 2016, but that was the one that was available and it worked out and made sense to us. We collectively worked it out and it's very unique."

## Impressive list

Many of golf's top professionals have played in the U.S. Amateur, billed as the oldest golf championship in America — one day older than the U.S. Open. That impressive list includes Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gene Littler, Mark O'Meara, Hal Sutton, Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods.

In 2002 at Oakland Hills, Ricky Barnes defeated Hunter Mahan, 2 and 1, in the traditional 36-hole final. The defending champion is California native Bryson DeChambeau, who became just the fifth player to capture the NCAA championship and the U.S. Amateur title in the same year.

The world's current No. 1-ranked amateur is Stanford University senior Maverick McNealy, who made the round of 16 at last year's U.S. Amateur played at Olympia Fields in Illinois.

McNealy is looking forward to playing at Oakland Hills as his father Scott, a Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood graduate, will serve as his caddy. The 20-year-old California native, who is a big hockey fan, led the U.S. to the 2015 Palmer Cup crown.

"My dad told me it's a hard golf course and we're no strangers to the history (of Oakland Hills)," McNealy said by conference call during Tuesday's press conference. "I'm really excited to get out there and play it for real, play it myself. I will be interested to see what my dad thinks has changed or what he sees is different, since he played it."

"My dad has caddied for me in the 2014 U.S. Open and he's caddied for me in a bunch of amateur events and it's always fun for me to have him on the bag," he added. "We're really excited to get out there and I'm really excited to play the two golf courses."

The U.S. Amateur consists of 36 holes of stroke play, which will take place on both the South and North courses



MARTY BUDNER

Longtime Oakland Hills Country Club member Lee Juett is the general chairman of the 2016 U.S. Amateur, which will be played at the historic course Aug. 15-21.

over the first two days. The low 64 scorers advance to match play, which will include six rounds, the final of which occurs Sunday, Aug. 21.

While membership par is 72, both the South and North courses will play at par-70 for the amateur as two par-5 holes on each course will be scaled down to par-4. The North Course will play at 6,849 yards, while the longer championship South Course will feature a 7,334-yard layout.

## A gallery following

The unique feature of any U.S. Amateur is the gallery can literally follow in the players' footsteps, walking right along with them on the fairway if they so choose throughout the seven days of competition.

"The most unique thing about the tournament is that you get to walk right next to the guys who are playing and as they are picking out their clubs," said Juett, who is overseeing a cast of some 1,250 volunteers. "There is very limited ropes. Some of the greens will be protected, but otherwise you can walk right down the fairways. For all the spectators who come out, they will get an up-close and personal view of these world-class players."

This will be just the fourth U.S. Amateur to be played in Michigan; the other two were

at the The Country Club of Detroit in 1915 and 1954. Robert A. Gardner won the 1915 tournament and Arnold Palmer won in 1954.

Oakland Hills has been the site of six U.S. Opens, three PGA championships, two U.S. Senior Opens, the U.S. Women's Amateur, the Western Open and the Ryder Cup.

"As the chairman, I'm personally very excited about the tournament and the members are, as well," Juett said. "We think there is energy and excitement in the Detroit area, in Birmingham and Bloomfield area for major golf, for sure."

"We're extremely pleased to be hosting the 116th U.S. Amateur championship," he added. "This is a busy year at Oakland Hills. We are celebrating our centennial and what better way to recognize our past and kick off the next 100 years with a major championship — the U.S. Amateur."

**MICHIGAN'S AMATEUR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS:** The United States Golf Association accepted 7,300 applicants from around the world for the 116th U.S. Amateur Championship. Only 312 players will play in the seven-day event.

The field includes 59 who are exempt from qualifying based on past performances in USGA championships. The remaining 253 entrants must

qualify through a series of 36-hole sectional tournaments at 99 different sites throughout the world, including first-time qualifiers in Canada and Mexico.

Michigan was scheduled to host three qualifying tournaments — at Southfield's Plum Hollow Country Club (July 11), Lansing's Forest Akers West (July 15) and Oakland University's Katke-Cousins (July 18).

In the Plum Hollow tournament earlier this week, Detroit David Hall and Canadian Ben Silverman qualified as co-medalists. Birmingham native Anthony Sorentino was the third qualifier.

The area's participants who did not qualify were Francesco Ruffino (Bloomfield Hills), Scott Strickland (Bloomfield Hills), Eric Attard (Livonia), Dominick Mancinelli (Northville), Andrew Smith (Birmingham), Andrew Stevens (Northville), Ken Hudson (Bloomfield Hills), Bill O'Connor (Bloomfield Hills), Eric Spencer (Bloomfield Hills), Peter Farmer (Bloomfield Hills), John Karcher (South Lyon), Nazir Jairazbhoy (Plymouth), Lenny Trotta (Birmingham), Jimmy Dales (Northville), Rick Hrdlicka (Bloomfield Hills), Alec Emerson (Birmingham), Ray Hajjar (Bloomfield Hills), Connor Kearns (Birmingham) and Matthew Bartnick (Northville).



## USA HOCKEY

# NTDP teams looking for mascot, PA announcer

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Hockey lovers with a bit of flair and showmanship might want to give USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in Plymouth a call.

The program — which includes the U.S. NTDP Under-17 and Under-18 teams — is looking for somebody to don Rushmore's eagle uniform.

"With the mascot, we need somebody who's willing to put on a show, willing to have fun. That's a big part of our game day," NTDP communications and marketing manager Jake Wesolek said.

In addition, a high-energy voice is being sought to announce all the goals, assists and penalties during 2016-17 contests at USA Hockey Arena.

"We need somebody to come in and pump the crowd up,

have energy and kind of represent the brand," Wesolek said.

Rushmore, nicknamed Rush, has been a fixture at NTDP games both at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube and last year in Plymouth.

He often greets fans of all ages as they walk through the arena doors and kibitzes with fans throughout the game in sections and along corridors.

