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working on." Also available on the app are a link to the RCOC Real-Time Traffic Map (which shows real-time congestion level on state highways and many main county roads in the county), links to RCOC's Facebook and Twitter accounts, a link to RCOC's road projects and traffic alerts list, the RCOC calendar of events and a link to sign up for email notifications about various **RCOC** activities.

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Renee Gantt teaches a math class to students in a Japanese classroom. Gantt, a second-grade teacher at Parkview Elementary in Novi, was visiting as part of the International Educators to Japan program.

Bridging the cultural divide: Educators learn lessons in Japan

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

Renee Gantt was filled with anxiety as she began instructing a class of 7- and 8-year-old children in math.

She had taught this geometry lesson before to her secondgrade students at Parkview Elementary in Novi and they had been enthusiastic about building two- and three-dimensional shapes using toothpicks and marshmallows.

But that was in an American classroom. Now she was more after returning from the Far East. "I had fears of blank stares, but they were watching carefully and, after the first few minutes, when they were smiling and laughing, I relaxed a little more."

The lesson served its purpose, not only for the students, but perhaps even more for the teacher, one of 29 foreigners, including three from the Novi Community School District, to take part in the 2016 International Educators to Japan program this summer.

While Japan was new to



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than 6,300 miles away in Japan, attempting to give a lesson in which the students didn't understand her language nor she theirs.

"It's probably the most nervous I've ever been teaching," Gantt said, just a few weeks Gantt, students from the country are common in her Parkview classroom. This past school year, she had 12 Japanese students in a class of 23. The year before, she had nine.

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Ann Glubzinski (from left), Aaron Johnson, Sophia Lafayette, Jody Payne and Renee Gantt tried on kimonos while in Tokyo. The Michigan educators took part in the International Educators to Japan program in June.

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Walking warriors

Three-day trek to battle cancer gets Novi start

Susan Bromley Staff Writer

Standing on stage and looking out into a sea of people, many adorned in pink T-shirts, tutus and capes, they told their stories to both cheers and tears from the crowd as the sun rose Friday morning over the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Less than an hour before 600 walkers would start a journey of 60 miles in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, Amy shared how her mother, aunt and cousin all had fought breast cancer and then how her mother and aunt waged war against the disease again.

Charmaine, a 17-year breast cancer survivor, said she would walk in honor of her cousin who died at the age of 37.

Dena told of how she became involved in the 3-Day, which raises funds for breast cancer research, education and support for individuals and families fighting the disease, after her best friend Jean lost the battle. When she completes a 3-day

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SUSAN BROMLEY Taylor Knapp (left) of Rockford, with her friend Stevee Tompsett. Knapp was new to walking the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, while Tompsett had done this before.

event in San Diego in November, she will have participated in 13 walks total, raising \$30,000.

"More than 40,000 men and women will die from breast cancer this year; this is unacceptable," said Chrissy Matthews, program manager of the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, speaking to the crowd. "This is

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Rio blog: Novi native having a great time visiting Brazil

When I touched down in Brazil for my fiveweek trip with Ball State University, I didn't know what to expect. I had seen the negative media coverage about the country and planned on spending the whole trip holding tight to my backpack and never going anywhere alone.

I didn't expect to feel safe and welcomed.

I have yet to meet a rude person in Brazil. Everyone is willing to help us, especially as we struggle through ordering food or getting directions with our limited knowledge of Portuguese.

Without a doubt, after being in Brazil for about three weeks now, my favorite part of the country has been the people. I've had Uber drivers teach us Portuguese as we're stuck in traffic. A passerby on the street stopped to translate an interview for me. We've talked to countless locals and tourists and all have been happy to chat with us or point us in the direc-



tion of someone who could help.

The Olympics haven't even started yet, but just being in the host city has been a great experience. The mixture of people and cultures is exciting.

We've met some people off of the beaten track, too. One day, we visited a favela, which is a poor area of Brazil where crime and poverty are high. Our guides there were willing to answer all of the questions we had and they explained the best they could what it was like to live in a favela.

The main thing they stressed to us was that people who don't live in a favela just don't understand what it is like. Their willingness to allow us to tramp through their neighborhood and

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why we walk, this is why we crew. At Komen, we believe one-third of the women dying today can be saved without a single breakthrough. Together, we can be sure you get the amazing care you need. We all have a story. We are in a war against this disease and I am honored and humbled to be in the trenches with



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Survivor gratitude

Friday marked the start of the eighth consecutive 3-Day Walk for Carol Ellis, a 61-year-old Farmington Hills resident who was diagnosed with stage 1 breast cancer in 2008 after a routine mammogram.

"I figured if I survived, I had to find a way to give back," said Ellis, who was joined at the opening ceremony by her sister, Jacquelyn Robinson, who was diagnosed last year with stage 3 breast cancer. "This is a lot of work, but it's easier than chemo."

The American Airlines flight attendant prepared for the 60-mile local daytime walk, with portions in Novi, Walled Lake, Northville, Plymouth, Livonia, Westland and Dearborn, by walking the streets of Europe overnight, including Rome and Athens.

"Anyone that flies with me knows to bring the right shoes, because we're walking," she said.

Ellis has received great support from her co-workers, not only from company on her long walks — less than a week ago, she walked 17 miles in one day — but also in donations. Each walker in the 3-Day is required to raise at least \$2,300 in order to participate.

"I have a large pool to draw from; flight attendants have been hard hit with cancer," Ellis said, adding she raised \$4,200 this year.

Struggles

But she wonders if the difficulty of raising funds has contributed to a decreasing number of participants. The first year she walked, in 2009, there were 2,000 walkers. This year, there are 600 in the Michigan event, marking the 150th walk for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, which also hosts treks in six other states.

The importance of funding, not only for research but also to support individuals struck by the disease, can not be underestimated.

Ellis, a single mother of one, was devastated financially when she was diagnosed, losing her income, her home and her credit rating, but she ultimately overcame the disease and has kept her sense of gratitude intact, even as she prepared to face 90-degree weather, the prospect of thunderstorms and blisters. She recalls one year when she lost her toenails during the walk.

"There are times I think I can't do another frigging step," she said with a laugh. "I've learned I need to stop and take breaks. I'm not trying to kill myself doing a walk. ... There is lots of energy along the route; there is always someone to pull you along."

She pointed to a man in a light-colored shirt, shorts and sneakers who has been an inspiration to her — Bert Stein, 83, who is also getting ready to walk.

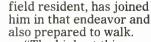
Tzedakah

The West Bloomfield resident, a recently retired certified public accountant, began participating in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day a dozen years ago, coinciding with its inaugural Michigan event in 2004.

"I am fortunate I have a wife, four daughters and three granddaughters and they have not been touched by cancer," Stein said. "By walking, they may be helped and I may help others, both men and women."

Running and walking are activities that Stein has enjoyed and he wants to use that enjoyment toward Tzedakah, which in the Jewish faith means the giving of money and of self to help others, he explained.

His friend Sye Linovitz, also a West Bloom-



"The highest thing you can do is give of yourself," Stein said. "My wife worries we've been married 62 years — but this is in our blood. We have to do this, one day at a time, one hour at a time."

Linovitz added, "For me, the hardest thing is not the first day of walking, but getting up for the second day."

The two used to camp together in tents like many of those there that day, but now they go home after finishing the day's walking, which on the first two days is more than 20 miles, so the third day is "only" 16 miles for a total of 60 over the three days.

Camaraderie

"The last five miles of each day is mind over matter. You want to stop, but you gotta finish," Stein said. "It's head over feet. ... There's a lot of camaraderie and I am excited when people walk up, you don't know them by name, except you've seen them at the walk. You find people who walk your pace."

He walks about six or seven hours each of the three days, getting up each day around 5 a.m. To prepare, he also put in a lot of miles and raised a lot of money. Stein raised \$22,500 for this walk and, over a dozen years, has contributed \$220,000 to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day from donations made on his behalf.

Now, he and Linovitz, as well as Ellis, were among the 600 walkers and 300 crew members ready to work toward a better tomorrow.

"We pause to honor those we've lost," Dr. Sheri Prentiss, national spokeswoman for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day and eight-year breast cancer survivor, said in her remarks concluding the opening ceremony. "Though they no longer walk beside us, we carry them inside. Now is the time to give them a voice and invite them to join."

She called out, "Grandma Judy!" and other names were called from the crowd.

'They are in our hearts today — we will never forget them," Prentiss said. "Breast cancer can not and will not be stronger than us. Look around and see the support that will carry us through. We walk because we must. This is our promise — a world without breast cancer. Are you ready?" The answer was a resounding yes as 600 walkers began their journev.







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explore their homes made me want to learn more.

As a journalist, that's what makes the Brazilian culture so great. The people are kind and fascinating, even though the Olympics are disrupting many of their lives.

So although we're all exhausted and passing a cold around our hostel, I'm having the time of my life in Brazil and am excited to continue telling stories about the events and the Brazilian culture.

Novi native Kara Berg is a 20-year-old junior at Ball State. She is in Rio de Janeiro for a Ball State class that's functioning as a student-run, freelance media agency to produce stories about the Olympics and Brazilian culture. Her work periodically will appear on freep.com.

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There are more than 650 Japanese students in the Novi Community School District, said Board of Education Trustee Ann Glubzinski, who joined Gantt and Novi Meadows math interventionist Jody Payne in the IEJ program June 18-30. These students often come here to live for two or three years with parents who are employed in the auto industry.

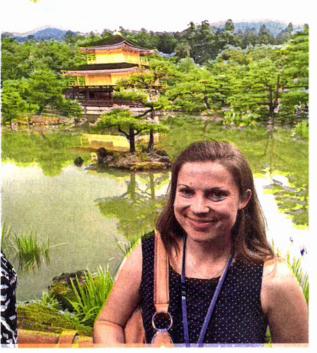
Novi likely attracts a higher number of students native to the Asian island nation as the home of the Japanese School of Detroit, a Saturday-only supplementary educational institution.

A better understanding

Educators from Novi have been participating for several years in the IEJ program, sponsored by the Japanese Business Society of Detroit, in order to gain a better understanding of cultural and educational adjustments Japanese families make when they move to the United States.

"The Japanese government are concerned their students will lose ground; they want them to keep up with Japanese curriculum and make sure they were able to do grade level work when they return," said Glubzinski, an assistant professor of business at Schoolcraft College. "They want Japanese businesses here to be successful and families to be happy. They spend a lot of money to send them over. I gained a better understanding of how different Japanese families live and how different the schools are and got a better idea of adjustments they have to make when they go back to Japan."

The 2016 IEJ contingent began its nearly two-week adventure in Tokyo, then visited Hiroshima, Miyajima and



Renee Gantt, a Parkview Elementary second-grade teacher, with the Golden Pavilion behind her in Kyoto, Japan. In the late 1300s and early 1400s, this structure belonged to the shogun (a very powerful government position) and was used as a summer villa, Gantt explained. When the shogun died, his final wishes were respected and the villa was turned into a temple. It is very popular and was crowded when Gantt visited in June as part of the International Educators to Japan program.

Kyoto before dividing up for home stays in different locations prior to returning to Tokyo.

They went to seven different schools, including private and public, in high-income and low-income areas, and with students of all different ages. They visited temples, shrines, gardens and historical landmarks, including the Hiroshima Children's Peace Monument. Their eyes were opened to a culture that is vastly different from the U.S.

Culture shock

Besides the lack of diversity Glubzinski observed compared to the U.S., she also noted there is a large emphasis on conformity in the Japanese society.

"They are much more for the good of the order than individual success," she said. "They are very sensitive about doing the right thing and looking the right way. ... They are a society that is very focused on the group. Individuals don't stand out there."

While the country is smaller in land area than California, Japan has a population of 127 million people who live in smaller homes and apartments, decorated in simpler styles, Glubzinski said.

She has traveled extensively in Europe and went to Japan wondering how different could it possibly be. She discovered the differences could be enormous, largely because Europe is a melting pot, with English speakers easy to find. This was not true of Japan.

Despite the language barrier, she enjoyed many other aspects of the country that Gantt and Payne also remarked on, including the cleanliness, the quiet and, most significantly, the respectful, kind nature of the people. "It really amazed me

how well-organized everything is," Gantt said. "Tokyo is huge, but it's so ridiculously clean, calm and quiet. ... It was the fifth day before I even heard a horn honk." Payne agreed.

"As Americans, we're very fast-paced and strongly opinionated and you go from that to spending two weeks in a country where they aren't opinionated, they don't argue, they don't insult," he said. "It's embarrassing to raise your voice in public there and the respect they have for each other, both Japanese and outsiders, is incredible."

Gantt observed most of the students are very motivated and very independent. She recalls her surprise at seeing a very young child, perhaps in kindergarten or first grade, walking the streets of Tokyo alone, on his way to school, but then she notes she had no fear of riding the subway there by herself at night. "Japan is so very safe

— I think it has to do with cultural beliefs and values, taking care of each other and respecting each other," she said. "I really, really enjoyed my time there."

Classroom lessons

She particularly enjoyed her time in the classroom, getting a better understanding of where her students back home came from and the challenges they face in the U.S.

"It's a big transition for students to move across the world and I want to know their background and what they have experienced, so I can build bridges and help them make that transition," said Gantt, who like Glubzinski and Payne had to apply to be in the IEJ program. "I wanted to learn more about their culture and education."

Among other things, she learned the class sizes are larger, averaging 35 students. Children also eat in their classroom, everyone served the same meal in the same measured amounts by fellow students, with no leftovers. The students clean the schools, which are spotless, not janitors.

Children don't study English until seventh grade in Japan and then learn from a native English speaker, but what Americans are doing in math in fifth grade, Japanese students are learning in second grade (although Glubzinski notes that appears to be memorization, not a true understanding of the process).

There is very little technology in the classrooms and children sit at their desks a large percentage of the day, but with what appears to be little fidgeting. She observed that like most children, they play and talk but, when the bell rings, they are ready to learn. Students also attend school 5½days a week.

American application

Payne, like Gantt and Glubzinski, is looking forward to bringing what he learned in Japan back to Novi. He recounts an IEJ colleague who was intimidated by a vending machine in Japan, unable to read it, unsure what to do.

"It really made me think about what it is like for Japanese students to walk into our classroom," he said. "What can we do for these kids that come into our class, that don't speak English? What can we do to make them feel a part of the class?"

He believes the district needs a game plan to welcome these students, to make them feel comfortable in a new world where they don't understand the language nor the culture and to also make the teachers feel confident in their ability to instruct these students.

"We go there with the

defined goal of seeing the Japanese education system and come back with significantly more than that," Payne said. "We have a much better understanding of Japanese culture, how it impacts families, why they come here, why they send their kids to English-speaking public school, why they send them to Japanese Saturday school. It really spurred us to see Japanese students in a different way."

Payne values the relationships he made with colleagues from around the country and the ability to share ideas with them as they implement what they have learned in Japan in their respective classrooms.

Gantt and Glubzinski were able to renew friendships during their trip with Japanese families who spent time in Novi and have since returned to their native land.

In a day spent sightseeing with a Japanese mom Glubzinski had not seen in a decade, she asked if it would help if the district had mentor families for the Japanese expatriates. "She said that would

"She said that would have been nice; they were kind of fending for themselves," Glubzinski said. "It could be so much more if they built relationships with American families. ... What if the first couple months they are here, they are partnered with a family that extends friendship?

'The biggest takeaway is you can't assume everyone is like you," she added. "The mistake Americans make is to think that everyone ought to be like them. I teach at a community college and every semester I tell my students, 'Save your money, go outside the U.S. --- not to Canada or Mexico - and have a true international experience.' The world is bigger than the U.S. and there is so much we can learn from other people."

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Novi students share reviews on city's history

Students who completed second grade at Deerfield Elementary School in Novi this spring share their reviews of the history of Novi as told by a longtime resident.

Alyssa Tang

"Dream a little, read a little, imagine a little," someone once said. Who was that someone? That someone was Patricia Ziegler's dad. Patricia Ziegler was a longtime resident of Novi. She visited our classroom because we believe it's important to learn about the past. She grew up in the 1940s and 1950s. She lived on a farm on nine acres. When she was 15 and in high school she worked at a buttermilk stand. The buttermilk stand's name was Jansen's Buttermilk Stand.

Mrs. Ziegler told us what Novi was like back then, what school was like, and what her home was like. Back then, Novi was very rural. Houses were far apart. Yards were big. Many houses were old and small. Lots of people were poor and worked hard. People persevered, worked hard, and tried their best. Many people had pets and animals. It was hard taking care of the animals. Sometimes people built houses for each other. They had to plant their own food because the super market was too far away. Some people wanted to pave the muddy roads. They would get rocks and put them on the road. Mrs. Ziegler got a penny a rock from her dad. At that time, people were very resourceful. They didn't waste what they had.

In school they didn't have technology! To get to school Mrs. Ziegler had a really long bus ride (because there was one elementary in Novi). Sometimes Mrs. Ziegler would daydream about being outside. Instead of having a white board, they had a chalkboard. Mrs. Ziegler was the first person in her family to earn a scholarship to college! At school, girls almost always wore dresses. Mrs. Ziegler was a great speller and won a spell-

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ing bee!

At home, she could only watch 4 channels! And, to make things worse, t.v. was in black and white! Here's some good news...when she was 8 years old, Mrs. Ziegler got a record player. She also got an old doll from her cousin with new clothes. She also made a club called "Fun Club." She charged her siblings money to join! They mostly played outside. She liked to ice skate. They had a pond in their yard. They had a boat they liked to play with. We had fun learning about the past! That is why we want to keep the past alive!

Charak Bhamidipati

We as Novi citizens don't want to forget the past. What we want is to share our knowledge with others. For example: Novi was very rural. Schools had no technology. Houses were far apart. People were mostly poor, TV was black and white. Kids mostly played outside. Lots of people worked on farms, old settlers helped each other build houses. People were very resourceful. They used everything they had. They did not waste food. People worked hard and persevered. The past is something we never want to forget. I got this information from a former, longtime Novi resident, Mrs. Patricia Ziegler.

Sarah Klesyk

We Novi citizens, explored the past and think it is important to share this information with others because we never want to forget the past when people helped each other in everything. Before I tell you about the past I want to introduce Mrs. Patricia Ziegler. Mrs. Ziegler was a longtime Novi resident. She is grandmother of Mackenzie Ziegler. She visited my classroom. So I want to share Mrs. Ziegler's story with not just you, but the whole world.

When she was young, she grew up in Novi. She lived on nine beautiful acres of land. In high school she worked at a butter milk stand. They had no neighbors. She knew everyone, because there weren't a lot of people. People were mostly poor, and everyone helped each other. Everyone worked really hard and persevered. They took care of animals, they worked on farms, and they built houses for each other. They gardened and planted food. They collected rocks to pave the road. Every rock was equal to a penny. People were very resourceful. They used everything they had. They didn't waste. Her father owned a nursery where she learned about plants.

