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Celebrate what's great at fair

Suburban Collection to host annual State Fair Sept. 1-5

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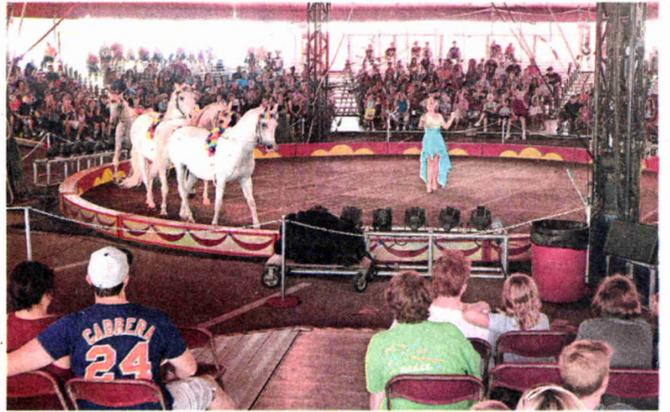
The Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair kicks off next Thursday, running Sept. 1-5, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"We've added more since last year. We continue to build every year," executive director Steve Masters said. "We have one of the largest carnival midways in the state and the largest in metro Detroit for Labor Day weekend. We are opening Thursday to accommodate all the people

who may be heading out of town for the holiday weekend."

With good weather, Masters hopes to have fair attendance top 110,000 for the weekend. In a cool twist this year, one-third of the fair is indoors in air-conditioning.

Besides 50 carnival rides spread over two midways, the fair features the traditional agricultural exhibits, with about 1,000 livestock — a 20-percent increase over 2015 — and favorites including racing pigs and a "Beginning of Life" baby animals exhibit.

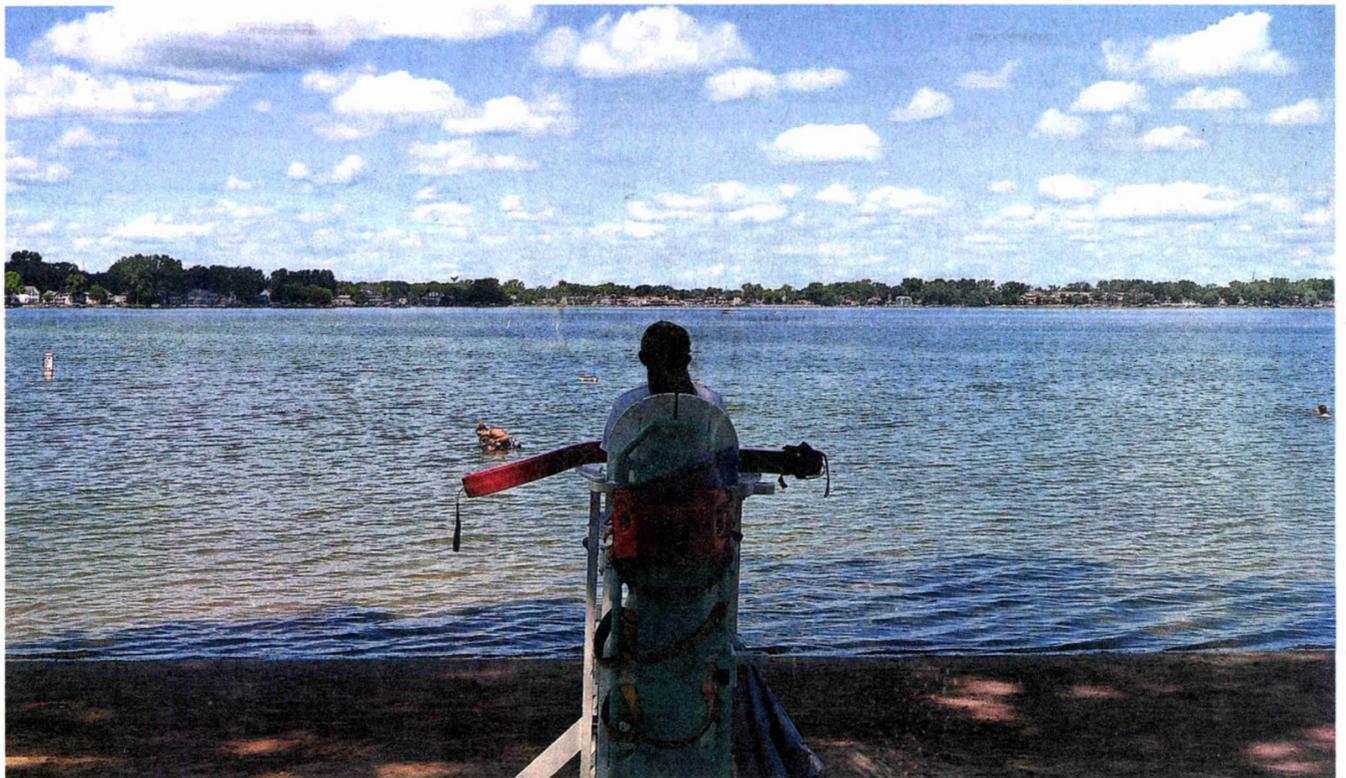


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Hundreds of visitors enjoy an afternoon showing of the Shriners Circus at the Suburban Collection Showplace during the Michigan State Fair.

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QUIET BEACH DAY



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A lifeguard looks out Monday at a mostly deserted Lakeshore Park beach. Given the temperatures were cooler than 80 degrees that day, it was perhaps understandable that there weren't too many visitors to the south end of Walled Lake. Lakeshore Park's beach is open every day through Labor Day, after which it'll close until next Memorial Day.

Active shooter training: Teachers and students battle against bad guys

Susan Bromley
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In the post-Columbine, Sandy Hook and Virginia Tech world, school drills and lockdowns have changed.

That change will continue at Novi Community Schools district buildings this fall, when school district staff and students are trained in ALICE (alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate) security protocols.

"As you know, we take security seriously — things have never been the same since Columbine," said Steve Barr, assistant superintendent of business and operations, referring to the 1999 high school massacre in which two students shot and killed 12 of their classmates and

a teacher, as well as wounded 21 others before taking their own lives. "Lockdown drills are different than before. We are changing the methodology and following ALICE."

The ALICE Training Institute focuses on citizen response to active shooters. Studies show that whether citizens are in schools, businesses, religious venues or any other location, they will have to mitigate violent situations on their own for five or six minutes before arrival of emergency responders.

Barr and Novi High School Assistant Principal Charles LaClear were trained in ALICE earlier this year. They joined

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Twelve Oaks theft suspect turns self in, bites officer

Robert Allen
Detroit Free Press

A man wanted in a Novi jewelry store robbery turned himself in to Detroit police Monday night then tried to escape, biting and scratching officers then kicking out two windows in a police car, authorities said.

The 26-year-old Detroit man surrendered about 10 p.m. at the 6th Detroit Police Precinct in connection with the smash-and-grab robbery Saturday at Twelve Oaks Mall, police said. But when Novi officers arrived roughly an hour later to transport him, he tried to flee on foot, Novi police Sgt. Scott Baetens said.

The man resisted and the two officers as well as the suspect had minor injuries, police said.

"He had some minor abrasions (scrapes) and a cut to his

left arm and our officers had minor abrasions — one officer was bitten," Baetens said.

Police continue to seek two other suspects in connection to the robbery that happened while customers were at the mall about 5:20 p.m. Saturday. One of the robbers used a hammer to smash a display case and a glass door was struck as the suspects escaped, the noise causing a panic as multiple bystanders called 9-1-1, reporting the noise as gunshots. Two watches were stolen, police said.

Detroit Police Sgt. Michael Woody said that the suspect had arrived with a family member Monday night at the 6th Precinct, on the city's west side, and he sat and waited for Novi police to arrive.

"Once they took him into custody, he became irate," Woody said. "I think it became

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In the equestrian pavilion, there will be a variety of classes and competitions, including English, Western, barrel racing and reining. Education abounds with "Farmer for a Day" and MSU Extension offering expertise in areas including not only agriculture, but also health and nutrition, gardening, personal finance and 4-H youth development.

Hands-on learning includes an archery station.

Kid focus

The Michigan State Fair also wants to encourage putting books in the hands of kids, as well and will host a special appearance Sept. 1 by Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan Chillers and American Chillers children's book series. Rand will be the first of several Michigan authors at the fair over the weekend, meeting readers of all ages. The fair

will also display local artist-decorated Little Free Libraries that will be installed this fall at urban gardens in Detroit stocked with books.

"Every year, we're adding new events," Masters said. "The little library project is new in the literacy area. We are really storytellers. We are a place for people to tell all their Michigan stories and celebrate all the great things about our wonderful state."

Contests are a big draw at the fair and range from the cute diaper derby baby crawling races to the delicious pasta and coney-eating competitions to the skill-testing hula hooping and the out-of-the-ice-box frozen T-shirt unraveling.

Entertainment will shine throughout the five days of the fair, with performances under three big Detroit Shrine Circus tents, including a tiger act, the Flying Wallendas, the Liberty horses and the popular Shrine clowns.

Music to my ears

Musical acts include 15 Superstar Contest semifinalists representing various genres, competing for prizes and performing Thursday and Friday evenings. Five finalists will perform for the judges Sept. 3, before a grand prize winner and runner-up will headline the fair Sept. 4.

The Michigan Music Mega Jam returns 1-4 p.m. Sept. 5 and will

feature a state all-star revue, including natives Thornetta Davis, Jill Jack, Sean Blackman, Brandon Calhoon, locals and former Superstar grand prize winners Alison Albrecht and Carly Bins.

The Accidentals will be the final performers of the fair, taking the stage following the Mega Jam. With Northville native Michael Dause on drums, the folk band will perform hits including "Michigan and Again," their new release, which will also be the common song performed by Superstar finalists.

Also Labor Day, the last day of fair, the second annual Michigan State Fair Parade commences at 10 a.m. with 300 Shriners and their

parade units in attendance, rain or shine. The parade marches two miles, from Novi High School down Taft Road to Grand River, up to the east main entrance to the fair at Suburban Collection Showplace.

Tickets for the Michigan State Fair and information on the event, as well as discounts, including free fair only admission for senior citizens 62 and older Sept. 1, are available at www.michiganstatefairllc.com. Tickets are also available at all southeast Michigan Kroger stores.

The Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River, Novi.

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Family Self Defense Center students honored

For the 10th year, the Family Self Defense Center "dojo" was selected as one of the "Top Five Isshinryu Schools in the Nation." The FSDC boasts more than 150 students, including 28 actively training and teaching black belts.

The school also announced the induction of the school's founder and chief instructor, Master Z. Szalap, into the Isshinryu Hall of Fame. This is the most prestigious award that can be given to a master in the Isshinryu style. Masters inducted annually into the Hall of Fame come from all over the world, including Japan, India and

China. Szalap is one of only 134 masters that have been given this honor in the 60 years existence of the hall of fame.

The following students and instructors were honored at the same awards banquet as national finalists for 2016 in their respective categories:

- » Outstanding Female Karate Student 12 and under: Shaelyn Carroll and Ameilia Chung
- » Outstanding Female Karate Student 13-17: Lizzy Arnold, Neha Gogineni and Ryan Swanson
- » Outstanding Male Karate Student 13-17: Ram Kiru and Abhay Vora

- » Top Jr. Female Competitor: Shaelyn Carroll
- » Top Female Instructors in the Country: Tanaz Waterwala and Master Chris Szalap
- » Top Isshinryu Dojo: Family Self Defense Center

Once again, FSDC earned more national nominations for their students and instructors



Szalap



The dojo students show off their trophies

than any other Isshinryu school in the country.

At the national tournament, Team FSDC's 20 students earned 23 awards, with three students earning the title of national champion. They included Abhay Vora, first place national titlist in Black Belt weapons; Neha Gogineni, first place national titlist in Black Belt Kata; and Trevor Adomaitis, first place national titlist in Underbelt Weapons.

In June, FSDC also competed in the National KIAI tournament, once again finishing with national champions. Twenty-one students earned 49 awards, with 15 national first-place winners and three Grand Championship winners in Krish-

na Kiru and Shashank Swaminathan for Black Belt Kumite and Amelia Chung for Underbelt Kata and Weapons.

The tournament season began in May at the Metro Detroit Open Tournament with 26 students earning 61 awards, including three Grand Championship berths and tournament championship performances by the FSDC Black Belt and Underbelts in Team Kata.

FSDC offers classes through Novi PRCS each Monday and Tuesday evening in Isshinryu Karate and Samurai Sport Sword, as well as an Adults Only Martial Arts Class. Reach the center at karatebyfsdc.com or 248-347-0414.

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very real for him once they showed up."

Novi Police released photos of the robbery suspects. Anyone with details about the incident is asked to call Detective Sgt. Scott Baetens at 248-348-7100. Callers can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAK-UP.

Police released a photo showing the suspects in the Tapper's Jewelry smash-and-grab robbery Saturday at Twelve Oaks Mall.

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MSP forensics lieutenant honored for leadership

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Even when you've worked in your field for 18 years, there's still something new to learn.

1st Lt. Beth Clark is commander of the Michigan State Police Northville Forensic Science Laboratory. Earlier this year, she was among 24 students who graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

"It was stressful, hard," she said, "but really worth it."

Clark joined the Michigan State Police in 1998, graduating as a member of the 116th Trooper Recruit School. She started her career as a trooper in Adrian, then moved on to homeland security with the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center. She served a stint in the governor's security detail and got into forensic science in 2004, working



Beth Clark with her mom and brother.

in Grand Rapids, Lansing and now Northville, where she heads the lab.

Much of Clark's work involves investigating evidence from crime scenes. "You've seen, 'Was this bullet fired from this gun?' on crime shows; that's basically what I do," she said.

The 10-week session Clark took through Northwestern is geared toward law enforcement

professionals who've demonstrated potential for leadership and promotion. Most of Clark's classmates were officers, like herself: one chief, about two-thirds lieutenants and the other third sergeants, she estimated.

"It's a very prestigious program," said Inspector Scott Marier, interim director of the Michigan State Police forensic science division.

Clark's course started at the end of February and ran through June. Northwestern University is in Illinois, but this session was held off-site at the Troy Police Department training center — a convenient location for Clark, who lives in West Bloomfield.

Classes ran two weeks on, two weeks off, so the participants could keep up at their regular work stations. Instructors came from across the country to teach the course, where topics ranged from grant writing to traffic control, statistics and internal conflict resolution.

Clark's course work focused on decisions a police officer would have to make as a manager. Staffing, for example, was presented in the context of how many people to deploy to a traffic incident. Other topics included strategies to cover the business side of police work, like writing

job descriptions, selecting new recruits, giving effective performance appraisals and talking to the media.

One of Clark's assignments was giving a speaking presentation, as if she were being interviewed for the local news. She and her classmates also had group projects, take-home work, tests and a final research paper — all while juggling their regular jobs.

Clark said it was a lot of work. "I felt like I wrote a thousand papers in those six months," she said.

Clark received her diploma June 17, graduating as vice president of her class.

But she was in for a shock when her name was announced again — this time, as the winner of the Franklin M. Kreml Leadership Award.

The award, established by the center's founder, recognizes high ethical and professional values

and dedication to public service. Winners are selected by a vote of their fellow classmates at the end of the course and their names are added to a huge plaque at Northwestern University's campus in Illinois.

"It's a big deal, because the folks who go there are all leaders in their respective departments," Marier said. "It's a great honor to be selected by her peers as a leader."

For her, though, the most interesting take-away was on police officer wellness, because it went beyond the normal spiel about staying in shape and eating right.

"Let's face it, in police work nowadays, it's stressful," she said. "We see a lot of bad in people — a lot of things that are horrific that the normal citizen doesn't see. You've got to learn how to not take that home, not let it affect you and your family."

TRAINING

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Detective Jon Zabick, Novi schools liaison officer, in discussing the security program Aug. 18 with the Board of Education.

Run, hide, fight

The program addresses the three basic human responses to critical situations — run, hide, fight — and then expands on them to help students and staff prepare for worst-case scenarios.

"Anyone can give information," Barr said. "This empowers students, staff or anyone to alert — maybe by using the PA system, phones, tweeting. The key is to alert emergency responders. If you see a bad guy, you have the power to make that decision (to alert), not just the principal."

LaClear spoke about lockdowns and how, since 1990, the protocol has been static with locking doors the only defense against someone wishing to do harm.

Locking of classroom doors at all times is something Barr said the district does want to emphasize. He noted that at Sandy Hook Elementary, the school in Newtown, Conn., where 20 children were shot to death in 2012, the first classroom of students survived because the shooter tried to open their door and found it locked.

Barr, LaClear and Zabick however, want to equip staff and students with much more than locked doors.

LaClear recounted that after going through ALICE training, he asked his 12-year-old daughter what she and other students had been taught to do in lockdown drills. He learned they had been taught to hide behind where their coats were hung. When he asked her what she would do if the bad guy found her, she had no answer. He asked her if she could throw her laptop.

"She said, 'Daddy, I couldn't do that, I'd be expelled,'" LaClear said. "It broke my heart."

After Virginia Tech, in which a single shooter went on a rampage killing 32 people and wounding 17 others, training now includes using tables, bookshelves, chairs and more to barricade doors, LaClear said.

Relaying information

As far as the "inform" part of training, he continued, the district is challenged with developing systems that will update everyone in a crisis situation as information changes by the second, particularly to avoid having 2,000 parents showing up at the high school and hindering the first responders' ability to do their jobs.

Zabick addressed the final two components of

the program, "counter" and "evacuate," saying there is a misconception about the former, as if teachers and students would be trained to be commandos and take it upon themselves to deal with the matter in a forceful way. Zabick said that is not the case. Instead, he views it as using whatever means necessary to disrupt the skill set and plan of an active assailant, whether they are armed with a gun, knife or other weapon.

He used as an example an attack which was

stopped last August on a train bound for Paris from Amsterdam, when three American friends, two of them military service members, disarmed a terrorist.

Age-appropriate

While students and teachers aren't likely to have the military skills of those three, there are still things they can do and will be taught in ALICE.

"We do have people who can throw things, create distance and movement and all these things can be used to

disrupt an assailant," Zabick said. "The steps ALICE recommends are last-ditch steps and there are differences, depending on the ages of students. But ALICE has things that are tailored to age ranges and we will roll those out to the youngest among us."

In "evacuation," the objective is to create distance and get as far as possible from the line of violence. Training in this area will focus on staff members having a greater knowledge of their surroundings and escape routes.

Barr said other area schools are also adopting the ALICE training, including Northville and Detroit Catholic Central. Novi plans to roll out the training to its staff members and 6,500 students in the next two months to create the best security approach.

School board Trustee Ann Glubzinski said she received training from the Ann Arbor Police Department in responding to an active shooter and hopes it will help her to implement the strategies and not to freeze if ever faced with such a

situation. She hopes that the ALICE training will do the same for the staff and students in Novi schools.

"The more you can explain and help them prepare, the more we can save lives," she said. "I think this is great."

Board President George Kortlandt agreed.

"The security of our children and staff is extremely important," he said. "We're doing our best to minimize evil to our people."