As for a game public address announcer, the NTDP is looking for somebody who can "engage the crowd with energetic, bold, easy to understand announcements" and work in concert with game day staff members, among other duties.

Think you have what it takes? Email Wesolek at [jakew@usahockey.org](mailto:jakew@usahockey.org), including resume, cover letter and sample audio files.

[tsmith@hometownlife.com](mailto:tsmith@hometownlife.com)



USA HOCKEY  
USA Hockey NTDP mascot Rushmore makes this young hockey fan's day during a 2015 community event. The team is looking for another person to fill the eagle costume this season.

## NEW SPORT TAKING ROOT



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Carson Stoneburg "tees off" at Fellows Creek. Steve Anton watches the kick, while his son Nathan Anton just removed his soccer ball from the 21-inch cup.

## Look, no hands! (or clubs)

Area courses doing double duty as footgolf brings soccer to the links

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The teenagers walked onto the west nine at Fellows Creek Golf Course wearing huge smiles of anticipation and carrying soccer balls.

Huh? Canton 13-year-olds Nathan Anton and Carson Stoneburg, accompanied by Nathan's dad Steve Anton, were getting their first taste of a relatively new recreational craze — footgolf.

Nathan and Carson eagerly flipped regulation-size soccer balls in the air as they made their way to the first tee box. There was no sign of players with golf clubs at Fellows Creek, a public course in Canton.

"This is the first time attempting footgolf or at least witnessing these guys trying to attempt it," Steve Anton said. "It's very interesting. My son and I play a lot of golf, so I can see it's a completely different mindset from golf, even though it's played on the same platform."

As Nathan launched into his opening salvo on the west nine-hole course at Fellows Creek (which has been retrofitted for footgolf, complete with 21-inch cups, enough room to squeeze in three soccer balls) he approached the ball from right behind it and kicked it the way an old-school football field-goal kicker would. "I stubbed my toe," he said with a big laugh.

### Soccer style

Carson, his pal from Pioneer Middle School, took the side-winder's approach when teeing off. That made perfect sense, because he is a travel soccer player for the Plymouth Reign.

"It's working so far," Carson said about hitting the ball with his instep instead of toes. "I haven't had any problems."

The trio walked the virtually flat 1,195-yard front nine, which features holes ranging in distance from 93 to 193 yards. The longest hole is the 10th, the first

### WHERE ELSE CAN YOU PLAY?

**HILLTOP GOLF COURSE:** Located on Beck Road near Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, the very name of the course itself promises a bit more of a challenge than Fellows Creek. Pricing for nine holes is \$7; soccer ball rental is \$3 and cart rental \$5 (per person). Call 734-453-9800.

**FOX HILLS:** Yet another nearby footgolf venue for Wayne County residents is Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center on North Territorial in Plymouth Township. Footgolf is played on the Strategic Fox Course, located near the main entrance. All ages are welcome to play. Tee times can be reserved online at [foxhills.com](http://foxhills.com) or by calling 734-453-7272. It costs \$15 to play nine and \$20 for 18.

**LOWER HURON METROPARK:** Another nearby option is Lower Huron Metropark at 17845 Savage Road in Belleville, where the par-3 course is open for footgolf business. Call 734-697-9181 for more information.

**LITTLE MYTH PAR 3:** Footgolf at the Little Myth Par 3 near Rochester and Lake Orion in Oakland County is open to the public. This season, holes have been added to the nine-hole course. Prices are \$9 per person. If you need to rent a soccer ball, it is \$5, plus a \$15 deposit. Footgolf is becoming a very popular sport for families, teams and even footgolf leagues. Call 248-693-7170.

**RED OAKS:** This course at 29600 John R in Madison Heights is another option, one of 15 Michigan courses accredited by the American Footgolf League. It costs adults \$14 to walk nine holes and another \$11 for an additional nine holes; for those ages 17 and under, prices are \$11 and \$9, respectively. Call 248-541-5030 for more info.

of the back nine; it is a daunting 230 yards.

"If you only play nine holes (in footgolf) you're only walking five holes," Fellows Creek's Dan Turner said, explaining that the course also is used by regular golfers during other times of the day. "On the west side, the course is flat. People enjoy the walk. It's definitely good for exercise."

For now, footgolf is offered as a drop-in activity during twilight hours, so as to not interfere with regular golfers.

So far this year, the second the hybrid sport has been offered at Fellows Creek, Turner said the number of rounds has bumped up from about 500 to 800, with plenty of youth and high school soccer teams coming out to play. Including footgolf, the course has had more than 20,000 rounds over the first half of 2016, up from 17,000 over the same span last year.

### Similar lament

Throughout their first-ever footgolf round, Nathan and Carson walked the course and took turns kicking from between two wooden spikes (which mark the tees), then ripping shots from the fairway toward the green.

It worked the same way as

regular golf, although putting proved a bit challenging — even with the huge holes to aim for. The ball tends to pick up speed as it rolls across the green.

"I kind of kick it," Nathan noted. "Wherever I kick it, it's going to go somewhere else."

Spoken like a true rec golfer. But both Nathan and Carson said they wanted to come back and play footgolf again, bringing more friends with them.

"It's a little different, so you got to think differently, like how far it's going to go," said Nathan, a travel baseball player and regular visitor to Metroparks golf courses with his dad.

According to Tami Bealert, PGA teaching pro at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township, she has friends who have gone to various courses to check out the interesting game.

"Personally, I really think it should be called soccer golf," Bealert said. "I think more people would have a better understanding about what this recently new sport to America is all about."

To check out footgolf at Fellows Creek Golf Course, 2936 S. Lotz Road, north of Michigan Avenue in Canton, call 734-728-1300 or send an email to [info@fellowscreekgolf.com](mailto:info@fellowscreekgolf.com).

## How to avoid heat illness with summer exercise

Now I'm certainly not a meteorologist, but I think it's safe to say that the hot weather is here to stay for a while. That's why it's the right time to let you and your kids know how to beat the heat.

