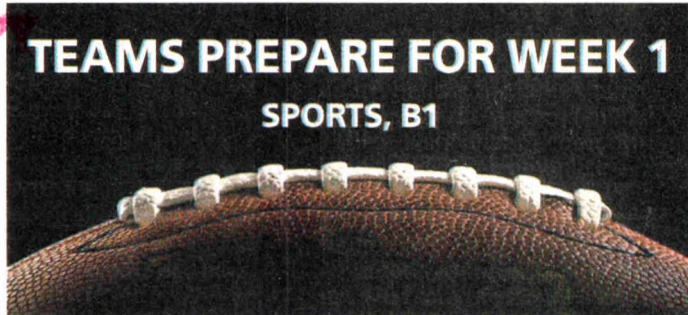


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Novi Choralaires

Do you love to sing and would you like to be part of sharing the joy of music within the community?

The Novi Choralaires group is seeking new members for all voice parts. All who are interested in joining for the 2016-17 season are invited to attend the open rehearsals 7:30 p.m., Sept. 6 and 13 in the Novi Middle School's choir rehearsal room, 49000 W. 11 Mile, Novi.

The Novi Choralaires is a chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding communities brought together by a shared love of music and fellowship. The group was founded in 1975 and operates under the umbrella of Novi Parks Performing Arts. They perform a Christmas concert series each December, a Spring Show Concert in May, and at a number of venues throughout the season, which runs from September through May.

For more information contact the Choralaires at novi.choralaires@gmail.com or visit novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Roundabout planned for 10 Mile-Napier intersection

Sue Buck
Staff Writer

Lyon Township is expected to have its fourth roundabout next year, this one on the border with Novi at the intersection of 10 Mile and Napier Road.

The Road Commission for Oakland County just released its 2017 proposed projects.

Cindy Dingell, a spokeswoman for the road commission, said that increased traffic and development necessitates this roundabout.

"A roundabout will accommodate future traffic as the area continues to grow," Dingell said. "Roundabouts are also safer. Roundabouts reduce the types of crashes where people are

seriously hurt or killed by 78-82 percent when compared to conventional stop-controlled and signalized intersections."

Federal statistics prove their safety. There's less "conflict points" for a roundabout versus a traffic signal, she said.

About 18,500 vehicles pass through this intersection daily, according to Dingell.

"The traffic will increase based on development and the paving of Napier Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads," she said. "Pave it and traffic shall come."

Lyon Township currently has three roundabouts: Grand River/Lyon Center Drive; Lyon Center

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From left, Melissa Pletcher, assistant manager of volunteer services; Jabari, an 8-year-old reticulated giraffe and new father, and Ashley Richmond, giraffe zookeeper at the Detroit Zoo.

From 50 to 101, Olympians stand test of time

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Arlon Quigley suffered a stroke just over a week ago, but he wasn't going to let it stop him from competing in the Michigan Senior Olympics on Saturday.

"My doctor said I can go, but I can't play too hard," the 91-year-old Novi resident said on Friday, the day before he picked up his paddle for table tennis and took home the gold medal. "There's not a lot of competition in my age group anymore — my wife says if you live long enough, you outlive the competition."

Indeed, Quigley, who retired in 1978 from the Royal Oak School District after 28 years, was to be the only male table tennis participant in the 90-94 age group. As such, he played younger opponents in lower age brackets.

There are 1,045 participants overall in the 2016 Michigan Senior Olympics, which officially opened Aug. 12, ends Aug. 22 and includes 24 sporting events at various venues, mostly in Oakland County. Competitors must be pre-registered and at least 50 years old, but there is no upper age limit, as evidenced by 101-year-old Fred Winter of Holland.

Winter ran the 100-meter dash at the Oakland University track on Saturday in rain gear to a cheering crowd. He was smiling even before he crossed the finish line, raising both arms in the air, soaking in the applause, but not the rain, which had stopped shortly before he began his run.

This is the 31st MSO for Winter. He has been to the nationals 17 times and he proudly an-

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Life of a zookeeper and other tales at the zoo

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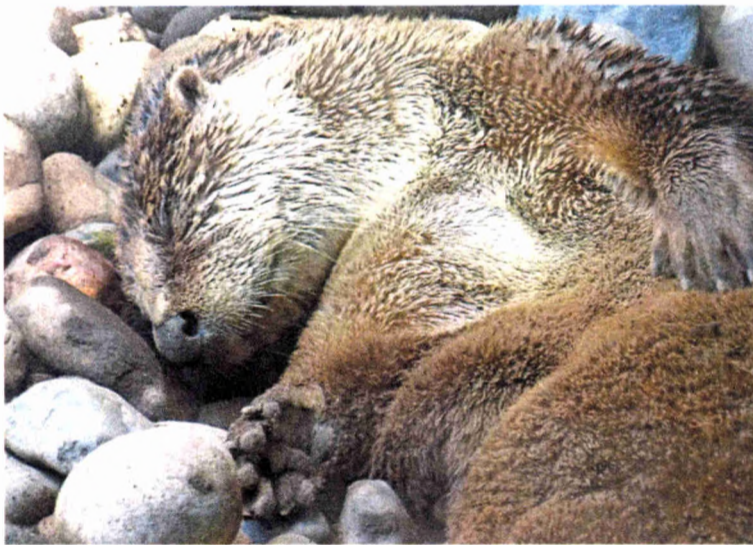
It was her day off, but Ashley Richmond rushed to work filled with excitement and anxiety when she got the Saturday evening call.

It was a day unlike most others, but every day is a wild day for some local residents who recently shared their experiences working at the Detroit Zoo.

For Richmond, the call that came on Aug. 6 was to tell her the zoo's 7-year-old giraffe, Kivuli, was in labor. Just three and a half hours later, the Farmington Hills resident who cares for Kivuli, as well as her mate Jabari, 8, and their nearly 2-year-old son, Mpenzi, watched the birth of the newest giraffe family member, a 5-foot tall, 166-pound girl named Zawadi.

"Just the people she knows were there, we don't want it to be stressful," said Richmond, who was also present for the birth of Mpenzi. "You wait 15 months and hope for everything to go well, for mom and baby to be healthy. It was sort of an out-of-body experience, I was in a daze watching . . . You want to videotape everything, but at the same time be present in the moment. It was a bonus that it ended up being a girl — that is what we were hoping for. I got teary-eyed, there was relief on my part, I was just glad everything went well and the baby was breathing and stood up after 20 minutes. I had a feeling she would be a spit fire, she was very active inside of her mom."

This year marks a decade as



An otter naps at the Detroit Zoo on a recent Sunday.

SUSAN BROMLEY

a zookeeper for Richmond, who in the sixth grade foretold her destiny in a letter to her mom in which she wrote that she wanted to go to Michigan State University, get a degree in zoology, and work at the Detroit Zoo.

She walked that path, although she acknowledges it hasn't always been easy.

"I am 33, but some days I feel 63," laughs Richmond, who has cared for the giraffes and kangaroos the majority of her career at the zoo, but also worked in various other areas.

When she interviewed, Richmond didn't have a preference for which animals she would work with as all of them were captivating. That is the essence of being a zookeeper — building a relationship with animals.

"Every animal I have

worked with, there is a level of respect, and with that comes love," she said. "You learn their behaviors and personality and their comfort level for certain things. You get attached."

Her relationship with these animals is not like that of a pet, however. She is a caregiver, which involves a lot of manual and physical labor — keeping their environments clean, providing mental stimulation, and feeding them.

Mob mentality

She starts her day at the Australian Outback exhibit at the zoo, where she cares for a mob of 19 red kangaroos, and one Bennett's wallaby, all of whom have their own names

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Richard McLonis, MSO table tennis coordinator, shakes the hand of Arlon Quigley, 91, of Novi, who received the gold medal for his age group at the Michigan Senior Olympics on Saturday at Hart Middle School in Rochester.

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announces he was the first 100-year-old to run the 100-meter dash last year in Minneapolis. His daughter, Darla Winter, who helps her father into a wheelchair after he runs, adds that he is also featured in a centenarian exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

As Darla pushes him in his chair on his way to his next event — shotput — he talks of how he won the singles tennis championship years ago, but the World War II Navy veteran and retired teacher lacked competition, so he decided to change to track and field.

"In the '80s I won bronzes, in the '90s I won silvers, and now in the 2000s, I'm golden," he laughs. "I don't drink booze, I don't smoke, I exercise two times a week and run two times a week."

Winter said his wife



SUSAN BROMLEY
Sallie Bartkowiak, 50, of Novi, competed in her first Michigan Senior Olympics on Monday. She swam five events, various lengths of freestyle and backstroke, and won five silver medals.

Darlene, 89, thinks he is crazy. If that's true, he's in good company. Track and field has the most participants of any of the sports in the Michigan Senior Olympics, more than 200, including Carol Dean, 83, of Rochester, who was running both the 1500 meter and 800 meter on Saturday. She is also an experienced Olympian, participating for about the past two decades and also attending nationals.

"It's not how many people are running, it's the competition in your age group," she said. "There are not so many when you get to this age ... I just thoroughly enjoy running, and you do things you enjoy. The older you get, the more you should exercise."

Joined at OU by her husband Larry, who was competing in shotput and discus, Dean said she runs three days a week and does aerobics three

days. The former high school field hockey player notes she is more physically active now than when she was younger. She planned to run the MSO 5K on Tuesday.

"Am I upright?" she asks, smiling. "I'll just keep trucking."

While people came from all over the state to compete in the Michigan Senior Olympics, the event is open to all, and some athletes came from not only out of state, but also from across the border.

Ralph Cilevitz, 62, of Toronto bypassed a chance to compete in the Canadian senior championship for a change of scenery and an opportunity to achieve a goal he set a dozen years ago — 300 track and field medals.

"People my age don't play," he shrugs. "People say, 'Why don't you play golf or tennis?' I'm not old enough to play golf."

Sally Bartkowiak doesn't play golf. There is only one sport she has

ever loved, and that is swimming.

On Monday morning, the 50-year-old Novi resident dives into the OU pool and swims the 200 freestyle in 2 minutes and 30 seconds, good enough for the first of five silver medals, one for each event she would compete in: also the 50 and 100 backstrokes and 50 and 100 freestyles. She also set four personal bests in her first Michigan Senior Olympics. It capped what has been a remarkable 2-year return to the sport after a hiatus of more than three decades.

Bartkowiak's father passed on his love of swimming to his daughter, who took lessons and swam competitively in middle school and high school, became a life-guard and even taught swimming. But when her father died during her freshman year at Michigan State University, she lost interest in swimming and eventually developed an eating disorder. She took what she calls "a

35-year break," but two years ago, missing the sport, she decided to return. She is now an assistant coach at the Spartan Aquatic Club in Novi.

"The kids are really what motivated me to get into swimming and fueled my competitive edge," said Bartkowiak, who competes regularly in masters swimming events, where she meets people that range in age from 20-92.

"It's way different when you're 50 and swimming than when you're 19. I need more recovery time, I need sleep, I pay attention to make sure I'm getting enough protein and carbs, I don't bounce back as fast. It's different this time around, but I know that this is OK."

For more information on MSO and a schedule of events, visit www.michiganseniorolympics.org.

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East/Grand River; and New Hudson Drive/Pontiac Trail.

But, Lyon Township currently doesn't have the most roundabouts in Oakland County. West Bloomfield and Rochester Hills have four roundabouts apiece.

Road improvements are also planned for Grand River and South Hill.

A center left-turn lane will be added on Grand River. There will be some improvements to the south leg of South Hill for a possible future traffic signal. "Currently a traffic signal is not warranted," Dingell said.

The roundabout with paving from Nine Mile to 10 Mile will cost about \$6 million.

The roadwork at Grand River and South Hill Road is estimated at \$1.3 million.

Prepare

A spring start and late fall finish is projected for next year for the roundabout project.

"However, that is not set in stone yet," Dingell said.

Napier from Nine Mile to 10 Mile will likely close to through traffic in the spring.

"We always maintain residential, business and emergency access within a closed construction area," she said.

The intersection closure is to be determined at 10 Mile and Napier.

"We need to factor in traffic for the school in that area and discuss with the school," she said.

There are two detours from the east: Beck to Eight Mile to Napier.

From the west: Griswold to Eight Mile to Napier.

"These are the detours," she said. "Local residents may know of other alternative routes that work better with

their individual driving patterns. The goal of a detour is to keep through traffic off of neighborhood/residential streets, especially truck traffic."

"Most people traveling through the intersection living in the area are aware that improvements are forthcoming as many signed a petition started by a local resident asking for the improvements," she said.

The projects are in the design phase. No contractor has yet been selected.

Speak up

The RCOC will present its proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget during a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and offer input on the proposed budget.

The proposed \$129 million budget represents an increase of

about \$25 million compared to the \$104 million 2016 budget adopted a year ago. The 2017 proposed budget increased primarily due to an anticipated increase in state and federal road funding.

The proposed 2017 budget includes plans for about \$64 million of road improvement projects such as road widenings, reconstructions, resurfacings and gravel road paving or work toward future road-improvement projects; nearly \$29.6 million for road maintenance efforts such as pothole patching, gravel road grading and salting and plowing in the winter; and nearly \$11.2 million for maintaining traffic signs, signals, pavement markings and guardrails among other activities. RCOC's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Final adoption of the budget will take place in September.

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and personalities. Some are laid back while others are curious and sniff Richmond. Others still are stand-offish and head in the other direction as she walks around cleaning their exhibit and feeding them.

They eat what she calls a "kangaroo and wallaby chow," placed in the shelter area. She also makes interesting changes to their environment, which can include hanging melons as treats, adding spices or perfumes for new odors, and throwing large piles of dirt into their yard for the kangaroos who have a natural urge to dig.

She checks to make sure they aren't scratching themselves, which could indicate a skin irritation, or doing any odd behaviors. Kangaroos, she adds, are good at masking illness. Even an ear down or angled awkwardly could mean something is amiss with the animal.

"They might come and smell me, but I don't pet them," she said. "None of them are hand-reared; they are all parent-reared. It's a respect thing, and I don't cross that line... I make sure they are doing what they would be normally at that time and 99 percent of the time, everyone is fine. When you know them so well, you can tell when something is off."

There are 12 female kangaroos and seven vasectomized males. While the kangaroo exhibit is large, the indoor shelter is at maximum capacity. Kangaroos have a life expectancy to the late teens, as do wallabies.

Zoo staff want to get another wallaby to join the 7-year-old male they obtained six years ago after he and thousands of other animals were rescued from inhumane conditions by an international exotic animal dealer in Texas.

"The situation was very dire and it was a big undertaking," said Richmond, who adds that the wallaby will not be bred as his genetic background is unknown.

Intense giraffes

There are also no plans to add to the giraffe family. Species Survival Plan coordinators make decisions regarding breeding of animals, with knowledge of genetics and conservation efforts. Kivuli will be on birth control, and no decision has been made yet on whether Zawadi, whose name means "gift" in Swahili, will stay in Detroit.

The reticulated giraffes, which weigh roughly 2,600 pounds when fully grown and can reach up to 18 feet as the tallest land mammal, are easier to transport when they are younger. Their large size also means Richmond spends the majority of her days with the beautiful creatures who spend roughly 17 hours of their day eating and only sleep three hours a day. She has observed them in the wild on a trip to Africa and uses that knowledge for her care of them at the zoo.

"My outback routine is much less intensive than with giraffes," said Richmond. "I spend about six hours of my day with the giraffes. A 2,600 pound giraffe, they make a big mess every day, I spend a lot of time cleaning up after them. Plus I feed them twice a day. They also get enriched frequently."

The primary enrichment for giraffes centers around food, with Richmond placing mulberry branches, grape vines, willow branches and more of what she calls "browse" around their exhibit. She cuts very large branches and ties them to different areas of their yard so she doesn't have to hand feed them all day long and so they use their tongues as much as possible in a natural way.

The giraffes, like the

kangaroos, each have their own distinctive personalities as well. Jabari is more interactive and likes being around all people as long as there is a treat involved. Kivuli is the opposite, more timid and apprehensive of strangers, but like Jabari, very smart. Mpenzi tends to be shyer, like his mother, and of course, the personality of the new arrival is not yet known, but Richmond looks forward to getting to know her as well. Regardless, Zawadi, like all giraffes, will require patience, as Richmond notes you can't really make a giraffe do anything they don't want to do.

That's OK with the zookeeper though, who still enjoys the job despite the hard labor and a deeper understanding now of what the career entails than when she was a little girl dreaming of working with the animals and when visits to the zoo meant seeing performing chimpanzees and seals.

"That is not something that happens now, and I am thrilled about that," said Richmond. "I try to look at things more from the animal's eyes and maybe more than I expected, things have evolved for the better. I love where I work and I love all of our hopes and dreams for the future. It's really motivating."

She tries not to think too much about what tomorrow will bring as the job is taxing on her body. She is living for the moment, but notes that as she ages, a change to a less physically demanding position may be in the cards.

Brian Manfre, a Westland resident, made that change.

Mammals on the mind

Always fascinated by animals, Manfre earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Eastern Michigan University in 2005 and interned at the Toledo Zoo. He started working at the Detroit Zoo more than nine years ago, the first six of them as a zookeeper, caring for warthogs and zebras.

Three years ago, he became mammal supervisor, overseeing carnivores including lions, tigers, otters and wolverines, as well as some of the small mammals like red pandas and bush dogs. He also oversees hoofstock including the zebras and warthogs, camels and bison.

The job entails working with administration and keepers to make sure they are in the position to take the best possible care of these animals.

This includes overseeing construction projects on exhibits, renovations, and relocation of animals to accommodate their needs while projects are underway.

"There is not any such thing as a routine day," said Manfre. "If one of my keepers has a concern with a veterinary issue, I am the first point of contact to get them out there and assess things."

Recently, Manfre had plans to tie up loose ends at the newly-expanded camel exhibit and then to work on the zookeepers' schedules, followed by supervisor meetings with his fellow mammal managers.

He has what he considers a good 50/50 mix of administrative work with working alongside the zookeepers — helping with projects or assisting

with routine animal check-ups which require anesthesia with the larger animals — and coordinating individuals to make sure everything goes smoothly.

"The best part of my job is just having the opportunity to work with a lot of unique animals," said Manfre. "The most common thing I hear is that people think zoo-keeping doesn't require education or is just picking up poop, when in actuality zookeepers are highly trained. It requires education, expertise and is a very difficult job to get. You definitely need a lot of attention to detail and have to pick up on subtle cues from animals and make quick, good judgment decisions, while being attentive to safety."

Human resources

Melissa Pletcher's job at the zoo is also invaluable, although she works not with the animals, but with human resources for the past six years as the assistant manager of volunteer services.

The Novi resident helps oversee about 1,100 volunteers at the Detroit Zoo, who come from all walks of life, all ages, and all of whom, like herself, are very passionate about animals and people.

Just like the paid employees, the volunteers Pletcher recruits, interviews and trains, are essential to a well-maintained zoo.

"We keep track of everyone's hours, which is important for a lot of reasons — we use it to measure success," said Pletcher, who has a master's degree in general science and has spent her career working for non-profit organizations

which prior to the zoo included Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Detroit Science Center, and the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. "A lot of times, people ask about our in-kind services and we can tell them we have more than 100,000 hours per year of volunteer service, saving us several million dollars in labor."

There are 14 volunteer opportunities available, including docents, which are informal teachers; zoo ambassadors, which greet visitors at the entrance, answer questions and also walk throughout the zoo; "penguin people," whom are stationed in the new Polk Penguin Conservation Center; "the mob squad," situated within the Australian Outback; gardeners; wildlife gallery guides; Arctic Ring of Life volunteers; and also volunteers off site at the Belle Isle Nature Zoo.

Pletcher said recruitment of volunteers typically takes place from March through June, with training done at the beginning of the summer season, and then a second wave of recruitment begins Sept. 10. The three-step process to becoming a volunteer includes application, a 2-part orientation in which applicants learn about the history of the zoo, volunteer responsibilities, emergency procedures and zoo goals, followed by an interview and a determination of a good assignment match for the volunteer. The process also includes a background check.

"There's a common misconception that volunteers can feed the animals or can clean up after them," said Pletcher.

"There is no direct contact. We have zookeepers; we are very up front about that. They learn about them and they can see them, which gives them their little fix."

On a daily basis, about 80 volunteers are needed at the zoo, working in shifts when there are special events, and they are needed year-round, even with gardening, as there are plants in greenhouses, as well as other indoor facilities.

"The interest is higher in the summer, but we are open 362 days a year," notes Pletcher. "There are only two volunteer roles that don't occur in winter — zoo ambassadors and the Arctic Ring of Life. Even the kangaroo exhibit is open during winter and we have volunteers who like working in winter."