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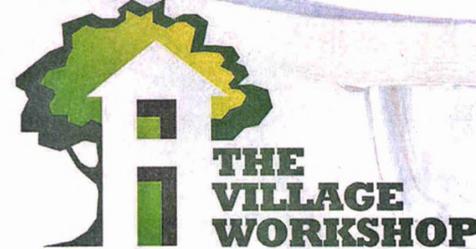
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Schoolcraft College banning tobacco products

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Students at Schoolcraft College will want to keep those Marlboro cigarettes in the car when they go to class this fall. The Livonia-based college went tobacco-free last month, a move approved by the Board of Trustees. The move will ban the use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, on the

main campus in Livonia, the public safety training complex on Industrial Drive in Livonia and the Radcliff Center in Garden City. Schoolcraft College spokesman Frank Ruggirello said the move is one many other two-year colleges in the state have made and the college decided to make the change as well. "We constantly look at our policies. I think it's something a

lot of our peer schools have done," he said. "There's been a lot of information to our staff, our students, especially those coming back in the fall." Tobacco products will be banned on the main campus, including and around campus buildings, sidewalks, building entrances, common areas and college-owned vehicles. The lone exception, Ruggirello said, is inside of private vehicles:

students, employees and guests will still be able to smoke in their own vehicles while parked on campus. That move was made as a safety precaution, Ruggirello said, to prevent smokers from having to run across Haggerty if they want a cigarette. The college will continue to follow federal law when it comes to medical marijuana. There will be some events to

highlight the move when school begins in the fall to emphasize the policy, as well as help those individuals who desire to quit using tobacco to do so. The college has collected a variety of links on information for those looking to quit smoking that can be found on its website, schoolcraft.edu.
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Parros College Planning awards college scholarship to area grads

Griffin Modjeski, a recent graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, and Kyle Doyle of Dexter High School have been awarded scholarships from Parros College Planning to help fund their college education for their upcoming 2016-17 year.

The Parros College Planning's annual scholarship competition was awarded to recently graduated high school seniors who created and submitted a YouTube video detailing their experience with the staff at Parros College Planning. Students were encouraged to think creatively and come up with a video concept that not only told their distinct story, but also showcased individuality.

Modjeski, son of Michael and Laura of South Lyon, received the top prize of \$500 to fund his education at Notre Dame to study engineering this fall. Modjeski — who also received acceptance at Boston University, the University of Michigan, Loyola University and Purdue University — was an honors student at Detroit Catholic Central High School, where he ranked in the top 10 of his class. Modjeski was also a member of the National Honor Society and Gabriel Richard Club and a participant in Mock Trial,



Pictured are (from left) Griffin Modjeski, Timothy Parros and Kyle Doyle.

French Club and Spanish Club.

Kyle Doyle, son of Jeff and Tracey Doyle of Dexter, took the second-place award with his humorous video and will be using his \$300 while attending school at Grand Valley State University.

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Foundation for Excellence to host retiree reception

The Walled Lake Schools Foundation for Excellence will hold its second annual retiree reception at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 9, at Sarah Banks Middle School (1760 Charms Road, Wixom).

Former district employees are invited to come back for this reception to reunite with colleagues and hear an overview of classroom technology made possible by the November 2014 approval of the WLCSD Safety, Security and Technology Bond. A continental breakfast will be served and is sponsored by M3 Investment Services-Michelle Tomei. "Our former Walled Lake

school district employees are the cornerstone of our educational system and their legacy is integral to the educational opportunities provided today for every child, child every day," said Michelle Bianco, foundation executive director. "This will be a fun morning for all as we reconnect and will include WLCSD Superintendent Ken Gutman and members of our school board." Attendance does not require ticket purchase or payment. For additional information and to RSVP, go to www.wlcsd.org/foundation or contact the foundation office at 248-956-2116 or michellebianco@wlcsd.org.

ON CAMPUS

Georgia Tech

Mahati Vavilala of Novi earned the distinction of faculty honors for spring 2016. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

Clemson University

Kirsten N. Adgate of South Lyon and **Andrew J. Hopkins** of Northville have been named to the president's list for the spring 2016 semester. Adgate is majoring in mar-

keting. Hopkins is majoring in general engineering.

To be named to the president's list, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

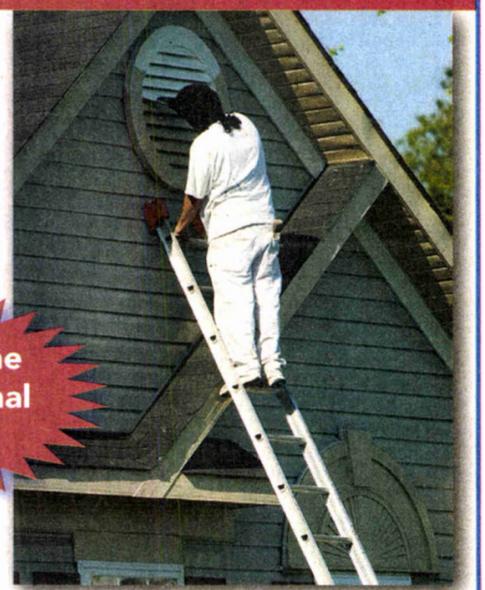
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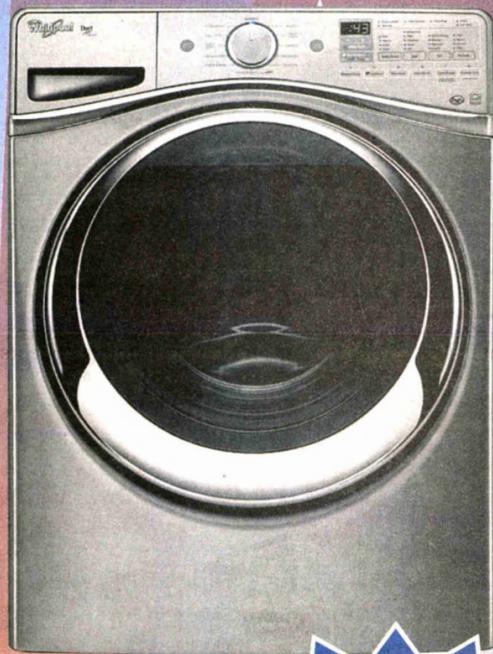
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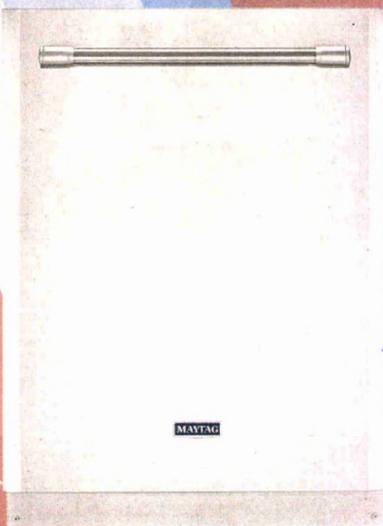
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Glow in the Night run

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 Metropark, hosted by NR Road Racing and benefiting Five Points of Hope Cancer Care Fund. \$40 per person and \$45 walk up registration fee. All ages are welcome, however, anyone 12 and older must be registered. Kids 11 and younger are free with registered adult. Free participants will not receive glow powder or T-shirt, but there will be extra color for sale at the event.
 Go to [cing.com to register as a participant or volunteer and \[www.fivepointsof-hope.com\]\(http://www.fivepointsof-hope.com\) for more information regarding the Michigan-based nonprofit organization.](http://www.nrroadra-</p>
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Piece by Piece — Assemblage Invitational

Time/Date: Exhibit open through Aug. 27
Details: Exhibit features Rick Cronn of Ann Arbor, Cre Fuller of Ypsilanti, Ozie of Wixom, Catherine Peet of Royal Oak, Stephen Palmer of Traverse City and Mike Sivak of Ann Arbor each bringing a unique perspective to the art of assemblage. At Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.; Call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthhouse.org. Free.

Walk Our Way walkers

Time/Date: 9 a.m. each Tuesday through

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

Michigan State Fair

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 1-4; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (interior exhibition hall closes at 5 p.m.) Monday, Sept. 5

Details: 2016 Fifth Third Michigan State Fair returns to Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. This year's fair will include expanded midway rides, an interior exhibition hall, the ever-popular racing pigs, an expanded Equestrian

Pavilion, a larger Michigan Made Pavilion, tasty carnival treats, a parade at 10 a.m. Monday and more.

General admission \$8, parking \$5. Go to michiganstatefairllc.com for additional pricing information.

Novi Choralaires

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and 13

Details: 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 in the Novi Middle School's choir rehearsal room, 49000 W. 11 Mile

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. Rehearsals are each Tuesday evening.

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

History hike

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept 10

Details: Join The Friends of Maybury

to Maybury State Park's past. From 1921-69, the property was home to the Maybury Sanatorium, operated by the city of Detroit for the treatment of tuberculosis patients. Many of the buildings are gone, but evidence remains of this past use. Hear the stories and see photos and building sites on this easy one-mile walk. Suitable for all ages.

Meet at the Trailhead Building, using the Eight Mile Road entrance. Hike leaves promptly. Free of charge and no registration required, but, a Recreation Passport required for entry to the state park. For more info, call the park office at 248-349-8390.

Free prostate screening

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 17

Details: Prostate cancer affects one in seven men in the United States and roughly six out of 10 cases are found in men over the age of 65. African American men and men with a family history are at a greater risk for getting the disease. Prostate cancer is treatable and early detection could save your life. Providence-Providence Park Hospital is offering a free prostate cancer screening at its Novi Campus, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.

A physician will perform PSA blood testing as well as digital exams. Participants should be 45 years or older, they should have not had a PSA in the past year and they must not be undergoing treatment for prostate cancer. Registration is required. Call 866-501-3627.

Eighth annual West of Center All Media Show

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Sept. 2; reception opening 7:30 p.m.; first Friday reception 6-9 p.m. Oct. 7; exhibit continues through Oct. 2. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Details: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville. Free admission. Information at 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthhouse.org.

Keep rolling biking

Time/Date: 9 a.m. each Saturday

Details: Novi is partnering with Performance Bicycle of Novi to give everyone (all ages welcome) a chance to ride with a group. Free morning rides are available every Saturday and travel approximately 10 miles. The group rides at a leisurely pace with a "No Rider Left Behind" commitment. Call 248-347-5985 for more information.

Meals on Wheels

Details: The Meals on Wheels program in the Novi area is in need of volunteers. Organizers would love the opportunity for you to be part of its team of volunteers. This volunteer position is a commitment of one or two hours of your time as little or as often as you would like. Volunteers not only deliver hot nutritional meals to home bound seniors, we also deliver warm smiles and friendly greetings. Contact Lucy at 810-632-2155 or email info@lwmow.org for more information.

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BRENEY



LLOYD "DICK" age 76, passed away August 20, 2016. He was born December 2, 1939 in Saginaw, son of the late Lloyd & Ann Brenay. Dick was an avid horseman, fisherman, and hunter. Known for his strong work ethic; Dick was great with his hands and could fix or make anything. He was devoted to his wife and three daughters and will always be remembered as an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Betty; his daughters: Radawn (Tim) Verheggen, Robyn (Bob) Pew, and Renee (Will) Cumming; his grandchildren: Mitchell Cooper, Kristen Stamper, Jasmine Cumming, and Zachary Cumming. He is also survived by his sister, Barb (Bud) Lewis; and his brother, James (Patricia) Brenay. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Susan Brenay. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 24 from 4:00PM-9:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 25 at 11:00AM at Victorious Life Church of God, 860 E Clark Rd., Ypsilanti. Memorial donations may be made to Victorious Life Church of God. www.phillipsfuneral.com

HUNTER

DONALD A. Age 90, passed away on August 21, 2016. He is survived by his wife Antoinette, children: Donald F. (Margaret), David A. (Janice), Catherine (Patty) and Ida-Marie (Bob); five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Donald and Frances and brothers Dennis and Douglas. A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 25, 3-8 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Friday, August 26, 11 a.m. with viewing starting at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the church.

MARLOW



DORIS HELEN passed away on August 18, 2016 at the age of 87. Doris had a large close family, and many life-long friends at her church. She was a giving person with her time and her love. She volunteered at several organizations and assisted with various groups at her church (youth group, choir, and building committee). She will be missed by many. She is survived by husband: Ernest, her husband of 66 years; her children, David (Deborah) Marlow, Doreen (Joseph) Heffernan, Robert (Annette) Marlow, Thomas (Carol) Marlow, Hilda (Jay Singer) Marlow, Fred (Laura) Marlow; many grandchildren; sister, Marie Duthie; and extended family and friends. Doris was preceded in death by her son, William Marlow, and her brothers, Robert and Richard Stickley. A Memorial Service was held at Highland United Methodist Church on August 20, 2016 with the Rev. Tom Anderson officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted for her church's music program (Highland United Methodist Church at 680 W. Livingston Rd., Highland MI 48357). Write check to "HUMC" and put "Doris Marlow memorial" in the memo. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Brighton at 810-229-2905.

RITTER



ALICE McLAREN was a great storyteller, fantastic baker, and loved to garage sale. Volunteer work was part of her legacy along with compassion and care for anyone in her path needing it. She passed away quietly on August 6th. Born August 13, 1920 in Wiggins, England. She was preceded in death by her spouse, Dick Ritter, her son Wayne Ritter and her daughter Judi Darling. She is survived by three children, Richard and Tom Ritter, Kathleen Ballard, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. There will be no funeral services, instead, we ask that you cherish your aged relative(s) and visit them often. That will be your greatest gift to him or her.

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MICHELLE R. "SHELLEY" Of Novi. Age 47, after a 10 month battle with ovarian cancer, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on August 22, 2016. Shelley is survived by her husband, Chris; her three children, Jack (17), Jeffrey (15), and Lauren (12); mother, Nancy Foley; brother, Todd Foley, (Maylanie); niece, Celia; uncle, Ron Sossi; father, Tim Foley (Amy); half-sisters, Sydney and Claire Foley; father in-law, John Trainor; mother in-law, Nancy Trainor; brother in-law, Daniel Trainor (Claudia Berg); niece, Alexis and nephew Ryan. Shelley graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School and earned a BS, Family and Community Services - Child Services from Michigan State University. She was a proud sister of the Delta Gamma Sorority at Michigan State University. After college, Shelley worked in the fields of early childhood education, provided childcare and eldercare benefits to local companies, and supported efforts to prevent drug and alcohol abuse for teens. Recently, Shelley worked in the Novi Community School district as a special education paraprofessional. Shelley loved being a mother and was very active in her kids' lives and was also a big supporter of the Island Lake of Novi Community where the family lives. She was an advocate for always helping others in need as she promoted anti-bullying efforts with Kids Empowered and she was also a board member of the Congregation of Every 1, a nonprofit charitable organization based in Novi. Her charity, volunteerism and leadership are a lasting memory for all and she will be deeply missed by many. In lieu of flowers and other gifts, the family has requested that donations be made to Kenya Relief, a nonprofit charitable organization that was very special to Shelley after she traveled to Africa on a humanitarian mission. Please visit kenyarelieff.org for more information. Use the drop-down menu to select "Other" and type 'Shelley' to make contributions in her name. Memorial service will be 7 p.m. Friday, August 26, 2016 at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, MI, 248-348-1800. Family will receive friends 1-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

TRUSKOWSKI

JAIME Passed away August 10, 2016. She left behind her beloved daughter, Kayleen; her parents, Kevin and Julie Culbreth; brothers, Frank and Jeremy; grandmothers; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins who will miss her greatly. Jaime was born July 13, 1976 and lived in South Lyon since she was 10. Memorial September 10th, 3 p.m. at the VFW Hall in South Lyon. Rest in peace our beautiful Jaime.

Getting ready for the season



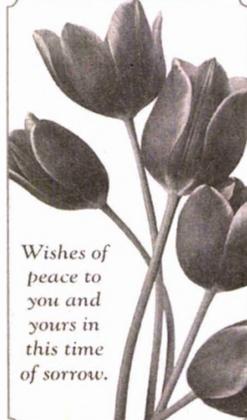
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Novi High School incoming freshman Amy Lee (center) works with the rest of the color guard during the marching band's camp. Camp ran five days, with a performance for friends and parents Aug. 6 at the stadium. The band's season will begin with the first home football game Aug. 25, when Novi hosts Hartland.



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Riley Argonis (center) and other saxophone players work on a piece of music inside Novi High during the marching band's camp this month. The camp ran five days through Aug. 6 and was to include a performance for friends and parents at the school's stadium.



Detroit Zoo offers free admission Sept. 7 for those ages 62 and up

Senior citizens living in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are invited to enjoy Senior Day at the Detroit Zoo, set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Seniors age 62 and older and a caregiver will receive free admission, parking and rides on the Tauber Family Railroad.

Senior Day will also feature live music, tram

tours, bingo, a scavenger hunt, a senior resource area and zookeeper talks highlighting some of the zoo's senior animal residents.

The zoo's newest senior citizen is a 29-year-old female polar bear named Tundra, one of the oldest polar bears in captivity. She arrived in June from the Indianapolis Zoo, which is permanently

closing its polar bear exhibit.

The fall Senior Day is one of two free days for tri-county seniors held annually at the Detroit Zoo in appreciation for voter approval of a ballot proposal to fund the zoo.

The Detroit Zoological Society — a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo —

is recognized as a leader in conservation, animal welfare and sustainability as well as providing sanctuary for animals in need of rescue, according to a press release.

With an annual regional economic impact of more than \$100 million, the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak is one of Michigan's largest paid family attractions, hosting more

than 1.4 million visitors annually. Its 125 acres of award-winning naturalistic habitats are home to 2,400 animals representing 255 species. In recognition of its environmental leadership, the Detroit Zoo received the top Green Award from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and was named Best-Managed Nonprofit by

Crain's Detroit Business.

The Belle Isle Nature Zoo sits on a five-acre site surrounded by undisturbed forested wetlands on Belle Isle State Park in Detroit and provides educational, recreational and environmental conservation opportunities for the community. For more information, call 248-541-5717 or go to www.detroitzoo.org.

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Transit system can move region forward

Every elected official, civic, business, labor and religious leader should be promoting a "yes" vote Nov. 8 to move Michigan forward by building a much-needed regional transit system.

An investment in mobility in the four-county region (Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw, plus the city of Detroit) is an investment in our collective future. The region's leaders have put forth a proposal to raise tax dollars for a sensible regional transit initiative. It is truly a positive step to see the leadership of southeast Michigan come together to jump-start our region.

The tax will effectively be managed by a Regional Transit Authority whose mission is to manage and secure trans-



Tom Watkins
GUEST COLUMNIST

portation resources that significantly enhance mobility options, to improve quality of life for the residents and to increase economic viability for the region. Go to www.rtamichigan.org.

It is now up to voters to say "yes" and provide the resources to make this long overdue mission come alive. The action voters take at the polls will have implications that will be felt for decades to come.

The ballot proposal will bring bus rapid transit, a rail line between Ann Arbor and Detroit, an airport shuttle service, a regional fare card

system and other transit service upgrades to a non-existent system today.

The tab is as big as the need: \$4.6 billion of yours, mine and our tax dollars. It adds up to a 20-year, 1.2-mill property tax increase, if voters approve it — as we should!

Clearly, this is an investment worth making. The tax would cost the average homeowner about \$95 per year. These plans cover a lot of ground for \$100.

This action will go a long way toward helping every citizen in the region, especially persons with low incomes, a means of getting to work; the elderly and persons with disabilities will have additional opportunities for mobility that they don't have now.

Robert Reich, former labor secretary under President Bill Clinton, cut to the heart of the upcoming vote when he said: "A society — any society — is defined as a set of mutual benefits and duties embodied most visibly in public institutions: public schools, public libraries, public transportation, public hospitals, public parks, public museums, public recreation, public universities and so on."

Paul Hillegonds, Regional Transit Authority chair, a trusted leader who has added value and helped make a difference for decades in Michigan, had this to say about the value of this transportation plan: "The regional transit proposal is about connection and opportunity. With voter approval, we will connect people

with jobs and vital services like health care and education. We will spur more investment, prosperity and the quality of life that young talent is seeking today. I believe our decision in November will be one of the most important steps we can take to secure a better future for our southeast Michigan communities and families."

Detroit Regional Chamber president and CEO Sandy Baruah "applauded the action by our elected regional leaders and RTA board for achieving consensus on regional transit. This is another example of how southeast Michigan is able to collaborate for regional progress. The chamber is committed to working towards a 'yes' vote in November."