Schools had no technology. They went to school on a bus. She had to go on a super long bus ride. She would dream while she was learning German. They used chalkboards and she was the first person in her family to get a scholarship to college. Girls almost always wore dresses. They counted the days at school. She woke up at 6 a.m. and it was dark and got home from school when it was dark. She was a good speller and won the spelling bee.

Homes: TVs were black and white with four channels. When she was eight she got a record player. She didn't have many toys. She once got a used doll with new clothes. She created clubs for her brother and sister and charged them money to join. She would ice skate during the winter. Sot that is part of her story. Someday you might meet her. Now when you go around town, think of the past and imagine what life would be like if you lived in the 1940s, '50s, and '60s!

Mackenzie Ziegler

Patricia Ziegler grew up in Novi. She told us about the 1900s. When Patricia Ziegler was a little girl, her dad use to say, "Dream a little, read a little, imagine a little." She did those things and she is a great person. I'm here to take you on

a trip to the past.

In the past, Novi was very rural, spaced out. There were no neighborhoods. Kids rode buses down dirt roads to school. At the time, Novi had two schools. Lots of people owned lots of land. At the time, things weren't expensive.

Everybody knew everybody. Everyone helped everyone. People were very re-sourceful. They built just about everything. People also planted trees and gardens. They never wasted anything.

We got this information from a woman named Patricia Ziegler who lived during that time. We are doing this project because we think it's important to learn about the past. So we want to inform others about life in the past.

Shaelyne McCarthy

I think it is important to know about the past, so I am going to tell you about Mrs. Ziegler, a longtime Novi resident. She came to our classroom in May. She lived on nine acres! She worked at a buttermilk stand when she was in high school. It was called, 'Jansen's Buttermilk Stand. Mrs. Ziegler took care of animals. People were very re-sourceful. They never wasted.

At her house she had an apple tree out her window. TVs only had four channels. She didn't have much toys. She mostly played outside.

At school there was no technology. Mrs. Ziegler rode a bus to school. She would daydream at school. Instead of a Smart Board they had chalk boards. Girls wore dresses to school. She was a good speller. She once won the spelling bee. This is why we never want to forget the past.

Carter Thompson

You know what Novi was like in the past? Well, if you don't, then I can tell you. We had a very special guest named Mrs. Ziegler. She told us lots of information about Novi, like she told us Novi was very rural (lots of farms) and there were no neighborhoods

and houses were very far apart. She worked at a buttermilk stand. It was called Jansen's Buttermilk Stand.

When she would go to school, she would take a bus like we do now but her bus rides were a lot longer than ours. In the past their tools were scissors, chalkboards, pencils, so mostly things that we use now but we do not use chalkboards. One of her quotes was, "Dream a little...read a little... imagine a little... and learn something new every day.'

At home Mrs. Ziegler would work outside with animals. They would build shelters for the animals. She had a horse for a pet. To play, she would usually play outside. She did not have many toys to play with at home. They would plant apple trees back then.

Can you believe that there was only black and white TV and only four different channels? Let's never forget about Novi's Past!

Jes Thota

We as Novi citizens, are exploring the past and want to share our learning with others! We had an expert tell us all of this! Mrs. Patricia Ziegler grew up in Novi in the 1950s. She lived on nine acres. She worked at a buttermilk Stand. Novi was very rural. There were no neighborhoods. They were old and rented. People were mostly poor. They worked on farms. They took care of animals. They built houses for each other.

Schools had no technology. They used black boards instead of white boards and Smart Boards. There were more subjects than we have now. Some people would day dream in the middle of class.

TVs had only four channels and they were black and white. People didn't have toys, they usually got hand me downs. There was no technology, so people played outside.

I have told you four things about Novi's past. The past is something we don't ever want to forget.

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The following local residents recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Connor Daly of Novi, initiated at Michigan State University; Abby Dolan of Northville, initiated at University of Michigan; Nicole Delaney of Commerce Township, initiated at Michigan State University; Molly Williams of White Lake, initiated at University of Michigan; Rubini Naidu of Novi, initiated at Carnegie Mellon University; Courtney Quinn of Walled Lake, initiated at Grand Valley State University; and Erin Dunne of Northville, initiated at University of Michigan.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Phi Kappa Phi has chapters on more than 300 college and university campuses in North America and the Philippines.

Belmont University

The following students achieved the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade-point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C: **Elizabeth Boutin** of Northville, **Leah Bruce** of Novi, **Kaitlyn Russell** of Highland and **Meg Bruce** of Novi.

Baylor University

Baylor University conferred degrees on more than 2,500 graduates during spring commencement exercises. **Catherine Sheets Lang**ford of Commerce Township, bachelor of business administration, marketing, management, was among the graduate.

University of Akron

Ashley Miesle of Novi graduated from the University of Akron. Miesle successfully completed the program requirements earning the bachelor of business administration, marketing, man-

Lehigh University

Dean's list status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to **Da Hyun Ko** of Novi in the fall and spring 2016 semesters.

Youngstown State University

Alyson Ryan of Novi was inducted into the 2016 class of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges at this year's YSU Student Awards Banquet. Ryan is a student in the marketing management program.

University of San Diego

Michael Bagian of Northville graduated from the University of San Diego. Bagian earned a a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering.

University of Dayton

The following local residents made the dean's list for achieving a minimum 3.5 GPA for the spring 2016 semester: Janine Kjolhede of Novi; Dominick Montone of Novi; Kelly Langan of Novi; Erik Kurcz of Milford; and Elizabeth Rahill of Milford.

Wheaton College

Amber Wright of Novi was named to the dean's list for the spring 2016 semester. To earn dean's list honors, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade-point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Davenport University

Mary-Grace Denton of Novi, Robert Delyon of Highland, Pamela Wilkes of Milford, Lisa Young of Commerce Township and LaMont Troupe of South Lyon have completed a degree in business, technology or health professions at the end of the winter 2016 semester. More than 1,900 graduates earned DU degrees during the 2015-16 academic year,

Northville resident receives honor from veterans group

Kyyba, Inc., an international staff augmentation firm, announced that Northville resident Tel Ganesan, its president and CEO, recently received the National Veteran Business Development Council's Founders Award.

He was honored during the organization's presentation at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Annual Business Smart Week observance in late July.

Ganesan became involved with the NVBDC, the nation's leading third-party authority for certification of veteran-owned businesses, in 2012 when the organization began helping veterans get certified so they could obtain gainful employment and business opportunities.

The nonprofit needed an easy-to-use online registration and application software system that would capture the veteran business' capabilities and codes. However, at that time, they were struggling with their strategy and funds. Ganesan learned about their plight and volunteered his services and those of his company. Kyyba's team spent



Tel Ganesan of Northville (right) is honored by Keith King, president of the National Veteran Business Development Council.

time and effort, as well as provided a nearly \$200,000 financial investment, toward developing and launching the software, which is now used to certify companies, including large automotive manufacturers, across the country.

"Our main purpose in awarding the inaugural Founders Award was to recognize and thank outstanding individuals and their companies who were critical to our successful launch and early accomplishments and who continue to be instrumental in our growth and future success," NVBDC president Keith King said. "I'm deeply honored to have presented the award to Tel Ganesan."

"I wanted to, even in the smallest way, help the veterans who risked their lives defending this great country," Ganesan said. "This entrepreneurial journey was conceived from nothing but inspiration from several large companies who were giving veterans opportunities they would otherwise not have. We believed in it, committed to it and its success has blown away our expectations. I am very touched and honored to have received the NVBDC's Founders Award."

Ganesan serves on the Advisory Committee for the National Veteran Business Development Council, Board of Directors for Global Detroit, Board of Advisors of Ann Arbor-SPARK, **Global Talent Retention** Initiative of Southeast Michigan and Astia, and is the president of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Detroit chapter. He also is founder and president of the Kyyba Kidz Foundation, which assists orphaned children and underprivileged individuals by providing job training for job placement resulting in a gainful longterm career. The awardwinning entrepreneur was previously the vice president of the American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin and the Chairman of TiECon, leading the development of TiE's flagship conference on Entrepreneurship in Detroit during turbulent times.

OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice Is Hereby Given that on August 31, 2016, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services - Road Division, Central Maintenance Yard, 29900 Goddard Road Extension, Romulus, Michigan 48242.

The Day of Review is for the purpose of reviewing and revising the boundaries of the Drainage Districts below. Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at: www.waynecounty.com/doe.

The Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries is an opportunity to review the Drainage District boundaries with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner, engineers and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review.

The Day of Review of Apportionments is an opportunity to review the apportionment with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drains will also be available at the Day of Review.

Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the assessment period is greater than one year, you may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at (313) 749-8340 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Wayne County Circuit Court within ten (10) days. You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed
Ash	Huron Twp.	29, 30, 31, 32	30, 31
Barton	City of Romulus	10, 15	15
Bathel	Sumpter Twp.	12, 13	12, 13
Boika / Boika East	City of Taylor	33, 34	33 •
Botson	Sumpter Twp.	25, 26, 35, 36	25, 26, 35, 36
Bradshaw	City of Belleville	27	
	Van Buren Twp.	34, 35	34
Brier Tile	Van Buren Twp.	29	28, 29
Brown	Van Buren Twp.	31	31
Brown and Rounds	Van Buren Twp.	31, 32	31, 32
Brower	City of Romulus	18	18
Cady	Van Buren Twp.	31, 32	32
ole	Huron Twp.	18, 19	7, 18, 19
arter	City of Taylor	8	8
ast Lawn tile	City of Plymouth		26
	Plymouth Twp.	35	26, 35
aton	Van Buren Twp.	31	31
forman	Huron Twp.	20	17, 20, 21
umtow Storm	Huron Twp.	30, 31, 32	30, 31
arling	City of Inkster	23	50, 51
	City of Westland	22, 23	22, 23
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(-1)d	Van Buren Twp.	34, 35	34
Iolland	City of Taylor	18	18
luff	Northville Twp.	4,9	4,9
lelwig	Huron Twp.	20, 21, 28	20, 21, 28, 29
udd Road	Huron Twp.	8,17	8, 17
ehigh	City of Dearborn Heights	33	32, 33
IcBride	City of Romulus	17, 18, 19, 20	17, 18, 19, 20
Iartin	Huron Twp.	7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30	7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30
	Sumpter Twp.	12	12
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	City of Lincoln Park	PC C, PC B	
looren	City of Taylor	21, 22, 27, 28	21, 27, 28
Iooring No. 2	City of Taylor	22	22
ranch No. One Mosquito	Huron Twp.	30, 31	31
a star an and a started	Sumpter Twp.	25, 36	25, 36
Aary Street Branch of Snow/	City of Taylor		
Iolland Road Branch of Snow		7	7
lew Otting	City of Taylor	29, 32	29, 31, 32
wens	City of Livonia	15	15, 22
ackard	City of Romulus	23, 24, 25, 26	24, 25
resley	City of Dearborn Heights	33	33
leynolds	Sumpter Twp.	5	5
Contraction of the state of the	Van Buren Twp.	32, 33	32
liggs	City of Belleveille	27	
	Sumpter Twp.	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Van Buren Twp.	27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35	28, 29, 30, 31, 34
tekette	Huron Twp.	32	32
teward	City of Taylor	22, 27	22, 27
Jonaru -	City of Southgate	22, 27	
chamberg		16	23, 26
chomberg	City of Taylor	25	9, 16, 17
aggart	City of Trenton		25
Cownline	Huron Twp.	18, 19, 30	7, 18, 19, 30
Provide Colored Balling Street	Sumpter Twp.	12, 13, 14	13, 24
Westfall	Van Buren Twp.	35	35

agement Program. Miesle made the spring 2016 dean's list. Miesle ,maintained a GPA of 3.5-3.999 and was enrolled in 12 or more credit hours.

Carthage College

Kaylie Vanord of South Lyon and Aaron San Juan of Novi were named to the dean's list for academic excellence during the spring 2016 semester. Dean's list honors are accorded to students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

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with nearly 900 participating in commencement festivities in downtown Grand Rapids.

Olivet Nazarene University

Deirdre Gerke of South Lyon and **Kacey Richman** of Novi were named to the dean's list during the spring 2016 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

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Police shoot suspect in Farmington Hills bank robbery

Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Farmington Hills police officers thought the suspect in the robbery Aug. 2 of the Bank of America branch on Middlebelt near 11 Mile looked familiar.

After viewing a composite of the suspect, Chief Chuck Nebus said, officers recalled a similar robbery from 2006. In that case, the man robbed a LaSalle Bank branch, ironically located in that same building.

Then, as news of the robbery hit the media, tipsters recognized the man and provided a name. When they checked, Farmington Hills officers confirmed it was the same man



FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE The 54-year-old suspect in an Aug. 2 robbery at the Bank of America branch in Farmington Hills was shot dead the next morning.

from the 2006 robbery. "Our officers thought they recognized him,'

Nebus said last week. "Then we started getting tip information that confirmed it was the same person.

By the next morning, officers from the Michigan Department of Corrections and the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium, including officers from Farmington Hills, had tracked the suspect to the Victory Hotel on Telegraph, south of Grand River, in Detroit.

When officers attempted to arrest him, the 54-year-old suspect lunged at them with what Nebus said was "a large knife" and officers shot the man dead.

The suspect had just been released on parole July 12. Nebus said he'd been living in a halfway house in Pontiac, but hadn't returned home by his curfew Aug. 2, a condition of his parole.

MDOC officers obtained a warrant for his arrest based on that parole violation, which is what eventually led police to the Victory Hotel. Nebus said police

believe the man went back to the 11 Mile/Middlebelt area looking for the same branch and wound up allegedly robbing the Bank of America branch instead.

He said the man "must have been desperate" to go back to the same area where he'd already been caught, just three weeks after being paroled.

"He'd have to be pretty desperate to do a rob-

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bery with no mask, no disguise," Nebus said.

Police are not releasing the suspect's name pending the outcome of the investigation into the shooting. That investigation will be handled. Nebus said, by Detroit Police and the Michigan State Police.

"Our understanding is that the suspect produced a knife and lunged at the officers," Detroit Police Sgt. Michael Woody said. "A West Bloomfield officer fired one round, striking the subject in the chest. A Michigan Department of Corrections officer fired one round, striking him in the shoulder.'

The man was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital a short time

later, Woody said.

Nebus said Farmington Hills police will monitor the evidence coming out of the shooting investigation for anything linking the man to the Aug. 2 bank robbery.

Meanwhile, he said the case offers a lesson in law enforcement.

"What drives many suspects is often a problem with alcohol, drugs or gambling," Nebus said. "About 75 to 80 percent of suspects in all bank robberies get caught. They might get out the door, but they seldom get away with it."

Michigan.com contributed to this report.

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Hotel high-jinks

Hotels were popular for high-jinks this week. Police were called at 1:29 a.m. Aug. 1 to the Novi Sheraton on Haggerty Road for a report of a couple smoking marijuana in one of the rooms.

The couple were not guests and the room was not registered to anyone. Hotel security also advised there were approximately 12 children exiting the room with the two adults.

When the officer arrived, he saw a large group of children running toward his patrol vehicle. They stated that they were using the hotel pool while one of the adults was working at the hotel as a housekeeper. The children were all related: brothers, sisters and cousins.

A woman then exited the hotel and hotel security said that the female was one of the subjects that had been in the room. The woman stated she did not have her driver's license on her. She said she was invited by a hotel employee to use the room and pool and was leaving the hotel for the evening.

The officer ran the name the woman gave him through the Law Enforcement Information Network and found numerous warrants out of the Warren Police Department, the Oakland **County Sheriff's Office** and the Sterling Heights Police Department. The officer asked for her name again and was told she'd given him an incorrect middle name.

Permission was given to search her purse, in which was found her driver's license, as well as a small black pill bottle that contained marijuana, according to a report. She was arrested for possession of marijuana, booked and processed and given a court date. The children were turned over to a guardian for the evening.

In trouble with cops, mom

An angry mother refused to post bond for her son after he apparently crashed her car and was arrested for minor in possession.

Police responded about 4:54 a.m. Aug. 2 to Fairway Hills Drive for suspicious circumstances after a woman heard a loud noise outside of her home that sounded like a vehicle hitting something.

Upon arrival, the officer found two subjects walking northbound on Fairway Hills Drive. A white Honda Accord with moderate front end damage was also located on a front lawn. It appeared the vehicle left the road and hit a mailbox before hitting a tree.

A police report stated one of the subjects admitted that he was the driver and got in an accident after stealing a beer from his parents' fridge and consuming it with

his friend. He also said he has only a GDL Level 1 and took the car without his mother's knowledge. He said he cut the corner on Fairway Hills Drive too fast. A preliminary breath test showed he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.02 percent. His friend also took a breath test, which showed he had a BAC of 0.04 percent.

The driver's mother arrived on scene and told the officer this is the second time her son has been in trouble for his behavior and she will not post bond for him this time

Both the driver and passenger were arrested for minor in possession of alcohol taken to the Novi Police Department. The driver was issued a misdemeanor citation for MIP-alcohol and two civil infraction citations for violation of GDL license and basic speed law.

Later in the day, they were both video arraigned, with bond set at

\$500 personal recognizance for the passenger and \$1,000 personal recognizance for the driver. Both subjects were released.

Patrol car almost hit

A woman who almost reversed into a police car was found to have been smoking pot, police alleged.

A Novi police officer was on patrol about 2:16 a.m. July 29 in the Springs Apartments complex in the area of Beck Road and West Pontiac Trail, when he saw a vehicle parked with its lights on. As he passed the vehicle, it began driving in reverse, causing the officer to swerve to avoid a collision

The officer stopped and made contact with the driver, who said she did not see him when she backed out of the parking spot. When speaking to her, he stated in a report that he could smell marijuana coming from the car.

He asked her to step out of the vehicle and asked if there was any marijuana in it, which she denied. She later admitted that she had attended the Drake/ Future concert in Auburn Hills and smoked marijuana there, about three to four hours prior to the traffic stop. She said she used to have a medical marijuana card, but never renewed it upon expiration.