The volunteers range in age from 15 to 90. More than 25 percent of the volunteers have been with the zoo for more than a decade. One person has been with the zoo since 1977, when the volunteer program began.

Pletcher loves her job. "I love working with people and getting to know the volunteers, they're very dedicated, they're all animal people like me, but I also love the animals, I love being around them," she said. "This is truly a great place to work — the people are so passionate about what they do, they care about the animals and about each other, they're here because they want to be. There is always something to learn here, this is a happy place."

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Parents Names: Guenther and Cynthia Braeuner

Academic Honors: Honor Roll, National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholars Award Semifinalist, AP Scholar With Distinction, Summa Cum Laude, National Honor Society

Extra-curricular activities: Martial arts, wind ensemble, Quiz Bowl, German club, FIRST Robotics, varsity ski team, marching band, Novi Youth Council, HOSA

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend Yale University to study Economics.

Career plans: Business or Law

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? Mrs. Brown has had a profound impact on my academic career. She opened new doors for me in AP European History and taught me new thinking skills I can apply to other fields. We shared a similar passion for the subject that made my academic experience even more enjoyable.

Your most memorable high school moment: Going on an exchange to Erding, Germany my sophomore summer. This gave me the opportunity to explore the German culture and further improve my German speaking skills.

Hyunji Choi
Parents Names: Kyungho Choi, Kyewon Kwak

Academic Honors: National Merit Semifinalist, AP Scholar with Distinction

Extra-curricular activities: National Honor Society, marching band, quiz bowl, Spanish club, recycling club

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend University of



Braeuner

Michigan to study engineering.

Career plans: Undecided

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? My parents have influenced me the most in my academic career by inspiring me with their dedication and strong work ethic.

Your most memorable high school moment: Meeting some of my best friends in the marching band.

Brendan Campbell
Parents Names: Mary and David Campbell

Academic Honors: First Place at DECA Internationals, Detroit Chemistry Olympiad runner-up, USA Computing Olympiad silver level competitor, National Merit Finalist

Extra-curricular activities: President of DECA, President of National Honor Society, President of Recycling Club, golf team, Awkward Pause theatre troupe, iOS app programming, web development, Class of 2016 Treasurer, Novi Youth Council

Post-graduation plans: I am attending the University of Michigan to study computer science and business.

Career plans: Entrepreneur and business owner

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? My IB Business teacher Mrs. Forster, because she helped me develop irreplaceable business and professional skills.

Your most memorable high school moment: Hanging out with my friends in Nashville at DECA Internationals.



Campbell

opinion page design, honorable mention for byline opinion article

Extra-curricular activities: Wildcat Roar opinion editor, swim team, lifeguard

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend the University of Michigan to study computer science.

Career plans: Undecided

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? I've had Lydia Cadena as a teacher for four years - one for U.S. history and three for newspaper - and in that time, she has had a huge impact on my academic career. Not only has she pushed me to be the best student I can be, she has also taught me things I will be able to utilize throughout life, both academically and just general life advice.

Your most memorable high school moment: At the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association my junior year, they were announcing the Opinion Page awards, which my fellow opinion editor and I submitted two pages to. When they announced our names for third place, we were hugging and screaming so much we almost didn't hear them announcing our names for first place too - but that resulted in even more screaming and hugging (and maybe a little bit of crying, too).



Elkin

Brent George
Parents Names: Daniel and Shirley George

Academic Honors: National Merit Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction

Extra-curricular activities: Football team captain, wrestling team captain, television news executive producer, BSA Eagle Scout, International Thespian Society, Soccer Referee

Post-graduation plans: I am going on a two year proselytizing mission to the Philippines, speaking Tagalog, for

the LDS church. Afterwards I plan on attending Brigham Young University Provo.

Career plans: Mechanical Engineering

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? My parents have been extremely supportive in everything I do, from academics to football to theater. They've put the pressure on when I needed it and backed off when I needed to learn for myself, and that made the difference for me.

Your most memorable high school moment: The football team made the playoffs for the first time in 7 years, and we beat West Bloomfield, the number two team in the state with several D1 recruits. Celebrating with the fans and my family afterwards was incredible.

Koushik Kondapi
Parents Names: Meena and Prasad Kondapi

Academic Honors: AP Scholar with Distinction, Summa Cum Laude graduate, Honor Roll, MHSAA Academic All-State, National Merit Finalist

Extra-curricular activities: Varsity tennis, DECA, HOSA, Student Council, Novi Youth Council

Post-graduation plans: I will be attending the University of Michigan to study neuroscience on a pre-medicine track.

Career plans: Medicine

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? My parents. Past my interest in the sciences and medicine, they taught me to always try to help others, and have been my biggest supporters, in the classroom and out.

Your most memorable high school moment: Winning my state finals match to help clinch Novi High School's first tennis state championship in my junior year.



Kondapi

Shivani Kozarekar
Parents Names: Shailesh and Deepali Kozarekar

Academic Honors: Summa Cum Laude, National Merit Finalist, Presidential Award Nominee, AP Scholar with Distinction

Extra-curricular activities: German club, debate team, National Honor Society, Novi beautification commission, Relay For Life, tennis, retail sales associate

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend the University of Michigan to study computer science.

Career plans: Undecided

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? My parents have influenced me by exemplifying the merits of hard work and letting me pursue activities in which I was genuinely interested. Two of my teachers, Mr. Akouri and Mrs. Franchi, have also influenced me significantly by introducing me to and piquing my interest in finance and computer programming.

Your most memorable high school moment: When I hosted a German exchange student in the fall of my sophomore year and then traveled to Erding, Bavaria, to stay with her for three weeks the next summer. It was a blast, and I learned a lot about the culture. Also, I really enjoyed my final year with my IB German class, especially the movie we made.



Kozarekar

Anil Palepu
Parents Names: Sitaram Palepu (Father), Padmalaya Palepu (Mother)

Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist, National AP Scholar

Extra-curricular activities: robotics, DECA, research

Post-graduation plans: I am studying biomedical engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

Career plans: Engineer

Who has influenced you most in your academic career



Palepu

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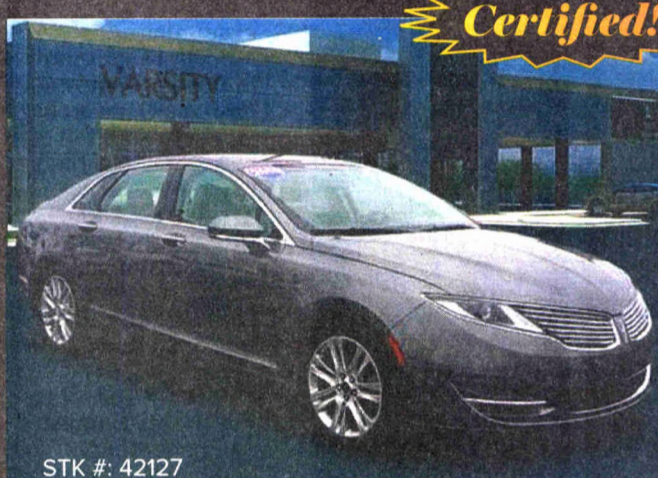
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India Day celebrated this Saturday in Novi

AQL India Day, the largest celebration of Asian Indian culture and traditions in the Midwest, will return to Novi 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Suburban Collection Showplace, at 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

The annual event is free and presented by the India League of America Michigan, in collaboration with Michigan Asian Indian community organizations. It features live entertainment, authentic food and diverse exhibitors.

"Each year, more than 25,000 attendees come together to enjoy the tastes, sounds and sights of India," said Ramesh Gudapuri, AQL India Day chairman. "This growing, one-of-a-kind event gives us the opportunity to salute India's Independence Day, which is held on August 15, while sharing our culture and traditions with not only family and friends, but also the public in metro Detroit."

AQL India Day delivers a festival-like atmosphere that is fun for all ages featuring a variety

of special performances throughout the day. From patriotic songs and folk music to classical and Bollywood-inspired dancers, the line-up will include 60 live performances with more than 350 entertainers from local groups as well as regional dance academies. During the event, the winner of Miss ILA Michigan 2016 will be announced.

The opening ceremony for AQL India Day will begin with a parade at 10:30 a.m. with participants performing music

and dancing while dressed in traditional costumes representing each Indian state. The route will end at the main stage where all dignitaries and special invited guests will be welcomed with a marigold garland and red tilak, a customary religious mark worn on the forehead. The ceremony will conclude with the lighting of the lamp, a Hindu custom to give thanks to the Lord and acknowledge a new event.

Numerous local restaurants, including India

Flavors, Delhi Hut, Chutneys and Bawarchi, will be on-site to provide a selection of authentic Indian food. More than 100 exhibitors, such as Ram Creations, Satrangi Jewelry and Shiva Collections, will sell authentic Indian apparel, costumes, arts and crafts, home furnishings and jewelry. Ford Motors, General Motors and FCA Group also will have the latest automobiles models on display.

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For more information about AQL India Day, visit www.ilamichigan.org or email india-day@ilamichigan.org.

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and why? My parents, who have always encouraged me to work hard and got me interested in math and science at an early age.

Your most memorable high school moment: Building the worst catapult in my AP Physics class.

Jeffrey Wan

Parents Names: Jian Wan, Wen Zeng

Academic Honors: Intel STS Semifinalist, Scholastic Art and Writing National Gold and Silver Medals, Qualified for AIME, Chemistry Olympiad runner-up, Michigan Math Prize Competition 27th place.

Extra-curricular activities: Track and field, Computer Science club officer, Art studio.

Post-graduation plans: I plan to attend Columbia to study computer science.

Career plans: Undecided

Who has influenced you most in your academic career and why? My parents supported me in pursuing a career in math and science as well as in developing my passions in art.

Your most memorable high school moment: Doing research over the summer at a University of Michigan lab.



'Healthy,' 'tasty' can be the same

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Chef George Rapisit makes low-fat banana pancakes with fresh fruit during a healthy eating demonstration at the Novi Public Library. Rapisit's presentation showed kids how they could cook and eat healthy and still enjoy tasty foods.

Novi couple organizes Sept. 10 'Fox in the D' fundraiser

On Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit, "Team Fox in the D," led by Team Fox members Donna and Mike Rajkovic of Novi, will host a gala to benefit The Michael J. Fox Foundation in honor of family, close friends and the Parkinson's community.

The evening aims to raise \$50,000 or more to enable MJFF to continue aggressively funding research to find better treatments and a cure for Parkinson's disease.

The event they are planning will be a tremendous party with a serious purpose – making Parkinson's a disease of the past.

They will welcome guest speakers to talk about the immense progress that has been made over the last couple of years in Parkinson's research, as well as the importance of exercise.

Following the panelists, the event will feature dinner, music and dancing to some of Detroit's best bands.

If you are interested in attending or would like make a donation, please visit us on our Facebook Page at Team Fox Detroit or our Team Fox fundraising page at www2.michaeljfox.org/goto/teamfoxinthed.

"We chose to host a Gala as part of Team Fox because we wanted not only to help raise money for a cure, but to bring awareness of the latest research, as well as how individuals can get involved. It's our way to do something personally to further the Foundation's

mission. They are funding cutting-edge research to bring meaningful advances in treatments and eventually a cure to people affected by this disease," said Donna.

More than 5 million people worldwide are living with Parkinson's disease, a chronic, degenerative neurological disorder whose symptoms typically progress from mild tremors to complete physical incapacitation. There is no known cure for Parkinson's disease.

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Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

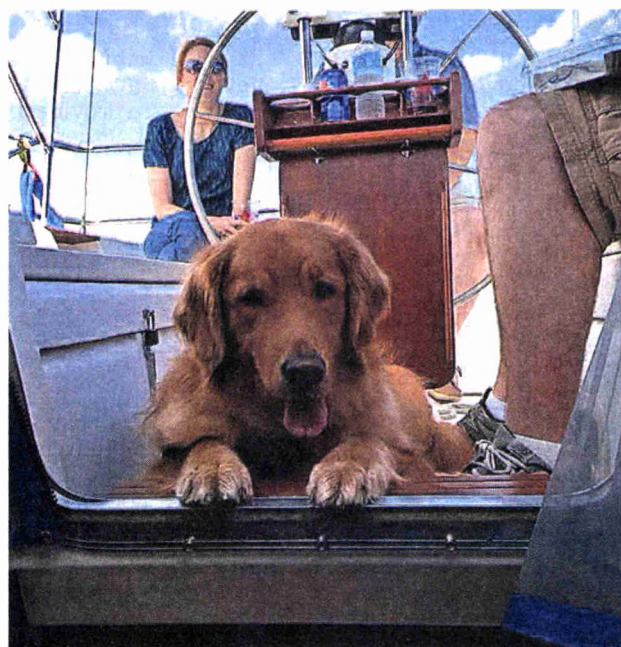
It took just one quick whiff for Jason Schlaff to know his golden retriever, Booker, was in serious trouble.

The usually healthy 78-pound canine had vomited, which put out a particular odor that Schlaff recognized as a sign that he had ingested hops. That can lead to a deadly situation, interfering with a dog's ability to cool itself and resulting in hyperthermia.

Less than a half hour later, Schlaff had Booker at an emergency veterinary clinic. The prognosis wasn't good.

"They gave us a 50-50 chance that he'd survive. By then, his temperature was 104 degrees – 100 degrees is normal for a dog – and then it was at 106.1 degrees. At 108 degrees it's fatal. I was beside myself," he said, recalling the devastation of hearing that his 3-year-old pet could die after eating hops – a component used to brew beer and contained in its byproduct, which some use as fertilizer.

As one of the owners of the Farmington Brewing Company, Schlaff has a continuous supply of



Booker is back to good health after a recent medical emergency.

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that byproduct. And, he said, his company's practice is to recycle those organic leftovers and keep them out of the waste stream. He had recently given some to his parents for their garden, and Booker had apparently gotten into it while they were dog-sitting. Schlaff had come to pick up Booker when the medical crisis emerged.

Fortunately, Booker was successfully treated and released from the clinic the next day. And while his story might seem like a fluke, it's not. According to Plaza Veterinary Hospital's Christian Ast, DVM, pets becoming ill or dying from eating plants, certain foods that aren't dangerous to humans, medication and other substances is all-too-common.

"Most days, someone is asking about the safety of something their pet found in their yard or a medication," said Ast.

For example, acetaminophen – commonly known as Tylenol – can be toxic to pets, especially cats. So can aspirin, Alleve, Advil and similar products. The artificial sweetener, Xylitol, contained in sugar-free gum and some sugar-free children's medication, also can pose major health issues to animals, as can garbage that a pet decides to root through and snack on.

Even certain house plants can be potentially deadly, which Melanee Riegel found out the hard way a few weeks ago. Her kitten, Sharknado, got seriously ill after biting the leaf of a lily. Riegel had bought a couple of the plants that morning at the Farmington farmers market. She knew Sharknado – less than a year old at the time – liked to bite at plants, so she decided to keep an eye on the situation to see if the lilies would survive at their new home in Farmington Hills.

But it was Sharknado that ended up with the close call.

Spreading awareness

After seeing the kitten bite through a lily leaf, Riegel searched the Internet and read that lilies can be toxic – and can destroy their kidney function. An emergency vet told her to keep a close watch on Sharknado, and the next morning Riegel noticed a sign of trouble – drooling.

Next stop was the emergency clinic, where Sharknado spent the next 48 hours. Some \$1,400 in treatment later, and some worrisome moments, Sharknado was back to her feisty self.

"It's not that I'm complaining about the bill, but I just feel terrible because I (brought the lilies into our home)," Riegel said.

She also said she was "super startled" to learn that simply inhaling toxins from the plant can make a cat seriously ill, and has been sharing that information to friends and family. "Hopefully, spreading awareness will save other kitties pain, or worse," she said.

Ast agrees, and refers pet owners to the ASPCA poison control online resource, at www.aspcapca.org, where informa-

tion on common plants, household chemicals and medication can be found. There's also the option of calling a poison control expert to discuss a particular case for \$65. Detailed evaluation of a pet's situation and consultation with one's veterinarian for the best treatment options are part of the service, too.

Ast also suggests doing a walk-through of your house, looking for things that could pose a potential problem. "It's like baby-proofing your home, but instead it's for pets," he said.

And should your pet run into trouble – or if it's even just suspected – don't hesitate to seek professional help, he added.

"It's always better to call early. Some people might be sheepish or embarrassed about that, or think it's silly," Ast said. "But it's better to call and have it be no big deal. And if it's not, you can have it checked out right away either with your regular veterinarian or an emergency clinic."

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Former podiatrist explores broadcasting at Fox Run

Meghan Streit
Correspondent

Fred Bernstein, a former podiatrist, is exploring his long-standing interest in broadcasting by hosting "Let's Go Clubbing," a new show that airs on Fox Run retirement community's closed circuit TV station. He profiles Fox Run's dozens of resident-run clubs and committees on his show.

Bernstein, who minored in radio in college, started volunteering in

Fox Run's TV studio about a year ago, shortly after he and his wife Sandra moved from Farmington Hills into the community. He has co-hosted the daily news show and also done on-air weather forecasts.

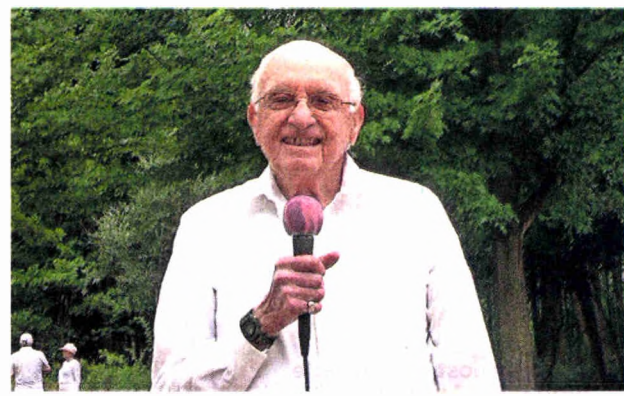
"I originated this program with the idea of showing the time clubs meet and what they do, and taking viewers into a club, with the hope residents will see what's going on and want to join," Bernstein said.

So far, he has done segments on the table tennis club; German club; hobby shop; water volleyball league; Wii bowling club; the poetry & prose group; croquet club; Unity in the Community group; travel club; and Your Own University, a group for lifelong learning.

Other volunteers from the TV studio operate the video cameras, while Bernstein handles the on-screen action. He said his neighbors are enjoy-

ing the new program, and some of the resident-run clubs have gotten new members as a result of it.

When Bernstein isn't busy hosting segments for Fox Run's TV station or socializing with his new neighbors, he enjoys exercising at the on-site fitness center. He is also a member of the history club and the veterans club, and he is one of the volunteers who visits with residents in Fox Run's continuing care neighborhood.



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Fred Bernstein is seen hosting a segment of "Let's Go Clubbing."

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Novi police: Almost quarter pound of pot found in car

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

A man caught speeding was also caught with marijuana, although he initially tried to deny the obvious, police said.

A Novi officer on patrol clocked the suspect's vehicle last week traveling 60 mph in a 45 mph zone on Napier Road and stopped the vehicle at Ferhoodle and Aichebaun.

According to a report, the vehicle took longer than usual to stop, and the officer could see the driver making furtive movements to the passenger seat area. The driver said he knew he was speeding. However,

when the officer questioned him about marijuana in his vehicle after smelling it, the subject denied there being any.

He eventually admitted he had some in his vehicle, police said, and gave up a clear plastic bag with marijuana that was later weighed at 22.5 grams. He said he doesn't have a medical marijuana card, but was in the process.

A K-9 unit was called to the scene, and the dog alerted to several spots in the vehicle, leading officers to discover a marijuana joint on the driver's side floorboard, another clear plastic bag with 4.6 grams of marijuana in the center con-

sole, a white plastic tube in the center console with 32 grams of marijuana, a black plastic container in the glovebox with 29 grams of marijuana, and a "one hitter" inside a tennis shoe on the front passenger seat.

All of it was confiscated. He was arrested on a possession of marijuana charge.

Not a good idea

A Novi officer on patrol at 1:56 a.m., Aug. 11, stopped a vehicle at W. Pontiac Trail and Wellington Drive for a defective brake light.

The officer asked the driver to provide his driver's license, registration and proof of in-

surance, at which point he stated that he never applied for a license. The passenger provided a Mexican passport.

During a search of the vehicle, the officer stated in a report he saw a case of XX Dos Equis beer and two open beer bottles, both approximately half full. The officer also smelled marijuana coming from the trunk and a K-9 unit was requested, however, no illegal drugs were found.

The driver said he and his friend were at the bar and left some time around 1 a.m. after having two beers apiece. They drove to Walmart and purchased the case of beer, returned to the

car, opened two beers and had a "sip."