For the region that

"put the world on wheels," we seem to be in the Stone Age compared to other cities, states and nations when it comes to mass transportation.

This needs to change.

Getting to "yes." "I'm encouraged by this plan to bring rapid and reliable transit options to the people of southeast Michigan. This sort of collaboration is what will help Michigan continue to be the comeback state," Gov. Rick Snyder said.

Vote "yes" Nov. 8. Help drive our region boldly into the future.

Tom Watkins, a Northville resident, is president and CEO of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (www.dwmha.com). He can be emailed at tdwatkins88@gmail.com or followed on twitter at [@tdwatkins88](https://twitter.com/tatdwatkins88).

Appliance Doctor says he's living in condo heaven

We moved four weeks ago because it was time to do so. Daughter has children and grandma wants to be closer; yard work gets to be too much; and all sorts of other reasons prompted the move closer to the action. Let me tell you, it was no picnic doing so.

The end result makes it all worthwhile, however, as we love our 12-year-old condo and couldn't be happier. I did manage to find some things to do



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

with our appliances, such as cleaning the condenser under the refrigerator. It's a Whirlpool top mount with 12 years of accumulated lint, dirt and animal hair, which was causing it to run too hot and too long. I pulled and vacuumed a brown grocery bag full of debris

and now it runs less and keeps colder temperatures. I believe that the previous owner spent an average of an extra \$10 per month to operate this refrigerator. The refrigerator has an expected life span of 12-14 years and so I can look forward to purchasing a new one in the near future.

Fixing new dryer

We had to buy a new Speed Queen washer and dryer and it was no problem installing the washer, but on the electric dryer I stripped the screw holding the pigtail to the terminal block. I ended up installing a new terminal block on a new dryer. Fortunately, it was covered under the warranty. After turning it on, I noticed that only one flapper out of three on

the outside vent was opening up. The vent line is only one foot long, but the previous owner had a clothes washer which did not spin out enough water out of the clothes and so the vent line was very wet, which caused the lint to stick like glue inside the flapper arrangement. It took a small paring knife to clean that all out and now all flappers lift up and let the air move through the dryer. In the previous condition, it must have taken the owner two hours to dry a load of clothes. That also had to cost an extra \$10 per month in drying time.

Making new friends

As I walk around and meet fellow residents in this 200-plus condo complex, I am made aware

that many of them are older than I am. Most are retired senior citizens on fixed income and I think I will have many new friends in short time. I have much to give from this old, white-haired head. I might even set up a seminar when I get some time to spare.

Grinding corn

Our Amish friends took Valorie and me to a place called Shipshewanna just across the Indiana border. We visited a farm which showed how things were done in 1912. All the farm equipment was operating just like back then and what I found most interesting was the method of grinding corn. A single horse walks in a continuous circle with a rod attached to the harness, which drives a huge

metal gear, which attaches to another gear and turns a grinding wheel inside a huge drum, where they drop the ears of corn. This goes on all day and, when the horse tires, they simply change the horse.

Our Amish friend Rosie tells me that she witnessed her aunt years ago use this same method to do the wash in a wringer washer. Instead of a rod, they used a belt, which hooked up to the pulley on the wringer washer. The whole trip was just amazing and gives me such respect for the Amish way of life.

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

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COMPETITIVE EDGE

Schoolcraft chef dishes up food for U.S. hoops teams

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

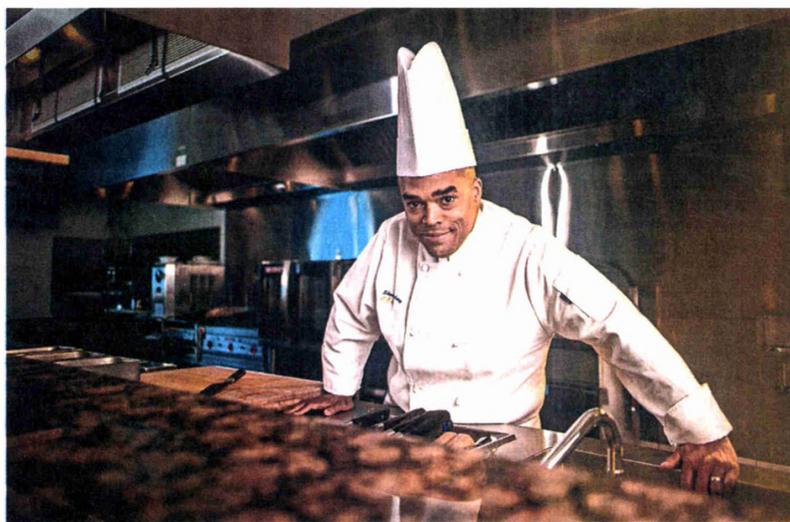
Since he's been on the cruise ship housing the U.S. men's and women's national basketball teams at the 2016 Olympics, Chef Shawn Loving has had to cook all manner of meals — steak, shrimp, seafood and other local delicacies.

But that's not what Jerry Colangelo, the director of USA Basketball, was looking for when he approached Loving recently.

What did Colangelo want? A peanut butter and jelly sandwich, with the peanut butter nice and thick.

"Sometimes, it'll be their mom's tuna salad or a chicken sandwich," Loving said. "Sometimes, when you're away from home for a long stretch of time, you want something that's comforting."

Loving should know. In addition to his usual position, chairing the culinary program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Loving, a certified executive chef, serves as the executive chef for USA Basketball International.



Chef Shawn Loving says finding a menu that works for the Olympic basketball teams isn't that difficult.

He's been on staff at Schoolcraft College since 2002 and he got the Olympic opportunity through work he was doing with the Detroit Pistons during their championship run. Taking time off from the college is good for both chef and school.

'Great opportunity'

"It's a great opportunity for chef Loving," said Frank Ruggirello, Schoolcraft's executive director of marketing and advancement. "And it's great recognition for the

kind of program we've built here at Schoolcraft."

This is his second Olympics (he was with the team in Beijing, China, in 2008), and he's also been to world championships in Turkey (2010) and Madrid, Spain (2014). He's worked with many of the players — Carmelo Anthony and Kyrie Irving on the men's team and Sue Bird and Tamika Catchings for the women — which makes the job a bit easier.

"It makes it easier; it's fun to see them again,"

Loving said. "Half the battle is making (players) comfortable. They know I'm not looking for anything from them except to make sure they eat right and that they're comfortable."

The teams were staying on a cruise ship off the coast of Rio and Loving had to settle into a new kitchen with a new batch of culinary artists. He said that might be the hardest part of the job.

"The biggest challenge is getting comfortable in a new kitchen, building trust among a



Certified executive chef Shawn Loving, who has been on staff at Schoolcraft College since 2002, was off serving as executive chef for the U.S. Olympic basketball teams in Rio.

new brigade of culinarians," Loving said. "You try to build a kind of momentum that helps them understand what you're trying to accomplish."

There's a lot to accomplish. Loving and the rest of the culinary staff are responsible for pre- and postgame meals, "lounge" food, snacks — pretty much everything the Olympic athletes are going to eat.

There are some dietary challenges — "We have some allergies, a couple of vegans, some pet peeves," Loving said — but coming up with a menu while cooking in international waters, using international food, doesn't present as much of a challenge as one might think.

Loving said the players all like "pretty much everything" — steak, shrimp, seafood, vegetables — and aren't that difficult to cook for.

'Flavor profiles'

"I take inventory of all their (likes) when I meet with them," Loving said. "I check their flavor profiles and build from that. Contrary to popular belief, they have a palate that extends past Americana."

While being an integral part of what the team accomplishes, Loving doesn't go to the Games.

"Naturally, you feel prideful to know you're here and impacting people known around the world," Loving said. "It's also a pretty darn proud moment to be working in a kitchen where they don't really know you and you're representing a brand."

"For me, that brand is Schoolcraft College," Loving added. "I don't think you can get more global than that."

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'Walking is better than jogging,' health pro says

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Going for a walk is great exercise and knowing a bit about that from a health care expert will boost its benefits.

"We're made to move and walk. We're made to walk with intent. You almost want to walk with a little bit of urgency to get to or away from somewhere," said Dan Wolocko, director of sports therapy and sports performance with MercyElite of St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

MercyElite is the sports program for the hospital in Livonia. He noted benefits to muscles, joints and the brain. Older adults who walk need speed at a "brisk pace" for balance, said

Wolocko, a Farmington Hills resident.

"Walking allows you to maintain those balance reactions," he said. We're built to walk with our feet close together; women in particular can ask a physical therapist or movement doctor about issues with spacing of feet due to anatomical differences.

Check 'base of support'

"Your base of support is what you want to screen for before you start a walking program," he said.

A harder surface re-



Wolocko

quires cushioning through better shoes, he said, agreeing ice and snow are factors in winter, especially for older adults who fear falling.

"We're made to go in herds. The best exercise is shown to be done in small groups," Wolocko said. Walking at a mall, such as to a favorite store, is fine to boost motivation.

Local arenas often have walking tracks, he added, as well as courses and set hours for use. Some people find recreation centers intimidating; Wolocko said a husband may wish to walk at an ice rink, his wife at a mall.

"It's per person and what gets them going," he said. "You want to be in a better setting that

appeals to you." That encourages sticking with a fitness plan.

Urban concerns

He agreed urban areas like Detroit have safety issues for walkers. "In an urban setting, you are at a disadvantage. That would definitely be a concern. You lose that benefit," said Wolocko, who's board-certified as a sports-certified specialist in physical therapy.

Urban residents can only exercise so much at home, he noted.

Hormones are triggered in walking, which helps in stress relief. "You're walking away from something and that's what we're designed to do" or walk toward it, he said. "It's the mindset, it's the release of hormones. You start breathing," with your heart and lungs working together better.

Added Wolocko, "Walking is better than jogging. Jogging is transitional." Joggers tend to bob their head up and down, adding pressure to joints and creating balance issues in the future.

"You'll start to run and not even know it," he noted of walking being preferable and being in a situation of needing to get away from something such as danger.

Spouses can "Let one walk behind you and try to chase after you. It not only renews relationships, it creates a play atmosphere," he said. "You go back and forth with that," Wolocko said of "tag back" for grown-ups.

Make it fun for kids

He's worked in his field some 15 years and has five young kids. "They want to walk to somewhere. We take adventures" involving the kids' ideas, he said of his family. "You let them lead the way. You play with them and you create



Walking for fitness is a great way to stay in shape, says Dan Wolocko, director of sports therapy and sports performance with MercyElite of St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

great relationships.

That's how I try to include it in my life."

Wolocko noted walking boosts breathing and you should be able to have a conversation, "but it's a little bit laborious."

He recommends a movement specialist as best for a screening, although a physician can do it, too. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is online at www.stmarymercy.org and offers a number of programs and classes, such as arthritis exercise for adults.

Wolocko specializes in rehabilitation and conditioning of athletes of all ages. He received his master's degree in physical therapy from Grand

Valley State University and a bachelor's degree in health fitness in preventative and rehabilitative programs from Central Michigan University.

He is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist (through the National Strength and Conditioning Association), a certified pitching instructor (through the National Pitching Association) and is a certified medical professional with the Titleist Performance Institute.

His work includes training and consulting for local sports teams and clubs.

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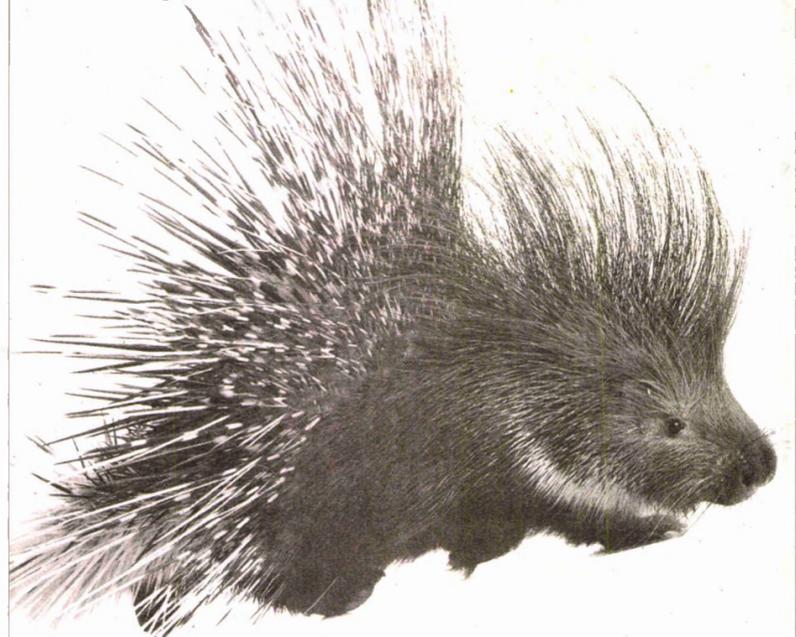


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Northville Art House to host West of Center All Media Show

The Northville Art House announces its summer exhibition, the eighth annual West of Center All Media Show, featuring 33 works of art selected by highly regarded juror Kate Paul.

West of Center opens with a public reception, sponsored by Tipping Point Theatre, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, with a juror talk and awards presentation at 7:30 p.m. An additional reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7.

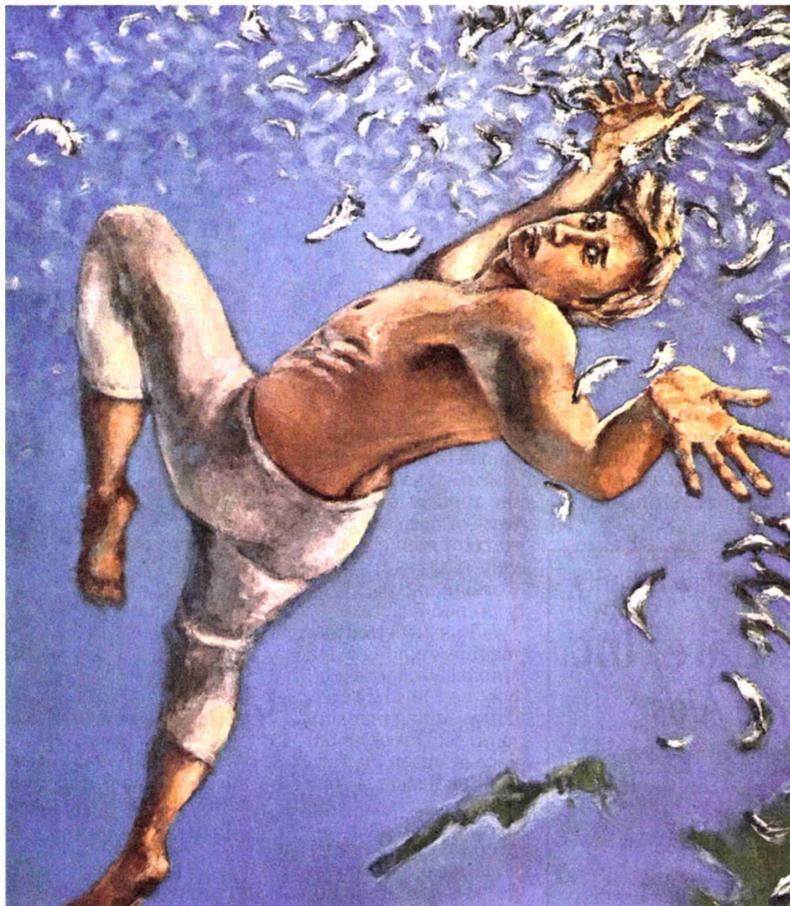
The exhibit runs through Oct. 28 during Art House business hours of noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady St. and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to exhibits is free and open to the public.

In keeping with the philosophy of bringing the community something unexpected, the exhibition includes paintings, photographs, sculpture and mixed media pieces created by 30 contemporary artists working with traditional and non-traditional media in diverse styles.

The artists, who are competing for \$500 in cash awards, include:

Jim Aho, Gail Borowski, Sara Slee Brown, Pamela Day, Amy Fell, Harah Frost, Took Gallagher, Bruce Giffin, Lisa Hermann, Eloise Hirle-mann, Eugenia Hoag, Steven Hollar, Mary Kernahan, Peggy Kerwan, WanChuan Kesler, Candace Law, Rosemary Lee, Janet McClintock, Nicole Pelc-Church, Cheryl Phillips, Joanne Rochon, Celeste Roe, Dean Rogers, Gayle Sanchirico, Brenda Beene Shackelford, Judith Waterman,



WanChuan Kesler, "Icarus," oil on canvas.



Brenda Beene Shackelford, "Spread Your Wings," mixed media bound book.

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Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27

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LinkedIn

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6

Details: Learn how to set up a LinkedIn account, post jobs, education and achievements, and how to make connections. Access jobs, people, news and updates that help you be great at what you do. Registration is required; register online, by calling 248-349-3020 or in person.

Fall TOT Storytime with Caregiver

Time/Date: Varied times Sept. 26 to Nov. 2

Details: Develop your toddler's early literacy skills and preschool readiness in this fun, interactive, small group experience. Please bring only children who are registered for this storytime. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 7, for Northville residents; open to non-residents Sept. 8.

Kidz Time for first-, second- and third-graders

Time/Date: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22

Details: Fun after school program featuring stories, games and crafts. Each session includes 20 children. Registration begins Sept. 1.

Tween Event: Sharpie Tile Coaster Craft

Time/Date: 4:15-5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20

Details: Tweens ages 9-12, decorate a unique tile coaster with Sharpie markers. Limit 30. Registration begins Sept. 1; online, by phone or in person.

LEGO Day

Time/Date: 4:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28

Details: Kids in grades 1-5 make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Registration begins Sept. 1. Limit 30.

Cyber-Bullying: Bully-Proof Your Teen

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8

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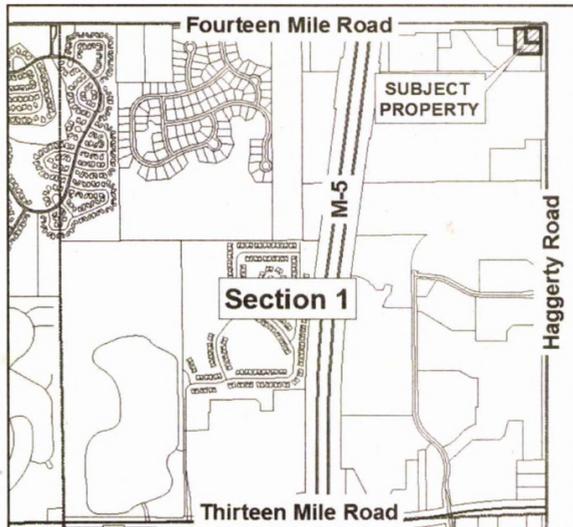
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Subject Parcel ID's: 22-01-200-014 and 22-01-200-013

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

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Milford gun range nixed; New Hudson eyed

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Milford won't be getting a \$5 million firearms training facility, after all.

On Friday, Huron Valley Guns owner Ed Swadish said after weighing conditions set by Milford Township officials, he decided to pursue a different location for the facility he'd proposed on Milford Road, just north of Pontiac Trail.

"There were too many restrictions," Swadish said, noting he wants to break ground in October in order to complete construction before the lease on his current location, 143 S. Milford Road, expires next June. "After we looked at every single thing they asked us to do, some was just too overwhelming."

Swadish said he was especially concerned when he followed up for clarification on measurement of allowable noise and was told the level coming from his building had to be "zero." "No one is going to hear shooting, but I have HVAC, an electrical transformer, cars in and out and people in and out," he said. "How am I ever going to make it zero?"

"I felt like I was gambling \$5 million at the power of one of two board members who could suspend activities and say, 'You're shut down until something changes,'" he added. "There's too much power in too few hands; I just couldn't gamble that kind of money."