During a search of the vehicle, the officer allegedly found a bag with a green prescription bottle with marijuana inside. There was also rolling papers, a silver marijuana grinder and an Icebreakers mint tin with a marijuana roach. She was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

— By Susan Bromley



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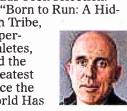
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'Born to Run' is libraries' Community Reads 2016 choice

The Neighborhood Library Association has announced the seventh annual Community Reads book selection.

den Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen" by



McDougall Christo-

pher McDougall is that rare book that will engage your mind and inspire your body. The international bestseller is a riveting narrative about the author's quest to discover the secrets of the reclusive Tarahumara tribe, whose members have honed the ability to run hundreds of miles without rest or

injury. Six neighboring li-

braries are hosting book discussions and programs related to the book, culminating in a visit by the author at Novi Public Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Full of incredible characters, amazing athletic achievements, cutting-edge science and pure inspiration, "Born to Run" is the true story of a tribe living in the deadly Copper Canyons of Mexico, who for centuries, have practiced techniques that allow them to run hundreds of miles without rest. Their super-human talent is matched by uncanny health and serenity, leaving the tribe immune to modern diseases and strife. The story culminates in a 50-mile race in Tarahumara country,

pitting tribe members against an odd band of marathoners, including McDougall, a star ultramarathoner and a barefoot runner. McDougall trained as a foreign correspondent for the Associated Press and covered wars in Rwanda and Angola. He created the Outside magazine web series, "Art of the Hero."

"Runners and non-runners alike will be fascinated not only by this peek into the world of ultra-marathon running, but also by the very compelling and inspirational stories within," said Julie Farkas, Novi Public library director. "To select our Community Reads title, librarians from six neighboring libraries gather to carefully choose a book with wide appeal and one that lends itself to good dis-

cussions and programs. We are particularly pleased this year to have author and runner McDougall talk about his training and incredible interaction with Tarahumara tribe members."

The goal of the NLA's Community Reads is to bring communities together to read and discuss the same book. The NLA is composed of Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library, Wixom Public Library and, new this year, Walled Lake City Library. Copies of the book are now available for checkout at each library. Book discussions and related programs begin in September.

McDougall will be available for a "Meet the Author" event at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Novi Public Library. Contact the library at 248-349-0720 or go to novilibrary.org to regis-

Everyone is welcome to attend these Community Reads events at the six area NLA libraries:

» Yoga Basics at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 and 28 and Oct. 12 and 26, at Salem-South Lyon **District Library**

» You Can Achieve Your Goals! For a Healthy Metabolism at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Wixom Public Library

» Guided Meditation at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Lyon Township Public Library

» Motivation & Courage with Marathoner Doug Kurtis at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at

Northville District Library

» Smart Eating for Your Workouts at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Walled Lake City Library

» Running 101: From the Couch to a 5K at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Novi Public Library

» Documentary Film on the Tarahumara Tribe: Goshen at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Northville Township Hall (sponsored by Northville District Library)

Registration is required for the author visit and may be required for the other events. Contact each library for details.

To learn more about the book and for a complete schedule of 2016 Community Reads events, dates and times, go to http://mynla.info.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Michigan's First Prison: Jackson Prison

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15

Details: How Jackson won the battle for the seat of Michigan's first state prison and how it became one of the largest walled prisons in the world. Presented by Historic Prison Tours. Register online at www.northvillelibrary.org or call 248-349-3020.

Teen Tie-Dye T-Shirt Party

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16

Details: Tie-dye T-shirts (bring your own unless you were one of the first 40 to register). Grand prize winners announced at 2 p.m. Tie-dye does not wash out,

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so wear old clothes. Register.

Shakespeare in Detroit

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17

Details: Celebrate your love for the Bard with this presentation by Samantha White, artistic director and founder of Shakespeare in Detroit, the only professional Shakespeare theater company in Detroit. Register.

Foreign Film

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22

Details: Join us for this well-reviewed Arabic film "Theeb." In 1916, Theeb and Hussein live in a quiet Bedouin community in Jordan when war interrupts their

peaceful existence. Just drop in.

Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 Details: Compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle. Register individually; 14 teams of four will be assembled at the event. Prizes! Arrive by 10:15 a.m. to

begin promptly at 10:30 a.m.

ESL Conversation Group

Register.

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday

Details: Join us every Tuesday at The Next Chapter Bookstore & Bistro for informal conversation to help improve your English skills. Just drop in!



Rachel Siggens, regional director of the Foster Closet of Michigan, picks up the donated socks from Barnes & Noble.

Harry Potter fans collect socks for Foster Closet of Michigan

During the Barnes & Noble Harry Potter event July 30, guests received house points by completing tasks to benefit the Foster Closet of Michigan.

"We thought about combining a fun event while at the same time attempting to benefit a local organization that could use socks so we set up a "free Dobby" donation box and contacted The Foster Closet of Michigan," said Gayle Townsend, community business development manager for the Barnes & Noble store in Northville.

Dobby, a house-elf, is freed from his master by receiving a sock from Harry Potter.

Guests who attended the Harry

children placed in the foster care system in the state of Michigan. These items are new and like new items that have been donated.

Children are often placed into foster care with no personal items and in many cases, with only the clothes on their back. "When a child comes into care the families contact us and arrange a visit to the Foster Closet. We try to address every need the child has regarding clothing and personal belongings" said Rachael Siggens, regional director of the Foster Closet of Michigan Children.

The Foster Closet of Michigan located in several neighboring towns, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit oper-

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and 3:45-5:45 p.m. Aug. 13. Victorian clothing sale:

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only from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

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Upcoming events **Buildings open to the public:** 1-4 p.m. each Sun-day through Oct. 16. Grounds closed for weddings: 3:15-5:15 p.m. Aug. 12 and 12:45-2:45 p.m 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

open from 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.

Potter event collectively donated more than 150 pair of socks for the Foster Closet.

The Foster Closet of Michigan provides clothing, underclothing, toys, shoes, baby equipment, gear and, in some cases, furniture to

ated 100 percent by volunteers; most of them foster families themselves. For more information, call 800-554-4966, go to www.fosterclosetofmichigan.org or www.facebook.com/FosterClosetOfMichigan



Mom heads fundraiser for overseas wells

Walk4Water helps to secure safe water

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Jessica Allen will add a personal touch to her annual Walk4Water fundraiser next month in Northville.

The event Sept. 17 at Three Cedars Farm, held in conjunction with Livonia Church of Christ and Healing Hands International, promotes Walk4Water activities nationwide. The walk raises money to fund drilling for clean, drinkable water overseas.

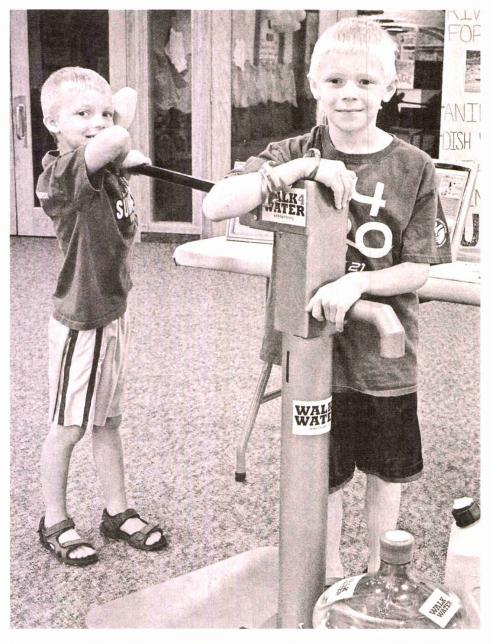
Allen, a Livonia resident, started a local arm of the national fundraiser in 2012 with her husband Terry and their two boys. This year the event will include a short walk, hayride and bonfire. She'll also share firsthand knowledge of drilling.

"I have a chance to go to Haiti. I never thought I'd have this chance. When we started this, I said, 'Wouldn't it be cool to be at a well when peo-ple get their water?' This year I have a chance to go on a trip to Haiti to help drill," said Allen, who will spend Sept. 1-5 in the Caribbean nation with other Walk4Water coordinators.

"I can't wait to meet the people. I'm so excited to meet them and be around them and see them experience clean water for the first time."

She's not sure exactly what the drilling process demands, but plans to roll up her sleeves and pitch in.

"I think we'll definitely be working. I've seen pictures of mud, wet



Hunter (left) and Tanner Allen raise awareness of Walk4Water at Livonia Church of Christ's Vacation Bible School.

based Healing Hands

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clay, of when they hit water and it's spraying up," she said.

Understanding the need

The experience will help Allen raise awareness of the need for



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BERGIN

JOSEPH PATRICK "JoeJoe" 61, of Bonita Springs, Florida, died July 23, 2016. Joe was ber 13 , 1954 to born

LENNIE SHEILA

June 7, 1934 - July 24, 2016 away August 5, 2016. He was born February 25, 1933 obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

clean drinking water "Without awareness, overseas, which she says the funds don't make sense," he said in a is as important as donatphone interview. "When ing funds for drilling. Doug Fair agrees. you go to a different He's vice president of country, you're blown away by their needs." operations at Texas-

He said Walk4Water aims to create an awareness that water "makes life flow." The No. 4 in the title refers to the average number of miles some families walk to find water.

"When you take water out, nothing else works, he said. "When you add it, you have restoration of life."

Maintenance problems

Healing Hands drilled 56 wells in Haiti and



Youngsters catch water from a well in Haiti.

plans to complete 100 more this year. Because they are in constant use, many wells also break down. Fair said it's not uncommon for a well to stop working three months after installation.

"It's one thing to bring water, it's another to

keep it flowing," he said. In addition to drilling and maintaining wells in Haiti, the organization also drills in India, several African nations, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Healing Hands representatives attend all Walk4Water events. Eight walks are scheduled next month.

"The walks all look different. We think outside the box and we encourage coordinators to do the same," Fair said. "Jessica had a passion for it and ran with it. We want people to know how blessed we are and how much of a struggle it is in Third World countries to get water every day.'

Choosing water

That notion has fueled Allen's interest in Walk4Water. When she and her husband were looking for ways to give back and "be a part of something bigger" five years ago, they considered a variety of volunteer projects, including fostering a child.

"We went with water. It is something essential to every day life," Allen said. She invited her

church to participate and coordinates the fundraiser with Healing Hands.

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The event, which was held in Livonia before moving to Northville last year, has raised enough money to drill four wells since 2012. Last year, when the cost per well went from 4,800 to \$6,000, Walk4Water raised more than \$13,000, enough to drill two wells and buy water filters for locations where drilling isn't possible.

Allen hopes to raise enough money for at least one well this year. The Vacation Bible School at Livonia Church of Christ gave the project a head start by donating \$633.

"If you raise awareness and they truly understand, the funds will come," she said.

The event starts with registration at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Three Cedars Farm, 7897 Six Mile, Northville. The event will start at 6 p.m. Participants can bring drinks, snacks, hot dogs and other foods for the fire, along with roasting sticks. S'mores will be provided.

Register online and receive a free Walk4Water T-shirt at the event. Walkers can create their own fundraising page. Go to hhi.org/walk4water/livonia-mi-2016.

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Bernard Howard Bergin and Rosemary Dowsey Bergin. He was raised in South Lyon. MI and lived for many years in Bonita Springs, FL. Known to have been mischievous and enthusiastic, Joe also loved sports and sharing time with the people around him. He is survived by his seven siblings, Paula (Ron) Kufner of Rochester Hills, MI, Julie (John) Milowe of Three Rivers, MI, Gregory Bergin of Dexter, MI, Steven (Kaori) Bergin of Milford, MI, Theodore (Lorain Smalligan) Bergin of Lowell, MI, Daniel Bergin of Pinckney, MI, and Peter (Carol) Bergin of Traverse City, MI; many nieces and nephews; and his "Murphy's family" in Bonita Springs, FL. He is preceded in death by his father and mother. A funeral service will be held at St. John Catholic Church, "little church" cemetery, Howell, MI at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2016. There will be a 30 minute visitation immediately preceding the funeral service. In remembrance of Joe's love for sports and at the request of his mother, a memorial athletic scholarship is being established in his name at South Lyon High School. Please send contributions to any branch of FirstMerit Bank, c/o "FBO Joseph P Bergin Special Needs Trust"

CASE

JULIE M. Age 67, passed away August 2, 2016. She was born September 27, 1948 in Detroit, daughter of the late Alexander and Ann Marie Bernadine. Julie's passion was horses and she could often be found riding horses or caring for them. She is survived by her beloved husband, Richard; her loving children, Jennifer (Steven) Pieske, Brian (Kristin) Case, and Robert (Malinda) Case; her grandchildren, Liana Pieske, Lauren Pieske, Ashley Pieske, Keira Case, Cooper Case, and Carlee Case. Julie was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Rosemary Rashid. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 7 and a Funeral Service was held on Monday, August 8 at PHILLIPS FUNÉRAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon Memorial donations may be made to Wildwind Equestrian Center. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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MITCHINSON



SHIRLEY ANN passed into God's Light on August 3, 2016 in her 84th year. surrounded by her loving family. Preceded in death by her husband of 45 years Rev. Al Mitchinson. Leaving to mourn with fond and loving memories her children, Allison (Jeff Weger) Mitchinson, Jeff (Cathy) and Greg (Dawn); eight grandchildren, Leland, Joe, Shelby, Olivia, Steve, Clara, Grace and Griffin; two brothers, Donald and Alfred Sprague; and three sisters, Shelia (Gordon) Mitchinson Brenda (Elden) Cattell and Sonja (Tom) Quinn. She was born February 21, 1932 in Hudson, Michigan, the daughter of Carroll and Myrna Sprague. Shirley devoted her life as AI's partner in serving God through his ministries, especially in the role of church secretary of New Hudson United Methodist Church for 36 years. From 1971 to 1995 Shirley formed part of the fabric of Dolsen Elementary in New Hudson, as secretary and through supporting, nurturing, and loving all the children who learned and grew there. She and Al retired to Grand Blanc in 2002. She loved her family dearly and steadfastly celebrated their achievements In later years she rarely missed her grandchildren's school and sporting events. Shirley was a woman of intelligence, energy, and spirit, who lived her values and sought meaning in life through endless missions to help others. A memorial service celebrating Shirley's life will be held on Saturday August 13, at noon at Grand Blanc United Methodist Church, 515 Bush Avenue, Grand Blanc. Reverend Julius Del Pino officiating. Visitation will be at 10:30 am Saturday at the church until the time of the service. Contributions in her memory may be made to New Hudson United Methodist Church, or a charity of one's choice. Letters of condolence, shared stories, and memories may be left for the family online at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com. May her life and memory be a blessing to all who knew her.

the late Samuel and Susie Seccombe. Bob was a proud Army veteran who had risen to the rank of Sergeant serving in the Korean war. He had a 33 year career with Ingersoll-Rand as Vice President of the Automation Division and retired in 1998. He was a former Lyon Township trustee. He is survived by his loving children, Bobby (Karen), Cindy (Ed) Pariseau, and Cathy (Chris) Burt; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Kristin, Melissa, Michael, and Derek; four great-grandchildren, Kelsie Karlie, Madelyn, and Zachary; and a fifth great-grandson expected in December. Bob is also survived by his siblings, Calvin (Pat) Seccombe and Violet King. He was preceded in death by his wife. Dolores 'Dodi" in 2014. Visitation will be held on Wednesday August 10 from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, August 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Church of Christ, 21870 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Bob will be laid to rest beside his wife in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial donations appreciated to Church of Christ or to the Alzheimer's Association. www. phillipsfuneral.com



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Art in the Garden

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 Details: Art in the

Garden, an exhibition featuring the original paintings of Yiannis, with special guest Hilary Farr, star of HGTV's "Love It or List It," takes place 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at 28600 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Program at 5:30 p.m., with live auction at 6 p.m. with Lila Lazarus. Sparkling wine, strolling appetizers. Summer chic attire. \$50 per person at the door benefits Planet Lori Art Camp Lori Haber Buckfire Foundation. RSVP to viannistheartist@gmail.com.

Skin Deep: Keeping Your Skin Healthy

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16

Details: Providence Park Hospital will hold this program at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road, in the West Room. Learn how to protect your skin from damage; recognize the signs of skin cancer; and latest products for healthier skin. It is presented by Aaron Cetner, M.D., FAAD, FACMS, Dermatologist. Free. Register by calling 888-751-5465.

Networking workshop

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 Details: Free lunch, networking and workshop for business owners, hosted by Tom Powers with Insight Business

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coaching at AmeriCenter of Novi, 28175 Haggerty Road. Is your business thriving or just surviving? Learn the four key pieces to a great business. Register online at tinyurl.com/insightnovi.

Summer meal program

Time/Date: Through

Friday, Aug. 19 Details: Walled Lake Consolidated Schools will participate in the Summer Food Service Program. This program provides meals to children ages 1-18 without charge. Young adults from ages 19-26 are also eligible if they're enrolled in programs for the mentally or physically disabled. These programs must be recognized by a state or local public agency. Adults may purchase a meal for \$2.

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

Glow in the Night

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26

Details: Join in for the fourth annual Glow in the Night 5K Fun Run/Walk at Kensington Metropark, hosted by NR Road Racing and benefiting Five Points of Hope Cancer Care Fund. \$40 per person and \$45 walk up registration fee. All ages are welcome, however, anyone 12 and older must be registered. Kids 11 and younger are free with registered adult. Free participants will not receive glow powder or T-shirt, but there will be extra color for sale at the

event.

Go to www.nrroadracing.com to register as a participant or volunteer.

Piece by Piece — Assemblage Invitational

Time/Date: Exhibit open through Aug. 27

Details: Exhibit features Rick Cronn of Ann Arbor, Cre Fuller of Ypsilanti, Ozie of Wixom, Catherine Peet of Royal Oak, Stephen Palmer of Traverse City and Mike Sivak of Ann Arbor, each bring a unique perspective to the art of assemblage. At Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.. Call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse-.org. Free.

Walk Our Way

Time/Date: 9 a.m. eachTuesdays through Aug. 30

Details: Walk your way to a healthier you and reap the benefits of a regular walking routine by lifting your mood, strengthening your bones and maintaining a healthier weight. Walks range from 15-30 minutes. Walkers meet at the Meadowbrook Activity Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

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Christmas in July contest winners announced

With the weather reaching the sweltering stage lately, it's difficult to think of Christmas.

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We published a special Christmas in July section late that month and invited readers to hunt for

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the hidden Santa icons like the one pictured here. All those with the correct answer were entered into a drawing for one of many fabulous prizes donated by section sponsors.

There was a total of 13 icons hidden throughout the section. They were found on Page 1 (cover), Page 4 (contest form,

two), Page 5, Page 6, Page 9, Page 12, Page 13 Page 14, Page 15, Page 17, Page 18 and Page 19.

There were 309 entries, of which 46 correctly identified the pages for all 13 hidden icons. That means only 15 percent of entries found all the icons. The winners of the

prizes include:

» Debbie Nelson of Farmington — gift card from Medals in Time » Jennifer Christensen of South Lyon — gift certificate from Kramar

Jewelry » Kathleen Ward of Redford — gift basket from TranquiliTea » Paula Suchanek of Livonia — gift certificate from Michael's lamp

shop » Michelle Hutchison of Canton — gift certificate from Dolores Baran, DDS, PC

» Ronald Kumon of Novi – gift card from Premier Pet Supply

Also, 10 others won a coupon for a free pizza from Buddy's: Pam Fons of Birmingham, Marlo Sharpe of Plymouth, Kathy Tindall of North-



Thank to all those who entered and, remember, it won't be long before the real Christmas season is upon us.