From a medical standpoint, when it comes to the summer heat, it's not only about staying cool — it's also about avoiding things like heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke. Collectively, these entities are referred to as heat illness. The temperatures have really heated up lately and that makes it a good time to tell you how to avoid heat illness this summer when you are exercising, practicing, playing or simply working in the heat.

Many people think heat illnesses like heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke are problems that they will never have to face. However, as we have seen in the news over the past couple of years, summer time heat has the potential to affect any one of us during our outdoor activities.

On a hot, humid Michigan day, an active person can lose up to two quarts of fluid in an hour. The combination of heat and humidity is particularly troublesome, because humidity hinders sweat from evaporating (this is the primary way our body temperature stays cool and under control). Believe it or not, heatstroke is the second leading cause of death among athletes in the United States. The good news is that most heat illnesses are treatable and preventable.

All heat illnesses are caused by dehydration and excessive loss of salt and fluids.

The mildest form of heat illness is known as heat cramps, which occur when athletes do not drink enough fluids while exercising. Heat exhaustion is a more serious condition that is triggered by excessive sweating and inadequate fluid replacement.

Heatstroke is the most serious heat illness and can be life-threatening. During heatstroke, the body's sweating mechanisms shut down, the skin becomes hot and dry and the body becomes depleted of fluids.

### Preventing heat illness

» Drink plenty of water when participating in all sports activities, even if you don't feel thirsty. By the time you do get thirsty, it might be too late.

» Take many breaks during activities in hot weather.

» Participate in your activity in the morning or early evening, when the temperatures are cooler. It's important to avoid the sun's most potent heat rays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

» Eat citrus fruits or bananas, especially if you are participating for longer times, because they are rich in potassium and sodium. On the other hand, you should avoid drinking alcohol and sodas that contain caffeine, because they actually work to dehydrate you faster.



Dr. Joe Guettler

GUEST COLUMNIST

» Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing that is made of porous materials.

» Cool water is the best fluid to keep you hydrated during workouts or events that last an hour or less. Sports drinks containing 6-10 percent carbohydrates are useful for longer events. Most sports drinks should be diluted with approximately 50 percent water.

» Drink small amounts of fluid frequently, rather than large amounts less often.

» Drink cold beverages to cool your core body temperature.

» If you have the opportunity, weigh yourself after exercising and drink two to three cups of water for every pound lost. Your body weight should be back to normal before the next workout.

» Pay attention to the amount and color of your urine. You should excrete a large volume that is nearly colorless. Small amounts of urine or dark yellow-colored urine can indicate dehydration.

### When in trouble

If you are suffering from overexposure to heat or believe someone else is, take steps immediately. If the symptoms include cramping or mild fatigue, the two basic steps are to replenish the body's lost fluids and to cool the body's temperature. Here are some good tips:

» Move to a cool place out of the sun.

» Loosen any tight-fitting clothing and remove any extra layers of clothing.

» Drink fluids, such as water or sports drinks. Do not offer drinks that contain alcohol or caffeine. Try to drink about one-half glass of fluid every 15-20 minutes.

» Try to cool off by sponging with cool water or by applying cool, wet cloths, such as towels or sheets.

» In most cases, symptoms should improve within a few minutes.

If symptoms do not clear up quickly or if a person is seriously fatigued, cramping, disoriented or beginning to lose consciousness, call for emergency medical assistance immediately.

The bottom line is that if you stay properly hydrated and avoid over-exposure to the sun and heat, you should be able to beat the heat and enjoy another hot Michigan summer.

For more info and links to a variety of health and wellness issues, go to [www.performanceorthopedics.com](http://www.performanceorthopedics.com).

Dr. Joseph Guettler is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine, as well as surgery of the knee, shoulder and elbow. His practice, Performance Orthopedics, is located in Bingham Farms. Guettler is active in teaching and research at Beaumont Hospital and the OUWB Medical School.



## Zeal supports world record attempt

For the second year in a row, Zeal Credit Union will support chain reaction builders in their attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest domino circle field and the U.S. record for the longest chain reaction.

Zeal Credit Union's Incredible Science Machine: World Edition will take place Saturday, July 23, at Westland Shopping Center.

Zeal Credit Union's Incredible Science Machine: World Edition will feature more than half a million objects, including 250,000 dominoes and thousands of other common items. The chain reaction will cover an area of more than 5,000 square feet.

Throughout the week beginning July 18, 18 builders from around the

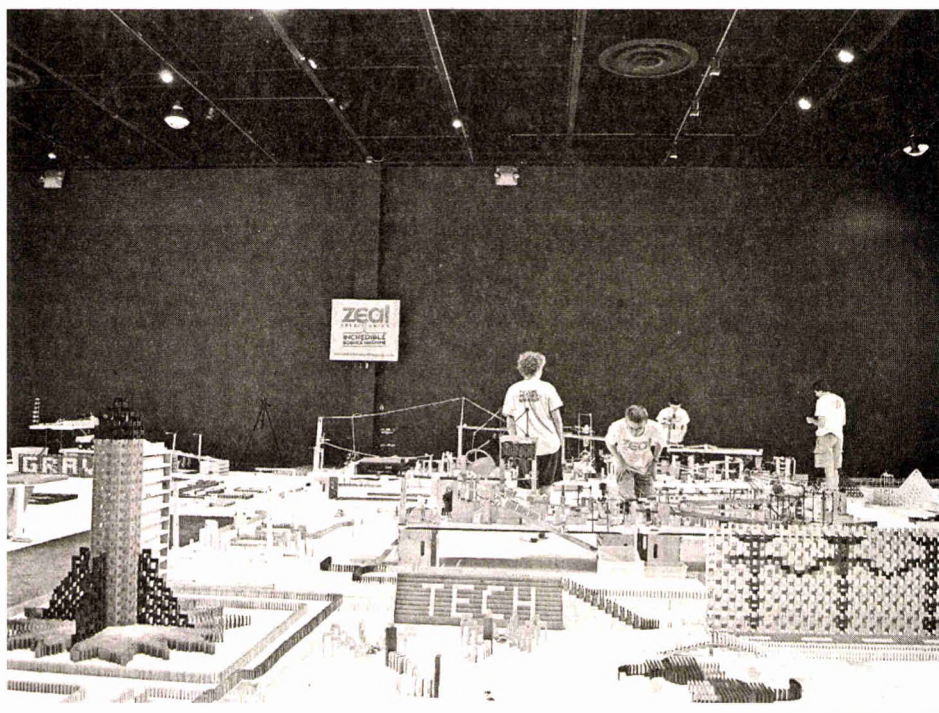
world will create the Incredible Science Machine with Steve Price, a Canton native and recent Michigan State University graduate, who is leading the project. Price and his chain reaction machines have been featured on national television shows such as "The Rachael Ray Show" and "America's Got Talent."