The officer told the he didn't think it was a good idea to drink and drive and asked his passenger to place the open beer bottle back in the box while he drove home. He said they did not consume the alcoholic beverage while driving.

The driver was cited for no operating license and open intoxicants in a vehicle.

Shopping cart anger

A woman who appeared angry allegedly pushed a shopping cart into a vehicle while that car's owner watched it happen.

The owner of a Chevy Equinox called police at 4:07 p.m., Aug. 10 and said she was sitting on the curb in Novi Square on W. Pontiac Trail waiting for her laundry to dry when she saw the suspect who appeared to be angry and was mumbling to herself.

The woman was a stranger to her, but she watched as the suspect grabbed a shopping cart, took four steps, and then pushed it into the parking lot. The cart then crashed into the front bumper of her Equinox, causing minor damage. She attempted to talk to the woman, who got in her vehicle and left the scene, but not before the victim got a photo of her license plate.

The officer attempted to make contact with the suspect but was unsuccessful. He advised the victim to take her vehicle to a body shop for an estimate.

Stranger danger?

A mother reported to Novi police a suspicious van driving by at 11:09 p.m., Aug. 5, on Sunnysbrook Lane.

The woman said her daughter was playing outside of their home with friends and came

inside to tell her that a gray minivan, driven by an elderly white male, was driving by slowly and "watching" her. Her daughter said the vehicle made a U-turn after passing the residence and left the area, and the man did not speak to her or her friends.

An area check was requested.

Egged

A father told Novi Police that his teenage son heard loud banging noises shortly before 11 p.m., Aug. 6 on the exterior of their home on Ingram Road and when he arrived home a short time later, saw the front of his house had been hit with approximately six to eight eggs.

There did not appear to be any permanent damage. Extra patrol was requested.

Hit and run

A driver who apparently backed into a mailbox left the scene when the homeowner went into her house to retrieve her phone.

Police responded at 8:44 p.m., Aug. 7, to the home on Duana Street, where the woman said two suspects parked in front of her residence and went into the park. Upon returning the male driver backed his vehicle into her mailbox, causing it to fall off its stand.

She yelled at the suspect, who stopped and asked if she had screws, and he would fix the mailbox. She said he could not fix it and she wanted his insurance information.

When she went inside to grab her phone, she returned to find the suspect driving off. She was unable to get a license plate.

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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.

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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.

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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
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	Plymouth Township	19, 20, 30	19, 20, 30
Salem & Plymouth Intercounty	Plymouth Township	19	19
North County Line Intercounty	Sumpter Township	18	7, 18
Sines Intercounty	Van Buren Township	4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17	4, 6, 8, 9, 10
	Canton Township	31, 32, 33	31, 32, 33

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Motor City Youth Theatre asks for help funding new roof

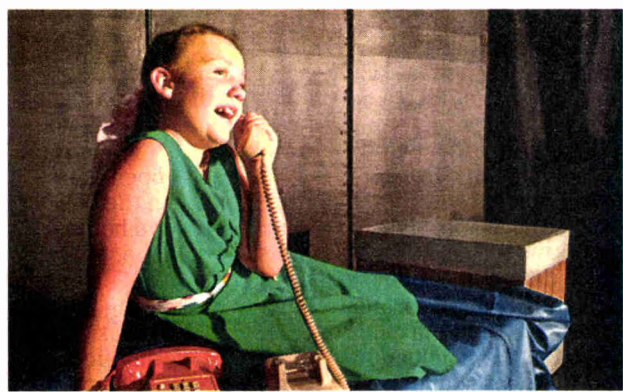
Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Motor City Youth Theater (MCYT) will lose its insurance unless it replaces the roof on its Grantland Street playhouse.

Nancy Florkowski, MCYT founder and director, estimates the roof will cost \$10,000-\$12,000, a hefty price for the Livonia-based troupe that has called 27555 Grantland its home for 11 years. She tried selling the two-floor building earlier this year, hoping she'd find a one-story venue locally that could accommodate wheelchairs, but had no takers.

Now she's simultaneously leading a Go Fund Me campaign online for the roof while holding rehearsals for "Bye Bye Birdie," at the playhouse.

The cast of 14 youth actors will perform 7-10



SUBMITTED

Reese McClelland of Madison Heights gabs on the phone during a scene from Motor City Youth Theatre's production of "Bye Bye Birdie."

p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 19-20 at the Grantland Street theater. Tickets are \$5-\$10, available at eventbrite.com/e/bye-bye-birdie-tickets-27081615842.

The Go Fund Me campaign has raised more than \$5,000 in two weeks. Nearly 100 supporters

have aided the cause, wishing the theater "good luck" and expressing praise and gratitude for Florkowski's work with young actors.

"Both my children have spent many hours training, building, learning and expressing their creativity under Nancy," Tiffany Troost wrote in

an email to the Observer. "My daughter went on to attend Churchill High School to be part of the Creative and Performing Arts program (CAPA). She is now a student at Western Michigan University pursuing a degree in Fine Arts. My son is a senior in the fall at Churchill High School and also in the CAPA program."

Troost said Florkowski and her staff had "contributed to my children as well as many children throughout the years."

Kids and adults

Although MCYT also stages at least one show annually with adult actors, "kids come first." Youngsters perform Shakespeare in July and other shows throughout the year. This fall adults and youth actors will come together for the first time to perform one-act plays.

"I've had kids in

Shakespeare who were severely dyslexic, autistic. I take everyone," Florkowski said. She is proud of the teaching methods she has used for 26 years.

"I treat kids as human beings. Kids are treated like equals. They help me block and do the dances. It's them being leaders."

MCYT has a chair lift for audience members who can't climb stairs to the second-floor theater, but it doesn't work well for young wheelchair users.

"One level would be wonderful. All on one level. I've had parents say my (wheelchair-bound) child wants to do theater but you can't have them here," she said.

"People stand outside and freeze in the winter because we have no lobby."

Florkowski dropped plans for expanding the

Grantland playhouse after discovering she'd have to enlarge and improve the parking lot. The project price tag was approximately \$100,000.

She has mixed feelings about the building, but says she loves it and calls it "home."

"Even if we sell the building, we have to put a new roof on it. The roof is old and it's going to have to be replaced before winter. And it's steep, so it's costly. You can tell by looking at it that it's not good."

"Our insurance company said get a new roof or we won't work with you. We pay almost \$3,000 a year in insurance and I was thinking that was a lot."

She and her husband, Fred, who assists with the theater, are looking into other insurance carriers.

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Join Kids Without Cancer Sept. 10 for Motor City Quack Attack

You're invited to join Kids Without Cancer and partners at Oakland County Parks for the second annual Motor City Quack Attack. This is a family-friendly event which involves 5,000 rubber ducks racing for a cure to childhood cancer.

The Motor City Quack Attack will be held at The Red Oaks Water park in Madison Heights on Sat-

urday, Sept. 10. Gates open at 11 a.m. with the duck launch at 2 p.m. Organizers will have music, a photo booth and a raffle.

Proceeds from the duck race benefit Kids Without Cancer, a non-profit organization founded in 1981 whose vision is a world in which no child has to face a diagnosis and battle cancer. This event will fund

pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Supporters can "adopt" a rubber duck (\$5/duck) and test their luck in the waterpark's river ride. The first three ducks to pass the finish line win. First place prize is \$1,000 cash; second place \$500 cash, and

third place \$250 cash. Ducks can be adopted online: www.motorcityquackattack.com/

Sue Sargent of Livonia serves on the Board of Directors for Kids Without Cancer. She lost her daughter Chrissy to the disease at age 12.

Wrote Sargent in an email, "I became involved with this organization in memory of my daughter Chrissy who

passed away in 1993. She was only 12 years old and diagnosed with ovarian cancer. During her 3 month illness, I was on an emotional roller coaster, I could only focus on saving my daughter's life. Sadly, Chrissy was not able to beat the monster."

Adds Sargent, "Later, I realized there are many children who have cancer. Too many children. I

don't have much money to give, so I decided to volunteer. I didn't think I had skills, but over time I found that I do, and I use them to be a voice for children fighting this awful disease that is robbing them of their childhood or their lives."

Find more details online at www.kidswithoutcancer.org On Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/kidswithoutcancer/

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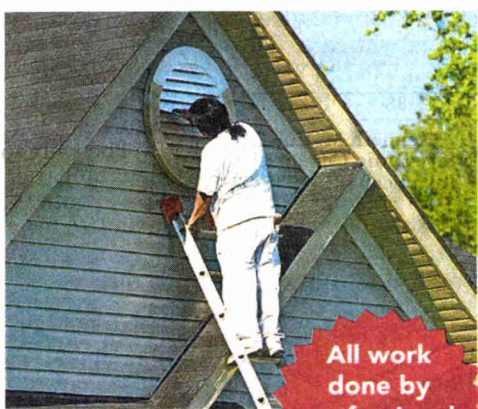
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Michigan woman lobbied to include synchronized swimming in Olympics

Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

One of the pioneers in Olympic synchronized swimming grew up on a farm in western Michigan.

"But we didn't farm," Frances Jones, 91, said of her childhood in Hastings. "My dad worked for the railroad as a telegrapher — he taught me enough of the Morse code so I could send an SOS if I needed to. My mom was a florist with her own greenhouse."

Jones started out as a swim instructor at a YWCA branch in Lansing and eventually served as president of the U.S. Synchronized Swimming

Association. She led a team of swimmers called the Lansing Sea Sprites on a pair of world tours that included stops at the 1960 and 1964 Summer Olympics. She even co-authored a book on synchronized swimming.

Jones always thought the sport should have been called "aqua gymnastics" to give it a broader appeal.

"Back then, it was considered an art form ... something you saw in the movies with Esther Williams," she said of synchronized swimming.

"The Olympics wanted nothing to do with an art form, so we had to kill that Hollywood art form and create a sport."

The early years

Jones was born in 1926 and raised during the Great Depression. She and her two older sisters grew up with a strong Christian faith in a hard-working family. They were taught at an early age to be self-reliant and inquisitive.

"My sisters did the cooking and I was my mom's hired hand," Jones said. "I helped her in the greenhouse and learned how to make Christmas wreaths out of pine cones and silk flowers."

Each of the sisters also learned how to sing and play a musical instrument. For a half-hour or so each evening after

dinner, the girls would gather around a small piano in the living room and sing church songs and love songs.

Jones learned to swim in Thornapple Lake, just outside Grand Rapids. She learned how to dance at a young age and was a natural leader.

During her four years at W.K. Kellogg High School in Nashville, Mich., she was a cheerleader, drum major, choir singer and member of the drama club. She played the French horn in the high school orchestra and was the decoration chairperson for the senior prom.

At Eastern Michigan University, she majored in physical science and developed a deep understanding of human anatomy, its muscles and movements. She also joined the dance club, learning everything from the waltz to the boogie-woogie. Those lessons would later help Jones when it came to developing routines for her swimmers.



JONES FAMILY PHOTO
Frances Jones, 91, with some memorabilia from the 1964 world tour she took with the Lansing Sea Sprites.

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BECKSTEIN

JANE J. age 90, passed away August 8, 2016. She was born January 21, 1926 in Ann Arbor, daughter of the late Fredrick & Olive Janke. Jane is survived by her children: Edward Beckstein, Jenny (Tom) Barker, Raymond (Kim) Beckstein, Beverly (Mike) Walrath; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and her siblings: Hazel Montgomery, Ray Janke, and Margie Thomas. She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur; her brother Walter; and her daughter-in-law, Sally Beckstein. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 11 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 4:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.

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HAY



ROBERT J. Age 87, a resident of Hartland, passed away on August 13, 2016. He was born on October 19, 1928 at home in Northville, Michigan; son of Ralph and Merenna (Longley) Hay, Sr. He was united in marriage to Dorothea J. Schwelke on August 1, 1954; they just celebrated 62 years of marriage. He was a lifelong resident of Northville; they moved to Hartland 18 years ago. Robert began a career at Guernsey Farms Dairy working closely with John McGuire. In 1965 he took a job as a custodian with the Northville Public Schools; retiring after 20 years of dedicated service. He was an active member of Lighthouse Chapel of the Deaf in Flint for 18 years.

Robert enjoyed his time at the Waterford Senior Center where he attended many programs run by the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services (DHIS). He loved to travel and go camping with his family and friends; he also enjoyed keeping himself busy. Robert was a practical joker with a great sense of humor. He liked playing cards, especially UNO and Skip-Bo. Robert was a fun and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Robert is survived by his wife, Dorothea; his sons, William (Jason) Hay-Southwell, Frederick J. Hay, Nathaniel (Johanna) Hay, Jonathan (Wynona) Hay, Timothy (Lianne) Hay, and Alexander (Vickie) Hay; his grandchildren, Daniel, Kendra, Taylor, Erin, Constance, Brittany, Breanna, Zachary, Rachel, Cody, and Amber; and his great-grandchildren, Alexi, Hailey, Holden, Harlequin, Blues, Emily, and Kelley. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Ralph Hay Jr.; and his sister, Margaret Chamberlain. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 18, 2016 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m.. The funeral service will be held Friday, August 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Stan Coveyou with Lighthouse Chapel of the Deaf will officiate the service. He will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services (DHIS), 25882 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48836. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.

HIBBERD

THOMAS GEORGE of White Lake, passed away peacefully, on August 12, 2016. He was 81 years old. Born in Detroit, he later married Sylvia Stawinski, spent time in the National Guard, and had three children. Tom was an accomplished finish carpenter who, along with his wife and sons, left a mark on many custom homes in the tri-county area and beyond. He was a family man who loved nature and his pets, especially his recently deceased golden retriever, Shelby, who awaits him in heaven. He had an awesome sense of humor and will be sorely missed by many friends and family. Survived by his wife Sylvia of 58 years, daughter Janice Rogers, and sons Scott and Todd (Trish). Grandchildren Kyle, Brandon, Jasen and Nelsen, and great-granddaughter Sophia. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Milford. The Rev. Msgr. John Budde officiated. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

HOLAPPA

KAREN LYNN A resident of Milford, died on August 13, 2016 at the age of 73. She is survived by Bob, her beloved husband of over fifty-one years; her uncle, Edward (the late Gladys) Sikora; nephews and nieces, John (the late JoAnn) Liinanki, Barbara (Jim) Wolstencroft, Kathleen (the late Bernard) Abraham, Karen (Chris) Piper, Tom (Valerie) Lamberg, and Robin (the late Carlos) Garcia; great-nephews, Rob Stone, Jimmy and David Wolstencroft; great-nieces, Justine Stone and Laura (Harry) Wright; and many other great-nieces and great-nephews; great-great-niece, Jade Stone; godson, Tony Tomczeszyn; and many other great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by a niece, Geraldine Arsneault. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, on Thursday, August 18, at 11 a.m. Burial Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 17, from 3-9 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be made in her name to the Michigan Diabetes Association. For further information, please phone 248-684-6645 or visit LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

TYAHLA

MARCIA S. Age 52, passed away August 10, 2016. She was born May 31, 1964 in Bloomburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late R. Floyd and Shirley Rupert. Marcia was an active participant in marathons and half marathons with Team In Training to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As a frequent volunteer at the Flying Pig Marathon in Cincinnati, Ohio, she could be found along the marathon route cheering on participants. Marcia was also active with the South Lyon High School football and swim team booster clubs. She was known for her generous and selfless nature. In keeping with her desire to help others in need, Marcia gave the Gift of Life by donating her organs and tissue. She will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend. She is survived by her beloved husband, Mark; her loving children, Eric, Nathan, and Sonya; her step-brother, Chris Fish; and many loving extended family members and friends. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 14 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service being held on Monday, August 15 at 11:00 a.m. with final visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 1471 E. Twelve Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071. She will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Married life

It was at EMU that she was introduced to Stan Jones, a Methodist minister's son who had just returned from the battlegrounds of World War II and was now enrolled at Albion College. They met at a friend's wedding and Jones knew things were getting serious when Stan invited her to the Sigma Chi Sweetheart Ball.

"We enjoyed each other's company very much," she said. They married in 1949, beginning a lifelong partnership.

By now, Jones had a job as the health education director for the YW-CA. She taught several dance classes and all levels of swimming.

"I had a class of girls I taught swimming for four years and I didn't know what else I could teach them," she said. "I read in the paper that the junior national synchronized swimming duet championships were being held in Detroit, so I went to see what that was about."

She went to the event and decided she wanted to add a class in synchronized swimming.

"I asked the director if I could add it to my weekly schedule and I'll never forget what she told me," Jones said. "She said, 'Fran, the Y frowns on competition for girls and you should not add it to your schedule.' Right then, I knew I was going to quit and form my own sports club."

Jones went home and discussed her idea with Stan. With his encouragement, she submitted her resignation.

"He didn't even hesitate," she said of her husband's backing. "He was all in."

It was the early 1950s and Jones was ready to conquer the world of synchronized swimming.

From Lansing to Rome

To start her club, Jones recruited swimmers from around the state and secured three local swimming pools for training.

Synchronized swimming requires precision, rhythm ... and a great set of lungs. It combines dancing, swimming and gymnastics, with duet and team competitions.

The inaugural group was mainly made up of high school swimmers. Jones had them rehearse the choreographed sequences on the deck before moving to the pool.

"That way they could see each other," she said. "They could see who was fast and who was slow ... and I could see what they were doing, so I could easily correct them."

She called her team the Lansing Sea Sprites. "I was a volunteer and

I never took money for my coaching," Jones said. "All I wanted was cooperation and girls who were willing to respond to my rules and type of training."

It wasn't long before the team saw results. Two of her swimmers, Sandy Giltner and Judy Haga, were U.S. Solo and Duet champions in 1958-59. Both swimmers were from the Lansing area.

In 1960, she led her team on a promotional tour through Europe that wrapped up at the Summer Games in Rome. Jones started working with swim teams from other countries, helping to train international judges so they could identify the required movements and positions.

It was the height of the Cold War and Jones reminded her swimmers to accept and appreciate the different cultures. Each weekend, the girls organized their own Sunday church services.

"We traveled from country to country on trains," Jones said. "We were just treated beautifully — every swim club bent over backwards to do something for us. We put on shows all over the map."

Her team enjoyed prime seats during the Olympic Games in Rome. Jones said they were so close to the action that one of the torch-bearers smiled at her swimmers as he made his way up the stairs.

The day after the Games ended, during the gala program, Jones and her team put on a synchronized swimming demonstration for the Olympic steering committee. Afterward, they returned home and continued competing in national meets.

"My teams always finished in the top 10 — usually they ended up in sixth place," she said. "It was tough beating the California clubs ... they had more practice time and they always finished at the top."

'Pants, blouses and bathing suits'

Four years later, Jones led another delegation of swimmers around the globe to promote synchronized swimming, this time for an extended period of four months that included stops in 21 countries.

A number of the swimmers were students from Michigan State University who took off the semester for the trip. Jones said her husband stayed home with their two young children, with her own mother chipping in with the chores.

"Stan gained 15 pounds from my mom's cooking while I was in Europe," she said. "He was a very supportive husband."

The team performed

at the Crystal Palace in London, where the Queen of England sent a personal representative to watch the demonstration. They next traveled to Rome, then to Syria.

She recalled crossing the border into Syria for a show in Damascus. Their bus contained well over 30 pieces of luggage and the armed border guards wanted to inspect each piece.

"I told them it was bus full of swimmers and all they'd find were pants, blouses and bathing suits," Jones said. "I then pulled out a letter from the State Department and the gentlemen who invited us to perform in Damascus and they allowed us to cross without inspecting the suitcases."

The tour ended at the 1964 Summer Games in Tokyo. Jones said each of her swimmers received a kimono and the team was warmly received at several dinners hosted by the Japanese government.

It took another 20 years, but eventually everything fell into place and synchronized swimming was officially recognized at the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles. Jones was invited to the Olympics that year to work with the swimmers.

"When they finally got it in the Olympics, you could hear me sing the hallelujah choir from California," she said of the moment. "I was very proud of our country."

Red, white and blue

The family moved from Okemos to Orchard Lake after Stan was made vice president at the Burroughs Corp. in 1965. Jones left the Lansing Sea Sprites that year and formed the Michigan Aquarius Club. Her daughter Candice was one of the original members.

Stan died in 2008. Jones has been living in Bloomfield Township for the past nine years and is now a resident at Samaritas Senior Living on Telegraph Road. She keeps fit through exercise, a healthy diet and a positive attitude.

"I run twice around this building daily if I can," she said.

Many of her swimmers send Christmas cards and visit whenever they're in the area. Jones admits she's been glued to the TV since the 2016 Summer Games began Aug. 5. The synchronized swim teams are scheduled to compete Aug. 18-19.

"This time, we have much better competition," she said. "I'm wondering if I'm going to beat us, but I don't know. I still think our team can win it all."