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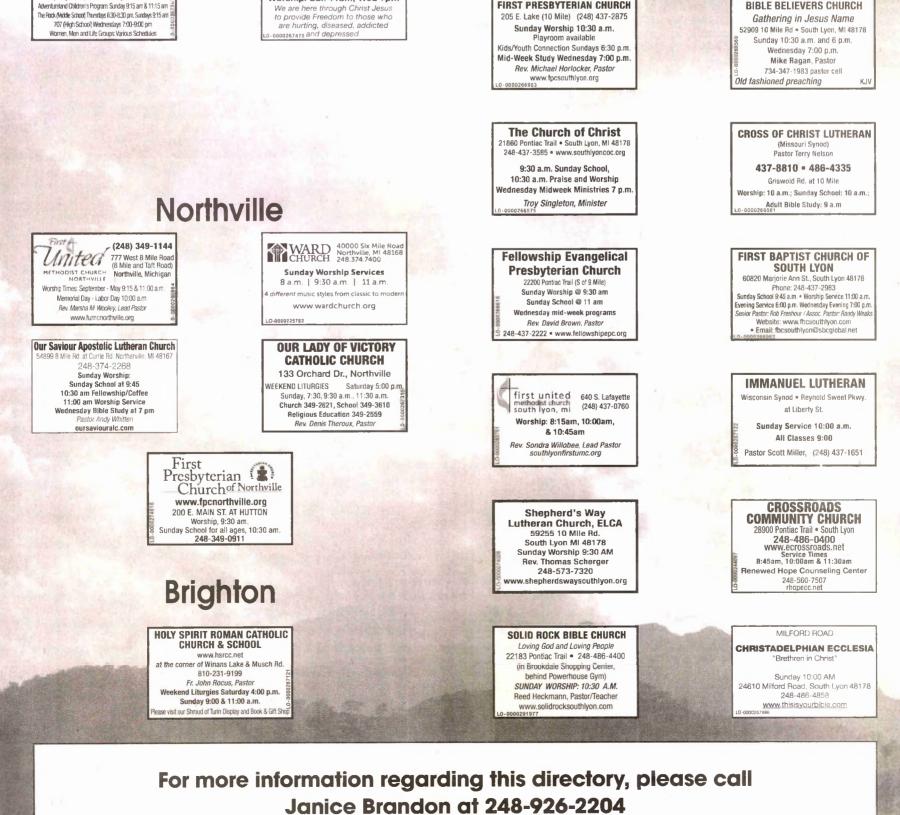
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OUR VIEW

Prescription drug abuse a real threat; action needed

You may have seen the television public service announcements urging you to "mind your meds." Local young people often begin to abuse prescription drugs that parents or grandparents are unaware are being misused and abused.

Prescription drug abuse is when someone takes a medication that was prescribed for someone else or takes their own prescription in a way not intended by a doctor or for a different reason — like to get high, the website www.teens.drugabuse.gov notes.

It has become a big health issue because of the dangers, particularly the danger of abusing prescription pain medications. For teens, it is a growing problem:

» After marijuana and alcohol, prescription drugs are the most commonly abused substances by Americans ages 14 and older.

» Teens abuse prescription drugs for a number of reasons, such as to get high, to stop pain or because they think it will help them with school work.

» Most teens get prescription drugs they abuse from friends and relatives, sometimes without the

person knowing.

» Boys and girls tend to abuse some types of prescription drugs for different reasons. For example, boys are more likely to abuse prescription stimulants to get high, while girls tend to abuse them to stay alert or to lose weight.

When prescription drugs are taken as directed, they are usually safe. It requires a trained health care clinician, such as a doctor or nurse, to determine if the benefits of taking the medication outweigh any risks for side effects. But when abused and taken in different amounts or for different purposes than as prescribed, they affect the brain and body in ways very similar to illicit drugs.

When prescription drugs are abused, they can be addictive and put the person at risk for other harmful health effects, such as overdose (especially when taken along with other drugs or alcohol). And abusing prescription drugs is illegal — and that includes sharing prescriptions with family members or friends.

There are three kinds of prescription drugs that

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or codeine;

classes of drugs:

If you or a friend are in crisis and need to speak with someone now, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (they don't just talk about suicide — they cover a lot of issues and will help put you in touch with someone close by).

are commonly abused. The website has a separate

Drug Facts pages with more about each of these

» Opioids — painkillers like Vicodin, OxyContin

» Depressants — like those used to relieve anxi-

» Stimulants - like those used for treating atten-

ety or help a person sleep, such as Valium or Xanax;

If you need information on treatment and where you can find it, you can call the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator at 800-662-HELP or go to www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov

Young lives matter, all lives matter, so let's join forces to acknowledge this problem is real, exists here and needs to be addressed now.

LETTERS

Trump insults with Purple Heart comment

I don't usually send out a blast letter but, like Popeye used to say, "I can't stands it no more." Tonight, I saw an excerpt of a speech Donald Trump made today. As he spoke, he reached in his suit pocket and pulled out a Purple Heart medal. He stated some admirer at an earlier rally gave it to him. When given the medal, Trump said, he asked the person if the medal was real and was told it was. Now, as he held up the "gift" to this

crowd, showing the medal he had received earlier, he said, "I always wanted one of these, but this is a lot easier."

Now, I was awarded the Purple Heart in a hospital ward with about 30 other patients, in Quin Nhon, Vietnam, almost 50 years ago. I was very lucky with my wound. No loss of limb or limbs. No disfigurement or major scars. Or like more than 58.000 soldiers, sailors or Marines who were awarded this medal because they gave up their life in that terrible war. Mr. Trump had no right to accept this medal!

Even if the person giving it actually was awarded it. A person with a moral conscience would have said, "Sir, thank you for this gift but I cannot in good conscience accept this high award. I did not rightly earn it and so I cannot accept it." Instead he said, thanks and then later showed off this award by the disrespectful statement, "I always wanted one of these --but this is a lot easier."

I am just a few months older than Donald Trump. However, when I was 19, I volunteered for the Army with my childhood friend Dennis. We went in together, stayed together and went to Vietnam together. We both were awarded the Purple Heart. I was given mine in November, Dennis was given his in December. However, he gave his life for his, trying to save others in our infantry company. If Mr. Trump always wanted a

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Purple Heart, he could have easily gotten one. You know, the good oldfashioned way, he could have earned it. He could have volunteered, joined or not avoided the draft. Then he could have gone to Vietnam, got himself wounded or captured like John McCain or killed like so many others and, with any luck, he might have been awarded one.

Any veteran who supports this man or even votes for him disgraces all who served, all who were wounded and all who died.

> Jasper Catanzaro Novi

Please return wedding ring

To the lady who found my wedding band: Last Thursday, Aug. 4, between the hours of 3-5 p.m., you found my wedding band in the New Hudson Walmart parking lot. I know this because you were captured on surveillance tape. I had hoped you would do the right thing and turn it into the local police/sheriff's office, but you have not.

To you this is just a ring, but to me it represents 20 years of mar-

riage to a wonderful man. You see, when we first were married we could not afford a wedding ring; we were raising a family and just getting by, like everyone else, so I had a plain gold band. My wonderful husband surprised me on our 16th anniversary with a platinum band that has seven floating diamonds. This was our symbol of the hard work it takes to keep a marriage going for the long haul.

I will never be able to replace this ring. I don't know if you are married or not. If you are, then you can feel the anguish I am going through. If you are not married, one day you will understand how this feels. I can only hope and pray you do the right thing and turn it in to the local police/sheriff's office. Please.

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LOCAL NEWS

Transit board OKs plan to let voters decide

Regional plan to be on November ballot

Eric D. Lawrence Detroit Free Press

A plan to bring regional transportation to southeast Michigan will now go to the voters.

After a near-death experience last month for the plan, it got new life when the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan, at a special board meeting in Detroit last week, agreed to place the plan on the November ballot.

After the unanimous vote Aug. 4, RTA Board chair Paul Hillegonds said the plan would "change this region forever for the better. .. This is a monumental day for us.'

John Waterman, founder of an Ypsilanti-based nonprofit, was one of several people who spoke at the meeting to urge the board's support. Waterman's group, PEAC, helps those with disabilities use transit, and he said after the vote that if the board had failed again to move the measure forward "we might lose transit for another generation."

"Today, we saw a region that's had a history of distrust that's come together at the last minute ... to improve the lives of people with disabilities," Waterman said.

The RTA had failed last month to muster enough votes to put the \$4.7 billion, 20-year plan before voters after officials in Oakland and Macomb counties raised concerns. After an outpouring of calls from transit advocates and the business community, regional leaders met Aug. 2 and hammered out a deal to save the plan.

The deal set the stage for the creation of a funding allocation committee to review major decisions affecting revenue allocation and changes to the master plan. The committee will include one member from each county Macomb, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw — and the city of Detroit. All issues that go before the committee must have unanimous support in order to take affect, meaning it will only take one of the five members to reject any proposed plan. The creation of that committee was also approved at the board meeting.

Other parts of the deal involve pushing the date that the RTA assumes responsibility for Detroit's QLINE rail system from 2024 to 2027 and allowing Oakland County to shift a "substantial" part of its allocation to paratransit and on-demand services in the northern part of the county.

Officials have praised the effort to bring what they call consensus to major board decisions through the formation of the committee, but at least one transit advocate warned that it could have adverse consequences down the road.

Megan Owens, exec-utive director of Transportation Riders United, said a regional transit plan is something the region has needed and she is pleased voters will have the chance to decide on it. But she warned that the structure of the committee might not be in the best interest of the region.

"This change ... is a step backwards, allowing every county and the city to look parochially," she said during a committee meeting before the full board vote. "Every future decision will have to be subject to a



REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

A rendering provided by the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan shows how bus rapid transit lines might appear in downtown Pontiac. BRT is one of the components of the regional master plan.

veto from any of the bodies.

That concern was echoed by the two Washtenaw County representatives to the 10member board — Alma Wheeler Smith and Elisabeth Gerber - although both offered their support in order to move the ballot measure forward.

After the vote, Owens focused on what she and other transit advocates consider a significant step for the region.

"The people of this four-county region have never (before) had a chance to say, 'I'm willing to invest in regional transit," she said, noting that voters have shown their support for area transit agencies, such as the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation.

The plan, which will include bus rapid transit, expanded standard bus service as well as express routes to Detroit Metro Airport and a commuter rail line connecting Detroit and Ann Arbor, is expected to cost the average homeowner about \$95 per year if approved. Despite legal requirements that mandated support

from each county before the 1.2-mill property tax measure could go to voters, the decision in November will be based on a majority of the total votes in the four counties as well as the city of Detroit.

RTA CEO Michael Ford noted as he has many times before that the region trails most others in what it spends on transit and that better transit can improve the quality of life for a wide range of people.

"The plan is a solid plan that addresses many components of transportation. Even those who don't use it will see a benefit from this as well. So we're excited, and we want to bring it home," Ford said of an effort that will now shift to a focus on seeking voter support.

Others from across the region also weighed in by issuing formal statements

Michigan Environmental Council president Chris Kolb said that as a Washtenaw County resident, he looks forward to voting in favor of the proposal and would encourage his neighbors to do the same.

"This is a huge step

forward for everyone in our region, whether they live in the city or the suburbs. I applaud regional leaders and the RTA board for recognizing the importance of this moment, finding common ground and moving forward with a plan that will build connections and create opportunities throughout southeast Michigan,"

Kolb said. Gov. Rick Snyder touted the expected benefits of the plan.

"The Regional Transit Authority is about getting people to jobs and making sure seniors and those with disabilities can live independently. It's also about growing our economy to benefit everyone. I had a chance to speak with regional leaders about the importance of the plan and I want to thank them for coming together and reaching an agreement for the good of southeast Michigan. Regional transit is vital to this region and to our entire state. I look forward to future steps being taken to ensure Michiganders have solid access to transportation across the state.

Wayne County Exec-

utive Warren Evans said the vote moves "our region towards a worldclass regional transit system" and residents would get to decide whether their communities deserve a significantly improved transportation system.

'This is an important decision for the citizens of this region. They will have to ask themselves a question: Should we join virtually every other urban area in the country in recognizing the importance of an efficient and effective public transportation system? Wayne County, along with the city of Detroit and Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties worked together diligently to assure equality and fairness in the services provided by the system and to protect the taxpayers.

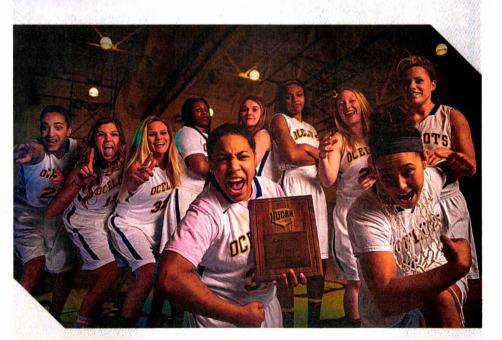
In addition to noting the collaboration of other regional leaders, Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel praised the work of his county's RTA representatives, Roy Rose and Don Morandini.

"They have helped drive a master plan and solution that is truly regional and a fair structure to put before voters," Hackel said.

In a reference to the concerns that stalled the RTA's effort last month to approve the ballot measure, the release from Hackel's office said that "after a thorough analysis of the Regional Transit Authority Plan, both Macomb representatives requested a change in how funding decisions were made before putting the issue before voters on the November ballot. This request originated from their concern that the Regional Transit Plan could not be implemented if all communities on the RTA board were not represented in funding allocations.

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Commerce Township woman named Ms. Michigan



Scheer

Heidi Scheer of Commerce Township was recently awarded the Ms. Michigan 2016 title by the Ms. America Pageant.

The mission of the pageant, organizers say, is to celebrate the accomplishments of women, encourage them to be involved in community service and use the "Crown for a Purpose" to make a difference.

The pageant is open to women age 26 and older who are single, divorced or married. The selection process for receiving a title was done by submitting an application and photo and followed up by an interview over the phone. Forty-seven women from across the United States will compete in interview, sportswear, evening gown and on-stage interview.

"Heidi Scheer really left a positive impression on our judges and we are thrilled to have her representing Michigan at the 2016 Ms. America Pageant finals this summer," said Susan Jeske, pageant CEO.

Scheer is the mother of three children (one affected with autism) and the International Ambassador for the Autism Hope Alliance.

In 2008, she co-wrote a film (viewed worldwide) documenting her son's journey through the autism spectrum. As a result, Scheer has cochaired two international autism conferences and received proclamations from the governors of New Jersey and Michigan. She traveled earlier this month to Bethesda, Md., to share her story with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee in efforts to secure greater funding for treatments for children with autism.

When Scheer's son was 4 years old, she was told he may never speak a sentence. At age 15, he now competes in public speaking on the forensics team for his school. Her mission is to share her story and inspire hope.

The Ms. America Pageant will be held Sept. 3 at the Curtis Theater in Brea, Calif. Tickets are on sale at www.msamericapageant. .com.

There will also be free LiveStreaming to watch the pageant on www.alerttheglobe.com. For appearances, email Scheer directly at: heidiascheer@gmail.com. To view Scheer's website, go to www.heidischeer-.com.

Angioplasty saves lives, but prevention is key to heart health

The leading cause of death in the United States is heart disease. Yet, many Americans are unfamiliar with the most common type of heart disease, coronary artery disease and how to prevent it.

Coronary artery disease causes more than 370,000 deaths per year and occurs when the heart's arteries become blocked or narrowed due to a buildup of cholesterol or plaque, reducing blood flow. Over time, coronary artery disease can lead to the sudden formation of a blood clot, which can completely block blood flow and may lead to a heart attack.

When coronary artery disease causes chest discomfort or the blockage increases the risk of a heart attack, angioplasty may be recommended by a physician to open the blocked arteries and restore normal blood flow. Angioplasty is a minimally invasive surgery in which a doctor numbs a spot in the groin or arm and inserts a small tube called a catheter into an artery. Watching on a special X-ray



screen, the doctor moves the catheter with a small balloon on a wire into the artery. By inflating the tiny balloon, the blocked artery is opened and allows blood to flow more easily. In many patients, a collapsed wire mesh tube, called a stent, is mounted on a special balloon and, as the balloon inflates, the stent opens against the artery walls. The stent locks in position and helps keep the artery open. Angioplasty causes very little pain and patients may only feel some pressure when the catheter is inserted.

An emergency angioplasty may be necessary when someone needs immediate intervention to save their life; however, it is better to catch coronary artery disease earlier in order to undergo elective angioplasty before a health crisis occurs.

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Livonia Heart & Vascular Center has been performing emergency angioplasty since 2005 and is now performing elective angioplasty. Prior to April, the elective angioplasty procedure was not approved for Michigan hospitals without an onsite open heart surgery program. Proving that this procedure can be done safely and with high-quality outcomes, St. Mary Mercy was the first Michigan hospital of its kind to receive certification to preform elective angioplasty from the State of Michigan and from Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence, an accreditation program ensuring facilities meets the highest standards of care.

Prevention is key

Some patients with coronary artery disease, as well as other forms of heart disease, may be able to control the disease with heart-healthy lifestyle changes. High blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking are three of the major risk factors for heart disease. In fact, accordSome patients with coronary artery disease, as well as other forms of heart disease, may be able to control the disease with heart-healthy lifestyle changes.

ing to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly half of Americans have at least one of these three risk factors.

By following the advice below, individuals can lead healthier lives and minimize the risk of heart disease.

» Eat healthy. Choose fruits and vegetables. Avoid processed foods and sugars.

 » Maintain a healthy weight. The more you weigh, the harder the heart has to work.
 » Manage stress.
 Researchers have discov-

ered a relationship between cardiovascular disease and stress. Manage stress by practicing relaxation techniques, managing time and setting realistic goals.

 » Engage in physical activity. Regular exercise helps make the heart stronger and decreases the risk of heart disease.

» Quit smoking. Nicotine raises blood pressure, causing blood vessels to constrict and the heart to beat faster. Cigarette, pipe and cigar smokers have more than double the risk of a heart attack than non-smokers.

» Control blood pressure. Blood pressure is an indication of the force applied in the arteries as the heart beats. High blood pressure increases the workload of the heart, escalating the risk of heart attack, heart failure and stroke.

» Consider vitamin supplements or a daily dose of aspirin. Aspirin has shown to prevent coronary artery disease, but may come with risks. Vitamin E and beta-carotene are natural ways to help reduce cardiovascular risk. Talk with your doctor before beginning any vitamin supplements or aspirin.