"We are so excited to work with Steve and his team of builders again this year," said Lisa Fawcett, vice president of marketing for Zeal Credit Union. "It was very inspiring last year to watch this team come together from around the world and work to create something that they were truly passionate about. As the credit union for hard-working Americans, Zeal un-

derstands the hard work and passion required to pursue a dream of this magnitude. We are happy to again be part of it."

For more information about the event, go to [www.IncredibleScienceMachine.com](http://www.IncredibleScienceMachine.com).

Zeal Credit Union is a full-service, nonprofit financial institution with more than 61,000 members, assets exceeding \$513 million and 11 full-service branch offices in metro Detroit. Members also have access to more than 5,000 shared branches and nearly 30,000 ATMs nationwide. Member deposits are insured to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Administration, a U.S. government agency. For more information, go to [www.ZealCreditUnion.org](http://www.ZealCreditUnion.org).



Young builders from around the world helped to set up Zeal Credit Union's first Incredible Science Machine at the 2015 record-breaking event.

## Memorable destination weddings in Michigan

Kathleen Lavey  
Michigan.com

Want to get married in a castle?

You can do it in Michigan.

Also available for your destination wedding: A bluff overlooking beautiful Torch Lake, Lake Michigan beaches, sumptuous wineries with an Old World feel — even a lighthouse.

At Castle Farms in Charlevoix — a turn of the 19th century estate built by a Chicago businessman in the style of French castles — brides and grooms can pick from five reception rooms for parties from 60-350 people, said Johanna Alexander, on-staff wedding planner. There's space for both indoor and outdoor weddings.

"The castle itself is really just a unique venue," she said.

A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort hosts just one wedding per weekend — a few dates are left this season — overlooking the crystal blue waters of Torch Lake for parties of 10-250.

"The lake is just such a great backdrop for a wedding," said Lauren Smiley, group sales manager at the resort near Traverse City.

Another draw — lodging. "A lot of our guests want to be able to stay on site and walk to the reception and the ceremony," she said.

Here are these and other Michigan destination possibilities — but truly, with islands, beaches, woods, water and many, many quaint downtowns, the possibilities are as endless as your imagination and the proximity of caterers.

### Castle Farms

**Where:** 5052 M-66 North, Charlevoix

**What:** Built in 1918 by Sears, Roebuck & Co. president Albert Loeb, it was designed by architect Arthur Heun based on stone barns and castles in Normandy. It was a working farm and in later years was used as a concert venue, among other things. Current owner Linda Mueller renovated it as an event space and it has been hosting parties and weddings since 2005. It can accommodate weddings from 60-350 guests in indoor and outdoor settings.

**Why:** It's living the dream of a fairy-tale-castle wedding, without passports or plane tickets to Europe.

**What else is there?:** Plenty for guests to do in and around Charlevoix, including dining, shopping, art galleries and plenty of lake and outdoor activities at nearby state parks.

**Learn more:** [www.castlefarms.com](http://www.castlefarms.com)



A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort overlooks beautiful Torch Lake.

### A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort

**Where:** 627 A-Ga-Ming Drive, Kewadin

**What:** A golf club overlooking Torch Lake, Michigan's second-largest inland lake with stunning depth and colors. Hosts rehearsal dinners, weddings, receptions or all three with landscaped grounds. Can accommodate parties of 10-250.

**Why:** Beautiful views, on-site lodging.

**What else is there?** A-Ga-Ming is close to Traverse City, wineries, Lake Michigan and many attractions.

**Learn more:** [www.a-ga-ming.com/](http://www.a-ga-ming.com/)

### Stafford's Perry Hotel

**Where:** Petoskey's gaslight district

**What:** Built in 1899, the 79-room luxury hotel is situated on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, but is within walking distance of many activities in Petoskey.

**Why:** There's something about the romance of a bygone era.

**What else is there?** The area is packed with tourist destinations including shopping, dining, wineries, sightseeing and more.

**Learn more:** [www.staffords.com/perry-hotel-4/](http://www.staffords.com/perry-hotel-4/)

### Windmill Island Gardens

**Where:** Holland

**What:** A city-owned park that includes a 250-year-old working Dutch windmill and 36 acres of gardens, dikes, canals and picnic areas staffed by costumed guides. It has more than 115,000 tulips blooming in spring. The Post House is an exact replica of a 14th century wayside inn. There's a wedding gazebo or gardens for ceremonies and an event pavilion for receptions. It can accommodate up to 300 guests.

**Why:** Unique and beautiful.

**What else is there?** Shopping and dining in Holland; state parks, Lake Michigan beach and more.

**Learn more:** [www.cityofholland.com/windmill](http://www.cityofholland.com/windmill)

### islandgardens

#### Pick a vineyard

**Where:** All over the state. We wanted to pick just one, but couldn't.

**What:** What's not to like about a vineyard wedding? Michigan has dozens of choices across the state. Want the drama of a bay view from a rustic barn? Choose Ciccone Vineyard and Winery in Sutton's Bay. How about an outdoor spot next to a lavender field and an old schoolhouse? Pick the Cherry Creek Old Schoolhouse Winery in Brooklyn.