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BRODERSEN



HARDY GUSTAV of Farmington Hills, died August 10, 2016. He was born on November 12, 1923 in Hamburg, Germany, grew up in Detroit and attended Cass Technical High School and the Cranbrook Institute of Art. Hardy served in the Army during WWII. Hardy was an accomplished designer, architect and painter. In 1959 he founded Design Origins Inc., a local exhibit company. His hobby was model airplanes, especially free flight. Hardy is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Jenny Faye (née Alborell), and is survived by his brother John (Jo Anne Walz), son Christopher (Regina), daughter Elisabeth Brodersen (Paul Adams), grandsons Thor Brovold, Kai Brodersen, and Gustav Brovold, and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service is planned for a later date. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com



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Novi woman hired at Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan has appointed Lisa A. Dancsok vice president, marketing and communications.

She comes to the Foundation from Rock Ventures, where she served as vice president, corporate philanthropy, marketing and communications. In that role, Dancsok created and implemented the "Opportunity



Dancsok

Detroit Homecoming program with Crain's Communications, among other accomplishments. Dancsok's background

Detroit" marketing campaign, oversaw Rock Venture's philanthropy program and helped launch the

includes the creation and implementation of the award-winning "Pure Michigan" campaign for the State of Michigan while serving as senior vice president - marketing and legislative affairs at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Prior to that, she served as managing partner of D&D advisors and held senior level positions at Blue Cross Blue

Shield of Michigan.

"We are pleased to welcome Lisa to the Community Foundation at an exciting time in our history," said Mariam C. Noland, founding president of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. "Although we are a relatively young organization, we have grown to be among the nation's largest communi-

ty foundations. Our communications program not only supports the work of our donors and grantees, it also helps advance issues and ideas we care about—such as greenways, early childhood education and economic development. Lisa's expertise will add to our ability to have an impact and tell the story of the great things that are happening in our region."

Dancsok's civic leadership includes service on the boards of Delta Dental of Michigan, Renais-

sance Health Services, Inforum, and Michigan State University's Eli Broad Alumni Board and on the Knight Foundation's Detroit Advisory Committee and the customer advisory board of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. She holds an executive master's of business administration and a bachelor of arts in advertising, both from Michigan State University.

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Crawford to share history amusement park history

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R- Novi, and chair of the Novi Historical Commission, will recapture the magical wonder of the Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino 1:30-3 p.m., Monday Aug. 22, when she gives a perspective of the park's heyday to Fox Run retirement community residents. Her presentation will be held in the performing arts center.

She will bring artifacts found on the Amusement Park site when it was excavated for the current Pavilion Shore Park, just west of Fox Run. These artifacts include some broken tile from the bath houses as well as bathhouse tags which were hooked onto bathing suits indicating personal baskets in the bathhouse.

There are a few other small items in a little

shadow box that will be displayed, as well vintage photos of the park and casino and some pictures of postcards and signs. Fox Run residents will share their stories of The Walled Lake Amusement Park and Casino during her interactive presentation.

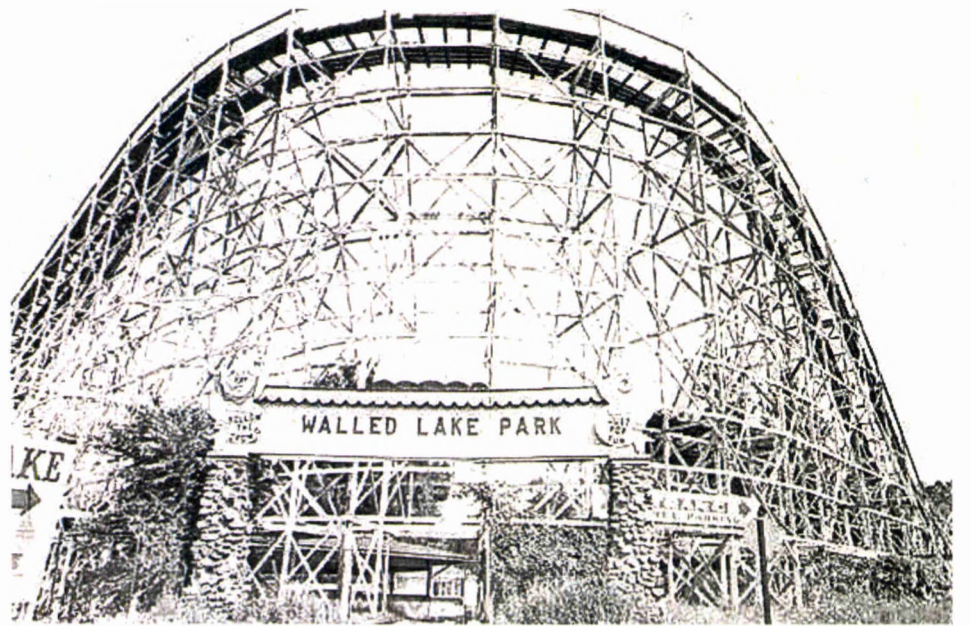
Crawford will discuss the early history of Walled Lake, all of the various activities on the property, the rides on the amusement park property, the large speed boats and boardwalk activities. The casino was not the type of casino having gambling, but it was a large dance hall where many big bands played. Tommy Dorsey and Stevie Wonder were among the headliners who performed there.

Crawford is passionate about preserving the history of The Walled Lake Amusement Park

and Casino and beach, as well as preserving all of Novi's history.

Hundreds of thousands of people from the metro Detroit area and beyond made Walled Lake their weekend and vacation destinations every year. Camping was available nearby at what is now called Lakeshore Park. Cottages on the lake were available for rental. Companies, such as Ford and GM had their annual picnics there and the headline celebrities performed at the casino several nights a week.

"There was something on the property for everyone, no matter the age: fishing, swimming, boating, amusement park rides, contests of strength, such as tug-of-war competitions between large regional companies, picnics, camping, music, dancing, roller skating rink and



The Walled Lake Amusement Park's roller coaster.

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more," Crawford said. Amusement parks such as Walled Lake, Edgewater Park, and BobLo were extremely popular in the 1940s-1960s. One of Fox Run's residential buildings is named in honor of Edgewater.

"One of my favorite memories of the The Walled Lake Amusement Park was the 'House of Mirrors' which completely distorted your reflection, making you very short and squat or long and lean," said Crawford. "That seemed so magical to me. It would be impossible for me to think of

the park, however, without imagining the wonderful tantalizing smell of cotton candy being made before your very eyes. It was hypnotizing to watch all of the colors being added and smelling that warm sugar being fluffed."

A number of Fox Run residents have told Crawford of their special dates they had at the park. At least one resident couple had their first date at a dance in the casino and then eventually married.

"Oddly enough, many of us who lived in rural Novi very close to the

park were not allowed to go there unless our fathers took us," said Crawford, who was never was allowed in the casino. "Too much riff-raff there," her dad told her.

Crawford's presentation will include a free raffle for door prizes related to Novi history as well as the Novi Library, where a local History Room is located. An ice cream social - with ice cream from the Guernsey Farms Dairy - will be held at the conclusion of the presentation. Fox Run is on 13 Mile Road, just west of M-5.

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The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Offices, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The Planning Commission will consider a proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) on the Northwest corner of 5 Mile and Beck Roads, 47500 Five Mile Road (Parcel ID#77-068-99-0001-705). The site is 53 acres and is the former Scott Prison site. The mixed use development identifies proposed uses as retail, entertainment, hotel, office and residential.

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

Eric Lark, Chair
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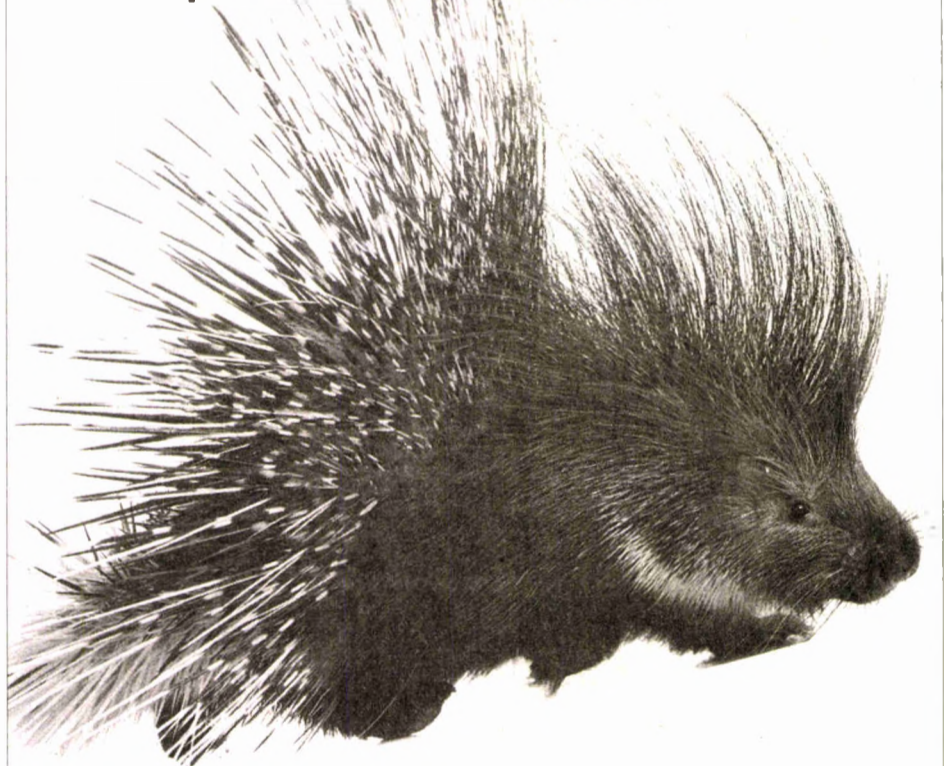
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OUR VIEW

Seniors can stay behind the wheel with a little help

Despite a growing number of senior drivers on the road, researchers have found that they are crashing less often than just a decade ago. They're also less likely to be injured or killed in a crash, compared with aging drivers of yesterday. That's because seniors are living longer, healthier and more active lives than ever before.

Normal aging does affect driving, but there isn't a set age when a person is no longer safe behind the wheel. In fact, most people can safely drive well into old age. When people become unsafe to drive, it's generally the result of an underlying medical condition or medications, not reaching a certain age, the website www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com notes.

Get involved by regularly checking the driving of your parent or other senior driver in your life. Here are two common warning signs:

» **The senior driver has been issued two or more traffic tickets or warnings in the past two years.** Tickets can predict greatest risk for collision.

» **The senior driver has been involved in two or more collisions or "near-misses" in the past two years.** Rear-end crashes, parking lot fender-benders and side collisions while turning across traffic rank as the most common mishaps for drivers with diminishing skills, depth perception or reaction time.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration lists on the AAA website warning signs related to older drivers. When you ride along with an older driver to look for signs of poor driving, keep in mind it doesn't necessarily mean the person should not drive. Often, poor driving behaviors can be improved with

training or by addressing an underlying medical condition that affects driving. A trained medical professional can help identify treatment options that may help improve – not limit – safe driving ability. A driving assessment from an occupational therapy driving rehabilitation specialist can be a big help, for example.

Here are common warning signs:

» **Does the senior driver confuse the gas and brake pedals or have difficulty working them?** Drivers who lift their legs to move from the accelerator to the brake, rather than keeping a heel on the floor and pressing with the toes, may be signaling waning leg strength.

» **Does the senior driver seem to ignore or miss stop signs and other traffic signals?** Perhaps the driver is inattentive or cannot spot the signs in a crowded, constantly moving visual field.

» **Does the senior driver weave between or straddle lanes?** Signaling incorrectly or not at all when changing lanes can be particularly dangerous, especially if the driver fails to check mirrors or blind spots.

» **Do other drivers honk or pass frequently, even when the traffic stream is moving relatively slowly?** This may indicate difficulty keeping pace with fast-changing conditions.

» **Does the senior driver get lost or disoriented easily, even in familiar places?** This could indicate problems with working memory or early cognitive decline.

If you ride with a driver who exhibits one or more

of the warning signs, consider discussing the benefits of getting a comprehensive driving assessment to help identify and address any risky driving behaviors and maximize safe driving.

Most people know when their driving skills and abilities aren't as sharp as they used to be. Two of the most common coping mechanisms used by unsafe senior drivers include:

» **Using a "co-pilot" to help respond to situations in the driving environment.** Anyone who cannot drive safely and comfortably without a co-pilot should not drive at all.

» **Driving too slow or too fast for conditions.** Driving too slow can be a sign that the driver is compensating for slowed reflexes or reduced reaction time. Those who drive too fast may not realize how fast they are traveling or be overcompensating due to a fear of being noticed for driving too slowly.

The www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com website has much additional information, including on driver improvement courses designed for seniors to help cope with aging and physical changes that occur. With much emphasis in southeast Michigan on improving regional mass transit, there are options to help older people with medical appointments and other errands, such as grocery shopping, if they do need to turn in the keys for good.

For seniors who can continue to drive safely, auto engineers are developing many features, such as features that address "lane wandering" with an audible signal, as well as backup cameras, to make driving safer.

LETTERS

Time for regional transit

It is time for regional transit in southeastern Michigan. That's my opinion based on studies from all over the country and the world that have shown that regional transit is an economic driver. Oakland County has always had the most resources in the region, and as such has a responsibility to lead for the future.

But I am only one voice. Let the people of the region learn about the plan, and then let them decide with the vote that is planned for November.

Cities such as Novi may not have many residents who need transit to get to or from their jobs, but we have many employment centers whose employees would benefit from a stable transportation system. Every day we see walkers on 12 Mile

road who are employees at 12 Oaks Mall. They ride the SMART bus to the end of its route in Farmington, and then walk two miles to work.

When L. Brooks Patterson came to the opening of the Kidney Center at Providence Hospital last year, he joked that maybe the county could fund a bus stop out front. Good idea, except we have no bus service. We would have bus service if the RTA cross-county connectors were in place. The leadership of the State Fair (at Suburban Showplace) was heard in a radio interview last year stating that their attendance would be up if there was bus service.

My generation is sandwiched between the el-

derly who could benefit from more access to transportation systems, and young adults who don't need or can't afford an automobile lifestyle. Many young adults struggle with student loans and low wages, so that owning, maintaining and insuring a car is not a viable option.

Public transit is a good investment in the people and businesses of Southeastern Michigan. I urge you to do all that you can to inform the public as to the plan and its features, and then let us vote.

Respectfully,

Gwen Markham
Novi City Council
Member

Throwing at the walls

According to articles in both the daily newspapers, another law passed by the right wing Republicans and signed by the governor, has been ruled unconstitutional by a federal court judge. This one concerned union dues collection.

You would think that after being handed his butt in court, time after time, that Attorney General Bill Schuette would tell his fellow party members to quit passing BS laws. But that would be like Cheech telling Chong to quit smoking weed. Schuette has his eyes on the governor's office in 2018 and is not about to antagonize any potential

contributors to the cause.

This week Rick Snyder signed the new Republican-written State Education Budget. Even after it was pointed out that it contained funds for private schools that our state Constitution quite explicitly forbids, he still signed it. Snyder later said he would check with Schuette about the legality of the matter. So, another mark in the loss column for the AG's office.

Hopefully, in November, the make-up of the Senate and House in Michigan (and Washington D.C.) is reversed from Big Business bootlickers to Democrats who care about our people.

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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 age 19 to 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 from 8:15-8:45 a.m. and lunches will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. weekdays at the Walled Lake Community Education Center, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. 248-956-3080.

Palav Walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Aug. 21
Details: Pioneer Medical Research Foundation team Palav, a non-profit saving babies with weak lungs in the developing world, will hold a 5K Walk/Run at Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Road in Northville. The walk will go through the park trails. Plenty of activities are on tap for children and adults.

Day-of registration begins at 8:30 a.m. \$40 per family, \$20 per adult or \$10 per child. Register online at www.palav.org/events.html. Donations can be made online at www.palav.org/donations

Glow in the Night run

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 Metro-park, 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.

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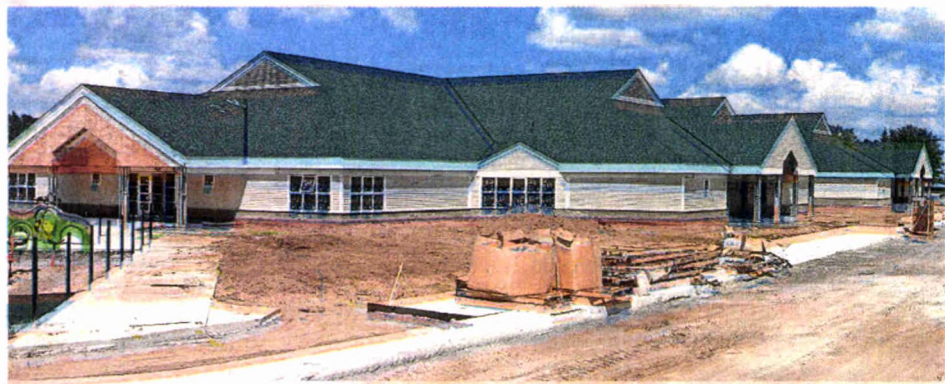
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Time/Date: exhibit open through Aug. 27
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The construction of the Early Childhood Education Center for the Novi School District is on pace and should be finished by the end of the month. The 39,000-square-foot building for 3- to 5-year-old students will have 18 rooms when finished and a cafeteria. Construction began in July 2015.

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 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.

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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
Cole	Huron Twp.	18, 19	7, 18, 19
Carter	City of Taylor	8	8
East Lawn tile	City of Plymouth		26
	Plymouth Twp.	35	26, 35
Eaton	Van Buren Twp.	31	31
Gorman	Huron Twp.	20	17, 20, 21
Gumtow Storm	Huron Twp.	30, 31, 32	30, 31
Garling	City of Inkster	23	
	City of Westland	22, 23	22, 23
Handler	City of Gibraltar	36, PC 345	36, PC 345
	City of Trenton	25	
Harris & Curtis	Sumpter Twp.	2, 3	2, 3
	Van Buren Twp.	34, 35	34
Holland	City of Taylor	18	18
Huff	Northville Twp.	4, 9	4, 9
Helwig	Huron Twp.	20, 21, 28	20, 21, 28, 29
Judd Road	Huron Twp.	8, 17	8, 17
Lehigh	City of Dearborn Heights	33	32, 33
McBride	City of Romulus	17, 18, 19, 20	17, 18, 19, 20
Martin	Huron Twp.	7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30	7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30
	Sumpter Twp.	12	12
Moore Avenue Lateral	City of Allen Park	14, PC C	
	City of Lincoln Park	PC C, PC B	
Mooren	City of Taylor	21, 22, 27, 28	21, 27, 28
Mooring No. 2	City of Taylor	22	22
Branch No. One Mosquito	Huron Twp.	30, 31	31
	Sumpter Twp.	25, 36	25, 36
Mary Street Branch of Snow/Holland Road Branch of Snow	City of Taylor	7	7
New Otting	City of Taylor	29, 32	29, 31, 32
Owens	City of Livonia	15	15, 22
Packard	City of Romulus	23, 24, 25, 26	24, 25
Presley	City of Dearborn Heights	33	33
Reynolds	Sumpter Twp.	5	5
	Van Buren Twp.	32, 33	32
Riggs	City of Belleville	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
Stekette	Huron Twp.	32	32
Steward	City of Taylor	22, 27	22, 27
	City of Southgate	26	23, 26
Schomberg	City of Taylor	16	9, 16, 17
Taggart	City of Trenton	25	25
Townline	Huron Twp.	18, 19, 30	7, 18, 19, 30
	Sumpter Twp.	12, 13, 14	13, 24
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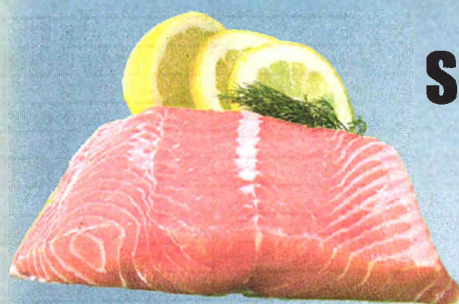


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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Burke assumes reins for Mustangs attack

Senior standout assumes QB role after 10-1 season

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville's Jack Burke will be wearing two different, and important, hats this season for the Northville football team.

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior made his presence known in the defensive secondary a year ago with 30 solo tackles, 45 assists and a team-high five interceptions en route to first-team All-Area honors.

And Burke now will serve in an even bigger role as the team's starting quar-

terback as he takes over for two-year starter Justin Zimbo, who graduated after carrying the 10-1 Mustangs' offense with 2,286 in total yards, including 1,488 yards passing (98-of-165) and another 798 rushing.