» Raise your level of HDL cholesterol. HDL or "good" cholesterol carries LDL or "bad" cholesterol from the arteries back to the liver to be removed from the bloodstream. High levels of HDL protect against cardiovascular disease. HDL can be increased by eating a diet rich in whole grain, legumes and nuts.

» Lower LDL cholesterol and triglycerides. Fatty substances, such as LDL cholesterol and triglycerides, cause fatty deposits to build up in the arteries. Diets high in saturated and trans fats increase LDL cholesterol.

Mansoor Ahmed Qureshi, M.D. is an interventional cardiologist at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor. He specializes in cardiovascular disease and is board certified in interventional cardiology by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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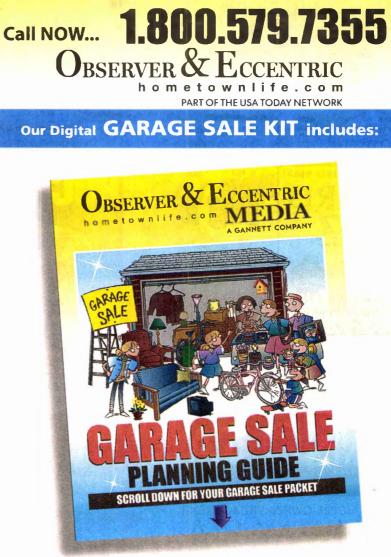
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LOCAL NEWS

Northville resident named to Parkinson Foundation board

Deanna S. Hatmaker. senior vice president of development and strategic performance for Ulliance, Inc., has been elected to the Michigan **Parkinson Foundation** Board of Directors. Hatmaker will serve alongside medical and business professionals with the primary focus of advancing the nonprofit organization's mission



tion to 15 years of Hatmaker executive leadership, Hatmaker's involvement with the Michigan Parkinson Foundation will add to

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her previous experience working with various Parkinson organizations.

'Ulliance is proud that Deanna S. Hatmaker is joining such a strong Michigan-based nonprofit organization," said Kent Sharkey, president and CEO of Ulliance. "Her leadership and business knowledge will be valuable in helping to direct and guide

offerings that support Parkinson's patients and their families.'

Hatmaker, a Northville resident, also serves on the Baker College Business Administration advisory board, the Baker College State advisory board and is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management, InFORUM, **Public Relations Society**

Send your T-shirts to Zimbabwe via local charity drive at Livonia chuch

Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

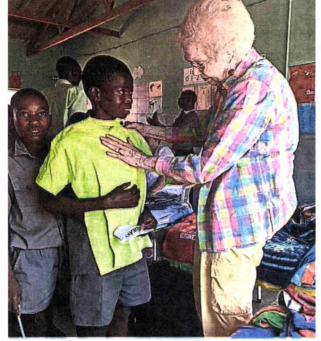
Sidney Bonvallet of **Farmington Hills wants** the shirt off your back as long as it's gently used or new and brightly colored.

She'll gladly take your donation from Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 at Kenwood Church of Christ in Livonia, with an eye toward giving the shirts to Zimbabwean orphans and adults during her trip to Africa next year.

"Our mission is food, education, health and hope and the clothing comes under hope, because you would not believe some of the clothing they wear, how they are so ragged and falling apart on them," said Bonvallet, founder and president of Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a nonprofit charitable organization.

Bonvallet is asking for T-shirts because they are lightweight and easy to ship and both boys and girls can wear them.

She'll head to Africa in April 2017, but hopes to ship the shirts next month. They'll be waiting for her in South Africa next spring. She and other members of Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, will drive the shipment to Zimbabwe, where they'll distribute



Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills helps a youngster in Zimbabwe get the correct size T-shirt. Bonvallet and other members of her organization, Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, was in Africa from March through May. They'll return with more donations next year.

most of the clothing. They'll take leftovers with them on their return trip to South Africa, where they'll stay one month before heading home.

Bonvallet prefers to ship all donations to a friend in South Africa and then drive them to their final destination. A direct shipment of 150

boxes of books was detained for two years before being released for use at a school library in Zimbabwe.

"It was one of our more successful drives with the community," said the Rev. Todd Lackie, pastor of Kenwood Church of Christ and a Helping Hands, Touching Hearts board member.

"We're shipping differently now than we used to.'

A collection container for T-shirts will be stationed under the canopy at the entrance to church, at 20200 Merriman. Sizes 6-16 for children and small, medium and large for adults are needed.

In the meantime, Bonvallet is sewing 80 dresses and tote bags for Zimbabwean children.

"I sew constantly, five hours a day almost every day. I have to make them pretty," she said. "We have 80 orphans and even more kids than that.

Helping Hands, Touching Hearts also is accepting sponsorships for orphans. A monthly donation of \$25 to \$30 a month buys food staples, such as tea and cornmeal, for each child. "Fifty-seven of the 80

children have been able to get sponsors," she said. "One sponsor in California sponsored 29 of them. He has his own little tribe.'

Get more information about Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, at clotheavillagenow.com. Watch Bonvallet's video titled "A Library to Fight Poverty" on desktop at YouTube.com.

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She is a past board member of the KiMe Fund advisory board, **Ross Business Institute** Employer advisory board, Investor's Credit **Union Audit Committee** and past chairperson of the Michigan Unemployment Employer advisory Detroit board.

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ican Legion Hall, Post 232,

Hatmaker holds a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master of science and administration degree from Central Michigan University. She also completed her executive education programs through the Stephen M. **Ross School of Business** at the University of Michigan.

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CLASS OF 1976

40th reunion, 4-9 p.m. Sept. 17, at the Redford Theatre, Detroit. Classes of 1975 and 1977, friends and family may attend the event, which will feature sack lunch and more. Tickets available at redfordtheatre.com

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Throwing shoes



Northville Parks & Recreation held its annual Family Fun Campout on Aug. 6 with 13 families at Maybury State Park. The Friends of Maybury held a horseshoe throwing contest and supplied prizes for these lucky winners (from left): Dominic Avolio, Tyler Nagy, Noah Varton, Elizabeth Varton, Darnell West and Ryan O'Neil.

Steps you can take to help stem drug abuse

only have so much room to type, so I want to get right to the point today.

Heroin is a highly addictive illegal opioid drug that can lead to an overdose, respiratory depression (reduced ability to breathe) coma or death. As a law enforcement officer, I have seen the effects this drug has taken on people. I watched a friend bury his son who died of a heroin overdose. The risk of overdoes and death increases when heroin is adulterated with fentanyl, acetyl fentanyl or another fentanyl analogue

Heroin use, abuse and



dependence have increased and so have heroin-related overdose deaths. Between 2002 and 2013, the rate of heroin-related overdose deaths nearly quadrupled. Heroin use has more than doubled among young adults ages 18-25 in the past decade and 45 percent of people who use heroin were also addicted to prescription opioid painkillers.

Heroin is usually smoked, snorted or in-



Heroin use, abuse and dependence have increased and so have heroin-related overdose deaths.

jected. Depending on the means of administration, you could find remnants of the drug use left behind. Heroin itself may be a powdery, crumbly substance, ranging all the way from an offwhite substance to dark brown. Black-tar heroin is usually sticky instead of powdery. You may find syringes, glass or metal pipes. A person dissolving the drug and injecting it also needs some device to cause the veins to enlarge, so there may be belts or rubber tubing

found.

What can you do? Talk to your friend, teenager or child. Do not be afraid to start the conversation. The right time to do it is now ...

can cause death. When the person is awake, the person's thinking may be unclear. They will tend to lose some of their memory. Other signs of heroin use are itching, scratching, nausea and vomiting. Users may experience skin infections and a lower immunity to illness.

This all ties into the question asked this week by one of our readers: What is fentanyl? Fentanyl is a schedule 2 narcotic used as an analgesic and anesthetic. It is typically prescribed to treat severe or chronic pain. It is the most potent opioid available for use in medical treatment --- 50-100 times more potent than morphine and 30-50 times more potent than heroin. Its euphoric effect is almost indistinguishable from morphine or heroin. Fentanyl is abused for its intense euphoric effects. It can serve as a substitute for heroin in an opioid dependent individual; however, fentanyl is a very

dangerous because of its potency.

What can you do? Talk to your friend, teenager or child. Do not be afraid to start the conversation. The right time to do it is now - in life, we sometimes spend too much time looking for the right opportunity to start the conversation. When talking, be specific, don't "dance around the topic." Be prepared for a strong reaction and reinforce what you think about drug use. Ask them what they know about drugs. Most importantly, if you suspect drug use, get help, contact your doctor. counselor and other friends and family whatever you need to help start a recovery

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Some of the signs someone may be using heroin: A sensation of euphoria — the user will get a dry mouth and their skin will become flushed. The user's pupils will be constricted. The person may also fade in and out of wakefulness. Breathing can also slow, which Process. You do not have to do

You do not have to do it alone.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU16-0004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Novi Energy** is requesting a **Temporary Special Land Use Permit** in accordance with accessory structure use 7.6 (2) of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary placement of ground mounted solar panels on Hampton Woods Condo Unit #3 (west of 23955 Novi Road), south of Ten Mile Road, west of Novi Road for 12 months from date of approval.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a Temporary Special Land Use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00AM on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Charles Boulard or Larry Butler in the Community Development Department and must be received prior to Wednesday September 7, 2016.

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James Austin and his wife Linda visited the Big Island in Hawaii after he completed his 50th state in the marathon.

AUSTIN'S RESUME PROVES 'BIONIC'

Northville man, 65, completes at least one marathon in all 50 states

Brad Emons Staff Writer

When it comes to his running exploits, Northville's James Austin can now coin the phrase, "been there, done that."

And with a name like Austin, he certainly could be called "The Bionic Man." The 65-year-old Austin is now official-

ly a member of the 50 States Marathon

tered 4,071 members who have covered all 50 states; he ranks No. 405 on the overall list.

Last year alone, the retired power train engineering supervisor from Ford Motor Co. completed 13 marathons to go along with three ultras.

He's done 12 races covering the 100mile distance and has more than 100 marathons to his credit, including a 3:59 time at last year's Detroit Free Press Flagstar Bank Marathon (beating his qualifying standard by 11 minutes while also earning a repeat trip to the Boston Marathon).

Embracing goals

"I just like having a goal to keep me motivated," said Austin, who has a total of 126 races of 26.2-miles or better under his belt. "I'm not the fastest person, but I like to finish things. I just keep at it. I always expect to set a goal and it keeps me fit. I just like the challenge. It's also very interesting to see the different cities, going to different parts of the country to see places normally that I haven't gone to before. But I prefer to do

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Asher will take over Concordia program

Coach went 31-5 in two seasons with Mustangs

Brad Emons Staff Writer

Amanda Asher, who took Northville High's girls lacrosse program to new heights in just two varsity seasons, is moving on to coach at the collegiate ranks.

Asher, who posted a 31-5 record while

leading the Mustangs to back-to-back Kensington Conference titles and the KLAA Association crown



KLAA Association crown Asher this past

spring, has taken the head coaching position at Concordia University.

Concordia, which will play its inaugural women's varsity lacrosse season in 2017, hired Asher following the resignation of Sammi Reiter, who stepped down in mid-July after being taking the Cardinals' newly created position in October 2015.

"I always wanted to come back, especially as a head coach, so I'm going to have this opportunity," said Asher, who previously served as an assistant coach at Albion College before moving to Northville. "(Concordia) just started their program. They did have another coach that was there nine, 10 months that did recruit six players on their team, so I'm just picking up from what she did."

At Northville, Asher inherited a team that finished 1-13 in 2014 before quickly turning around the Mustangs' fortunes, going 15-2 in her first season and 16-3 last spring Northville athletic director Bryan Masi has not yet posted the vacant varsity girls lacrosse position on the district's website, but Asher's assistant, Kayley Dahring, could be in line as a possible successor. "I'm definitely going to miss the community and I'm going to miss seeing the girls develop and grow as players," said Asher, who also resigned from her position as an event coordinator with the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. "They're just a great team and they're going to be awesome next year. They're only losing three seniors, so I'm expecting great things in the 2017 season. Asher played high school lacrosse at Hartland before going to Albion, where she was a member of the state's first collegiate varsity lacrosse program in 2008. She transferred to Central Michigan University, where she played club lacrosse, serving as team captain her junior and senior seasons. As a defender, Asher made first team all-Women's Collegiate League (2011) her senior year at CMU. She received her B.A. in event management and hospitality administration from Cen-

Club after making the Kona Marathon on the Big Island in Hawaii his final quest in June.

He is now among the group's regis-

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Johnston helps Midwest team net USTA national title

Northville High graduate excels in Boys 18s tourney

Staff Writer

Connor Johnston's USTA junior career is officially over, but the Northville High graduate headed to play at the University of Michigan this fall

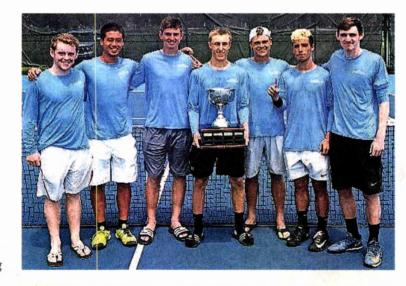


was able to collect one more treasured trophy.

Representing the Midwest Section, Johnston helped his squad to an up-

Johnston

set first-place finish in the USTA Boys 18s National Team Championship, July 30 through Aug. 2 at the University of Illinois' Atkins Tennis Center in Urbana. Johnston, playing in the No.



Northville High grad Connor Johnston (middle, with trophy) is surrounded by Midwest Section teammates (from left) Robert Krill, Bill Duo, Steve Forman, Johnathan Small, Joey Thomas and David Horneffer.

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4 flight for the Midwest, won all three of his singles matches and went 3-1 in doubles. Playing under the NCAA

dual match format, the un-

seeded Midwest Section team defeated Northern California in the championship final, 5-2. "It was a good way to go out in singles," said Johnston, who resides in Novi. "I clinched in the championship match. I got our team the fourth point, which was pretty sweet."

The Midwest pulled off the upset of the tourney by upending top seed Southern California, 4-3, in the semifinals.

Johnston scored a 7-5, 6-3 singles victory over Ryan Seggeman of So Cal and also helped the Midwest earn a doubles point with partner Joey Thomas (Canton, Ohio) in an 8-1 victory.

"That was the biggest and the toughest team we played, for sure," Johnston said of So Cal. "We kind of thought it was silly that we weren't seeded, because our team was just so good, but we didn't let that get to us. We knew we weren't really underdogs because we're all really good players, so we just went out there, trusted our game and played."

Other match victories came against Texas, 6-1, in the quar-

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LOCAL SPORTS

PDL SOCCER Cicerone leads Bucks to championship

Brad Emons Staff Writer

It was a local kid that stole the show Saturday night as the Michigan Bucks clinched their third North American Premier Development League championship in franchise history

Birmingham Brother Rice product Russell Cicerone figured in all three goals, including a clutch penalty kick in the 87th minute, to give the Bucks a hard-fought 3-2 win over Calgary (Alberta) Foothills FC at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

"It was an unreal game," Cicerone said. "We battled all 90 minutes. They were an excellent team and you've got to give them props. We played a complete team game. Everybody was working for each other and nobody was being selfish. We got the result we wanted and couldn't be happier.'

Cicerone, who will be a senior this fall at the University of Buffalo, was named tournament MVP.

His PK came after Adam Najem, who took a looping pass from Tommy Wysong, was taken down in the box and fouled by Calgary defender Jonathan Wheeldon.

"I tried to get goal side, because I saw the ball bouncing over his head, (Wheeldon) kind of just grabbed my arm, my shirt and then I just went down," Najem said.

Just 13 minutes earlier, Cicerone set up the gametying goal in the 74th minute on a beautifully timed pass to sub David Goldsmith, who made no mistake on a header.

"I was having success all night going down that wing and made one move to use my speed and I saw their goalie fading back to the back post," Cicerone said, "and (Goldsmith) had one of the most classic finishes I've seen back across the net ... it was unreal.'

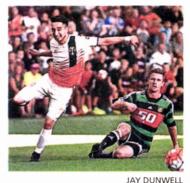
It was the first time the Bucks conceded a goal at home all season in their airconditioned indoor facility, including the four PDL playoff

games. "It's a little scary when our defense - as good as they are gives up two, so it put a little bit more weight on the offense's shoulders and we showed what we could do tonight," Cicerone said.

The Bucks struck first in the 23rd minute, when Cicerone took a waist-high pass from Jon Kubio Kamon, trapped the ball on the left side just inside



The Michigan Bucks hoist their third Premier Development League North American championship trophy in franchise history after a 3-2 win over Calgary Foothills FC.



The Bucks' Adam Najem (left) sprints toward the ball against a Calgary Foothills FC player.

the box and drilled a shot past Calgary goalie Dylon Powely.

But Foothills FC tied it up in the 38th minute, when Nico

Pasquotti scored unassisted. After Bucks goalie Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan University) robbed PDL Player of the Year nominee Dominic Russo on a header aimed into the left inside corner in the 57th minute, Calgary took a 2-1 advantage just three minutes later on Russo's goal, assisted by Kyle Jones.

"They just play so hard," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said of Calgary. "They were skillful, athletic, strong on the ball, guys who could punish you. They played with a tenacity and a speed that was difficult for us to defend. We haven't given up a goal all season and they scored two on us and almost maybe had another one or two. They gave us a load of trouble. It wasn't because we weren't doing something right, it's because they were so well-coached with so many good players. In extra time following

Cicerone's PK goal in the 87th minute, Calgary pushed up and nearly scored the equalizer, but Shepherd made a huge point-blank save on Russo in what turned out to be a frantic finish.

"We knew the Bucks passed the ball around very well," Calgary coach Tommy Wheeldon Jr. said. "They've got a team with a lot of NCAA allstars, so we knew we had to very disciplined on defense and then we knew we could hit them on the counter, which we did twice. Like I said, without that being a penalty, it's extra time, and we were prepared for that, but credit to them. They got the game-winning goal

Calgary, in only its second year as a PDL franchise, made a quantum leap after its inaugural season in 2015. Foothills FC has all homegrown players from Canada, with the exception of two Americans.

'It was a controversial way to lose a final," Calgary coach Tommy Wheeldon, Jr. said. "I like to see the referee's decision again. It seemed in real time we had a penalty (kick). To lose in that manner is tough to take, but I'm extremely proud of my group of men.

"It's a good side (Bucks), we knew that. We played them tough and we had to play them tough. I got to be proud of my boys. My boys have come from the northern point in Canada, to the southern point in Tucson (Ariz.), to Victoria (B.C.) the most western, to New Jersey the most eastern. We've traveled everywhere and we've given everybody a nell of a game. That's what I'm proud of."

Meanwhile, it was the Bucks second PDL championship in three years.