**Why:** If you're looking for a beautiful pastoral setting, a winery is about as good as it gets.

**What else is there?** That depends on the winery you choose. Some are close to cities such as Ann Arbor that offer plenty to do; others are in tourist areas; others are secluded.

**Learn more:** For a full list of Michigan wineries and what they offer, go to the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council's web site at [www.michiganwines.com](http://www.michiganwines.com)

### Mackinac Island

**Where:** Lake Huron, a quick boat trip from St. Ignace or Mackinaw City

**What:** One of Michigan's favorite tourist destinations, an island filled with Victorian-era hotels, shops and fudge that allows no motor vehicles. Accommodations range from the gigantic, famous and expensive Grand Hotel to many other smaller hotels and the Mission Point Resort. Wedding options include hotels, churches and lake view outdoor sites.

**Why:** Because who doesn't want to take a horse-drawn carriage ride from their wedding venue to their reception?

**What else is there?** The Mackinac area offers easy access to both peninsulas with plenty to do in both the Upper and the Lower.

**Learn more:** [www.mackinacislandweddings.org](http://www.mackinacislandweddings.org)

### Pictured Rocks

**Where:** The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore runs along the

southern edge of Lake Superior, roughly between Grand Marais and Munising.

**What:** Unique opportunities for rustic outdoor weddings at the beach or

by a waterfall. Drawback: Some of the most beautiful places require walking or climbing that could keep some guests away. You also can rent a tour boat for up to 150 people for an on-the-water wedding in front of one of the Lakeshore's stunning rock formations.

**Why:** It's perfect for outdoorsy folks and those who appreciate the breathtaking scenery.

**Learn more:** [www.exploringthenorth.com/wedding/planner.html](http://www.exploringthenorth.com/wedding/planner.html) or [www.picturedrocks.com/group-tours](http://www.picturedrocks.com/group-tours)

### Charity Island Lighthouse

**Where:** On a 222-acre island in the middle of Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay

**What:** The Charity Island Lighthouse was built in 1857. Its current

owners host boat visits, tours and events at the lighthouse and a pavilion they've built next to it. Wedding packages include a boat ride to the island for the wedding party and up to 98 guests (a catamaran accommodates 11-49 people; a second 49-passenger boat is added for more).

**Why:** Michigan has more than 100 lighthouses and a rich maritime history. It doesn't really get more Michigan than this, or much prettier.

**What else is there?** Nothing on the island. It's a wildlife refuge. The Lake Huron shore area from Au Gres north offers a variety of tourist options, including beaches, shopping, food and fun.

**Learn more:** [www.charityisland.net](http://www.charityisland.net)

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE ELECTION NOTICE AUGUST 2, 2016 PRIMARY

To the qualified electors, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Northville, Counties of Oakland and Wayne, on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

<b>CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNTY</b>	Representative in Congress Representative in State Legislature Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Treasurer, County Commissioner <b>Oakland County Only:</b> County Executive, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Water Resources Commissioner <b>Wayne County Only:</b> Clerk, Register of Deeds <b>Wayne County Only:</b> Judge of 3rd Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position
<b>JUDICIAL</b>	

and for the purpose of electing:  
DELEGATES TO COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES

and for the purpose of voting on the following proposal(s):

<b>OAKLAND COUNTY</b>	- Oakland County Zoological Authority Renewal Millage in the County of Oakland, Renewal Millage for Zoological Services .1 Mills for 10 Years
<b>WAYNE COUNTY</b>	- Proposition P – Parks Millage Continuation - Wayne County Zoological Authority Renewal Millage in the County of Wayne, Renewal Millage for Zoological Services .1 Mills for 10 Years

Full text of the millage proposals may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, telephone (248) 349-1300, or on the Sample Ballot posted on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) (go to Services / Elections / Sample Ballot). **Oakland County Treasurers Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964**

**Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act**  
I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of June 13, 2016, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Northville, in said County, is as follows:

Local Unit	Voted Increase	Years Increase Effective
City of Northville	1.00	Unlimited
	1.0	Unlimited
	1.92	Unlimited
	0.1	2008 – 2017
Northville Public Schools	20.91	2012 – 2021 Incl.
County of Oakland	.2415	2012 to 2021 Incl.
	1.0	2014 to 2017
Schoolcraft Community College	.50	Unlimited
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency RESA	1.8782	Unlimited

**Wayne County Treasurers Statement as required by Act 278 of Public Acts of 1964**

**Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act**  
I, Raymond, J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 6, 2016, the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Northville Public Schools	November 2011	18.00 mills	2021 (non-homestead only)
	May 2015	.9978 mill	2020

### CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

Precinct 1 Wayne County Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.  
Precinct 2 Oakland County Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.  
The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M. Polling places are handicapped accessible and each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.  
The City Clerk's Office, located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, August 1, 2016, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us), or by calling 248-449-9914.

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK





It's easy to forget that, while you're playing home inspector, the space currently belongs to someone else.

GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

## House shopping? Remember your etiquette during open houses

With home buying season in full swing, potential home buyers are flooding into homes they saw on realtor.com and in person with the help of a Realtor. It's an exciting time, full of possibility and hope, but it is easy to forget that, while you're playing home inspector, the space currently belongs to someone else.

Still, buyers need to get a full picture of what they're buying. So, where do you draw the line; what is permitted and what should you restrain yourself from doing? The National Association of Realtors consumer site HouseLogic has buyers covered with house tour etiquette tips. When it comes to checking out closets and storage, for example, feel free to peek (you'll need to know this, after all), but try not to disturb anything.

As for snapping photos, feel free to take what you need to make a decision, but think twice before posting — remember that someone still lives there, and they may not want their personal valuables displayed for the world to see (especially if you've already identified where the house is located).

It's a marathon house-hunting day. As you check out listing No. 5's brand new windows, it suddenly hits you: "Oh man, I have to go to the bathroom."

Should you, or shouldn't you?

Navigating do's and don'ts can be totally awkward, so we asked the pros everything most buyers secretly want to know. Stacey Freed of HouseLogic shares her knowledge.