Trustees Randy Busick and Bill Mazzara were most vocal about the township's requirements during a series of special meetings that began last spring.

"Our focus was to ensure Mr. Swadish adopted industry best practices to minimize risks," Busick said, not-

ing he was primarily concerned with environmental issues and the potential discharge of toxic emissions from the facility.

"I think the board was very responsive to his request (to amend a consent judgment governing the property), but he's a businessman and, if he found a better real estate deal somewhere else, all I can do is wish him the best of luck."

Busick added the property remains viable and a bump in tax revenue is only delayed, not lost, until the right buyer comes along.

School funding lost

At an estimated value of \$5 million, the facility's summer taxes would have run about \$102,000 annually, with \$65,000 earmarked for Huron Valley Schools, where administrators continue to struggle with financial woes.

"I think the facility Mr. Swadish was proposing would have been a good thing for the community," Milford Township Treasurer Cindy Dagenhardt said. Milford saw a \$3.3 million drop from the township tax rolls with changes to personal property tax laws in 2014. The gun range would have added back \$2.5 million in real property, which can't be removed from the tax rolls.

"I was very disappointed," she added. "I think it was in the right place, the building was nice looking and Mr. Swadish was easy to work with. If the board didn't want it, they should have just said up front, 'We don't want that in our community,' rather than putting anyone through week after week after week of jumping through hoops."

Across the street

The change of plans won't mean much to those wanting the gun



Ed Swadish, owner of Huron Valley Guns, shows off plans for a new state-of-the-art firearms facility he initially planned to build in Milford Township. He has now decided to carry out his plans in Lyon Township.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

range in the area; the new location is just a stone's throw from the proposed Milford site in New Hudson. Swadish said he received a different reception when he approached Lyon Township officials about a piece of property he knew was available off Grand River, east of Milford Road.

The 17-acre parcel, according to Lyon Supervisor Lannie Young, was purchased by the township a few years ago, using DDA funds to boost economic development.

The plan was — and is — to build the final segment of a ring road through the property which, after recent zoning changes, can accommodate development of the indoor recreational and retail uses proposed by Swadish.

"When he came to us, the caveat was he had to do something very quickly," Young said. "So we pulled together a team, which we typically do for

anyone interested in development, and sat down with the DDA, our economic development person and our engineers."

After two special meetings, Swadish had a signed purchase agreement — including granting an easement for the ring road — and authorization to begin the due diligence process on the property.

The project still needs approval from the Lyon Township Planning Commission.

"I'm going to sit down with the planners and work up a time line," Young said. "It will require special meetings of the planning commission, which (Swadish) will have to pay for. It will be a challenge to meet his time constraints and a challenge for our status as One Stop Ready, which we pride ourselves on. This will be a good test case, but I think we can do it."

Swadish said he plans to build the "exact same"

facility he was proposing in Milford: A 37,500-square-foot training and educational facility, consisting of 25 lanes for private individuals to shoot, as well as six lanes dedicated to local police department training. The business will sell firearms and accessories.

Plans

Plans for the Lyon facility include a walking 3D archery course.

"You'll be able to stroll through the woods and every so often you'll run into a stand, walk up the stairs and shoot a 3D target," Swadish said. "It might be a giant dinosaur, a small prehistoric mosquito, a white tail or something else."

The venue will also have outdoor food service, which wasn't permitted in the Milford plan, and will offer a "Texas barbecue barn" featuring dry rubbed chicken, ribs and the like.

Since the property is located along the bike

trail, Swadish said he may also partner with Lyon Township to create a trail head with a parking lot and restrooms in the future.

Disappointment

Milford Township Supervisor Don Green said he was disappointed by the news, admitting he worked "very hard" to get the details in order.

"That's the problem with consent judgment property," he said. "Some of the conditions set by the board were probably overboard for (Swadish), although he did agree to do everything they asked for."

Milford Police Chief Tom Lindberg said he was "extremely disappointed."

"It was going to be a tremendous opportunity for us to get some advanced training while keeping officers in the community," he said.

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Smooth landings for biplane passengers at Yankee Air Museum

Yankee Air Museum flew six riders Aug. 17 on five flights of its bright red open cockpit WACO YMF-5C biplane aircraft. The rides originated from the Museum's Bay 8 station at Hangar 1, Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti. The biplane is becoming a regular fixture under

the clouds and above local landmarks like Domino's Farms.

"That was great ... very fun. I enjoyed it a lot!" passenger Charlie Cone said. "I've been flying for 73 years, but until today, never on a WACO. I've wanted to do this ever since 1941, when

I watched them fly over the fields back home."

Cone, 90, is a U.S. Navy and Air Force veteran. He is an active pilot and flight instructor who explains he has "already flown in the museum's other planes, so the WACO ride was a real thrill."

"The landing was too smooth," he said, adding "not much like an airliner landing."

WACO pilot Matt Miller said he enjoyed having Cone on board and talking with him through the plane's headsets. "He has some truly amazing stories," Miller said. "I was glad to fly him and be part of his experience."

Miller said he hears lots of "wows" whenever

he flies the WACO and the five flights this afternoon continued that theme. He said the six passengers ranged in age from an enthused teenager to a gentleman age 92.

"That was great," said Joe Lawson IV, who flew with his dad, Joe Lawson III. "It was better than flying in the B-17. The takeoff was the best part and cutting a large circle above Domino's Farms was very cool."

Lawson's father couldn't agree more and he echoed the "very fun" sentiments heard throughout the afternoon. "Next, we have to fly in the C-47," he said.

Geof Bush, Yankee Air

Museum's WACO and C-47 flight scheduler, said he hears these reactions every time the plane flies. "It's a lot of fun ... it never gets old," he said.

Bush explained the WACO will continue to fly many Wednesdays through the middle of October.

Barnstorming in biplanes was widespread throughout the U.S. in the 1920s and 1930s and WACO (Waco Aircraft Co.) was one of the first to develop such an aircraft and is known as the best provider of these planes even today. The famous Charles Lindbergh was a barnstormer and participated in many such events and air shows.

A ride on the WACO for one person is \$195 for Yankee Air Museum members and \$225 for non-members. A ride for two is \$295 if one rider is a YAM member and \$325 for two non-members. There is a weight limit of 350 pounds. YAM memberships costs \$60 and includes a ticket to a YAM Air Show, "Thunder Over Michigan" (\$40 value) and the \$30 member discount for the flight.

For more information, go to www.yankeeairmuseum.org and click on "Book a Flight" or email biplanerides@yankeeairmuseum.org or call the museum at 734-483-4030.

The Novi Twp. Board will hold a public mini-budget hearing for the 2016-17 fiscal year on September 7 at 7:30 pm at 43965 Cottisford. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 44020 Cottisford. Individuals with disabilities requiring assistance may contact the clerk at (248) 231-6210.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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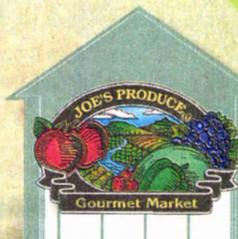


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BOYS TENNIS

Defending state champ Wildcats retool lineup

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Bloomfield Hills appears to be odds-on early season favorite to win the MHSAA Division 1 boys tennis state title, but two-time defending champion Novi still wants to have a big say.

The season-ending finals, scheduled for Oct. 14-15 in Midland, are a long way off and a lot can happen between now and then.

The Wildcats were the out-

right Division 1 champs in 2014 and shared the title last year with Bloomfield Hills. The biggest loss will be replacing No. 1 singles player Koushik Kondapi, who graduated.

Assuming the No. 1 position for Wildcats is two-time state champion Alex Wen, who captured the No. 2 singles title in 2015 after going 26-4.

"He won the state championship as a freshman at No. 3 singles and last year at (No. 2) singles," Hanson said. "Going up to No. 1 singles is a big

jump, but he's a very good player. He'll embellish the challenge of playing No. 1 singles for us."

Sophomore Sid Amarnath, state runner-up at No. 3 singles who finished 22-4, slides into the No. 2 slot, while senior Daniel Yu, a state semifinalist at No. 1 doubles, takes over at No. 3 singles.

"Sid was in India all during tryouts and has only played a few days, but he'll be like Alex,

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Novi junior Alex Wen, a two-time state champion at Nos. 2 and 3 singles, takes over at No. 1.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

NOVI TO DEFEND STATE CROWN

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Coming off a special season that resulted in an MHSAA Class A state championship, the Novi volleyball team appears poised to make another strong run at a state title.

And despite the graduation loss of the Wildcats' dynamic twin tandem of Victoria and Paulina Iacobelli (both now at Bowling Green State University), fifth-year coach Jen Cottrill has plenty of firepower returning, led by a trio of NCAA Division I commits — first team all-state junior setter and captain Erin O'Leary, senior right-side hitter Ally Cummings and Traverse City West transfer Abryanna Cannon, a junior outside hitter.

The 5-foot-10 O'Leary, a University of Michigan commit, is coming off a stellar season, finishing with a total of 1,371 assists, 225 kills, 321 digs and 86 aces for the state champions.

O'Leary was also named to the USA Volleyball Under-18 National team, which will play from Aug. 30 to Sept. 8 in the NORCECA U18 Continental Cup Championships in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

"She's a special player, teammate and young lady," Cottrill said. "We're just really relying on her to lead in all aspects, along with Ally, and just do what she's done the last two years. Obviously, with Victoria, Paulina and Christina (Hudgens) being gone, we lost a lot of leadership. Her role in the leadership department will increase drastically."

Despite her international commitment, the only match O'Leary will miss is the Wildcats' KLA Central Division opener Thursday, Sept. 8, at Salem.

"Obviously, we want to keep her healthy, especially with her going to Puerto Rico, where she's playing at a whole other level of volleyball," Cottrill said. "Obviously, it's a grind and she's a busy kid. We need to keep her healthy and that's a No. 1 priority. She's just a great leader, a great teammate and fun to coach."

Cummings, committed to Valparaiso University, is a 6-footer who earned second team Class A all-state honors a year ago after recording 398 kills on 891 attempts for a .412 attack percentage. The all-region and all-KLAA pick also added 75 blocks and 256 digs.

"She's been one of our most



Novi senior Ally Cummings (right) returns for the defending MHSAA Class A state champion.

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efficient attackers the past two years, just keeps our offense spread pin-to-pin," Cottrill said. "We're going to expect her to be the go-to attacker this year. She's going to serve receive and have a little bit of a bigger role in the back row, take some swings in the back row, too. It's hard to defend her right side attack, because not a lot of programs have a strong right attacker, so we feel that is what makes us unique, I guess, and successful."

The 6-foot-1 Cannon, a recent University of Notre Dame commit, will also provide power as an outside hitter.

"Obviously, she's a Division I volleyball player," Cottrill said. "Obviously, we lost two pretty good outside hitters, so she's big and physical, really heavy arm, hits the ball hard. She's hitting the ball high; she's close to touching 10 feet. She's a six-rotation player. She hasn't really played a super-

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Novi junior setter Erin O'Leary earned first team all-state honors last season and is a member of the USA Volleyball Under-18 National Team.

GOLF

Makeover: Course is starting to take shape

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

If a golf course is going to mark its 100th anniversary, then why not decide to go for a total makeover?

Scottsdale, Ariz., golf architect Andy Staples sold that vision to the membership of Meadowbrook Country Club to restore and renovate its 18-hole Northville course, which is scheduled to be reopened in March 2017.

The \$5.3 million project, off Eight Mile Road, part of Meadowbrook's decade-long \$12 million renovation plans, began in October 2015.

Meadowbrook, originally built and designed as a six-hole layout in 1916 by Scotland's Willie Park Jr., has been closed to his 325 golfing members during the entire 2016 season.

Staples, who jets in weekly from Phoenix to coordinate the project's progress, is pleased with what he sees so far from it two main contractors — TDI Golf Restorations (based in Ontario and Florida) and Leibold Irrigation (based in Illinois).

"It's one thing to understand what you're creating, maybe there's a little trial and error going back and forth," said Staples, a Wisconsin native who has a bachelor's degree in architect landscape from the University of Arkansas. "It's another thing to be held to a schedule. That's probably the

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Golf course architect Andy Staples flies in weekly to check the progress of the Meadowbrook Country Club renovation.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Northville, Novi win opening tournaments

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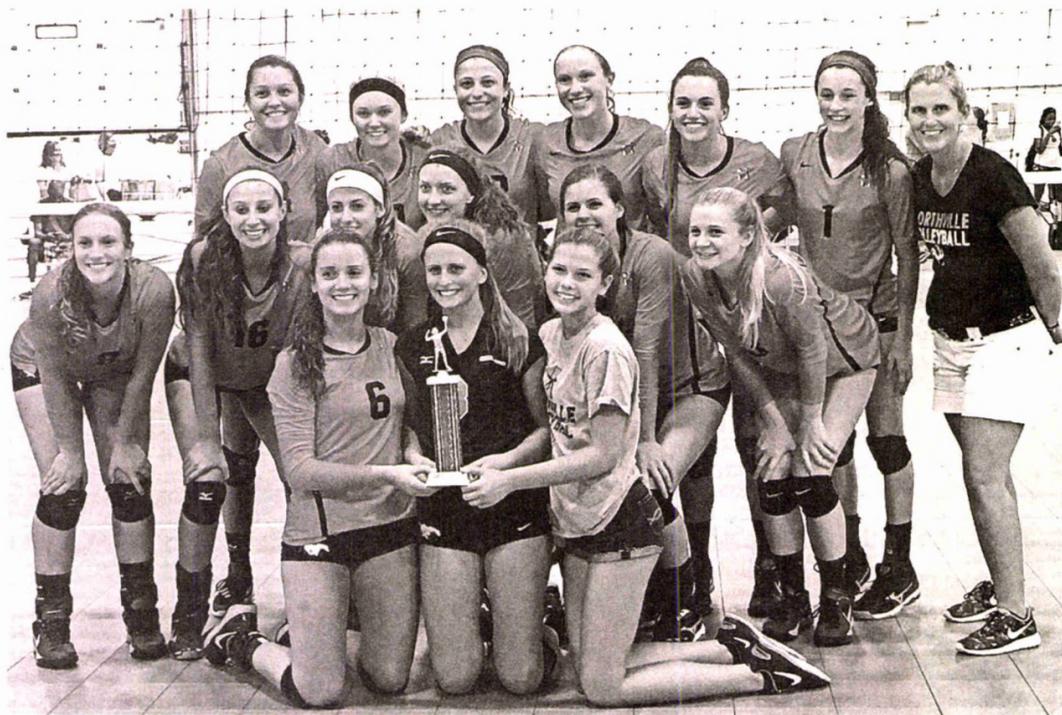
It was seven-up and seven-down Saturday for the Northville volleyball team, which finished a perfect 7-0 to earn the Lake Orion tournament title hosted by Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy in Warren.

The Mustangs, under first-year coach Julie Fisette, took on some of the state's perennial powers, capped by a 25-23, 25-18 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy in the championship final.

Northville reached the final with a 25-15, 23-25, 15-11 victory over Birmingham Marian, while also recording victories over Clarkston (25-9, 26-24), Frankenthum (25-9, 25-10), last year's Class A runner-up Romeo (25-16, 25-18), Fraser (25-10, 25-19) and Oxford (25-11, 25-12).

Senior Emily Martin enjoyed a big day statistically with a total of 53 kills, 34 digs and three solo blocks, while senior Kiera Borthwick added 30 kills, six aces and 53 digs.

Junior setter Rachel Holmes racked up 130 assists to go along with 24 digs and eight aces,



The Northville volleyball team opened its 2016 season by winning the Lake Orion tournament.

while sophomore Hannah Grant added 48 digs and 25 assists.

Also chipping in for Northville were senior Bryce Quick (25 kills, three solo blocks) and sophomore Allyson

Zayan (43 digs, five aces).

"Today, I got the pleasure of watching 15 girls playing together for each victory," Fisette said. "Led by our seniors, this team has the

potential to achieve it all. We are accomplished in skill, deep in experience and, together, the sky's the limit."

Novi rules tourney

Defending Class A state champion Novi is off to a 6-0 start after capturing Saturday's Grand Haven tournament, capped by a 25-21, 25-16 victory in the final over the host Bucca-

neers.

The Wildcats reached the final by defeating last year's Class B runner-up North Branch in three sets, 25-12, 24-26, 15-13, in the semifinals and Hudsonville in the quarterfinals.

Novi defeated Hudsonville Unity Christian, Holt and Holland West Ottawa in pool play.

Junior setter Erin O'Leary finished with a total of 112 assist-to-kills, 25 kills and 35 digs on the day, while senior Ally Cummings was Novi's top attacker with 48 kills to go along with 24 digs.

Traverse City West transfer Abryanna Cannon added 31 kills and 30 digs, while Claire Pinkerton paced the defense with 52 totals digs.

"It was a great opening tournament of the 2016 season for us as we were put into some pressure situations against some talented west side teams," Novi coach Jen Cottrill said. "Our play continued to improve throughout the day and peaked in the finals against a very strong Grand Haven team."

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BOYS SOCCER

CC, Mustangs cruise to victories

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Novi Detroit Catholic Central used a balanced scoring attack Monday night, rolling to a 6-1 boys soccer victory over visiting Dearborn Divine Child.

The Shamrocks, who improved to 3-0-1 overall, led 3-1 at halftime thanks to goals from Ryan Pierson, Justin Savonia and Jare Lee.

Second-half goals came from Noah Walter, Drake Midgley and Farzad Baghaie, while assistants went to Victor Szymanski, Valentino Ivezaj

and Walter.

Trevor Ostrowski played the first 75 minutes in goal before Kevin Blossfeld came on to close out the match.

On Saturday, CC went 2-0-1 in the Balconi Invitational held at Plymouth-Canton's Centennial Educational Park.

In the tourney opener, the Shamrocks squandered a 2-0 lead as Rochester Adams stormed back for a 2-2 draw and then won on penalty kicks to send CC to the consolation bracket.

Pierson (from Savonia) and Joel VanHook (from Nate Sherman)

had goals for CC.

In the second match, Walter scored twice and Pierson added a goal and assist as the Shamrocks routed Walled Lake Northern, 6-0. Other CC goals came from Baghaie, Savonia and Sherman.

Cade Kozlowski contributed an assist, while Ostrowski posted the shutout in goal.

The Shamrocks capped off the tourney with a 3-2 win over Utica Eisenhower as Baghaie, Walter and VanHook each scored unassisted.

NORTHVILLE 6, CHURCHILL 0: Six

different players scored Monday night as the host Mustangs (1-0-1) routed Livonia Churchill in a KLAAs crossover.

Northville, which led 2-0 at halftime, got goals from senior Louie Hamati, junior Zach Komejan, junior Felipe McCarthy, junior Andrew Mitchell, senior captain Ben McCauley and senior Tyler Belanger.

Starting goalkeeper Evan Treiber, who played the first 60 minutes, combined on the shutout with teammate Yanni Kanellopoulos.

The Mustangs also received strong play from Collin Neal, Alex Braeseker, Mario Plachta and Demetri Zervos.

NORTHVILLE 2, PIONEER 2: It was a topsy-turvy season-opening game Friday night for the Mustangs (0-0-1), who settled for a draw against host Ann Arbor Pioneer (0-0-1).

The Mustangs fought back from a 1-0 halftime deficit with goals from Andrew Mitchell and Andrei Farcas (with only 3:30 left), but gave up a goal in the final minute to settle for the draw.

Mitchell Sapp and Casey Thompson scored for Pioneer.