Burke did get one start during the regular season for the injured Zimbo and performed admirably by keeping Northville unbeaten and demonstrating why he's ready to take the job in 2016 as a full-time starter.

"The first thing is that he's a great

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Among Northville's key football returnees for 2016 include (bottom, from left) Ryan Nelson, Jake Moody, Jack Burke; (top, left) A.J. Abbott and Trenton Guthrie.

BRAD EMONS

FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Among the top returnees for Novi's football team include (top row, from left) Alec Bageris, Johnny Davis, Adam Guirey; (bottom, from left) Anthony D'Annibale and Ethan Carter.

EXPECT NOVI ATTACK TO BE MORE DIVERSIFIED

Bageris-to-D'Annibale combination proves potent for Wildcats

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Last year Novi's football team got a taste of postseason success.

And even though they lost two-time Area Player of the Year Emanuel Jackson (Western Michigan University), the Wildcats appear primed to be even more of a factor in 2016.

Novi went 0-3 to start the 2015 season, then captured six of their last eight games including a 31-28 upset win in the first round of the MHSAA Division 1 playoffs over West Bloomfield before losing 49-35 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the district final.

The dynamic Jackson, an All-State selection, finished with 92 catches for 1,065 yards and nine touchdowns, while also rushing for 959 yards and 18 TDs as Novi finished 6-5 overall.

Irreplaceable?

"Not so fast my friend" as Lee Corso would say.

"We have the opportunity to be more balanced, I think," said Novi fourth-year coach Jeff Burnside. "There were over 2,000-plus yards in those two seasons for Emanuel, but the problem is we still got a lot of weapons. And now those weapons are a year older."

No quarterback had a better season in 2015 than Alec

See WILDCATS, Page B2

BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

CC reboots after strong Final 4 run last season

Northville, Novi should be contenders in KLAA Central

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Coming off its best season in 20 years, Novi Detroit Catholic Central will try and take it one step further in 2016.

The Shamrocks captured their first regional title since 1996 before falling to eventual MHSAA Division 1 champion Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the state semifinals, 3-1.

CC, which finished 20-3-3 overall last season, lost three first-team All-Area players to graduation including standout goalie Peter Kirouac, defenders Justin Murray (University of Detroit Mercy) and Cole Moscovic, along with second-team All-Area defender Matt Turton.

And even though freshman standout Charlie Trevisan elected to play with the Academy Wolves, the Shamrocks still possess plenty of firepower with the return of second-team All-Area midfielder Justin Savona, who is joined by midfielders Cade Kozlowski and Valentino Ivezaj, both seniors, along with junior defender Jared Lee.

"My personal opinion, I think we're as good or if not better than last year," CC fifth-year coach Gene Pulice said. "But as we saw, it takes a lot more than being good to win a state championship - not to take anything away from (Grand Rapids) Forest Hills Central because they were very good. I think we're look-

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Novi goalkeeper Luke McDonald is a key returnee.

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Seasoned Shamrocks eye more success in 2016

'Battle of the Big House' is Catholic Central's opener

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

All signs point to another stellar football season for Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Heading into a tough season opener Saturday, Aug. 27 against Sterling Heights Stevenson in the "Battle of the Big House" at University of Michigan Stadium, the Shamrocks should once again be formidable after finishing 9-3 a year ago before losing to eventual MHSAA Division 1 champion Romeo in the regional final.

Coach Tom Mach, entering his 41st season, likes what he sees so far from his 2016 class of the Shamrocks.

"We're really happy with their attitude," said Mach, who is 357-93 overall with 10 state titles and six runner-up finishes. "It looks like a team that likes each other and looks like a team that's come together, and looks like a team with some brotherhood. So we all had a good feeling coming out of the last couple of weeks."

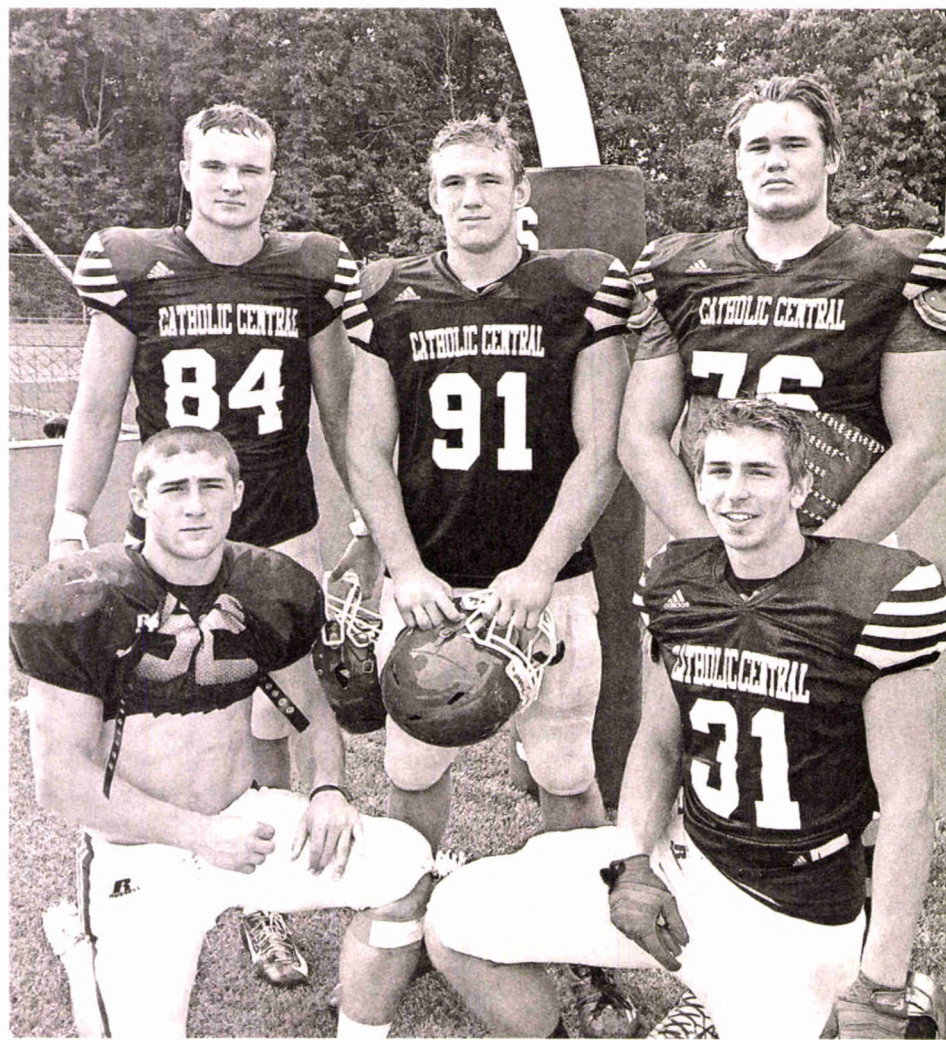
Despite a steamy first week of practice, Mach was pleased with the effort.

"And I was very happy with the kids the way they came back this year," said Mach, fourth among all MHSAA coaches in wins. "They had worked really hard in the off season and they worked really hard in the summer. Got themselves in great shape. As hot as it's been this year we didn't really see any effect of the heat on us. I mean, everybody was hot, but they kind of pushed through that. We started early and left early as much as we could to keep them out of the hard part of the heat during the day."

Last season, Austin Brown seized the starting quarterback job in his third week as a freshman and appears to be seasoned veteran heading into his second season.

"It's hard for a young guy to recognize all the defenses and to be able to know which man to go to," Mach said of the 6-foot-1, 180-pound sophomore. "You got to follow your one-two-three reads. Actually in high school and college I think mostly they go one-two and that's it. But he's the kind of guy that if he doesn't have that, he can make things happen. He's got a good sense for when to take off with the ball and cause you a lot of trouble trying to control him. He's a pretty exciting quarterback and he showed a lot of poise last year and I'm sure he's going to do the same this year."

Senior Nicholas Capatina is the top returning running back after gaining 700 yards (6.5 per carry) to go along



Among the top returnees for Catholic Central's football team include (top row, from left) Jack Morris, Jackson Ross, Blake Beuter; (bottom row, from left) Nicholas Capatina and Matt Harding.

with nine touchdowns.

"What we do in our offense is that we do a lot of different things," Mach said. "He (Capatina) is the tailback, and our tailback is important, but we also have an emphasis on the fullback. We give the ball to all three backs. He's going to get his share for sure. He did a great job for us last year and we're expecting the same this year. But we also believe that you can't be dependent on just one back."

Also penciled in to play in the backfield is senior Tyler Morland, along with fullbacks Matt Young and Cameron Ryan, a pair of juniors.

Meanwhile, both Jackson Ross and Jack Morris return at the tight end position, while Chris Jakubik and Matt Harding, a pair of seniors, will also be Brown's top targets in the passing game.

The offensive line will be anchored by senior Blake Beuter (6-4, 265) and William Butler (6-1, 235).

"We've got some experience coming

back on offense and I think that helps us a great deal," Mach said. "I'm looking forward to what is going to happen because they've done it for a year in actual competition. You can't replace that and that's a great thing."

Defensively, first-team All-Area picks Ross (48 tackles, 3.5 sacks), Beuter (43 tackles, 2.5 sacks) and Morris all return along with a strong linebacking corps that includes junior Isaac Darkangelo, Morland, Ryan and Young.

The secondary, however, has to be rebuilt with the departure of first-team All-Area defensive backs Alex Bock (Ferris State) and Tyler Laurentius (Hillsdale College).

"Our guys are tough minded," Mach said. "They're ready to go, the guys vying for the positions. We do have enough guys that we can take a good look at everybody, move them in-and-out. In our philosophy we get everybody ready to go two ways, so if something happens we always have a guy that's going to be ready to back up and

FAST FACTS

School: Novi Detroit Catholic Central.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year's record: 9-3 (3-1 Central).
Titles won last year: Division 1 district and Central Division co-champion.
Notable losses to graduation: Tom Kowalkoski (first-team All-Area), Alex Bock (first-team All-Area), Tyler Laurentius (first-team All-Area), Mike Edwards, Nick Bazany, Tarek Dalou, Philip Schmitz.
Leading returnees: Blake Beuter, Sr. OL-DL (6-4, 265; first-team All-Area); Jackson Ross, Sr. TE-DE (6-3, 245; first-team All-Area); Nick Capatina, Sr. RB (5-7, 157); Jack Morris, Sr. DE-TE (6-3, 220); Matt Harding, Sr. DB-WR (6-1, 185); Cameron Ryan, Jr. FB (6-0, 220); Austin Brown, Soph. QB (6-0, 180); Matt Young, Jr. FB-LEG (6-0, 225); Tyler Morland, Sr. RB-LB (5-11, 200); Isaac Darkangelo, Jr. LB (5-11, 200) William Butler, Sr. OL (6-1, 235).
Promising newcomers: Chris Jakubik, Sr. Safety-WVR, P (6-1, 190).
Mach says: "Strength-wise I think our offensive line we're hoping to be improved from last year. And our offensive backs, many are back and have a year under their belts. I think we'll be a little stronger on offense to begin the season probably than defense. We lost four guys in the secondary and they were all good. We're going to have to do a lot with that going into our first game. Some guys have had some experience, so we hope that pays off early."
2016 schedule (all 7 p.m. starts unless noted): Aug. 27, 1 p.m. vs. Sterling Heights Stevenson at U-M Stadium; Sept. 2, at Toledo Whitmer; Sept. 9, vs. Toronto St. Michael; Sept. 16, vs. Cleveland St. Ignatius; Sept. 24, vs. Birmingham Brother Rice at Berkley's Anderson Field; Sept. 30, vs. Brantford Pauline Collegiate; Oct. 7, at Orchard St. Mary; Oct. 16, 1 p.m. vs. Warren DeLaSalle; Oct. 22, at Catholic League Prep Bowl (Ford Field).

be able to play."

The Shamrocks not only play Sterling Heights Stevenson in the opener, but they also have a non-league dates against two quality Ohio opponents in Toledo Whitmer (Sept. 2 away) and Cleveland St. Ignatius (Sept. 16 at home).

CC also has to endure the normal Central Division meat grinder that features state powers Warren DeLaSalle, Orchard St. Mary Prep and Birmingham Brother Rice.

"We feel good about the fact that our attitude is great and we're ready to go," Mach said. "They want it and you can't get any better than that."

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Bageris, who is embarking on his third year as a starter.

The 6-foot-3, 195-pound senior, who possesses a laser-like arm and quick release, completed 188-of-305 passes (61.6 percent) for 2,344 yards and 22 TDs to go along with an impressive 146.7 passing efficiency rating.

"He's a great leader, he brings the joy and enthusiasm every day to practice," Burnside said. "And he's always got that with him all the time. He's the type of kid the kids will follow. He knows when to have a little bit of fun - to break the tension - but he also knows when to ramp it up, get guys going."

Also back for his senior year is the explosive Anthony D'Annibale, who finished with 55 receptions for 882 yards and 11 TDs. Complementing him will be speedy junior Traveon Maddox, Jr., who came on to add 25 catches for 265 yards.

"We want to see Anthony kind of be the primary guy, but then we have Traveon Maddox," Burnside said. "We have a couple of newcomers in Nick Williams and Drew O'Connor that can help out."

Coming out of the backfield will be senior Nathan Hankerson, who ran for 360 yards and averaged 5.5 per carry.

"What a great off season," Burnside said of the 5-11, 190-pound senior. "He's a load and we expect that he can really run the rock, and Aahmaud Jenkins, for that matter, too. It's not going to be a look where one kid is just going to jump in and replace him (Jackson). What it is is that we have five or six very talented players that we're going to have to find an equal balance to get them the ball. I think we maybe more difficult to defend this year because you've got to defend everybody on the field, just not just number five."

Leading the way on the offensive line is first-team All-Area tackle Adam Guirey, a 6-4, 275-pound senior who did not allow a sack, along with senior center Jeff Kilikevicius (5-9, 240) and senior tackle Johnny Davis (6-3, 240).

"The offensive line as a whole have had a tremendous off season," Burnside said. "They are very strong. I would venture to bet that all of them easily 300-pound bench press guys and probably very close, if not well over, 500-pound squat guys. Very strong guys that we're dealing with."

Meanwhile, the two guard spots are up for grabs.

"We're returning two tackles and center," Burnside said. "Now it's just ...



Novi senior wide receiver Anthony D'Annibale (middle) caught 55 passes last year for 882 yards and 11 TDs.

can we find the two guards? I think one guard is pretty well locked in. The other guard position is still a little bit more of a fight."

Last season the Wildcats gave up nearly 30 points per game, so Burnside is looking for more consistency.

The top returning starter is Ethan Carter, a first-team All-Area pick who recorded 46 tackles, including seven sacks for loss, to go along with five sacks on the defensive line. He is joined up front by junior De'Shaun Clayton.

Other returning starters include senior linebackers Ian Patterson, Scott Latham and Conner Moore, along with seniors Ryan Welch and Jenkins in the secondary.

"Defensively we return quite a bit," Burnside said. "We're trying to simplify things for the kids to just play fast.

We've done some things this year. We've gone to a different style of tackling, take the head out and try to be concussion aware. The kids have really bought into that. When we start tackling we'll see if it really works or not. The kids like what we're doing. We've been simple since day one. They really got a great handle on what we're trying to do defensively. It's should be very exciting. We're just going to try and turn them loose and let them play."

The Wildcats open with Thursday home games against Hartland (Aug. 25) and Grand Blanc (Sept. 1) before traveling Friday, Sept. 9 to Waterford Kettering.

"What I've talked to our kids about is just worry about today," Burnside said. "Get better today. Let's focus on today, attitude and effort with the proper joy

FAST FACTS

School: Novi.
Head coach: Jeff Burnside, fourth year.
League affiliation: KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 6-5 (3-2 KLAAS Central).
Notable losses to graduation: Emanuel Jackson (Area Player of the Year), Spencer VanKirk, Nick Sabo, Cooper Smith.
Leading returnees: Alec Bageris, Sr. QB (6-3, 180; first-team All-Area); Anthony D'Annibale, Sr. WR-DB (6-1, 190; first-team All-Area); Adam Guirey, Sr. OL (6-3, 275; first-team All-Area); Ethan Carter, Sr. DL-OL (5-11, 215; first-team All-Area); Nathan Hankerson, Sr. RB (5-11, 190); Johnny Davis, Sr. OL-DL (6-3, 240); Jeff Kilikevicius, Sr. C (5-11, 250); Traveon Maddox, Jr. WR-DB (6-3, 175); Ian Patterson, Sr. LB (6-0, 210); Scott Latham, Sr. LB (5-10, 175); Conner Moore, Sr. LB (5-11, 195); Ryan Welch, Sr. CB (6-2, 175); Aahmaud Jenkins, Sr. safety-RB (5-7, 185); De'Shaun Clayton, Jr. DL (5-8, 215); Zack Myers, Sr. DL (5-11, 275); Andrew White, Sr. WR (5-11, 170); Blake King, Jr. K-P-DL (6-1, 195).
Promising newcomers: Drew O'Connor, Soph. FS (5-9, 160); Nick Williams, Jr. SB (5-9, 175); Chad Howell, Jr. OL-DL (6-0, 220); Tyler VanKirk, Jr. CB-WR (5-9, 170).
Burnside says: "Every year is different and every group chemistry is different. I love the chemistry of this team. I love that they get along really well. This is a pretty close-knit team. I think that kind of started a year ago. They done a good job this year of keeping that cultivation of what we want our program to be. As long as we stay together and check the egos, I think we can have a really good season."
2016 schedule (all 7 p.m.): Aug. 25, vs. Hartland; Sept. 1, vs. Grand Blanc; Sept. 9, at Waterford Mott; Sept. 16, South Lyon East; Sept. 23, at South Lyon; Sept. 30, vs. Livonia Stevenson; Oct. 7, vs. Salem; Oct. 14, at Northville; Oct. 21, vs. Kensington Conference crossover.



Hankerson

and enthusiasm. Not listen to the naysayers that thought we were dead a year ago when we were 0-3. Let's just be relentless about each day."

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BOYS SOCCER CAPSULE OUTLOOK



Northville's Alex Braesecker (left) returns again this season after the Mustangs finished 2015 with a 16-3-1 record.



Catholic Central's captains this season include (from left) Valentino Ivezaj, Justin Savona, Jared Lee and Cade Kozlowski.

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ing pretty good.” Junior Trevor Ostrowski, who possesses a basketball and football background, will fill the void in goal for the graduated Kirouac. “He’s never played soccer, but he’s a beast of an athlete,” Pulice said of Ostrowski. “We’ll be in good shape with him. We got lucky there.”

Northville (16-3-1) could have easily made a run in the Division 1 tourney, but was derailed in the district semifinal by CC in a shootout.

The Mustangs, who captured the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference crowns, lost Area Player of the Year Garret Weaver (U-D Mercy), along with first-team All-Area selections Nick Toupin and Jake Reitzloff. Second-team forward Johnny Rodriguez also graduated.

Northville, which returns second-team All-Area midfielder Mario Plachta, simply will be reloading under 26th-year coach Henry Klimes.

Among the other key returnees for the Mustangs include senior forward Ben McCauley, senior goalie Evan Treiber, junior midfielder Owen Marshall and senior defender Alex Braesecker.

“We graduated a great team, but Northville High School has lots of young talent to make another serious title run,” Klimes said. “We had around 120 trying out for this year’s program. We’re looking forward to a fun season.”

Meanwhile, Novi (11-6-2) elevated JV coach Todd Pheiffer to the varsity coaching spot after long and successful run by Brian O’Leary, who stepped down from both the boys and girls varsity positions last December.

The Wildcats lost first-team All-Area performers Matt Netter and Connor O’Leary to graduation, along with second-teamers Nick Harder and Adam Huber.

Among the leading returnees include senior defender Nikhil Mundkur, junior keeper Luke McDonald, senior

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Northville boys soccer coach

defender-forward Kyle Bandyk, senior midfielder Amosi Bujaga, junior forward Adam Dellavechia, senior midfielder Shion Maidens and senior defender Eric Rice.

“There are 14 players back from last year’s team that finished third in the KLAA Central,” said Pheiffer, who guided the Novi girls to the Division 1 state semifinals in June. “We will be counting on these returning players to lay the foundation for this year’s team. And by adding some quality new talent to the roster, we are hoping to build on what they accomplished last year.”

Novi Franklin Road Christian (5-9), a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference’s Red Division, will certainly miss goalie Daniel Weaver, who made second-team All-Area honors before graduating.

But third-year coach Paul Coombs returns a solid nucleus led by sophomore defender and center-midfielder Blake Johnson, along with senior captains Paul Alex, a sweeper, and Evan Lorey, a forward.