"It's been an amazing season and thanks to the Bucks organization for bringing all these players here," said Najem, who will return shortly to play for the University of Akron. "Hard work really paid off in the end. Just a talented, talented group and I'm so happy for all the guys here, the coaches and everyone.

Under the longtime ownership of Livonia resident Dan Duggan, the Bucks reign supreme and found themselves the last team standing among the 67 PDL North American clubs.

"It's really special," said Muftari, who was named PDL Coach of the Year. "I just think it goes to show the strength of the organization. The strength of these guys coming back. We had five guys that were on the 2014 (championship) team. We had nine or 10 guys on last year's group. You can't sav enough about it. It's fantastic and difficult to do. We're going to enjoy it. We know how hard this is.

And for Cicerone, who is from just up the road in Bloomfield Hills, it was even more special.

"This is probably the best team I've ever played on," said Cicerone, who is a two-time first team all-Mid-American Conference pick at Buffalo. "The amount of talent we had on our team, the firepower we had ... I'll remember the guys on this team for the rest of my life."

PREP LACROSSE

Macko is **Rice's latest** recipient of Mr. Lacrosse

Marty Budner Staff Writer

There's no doubting Brother Rice's lacrosse dynasty.

The Warriors recently captured their 12th straight Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 state championship. Rice continues to be a nationally recognized power in the Midwest Lacrosse Association and is the perennial Catholic League champion, with 19 titles in 20 years.

With all that on-field success, it's no surprise Brother Rice also dominates the player of the year honors.

Morgan Macko is the latest Warriors player to win the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association's coveted Chuck Vorce Award a.k.a. Mr. Lacrosse - which recognizes the state's most outstanding player.

Since its inception in 1996, 14 Brother Rice players been selected the state's best by the MHSLCA. Macko is the sixth Warrior to top that list over the past seven years, a mark interrupted only by Country Day's Nick Martin, who earned the honor last spring.

Stellar career

Macko simply had an outstanding 2016 season in leading Brother Rice to a 20-2 record.

The senior attack finished with a team-high 78 goals and 62 assists for 140 points. Macko, a team captain this past season along with Ross Reason, Jack O'Hara and Luke Cappetto, led the Warriors with more than 200 shots.

In the state championship game against arch-rival Catho-lic Central, Macko registered a goal and four assists in a 10-8 victory. In the three state title games in which he played, Macko scored 12 goals and added six assists.

For his career, Macko mustered 174 goals and 139 assists for 313 total points.

"I think I had a pretty good senior year for myself and the team," Macko said. "We only had two losses on the year and we were one of the top 10 teams in the nation.

'Personally, I think I capped off my Brother Rice career pretty well. There is no one person that does it all." he added. "When I was not performing, another guy stepped it up and that's what helped us to be successful this year."

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BASKETBALL

Elite camp stresses skills, plus life lessons

Marty Budner Staff Write

The Michigan Elite 25 Basketball Camp has impacted a number of young athletes over the past four years. Amauri Hardy is one of them.

An incoming senior at North Farmington High School, Hardy was one of nine four-year players who attended the 2016 camp that concluded Friday at the Hype Recreation Center in Dearborn Heights. He helped lead the Raiders to the Class A state championship game for the first time in school history last winter.

"This camp means a lot to me. I have grown and learned a lot of stuff from Tim (Mc-Cormick) and all the speakers who have come to the camp,' said Hardy, a starting guard for the Raiders who scored 15 points and dished off a teamhigh three assists in last year's state semifinal win over Lansing Everett. "This camp has definitely been beneficial to me as far as basketball and as far as life skills.

"This is a great experience to showcase my skills, along with other great players in Michigan, in front of coaches. It has been able to improve my game, made me physically stronger and mentally stronger and it just made me grow as a player. This camp taught me great team skills and leadership and how to unite a team and stick with a team and your family.

"It's a great group (of coaches) to be around and they just want the best for you," he added. "Being this is my last year of high school, I definitely wanted to come back and give it my all and compete. I wasn't going to



Michigan Elite 25 Basketball Camp co-founder Tim McCormick (right) discusses camp matters with instructor and new Salem girls basketball coach Dan Young.

miss it this year. I've learned new stuff every year. There's always something different."

Reaching the youngsters

Hardy exemplifies the student-athlete camp co-founders Micheal Dietz and Mc-Cormick hope to reach.

The enlightening five-day event attracts the state's top talent. Scouts scour the state all winter in hopes of finding only the elite high school players — ideally 25 in each grade from freshmen to seniors to learn about life on and off the basketball court.

The camp's mission is to make a lasting imprint on young athletes. That's why camp administrators stress that developing values like respect for others and country are just as important as

working on fundamental basketball skills like dribbling and rebounding. McCormick, 54, said the

no-cost camp, which includes 20 of the state's top coaches, is all about shaping a young person's character.

"The goal is to change the culture of basketball in the state of Michigan," said Mc-Cormick, a former NBA player who is considered one of the country's premier basket-ball analysts. "We spend a week talking about the importance of the national anthem and patriotism. When they play 'The Star-Spangled Ban-ner' before a game, you stand, put your hand over your heart and say the words.

"We just want to make sure these guys understand that they have great talent, but that doesn't guarantee anything," he added. "We talk about balance. We know they are really good basketball players, but they are capable of being more. We talk about them being good citizens, leaders in their class and having academic excellence."

All about character

The camp concluded Friday with a dunk contest and a career day program. In between, some 120 participants honed their basketball skills in every phase of the game from stretching to shooting.

However, each day's activities included educational sessions with important role models such as retired Lt. Col. Tom Doman and FBI agent Bob Beeckman. Players also were lectured on life subjects like character, substance abuse and the importance of family and community.

Wendell Green, who will be a freshman at Detroit Country Day this fall, was a first-time participant. The 14-year-old Northville resident couldn't have been happier with the opportunity to further his point guard skills and learn about life.

"They sell that this camp is more than just about basketball, but how you are as a person," said Green, who attended Southfield Christian Middle School. "They teach you how to be good on and off the court and they want you to do your best all the time.

"On the court, they're showing me some different moves and, off the court, they're teaching me about respect, so I'm learning from both aspects," he added. "This is a blessing to be here with all these great players. It shows me after this week what I have to work on to be the best. This is good for me."

College-bound

Macko continues to hone his skills in a men's league at Seaholm this summer before heading off to Kentucky, where he has earned a scholarship to play at Bellarmine University. Macko will join his older brother Graham on the Knights squad next season.

Macko picked Bellarmine, an NCAA Division I program in the Southern Conference, over Drexel University, Robert Morris University and Salisbury University.

"I committed to Bellarmine last summer," Macko said. "My older brother goes there, so I've been around the guvs a lot. been around the coach and knew it was definitely something I wanted to be a part of.

"The coaches there want to win and they are doing a lot of things down there to better the lacrosse program and they are bringing in some great young guys," he added. "That's where I wanted to be. I had a couple other schools looking at me, but in my heart that's where I wanted to be."



Morgan Macko is the 14th player from Brother Rice to capture the Chuck Vorce Award as the state's top high school lacrosse player.

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JUNIOR GOLF

Lack parlays wins on Kensington Tour

Catholic Central junior continues his summer hot streak

M.B. Dillon Correspondent

It's hard to beat the stellar week Northville's Andrew Lack experienced on the Kensington Junior Golf Tour. On Aug. 1, he captured the

On Aug. 1, he captured the Kensington Lake Forest Junior Open in Ann Arbor to seize the KJGT Washtenaw County championship.

The following day, after beating Novi Detroit Catholic Central High's Tommy Dye in a two-hole playoff at Milford's Mystic Creek Junior Open, he took medalist honors and the Kensington Oakland County championship.

On Aug. 4, Lack claimed the tour's Wayne County championship after shooting a secondplace 77 at the Fellows Creek Junior Open in Canton.

For the summer, Lack has won eight junior titles to go along with a pair of seconds, a third and a fourth.

"I didn't expect to do that," said Lack, who will be starting his junior year at CC. "This year, I really improved in my game a lot more than I thought I would. It feels pretty good. It's an amazing accomplishment."

Lack said he practiced a lot and wasn't too hard on himself after bad shots.

"I'd forget about it and tell myself, 'You'll get them on the next one," he said.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing at Fellows Creek.

"My front nine started off rough," said Lack, 16. "I was hooking the ball and had three double-bogeys. On the back nine, I turned it around. I fixed my swing and I made two birdies. I was hitting the ball good and putting the ball well." Lack birdied the par-3 last hole for 35 on the back side.

Fresh off her Kensington Taylor Meadows victory, power hitter Kendall Payne of Livonia fired 82 for medalist honors at the Fellows Creek Junior Open while also winning the Kensington tour's Wayne County championship.

On her heels for the round and the championship was Livonia Stevenson High's Kristen Szabelski, who took runner-up honors with 84.

"It feels kind of great," said



Northville's Andrew Lack chips one off the green to within inches of the hole during the Kensington Junior Tour Wayne County tourney at Fellows Creek.

makes me feel good to know I can shoot the scores the college girls do. It makes me more confident on the golf course."

Payne started her round by shooting 2-over 38 on the front nine.

"The back was a little bit tougher. I took three penalty strokes and had a 44," she said. "I was still thankful to take a win."

The highlight came on the par-5 third hole.

"I hit a good drive right up the middle," Payne said. "On my second shot, I kind of skulled it a bit over the green and it went onto the fringe. From there, I two-putted to get a birdie."

Of the season, Payne said, "It started kind of quick for me. The Coyote Junior Open in New Hudson (July 8) was the first time I broke 80. Something clicked for me and it's been clicking ever since."

Meanwhile, Northville's Pat Kelly, who's been golfing for only a year-and-a-half, gave himself an early birthday present by shooting 76 to win the Boys 15-18 Kensington Fellows Creek Junior Open.

"On the first hole, I pulled my drive really bad and I thought I was going to have a bad round," said Kelly, who turns 19 on Aug. 7.

Kelly regrouped and parred the hole.

the back.

"On the back nine, I hit a lot of good iron shots and I hit every green in regulation besides one," said Kelly, who was also happy with his putting on the back nine, excluding the par putt he missed on No. 18. "I feel really good about today; my score could have easily

been 70." Coming off her win with 78 at the Lake Forest Junior Open, Szabelski had trouble

with her putter and driver at Fellows Creek, but had one birdie on the front and two on the back.

"It wasn't one of my better days," she said. "It started off really good. Mostly, it was my putting that let me down."

On July 26, Szabelski also broke 80 at the Whispering Willows Junior Open .

"It felt so amazing," she said. "I worked so hard. I needed to get that. I was so happy and I felt so accomplished."

Livonia resident Madison Maurier, the Kensington Tour's Oakland Division champion and medalist at Mystic Creek with 84, placed fifth at Fellows Creek with 95.

Livonia's Megan Gronau placed fourth with 93.

Novi's Dhruv Kumar claimed the Kensington Tour's Wayne County championship at Fellows Creek in the Boys 12-14 division

Kumar and Ypsilanti's Vimal Alokam tied for first at Fellows Creek, deadlocking at 82. A gallery looked on as the two faced off in sudden death. Alokam parred the playoff hole for medalist honors, while Kumar bogeyed. "It feels good to be tour



Novi's Dhruv Kumar (left) was the Kensington Tour Wayne County Division champ, while Ypsilanti's Vimal Alokam won the Fellows Creek event in a playoff.

champion, because I worked hard to get first in the tournaments," Kumar said.

Kumar, 12, won both the Taylor Meadows and Whispering Willows junior opens.

"The playoff was fun," Alokam said. "I like to compete. I find it to be more fun that way. It's more exciting. Dhruv played great today. I was lucky to make the 20-foot putt on the playoff hole."

Vibhav Alokam, 9, shot 44 to win the Fellows Creek ninehole division and capture the Kensington Wayne County Division title.

"It feels good, because it means that you practiced pretty good all season and your practice paid off," Alokam said. "Today, my driving wasn't that good. The best thing was my wedge game and my putting. Every putt either lipped out, went in or burned the edges. I had some one putts for pars." For more information, go to www.kensingtonjuniortour-.com.

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enough points to defend his

fired a career-best 81 in the

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Kumar, medalist at Lake

Forest and Mystic Creek earlier in the week, was disappoint-

"I shot 39 on the front nine

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then the last few holes of the

I would have shot 36 (par),"

Kumar said. "The back nine

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terfinals and Mid-Atlantic, 6-1, in the first round.

"I was just playing really aggressive the whole time," Johnston said. "I trusted my swing and we really had good team chemistry."

Other Midwest team members included Thomas, who played No. 3 singles; Johnathan Small (Zionsville, Ind.), No. 1 singles; David Horneffer (Brookfield, Wis.), No. 2 singles; Bill Duo (Portage), No. 5 singles; and Steve Forman (Troy) and Robert Krill (Elk Grove, Wis.), No. 6 singles.

"As soon as I saw the lineup, I said, 'I love all these guys, it could be a lot of fun," Johnston said. "All the guys got along great and that helped us all play better on the court. We all motivated each other and pumped everybody up, the yelling and screaming. It helped everyone play better, not just me."

The end of Johnston's junior career, however, proved to be bittersweet as he did not earn a wild card invite to the USTA Boys 18s Nationals singles draw last week in Kalamazoo.

A five-star recruit, according to TennisRecruiting-.net, Johnston's universal tennis ranking was No. 44 nationally and No. 5 in the Great Lakes, but his inactivity during the months of March and April cost him dearly as his USTA ranking plummeted to No. 291.

Ironically, Johnston was a USTA Midwest Outdoor Closed Boys 18s doubles champion (along with Horneffer) in June and also reached the quarterfinals in the singles draw before losing to Small, the 11th seed, in straight sets.

Johnston, however, was able to secure a spot at Kalamazoo in the doubles draw, losing his first-round match with partner Brandon Ancona (Belvidere, III.), 4-6, 7-5 (7-4), 1-0 (10-3 in the superbreaker) against the duo of Jacob Brumm (Rancho Sante Fe, Calif.) and Alexander Keyser (Danville, Calif.). "We were up 5-3 had two

"We were up 5-3 had two match points in the second set," Johnston said. "The (California) kids were good. They're two of the top 10 (singles) kids in the country.

Johnston, the MHSAA Division 1 singles state champion in 2015 for Northville after finishing runnerup in 2014 and 2013 to Novi's

Tim Wang (Columbia Uni-

versity), will now focus his

Payne, a recent Franklin graduate. "I knew going into today that if I won the tournament, I would win the tour championship. I'm really happy going into my freshman year in college at U-D Mercy as well. It "I made a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 2," he said. "I bogeyed the next three holes and parred out from there. I missed four birdie putts within 15 feet."

The Northville High grad shot 39 on the front and 37 on

some one attention on contributing his talents to Michigan and third-year coach Adam Steinberg, who was reinstated as the Wolverines' head coach after leaving June 15 to take the Arizona State job.

After going 7-17 in Steinberg's first season, Michigan finished 21-8 last year and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament before falling to Wake Forest.

Johnston is one of two from Steinberg's 2016-17 recruiting class who will be enrolled at U-M in September.

"I for sure want play No. 1 or 2 doubles because doubles I'm pretty good at," said Johnston, who went 29-0 last fall with the Mustangs. "Singles, I'll hopefully make the lineup. I know I can if I just play my game. Everyone is good on the team, so it will be tough."

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Asher, who also coaches Big Cat Lax, a high schoolage elite club team, during the summer, is looking forward to making her mark at the collegiate level.

"I'm excited that they saw the potential in me," Asher said. "I can't wait to see what the future holds. This is kind of a tough season to recruit for this upcoming year, because a lot of girls already committed or already made down payments for their first semester, but that 2018 season I'll be recruiting hard, along with 2017.

"There hasn't been a season yet, so I can kind of make this program my own, which I'm excited to do."

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Britz passes test at Huntmore Junior Open

JUNIOR GOLF

M.B. Dillon Correspondent

Brighton's Huntmore Golf Club hosts the toughest test on the Kensington Junior Tour, but the 6,600-yard championship layout didn't faze Brendan Britz.

The incoming Novi Detroit Catholic Central High junior topped the Boys 15-18 age division leader board Aug. 3 with an impressive 78 to win the KJGT's Livingston County Division.

"I would have had a 75. I just made stupid mistakes, I four-putted No. 10," said Britz, who qualified to compete Aug. 22 in the Michigan Junior Amateur in Benton Harbor. "On the first nine, I was even through seven. I bogeyed No. 3 and birdied No. 6."

On the par-3 sixth hole, Britz hit a 9-iron from 135 yards out and it landed seven feet from the hole before he sank the putt.

His highlight on the back side came on the 16th.

"I was behind a tree, about 140 feet out," Britz said. "I hit a little fade to land 25 away from the pin and two-putted for par."

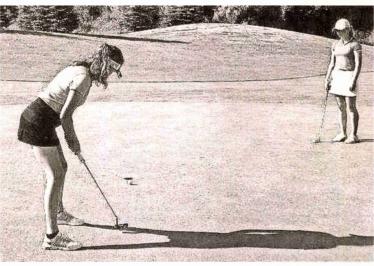
The self-coached Britz, last spring's top JV player for CC, said he took a big step forward this summer.

"I got a lot better," he said. "It was just lots of practice. I try to spend at least two hours a day hitting at the range and on the putting green."

Livonia's Logan Welch shot 90 to finish second.

"For someone who drives it 240 yards, it was really tough," said Welch, who will be a junior this fall at Livonia Chur-

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JOHN DILLON

Howell's Alyssa Snider sinks a putt in the Huntmore Junior Open as part of the Kensington Junior Golf Tour.

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chill. The first hole is a 600yard, par-5 ... crazy."

South Lyon's Kiersten Van Norden fired 80 to win the Girls 15-18 division. Howell residents Alyssa Snider and Jamie Erickson tied for runner-up honors at 89.

Snider earned enough points at Huntmore to defend her KJGT Livingston Division crown. Earlier in the week, Snider also repeated as Washtenaw County champion at the Lake Forest Junior Open.

"I played three days in a row this week and the courses kept getting harder, but I improved each day," said Van Norden, who was runner-up Aug. 1 at the KJGT Lake Forest Junior Open with 90.