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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.
- Thursday, Sept. 1**
Grand Blanc at Novi, 7 p.m.
Brighton at Northville, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 2**
Detroit CC at Toledo Whitmer, 7 p.m.
- BOYS SOCCER**
- Thursday, Aug. 25**
Dearborn at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 27**
Detroit CC at Canton, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 29**
Franklin Rd. at Baptist Pk., 4:30 p.m.
Novi at Milford, 7 p.m.
Northville at Grand Blanc, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 31**
W.L. Western at Novi, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Northville, 7 p.m.
Okemos at Detroit CC, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 1**
Franklin Rd. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
- PREP VOLLEYBALL**
- 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.
- Tuesday, Aug. 30**
Mustang Inv. at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 1**
Early Bird Invitational, TBA.
- GIRLS SWIMMING**
- Thursday, Aug. 25**
N'ville at A.A. Huron Inv., 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 30**
Novi at Milford, 4 p.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**
- 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.
- Wednesday, Aug. 31**
CC at W.L. Northern Inv., 8 a.m.
Novi Quad, 8:15 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 1**
N'ville at A.A. Huron Quad, 8 a.m.
Novi at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.
Detroit CC at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**
- Monday, Aug. 29**
Kensington Conf. Pre-Tourney at Fox Creek G.C., 8 a.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 30**
Novi vs. South Lyon East at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.
Northville vs. Salem at Northville Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 1**
Novi vs. Northville at Walnut Creek C.C., 3 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

VOLLEYBALL

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high level of club volleyball, but she's played enough volleyball that she's really going to help, so she'll fill that void for us."

Cannon's transfer could prove to be a bonus for Wildcats, who have reached the state finals two straight years (also finishing runner-up in 2014).

"There's better athletic opportunities down here, better club volleyball, better high school volleyball, just wants to get better and wants to have more opportunities to improve," Cottrill said. "Her younger brother is a pretty good wrestler and there's just more opportunities down here for wrestling and training. Mom's a nurse and her dad works from home so they could easily move. She just kind of fell in our lap. She contacted Brian Gordon, our A.D. She actually was trying to come last summer, but they couldn't sell their house, so they waited and moved in in June."

Other key returnees for the Wildcats include junior libero Claire Pinkerton, senior middle blocker Emmy Robinson, junior middle blocker-outside hitter Kathryn Ellison and junior outside hitter and back-up setter Julia Lalain.

Northville promising

Novi's chief contender in the KLAAs Central will be Northville (37-12-2), led by first team All-Area returnees Emily Martin, a 5-11 senior outside hitter who has committed to Oakland University, and

Kiera Borthwick, a 5-7 libero and outside hitter headed to Washington & Lee (Va.) University.

First-year Northville coach Julie Fisette, who enjoyed a strong run during her 17 years as Novi's varsity coach, will rely on the senior tandem along with seven other varsity holdovers: seniors Bryce Quick, Claire Wenrick and Nicole Rumman, along with juniors Rachel Holmes and Jessica Hogan and sophomores Hannah Grant and Allyson Zayan.

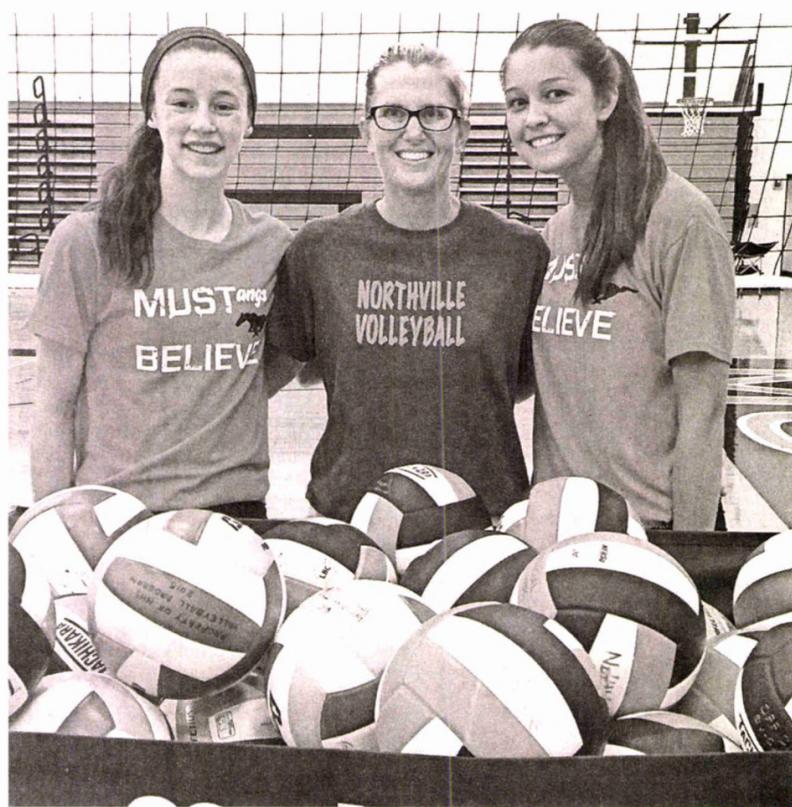
"I'm very impressed with the level of athleticism and how deep they are as a team," Fisette said.

Martin, a four-year varsity starter, earned third team Class A all-state honors after racking up a team-high 402 kills (3.9 per set) with a .311 hitting percentage. She also ranked second on the team in digs (272) with only 10 errors.

Borthwick, a third-year starter and third-year varsity player, earned Class A honorable mention all-state honors after posting a team-best 320 digs (3.6 per set). She also recorded a team-high 394 service receptions with only 15 errors.

"Both are phenomenal kids that can make a huge impact," Fisette said. "Borthwick grew another four inches and is just a huge impact player as far as being able to hit now. She jumps out of the gym. She's turned into a libero and all-around player for us and will be a major force in the front row."

"Martin is outstanding athlete who was (third team) all-state last year. I'm looking for even higher. She has potential to be in the Miss Volleyball category this year."



Northville first-year coach Julie Fisette (middle) will rely on first team All-Area returnees Kiera Borthwick (left) and Emily Martin.

Stark leads Warriors

Novi Franklin Road Christian has a new coach in Jeffrey Stark, replacing Michelle Angel, who coached for two seasons and guided the Warriors to their only Class D district title in school history (2014).

Stark, a financial adviser, brings with him college coaching experience after going 70-30 in three seasons at Oakland Community College, where he led the Raiders to back-to-back Michigan Athletic Association and

MCCAA Eastern Conference titles (2013 and 2014). His 2013 OCC team reached the final four of the NJCAA Division II national tournament.

Stark also spent six years as the varsity and JV coach at Milford High and has extensive club coaching experience in Michigan and Ohio.

Franklin Road's roster from a year ago returns virtually intact, led by senior outside hitters Reagan Mumford and Maddy Hensley.

"We went up to North Branch for a scrimmage and they were Class B

runner-up last year and champs the year before," Stark said. "We weren't ready for the varsity, but we played the JV and got a win out of that. We brought the (Auburn Hills) Avondale varsity over. They're Class A. It was 25-22 and 25-20 on the loss side and there was some improvement. I think people will be pretty surprised by the pretty dynamic change."

NOVI
Head coach: Jen Cottrill, fifth year.
League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's overall record: 55-2.
Titles won last year: KLAAs Central, Kensington Conference, KLAAs Association.

Class A district, regional and state champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Victoria Iacobelli (first team All-Area), Paulina Iacobelli (first team All-Area), Christina Hudgens.

Leading returnees: Erin O'Leary, 5-10 Jr. setter (first team All-Area); Ally Cummings, 5-11 Sr. RSH (first team All-Area); Claire Pinkerton, 5-6 Jr. libero; Emmy Robinson, 5-10 Sr. MB; Kathryn Ellison, 6-0 Jr. MB-OH; Julia Lalain, 5-8 Jr. DS-setter.

Promising newcomers: Abryanna Cannon, 6-1, Jr. OH (transfer from Traverse City West); Jaeda Porter, 5-10 Soph. OH-MB.

Cottrill's outlook: "It won't be easy to replace two four-year varsity starters in the Iacobelli twins or the leadership of setter Christina Hudgens. However, we do return 12 varsity players and five starters from the state championship team, including the USA Youth National team setter Erin O'Leary and our extremely efficient right-side hitter in Ally Cummings. We also welcome in Abryanna Cannon, an extremely talented six-rotation outside hitter who moved to Novi from Traverse City this summer. We will definitely be a different team with different strengths. However, we are excited to get in the gym and start working hard and together towards achieving our 2016 season goals."

NORTHVILLE
Head coach: Julie Fisette, first year.
League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 37-12-2.

Notable losses to graduation: Katie O'Malley (first team All-Area), Allison Lang, Emily Watkins.

Leading returnees: Emily Martin, 5-11 Sr. OH (first team All-Area); Kiera Borthwick, Sr. libero OH (first team All-Area); Bryce Quick, 6-0 Sr. MB; Hannah Grant, 5-7 Soph. DS-libero-setter; Rachel Holmes, 5-8 Jr. setter; Jessica Hogan, 5-9 Jr. MB; Allyson Zayan, 5-7 Soph. DS; Claire Wenrick, 5-1 Sr. MB; Nicole Rumman, 5-9 Sr. RSH.

Promising newcomers: Brianna Maccoux, 5-8 Jr. OH; Morgan Rodgers, 5-10 Jr. OH; Courtney Gozdor, 5-6 Jr. RSH; Christian Valentini, 5-10 Sr. RSH.

Fisette's outlook: "We played in our first scrimmage (Aug. 17) and I could say I was highly impressed. We are definitely a top 10 contender. We scrimmaged really hard. There were 10 powerful teams at the (Livonia) Churchill scrimmage and I can say we're really deep. I've got six seniors, six juniors and two sophomores (one with South Lyon transfer Gabi Fisetite) looking at a lot of inexperience with time on the court. We're working really hard and have a lot of interchangeability with all my players. And all of them are good players."

FRANKLIN ROAD CHRISTIAN
Head coach: Jeffrey Stark, first year.
League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division).

Notable losses to graduation: Hannah Rayburn.

Leading returnees: Reagan Mumford, 6-0 Sr. OH; Maddy Hensley, 5-9 Sr. OH; Danielle Fusco, 5-5 Sr. DS-libero; Kayla Nannoshi, 5-4 Soph. DS, Grace Alex, 5-9 Sr. RSH; Brittany Ward, 5-5 Jr. libero; Katy Robinson, 5-6 Jr. setter; Alyson Broadright, 5-9 Soph. MH; Megan Jones, 5-11 Jr. MFH.

Stark's outlook: "I think we're going to surprise some people by the improvement. The word I used the very first day I walked in was 'mortified.' We took them to Michigan Team Camp and we were playing teams like Livonia Churchill, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Holt ... playing a lot of Class A schools. The first day was pretty rough. By the end of camp, we had won four matches, won 10 sets and beat some Class A teams."

GIRLS GOLF

Novi takes Traverse City's Lober Classic

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Coming off three straight top 10 finishes, the Novi girls golf team is poised to make it back for another run to the MHSAA Division 1 state finals.

The Wildcats, returning first team All-Area performers Alexa Hatz and Abby Livingston, got off to a strong start last week by successfully defending their Traverse City Central Lober Classic title, held at the Wolverine and Spruce Run courses.

In Wednesday's opening round at Spruce Run, Novi sat in second place, four shots behind Midland Dow with 328 as Hatz led the way with 74. She was followed by teammates Leah Kiura (79), Abby Livingston (82) and Lauren Henry (93).

Non-scorers Despina Alexander and Kirsten Kroetsch shot 98 and 117, respectively.

The Wildcats carded 330 on the second day for a 658 total to overhaul Dow for the team title by three shots, while also taking first among all Division 1 schools. Macomb Lutheran North won the Division 3-4 title and placed third overall with 670.

Hatz shot 75 the second day for a 149 total to earn all-tournament honors with a fifth-place finish, followed by Livingston (80), Henry (87)

and Kiura (88). Non-scorers included Alexander and Anna Biberstein with 107 and 110, respectively.

Hatz earned all-state honors last season after finishing seventh at the Division 1 state finals. She also took runner-up honors at the regional. She set school records for nine-hole average (39.29) and 18-hole average (80.83) while earning nine top 10 finishes.

"Alexa is a pretty confident player, I trust her and what she's doing," said first-year coach Megan Henry, a 2011 Novi graduate who takes over for Deb Harris. "I knew she was going to be around that 74-75-type score, so I was pretty confident that she was going to come in low."

Livingston, coming off a broken wrist over the summer, was seeing her first tournament action. She averaged 40.67 per nine holes and 85 for 18 with six top 10 finishes last season.

"I was really impressed with the way she played her first tournament back and I know she's only going to continue and improve," Henry said. "I was really happy with the way she started out her season on a good note and high note and, hopefully, that carries on."

Hatz and Livingston will be joined by varsity holdovers Henry (Megan's younger sister)



The Novi girls golf team successfully defended its Lober Classic title last week in Traverse City.

and Reika Fujiwara, both seniors, along with Kiura, a junior.

"It's pretty good to win your first varsity tournament as a varsity coach ever, probably the only time I'll be undefeated. I guess it's one for the books," Henry, who was the boys assistant coach last spring under Jason Delo, said with a laugh.

Mustangs' new coach

New coach Aaron Cheesman takes over for Jeff Balagna after the

Mustangs took third at the Hartland Glen regional to earn their third Division 1 state finals berth in four years.

First team All-Area selection Alyse Clevenger graduated, as did second team selections Jen Kowalczyk and Allison Zwarka.

The Mustangs return seniors Gabby Jaszczur and Paige Rosinski from last year's starting lineup.

"Coming off a 13th-place finish at the state tournament, there is a lot of hope for the team this

year," said Cheesman, a Salem High graduate who played golf at Madonna University. "I'm excited and looking forward to taking over a team with many talented players on the roster. There will be competition daily for spots in the starting roster. Many of the girls have been on the team for two or three years and have gained valuable experience that will help prepare them for the season. Adding a few new girls who are very talented will only increase the overall

strength of the team lineup from top to bottom."

NOVI

Head coach: Megan Henry, first season.

League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's finish: First, KLAAs Central (5-0); second, Division 1 regional and Kensington Conference pre-tourney; fifth, Division 1 state finals; seventh, KLAAs Association tourney.

Notable losses to graduation: Maya Grandstaff (first team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Alexa Hatz, Sr. (first team All-Area); Abby Livingston, Jr. (first team All-Area); Lauren Henry, Sr.; Leah Kiura, Jr.; Reika Fujiwara, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Kirsten Kroetsch, Soph.; Despina Alexander, Soph.; Anna Biberstein, Soph.; Madison Murphy, Sr.; Hrisika Gogineni, Fr.; Sriya Vallaparedy, Fr.; Sarayu Chappara, Fr.; Jenna Beaudoin, Sr.

Henry's outlook: "As a Novi golf alumni, it's an honor to be a part of this program as the new varsity coach. I have incredibly high hopes for this season. We have a lot of returning experience with this year's varsity team and they have set high goals for themselves. Part of our team's goal every year is to finish at the top of the division, conference and league and the girls are looking forward to getting back to the competition. We are playing a competitive schedule in preparation to make it back to the state tournament."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Aaron Cheesman, first season.

League: KLAAs Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: Third, Division 1 regional and KLAAs Central (3-2); sixth, KLAAs Association tourney and Kensington Conference pre-tourney; 13th, Division 1 state finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Alyse Clevenger (first team All-Area); Jen Kowalczyk (second team All-Area); Allison Zwarka (second team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Gabby Jaszczur, Sr.; Paige Rosinski, Sr.; Hannah Dygert, Sr.; Marian Furuyama, Sr.; Laila Oden, Jr.; Mariella Simoncini, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Sufna Gill, Fr.; Sedona Shipka, Fr.

Cheesman's outlook: "Since the end of last season, all of the girls have made a commitment to get better and have shown great strides in their games. This will be an exciting season and, hopefully, the best one in Northville girls' golf history. We would love to be able to win our division in the ever-tough KLAAs, claim one of the three qualifying spots at our regional tournament to make it back to the state finals. If we are lucky enough to make it back there, our ultimate goal is to bring a state championship to Northville."

COURSE

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thing we talk about most every single week in our visit and in our meetings. Is the golf course living up to our expectations in terms of design and strategy and quality and are we on schedule?"

On schedule

Crews are rebuilding all 18 greens and tee boxes, along with modernizing and reshaping bunkers. Up to 20 acres of maintained turf will become native, converted to fescue, while many areas of the course will remain untouched.

The most immediate goal reached was to reseed all of Meadowbrook's greens by mid-August and the entire 125-acre former farmland by Sept. 15. Despite an unusually hot and dry summer, the renovation remains on target.

"We've just been absolutely blessed with awesome weather," said Staples, who started his own company Staples Golf Design in 2002 and has done 125 projects domestically and internationally. "One of the things about working in the Midwest is you just never know when the rain is coming and we've gone almost two months with hardly any rain days and so we've been able to plow through."

Park, who was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame posthumously in 2013, was a pioneer in the sport who won the Open Championship twice before becoming a golf equipment maker and writer.

But Park's expertise eventually morphed into being one of the world's best golf course architects.

And that is why at least five or six of Meadowbrook's holes will have the same Park feel to them.

"We asked the question: 'How important is Willie Park Jr. to the members?'" Staples said. "We had a variety of answers, but one of the things we all agreed it's part of our history and we don't want to lose that. It wasn't like Andy was going to come in here and say, 'Here's an Andy Staples golf course.' We made a very concerted effort to honor that and try to do everything we can to make it

look like Willie Park had something to do with it. It was fun to go through that process."

Plan formulated

Among the Michigan courses the Scotsman designed are Battle Creek Country Club, Pine Lake and Red Run. Staples toured those courses, as well as traveling to Pittsburgh (Oakmont) and then England to do additional research.

"We went over London," Staples said. "There's two very distinct Park Jr. courses, Sunningdale Golf Club (Old Course), one of his most famous courses, and Huntercombe G.C. outside London, that he owned himself. He built everything, developed the whole property. We think that reflected what Willie Park liked about golf or what he was talking about. We went on a scouting mission and actually learned. We tried to bring some of that here. That was the core of our master plan. We said, 'Hey, let's do something different for this area.' We've done that, but do it in a way that's just not Andy coming up with ideas, but it's because we saw it on other Park courses."

Meadowbrook has a rich history from its 100 years. Well-known golf architect Donald Ross also contributed to the completion of the course's final 18-hole design.

In 1955, Meadowbrook hosted the PGA Championship (won by Doug Ford) and prior to that staged four Motor City Opens, with the inaugural tourney won by Ben Hogan in 1948. Former Meadowbrook head club professional Chick Harbert captured the 1954 PGA and played on a pair of Ryder Cup teams, serving as U.S. captain in 1955.

So just how old was the course?

Staples quickly found out when he had the pond on the fourth hole dug out and deepened.

New discovery

"I found balls from just about every decade," he said. "I probably could go on eBay and sell a few."

But as Meadowbrook aged, more and more problems began to arise. Members then were presented with a renovation plan and Staples' company was among 12



The \$5.3 million renovation of Meadowbrook Country Club is in its final phases.

that bid for the project.

"I've worked at a lot of these classic golf courses that have these same issues," he said. "It's a proven process to be able to get a membership behind a plan, just communication, the town hall meetings, the focus groups, the interaction I had with the membership. ... I don't want to speak for the committee, but I think they felt like there was a really good ability for me to connect with their members. I have a young family; I have three young boys. I was kind of a small piece of who they were trying to attract as members, so I think I connected very well through the interview process."

More than 75 percent approved and Staples' bid was accepted.

While the course is shut down for the entire season, the country club's other amenities such as the clubhouse, locker rooms, pro shop, driving range and teaching programs remain open.

"There were a number of reasons, but the golf course was getting tired, initially," said Tom Donohoe, past Meadowbrook president and member of the project's five-member construction committee. "We did suffer some issues with the greens in the winter a few years ago and, at the same time, we did have some damage to trees that was caused by some chemicals, so it was a whole host of things. But the golf course was tired and it needed attention."