“Right now we’re working on trapping and passing,” Coombs said. “If we do that we can win and stay in games. If we can keep the ball close and make passes, we can give teams some aggravation.”

See capsule outlook of area boys soccer teams.

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NOVI
Head coach: Todd Pheiffer, first year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year’s overall record: 11-6-2.
Notable losses to graduation: Matt Netter (first-team All-Area), Connor O’Leary (first-team All-Area), Nick Harder (second-team All-Area), Adam Huber, Eduardo DeOliveira.
Leading returnees: Nikhil Mundkur, Sr. Def.; Luke McDonald, Jr. GK; Kyle Bandyk, Sr. Def.-F; Amosi Bujaga, Sr. MF; Adam Dellavechia, Jr. F; Shion Maidens, Sr. MF; Eric Rice, Sr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Quinn Franchino, Jr. MF; Dominic Gatson, Jr. Def.; Michael Jecmen, Jr. MF; Albi Popaj, Jr. F; Taiga Shiokawa, Fr. F.
Pheiffer’s 2016 outlook: “As is the case every year, this team plays in one of the toughest conferences in the state and has one of the toughest non-conference schedules around. Thus, we will use our competitive schedule to prepare ourselves for the state tournament.”

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Henry Klimes, 26th year.
League affiliation: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year’s overall record: 16-3-1.
Titles won last year: KLAA Central and Kensington Conference champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Garret Weaver (Player of the Year); Nick Toupin (first-team All-Area); Jake Reitzloff (first-team All-Area); Johnny Rodriguez (second-team All-Area), Jordan Martindale, Bobby Lubisco.
Leading returnees: Mario Plachta, Sr. MF (second-team All-Area); Ben McCauley, Sr. F; Evan Treiber, Sr. GK; Owen Marshall, Jr. MF; Andrew Mitchell, Jr. Def.-F; Nic Porter, Sr. Def.; Felipe McCarthy, Jr. F; Alex Braesecker, Sr. Def.; Collin Neal, Jr. Def.; Tyler Belanger, Sr. F; Brendan Kemp, Sr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Demetri Zeros, Soph. Def.; Yianni Kanellopolous, Soph. GK; Andy Farcas, Soph. MF; Jacob Tremonti, Jr. Def.; June Kim, Jr. MF; Omar Lahbiki, Jr. MF; Tyler Schneider, Jr. Def.; Zach Komejan, Jr. F; Zach Westenberg, Jr. MF; Connor Breen, Sr. MF; Louis Hamati, Sr. MF; Gabe Chimenti, Sr. F.
Klimes’ 2016 outlook: “We’ll try and repeat as champions in the Central, win a conference because this is the last year for some teams in the KLAA. We’ll try to improve on tough loss on PKs in the last two seasons in our state title run.”

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Gene Pulice, fifth year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Last year’s overall record: 20-3-3.
Titles won last year: Central Division, Division 1 district and regional champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Peter Kirouac (first-team All-Area), Justin Murray (first-team All-Area), Cole Moscovic (first-team All-Area), Matt Turton (second-team All-Area), Patrick Fleming, Connor Gaskin.
Leading returnees: Justin Savona, Sr. F (captain; second-team All-Area); Cade Kozlowski, Sr. MF (captain); Farzad Baghaie, Sr. MF; Luke Goings, Sr. Def.; Matt Sherman, Sr. F; Noah Walter, Sr. F; Victor Szymanski, Sr. F; Jacob Poorman, Sr. Def.; Valentino Ivezaj, Sr. MF (captain); Jared Lee, Jr. Def. (captain); Joel VanHook, Jr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Drake Midgley, Soph. MF; Trevor Ostrowski, Jr. GK; Kevin Bloosfeld, Jr. GK.
Josh Herdoiza, Jr. MF.
Pulice’s 2016 outlook: “In nutshell, we have superior leadership this year with Cade Kozlowski, Valentino Ivezaj, Jared Lee and Justin Savona. With our unity, we’re stronger than we ever have been. These guys are like brothers now. It’s year five, everybody has bought in. We are definitely unified this year. I expect good things.”

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN
Head coach: Paul Coombs, third year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year’s overall record: 5-9.
Notable losses to graduation: Daniel Weaver (second-team All-Area), Gavin Harris, Jamie Brockway, Matt Lorey, Dennis Cleminte, Nick Hanley.
Leading returnees: Paul Alex, Sr. sweeper (captain); Evan Lorey, Sr. F (captain); Josh Lynn, Soph. Def.; Jake Schinzinger, Soph. MF; Blake Johnson, Soph. Def.; Daris Boboc, Jr. Def.; Andrew Puscas, Soph. MF; John Goodwin, Soph. GK.
Promising newcomers: Dawson Cleminte, Fr. F.
Coombs’ 2016 outlook: “We’ll be really young this year. We have 13 or 14 players so far and we hope to get a few more bodies out and have 17-18. Johnson is a quality player and we’re going to try and control the middle of the field as much as possible. Alex at sweeper is a leader. He has good speed and can shut down things for us. Cleminte will impress people. He’s on the young side, but has real skills. We’re looking for another defender and midfielder.”

COOMBS
Dennis Cleminte, Nick Hanley.
Head coach: Paul Coombs, third year.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).
Last year’s overall record: 5-9.
Notable losses to graduation: Daniel Weaver (second-team All-Area), Gavin Harris, Jamie Brockway, Matt Lorey, Dennis Cleminte, Nick Hanley.
Leading returnees: Paul Alex, Sr. sweeper (captain); Evan Lorey, Sr. F (captain); Josh Lynn, Soph. Def.; Jake Schinzinger, Soph. MF; Blake Johnson, Soph. Def.; Daris Boboc, Jr. Def.; Andrew Puscas, Soph. MF; John Goodwin, Soph. GK.
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leader,” Northville eighth-year coach Matt Ladach said. “Attendance-wise and in the off season, he works his butt off every day, he leads by example. And he’s such a smart, young man it’s like a coach on the field both on offense and defense. He’s throwing the ball real nice and as you saw last year he runs the ball hard like a fullback.”

Burke averaged 7.79 yards per carry in limited offensive action, but he’ll have plenty of outside weapons to throw to with the return of junior wide receiver A.J. Abbott (20 catches, 419 yards and eight TDs) and senior wide-out Jack Peterson (21 catches, 243 yards).

Vying for the running back position will be juniors Antonio Washington and Benair Covington, along with sophomore Nick Prystash.

“In reality, we lose our top three rushers from last season – (Adam) Ghabra, (Zach) Prystash and Jimbo – all graduated,” Ladach said. “So between our three guys competing at tailback, and Burke at quarterback, there are going to be a lot of yards to be made up from what we lost last season. In the same breath if you tell me we run for more yards this year than we did last year, I won’t be surprised because we have more threats at wide receiver right now than we did in the past and teams are probably going to play with a safety. And if they don’t, we’re going to beat them over the top.”

The Mustangs will be rebuilding their offensive line with the biggest loss being first-team All-Area pick Alex Angeles (Wayne State).

“Zach Marks is the only returning guy and at the other four spots we’ve got great competition,” Ladach said. “We’ve been blessed to really have some talented kids up front, but this year the guys are working hard. I anticipate that we will be solid.”

Northville’s defense features two standout linebackers in senior Ryan Nelson, the team’s leading tackler (28

solo, 76 assists), along with Western Michigan University commit Trenton Guthrie (37 total tackles).

Senior Jake Bates will also help anchor the defensive line, while cornerbacks Gary Wu, Abe Khoury and Nate Holloway return in the secondary to join Burke.

“Coach (Mark) Nowicki has been working with them in the nickel package,” Ladach said. “We’re going to have some decent depth in the secondary. Up front the competition is wide open.”

The Mustangs also have one of the state’s best kept secret weapons in junior specialist Jake Moody, who stands No. 2 in his class nationally and 11th overall, according to Kornblue Fab 50 rankings among kickers.

Moody was 9-of-12 last year on field goals, including a school-record 51-yarder. He also had 34 touchbacks into the end zone.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs may be hard pressed to duplicate last year’s 10-0 start (best in school history). It ended with a hard-fought 34-27 loss in MHSAA Division 1 district finals against Canton.

But Ladach is optimistic his team can challenge again for a title in the KLAA Central. The Mustangs also face a tougher non-league schedule which includes Dearborn, Brighton and Walled Lake Western.

“There’s not a game on our schedule that we can’t win,” Ladach said. “We felt the same way last season. In the same breath there’s not a game on our schedule that we can just show up and win, so we’re going to have our hands full. Every single game will be a battle. If we’re not executing we’re going to be in trouble.”

But Ladach likes what he sees early on during the preseason.

“Just a ton of great kids,” he said. “Great character guys, guys that want to step in and do roles, take on new responsibilities and be great leaders. We continue to change the culture at our high school, just not football, and be positive leaders.”

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Mustang Anthony Abbott hauls in a pass from QB Justin Zimbo and heads for a touchdown during Northville’s Sept. 4 home game against Walled Lake Central.

FAST FACTS

- School:** Northville.
- Head coach:** Matt Ladach, eighth year.
- League affiliation:** KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
- Last year’s overall record:** 10-1 (5-0 KLAA Central).
- Titles won last year:** Central Division and Kensington Conference champs.
- Notable losses to graduation:** Justin Zimbo (first-team All-Area), Alex Angeles (first-team All-Area), Matt Komorous (first-team All-Area), Zach Prystash, Michael Minick, George Metrusias, Alec Coppock.
- Leading returnees:** Jack Burke, Sr. QB-DB (6-1, 190; first-team All-Area); Jake Moody, Jr. K-P (6-0, 165); Ryan Nelson, Sr. ILB (5-11, 186); Trenton Guthrie, Sr. OLB (6-2, 215); A.J. Abbott, Jr. WR (6-2, 175); Jack Peterson, Sr. WR (6-2, 175); Zach Marks, Sr. C (5-9, 220); Zach Bates, Sr. DL (6-3, 215); Abe Khoury, Jr. CB (5-11, 165); Gary Wu, Sr. CB (5-9, 155); Naet Holloway, Sr. DB (5-9, 147).
- Promising newcomers:** Jordan Grewe, Jr. OL-DL (6-1, 230); Nick Prystash, Soph. WR-RB (5-6, 145); Jackson Weaver, Soph. OL (6-1, 269); Sean Rowan, Sr. LB (5-10, 190); JaQuan Crawford, Jr. LB (6-0, 192); Antonio Washington, Jr. RB (6-0, 175); Benair Covington, Jr. RB (5-9, 166); Dennis Swift, Sr. NT (5-11, 215).
- Ladach says:** “The success of this year’s football team will be determined by our ability to demonstrate toughness at all times and to play selflessly. It is critical that we are patient with the process, and that we do not stray from the core values that have helped us improve over the years.”
- 2016 schedule (all 7 p.m.):** Aug. 25, at Dearborn; Sept. 1, vs. Brighton; Sept. 9, at Walled Lake Western; Sept. 16, vs. Salem; Sept. 23, at South Lyon East; Sept. 30, vs. South Lyon, Oct. 7, at Livonia Stevenson; Oct. 14, vs. Novi; Oct. 21, vs. Kensington Conference crossover.

JUNIOR GOLF

Livingston best in Moose Ridge Ryder Cup format

Kensington Junior Tour ends summer season

M.B. Dillon
Correspondent

The Kensington Junior Golf Tour hosted its season-ending Ryder Cup tourney format on Aug. 8 at Moose Ridge Golf Club in South Lyon, while also staging its traditional county competition and expanding this year's tourney to include collegiate and caddy championship play.

Livingston County junior golfers seized the cup by edging out Oakland County in the best-ball tourney with 31 points.

Trailing runner-up Oakland (30 points) were Wayne County (27) followed by 2014 and 2015 defending champion Washtenaw County (21).

Moose Ridge's capacity field of 88 competed in two- and four-person squads. Points were awarded on each hole based on lowest individual scores.

"We saw very close competition amongst all four counties with only one point separating our winner and runner-up teams," Kensington Tour director Nathan Oake said. "Special congratulations go to Wayne County. It was their first year out and they made it very close. The Wayne County girls are a powerhouse. They made it very exciting."

Austin Carter, 20, fired two rare eagles to propel Saginaw Valley State University to victory in the men's collegiate division. Teammate Mason Motte, also 20, turned in an impressive performance as well.

The duo, both hailing from Port Huron's Bluewater area where they competed on rival high school teams, carded a best-ball, 4-under-par 67.

Carter's first eagle came on the par-4, No. 7 hole.

"If you gave me 100 balls, I wouldn't be able to recreate that shot again," said Carter, who sank an uphill putt. "My drive ended up on the back portion of the green. I hit it to 3 feet (from the pin) from 286 yards. Everything lined up perfectly,"



The Caddy Division winners at the Kensington Junior Golf Tour Moose Ridge event included winners (from left) Austin Dillon and Michael Blaesser of Western Golf & Country Club, and runners-up Travis Tubbs and Alex Opitck of Walnut Creek C.C.



Virginia Gilton (left) and Megan Baumgartner combined for an 83 to win Kensington's best-ball Collegiate Championship at Moose Ridge.

His second eagle came on the par-5, No. 18.

"I drove it out there, had 150 yards to the hole and pulled out a 9-iron," he said. "I stuck it to within 3 feet and made the putt again. I went for it and I was rewarded very well."

Virginia Gilton and Megan Baumgartner, both entering their junior seasons, swept the women's division for Cleary College.

They combined for 83, despite Baumgartner forgetting her clubs at home.

"Luckily, my old irons were in my car," Baumgartner said. "Virginia let me borrow a hybrid driver and a putter. My putting was pretty good. We had a couple of good pars and

Virginia birdied a hole by herself."

Austin Dillon, 22, and Michael Blaesser, 21, of Western Golf & Country Club in Redford shot an even-par 71 to capture the Kensington Tour's Caddy Championship.

Travis Tubbs and Alex Opitck of Walnut Creek Country Club were runners-up.

"We hit the ball really well," Dillon said. "Both of us had a lot of opportunities for birdies, which made it easier for one of us to go at it. We both lipped out on a couple birdie putts."

Blaesser, who like Austin hails from Redford, birdied the par-3, No. 6.

"I hit my 8-iron and landed above the hole," Blaesser said.

honors in their divisions were Michael Hermann, 11, of Canton; Kristen Szabelski, 16, of Livonia; Blaesser; and Gilton.

Longest drive hitters included Emily Keyser of Cleary, Kyle Kozler of Barton Hills C.C., Jack Kamsickas of Northville, Sydney Bradford of Brighton Township, and Jeremy Gould of Belleville.

Oake saluted all those who competed. "What's noticeable is how much improvement everyone has shown this summer. This being our culminating event, it's very clear that working hard and competing all summer leads to improvement in your scores," Oake said.

The KJGT division champions also stood out.

Northville's Andrew Lack-swept three of the Boys 15-18 age titles (Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw), while Brighton's Brendan Britz conquered the Livingston County championship.

In the Girls 15-18, Howell's Alyssa Snider earned both the Livingston and Washtenaw crowns. Livonian Madison Maurier captured the Oakland County title, while University of Detroit Mercy-bound Kendall Payne (Livonia Franklin grad) captured the Wayne County championship.

In the Boys 12-14, Novi's Dhruv Kumar captured the Wayne County championship, while Ashrith Mummadi, also of Novi, topped the Oakland division.

Other county champs include Ypsilanti Township's Vimal Alokam (Washtenaw) and Highland's Zach Piroli (Livingston County).

Ann Arbor's Ieuan Jones dominated both the Livingston and Washtenaw 9-hole divisions. Ypsilanti's Vibhav Alokam took the Wayne County title, while Westland's Damo Watson was the Oakland winner.

The Kensington Junior Golf Tour staged 27 tournaments at courses in Livingston, Washtenaw, Oakland and Wayne in its 11th season.

To support junior golf, the charitable Livonia-based Dinan Foundation offers academic college scholarships in conjunction with the tour. For more information, visit kensingtonjuniorgolf.com.

How to avoid heat illness during exercise

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

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

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

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

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

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

Heatstroke is the most serious heat illness and can be



Dr. Joe Guettler

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life-threatening. During heatstroke, the body's sweating mechanisms shut down, the skin becomes hot and dry and the body becomes depleted of fluids.

Preventing heat illness

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

» Take many breaks during activities in hot weather.

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

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

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

» Cool water is the best fluid to keep you hydrated during workouts or events that last an hour or less.

Sports drinks containing 6-10 percent carbohydrates are useful for longer events. Most sports drinks should be diluted with approximately 50 percent water.

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

» Drink cold beverages to cool your core body temperature.

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

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

When in trouble

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

» Move to a cool place out of the sun.

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

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

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

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

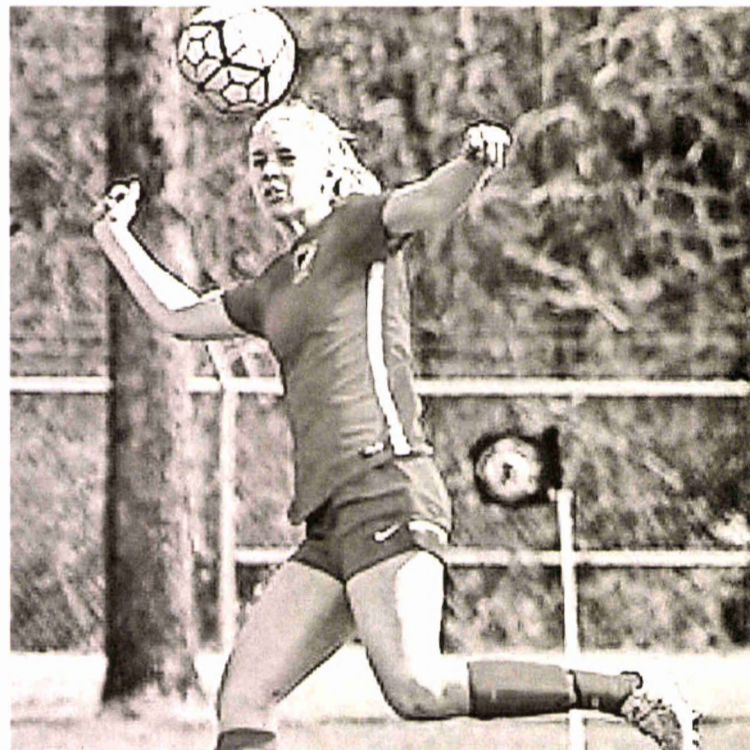
If symptoms do not clear up quickly or if a person is seriously fatigued, cramping, disoriented or beginning to lose consciousness, call for emergency medical assistance immediately.

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

For more info and links to a variety of health and wellness issues, go to www.performanceorthopedics.com.

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Valparaiso commit



TOP DRAWER SOCCER

Novi's Jenna Schluter, who will be a junior this fall at Farmington Hills Mercy High School, recently committed to play soccer at Valparaiso University (Ind.). The central defender, who plays for under-16 Vardar in the Elite Club National League, is also a two-time basketball letter winner at Mercy. "What I specifically like about Valparaiso's soccer program is the coaching staff, the players' chemistry and how successful the soccer program has been under coach (John) Marovich's leadership," Schluter told Todd Clark of Top Drawer Soccer. "I wanted to attend to a private university that offers a variety of academic options. I'm leaning towards a business degree and Valparaiso has a premier business program with many opportunities for the future."

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Aug. 25
Hartland at Novi, 7 p.m.
Northville at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
Detroit CC vs. S.H. Stevenson at U-M Stadium, 1 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Aug. 19
Northville at A.A. Pioneer Inv., 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 20
Detroit CC at Balcony Inv., 10 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 22
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Divine Child at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 23
Frankel at Franklin Road, 5 p.m.
Novi at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 24
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25
Dearborn at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
Detroit CC at Canton, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Aug. 20
Novi at Grand Haven Inv., 8:30 a.m.
N'ville at Lake Orion Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
Novi at Grand Blanc Inv., 8:30 a.m.
Franklin Road at Oak. Christ., TBA.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Friday, Aug. 26
N'ville at Summer Classic, TBA.
Saturday, Aug. 27
Novi at South Lyon Inv., 9:30 a.m.
Detroit CC at Lansing CC Inv., TBA.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Aug. 25
N'ville at A.A. Huron Inv., 1 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Aug. 18
Northville Quad, 8 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 20
N'ville at Traverse City Inv., TBA.
CC at Grand Blanc Inv., 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 23
Novi at A.A. Pioneer Inv., 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 24
Northville Quad, 8 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 25
Detroit CC at Howell Inv., 8 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 27
Northville at Brighton Quad, TBA.
CC at Clarkston Inv., 8 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
Monday, Aug. 22
N'ville at Hartland Inv., 8:30 a.m.
TBA – time to be announced.