### Well, can I use the bathroom?

If you've got to go, you've got to go — but don't just wander off and take care of business. It might not work in every house. Literally.

"Ask permission," says Pat Vredevoogd Combs, past president of the National Association of Realtors, who works and lives in Grand Rapids, Mich. Vacant houses, especially in winter, may have the water shut off, so there's no

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way to flush. That's something you *really* want to know before you go.

And if you're at a busy open house, being in the loo for more than a minute means other potential buyers can't check out the facilities — and may not want to after you've, um, done your business.

To be safe, schedule in a few pit stops at restaurants or gas stations along the way, suggests Vredevoogd Combs.

### Is it OK to bring in my coffee?

We're pretty sure ordering house hunters to forgo coffee qualifies as "cruel and unusual punishment" in some states. But if you're carrying a drink, be careful — unless you're prepared to go mano a mano with the floor.

"So many first-time home buyers are millennials, and I almost never see them without a cup of Starbucks in their hand," Vredevoogd Combs says. "I had one guy spill his coffee on white carpeting and we had to get down on our hands and knees to clean it up."

Food, on the other hand, is *no bueno*, unless the seller has left out cookies. By all means, take one, but eat it in the kitchen. Preferably over a napkin.

### Can I peek in the closet?

"Absolutely," says Tg Glazer, 2016 president of the New Jersey Association of Realtors. "Buying a home is probably the biggest purchase you're ever going to make, and you need to check out ev-

erything."

Basically, look all you want, but don't rifle around. You're shopping for closet space, not a new wardrobe.

### How about a quick selfie with this awesome, lemon-colored range?

With smartphones being practically an appendage for many buyers, snapping pics to share with friends and family is so easy. But hold your trigger finger, especially if you're planning to share the images online.

Whether you can take photos and videos "seems to be a regional custom," Vredevoogd Combs says. "In some cases, sellers have valuable things and don't even want their homes promoted online. Ask permission first."

### Can I plop down on that chaise lounge?

Vredevoogd Combs says she's not a fan. "Feeling comfortable enough to want to sit on the furniture might be a good intent to buy, but it isn't your furniture and you're not buying it." Plus, that cozy looking couch or comfy bed might be staged — air beds or cardboard boxes wearing fancy clothes — so you might take a spill.

If you need to sit, for health reasons or that sprained ankle from your last marathon, just ask. That's not unreasonable.

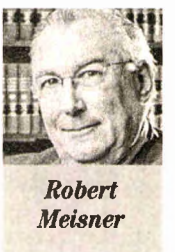
The bottom line is the old-fashioned Golden Rule: Do unto others' homes as you'd have them do unto yours.

"Be on your best behavior," says Vredevoogd Combs. Pretend the seller is there — and sometimes they are, even if you can't see them. They might be waiting next door at a neighbor's house and wander back at any minute. So it's also a good idea to keep comments to yourself. You wouldn't want them to overhear how much you love the master suite — that could mess up your negotiating power if you decide to buy.

## Snyder signs bill to eliminate requirement related to tax dispute

**Q: We lost our assessment protest at the local level and at the tax tribunal. Are we going to have to pay the tax assessment before we can appeal?**

A: As of now, taxpayers can now appeal their tax disputes to a Michigan court on a pre-deprivation basis. On June 16, 2015, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law a bill eliminating the requirement that taxpayers pay all taxes, penalties and interest before they can have their tax appeals heard by a court by guaranteeing that they have their day in court before being required to pay the disputed tax assessments. This is obviously a benefit to those who feel aggrieved by the tax tribunal and/or their taxing authority, which concern is growing every tax season.



Robert Meisner

**Q: We do not allow pets at the condominium, but if there is one so-called emotional animal. We want a deposit for it. Do you think it is a good idea?**

A: No, I think it will probably be determined to violate the Federal Fair Housing Act as an attempt to limit people with disabilities and/or who need emotional support animals to be able to have their pet, assuming that you do not otherwise allow pets. I think that there are administrative standards against such conduct. I would get a legal opinion from your attorney to confirm this position.

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## Walbridge senior VP tapped for 'Women Who Lead' class

Walbridge Senior Vice President and board member Terry Merritt has been selected by WJR News/Talk 760 to its 2016 class of "Women Who Lead."

The program, initiated six years ago, celebrates women throughout the Great Lakes region who are making a difference in the community. Senior Producer Ann Thomas recently interviewed Merritt and the podcast is available on WJR's website here.

"Terry is an integral part of Walbridge and her contributions to our company's executive team, growth and culture have been hallmarks of her success," said John Rakolta Jr.,

chairman and CEO of Walbridge. "We are proud to join WJR in congratulating Terry on being honored as one of the 'Women Who Lead' and her incredible contributions to our industry and our region."

Merritt has been with Walbridge for 35 years and supports numerous programs that improve the lives of women in the state of Michigan. She is chair of the Haven Foundation and serves on the Board of Directors for Inforum, Michigan Women's Foundation, Wayne State University - HIGH Program and Women United for United Way of SE Michigan.

Merritt has been awarded

Inforum's Inner Circle Women of Achievement Honoree, Crain's Detroit Business 2002 Most Influential Women, CORP Magazine's 2002 95 Most Powerful Women in Michigan, the Athena Award from the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce and the State of Michigan Dept. of Civil Rights, Michigan Women's Commission.

Merritt and the other "Women Who Lead" will be honored this fall during a special broadcast by WJR's Paul W. Smith.

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# Make the transition to manager confidently

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Entering your first managerial role is an exciting step forward in your career. But if managing a team is unlike any of your previous positions, it comes with new and unique challenges.

Here are five of the most common issues for first-time managers, along with tips on dealing with them.



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**How to give feedback**

If you've ever sat through a performance review silently wishing you were on the other side of the desk, get ready for a surprise. Providing useful feedback is often a lot more difficult than first-time managers expect. One of the most common mistakes is not being specific enough.