"It was quite a challenge. Andy played a very important part in that whole thing, along with some other consultants that we worked with from Michigan State and also an architectural writer, Brad Klein, from Golfweek magazine. All

those guys helped us in the process of all those town hall meetings we had with the members to convince them to go forward and approve the project."

Membership grows

Despite the shutdown, the country club's Class A membership is now full.

"When we started the project, it was below our maximum of 325 but, miraculously, even during this project, despite the fact that we're closed, we're now full capacity of 325 on our Class A and full on our social members," Donohoe said. "We have a waiting list on both categories."

Donohoe said Meadowbrook members also received reciprocal golfing privileges with 27 other courses throughout the metro area.

"A lot of the clubs around the area have been very nice to us, allowing our members to play golf," Donohoe said. "That was also a key part of it, too ... how our members are going to get to play. It's worked out real good. Our driving range is open. We also have a small, little practice facility on one of our own holes, No. 15, we kept it. We have folks on a short game practice area, bunkers, putting green, etc., so it helped, too, in that regard."

As far as the most noticeable changes once the course reopens in 2017, the most significant will be the greens, many of which will be of a square design. One green will be an unusual L-shaped.

"A lot of the greens are 100 years old, but with 100 years old, they were sloped like they did 100 years ago," Staples said. "Many of the greens

by today's standards were way too steep for the speeds that the members were looking for. Typical green at a PGA Tour event is maybe 1 percent, 2 percent, 2½ percent at max. They had a green on the second green sloped over 7 percent, so it was pretty common. I used this joke quite often that if you hit the second green, you would walk onto the green with your putter and your wedge because more than likely you'd be putting off the green. You've heard that before."

Grass germinates

Meadowbrook is also converting from poa annua to bent grass.

"On top of the winter damage of the turf that happened a few years ago, they had some issues with the drainage," Staples said. "And then the slope with a lot of the greens were just getting to the point where if you got to the point to upgrade the turf - they way they have the new varieties - it was just going to be unsustainable."

"They were poa annua with push-up greens, plus ice, means you've got winter damage. That was one of the big kickers. And we had some pictures of the back of the 10th green in the shape of the spruce trees and winter damage was in the shape of a cone with the tree. So you could just tell there were some issues. Now with the bent grass, that should go through the winter without any problems. I think the bent grass will blow everybody away."

Making best use of the property was also a goal of Staples.

"On the ninth and 10 holes, we're converting 18-20 acres - right now we have about 15 acres - trying to get 20 of a non-maintained area with the fescue area," Staples said. "There's no maintenance areas, there's no mow areas. It kind of exudes that philosophy where the whole place doesn't have to be 100-percent green, so we're trying to do our best to reduce our water use, reduce our labor use, not necessarily for labor savings, but a reallocation. Now we can put it towards places you weren't able to before."

"I hang my hat through sustainability. I'm based in Phoenix, but I do a lot of work

throughout the Midwest, but mainly in the Southwest, where there's water, the power problems and the availability issues and so many of those issues are creeping into Michigan, so we're converting the bent grasses we're using ... we're going to be using upwards of 16 percent less water. And it's proven. One of the old greens, the 10th green, we had some of the bent grasses when we had that winter damage. It went almost two months without any water and it was green. Zero water other than what came from the sky. From a sustainability requirement, the water usage has been incredibly reduced."

More features

Staples said there will be a less of a walk from tee to greens. There will also be as many as six different tee boxes on each hole, a departure from the traditional blue, white and red.

"With all golfers, it's to break the traditional mentality of you only have to play the blue tees, you only have to play the white tees and I'm not going to play the red tees," Staples said. "But that's all gone. We shouldn't even be talking about that. We're diversifying the tees here from 7,000 yards all the way down to 4,200 yards. And we're going to do different colors and we're also going to do a combo set of tees."

"You're going to have eight different options. I don't know how the club will produce their scorecards yet, but the course has been designed with tremendous flexibility, so if there is a discussion about the difficulty of particular carry or green, the immediate question is: What tee are you playing to make sure everybody gets up to the right set of tees? Make it based on your swing speed, your real capabilities and not necessarily say, 'I'm playing a 6,800-yard course because that's always what I've played.'"

Staples, however, does expect to see growing pains once the course reopens next spring. "They love their golf course," he said. "It will take a year or two to get in a groove. The idea is to have fun."

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GOLF

U.S. Amateur a memorable ride for locals

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Nine Michigan players teed off Aug. 15 in the prestigious U.S. Amateur at Oakland Hills Country Club.

Only one of them, Nick Carlson from Hamilton and a sophomore at the University of Michigan, advanced to match play. The Amateur experience was over by Aug. 16 after 36 holes of the remaining eight Michigan participants.

While the tournament was short-lived for Novi's Ben Smith, Canton's Josh Heinze and Birmingham's David Hall, the memories they made will remain forever.

Heinze led area players with a two-round total of 146, including 74 on the South Course and 72 on the North Course. The 6-over-par showing left him tied for 144th place overall among the starting field of 312 players.

"It was amazing. It was an incredible experience," said Heinze, who golfed four years at Plymouth High School. "I didn't play the greatest, which kind of stunk. But just to play the U.S. Amateur in Michigan and playing at Oakland Hills was an amazing experience."

"I wasn't as sharp as I

needed to be to qualify for match play and make some noise there, but I guess all things considered, I played all right," he added. "I was disappointed to miss out on match play."

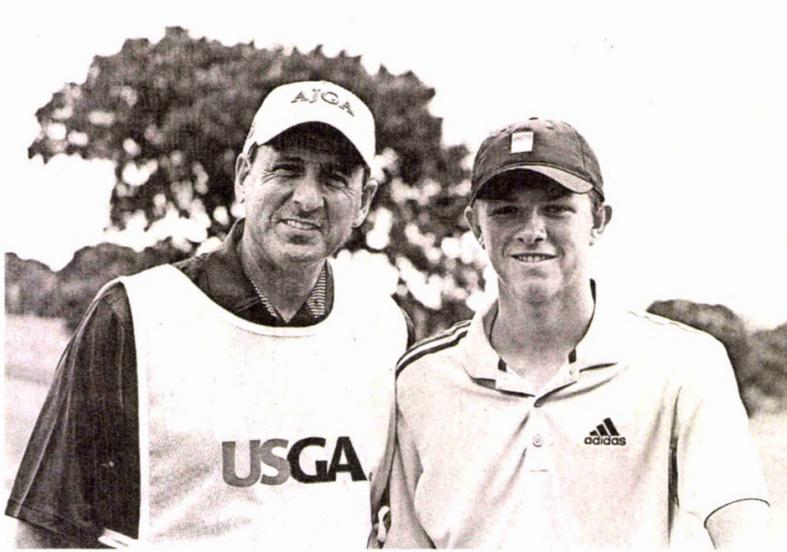
Heinze's total score included five birdies and 20 pars. The 22-year-old said his fondest memory will be rolling in a birdie putt on the South Course's signature 16th waterside green in his opening round.

"That's the scenic hole where everyone likes to take pictures at," said Heinze, who has been working on an internship in Lansing this summer, which did not allow for much practice time. "I hit a nice little 9-iron down to the middle right portion of the green and rolled in a putt, which kind of got me going for the round. That was kind of a cool hole to get a birdie on."

Cheers from all over

Heinze, who will be a senior at Michigan State University this fall, said meeting golfers from around the world and hearing cheers from Spartans fans are other great memories he will cherish.

"It seemed like every time I went up to the locker room or went to get lunch or whatever, you ran into people from



Ben Smith had a familiar face, father Dave, serve as his caddy in the prestigious U.S. Amateur.

Spain, Scotland, just all over the place and all over the U.S., too," he said. "And to walk all over the grounds and see all the different colleges represented, it was really cool just to talk to different people and hear their stories and welcome them to Michigan."

"It was by far the best tournament I've ever played in," he added. "I was wearing my Michigan State stuff and I'd hear, 'Go green' like 50-100 times every round and that was pretty cool to hear all that support,

just kind of supporting Michigan State and Michigan in general. It was an awesome experience."

Like Heinze, Smith qualified for the U.S. Amateur last month at Michigan State University's Forest Akers golf course. The 16-year-old incoming senior at Catholic Central completed his two rounds at 147, including 74 on the South Course and 73 on the North Course.

Smith's two rounds included four birdies and 22 pars. He tied for 161st

overall.

"It was awesome. Just going out there and being able to play alongside the best amateurs in the country was a very cool experience," Smith said. "And having my friends and family out there supporting me was pretty awesome."

"The whole goal at first was to just qualify (for the U.S. Amateur) and that would be a pretty good accomplishment, which is what happened. I got there and expectations kept getting higher but, unfortunately, it

stopped at stroke play.

"As much as I wanted to qualify for match play, I think going on that South Course and shooting 4-over wasn't bad," he added. "I mean, the rough was really long and the greens were really fast. I think overall it was a pretty good round, I guess."

Birdie on No. 18

Smith said his memorable hole was the South Course's 470-yard 18th hole, which played as a par-4.

"It was my ninth hole and it's considered one of the hardest holes in Michigan," Smith said. "It normally plays at par-5. I hit a really good drive and hit 6-iron to maybe 12 feet and made birdie, which was pretty cool."

Smith's father David, who served as his caddy for the two rounds, enjoyed the experience as much as his son. It marked the first time the father had caddied for the son.

"I enjoyed watching my son compete against some of the elite college players in the country," the elder Smith said. "It's such a great venue and such a great tournament and it will be an experience that, when your son's only 16 years old, I will file it away as a real special experience."

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Madonna prospects will get a chance to shine Aug. 28

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Winning college softball programs aren't built in a day, but veteran Madonna University coach Jerry Abraham is hoping Aug. 28 will prove to be something big for the 2017 squad.

That day, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will be Ma-

donna's Prospect Day at University Field (east of Newburgh Road, between Five Mile and Lyndon). Abraham and his assistants will welcome any high school sophomore, junior or senior, as well as college athletes who are eligible to transfer to Madonna for the 2016-17 school year.

Prospect Day will give

participants a chance to get in on fielding, hitting and fundamental drills while also meeting returning players from the 2016 team, such as senior infielders Nikki Salloum (Livonia Churchill), Kayla Rebain (Plymouth), junior outfielder Julia Cavagnini (Churchill), junior pitcher/utility player Erika Randall

(Livonia Stevenson), sophomore infielder Halee Warren (Canton), senior infielder Bri Giordano (Plymouth), sophomore outfielder Becky Giacobbi (Livonia Franklin) and junior outfielder Mallory Daschke (Novi). But that's not all that will be on the agenda.

Prospective Madonna student-athletes will

receive a wealth of information about admissions, potential campus visits and tours.

No RSVP is required, but it is advised that interested participants confirm attendance by calling Abraham at 734-748-3128 or emailing jabraham@madonna.edu.

According to the Madonna website: "Eligible

college transfers include community college student-athletes who are beyond their first year of play and any four-year collegiate student-athlete with a signed written release from their current or former institution on file with the Madonna University athletics department prior to the event."

TENNIS

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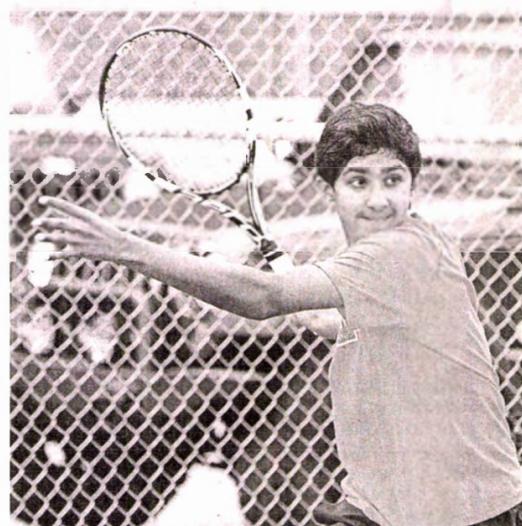
moving up one spot, and that makes a big difference in the competition he's going to play," Hanson said. "But he's a steady player, a left-hander. I really don't see him beating himself. Somebody is going to have to go out and beat him. He's not going to make too many mistakes. He's very consistent."

The Wildcats' top doubles duo will be juniors Aditya Chitta and Robert Chen, who finished 27-4 last year and reached the state semifinals in the No. 2 flight.

"Overall, that could be our strength," Hanson said of his doubles lineup. "Daniel Yu, who was playing No. 1 doubles, is playing No. 3 singles this year. Thomas Rolfe, a senior, is playing No. 4 singles. Chitta and Chen played No. 2 doubles last year and they're moving up to No. 1. (Tim) Tanaka and (Venkatesh) Nagalla are playing No. 2 doubles and they split at No. 4 four singles last year. (Aakash) Ray and (Nayan) Makim played No. 4 doubles, so they're moving up one spot. And (Chris) Kwederis and (Ryan) Krawec played some No. 5 doubles last year. You can see everyone has moved up one spot pretty much all through the lineup. It will be important to improve throughout the season and have good practices."

On Saturday, Novi captured its season opening tournament at the Brighton Quad, winning all but one flight as Birmingham Groves and Ann Arbor Skyline took second and third, respectively, while the host Bulldogs were fourth.

Yu won all three of his matches, while Wen and Thomas Rolfe (No. 4) both finished 2-0 before rain wiped out their final



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Northville junior Janak Mukherji takes over at No. 1 singles for state champion Connor Johnston, who graduated.

match of the day.

In doubles, going undefeated in straight sets were all six Novi teams, including Chitta and Chen, No. 1; juniors Nagalla and Tanaka, No. 2; seniors Ray and Makim, No. 3; juniors Kwederis and Krawec, No. 4; juniors Andrew Lu and Robert Xu, No. 5; and seniors Prajwal and Sai Abburi, No. 6.

"I'm pleased with how things have gone so far," Hanson said. "We have to play our best. We have a good team, but now that everyone has moved up a flight, it's much tougher. The competition is tougher and a lot of those schools didn't lose many players."

"(Bloomfield Hills has its) Nos. 1, 2 and 3 singles back from last year and their No. 1 (Josh) Mukherjee was in the finals and their No. 3 (Constantine) Hemmrich won his flight. They'll be very difficult to beat, but I think Ann Arbor Huron and Troy will be right up there as well."

Mustangs start fast

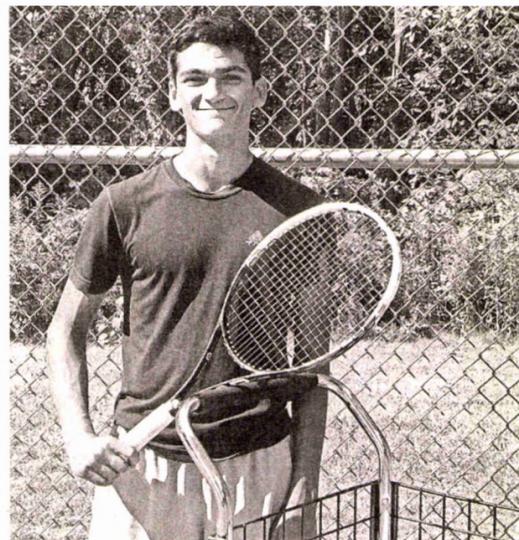
On Saturday, Northville captured 23 out of 24 matches en route to the Traverse City Central Invitational title, beating the host Trojans, Rochester Stoney Creek and Holt. The Mustangs also swept all three opponents in a season-opening quad meet Aug. 18 at home against Clarkston, Grand Blanc and West Bloomfield Frankel Academy.

New coach Andres Torres, a native of Valparaiso, Chile, who has coached at both the high school and club levels in Texas and New York, inherits a strong team that finished sixth at the Division 1 state finals.

The biggest loss is No. 1 singles state champion Connor Johnston (University of Michigan), who went a perfect 27-0 last season after finishing runner-up as both a junior and sophomore.

"We lost Connor (Johnston), but I feel very confident about this coming year," Torres said. "We have some proven doubles players and our singles players have improved a lot."

Janak Mukherji, who



BRAD EMONS

Senior captain Vijay Ravindran takes over at No. 1 singles for Catholic Central.

went 16-10 at No. 2 singles last year en route to first team All-Area honors, moves into the top flight, backed up by sophomores Arvind Kalyana (No. 2), Ryan Gallagher (No. 3) and Samir Rajani (No. 4).

The top doubles team for the Mustangs will be senior Stephen Freeman, who is switching from singles after going 18-7, and junior Giuliano Daniel.

Shamrocks ready

CC opened its season Saturday at the eight-team Grand Blanc Invitational as the No. 4 doubles team of senior Leo Taffe and James Kinville took runner-up honors, while the No. 2 team of Michael Holland and Alex Zarouk and No. 3 duo of Cory Vitez and Ryan Learned both placed third.

The Shamrocks haven't won a regional or league title since 2011. And CC's top returning singles player Caleb Roberts (17-9) moved to Florida opening the door for senior Vijay Ravindran, who went 14-13

last year at No. 1 doubles with junior Ryan Conway.

"Vijay (Ravindran) has improved immensely. He's really worked hard this off-season and taken his leadership position as captain very seriously," CC second-year coach Robbie Risdon said. "He's the sole captain since (Caleb) Roberts moved to Florida. He's working hard and everyone is inspired by him. We've got a strong lineup of singles with Kai (Roberts) and Warren (Dietz), but (Ravindran) was just a little bit better than those two. We're going to states and Vijay is leading the way."

NOVI

Head coach: Jim Hanson, 23rd season. **League:** KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: MHSAA Division 1 co-champions, first, Division 1 regional, KLAAS 'A' and Central Division champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Koushik Kondapi (first team All-Area); Maxx Anderson (first team All-Area); Sai Gotur (first team All-Area); Abhishek Subash (first team All-Area).

Leading returnees: Alex Wen, Jr. (No. 1 singles; first team All-Area); Sid Amarnath, Soph. (No. 2 singles; first team All-Area); Daniel Yu, Sr. (No. 3 singles; first team All-Area); Aditya Chitta, Jr. (No. 1 doubles; first team All-Area); Robert Chen, Jr. (No. 1 doubles; first team All-Area); Venkatesh Nagalla, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Tim Tanaka, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Aakash Ray, Sr.

(second team All-Area); Nayan Makim, Sr. (second team All-Area); Chris Kwederis, Jr. (No. 4 doubles); Ryan Krawec, Jr. (No. 4 doubles).

Promising newcomers: Thomas Rolfe, Sr.; Prajwal Konanur, Sr.; Andrew Lu, Jr.; Sai Abburi, Sr.; Robert Xu, Jr.; Nitin Kinra, Soph.

Hanson's outlook: "We have experienced players back from last year's state championship team, but we need to continue to perform at a high level and improve throughout the season, so that we are playing our best tennis at the end of the season."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Andres Torres, first season. **League:** KLAAS Kensington Conference (Central Division).

Last year's finish: second, Division 1 regional and KLAAS 'A' Tourney, sixth, Division 1 state finals.

Notable losses to graduation: Connor Johnston (Player of Year, MHSAA No. 1 singles state champion), Oliver Daniel (second team All-Area), Jonathan Bi (second team All-Area), Hoon Oh (second team All-Area); Evan Simoff, Robert Hong, Alex Childs, Victor Lee.

Leading returnees: Janak Mukherji, Jr. (No. 1 singles; first team All-Area); Arvind Kalyana, Soph. (No. 2 singles; second team All-Area); Ryan Gallagher (No. 3 singles; first team All-Area); Samir Rajani, Soph. (No. 4 singles; second team All-Area); Stephen Freeman, Sr. (No. 1 doubles; second team All-Area); Giuliano Daniel, Jr. (No. 1 doubles; first team All-Area).