NYC Marathon – former sprinter going long, longer

Running has treated Bradley Koback, 29, of Royal Oak very well in 2016.

From the grueling scenic vistas of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in July for the 274-participant Tahoe Rim Trail 50 Mile Endurance Run to the 50,000-plus entrants in the world's largest marathon through New York City in November, Koback is making the most of his two lottery-accepted races in 2016.

And a special honor in October makes for a banner year for the former Wisconsin high school and college sprinter.

"Is it feasible when I finish a marathon, could I get to the finish line and then turn around and go all the way back to the start?" It is a question Koback started asking himself after completing his first marathons in 2013-14.

"Why not give it a shot?" He said leading up to his first ultra in April 2015. "So I signed up for the American River 50. ... When I did all my research, that was the most beginner-friendly course — even though after doing it, it was really not easy by any means."

Running 400 meters very fast was Koback's specialty in high school and college. After graduating from Amherst High School in Wisconsin, he attended and ran track for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he was part of the 1,600-meter relay team that won a Division III national championship in 2008.

However it was a ruptured Achilles, along with fellow high school running buddy Tim Olson, that eventually got Koback running 40,000-plus meters instead of 400.

After graduating from college, moving to Los Angeles and following ultra-marathoner Olson's career, Koback ran his first marathon in 2013.

"I needed to get competitive again. ... As far as racing, I



couldn't do sprints anymore," he said. "I had done 10Ks and upwards of half-marathons before so I was, like, OK, let's try something longer, so I did the L.A. Marathon."

Koback, a lab technician at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, talked as we dodged light rain under a Market Fresh store canopy at 13 Mile and Southfield roads, interrupting a recent run through the Birmingham area.

Fueling his competitive nature and a new-found way to experience places he had never been, Koback followed his first L.A. Marathon by running it again in 2014, along with the San Diego and San Francisco marathons.

"It is an amazing thing. I had never been to any of these places," he said. "It gives me the perfect opportunity to go visit and actually immerse myself and run through all these areas that a lot of people even when they go and visit never get a chance to."

Immerse himself he will July 16, when he attempts his second 50-miler in Nevada. According to the race website, the event is located on the northeast side of Lake Tahoe, with the highest point of the run just below the 9,214-foot Snow Valley Peak.

The 2016 TCS New York City Marathon is about as opposite an experience one could find compared to the running events at Tahoe.

"I got an email for it. I thought, well, I have never been to New York, I will give it a shot," he said. "I got the email and it said congratulations you got in. I was just amazed, I didn't expect to get



Bradley Koback of Royal Oak runs north along Southfield Road between 14 Mile and Maple in Birmingham during a recent training run.

in. I knew I did not qualify, but it was amazing. I am super-stoked."

Before heading to New York in November, Koback has some business to attend to in Wisconsin. On Oct. 15, he will skip his planned running of the Detroit Free Press Talmer Bank Marathon and will in-

stead reunite with his collegiate 1,600-meter relay teammates as they are inducted into the UW-Stevens Point Hall of Fame, honoring the foursome's national championship.

If you are in a runner signed up for the TCS New York City Marathon, drop me an email. I would love to profile others

from Michigan and maybe even go for a run together as we prepare for this iconic event.

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SUMMER RECREATION

Area sailors seize yet another Port Huron-to-Mackinaw title

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Chris Benedict and his team of sailors have done it again, adding to their impressive record of success in the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race.

The veteran crew aboard the Shape sailed to its fourth consecutive in-class championship and fifth win in six years July 16-18 during the annual event on Lake Huron.

Winning never gets old for Plymouth's Benedict, who co-owns the sailboat with longtime friend Win Cooper III of Fenton.

"It's an unusual stat to have four wins in a row," Benedict said. "There are very few boats that have ever done that. Part of me feels a little selfish.

"Should we back away from the race and let other people have an opportunity to win? The competitive side of me says, 'You need to go out there to defend and be the boat to beat.'"

"I think the competition feels the same. The right thing to do is to stick my nose in there and go at it again."

A major advantage for the Shape is the consistency of the crew. Eight of the nine members have sailed in the last seven races and represent 222 years of experience.

The newcomer was Benedict's 21-year-old son Everett. His oldest son, Cameron, 23, participated in his 12th consecutive Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island event.

"Before the race starts, we have a team lunch down below," Benedict said. "We talk about strategy, team shifts and things that have been successful in the past.

"We didn't do any of that this year. It was like we were really comfortable with what we've been doing. We just went out there and said: 'Let's go at it.'"

"Unfortunately for Everett, the first year he comes with us, we don't do it. He had to fly by the seat of his pants, but he adapted to it and did well on his first race."

The other members of the crew are Steven Bradley, Ed Ely, Dale McNabb, Richard Birdsall and Win Cooper Sr., who taught Benedict, 50, how to sail as a teen.

"The diversity in personalities among the crew is a good thing," Benedict said. "It stimulates a lot of debate. We don't always agree. The diversity of opinion helps us make good decisions."



Cameron (from left), Everett and Chris Benedict are about to set sail in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac race.



Co-owner Chris Benedict and the other members of the crew onboard the "Shape" sailed to a fourth straight Mackinac victory.

Bad weather hits

The experience factor came into play Sunday night as the Shape neared the Straits of Mackinac. A huge storm was blowing through the area, and the worst part was on the southern end.

"It nailed us," Benedict said, adding the wind reached 55 mph and overloaded the instruments. "We blanked out. The mast was shaking like made. You almost go into save-the-boat mode."

"The entire crew grew up on small boats as kids, so we were used to sailing without instruments. We went to work

like a normal day of sailing. We emerged from that and gained on the other boats during the storm."

Up to the task

Benedict, who was in charge of the team sailing the boat at that time, loves the challenge of doing so in rough weather.

"We were enjoying the radical sail and the ride," he said. "This is what we tried to do as much as we could as kids. The harder the wind was the more we wanted to be out there in the beach boats. That's where we really learned how to sail."

"We were having the time of our lives in very bad conditions. It's an opportunity to put your skills to work, and we've done it several times in those conditions."

As the Shape neared the north end of Bois Blanc Island, the storm abated about five miles from the finish line.

"It was raining and hailing so hard it hurt your face," Benedict said. "We were getting pelted. All of a sudden, the storm blows east of us. We can see Mackinac Island; we can see the bridge and the lights in the distance."

Late move is key

Benedict and his team were pretty confident of victory at that time, but it almost didn't happen. The sharp eye of Cameron Benedict helped to save the day — or rather the night. "Cam says, 'There's a boat

at the tip of Bois Blanc that's much better positioned, so we need to get to that end of the course,'" Benedict said.

"We tacked our boat and covered that boat. Cam informed us and thank goodness he did, because we wouldn't have finished first if he hadn't."

Makes good time

The Shape, a 35-foot Santana that was made in 1979, finished the race at 1:05 a.m. Monday with an elapsed time of 36 hours, 5 minutes and 35 seconds.

It was the fastest time in a long time, according to Benedict. Shape finished in 39:46:25 last year and 37:53:47 two years ago.

"Until about 6:30 or 7 o'clock that night, we were on pace to have one of the fastest races we've had," Benedict said, adding his team would have reached the harbor about 8 p.m. if not for the storm and a period of light wind.

"There was a time we finished about 11:30 at night, which we like because you can still make last call at the Pink Pony. That's a very common first stop when jumping off the boat."

"Good camaraderie" Shape reached the island less than two minutes ahead of the Avatar. Since all boats in the Shore Course Class K have the same handicap rating, corrected time becomes a

moot point.

It was the 30th consecutive start for Shape, which has 12 in-class victories and also won the overall Division II Shore Course title in 2014. Shape was 19th among 88 boats this year.

"It's a boat-for-boat thing," Benedict said. "You know everybody in-class has the same rating. If you beat them, you win. We were really bunched in there well. There's a fun element to that."

"Yeah, you'd like to blow away your competition, but the reality is that shouldn't happen because the boats are so similar. When the race is tight, it's exciting. That means everybody is sailing well."

"It's a really good fraternity of guys in the boats. We all compete hard against each other and want to win, but there's really good camaraderie and friendship when we're on shore and talking about the race."

Staying fit to sail

Being serious sailors, Benedict and his crewmates are disciplined during the race, making sure they sleep, drink and eat enough.

"In good weather and bad, your body is consuming tons of energy," Benedict said. "Your body is constantly working to be balanced, so the core muscles are working. The motion is zapping up energy and depleting you. It's very easy to become dehydrated."

"If you can't fight it off, you make sure to hydrate beforehand. Water comes out easily, so you're not taxing your system if you do get sick. It's important to have something to give up. That's why we eat and drink as much as we can."

"We have it down to a science — the food and beverage we take. We don't want to carry any extra weight than is necessary."

Finishing tradition

Consumption of alcohol during the race is a no-no, but the crew is ready to unwind when it's over. Birdsall opens a bottle of cognac when the boat docks.

"It's a fun tradition he's brought to the boat," Benedict said. "Thank goodness we've had a pretty solid record in those years, so we don't feel the least bit guilty breaking it out."

Given the recent string of victories, that tradition is likely to continue, too.

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Cigar bar looks to relocate to Livonia

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Livonia could see a new spot for cigar smokers to spend some time with an adult beverage.

The City Council will decide at its next meeting whether to approve a waiver petition to use a Class C liquor license to allow for Smoky's Cigar Bar and Lounge to operate in the space formerly occupied by InkStop at 37298 Six Mile in Northbrook Plaza, just east of Newburgh.

The bar, which had operated in Northville Township for many years, seeks to move to Livonia to improve the business.

Teresa Essa, the bar's owner, said the former location in Northville Township made it difficult for customers to find and locate her establishment. The new facility, she said, would have greater visibility.

"The location I was at, we were really far off the road. Really far," she said. "At the end of the road, there's a fence. By the fence, there's really, really tall bushes that, if you're sitting on Seven Mile and you look over, you know there's a plaza but you can't tell what's in there."

The proposed bar would be about 1,400 square feet with about 22 seats inside. The bar would not be in compliance with regulations that require 1,000 feet separation between Class C liquor license holders, as two other restaurants in that area also currently operate in that radius.

"That separation can be waived by you, City Council, but that is the



Smokie's Cigar Bar and Lounge is looking to move from its former Northville Township location to Livonia.

only thing it does not comply with," said Scott Miller, a zoning manager with the city.

Issues with smoke

While Michigan banned smoking in indoor places back in 2010, the law allows smoking inside of existing cigar bars that serve food and drink provided 10 percent of their gross income comes from the on-site sale of cigars and the rental of on-site humidors. Essa said her bar was grandfathered in under that law. Only cigars would be allowed to be smoked in the cigar bar; no other tobacco products would be allowed.

Councilwoman Cathy White said she knows a business owner in Northville who owns a shop near another cigar bar, and said she had some concerns regarding odors coming from the business if it were to open up in that location.

She said her acquaintance told her odors have been an issue for him, and wanted to raise the issue with Essa over what she plans to do with odors.

"He's indicated to me that the cigar bar next to his business does ventilate to the outdoors, and there are many times that he and his custom-

ers can smell cigar odors," she said. "Sometimes, he indicates you can smell them a block away."

Peter Tzilos, an architect who is working on the cigar bar, said the planned Smoke Eaters for the bar are designed to handle cigar smoke odors from the inside without sending the smell outside.

"Those devices are indoor devices that are used to clean the air. They're not necessarily exhausting air to the outside," he said.

The City Council will take up the petition at its next regular meeting, currently scheduled for Aug. 22.

Several council members voiced support for the project, saying it was in the city's best interest to house this kind of business so those customers don't need to leave the city for them.

Councilman Brian Meakin said he would support the petition, saying it was a good option for Livonia to have.

"I think this is an item that's been needed in this city," he said.

"When you want a cigar, you don't have to go to Birmingham or West Bloomfield, so, having one in the neighborhood is going to be helpful."



Company, city, county, state and international officials cut the ceremonial ribbon for NHK International.

NHK International expands, opens in Novi

On a beautiful July day with flowers in full bloom, NHK International Corporation celebrated two very important milestones as a company.

First, was the grand opening of NHK's new state-of-the-art Headquarters and research and development facility in Novi. The company invested \$7 million into the site and has doubled the number of employees over the last few years, company officials said.

The celebration also highlighted NHK's 40th anniversary of offering innovative products to the automotive industry in Detroit and throughout the world.

To help celebrate the occasion along with customers, community partners and employees were several local speakers



NHK International Corporation recently opened in Novi.

including L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, Steve Arwood, the CEO of the Michigan Economics Department, and Mitsuhiro Wada from the Japanese Consulate.

NHK International also unveiled a Japanese garden complete with an arbor and Japanese maples located in front of the new facility.

"In Japan, maple trees represent a beautiful change. We want to be part of that positive change to the community and to our customers," stated NHK International President Ko Masuda.

Officials said the NHK team is very excited about the new facility, the new location and being part of the local community.

Make cooking simple while celebrating summer's bounty

There is no better time to take advantage of summer's vibrant bounty from farmers markets, local farm stands or even your own backyard. At the Bistro, we're happily into that full bounty that warm weather brings.

Our summer menu is lighter and showcases much more produce and creative ways to use it.

For instance, cauliflower can be roasted and pureed into a delicious "hummus" of sorts. Just dug up from the garden carrots are stellar in a ginger scented soup which can be served chilled or hot. I love a lobster potato salad made with Yukon gold fingerlings or a platter of heirloom tomatoes layered with fresh mozzarella and just picked basil that can be drizzled with a tad of truffle oil — can't be beat. Serve the two together and dinner is as simple as pie.

Speaking of which, my rhubarb continues to be at its peak every day — so a rhubarb dessert will be a must.

When it comes to



Mary Brady

GUEST COLUMNIST

cooking outdoors, any firm vegetable grills easily but my absolute favorite to grill is sweet corn on the cob with sage butter.

Home grown garlic is the best and will last the winter if stored properly, and garlic scapes — the lime colored green stems and unopened flower buds of hard neck garlic garden varieties make a mean pesto that also freezes well. The key is it must be cut back before flowering so that the bulbs can mature.

Fennel this time of year has a delicate licorice flavor that makes a great slaw when finely shaved. A long time favorite on our summer menu is our original Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro summer gazpacho made with garden fresh tomatoes. I've included our special recipe for you to make at home.

It's convenient and

easy — since there is no stove cooking involved, and it "beats the heat."

Summer Gazpacho

25 ounces of diced fresh tomatoes
¼ bunch of cilantro and parley
A few basil leaves
3 ounces pure olive oil
Puree herbs and olive oil in blender and then add tomatoes.
Stir in the following:
12 ounces tomato juice
1 ounce red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
Couple dashes of Tabasco
1 teaspoon salt and pepper
Garnish with diced red and green peppers, red onion, scallions, and cucumbers.
Recipe is best chilled overnight. Yields roughly twelve — 8 ounce servings

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef by the American Culinary Federation and owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, located in the Novi Town Center. You can reach her by email at djbrady@aol.com, or log onto www.djbistro.com.

Second orthodontist joins Novi practice

Seasoned orthodontic practitioners Dr. Nicole Teifer and Dr. Terry Timm both share a love for their professions and for their West Highland White Terriers.

Timm, an integral part of the Saline community for decades, announced that he is working with Teifer, at Today's Orthodontics, with locations in Novi and Canton. "We're so proud to add Dr. Timm's coveted experience to our team. In the busy spring, summer and fall seasons, we're able to offer even more appointments to serve our patients busy schedules," explained Teifer, owner of Today's Orthodontics.

Timm added: "Working at Today's Orthodontics, the premiere orthodontic/pedodontic practice in southeastern Michigan is a professionally awarding experience." His specialties include occlusion, and helping patients with facial pain, and temporomandibular joint dysfunction.

Teifer's westies, Spike & Lily and Timm's westie, Tilly, have become fast



Dr. Terry Timm with his westie, Tilly, and Dr. Nicole Teifer, with her westie, Spike.

friends as they both make appearances at either the Novi or Canton locations of Today's Orthodontics. The office recently made a donation to the Westie Rescue Michigan, a 501c3 non-profit organization, to show their ongoing support for this beloved breed.

Today's Orthodontics can be reached by calling 248-306-9330 in Novi, or 734-454-9200 in Canton, or log onto todayortho.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan

ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 25th day of August, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carlo Meeting Room of the Northville District Library, Northville, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Northville District Library for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the Northville District Library District, comprised of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan.

ALAN SOMERSHOE
SECRETARY
NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Julie Herrin, Library Director, at 248-349-3020, Extension 206.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

Jiffy Signs, Inc. (PZ16-0027), 24269 Novi Road, north of Ten Mile Road and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-22-400-026. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 28.1(2) to allow the construction of an eight foot tall monument sign. Under the current ordinance a six foot sign is allowed. This request is in addition to the pending variance request for the same property. This property is zoned B-3 (General Business).

Hunter Pasteur Homes Dunhill Park (PZ16-0032), 47700 Eight Mile Road, north of Eight Mile Road and west of Beck Road, Parcel # 50-22-32-400-013. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 28-6 for the installation of two 64 square foot subdivision business signs to allow increased visibility. A single sign of 64 square feet is allowed by right. This property is zoned R-A (Residential Acreage).

Casa Loma Home Owner's Association (PZ16-0033), north of Eight Mile Road and west of Beck Road, Parcel # 50-22-32-201-014. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 28-5(3)K to allow installation of a third entranceway sign. This property is zoned R-A (Residential Acreage).

Grand Promenade, LLC (PZ16-0034), 48975 Grand River Avenue, south of Grand River Ave and east of Wixom Road, Parcel # 50-22-17-101-026. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 28-5(3) to allow construction of a second monument sign, of 30 square feet. This property is zoned B-3 (General Business).

Curtis Builders Inc. (PZ16-0037), 41882 Ridge Road East, south of Grand River Ave and west of Meadowbrook Road, Parcel # 50-22-23-403-023. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 3.1.5. To reduce the rear yard set-back from 35 feet to 32.6 feet to allow construction of an 11 foot by 12 foot addition. This property is zoned R-4 (Single Family Residential).

Conlon Installations (PZ16-0038), 40800 West 13 Mile Road, north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of M-5, Parcel # 50-22-01-300-015. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI Code of Ordinance; Section 28-5.(2) to allow construction of a 57.5 square foot monument sign. Under current ordinance 30 square feet is allowed, and Section 28-1 to allow for a 7 foot separation between sign faces. Under ordinance a 2 foot separation is allowed. This property is zoned R-A (Residential Acreage).

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"When you get the right lender, VA loans are actually exceptional," says Rich Eisiminger of RichRealty Group of Plymouth.

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Plymouth Realtor, Livonia mortgage lender: Veterans can get loans, move into homes

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In his 25 years in the real estate field, Rich Eisiminger of RichRealty Group of Plymouth has handled many Veterans Affairs loans.

"When you get the right lender, VA loans are actually exceptional," Realtor Eisiminger said. "They are a great way to help out our military people."

He's seeing veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan service come home in need of mortgages for home purchases. Eisiminger handles double digits of veteran loans annually along with colleagues at RichRealty Group, and also does seminars on the topic.

"Understanding them is the best thing, obviously, continuing education," he said. In the past, military veteran apprais-

als were handled differently from other buyers.

RichRealty Group was founded in 2005, and in his career Eisiminger has seen VA loans improve. "They sure have. More streamlined. They're there to help veterans get in the home, contrary to a lot of old thought processes," he said.

The time frame to get approval may be a bit longer, he added, but not much. Appraising for veteran loans is now done the same as others.

"You would get an appraisal that came from a pool," Eisiminger recalled of past days with the VA certifying certain ones. That's changed now with all buyers using a pool.

"The conventional loan is done the same way," Eisiminger said. "Sometimes it's nerve-racking and it's frustrating, but it's to the good."

He cites time frames and ease. "Communications are much better," Eisiminger said. "Lenders that are versed in it know it well."

Agreeing is Bruce Piper, Livonia branch manager for Ross Mortgage, based in Troy. "The VA loans are not really any different," Piper said. Ross Mortgage is a VA-automatic lender, as most are, he noted.

That means underwriting and processing are done by Ross Mortgage, with appraisal also out of VA hands. "It's probably the very best way to buy a home," said Piper, noting it's zero-percent down for a qualified veteran without mortgage insurance.

The VA guarantees the loan, Piper said, unlike other buyers who purchase the PMI private insurance with the 20 percent down payment.

Noted Piper of veterans, "There's a very big demand, absolutely. We're doing a lot of VA loans."

Ross Mortgage has been in business since 1949, with Piper having 31 years of experience. He finds too often military veterans don't know they can qualify, with no cost for asking on pre-qualification.