"Just hearing 'Great job' isn't as effective as 'I really appreciate how prepared you were for that client meeting,'" says Amanda Sowadski, founder of the Institute for Feminine Leadership. "This gives your employee something specific to continue to do."

"The same thing goes when you notice behavior you'd like to change. Start by identifying the situation or task, what action the person took (and) what result occurred, and then offer up a new action and intended results that would

occur if they did it differently. These types of specifics will ensure everyone is always on the same page."

**When to give feedback**

Many new managers also have trouble determining how often feedback is necessary. While you don't want to start micromanaging your team, be sure not to reserve all comments for quarterly evaluations.

"Make sure you are providing feedback all the time, not just during a formal review cycle," Sowadski says. "An employee should never be

surprised with the results of a performance review if you've been doing your job and praising your employees or offering ideas for improvement as necessary."

**Supervising former colleagues**

We spend a lot of time with our co-workers, and when one person from the group is promoted above the rest, it almost always causes a bit of tension. In many of these cases, the best way to deal with it is through direct and open communication.

"In order to address this,

have a one-on-one conversation with each person, where you express your gratitude for the opportunity to work with them, ask them to share any concerns, address any concerns you have and share your vision for what it will be like to work together," Sowadski suggests. "Don't dismiss or overlook the fact that these people may have also applied for the position or just feel awkward now that you hold a title that denotes more power. The most effective managers acknowledge others' concerns, even if they don't feel there is a valid concern, and create a collaborative team environment where everyone's input is welcome and appreciated."

**How to motivate**

Perhaps the most important skill you need to be a good manager is the ability to continually and reliably motivate others. If you were promoted internally, you're probably excellent at performing your team's function. But you cannot do it all on your own. Keep in mind that what motivates you doesn't necessarily motivate everyone on your team.

"One of your main responsibilities will be to improve the performance of your direct reports, but a one-size-fits-all strategy won't work," says Jordan Wan, co-founder and CEO of CloserIQ. "Not all

employees learn the same way, and not all of your reports will respond to the same style of feedback. You need to get to know your employees and what drives them. Then you'll be able to better give them what they need to succeed."

**How to reward**

One of the most effective means of motivating anyone is the promise of a reward. However, while prizes or awards can be useful short-term tools, sustained recognition, credit and praise for good work can be just as effective in the long term.

"You will shine through the success of your team as a whole," says Anna Lundberg, a career coach, author and co-founder of Wolf Leaders Academy, which offers fast-track training and coaching for young managers. "Do not hesitate to praise your team publicly — far from taking the glory away from your own work, demonstrating the maturity to praise and thank your team is a valued characteristic of a leader and will only strengthen your image, not weaken it."

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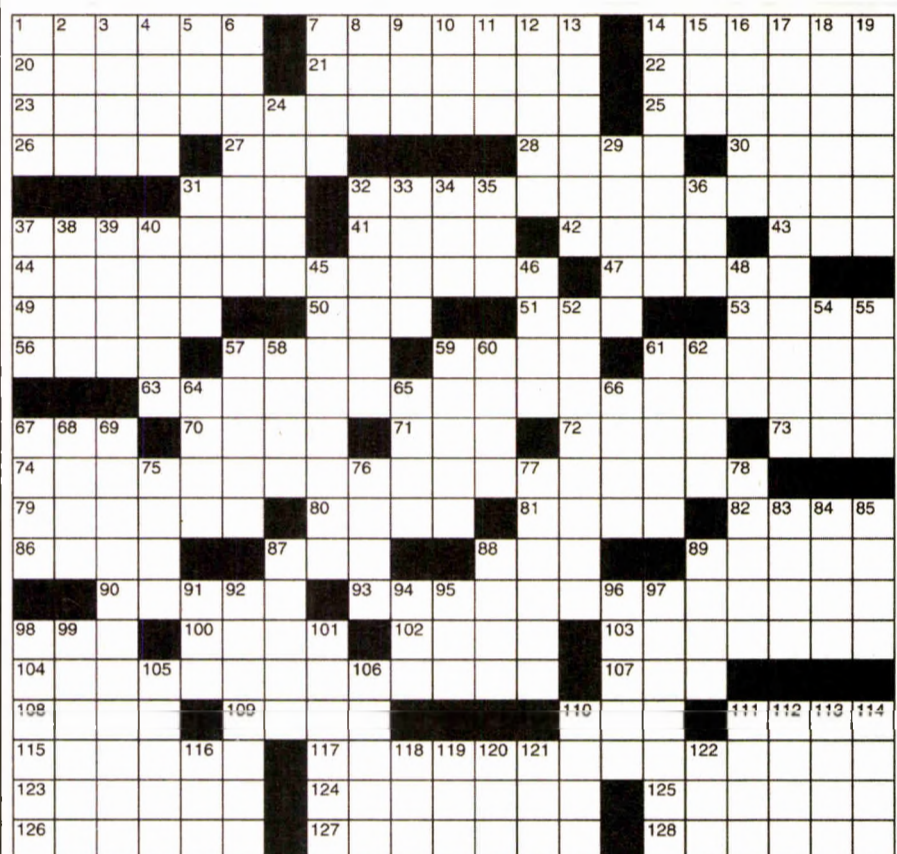
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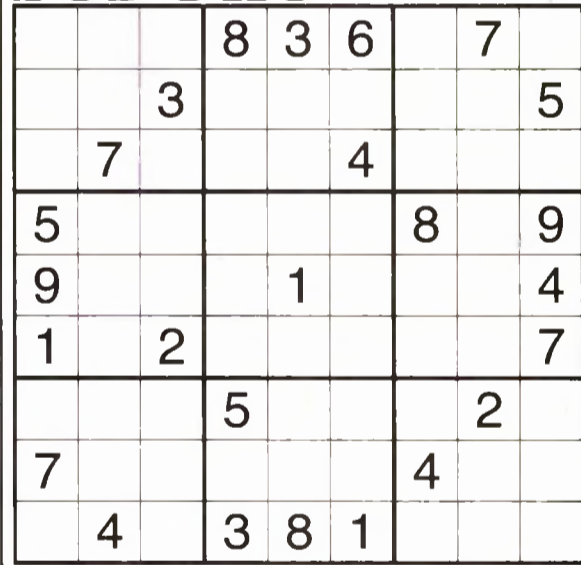
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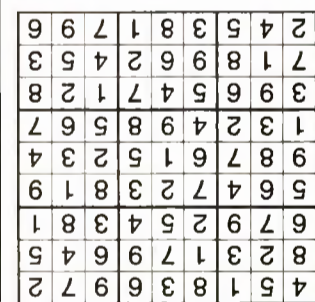