Promising newcomers: Nishant Chava, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Andrew Quinn, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Jimmy Dales, Jr. (No. 3 doubles); Michael Ying, Jr. (No. 3 doubles); Trevor Kelterborn, Jr. (No. 4 doubles); Charles Gao, Sr. (No. 4 doubles); Srikanth Kesamneni, Jr. (No. 5 doubles); Pranav Doppalapudi, Soph. (No. 5 doubles); Joe Vig, Jr. (doubles); Ilija Jaksic, Soph. (doubles); Mikhal Boksha, Soph. (doubles).

Torres' outlook: "Janak (Mukherji) is playing very, very well. He's more mature and more solid than last year, a very good leader. We have Stephen Freeman and Giuliano Daniel back and I feel very good about the strength of our doubles teams. I believe we have more depth than last year."

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Robbie Risdon, second season. **League:** Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's finish: Third, Division 1 regional and Catholic League.

Notable losses to graduation: Jake Hermann, Brendan Allen, Brendan Wooster, Robbie Hammack, Andrew D'Souza.

Leading returnees: Vijay Ravindran, Sr. (No. 1 singles); Kai Roberts, Soph. (No. 2 singles); Warren Dietz, Soph. (No. 3 singles); Ryan Conway, Jr. (No. 1 doubles); Corey Vitez, Jr. (No. 3 doubles).

Promising newcomers: Warren Dietz, Soph. (No. 3 singles); Jack Callaghan, Fr. (No. 4 singles); Michael Holland, Sr. (No. 2 doubles); Alex Zarouk, Sr. (No. 2 doubles); Chintan Maheshwari, Jr. (No. 2 doubles); Leo Taffe, Sr.; James Kinville, Jr. (No. 4 doubles); Sean Corneliier, Jr. (doubles); John McGreevy, Jr. (doubles).

Risdon's outlook: "Last year, we ended up two points short (at the regional), which essentially means we just have to get two flights into the finals, and we were close last year. I really think our singles lineup is strong. I think somebody from our players will get to the finals, maybe two other players and in doubles also. We've got a lot of good depth and I think we're playing with a lot of heart as well. I think that attitude can bring us to the next level. That's what I'm banking on. We played such a solid tournament our first tournament out and they're excited and I just think they're going to keep getting better."



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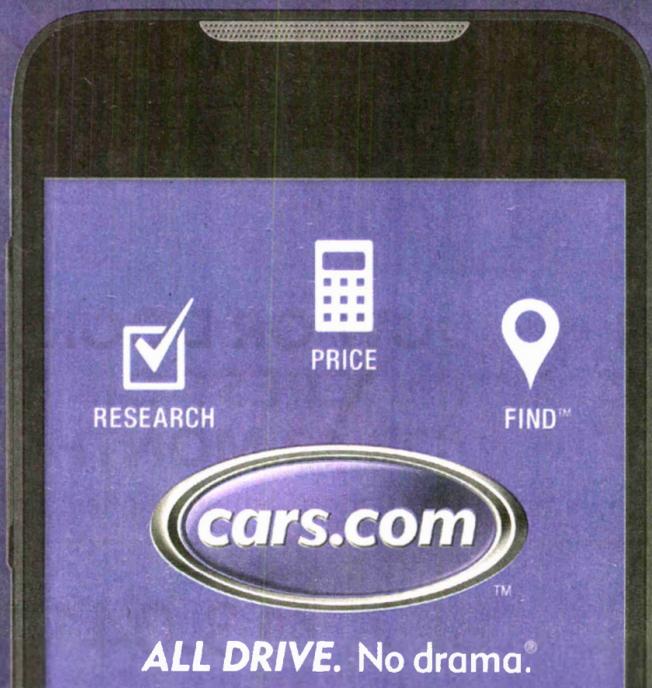
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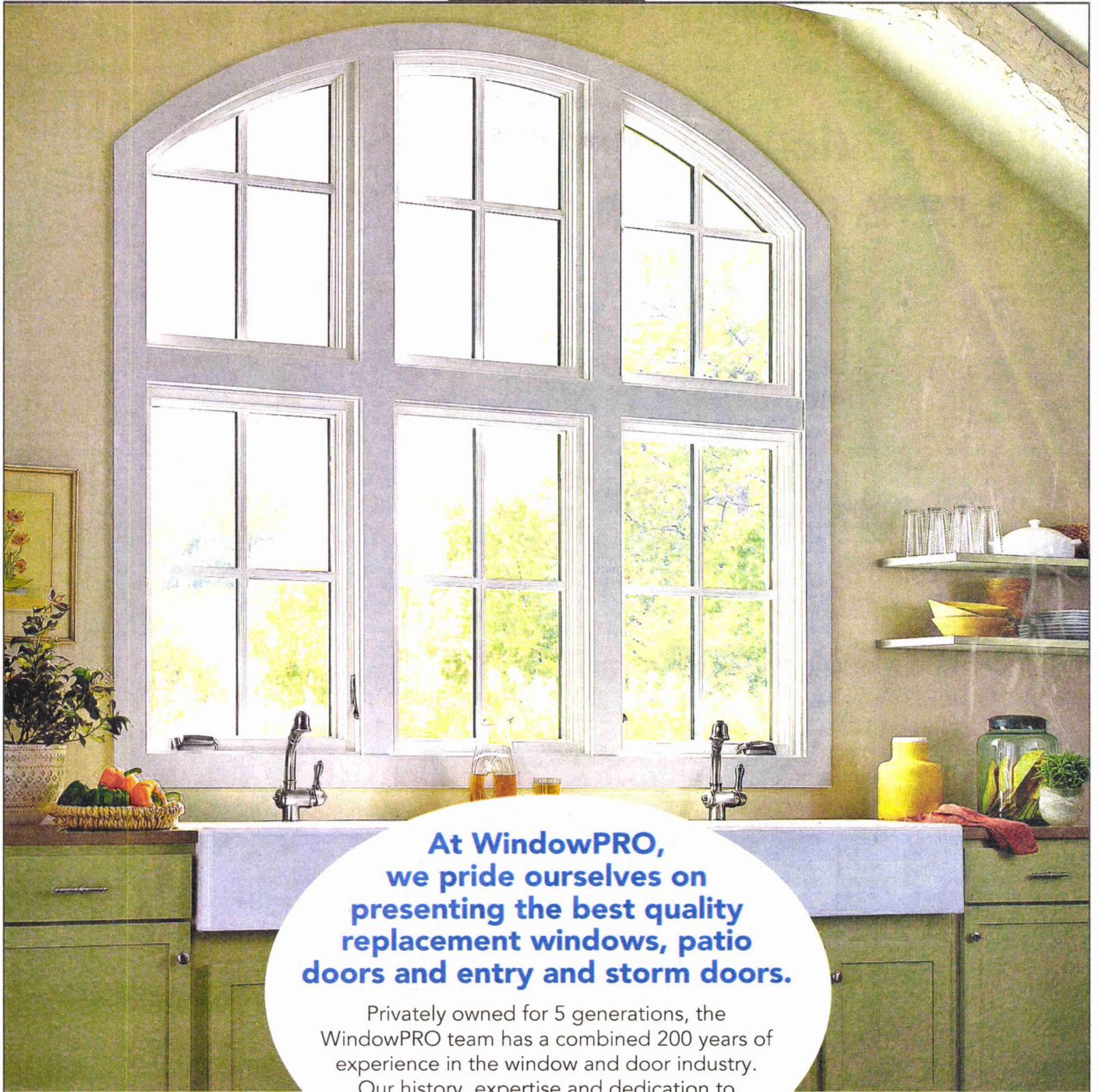
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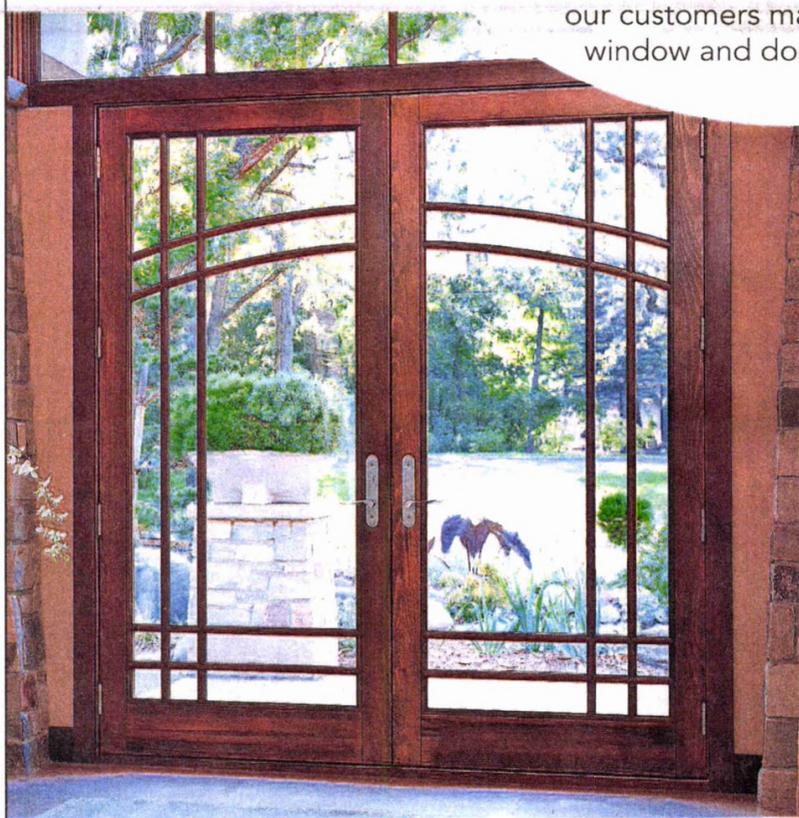
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New residence facility opens at Fox Run

Twin Pines, a new \$26 million residence building at Fox Run retirement community, opened last week, two months ahead of schedule and already 75 percent reserved.

Twin Pines has 116 apartments that are a mix of bright and airy one- and two-bedroom homes, including two never-before-seen floor plans at the sprawling facility on 13 Miles Road, just east of Meadowbrook.

It is named in honor of Twin Pines Dairy, an old Detroit creamery known to deliver milk and juice right to the milk chute.



An artist's rendering of Twin Pines at Fox Run retirement community.

"Twin Pines reminds people of simpler times, when you knew every family on your street and neighbors stopped by for a friendly chat," sales director Fred Moschetta said.

General contractor is

Brinkman Construction based in St. Louis, Mo. Lantz-Boggio Architects, based in Denver, Colo., is the architect. Fox Run is managed by Erickson Living, based in Catonsville, Md.

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware moves

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware moved from Royal Oak to a new location in Novi last month.

Reflecting Rockler's strong performance and growing customer interest, the new location boasts a much larger retail space, entirely new, dedicated classroom space and increased demonstration area, as well as expanded product selections. An official grand open-

ing is planned for September. The new Rockler Woodworking and Hardware store is located at 262160 Ingersol Drive, Novi.

"The new store reflects Rockler's ongoing efforts to provide the Detroit area and our customers with better defined classrooms and demo areas along with great product selection and customer service," said Dana Busch, Rockler vice president of

retail. Celebrating its 62nd anniversary as a family-run business, Rockler Woodworking and Hardware is a supplier of specialty hardware, tools, lumber and other high-quality woodworking products. Rockler has 31 retail locations across the country, plus 60 independent reseller locations.

To learn more, go to www.rockler.com.

Moll joins Novi's Quinn Law Group as principal

Quinn Law Group, PLLC, an intellectual property law firm located in Novi, announced that Anthonie Moll joined the firm as principal. Initially trained as a chemical engineer, Moll is a registered patent attorney with experience in drafting and prosecuting utility patents for chemical processes, mechanical devices, computer hardware and software and electronic devices.



Moll

In light of his analytic background, Moll brings a focus on developing pragmatic IP protection strategies, managing client portfolios and drafting opinions to the firm's portfolio of legal

services. His experience with litigation across all major technology areas – including chemical, mechanical, electrical and software-based subject matter – will add to the firm's litigation services. "Over the last five to 10 years, lowering the cost of legal services has been a focus of both large and small companies," Moll said. "This has led company after company to the realization that patent boutiques like Quinn Law provide both the highest quality patent services and a reasonable price. Working with the highly acclaimed and client-focused professionals at Quinn Law allows me to spend quality time on each case to provide excellent client service and a high-quality work product."

Prior to joining the

Quinn Law Group, Moll worked at DeLizio Law, PLLC in Cypress, Texas, as well as Nixon Peabody, LLP in Chicago, Ill. He also spent time as a teaching assistant at the John Marshall Law School and performed biomedical research with carbon nanotubes as an undergraduate.

Moll graduated from Chicago's John Marshall Law School, where he won honors in Moot Court and Mock Trial competitions. He received his bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering with distinction from the University of Illinois. He has been admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as well as in the state of Illinois.

Learn more at www.quinnlawgroup.com.

End of the year is rapidly approaching: Are you ready?

As I went out the other morning to get my paper, I noticed the chill in the air. It's a reminder to me that summer is winding down and fall is just around the corner. It's also a reminder that there are some rapidly approaching deadlines you need to be aware of.

For those of you who filed an extension for your 2015 tax return, your return is due Oct. 17. The extension that you previously received was automatic. Any additional extension of time you may need is not automatic, but is at the discretion of the IRS. If you have filed an extension, you don't want to wait too long to complete your return. For too many people, the norm is to rush and do your tax return right before the deadline. Unfortunately, the result is mistakes, which can result in penalties, interest and even an audit. Therefore, while you still have sufficient time, if you have not filed your 2015 tax return, now is the time to start working on it.

Although you have until the end of the year, it's also not a bad idea to start the process to determine whether you are going to convert traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. That transaction must be completed by the end of the year. Once again, in too many situations, people wait until the end of December and then find it's too late to complete the transaction. Now is the time to begin the process to determine whether a Roth IRA conversion makes sense.

My general rules



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

when it comes to Roth conversions are: 1) The money that you are converting from your traditional IRA is not going to be needed for at least five to seven years; 2) By converting the money, it won't throw you into a higher tax bracket; and 3) You have the money, without touching the money converted, to pay any additional tax liability. If you meet all three of these requirements, converting all or a portion of your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA cannot only be a great tax move, but also makes sense financially.

It's always important to remember that if for some reason you made a mistake and converted money that you shouldn't have, you can always reverse the transaction. You have until your tax return due date, including any extensions, to re-characterize the transaction.

It is also important to remember for those of you who are over age 70½ and are subject to required minimum distributions, you cannot convert your minimum required distribution into a Roth IRA. However, you can convert anything above and beyond that.

For those who have flexible spending accounts through your employer, you should make sure you spend down the account before the end of the year. A few

years ago, the IRS changed the rule to allow people to carry over \$500 of their flexible spending account into the next year. Companies were not required to make this change and many did not, but it is important to make sure you have a game plan to spend down your flex spending account so you don't lose the money.

Lastly, for those of you who are charitable in nature, this is a good time to begin thinking about any charitable contributions you want to make before the end of the year. It is important to have a strategy when it comes to charitable contributions. Do you make your charitable contribution this year or do you wait until the beginning of next year? In addition, should you use cash for your charitable contribution or should you gift appreciated securities? One of the benefits of gifting appreciated securities is the fact that you avoid paying taxes on the gain. For example, if you own a stock that you paid \$10 a share for and today it's worth \$25 a share, if you gift that stock, your charitable contribution is \$25 a share and you don't have to pay taxes on the \$15 a share gain (25 minus 10). Gifting appreciated securities can be a great strategy; once again, it takes time to implement. Therefore, while you still have plenty of time — why not begin the process?

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

SYNOPSIS
August 18, 2016 - REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Hillebrand called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer
Marv Gans, Trustee
Symantha Heath, Trustee
Fred Shadko, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee

EXCUSED: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
 - Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items: Approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - WTUA's Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget Presentation - Received & Filed
 - Proclamation - Constitution Week - Approved
 - Resolution - Arbor Hills Landfill and Proposed New Facility Siting - Northville's position opposing new landfill - Approved
- Public Hearing:**
 - Set Public Hearing for Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for 9/15/16 - Approved
- Brief Public Comments:** Six residents had questions or comments for the Board.
- New Business:**
 - Montcuret Phase Two - Final Plat - Approved
 - Public Safety Parking Lot - Construction Engineering Services - Removed
 - Public Safety Parking Lot - Bid - Rejected All Bids
 - Public Services - CCTV Services - Bid - Approved
 - Solid Waste Contract - Transfer of Agreement - Approved
 - Professional Services - Rate Study Proposal - Approved
 - SMART Contract - Approved
- Unfinished Business:** None
- Ordinances:** None
- Check Registry:**
 - In the amount of \$1,429,728.04 for the period of 7/9/16 to 8/5/16. - Approved
- Board Communication & Reports:**
Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider
- Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
- ADJOURN:** 8:27 p.m.

This is a synopsis, the draft minutes will be available August 30, 2016.
Respectfully submitted:
Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Published: August 25, 2016

CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **FELDMAN AUTOMOTIVE JSP 16-31 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.713 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, FROM RM-1 (LOW-DENSITY MULTIPLE-FAMILY) TO P-1 (VEHICULAR PARKING)**. The subject parcel is approximately 1.67 acres with approximately 0.9 acres being rezoned. It is located on the south side of Grand River Avenue between Novi Road and Meadowbrook Road (Section 23).

Subject Parcel ID: 22-23-176-024

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Published: August 25, 2016

Ford moving into new Livonia location

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Add one more Ford Motor Co. operation coming to Livonia later this fall.

The Dearborn-based automaker has agreed to lease 100 percent of a building at 28301 Schoolcraft in the Livonia Corporate Center. The lease means Ford will occupy all of the 754,744-square-foot building sometime later this fall, according to a news release from Farmington Hills-based Newmark Grubb Knight Frank.

The building was recently occupied by Technicolor, which notified its landlord it planned to vacate the facility. Ford is expected to move into the building sometime in September.

There was no immediate word from Ford what the facility would be used

for or if it would bring any new jobs to the city.

The facility is owned by Canton-based Ashley Capital, which owns other property in Livonia. Such property includes the former spring and bumper plant at 13000 Eckles near I-96 and I-275. That property was the subject of a development agreement last summer between the company and the city, with an original goal of an additional 1,000 jobs at the site.

Two more buildings are expected to be constructed at the Livonia Corporate Center near the leased facility, adding about 900,000 square feet of additional space.

"Dan (Lables) of NGKF is a skilled professional that has served our team well. He used his resources and knowledge to efficiently secure a quality tenant for us and

minimize any vacancy time with Technicolor leaving," Kevin Hegg, vice president of leasing for Ashley Capital, said in the news release. "We look forward to welcoming Ford Motor Co. to the building."

Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Dan West said seeing Ford increase its presence in Livonia will do nothing but help continue to grow an area that has seen explosive growth over the last few years.

"Ford Motor Co. is already Livonia's leading employer and now they are adding to their investments to our community by making a significant commitment to utilize another facility on Schoolcraft Road. It appears the Ford commitment will lead to additional spin-off investments from other companies," he said.



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The Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board recently authorized a \$975,000 grant to support domestic violence prevention efforts.

Domestic violence prevention focus of Housing Development Authority grant

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board recently authorized a \$975,000 grant to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to support domestic violence prevention efforts and provide shelter and other services to survivors, Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said.

"Since 2005, MDHHS has been a valued partner with us on the Campaign to End Homelessness and this award will allow our two organizations to align domestic violence funding to help meet our larger joint goal of ending homelessness in Michigan," Elsenheimer said.

The money comes from matching funds MSHDA add-

ed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant dollars and will be in effect from Oct. 1, 2016, to Sept. 30, 2017.

"These dollars will be extremely important in our efforts to empower survivors and prevent domestic violence," said Debi Cain, executive director of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. "The funding will provide survivors with safe housing and other support so that they can realize their right to self-determination."