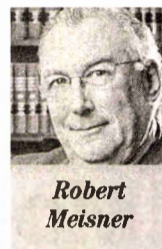
"If they don't (qualify), we'll advise them what to do on getting into a home," Piper said. "I think a lot of people don't check because they think they won't qualify."

Back in Plymouth, Realtor Eisiminger said of veterans buying homes, "I think it's just a great thing. We should do all we can to protect our freedoms. I treasure our freedoms."

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Condo association treasurer vexed over audit request letter

Q: I am the treasurer of our condominium association and received a letter from a homeowner requesting to conduct an independent audit of the association's books and records. The homeowner is claiming that the association has refused to give him the documents he needed. He is threatening to sue the association but has not given an identification of exactly what records he wants to look at. He has also made previous requests for records but they have been vague. What do you think?



Robert Meisner

A: I think that he is obviously looking to require you to produce records for an improper purpose. In a recent case out of Texas, the Appeals Court agreed with the trial court that the homeowner's request on similar facts had not been specific enough as to which records he wanted.

However, in that case, some of the requests were verbal, were either unclear or sought records that had already been provided to the person. It may also be relevant as was in this case that the homeowner was angry with, and rude to the members of the Board of Directors and refused to acknowledge that he lost his position when another treasurer won that seat on the board after election. Frequently, people who are disgruntled use a request for documents as an excuse to punish the association. Your lawyer should be able to lead you through this problem successfully.

Q: I read about a recent case concerning riparian rights on artificial bodies of water. Can you clarify that for me?

A: The black letter common law rule is that riparian rights do not attach to artificial bodies of water. So if a pond was created artificially, for example, in a case where the prior owner had installed a dam, the court has held that there were no riparian rights. The court in that case said that the dam turned the natural water course into an artificial one, defeating the claim of riparian rights. To be sure, you should review your case with an experienced real estate attorney.

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National Association of Realtors: Inventory of homes issue decreases affordability a bit

Home prices maintained their robust, upward trajectory in a vast majority of metro areas during the second quarter, causing affordability to slightly decline despite mortgage rates hovering at lows not seen in over three years, according to the latest quarterly report by the National Association of Realtors. The report also revealed that for the first time ever, a metro area — San Jose, California — had a median single-family home price above \$1 million.

The median existing single-family home price increased in 83 percent of measured markets, with 148 out of 178 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) showing gains based on closed sales in the second quarter compared with the second quarter of 2015. Twenty-nine areas (16 percent) recorded lower median prices from a year earlier.

There were slightly fewer rising markets in the second quarter compared to the first three months of this year, when price gains were recorded in 87 percent of metro areas. Twenty-five metro areas in the second quarter (14 percent) experienced double-digit increases — a small decrease from the 28 metro areas in the first quarter. A year ago, 34 metro areas (19 percent) experienced double-digit price gains.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says a faster pace of home sales amidst languishing inventory levels pushed home prices higher in most metro areas during the second quarter. "Steadily improving local job markets and mortgage rates teetering close to all-time lows brought buyers out in force in many large and middle-tier cities," he said. "However, with home-building activity still failing to keep up with demand and not enough current

homeowners putting their home up for sale, prices continued their strong ascent — and in many markets at a rate well above income growth."

The national median existing single-family home price in the second quarter was \$240,700, up 4.9 percent from the second quarter of 2015 (\$229,400), which was previously the peak quarterly median sales price. The median price during the first quarter of this year increased 6.1 percent from the first quarter of 2015.

Total existing-home sales, including single family and condos, rose 3.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.50 million in the second quarter from 5.30 million in the first quarter of this year, and are 4.2 percent higher than the 5.28 million pace during the second quarter of 2015.

"Primarily from repeat buyers moving up or trading down, existing sales increased each month last quarter and could've been even higher if not for a few speed bumps," Yun said. "Closings were slowed a bit by meager supply levels and home prices in many areas that are still rising too fast."

At the end of the second quarter, there were 2.12 million existing homes available for sale, which was below the 2.25 million homes for sale at the end of the second quarter in 2015. The average supply during the second quarter was 4.7 months — down from 5.1 months a year ago.

According to Yun, without enough new construction being built, existing inventory seriously failed to keep up with the growing demand for buying. As a result, homes typically stayed on the market for around a month throughout the second quarter, and over 40 percent of

listings sold at or above list price, with June being the highest share since NAR began tracking in December 2012 (43 percent).

"Many listings in a majority of markets — and especially those in lower price ranges — had multiple offers and went under contract quickly because of severely inadequate supply," Yun said. "This in turn dented affordability and without a doubt priced out a segment of buyers attempting to seek relief from fast-growing rents."

Despite falling mortgage rates and a small increase in the national family median income (\$68,774), swiftly rising home prices caused affordability to decline in the second quarter compared to a year ago. To purchase a single-family home at the national median price, a buyer making a 5-percent down payment would need an income of \$52,255, a 10-percent down payment would require an income of \$49,504, and \$44,004 would be needed for a 20-percent down payment.

The five most expensive housing markets in the second quarter were the San Jose, California, metro area, where the median existing single-family price was \$1,085,000; San Francisco, \$885,600; Anaheim-Santa Ana, California, \$742,200; urban Honolulu, \$725,200; and San Diego, \$589,900.

The five lowest-cost metro areas in the second quarter were Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, Ohio, \$85,400; Cumberland, Maryland, \$94,900; Decatur, Illinois, \$95,600; Binghamton, New York, \$105,500; and Rockford, Illinois, \$109,000.

Metro area condominium and cooperative prices — covering changes in 59 metro areas — showed the national median existing-condo price

was \$227,200 in the second quarter, up 4.8 percent from the second quarter of 2015 (\$216,700). Forty-four metro areas (75 percent) showed gains in their median condo price from a year ago; 14 areas had declines.

NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida, says Realtors in most areas say market conditions have remained competitive well into the summer.

Regional breakdown

Total existing-home sales in the Northeast jumped 7.6 percent in the second quarter and are 11.3 percent above the second quarter of 2015. The median existing single-family home price in the Northeast was \$273,600 in the second quarter, up 1.6 percent from a year ago.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales leaped 10.4 percent in the second quarter and are 6.6 percent higher than a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the Midwest increased 5.1 percent to \$191,300 in the second quarter from the same quarter a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the South inched forward 0.3 percent in the second quarter and are 4.2 percent higher than the second quarter of 2015. The median existing single-family home price in the South was \$214,900 in the second quarter, 5.9 percent above a year earlier.

In the West, existing-home sales climbed 1.4 percent in the second quarter but are 2.2 percent below a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the West increased 6.5 percent to \$346,500 in the second quarter from the second quarter of 2015.

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Morning routines can set you up for success

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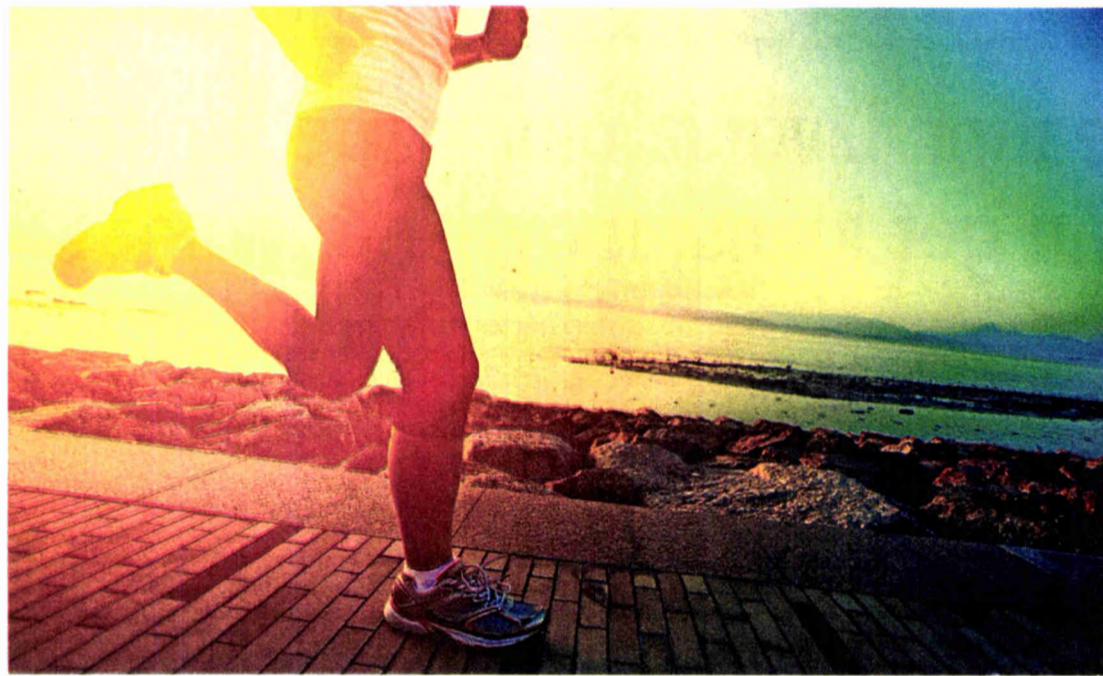
Waking up early and getting a head start on the day can be an uphill climb — but mornings don't always have to be so cumbersome. Some professionals stick to specific morning routines that help them get the most out of their workdays.

Here are some practical tips you can try to turn your morning around and set you up for a more productive day.

Wake up early. This can be difficult if you're not a morning person, but a lot of successful professionals wake up early to maximize their time. "An extra hour in the morning allows me to squeeze more into my day, especially while the office is still fairly empty," says Arsineh Ghazarian, co-founder and CEO of Zveil, a bridal veil design company and online retailer.

Get some exercise. One of the last things you may feel like doing when you wake up is working out, but some professionals swear by it.

Daisy Jing, founder of the beauty product line Banish, says she has found a way to make herself accountable and help her stick with her plan. "Book early morning fitness



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classes. I actually pay ahead of time — (for example,) I pay \$20 to book the 7 a.m. class," she says. "Once you invest in something — even \$20 — you are afraid to lose it. I have never missed a morning fitness class I've already paid for. It's my way of giving myself an artificial deadline so I don't waste time in the morning, go to sleep earlier the night before and accomplish more things throughout the day."

Get your daily dose of news. Paige Arnoff-Fenn,

founder and CEO of strategic marketing firm Mavens & Moguls, says she listens to NPR on the radio while getting ready for work so she can catch up on the latest news around the world.

Similarly, other professionals find it helpful to consume the news as part of their morning routines. "Upon getting to my office around 8:20 a.m., I spend 30 minutes reading news sites and business blogs to catch up with current developments and remove any temptation to be distracted later on," says Noel

McCann, a marketing analyst at HomeSuite, an online marketplace dedicated to short-term furnished rentals.

Strategize and organize your day. One way to get the good ideas flowing is to plan and strategize the rest of your day to be more efficient and productive.

"I am in the office every day usually by 7 a.m., so I am able to chart out my schedule for the day uninterrupted," says Lukas Krause, CEO of Real Property Management. "I prioritize the things I know

I have to get done based on our strategic objectives and key milestone dates, and then jump right into the day."

Check work email — or not. There are mixed feelings on whether you should check your work email before arriving at the office.

Some say it's a good practice because it helps avoid surprises. "The very first thing I do is check my work email inbox. This helps me plan for the upcoming workday, not to mention avoid surprises that could disrupt my productivity," McCann says.

On the other hand, there is a case for saving this task for later.

"No work-related emails first thing — the day will have plenty of opportunities for work," says Marty Fukuda, chief operating officer at N2 Publishing, a company that produces custom magazines. "I prefer to ease into the day by catching up on news or sports while eating breakfast. It helps to minimize stress by taking a few moments just to relax first thing."

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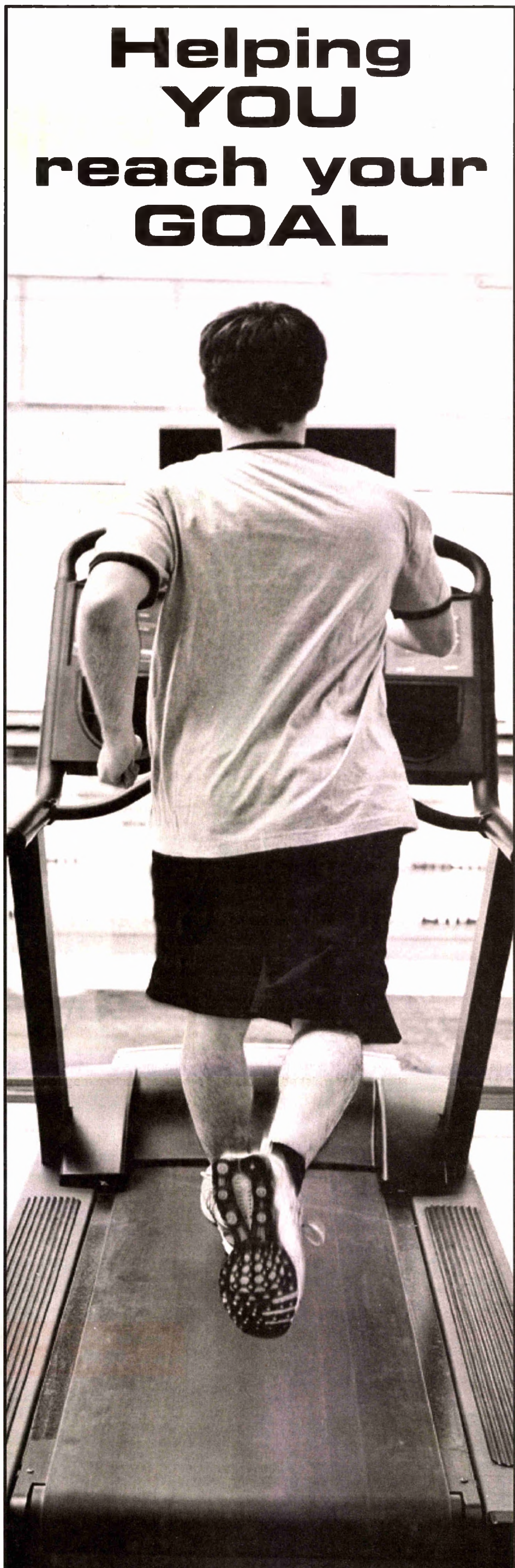
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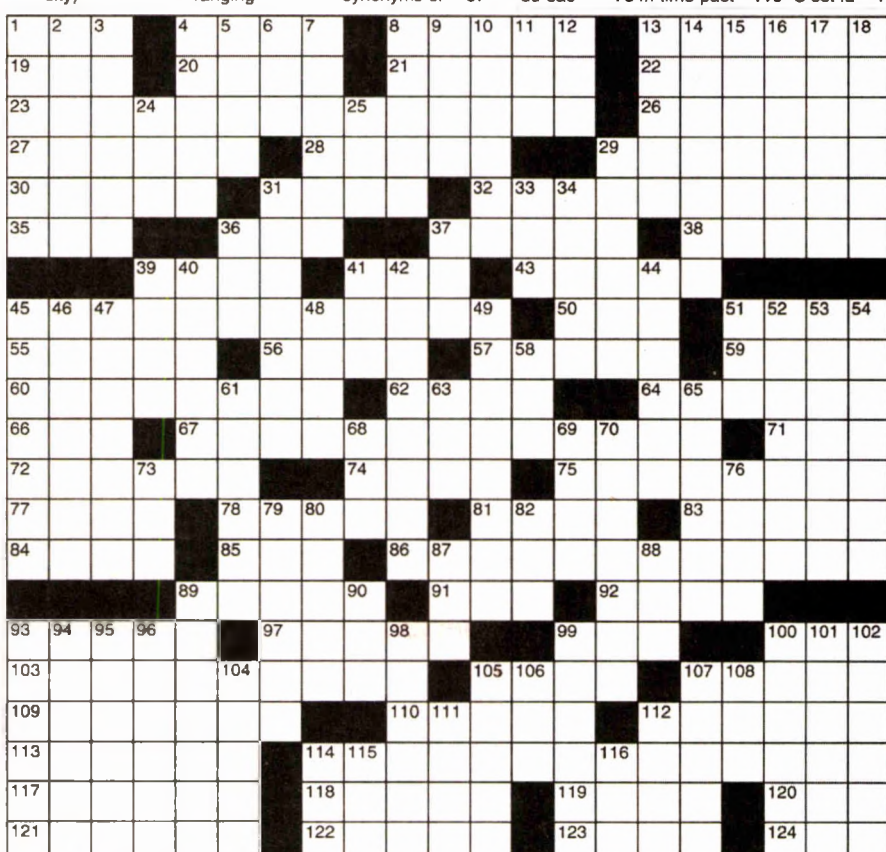
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	5			6					
			4			2		1	
	3						7		
6		8			9				
				4				3	
		9		7					
	8		1			6	4		

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

7	4	7	6	2	6	1	9	8	3	5
2	8	2	3	7	3	6	9	7	4	7
3	9	6	4	8	6	4	7	2	1	7
4	5	4	2	7	2	7	8	1	9	8
8	4	1	6	7	8	1	9	2	3	2
1	9	1	6	2	8	3	4	5	7	6
3	2	7	1	3	6	4	9	6	8	8
5	6	8	7	1	2	7	9	4	3	3
9	2	4	5	8	3	6	7	1	7	1

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G	R	H	J	K	A	G	D	S	U	C	R	I	C	F	B	U	V	C	S	
S	E	E	G	T	N	B	I	V	G	L	E	J	D	S	S	U	Y	S	A	
P	T	M	Y	A	K	N	R	R	G	O	E	N	E	V	U	N	K	E	C	
O	S	I	F	H	C	W	L	P	T	L	C	N	J	L	N	I	E	Y	R	
R	A	S	P	R	C	M	A	A	B	C	H	I	U	T	O	L	C	P	E	O
P	M	P	H	D	R	Y	A	A	L	G	W	T	N	Y	Y	O	G	B		
C	G	H	S	D	A	G	T	R	O	G	I	L	N	F	E	C	R	A	A	
Y	N	E	E	D	A	C	E	P	L	R	K	O	L	K	I	L	T	A	T	
S	I	R	E	G	E	E	M	E	E	I	O	I	M	R	E	A	N	C		
R	R	E	D	P	V	A	W	R	E	T	O	I	U	G	E	C	I	I	T	
E	C	H	S	A	R	S	E	S	C	R	S	I	O	D	G	O	M	B		
P	N	G	R	T	S	J	T	A	F	U	D	A	H	O	A	A	R	A	E	
R	Y	I	V	T	B	E	R	O	J	A	L	S	H	Y	N	T	J	L	O	
I	E	G	E	N	R	T	N	F	T	P	M	R	R	E	E	L	B	N	W	
S	B	F	O	J	T	U	C	S	B	I	A	N	G	E	M	V	H	C	F	
E	J	H	F	A	M	O	T	T	O	C	A	P	I	T	C	H	M	A	N	
R	E	I	R	R	A	B	L	R	E	T	C	A	R	A	H	C	U	J	D	
L	A	I	R	E	A	T	H	G	I	L	F	C	C	A	T	C	H	E	R	
M	R	E	N	I	A	R	T	B	U	N	G	E	E	R	I	P	Y	H	T	
A	I	L	L	U	S	I	O	N	I	S	T	U	S	H	E	R	U	R	Y	

WORDS

- ACROBAT
- AERIAL
- ANIMAL
- ATTRACTION
- BARRIER
- BUNGEE
- CATCHEE
- CHARACTER
- CHAREE-VARIE
- CIRCUS
- ENJOY
- FLIGHT
- FLOOR
- GAG
- GIRTH
- HEMISPHERE
- ILLUIONIST
- JUGGLE
- LADDER
- MENAGERIE
- MOTTO
- PARADE
- PITCHMAN
- PROPS
- REPRISE
- RINGMASTER
- ROPE
- SPECTACLE
- STADIUM
- TRAINER
- TRAMPOLINE
- UNICYCLE
- USHER
- WIRE

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

Crossword Answers

ZED MIFF SEDAN SCAPES
ALE AVER EXERT ALCOVE
POLICEDISPATCH TITTER
PIECES DRAMA SANTINI
ESTES HAIL CRYINGWOLF
DEE HAY CHIEF TONY'S
OPEN EAU MATEO
TURKEYGOBBLE REA CLAW
OPERA DABO MENDS DATA
ESCARGOT ULAN TASSEL
CCI LIGHTNINGBOLT OLD
LATHER IDEA ORATORIO
ILES DANCE TOAD ENDER
PEST EVE DRESSERSCARF
BROAD ODE RATE
ALCOA ITOUT SLY GAR
FOURTHDOWN POKY HALLE
RATITES IRATE REPAID
INSOLE DETECTIVE MUNCH
CEILED AGENT NINA CIO
ARNESS DODOS SEEN EAT

Word Search Answers

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