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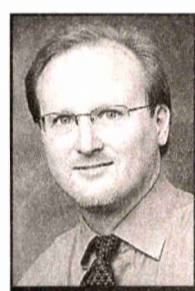
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## Car Report

### Mazda Ascends with the Industry's Freshest, Most Fuel-Efficient Lineup and Rising Brand, with Sales Recovery To Follow



By Dale Buss

Its US sales are down this year so far, and frankly the entire American auto-sales picture has flattened out. But under new CEO Masahiro Moro, Mazda North American

Operations clearly means to be regarded as a brand on the rise.

That will be increasingly easier for the company because the products it brings to market keep getting better. Exemplary is the new CX-9, the brand's top-of-the-line large SUV. The design, interior comforts, drivability, responsiveness, fuel economy and overall feel of the Signature version of the new vehicle, which I recently drove, are pushing strongly into

territory that has been dominated by upscale brands.

Also serving as CMO for Mazda worldwide, Moro crucially sees brand management as the key to long-term success for Mazda in the US and globally.

"We have changed to emphasize brand and product value to customers and to emphasize brand-value management," Moro told a group of journalists in Detroit recently.

Mazda's global share of automotive sales is only less than 2 percent, but over the last few years the Japanese brand has been seeking to punch above its fighting weight by overhauling its entire product lineup, gaining technologically with its new Skyactiv development platform, expanding its offerings in fast-growing SUV and crossover segments and, most recently, casting itself as a near-premium marque.

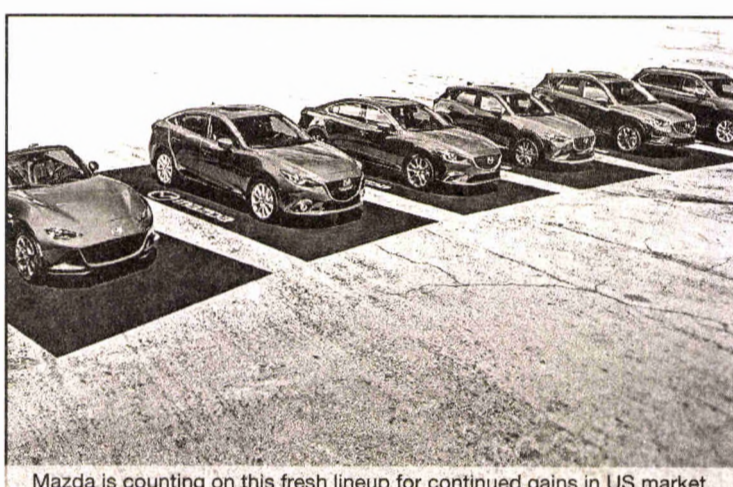
So far this year, progress isn't evident because Mazda's US sales were down about 8 percent for the first half compared with a year earlier. But much of the reason for the decline was the fact that Mazda was introducing a significantly enhanced new version of its CX-9 flagship SUV and its dealers were without the previous version to sell for most of 2016 so far, explained Robert Davis Sr., vice president of US operations.

Now the new CX-9 has populated showrooms and is gaining a good reception, especially for its Signature trim level of premium materials, amenities and technology, which Mazda is using to try to begin leveraging its brand out of the mere mainstream of the US auto market and into near-luxury territory adjacent to, say, Acura.

Moro said Mazda began moving to emphasize long-term brand equity a few years ago, after the Great Recession brought yet another turn in the industry's historical boom-and-bust cycle and after the company's brain trust closely examined its approach. Its philosophy at that point was heavily based on increasing volume and achieving sales growth at nearly any cost.

"We sold at a discount so the customer didn't see value other than the price deal," Moro said. "We also focused on selling smaller cars" with relatively small profit margins. Customer retention rates were low to match, he said -- less than 30 percent in the United States.

"But we weren't going to



Mazda is counting on this fresh lineup for continued gains in US market.

survive that way," he recalled. "So we changed our philosophy 180 degrees. We started from scratch" by developing the Skyactiv platform, which brought weight-saving technologies and improved driving dynamics to all the new models that would be built on it, and also creating a new exterior-design language that Mazda calls Kodo, which suggests forward momentum and dynamism even when the vehicle is standing still.

"It was ridiculous in a way, but we had to throw out convention," Moro said. "And now our philosophy is designed around how to keep customers coming back to Mazda. Everything is customer-focused. We used to be essentially a wholesale producer. Now we are focused on how to take care of the customer throughout the ownership cycle. It's a big shift in mindset."

As a result, he said, despite the 2016 dip so far, Mazda has posted 15-percent sales growth in the

US over the last five years, and growth in retail sales is higher as the company seeks to curtail fleet sales that end up retarding the value of used products and eroding overall brand equity. Better prices for their used Mazdas mean that customers can and want to afford higher-priced new Mazdas. "It's a new cycle for our business," Moro said.

"We made the huge mistake in the past of thinking a manufacturer can create a brand image with the customer," he said. "But the customer's own perception is everything, and that takes a longer time ... You have to continue to evolve your technology, product and design for five years in a consistent way, otherwise the customer doesn't believe you."

"So our task now is to convince consumers and dealers through brand value management. And our brand is to be the smart alternative to premium brands"



The new CX-9 is Mazda's flagship SUV.

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