The governor-appointed board, housed within MDHHS, was established in 1978 to focus state activity on

domestic violence. The board administers state and federal funding for domestic violence shelters and advocacy services, recommends policy and provides technical assistance and training.

"Providing consistency in funding to domestic violence prevention service providers allows us to stretch these limited dollars and help more of our state's most vulnerable residents," said Kelly Rose, MSHDA's chief Housing Solutions officer.

This is the third year MSHDA has granted funds for this purpose to MDHHS.

The MSHDA provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create

and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mshda.

State's Key to Own effort can help with credit problems, boost owning a home

Dollar Bay, Michigan, resident Tom Rossi is the 400th person to achieve the dream of homeownership through Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Key to Own program.

"This most definitely is a milestone worth celebrating for the Key to Own program," MSHDA Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said. "Not only is it the 400th closing, it's a first in the Upper Peninsula. It was a pleasure to visit Mr. Rossi in his home and hear about how he went from voucher-holder to homeowner."

Key to Own helps families and individuals in the MSHDA housing choice voucher (HCV) program transfer their rental voucher to a homeownership voucher.

"I worked really hard to clear all of my old debt and raise my credit score," Rossi said. "It took me three years to save my portion of the down payment, but it was worth it. I'm proud to say that I am officially a homeowner."

Rossi worked closely with MSHDA representatives and counselors at Chippewa-Luce Mackinaw County Community Action Agency to prepare for homeownership. MSHDA's voucher program in combination with USDA Rural Development partnered to provide the financing for his new home.

To be eligible for the program, current HCV participants must meet the following requirements:

» Maintain an annual earned income of at least \$15,000 and work at least 30 hours per week (exceptions for elderly or disabled persons).

» Be a first-time homeowner or have not owned a home in the last three years.

» Be in good standing with the rental HCV program.

"MSHDA is leading the nation in housing choice voucher-only closings," Elsenheimer said. "Key to Own is changing the lives of our citizens here in Michigan."

Residents can learn more or request an application by calling 517-241-4474 or emailing lehman1@michigan.gov.

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Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long, Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, visit www.hallandhunter.com or call 248-644-3500.

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Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. The Red Lobster is next to 7-Eleven, near Trenton Road.

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayne Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

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National Association of Realtors touts benefits of working with industry pro

In some school districts across the country, kids are already heading back to school after the summer break. While households with children commonly choose to buy a home in the late spring to get settled in before the new school season starts, rising home prices and a lack of homes for sale may mean more families have been forced to continue their house hunt into fall.

"In a fast moving market with fewer homes for sale and rising prices, more buyers find themselves in need of a real estate professional to help them find the right home and guide them through each step of the process," said National Association of Realtors President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida. "Despite recent industry reports to the contrary, busy families require hands-on attention and unparalleled transaction and local market knowledge and regularly turn to full-service agents, who provide a broad range of services and manage most aspects of a home purchase and sale."

The median days on market to find a buyer was 32 days in May (the shortest time on record) and 34 days in June (tied with June 2015). Fewer and faster-selling houses on the market translate into more pressure to make quick decisions and despite advances in online real estate information and technology,

the vast majority of consumers still prefer buying and selling a home through a real estate professional because it saves them time and makes the process less stressful, the NAR notes. While more than eight in 10 buyers worked with an agent to purchase a home last year, according to NAR's 2015 "Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers," agent use is even higher among buyers ages 36-50 (87 percent) and 35 and younger (89 percent) — the demographics most likely to have school-aged children.

"Buyers with children have a slightly harder time finding the right property, likely because of their desire to purchase a home that best meets their family's needs or is in their preferred school district; 53 percent of families with children cited finding the right property as the hardest step in the buying process compared to 50 percent of buyers without children," Salomone said.

In many cases, families are looking to move because their current home is too small (cited most at 29 percent for families with children at home compared to only 9 percent with no children at home); a job relocation (23 percent), or a change in their family situation such as birth of another child, marriage or divorce (12 percent). The typical home buyer with children bought a 2,100-square-foot detached single-family home with four bedrooms and two full bathrooms.

Nearly 80 percent of recent sellers worked with an agent that provided a full range of services; only 9 percent received a limited set of services and 12 percent of sellers worked with an agent to list their home on the multiple-listing service and received few if any additional services. Sixty-two percent of sellers with children at home negotiated their agents compensation compared to 68 percent of sellers with no children at home.

When choosing a buyer's agent, parents with children under 18 at home want someone who can provide more mobile-ready, easy-to-access information; 71 percent said it was important when choosing an agent that he or she sends postings as soon as a property is listed or its status changes; sends property info and communicates via text (59 percent); sends market reports on recent listings and sales (55 percent); sends emails about specific needs (56 percent); and has a mobile site to show properties (30 percent).

When it comes to seller's agents, twice as many parents with children at home needed to sell their home urgently compared to those with no children at home (24 percent compared to 12 percent), perhaps to time transactions around the school season. It makes sense then, that sellers with children at home placed a higher priority on selling their home within a specific time frame (22 percent) and help

pricing it competitively (19 percent); compared to sellers with no children at home (20 percent and 15 percent, respectively).

Busy parents also rely more on referrals for finding their seller's agent; 46 percent of sellers with children at home first found their agent through a referral from a friend, neighbor or relative compared to only 40 percent of sellers with no children at home.

When it comes to the home search, for buyers with children under the age of 18 living in their home, it's no surprise that the quality of the school district and convenience to schools was a strong influencing factor of their neighborhood choice. Recent buyers with children cited quality of the school district an influencing factor (at 50 percent compared to 11 percent with no children in home), as well as convenience to schools (at 46 percent compared to 6 percent).

"If you are thinking of buying or selling a home this fall, don't be intimidated by the market or process while kids are back in school; overall, the fundamentals of the market are strong," Salomone said. "A Realtor helps get sellers ready to sell and buyers ready to buy — whether or not they have children — and knows the ins and outs of the real estate transaction the market where you want to buy or sell."

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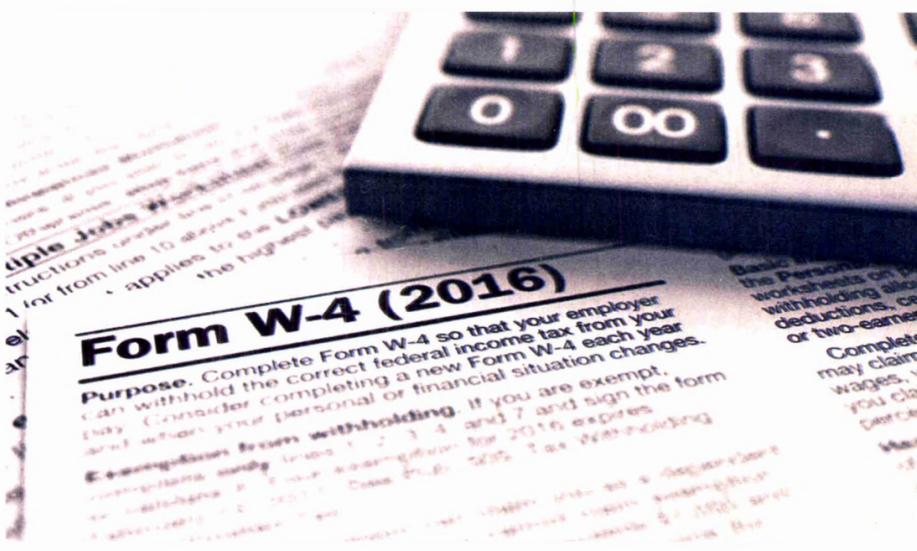
Pinching pennies. Strapped for cash. Struggling to make ends meet. However you describe it, many families have found themselves in the challenging situation of living paycheck to paycheck, according to a new CareerBuilder survey.

The study shows that 75 percent of Americans are dependent on their next payday, with those in minimum-wage jobs affected the most. Of workers who currently have a minimum-wage job or have held one in the past, 66 percent say they couldn't make ends meet, and 50 percent say they had to take more than one job to make it work.

If you're struggling to survive off of your wages, follow these expert tips on simple strategies to stretch your paycheck.

Adjust your withholdings. If you need more money in the short term, Frederick Towles, an accountant and finance coach in Uniondale, N.Y., suggests talking with a tax adviser to see if you can adjust your current withholdings.

"If you typically receive a tax refund greater than \$1,500 at the end of the year, why wait for the larger payday? Take



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some of those funds now," Towles says. "By increasing the number of allowances/exemptions on Form W-4, the more you will receive in your check now and the less you will receive in your tax refund next year. (If) you need the funds now to navigate, why not take them?"

Build a budget. Having a set budget and tracking your expenses can help you better manage your money. "Consider your fixed expenses, like your mortgage, car payment or rent, and then consider your variable expenses, like

groceries and gas. Use a budget worksheet to help you determine how much you can spend every month while still being able to put money away in saving," says Mark Goldstein, president of SAFE-Money Alliance in Las Cruces, N.M. "If you're struggling with a budget, take a step back and track your spending to see where your money is going. Save your receipts and organize them into categories to see where you're spending the most money."

Goldstein says that once you determine the source of your money issues, it's time

to cut expenses. "Can you cut your TV subscription, gym membership or the number of times you eat out a month? Little things like this can add up over a year."

Increase your income. When money is tight, "the best option to get ahead is to increase income," says John Crabtree, a personal finance blogger at Action Economics. "If someone is living paycheck to paycheck and working 40 hours a week, an extra 10 hours per week increases total income by 25 percent, and that's if no overtime is

calculated in. If overtime isn't available at your primary employer, there are many places that hire part-time workers for nights and weekends."

Save in small increments. If you're barely getting by, saving money may seem impossible. But by putting even a small amount away each month, you'll slowly — but surely — build a cushion that you may need down the road.

Matthew Coan, owner of the personal finance website Casavvy.com, suggests having your paycheck directly deposited into two accounts — one primary and one savings. "You need to determine how much money you think you can have deposited into your online savings account each paycheck to be able to live off what is left over," he says. "Let's say you can only have \$10 taken out of each weekly paycheck and deposited into your online savings account. After one year, you will have \$520 saved up, plus whatever interest you have earned."

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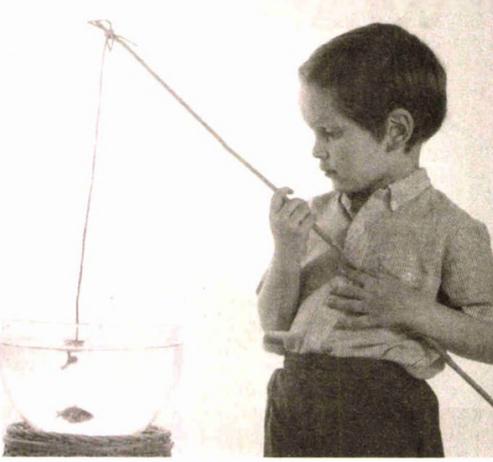
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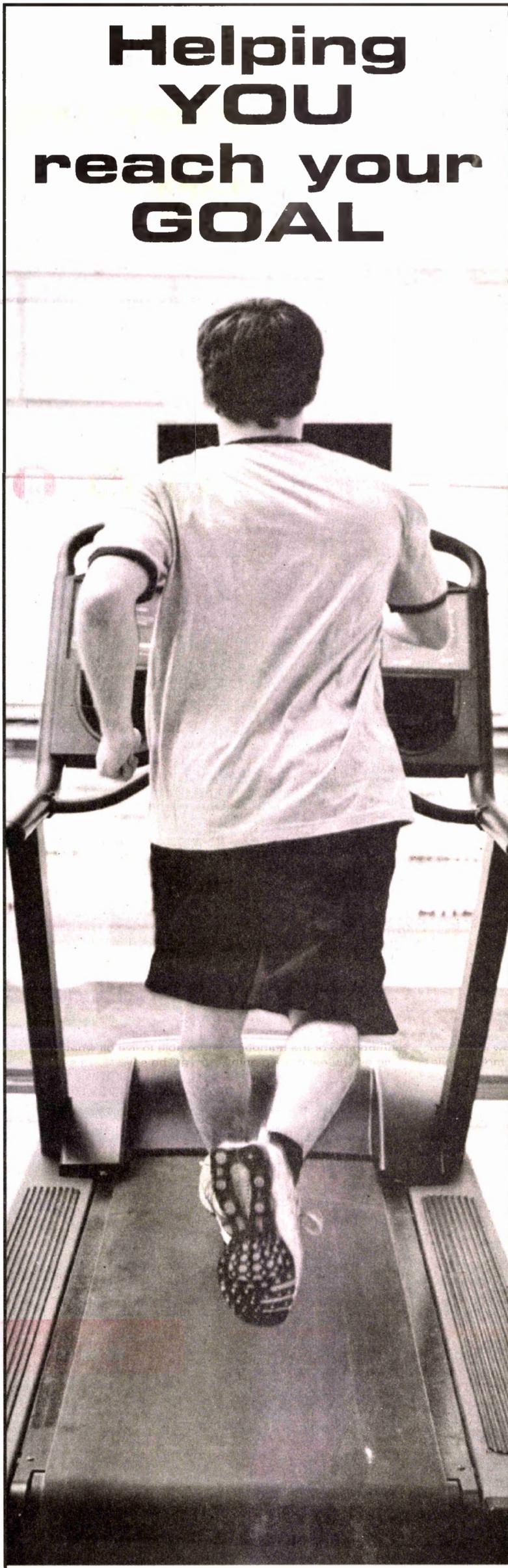
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which 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!

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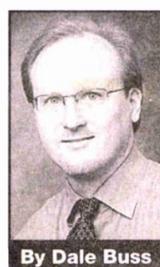
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Car Report

FORD DOUBLES DOWN ON FUTURE OF AUTONOMOUS DRIVING, BUT MUCH OF THE EFFORT WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN SILICON VALLEY



By Dale Buss

Ford CEO Mark Fields has evolved from something of a skeptical participant in the self-driving-car derby to one of its most enthusiastic racers. And he topped off that subtle transformation earlier this month by deciding to double Ford's personnel footprint in Silicon Valley and by announcing that the company plans to release a fully driverless car -- without a steering wheel -- within the next five years.

Ford said that it now intends to deliver high-volume, fully autonomous vehicles for ride-sharing by 2021. It's one of the few companies, even including the digital-tech giants trying to shoulder into the business, that has declared its intention to field vehicles that really can't be driven by humans.

But Ford expects the first of these cars to be used by commercial-fleet operators looking for cost savings instead of employing human drivers and to confine these vehicles largely to cities with pre-mapped zones designed for autonomous vehicles.

To augment its existing efforts, Ford said it invested in a handful of companies and collaborations that are expanding its strong research in



A fully autonomous Ford Fusion Hybrid being tested on the streets of Dearborn

advanced algorithms, 3D mapping, LiDAR and radar and camera sensors.

For instance, Ford is investing \$75 million, along with Chinese digital giant Baidu, in Velodyne, a sensor maker based in Silicon Valley that is a leader in light detection and ranging (LiDAR) sensors. The aim is to quickly mass-produce a more affordable automotive LiDAR sensor than those available today.

The company also acquired SAIPS, an Israel-based computer-vision and machine-learning outfit, to further strengthen Ford's expertise in artificial intelligence and enhance computer vision.

Ford also notched an exclusive licensing arrangement with Nirenberg Neuroscience LLC, a machine-vision company founded by a neuroscientist who cracked the neural code that the eye uses to transmit visual information to the brain. This has led to a powerful machine-vision platform for performing navigation, object recognition, facial recognition and other functions, with many potential applications.

Finally, Ford has invested in Civil Maps, a Berkeley, Calif.-based outfit that develops high-resolution 3D-mapping capabilities.

But perhaps more significant than all those investments for southeastern Michigan is the fact that Ford also will double the staff at its Silicon Valley office to 260 by the end of next year in an effort to expand into new "mobility" services. Those are jobs that, in an earlier era of automotive transport, most surely would have been located in Michigan.

"The next decade will be defined by automation of the automobile, and we see autonomous vehicles as having as significant an impact on society as Ford's moving assembly line did 100 years ago," Fields said in a release. "We're dedicated to putting on the road an autonomous vehicle that can improve safety and solve



Ford's campus in Palo Alto, Calif.

social and environmental challenges for millions of people -- not just those who can afford luxury vehicles."

To that end, over the last year or so Ford has launched all sorts of experiments and initiatives in ride-sharing, car-sharing and other "mobility services," has beefed up its digital capabilities and created a mobility unit that is headed by former Steelcase CEO and interim University of Michigan athletic director (he hired Jim Harbaugh) James Hackett.

Still, Ford's latest moves to catch up with rivals such as General Motors -- which took a big stake in ride-sharing service Lyft and plans soon to start testing a fleet of driverless

Chevrolet Bolt taxi -- demonstrate an interesting evolution in Fields' approach to mobility.

Nearly two years ago, when he gave a keynote speech at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Fields generated headlines such as, "Ford CEO: We're not ready for self-driving cars yet."

Rather than making precipitate moves and announcements so that the company could make a "marketing claim," he said at that time, Ford didn't want to race to try to introduce the first automated car if that meant it wouldn't be available to a wide range of consumers. And he said Ford would focus instead on bringing more automated-driving features, such

as lane-departure warning systems, into its already-affordable vehicles.

In his remarks about Ford's latest moves, Fields was much more eager to note that Ford's hat is in the self-driving ring on any terms -- even though he insisted that the company still is "not in a race to make announcements." Ford now wants to deploy its self-driving model within five years and presumably will focus later on making it a mainstream offering.

"We've done a lot of work reducing the cost of the technical components," Fields said this week, "but at the outset, it is still going to be a relatively expensive vehicle."

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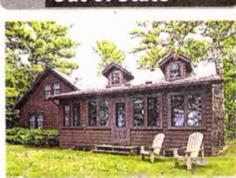


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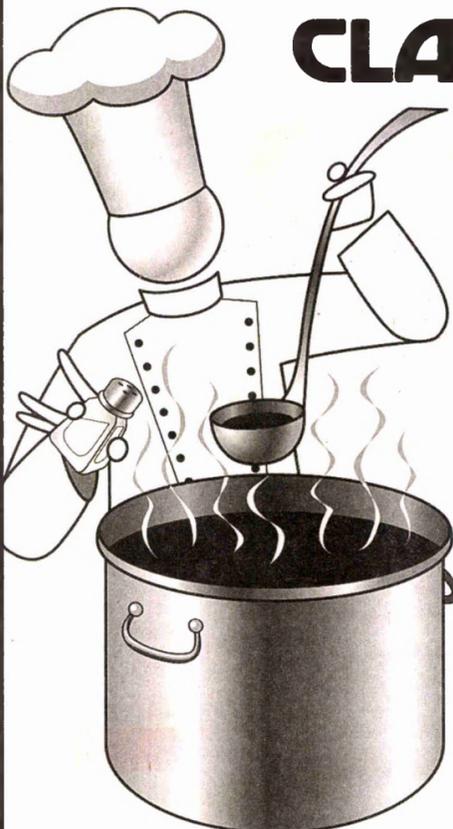


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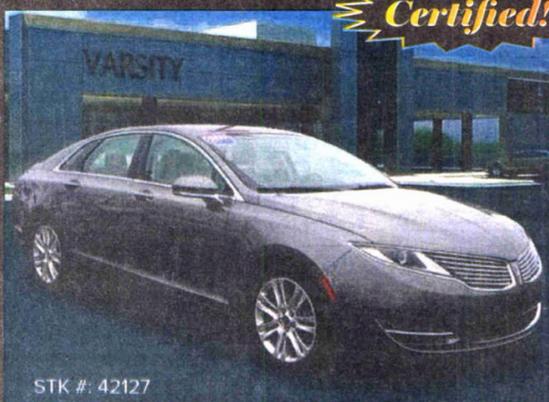
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