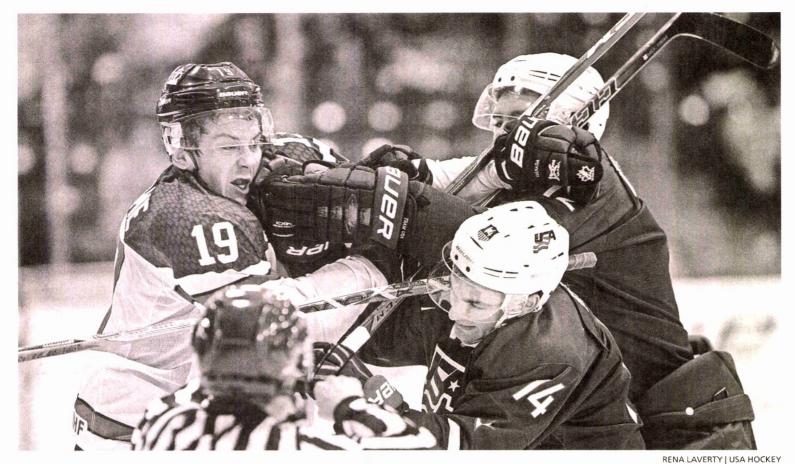
The South Lyon East student also placed second Aug. 2 at the Kensington Mystic Creek Junior Open with 85. "This course was the hardest, though, so I'm happy with my 42 on the front nine," said Van Norden, last year's Kensington Tour Oakland County champ. "My putting was great; it saved me a lot.

"I birdied No. 10 and No. 12. It felt good to start a new nine on a good note. My shots throughout my round kept getting better and better. I ended up with a 38, and par is 36, so it makes me happy to go from one end to the other and keep improving throughout."

Kensington's Wayne County Division champion Dhruv Kumar, 12, of Novi, medaled in the Boys 12-14 division, shooting 81. Brendan Doot (Howell) took runner-up honors with 87 to top third-place Chandler Hollister (Howell), who shot 88.

Zach Piroli, 12, of Highland,

HOCKEY



Team Canada forward Dylan Strome (left) takes it on the chin from U.S. forwards Luke Kunin (front) and Jordan Greenway during Saturday's game at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Team USA gets the best of Canada, 5-1

Tim Smith Staff Writer

The energy inside USA Hockey Arena was palpable Saturday night, as it usually is when the home team hosts Canada.

And the first period of the National Junior Evaluation Camp finale easily could have belonged to Team Canada, if not for a standout job of holding the fort by U.S. goaltender Tyler Parsons.

Despite being outshot 22-8 in the opening period, Team USA took a 2-0 lead into the first intermission, after which the team collectively exhaled and took care of business the rest of the way, winning 5-1 before 2,079 fans.

"First time I've seen (Par-sons) play," U.S. head coach Bob Motzko said with a chuckle. "He stopped the puck - a lot. Very athletic and I told him two nights ago that he had this game and he got a twinkle in his eye. He wanted it and he

backed it up." Parsons, who hails from Chesterfield Township, indeed got pumped up over the course of the week to face a team whose every player is Natio

ous different types of games," Parsons said. "Seeing 22 shots in the first period or seeing five shots in the first period, it really helped my mindset and got me ready to go.'

Parsons emphasized that he wasn't nervous entering Saturday's game and did what he always tries to do. "Just go in there and play the game," he said. "I find if you're nervous, you make mistakes.'

He didn't make any of those and the lone shot to elude him was a backhander from the slot by Nicolas Roy that cut the U.S. lead to 4-1 with 6:12 left

Of course, it didn't hurt that his teammates scored just 2:19 into the game. Christian Fischer's centering pass was slammed home by Jack Roslovic

"It was the first game we got the lead early, so that was critical," Motzko said. "But our goalie was outstanding and you have to give him a heck of a lot of credit. A performance like that mid-summer."

Better legs

Motzko said a lot of what ailed his team in the opening period was Canada's relentless former NTDP line mate Clayspeed; the U.S. was outshot ton Keller and Tage Thompson 11-4 in the first 5:30. "We couldn't handle their speed early. We weren't ready for it," Motzko said. "But I thought we adjusted. We took their best shot with a good goalie, letting us kind of get our legs.'

after a penalty to Canada's Thomas Chabot expired. Forward Kieffer Bellows sent a pass from the right side in front to Greenway, who neatly redirected the puck behind goalie Connor Ingram.

Perhaps the most timely stops of the night by Parsons came in the final moments of the period. He shrugged off Dylan Strome's blazing shot with three seconds left and then denied a bid by Mitch Marner as the period ended.

The script was flipped in the second period. The U.S. dominated with a 21-8 edge in shots

Serving notice that things were going to be different, defenseman Charlie McAvoy crashed the Canada goal crease and had three jabs at the puck, only to be turned aside by Ingram.

Bellows then cranked a shot off the post. But the Americans went up 3-0 when forward Logan Brown scored (with Joe Cecconi drawing the assist) just under six minutes into the period.

Canada relieved Ingram (22 saves) in favor of Evan Cormier with 8:11 remaining and Bellows — who teamed with

not corral. The elusive, 5-10 forward then got to his own rebound and chipped in the puck.

"Playing with Kells is always fun, he's a fantastic player," said Bellows, drafted by the New York Islanders in the first round of the recent NHL Entry Draft. "It's a privilege to play with him. There's a reason he went seventh overall to Arizona.'

Roy then briefly lifted Canada's hopes with his goal.

Less than a minute later, however, McAvoy's thunderous body check against Lawson Crouse generated the loudest reaction of the game --- and put an exclamation point on the fact that it wasn't Canada's night.

Brock Boeser closed out the scoring with a power-play goal at 19:42, taking a feed from Casey Fitzgerald and roofing a wrister.

"We had guys blocking shots, guys going all out," Bel-lows said. "McAvoy throwing out hits, Erik Foley blocking shots. It was just a great team effort.

"And Parsons, that was such an amazing game by Parsons, that guy was a brick wall. Big

PREP HOCKEY

'Sad day for high school hockey'

Farmington's Newton loses fight with cancer

> Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

Bill Newton, who coached the Farmington High School hockey team to the Division 3 state championship in 2014, died Saturday after a long battle with colon cancer.

Newton, who was a day shy of his 56th birthday, resigned at the end of last season to deal with his health and to devote more time to his family.

"Obviously, it's a sad day for the high

school hockey world," former Farmington coach Mark Vellucci said. "Bill was a great man, a great



Newton person and a great coach. It's been a tough weekend. There are a lot of great postings on his Facebook page about him. He touched a lot of people."

In three seasons as the varsity coach, Newton's teams compiled a 44-33-4 record and won the school's only state title in his first year.

With a senior-dominated team that was led by allstate goalie John Lethemon, the Falcons won their last seven games, including six in the state tournament, and finished the 2013-14 season with a 21-10 record.

Newton, a resident of Farmington Hills, revealed he had been batting cancer in the post-game press conference at Compuware Arena following Farmington's 2-1 win over Sault Ste. Marie in the state final.

He led the Falcons to a 15-9-1 record last season and a share of the Oakland Activities Association Red Division championship. Farmington, Rochester United and Berkley finished

Hockey League property.

"It was awesome. I've been playing against those guys for two years now," Parsons said. "It was awesome to get this game tonight. I've been preparing for it for all week.

Getting him set for the challenge was a 17-game winning streak last spring for the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights, backstopping that squad to the Memorial Cup championship.

"I think (the playoff run) helped me a lot, playing vari-

Providing another boost of adrenaline for the team, and its fans, was 6-foot-5 forward Jordan Greenway's goal with 1:12 remaining, putting the U.S. up 2-0.

The goal came seconds

They give you a nice trophy. I

posed to be getting it shortly."

along with one year of football

at Western Michigan Univer-

sity before an injury cut short

sports my whole life, just per-

running short distances, 5 and

10Ks. My first marathon was

around the 1980s, I think 1986,

something like that. It was my

Detroit Free Press Marathon

and I thought it would be chal-

Austin also joined Ford

Athletic Swim and Triathlon

Club in Dearborn, where he

first met Ken Gutowski, a

fellow Northville resident.

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Under the radar

'90s.'

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said. "We did triathlons togeth-

er. He was the first member in

our club to do an Ironman dis-

Gutowski said Austin, who

is low-key and modest about

was trying to keep his first

Ironman in Canada "under

he would be on vacation.

wraps" by telling his friends

body and he was going to try

the Ironman," Gutowski said.

"And when he came back, he

told us that he had finished it.

"He didn't want to tell any-

his athletic accomplishments,

"Jim and I have known each

lenge. I think I've done the

Free Press 15-16 times.'

sonal stuff to keep me fit,'

Austin said. "I was always

"I've always been active in

his career.

Austin played baseball and

haven't received it yet. Sup-

football at Allen Park High,

AUSTIN

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the big marathons, where they're more exciting, more people out there."

In June 2015, Austin made Anchorage, Alaska, his 45th marathon state.

"I was fortunate enough to do the Boston Marathon, so that was very exciting," he said. "And I also like the most recent ones ... Hawaii and Alaska were very scenic.

Beginning in October 2013 until June of this year, Austin knocked off 20 states, including five in five days in 2014, when he completed the Center of the Nation series, hitting starting lines in Baker (Mont.), Bowman (N.D.), Belle Forche (S.D.), Sundance (Wyo.) and Chadron (Neb.).

"They have a group that's called Mainly Marathons, where they do a number of marathons in consecutive days, kind of those hard states to get," Austin said. "They kind of get them on the corners so you only have to drive to them in a couple of hours. I was able to knock them off five in five days. That was a challenge to run back-to-back marathons."

Getting certified

To be recognized as a 50 States Marathon Club, you have to follow a certain criteria.

"You have to be certified; they're very strict about it," Austin said. 'You have to send in the race results and all that. to form a dangerous unit all night - tested him shortly thereafter with a wrist shot from the left circle.

Smash hit

The U.S. upped its lead to 4-0 at 13:07 of the third period, when Keller scored an unassisted goal on the power play.

Keller took a shot from between the circles that Cormier got a piece of, but could

And we were all surprised and real happy for him. We were training on a regular basis at that time in the early '90s to do smaller, shorter distance triathlons before it was real popular."

Austin went on to do a total of 14 Ironmans, which consist of a 1.9-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run.

But Austin, who worked 34 years at Ford and is currently a franchise owner of seven Burger King restaurants since 1995, eventually moved over to running the ultra distances.

"Ironman races take a lot of work on the bike," said Gutowski, who remains a triathlete himself at age 58. "That's always one of the difficult things to always carve away at with his busy schedule, owning multiple Burger Kings, working at Ford, having two young girls, so he cut back the bike to take up running more seriously and started to do longer challenges than the 50.

In 2008, Austin proved bionic after undergoing surgery for a torn meniscus, but bounced back quickly. He's also had surgery for a small tumor on his right kidney.

Next challenge

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"When he did his first 50, there was a little bit of camaraderie of people that do 100miler instead of the 50," said Gutowski, who is training for the Hawaii Ironman in October. "And I think they pressured him into do a 100, because they said, 'Oh, you're only doing 50,' which is a lot, so he when out and started doing

goaltending gives us momentum and that's what he did. He was everything we could have asked for tonight."

Players now look forward to having a chance at making the final roster for the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship, an under-20 tournament scheduled for late December and early January in Canada.

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"And in the process of retiring from Ford quite a few years ago, I think he had some extra time, looked at a goal to do a marathon in every state and he's been at it for a yearand-a-half. And what's amazing, he's gone under the knife for surgery on his knee and, within a month or so, six weeks, he went to do a rockand-roll marathon out west. He was going to go watch, he said, or do half. Well, when he got to the halfway point, he decided he could do the whole thing."

Austin has gone on to do a total 29 ultras.

"You, obviously, have to pace yourself. You're not running all-out," Austin said.

Austin and Gutowski are part of a small group from Ford that meets regularly and runs 10 miles at 5 a.m. each Friday in Dearborn.

"It's the social pressure," Austin said. "You know the other people are going to show up and you better be there, too, because the next time you show up, they'll let you know they missed you and asking why you were sleeping in or being lazy.'

Meanwhile, Austin is contemplating his next move.

"I'll do some marathons that I missed before that I'll be interested in, then eventually work my way around a second time," he said.

Maybe "The 'Bionic Man" hasn't quite "been there, done that" just yet.

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Newton, who replaced Vellucci as head coach in summer 2013, had been a varsity assistant for four seasons and a JV assistant for two years. He also coached in the Farmington Hills Hockey Association for five years.

"When I left the Farmington hockey program, I left it in great hands with him," Vellucci said. "I'm going to miss his friendship, first and foremost.'

A native of Uxbridge, Ontario, Newton played junior hockey with the Oshawa Generals of the Ontario Hockey League and later played for the late Ron Mason at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

Joe Hall is a former Farmington assistant who coached a dozen years with Newton. He remembers Newton, who was a traveling salesman and represented numerous makers of hockey equipment, as being a generous and giving individual.

"I'd say, 'Bill, when is that sale going to be?" Hall said. "The next day, I'd have a brand new pair of gloves on my porch, because he had some in his garage and brought them over. They were top-of-the-line \$200 gloves, too.

"He would go up to the tailgate at (Michigan) State (where his brother Tom is an assistant hockey coach) and have all the food. He'd invite all the Farmington guys. He'd have 50-100 people come by and he was feeding all of them.'

While he loved hockey and wanted things to be done right, Newton cared most about his players, according to Hall and Vellucci.

Newton is survived by his wife Colleen; son Chris, a Farmington assistant coach and former player; and daughter Annie.

Funeral arrangements are pending at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi.

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Learning Care Group plans Novi preschool

Learning Care Group is introducing Everbrook Academy, a 21st century preschool designed to prepare young learners to navigate a changing world. Emphasizing hands-on learning in STEAM – science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics – Everbrook Academy connects academic skills to practical application, bringing concepts to life in ways that are meaningful for children.

"The educational foundation we provide through our STEAMfocused, tech-infused learning experience at Everbrook Academy will instill the necessary skills for our children to reach their full potential as next-generation leaders, innovators and visionaries," said Barbara Beck, CEO, Learning Care Group. "Our leading-edge new program will prepare children academically, physically and socially for future success, while introducing them to an ever changing, technologydriven world."

Everbrook Academy brings the world into every classroom, encouraging children to think about what they're learning and explore concepts in a fun and holistic way. The project-based learning approach integrates the arts and sciences, enabling a multi-faceted perspective through a variety of learning activities and discussion. It nurtures children's critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration.

"At Everbrook Academy, no two classrooms and no two lesson plans are alike," said Dr. Susan Canizares, chief academic officer. "We're uniquely and intentionally planning individualized learning experiences for real children, in real time, readying them for a society that is increasingly dependent on STEAM skills. Parents will have a personalized, custom experience for their children at Everbrook which they are unlikely to find anywhere else."

Everbrook Academy schools will be available to families in select markets nationwide, with the first location opening in Woodbury, Minn., in late August and schools in Novi and Royal Oak slated to open in 2017. Program offerings include classes for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years and include before- and after-school clubs for school-age students. For more information, go to www.everbrookacademy.com.

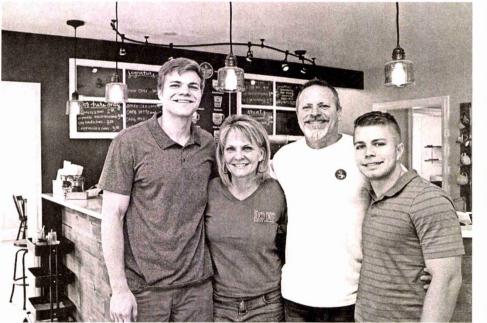
New Red Dot Coffee Co. in Northville is a family affair

Arlita Ibach and her husband Darrell (Butch) Ibach Jr. have opened the Red Dot Coffee Co., 505 N. Center, next to Kroger, in Northville. There will be a grand opening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 13, preceded by a ribboncutting ceremony with Northville Mayor Ken Roth and community leaders.

The Ibachs have put a lot of long hours, sweat equity and visionary touches into the house they purchased in July 2014. It took two years to renovate and restore it. Then, it was a vacant, deteriorating house. Now, it is one of the "chill" places in town – with classic architecture and an inviting, upscale interior.

They want to see Red Dot become a hub in the community. Summer hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; it is closed Sunday.

The coffee house is furnished with industrial-style tables and comfortable couches and chairs. Reclaimed wood from the old kitchen floor (salvaged from the dumpster) encases the coffee bar. Wood doors found in the basement have been converted to two counter tables set against the front windows. Vintage windows serve as the menu board with prices of coffee.



LIZ CEZAT The Ibach family includes (from left) Drew, Arlita, Butch and Chad Ibach at the newly opened Red Dot Coffee Co.

six-foot communal table from a reclaimed door and smaller tables for couples and friendly get-togethers. The room has a corner desk, complete with free note cards and envelopes, which the staff will mail for free.

The bathrooms are large, individual rooms with sliding barn doors. Don't worry; they lock.

Arlita Ibach's decorating panache brightens every room. The library has decorative shelves of books on the wall, lamps and tasteful blocks of words everywhere. Words are her thing likes their origin and meaning and how they are used to tell stories. There is ample parking in the back and side lot and outdoor seating on the porches. The coffee shop has a front and back entrance with a

beautiful yet functional ramp for handicap access.

Arlita Ibach's dream has been brewing a long time. "I've always met others in coffee shops and coffee houses. I enjoy people and their stories and I love coffee," she said. "Four years ago, I had the idea to have my own coffee house. This is it. I never wanted a restaurant."

They buy their coffee beans from Mad Cap Roasting Co. in Grand Rapids. The flavor of the beans is critical to a great cup of coffee. "We said.

Red Dot also uses a reverse osmosis water purifying system that preserves the minerals essential to great-tasting coffee.

The Ibach's two sons, Chad and Drew, are lead baristas, but also pull the levers on social media – posting news about the opening and the brewing process to lure in millennials, members of Gen Y and baby boomers. Seniors are also finding it.

It's called Red Dot because it signifies "You are here." Arlita Ibach invites customers to "be where you are now in your conservations, your stories and your life." She would like to see people come in and share their stories, whether it's seniors talking about the good old days or teenagers talking about what happened in class that day.

Arlita worked with officials at Northville City Hall to get the business established. City Clerk Dianne Massa provided the business permit and Brent Strong issued permits during remodeling of the "old yellow house."

The interior was torn down and reconstructed, with some walls preserved or modified and others removed. The original centrally located set of stairs was taken out, while another set of stairs near the coffee bar was left intact. They lead to the second-floor offices.

The Ibachs used local businesses and Michiganbased companies whenever possible to renovate and furnish the house. Greg Presley, owner of Presley Architecture. designed the interior, bringing Arlita Ibach's vision to life. Mark Russell was the landscape architect. The rustic looking tables and comfy chairs that grace the space were purchased from Michigan-based stores.

During its first week of business, customers on social media and visitors to the store were saying, "It's inviting. It's welcoming. It's a great, warm location. It's beautiful." Others said, "Yeah! It's no longer the yellow house." Now it is an appealing blue-gray house with a new roof and siding.

Of her dream come true, Arlita Ibach said, "I'm very excited. We (she and Butch) make a great team. I have the vision, he has the business side. It blends like a good cup of coffee."

tea, smoothies and pastries written in white marker on the window panes.

The main room contains comfortable groupings: a couch and two leather chairs facing a wood and tile fireplace; a weigh out our beans and grind them at specific settings based on the type of coffee and amount of humidity throughout the day to make sure that we have consistently, high-quality coffee," Arlita Ibach

with your website?

Need help

Everything up for grabs at Peabody's Restaurant estate sale

Jay Grossman Staff Writer

Come one, come all to the Peabody Restaurant estate sale taking place throughout the week.

The sale runs from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 11-13 and just about everything is up for grabs. It marks the final chapter for the popular Birmingham restaurant, which closed its doors at the end of July following a successful 41-year run.

"People have enjoyed this stuff for years," said Susan Peabody, who ran the restaurant with her two sisters, Barbara and Nancy. "There's a lot of garland, a lot of bows, a lot of wreaths."

Items up for sale range from giant stuffed polar bears and other holiday decorations to old photographs and floral arrangements.

Peabody, asked to name one of the more unique items, said with a laugh, "The man in your life would love the pictures from the men's restroom."

As for the most memorable, she said it was the framed black and white photograph of Peabody's fruit market that operated on the same site from 1946-75, before the family converted the business into a restaurant.

"That's where it all started," Peabody said of



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A six-handle draft tower is on the list of items that Peabody's is auctioning off to the public.

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Larger items, such as a walk-in freezer and cooler, Hoshizaki 1,600pound ice machine or Southbend convection oven, are being sold off at restaubid.com. The auction continues through 8 p.m. Aug. 15. Located near the corner of Woodward Avenue and Maple Road, the site is now in the process of being redeveloped into a five-story building that will include office, retail and residential space.

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Canton Fire Inspector Nichole Hamilton urges college students to heed fire safety precautions. "I would ask them to get a fire extinguisher," and know how to use it, she said.

Off to college? Heed fire safety advice from the pros

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Fire safety may not be first and foremost in the minds of college students. There's studying to do, along with new people to meet and activities to enjoy. Nevertheless, some basic attention to safety car

fraternities, sororities, and barracks.

In 2009-13, 86 percent of the reported structure fires involved cooking equipment. Eighty-three percent of fires were specifically reported as contained or confined to cooking equipment.

89 fires that From 2000-15,

daughter. "I will be checking out her building before she goes to any dorm," said Hamil-ton, whose daughter will also do college fire drills.

Hamilton also encourages those in off-campus housing to replace smoke detectors over 10 years old and no longer operational

with Campus Firewatch, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the U.S. Fire Administration for this campaign.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety at

www.campusfiresafety.org offers extensive information, including questions for schools

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Legislation addresses ham radio operators

Q: I am a ham radio operator and I am told that there has been some discussion regarding federal legislation to impede my ability to use my ham radio in a community association. Do you have any information?

A: Apparently, there has been a compromise reached in the House of Representatives which effectively prohibits

community associations from a blanket prohibition regarding the installation of amateur radio antennas. It does keep amateur radio enthusiasts from install-



Robert Meisner

ing an antenna on common property and allows the community association to adopt and enforce reasonable written rules concerning the installation, placement and aesthetic impact of the external amateur service station antennas. It also requires notification and prior approval of antenna installations which is, of course, reasonable, and also directs the Federal Communications Commission to craft a separate pre-emption policy from the current Commission's preemption policy applicable to state and local governments. This separate pre-emption is a key distinction to the rights and responsibilities of community associations and association residents. You should check with your representative in Congress to monitor the progress of this legislation. Q: I am on a board of an

association which is a plaintiff is a contentious lawsuit. A vocal supporter of the defendant is running for the board. Should he be elected, there is reason to believe that he would be disloyal to the association and disclose privileged matters to the defendant and others. He would likely be disruptive in an attempt to under-mind the case. What can we do about it? A: Perhaps one approach is to get all Board members to sign non-disclosure agreements. There is some authority on the right of a corporation which requires such a promise as a condition of releasing its records to a stockholder which may also apply to a community association. It may also be appropriate to remind the new director of his responsibility to maintain confidentiality with the threat of litigation against him or the Board could appoint a committee of less than all the board members to deal with the lawsuit separately from the entire Board and may empower it to make decisions related to the lawsuit. It may also empower that committee to keep records and documents in camera until such time as the suit is settled, dismissed, or otherwise completed, including any appeal. In any event, legal counsel should be consulted with respect to this issue **Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

prevent tragedy.

When it comes to on- and off-campus housing, it's important for students and parents to keep fire safety top of mind, the National Fire Protection Association reminds parents and students.

Agreeing is Inspector Nichole Hamilton of the Canton Fire Department. "I would ask them to get a fire extinguisher," and know how to use it, she said.

Hamilton also encourages students to get a carbon monoxide detector and smoke detector. She agreed electrical outlets shouldn't be used incorrectly or excessively, noting, "It can overload and catch fire.'

Campus fire safety by the numbers

In 2009-13, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 3,870 structure fires in dormitories,

killed 126 people have occurred on a college campus, in Greek housing or in off-campus housing within three miles of the campus.

Of these:

» 76 off-campus fires caused 107 deaths

» Seven on-campus building or residence hall fires claimed nine victims

» Six fires in Greek housing took the lives of 10 people

Sources are: NFPA's "Structure Fires in Dormitories, Fraternities, Sororities and Barracks" report and The Center for Campus Fire Safety

Partnerships and campaigns

Canton's Hamilton said of college students cooking, "I would definitely make sure they pay attention when they're cooking and don't walk away from it.'

She's mom to an 11-year-old

NFPA and The Center for Campus Fire Safety are teaming up to promote on- and offcampus fire safety for students. The fall campaign, which launches Sept. 1 in honor of Campus Fire Safety Month, asks students: What kind of cook are you in the kitchen? Through an interactive quiz, students will have the opportunity to recognize unsafe practices and learn the appropriate way to cook meals that will reduce the risk for injuries and damage caused by fire. (Stay tuned for more details.)

The "See It Before You Sign It," campaign encourages parents to take a more active role in helping their loved ones choose secure, fire-safe housing in apartments or houses that are not on campus. With a off-campus housing fire safety checklist, parents and students can make better informed decisions. NFPA is partnering

and landlords, kitchen fire safety information, a student checklist, and knowing what to do in a fire. YouTube videos are online there from The University of New Haven Fire Science Club Students. Videos were produced "by Students for Students" to be posted in social media and shared on websites.

Student to student tips shared include: When the Alarm Sounds, Get Out!; keep exits clear; be choosy where you live; and respect your smoke detector.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety Student Committee and the National Fire Protection Association are among the partners in the "Stay Safe & Graduate" initiative. The U.S. Consumer Product

Safety Commission has also created an infographic for this campaign for you to use on your website, blogs and social media sites.

Realtor trade group notes drop in home ownership, cites affordable Midwest markets

The U.S. home ownership rate has slowly fallen in recent years to currently its lowest level since 1965, but new research from the National Association of Realtors reveals that there are affordable metro areas right now with above-average hiring and a large segment of current renters who earn enough income to qualify to buy a home.

NAR reviewed employment growth, household income and qualifying income levels in nearly 100 of the largest metropolitan statistical areas across the country to determine which areas with employment gains above the recent national average also have the largest share of renters who can currently afford to buy a home. Of the top 10 metro areas with the highest share of renters who earn enough to buy, nine were either in the South or Midwest including three cities in Ohio.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief

economist, says there's been a significant increase in renter households - both young adults and those who lost their home - since the Great Recession, and especially in metro areas that have seen robust job creation and a resulting influx of new residents. This has led to a multi-year run-up in rents in several markets that have contributed to many of these renters' inability to

advance into home ownership "Even in a time of expanding home sales, steady job growth and historically low mortgage rates, the home ownership rate recently tumbled to its lowest level in over five decades as many renters struggle to juggle escalating rents without commensurate income gains," he said. "How-ever, this new study reveals that there are several affordable, middle-tier markets with solid job gains and a large segment of renters who earn enough to buy."

The top 10 metro areas highlighted in NAR's study were all outside of the West Coast and each had a share of renters who qualify to buy that was well above the national level (28 percent).

The top markets with the highest share of renters who can afford to purchase a home are

- » Toledo, Ohio (46 percent) » Little Rock, Arkansas (46 percent)
- » Dayton, Ohio (44 percent) » Lakeland, Florida (41

percent) » St. Louis, Missouri (41

percent)

» Columbia, South Carolina (41 percent)

» Atlanta (40 percent) » Columbus, Ohio (38 per-

cent)

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» Tampa, Florida (38 percent)

» Ogden, Utah (38 percent) According to Yun, it's no surprise that many of the markets with the most renters

qualified to buy are in the Midwest and South. The median existing-home sales price in these two regions continue to be lower than the Northeast and West, and while many of these areas were slower to recover from the recession, improvements in their local labor markets in the past year have pushed their hiring levels to at or above the national average growth rate.

"Overall housing affordability and local job market strength play a pivotal role in a renter's decision on whether to buy a home or sign another lease," adds Yun.

Concludes Yun, "With mortgage rates now at their alltime low, these identified markets are well-suited for the many renters financially capable and interested in taking advantage of the stability and wealth-building benefits owning a home can provide.'

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Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long. Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. For more information, contact: HallandHunter.com or call 248-644-3500.

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Take steps toward better communication

BY MARY LORENZ CAREERBUILDER

ook under the list of requirements on almost any job advertisement posted today, and you will inevitably see some variation of this phrase: "strong communication skills."

The ability to communicate effectively is an in-demand skill in any professional setting. In a 2014 CareerBuilder survey, employers named "effective communicator" among the 10 most important soft skills they look for in prospective employees. It isn't difficult to see why this skill is so highly regarded: Poor communication in the workplace has been shown to slow down productivity, hurt morale and even take a toll on business

But while communication is one of the most crucial business skills a person can have, very few of us receive formal

You will build stronger relationships with colleagues and clients and be more effective at your job as a result. Follow these tips from career experts to become a better communicator.

Err on the side of communicating

too much. Communication is one of the few areas where less does not equal more. "There is no such thing as being too clear," says Meg O'Hara, a communications specialist with A. Bright Idea, a Californiabased public relations firm. "Practice overcommunicating in all instances and avenues to make sure your message is delivered."

Know your

audience. To be effective, it's important to understand that communication styles vary among individuals. "Most of the conflicts I have seen in the workplace that are the result of poor communication really stem from communicating in a way that we would want to be communicated with, as opposed to truly understanding how the person



we are interacting with wants to be communicated with," says James Sudakow, author of the book "Picking the Low-Hanging Fruit ... and Other Stupid Stuff We Say in the Corporate World."

Check in early and often. The best way to ensure that you

es?" Not only does this approach tell you what you need to know, but it shows you are considerate of the other person.

Stay away from

jargon. In the corporate world, certain companies, teams or industries have their own language - something we tend to forget when speaking with "outsiders." Be aware of any idiosyncratic terms, corporate jargon and acronyms you may be using, which can create an unnecessary boundary to communicaTHINKSTOCK

tion, Sudakow advises. Speak as generally and "normally" as possible.

Practice active listening. "The most important aspect of communication isn't actually speaking - it's listening," says Sabrina Balmick, a marketing manager at the recruiting firm ACA Talent. She says people often get so caught up in waiting for their turns to speak, they don't actually hear what the other person just said. To prevent that, try active listening. Paraphrase what you've

just heard to the speaker and ask if you've understood correctly.

Help them help

you understand. If you are having trouble understanding what a colleague is trying to say or ask of you, don't just say, "I don't understand," O'Hara advises. Go further and try to identify exactly what it is that is confusing you. "This can avoid talking in circles and promotes a solution," O'Hara says.

It can also help to ask open-ended questions to draw out more information, says Leigh Espy, a workforce-management expert who provides leadership advice on her blog, projectbliss.net. A question as simple as, "Can you share more about that?" not only invites others to elaborate on their ideas, it also shows you are genuinely interested in what they have to say.

training for it. Whether you're new to the workforce or have years of experience under your belt, taking steps to improve your communication skills is always a worthwhile endeavor. are communicating clearly is simply to ask. Sudakow has avoided confusion by saying, "Here is how I typically communicate. Does that work for you? If not, what are your preferenc-

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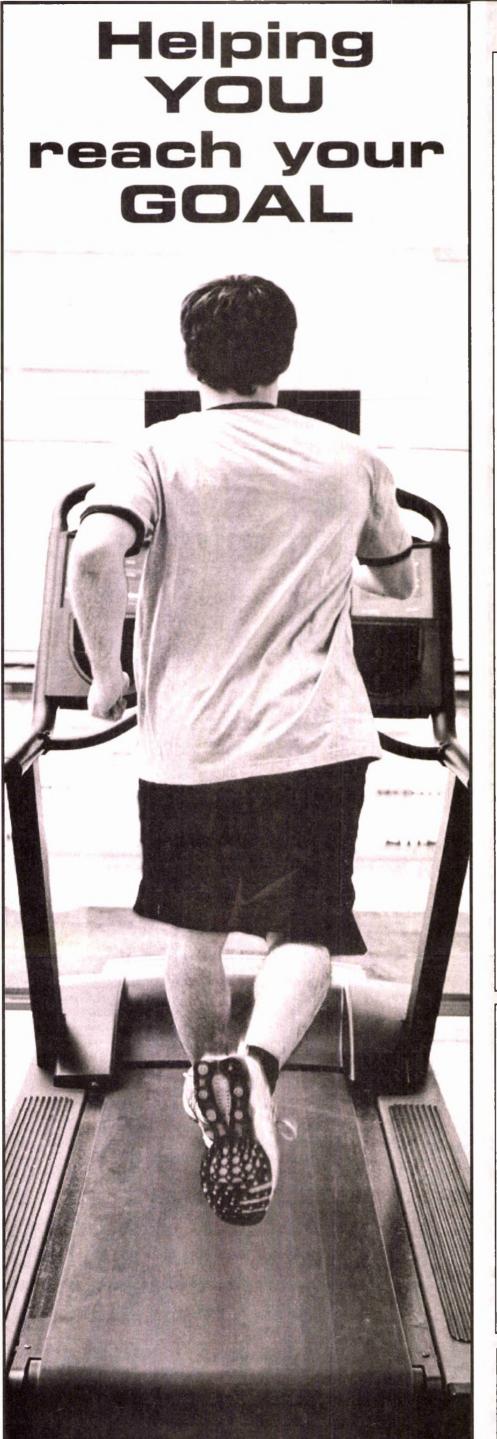
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THE LINCOLN WAY: FORD'S LUXURY BRAND PROGRESSES AS IT GEARS UP FOR LAUNCH OF NEW CONTINENTAL SEDAN



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with its best products ever. with the exciting promise of an allnew Continental flagship sedan debuting this fall. Its marketing renaissance remains solidly

built around Matthew McConaughey. Sales also have been on an uptick so far this year.

Now the Ford-owned luxury brand is moving with more determination in one of the other important battlegrounds in the premium-auto space: brick and mortar.

Mimicking the "experience center" concept that helped Lincoln gain a foothold for the first time in China, the brand has opened a Lincoln Experience Center on Fashion Island in Newport Beach, Calif. It will announce a second location later this year.

At the location, people can "engage with Lincoln products and connect with relevant luxury information, activities and experiences," the brand said in a press release. These include learning about the "design inspiration" behind various Lincoln vehicles, enjoying a complimentary drink and taking a Lincoln for a test drive. Hosts will refer consumers to



Lincoln is a nearby Lincoln dealer, if they're out interested.

Lincoln reports that 50,000 people so far have walked by the place in the high-end shopping district and about 4,500 have come inside.

But it's just part of the brand's "largest investment ever in personalized experiences [and] services for clients, according to the press release.

The "suite" of "enhanced client experiences" includes valet pickup and delivery service that is being ushered in with the new 2017 Lincoln Continental this fall, and a future app that will help Lincoln owners with "parking solutions and other commerce services."

In the US, The Lincoln Way will build on the Lincoln Black Label platform that currently "offers the ultimate expression of Lincoln style and substance," as the brand put it, in Lincoln dealerships, including personalized shopping with dedicated personnel in the showroom and access to a curated list of restaurants coast-tocoast called the Culinary Collection.

The Lincoln Way also builds on Lincoln's experiences in China. The automaker had to go from a standing start in one of the world's most competitive luxury car markets. and it said that "full-service client care has helped differentiate the brand" there. Lincoln sold nearly 12,000 vehicles in China last year, its first full year of sales in the country. while this year's sales already have exceeded 12,000.

"We believe that when you buy a really great luxury car," Lincoln says on its website for China, explaining The Lincoln Way, "you deserve more than just a really great luxury car. You deserve a luxury experience."

Why shouldn't Lincoln try to compete in China? It never had a presence there until the last couple of years, but China's auto market



The exterior "welcome mat" feature of the new Lincoln Continental

remains a bit of wild west, where just about any western luxury brand still has a chance to establish a profitable beachhead and long-term growth.

And overall, it's interesting how the Lincoln journey has continued in the last few years under new Ford CEO Mark Fields after former CEO Alan Mulally reportedly was interested in letting the struggling brand die.

While new products have only been trickling into the Lincoln lineup as Ford slowly turns it over, they are worthy vehicles. And unlike traditional rival Cadillac, Lincoln already had a good representation of products albeit older ones - in the fast-rising SUV and crossover segments.

Thus, Lincoln SUV sales for the

first seven months of 2016 were up Cadillac's new flagship large sedan, by more than 19 percent over a year earlier, while Lincoln car sales were down, though only by a respectable 4 percent, Combined, Lincoln brand sales were 10 percent ahead of a year earlier, through July.

So as the luxury segment of the US auto industry has continued to perform well, it makes every bit of sense for Ford to insist on being a long-term player there via Lincoln.

Thus it's probably a great time for the debut of the new Continental. The new vehicle gives Ford engineers and Lincoln brand handlers the chance to present an all-new flagship when it arrives at dealers this fall. It'll follow by just several months the launch of

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Among other features of the new Continental, for example, is what the brand calls "Approach Detection' technology. Exterior "welcome mats" illuminate, and soft exterior and interior lights glow to provide the feeling of a warm welcome.

The technology "does more than just turn on lights," said Sheryl Connelly, Ford's global consumer trends and futuring manager. ""It allows Continental to welcome you as if arriving at a friend's house for dinner, or checking into a resort. It makes you feel at home where you have everything you need and you are in a serene and familiar space.



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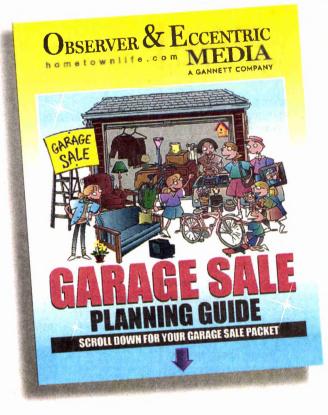
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